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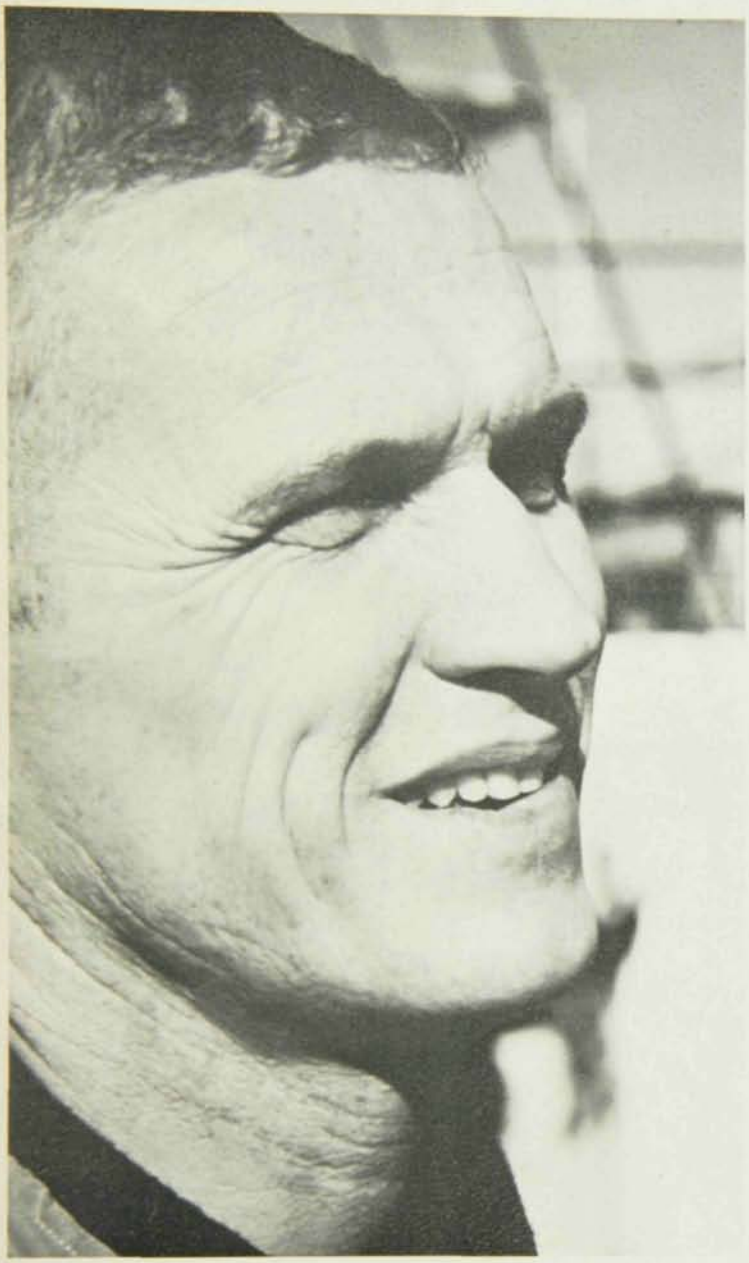

WEST POINTERS IN SPACE . . .

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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

The need for additional facilities for winter intercollegiate athletics at USMA has been recognized for some time. Current facilities, which are in some instances obsolescent, have inadequate spectator capacity and are needed for intramural sports as the Corps continues to expand. To meet these needs, we have recently developed a feasibility study of a facility designed to meet present and future requirements of USMA intercollegiate athletics. The structure, known as the Cadet Athletic Center, will include among other items, a basketball-wrestling arena seating 10,000 persons, an ice rink seating 5,000 persons, a gymnastics-squash area, a fencing area, athletic offices, and a visiting team dormitory. The proposed location is the berm southwest of Michie Stadium, overlooking Howze Field. It is hoped that the current estimate of $10,000,000 will be included in the USMA FY 72 Military Construction Authorizations. We feel that this Cadet Athletic Center will build a stronger public following and thereby enhance our entire intercollegiate sports program.

In addition, we have contracted to expand the capacity of Michie Stadium by approximately 11,000 side line seats. The present West Stands (Army side) will be extended fourteen rows and a second deck of twenty-four rows will be added. Construction, which started in November, is scheduled for completion in time to provide all our loyal followers, both members and nonmembers, with better seating during the 1969 season.

Also worthy of note -- a much needed access road from the area behind the stadium to Route 9W should also be completed this summer. This new road will give direct access to the parking lots immediately to the west of Michie Stadium and should prove to be a convenient exit that will avoid the on-post crowds and traffic.

The Army Ski Team, making its varsity debut this season in the U.S. Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association competition, has become the Military Academy's 20th intercollegiate sport. The team uses both the Victor Constant Ski Slope and our new 30-meter ski jump. This season Army skiers will enter both Nordic and Alpine events, with five-man teams competing in ski jumping, cross-country skiing, slalom, giant slalom, and downhill racing. The highlight of the winter will be the West Point Invitational Meet, 22-23 February, with such colleges as Syracuse, Cornell, Colgate, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Clarkson, Utica, and Cortland on hand to compete for the West Point Trophy.

Sincerely,

S. W. Koster

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The front cover salutes five graduates who contribute to NASA team efforts in space—Frank Borman '50, on Gemini 7 and Apollo 8 missions; David R. Scott '54, on Gemini 8 and a future Apollo mission; Michael Collins '52, on Gemini 10 and a future Apollo mission; Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. '51, on Gemini 12 and a future Apollo flight; and Alfred M. Worden '55, the latest to join the space team. The back cover honors Coach Tom Cahill and the spirited ARMY team of 1968.

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Sylvanus Thayer, most famous West Point Educator.

by ROBERT S. DAY

MANY individuals view the military profession as alien to civilian education, when, in fact, the Army officer serves in the role of student or teacher during much of his career. While the Military Academy is well known for the leaders it has trained to serve the United States in peace and war, its contribution to education in the United States is less widely publicized.

Perhaps the best known West Point educator is Sylvanus Thayer who in 1965 was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. Thayer was the first American engineer to study and adopt European educational methods. He traveled widely in Europe and collected a large number of books which formed the heart of the Military Academy's library. Under Thayer's stern guidance, the fledgling Military Academy became the foremost school of engineering in America.

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West Pointers As Educators

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article by Colonel Day includes a list of West Pointers known to him who have earned recognition in the educational field.

Academy graduates have provided four Presidents for The Citadel.

Richard W. Colcock
Class of 1826

Charles P. Summerall
Class of 1892

Mark W. Clark
Class of April 1917

Hugh P. Harris
Class of 1931

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The following table lists graduates of the Military Academy who hold or have held key positions in academic institutions in the United States and abroad.

KEY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WHO WERE GRADUATES OF USMA

COLLEGE	OFFICIAL	TITLE	YEARS	WEST POINT CLASS
American University	Charles W. Van Way Jr.	Dean	1960-1968	1924
Calhoun College	Samuel H. Lockett	President	1874-1875	1859
California Institute of Technology	Frederic W. Hinrichs Jr.	Dean	1923-1944	1902
Centenary College of Louisiana	Henry H. Gird	President	1831-1842	1822
The Citadel	Richard W. Colcock	President	1844-1852	1826
	Charles P. Summerall	President	1931-1953	1892
	Mark W. Clark	President	1954-1965	Apr 1917
	Hugh P. Harris	President	1965-	1931
City College of New York	Horace Webster	Founder	1847	
		President	1848-1869	1818
	Alexander S. Webb	President	1869-1902	1855
College of the Holy Cross	James Clark	President	1861-1867	1829
College of William and Mary	Benjamin S. Ewell	President	1854-1888	1832
Columbia University	Dwight D. Eisenhower	President	1948-1950	1915
Cooper Union	Richard S. Smith	Director	1859-1861	1834
Drexel Institute of Technology	Douglass T. Greene	Assistant to President	1946-1962	1913
George Washington University	Ulysses S. Grant III	Vice President	1946-1951	1903
Georgetown University	James Clark	Vice President	1859-1861 1867-1868	1829
Georgia Military College	Daniel H. Hill	President	1885-1889	1842
Georgia Institute of Technology	Lyman Hall	President	1897-1905	1881
Gonzaga College (D.C.)	James Clark	President	1868-1874	1829
Hobart College	Horace Webster	A Founder	1822	1818
Howard University	Oliver O. Howard	Founder	1867	1854
		President	1869-1874	
		Superintendent, USMA	1881-1882	
Jefferson College (Louisiana)	Thomas R. Ingalls	President	1836-1841	1822
Jefferson College (Mississippi)	Charles W. Hackley	President	1839	1829
Lawrence Scientific School (Harvard)	Henry L. Eustis	Dean	1849-1885	1842
Lehigh University	Henry Coppee	President	1866-1875 1893-1895	1845
Los Angeles Baptist College	Calvin Esterly	President	1889-1892	1877
Louisiana State University	William T. Sherman	President	1859-1861	1840
	Campbell B. Hodges	President	1941-1944	1903
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	James McCormack Jr.	Vice President	1955-1965	1932
Michigan State University	Dorsey R. Rodney	Dean	1943-1950	1903
Mississippi State University	Stephen D. Lee	President	1880-1889	1854
Nassau Community College	Blackshear M. Bryan	President	1960-1965	1922
		Superintendent, USMA	1954-1956	
National Academy of Sciences	Alexander D. Bache	A Founder	1863	1825
	John G. Barnard	A Founder	1863	1833
Nicaraguan Military Academy	LeRoy Bartlett	President	1944-1946	1905
Norwich University	Alden Partridge	Founder	1819	1806
		President	1819-1820	
		Superintendent, USMA	1815-1817	
	Thomas W. Walker	President	1866-1868	1856
	Ernest N. Harmon	President	1950-1965	Apr 1917
	Barksdale Hamlett	President	1965-1968	1930
Ohio College of Applied Science	William W. Culp	President	1962-	1932
Ohio University	William W. Mather	Vice President	1845	1828
		Acting President	1847-1850	
Pennsylvania Military College	Robert T. Snow	Assistant to the President	1941-1944	1912
Philippine Military Academy	Pastor Martelino	President	1937-1941	1920
	Rafael L. Garcia	President	1945	1916

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	Tirso G. Fajardo	President	1946-	1934
Racine College	Roswell Park	Founder	1852	1831
		President	1852-1859	
Sheffield Scientific School (Yale University)	William A. Norton	Professor	1852-1883	1831
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Harvey R. Fraser	President	1966-	1939
Southwestern at Memphis	William F. Hopkins	President	1849	1825
Stevens Institute of Technology	William L. Bingham	Dean	1964-	1944
Texas A&M University	James P. Hannigan	Dean	1959-	1929
Thayer School of Engineering (Dartmouth College)	Sylvanus Thayer	Founder	1871	1808
Tokyo Imperial College	Winfield S. Chaplin	Professor	1877-1885	1870
University of Alabama	Josiah Gorgas	President	1878-1879	1841
University of Arkansas	Daniel H. Hill	President	1877-1884	1842
	James W. Green Jr.	Vice President	1962-	1927
University of California (Berkeley)	Edward S. Holden	President	1885-1888	1870
	Garrison H. Davidson	Vice President	1965-1966	1927
		Superintendent, USMA	1956-1960	
University of Delaware	William A. Norton	President	1850	1831
University of Mississippi	Alexander P. Stewart	Chancellor	1874-1886	1842
University of Nashville	Bushrod R. Johnson	Chancellor	1870-1874	1840
University of Pennsylvania	William Tidball	Dean	1923-1948	1901
University of Pittsburgh	Wesley W. Posvar	Chancellor	1967-	1946
University of Rochester	Cecil E. Combs	Associate Provost	1965-	1936
University of South Carolina	Benjamin F. Sloan Jr.	President	1902-1908	1860
University of the South	Leonidas Polk	Founder	1860	1827
	Josiah Gorgas	Vice Chancellor	1872-1878	1841
University of Tokyo	James R. Wasson	Professor	1872-1876	1871
Vermont Technical College	Pierre V. Kieffer Jr.	President	1964	1936
Virginia Military Institute	Francis H. Smith	Founder	1839	1833
		President	1840-1890	
Washington and Lee University	Robert E. Lee	President	1865-1870	1829
		Superintendent, USMA	1852-1855	
	George W. C. Lee	President	1871-1897	1854
Washington University	Winfield S. Chaplin	Chancellor	1891-1907	1870
Wesleyan Female College	Thomas E. Sudler	President	1851-1852	1820
Woodward College	Thompson Wheelock	President	1830-1833	1822
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Harry P. Storke	President	1962-	1926

Harvey R. Fraser (center), Class of 1939, receiving the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology President's Medallion as the thirteenth President.

Second, the following table shows some of the various independent secondary schools that were or are headed by West Pointers.

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HEADS OF INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WERE GRADUATES OF USMA

SCHOOL	OFFICIAL	TITLE	YEARS	WEST POINT CLASS
Brown Military Academy	Allen L. Keyes	Superintendent	1947-1949	1923
Columbia Military Academy	Malcolm F. Gilchrist Jr.	Superintendent	1962-	1939
Culver Military Academy	Delmar T. Spivey	Superintendent	1956-1967	1928
	John W. Dobson	Superintendent	1967-	1939
Georgia Military Academy	William R. Brewster	President	1939-1960	1920
Girard College	Alexander D. Bache	President	1836-1841	1825
	Richard S. Smith	President	1863-1867	1834
Glenwood School for Boys	William N. Todd III	Executive Director	1967-	1944
Graham-Eckes School	Dale O. Smith	Headmaster	1967-	1934
Hutchinson School	William H. Milnor	President	1967-	1944
Kentucky Military Institute	Robert T. P. Allen	Superintendent	1847-1849 1851-1854 1866-1874	1834
	Edmund L. Gruber	Superintendent	1919-1920	1904
Manlius School	James K. Wilson Jr.	President	1960-	1930
Milton Academy	Christopher A. Greene	Headmaster	1849-1852	1836
New Mexico Military Institute	Sam W. Agee	Superintendent	1963-	1937
New York Military Academy	Milton F. Davis	Superintendent	1922-1938	1890
	Marvin J. Coyle	Superintendent	1961-1964	1931
	Philip B. Toon	Superintendent	1964-	1944
Oklahoma Military Academy	John C. Hamilton	President	1941-1944	Nov 1918
	John F. Smoller	President	1964-	1934
Phillips Academy (Andover)	John M. Kemper	Headmaster	1948-	1935
Sewanee Military Academy	William R. Smith	Superintendent	1932-1941	1892
	George R. Allin	Superintendent	1942-1948	1904
Staunton Military Academy	Earl McFarland	Superintendent	1943-1949	1906
Thayer Academy	Sylvanus Thayer	Founder	1877	1808

Wesley W. Posvar (right), Class of 1946 and Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, with George A. Lincoln, Class of 1929, former Head of the Department of Social Sciences, USMA.

West Pointers made up 44 of 45 Superintendents of the United States Military Academy and have acted in the following capacities at other Service Academies:

ACADEMY	OFFICIAL	TITLE	YEARS	WEST POINT CLASS
United States Air Force Academy	Hubert R. Harmon	Superintendent	1954-1956	1915
	James E. Briggs	Superintendent	1956-1959	1928
	William S. Stone	Superintendent	1959-1962	1934
	Robert H. Warren	Superintendent	1962-1965	1940
	Thomas S. Moorman Jr.	Superintendent	1965-	1933
	Don Z. Zimmerman	Dean	1954-1955	1929
	Robert F. McDermott	Dean	1956-1968	Jan 1943
United States Coast Guard Academy	Stanley L. Smith	Dean	1964-	1937
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Aloysius A. Norton	Associate Professor	1965-	1944
United States Naval Academy	Henry H. Lockwood	Original Professor	1845-1871	1836

I have not here considered the numerous additional positions in education held by graduates serving as instructors at college or secondary level, for the list would be overly long. Almost every major college or university would be represented, along with a large number of public and private high schools across the nation.

The Military Academy is well known as the first engineering school in the nation, and for its contributions to teaching methodology from the blackboard to homogeneous grouping. The traditional link between West Point and engineering, however, has faded as numerous colleges have taken over this ever more specialized field of study. The Academy prepares young men for service to their nation as professional soldiers; it is tasked with producing enlightened military leaders with minds both creative and resourceful. To accomplish this multifold purpose, the cadet is exposed to a broad education in the arts and sciences, yet is allowed opportunities for limited concentration in particular areas of his aptitude or interest. More specialized education in a particular discipline is obtained after graduation through the Army Civil Schooling Program.

It is hoped that this short article will spark the interest of both USMA graduates and civilian educators in the contributions West Pointers have made to our American educational system.

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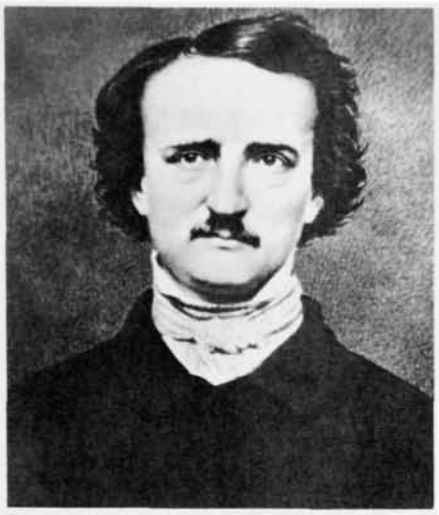


Edgar A. Poe, ex-Class of 1834

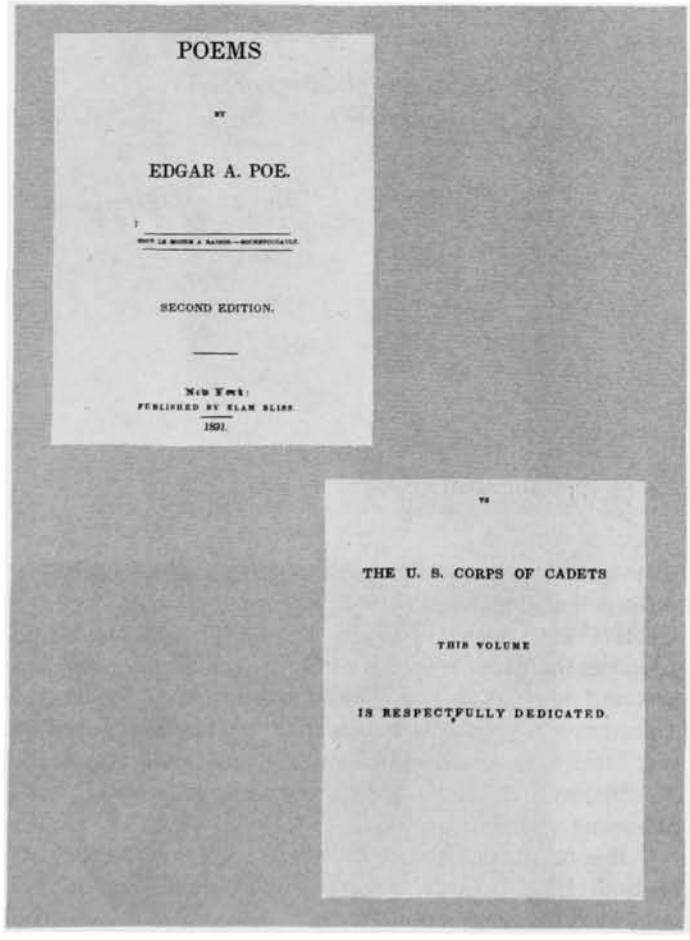
The Legendary

by M. C. Helfers

FACT OR FICTION? The debate concerning the exploits of Edgar Allan Poe as a young man continues to rage. Perhaps the two most debatable episodes of Poe's early life focus on his rapid rise to sergeant major as a young enlistee and the widely accepted reason, drinking, for his leaving West Point.

THE accepted explanations of Poe as an exceptional soldier and his departure from the Academy do not bear up fully when viewed from historical facts. Could it be that Poe's rapid rise in enlisted rank was not due solely to his military competence? Was his dislike for cadet life and drinking the contributing factors to his sudden departure from West Point? A look at the facts sheds considerable light upon Poe—as the sergeant major and as a cadet.

As it is generally known, Edgar Allan Poe enlisted as a "Soldier in the Army of the United States" in Boston



POEMS

BY

EDGAR A. POE.

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TO

THE U. S. CORPS OF CADETS

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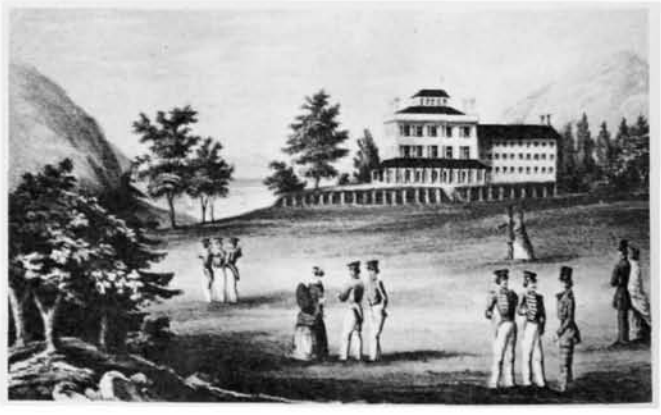

The book of poems that Poe sold to and dedicated to the Corps of Cadets, now classified as a rare book.

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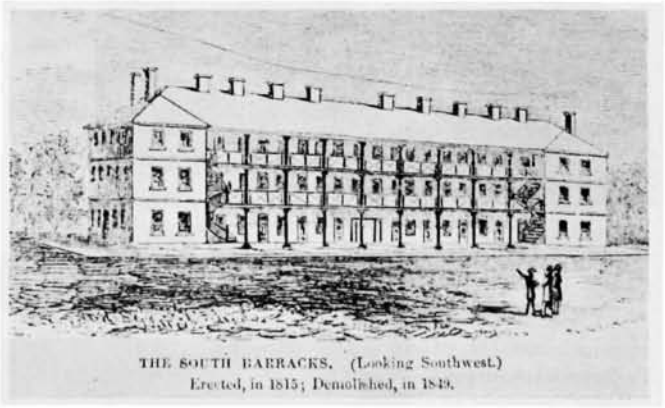
Edgar Allan Poe

on 26 May 1827 under the assumed name of Edgar A. Perry. Poe had had some previous military training before then. When he was 15-years-old, he was elected lieutenant of the Junior Morgan Riflemen, a cadet company of Richmond boys that served as Lafayette's honor guard when the distinguished Frenchman visited the city in October 1824. And there is good reason to believe that at the University of Virginia, Poe was a member of the cadet company, one of Jefferson's spoken-of hobbies. However, Poe entered the Army as a recruit, and he was so called in the certificate of the surgeon who physically examined him: "I certify that the above named Recruit [Edgar Perry] is free from bodily defects, and is qualified to perform the duties of a Soldier." After two months of recruit training, Recruit, now Private, Edgar Perry became a full-fledged member of Company H, First Artillery, at Fort Independence, Castle Island, Boston Harbor.

At the time of his enlistment Poe gave his occupation as "clerk." The state of literacy among enlisted men being what it was, there is no doubt that Poe was soon excused from the normal duties as private of artillery and assigned to clerical duties. An examination of the Company H muster rolls of this time reveals a neat hand not unlike that of Poe's. Most convincing of all is the statement of Lieutenant Joshua Howard, his company commander, in a letter of recommendation written at the time of Poe's discharge from the Army: "He at once performed the duties of company clerk and assistant in the Subsistent Department."

In the late fall of 1827, as part of a program to rotate units in the South because of the ravaging effects of malaria there, Regimental Headquarters of the First Artillery and Companies G and H were transferred to Fort Moultrie, near Charleston, South Carolina, arriving on Sunday, 18 November 1827. At that time the authorized strength of an artillery company *(continued on page 32)*



Scenes at West Point during Poe's cadet days.

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The meat of the conference came in the five round table sessions.

West

The second panel discussion gave the student delegates a glimpse of how the government makes its foreign policy. Congressman Murphy (USMA '50) and General Lincoln (USMA '29) were both at the original SCUSA in 1949.

Each of the round table areas had its report delivered at the final Saturday luncheon.

The First Captain, Cadet Robert H. Baldwin, and the Cadet Chairman of the conference, Cadet William B. Taylor Jr., chat with the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Bill D. Moyers.

In his Banquet Address, Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach spoke of the lessons of Czechoslovakia and the vital partnership between Western Europe and the United States.

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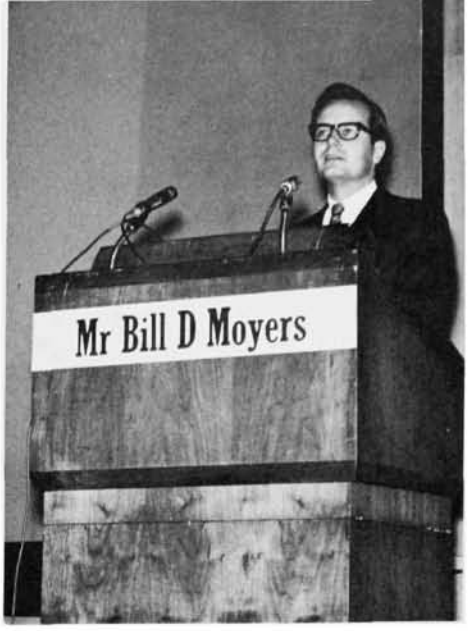
In its twentieth year, the Student Conference proves the value of gathering undergraduates from across the nation and Canada to discuss national security affairs



Former Presidential Aide Mr. Moyers set the tone for SCUSA XX In a stimulating Keynote Address.

Point's TWENTIETH STUDENT CONFERENCE

by C. Powell Hutton

THE Student Conference on United States Affairs completed its second decade when it convened at West Point from 4-7 December 1968. SCUSA XX, slightly smaller than last year's conference, brought together 210 students from 83 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada to discuss the National Security Policy of the United States. The focus of each conference in the annual series shifts slightly around this general theme; this year's title was "The Challenges of Change." The title and the preparatory material mailed to each participant allowed the discussions to be channeled into a review of American foreign policy during the past decade, an examination of problems in each of several geographic areas with trends running toward the future, and finally an evaluation of the alternatives the United States might employ in the future in pursuing its objectives. It was a large intellectual mouthful to bite off and try to digest in so short a time, but one student wrote back to say, "I doubt if many of us have had a comparable experience in having our minds stretched in being forced to think about and articulate our views, and in meeting such a wide variety of interesting and intelligent people." This, in sum, is the purpose of SCUSA.

The initial suggestion that a student conference be held at the Military Academy was made by cadets of the West Point Debate Council in the spring of 1949. The following autumn their suggestion matured into the USMA Student Conference on United States Affairs. Now, it is organized and administered by the Cadet Debate Council and Forum, a cadet activity numbering some 250 cadets, with help and guidance from the Department of Social Sciences and other Academy organizations. The Academy sponsors these conferences in the belief that through them it can foster the growth of mutual understanding among potential civilian and military leaders and thus make a significant contribution toward the future security of the United States.

SCUSA is traditionally built around five plenary sessions and an equal number of round table discussion periods, with the real meat of the conference taking place at the latter. There were 12 round table groups, essentially geographically oriented, and each table of 16 to 20 students was led by two distinguished adult specialists. Although each of the areas under consideration had its share of interested delegates, the USSR and East Europe area and the Sub-Saharan Africa area drew much larger response than in previous years—and for obvious reasons. In contrast, student interest in South and Southeast Asia was markedly down from last year.

Two groups considered the North Atlantic Community and the United Nations. Other round table groups discussed East Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, each of which poses difficult policy choices for the United States.

By all accounts, SCUSA XX seems to have achieved its objectives. In their attempt to arrive at specific policy options, all the delegates came to appreciate firsthand the complexity of the policy-making process and the difficulties encountered in drafting statements. Many conferees were exposed to and challenged by views and facts presented by their contemporaries (*Continued on page 35*)

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Carlisle Barracks

WEST POINT NIGHT

Cadet Warner discusses Academy life at informal "Coke Hour" after Carlisle Barracks presentation.

It is hoped that each organization having an interest in West Point admissions efforts will conduct annually a West Point night for an area of its choice. The following article shows what can be done to help the young men of a locality and to assist USMA.

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

THE Opinion Research Corporation concluded in 1961 a study on *The Reputation of West Point Among Potential Candidates* with the finding that many young men interested in a Service Academy failed to request a nomination because they lacked "political pull." As a selective institution, the Academy suffers from a degree of self-elimination which is due in large part to fallacious information. If the Military Academy's attendance is to be a realistic college goal for the upper third of the nation's male high school graduates, the Academy must enjoy a substantially greater degree of exposure in local communities.

In the early 1960's, the Blue Mountain Chapter of the Association of the United States Army along with the West Point Society of Central Pennsylvania and the faculty and students of the Army War College held a West Point Night program. This program, conducted at Carlisle Barracks, was attended by approximately 15 interested boys, parents, and area guidance counselors. From a meager beginning the Carlisle Barracks West Point Night has grown in popularity to such an extent that 200 persons attended this year.

The objective of the program is threefold: to bring to the attention of the community's youth the educational and career opportunities available through a West Point education, to provide a local contract for those young men who desire to gain admission to the Academy, and to give area guidance counselors further insight into the Military Academy and the type of young man West Point is seeking.

Shortly after the present Army War College class gathered at Carlisle, a West Point committee was formed among the new students. After preliminary contact with

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Douglas Dutchwshyn contemplates future as a West Point Cadet. Twenty-five per cent of the Class of 1971 had thoughts of attending the Academy prior to the 8th grade.

the AUSA and the area District Representatives, the committee was ready to begin putting the program together.

Timeliness being of essence for seniors, the program was scheduled for early to mid-fall. A representative met with the Superintendent of the Cumberland Valley schools to explain the program and to determine a few suitable dates. After the date had been set and a meeting hall had been obtained, the Admissions Office, USMA, was contacted 30 days prior to the scheduled program.

Through the Admissions Office, photographs of local cadets with biographies and news releases were provided to enhance publicity efforts. These releases were made available to local news media two weeks in advance and were generally used two days prior to the event. The Admissions Office also provided informational material on the Academy to be distributed as members of the audience were being seated.

Two weeks before the West Point Night, ten committee members visited local high schools to explain to the principals and guidance counselors the purpose of the program and to enlist their cooperation in announcing the event. At this same time letters with posters inclosed were dispatched to schools throughout the area announcing the West Point Night. Three days before the program, local high schools were called to remind the students once again.

The Carlisle Barracks West Point Night began at seven o'clock, and while the audience was finding seats, a preliminary film and slide presentation was shown. After a keynote address by Major General William J. McCaffrey, Commandant, U.S. Army War College, Colonel Manley E. Rogers discussed Academy Admissions procedures. Cadet Donald Warner spoke on Cadet life, and his presentation was followed by a 15-minute question and answer period. Although most of the audience adjourned to have cokes and cookies with the members of the AUSA Chapter, West Point Society, and faculty and students of the Army War College, a large number remained to ask further questions.

The key to success of this program is not the expenditure of considerable money or a lot of hard work, but rather it is sound advance planning and cooperation among a group of people interested in assisting the Military Academy and the youth of the local area.

THE PROOF OF THE VALUE OF THIS WEST POINT NIGHT AT CARLISLE BARRACKS – 19 YOUNG MEN ARE IN THE CORPS OF CADETS FROM CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Too often qualified young men fail to apply or apply too late for admission to the Academy because they do not have pertinent and accurate information on USMA. The efforts of West Point Societies, AUSA Chapters, District Representatives, military organizations, and interested individuals have contributed toward producing an increased number of candidates, and we would like to see more organizations assist on an annual basis in the same fine fashion as Carlisle. There is no question that West Point Nights help bridge the communications gap between highly qualified young men and the U.S. Military Academy.

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INSURANCE FOR POSTERITY

CADET PUBLIC APPEARANCES

by PHILIP Y. BROWNING JR.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The expanded Cadet Public Appearance Program is undoubtedly one of the most valuable admissions activities yet undertaken by the United States Military Academy. Its benefits should become obvious within the next fiscal year.

TO conduct public appearances and high school visitations, on behalf of the United States Military Academy, Cadet Captain Stephen M. Fall, on 18 December 1968, journeyed to his hometown of Seattle, Washington. Cadet Fall, one of 325 participants in the newly expanded Cadet Public Appearance Program sponsored by the Cadet Public Relations Council, spoke enthusiastically about his visits:

"With the assistance of Mr. Alfred McCorkle and Colonel Charles D. Lovejoy, USMA District Representatives in Seattle, I was afforded the opportunity to visit three high schools in the metropolitan area. I felt a certain amount of pride, actually, in that I had been selected to represent West Point in this public relations program. Generally, I approached the students using greater and equal opportunity as a theme for my presentations. Of course, the curriculum, cadet life, the physical expansion, and future career opportunities were the specific topics that I discussed. It was certainly an enjoyable and worthwhile three days for me."

With the mission of responding to the numerous and varied queries of the college bound student, the Council has projected its efforts toward the public-at-large, informing them whenever and wherever possible about USMA. Previously, this effort has been conducted on a small-scale basis. In light of a study this past summer, a decision was made to expand the existing program allowing greater cadet coverage during the academic year.

Last September, Major General Samuel W. Koster, the Superintendent, approved the expanded Cadet Public Appearance Program incorporating the necessary flexibility to place the most qualified cadets into every Congressional District twice each year. Along with the package plan, participants receive as many as seven additional days authorized leave, and the program a full time management staff.

During the Christmas season, Cadet Fall and fellow participants initiated the program *(continued on page 37)*

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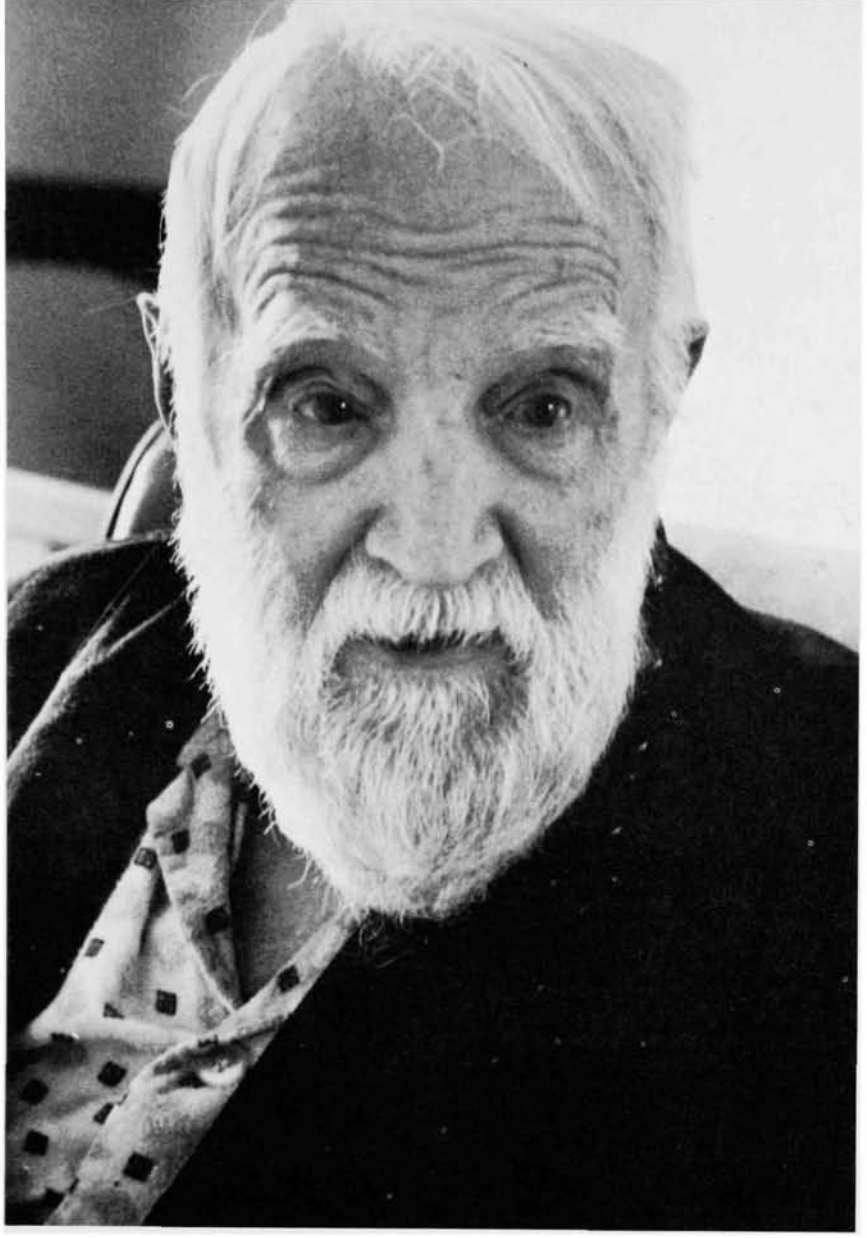
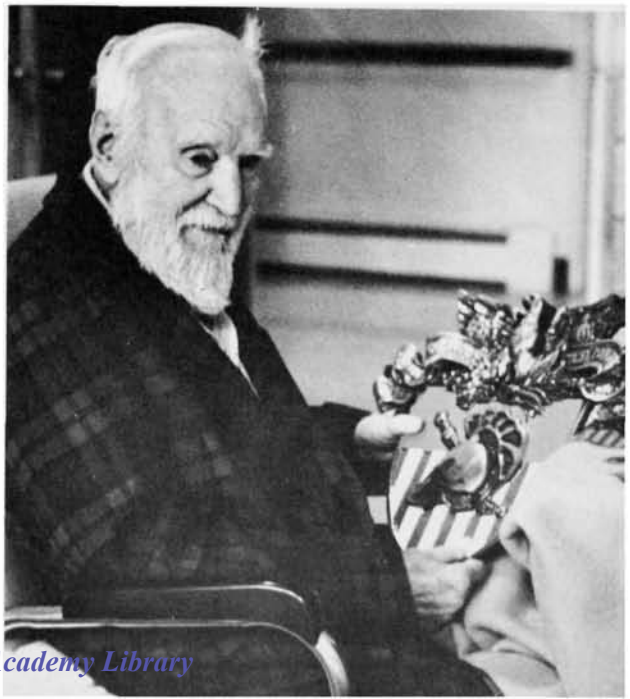


A portrait study of West Point's Oldest Grad.

Colonel George E. Houle names his classmates in order of class standing as Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Secretary of the Association of Graduates, checks the Class of 1893 in the REGISTER.

West Point's Oldest Grad

Colonel Houle admires the Academy's crest.



"I APPRECIATE YOUR COMING all the way from West Point to visit me," was Colonel George E. Houle's immediate comment to Colonel Horace M. Brown, when the Secretary of the Association of Graduates paid respects to the Academy's Oldest Grad.

Colonel Houle, a bachelor living in a Williamstown, Massachusetts, nursing home, was obviously moved by the honor of his role as the Oldest Graduate. "I want to fulfill my responsibilities insofar as I possibly can," the 99-year-old graduate pointed out positively. Born on New Year's Day, 1870, Colonel Houle turned to the Academy today listening attentively to Colonel Brown's discussion of the expansion plans and continuing high caliber of the Corps. Then, Colonel Houle began to reflect with pride upon the West Point of his day. Without hesitation he named his classmates in order of class standing — Howell, Kutz, Walker, Johnston, Raymond, Cruikshank, Heiner, Rice, etc. — providing a brief sketch of each one as Colonel Brown, at his request, checked them off in the REGISTER. Turning next to classes before and after him, he singled out those he knew well and added anecdotes to color his stories. The head nurse of the home entered the room and joined the conversation. Beaming with admiration, she listened to Colonel Houle forcefully expound his views. "The Colonel has a remarkable mind, and definitely a mind of his own," was her only comment. There was no doubt that the Colonel was a favorite in the home.

On behalf of all Academy Graduates, Colonel Brown presented a USMA plaque and blanket. Colonel Houle stared silently at the crest. "Tell all graduates that I thank them for their thoughtfulness. I am pleased to be able to represent them. The crest will hang proudly from the most prominent place in my room."

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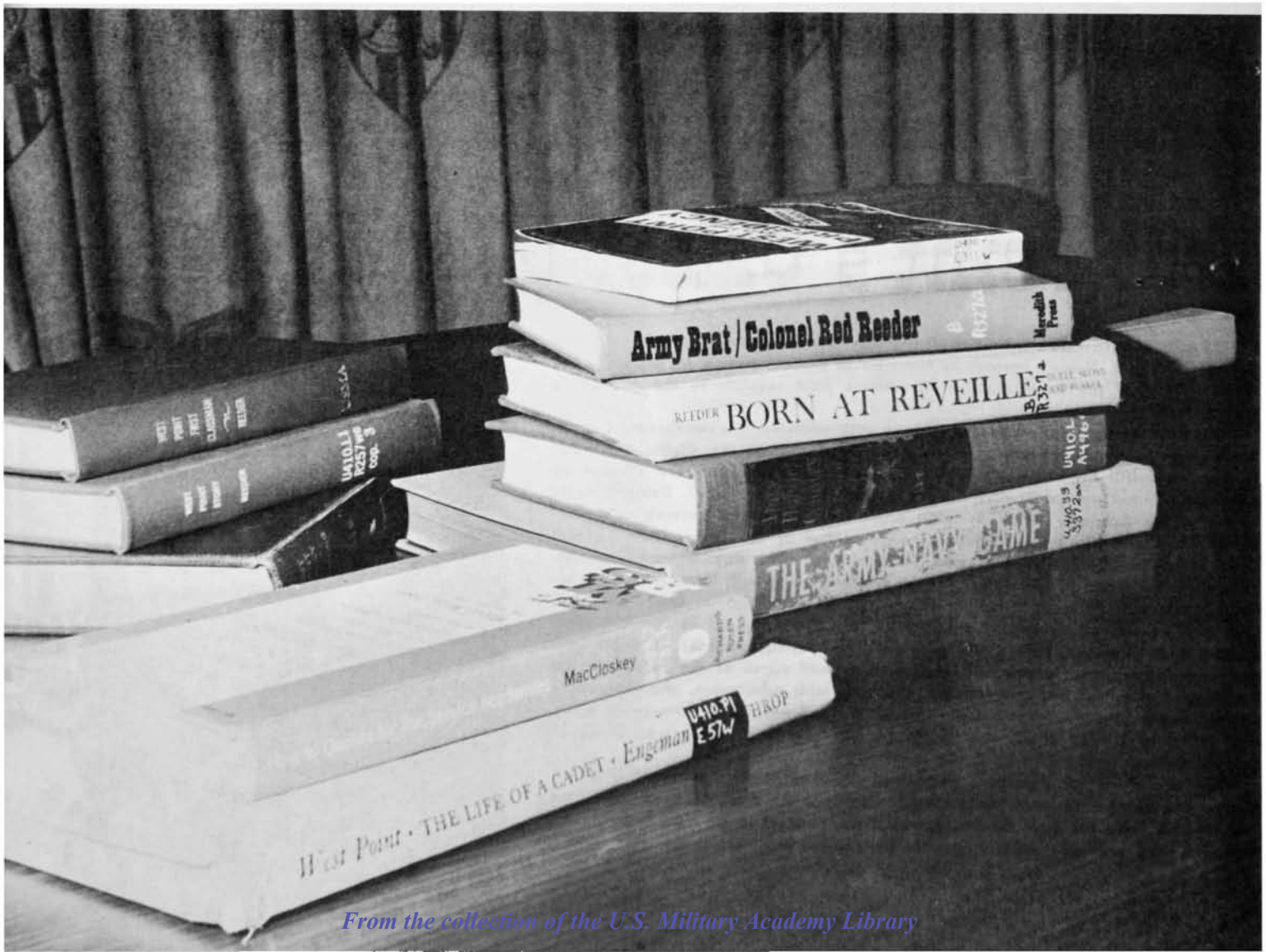
A selective reading list of the Academy's history, cadet life, the careers of some of its graduates, and other pertinent information of interest to young and old alike.

West Point in the Literary World

by Robert B. Turnbull

Some of the numerous and varied books about West Point that provide sources of interest for all age groups.



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Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, a notable authority on and writer about West Point and cadet life, enjoys telling (left) Major Robert B. Turnbull (USA Ret) of the Academy's Admissions Office and cadets some of the anecdotes about the leading characters in his books.

THE PRINTED WORD often generates a ring of authenticity that influences the reader in his thinking, and his actions. In this regard, West Pointers may take pride in the fact that the publications about their Alma Mater encompass all age groups and often provide a source of stimulation for young men interested in the Academy and a military career. For those graduates and friends who desire to further their knowledge of the Academy and in particular for those who may be called upon to counsel potential candidates for appointments, a recommended list of titles, not all-inclusive by any means, are grouped under broad readers' interest categories.

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The Pointer, published monthly September through June, by the Corps of Cadets, USMA.

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Colonel Red Reeder, Combat Infantryman, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Croix de Guerre avec palm—Portrait painted by his second cousin Mr. Charles Wrenn.

COLONEL RED REEDER

Red Reeder of the New York Giants returns to West Point to play against the ARMY team he captained two years previously.

"FOR his Service to God and Country as a beloved son of West Point, decorated combat officer on two continents, disabled veteran acknowledging no disability, mentor to aspiring athletes on the fields of friendly strife, author of authentic history books on our country's wars and heroes. For instilling a deep respect for our spiritual, constitutional and free enterprise faith in the minds of our nation's youth."

In capsule form the inscribed plaque presented to Red Reeder by The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge portrays the diversified talents a West Pointer has demonstrated with unsurpassed success in multiple careers.

Spelled out in specifics, Red Reeder earned an enviable reputation as a distinguished combat Infantry leader, Assistant to the Army's Director of Athletics, a highly capable football and baseball coach, and an eminent writer. But the cold facts of his accomplishments fail, in part, to reveal a key to Red Reeder—the man who cheerfully passes aside praise and recognition for his own achievements to evoke pride in his family, friends, the Army, and his Alma Mater.

He would rather turn a discussion of his writings to give credit to his wife, Dort, "my editor-at-home, shielding me for 20 years, so I could write. She corrects my syntax, spelling, lack of unity, coherence, and emphasis, is my smart secretary, and on top of it all refrains from editing me." Or he will speak of a favorite subject—the Military Academy—and proudly explain that cadets often stop him just to say that his *West Point—Clint Lane* book series helped influence them to enter the Academy. Among these cadets, two captained the Army football team, two were defensive halfbacks, one was a hard-hitting right fielder who became a regimental commander, and another became the 440-yard run champion and track captain.

Born at reveille at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, there was never any question that Red Reeder would attend the Academy and become an outstanding Infantry officer. "Talent is Inspiration—but genius is Perspiration, and if you're not famous for something you just ain't nobody" was his cadet motto that he carried forward with a smile throughout his Army career. In November 1942, as a lieutenant colonel, General George C. Marshall sent him on a special mission to the South and Southwest Pacific Theaters which included a visit to Guadalcanal "to obtain from successful Marine and Army combat leaders lessons of jungle warfare and of leadership." *Fighting on Guadalcanal*, a million-copy report he wrote, served as a training manual for the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, British troops in Africa, and, a Chinese translation for their Army.

In April 1944, Red Reeder fulfilled a desire and assumed command of the 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th

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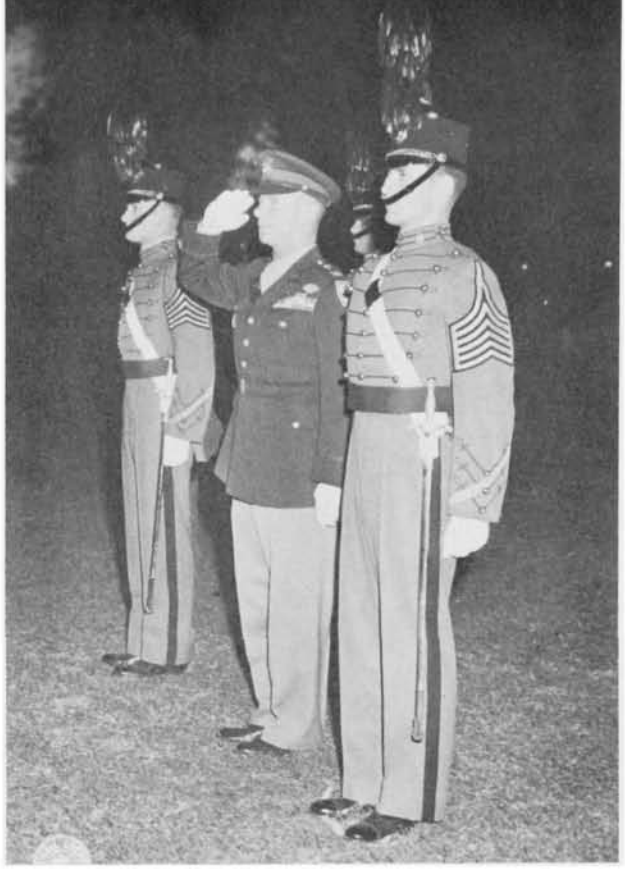
Flanked by the cadets whom he holds in high esteem at his retirement review in 1947.



OF ARMY

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article about Colonel Red Reeder stems from Alumni requests for coverage of a graduate who has become as permanent a part of West Point as Battle Monument.

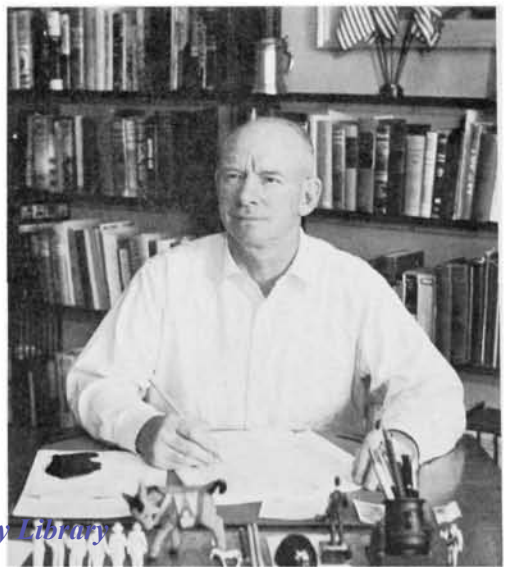
Division. On 6 June, it was his regiment that spearheaded his Division's D-Day landing on Utah Beach in Normandy. Five days later Red was seriously wounded, and while lying on a stretcher was awarded the first Distinguished Service Cross presented during the Normandy invasion.

In characteristic fashion Red speaks glowingly of the achievements of the officers and men he led. But, by his nature, he can see humor even in personal tragedy. He recalls, with a smile, his first meeting with John Ford, the famous motion picture director. Red was brought aboard an LST commanded by Ford. When Ford heard that there was a colonel lying on a stretcher, he came to pay his respects.

"Would you like a drink?" *(continued on page 37)*

Receiving the Freedoms Foundation's National Recognition Award in 1963 with Astronaut John Glenn, left, and Dr. Wells, center.

Red Reeder, Class of 1926, continues his writings that have inspired many cadets to enter West Point.



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Major General Samuel W. Koster, Superintendent, presents a citation to Colonel Jerry G. Capka, wearing the Legion of Merit, during recent ceremonies at the United States Military Academy. Present, from left to right, are Mrs. Capka, and sons Vincent, David, and J. Richard, USMA Class of '71.

COLONEL CAPKA RETIRES

Colonel Capka was a frequent and capable briefer of visiting groups.

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Seated far right, Colonel Capka joins the West Point Society of New York at a luncheon.

THE ARMY's Director of Athletics since 1966, Colonel Jerry G. Capka, retired on 31 January 1969, after more than 24 years of commissioned, active duty service.

A 1944 Academy graduate, Colonel Capka returned to his Alma Mater with his well-known philosophy of "pursuit of excellence in every endeavor, regardless of how insignificant the endeavor may seem." He coupled his quest for excellence with his belief of "A will to win, for it hurts to lose," a dominant trait that stemmed back beyond his cadet days.

The magnitude of the tasks facing Athletic Director Capka may be defined in terms of the annual operating expenditures of one and a quarter million dollars or in the 20 sports, 51 Corps squad teams, 1600 Corps squad spaces, and more than 500 Corps squad games each year. Success to the ARMY fan, however, is measured in terms of victories, and during Colonel Capka's tenure as Athletic Director the overall varsity record of 395 victories against 133 defeats (.750) including 32 wins and 15 losses against Navy, the Air Force, and the *(continued on page 38)*

Presenting one of the numerous AAA awards to cadets.

Having the pleasure of awarding his son, Rick, a trophy for being selected outstanding football player in Montgomery County in 1966.

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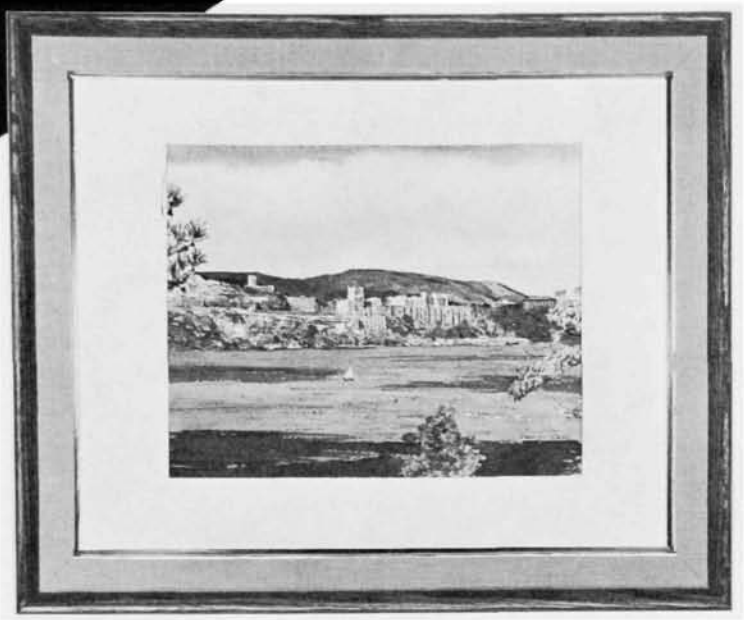

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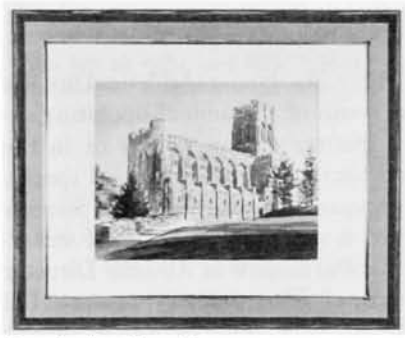

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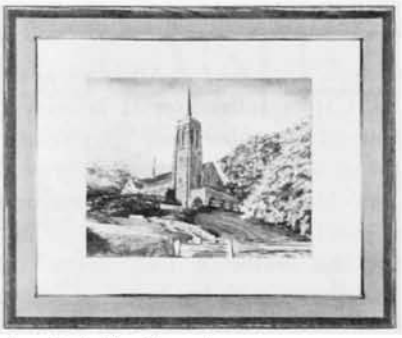

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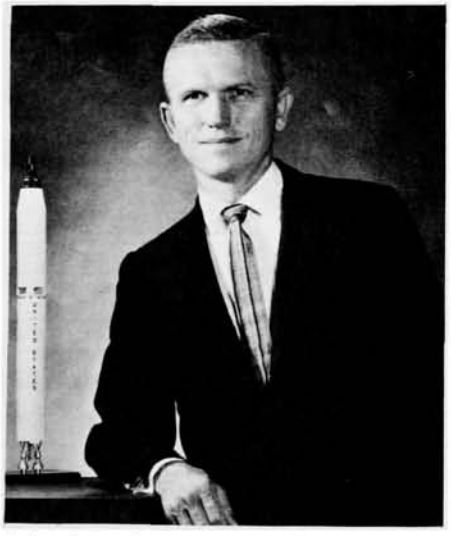
About the Cover: West Pointers in Space

The Christmas holidays of West Pointers world-wide were brightened by the fact that one of them was commander of the Apollo 8 mission, the historic flight around the moon. The accomplishments of Colonel Frank Borman and his crew received full and well-deserved coverage in news media throughout the world.

A recapitulation of Academy graduates' contributions to the progressive success of America's space program, moreover, is worthy of note.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. White II, USMA Class of 1952, was a member of the Gemini 4 space team which orbited the earth 3-7 June 1965. White was the first American astronaut to walk in space. His untimely death occurred on 27 January 1967 when the Apollo 1 spacecraft caught fire while on the launching pad.

On 4 December 1965 Colonel Frank Borman, Class of 1950, as command pilot of the history-making Gemini 7 mission, participated in establishing a number of space "firsts"—among which were the longest manned space flight (330 hours 35 minutes) and the first rendezvous of two manned maneuverable spacecraft as Gemini 7 was joined in orbit by Gemini 6. His exploits as commander of Apollo 8 are now well-known historical facts.



Colonel Frank Borman

David R. Scott, Class of 1954, was launched into space on 16 March 1966 on the Gemini 8 mission—a flight originally scheduled to last three days but terminated early due to a malfunctioning thruster. The Gemini 8 crew of Armstrong and Scott performed the first successful docking of two vehicles in space and demonstrated great piloting skill in overcoming the thruster problem and bringing the spacecraft to a safe landing. Scott also was assigned as command module pilot on the prime crew for the second manned Apollo flight.

Then on 18 July 1966 Michael Collins, Class of 1952, served as pilot on the three-day, 44-revolution Gemini 10 mission. Collins shares with command pilot John Young in the accomplishments of another record-setting flight which included a successful rendezvous and docking with a separately launched Agena target vehicle and, using the power of the Agena, maneuvering the Gemini spacecraft into another orbit for a rendezvous with a second, passive Agena. His performance in completing two periods of extravehicular activity, including his recovery of a micrometeorite detection experiment from the passive Agena, added greatly to the knowledge of manned space flight. Collins traveled a distance of 1,275,091 statute miles on the Gemini 10 flight and is currently assigned as command module pilot on the prime crew for the third manned Apollo flight.

About four months later Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., Class of 1951, along with command pilot James Lovell was launched into space in the Gemini 12 spacecraft on a four-day, 59-revolution flight which brought the Gemini program to a successful close. Aldrin established a new record for extravehicular activity by spending slightly more than five and one-half hours outside the spacecraft, attaching a tether to the Agena, retrieving a micrometeorite experiment package from the spacecraft and evaluating the use of body restraints especially designed for completing work tasks outside the spacecraft. He completed numerous photographic experiments and obtained the first pictures taken from space of an eclipse of the sun. Aldrin is currently scheduled for the Apollo 11 mission.

Alfred M. Worden, Class of 1955, is the latest Academy graduate to join the NASA space team. Selected as an astronaut in April 1966 he is involved in training for future manned space flights and is assigned to the astronaut support crew for the second manned Apollo flight.

On behalf of all graduates ASSEMBLY salutes our men in space.

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

the spring issue by — 25 March
the summer issue by — 16 June

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Homecoming 1969

By all accounts, except that of the Bruins of California, Homecoming 1968 was an outstanding success. Homecoming 1969 should be a most worthy successor—the Texas Aggies will journey to this bastion on the Hudson to battle our ARMY Team in the USMA Homecoming Game of 1969 on 4 October.

Homecoming Weekend will run from Friday, 3 October, through Sunday, 5 October. The 5-year reunion classes will be those classes graduated 15 years or less—'54, '59, and '64. The schedule of events will closely parallel the 1968 program.

Friday 3 October	1200	Alumni Headquarters opens—1st floor, Cullum Hall.

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	1530	Athletic events.
	1700	Reunion Class picnics and dinners.
	2030	Band Concert—North Auditorium, Thayer Hall.
	2130-2400	Old Grad's Night—Benny Havens Bar, West Point Army Mess.
Saturday	2400	Alumni Headquarters closes.
4 October	0800	Alumni Headquarters opens.
	0900-1030	Open House at the following: Cadet Barracks, Library, Museum, Thayer Hall: Selected academic departments.
	0920-0950	Briefing on "USMA Expansion Program" —North Auditorium, Thayer Hall.
	0950-1030	Briefings by USCC and Office of the Dean, USMA, subject "USMA Today"—North Auditorium, Thayer Hall.
	0945	Board of Trustees Meeting—WPAM.
	1030	Assembly for march to Thayer Monument —Jefferson Road and Cullum Road sidewalk. (In the event of inclement weather, Alumni Ceremony will be held in South Auditorium, Thayer Hall).
	1045	Alumni march to Thayer Monument.
	1100	Alumni Ceremony at Thayer Monument.
	1115	Adjutant's Call for Alumni Review—the Plain.
	1125	Assembly sounded for Alumni for the Alumni Review—the Plain.
	1200	Alumni Luncheon—WPAM.
	1330	Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon; Cadet Chapel.
	1400	Football: ARMY vs. Texas A&M—Michie Stadium.
	1700	Reunion Class cocktail parties.
	2000	Alumni Dinner—Washington Hall.
	2130	Superintendent's Reception, followed by Alumni Dance—Washington Hall.
Sunday	2400	Alumni Headquarters closes.
5 October	0800	Alumni Headquarters opens.
	0800, 0900, & 1100	Protestant Services—Cadet Chapel.
	0830	Jewish Service—Old Cadet Chapel.
	0915 & 1100	Protestant Services—Post Chapel.
	0915 & 1145	Catholic Mass—Holy Trinity Chapel.
	0930	Protestant Services—Old Cadet Chapel. Reunion Class brunches—WPAM.
	1215	Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon —Cadet Chapel.
	1600	Alumni Headquarters closes.

New Department Heads at USMA

Colonels Amos A. Jordan Jr. and Frederick A. Smith Jr. have recently assumed duties as Heads of the Department of Social Sciences and the Department of Mechanics, respectively. Colonel Jordan succeeds Brigadier General George A. Lincoln, while Colonel Smith succeeds Brigadier General Elvin R. Heiberg.

Colonel Jordan graduated from the Academy in 1946. He was Cadet First Captain and graduated third in his class. Colonel Jordan also holds B.A. and M.A. Degrees from Oxford University and a Ph.D. from Columbia University.

From 1954-55 he served in Korea as Battery Commander and Assistant S3 with the 7th Division Artillery. He was also an Economic and Fiscal Policy Advisor, U.S. Economic Aid Mission to Korea in 1955. In March of that year Colonel Jordan was appointed Professor of Social Sciences at the Academy. Since 1955 he has been called to numerous special assignments, including service on the Staff of the President's Committee to Study the Military Assistance Program, 1959; Staff Director, Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Defense on Non-Military Instruction, 1962; Special Political Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to India, 1963-64; Director, Near East and Southern Asia Region, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1966-67.

Colonel Jordan is the author of *Foreign Aid and the Defense of Southeast Asia*, published in 1962, and editor and contributor to *Issues of National Security in the 1970's* published in 1967. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Colonel Jordan

Colonel Smith

Colonel Jordan is married to the former MarDeane Carver of Pocatello, Idaho. They have six children: Peggy, Diana, Keith, David, Linda, and Kent.

Colonel Smith graduated from the Academy in 1944. He was a Cadet Captain and graduated twenty-third in his class. Colonel Smith was assigned to the Fifth Infantry and served with that unit both as a rifle platoon leader and company commander during the remainder of World War II. He also served with the Fifth Infantry during the Korean Crisis less than ten years later.

The Colonel received an M.S. in Engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1949, a Master of Business Administration from George Washington University in 1963, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in October 1968.

Colonel Smith served from 1949-52 as an instructor and assistant professor at USMA in the Department of Physics. He was appointed Professor of Mechanics in 1965.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation

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Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge with star.

Colonel Smith is married to the former Katherine Bailey Egerton of Baltimore, Maryland. They have two daughters, Katherine Lorraine, 15, and Carolyn Egerton, 12.

Dielens Appointed Director of Athletics

Colonel A. J. (Gus) Dielens assumed duties as the new Director of Athletics at the Military Academy on 1 January 1969. Colonel Dielens came to West Point from the Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.

As Director of Athletics, he will direct the intercollegiate athletic program of the Military Academy, a program which currently includes 20 different sports on varsity, junior varsity, and Plebe levels. About 1600 cadets participate in intercollegiate competition each year.

After graduation from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, High School, where he was an outstanding athlete, Colonel

Colonel A. J. Dielens

Dielens attended the University of Miami, Florida, where he played varsity football. He joined the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet and then entered West Point in 1946.

During his four years at the Military Academy, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He ranked second in his graduating class in physical education and was a Cadet Captain during his First Class year.

Graduating in 1950, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and went to Korea, where he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and for service afterward the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster. He returned to West Point for the 1951 football season as an assistant to Coach Earl Blaik, working with the ends and defensive backs on both the varsity and Plebe teams. Previously during his First Class year, unable to play football because of injuries, he had coached the B Squad.

Colonel Dielens also coached the Fort Benning Rams to an undefeated season in 1952. His team met the Parris Island Marines in the post-season Christmas Bowl game in Tallahassee, Florida. While on duty at The Citadel in 1958, he served as an assistant and scout for Coach Eddie Teague.

Overseas tours took him to NATO Command Headquarters in Izmir, Turkey, and back to Korea where he served as Chief of the Military Personnel Division for the Eighth U.S. Army. He commanded a battalion for 15 months at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in 1965-66. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College (1960-61), the Armed Forces Staff College (1963-64), and the U.S. Army War College (1966-67).

Colonel Dielens is married to the former Shirley Anne Rhodes of Tampa, Florida, Miss Florida of 1949 and a participant in the Miss America contest in Atlantic City. His family includes three children: daughters Debby, 16, and Shirley Van, 7, and son Gus III, 13. His parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dielens live in Vineland, New Jersey. His sister Joyce is married to Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Breakiron, Class of '51.

General Lincoln Assumes OEP Post

Brigadier General George A. Lincoln, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, retired 18 January after almost 40 years service with the U.S. Army to accept the position of Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP). His appointment was announced by President Nixon on 16 January.

The OEP is responsible for plans and policies for emergency mobilization of the nation's resources in all contingencies from limited to nuclear war and for coordinating Federal, State, and local emergency plans and actions. As Director of OEP, General Lincoln will also be charged with managing the national stockpile of strategic and critical materials and with coordinating federal disaster relief. He will be a statutory member of the National Security Council.

During World War II General Lincoln served as logistical planner for the European Theater and subsequently

Brigadier General George A. Lincoln accepts the Superintendent's Plaque from Major General Samuel W. Koster. Looking on is General Lincoln's wife, Frederica.

became Head of the Strategy and Policy Group of the War Department's Operations Division, serving as Army Planner for Generals Marshall and Eisenhower.

In 1947 he relinquished the star of a Brigadier General to become a Colonel and Professor at the Military Academy. A feature article on General Lincoln's career and his numerous contributions to the Military Academy is scheduled for the Spring issue of ASSEMBLY.

Cadet Von Kaenel Named Rhodes Scholar

Howard J. Von Kaenel, who ranks first academically in his Class at the U.S. Military Academy, has been named one of the nation's 32 Rhodes Scholars. A First Class-

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man, Von Kaenel is President of the Debate Club and has won several major debate tournaments.

He is the forty-ninth cadet to win a Rhodes Scholarship and the thirty-sixth since World War II. The scholarships were established in the will of Cecil Rhodes in 1899 and provide funds for two years of study at Oxford University, England. Winners must have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, character, and physical vigor as well as intellect.

At the Academy, Von Kaenel holds the rank of Cadet Captain and serves as Brigade Operations Officer. He is

Howard J. Von Kaenel

responsible to the Brigade Commander for operations and training of the Corps of Cadets.

The son of Colonel (Ret) and Mrs. Howard E. Von Kaenel of Lawton, Oklahoma, he was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy by Senator Fred Harris. In addition to the Debate Club, he has been active in the Behavioral Science Club, the Fine Arts Forum, and the Rocket Society. His athletic interests have included track, pentathlon, cross country, volleyball, tennis, and water polo.

In his second year at the Military Academy, he won the Superintendent's Award as the outstanding Third Classman.

Barron's Profile on USMA

Barron's Educational Services, Inc., has recently finished a "Profile in Depth on USMA." The Barron's Publishing House is a well known and respected member of the publishing profession primarily engaged in educational works. For over 25 years, Barron's has published their handbook on colleges entitled "Barron's Profiles of American Colleges" which is the standard reference work stocked by the New York libraries and in use nationwide. For one year Barron's has been engaged in the publication of separate booklets which give a profile in some depth concerning primarily the academic aspect of the subject institution. Barron's Profile on USMA is 32 pages long, will retail for $1.50 through bookstores, and will be available here at USMA for use by people in the admissions programs. Others may obtain this booklet at a reduced rate by requesting it from the Army Athletic Association at a cost of $1.00 for a single copy, $.50 a copy in orders of ten or more. The Admissions Office, USMA, considers this pamphlet to be the most effective publication on West Point aimed at the high school student.

Wheelock, McCall Receive NCAA Awards

Cadet First Classmen Thomas R. Wheelock and James A. McCall were named as winners of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarships. A total of 33 football players in the United States were NCAA Scholarship recipients, with each winner receiving a $1,000 grant to the graduate or professional school of his choice.

Thomas R. Wheelock

James A. McCall

Those selected were chosen on the basis of academic, athletic, and extracurricular excellence.

Cadet McCall, a starting safety man on the Army football squad for the past two years, is a Dean's List student and ranked 22d in a class of 823 at the end of his third academic year. He holds the West Point and Michie Stadium records for return of an interception (97 yards), and is the co-holder of the Army records for season interceptions (eight) and game interceptions (three). This year he finished eighth in the nation in interceptions. He is also a midfielder on the varsity lacrosse team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCall of 108 Cherrington Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cadet Wheelock is also a Dean's List student, ranking 33d in his class at the Military Academy. He has been a starting defensive end on the Army squad for the past two

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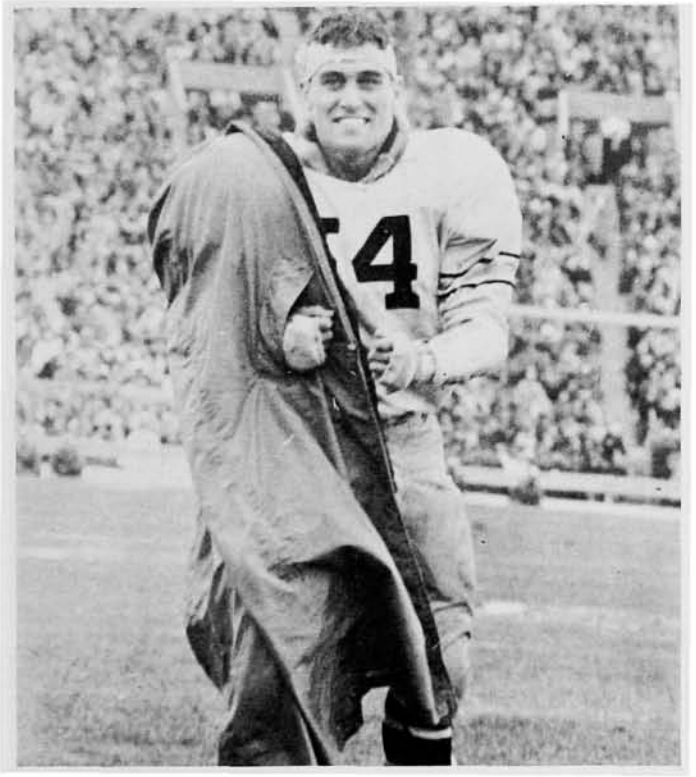
years and served as "general" (roving defensive end) this year. He is the son of Lieutenant Colonel (USA) and Mrs. Alton Ray Wheelock of 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

ARMY's All-America Captain

ARMY's football Captain Kenneth L. Johnson spurs his team on to victory after pulling a tendon in his left leg during the Navy game. The 21-year-old linebacker earned all-America recognition from The American Football Coaches Association, being named to the Kodak all-America Team.

A brilliant leader, Johnson was en route to a second, consecutive, outstanding performance against Navy when he was injured in the third quarter. He limped off the



Captain Kenneth L. Johnson

field, returned to the game for one play, then limped to the bench dejectedly.

"Get one for Kenny" screamed the Corps, and O'Toole to Albano did. Ken Johnson's tears turned to victory smiles when Jarvis scored.

Johnson's actions speak louder than words and his knack for anticipating the opponent's offense and stopping it won honors for him as top defender in four of ARMY's first six games.

New Admissions Film

The Admissions Office, USMA, has announced the production of a new film entitled "The Making of a Leader." This color movie is a fast moving portrayal of cadet life with a running time of 11 minutes. It is available in either 16 mm or Super 8 and is designed primarily to complement oral presentations to groups of interested candidates. Any graduate who wishes to obtain this film on a five day temporary loan basis should fill out the USMA Admission Materials Request found in this issue and send it to Admissions Office, ATTN: Admin Unit, West Point, New York 10996.

Lynn Moore to Captain Army Team

Lynn Moore, the Army halfback from Ponca City, Oklahoma, received the customary recognition of water and food from the Corps upon his selection by teammates as football captain for the 1969 season.

Moore, a standout veteran during the past two seasons, finished the 1968 season second in rushing, second in

ARMY Captain Lynn Moore

pass receiving, second in punt returns, first in kickoff returns, and third in scoring. Against Duke, he had his greatest afternoon scoring touchdowns the first three times he carried the ball and adding a fourth touchdown later in the 57-25 victory.

Moore becomes the ARMY's 80th football captain for ARMY's 80th football season.

Douglas MacArthur Memorial: Progress Report

The statue of General of the Army MacArthur has been cast in bronze. Final polishing is now being accomplished.

On site construction of the memorial is scheduled to begin 5 June 1969, the day after graduation. It is anticipated that the memorial will be completed by the end of the summer to enable planned dedication prior to the beginning of the football season.

Alumni Tickets for Reviews and Chapel Services

In response to queries from many alumni, information about procedures to reserve seats to attend Cadet Reviews or Chapel Services may be helpful.

During the academic year Cadet Reviews are scheduled almost every Saturday. Depending upon the condition of the Plain, spring reviews will commence on 14 April and extend through 30 May. During the fall, reviews start the first week of September and end about 22 November. Alumni may obtain review tickets by writing to the Adjutant General, USMA, West Point, New York 10996, and pick up their tickets at Building 600, Room 14, Floor B.

All Chapels welcome returning alumni to services on a space available basis. Seating at Cadet Chapel Services may be reserved, on a first-come-first-served basis, by contacting the Assistant S1, USCC, West Point extension 3204.

New Book

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER — FIGHTER FOR PEACE

By Colonel Russell P. "Red" Reeder Jr. Published by

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Garrard Publishing Company, Champaign, Illinois. 157 pp. $2.98. Reading time one and one-half to two hours.

Reviewed by F. L. ANKENBRANDT '26, Major General, USAF (Ret).

I have just had the opportunity to read an advance copy of this book, and have found it very interesting and most informative. Although the book is written primarily for fifth and sixth graders, it makes good reading for adults also. General Eisenhower's life, from his birth in Dennison, Texas, in 1890 to his retirement on his farm in Gettysburg in 1961, comes to life in this excellent biography. His boyhood in Kansas, with the events leading up to his becoming a West Point cadet in June 1911 are described with clarity, empathy, and a fine sense of humor. The book describes many events in the General's life that show the essential qualities of honesty, intelligence, and industriousness which pervaded the entire family and were such a force in Ike's growing-up, as well as adult days.

This narrative of the highlights of General Ike's life, and especially the period when he was top military commander in World War II, is made all the more vivid because of Red's personal friendship and knowledge of the General and many of the men who surrounded him, and his unique ability to portray their characters in a few vivid and well chosen words. Other major periods covered are General Ike's days as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, his presidency of Columbia University, his recall to active duty by President Truman to become the founder and first commander of SHAPE in Paris in 1951, and finally the dramatic years of his Presidency of the United States. I would not do justice to this fine book without mentioning the remarkably clear and well chosen reproductions of the many pictures and charts, supplemented by the excellent illustrations by Cary, which add greatly to its charm and interest. Red has woven the theme "Fighter for Peace" in simple but powerful fashion, from General Ike's boyhood days in Kansas and the beliefs and teachings of his Mennonite parents, right on to the many decisions he made as President.

Red Reeder's 29 books are widely read by teen-agers and some—such as his own autobiography *Born at Reveille* and the story of Marty Maher *Bringing up the Brass*—by adults as well. His six books of the *Clint Lane* series on life at West Point and as a Lieutenant in the Army are all excellent and have interested numbers of fine young men to become West Point cadets, including two who became captains of Army football teams. I have no doubt but that this latest book will influence other outstanding young men to seek entrance to West Point and an Army career in the same way.

It has been my good fortune to visit Red's workshop, and to see his extensive reference library, which he has used so skillfully and patiently to give the depth of background which is so evident in all his books. Certainly this last book of his is worthy of the long hours of work and devotion he has put into it. I shall make sure that all my grandchildren read it at the proper time, and hope they enjoy and treasure it as much as I did.

An architectural rendering of the enlarged Michie Stadium with a seating capacity of close to 42,000 and with a completion date scheduled prior to the opening game with New Mexico on 20 September 1969. (Architectural plans were accomplished by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. of Rochester, Pennsylvania.)

The old Michie Stadium filled to capacity.

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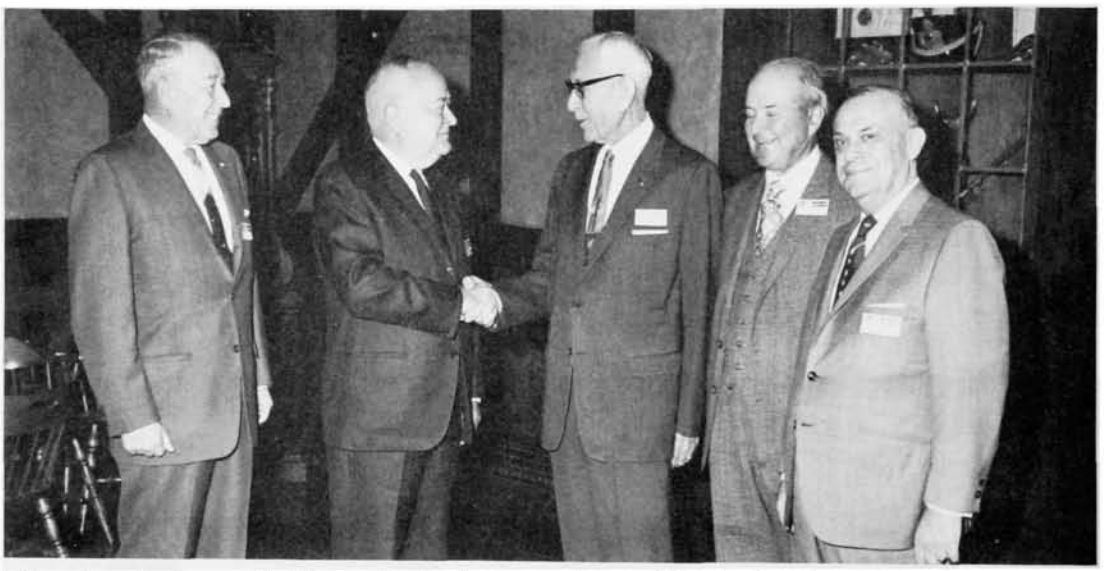
After 57 years, the opposing centers of the 1911 ARMY-Navy teams—(left) Major General Franklin C. Sibert, (Ret), USMA '12, and Captain Philip Van Horn Weems, (Ret), USNA '12 —meet on the gridiron at the 1968 ARMY-Navy game.



Major General George H. Olmstead, who has earned recognition in American business and finance and on the international scene as well, shakes hands with General Robert M. Danford, Commandant of USMA when Olmstead was a cadet. Pictured from left to right are Arthur Klein '22, Olmstead '22, Danford '04, R. H. Johnson '22, and Harry B. Albert '22. General Olmstead, President of the International Bank of Washington, D. C.; President of Financial General Corporation; a trustee of the West Point Alumni Foundation; and head of the Olmstead Foundation met with other members of the Oriole Class when he addressed the November meeting of the West Point Society of New York.

Major James N. Rowe, Class of 1960, of McAllen, Texas, eating chicken at a U. S. medical installation in South Vietnam on the afternoon of 31 December following his recovery after more than five years as a prisoner of the Viet Cong in the Mekong Delta's U Minh forest.

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down the field...

by FRANK WALTER

BASKETBALL—Mike Gyovai (30) and Captain Mike Krzyzewski (12) tangle with a Seton Hall player for a rebound in January action.

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FOOTBALL—Fullback Charlie Jarvis zips through four Navy defenders, who tumble like dominoes in his wake. Going down, from left to right, are the Navy right end, right tackle, and two linebackers. Charlie scored all three TDs in the 21-14 victory.

FOOTBALL—Charlie Jarvis, who broke Glenn Davis' single-gamerushing record in this game with Boston College, goes over the pile of players for some more yardage. Charlie had 253 yards, Davis had 230, and Army won, 58 to 25.

THREE times by the slim margin of four points ARMY lost a football game, but the other seven times that the Cadets took to the field in 1968 they were victorious. So was written into the record book an impressive 7-3 season which, following two successive 8-2 years, gives ARMY three winning seasons in a row. That's the best that has been achieved in the current decade. There is little doubt that Coach Thomas B. Cahill has put ARMY back into the national grid picture.

The biggest upswing came in the competition with Navy. A year ago the Middies won all four sports, but this time around it ended in ARMY's favor. The Cadets won the football game in Philadelphia, 21 to 14; the 150-pound football game, 17 to 14; gained a tie in soccer, 1 to 1 in an overtime; and almost won the cross country, 26 to 29. So the fall standings were 2-1-1, and now action moves into winter.

Football Stages Comeback

Sporting a 3-2 record at the halfway mark of the 1968 season, ARMY opened the second-half with an impressive 57 to 25 victory over Duke. The Blue Devils had never lost at Michie Stadium, but after halfback Lynn Moore, ARMY's 1969 football captain, scored touchdowns the first three times that he carried the ball, there was little doubt about the outcome. It was a running game that afternoon, Charlie Jarvis getting 128 yards and two scores while Moore finished with four touchdowns.

Penn State found the Cadets their most difficult foe of the season although the Nittany Lions led all the way in the 28 to 24 victory. Quarterback Steve Lindell took to the air, covering 258 yards on 18 of 29 completions. Tight end Gary Steele caught eight aerials for 156 yards, that distance breaking a single-game record for receiving yardage. They might still be trading touchdowns at Penn State if they had kept on playing.

Another high-scoring affair came the next weekend as the Cadets closed out their home program by beating Boston College, 58 to 25. Jarvis ran wild, rolling up 253 yards rushing to surpass the single-game mark of 230 made by Glenn Davis in 1945. The Eagles went back to Boston with a handful of marks of their own, getting 28 first downs, 492 yards on offense, attempting 57 passes and completing 37 for 374 yards. But they could only get four scores for their efforts.

Arden Jensen kicked two second period field goals, and then ARMY scored three times on the ground in the second half to blank Pittsburgh, 26 to 0. It was the second straight win at Pittsburgh. Jarvis had his fifth 100-yards-or-more game and passed the 1000-yard mark for the season. It was a cold, rainy day but ended in victory No. 6.

The Navy game was a typical one. ARMY scored twice only to have the Middies take advantage of two errors and even the count in the third period. So Coach Cahill put quarterback Jim O'Toole into the game, and in five plays ARMY was in front for good. O'Toole did this time what

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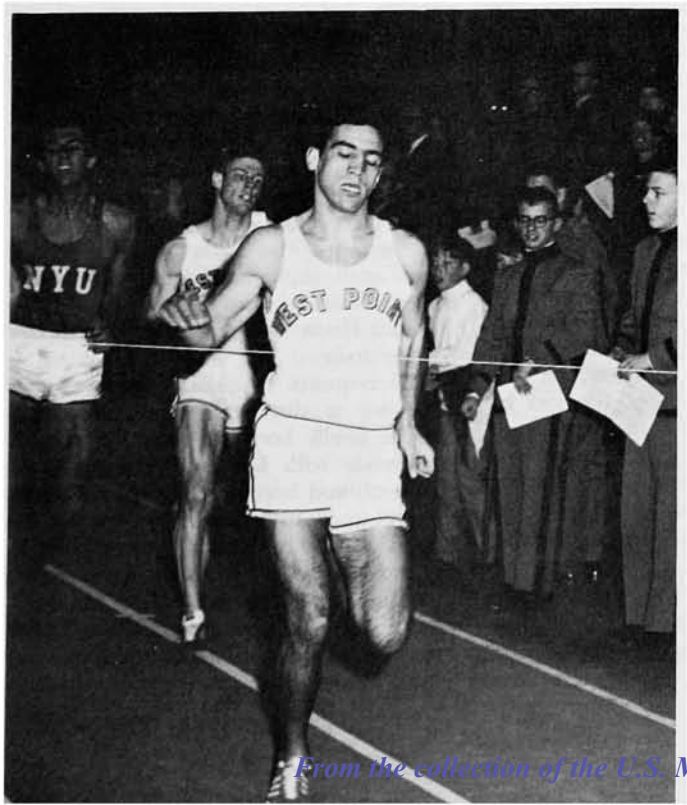
HOCKEY—Off to a flying start with a victory over American International College, Coach Jack Riley's hockey team is having one of its better seasons. The Cadets beat AIC.

TRACK—High jumper Bruce Olson clears 6 feet 9 inches to match the Academy indoor record held by Gary Steele, who is also competing this winter. Track was unbeaten through January.

TRACK—Captain Larry Lemaster equals the 600-yard run record of 1:10.8 while teammate George Forsythe is but a step behind in this action against NYU and St. John's. Bob Foos, who set the record last year, is also running for ARMY again this winter.



he almost did under similar conditions in the 1967 contest. A pass to Joe Albano covered 58 yards, and three plays later Jarvis went through the center of the Navy line for the final 10. Jarvis scored all three touchdowns for ARMY and closed out his career with a season record of 1110 yards and a three-year total of 2334. That is more than either Glenn Davis or Chris Cagle made in their three best years for ARMY. They both have four-year marks which Jarvis couldn't match.

The Corps of Cadets came up wearing sweatshirts with the Number 12 on them, denoting that the Corps supplied the 12th man on the field. Many people thought they were wearing the 12 for quarterback Steve Lindell. Either way, the effect was electrifying.

Records tumbled, and honors arrived at the end of the season. Jarvis became the leading rusher, and Lindell the top passer in ARMY grid history. Jensen kicked 11 of 18 field goals and 31 of 32 conversions in his first season and will rewrite those records before he graduates. Jim McCall intercepted eight passes, three against California and with a 97-yard return for a score in the Duke game had his name added to the list of ARMY greats.

Linebacker Ken Johnson was named to the Coach's all-America first team. The same honor came to Townsend Clarke, 1966 captain, two years ago when Johnson was his backup. Jarvis, Lindell, Steele, Yarnell, McCall, and Johnson played in post-season games, and all received either national or all-East recognition.

Coach Cahill was on the staff of the East-West game in San Francisco and the all-America game in Tampa and was cited as the top coach by the Eastern Intercollegiate Officials Association.

Considering that both the offensive and defensive lines had to be rebuilt when the season started, the coaching staff and the ARMY team came through in fine shape in 1968.

McCall and Tom Wheelock, called "The General" this past fall on defense, were given National Collegiate Athletic Association post-graduate *(continued on page 102)*

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Edgar Allan Poe

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was five officers and 55 enlisted men, or a total of 60.

Charleston, South Carolina, was then one of the leading ports and one of the leading literary and cultural centers of the United States. What use Poe made of the latter fact is difficult to say. Certainly he did not go to the city very often. As Poe himself wrote in *The Gold-Bug* later, the facilities of passage and repassage between Charleston and Fort Moultrie "were very far behind those of the present day." Chances are that Poe spent most of his free daylight time wandering about Sullivan's Island, on the southeastern tip of which Fort Moultrie is located, or along its beaches. His later attempt at textbook writing in the form of *The Conchologists First Book* can be traced back to his earlier experience with sea shells on the beaches of Sullivan's Island.

The official Army records list Poe as a private until 1 May 1828. On that date he was appointed artificer of Company H, a position which presupposes some knowledge of artillery mechanics. On muster rolls, artificers ranked just below musicians and just above ordinary privates. The rank was evidently some type of specialist rating, the duties of artificers being the preparation of bombs and shells used by the artillery company and the supervision of the company's ammunition supply. Since it involved rather dangerous duties, the pay of an artificer was ten dollars a month, one dollar more than the sergeant major of a regiment received. Whether the rank of artificer was given to Poe as a compensation for his double duty as clerk or whether he actually was the most qualified enlisted man in his company for the position, it is difficult to say. Certainly, Poe himself felt that he was quite an expert on artillery, for he later wrote to John Allan about "having already passed thro the practical part of even the highest portion of the Artillery arm." With liberal allowance for overstatement by Poe, it is certainly safe to say that he must have had a fair knowledge of seacoast artillery.

From Fort Moultrie, Poe began correspondence again with his foster father, John Allan. Sometime before 1 December 1828, he induced his company commander, Lieutenant Howard, to get in touch with Allan through a Mr. John O. Lay, with the object of securing Allan's aid in obtaining for him a special discharge from the Army. John Allan answered Lieutenant Howard, again through Mr. Lay, and stated in effect that the Army was a good place for Edgar and that he ought to serve his entire enlistment and try to win a commission from the ranks. In answer to this Poe wrote to John Allan on 1 December 1828:

". . . I can readily see and forgive the suggestion which prompted you to write 'he had better remain as he is until the termination of his enlistment.' It was perhaps under the impression that a military life was one after my own heart, and that it might be possible (although contrary to the Regulations of our Army) to obtain a commission for one who had not received his education at West Point, I who, from his age, was excluded that Academy . . . .

"The period of Enlistment is five years—the prime of my life would be wasted—I shall be driven to more decided measures if you refuse to assist me . . . ."

Since Poe's apparent weakness for misstatement and embellishment of fact in his letters is a frequent topic of discussion, some of the statements must be examined on the basis of fact. With reference to obtaining a commission without graduating from West Point, Poe was quite correct; this was a period of unusual stability in the Army, and West Pointers naturally had first choice at officer appointments. His statement that the period of enlistment was five years was, likewise, correct.

On 22 December 1828, Poe wrote once more to John Allan, again requesting his help in securing his discharge from the Army. In the meantime, on 11 December 1828, his company and regimental headquarters had been transferred to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, which in addition to being a regular fortification was also an artillery school of practice. This letter contained an interesting bit of personal information:

". . . Since arriving at Fort Moultrie [sic] Lieutenant Howard has given me an introduction to Col. James House of the 1st Arty to whom I was before personally known only as a soldier of his regiment. He spoke kindly to me, told me he was personally acquainted with my Grandfather Genl Poe, with yourself & family & reassured me of my immediate discharge upon your consent. . . ."

Two days before writing this letter Private Edgar A. Perry was "detailed for duty in the Adjutant's Office until further orders." This meant giving up his specialist rating as artificer, but it evidently was the first step in his promotion to regimental sergeant major, a promotion which came on 1 January 1829. By accepting it, Poe lost a dollar a month of his pay. However, he was more than compensated for the loss by his gain in prestige and the betterment of his chance of being discharged and obtaining an appointment to West Point, an idea which at that time had been on his mind for several weeks, probably since the time of Mr. Allan's letter suggesting that he should try to win a commission from the ranks.

Well, now it is Regimental Sergeant Major Edgar A. Perry, exactly one year, seven months, and five days after his enlistment as recruit. His predecessor, R. L. Glenndenning, was in the Army eight years before he was promoted to sergeant major. His successor as sergeant major, Peter D. Stewart, was in the Army ten years before he became the senior enlisted man of his regiment. Bearing in mind what Poe himself wrote about his regimental commander and considering what Major General George D. Ramsey later wrote to Captain William L. Haskin about Colonel House reveals to some extent why Poe received such a rapid promotion to sergeant major during the period of extreme stability in the Army—during the "Thirty Years' Peace" or "The Era of Good Feeling."

When William L. Haskin was writing his *History of the First Regiment of Artillery,* published Portland, Maine, 1879, he had occasion to contact some of the former members of that regiment. One of them was Major General George D. Ramsey, who in a letter dated 21 July 1874, has preserved for posterity the following interesting and authentic description of Colonel James House, Poe's regimental commander:

"Col. James House was, prior to his entering the military service, by profession a portrait painter. He had no particular adaption to military life and, of course, no military education. When I knew him he was, however, a gentleman of polite learning, of artistic tastes, a Shakespearean scholar, and much devoted to the more refined walks of literature. . . . His general reputation in the Army was that of an 'old fogy,' morose and unsociable in disposition, caring but little about his profession, and always knowing when the wind was in the East. . . . It was my fortune to serve with Gen. House without troops and in Washington. . . . I took care of regimental matters and troubled him as little as possible, and he extended to me and my family the most marked . . . kindness. He was the particular friend of Gen. Macomb, who was general-in-chief, highly respected by the high officers of government and the society of Washington and Georgetown. . . . The military career of Gen. House was during a long period of peace when, like many another worthy contemporary, he rather took to the *otium cum dignitate* [dignified leisure] than to 'war's alarms.' "

James House would not last long in the Service today.

The requests for Allan's assistance in obtaining a discharge from the Army for Poe finally bore fruit after a personal conference with him in Richmond after the death and burial of Mrs. Allan. When Poe returned to Fortress Monroe on 10 March 1829, he had Mr. Allan's promise to pay the twelve dollars necessary to provide a substitute and to use his influence to obtain an appointment to West Point for him. On 30 March 1829, Colonel James House wrote to the Commanding

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General of the Eastern Department in New York City requesting "permission to discharge from the service Edgar A. Perry, at present the Sergeant Major of the 1st Regiment of Artillery, on his procuring a substitute." This request was granted, and on 15 April 1829 Poe was discharged from the Army. Poe remained at Fortress Monroe until 20 April to obtain letters of recommendation from Lieutenant Howard, Captain Griswold, and Lieutenant Colonel Worth, his immediate superior officers.

Much has been said and written about Poe's career at West Point. Much of this is distorted. Poe initially was a good cadet and liked West Point, his officers and professors, except perhaps a Lieutenant Locke, who was a tactical officer or barracks supervisor, a person too often disliked at military schools. The fact of the matter is that Poe fully intended to graduate from the Academy and become an Army officer—where else could he find what he believed to be such an easy life with status to indulge his literary bend, even if he took only Colonel House as his model—until, and of extreme importance, Mr. John Allan married Miss Louisa Gabriella Patterson, a woman of childbearing age, on 5 October 1830. Although the marriage took place in New York City, Mr. Allan made no effort to visit Poe at West Point, about 50 miles away, either before or after the marriage. With the possibility of a legitimate heir to Mr. Allan's fortune appearing on the scene, one might think that Poe would strive even harder to finish West Point and thus become financially self-sufficient. But this was not Poe.

No doubt, Cadet Edgar Allan Poe was disappointed when he learned first-hand at West Point that he could not "breeze through" the course in six months, as he had heard rumored in the Army and as he had written Mr. Allan from Fortress Monroe. Rumors have a way of persisting, but the last year during Sylvanus Thayer's superintendency at West Point that cadets were graduated in less than four years was 1819, when five cadets were examined and graduated, although they were at that time not members of the First Class.

West Point, however, never was a place where the worst is yet to come—after the first day there things can only get better—and after the first few months Poe must have felt that things could only get better, even if he had to spend four years to finish. Chances are it was a combination of circumstances which caused Poe to leave West Point when he did. A brief account of Cadet Poe at the Academy presents the positive and negative influences involved.

At the time of Poe's arrival at West Point, the United States Military Academy was in its twenty-eighth year of existence. From a modest beginning in 1802, it had grown by 1830 to a fairly large institution of over 200 cadets and some 27 officers and professors, assistant professors, and instructors. Its physical plant, completely begun anew in 1815, consisted of an academic building which housed the classrooms, a chapel, a chemical laboratory, a library, and the adjutant's office; two barracks with a total of 90 cadet rooms; a mess hall; a 64-room hotel completed in 1829; a water works and a hospital completed in 1830; several officers' quarters; and numerous smaller buildings and sheds. The physical plant, while adequate for the school to carry out its mission of educating future officers for the Army, was far from pleasing to the eye and not at all in keeping with the natural beauty and grandeur of the locality.

Although the building program begun in 1815 and practically completed that same year lacked the hand and eye of a master planner, the same cannot be said of the program which was instituted several years later and which concerned itself primarily with the mental and moral upbuilding of the cadets and centered upon the person of Sylvanus Thayer, who on 28 July 1817, at the age of 32, was appointed Superintendent of West Point. By June 1830, he had held the Superintendency for almost 16 years, and whoever would understand the West Point that Poe knew, must consider the man who was the "Father of the Military Academy." The 1936 edition of the *Dictionary of American Biography* says this in part about Thayer:

"When Thayer took command, he found the Military Academy in a chaotic condition, without system or regularity in its administration. He at once held examinations, dismissed the incompetent, and made the idle work. He promptly organized the cadets into companies officered by members of their own body and appointed an officer of the Army as Commandant of Cadets responsible for their tactical instruction and soldierly discipline. He classified them according to their proficiency in studies, divided classes into small sections for more thorough instruction, required weekly class reports showing progress, and greatly improved the curriculum according to a well digested program. He also established the system of summer encampments. The diploma now became evidence of completion of the full course of studies, and a high standard of honor and efficiency was maintained. Commendation, official and unofficial, of Thayer's superintendency came from all quarters."

The influence of Colonel Thayer on the cadets at West Point was tremendous and was, without doubt, a lifelong experience even for those who remained only a few months under his supervision. By 6 November, Poe himself had felt this influence and found it good, for on that day in a letter to Mr. Allan he wrote: "I am very much pleased with Colonel Thayer." George W. Cullum, Poe's fellow cadet and West Point's first official biographer, wrote in 1868: "[Colonel Thayer maintained] such constant intercourse [with the cadets to enable] him to call all by name, and understand their characters and habits."

Poe spent his first few days at West Point undergoing the preliminary instruction designed to give all appointees a chance to learn the fundamentals of infantry drill and to review the fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic. The tutors who conducted this drill and instruction were upperclassmen, and among those who served as such in 1830 were Henry Clay Jr., Benjamin S. Ewell, and George W. Cullum. By 28 June, Poe's examination was over, and the authorities were satisfied that he was "able to read and write well," that he could "perform with facility and accuracy the various operations of the ground rules of arithmetic [reduction, proportion, and fractions], that he was not "deformed, or afflicted with any disease or infirmity which would render him unfit for the military service," and that he did not have "an infectious or immoral character." On 1 July 1830 his name appeared for the first time on the muster rolls of cadets.

The next two months had been planned for him long in advance. The Army Regulation read: "There will be an encampment of the cadets annually, commencing on the 1st July, and ending on the 31st August ensuing, during which the instruction will be exclusively military." Discipline during the summer encampment was the strictest type, the object being to simulate the encampment of a battalion in hostile country. Duties such as guard, police, and training were carried out with extreme exactness. Poe's previous experience as an enlisted man surely helped him in learning his new tasks, but no previous experience could possibly have eased the rigor and monotony of these tasks. The account of an eye witness of the previous year's encampment, Jacob Whitman Bailey, USMA Class of 1832, to his mother, Mrs. Jane Kelly, of 27 June 1829, will give the reader of today a fair idea of Poe's experience during July and August of 1830.

"We are now in Camp and have no duties to attend to except Guard dutie, and Drilling the 'Plebes' as soon however as they shall be sufficiently advanced to enter the Battalion—we shall commence Drilling ourselves, just imagine me invested with the authority of a Drill Master trying to make Soldiers of 4 or 5 young greenhorns, fine sport indeed. . . I never saw such a number of raw uncouth young men before. They are now in fine Spirits, and feel all their consequence. . The place where we encamped is near Kosciusko's monument. . . We live 4 in a tent and are allowed for the furniture of the tent, 1 pail, 1 wash bowl, 1 broom, 1 candle box and candle stick, 1 looking glass, for each occupant 1 chair, 2 blankets, 1 canvas bed cover, 4 shirts, 2 pair shoes, 4 pair socks, 1 bandbox etc. There has been a great improvement made this year, viz the introduction of board floors to the tents, which keep us perfectly guarded

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from the dampness of the ground."

Poe weathered the two-month encampment like a good soldier. His name does not appear in the cadet orders for the summer of 1830, which constitute an almost daily commentary of the violations by cadets of even minor regulations. When on 31 August he said a temporary good-bye to his tentmates, he was probably quite enthusiastic over the thought of soon settling down to some real mental work and less physical exertion.

Regulations which covered every phase of cadet life also outlined in detail Poe's going out and coming in after 1 September. In Poe's case, as in the case of every other cadet, an Army Regulation initiated the academic period: "The annual term allotted to the class studies will be ten months, commencing on the 1st September, and ending on 1st July following."

Before, however, drawing his books and other equipment for the annual term of class studies, the cadet had to settle in barracks. Poe was assigned to Room 28 in South Barracks. His roommates were Thomas W. Gibson from Indiana and Timothy Pickering Jones from Tennessee. Neither was graduated, Jones having been dismissed on 31 December 1830 and Gibson lasting until 12 January 1832. Both were poor cadets and certainly not good influences on Poe. Their later accounts of Poe as a cadet, according to Professor Quinn, "are a mixture of fact and fancy [and are] contradictory of each other in places." J. A. T. Lloyd in *The Murder of Edgar Allan Poe* states that they are the cause of most of the "malice [which] has been peculiarly active in regard to Poe's career of eight months at West Point."

The academic course of study which Poe undertook after 1 September 1830 consisted entirely of work in French and mathematics, the former amounting to what would today be the first year of college French and the latter a thoroughgoing course in fundamental algebra and geometry, both plane and solid. Regulations allowed "not less than nine" and not "more than ten hours" daily for classwork and preparation.

The course of study certainly gave Poe little trouble. Because of his previous studies at the University of Virginia, his knowledge of French must have been well beyond the requirements of the course, and his previous academic and artillery training must have made it unnecessary for him to apply himself strenuously to the study of mathematics. Years later General Allan B. Magruder remembered that he "was an accomplished French scholar, and had a wonderful aptitude for mathematics, so that he had no difficulty in preparing his recitations in his class."

General Magruder's further comment that Poe "was a devourer of books" would be of supreme significance to Poe scholars if they knew which books Poe devoured during his semester. The school library, in which Colonel Thayer was very much interested and of which he was proud, contained over 8,000 volumes by June 1834. A large portion of these volumes were on scientific and military subjects, many of them in French. However, one of the departments of the faculty was that of "Rhetoric, and Moral and Political Science," and this department must have had its section in the library in which there were books of a literary and philosophical nature. That such books were available to Poe is indicated by the Regulations, which stated that "No Cadet shall keep in his room any novel, poem, or other book, not relating to his studies, without permission of the Superintendent." It seems unlikely that a cadet of Poe's literary inclinations would not seek this special permission. It must have been granted him, or Poe would not have written to Mr. Allan on 6 November 1830, as previously quoted in part: "I am very much pleased with Colonel Thayer, and indeed with eveything at the institution."

The atmosphere at West Point, in spite of the many regulations, was not hostile to the arts. Just prior to the time of Poe's cadetship a "fine collection of casts, representing the most celebrated buildings of antiquity," had arrived from France. The Commandant of Cadets during Poe's cadetship, Captain Ethan Allen Hitchcock, "The Pen of the Army," wrote of this time in later years:

I can never forget the joy with which I mingled with the young assistant professors of the Academy. . . . The amount of culture among them was considerable; their conversation was enlightened—turning upon subjects of science and literature. . . . I found it [the presence of cultured companions] at West Point, where the young officers were amiable and studious and of lovely manners and conversation.

Poe as a cadet, and a Plebe at that, probably experienced little or none of such "joy." Yet it is gratifying to know that all of his superior officers with the exception perhaps of Lieutenant Joseph Locke, his barrack's tactical officer, treated him with a friendly courtesy and, no doubt, granted him every reasonable request.

A study of Poe's relationship with Colonel Thayer and with Captain Hitchcock would be very fruitful. That both knew him and recognized him as an exceptional young man is axiomatic. Colonel Thayer maintained such constant contact with the cadets as to "enable him to call all by name, and understand their characters and habits." Captain Hitchcock as Commandant of Cadets knew each cadet personally. Unfortunately, he was in Europe at the time of Poe's death. Hence, his diary makes no mention of his remembering Poe as a cadet. It is rather significant though that in the Preface to his *Remarks on the Sonnets of Shakespeare,* which he published in 1866, he wrote: "The highest performances of art reach far beyond the ordinary judgments of man, and remain, for most people, like mountain tops. . . . almost inaccessible, where, nevertheless, the atmosphere is always serene, like a beatified soul in the presence of God." This is a similar thought which Poe expressed in the preface to his edition of poems published in 1831: "Poetry is a beautiful painting whose tints, to minute inspection, are confusion worse confounded, but start boldly out to the cursory glance of the connoisseur." Poe wrote this preface while at West Point, and conversations with Captain Hitchcock may have had a profound influence on him at this time.

According to his diary, by 1830 Captain Hitchcock possessed a deep interest in literature and had read carefully the writers: Paley, Reid, Hume, Gray, Johnson, Moore, Young, Bacon, Scott, Chaucer, Montesquieu, Kames, Burke, Hegel, Percival, Dugald, Stewart, Sir Thomas Browne, Tacitus, Hobbs, Colton, Lucretius, and Franklin. He had corresponded with the poet James Gates Percival. In 1831 he dined with Washington Irving, of whom he wrote: "He looks like his portrait—mild, amiable, benevolent."

Hitchcock's library also was extensive (2500 volumes in 1852), and he may even have loaned books from it to Poe. He also most certainly knew Poe in January 1831, when Poe became a problem cadet. His official interviews with Poe at this time must have informed him of Poe's interests and ambitions. The fact that Poe was permitted to canvass the barracks to obtain subscriptions for the 1831 edition of his poems is also significant. Neither Captain Hitchcock nor Colonel Thayer would have granted him this permission without knowing him personally and without first reading the poems in the manuscript. In this connection it should also be noted that in October 1830, Poe's sonnet, "To Science," was reprinted in the *Philadelphia Casket.* Such publication would naturally attract the attention of the authorities at West Point to Poe.

Until after the midyear examinations in January 1831, Poe's career at West Point was that of a model cadet both in academics and conduct. It must have been sometime during the Christmas holidays when Poe decided against graduation from West Point and a career in the Army. On 3 January he wrote Mr. Allan for the necessary permission in writing for his resignation from the United States Military Academy. If Mr. Allan had sent this permission, it would have been possible for Poe to have left West Point without dishonor and also to have obtained some thirty dollars in travel pay for the mileage from West Point to Richmond, Virginia. The precise reason why Cadet Edgar Allan Poe decided to leave the United States Military Academy late in 1830 or early in 1831 may be debatable. Pertinent to the matter, however, is the letter which Cadet David E. Hale wrote to his mother on 10 February 1831, and which contained this sentence: "He [Poe] is thought a fellow of talent here,

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but he is too mad a poet to like mathematics." Perhaps the primary reason Poe left West Point was that he was a poet.

Poe's desire to have at least something definite on record probably led him to wait until the midyear examinations were over before he adopted the behavior that finally led to his dismissal. At any rate, it was not until 7 January that he began his series of A.W.O.L.'s from parades and roll calls which finally led to his court martial on 28 January 1831 and to his dismissal the following 6 March. The two charges of which he was found guilty were "Gross neglect of duty" and "Disobedience of Orders." At no time during his trial were offenses of a "moral" nature brought up. Specifically, there was no charge of drinking liquor or of being drunk, the reason for his dismissal so frequently heard in casual conversations about Poe.

The findings of Poe's court martial were approved by the Secretary of War on 8 February 1831. The sentence gave the effective date of dismissal as 6 March, so that Poe could accumulate a little more pay in order to clear his indebtedness to the government, an indebtedness he was already complaining about to Mr. Allan on 6 November 1830 and on which he elaborated in his letter of 3 January 1831.

On 18 February Poe was released from arrest and granted leave of absence until further orders. The next day he left West Point wearing, no doubt, the civilian clothes in which he had arrived the previous June and his cadet overcoat with uniform buttons replaced with plain ones. Such money as he had in his pockets must have come from the sale of parts of his uniform and his books. From West Point he went to New York City, where on 10 March, he wrote a letter to Colonel Thayer requesting something in writing which he might use in obtaining an officer's appointment in the Polish Army. Colonel Thayer evidently chose to ignore this request rather than involve himself, however remotely, with a possible violation of the Treason Act of 20 April 1818.

As a side light one occasionally hears and reads that Poe said the only sensible human being at all of West Point was Benny Havens, the tavern keeper at Butternut Falls, a mile and a half from barracks, who is so famous at West Point even today in story, song, pictures, murals, and artifacts. Considering the well-known, rigorous cadet life, it is highly doubtful that Poe as a Plebe ever saw the inside of Benny Havens Tavern or even tasted his liquor — until after his release from arrest the day before he left West Point. And if Benny Havens said it was so, it would be difficult to believe.

Sometime before 7 May 1831, Poe's last official contact with West Point occurred. Before that date some 200 or more copies of *Poems by Edgar A. Poe,* Second Edition, had arrived at West Point, and the cadets who had subscribed seventy-five cents from their accounts for each copy were ordered to draw their copies from the Storekeeper. According to all existing accounts, the edition, although dedicated to "The U. S. Corps of Cadets," was a disappointment to the cadets. George W. Cullum in 1872 wrote the following about the reception at West Point: "These verses were the source of great merriment with us boys, who considered the author cracked, and the verses ridiculous doggerel." The cadets had expected something lampooning the faculty, the officers, and the institution. Had they thought a minute at the time they subscribed, they would have realized that Colonel Thayer would never have allowed Poe to canvass the barracks to sell such trash. It is interesting to note that the USMA Library recently acquired a copy of this edition. It is safeguarded in the vault behind the Poe Memorial Door.

At least two times in his later life Poe tried to reap some financial benefit from his West Point experience. The first of these occasions occurred in 1841 when he was seeking a governmental appointment as clerk. On 4 July of that year he wrote to Frederick W. Thomas, who at that time was in Washington: "I mention in particular the Secretary of War, because I have been to W. Point, and this may stand me in some stead." The second of these was in January 1848. He was at that time again enthusiastic about starting a magazine of his own, *The Stylus,* and in his plans for obtaining subscribers to Nathaniel P. Willis, he mentioned his proposal "to go South and West, among [his] personal and literary friends—old college and West Point acquaintances"—to see what he could do.

With the exception of the "sour grapes" remarks about West Point which Poe may have made upon his leaving there, there is no record of any later disparaging remarks ever made by Poe about the United States Military Academy. Yet West Point has probably remembered Poe better than he did her. On the fourth floor of the library there, the visitor will see a massive white marble doorway to the rare book vault dedicated to Edgar Allan Poe and inscribed with the words from Sir Francis Bacon which Poe himself quoted in his "Ligeia."

> "There is no exquisite beauty without some strangeness in the proportion."

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which they had not before considered. These direct gains alone would have been sufficient to justify the conference, but the indirect gains were just as significant. Several delegates went away impressed by the "great diversity" and the "intelligence, common sense and moral integrity" of today's college students. Others stressed their favorable impression of the cadets. Many were quick to admit that prior to the conference they had held a somewhat negative view of West Point and the military. One delegate discovered that there was "no such thing as a 'military' outlook." Another had her "stereotypes" shattered. A third delegate's comments are worth quoting more fully: "I have removed from my mind any fears of the 'military mind.' " He found that the education was "far superior to the public concept of it and that the cadets are made aware of the many problems which affect decision-making in addition to military concerns. My contact with delegates from USNA and USCGA further supports my conclusion. These people are not programmed military machines—they do think, they do differ, and they are aware of the complexity of events. They are not unanimous militarists, foreign interventionists, or the like. This revelation is the single most important impression that SCUSA gave me." The prior assumptions on which these comments were based reveal just how wide a gulf exists in some students' minds between civilian and military. Certainly any opportunity the Academy has to encourage the exchange of views as provided for in SCUSA would seem to be advantageous.

The shoe, of course, fits the other foot. Of the 210 student delegates, 48 were cadets. (Another 48 cadets attended as observers.) The cadets had all participated in voluntary seminar meetings during the fall to prepare themselves and to that extent were grounded in the specifics of American foreign and security policy in each round table area in a way that supplemented the formal curriculum. As a result, the cadets found themselves at least as well informed as their civilian contemporaries, a realization which came as a shock to some since they were dealing with students who had majored in the areas. Quite apart from the more "academic" benefits of the conference, then, the cadets found they were not as far removed from their civilian colleagues as many had thought in either their ideals or interests. After a look at "the reasoning, biases, and thoughts" of their peers, a great deal of "mutual respect" was fostered. One cadet even marveled that "many cadets are just like civilians." Another, however, found cadets sometimes "too pragmatic" while civilians were sometimes "too idealistic." All judged the experience very worthwhile.

The conference did not only involve interchange between students, however. In addition to the two senior participants who guided the discussions on each round table there were several key speakers, panelists, and observers at the plenary sessions, bringing the number of adults to over 40. They came from diverse backgrounds in education, business, and government (civil and military), thus providing the conference a balance of both theoretical and practical expertise. During this period of unrest on many American campuses, some of the senior delegates appreciated the opportunity to gain a closer insight into various aspects of the "generation gap." Some were distressed at

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the naivete, others encouraged at the interest, of the students in the "real world." The students certainly benefited from the careful and systematic examination of serious problems together with adults. SCUSA is indebted to the four full days these seniors took out of their busy schedules to assist in the conference.

The Cadet Chairman, William B. Taylor Jr., opened the first plenary session of the twentieth conference on Wednesday afternoon, 4 December. The Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. Bill D. Moyers, former Presidential aide and now publisher of *Newsday*. In his prepared remarks, Mr. Moyers argued that "foreign policy, far from being the product of cool and calculated strategy . . , is really the prejudicial sum of ambitious men who try to impress on events their own sense of values." Although American policy has in fact been beneficially influenced by "deep and flowing springs of moral duty," we should not attempt to coat our every goal with a moral patina. And, he urged, "if America is to accept its world role gracefully and honestly, we will have to forego the illusion of chastity. Realism towards the world begins with realism toward ourselves." He then asked the assembled conferees to channel their desire for something new into finding solutions to "the two great issues of our time," the ability of the Western democracies to govern themselves and fulfill the hopes of their peoples, and the refusal of the poor in the world to accept their poverty. "Those of you who are looking for causes, stop here," he concluded.

Later that evening, the delegates assembled again to hear a panel discussion on "The Objectives and Problems of U.S. Foreign Policy." Professor Daniel S. Cheever of the University of Pittsburgh was chairman of the group which included three other distinguished guests with backgrounds respectively in politics, economics, and the military. After some opening remarks, he introduced Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace since 1950. Dr. Johnson singled out three general areas of concern, the first of which he deemed the more important: the identification of priorities in our policy. Because of such limitations as time, manpower, and money, priorities had first to be set and then to be maintained. Some of the real problems of the new Administration would be the determination of priorities such as those between domestic and foreign affairs or among several areas of the world. He then talked about America's problems in relation to the underdeveloped world and multilateral versus unilateral alternatives of action. Dr. Johnson's final point was the issue of "our posture in relation to strategic weapons."

The next speaker was Dr. Arthur Smithies, Master of Kirkland House at Harvard and an economist. Like the two who had spoken before, he was at the Military Academy for SCUSA I. He first described how General De Gaulle's foreign policy of more independent stance had been gravely affected by the domestic pressures resulting from a deteriorating economic position. Then, after drawing a parallel in the United States, he urged that our foreign aid program not be abandoned for an isolationist impulse nor determined by purely political factors. He saw our stake in underdeveloped societies as just too large to be forsaken.

Major General William J. McCaffrey, the Commandant of the U.S. Army War College, made the concluding presentation. Clearly and concisely, he traced the development of the military aspect of national security forward to the present and then identified some of the trends he considered important for the delegates to consider in their deliberations. Refusing to predict the future, he pointed out several continuing interests of the United States abroad which needed maintaining. He recommended that our defensive posture rely primarily on air and naval forces to cover the large bodies of water protecting us, with the land forces held in central reserve and small shield forces deployed in the perimeter.

A lively question and answer period followed General McCaffrey's comments, with Mr. Moyers joining the panel on stage to handle some of the queries from the floor. The day's events ended in Grant Hall where an informal reception had been arranged to allow the student delegates and seniors to mingle and exchange views over coffee.

The third plenary session convened on Thursday evening after a full day of round table discussion. General George A. Lincoln, former Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, chaired this second panel group to consider "Problems in the Formulation and Execution of U.S. Foreign Policy."

The Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Dean Edmund A. Gullion, opened the discussion with his views on the panel topic as seen by a member of the Executive Branch of our government. Prior to his retirement as a career foreign service officer in 1964, he had been Ambassador to the Congo. Dean Gullion outlined some of the alternative courses of action the United States might have chosen in its policies after World War II, and then discussed containment. It was this policy, he said, which was currently being questioned so vigorously in the nation, a debate in which the role of Congress, and the press would be crucial.

At this point the second speaker, Honorable John M. Murphy, Congressman from the 16th District in New York, presented the position of the Legislative Branch. Like several others that evening, he was also in attendance at SCUSA I, as First Captain and Brigade Commander of the Class of 1950. He explored the variety of ways in which the House and Senate got involved in foreign affairs, through appropriations of course, but also in subcommittees, as individuals, and as representatives of constituents with special interests. Especially illuminating were his remarks on the effects of "switch" districts and the impact of the safer districts of the South and Midwest on foreign affairs. He closed by posing the dilemma of whether a Congressman ought to act on principle for what he thought was good for the nation and thereby risk defeat, or whether he should satisfy the interests of his electors.

The press as usual had the last say. Mr. Saville R. Davis, Chief of the Washington Bureau of the *Christian Science Monitor*, averred that "essentially the job of the press is to combat authority." In a very forthright manner, he touched on several of the problems the press had, its own biases, the difficulty of accurate interpretations, and most important the responsibility of the press to decide what ought and what ought not to be made public. In spite of the awkwardness of such a probing press to foreign policy makers, he felt that it was far more effective in serving the country's interest than a disciplined or docile press.

Another animated question and answer period followed and, later, an informal gathering at Grant Hall where the seniors could be buttonholed. As one cadet later found out, these sessions "allowed us to see that the process (of policy formation) we were using is similar" to that used by the government.

Friday was another day of intensive round table discussions, but the highlight was the banquet at the West Point Army Mess that evening. Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach delivered the address and commented that this was an almost unique occasion because there were nowadays so few student conferences to which a representative of the Department of State was invited. He prefaced his remarks with the observation that decisions of public policy made in office were "a darn sight harder" than those made without comparable responsibility. He then turned to the meat of his talk, the vital partnership between Western Europe and the United States.

In Mr. Katzenbach's view, the first lesson of Czechoslovakia was that perhaps "many of us in the West had a very different view than the Soviets had of what 'detente' was all about." Russian leaders, recognizing the dangers of world holocaust, sought to resolve outstanding issues between what they regarded as blocs, rather than to change "the rigidities of a system which they believed to be in permanent confrontation with the West." Unfortunately for the Soviets as international tensions lessened, the need for strong allies and tight control became less obvious, so that increased strivings for political and economic freedom occurred not only in Eastern Europe but also within the Soviet Union itself. The West, however, sought the creation of an atmosphere within which the major division in Europe, divided Germany, could be united. Relaxed controls behind the Iron Curtain would foster cooperation with the West and a break with attitudes of the past. It was precisely this relaxation of controls

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which the Soviets showed they were unwilling to permit.

Before assessing the impact of the Soviet action on American policy, Mr. Katzenbach observed that any future decisions had to be shaped by two factors. First, the United States was going through a period of self-examination and, second, Europe was going through its own reassessment. Divested of former colonial holdings with a sigh of relief, Europe showed a tendency toward isolationism not consistent with her world interests. The Under Secretary then argued strongly for a continued dialogue with the Soviet Union as a means of reducing the possibilities of a great power confrontation and for a unified powerful Western Europe whose voice could not be ignored by either the United States or Russia. The burdens of responsibility for a Free Western Europe had to be shared, and this could not be possible until the partners were close to parity in power. After his address, Mr. Katzenbach very generously agreed to take on all comers at an informal session in Grant Hall—a lively and thought-provoking exchange lasting more than an hour.

The end of the banquet signaled the beginning of an intensive effort by small drafting groups to draw up the preliminary round table reports. To the conference staff, a realization of the difficulty in hammering out the least worst alternative for a policy was far more significant than the actual content of the reports. Perhaps the group which worked until 5 a.m. to meet its deadline learned that lesson best. A selection of these reports, amended and approved by the full round tables the next morning, was then presented at the concluding event of the conference, the Saturday luncheon.

One final significant aspect of the SCUSA XX has not yet been mentioned, the Cadet Administrative Staff. Under the direction of the Cadet Chairman, eight committees comprising some 70 cadets got a firsthand appreciation of the need for meticulous prior long-range planning and the necessity for continuous detailed coordination and supervision. Not only did they prepare the conference rooms, arrange for housing, messing, transportation needs, and the like, but they organized a post tour, a visit to classes in session, and presented a briefing on cadet life.

Was it all worth-while? SCUSA XX does not have to rely on its tradition to answer affirmatively. For the cadets, it was a valuable break in their routine, giving them both a closer association with their peers and a taste of a method of work they will use throughout their careers. Perhaps the most lasting and intangible benefits, however, were carried away by the civilian student delegates. One commented: "I came away very much impressed with what the Military Academy is doing and with the people who attend it. After the decadence and irreverence I find around me at . . . , it was delightful to find out that there are still people who respect their country, who aren't cowards (or if they are, learn to overcome their fears), realize that they don't always know best, and benefit from what seems to be a very full, all-encompassing education. I left the conference with much more hope in the future of the United States and a much more positive attitude than I had previously."

Note: The complete texts of the Keynote and Banquet Addresses, the Panel Session I and II, and the round table reports will be contained in the *Proceedings* of the Student Conference which will be available in May 1969. A copy of the *Proceedings* may be obtained by writing the Executive Secretary, SCUSA, Department of Social Sciences, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

Cadet Public Appearance

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by conducting speaking engagements in 281 congressional districts. The cadet engagements aimed primarily toward reaching the high school student, however, did include civic organizations and communications media. Planning and arranging their own itineraries, the cadets averaged five appearances each over the period 19-21 December. Approximately 1100 high schools were visited, well above the figure of one per cent of the total secondary schools heretofore visited annually.

For the Christmas Program, training aids availability also increased so that cadet participants had the opportunity to carry with them a new 16mm technicolor film, "The Making of a Leader." Additionally, they received from existing stock 35mm slides and filmstrips. In the foreseeable future, every cadet speaker will have available to him, if desired, a packet including a film, slides, viewgraph material, and current published information on all aspects of USMA.

The new program will develop into a systematized effort with the goals of placing two cadets a year into each Congressional District and into schools considered by USMA to be the best producers of cadet material. A figure of 3000 to 5000 secondary schools would be a realistic estimate. Where possible, cadets would attempt to visit other schools or organizations not considered above.

It is too early to determine accurately the success of the expanded program. However the cadets conducted 1,393 appearances to over 50,000 people not including 89 radio and television appearances with an audience of several million. As a result, written inquiries have been received from over 1700 prospective candidates. All this reinforces our conclusion that the Cadet Public Appearance Program is unquestionably a most worthwhile endeavor.

Red Reeder of Army

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John Ford asked.

"Give anything for a glass of milk," Red replied.

"I have brandy up there that I keep under lock and key for emergencies," Ford persisted.

"Milk" was the reply.

And for years John Ford delighted in telling the story of how he found an Army colonel who preferred milk over brandy.

It was fitting that in 1954 John Ford came to West Point to direct the filming of "The Long Gray Line," based on Red's and his sister Nardi's book about Marty Maher's *Bringing Up The Brass*. Ford asked Red if he wanted the part of the Adjutant swearing in the Plebes. Red did. He received his lines—"stuffed shirt platitudes"—that took two weeks to memorize.

Red finally went to John Ford and said: "I want to tell you something. Army officers don't talk that way."

"Just like all actors—complaining about lines," Ford snapped.

The morning they were ready to "shoot" the scene, Ford turned to Red and asked, "Let me hear your speech."

Red gave it verbatim and Ford said: "I quite agree. It doesn't ring true, starchy monologue. I'll leave it to you as to what you should say. Be ready in five minutes." "English 12-D" came to the forefront. "I came out of this one because I had extemporaneous speaking under John J. McEwan. But the change of cue lines certainly threw the rest of the cast into a spin."

It was ARMY's good fortune that Red Reeder returned to the Academy—to command the second regiment of the Corps of Cadets, and after his retirement in 1947 to become Assistant to the Director of Athletics. It was during his 20 years with the Athletic Association that he arose every morning at five and wrote til eight, to produce many of the numerous books for which he is so well-known.

During the same 20 years, he gained tremendous respect for the civilian personnel who work at West Point. General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower in the foreword to *Bringing Up The Brass* said of Marty Maher, "he personifies the unswerving, sometimes fanatical, devotion and loyalty that those who serve at West Point invariably absorb for that particular spot on the Hudson," a sentiment that echoes Red's feelings.

Again, however, Red Reeder enjoys telling stories of his near failures. Weeds were taking over Michie Stadium, in particular "knotweeds" with horseradish-like roots that ran along the ground then dipped into the earth. There was no known chemical treatment to destroy the root.

Red teamed with a White Plains, New

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York, agronomist, the late Warren Lafkin, who suggested fumigating the stadium. With tarps and generators, they succeeded in killing the weeds—and the grass.

With the stadium "bare as a billiard ball" in late May, the Superintendent, Blackshear "Babe" Bryan came by: "You going to have grass in the stadium for the first football game?"

"Yes, Sir. I hope so."—Reeder.

"Have you got any friends in Korea?" —Bryan.

"Yes, Sir."—Reeder.

"That's good, no grass in September, and you'll see them." Fortunately, there was grass.

Red had served seven seasons as assistant football coach (1929-1936), and added 15 years as assistant baseball coach, six years with the Plebes, while with the Athletic Association. Red, who as a cadet lettered in football and captained the baseball team, has a warm spot in his heart for the student-athlete.

During his seven-season football coaching stint, he achieved a "first" perhaps still unequalled. With a great favorite of his, Biff Jones, head coach, the ARMY team travelled to Harvard. While working out about noontime the day before the game, an ARMY rooter and well-wisher told Biff Jones that the shadows in Harvard Stadium were bad and could determine the outcome of the game.

So Biff told Red he was to sit in the stadium all afternoon and scout the sun. Patiently from 12:30 until 5:00 p.m. Red diagrammed the sun and the shadow effect on the stadium.

"Here comes the only sun scout in existence," chorused the team and coaches as Red lumbered back to join them.

Red has few peers as a baseball coach. In the spring of 1928, he took a month and a half leave to tryout with John J. McGraw's New York Giants or as he calls it a "cup of coffee with the Giants." The coffee was strong, for he hit .412 in 23 exhibition games, then turned down a contract and returned to an Army career.

His baseball experience coupled with his desire to help young men won praise for him from the cadets: "To Colonel 'Red' Reeder Army's Mr. Baseball With Deepest Appreciation. Army Team '67" reads the inscription on a baseball trophy he prizes. Cadet admiration for Red spreads far beyond the athletic field. In typical cadet humor, his book title *Born at Reveille* was twisted into "Hatched at Taps or 1984, 100th Nite Mar. 10, 11, 12. Old Army Theater."

It was Red Smith, noted sports columnist who said that "Red Reeder couldn't retire if he wanted to. He doesn't own enough of himself—he gave a leg to his country on D-Day plus five in Normandy. He gave his heart to 25,000 cadets who grew up to be officers in the warmth of his comradeship and counsel. He gave the priceless boon of his friendship to just about everybody, barring only Annapolis braid and enemy troops." Red Smith appraised the situation well, for now Red Reeder can devote more time to the books that are always a positive influence on young men.

It is worthy to note that when Clint Lane went from West Point to Berlin so did Red—through the small, German towns and Berlin itself gathering the flavor of the areas and actually meeting the characters involved. It is the ring of authenticity coupled with an engaging personality and story telling ability that make his literary works so valuable.

Or as General of the Army Omar N. Bradley said it: "It is unfortunate for our country that we lost Red Reeder as a combat leader. But it is fortunate that he recovered and devoted years to helping West Point Cadets. He has also dedicated himself to encouraging young minds to read history that is part of our heritage.

" .I am convinced, had he not been wounded, he would at the very least have been a Major General."

It is only natural that the Reeder tradition continues in the active Army. Daughter Ann Darrah is married to Lt. Col. Theodore Scott Riggs Jr. who served in the Korean War and with the 4th Inf Div in Vietnam, while Dorothea Williford, "Dodie," is married to Major Dale E. Hruby, Class of 1958, who is currently in Vietnam. Son Russell Reeder III has returned from Vietnam where he served as a General Electric Company Technical Representative and Instructor on the minigun, and is presently in Burlington, Vermont, working on weapons systems for Army helicopters. A third daughter Julia Potter is married to Mr. Hugh McCutchen, and lives in Warwick, New York.

West Point continues as an integral part of the Reeders' way of life. Red serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, and Dort and Red live at Home Plate, Route 9D, Garrison, New York, where they have an across-the-Hudson, picture-view of the Military Academy that remains a part of them.

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Colonel Capka Retires

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Royal Military Academy (.680) speak for themselves. It is also significant that the 1966-67 season was the first one that all USMA Corps squads had winning seasons and that during the 1966-68 period home game attendance at Michie Stadium was the highest in ARMY's history.

Colonel Capka may always point with pride to the approved expansion of Michie Stadium from 32,000 to 42,000 capacity. He may also take credit for the expanded use of the computer in ticket admissions support and in game planning. The addition of fencing and skiing as USMA intercollegiate sports along with the increase in player spaces from 1350 to 1600 were other advancements that took place under his guidance.

The somewhat cold statistics of accomplishments, moreover, bear the mark of Colonel Capka's warm and outgoing personality. For it has often been said on the Plain, that Colonel Capka would go any place at any time he had the opportunity to tell the West Point story. He willingly briefed visiting groups, actively toured in behalf of fund raising programs, awarded an increasing number of AAA awards, and keynoted numerous Founders Day dinners. No group was too large or too small for Colonel Capka to portray an attractive image of the Academy.

Colonel Capka joins Kaiser Engineering of Oakland, California, scheduled for assignment in London to head the Kaiser construction program in Europe. His varied assignments throughout his Army career serve as a solid foundation for his future, heavy responsibilities. Serving with the 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, during World War II; with the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division in Japan and the 62d Engineer Battalion in Korea he enhanced his leadership abilities through troop experience. As Post Engineer, Baltimore Signal Depot; in construction planning with the Second Army Engineer; as Resident Engineer, Tuttle Creek Dam; and as Area Engineer, Military Construction, Turkey, he solved firsthand the complex span of engineering operations. His assignments to legislative liaison matters, Department of the Army, and to management planning, Department of Defense combined with his duties as Athletic Director, USMA, provide a blend of high-level management techniques.

While Colonel and Mrs. Jerry G. Capka, the former Mary Hundertmark of Columbus, Georgia, will leave a void in the Army's ranks, their replacements are on board. J. Richard, 19, a Yearling star man at USMA; Jerry G. Jr., 18, an Army ROTC student at Penn State University; and David M., 15, an ROTC student at Cornell are already following in the footsteps of their father. Vincent P. Capka, 11, is standing in the wings.

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REPORT ... from the classes

'02

Col. Frederick D. Griffith Jr.
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Time marches on but 1968 made no changes in the vital statistics of the Class of 1902.

Dockery celebrated his ninetieth birthday in Dec. and is, at present, convalescing from an abdominal operation.

The **Griffiths** spent the entire year in Louisville. Mrs. Griffith is still going strong but Griffith has had to make numerous visits to the medical and dental clinics at Fort Knox. No recent report from **Pegram**. The **Bells** still make their headquarters in Washington, D.C. Bell celebrated his ninety-second birthday in Nov. They have both been quite active recently in connection with the festivities surrounding the marriage of one of their grandsons. The attached photo shows the Bells relaxing with one of their great-grandsons and his mother.

'03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
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Colonel **Rodney's** daughter wrote to the Association of Graduates to inform us that "he is hospitalized for a time" and was unable to write the class Notes for this issue.

To keep the Class of '03 informed Marion **Howze** writes that he has no news to report; however, he was saddened by the death of **Grant** who was "a great man and a long time friend of mine." Clifford **Jones** lists his address as 3900 Hardie Avenue, Miami, Fla. 33133 until 1 April when they plan to be back in Marcross. He finds Florida as "lush and sunny as always." So far the Joneses have escaped hurricanes the three summers they have owned their little cottage. **Colley** reports that he is using his niece's home as a convalescence center since 20 days at the U.S. Naval hospital in Bremerton last November and December. He said, "I find that more exercise is helpful and will keep it up as long as I have the strength." He also noted the death of U.S. Grant the 3d and said, "This leaves only 11, 1903 alumni." Clark **Lynn** complimented Colonel **Rodney** by the comment "You looked good last June at West Point." He passed along "good wishes" to all members of '03.

> Our Association membership of 19,080 represents about 96% of our living graduates.
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> Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Secretary for the appropriate application form.
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> His address:
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> Secretary
> Association of Graduates
> West Point, N.Y. 10996

'07

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

Herewith Dan'l **Boone's** report on Homecoming.

As the first member of the Class of 1907 destined by the accident of age to be the Oldest Grad in attendance at the October Homecoming Weekend, I submit the following notes to the Class of this archival event in Class history.

On 11 October Col. Brown phoned me and asked me if I would perform the duties and responsibilities of Oldest Grad present, and I accepted with pleasure, reflecting that it would be a far cry from the lowly Plebe in the rear rank in 1903 to the honor position among the Alumni in 1968.

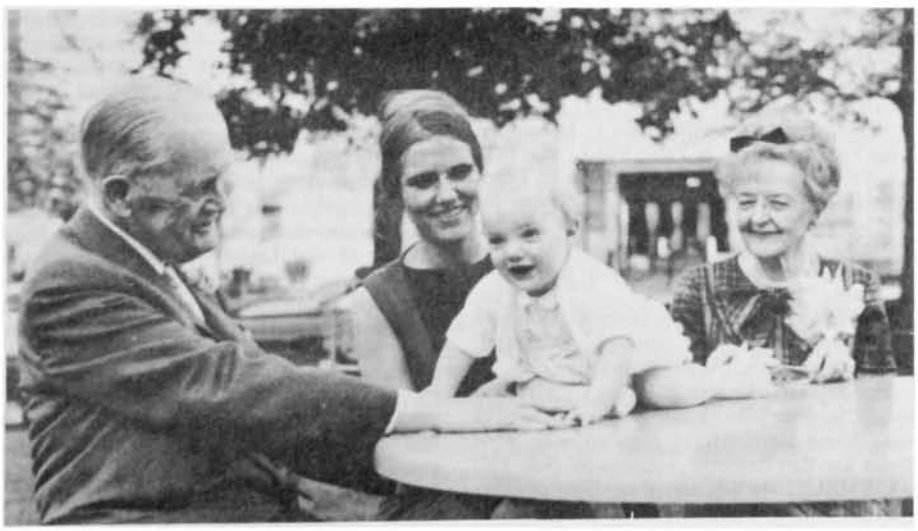
I reported Friday morning and was briefed on the details of the various activities and ceremonies by Col. Brown and Lieut. Col. Bielicki, Class of 1947, the latter detailed as my special Aide, and I was also provided with an automobile and chauffeur. On Friday afternoon I called on the Superintendent to pay my respects and in the evening attended the Old Grad's Night at the West Point Army Mess where I was greeted in true Benny Havens' style. But I must confess that I felt a bit lonely upon realizing that there was not another Old Grad present who was at the Academy with me, nor any nearer to me than the Class of 1915. So I missed somewhat the reunion atmosphere of fellow-cadet-comrades, but this was made up to me by the genial homage rendered to me as the Oldest Grad.

Saturday was the Big Day for the Alumni and particularly for me. On assembling for the march to the Thayer Monument I found myself representing in inward spirit the 19,903 living graduates and especially the 56 living graduates older than I who were not present. At long last, therefore, Ought Seven marched at the head of the column between the Superintendent and Gen. Eddleman, President of the Association of Graduates, and I tried hard to march with the military precision and proud soldierly bearing of cadet days, but I am not sure that I succeeded — the legs of 85 years cannot march as those of 19.

Upon arrival at the monument I was accorded the high honor of placing the wreath at the foot of the monument and of saluting the noble statue of Colonel Thayer in the name of every graduate of the Long Gray Line.

The second honor accorded me was to stand in the Receiving Line with General Koster, General Eddleman, and the Chancellor of the University of California and to witness from this distinguished position another of the faultless and inspiring reviews of the Cadet Corps, a Corps almost seven times as large as in the long ago days of Ought Seven. Following the Review and a picnic lunch in the parking area, together with Naval Academy guests, I witnessed the appropriately described "Story Book Game" in which West Point defeated the University of California by 10 to 7.

In the evening I was invited to sit at the Superintendent's table at the Alumni Dinner and to stand in the Receiving Line



1902: Col. and Mrs. J. Franklin Bell and great-grandson.

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during the Superintendent's Reception which followed — both happy endings to a most enjoyable two days.

I wish now to pay tribute to Homecoming Weekend as a very splendid innovation devoted mainly to the Alumni. It is characterized by intelligent planning and precise military efficiency in execution by the Command, Staff, and Faculty, and the Secretary of the Association of Graduates and his efficient Staff, and above all by the genial comradeship and renewal of old times by the attending Alumni. And I was certain that each Alumnus would take away with him the fixed opinion that West Point is marching gallantly along, upholding its great past and improving constantly from every standpoint.

My final word is that I would hope that at the 1969 Homecoming Weekend some other member of Ought Seven, older than I (of which there are now seven) could be present to enjoy, as I did, two days as the Oldest Grad attending.

Heading South for the Christmas Holiday season were Jesse **Drain** to South Carolina, Oliver **Wood** to Arkansas, and Enrique **White** to San Antonio.

At the Quarterly luncheon of the West Point Society of D.C. in January, Senator-Elect Barry Goldwater discussed some of the problems facing the Nixon Administration.

The notice in the Army-Navy Club of '07 luncheons now reads '05-'06-'07-'08 thanks to the generous thought of Enrique **White.** Arthur Lane '05, Earl McFarland '06 and Glen Edgerton '08 are members of our luncheon group.

Ruth **Watkins** entertained at one of her delightful parties. It was said before, and we say it again — the food and drink were a gourmet's delight. Ruth assembles a splendid group of people where conversation is interesting and instructive.

Virginia **Collins** spent Christmas with her Astronaut son, Michael '52 and his family in Houston. Phyllis **Clark** spent the Holiday Season with Gretchen and her family in Orlando.

Dr. and Mrs. John Crane of Washington, D.C., have endowed the Rutherford Professorship of Mathematics at St. Lawrence University with a sum in excess of $500,000 in memory of her parents, General and Mrs. Harry K. **Rutherford.** Harry was a native of nearby Waddington, N.Y.

For many years Charles G. Mettler '06 wrote the ASSEMBLY notes for his class. They were always interesting. He was a kind, friendly person with a generous heart and a genuine interest in his fellow man. We shall miss him.

Ye Scribe's grandson, Captain Russell W. Jenna Jr., '66 returned from Vietnam just before Christmas after a year. Among his decorations is the Purple Heart. His granddaughter's husband, Major William E. Kellenberger, returned home in October after 12 months in Vietnam. We are thankful.

Col. Horace M. Brown Jr., '41 Editor and Col. Daniel E. Halpin '42 Assistant Editor of the ASSEMBLY are producing an exceptionally fine magazine. Congratulations and many thanks.

'08

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George **Goethals** reports that he has contracted Parkinson's Disease. The diagnosis was made at the West Point Hospital, and it is not considered safe for him to live alone any more. He spent some time in a nursing home in Belmont, Mass., where he made sufficient improvement to be allowed to leave to reside with his son, George W. Goethals and family at 100 Russell Ave., Watertown, Mass. 02568.

It is sad to have to report the death of Elmer C. **Desobry** in Dallas, Texas, on 23 November 1968, after a long illness in a nursing home. Good old "Avogadro." He will never be forgotten.

Olin O. **Ellis** died on 25 December in Baltimore where he has lived for nearly 50 years. He was appointed to West Point by Representative John Nance Garner, who had recently been elected to Congress from a newly created Congressional District in Texas. He was a fine officer and an excellent businessman in the years after he left the Service.

'09

Maj. Gen. George L. Van Deusen
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Classmates are reminded that they may make reservations now at the Hotel Thayer for themselves and wives for the nights of 28, 29, and 30 May 1969. Class dinner at West Point Army Mess on 30 May. We hope to have a goodly number of naughty-niners present, so please do your part.

We regret to announce that Gilbert Van Buren **Wilkes** died 17 September 1968. Burial was at Arlington after a graveside service. His wife Lucy and one of their several grandsons were among those present. Three later generations of the same name are now living: "Junior," residing in their home town, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; III, graduate, USNA, now with the Nuclear Submarine Division at New London; IV, the latter's son, now five years old.

Claude **Thummel** informs us that his plebe roommate, Carl O. **Duehn**, who was turned back in French and resigned the following year, died in February 1968.

Thummel also states that his wife, Dorothy, plans "to retire" next fall. Also that there has been "a rash of weddings" in his family, including as participants three grandchildren. He and Dorothy expect to make their visit to our Reunion a part of two weeks "genealogical trip" in New York State.

"Cope" **Philoon** sends New Year greetings to the Class. He hopes we all "winter well" but that he and Mary can't make '09's 60th next spring. (Here's hoping they change their minds.)

"Lin" **Herkness** writes on 1 December: "We are now living in Palm Beach, Fla. (137 Clarke Ave.), having sold our farm in Pennsylvania. We have been wintering here for the last eight years, so it seemed the sensible thing to do. Carlota and I are both well, not so young as we once were, but reasonably contented."

Our recent letter to Eley **Denson**, addressed to his son's home, was returned — "Moved, address unknown." Who knows it?

From "Jake" **Devers** (23 Dec.): "All good things to you folks. I am engaging room at the Thayer for the three days. Was at West Point for the Heibergs' retirement. (See Fall ASSEMBLY.) He was one of my hard working engineers. Saw Susanne **Purdon** a few weeks ago, also Dorothy **North**."

Letters have been received from Henry and Alfred **Wen**, thanking 1909 for its tributes to their father.

Christmas greetings from Hood ("Bill" to us) and Ruth **Simpson** included the following: "If all goes well, we will see you at West Point for '09's Sixtieth! We have reservations confirmed at the Thayer. We are looking forward with pleasure to seeing you both, and we hope all other '09ers who are able to travel."

Further information re Camille (Mrs. Ronald D.) **Johnson**, whose death was reported in the Fall number of ASSEMBLY. She and "Johnny" moved to Falls Church, Va., after his retirement in 1946. A member of St. James Catholic Church in that town, she remained an active volunteer for the church library group after her move to the Army Distaff Hall. She leaves a son, Comdr. Walter E. Johnson of Portland, Ore., and two daughters, Mrs. Chas. E. Brown of 6707 Doane Ave., Springfield, Va., and Mrs. Suzanne Gould of Seminary Hills Apts., Kenmore Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Cliff **Bluemel** was in the Fort Dix hospital for a week in October and at Thanksgiving time sustained a cracked rib in a fall. He and Elsie have made reservations at the Thayer for the '09 Reunion. Their son, Edward, and his wife have also been invited to attend.

We quote from a recent letter from Norman **Briscoe's** son, Colonel J.J. (Jerry) Briscoe, PO Box 1963, APO New York 09826: "I am now J1 of Southern Command. Mom is here with us in Panama. She is confined to a wheel chair and is almost blind, but her spirit is good. We live here at Quarry Heights in a big set of tropical quarters. Mom has a room just off the porch, and she is most happy. She had a slight stroke in October but has bounced back well. She loves to receive word from all of you. Our daughter, Nan, is a sophomore in college here. My wife, Nancy, runs the whole operation."

'10

Brig. Gen. Burton O. Lewis
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Members of the Class of 1910 have now all passed into that venerable age bracket of the eighties — the last one being your Scribe on April first. Of the 83 graduated in 1910, we now muster 21 — all of whom, I am sure, are already thinking of our 60th Reunion — June 1970 at West Point. Therefore, please let me have soon the thoughts and suggestions of every one re this "great event" including our 1910 Widows — together with latest addresses and Zip Code numbers of all.

Daddy **Byars** spent several days in Washington last fall at Walter Reed Hospital undergoing a very comprehensive physical examination, the results of which we hope will be of real benefit to him in the years ahead.

Ducky **Reinhardt** suffered a bad stroke last September. He is very fortunate to be near Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, and also that daughter Ann (Mrs. Wm. G. Stevenson, 369 Ventura Crescent, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada) is able to be with him part of the time. He is recuperating at a nearby Nursing Home (116-D Ruelle, Villa Tanglewood, San Antonio, Tex. 78209.) Ducky would very much appreciate receiving letters and cards from all his friends

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altho' he is unable to answer them.

Carey **Brown** attended our Nov. 1910 Class Luncheon in Washington. It was a great pleasure to have a visit with Carey whom we had not seen for quite some time. Marjorie and Fritz **Strong** from Orchard Lake and Sam **Edelman** from Philadelphia were also on our "expected list" for the Nov. luncheon but were unable to make it. They all received "rain checks" until the good weather next spring.

Christmas cards with long-hand notes are great for us older folks who do not travel and visit and should really be extended. At other times during the year, please keep your newsy letters coming in order to expand our Class Notes in ASSEMBLY.

'11

Brig. Gen. Harold F. Nichols
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Barbara, one of the **Bagby** daughters, in January 1969 was to report at the State House in Concord, N.H., as a newly elected representative from Keene, where her husband, David H. Battenfeld, is a Professor of English at Keene State College.

For some time last fall and winter, Jimmie **Crawford** was a patient in Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning. As this is written, he is now home getting back to normal and would appreciate hearing from old friends. At about the same time, Ivo **Dickinson**, widow of my Plebe roommate, was to have eye surgery in the Chico, Calif., hospital. Her son, Charles, who with his family lives nearby, is a great help.

At Christmas time, Maud Ellen **Foster** reported that winter had definitely arrived in Laconia, N.H., with ice on her Lake Winnipesaukee. Several months earlier, Kitty and Harry **Kutz** had returned to their Florida home from their annual summer-fall stay at the Country Club at Waynesville, N.C., on the eastern side of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a vacation spot they have enjoyed for many years.

From San Diego, Alice **Rader** writes that she is still around and that, despite a quiet year, time "at our ages" flies too fast. So say we all! And while we are living quietly on the west coast, Gerry **Stanton**, in mid-December, was somewhere off the west coast of Africa on another world cruise, on a 12-passenger Dutch freighter. She expects to arrive back at her Hudson home in April. Speck **Wheeler**, while in Bangkok last fall, was temporarily laid low by an infection. He received prompt care in the Fifth Field Hospital and was quite back to normal when he last wrote.

With deep regret is reported the death 16 Dec. 1968 of our classmate, Arthur B. **Conard**, at the hospital in Monterey, Calif., following a stroke on the 11th at his Glenwood Circle apartment. Services and interment were at the Bradford Cemetery in Marshallton, Pa. Flowers were sent by the Class.

Nearly 62 years ago, 151 cadets entered West Point in the Class of 1911. As of 1 Jan. 1969, class records, meager and probably highly inaccurate, show still living 21 of the 82 graduates of 1911, 3 of the 15 graduates in 1912, and 10 living and 6 unknown of our 54 ex-cadets. The record also shows still living 55 widows of the above. A belated Happy New Year to all!

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Col. Joseph W. Viner
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It is with sadness and deep regrets that we report the death of our classmates over the last six months: Brig. Gen. F.A. **Englehart**, 13 Jan 1969, Washington, D.C.; Brig. Gen. W.L. **Roberts**, 27 Nov 1968, Redlands, Calif.; Col. D.B. **Falk**, 4 Oct 1968, San Francisco, Calif.; Col. W.H. **Jones**, 5 July 1968, Pebble Beach, Calif.

"Bug" **Oliver** reported that on his Xmas trip to the Coast he saw Archie **Dorst**, Jack **McMahon**, **Underhill**. Also while in Florida he visited Eddie **Lovell** and while he has much arthritis, he wishes more classmates would visit him.

Henrietta **Gillespie** has a new address #12316 Hatton Point Road, Bethesda, Md. Mrs. John H. Van **Vliet** reminds us that her grandson — John H. III is in the Class of 1970. We called him out last June. This an Army family — General Stewart Van Vliet was Class of 1840 while our 1913 "John H" had his son "John H. II" in Class of 1937.

Dorothy **Young** has changed her Washington address and asked 1913ers to call on her — her new address is 4431 P Street NW. Minna **Crutcher** was East on Xmas to visit her daughter at Elizabeth City, N.C. She is as "peppy" as ever tho arthritis has begun to slow her down a bit. Dorothy **King** is leaving Washington for Baltimore. Her new address will be Westminister House, 524 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Dorothy **Young** established a memorial to "Snake" Young of 1913. It is the restoration of the old tower room of the old 1st Division where her father Col. S. Mills as well as "Snake" lived as a cadet. A plaque to memorialize this has been placed in the Sallyport of the Administration Building.

Eloise **Considine** took a month's cruise from San Francisco to the Caribbean area. Frances **Brown** came East Xmas to visit her son Tim, Class of 1943, and then Mrs. George Brown (Alice Calhoun) at Washington. George as you all must know is a four star general of A.F. in Vietnam.

"Tex" and Eva **Davidson** left late in December for a month's trip to South America. Joe **Viner** had a card from Buenos Aires.

Pete **Corlett** at Espanola, N.M., writes that he is now recognized by the Indian natives of his area as "uno viejo de la pais." Neither Pauline nor Pete is this old I am sure.

The Class of 1913 was much saddened by the death of Gen. Maxwell of 1912. He has for years come to the 1913 luncheons so we adopted him to our class.

Dasha and Joe **Viner** expect to visit Hawaii in March so shall call on those who live on the West Coast.

We are all so pleased to hear of Willis Crittenberger Jr. having been awarded his second star. His dad (our 1913 classmate) is the oldest living ex-president of the U.S. Armor Association — this association (the old Cavalry Assn) is in its 84th year. Lt. Gen. W.D. **Crittenberger** is an Honorary President.

"Moose" **Ardrey** reports that his father — a Confederate Civil War veteran wrote in one of his diaries that Co K-30th Inf had bread, beef, onions and coffee for dinner — then a ration of "whiskey." Our old Steele's CIVIL WAR CAMPAIGNS never reported such a ration when we studied this book.

Your secretary would like to report that our Class got greetings from Gen. George Brown, A.F., Vietnam, and from Maj. Gen. Laurence Green, Hqs V Corps, Germany.

'14

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It was difficult to decide how to start this Class Letter, but it is begun with the sad duty of announcing the deaths of two more very fine and beloved Classmates. Empie **Potts**, after several months in the VA Hospital in Hampton, Va., died on 27 September. The funeral was at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton, where he had been a vestryman and bible teacher; and he was buried in the church cemetery. **Brand** is now the Special Classmate of his widow, Ferne.

The second death was that of Jack **Jouett**, who passed away in his sleep on 20 October. Jack was the Special Classmate of Agnes **Royce**, and Tooey **Spaatz** is now the Special Classmate of both Jack's widow, Gus, and Agnes Royce. The loving sympathy of the entire Class goes out to Ferne and Gus in their great losses.

I have received a number of cards from Class Widows and Classmates, containing Christmas greetings to the Class; but, let's face it, most of us are leading very quiet lives, and only some cards contained any significant Class news. When the card from Roger **Harrison** was opened, the message was from his daughter, Mrs. Hewes, stating that Roger had asked her to let me know that while watching the ARMY-Navy game he had suffered a heart attack. She rushed him to the hospital where he was placed in intensive care for several days. It happened that Ruth and Tooey **Spaatz** were present for dinner that evening, and Roger's doctor allowed them to visit him the next day. Mrs. Hewes added that Roger was recovering rapidly, was expected home for Christmas, and he hoped to make it to the 55th Reunion. What a man!

Pete **Bullard's** message mentioned that his son (Robert Lee Bullard III), and wife Elizabeth live near him in Atlanta, visit him daily and help him in many ways. Pete had a hospital spell in early July, after which Bob and Elizabeth took care of him in their home for about two months. His condition is now improving, but he has to be careful. Last April, he, Bob, and Elizabeth went to a family gathering at Opelika, Ala., where his father, General Bullard, was raised, to see and meet many relatives.

Last summer, Mary **Skinner** flew out to see her family in Vancouver. Elinor **Forbes** wrote that her son, John, drove her to Carmel, where they spent the afternoon and evening with Mary and Bill **Ryan**, who are fine and very happy in their lovely new home. She (Elinor) will attend the wedding of her oldest grandson, back from Vietnam and back in college. Dorothy **Hannum** wrote that she keeps well and quite busy.

Dad and Grace **Ingles** like their large, comfortable apartment in the Westchester in Washington, where Skimp and Emily **Brand** are their neighbors. The Ingles made a trip into Canada and the Adirondacks in New York State last fall. Dad is still a consultant and member of the Board of Directors of RCA and NBC. He mentioned that Classmates in and near Washington now have dinner together at the Army-Navy

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Club on the second Tuesday of each month. Note this change.

Willis and Dollye **Tack** plan to go to Orlando, Fla., in January, spend about three months before returning home; and in May to head East to attend the Reunion.

When John Henry **Woodberry** wrote, he and Marguerite were leaving for Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Marguerite. Marguerite's daughter, Marilyn, was at home from Oklahoma State U., and making plans to be married in Oklahoma City in August. In November, the Woodberrys had a happy visit with the Weldon **Does** in Arden, N.C., just before their return to Montgomery. John Henry wrote both he and Marguerite are in good shape.

Muriel **Thurber** will be at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel until 15 May, as she does every year. This past year Jessie **Lewis** and her daughter, Eleanor Jean, visited Jessie's sister-in-law in northwestern New Mexico, on an indian reservation where she is a guidance counsellor. They were there four days and found it most interesting.

In a newsly letter from Tom **Monroe**, it is clear they had a busy 1968. In February he and Clara visited their son Tom and family in San Salvador, returning in March for the West Point Society dinner in San Francisco. They spent July with their son Putnam and family in Silver Springs, Md. Betty and Dabney **Elliott** had the Monroes for dinner, before leaving on a trip to Chicago. Later, Tom and Skimp **Brand** had lunch and a pleasant afternoon together. While in the East, Tom attended the 3d Inf Div Society Reunion. Tom Jr. and his family arrived at San Francisco on 3 September where he was stationed at the Presidio. So the Monroes had a big Thanksgiving Dinner at their home in Eureka with four generations present. I must mention the beautiful West Point Christmas card that came from Charlie and Ella **Gross**, containing his moving sentiment, which I'm sure many of you received. Helen **Benson's** card said all her family were well and not far from her. She has eight grandchildren and wrote "how Chauncey would have loved them all."

1914 now has 44 Classmates and 29 Class Widows, all with Special Classmates.

To end on a cheerful note, let's recall with great satisfaction that marvelous ARMY-Navy game. It was certainly an exciting one — touch and go at times, but without doubt the best team won. The 1914 group of San Antonio saw it in color at our apartment. Our guests were Cecile **Clark**, Lillian and Ike **Gill**, Amy and Tim **Rees**, and Amy's brother, General Jack Heard. Fred Herr sent me his impressions of the game, but I know you all saw it on television, so I shall not repeat. Fred was the only member of the Class at the game.

'15

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AHOY SHIPMATES! Season's Greetings from Hospital, Pax River Naval Air Station. (Flu) Mil gracias for spate of news. Regret space limitations preclude full coverage kids, grandkids.

WORST FIRST: 30 September at Oteen, N.C., we lost Johnny **Wogan**. 17 October at Walter Reed Tom **Larkin** passed on. Both buried Arlington with D.C. Classmates honorary pallbearers. Our sympathy to both families.

WALKING WOUNDED: Fred **Boye**, back in Warrenton, has continued to improve. Typed draft of Christmas message. Harry **Pendleton** improving, gaining weight and eyeing 1970. John **Robinson** winning against shingles. No fun. Ask Dad **Herrick**.

HOMECOMING: Protected by thin screen of only four older Grads, Jack **Davis**, **Evans**, **Hyde**, **Richards**, **Taylor** and **Tompkins** spearheaded main body in trudge to Thayer Monument. Thrilling football victory was followed by enjoyable dinner with Dora **Small** and Leones.

CAPITOL CHATTER: **Wallingtons** threw a fine November KT brawl for Class. Distaff Hall now has following 1915 Gals: **Atkins**, **Benedict**, **Bragdon**, **Mueller**, **Sherburne**, **Wallace**, **Warren**. At November regular luncheon Gals, with 15, topped Boys' attendance at Army-Navy Club. Det **Ellis** regularly leads a few of gang to check on Fred **Boye** who is behaving himself. So far. Usual news Jack **Davis**: BWNTP.

'GATOR GOSSIP: John Henry **Cochran** reports neither Hurricane GLADYS nor 51st Anniversary did any particular harm. John Jr. G4ing Stewart AFB. Dutch **Gerhardt** reports both good health. He does shopping as Ruth's hip prevents driving. Helen **Howard**, wintering Florida, is in same building **MacDonalds**. Elisa says Shorty Mac now recovered from summer surgery and both enjoy apartment living. No chores. John **Robinson** reports that Ned **Zundel**, who still golfs regularly in undisclosed figures, is worrying about Class casualty rate. Robby too busy with shingles for such minor worries. Say the Robbies: "Yo' all come see us."

HABLILLA DE TEJAS: **Woodruffs** recently had Santone gang for picnic supper. Woody thinks none appears much over 75. Mike **Davis's** greatly enjoyed visits with Fair turistas. No letter from **Leonards** some time . . . you seeck, Jawn?

PACIFIC PATTER: Alfred **Balsam** recovering, thank goodness, from recent coronary. Dee and Carl **Bank** keep busy with social, university, and civic activities plus three acres yard for Carl. (Condolences.) P. Holt would have given Carl 3.0 on Vet Day speech, San Berdoo. Dad **Herrick** appears about to be next Prez, East S.F. Bay Ret. Off. Ass'n. (Ha! Suckered into another no-pay job!) The **McDermotts'** oldest son, N.D. grad, studying law UCLA; younger son studying Angers, France. Vesta and airline hostess daughter recently tripped to Europe. Earl **Price**, Mr. Late when in USCC, finished first by several lengths with his Christmas card. The Mike **Summers'** youngest daughter, mother of three, recently received Master's from Claremont. (Hey, you La Jolla folks . . . you all seeck, too, like Jawn?)

PEREGRINATIONS: Nan **Chapin** took in Florida, Miss., and Ariz. Son at Davis-Monthan. Gave some Chap's papers to D.D.E. Library. The **Ellis's** spent part of October in S.C. visiting families. Lunched with **Avents** and Laura **Brownell** (six time great-grandmaw!) The **Harris's** took in Maine September and then to S.C. for Thanksgiving with kin. Mary **Larkin** left November to visit daughter, Okla., and then son, Calif. In early fall **Leonards** visited son, Idaho. **Ritchels**, both in pink; last summer toured Ga. and Tenn. The Tom **Taylors** visited daughters, D.C. area, and Tom made Homecoming. Squire now retired farmer. Reports sale of all bulls. Now girl watching. (That's one bull he didn't sell!) Cles **Tenney** reports gorgeous scenery west side Rockies en route summer in Wisconsin. Returned via Dallas to see daughter. Planned see **Strongs** en route feetsball in Phoenix.

XMAS X-CURSIONS: The **Evans** with family, New Jersey; Mike **Davis's** with young Mike, Fort Rucker; the **Tompkins** with son Chris, New Orleans; Cles **Tenney** with daughter, Dallas.

HITHER, THITHER, AND YON: **Avents** fine but wish more 15-ers would stop by Pack Ridge Farm. Catherine **Bethel** having some eye trouble but still in orbit. The **Hearns** glad to have daughter's hubby back from Vietnam and at school, State Dept. F.S. Institute. Helen **Stevens** in good health but "no news." (Heck, Helen, good health is front page news!) Included in the **Strongs'** many activities are bicycling by Bob and recorded readings for the blind by Midge. Grandson David now frosh, Norwich. Dorothy **Taylor** (VV) reported visiting son Scott, Vancouver. Grandson Vaughan about to graduate Dartmouth; then Army, maybe. Mason **Young** (Ole Itchy Foot) just back from South America, soon off for Spain.

P.C.S.: The **Moales** from D.C. to Charleston, S.C., Hennie's home town. Address when settled. Peg **Lindner** has sold farm. Address: 157 Park Row, Brunswick, Me. 04011. Frances **Mills** has sold home Hollywyood, Fla. Probably relocate Litchfield, Ariz., near her daughter.

GREAT DAY: 1915 represented Navy Game by **Evans**, the **Hydes**, **Lyon**, **Young** and Scribe. And did we gloat!!!

HOT LINE: Omar **Bradley** goes ahead quietly with plans for 1970. Expect a communication from Brad come summer. In meantime, "Think Positively, Think 55th."

Hasta luego.

'16

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There is big (and I mean BIG) 1916 wedding news again! Helen Samouce **Inglis** and Woody **Woodward** were married at Santa Barbara, Calif., on 7 December 1968. The wedding was at Helen's church, All Saints by-the-Sea, with her rector, Rev. George Hall, performing the ceremony. Helen was given in marriage by her son, R. Douglas Inglis, of Los Altos, Calif., and her attendants were her two daughters, Mrs. R. R. McCausland of Seattle, Wash., (Barbara), and Mrs. David O. Whitcomb of Santa Barbara, Calif., (Jean). Hunter Woodward, son of Woody's deceased son, Colonel William Hunter Woodward, was his grandfather's best man. Woody's daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Hunter Woodward, flew up from San Antonio for the wedding. The Class of 1916 was represented by Anita and Lucien **Berry**. They reported that they thought this wedding was one of the nicest they had ever attended — "everyone seemed so gay and so very happy." Lucien said they drank a toast to the bride and groom in the name of our Class. After a brief honeymoon trip, Helen and Woody are at home at Oakmont, Santa Rosa, Calif., at No. 14 Glengreen. Woody has sold his

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1916: Tom Finley dedicating 89th Division Monument.

home of some 18 years at Sacramento. We all join in wishing Helen and Woody a happy life together.

Tom **Finley** presided at the 1968 Reunion of his World War II Division, 89th Infantry Division (The Rolling W), at Colorado Springs, Colo., 17-19 July. One feature of the Reunion was the dedication of the 89th Division Monument which Tom took the lead in establishing. The photo shows the impressive monument and Tom presiding at the podium.

Tom also wrote in October that their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Rogers Jr., and two small daughters are with Constance and him for a year while Major Rogers (USMA 1957) is in Vietnam with the 4th Division.

Eve and Bob **McBride** traveled to Washington in October to visit their small granddaughter and her parents, Major and Mrs. Stephen Barclay Place, Air Force, (USMA 1957), stationed at Andrews Air Force Base. While in the East they attended Homecoming at West Point, and Bob attended a West Point Society luncheon in Washington and a 1916 Class luncheon in his honor.

Speaking of Homecoming, 1916 was well represented by **Scotts, Gallaghers, Moses, Reinharts, Pricketts,** Weyands, **Walshs,** and Louis **Hibbs,** in addition to the **McBrides.** Reinharts were there also to visit their son, Stanley Jr. (USMA 1950) and family and to attend the christening of their 8th grandchild.

Louis **Hibbs** is spending the winter in Santiago, Chile. Too cold in New Hampshire — not just chilly.

Mary and Stan **Scott's** youngest grandchild, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Gilbert Scott, was christened at Cornwall, N.Y., 13 October by her maternal grandfather, Rev. Max Barnes of Silver Lake, Kansas. All grandparents were present.

Frank **Scofield** died at Walter Reed on 6 Nov. 1968. Marion and son, Colonel Frank Jr., Air Force (USMA 1942), have our sympathy. And we salute Marion's devotion to Frank and to his care during his years of illness. Frank was buried at Arlington. **Bliss, Gallagher, Scott, DeWitt, Walsh** and **Prickett** were honorary pallbearers.

Charles and Mabelle **Haskins** from Vermont report their annual trip to Canada in September. They also report plenty of snow before 1 December.

As predicted in Fall Class Notes, Sixteeners in San Francisco Bay Area enjoyed (and I mean really enjoyed) the 1968 ARMY-Navy football game at Oakmont, Santa Rosa, as guests of Helen **Inglis** and Woody **Woodward.** Present were Helen's daughter Jean, her husband, David Whittcomb, and small daughter, Jocelyn, from Santa Barbara. Also present was Miss Hiroko Takagi from Japan. Miss Takagi had been an English student of Helen's when she taught at Doshisha Women's College, Kyoto, 1965-1966. She is a talented Japanese dancer and entertained us after the game.

Joe **Grant's** wife, Marti, died in Escondido, Calif., in late September. We send our sympathy to him. Joe has been living with his son, Joe Jr. (VMI 1942), who returned from Korea to assist his father. Later, however, he decided to go back to the San Diego-Escondido area, and his address at Christmas time was at the Monte Vista Retirement Lodge, 2211 Massachusetts Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif. 92045.

I have another great-grandchild to report, thanks to Dick **Levy,** who advises that the Levy's second great-grandson was born 22 July 1968. That brings our 1916 total to nine, I believe. Dick says that Marquenita and he are in reasonably good health, and hope to celebrate their 53d wedding anniversary on 13 June 1969.

Jean **Lange** fell and broke her hip on 18 October and was in the hospital until early December. She was recovering nicely and was able to navigate with a walker. She expected to have her whole family home for Christmas — with the family doing the work.

A note from Edith **Cabell** in November enclosed a clipping from the Savannah (Georgia) NEWS-PRESS telling of the work of her son, Colonel DeRosey Cabell Jr. (USMA 1944), as Director of Instruction at the U.S. Army Aviation School Element at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. DeRosey was formerly Director of the Department of Advanced Helicopter Training. Another Class son to be proud of!

Buddie Guyer-Townes wrote in early December that Clayton and she flew to New York in November and had a good time. Then when Clayton returned to Florida and fishing, Buddie stopped in Washington for a few days with Helen and Ferdie **Gallagher** who gave a party for her at Fort Leslie J. McNair.

The Last Roll Call in the summer ASSEMBLY listed the death on 4 July in Vietnam of Captain Frederick G. Terry (USMA 1960), grandson of our Jack **Bennet.** Our sincere sympathy goes to his mother, Emilie Bennet Terry Clifford, and his grandmother, Jack's widow.

Alma and Doug **Page** traveled to Baltimore last summer to visit their daughter there. Blanche and Roland **Shugg** spent 1968 Christmas at Corvallis, Ore., with their daughter, Mrs. June Woodcock and their three grandsons. Two of the boys are students at University of Oregon at Eugene, and one is a student at Oregon State University at Corvallis.

Bob Rufsvold, grandson of Laura and Dwight **Johns,** enlisted in the Army after completing his first year at college, finished his basic training at Benning in November, and is now getting specialist training as a medic at Brooke Hospital at Fort Sam Houston. He will return to college after completing his enlistment.

Dick **Birmingham** wrote just before Christmas that Elizabeth and he would spend Christmas with his sister in Georgetown, D.C., and then drive to Winter Haven, Fla., to stay three months. Dick had Hong Kong flu, but recovered nicely as a result of Elizabeth's fine nursing.

Martha and Craigie **Krayenbuhl** at Winter Park, Fla., have their daughter and three little grand-daughters near by. Their son-in-law, Lieut. Col. H. R. Kurth Jr., Marine Corps, died in January 1968 from a heart attack. He was then on duty at Marine Corps Headquarters.

Irene **McBride** spent Christmas at Key West with her sister and family.

Caroline and Murph **Irvine** had to cancel their proposed trip to Spain after all travel reservations had been confirmed, passports issued, etc. However, Caroline did get to attend the meeting of the Regents of Gunston Hall in Virginia, and to meet her newest grandson, Kenneth Farris, born in Washington in October.

Kay **Barrows** reports that Bunny is walking and talking better because of the good care he has had at the V.A. Hospital at Bedford, Mass. We are glad for them both.

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Anne **Andrew**, who lives at DeLand, Fla., says the high spot in her life recently was a trip to Europe. She traveled by herself and saw points of interest everywhere. She visited her son, George Jr., (VMI 1939) at Heidelberg. He has since retired after 30 years' service.

Chalk up another known 50th wedding anniversary for 1916! I have just learned from Myrtle **Tarpley** that she and Jess were married 24 June 1916. So they are number 15 on our golden wedding list. I cannot list yours unless you tell me about it, so please do!

Lucille **Henderson** writes that Hearse has shown some improvement from his fall and fracture. But she adds that she had to get into the act by falling over a footstool and breaking her wrist. Cast was off before 1969.

I must close this with another sad note. Constance **Finley**, Tom's wife, passed away at Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs on 24 December. Services were held on 27 December at Colorado Springs, and burial was at West Point. Our sympathy is extended to Tom and their family.

APR '17

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As noted in our last issue, Louis **Ford** was inaugurated as class president at the class luncheon on 21 Oct. Bill **Cowgill** did the honors for the occasion and, according to Bill **Heavey**, he gave a perfectly marvelous inaugural speech that "left everyone with a warm-hearted feeling."

On 1 Dec. Helen and Louis **Ford** gave a most enjoyable party at their attractive home in Georgetown. The occasion was the eve of Louis's birthday. On hand to help make the party a success were Helen's fine 16-year-old twin grandsons. The guests included Aaron **Bradshaw**, accompanied by his pretty granddaughter, Paula Bradshaw, Bill **Cowgill**, Bill and Dot **Eagles**, Bill and Dot **Eley**, Bill and Jule **Heavey**, Dan **Noce**, Cowper and Mary **Smith**, Emily **Tully** and Jack **Jackson**.

Jack **Code** writes that John **Whitcomb** finds the view of the Coast Range from his new home, Apt. 808, 10 De Sabla Road, San Mateo, Calif. 94402, much to his liking; and that he has been received with enthusiasm by his West Coast classmates.

Thanksgiving dinner by the **Codes** was held in the Presidio Officers' Club; and besides their immediate family of sister, niece, cousins, spouses and children, Jack and Isabelle were joined by Love and Jane **Mullins**, Link and Jean **Daniels** and John **Whitcomb**. At the dinner Jack presented a paper on Governor Bradford's Proclamation of Thanksgiving in the Plymouth Colony in 1621. Upon hearing the name of William Bradford, Link Daniels became very interested, as he is a direct descendant of that gentleman.

Those of '17 around the Bay area who could do so gathered at the Presidio to watch the ARMY-Navy game on the club's color T.V. set. Those arriving were Spec and Evelyn **Irwin**, Jack and Isabelle **Code**, Sid and Marge **Young**, Louis and Elf **Martin**, Alex **Campbell**, John **Whitcomb**, and Love and Jane **Mullins**. It was a great day for Sid, for now after his operation and with new glasses he could follow the game perfectly — a feat he had not been able to do for some time.

On 28 Nov. Pete and Edie **Kilburn** came up from Carmel and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, all with champagne and trimmings.

While your Scribe was in Florida for the Christmas holidays, he had a pleasant visit with Bill and Eve **Harrison**. Bill is still very active in religious affairs and has a busy lecture schedule. He is president of the Officers' Christian Union in the Armed Forces, Chairman of the Board of Dallas Theological Seminary, and a member of the board of Stony Brook School, a private Christian preparatory school. Also, he has written a book, HOPE TRIUMPHANT, which has been published by the Moody Press of Chicago. Bill and Eve have two sons and one daughter. Son William K. III is in charge of the library at Rockville Center, N.Y. Son Wentworth Terry Harrison was in the U.S. Marines six years and attained the grade of capt. He then resigned to join the faculty of Stony Brook School. Their daughter's husband, Russell H. Kent, is a Cornell man and a mechanical engineer. Grandson Russell H. Kent III is on an ROTC scholarship at Cornell—a 3d generation Cornell man. Granddaughter Terry Kent is a senior at Keuka College, N.Y.

After 20 years or so in Florida, Doc and Bertha **Johnson** have decided that the "Land of Fun and Sun" is not for them and have moved to San Antonio, Tex. Doc says he did not any longer find Florida satisfactory as a retirement home. They have bought a house "located among retired Army people—lots of retired Cavalrymen whom I have known for years." Their address is 610 Northridge Drive, San Antonio, Tex. 78209. Doc and Bertha's daughter, Patricia, is married to Col. Glenn S. Finley Jr., now stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. Her father-in-law, Col. Glenn S. Finley Sr., has deeded to them a house just outside Fort Sam Houston; and when Glenn Jr. retires, presumably in a year or so, they will probably move to the house at Fort Sam. So Doc writes that they are happy to be back in the old stamping grounds.

Johnny **Devine** has been in Walter Reed, but now (Dec.) he is back in Leesburg. Helen **Brown** started on a garden tour with friends in April 1968, got as far as Atlanta, and suffered a severe compound fracture of her ankle. Now she is back to normal and is planning another trip east in April 1969. The Bill **Eleys**, Emily **Tully** and the Bill **Heaveys** attended the annual New Year's reception at the Army-Navy Town Club, and were the only ones from Apr '17. Jack **Nygaard** writes that the 1968 football season at West Point was his 10th straight; and he plans to be back for June Week—his 11th straight.

It would be interesting to know how many great-grandchildren we have in the class, and which was the first one. Would any of you great-grandfathers care to report? Bill and Gladys **Sackville** have moved to 2840 S. County Rd., Palm Beach, Fla.

For the next Class luncheon in the Washington area, which will be at the Army-Navy Club on 19 April, we hope to have a big turnout of classmates and ladies. Chuck and Nina **Gerhardt** have already announced that they plan to come up from Florida to attend.

AUG '17

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Our regular scribe Bill **Reeder** was hospitalized 29 December with a slight stroke and will remain in the hospital for several weeks. I'm glad to report that the physicians promise complete recovery with no impairments. Bill is permitting Biff **Jones** to write this edition.

Our sick list unhappily was quite large in the latter part of 1968. **Hasbrouck's** case of flu put him in the hospital with pneumonia. He is now back in good shape. **Kernan** was laid up with flu during the Christmas holidays.

Ynez **Wilson** had a summer of illness and is now an alumna of three hospitals. She is convalescing at home. Willie is in fine health doing the farm chores and serving as handyman around the house.

George **Hirsch** had been hospitalized, and I have the sad news to report of his joining The Long Gray Line. I express condolences on behalf of the Class.

Louise **Paca** had a gall bladder operation on 14 Nov. and happily was back in her usual good health in time for her and Bill to spend Christmas with their youngest son and family in Newark, Del.

Duke **Milan** during the rigors of selling his house in Illinois and moving to Bedford Hills, N. Y., spent the month of July in the hospital. He made the move in Sept. and has since enjoyed various garden chores: planting bulbs, mulching azaleas and so forth. He has become a slave to football on TV but is highly critical of the broadcasting personnel. He yearns for a reasonable resemblance to the old time radio announcers like Graham McNamee and Ted Husing.

Loessa **Coffey** fled the cold weather in Maine just in time to encounter a flu bug here. Upon recovery she moved into the Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave., Washington, D.C. 20015.

The **Conners** are enjoying the sunshine of Phoenix, Ariz. **Custis** is touring and will not return to his home in Phoenix until March. Pablo and Laura **Cole** were scheduled for a visit to Ariz. but Conner was informed by Cole's sister-in-law that Pablo's illness kept them in San Francisco.

Miles and Ann **Cowles** are visiting their daughter in Paris and will then take a chalet in Switzerland for the winter. This is old stamping ground for them as Miles served a tour in Bern as Military Attaché.

Jack and Lucille **Fye** are taking a cruise in the spring visiting various ports in eastern Europe. From New York they go to the Mediterranean and follow springtime as it advances northward visiting famous garden spots.

Ann **Counts**, Elizabeth and Biff **Jones** leave 8 February for a three-month cruise around Africa returning by way of Brazil and several Caribbean ports. Jack and Florence **Johnson** visited in Texas after Christmas for pleasure and shopping.

Parry and Isabelle **Lewis** plan to follow their custom of spending May to Oct. in Bavaria. The **Sarckas** have deserted wintry Vermont to spend the winter in Fla.

The **Sharps** left Maine early this fall due to rumors of early snow and now are at

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their place in Charleston for the winter. The South Carolina weather has lured Dent to practice his golf strokes.

Peggy **Moore** says she is nearly in the mood for a Feb. cruise but that it takes time to build up the necessary energy to get started.

The **Shaffers** had the great pleasure of attending the wedding of one of their grandchildren. This was the first wedding in that generation of their family.

Bill and Gracie **Reeder** last Oct. took what Bill called the "Gallop Tour" — ten countries in three weeks. A highlight was a visit with Doc and Mimi **Faust** at their home in southern France. A highlight for the rest of the tour party as they approached the outskirts of Rome was Bill's rendition of "The Lays of Ancient Rome."

Our annual coed luncheon was a grand success with forty-two in attendance. The four beautiful door prizes were won by Florence **Courture**, Loessa **Coffey**, Gertrude **Purvis**, and Miriam **Conner**. Miriam had purchased the four rare pieces of Early American Pressed Glass by direction of a generous anonymous donor. We all thank him for his thoughtfulness.

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Many holiday greetings from members of the Class to the Class. Grace **Corpening**, Louise **Dean**, Maurine **Mielenz** add their greetings. Inez **Adcock's** greeting said she is now well settled in her apartment in Tucson. She spent part of the summer in Wisconsin. Addie's two sons, both in the Army, Warren in Honolulu and Bob just returned from Vietnam.

In the **Alexander's** greeting, Ruth envies us the beauty of the joyous Christmas season in the north country as she has happy recollections of her life in Vermont. Red says he is getting too old to travel and both were sorry they were unable to attend the Reunion. The **Axelsons** sent news from Bee **Rundell** that Earle is progressing nicely, but slowly. They were able to drive to Pensacola to be with their son and family for Christmas. Keep it up, Earle. Scip and Norma are well but freezing to death in that wonderful Florida sunshine. Their son is in Vietnam. Greetings received from **Casman**, the **Fosters**, the **Grenatas** and the **Gruhns**.

Bob **Bagby** sent greetings to the Class expressing an appreciation of those who pushed, planned and carried out our wonderful Reunion. Also a long letter, much of it personal, but all of it reminiscing of classmates and the regret that it took him so long to return to WP. Returning home he pulled out his file of class quarterly letters and looked back at some of his old orders. One in particular—Special Orders 79 of 28 March 1942—placed him back on active duty (resigned in 1919). Heading this order was Maj. Gen. Ike Eisenhower and just a little below were Col. Sam Sturgis and Col. Reg Whitaker. Bob closed with a warm welcome to Florida in case the doctor ever thinks we need to defrost. Afraid not, Bob, our Doc (up here) is a great hunter of both large and small game, and his favorite hunting preserve happens to be Woodley Acres.

Betty **Barragan's** greetings told of her happy memories of the Reunion and getting acquainted with the Class, after all the years of letter writing between "you and Mike." "Wouldn't have missed them had I known what Reunions were like between classmates, wives and widows."

And more greetings to the Class expressing nostalgic memories of our 50th Reunion from the **Barths, Boineaus, Hamiltons, Horrs, Hurts, McKees, Richardsons,** Marian **Ross** and the **Shermans.** And one from the **Hudsons** expressing their regrets at not being able to attend.

A note from Agnes **Bell** in answer to an inquiry from the **Lorences** with reference to Cragfont, a famous historical home just a few miles from Bellhaven, the Cylde Bell estate. Cragfont was built in 1798 by Gen. James Winchester—a co-founder with Andrew Jackson and John Overton of Memphis and all very active in Tennessee affairs. Your Scribe is interested because like our home at Woodley Acres, it was built in the style of New England Georgian architecture and furnished in the Federal style. The core of Woodley Acres was built in 1814 and we likewise are attempting to decorate and furnish it in the Federal style. Thanks, Agnes, for the data you sent us on Cragfont.

The greetings from the **Blanchards** were filled with the excitement of hobnobbing with so many during our Reunion. Their daughter Punkin came from England to visit while her husband attended the British war games in Libya and the children continued school in England. A bit of hunting, lots of golf, shopping tours into Mexico, plus parties and bridge made up the fun weeks before Punkin reluctantly returned home.

The **Caseys** moved into their new winter home 1 November and have daughter Patricia with them, and the grandchildren during their vacation periods. Basking in the south Florida sunshine they sympathized with us in the north country. However, we noticed when swimming they used their heated pool mostly. While we can't swim right now we do enjoy our winter wonderland and its sports.

The **Cobbs** left Arizona for New Orleans and on 19 November started their freighter travel club cruise. Traveling the southeastern seaboard via Panama Canal to California and then to Japan for Christmas. On to Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong with the return trip in reverse. They debark at Los Angeles 19 February 1969. Greetings from Frances **George** who is very active and busy in State and National DAR affairs.

The **Grant's** greeting came from North Wales, Great Britain. Having placed their things in storage after the Reunion, Helen and Jack headed for Great Britain in July. Among other places they stopped off at North Wales for two weeks and stayed five, and after extensive traveling returned there and leased a place for six months with potential for another six months. Jack grows lyrical over the beauty of Dorset. The most beautiful country we have ever seen (Oh! All right, except maybe New Hampshire). Jack enclosed a clipping from the LONDON TIMES re Conchita **Cintron**, Frank's daughter, the famous woman bullfighter, who, even tho' retired still makes the headlines wherever she goes. (She was on a shopping trip to London.)

Charlie **Hoffman** promised his 201 soon but pronounced it very uninteresting and prosaic; he added that he has had a good life and enjoyed it. Except for the aches and pains of old age, he and Rita keep in reasonably good health and wonder how we stand the wintry days of New Hampshire. They broke their winter with a trip to the Bahamas in February. Had lunch with Daddy **Holt** and Bob **Bishop** in Washington for a change of pace.

*Lane **Holman** declares that if your Scribe* leaves out the parade of the seasons in the quarterly letters we don't get his 201 file until next Christmas. "You give us the break in February," Lane wrote and he will trade out with your Scribe. O.K., Lane, it's a deal. Mary Mason, daughter Molly and Daddy **Holt** took in the tulip season in Holland and toured the Brittany Coast of France. Daddy renewed his acquaintance with the old Base Section of St. Nazaire WW I days. Alice **Kramer** reported that Pierre **Agnew** had another bout at the hospital. The old arthritis needed attention—not too serious—but is getting in the joints making it difficult for Pierre to get around; reason they did not attempt to come to the Reunion. Alice also described her latest Pacific cruise. The **Krebers** regretted skipping the ARMY football games in order that Leo could be in good shape for their Christmas trip to Colorado Springs to be with their daughter and her family, including their second grandson who had just returned from Vietnam.

The **Lorences** have had as many winter visitors as they do during the spring blossoms, the delightfully cool summers, and the fall color festivals. Our holiday season was especially ne. The snow-clad outdoors was, and still is, a winter wonderland, and appropriate for the season of festivity. Everyone, including the small fry, relish the winter sports, ice skating, tobogganing, snow-shoeing and skiing. Woodley Acres has the equipment and the slopes, and even its own pool—now an ice rink. Surrounding us in both New Hampshire and Vermont just 10 to 30 miles distant are many ski areas and winter resorts now filled with visitors from all the 50 states. Indoors our home expresses the feeling of the Federal period of 1814, of course, remodeled for the comforts of the 20th Century. In November the Home Section of the Manchester Sunday edition of New Hampshire's largest newspaper gave "The Walter Lorences Live Here" a full page spread of our home. We were both proud and humble, because after all we have lived here less than five years and in the less populated north at that.

PeeWee **McBride's** son, Air Force Col. Benjamin R. McBride ('46), Director of Intelligence, has been decorated with the U.S. Joint Service Commendation Medal at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. Sophia **Malone** reported that Paul's eye surgery was successful, and commented on how much they both enjoy the Class letters.

Marguerite **Marks** sent greetings and promised to send information for Albert's memorial early in 1969. A virus which resulted in a serious case of anemia caused her to give up teaching in November 1966. She returned to teaching late in 1967 but reluctantly decided to retire last year even though she feels much better. Both Jim **Marshall** and Bud **Miley** asked for the return of their 201 files for revision and up-dating, promising to return them pronto. If others wish to do likewise, please drop me a line. Andy **Moore** sent greetings just as he stepped

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aboard the plane for a three weeks' visit to Paris.

The **Mussils** are still reliving the thrills of our 50th. Their only regret is that we have to wait another five years. They spent the holidays in Florida with their daughter and family. Tex is seriously thinking of retiring and starting to travel again.

A postcard showing the breathtaking view of the harbor at Charlotte Amalie from the Virgin Islands Hilton Hotel where Sara, Bob and Murray **Neilson** stopped off on their West Indies cruise—Murray adding that he hoped AM and I were not freezing to death. So far the freezing has only succeeded in killing the disease germs as we are disgustingly healthy and haven't had a cold since we left Washington.

The **Offlelys** just returned from a 60-day cruise to five countries in the Orient. They have recently moved to 242 Hazel Drive, same town, same state. Mildred **Pichel** recently returned from a trip thru' France, Italy and Germany. Alice **Kramer** brought her up-to-date re our Reunion activities. Jo **Rice** writes, "No car so you will have to do the visiting. My door is always on the latch and bed and board on tap." Barbara **Robinson** still busy in social guidance work and Robbie, since his retirement, is getting organized in the antique American glass business. They broke the winter with a trip to the Virgin Islands. Robbie reports that his oldest granddaughter will be married in May and he is beginning to feel like a good antique himself. Don't you believe it—not the way Robbie keeps going.

The newsy Christmas letter from Sylvia **Shattuck** set out a busy and most interesting parade of events for 1968 and a happy reunion with son Blanny who finished his tour of duty in Vietnam. Sylvia helped him get settled in his apartment in Virginia in time for this Christmas. He is now on duty with the Army Materiel Command. The **Siberts** were off for Peru when their greeting arrived. Will visit their son and family and make a circuit of South America. The P.W. **Smiths** are easterners again, having moved all of a quarter of a mile from their summer cottage into a pleasant new apartment which will be their winter home for a few years while they gradually winterize their summer home for a year-round domicile. With such a fine remembrance of our 50th, they now sign off their letters and cards with "You and we in '73."

Peggy **Deylitz** Sutton writes she and Bob are finally catching up on the scenic Southwest with more and more trips branching out from Phoenix. When they read of snow they also think of the beauty of the New Hampshire hills, having experienced them. Greetings from the **Tanseys**. Pat wrote, "Your insistence on timely 201 files was very effective in Heinie's case. Being in perfect order, Frank and Olivia had no trouble in effecting a fine obituary in all the local papers. So, all friends and classmates were notified and were at the funeral." (Jody, being very ill herself, did not know of Heinie's death till later.) Pat is now linking his raw material together and will soon have his newly completed 201 in the class file.

The **Townsleys** were finally driven from New Hampshire by a blizzard in mid November which cut off their electricity, which meant heat and water. Leisurely visiting friends and relatives en route south, they arrived in their winter quarters at Charleston, S.C., in time to pick up the birthday and Christmas chores for their many grandchildren. At time of writing they had not seen the **Siberts**, but rumor has it, wrote Clarry, that Eddie is busily engaged in writing a book on G2 operations in WW II. Margaret **Whitaker** reports all is well in Pittsburgh. Reg's grandson, Joe, his wife and baby daughter are now in Korea.

And that, folks, is our year end wind-up. Outdoors as I write is the beautiful snow-covered fields and woodlands—a photographer's delight. For those who can no longer take the cold of a northern winter, bear in mind that our plants sleep in comfort beneath this snow cover, renewing their energy so as to be ready for the divine magic touch of Spring. It's just around the corner.

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The 1 November 50th Reunion party at Helen and Hunk **Holbrook's** couldn't have been nicer. Anything that team does is good. Oddly, we had 50 signed up for the 50th party! But one couple couldn't make it — illness. Both Dorothy **Fellers** and Arch **Colwell** are to be congratulated on their versions of the 50th Reunion Song which was sung with zest, and nostalgia too, led by **Peckham, Yoder** and Arch. Bill **Badger** won a prize for his ability to wear his F. D. — those pink cherubic cheeks may have faded slightly, but he's still in shape. Coming from outside the area were Arch and Sallie **Colwell**, Monk and Eleanor **Dickson**, Betty **Snow**, Gene and Kit **Vidal**, and Wannie **Wanamaker**. And from the area were Bill and Laura Bell **Badger**, Elmer and Dottie **Barnes**, Howie **Canan**, Bryan and Ethel **Conrad**, Bryan and Ruth **Evans**, Bonner and Dorothy **Fellers**, Edith **Griffiths**, Dick and Buddha **Groves**, Babe and Nell **Gullatt**, Kester and Ruth **Hastings**, Peggy **Hicks**, Charlie and Edna **Hixon**, Hunk and Helen **Holbrook**, Charlie and Frankie **Jewell**, Paul **Kelly**, Jess and Mimi **Norman**, Howard and Jimmie **Peckham**, Muriel **Searby**, Millie **Stice**, Heath and Fritz **Twichell**, Val and Gene **Valentine**, Jake and Grace **Welchel**, Lev and Betty **Yoder**.

On 9 November we lost Johnnie **Stokes**. He had been in the Stanford and the Veterans Hospitals in Palo Alto for several months. We can always remember Johnnie as the life of the party at our 50th Reunion gatherings, full of life, gay, debonair and, as one classmate put it, able to wear his cadet uniform.

Just after Flo **O'Grady** passed way in September, the ARMED FORCES JOURNAL carried a notice that it was Jerry who had died. This was corrected two issues later to announce Flo's death, not Jerry's.

Pinto is in the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. 92134, Ward 21-3. He is being treated for tuberculosis: cards are in order.

On 15 November Jim **Keasler** succumbed to the emphysema condition and its complications which have plagued him for some time. He is buried at Fort Bliss. Bernice writes that she will remain in El Paso.
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Mary **Colson** had not been in good health for quite awhile. She had been in Orthopedic Hospital in Washington. On the morning of 29 November she passed away in her sleep. A graveside service at Arlington was attended by the immediate family, members of the Class and other close friends.

Charlie **Gildart** has made the feature section of THE NEWS of Hemet, Calif., complete with a very good photograph. He lectures on National Defense matters. On 18 October he was the guest speaker at the National Defense meeting of the Estuchillo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. His subject was "Proposed Panama Canal Treaties in Relation to National Defense."

Doc **Johnson** has sold his house in Alexandria and moved to 1610 Bass Ave., Columbia, Mo. 65201.

Reggie **Hubbell** is very upset that he and three others missed the class picture taken during the late Reunion — **Hubbell, Groves, Dickson** and **Conrad** — and that no mention was made of this fact in ASSEMBLY. For my part, my car was stuck in traffic somewhere south of the railway station. I walked the rest of the way as rapidly as one of my age dared. Had I started earlier, perhaps I might have been there. Where the other missing persons were I do not know! Too bad. I am sorry. I am sure that everyone is sorry.

Fred **Pearson** recently went to Fort Sam for a physical checkup and got turned out in two subjects. However, he reports that he had the same good luck he had when turned out in Surveying and got a 2.9 — he passed everything the second try. He says that "it sure feels good to feel good." His daughter returned from a tour of South America and Africa on 14 December. His son has had several short tours of duty in Alaska and Labrador since returning from his third tour in Vietnam. The Pearsons spent Thanksgiving with the son and his family at Little Rock AFB.

Fred has had a very nice letter from Mark **Boatner** who sees few classmates and feels somewhat isolated in Louisiana. His son, Mark III, is on duty in Washington and a grandson en route to Vietnam. The Boatners have been represented in every U.S. war. A cheerful note from Ruth **Corzelius** announces that she is a grandmother for the 12th time — six boys and six girls. John **Fonvielle** writes that both of their sons are at Texas U. The older, after finishing naval duty as a Lieutenant J.G. and six months training in Central and South America, is taking his Master's degree. The younger is a freshman. Jake and Henrietta **Freeman** visited their son, Robert, a Lieutenant Colonel at Phoenix AFB just back from duty in England and preparing to leave for Vietnam. Freeman and **Pearson** note that no mention was made in the Class History of the 18 who attended the M.G. School at Hancock, 1918-19.

Elsie **Keyser** writes that both she and George have had a rough time physically for some two years, but that now, after rather severe operations, both are much better and looking forward to our 55th Reunion. Mike **Quinn** writes that Frances had a bad fall some time ago but is improving. The **Knudsens** are in good health. Cris has recovered from the illness that

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kept him from the Reunion. Their son, Cristian White Knudsen, got his Doctor's degree in chemical engineering from MIT 8 November 1968. He is now with Esso Research and Engineering. **Sawtelle's** son, Don Jr., is an instructor at the Point after a year at Purdue. Gwen **Tucker** reports that she is well. Her son is in Dallas with Scientific Data System. Her daughter and husband are in Galveston.

Ben **Chadwick**, the **Dunkelbergs**, Jim **Styron** and Beulah **Witters** are all well, but Jim Styron says that he is getting older. Strange . . .

Jimmie Crawford, beloved math instructor of our goats has been in the hospital at Fort Benning for surgery. We are all pulling for you Jimmie.

Dick **Babbitt** died 11 December at Orange Hospital, Ocala, Fla. He had been scheduled to go home that day. He and Betty were to celebrate their 40th anniversary the next day.

Harry **Krieger**, as a Boy Scout Commissioner, supervises two Roman Catholic and two Lutheran scout units. He also teaches art two days a week in a hobby shop for disabled veterans. Eugene **Mitchell** writes that his son is a Lieutenant Colonel in Hawaii. The **Ericsons** plan a spring visit to their son, Dick Jr., the political councellor at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. **Dickey** is back at Borego Springs after a summer in the mountains of Arizona. Nancy **McCone** is living in Carmel, Calif., and is pleased with her class pin.

Johnnie **Dietrick**, in Pacific Grove, Calif., gets around on his Canadian canes, venturing out only when necessary. He has a guest cabin, complete with kitchen and stocked bar, and welcomes classmates. The **Winns** had just got back to Carmel from a delightful trip to Bar Harbor, Quebec, Ottawa, and Vancouver when Ginnie stubbed her toe, fell and broke her right shoulder, which we trust is completely mended by this time. Jess **Rogers**, who has been in Stanford University Hospital with respiratory trouble, is now home again.

Gene and Kit **Vidal**, Heinie and Pat **Bergman**, Pinkie **Walsh** and Bill **Wanamaker** were at West Point for the Homecoming football game last fall. Pinkie also attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Association of which he is a member. Phoebe and Roger **Wicks** have their youngest daughter, Pat, and family back from the Far East and marvel at how the grandsons, Stu, 13½, and Roger, 12, have grown in two years. The youngest granddaughter, age unspecified, is becoming quite an equestrienne. She has won two championships with her Irish grey pony and now has a thoroughbred mare.

Gerry **O'Rouark** was in Salem, Ore., hospital with slight ticker trouble. The doctors called it P.V.C.'s — post ventricular contractions. His heart was operating like a motor whose ignition wires are connected to the wrong sparkplugs. But medication has straightened things out and he is quite active again. I suspect the whole thing is a hoax, and he is trying to outdo my Arthritic Bursitis of the Ischial Tuberosity.

Monk **Dickson** writes: "We attended two assemblies of World War II First Army veterans in Kaffirtown, D.C., our 50th Reunion at West Point, and a 50th Anniversary of our Graduation Party on 1 November. All of these gatherings made us wish that revival patent medicine worked in real life as well as it does on TV as our ranks seem to thin out with our hair. However, in addition 'to its honor and its toil' old age has a compensation in the exquisite flavor of friendships that are a half-century old. As for our erstwhile children — Ariana with consort, Bill Mangum, five children and one dog, sail for Naples on 25 January for a sabbatical year in Italy and France. Bill has two grants; they have a year in Florence. Colin has passed his exams for his doctorate and is teaching at the University of Delaware while he writes his dissertation. Janice continues to trade municipal bonds at Drexel, Brown Brothers & Harriman. I tried to sell her ten shares of Army Man's Oil Co. stock which I bought in 1919 while in the Base Hospital at Fort Sam, but she was too shrewd for me. After that defeat I am hesitant about offering her some 1906 Mexican silver mining stocks which were a dog in my grandfather's box. Bill is in his third year as a teacher at Episcopal Academy. Accumulating credits for his M.A. and playing Soccer keep his coattails horizontal in his airflow. His daughter, Lisa, and her mother give us great pleasure as Lisa 'goes on five.' Eleanor is almost home on her 1968 Good Conduct Medal; I have not had to send her to her room once this year."

On a recent invasion of the north, reconnoitering prep schools, Ethel, Bryan, and young Bryan were sheltered from the storm by friendly natives in Devon, Pa. We found Eleanor and Monk in the best of health and spirits. After two meals at 518 Mill Brood Road, I understand why Monk has become a stylish stout.

Major Mary Jane **McCone**, R.N., B.S.M., Director of Nursing Services, Winchester Memorial Hospital, retired 1 Jan. 1969, ending 36 years association with that hospital which was interrupted by her service in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II.

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At the time these notes are written, the 1st of January, plans for the 50th Reunion are progressing well. All who plan to attend should have had their reservations at the Thayer Hotel confirmed. And we hope that all classmates, long before you read this, have responded to Bob **Crichlow's** questionnaire for the 50-Year Book and to Mike **Brannon's** request for donations to the Superintendent's Fund.

The Washington group celebrated the 50th anniversary of our first graduation with a Sunday brunch on 3 November at the Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington. Those who attended from the Washington area were: Emmy **Allan** and her son Michael Bouvier, Mike and Marjorie **Brannon**, Brownie and Margaret **Brown**, Buddy and Dorothy **Ferenbaugh**, Al and Grace **Gruenther**, Elton and Georgina **Hammond**, Mary **Hedekin**, Ed and Mary **Hopkins** and their daughter Mary, Herb and Anabel **Jones**, Doc and Patty **Martin**, Tony and Helen **McAuliffe**, Jack **Murphy**, Joe and Margaret **Odell**, Kitty **Olson**, Dick and Emma **Ovenshine**, Willie **Palmer**, Eddie and Barbara **Starr**, Al and Dade **Wedemeyer**; and from more distant points, Merritt and Carolyn **Booth**, Pat and Nancy **Echols**, John and Bert **Hardin**, Harlan and Mamie **Hartness**, Doc and Opie **Loper**, Joe and Marion **Phelps**, and Joe and Frances **Tate**. At this meeting, plans for the Reunion were outlined, and the question of a donation to the Superintendent's Fund was discussed.

Each fall the West Point Society of South Texas has a picnic. This year, in early October, hosts of the event were Gladys **Foss** (Simon's widow), Bob and Whitey **Gard**, Wini **Hoffman** (Hugh's widow), Chic and Elsie **Noble**, Bob and Rhoda **Springer**. The party was reported to be a great success, marred only by the absence of Peewee **Collier**, who was temporarily "out of action" in the hospital. Chic **Noble** reported that George **Elms** had visited him, and he had seen Tex **Warren** at a football game in Dallas. Chic attended the Navy game but saw few classmates there. And speaking of Bob and Rhoda **Springer**, the Fall Class Notes reported them on an extended trip to Hawaii — by the time that appeared in print they were on another extended trip to the Washington area, visiting their son, Bob Jr. Bob was then talking about a trip to Greece and, perhaps, Israel. And they have a lovely home in San Antonio, too!

We learned with regret of the death of Eddie **Strohbehn's** wife, Peggy, in July. In the Spring ASSEMBLY notes your Scribe stated that Helen **Davis** (Frank's widow) lived in Madison — it should be Eau Claire, Wis. Packy **McFarland's** wife, Elaine, was honored at Tucson in October with the presentation of an inscribed plaque in appreciation of her services to public health. She has been director of student health service at Arizona State University since 1946 and has served on the State Board of Health since 1959.

Al and Dade **Wedemeyer** visited Florida in late November. Toot and Lil **Frederick** entertained them at luncheon at their home in Clearwater; guests included Ike and Margie **Lawrence**, Dave and Marjorie **McLean**, Irish and Nancy **O'Connor**, Ken and Marie **Pierce**, Alex **Raaen**, Walt and Marjorie **Winn**, Wayne and Ruby **Zimmerman**. At another gathering of classmates in Florida, in the home of Walt and Marjorie Winn, they celebrated the 71st birthdays of Walt and Ken Pierce. Other guests included Marie Pierce, Rose **Bennison**, Lil and Toots Frederick, Bill and Katharine **Kean**, Ike and Margie Lawrence, Dave and Marjorie McLean, Wayne and Ruby Zimmerman.

Tony **McAuliffe** enjoyed an all-expense-paid trip to Europe in early November for all former commanders of the Seventh Army. Bob **Carter**, whose permanent home is in France, visits the States about twice a year. He was in San Francisco in the latter part of November and had dinner with Count **Wilson**. Wallace **Bruner** (Bunny's widow) also visited Pebble Beach and San Francisco, where Count and Dorothy **Wilson** gave a cocktail-buffet party for her. Guests included Bob and Vere de Vere **Hutchins**, Ike and Charlotte **Ritchie**, Babe and Ruth **Ruth**, Jack and Betty **Vance**.

Gus **Broberg**, after attending one of the Washington luncheons, wrote: "My California underwear was no match for the wintry

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blasts on the Potomac. It took a week of our local sunshine to bring my voice down from tenor to my usual dulcet basso profundo. Classmates in Southern California are hibernating during the winter, just like others in colder climates, for few immigrate here any more. Maybe the rising cost of travel has something to do with it. However, there are exceptions. Lynne **Marlow** spent the month of November travelling in South America and arrived home on 10 December to open her "Marlow International House" for visitors from all over the world during the holidays. These include five from Thailand, two from Hungary, besides daughter Pam and her husband from Switzerland, and daughter Vickie whose fiancé is from Germany. Pam's husband is getting his Ph.D. in geology, and Vickie is in graduate school at U. C. Irvine. Bobbie is still beating me at fishing, having proved her superiority both in planted and native trout in the High Sierras where we spent most of September. A winter visit to Nevada indicated an equal skill in handling one-arm bandits. Again I was skunked out of my entire investment — twenty cents. Rooney and Gertrude **Taylor** were set to visit the southwest and California beginning after the New Year, but he was called back to help out his old company, in which he had been vice-president before retiring."

Word from Effie May **Isaacs** is that Bill had a stroke in July. Although he is getting along pretty well now he may be unable to attend the Reunion in May. Bert and Irene **Hayford** are reported to be looking forward to their golden wedding anniversary in June, but may not be able to attend the Reunion. Syd **Gould,** down from Connecticut for a short visit, attended one of the Washington group's luncheons. Harry **Rex** has returned to his Washington suburban home after two years in Jordan. He says that, except for some work as a consultant, he has retired from his long service in the Bureau of Public Roads. We have some good golfers in the Washington area as well as in Florida and Tucson. Stu **Barden** won first place in the sixth flight, and a silver plate, in the fall matches at the Kenwood Golf and Country Club. And Gene **McGinley** has been getting back into form with some golf at Pinehurst and Myrtle Beach.

If you read the Fall 1968 ASSEMBLY carefully you should have been pleased with the article on page 33 which described the dedication of the Boyd Wheeler Bartlett Laboratory of Nuclear Science at West Point on 25 September in honor of Brick **Bartlett**. Creation of the laboratory was his last major project before his retirement.

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Brig. Gen. Clarence H. **Schabacker** died of emphysema last 8 October in Tucson, Ariz., where he had lived with his wife, Ruth, since he retired in 1953. Schabby had suffered from emphysema for several years. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery 14 October, and was attended by the following classmates who served as honorary pallbearers: **Byers, Burns, Dillon, Farrell, George, Gillette, Hasbrouck, Holle, Merritt, Mitchell,** J.D., **Mitchell,** W.L., **Rehm, Stratton, Tully,** and **Vogel.** He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Coursey Jr., of Anchorage, Alaska, and sons Dr. Charles W., of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Capt. George M., of Tampa, Fla., in addition to his widow. The latter three attended services at Arlington.

Further sad news is that Brig. Gen. Donald F. **Stace** died in Los Angeles 29 December after a long illness. A Rosary Service was held in Santa Monica 1 January, with burial in Los Angeles. Don was pre-deceased by his wife some time ago. Eddie **Plank,** who furnished this information, was to attend the services. Further word concerning the funeral and survivors is not at hand.

Sid **Hinds,** who is wintering in Pleasanton, Calif., reports that Eddie and Dotty **Plank** rounded up available classmates in the San Francisco area to honor visitors Art and Marj **McCullough.** Others on hand: the Zuke **Amazeens,** Clarence **Clendenen,** John and Helena **Culleton,** Sid and Gina **Hinds,** Alex and Valerie **Sand** and Rhu **Taylor.** All are looking forward to the 50th.

Bugs **Raymond** sends a clipping from a Red Bank paper telling of Charlie **Harding** being presented the highest honor of the Arthritis Foundation, the Floyd B. Odhum Award for outstanding volunteer service. He has been president of the New York Chapter since 1963 and, at the national level, treasurer and vice-chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Odhum made the presentation. Ronald **Gleason,** who was an active member of the D.C. group until 10 years ago when duty with the St. Lawrence Seaway took him to Massena, N.Y., is retired and enjoying seeing classmates in the St. Petersburg area.

Jim **Mitchell** is holed in for the winter in Pittsford, Vt., and reports that Eleanor is particularly well. Eddie **Plank** made it to West Point in the fall and reports finding Bill and Lillian **Bessell** looking great. John and Julia **Mitchell** recently suffered a serious automobile accident. While John had only a few scratches, Julia was not so fortunate, sustaining several fractures. She is home recuperating with one leg in a cast four months after the accident.

Clovis **Byers** reports **Bessell, Chitterling, Hasbrouck, McDonald, Sturman** and himself attending Homecoming activities. Red **Blaik** was on hand for the AOG Trustees Meeting. George **Doolittle** has turned active management of the Albuquerque Lumber Co. over to his son. George had been with the company since 1923, when he was retired for physical disability. He still maintains an office from which he carries on many other interests. Rosalie continues with her gardening activities.

A recent news item announced the retirement of Jack **Hastings** from his judgeship on the U.S. Court of Appeals, which position he had held for ten years. Recent out-of-town visitors at the Washington class luncheons have been Gloomy **Hasbrouck,** Gus **Vogel** and Charlie **West.** Gloomy had made a special trip down from Stone Ridge, N.Y., for the regular annual meeting of the governing committee. Gus had come up from Gloucester, Va., for Schabby's funeral, and Charlie was on an extended visit with his children.

Charlie and his clan of three children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild gathered at West Point on the weekend of 9 November, where they participated in the dedication of a "Christ the King" statue at the entrance of the Catholic Chapel. The statue was a gift from the family in memory of Horty, who had given much of her life to the Chapel. While he was in the Washington area, daughter Marie, Mrs. Eleazar Parmly IV, entertained a number of '20 classmates and friends, and again, four generations of the West clan were present. Another small gathering found Ted **Gillette,** along with Charlie, the only "Tombstone Generals" of the Class, on hand. Both carried the more than well deserved honor with dignity and pride.

Harry and Madeline **Travis** were recent guests of Terry **Tully,** stopping overnight on an extended trip during which they saw several of '20 in the great Northwest and other points en route. They were hurrying back to Florida to assess the damage of hurricane GLADYS to their home in St. Petersburg. Terry had a number of classmates and friends in for a pleasant evening.

'21-'22

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Fritz **Lee** called me on 23 December and informed me that I had been elected to take over the Class Notes for the ASSEMBLY and the deadline for the next issue would be 6 January. I did not even know I had been nominated for the job to say nothing of being elected. Had I known, I would have campaigned for the other fellow, whoever he was. Be that as it may, here goes.

Succeeding Fritz, who has done a masterful job at editing the Class Notes, is a bit of a chore. I will try to do my best, but that will depend a lot on what information I receive from our classmates. On behalf of the Class, I wish to extend to you, Fritz, our sincere thanks for a job well done.

In turning this job over to me, Fritz wrote me stating and I quote, "It won't be a test of writing ability; I was turned out in Plebe English," end of quote. Now you will have another goat author. I, too, was turned out in Plebe English.

We received notice from the Secretary of the Association of Graduates that Francis J. **Magee** died on 7 August 1968 at Wilton Manors, Florida. Detailed information is not available at this time, but I will try to get it for the next issue. The Class is sorry to learn this, and we extend to Frank's wife, Helen, our sincere sympathy.

George **Olmsted** is busy these days with plans for the Presidential Inauguration. He says that it is fine to be on the winning side for a change.

Meps **Smith** spent four months in Europe this past summer with her daughter and son-in-law and made the rounds from Amsterdam to Italy and Spain. She enclosed a note that appeared in the JOURNAL OF THE ARMED FORCES: "Major Perry M. Smith, Asst Professor of Political Science at USAFA, has been named to receive the Helen Dwight Reed Award of American Political Science Assoc. His dissertation, 'Wartime Planning for Postwar Contingencies: The Army Air Force Example 1943-46,' was selected as best doctoral dissertation in field of inter-nation relations, law and politics in 1967." Extend Perry congratulations.

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Granger **Anderson** and Rupert **Johnson** are planning another winter reunion in southern Florida 6 and 7 March. We who attended this Reunion last year had a bang-up time.

Granger and Lucile toured Europe and Africa last fall. Bev **Kane** wrote Granger about the **Lawtons'** visiting in South Africa, with the idea they might see one another. Granger wrote Bill at Cape Town about their plans, and when Granger and Lucile arrived at the hotel in Johannesburg, the Lawtons were there to greet them. A good time was had by all in this far off land.

Bob **Murphy** reports that he was interviewed by the editor of a newspaper in Cork, Ireland. Murph says that it can safely be said that he has now reached the pinnacle of fame. The Murphys expected George **Taylor's** wife, Helen, to visit them for the New Year's festivities in Miami, but illness prevented.

George **Olmsted** reports that he was guest speaker at the West Point Society of N.Y. luncheon on 7 November. His talk was in answer to the French book, "The American Challenge," which is a best seller in Europe. Classmates present were: Harry **Albert**, R.H. **Johnson**, Arthur **Klein**, Louis **Dolan** (ex-'22) and General Danford. The last named gave an interesting talk about the Class of '22 taking it upon themselves to eject a plebe, just turned yearling, who really didn't belong in the Corps. He commented that the Corps acted while the Tactical Department was still debating the problem. You will recall that this little episode reduced George from First Captain to Buck Private.

Chub **Leonard** writes that he retired from William & Mary College last June and now has the title of "Lecturer Emeritus." Chub and Marion attended their son's wedding at Malden, Mass., in June, and in August they flew to Scotland for Marion's nephew's wedding and a visit with her relatives.

The Giles **Carpenters** made quite a tour. After visiting the **Lees** at Nantucket, they went on to visit Joan's family on the St. Lawrence, then a Carpenter wedding at Bryn Athyn, Pa., on to St. Paul, Duluth, and Vancouver after a stop at Sparta, Wis. Before returning to Williamsburg, Va., they stopped at Emmett, Idaho (Giles' home town). The Carpenters are planning a trip to South Africa in February and will probably get back in time for the Winter Class Reunion in Miami.

In the near future I propose to send a memo to each member of the Class in the hope that I will get some replies as a basis for these Class Notes. Anything and everything you can tell about yourself will be most welcome, and I am sure interesting to the other members of the Class. Further, if you have had a recent change of address please let me know. The address list I have is the one that Rowdy **Lawton** put out in 1967.

'23

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Breidster has asked me to extend to each of you his best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. To that he adds the hope that all of us will make an effort to be at the 47½ or the 50th for sure. To this I would like to add my thanks for the nice comments of so many of you about our column in your Christmas cards. I am seeing that the Washington Group is informed of your expressions of appreciation for the work they do on your behalf.

1923: Kehm, Roper, Timberman, and Johnson, W.C. at Fort Myer after a class luncheon.

At our Class luncheons we are finding time to discuss "the state of the Union," and retiree problems as well as Class affairs. The Nov. luncheon with some 16 locals and Harry **Scheetz** from Philadelphia present was particularly lively. As to Class matters, we agreed to go ahead on plans for a 47½ Reunion. Wendell **Johnson** was designated as bellwether for the event. He subsequently developed an outline plan which calls for a date other than Homecoming (to avoid the crowd) and yet early enough to avoid major discomfort in our aching backs and arthritic joints. Accommodations near the Academy will be sought and arrangements made for one formal affair and for informal get-to-gethers for those who come up on Fri. and/or stay over until Sun. Wendell will be delighted to hear from you about this and even more pleased to get your help in spreading the word and perhaps organizing a group to make the safari.

We again took up the matter of memorial articles in ASSEMBLY on those of our departed Classmates who have not yet been so honored. Among the 30 or so there are a number who lost their lives in theatres of operations. **Moody** and **Timberman** were designated to assist me in this matter. We see our job as two-fold: first working out a way to have the deficiencies remedied, and second helping to see that Classmates supply the Association of Graduates with the biographic information it requested a few years ago. We do not feel that we are in a position to write the articles, rather we plan to get in touch with survivors and see what their wishes are and then see what can be done. We need help on this. The Association does not have full information on the survivors of all our Classmates. Accordingly, we are asking each of you to look over our Class list in the REGISTER OF GRADUATES and see if you can give us any information on the survivors of deceased Classmates whose record does NOT carry a notation, "Ob" and a date. We propose that someone then get in touch with the survivors and work out a plan to do what is needed. We have considerable information and will give all the help we can. Several of our Classmates are already working on the matter. The response of the survivors has been excellent. If they are indicative, you will be glad of any effort you may make in this field. How about going thru the list ASAP?

On the matter of getting information to the Association of Graduates we ask you to send in the poop if you have not already done so. If, like me, you have forgotten, ask the Association. If you have any other questions on the subject get in touch with one of us. Don't get the idea that this is only to help the guy who will write the memorial article about you. It is also to help the USMA and other appropriate elements to make sure that there is a source for the correct dope on how you shaped the course of history! Additional information on the 47½ and the memorial articles will appear in ASSEMBLY and special Bulletins.

Navy Game! As I recall the **Timbermans**, **Torrences**, **Dwyers** and I were the only members of the Class who saw ARMY in one of its finest, even though losing, hours against Penn State. That game gave us faith that Navy could not win on 30 Nov., and so it turned out though not without some nail-biting moments. The following were noted at Philadelphia: the **Biddles** with two daughters, the **Carrolls**, **Dwyer** with son and wife, the **Grombachs**, the **Kings** (B.R. and J.C.), the **Morses**, the **Tullys** with daughter and husband, the **Tredennicks**, Ossie **Cunkle's** daughter, **Timberman's** son (just back from a State Dept. tour in Switzerland and in training for Vietnam), Howard **Serig** was present solo and those two old goats, **Scheetz** and **Kehm**, were dragging!

Grombach on the Olympics — In response to my request, **Grombach** sent in the following report on the games in Mexico which he broadcast as he had at Tokyo in 1964.

"The Olympics were well-run by the Mexicans even though at the closing ceremony they seemed to make a Mexican affair of it. The Mexican crowd sang and cheered for themselves so much that one might have imagined they had won the games. They seemed tickled that they had successfully run the games notwithstanding the need for an all-out rush to finish the installations in time and the disorders at the University. Accordingly, they tooted horns, demonstrated, and celebrated until well past 2 a.m.!

"I consider these games were on a par with Rome (1960) and Helsinki (1952), (I was not at Melbourne in 1956), but not quite as good as Tokyo (1964). The track and field installations, especially the track for the athletes (not the spectators) were superior. As a result, notwithstanding the altitude, there were some world, and many new Olympic, records.

"As far as I know, the unique West Point accomplishment was the gold medal won by Silliman '66 as member of the U.S. basketball team. A few medals may have been won by West Pointers on championship equestrian teams, but no others. About 80 West Pointers have been on U.S. teams from 1896 through 1968, mostly in riding, fencing, and modern pentathalon but also including five in track, two boxing, one basketball, three wrestling, two hockey, one gymnastics, and two shooting.

"An interesting feature of the ceremonies was the marching and discipline of the military and naval cadets.

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"The most important feature, however, was the complete defeat of the Russians in the winter games by Norway and by the U.S.A. in the summer games, notwithstanding the 100% subsidization of Soviet athletes. This proves that Communism is no more successful in sports than it is in agriculture and industry, etc. Reason: human incentive is removed by a complete state control. After one generation or four Olympiads (16 years) the Russian athlete knows that his subsidy will end as soon as he is no longer an athlete, and he has to go back to work in a factory or on a farm, and no matter how good he was or how hard he worked, he will get the same as his less ambitious neighbor and far less than the local politician or commissar. The result is reduced interest in becoming an athlete for the government and do propaganda. I called the turn in my books, broadcasts, and articles in 1960. In 1964 we were only ten points behind their total point score. We won going away in 1968."

Most of you know that Frenchy was on the 1924 boxing team and has served in various capacities in Olympic activities including membership on the Committees since 1956. His earlier Olympic Guide is an outstanding compilation of material on the Games. His 1968 Pocket Guide is both useful and attractive.

Pen Collector Robby — I have previously mentioned **Robinson's** membership on the U.S. Veterans Advisory Commission and the fact that what that body has been doing is of vital concern to each of us. Now I learn that Robby has received a second pen from the President, attended a reception at the White House in November, and been awarded certificates of recognition by the President and several of the veterans and retiree organizations. For all of this he has been called upon to do some travelling and speechmaking.

We regret to hear that Dorothy is not as well as we would all like her to be, but there is some satisfaction for Robby in the fact that he and **Harmony** became grandfathers about the same time and are now betting on who will be the first great-grandfather. I guess these guys haven't heard of overpopulation.

Citizen-Soldier — So far as I have been able to learn, Wallace H. **Nickell** is the only one of our ex-cadets to become a general officer. I asked **Gjelsteen** to get me the poop on Nickell when I found they were living in the same podunk. Einar did a yeoman job which I am condensing here.

Nickell resigned after we came back to West Point from Camp Dix. From 1926 to 1931 he was President of his own oil company. When he sold it to Signal in 1931, he became a Director and Division Sales Manager of that company. In 1926 he resumed his military career as a Field Artilleryman in the California N.G. serving in the 40th Div in both peace and war. He was made a Brig. Gen. in 1946 and retired in 1958. After W.W.II he returned to Signal as V.P. and in 1950 organized an oil company with the same name as his original company. He served as its Pres. until he retired in 1956. He is now in the real estate financing business as a retirement job. For over 30 years his hobby has been ocean yacht racing. This he has parlayed into participation in races to Hawaii, Acapulco, and Mazatlin, Mexico. His yacht "Princess" requires a crew of eight. Wallace is Captain and Navigator. How's that for outstanding citizen-soldier?

Einar was one of Nickell's instructors when he took a course at Sill in 1941.

New Addresses — **Galloway** November to May: Mountain Lake, Lake Wales, Fla. 33853; May to November: London House, 1001 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209; **Grombach** 111 West 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10000; **Edwards** The Lark, Rt. 2, Box 338, Leesburg, Va. 22075; **Gurley** 1317 Leisure Lane No. 8, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595, and **Pierce** 223 Belhaven St., Oakmont, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95405.

Another Hero in the Family — For braving heavy concentrations of enemy fire to accomplish his mission, **McInerney's** son, James Jr., was awarded the Air Force Cross in Hawaii in October. The action for which he was decorated took place in August 1967 in Vietnam. He is the second McInerney son to be decorated.

Their Course on Earth is Run — Lou **Haskell** died here on 16 Sept. after a long illness. His remains were taken to Springfield, Mass., where Maud is buried.

Bill **Hardy** died in Florida on 27 Sept. He was buried in Arlington with a number of Classmates, his wife, Mabel, and his son present at the services.

Services at West Point where Freddie **Phillips** was buried on 11 Dec. were attended by the **Leones** and the **Grombachs** representing the Class. Arline bore the sadness of Freddie's long struggle against cancer with uncommon calm and strength.

Page **Albrecht**, Duke's wife, who we were all so pleased to see at Reunion, died on 27 Nov. and was buried in Arlington with a number of Classmates attending the services.

E. B. **Thompson** died on 1 Nov. He was buried in Arlington.

McCormick's wife, Kathleen, died on 12 Oct. She and Mac had been married 41 years.

Great-Grandparents Race Is On — **Schlatter** informs us that Charley and Kathy **Lawrence** became great-grandparents on 18 Dec. With Katy's mother, now with the Lawrences, there are five generations of "Kates"! Our Katy says she may not be the first '23 Grandma, but surely is the most excited. Anybody else for great-grandparenthood, planned or not?

Odds and Sods — Let me thank the many of you who had nice things to say about the ASSEMBLY notes and the efforts of the Washington Group. That kind of flattery will get you all kinds of merit badges.

Betty **Grove** spent part of Dec. in Ariz. with her daughter's family while Pooper was running the United Fund Drive at home. Her son was in Hawaii hoping to retire from the Army at the end of the year.

Jan and Woppy **White** are planning to attend the 47½ if we set a date before they are snowed in.

Aida **Bowen** tells us that the Fla. sunshine continues to be a big help to Jim.

Genealogy still keeps the **Endertons** busy. They say their Bronson tree shows the soldier and preacher ancestors but draws the veil on the skeletons-in-the-closet types.

Perhaps the most charming verse in the **Webbers'** annual poem was the one on the departed cat which went like this:

"Castilian Siamese, Miss Pi.
Leave us to reside on high
In Cat Heaven very sharp
Play a groovy feline harp!"

The **Pierces** have settled in an UNretiring community in Jack London and Luther Burbank's Valley of the Moon between Sonoma and Santa Rosa. Mary Katherine took us there on a trip when we visited her in San Francisco and it is beautiful. There is an eighteen-hole golf course near the Pierces. Remember that when you pack for the trip.

Reretired Dave **Fowler** keeps his lay minister hand in at a community Presbyterian Church. Not only that but our No. one jogger actually participated in an "over 40" three-mile event in the First Annual U.S. Masters Track and Field Championships in San Diego. He says he was not much competition for the pip-squeaks in their 40's and 50's.

The **Rosenbergs** keep in touch with the **Dunnes** and the **Stones** who live near them but spent their Christmas with their daughter in El Paso. Opie **Newman** is well enough to hunt or play golf almost every day!

Virginia **Post** spent Christmas with young Ed at Benning and reports that recovery from her "Hippieness" is a slow and boring process. The **Workman's** son, Jim, went to Germany in January to command a rocket Bn.

After pointing the finger of scorn at me for failing to bring Md. into Spiro Agnew's fold, Harriette **Pesek** tells us that Mark is still the Art Carney of Los Altos and is now being challenged by a racoon who has designs on the gold fish. She reminds us that Mark is pretty handy with a rifle and is predicting a sad end for the 'coon.

Joe **Smith**, Jim **Fry** and I were elected to the Board of the National Assn. for Uniformed Services at its first annual meeting. At its organizational meeting, the Board elected Fry as Pres. and Smith as Second V.P. We three commend NAUS to you and will be glad to answer any questions you may have about it.

The **Guevaras** are planning a trip to see their son. He has resigned from the Medical Corps of the Army and taken a position with a hospital in Santa Clara. Their son-in-law (Newberger '53) has just gone to Korea. The younger son is still with the A.A.A. here in Arlington.

Sass has retired from his teaching job because of hearing difficulties. He now plans to do more with his ham radio, W2BTH. By the way, he got into that hobby while he was in the Signal Corps when he shipped as a radio operator on a South American cruise while on leave.

Bill **Morton** writes that he and Dolly had a grand visit to Switzerland 11 Sept. to 2 Oct. though his angina did limit their activities. Bill visited some of his old haunts of his university days there in the 30's. During a visit from Trooper and Loriena **Price**, Bill had an attack but was cured promptly by a couple of jiggers of brandy from Trooper's bar in the luggage compartment of his car. The Prices topped off their visit by declining the Morton southern-style breakfast in favor of a jigger of brandy and diet medicine. Now you can get ready if Trooper comes your way!

A fall in the pantry while he was getting his breakfast put Dud **Roth** into the hospital in Oct. By mid-Nov. he was home but still required continuous medical attention, according to a note from **Scheetz.** At Christmas time Dud wrote he was planning to go to Marco Island, Fla., instead of Hilton Head this Feb.

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The **Buells** terminated their Avion trailer trip which I mentioned in previous notes by working their way back through Wash., Ore., and through Calif. via Sonoma, S.F., Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles and then on through Phoenix, Albuquerque, Memphis, Nashville and Atlanta to Lady Lake, Fla., their home podunk.

Lou **Barley** wrote Forestall **Adams** that reports of the 45th Reunion have fired him up for the 50th. He says he has not been East for 20 years. It was then he went to Los Angeles and got into the real estate business.

Harding wrote to Wendell **Johnson** that he went to the 50th reunion of his high school class at Stevenson, Wash. Harry is still in good form because what seems to have impressed him most was that among the nine survivors of that class of 13, was a gal who had been the plainest at 17, was a knockout at 67.

The **Gjelsteens** were planning to move into a new home in Sacramento by Christmas. Their daughter, Mary, 15, is taking violin lessons; son, Andy, 13, is working on a trumpet, something Einar thinks is needed in every neighborhood! Einar's eldest daughter, Ruth Ann, was a student at the Sorbonne during the strike period last year and gave me a most interesting description of those events. She is now in Frankfurt teaching English in the American High School. She had hoped to teach French after her year in France and because she had studied it while they were in Germany after W.W. II. She became proficient enough in German and French to act as interpreter for Russian officers at a social affair at French Hq in Baden-Baden.

At its 60th annual reunion in December, the Central High School Alumni Association of Washington, D.C., awarded Harry **Roper** a certificate of distinction given to graduates who "have achieved the highest goals in their chosen fields." Though Central High ceased to function as such in 1950, the Alumni Association is still flourishing.

Bill **Biddle** attended a change of command ceremony on the fourth Navy ship to be named after Nicholas Biddle, a brother of Bill's great, great-grandfather. Nicholas Biddle lost his life when his ship blew up in a battle with a British ship in 1778. Capt. Biddle was 27 years old at the time! The present USS BIDDLE has been around the world and has had service in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Post-Reunion Trippers — The 45th Reunion seemed to provide the occasion for extensive travels by a number of Classmates.

Gene and Karla **Harrison** made it to the West Coast and came back to Fla. via Washington, D.C., in the fall. Roy and Gladys **Foster** attended the International Convention of Kiwanis in Toronto. The **Heaneys** went to George's native haunts in New England before heading back to Fla. The **Pierces** visited a daughter-in-law in Atlanta, a son's family at Fort Sill, stopped at Dallas to see the **Chandlers** and the **Hertfords** and Mary **Cella** at Albuquerque, enjoyed their first visit to Santa Fe and Taos before they got to Calif. and found their new home.

After their trip to Reunion, the **Weikerts** took their grandchildren to the Montreal Fair via New York City, New England and Ottawa and back via Niagara Falls and the Corning Glass Ctr. Shortly after they got back they had to return to Md. for a nephew's wedding.

The **Biddles** took their youngest daughter, Christina, with them to Nantucket Island to recover from the strains of Reunion. Susan is working at Peace Corps Hq here. Daughter Harmon is a PanAm stewardess based in New York.

I've decided that in this issue I will not ask you to send in poop and to include glossy-print photos. But, if you feel so inclined, my address is at the head of the column.

'24

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It is my sad duty to report that Charlie **Dasher** died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, on 30 October. Services were held at Fort Myer Chapel on 4 November, and he was buried with full military honors in Arlington beside the grave of his father. The Class extends deepest sympathy to Helen and the family.

The Class held its Annual Meeting at the Army-Navy Club in Washington on 19 October. The officers elected for FY 1968-69 are: president, Raymond T. **Beurket**; 1st vice-president, James E. **Moore**; 2nd vice president, Herbert D. **Vogel**; secretary-treasurer, Monro **MacCloskey**. The following committees (chairman named first) were appointed by the president to act during the fiscal year: Ways and Means—**Polsgrove, Lanham, Peterson**; Entertainment—**Palmer, Royce, Smith, Bidwell**; Personal Service—**Hill, Davis, John**; Correspondence—MacCloskey, **Anding, Elmore**; Contact—MacCloskey, **Blanchard Sexton**. Chairman **Van Way** of the Reunion Committee reported the arrangements made for our 45th Reunion.

The cocktail-buffet dinner was attended by 76 classmates, wives, widows, and guests, including 23 from out of town. Susie and George **Smythe** were thrilled to be seated with classmates and/or wives who took part in their wedding in August 1924—Joe **Morris**, who was best man, Ben and Evelyn **Mesick**, and Janet **Berry**.

Deck and Erminie **Reynolds** were recently in Seattle for the commissioning of a new destroyer that their elder son, Roy, will command.

Pete **Hains** went to Texas to manage the Olympic Pentathlon team, and Ada joined him later in Colorado before they went on to Mexico City. Pete was disappointed in the showing of his team. Two of his top men were in Vietnam, and he is already at work building up a new team.

Ken **Strother** plans to attend our Reunion and has volunteered for any job that does not require being at West Point in advance. Although retired from RAND, Ken is retained as a consultant and is also much involved in community affairs, saving a little time for golf.

Russ and Janet **Moses** are also counting on coming to Reunion. Their youngest son, Maj. Geo. W., just returned from a second tour in Vietnam and is an instructor at Fort Rucker. Bill (William C.) is a Lt. Col. in Germany in the International Logistics Field Office.

Herb and Julia **Benz** left Bordentown, N.J., in August for their new home in Bradenton, Fla., where they joined the Jean **Scotts** and George and Fran **Crosby**.

Congratulations to Charlie **Meehan** who was recently promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Mathematics at Grove City College.

Pat **Pasolli** has won some kudos from the Delafield Fund for his contributions and his work in prepping prospective USMA cadet-athletes. He saw a gang at the ARMY-California game: The **Grimms**, Jerry **Sullivan**, Margaret and Tad **Tasker**, Dot and Wally **Merrill**, George and Mary **Duerr**, Denis and Betsy **Mulligan**, George **O'Neill** and daughters, D.D. and Gay Martin, George **Smith**, Bob and Oralee **Finlay**, and Charlie **Stevenson**. Charlie's book is now sold out.

George **Lightcap** will stop over in Washington on his way to Reunion. Afterwards he will embark for a 54-day North Cape cruise on the KUNGSHOLM.

Rupe **Graves** and family returned in late August from an extended Holland-American tour of Ireland, England, Holland, Spain, and Portugal.

Red and Ruth **Trew** are enjoying life with their two Scotties and watching their grandchildren grow up. Red is busy fishing, maintaining his boat, and "performing normal household chores"—on which he did not elaborate.

Peyton and Esther **McLamb** had a "camp-out" last summer in the Jenny Lake area of the Grand Tetons with their five young people. Even granddaughter Eve, who was not quite three, had a grand time.

Art and Rosalie **Trudeau** have returned to the Washington area following his retirement as president of the Gulf Research and Development Co. Art is hardly a bona fide retiree since he is still carrying on many business projects, including Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of North American Rockwell Corp.

Sandy and Jo **Goodman** attended a reunion of the 352nd AA Searchlight Bn in July in Sacramento. Sandy activated the 700-man unit in February 1942, and 122 attended the banquet, quite a tribute to its continuing morale.

In late July, C.S. and Peg **Raymond** held a mini-reunion in their home. The **Goodmans**, Bob and Ella **Stika**, Frank and Mary Beth **Gillette**, and Freddy Barth ('25) were there.

Pete **Shunk** provided the following rundown on his local classmates in El Paso:

Adams L.W. is completing 10 years with the Texas Highway Dept. since his retirement. He has a special assignment part-time at present, and he and Lucille keep on the go to the mountains and to California.

Miller R.L. and Madeline make a trip each summer to visit a daughter in Spain, and otherwise are just enjoying retirement.

Reardon W.J. and Frances find retirement keeps them busy just seeing friends, etc. Their daughter, Lucy, has been promoted to the position of buyer in a local department store.

Merkle E.A. and Ora grow marvelous garden things and fruits, including grapes for some very special wine. Ernie also does some oil painting, and Ora plays the organ to accompany his fiddle.

McGraw J.E. and Eleanor are engaged in getting their three children, who are just

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coming up to college age, through school. Eleanor does some substitute teaching, and Jim is still a devoted "ham" radio type.

Thompson F.J. and his wife are presently close to home base due to the illness of a family member. Frankie has been losing his vision for some time but is able to enjoy the races nevertheless.

Dugan A.D. and Dottie are also racing enthusiasts, and Patsy does well in picking winners, due to long experience no doubt. Their daughter is at home and is a civil service supervisor in transportation at Fort Bliss. Danny is a pilot, presently in Vietnam.

Hutchinson D.R. and Neppy are gardeners, with a little traveling on the side.

Shunk P.W. is "uneasily settling down to an almost fully retired status," but has given up work rather than fun. He and Mabel made separate visits to Germany to visit daughter Rosalie and her husband, Lt. Col. A.R. Baker, and one of their five children, in Heidelberg. Son William A. (VMI) is a Lt. Col. of Ordnance on duty in Korea, and Francis is a metallurgical engineer in Chicago.

Red and Mary Bruce **Mead** went to the promotion party of Sam Smithers Jr., ('50) at Hampton, Va., in early September. He was wearing one of Sam Sr.'s eagles on his green beret and was due to go to Vietnam. Later the Meads drove to Cambridge to visit their youngest daughter, Laura, and her husband, Jack Michael, then joined Betty and Ralph Tibbetts for a week on the shore at Rockport, Mass.

John and Mae **Hincke** returned in August from a most interesting and unusual tour of four Eastern European countries conducted by the Comparative Education Society. John teaches math at Georgetown U. Daughter Catherine (Major, WAC-Res.) is with the Army Signal Corps in Washington, and Caroline is at Leavenworth with her husband, who has just finished the regular course. John Jr. (Lt. Col.) ('54) has finished the 14th months' course at the Institute of Defense Analysis, leading to a Master's in Economics from the U. of Maryland, and is now at the Pentagon.

T.H. **Chang**, who has been living in Hong Kong and Macao for the last several years, had a prostate operation at Georgetown Hospital in Washington in May. He had to make a hurried return to Macao due to the sudden illness of his wife. One married daughter lives in Washington and another in Hong Kong, but his only son and a third daughter are still unable to leave Red China.

Tom **Malin** reports that Gwen is fine but that he had an accident that severed the tendon above the right knee. He is now able to function fairly well and is still active in Financial Estate Planning. They see Keg and Pat **Stebbins** frequently. Pat is a pillar of the local DAR.

Dorethé **Parmly** proudly reports the birth of her first great-grandchild, Lee Christine Gaul, on 3 June. Dorethé has 12 grandchildren.

Mary Margaret **Devens** frequently visits Blacksburg, Va., where her elder son, Lt. Col. W. George Devens Jr., (ret.) ('56) is on the V.P.I. faculty. The younger son, Maj. John W. ('58) is in Khorat, Thailand. Her daughter, Mary Ellen McCloskey, lives in Arlington. There are 16 Devens' grandchildren.

Bill **O'Connor** was a very welcome guest at the September Class luncheon. His son, Mortimer, was posthumously awarded the Silver Star with first oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with first oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with first through fourth oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart.

The '24 Ladies (Washington) had their fall luncheon on 2 October at the Kenwood Country Club. Agnes **John** and Bo **Craig** were the hostesses, and 23 attended. The Johns have two lovely daughters. Judy is a pre-med major at American U. and Phyllis is No. 1 in her class at the Alexandria School of Nursing.

Vi **Bonnett** has moved to St. Petersburg and bought a house on the water, where she will be close to her two granddaughters.

The West Coast contingent held its semi-annual party on 26 October at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. The **DuVals, Coombs, Malins, Stebbins, Frenches, Vaughns, Carpenters, Van Wyks, Bragans,** Mae **Elliott**, Corinne **Outcalt**, and Ruth **Robins** attended. The next party will be in April.

Max **Tracy** has had four tours in the hospital in 10 months, which he ascribes to "a 1902 model being a little passé in 1968." He and Betty have two remarkable daughters, both graduating Phi Beta Kappa with honors; Jeanne studied in Germany on a Fulbright scholarship later and is now teaching Russian at Indiana U. while working on her Doctor's in Slavic Languages. She speaks 11 foreign languages, and Lisa, who is working at U.N., speaks four.

The Washington Herdsmen have really kept Walter Reed in business lately. Noah **Brinson** was in for 10 days for diabetic treatment; Charlie **Palmer** had an extra tendon removed from his left wrist; Buck **Lanham** had a hernia repair; Charlie **Landon** had a prostate operation and must return for a double hernia repair; and John **Hill** had an intestinal obstruction removed that was caused by adhesions from a 1919 appendectomy!

Benny and Anne **Bennett** have returned to the U.S. after 18½ years in Chile and settled in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Dan **Hundley** sent no news with his dues check to cover the next 20 years, which speaks for itself.

Cy and Hallie **Caywood** had a fine time visiting their son, Pat, and his wife and the two young grandchildren in Salt Lake City last summer, but Hallie caught a bad cold on the way home which developed into pneumonia. While in Fitzsimons, a spot was discovered that necessitated the removal of a lung, but the operation was completely successful, and she is doing fine now. Pat received his Ph.D. from the U. of Utah in November and is now with Sandia Corp. in California.

Dorothy **Gamble** writes that Andy is in very poor health, and she is taking over for him.

Pete and Bobbie **Lee** attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Susan, to Edward Wolverton Merrow, son of the rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va. R.V. Jr. ('46) is a colonel and is commanding an artillery group in Vietnam.

Don't forget our 45th Reunion is coming up soon.

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A very impressive ceremony at Fort Meade on 15 Nov. in memory of Mike **Geraghty**. A very fine new housing area dedicated to Mike and named "Geraghty Village." Helen and daughter Joan are very nicely situated and both very busy.

It is with great regret that we report the passing of Alex **Dobak** whose interment was in Arlington early December. Quite a number of the family were here and many classmates present. Also sorry to report that Wilmer **Gullette** passed away in Mexico City.

Florence and Joe **Cleland** busy renovating their SW Virginia home, and Joe had a spell of illness which prevented their visiting the D.C. area this fall. They are planning Australia or back to Espana in early spring. Soap **Suttles** down from Dover this fall and **Devereaux** here for our 2 Jan. luncheon.

Zed **Emerson** seen by a few while here on business and wrote re a return visit soon when he hopes to have more time to spend with classmates. Ralph **Tibbetts** also here visiting daughter and family over the holidays.

Lani and Ernie **Holmes** here for a few days in October. They reported a grand week of salmon fishing in Vancouver preceding their trip to Brussels where they picked up a VW, toured London, then a week each in Ireland and Scotland. Probably Portugal come spring. Paulette and Johnny **Haskell** settled in Brussels, but our notes to them (also to **Hankin's**) returned "Service suspended" (Dock Strike!). John **Willems** reported as recovering from his heart attack.

Marion and Bill **Gillmore** spent the early summer in their cottage in the Trinity Alps where Bill claims to have really worked hard getting everything in shape. Then trout fishing in British Columbia and later more of the same in the Madison River, Montana. Bill plays golf with Bob **Howze** (when home) and lives almost across the street from Gerry Kelley (the latter has become an accomplished painter).

Walter **Bryte** spent a lot of time in Africa (Rhodesia, two Nat'l Parks, etc.) and brought back a lot of interesting stories and some rare pictures of many, many animals. Dave **Bradford** made a three weeks' junket to Florida (Key West, etc.) visiting the **DeArmonds** en route. They see the **Horners** and the **Riggins** in the SW area. Ralph **Bartz** has change of address and sees Dickson and Colby **Myers** at WP Society Luncheons. Don **Bailey** seems to have picked up the flu while on one of his trips then wound up with other complications which kept him in Walter Reed for several days.

We were told that our '25 Globe, in the West Point Library, had some TV exposure but we missed it—look for a re-run. Kay (W.) **Burns** gave a run-down on the five **Withers** boys, i.e., four in the service and the youngest, Ben (16) now a Jr in H.S. Seven grandchildren. Sam **Lansing** reported that his mother (aged 96) passed away in November. Sam had a seige in Valley Forge Hospital but writes that he is getting along fine now.

Swede **Underwood** also wrote that his mother passed away (aged 93) in August. Versa and Swede happy to have daughter

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Joyce and family back from the London job and now locating in Rhode Island. Genevieve and Johnnie **Johnson** have enjoyed many short trips in our great SW since Johnnie's retirement. G. in and out of Letterman Hospital a few times but now getting along nicely. They see the **Cannons, Longs, Deutermanns, Gillmores** and **Crombez** from time to time and are happy to be able to keep in close touch with their sons. Nettie **Black** visiting son (and classmates) in California.

Pop **Harrold** kept busy looking after his house and grounds plus some traveling. He was scheduled to spend the holidays with daughter Sally and family in Panama.

Art **Ruppert** reported change of address and also his plans to visit the D.C. area the latter part of this month (Jan.) or early February. Catherine and Red **Long** off to Honolulu 23 Dec. for an indefinite holiday with daughter Myra and her five children. Seems son-in-law has a guest house in addition to Staff Quarters at USARPAC.

Aggie and Porter **Kidwell** always write optimistically but never say just what Porter is up to. Dell **Hall** states she loves her Santa Monica home and is busy studying Spanish and taking ballet in addition to normal household duties. Sue **Heacock** keeps in touch with us but doesn't mention her activities.

Hopkins, Cole, Liwski and **Chamberlain** attend luncheons sporadically as they are tied down with their teaching profession. **Barnett** also teaches but somehow makes the most of our meetings.

The **Cabells** greatly enjoyed a visit to Honolulu where son "Chuck" back from VN for a short holiday. Son, Ben, now back from his tour of active duty in Turkey and now with the Securities Exchange Commission.

Maurice and Pep **Peploe** visiting daughter Betty and family in nearby Fairfax, Va., over the Christmas season. Anne **Damas** says son Steve is studying EE at URI and is in his junior year. She is still receptionist at the Vernon Court Jr College.

Claude **Black** is very much occupied as Chairman of a wilderness conservation group and is away (missing Class luncheons) frequently. Alice and Dave **Tulley** planning to visit the D.C. area in May for granddaughter's graduation from Holton Arms.

The **Steers** have a new address also and further report that Frank's father celebrated his 100th birthday before passing away in October. After finishing the school year in Oklahoma, they went back to Hawaii where they have very firm roots. Bessie and Bruce **Clarke** are on the go most all of the time. Bruce engaged in many activities and has frequent speaking engagements. During the summer their swimming pool used by some 15 neighborhood children all learning to swim.

Tom's finally got back on the "APO" mailing list by virtue of son, David, being employed by Uncle Sam. Ray spent eight weeks in the hospital and is now resigned to a quiet living. Daughter Raye-Liz, in her second year at Harrow Art College. Jean and Ernest **Suttles** in their new home in Smyrna, Dela. Russ **Randall** very much interested in a new job with Oceanography, Inc.

Sorry to report the passing of Dan **Crosland** in Dallas, Texas. Dan had lived for 20 years in Dallas and had established the Crosland Engineering Company in Crockett. He retired from his position as City Engineer in 1958. Virginia plans to remain in Dallas where she has a daughter and two stepdaughters.

Bee and Count **Cavelli** happy to have daughter Susan with them while husband (Capt.) in VN. Daughter Nora, a sophomore in the University. They enjoyed a Caribbean cruise in 1968 including Panama again for the first time since 1939.

Nancy and Al **Bowers** finally settled in Sun City, Ariz., where they neighbor with the **Frasers** (Frank addicted to golf). They first sampled Green Valley south Tucson where they contacted Gosco **Gose** by telephone. The **Rupperts** were in the D.C. area for a short visit but couldn't stay over for our 2 Jan. luncheon.

Buddy and Leif **Neprud** cruised to Panama and Jamaica via a United Fruit ship in March, then to Atlanta (daughter Joan and family) and then Houston for the HemisFair. They saw the longest baseball game in history (Astros vs Mets). Later to Big Bend Nat'l Monument which spot in the basin they rate as one of the most beautiful in the U.S. Lunched with Colby **Myers** and Russ **Finn** in San Diego. Due to sail on an Italian ship to the Mediterranean with 21 days stop over in Naples leaving New York 11 March. They are high on San Diego as they finally decided El Paso a bit too hot in summer. Leif's father (97 in February) boning eldest living graduate! Son-in-law at Fort Bliss building a plane in his garage.

Minnie and Dick **Clark** hung up a travel record (for them) in 1968, i.e., one month in eastern New Mexico and the Pecos River Lakes, then six weeks through N.Mex., Ariz., Colo., Wyo., and Utah visiting, sight seeing and fishing. Two trips scheduled for the winter season, including the West Coast, and later, Canada. They have had some success in marketing their articles, poems and fiction and have bought some property in northern N.Mex.

Jim **Boudreau** late with his holiday greetings as the flu put him in the hospital for a time. Son, Jeb, a first lieutenant and awaiting VN for which he volunteered. The **Steer** Christmas letter says living in Hawaii much, much cheaper than in Okla. Frank busy as escort and chauffeur to Aloha parties (as many as seven in one nine-day period). Toots still called out at the Royal Hawaiian for the Hula.

Charlotte **Freund** still with the Def. Comm. Agency but considering retirement next summer. Daughter Connie and husband (Col. Sterling) living in nearby McLean with their four children. Youngest daughter, Bobbie and family (four children also) in Springfield. Two busy families with many activities including: skiing, music lessons, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sunday School, and water skiing.

Pat **Henn** recently home from a Sea Tour of the Caribbean, Panama Canal, and Acapulco. The seas a bit rough. Whom should she have for a traveling companion but our Sally (Parker-N)! Last May Pat flew to Ohio, N.C., Ala. and Ga. to visit friends—now happy to enjoy the comforts of home for a time.

Evelyn and Ralph **Sears** speak of the quiet living in their land of Red Hills and no cotton. We know of the red soil in the S.C. area but didn't know Ralph was interested in cotton (excepting possibly "futures" for his brokerage firm).

Anne and Benny **Bennett** report family, i.e., Mary (20) a Jr at LSU; Bill (18) a freshman there; Betsy (16) and Margy (14) at St. Joseph's in Baton Rouge, and Mike (9) in the fourth grade. Anne doing homebound teaching and Benny the Yardman (3½ acres) doubling in Homework.

Despite the build-up to the blast-off of the **Roberts-Linkswiler** trek to the California game, we learn that Charlotte and Lit Roberts have had a rugged 1968. Although ever extolling the pleasures and friendships in Fla. come last summer and Charlotte undergoing surgery, then complications, then several days of intensive care followed by slow but fortunate steady recovery. Shortly afterwards Lit to a local hospital at midnight, intensive care, fear of cardiac, etc., but eventually back to regular tours on the golf course. Son Paul and family back from Europe, and Paul to VN! Daughter-in-law (Pat) and precious grandchild, after a nice visit, off to Jacksonville where Pat had received the best offer teaching in a senior H.S.

Ruth **Smith** is really enjoying her retirement and was off for the holidays to Lake Jackson, Tex., to visit daughter Koe and family. Betty and Roy **Barton** just recovering from the flu. Ray still in the investment real estate business but keeping his own hours. Elsie and Dwight **Harvey** keep in touch but apparently haven't been up our way for a long time—guess they really like Virginia Beach.

Ax **Devereaux** made the January luncheon (has a son in the Pentagon) and reports happily located in Ohio State. Naturally, after winning that terrific Rose Bowl game, ANYONE connected with Ohio State is both joyous and proud.

The Carolyn (P) and Jim Christiansen families really amaze us—with four pairs of children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Seniors made West Point last June. Individual accounts mention offspring of such well known names as Walker, Purdue, Klein, and Bolte. Despite their four generations we can raise them one by virtue of a niece with great-great-great grandchildren of her own! They win an uncontested first, however, on the age of Jim's mother—their second grandchild arriving on the birthday of Jim's mother at 105.

We close on this—keep those cards and letters coming!

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Deadlines-deadlines! It is now 5 Jan., and these Notes are due in the mail tomorrow! As you know, I missed the last deadline, but thanks to the fine work of Spud **Murphy,** Ralph **Osborne** and Vald **Heiberg** —also Marv **McKinney** and a few others, a very fine newsy column was produced and has already been in your hands for a week or so. Many thanks to all those who pinch-hit so well; maybe I ought to try that again soon!

The area scribes and a number of "loners" have been generous and on-time with the latest poop, and I shall proceed to distill it all to the best of my ability. Incidentally, this time (and for the first time, so far as I know) we have not one but two items of political interest. The first came to me via Bill **Hawthorne** in San Francisco from Vermont, and was most interesting; it concerns the widow of our classmate Clair **Conzelman** (who died of wounds suffered on the Japanese POW ship off the Philippines on 11 Jan. 1945). She is now Mrs. Deane C. Davis,

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wife of the newly elected Republican Governor of Vermont, who will take office shortly. He was formerly President of the National Life Insurance Co., and also a former superior court judge. She is very much interested in social welfare programs for Vermont, and was one of six wives of governors-elect who attended the Republican Governors Conference in Palm Springs, Calif., in mid-December – which attracted much attention in the Nation's press at the time – and which included President and Mrs. Nixon, of course.

The other concerns Ted **Wenzlaff**, who was appointed state senator by Nebraska governor Norbert T. Tiemann, to fill the unexpired term of a senator who was appointed to the State Railway Commission. Ted will represent the 32nd District until Jan. 1971. In the meantime, he has not been idle. The Nebraska Historical Society will include in an early issue of Nebraska History some translations made by Ted concerning the Germans from western Russia who settled in the middle west. Ted and Frieda live in Sutton, Neb., and are interested in knowing if any classmate has exceeded the Wenzlaff quota of seven grandchildren? (Ed Note: Yes, indeed, there are several who have!

An item which somehow escaped me and some others, occurred back in 1961 and I am proud to report it in this issue. It concerns the election into the National Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., of our popular and talented classmate Johnny **Roosma**, a 1st for any military man. The citation on the stain panel is quoted: "Graduated from Passaic HS 1921 and USMA 1926. All-State 1918-21; state tournament high scorer three years. Key man of the 'Wonder Team' which won 41 straight games, and called by Coach Blood Passaic's greatest. At West Point, he led Army team to 70 victories and only three losses, scoring 44% of the team's points, 354 in 1 season and over 1100 total. Won coveted Army Athletic Sabre as outstanding athlete. Scored game high of 28 or more points several times while starring as a defensive player." Also referred to as "Mr. Basketball of the Army"; the human dynamo that led Army teams to 33 consecutive wins; selected to various All-America teams, etc. As an aside, an eye-witness report of the presentation ceremony in 1961 between halves of a game in the Field House at USMA says that the loudspeaker system did not work and in the resulting confusion, the award plaque was first given to Vald **Heiberg**, who had escorted Johnny to the floor for the occasion!

Am glad to report some news on Bill and Hazel **Bayer**, who moved from Rochester, N.Y., to 510 Deal Lake Drive, Apt. H-12, Asbury Park, N.J., about a year ago, and are active and prominent in affairs around Fort Monmouth and vicinity. We attended a buffet supper party in their lovely apartment not long ago and can report they both look fine, what with golf, tennis and many social affairs to keep them busy. Bill is now well into his 3rd career as a Math teacher in the Shore Regional High School there. His 2d career terminated about a year ago as an Exec with General Dynamics in Rochester after ten years or so. As for Hazel, those of you who have known her well over the years, can only marvel (as do Connie and I) at her infallible system of remembering names, birthdays, anniversaries etc. with cards or packages, and ALWAYS ON TIME!

A brief note from Dick and Jane **McMaster** in El Paso was very welcome but not very newsy on their affairs. Dick said "Hi Ank, here are some interesting statistics on where the class is now living – California, 19; Florida, ten; Virginia, ten; Texas, New York and D.C., nine each etc.; one in Canada (Lis and Sybil **Plummer**) and one in England (Bo and Eileen **Riggs**)." He did not mention his own activities or news of Frank **Miter**, who has recently moved to Arizona some place – anyone know his new address and activities?

The Homecoming Game festivities, which were reported as an impending event in the last ASSEMBLY, turned out to be even better than predicted! The Game, the Class Party as guests of the **Heibergs**, and the Dinner Dance in old Washington Hall were all very well attended and highly successful. One couple there, not previously mentioned, and most welcome, were Church and Frances **Hutton**, up from Charlottesville, Va., for the weekend and to visit their two sons, both Army Majors, and both stationed at USMA now, Peter '58, in English, and Cuthbert '59 in Social Sciences. They are fine looking young men, and their parents are very proud of them. Incidentally, Cuthbert was a Rhodes Scholar after graduating from USMA. Both have been in SEA not long ago.

On Tuesday, 31 Dec., the last man in our Class on active duty – Vald **Heiberg** – was retired by act of law, and I have received a number of accounts as to the activities in December preceding that final day. One, from Red **Reeder**, is as follows: "Virginia and Red **Corderman**, Marjorie and John **Roosma**, and Dort and Red Reeder stood in the West Point Army Mess on Saturday, 14 Dec., when Lt. Gen. A.O. Connor, DC/S Personnel, U.S. Army, and the new Supe, M.G. Koster, pinned the DSM on Vald. Our MAN stood there like a soldier who had been selected to go into orbit. We are all proud of Vald and Evelyn, and all the things they have done for West Point and the Class. If the Heibergs can survive all the parties and ceremonies by their many admirers between now and the 31st when they depart for Virginia, they should be made to submit a study to Class Notes on the details as a matter of keen scientific interest." This ceremony was followed by a large luncheon for the Heibergs' many friends who could be there for the occasion in spite of the bad weather. Marvin **McKinney** reminded me that Vald had served 46½ years in the Army, starting with his entrance into the Academy, and that there is an extensive article in the Fall 1968 issue of ASSEMBLY, starting on page 26, which outlines his many important contributions to the academic as well as the athletic, religious, and social life at West Point. It is an excellent article and well worth reading.

After the 14 Dec. formation at the Mess, a bandbox review was held on the 18th, and Vald was honored by the reading of a citation from the First Captain "for 22 years' service to the U.S. Corps of Cadets." He was then presented with a cadet sword before taking his last active duty review of a regiment of the Corps. The final ceremony was held on 31 Dec., when he was officially retired from the U.S. Army, and the Superintendent, Gen. Koster, pinned on Val's shoulder the star of a Brigadier General, with his congratulations. So it's General Heiberg from now on! Vald and Evelyn have now moved to their new home at 6013 River Drive, Lorton, Va. 22079, which as I understand, can be reached from the Gunston Hall Exit of I-95, just south of Fort Belvoir, proceeding East about six miles to the Potomac river, then the 1st house on the bluff after turning right. Freddie **Munson** tells me the Washington contingent are welcoming them to their area with open arms – as they have just done to Rod **Smith**, who now lives at 6833 Pacific Lane, Annandale, Va., from "Tower West, Blvd East, West N.Y., N.J." – how's that for an address?

To finish up the news of the West Point and nearby area, Marvin **McKinney** has sent some items about Tommy and Edwina **White** in Hackensack – Tom has recently retired from his long-time job with ITT and now has a local job to keep him busy; Red and Dort **Reeder**, busier than ever with his writing – are going on a D-Day plus 25 year tour in May to England and Normandy, where they will stand on the beaches with other members of the 4th Inf. Div. at a special ceremony of the famous landings; Harvey and Stell **Kane**, now fully retired and living the quiet life in Cornwall on the banks of the Hudson; Roy and Elsie **Herte**, also in Cornwall at #1 Jean Pl, where Roy is very active caring for their lovely house and grounds, while Elsie is on the go with Gray Ladies at W.P., bridge and family visits; and finally Jim and Helen **Wheaton** in Cornwall at 36 Grand View Ave., with their various activities and family affairs.

Apparently, this whole colony is very active socially, what with cocktail parties, dinners etc., plus many visitors as a result of their proximity to West Point and the Officers Mess, really too numerous to recount. The Wheatons have two sons in the Army, and recently both were in SEA. The oldest, Jim Jr., USMA '50, just returned from a Bn Cmd over there, and is now at C&GSC, Leavenworth, while young Bob, '55, is still over there. I have a newspaper clipping of Jim Jr.'s exploits in Vietnam – headed "Cong Routed, Weapons Cache found by Wheaton's Troops." It describes his Bn activities in and around Hue recently, where they caught a NVA Regt by surprise and totally overran its Hq, "some of them doing laundry and others cooking dinner when they saw us coming. It was fantastic. We hurt them badly, and they scattered and ran" etc. Quite an operation apparently!

A couple of short items from Red and Virginia **Corderman** (they have 11 grandchildren) includes a description of their recent trip to Florida to attend the Retired Officers Ass'n annual convention, where Red turned over the Presidency to his successor Vice Adm. Smeddy Smedberg (USNA '26) after four years as the leader of this organization. Red has done a great job for us all and was greatly admired because of the way he pulled everyone together in a previously oft-divided group. They of course saw a lot of Maurice and Ruth **Condon**, as the convention was held in Clearwater, and then went on down to Key West before returning to Red Bank.

I have a fine round-up of news from both Ralph **Osborne** and his Texas area, and Spud **Murphy** and the entire West Coast; however, because of the volume which came in from various individuals and other areas, have decided to hold theirs until the next deadline. In checking them over I find there is little that is really perishable – and I hope no feelings are hurt! Again, many thanks to them especially for taking care of the last issue.

Necrology – Col. Shelton Ezra (Ez) **Prudhomme**, USAF (Ret), classmate, died 10 Aug. 68 in Tipp City, Ohio; cause and de-

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tails unknown. Had long-time service in Air Force Air Development and Air Materiel Commands, incl. Hawaiian Air Dept, WW II, for which he received LM and BSM.

Col. John Cline (Strick) **Strickler**, USA (Ret), Classmate, died in Walter Reed Hosp 21 Oct. 1968, after long illness (acute uremia). Survived by wife, Flossie Davis Strickler, two brothers and three grandchildren. Services in Fort Myer Chapel and burial Arlington Cemetery 24 Oct.; pallbearers **Barbour, Collins**, Connally, **deShazo, Johnson**, L.W., **Munson, Nelson, Sims.** Also present, **Barney, Ehrgott, Furman, Halversen, Smith** and several wives.

Col. Robert Charles (Bob) **Ross**, USA (Ret), Classmate, died 11 Dec 1968 in Veterans Hospital, Pompano Beach, Fla., of an apparent stroke. He had previously suffered a severe stroke for which he was retired in 1954. Military services and burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Pompano Beach, with Dick and Northa **Mayo** representing Class. Survived by wife Mary and son Bob Jr., 16, of 2920 NE 23rd Pl., Pompano Beach. Since retirement, has been active in local civic affairs, President of Rotary, Boy Scouts, Past Cmdr. American Legion Post, President of Centennial Celebration Organization etc.

That's all for now; next deadline is 25 March, right after Founders Day dinners.

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It is again necessary to bring sadly to the attention of those of the Class who may not have read it the fact of two sudden losses from our ranks, those of Philip DeWitt **Ginder** and Guy Stanley **Meloy** Jr.

P. D. **Ginder** died after a very brief illness in New York City of 7 Nov., with interment at West Point on 13 Nov. The condolence of the Class is extended to the survivors: his wife, Jean Dalrymple Ginder; two daughters, Mrs. Alan Caldwell and Mrs. Benjamin Dew, both of San Francisco, and two grandchildren.

Stan **Meloy** died after a short illness at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, on 14 Dec., with interment at Arlington National Cemetery on 17 Dec. Stan is survived by his Therese, by three sons: Lt. Col. Guy S. Meloy III, Springfield, Va.; William Meloy, Cincinnati, O.; and Major John Meloy, Fort Ord, Calif.; and by five grandchildren. To them goes the condolence of 1927.

The Long Gray Line is the sturdier for the addition of these two fine soldiers and classmates whom we shall always recall with fondest memories.

Now to turn to the letters that had arrived by deadline. From down New Mexico way came a welcome one from Harry **Paxson**, who has finally concluded that burgeoning taxes and nerve-wracking academic administrative problems at Vanderbilt University had "become increasingly severe on nerves, sleep, and enjoyment of the BONA VITA." Therefore on 1 Sept. he retired. He and Peggy forthwith resettled in the "Land of Enchantment" in Hacienda Redonda, or "Fort Adobe" as they title it – "it looks like something out of the Pancho Villa era" – relaxing, walking, and building an amateur radio station ((WA5-WBN). Pax wrote enthusiastically, indeed, of "enjoying the peace, the solitude, the mountains, the coyotes and rattlesnakes, and the grandeur of the new home." Nearby are the Rio Grande river and Sandia Peak to add further attractive geographical features. For vital statistics, Pax claims six grandchildren: four with daughter Nancy in Louisville, Ky., and two with daughter Alice in Opelika, Ala. He particularly wants to see some classmates, now that he has more time away from the university whirl, and seeks a buyer for a next-door "spare acre of sagebrush and tumbleweed; price, reasonable; view, superb; solitude, excellent; climate, unexcelled anywhere; natives, friendly." The new permanent address of the Paxsons is P. O. Box 447, Corrales, N. M. 87048.

An ex-'27 that many will recall with fond memories, certainly those of us in Companies E to H, John Barton **Bell** has reported in after long silence. J. B. or "B. J.," the leading light of The Title Insurance Co., Boise, Idaho, for many years, has finally decided to relax. His and Velda's principal problem seems to be where and in how many places to settle, in order to be sure of "something to do other than twiddle my thumbs," as he put it. Flying his airplane for years, he will doubtless keep that for greater mobility toward "spring training baseball games in Phoenix, Mesa, or Palm Springs."

The first of Washington Area Christmas travelers to report in was Bert **Holtzworth.** He and Caroline departed Washington weather, touched at Pinehurst's golf course (for a "couple of 96's") and then proceeded to Sea Island, Ga., and a course of troublesome sand traps. After New Year's, their plan was to journey to San Antonio for a couple of weeks of Texas viewing before return. This jaunt would be a first, for Bert regrets that he "was never lucky enough to get a post in Texas. We always seemed to be located on the banks of the Yukon under the cold Northern Star, possibly due to an ill-advised crack I made to TAG some 35 years ago."

Our class attendance at Navy Game was apparently limited to Woody and Jean **Burgess**, Jimmy and Marion **Collins**, and Ray **Bell.** As Ray observingly states, "TV is a great temptation." Our representatives, however, did a good job from the stands, by doubtless urging on that fine pass by O'Toole which did what was necessary. Jack **Spurgeon**, "almost too old to stand the strain," sent in a big "RRRRRR-MAY" cheer of victory and the reminder of our first Navy game, 25 Nov. 1923, resulting in a barren 0-0 score on that wet and muddy Polo Grounds.

Another fall trip of note was that of Charlie and Ev **Bixel** to the West Coast and Hawaii, although Ev got most of the time out of Washington, apparently. They visited daughter Dabney in San Francisco and friends in Honolulu, including Hutch and Esther **Hutchison.**

From available seasonal communiques fragmentary selections may provide some noteworthy information. Ray **Bell** was "thinking of a trip to Brazil in January." Dotty and Blair **Garland** were to come up from the South through the D. C. in April. Stu and Mary **Wood** were enjoying a Christmas visit with son Stu Jr., USMA '50, and family at Colorado Springs. Bob and Natalie **Aloe**, usually limiting their travel "to trailer rallies in Michigan," were eyeing a trip to the Bahamas over the New Year and even prospecting on retirement in "a couple of years." Jimmy and Marion **Collins** had had a big year, with perhaps a high point being "two weeks in Geneva, five days divided between Rome and Naples," while Jimmy met with the Standing Commission of the International Committee of Red Cross and Marion "dashed sightseeing in the heat." Mac and Helen **McKinney** had much of interest, with both well, and Mac dieting so that nothing fits except "handkerchiefs and umbrella." They reported enjoying seeing in October, Jim and Merritt **Green** and Howell **Jordan.** Tom and Marg **McManus**, in a McManii Report, exulted over an October trip to the Orient – Japan, Hong Kong (they DID NOT bring back that flu!), Angkor Wat, and Tom's "Japanese masseuse" – and a new grandson James Mathew. Sallie and Uppie **Upthegrove** seem to have acquired a real antique in the purchase of the old L. and N.R.R. stationhouse at Gautier, Miss., and its subsequent removal to their property and embellishment and conversion into Sally's "studio and hobby retreat." Larry and Ethel **Kuter** report much less annual travel than usual, with only two trips out and both to England: one for the Farnborough Air Show and the second to the Golden Anniversary Ball celebrating the 50th year of the Royal Air Force. Larry is now "Mr. Inside," or "Pan Am's Number 3," in the new T/O position of Executive VP. They spent Christmas with daughter Roxane Williamson and family at Austin, Texas. They reported sadly that Captain Sam **Deichelmann**, son of our Dike, on his third consecutive voluntary tour in Vietnam, was missing in action, and that brother Lt. Steve had led the search for him. Paul and Mary **Berrigan** reported doing "less and less," with Paul ceasing teaching in June and Mary keeping quiet watch on pooches Rough and Ready. Dutch and Donnie **Holland** reported Ray **Curtis** as "fine," and Bob **White** as "stopping by and enjoying his university work." The Hollands are thinking about "moving further south to be free of smog and some other things in L. A." Mac and Jean **Miller** had the new experience of having freshman son Rusty home for Christmas in Chevy Chase, Md.

With apologies for those neglected through downright carelessness or something or for errors of fact or typing, the Scribe comes to the end of this Winter column. Again – write! Get the poop in! I need it by 20 March, but it can be used at other times. And if you do go out to picket or demonstrate at corner, campus, or cloister, please see that the photographers get a clear picture!! A good summer – !

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The Class suffered the loss of two members to the Long Gray Line in ghostly assemblage since the last ASSEMBLY, Tom **Nelson** on 1 October at the Veterans Hospital after a prolonged illness and Johnny **Samford** on 21 November at Andrews AFB hospital. Both rest in Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to flowers, the Class was represented by many more than enough for honorary pallbearers. We all extend sympathy to Chris and Betty.

On 4 October the Washington group met at Fort Myer for lunch, 15 in attendance as follows: **Billingsley, Boatner, Butchers, Gavan, Haskell, Lane**, T.A., **Maxwell, Mundy, Oakes, Olive, Seeman, Sirmyer, Tate, Totten** and **Walter.** On 6 December the group had a dinner at Fort McNair to

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which class widows were invited as guests: Betty **Daley**, Ann **Fritzsche** and Jo **Wyman** attended along with Bill and Myrtle Billingsley, Maury and Julie **Cralle**, Paul and Ann Gavan, Tommy and Jean Lane, Andy and Pidge **McNamara**, Fred and Olive **Maxwell**, George and Sue Mundy, Ray and Sally **Raymond**, Skip and Marge Seeman, Ned and Kitty Sirmyer, Lee and Cornelia **Tarrant**, Bob and Lucy Tate, Jim and Nelle Totten, John and Harriette **Upham**, and Mercer and Mabel Walter. The "flu" prevented some from attending such as the Oakes, and Bryant Boatner, Natalie **Brentnall** and a few others had a prior commitment at Bolling AFB.

Tom **Wells** sent in a clipping from the 15 December issue of the OMAHA WORLD HERALD showing Rosy **O'Donnell** dressed as Santa seeing Bob Hope off to Vietnam and added a comment "I wonder if his Command ever saw him in this light?" Rosy participated in the Rose festivities on the West Coast and also in the Inaugural program in Washington, so he's still covering the territory. Will **Tunner** is too, for he was off on a consultant job to the Far East during the fall.

The following notes were gleaned from the Christmas mail: Russ and Sunny **Blair** spent some time in Mexico and have decided to settle there after retirement from Culver in 1971. While visiting there, they saw Bob **Warren** on the golf course at Chula Vista and visited his apartment in Chapala. They later visited Orlando and saw Bill and Marge **Caldwell** who live in Maitland. Walter and Martha **Staley** are still interested in horses for their card included a picture of their backyard showing three of them looking over the fence. Roger and Florence **Goldsmith** spent September in Chattanooga visiting his daughter. Steve and Janet **Reynolds** spent a week in Miami in December and has also visited the Bahamas, doing some deep sea fishing and dreading the return to the north country. Jack and Miriam **Hinrichs** had their entire family together at their ranch, enclosing a picture of two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandsons. Carl **Sturies** reported that he saw **Staley**, **Halterman** and **Smyser** at the ARMY-Missouri game. Carl is president of the Central Illinois West Point Society. Bob and Mary **Butler** are still enjoying life on Cape Cod. Norm and Jane **Webb** were on their way to an extended tour to the South Seas and Australia. Sam **Myers** took his grandson to the A-N game, reports seeing **Denniston**, **McNamara** and **Houseman** there. Gopher **Coverdale** still with the Convention Bureau in Chicago and hopes to stay for two more years. Doug and Mabe **Ludlam** still raising Irish terriers in Maryland; Mabe had a minor accident but has fully recovered. Tom and Ann **Wells** toured the northwest after Reunion then returned from Hawaii to the mainland for a wedding in the family. Bill and Myrtle **Billingsley** visited the **McLemores** in Front Royal early in December; Eph and Betty enjoying good health and the quiet life.

Fran **Boos** wrote from St. Petersburg that north in summer and south in winter is now passé for him and Ethel; now Florida is it with a new home a-building at 780 119th Ave., Capri Isle, Treasure Island, Fla. 33746 as of February 1969. In about two years a plan to retire from his third career is in the cards for Lew and Amy **Vincent** having bought "the" place in New London, N.H. Okie **O'Connell** reported the sad news of loss of his wife Rosemary on 21 September. Fred **Anderson** had some more surgery the past year according to Skip **Harbold** and Bus **Briggs** (in Washington for Johnny **Samford's** funeral) and reported doing well. Hank **Everest** came up to Andrews AFB hospital "involuntarily" in November from Myrtle Beach for treatment of a circulatory ailment. Al **Molner**, from Palmetto, Florida, ('til April 1969) writes "Sorry to have missed the 40th, will try to make the 45th, didn't recognize many in picture." Don't let that worry you, Al, many others of the class don't either! You've had a full career, too, in the Army and industry. Walt and Ruth **Simon**, of the few who made the 40th from California, wrote "looking forward to the 45th." Jerry and Toni **Smyser's** son Michael on the Dean's list at Hudson-Hilton; will this be, perhaps, our last Class son? Also, Tom **Van Natta**, on a business trip from California visited them in St. Louis during December. Scribes stand by for a possible change of address for Bob and Eleanor **Fleming** contemplating California since the tragic death there of a son-in-law last year. Bob still much interested in Panama, being invited around the country to discuss problems there. They were in Panama for the new president's inauguration for enjoyable reunion with old friends, but not on hand for the coup which followed shortly.

Come in, you scribes, with all the news that's fit to print, you have our address!

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This will be mostly about the 40th. The response to the first Reunion Letter was magnificent — but not entirely satisfactory. (In case you hadn't heard, "satisfactory" means "perfect" to your Reunion Comte. We're all perfectionists around here. Something like the old Army Service Forces in WW II: "The difficult we do at once. The impossible takes a little longer." Illogical, but admirable.)

"Magnificent?" Some 99 and 44/100 percent — including many widows — responded to the dues request. Class fund now very healthy. To celebrate your generosity, your Reunion Comte had an extra martini or three (Paid for by you? You'll never know, really; you'll just have to trust us.) at the last Comte luncheon at the A & N Town Club.

1929: Kirkpatricks on safari in Africa.

"Not entirely satisfactory?" Some 50 of us have not yet replied.

REPLY STATISTICS: Some 85 of us have present firm intentions of attending the Reunion. Some 13 say "Possibly." Some 49 say "Sorry, No."

As for the non-respondents, get your reply cards in the mail. ("Those who have not done so will do so immediately.") And for all attendees, get your reservations in to the Newburgh Holiday Inn or elsewhere, or try to scrounge a house-guest invitation from some newly found close intimate friend living in the Hudson Valley. It's going to be a whale of a Reunion. And who knows where you'll be at the time of the 50th. Just think about that. Our cheerful thought for the day.

REUNION SPECIFICS: **Firm intention attendees** (with name of spouse if on record — although this info does not guarantee attendance — and with an occasional pertinent, or impertinent, comment): Charlie **Allan** (Myra). Bill **Bowyer** (Kitty). Brews **Brewster** — all the way from Suffolk, England, yet. Larry **Brownlee** (Mershon) — Larry's cobalt treatments are keeping him in good shape. George **Bush** (Helen). Red **Calloway** (Marian) — both were in fine spirits at the D.C. Gp winter cocktail party. Paul **Caraway** (Della) — Paul is now teaching Business Law three days a week at Benjamin Franklin U. here. He recently took over a class on the stock market for an ill instructor. "I don't know anything about it," said Paul, "but I can talk about it." He is not alone.

Chan **Chandler** (Jo) — all the way from Hawaii. Nell and I hope they will visit us en route. Joe **Colby** (Margaret). Pinky **Conner** (Marion). On vacation in Rockport, Mass., with son George and family, the Conners by chance saw a great deal of Russell and Kitty Alspach. Russ, now a BG, Ret, whom many of you will recall from earlier Reunions as the Head of Dept. of English and next-door neighbor of the **Lincolns**, is teaching at the U. of Mass. The Alspachs we have taken into '29, although Russ is a formal honorary member of an earlier class. We hope they come to our 40th. They have been invited.

Bob **Cook** (Mary). George **Coolidge** (Jerry). Chick **Cooper** (Polly). Ed **Cruise** (Noreen). Fred **Dent** (Corra Lynn) — our Fla. gulf coast rep. See **Doubleday**, below. Lank **de Reimer.**

Shug **Doubleday** (Charlotte). Sugar and Charlotte took a vacation near Eglin AFB, where son Bob is a GS 13 electronicker, "for Gramp and Gramma to see the children." Through a circuitous chain of letters, involving Shug, Mich **Roth**, and **Dent**, I have info that Sugar phoned Dent from Eglin "just to make sure he'd get his name in ASSEMBLY." (It's easier than that, Shug. All it takes is a penny postal to me.) Shug is Commissioner of Aviation, Oneida County, N.Y., and signs after his name "A.A.E." Dent says this stands for Almost An Engineer.

Phil **Draper** (Ethel). Tommie **DuBose** (Rose). Paul **Elias** (Marion). Fate **Fagg** (Ginny). Ruddy **Fink** (Martha). Jim **Gavin** (Jean). Bill **Ghormley** (Marge). Don **Graul** (Maggie). The Grauls recently spent six weeks in Europe on a Grand Tour by air, rail, and hired car, all planned to the minute — and I mean minute — by Don himself. On their return they arrived here at National Airport within a half-hour of the time they said they would. Don took leave from his COMSAT job to show Maggie the Europe

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(and much more) where he spent over three years during WW II. The trip was, in Maggie's own word, "deveen."

Larry **Guyer** (Billie). Bill **Hall.** Bill **Hamlin** (Ruth). John **Hammond** (Mary Lee) – still with that prize-winning beard? Jim **Hannigan** (Doris). (Tom Hannigan '70 has been joined in the Corps by a class son in the Class of 1972 – Thomas **McNerney,** son of Allen and Gladys, the third McNerney son to attend WP.)

Hayden, E. C. Ernie **Heidland** (Davie), Jack **Horner,** Master of The Mells Hunt. Jack **Horton** (Virginia). Bo **Hubard** (Ina). Stan **Jones** (Fran) – in addition to practicing law, Stan was recently considering a business venture, "Thirty-Three Flavors," à la Howard Johnson's. George **Keeler** (Miriam). Kirk **Kirkpatrick** (Edie Wee) – they say their African safari was purely photographic. Son Terry, Maj. W.T., '61, is back from Vietnam and on duty at WP. Kirk's brother John, found at our Plebe Christmas, became USNA '31 and retired as R Adm. Doby **Kraft** (Marty).

Ed **Lasher** (Alice) – it can now be revealed that Ed and Alice will be our hosts for cocktails preceding the Class Dinner at the WPAM on Fri. 30 May. Abe **Lincoln** (Freddie) – the Lincolns planned to entertain the class for cocktails at their quarters preceding the Alumni Dinner Dance on Thu. 29 May, but this has been overtaken by the announcement of Abe's retirement from the Army and his appointment by President Nixon to be Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Congratulations to Abe and Freddie and welcome to the D.C. Gp. Nixon's gain is our loss, to c. a ph., at the 40th. (Shucks, now we'll have to buy our own drinks before the Alumni shindig. All you guys who voted for Nixon know who to blame.) In the Washington pecking order, the position of Dir of OEP, while not formally at cabinet level, can be – and probably will be, under Abe – at super-cabinet level. He is within the Executive Office of the Pres and is a statutory member of the Nat Sec Council, now about to be revified by the new Rep Admin.

Jupe **Lindsey** (Judy) – as Class Veep, Jupe will of course MC the entire Reunion. Dexter **Lowry** (Mary). Nelly **Lynde** (Trudie). Hugh **Mackintosh** (Bonnie). George **McAneny** (Connie) – among the WP locals. George now teaches World History at Cornwall H.S., and has developed a highly successful soccer team from nothing, after two years of effort.

Mac **McClelland** (Nita). Bill **McCulla** (Dot) – the McCullas have put their Cape Cod inn on the market. Dot has had a gall bladder operation and developed a minor heart condition, which is controllable, but they are reducing their responsibilities anyway. Warren **McDermid** (Betty) – now a retired Sears executive. Tom **McDonald** (Marion) son Tommy, Major '57, now a student at Leavenworth, received the LM for his Vietnam service. Congratulations. Andy **McKeefe.** Hank Mac **McKenzie** (Patsy). Bob **Meyer** (Lee). Whitside **Miller** (Maxine). Herb **Milwit** (Ida).

Nick **Nichols** (Jackie). When asked how he and Jackie enjoyed Moscow and Leningrad on their trip to the World Power Conference, Nick replied: "I liked caviar before we went to Russia, I liked caviar in Russia, I liked caviar after we left Russia. You may quote me." And I have. I always quote daring political and social comments. (P.S. Jackie says Russia made Nick really appreciate her native France for the first time.)

Pat **O'Hara** (Betty) – "First time back to WP since the 25th." John **Phillips** (Sara) – on their Christmas card Sara said: "We've reminded every classmate on our card list to meet us at the 40th. Now I hope to hell we make it." Our sentiments exactly, Sara. Jim **Quill** (Lou) – they move from Syracuse to Hilton Head Island, S.C. in Aug. '69. Second retirement. Joe **Ranck** (Celie). Kai **Rasmussen** (Emma) – from Spain or Florida? Rennie **Renshaw** (Eileen). Mich **Roth** (Martha). Tom **Sands** (Renée) – our luncheon hosts on Fri 30 May at "Sengen", Cornwall-on-Hudson. Maps will be provided.

Jeff **Seitz** (Royce) – the Master of the Manor of Hi Tor, Old Branchfield Rd., Ridgefield, Conn. Jim **Sladen** (Marge). Freddy **Smith** (Martha) – their youngest son, postwar issue, is now a freshman at Duke. Paul **Steinbeck** (Jo). Frank **Steadman** (Florrance). Jimmy **Stephenson** (Lois). Hugh **Stevenson** (Mable). Jack **Stone** (Nina) – he's the class Champion Grandpop – 15 total, 10 boys, 5 girls. Jack is also a coming golfer. (One of the arts of writing is ambiguity.) Marshall **Stubbs** (Harriet). Danny **Sundt** (Ruth). Swede Eric **Svensson** (Tet). Charlie **Tench** (Virgie) – from N'Awlins, where they recently had a visit with the **Wetzels,** who boarded a Chinese freighter there, bound for Hong Kong.

Merle **Thompson** (Ella). Paul **Thompson** (Elfriede). Bill **Thompson** (Nell). Herb **Vander Heide** (Dot). Slim **Vittrup** (Muriel). Bob **Ward** (Midge) – the Wards were in the D.C. area for the holidays and saw Dick **Wentworth** (Isabel). The Wentworths themselves recently had a flying Red Carpet trip to the 5th Inf Div at Fort Carson, Colo., commanded by an old friend; to the AF Academy; and, for Dick, a conducted tour of NORAD Hq under that mountain out there.

George **Wilde.** Weary **Wilson** (Jeanne). Jim **Winn** (Molly). Weary and Jim plan to occupy a room in barracks with Ed **Lasher.** In the 1st Div, no doubt. Maybe a good place for us all to rendezvous.

WIDOWS: Carol (Mrs. Charles T.) **Arnett.** Thelma **Taylor** (Mrs. Richard E.) Russell, Tom Taylor's widow and again a widow (Russell '23).

POSSIBLES: Larry **Bork** (Betty). Dave **Brown** (Irma Jane). Bill **Bullock** (Missy). Freddy **Chaffee** (Winnifred) – if his fine progress continues. He's out of Walter Reed now. Paul **Harkins** (Betty). Joe **Horridge** (Jean). Tiny **Jark** (Caroline – the former Caroline Miller Burns, sister of our Whitside.) P.K. **Morrill** (Kay). Wayland **Parr** (Marion). Howard **Pearson** (Pete). Pearl **Robey** (Mary Louise). Bud **Sprague** (Kathryn).

NEGATIVES AND NON-RESPONDENTS: shall remain nameless, in general, but a few items on some: **Armstrong.** Reunion coincides with final exams at the McCallie School. Son Alan, Major, '61, is stationed at WP, teaching French. **McKee.** Reunion conflicts with son's graduation from Harvard. **Samuels.** "Just getting old and lazy." (Andy's ninth grandchild arrived recently. He's Champion Grandpop of the SF Bay Area and still hopeful of overtaking **Stone.** Nevvah Hoppen.) **Theimer.** He and Grace will be on a trip to the Far East. Class President Don Zabriskie **Zimmerman** recently retired from his Boeing job, is moving, and will be occupied with his U. of Oregon reunion.

SOME D.C. GP ITEMS: Gee **Chard** was on a trip to Florida and missed the winter cocktail party, but Senta **Bell** and Georgie **Ostrand** made it, both looking as pretty as ever. Fama **Maulsby** is now back in California with her brother and family there. Fama has had serious facial bone surgery, but was in fine spirits and looked lovely when I ran into her recently. Tom and Eileen **Hammond** have returned to this area and are living in Bethesda.

John Lloyd **Person** died at Walter Reed on 3 October 1968 after a long struggle with a bad heart, a stroke, and lung cancer. The services at Arlington attested to Jack's position in Engineer civil affairs. The large group of honorary pall bearers, mostly civilian, included prominent associates from Capitol Hill and from the world of public works and civil engineering. Rennie **Renshaw** flew down from New York for the funeral. Besides Rennie, the military pall bearers were Wheeler '11, and Cassidy '31, past and present Chief of Engineers, Bennett W.C., Nov '18, and Hall W.C. '31. The class sends its deep sympathy to Beth Person and to Jack Jr., '57, now a civilian with IBM in Chicago. Beth Person's address is 10401 Grosvenor Place, Rockville, Md. 20852.

Jack **Callery's** wife Margaret (Peg) died of cancer in Largo, Fla., on 14 October 1958 and was buried here in Arlington a few days later. Jack's address is 3024 Renatta Dr., Largo, 33540. The class extends its deep sympathy to Jack and his family.

Tragedy has struck Tony and Fran **Costello** again. Their youngest child, daughter Erin, age 18, died in Sarasota, Fla., on 19 November 1968 from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was buried at Fort Benning beside her brother, Capt. George Simonds Costello, a casualty of the Vietnam war. Our deep sympathy goes to the Costellos once again.

Tragedy has also come to Slim and Muriel **Vittrup.** Their son, Dr. John F. Vittrup, died suddenly on 28 December 1968 of acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis while visiting his parents in Alexandria. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial was in Culpeper National Cemetery. Young Vittrup, age 35, had served in the Army Medical Corps and had become a major before he resigned in 1965 to go into private practice in Newport Beach, Calif. He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth Barr, a daughter, Frances Muriel, and a son, Russell Lowell Vittrup II. The Class extends its deep sympathy to the Vittrup family.

Johnny **Theimer** reports from the SF Bay Area that they welcomed Glen **Williamson** from San Mateo to their latest group luncheon. Glen's writing projects have been delayed by exploratory major surgery on his (I quote him) "ample mid-section," which found nothing malignant, but did deprive him of some gallstones he'd been used to for twenty years and decorate him with some beautiful external embroidery. He's making a good recovery.

Regretfully, Doc **Kearney** has made no improvement and has now been moved into Letterman. Just before that, he sent Johnny a warm note declining the luncheon and extending holiday greetings to all. Lois **Carey** had surgery in December, and George says she's doing well. Ducky and Martha **Hail** have had their first grandchild, and **Theimer** has computed the Bay Area grandchild average to be 3.36 per '29er. Johnny always did love to figger – that's one thing that made him such a fine Artilleryman.

This is the last issue that will reach you before the 40th. Nell and I hope to see you there. Take care. Nothing is as easy as it used to be. I speak with all the wisdom

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of one who has finally, late last summer, attained the age of 60. When I have made it, all of us have made it. Sorry to be so retarded, but it was unavoidable. (Freddy **Smith**'s parents planned things perfectly, he says. He attained age 17 on 30 June '25 and entered WP as a plebe the next day.)

The spring D.C. Gp stag luncheon will be held on 23 April at the Army Distaff Hall, in the fine old mansion on the grounds. It will be followed by a **Lindsey**-conducted tour of the Hall. (Tour attendance voluntary.) Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us if you happen to be in the area. We want to see you.

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At long last we have yielded up the lone "holdout" in our active ranks. With the retirement of Bob **Porter** as CINCSOUTH the Class will have to exercise its influence through other than official channels. Bob's career has been a distinguished one, his last assignment notably important and, as usual, handled with exceptional competence. He and Margaret will live in what they call their "cabin" at Middle River, Hood, Va. 22723, just a couple of hours drive from Washington, so we shall hope to see something of them in this area. In any case, we wish them every well-earned fruit of happiness and contentment in their retirement.

Bartlett's Christmas letter reports his third (and final!) retirement, and plans for a summer holiday in England and Ireland. His retirement hobby is building radio-controlled model boats which, as I have learned from other sources, is by no means child's play. His two sons are both making outstanding military careers for themselves, a source of great pride and satisfaction.

A Christmas note from LaHoma **Crawford** informed me that she has moved back to Lawton, where she has many friends and relatives and enjoys the advantages of proximity to Fort Sill. Her new address is 1609 North 39th, Lawton, Okla. 73501.

Comment in this journal on Spike **Eckert**'s ouster as Commissioner of Baseball may be inappropriate, especially from one so ignorant of the complex ramifications of our so-called "national game." My reading of the many magazine and newspaper articles on the subject has done little to clarify my thoughts, but it does tell me something about the men who hired him in the first place and then sacked him in such arbitrary and graceless fashion. It would be my guess that professional baseball may be in for a period of prolonged depression. If this should prove to be the case, I'll be the first to say, "I told you so!"

Most of you probably do not know that after Guy **Emery**'s death his oldest daughter, Mary Beth, was adopted by a fine couple named Stern. Dick Stern had been a close associate of Guy's in both the legal and literary fields, and it was a particularly happy arrangement that Mary Beth could acquire such a wonderful set of second parents. My Christmas note from Dick and Dot Stern gave me the pleasant news that Mary Beth graduated with honors from the U. of Colorado last June, an accomplishment of which her father would have been most proud. For those who may be interested in keeping in touch with her, the address is c/o R.M. Stern, Route 3, Box 55, Santa Fe, N.Mex. 87501.

Johnny **Greco** still does a bit of traveling for Hughes Aircraft and was in Washington on a visit last fall. Regrettably, Dolly and I were out of town, but Johnny and Lola did manage to get together with the **Booths**, **Gartons**, **Stoughtons** and **Watsons**. As they say, "A pleasant time was had by all."

Hutch and Rhea **Hutchinson** sound exceedingly happy with their move to a new pad "on the other side of the mountain," altogether a cleaner, quieter and cheerier place than the house in Orange. They are especially pleased at the topnotch record young Dick is making at Georgia Tech, where his average is a fantastic 3.75 out of 4.0, and he has a beautiful fashion-model wife besides! The senior's new address is 31362 Flying Cloud Drive, Laguna Niguel, Calif. 92677.

Charley **Olin** sneaked into the Greater Washington area last year and had the nerve to settle down in my own hometown without so much as a "by your leave." I forgive him, though, because he's making an active hobby of small boat sailing, one of my lifelong enthusiasms. He and Jeannette are now established in one of the many new apartment buildings that have sprung up in recent years around the ever-growing Annapolis marina complex. Charley says he finds the salt air and outdoor activity good for whatever it was that ailed him a couple of years ago, and they are very happy with their new setup in Severn House, Fairview Avenue, Annapolis, Md. 21403.

Sojourning in Palm Beach in early December, Dolly and I caught up with Al and Anne **Watson**, who came down to stay a week at the famous Breakers and compete in the National Seniors Golf Association tournament. Neither won a trophy, but both said they had a delightful week. I can testify that it started most pleasantly, at least for the **Stones**, for we were able to grab them off before they got involved in tournament festivities and have a delicious dinner with them in one of the good restaurants that help make Palm Beach a pleasant spot to visit.

Fritz **Weber** made a good fight last fall to become the first Republican since 1900 to represent his county in the State Legislature. He didn't make it, but we may be sure that he and his loyal family gave the Democratic nominees a helluva fight. He and Kate continue their effective labors in the field of education at Pembroke State College and Fayetteville College, respectively.

Regretfully, I have one sad piece of news to report, the death of Belmar **Gunderson** in October. She was buried in Arlington, and some eight or ten of the local Classmates were able to attend the services. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Gundy and their daughter.

You will have received ere now the first bulletin and questionnaire anent the 40th Reunion, which asked for certain basic information needed for our planning. Any who have so far found it infeasible to reply are urged to get on with it, even if plans are vague. Even a little information is better than none at all; we'll refine the data as time goes on. This could be the best of all our Reunions.

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It is with regret that I report the loss of Ted **Beck**. Ted died 18 December in Moline, Ill., after a brief illness. He was buried at the National Cemetery at Rock Island. There is sad news on the distaff side also. Betty **Beishline** died on 1 November in Greenwich hospital. She had been ill for some time. Betty was buried at West Point. Durinda **Gordon**, Jack's wife, died in San Antonio on 20 October and was buried in Sunshine Memorial Park in San Antonio. The sympathy of the whole Class goes out and has been expressed to Maisie and Bo and Jack on their losses.

Many thanks to those of you who sent cards this year. Most of the following news is taken from those cards. Nina and Ted **Parker** will be back in the U.S. by the time you read this. After six Christmases at SHAPE, Ted has to turn in his suit on 31 January. You might say that SHAPE will not be in as good shape after that time. The Parker family will be nomads for a few months visiting friends, and then will make a decision as to where to retire or what to do or vice versa. A temporary address will be forthcoming soon. The mystery of the missing Bill **Dicks** has been solved. A philatelic Christmas card said that after four delightful months of traveling and visiting, they were in Burbank, Calif., where Bill has gone to work for Lockheed. Fran hasn't been able to find a house yet, so they are still in motels and suitcases and will furnish an address when available.

According to the news from the **McBride** family, there is no question of who does the work in that family. I quote, "Georgia was kept busy with projects that included sewing, repainting the interior of the house, laying walks, and landscaping the garden." I don't see that leaves very much for Clyde to do except cruise around on the Chesapeake (probably with Georgia as working crew) and take a trip to the AN game. Clyde reports seeing Bob and Lib **Quackenbush**, Al and Ann **Gay**, Louie **Guenther**, Benny **Kraeger** (no mention of Betty) and assorted offspring at the game. Bob Q did his usual fine job as president of the WP Society of Phila in welcoming ARMY supporters.

The Charlie and Marcia **Raymond** Christmas epistle contained much news about them and their family, including a short recital of their trip of 9,000 miles from Cambridge, N.Y., to California and back. As a matter of fact, they sent me a post card from Kingston, Canada, the picture being of the Coast Guard Academy. They stopped off in Portland and saw Chet and Virginia **Ott**. In the interest of providing information on what some of us do in our new jobs, I offer the following vignette. Apparently one of Chet's jobs as director of general services for the sovereign state of Oregon is righting upside down state flags, with Charlie's help. I also understand that the flag is a large one and that the wind does blow in Oregon.

Paul and Grace **Mayo** checked in with a note from their home in Dallas — no news, just a check. I received a very nice ? from the **Taul** family. Having had the opportunity to read it over only three times, I am not exactly sure what it says, but I will try. They

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1931: In Colorado (left to right): Bob Hackett, Barbara Hackett, Bob and Mary Hall Lee, Charlie and Sallie Duff, Doc and Elsie Strother.

have had their sad times: Wayne's mother died in April, and Catherine's mother is in hospital, and No. 2 son John is in Vietnam recovering from wounds. On the happy side, C speaks of weddings, but I can't make out quite who is marrying whom, but it all appears to be legal. Wayne is going strong, has a big project in the Napa Valley, and they have bought a house in Napa for a summer place. They will be in the house in time for the Kaiser 350,000. Anybody know what that is?

Had a nice card from Bill and Betty **Chandler** who have just become grandparents courtesy of son Bill and daughter-in-law, Franziska. Had a postcard from Margaret and Percy **Lash**, after all, a letter now costs six cents. They are doing well, will spend the winter in Florida, since it was 5 below in New London when they sent the card. They sent word that Margaret was engaged and would be married this June to Cadet Randy Wilson '69. That had me worried until I realized that they were talking about the other Margaret, better known as Gussie. Cam and Julia **McConnell** report all well in Santa Barbara. After two and a half years, they are settled in their new house, and Cam is settled in his job as librarian at U. of Cal. As a sign of either affluence or age, Cam and Julia now play golf using a golf cart, but to give the lie to the second statement above, they rise at six every morning and take a two-mile walk. Chet and Virginia **Diestel** were sure that Helen and Mike **Irvine** would fill me in on Walt and Mim **Ellis'** visit. But the former didn't, nor did the latter, so I am as much in the dark as you are. Sid and Betty **Brown** report the status quo; Sid is still librarying, expecting a second grandchild in January, and their son due to see the beautiful landscape of Vietnam in July. Included was a short note that Bob **Johnston** expected to spend Christmas in Bethlehem.

This column has just received its first call in the war on poverty. It came from a poor benighted ticket seller, an honorable member of the Class, who may have to sell one of his Cadillacs and a couple of Doris' mink stoles to pay for the heat in their house in Wauwatosa this winter. Coming in next to last in a division doesn't pay too good. Sympathy cards are not required.

Cal and Jinny **Coolidge** have withdrawn from the moving race, leaving the nomad medal to Dan and Mary **Callahan**. They, the Coolidges, have settled in Aptos, Calif., (can't compare with Quechee, Vt., or Kotzbue, Alas.) about 100 miles south of San Francisco. It will be restful for me not to have to change their address in my book every three or four months. They did enjoy their visit to New England and seeing Percy and Margaret **Lash** at the country auctions, but finally decided on the West coast. Proving that there are others with the moving spirit, Les and Leonie **Kunish** have moved to Manitowac, Wisc. No reason given. Billie and Wilbur **Skidmore** are busy carving out new careers in Florida, Billie working for a home decorating company (maybe she could have helped Georgie **McBride**), and Wilbur is teaching school and selling Florida real estate. Their son is at C&GSC and is expecting to return to Vietnam this summer.

Reference the note above on the **Coolidges**, Dick and Pris **Jewett** have now moved to Ithaca, N.Y., where Dick is a professor at Cornell. They state that they love the country up there, but from my experience up there for four years with the ROTC, I want to warn them about the hot summer that arrives on 4 July and departs the same day. Don and Alice **Webber** send greetings from Sewanee, "a great change of pace." I received one card with a picture of a very handsome couple gracing the front, with the signature of May and Gunnar **Carlson**.

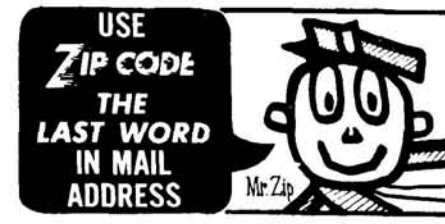
Jim and Bea **Baker** are still in Saratoga Springs; Jim professoring at N.Y. State U. and a member of the board of governors of the WP Society of N.Y. Irv and Naomi **Lehrfeld** have son and family stationed at the Academy and enjoying frequent visits there. Their son, Bill, was backfield coach for the goats this year, and even though the engineers won, the jinx didn't work this year, as everyone knows.

Picking up some of the older correspondence — a letter from Sam **Smellow** saying he was staying in bed for a few weeks (this was in October) on account of a fractured pelvis. His best explanation was that Muggy had kicked him when he wasn't looking. Before the incident, they had visited Washington, but the rest of their travel plans, football games included, went aglee. Walt and Mim **Ellis** checked in with a long letter, unfortunately just before the previous issue went to press. They traveled all over the country during the year to see relatives, including the trip mentioned above. Walt is known in Fayetteville as the Applebury Drive yardman, nurseman to blackberry briers, squirrel trapper and part-time golfer. Mim is busy testing small fry in the suburbs; Walt didn't say with what or for what.

Bob and Lib **Quackenbush** have moved to Moorestown, N.J. Bob is still with Temple U. Bob Jr. is attending the German Staff College and is on the list for half colonel. Their son-in-law, Giles Harlow, '57, was shot down in Vietnam, picked up by chopper and is now an instructor at USAF. Deac **Roller** has decided that things are safer in Saigon than around here, so he is staying a while longer, probably till June 1969, when he will make up his mind about his yacht. Deac and Parr ('32) have a new roommate, Peyton Magruder, USNA '34 who is Fletch **Cole's** brother-in-law. You have to get letters from Saigon to hear about things happening in your own back yard. Deac's story is — Ding **Carter** bought a new houseboat, towed the old one to St. Petersburg to trade it in, and it sank at the dock, Ding not being on board at the time. It is hard to understand why a person who consumes as little water as Ding would be so fond of boating.

I apologize for being so late with the picture in the column. It arrived in time for the previous one, but was stuck under some other papers and didn't surface until some time later. It is described as a picture of the mountains in Colorado, but I am of the opinion that the people in the foreground are more photogenic. The occasion was Bob **Hackett's** retirement and the others are, if you don't know, Barbara Hackett, Bob and Mary Hall **Lee**, Charlie and Sallie **Duff**, Doc and Elsie **Strother**. Bob H. reports no great change at Colorado Springs. He and Barbara still go horseback riding, and he and Bob L. went on a five-day ride around Pikes Peak with the Range Riders. Just to see what was on the other side, I guess. Johnny and Wilma **Davis** took advantage of Johnny having to go to England for a US-UK Arms Control Test to travel all over England, the chateaux of the Loire Valley and Copenhagen (the pinchers in the Tivoli Gardens are just as active as those in Rome). Freddy and Val **Berg** are building a new house in Puerto Rico, with Freddy supervising. I wonder if Freddy remembers the wall he built on Corregidor. Pardon the personal note, but I just went to a small party at Warren and Margot **Hoover's** domicile, and Curly **Wilson** said that Johnny **Waters** was working for him now, only temporarily.

I regret reducing the long letters that I receive to such short notices as above. I do appreciate the letters, and Betty and I enjoy reading them, but there is a space limitation. In view of the date on which this will appear, Betty and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter. Keep the letters coming.



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Having survived another Christmas we'll start with happy thoughts. Among the many cards received from classmates was included the annual Chet **Hammond,** gold embossed leather covered memo book. I wish President Hammond would give us a ring on his travels through here; we'd like to see him.

Thelma **Mellnik**'s news is that Steve has completed his book, PHILIPPINE DIARY, and it will be published in March. Daughter Thelma and three children are with them while husband John Wesner is in Vietnam.

Rush and Dot **Lincoln** report all is well and Rush still commutes to Boston until a decision on future residence can be planned.

Barbara **Hinshaw** writes, "We get more set in our ways all the time and seldom venture out" (i.e. a retreat called Philosophers Cliffs) where they have a lovely place plus an additional nearby lodge for the overflow where the children and grandchildren can vacation at will.

Ex-roommate Harry **Porter** (patient guy) states he doesn't get out of the Twin Cities area very often since he's responsible for development of management systems, industrial engineering, and operations planning for General Mills. No wonder!

Tom **Darcy** wrote, "Glad to note that you are still holding the Class together 'way up there in frozen Washington!" It must be very warm where you are, Tom, but thanks for the thought . . maybe I'll buck up.

Frank and Mary Lou **Britton** are busy and happy in Florida but miss classmates having seen only Mike **Riley** and "J.P." at the Retired Officers National Convention in Clearwater. Now we come to La Trelle and Pop **Duncan.** At this point I want everyone to understand that Pop is not in the "monkey business." Although the job deals with Apes, this branch of Emory U. is entirely scientific and of world renown. Pop deals with eminent scientists and government and private agencies. Their son David was called to service and is at Fort Jackson for basic training. **Del Pryor,** erstwhile kick at Schofield, Leavenworth, and Okinawa, writes, "It's always good to hear from you and to know that all is well. Thanks for the up-dating information."

Marion **Hardy** said they were through here Thanksgiving but could not reach us—and goes on to say that they will roam Florida in February and then take off for Spain and Morocco. Those two know how to spend their winters. Our classmate (honorary) Mary **Cain** asks, "How about a buzz or coming by for a drink." Brief and succinct—that's our Mary. Also a lovely card and warm greetings from Noi and Johnny **Kambhu.**

Now for a gloomy note. Mary **Coutts**' message included the sad news of her brother-in-law's death last May. General Schwartz was a famous vascular expert. Shortly after his death, Mary's mother had major surgery, and then in June their daughter Kathy who had been a Navy widow for more than two years announced her engagement to a Marine lt. But early in July tragedy struck again and Kathy's fiancé was killed in an automobile accident. Sometimes things come in bunches, Mary—sometimes good, sometimes bad—and this was surely a bad bunch. You and Lou and Kathy have all our sympathy.

1932: Attending the October luncheon.

Joe and Dinny **Kelly** gave a pre-holiday "Ball" at Bolling AFB Officers Club. There were hundreds of people including classmates, bourgeoisie, and VIP's, who in turn were provided with ample food and drink. Dinny explained the large attendance was due to "late repayments."

Joslin and Luke **Morris** gave a TV football party largely attended by Transportation associates, both military and civilian. I recommend getting her recipe for hot cheese hors d'oeuvres to say nothing of the many other gourmet dishes. Not long after, they feted us at a brunch at the University Club. The girls went on about other things while Luke escorted me à la bus to the last Redskin game of the year. (They won it in the last five minutes of play.)

Lil and Bill **Powers** gave a spread for El and Lil **Davis.** It was a last minute affair, cleverly arranged because El was up for a checkup at Walter Reed. Guests included El's sister and husband, **Gerhardts, Jamisons, Morrises, Wrays,** Rush **Lincoln,** Pat **Zitzman, Davidsons,** the Powers' handsome son, Bob, and no less than Nancy and Frank **Besson.** Nancy was quite pert and has made a most remarkable recovery. Dossi ran into Bill Powers at the Fort Myer PX recently and learned that Lil and he had just returned from a sunny sojourn in Florida, and after visiting Bill's father in St. Petersburg, went touring around and having a great time.

Bedie **Keating**'s latest report was that both sons, Mike and Pat, are in Vietnam and that Pat was blown up in the air by a land mine with resultant contusions. Fortunately, the mine was a dud so no serious injuries. Mike, as a volunteer, went over with Pat in August. Mike's Air Group supports Pat's Ground Group. How's that for brotherly love? Mike's wife and children continue to live in their home in Colorado Springs where he hopes to return after Vietnam as a member of the Academy. John and Bedie were happy hosts for both sons' wives and Mike's children during the holidays.

Jack **Sutherland** wrote a fine letter just too late for the last issue, but it is still newsworthy. Marge and Tom **Darcy** built a lovely home on the edge of the golf course in Tequesta Village in Jupiter, Fla. His yacht is for sale, so I suppose Tom has joined the landlubbers . . although Jack goes on to say he is considering what he sneeringly referred to in the past as a "stinkpot." Darcys stayed overnight with Jack and Ruth in September, and they attended the Air Force-Florida U. game at Tampa. Bob **Moore,** en route from Tampa to Miami stopped with his wife for luncheon and as Jack puts it "is up to his ears in education and loves it." The Click **Reeses** (Mary) are neighbors, and Jack has seen Bill **Ellery** a couple of times.

The social event of the holiday season was the marriage of Debbie **Baer** to Thomas Richard Savoie on 21 December at St. Agnes Church in Arlington. The ceremony was followed by a gay reception at the Army-Navy Town Club. The bride and mother of the bride were radiant; but not to be outdone, Charlie was bedecked in an outfit suitable for the Court of St. James. He was so proud the usual cigar never did show up. And in Esther's big heart—as though that wasn't enough—a large group gathered back at the Baer residence for more festive celebrating.

This contribution ends with reference to the monthly luncheon picture taken at the Pentagon. Frank **Besson** has thoughtfully included sons as guests from now on. This adds spice to the program. We hope you recognize the oldsters—the sons listed clockwise from the left are—**Powers, Lincoln, Massey, Woolnough, Morris,** and **Hunt.**

Well, sir, the annual election returns are in, and you've already been notified of the (near) unanimous results. As usual, the replies brought the expected harvest of comments: the newsy, the facetious, the rebellious. Here's my best effort at the distillation of the heady brew. As a wry starter, I should point out that my eloquent exhortation to vote (at a cost of one six-cent stamp) drew a scant 50% response; while Treas. Ed **Howarth's** annual dunning message, shower down with the dues or else, drew a thumping 81% reply on the first round, complete with checks. If we ever elect a Class Analyst, he'll find me waiting on the couch.

In other political areas, Frank **Deisher** became the mayor of Lewisburg, Ohio, elev. 1019; pop. 400 higher. Hizzoner also writes that his eldest son, Chris, received a regular Air Force commission after having been a rated Navigator on C-130's for several years. Congratulations to both.

Honey **Whalen** was Maryland State Chairman for the Republican Committee which also included Betty. Both attended the Republican Convention in Miami to which Honey was a delegate. Meanwhile their son, Maj. Donald P., USMA '57 (SS-BSM-2AM-PH) graduated No. 1 at the C&GSC to win the Gen. George C. Marshall award.

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News of other juniors continues to be impressive, too. Stockbroker Stan **Stewart's** youngest son, Kirk, a First Classman at the AF Academy, has been on the Dean's List every term and is earmarked to go to Purdue for a M.Sc. in Astronautics upon graduation. Daughter Kathy is taking her junior year at Freiburg (Germany) U. and plans to become a WAF officer upon graduation. If, as Stan points out, three of four children, including one daughter, becoming A.F. officers sounds like a monopoly, we'll take all that kind of monopoly we can get.

And Professor Don **Roth**, who puckishly dated his letter, "Poncho Day," (read on) gives the scene from Stonehill College, Mass. Running down his gang chronologically: George is with Honeywell, International Systems Programming; Capt. John, USMA '63, is in Saigon; Rosalie and Pat are juniors in Stonehill; Mary is a freshman there; Joseph a high school freshman in the accelerated group; and Therese is a second grader at Dominican Academy in nearby Plainville.

The old team may be getting a little slow on the basepaths, but you must admit we've got a terrific bench.

Over a span of several months, we frequently hear, with more or less accuracy, of physical troubles our classmates are having without knowing the end result. Rather than have the bad news expand or remain suspended in mid-air due to inaccurate or insufficient info, this is to follow through on the ones we can report on for sure. El **Davis** never did have a heart attack, but does have a fibrillation problem which has been taken under control and at last reports was doing well. Certainly he looked and spoke that way during his recent Washington visit.

Mary Ellen **Gillette** wrote that everything is fine with Ward after his serious emergency operation at Walter Reed, and he's functioning through the normal channels, if you get what I mean and know what he had.

Click **Rees** talked to Bob **Terrill** just after Bob's operation for a partially detached retina and said results were good, with Bob going home a couple of days later.

Horace **Bigelow** wrote that Dottie entered Lee Memorial Hospital, Cape Coral, Fla., in serious condition, and shortly thereafter she was in Walter Reed, with Horace also in Washington, natch. It looked bad, but they're both back home in Fla., and Horace reports she is much, much better.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Merle **Williams** at Phoenix, Ariz., on 22 Sept. 1968, a gentleman, close friend, and professional officer in the Army and the Air Force. '32 offers sincere condolence to his family and encouragement to Capt. Merle R. Jr., USAF, USMA '62, to carry on the Long Gray Line.

In Cincinnati Frank **Besson** received the Charles L. Harrison award at the Annual Meeting of the American Ordnance Association with the citation read by Bill **Culp**, President of the Ohio College of Applied Science. In other colleges, John Abner **Meeks** is still teaching physics at The Citadel, and Bill **Huber** is halfway through the Juris Doctor Degree (formerly LL.B) at Geo. Washington U. Bill wants to know if any other classmate is enrolled as a full time college student. Are you?

Last summer, Torg **Wold** took his youngest son, Jim, on an extended fishing trip through the wild grizzly bear country of British Columbia. Then the day after he got home, Torg was stung by an ordinary bee and if Ginny hadn't got a doctor to him in 30 minutes, he would have been nothing more than a medical curiosity.

Steve **Mellnik** writes of El Paso's delightful climate and the pleasant neighbors. Wally **Brucker** in the U. of Texas at El Paso library; Bill **Massello** teaching high school; Geo. **Power**, the dean of bridge, golf, poker, and argument; and Johnny **Coughlin** in nearby Santa Fe.

In his native Oregon, Ken **Hobson** has bought a 78-acre ranch 11 miles from Eugene, built a new house on it and is raising registered Polled Herefords. Can't wait to have a choice Hobson's Hereford heifer hamburger.

Here in Washington, Doris **Cairns** was married to Neil Wallace, a nice guy out of USMA '33 with an outstanding record in the Korean War and WWII, including the LM, SS and 4 Purple Hearts. We all wish them much happiness.

And so it goes. Space available in ASSEMBLY is limited, so I must condense what is left in a few graffitti: Tom **Darcy** believes in democracy. Leo **Dahl** admits he is Rom **Puryear's** brother-in-law. Frank **Besson** thinks I have 2 heads. (In a recent election he voted me 2 hats.) Rom **Puryear** refuses to deny he is Leo **Dahl's** brother-in-law.

And Stan **Sawicki** put himself on record by writing "This is the finest slate of officers any organization could possibly have."

The poor guy has obviously buckled, but not Yours truly, Ken Zitzman.

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The new Cadet Union building has been approved by Congress, but funds for its construction have not yet been appropriated. '33 can help by writing to those members of Congress responsible (particularly members of the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees) to tell of the need for this facility for a Corps that is three times as large as when we were Cadets.

Roberson's wife, Carolyn, is Asst Librarian in nearby Montecito. Their daughter teaches German at Tufts U., and their two sons are students at the U. of Calif. in Santa Barbara. **Welling** writes: "—our oldest boy, Peter, is a freshman at MIT. The authorities there looked up my records—and hope he can do more than play squash, sail dinghies, and handle a single shell. Just think, in eight more years my younger boy, Brent, will be ready for college." Hadley **Richardson's** daughter is back from Vietnam, where she was a Red Cross worker and is now at nearby Camp Pendleton. **Honeycutt** says that his 18-year-old Mary "has acquired a horse but no saddle. Do you have three or four Periani saddles hanging around? I retired 31 Oct. and will stay here, at least temporarily. Mary is a freshman at the U. of N. Mex. and dragged at West Point just prior to the Navy game. Johnny is here for vacation, so—we have a full household. While on a trip east I had dinner with Don and Molly **Cubbison** in Clearwater. We talked a lot about '33 and orchids, and why they don't move to Albuquerque. **Donnelly** is head of SEC's Albuquerque Operations Office; he is a leading citizen of our hometown."

Dunn wants the Class to know: the 65 cents mailing charge included postage, sales tax, and envelopes; all who sent recipes had at least one printed; to stay within the budget only 200 could be printed, and over 200 had to be eliminated; to save space "a lot of good glop had to be eliminated—the recipes sent in can stand up proud and tall." He sees no difficulty in selling the 22 copies remaining of the 300 printed.

Bob **Turner** is now Dean of Students at George Mason College in Alexandria. Pick and Sally **Vidal** visited Fla., including Bruce **Scott**, in Jan. and went on to Jamaica. He tells of how Pope "starred" in the golf game he played with Phil, **Summerfelt**, and **Ryan**. Pick is no longer with Leisure World; he is now with the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc.

Quinn's son will graduate from the U. of Ariz. in June. **Reynolds** boasted of the care his nurse, Eleanor, was giving him after an operation on his hand. During the Duke game weekend he stayed with his old friend, the Supe. **Sparrow** reports that he saw **Doleman** in Honolulu where Ed and Dottie were moving into their new home. Banker **Pope** says that the Class fund is "in good shape." Betty **Walters** says she finally got Paul to take his flu bug to the hospital; son Robert (USMA '64) is with Special Forces on Okinawa; Jim (USMA '69) was home for Christmas; and Michael came home from Richmond where he is in the Virginia Medical College.

In 1967 Eleanore **Lawlor** took a trip to Taipei to visit daughter Ann, her husband, Max Bullock, and the four grandchildren. This year, just before Christmas, she and Bob flew together to Taipei and Hong Kong; to return by the middle of Jan. Bob's card from Taipei says "Despite the shadows, it is much safer than some places I know." **Ray** has plans; the trouble is, Ben says, that right now they're not very productive. **McCrary's** flu bug bit during the holidays, but he expects to be back teaching soon after New Year's, and plans to keep at it until he's 65. Mac's motto, one which can't be topped, is "pay your bills and keep out of trouble."

Doug and Lil **Cairns** spent Christmas with their Julie; they hoped to get in some golf but complain of the weather (on Catalina!). Seuss and Claire **Pritchard** had an extra Merry Christmas with the return of their Kacki's husband from Vietnam. The **Hurlbuts** say Mele Kalikimaka ("in the vernacular of our new locale, Merry Christmas"); they tell of the nostalgia on leaving Hawaii ("We miss our promenade along the beach, but now we can break out the long underwear and promenade along the snow drift levee that separates our chateau from the Mississippi"). "Last June, our daughter, Sallie, wife of Marine Lt. Chandler Nelms, had a baby girl. Stephen is avidly pursuing a berth on the 8th grade basketball team in Moline. Susan is in her last year at Queens College and having her usual tiff with the academic world. Sandy graduated from St. Agnes Priory in June, with some honors in math; now a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan she has trouble, like her mother, balancing a check book." Hurly went to The Game with Sandy. He says, "If **Fuqua** is going to continue to attend—I wish he'd buy an extra seat. He is getting rather broad from left to right."

Marion **Madison** writes that son David is back at Walter Reed after a fellowship study at Johns Hopkins and that John has been transferred to Kansas. Teeny **Powers** says:

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"G's retirement has exhausted ME—he's doing great! Jim is back from Vietnam—stationed here (Fort Bliss); John in Germany; and Brooks in Navy Boot Camp, have a good gang retired here." Bob and Lucy Lee **Thompson** flew to Spain in Nov. for a week on Mediterranean shores and three days in Madrid. "The quaint fishing villages have changed; now there are many hotels, motels, and plush housing. We saw our first, AND LAST, bull fight; tried sangria and found Spic's recipe for it in the Class Cook Book."

Bob and Posie **Neely** report from Sun Valley that ". . . they're praying for more snow as it is a bit short and will be skied off quickly." **Summerfelt** lists those at the ARMY-Navy game—**Polk, Harrell, Neely, Remus, Elliott, Hurly, Guiney, Bernard, Watters, White, Fuqua,** and himself. Milt tells of the shortage of seats for the Corps, the excellent conduct of the Cadets, and the 3.0 girl cheerleader for Army. Our treasury is $51 richer now plus $10 because of a side bet by Hurly.

Crawford tells of the flight he and Marjorie are taking to San Francisco, and of the long trip they took last summer to Yellowstone, Banff and similar places. Solly and Molly **Solomon** are spending the first three months of 1969 at Port Charlotte, Fla. (near Tampa). The **Calhouns** have moved back to their old grazing ground, Florence, Ala. **Risden** returned from his job in Formosa via Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok, New Delhi, Jerusalem, Athens, Portugal, and Spain; Pop liked Taipei. **Speiser** has been named a Project Director in the Industrial and Consumer Group of Becton, Dickinson and Co. Dodd and Evelyn **Starbird** are going to do some skiing near Stowe, Vt.; now there are ski lifts and other conveniences, but when Dodd skied at nearby Fort Ethan Allen over 30 years ago, there weren't any such aids and two round trips a day was the limit. Their Ted is a graduate student in nuclear physics at N.C. State, and expects to make them grandparents soon.

We lost one of our best members when Bob **Totten** died in Nov. Bob had not been well for some time, and those who saw him remarked that he was hardly his old robust self. But just the same the end came as a shock to those who served with him over the years. "Well done, Bob!"

Billy **Harris** writes that the San Antonio group continues its monthly luncheons at the Fort Sam club. **Maddux** joined them in Nov.; "he is working for a company that builds large apartment complexes. I've been looking for other employment. **Alspaugh** and **Pearson** still teach; **Frentzel** continues M.A. studies at Trinity U.; **Gretser** still works for the city. My daughters return from overseas, Punkin from Saigon and Liz from Tokyo." **Grubbs** has two boys with the Navy in Vietnam. Don and Mollie **Cubbison** drove to see Herbie **Plapp** this fall and report that not only is his speech good but "he looks and says he feels fine. Herb took lessons to perfect his speaking, but his determination led him to take many more than prescribed. One training aid is a candle held in front of the aperture in the throat, and if it is blown out, that is a sign that too much air is being expelled. He was practicing at home and had blown out the candle several times; he reacted in a manner you might expect and said — — ! Kay came rushing in and yelled, 'Herbie, you can talk.' "

"**Hibler** has had tough times, I believe. He had a small business which failed; he is now driving an airport limousine for the Tampa Airport. Donnie III is still in Vietnam. Paige, our PBK, is with her husband and their three in Miami, where they both teach in Junior College. Ted, our Duke and Wisconsin grad, is prepping for a Peace Corps assignment in Liberia." **Scott,** telling of his trips to Washington, says, "Somehow, it has lost some of its old charm—viewed from the outside!" Cal **Smith** is "enjoying retired life—golf, fishing, buying high and selling low. Our youngest son, Doug, a paraplegic as a result of an auto accident, keeps us pretty well tied to Colorado Springs. He does remarkably well with what he can move—turns out excellent paintings with the aid of a brace—uses the swimming pool and keeps in good shape. (Cal has installed an elevator in his house so Doug can go up and down stairs.) Franklin (Ito) works for the San Francisco CHRONICLE—his once curly locks have developed a sparseness comparable to his father's. Linda and son-in-law Passafume (USMA '55) are with ASA and have three beautiful girls."

Cal wrote the following about Bob **Totten**: "Bob became quite an expert in the real estate field; a buyer or seller could always be assured of an honest deal. His honesty and straight forwardness probably cost him plenty. After leaving that field, he bought a boat and trailer and made frequent trips to well-stocked trout streams. In recent months he hasn't been in the best of health." From England **Rayburn** writes that hunting has been curtailed because of an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease. Son Bob and his mare won a blue ribbon in the Old Berks Hunter Trials. They have acquired a three-year-old chestnut mare (Lindy Lou); "I seem to have forgotten how many times I bit the dust."

Ruth **Gibb** has moved to the River House; her address is: Apt. C 1601, 1400 So. Joyce St., Arlington, Va. 22201; phone: 521-0613. Dave **Gibbs** has been recalled to active duty; he and Betty are now living at Fort Monmouth. Sen. Goldwater is the principal speaker at the D.C. West Point Society's Jan. meeting. **Wynne** reports that his son, William, "stayed in the Army after his military commitment; daughter Virginia has four children." **Longley** tells of the trip he and Lee took to visit their daughter Jeanne and her husband, Dr. Wayne Solomon, in West Germany; and their stop-over on the way back to see Bob and Nermine **Meals** in Turkey. **Leydecker** will stay with his job as City Manager of Salisbury, Md., until he's 62—"by the grace of God and the will of the mayor and city council."

From Hawaii, **Hain** writes: "We inveigled the **Dolemans,** Hurly **Hurlbut,** and Charlotte and Kay **Kaesser** to drive to our spot on Oahu. Polly was occupied so we missed her. Ed is allegedly going to work for the Honolulu Iron Works and Control Data." **Wagstaff** gave to West Point, "in honor of our 35th Reunion, a collection of letters from Thayer, Grant, and others." The social event of the year was held at the Army-Navy Country Club on 5 Oct. when over 50 of us invaded the place for wining, dining, and dancing. The prize recipe in the Cook Book is the one from **Disosway**—Strawberry and Ice Cream Dessert—to serve ONE.

'34

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As 1968 drew toward a close, we were saddened at the news of Bill **Stone's** death, apparently of a heart attack at Mons, Belgium, on or about 2 December. Bill was serving as Air Deputy to SACEUR. He was buried at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. Flowers and a letter of sympathy were sent to Myra on behalf of the Class. Our deepest sympathy to all of Bill's family.

The annual Army-Navy '34 Luncheon was hosted by the Army Washington Chapter at Arlington Hall Station on 21 November. Jack **Schaefer** put on his usual good show, and the Army chorus was much appreciated by all hands, as they showed their versatility with Navy as well as Army songs. Even though there was little football talk by our Crab Town Contemporaries, headed by Butch Harbold and Jack Martin, a good time was had by all. Many of the Washington Chapter are still punching the time clock at one level or another, and we don't get as big a turnout as we would like. The following were able to greet our Navy friends: **Betts, Barton, Bunker, Gerhart, Corrigan, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Schaefer, Stevens,** and **Tyson**; our President, Tom **Foote,** presided as MC. Schaefer is working on a late winter or early spring mixed party.

From Denison, Tex., John **Anderson** sends a clipping from the Dallas MORNING NEWS recounting Dud **Wilmeth's** exploits as Professor of Russian at the U. of Texas at Arlington. The article says Dud's well-known promotional ability has jumped enrollment to over 300, giving Texas U. more students of Russian than the entire enrollment in this subject in S.C., Ga., Ala., Miss., Ky., La., Ark., and Okla. John advises that he and Dorothy continue to enjoy an active civic activities participation, but find time to sail on Lake Texoma. John's oldest son, Tom, Class of '65, was wounded twice in Vietnam, but recovered and is now stationed at Benning with his wife, Courtenay. The Andersons have made a trip to Japan; they report that Jack **Stanley** is still thoroughly enjoying Tokyo.

Bill **Wise** and family send regards from Lookout Mountain, west of Denver where they are living and loving it. Bob **Miller** writes that he is busy as Asst. Professor of History and government at U. of Corpus Christi; they are hoping to make the 35th. Lee **Miller,** from Flagstaff, Ariz., that he has retired again from his job as Director of Student Financial Aid at Northern Arizona U. Lee is living the life of leisure again.

Betty **Moseley** is now at 2163 Greenview Dr., Montgomery, Ala. 36111. Delores **Rogers** is still at 6500 Clary Lane, Knoxville, Tenn. 37919.

Betty **Tate** writes that Ferdie is teaching Engineering at McNeese State College and that Captain C.P. Tate, Class of '63, is now an Instructor at USMA.

Brown, S.L. writes he is still in Little Rock running a construction company and missing the East coast; he returned to Cape Cod last summer so he wouldn't forget how it smelled. Stilson **Smith** is teaching in a special Los Angeles school for trainable retarded children. He has a Master's Degree in special education and is working on cre-

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dentials for administration. Stilson says he sees Dale **Huber** infrequently, hasn't seen any other classmates in a coon's age. Emory **Lewis** writes that daughter, Cherie, was awarded Master's Degree by U. of Va. last June; Alex is pursuing higher learning at St. Lee College in Florida; also, Loretta plans to visit Rio de Janeiro for several weeks next March, returning via Argentina, Ecuador, Panama, and other South American countries. Tom **McCrary** lined up Bill **Craig** as feature speaker for the Gainesville Rotary Club in September; looked like a good program.

Jack **Smoller** writes that after years of taking care of others, they decided to take care of themselves and are really having the time of their lives in a cabin 50 miles west of Colorado Springs; after that they plan a trip to Japan to see their daughter and three grandchildren—really sounds like fun.

Dave and Edna (E.O.) **Davis** write that Dave is still with State U. Engr. Experiment Station in Columbus, Ohio. They spent a busy summer visiting with three grandchildren. Pop **Warner** has an office in the same building with Dave. Ken **Cunin** is still in Columbus, but Dave doesn't see much of him since he left the Dean's Office. Dave is also putting in effort on the USMA Admissions Office District Representative Program (same program as one for which Ralph **Bucknam** received acknowledgement for outstanding work in New York). Dave says if any '34 gets out their way to look them up.

Paul **Hanley** from 274 Searsville Rd., Stanford, Calif. 94305, writes he sometimes has nostalgia for the Washington area, but California is hard to match; Paul's address is on the Stanford Campus, where Paul is Associate Director of Stanford Overseas Campuses.

Vic **Huffsmith** says he guesses grandpas get absent minded with all their children and grandchildren home for summer vacations; he and Fern are both well and busy. We are happy to have the following from Bill **Voehl**: "I finished the requirements to teach in Oklahoma, made the Dean's List at East Central State College with math as the major; I had a heart attack in late May and spent four weeks in Brooke General; I am doing fine now, having reduced to 168 pounds; I can get in my old Cadet uniform as my waist has shrunk from 42 to 34. Daughter Valerie went on a student tour to Europe this summer and had a ball; son Bill is now in school at Fort Monmouth learning about computers." Charlie **White** writes from San Antonio that he has been playing golf with Larry (Lawrence B.) Savage, whom '34 lost Plebe year, but who went on into the Service and retired as a colonel USAF. Rip **Winkle** advises any who can, to try Andrews AFB Ops for flights to Randolph AFB, there are some each day, to see San Antonio. Frank **Caufield**, head of trust marketing for Northern California for the Bank of America, enjoys his work; he and Catherine both enjoy San Francisco.

The following screened from cards at Christmas. Helen and Bill **Penn** in Winston-Salem, well and busy, send best wishes for 1969. Harry and Eddrea **Hillyard** are enjoying retired life in the Sunshine State with the **Snees, Yarbroughs,** Bob **Adams, Bilbos, Durfees, Northams.** The Hillyards were visited recently by Bill and Peggy **Craig,** and previously by Jack and Mary **Seaman.** Pete and Ellen **Peca** ask are you going to the Reunion—hope it works out for everyone. (So do we all.)

Jim and Eleanor **O'Hara** spent the holidays in Ohio visiting Eleanor's parents. From Phoenix, Hank and Dot **Ebel** report they flew to New York last summer, seeing all their relatives for the first time in eight years; sorry they couldn't get by Washington; all well and best to all. Pat and Allene **Mossman** report Pat busy with Retired Officers activities, Allene with church, women's clubs, Forum of Arts; 1968 was a joyous year for them, and they hope the same for all.

Jabo and Virgie **Jablonsky** report they are happy in their San Fernando home and send best to all. Joe and Eunice **Piram** send best wishes from El Paso. Mim and Alex **Stuart,** also from El Paso, report Sandy is safely returned from Vietnam and stationed at Sill; son Doug in the P.I. with Naval Intelligence; and daughter Suzy a senior at Texas U. The Stuarts don't think they can make Reunion, but send their best. More from El Paso: Dick **Moorman** has weathered pneumonia, gone back to his teaching job, bought a new home, and expects to marry Mrs. Betty J. Behan on 2 June 1969. Congratulations, Dick and Betty! Dick's daughter Sandy is living in El Paso, her husband teaching at Bowie High School; son Dick is living in Alexandria with his family and is working as a programmer for the DA.

Still more from the Pass of the North: Charlotte and Harry **Hubbard** report that on a recent visit to their daughter and her husband at Sill, they learned the H.L. **Sanders** have bought a home in Lawton. The Hubbards hope to see all at the Reunion. Si and Fran **Gilman** send greetings from Conn. and also hope to see all next June. Irma and Ted **Hoffman** from Hawaii write they are well and arguing with their plants, bushes, and democrats; they send best wishes for 1969. Peg and Bill **Craig** send their best, reporting a big family get-together for the holidays. They imply they will be joining the Florida contingent in future. Bill **Tank** has left Norwich and writes from 36 Lakeshore Drive, Newport News, Va. 23602, that the Vermont winters convinced him he should move; he plans to resume teaching in the Tidewater area.

Pee Wee and Mary **Fellenz** have moved from Alexandria to 3217 Marcer St., Falls Church, Va. 22044. This being right across the street, makes it nice for Francie and your Scribe. Our energetic Vice-President Hal **Edson,** who most recently has been Executive Director for the National Association for Uniformed Services, is taking Faith and moving to Chetwynd No. 432 Lancaster Ave., Rosemont, Pa. 19010. Hal will be Director of Administration of the Harcum School after the first of the year. The Washington Chapter will miss them, but extends best wishes for their new career.

The Reunion committee has made its reconnaissance and plans for June 1969. They expect to put out a special bulletin on our class activities in the near future.

We expect to put out a regular bulletin in the near future which will attempt to provide a new world-wide locator list, a report by the Treasurer, and ballot forms for nominees for class offices. Any special topics for consideration will be welcome.

This will be late, but nonetheless sincere best wishes to all for 1969. Make it the best yet, and make it to the Reunion.

'35

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Omitted from the last issue was the news of the departure from the Washington area of Autrey and Amy **Maroun** last June. Autrey's assignment is with HQ SEATO, APO SF 96346. There are no current promotions, retirements, nor reassignments to report among our few remaining active duty classmates, but we do have a couple of moves to report in other fields. Fred **Hall** who was at Florida State U. in Tallahassee is now a professor at Stetson, and he and Rusty live in DeLand, Fla., which is not far from Daytona Beach. No street address yet available, but news was furnished that their daughter Kathy is to be married on Valentine's Day in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in DeLand.

The other move was reported last Oct. in a nice letter from John **Gloriod,** who is now in Germany for Sperry Rand. John went with Sperry-Utah in Salt Lake early in 1964 when he retired, and is now supervising modification work on one of their missile systems, and wearing the equivalent grade of GS-14. He says he is tethered in Pirmasens by tax regulations 'til next December. Vi should have joined him before you read this. Son Jack will be graduating from West Point next June, and Vi expects to return for that occasion (Bill **Rynearson** and Pete **Skells** are also to graduate then). Their daughter Barbara got her B.A. at U. of Utah and is now married, and their youngest, Susan, expects to finish at U. of Utah "sometime next year, depending on how much time she spends in Europe this summer." John and Vi can be contacted through the 575th Ordn Co, APO 09144 N.Y.

A note on a Christmas card from Milt and Hilda **Rosen** reports Garmisch-Partenkirchen just as charming as ever with first snowfall on 17 Dec. It appears that they are nearest classmate neighbors of John and Vi, the only others in Europe being the **Caugheys** in Italy with ALFSE.

George **Eckhardt,** who is senior advisor and senior U.S. commander in IV Corps Zone, is in his third year in Vietnam. Meg awaits his monthly visits at Clark Field by working in the hospital as a volunteer and playing tennis. Ralph **Haines,** CINCARPAC, visited him recently and says he is doing "a magnificent job." Ralph also saw Bill **Lapsley** in Taiwan.

An enthusiastic and comprehensive letter with the **Rhoades'** Christmas card reports that Jack is a part-time mover, having taken a position with the New Mexico Civil Defense with offices in Santa Fe. He has an apartment there and commutes home to Lucie and Stan in Roswell on weekends. As was mentioned in the last issue, 1968 was a very busy year for the Rhoades' family with Lucie breaking a leg in March, daughter Sudi becoming Mrs. John McWilliam in May, and son Rick graduating from West Point and wedding Mary Jacobs in June. Rick is now stationed at Fort Hood. Sophomore Stan is the only chick left at home, but he has numerous activities, it is reported.

Herb and Ruth **Gee's** son 2d Lt. Philip C. Gee, got two-weeks leave from Fort Belvoir and with his wife Pam and son Christopher Michael (almost two) visited at Christmas time with Herb and Ruth and Nancy in West Palm Beach. Nancy has just

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finished Junior College and plans to enter UCLA next fall. Herb's stepmother came from Arizona, and Herb's brother and his wife also drove down from Iowa to round out the family gathering.

Ray and Mary **Firehock** have joined the group of Florida buffs, have bought a condominium apartment in North Palm Beach, and they spent Ray's Christmas vacation (from teaching school in Fairfax County) there with son Peter and Mary's mother Mrs. Chadwick, lapping up the weather. They had dinner with Herb and Ruth a couple of days before Christmas. Second Lt. Robert Firehock, on leave from post-grad schooling at Stanford, flew East to round out this family group.

Somers and Luck **Dick** stayed home for Christmas, "sweating it out" for their loved ones in Vietnam. We all learned about "double jeopardy" once upon a time, but Somers and Lucy feel that theirs is triple jeopardy with three captains there all at once: daughter Pris Dick Bodde, Army Nurse Corps; son-in-law David Bodde; and son-in-law Bernie Ferry.

On 26 July last, in Greenwich, Conn., 2d Lt. Warren Douglass Everett, Class of '68 USAF Academy, son of Warren and Ruthmary **Everett**, married Miss Maria Teresa Vitaglione, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Vitaglione of New York, Stamford, and Cava dei Tirreni, Italy. Lt. Everett is now attending Dartmouth Medical School, and he and his wife live in an apartment nearby.

Ed **Harris** was ill last fall and hospitalized with heart fibrillation which did not respond to medication well but did improve with shock treatment. We all hope Ed continues to mend. Among the children of Ed and Alice is one son last reported a 2d Lt. at Fort Belvoir, and another is a Pfc artillery observer in Vietnam.

A very fine joint Army-Navy Class of '35 cocktail-buffet "rally" was held at the **Algers'** at Fort McNair on 23 Nov. At least one of those friendly opponents admitted to me that he was "looking for points." I don't know that he got any, but I do know that you all join me in joy that his analysis of the situation was correct!

1936: "Young and handsome members of 1936"

'36

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A New Year's confession seems in order by saying that in the last column I predicted the news therein would not be read until March 1969. ASSEMBLY has CHANGED; and I was so wrong; you got your September news in December. And so you should be reading this in March.

Of course this time of year brings to memory the total events for the past year. In the case of 1936 we have changed commanders in the war theater, but '36 is still represented — an historical first. We have increased high ranking posts by the addition of several stars to already high-ranking files. We have also — and unfortunately — seen some very concentrated casualties among our youngsters. The Class of '66 with already one battle death added two more in 1968: Young Tommy **Hayes** died in combat in April and in November young Bill **Haneke** was terribly mangled in action. Our participation in war digs deeply into the many faces of our Class consciousness.

If a change in the war is eventual, Abe met with the President the end of October and told the CINC that a bombing halt was possible; and some movement — but not much — towards peace talks ensued.

About the time the PUEBLO crew were being embraced by loved ones, Mae and Jack **Arnold** came to Atlanta for the very first Peach Bowl game. Jack's memories of Korean torture made nothing new of the 82 Navymen's ordeals. Jack is VP of Student Affairs at FSU. He said Wally and Dorrie **Barrett**, he with State Education Dept, are building a beautiful new home. We received a year's report on splendid Class living from Joyce **Austin**. There've been some maneuvers towards getting beautiful Betsy "dated-up" with Bill **Gage** in Washington. Kelly **Bagby** wrote again from Oregon where he's living happily with his two children, Emily and Tom. At Brevard College, it was Dean **Beggs** a year ago; now it's Vice President. Congratulations.

The **Bodines** are still content to be retired in Annapolis. Don's looking for a sailboat; is planning a trip to Jamaica. Ned **Broyles** was passing thru in Nov. on a biz trip to the West. He's got a lt. son in Vietnam and another in U. of N.C. Muriel **Carmichael** wrote of seeing Bob **Fergusson**, the **Kimballs** and the **Austins**. Ray **Cato** has some data processing biz at MacDill where Ben **Davis** is #2. Richard, USMA '60, has been home recovering from Vietnam wounds and is in grad school at Stanford. Bob, USMA '65, is also returned from the war; both boys may soon go back if the affair isn't finished soon. Catos have four grandchildren.

Both **Chaffins** and **Chappelears** were heard from. Jack and Lucy **Chiles** had all the family home for the hollidays, including Jack Hall from the Point. The **Holtermans** visited them in Chicago recently. Kay **Christensen's** year was hi-lighted by her son's safe return from Vietnam and her wonderful trip to East Africa; she hopes for a Bahama yacht trip in the Spring. Carolyn and Bub **Clark** are tremendously enjoying the atmostphere at the Air University. At Syracuse U., Bev and Cec **Combs** are finding new adventure in his assignments; current one being Dean of College Education. Bill and Betty **Connor** are quite busy at Charleston College where both Ben **Turnage** and Roy **McCarty** have joined. Young Bill is still in Hawaii; Cassie is making her debut and going off to Europe again.

In fall the **Persons** and **Bensons** and **Cordes** all got together in Olympia. Pete and Cliff were roommates years ago. Hank, Business Planning Supervisor at Boeing, has bought a home in Tacoma. Cliff has completed three years in practice of law with a partnership. Young son, Rick, has just completed basic training at Fort Lewis. Claude and Virginia **Crawford** are in a professorship in political science at a new university in Norfolk, Va. They hope for a "soon" trip back across Atlantic. Dick, 22, is an AF lt. at nearby Langley. Bob is a settled husband in the Washington area. The **Currans** had a happy Christmas in Bradenton, Fla.

If Tom (Stinky) **Davis** could write this column I can guarantee it would at least be humorous-er; he has some kind of special technique for bruising English with a Texas twang that's great. Anyway, he says he makes all "A's" in school; Charlie **Tyler** is an "exeditor" for "the largest store in Texas"; Eddie **Dunn** is writing a history for the US Auto Assoc and is still the Senior Army Instructor in the "Alamo City"; he's run into Len **Shea** at Fort Sam. He signs off as "your correspondent from the Old West, better mellow than grumpy." Karie and Ken **Dawalt** never fail to send greetings. The **Dorlands'** year was mostly about warrior sons. I believe the tribe has the most accumulation of military decorations in the Class. And not to be outdone, after this goes to press, big Gil will be presented a DA Outstanding Civilian Service Award on 17 Jan for his work on inland waterways. With many of the brood gone, Gil and Lynn moved to a smaller home. Also they experienced two weddings in the same month.

Heard that Rod **Drake** had left the brokerage biz in Colorado Springs. Nan and Howell **Estes** rented a house in the East for Xmas holidays. Bob **Fergusson** returned briefly to States to name a part of the Jungle Training Center in CZ after famous son Bob. Hazel and Josh **Finkel** were trying to figure how they could make a trip south — so maybe we could get together. Johnny Geist wrote with his usual great enthusiasm about the Spirit of West Point and the ARMY Team. He is engaged in a large effort to bring young men to the Academy. All of Johnny's work is ON HIS OWN!

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On 13 Nov., young Bill **Haneke** was blown up by a mine. He lost an eye and a leg immediately and was in very critical condition. He is now back in Walter Reed responding to medical care and the warm tenderness of his young wife, Mary. The last day of the year we attended a very warm and pleasant dinner at Tommy and Jean **Hayes'** at Fort McPherson. Present were Barbie and older sister Helen with her young man, Capt. Roy Attride. Their marriage was in Washington, 11 Jan. Gen and Will **Hendrickson** living a rural life and teaching Spic and geography. They hope for a trip to Fla. next summer. **Hesses** wrote about their daughter Beth, who is at Georgetown U., as is Billy **Gage.** Received a most inspiring and complimentary letter from Wright **Hiatt** with USAID Engineering in Saigon. He says the present '36 group comprises Abe, Bob **Joerg,** and Tom **Lawlor.**

Doris and Dave **Hiester** kept very busy last year at Aberdeen Proving Grounds; had Darrell and family with them for Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Holtons** were through Atlanta in December to be with younger son, William, when he was commissioned at North Georgia College. Had a pleasant visit at Atlanta airport with charming classmates, Lyn and Clark **Hosmer.** Brad is back from Vietnam and attends Naval War College. Phil is a crew member flying on an Apollo support jet out of Patrick AFB. Jake **Jacoby** writes from a new address – #3 Lakeview Dr, Russellville, Ark., 72801. Son Jon took WP exams; Diana still horse crazy; Dale in hospital a couple of weeks with back trouble. In November had a very long evening long distance chat with Bill **Jordan** in Miami – it was the type of communication that I believe only men of '36 can comprehend or engage in. It was good to hear from him.

Bill and Eleanor **Jones** are still in Newport Beach, Calif. Son, Capt. Brice has had two tours in Vietnam, is now a jet jockey at Myrtle Beach AFB. Bill still works in Jones Realty Service. Sees **Chappelears** and Jack **Brimmer** who is retired from the oil business. A card from Art and Peg **Joyce** in Chicago. Bee Kelly Suarez wrote that young Mike from FSU qualified for the Olympics this summer in the hi-hurdles. Bee and Mae **Arnold** are both mothers to this great young man. Bill and Dette **Kimball** were supposed to be on their way to Atlanta towards end of year, but didn't see them. **Kinards** say son Bill is returning to Fort Knox from Saudi Arabia. Chris is in Chicago with International Oil Co.

Jim and Gerrie **Lampert** go to command as High Commissioner of Ryukyus. Larry **Laurion** says that the construction firm of which he is vice president recently bought a $600,000 hydraulic dredge made by Gil **Dorland's** Nashville Bridge Co. Peg and Larry have been doing much business traveling in south. At one point in the year three Laurion brothers got together for a reunion for first time in years. **Leers** are farming in Carlisle, Ky. **Madsens** were stopping by after Christmas. Jim Billy said he bought a second farm called "Leer's Folly." Bob **McCabe** wrote following the passing of his 86-year-old father. He said **Breaks** and **Lynch** were at funeral. He said he is with a subsidiary of IBM and lives not too far from West Point. Saw **Quinns** and **Packs** at Academy ball games.

Received a nice Christmas letter from **Ken Madsen** from Palm Beach. Mike and Mary left Chicago, and he now commands Eighth Army in Korea, APO 96301. Look for Mike to have a fourth star soon. Sis and Edde **Miles** wrote from California. Said son Ken, USNA '65, safely returned from flying carrier missions in Vietnam. Greetings came from Jean and Ace **Miller** in Conn. Jean and T-Willy **Morris** wrote saying that I had not included their son Donald in "sons list" and that he was born April 1957 in Hawaii. They attended Bill **Longley's** funeral and feel that Janey will have much comfort from her two wonderful children and their families. Heard from Joe and Helen **Nazzaro** in Hawaii. Their daughter "came down" from the States to be with them for holidays.

Palmers got to the A-N game with **Westmorelands.** Bruce was with Bill **Sibert** and family and George Sibert and family. Joe **Yost** was only classmate seen. Bev **Powell** and Bob **Fergusson** had been to see Bruce. **Partridges** are in Bangkok. Went there via Istanbul and New Delhi. Ran into Marian **Mucci** on golf course. Hank M. has been in B. for a year. Julie **Abrams** also lives in Thai capital. Virginia **Persons** wrote that they moved and that it was AWful – especially because they had to pay for it. Daughter Nancy's husband was wounded in a chopper and eventually ended up with six weeks "out patient" at home with Pete. Ace and Jean **Miller** visited in fall. Saw Bud and Lucille **Warfield** while taking son Lew to U. of California. Virginia raved about Warfield's daughter, Laurel.

Maggie **Kessler** wrote she was expecting – to be a grandmother. **Romlein** didn't like Key West and returned to Colorado Springs; still lives at 1216 Bonfoy; worries about the market and his boys. Rod and Helen **Drake** live nearby, but Persons never sees them. After a long time got news from Leon **Punsalan.** He lives at 2336 Spindrift Rd, Virginia Beach, Va. He is in Physics Dept of Maryland State College, Princess Anne, Md. Juana **Quinn** said Bob's mother passed away. Young Rob, 26, made major and has gone back to Vietnam with a Vietnamese ranger battalion. Quinns saw **Wildricks** and **Packs** at Homecoming.

Chuck **Redman** family wrote greetings from Missouri. Dick and Jimmy **Ripple** are in Hawaii – brokerage biz. Two children in college, one married, and one a 6th grader at Punahou. Buck **Rogers** sent unique communication via beautiful California desert slides. A bonus for Christmas was some natural stone cuff links and tie clasp. Such "dividends" are as surprising as they are appreciated. Took a "crack" at applying for a position with Ryder's IEExec Service. The set-up of Bill and Muriel is too posh not to investigate further! **Saffords** moved to Air Defense at Fort Hancock, N.J., where my Dad commanded during WW II and where roommate, Jack **Daly,** presided a few years later.

Frank **Shea** wrote from Arizona that daughter graduated from Muhlenberg Col. In early fall, Bill **Shuler** reported **Benson** coming into DC from Washington (State). **Landrum** is on his way out to Honolulu. Bill **Kimball** quit Parenthood Planning and is with IT&T as Safety Specialist in Chicago, while keeping farm in Virginia. **Twaddell** left Air America and is Gen. Mgr. of WASHINGTON LAW REPORTER. Hap **Dalton** feels in good spirits. Bob **Breaks** ran into Pete **Garland,** who is a Trust Officer in Charlotte bank. Bill **Shuler** sent a HOWITZER to George **Champion** in Calif. "Champ" has been ill recently. Libby Klein has worn out the "worry beads" Bill **Ryder** sent her in October; why not, as Bill's secy?

Bill **Sibert** passed thru Atlanta in Oct., and we had a pleasant visit. He attended A-N game with his son and father – all USMA. George and Judy had a very special Christmas present – adopted son David arrived 6 Dec.; he is third child. Dorothy and Glenn **Sikes** are still way down at tip of Fla. Heard from Charlie **Simpson** in Sierra Madre; he's no longer at FSU. **Sievers** wrote from Oxford, Md. Major Bill, USMA '61, is an Artillery instructor at Sill. Daughter is at Dickinson College, Pa., with honors. The two oldest **Swain** sons are at Sill; one a major, the other captain. The next captain is in Vietnam, while #4 is a Second Classman at USMA. Oren is a stock broker, and Vera is still painting excellently.

Van **Sutherland** was slightly – and appropriately – miffed because in last column I said I'd heard he was retiring. I hereby cancel and rescind the earlier remarks (which a friend of Van's TOLD him were in ASSEMBLY; sorta like a friend TOLD me he was). A kind of coincidence: the last time I was "called" on remarking an erroneous early retirement, the classmate's name also began with an "S," and he stayed on and finally made major general. So all's not lost yet, Van! John and Missie **Torrey** like Dallas very much; he's with Dallas Council on World Affairs. Peggy **Vincent** wrote her usual active and event-full letter. This year she continued her very successful modeling and served Sears with it. She did not make Atlanta for the AF Assn meeting but did go to Hawaii. Young Casey is still seeing the world with the Navy.

Good Class friend Ed Wallnau went out to AF Academy this year and saw many classmates including **Monteiths, Shores** and **Segrist.** Charlie **Waters** left his engineering job last March in La. and landed as general manager of a manufacturer of grain equipment, the Baughman-Oster Co. He and Betty live in Taylorville, Ill., 100 miles NE of St. Louis. Son, AF Capt. Walters was married in Sept. Charlie has his first grandchild, courtesy of daughter Brooke in Hawaii. Westy's news and activities continue to be public knowledge and domain, but nothing can quite be said sufficiently to cover how great a job he's doing nor how proud we are of it and him. Mimi and Ben **Whipple** wrote from Mass; say they're so involved with the sea, they ought to be in the Navy. Inch and Marie **Williams** are in good shape down in Panama City.

From the "valley of the rainbows," Wort and Patty **Williams** report wonderful living. He is Pres, she Treas of Lucky Badger Orchards, Washington. Son Ralph is a junior at The Citadel. Tim and Fran **Willis** still working hard playing bridge for business. Tim visited his mother in Georgia. Little Tim is full time worker at Cameron Iron. Sophia is working in a brokerage firm. **Willises** miss Bill **Longley.** Received a beautiful greeting card from newly assigned Bill **Yarborough** in Korea.

Later news, Ellen **Gage** and Bob Liming of South Carolina announced after Christmas their intentions about matrimony. A letter to Bill **Jordan** – after above cited long nite phone conversation – has been returned several times. His "address list" address is no-ok. Wish he'd read this and tell me where to write. Pete **Kieffer** is now in his 5th year as prexy at Vermont Technical College and loves the wild, cold north countr e e e. Son, Major Pete, USNA '61,

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is back in Vietnam again. Daughter Roxanne is a commercial artist living with husband and two daughters at Fort Belvoir. Heidi is in art school in Boston. Pete won several service and engineering awards last year. Ed **Mohlere** is with NASA's APOLLO programs in Huntsville. Dick, USMA '65, is at MIT preparing for instructing at USMA. Mike is a Sig Corps lt. in Germany, graduate of U. of A., as is Melinda who is a newspaper correspondent.

This past season 60 of you were kind enough to send cards and greetings from which the above news was austerely compressed. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness — especially since it all came from the greatest group of girls and men. It has been my privilege to answer each of your messages individually in the past, but this time the task was a little too much! "I so sorry." We pray the shooting in Vietnam will be in the past, this time in 1970!

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I started my previous column with some news items from Harve **Dorney**; this one must begin with the report of his death. Harve died of cancer on 14 November at Andrews AFB hospital. We had a large turnout of the Class at his funeral the next morning at Fort Myer chapel. He was buried at Arlington. I can think of no member of the Class more beloved by his classmates or who better exemplified the spirit of our Alma Mater. Harvey was serving as Class president at the time of his death. Trapper **Drum**, the current vice-president, succeeds him.

Just last week I received news of another classmate's death. Helen **Spilman** wrote to say Larry died on 13 November at Ottamwa, Iowa. A news clipping Helen furnished reports Larry died of a heart attack while driving his car. He retired from the Air Force in 1948 on physical disability and was president of his own investment firm, L. A. Spilman and Co., in Ottumwa. Helen and Larry's son, Dyke, an Air Force captain, is missing in action in Vietnam. I know the whole Class joins me in praying for his safe return.

I do have some happier news items to report also, fortunately. Scotty **Hall** writes that he and Ann recently returned from an Air Force business trip around the world (Ann paid her own way), and in Bangkok had dinner and an evening with Nobby **Suriya** and his charming wife. Scotty reports Nobby was recently promoted to Air Marshall and is now Director of Education and Research, Supreme Command Headquarters, Thailand Ministry of Defense. Scotty furnished a handsome color print of himself, Ann, Nobby, and Srinott Suriya taken that evening which I am submitting for reproduction with this column. It is an interior shot and fairly dark, however, so if it doesn't appear you will know the ASSEMBLY composing room couldn't bring up the contrast enough for printing.

I am also indebted to Scotty for news of the annual class get-together at Trix and Bud **Zehner**'s house to watch the ARMY-Navy football game. The group included the **Cains**, **Chabots**, **Fraziers**, **Gildarts**, **Halls**, **Kennedys**, **Klockos**, **Mercados**, **Postlethwaits**, **Reaves**, **Seedlocks**, **Shives**, Betty **Spengler**, and of course, the Zehners. Quite a gathering. I'm sure sorry Kate and I couldn't make it.

1937: Scott and Ann Hall visiting Nobby and Srinott Suriya, Bangkok, November 1968.

Giles (Chief) **Evans** wrote me in September from Florida to say he and Claudine were planning an October trip to Europe to visit their daughter Carol and her husband, Bob Tetu, an Artillery captain with V Corps. He also asked for names and addresses of classmates in Europe which I supplied from my records as Ben **Taylor**, Chief of Staff, USAREUR in Heidelberg; Pony **Scherrer** as CG, 4th Armored Division, in Germany; Woody **Stromberg** and George **Minor**, both retired in France, Woody with Crane S.A., and George with General Motors; Spic **Nadal** retired in Naples, Italy; and Buck **Forney** is with Bechtel International in London. If I missed anyone, please write and correct my listings. Giles also mentioned he had attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Rucker last March where Bull **Oden** was his host and also scalped him on the golf course. By way of return, Bull is going to address the Jacksonville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, for Giles in October, where the old Chief expects to return the scalping on his home course which is full of water hazards. For those of you who don't know, Giles is Manager of the Florida Canal Authority and is presently constructing the Cross-Florida Barge Canal, certainly a major engineering undertaking.

Parker **Calvert** sent a Christmas card to the Class from his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., and wishes us all a prosperous New Year. I hope it will be, Parker. He also said he drove to Texas in October and saw both Johnny **Batjer** and George **McDowell** in Houston. Johnny showed Parker his American Lighting and Equipment Company, which seems to be booming. Parker also reported he was visited by Willie **Williams**, who has in-laws in St. Pete, earlier in the year.

Parker's news leads naturally to reporting an interesting letter received from George **McDowell** in Houston where George has a real estate management firm in which both he and his partner have taken their sons into the business, helping the company to expand and also leaving the senior partners time to enjoy life a little. Both their sons had been MP Captains; George's son, Larry, returned from Korea last summer and joined the firm upon his release from active duty. In addition to his business interests, George teaches real estate classes for both Massey Business College and the University of Houston. George also said he and Rae planned to attend a party at Frank **Harrison**'s in San Antonio the following week and that they hear from Charley and Gin **Register** by tape quite often; also they recently received a letter from Giles and Claudine **Evans** concerning their European trip. George and Rae's daughter, Linda, is staying with them now that her husband is in Vietnam as an Army Medical Corps captain.

George **Cole** wrote in October from McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La., where he has been teaching political science for the past ten years. He hopes to start on his Ph.D. next year at the U. of Houston. George says there are four USMA graduates on the McNeese faculty, including Ferdy Tate, '34, whom some of you will remember as one of our Plebe year First Classmen, in the Physics Department. George reports he and Charley **Dannelly** were the senior graduates present at the Founders Day dinner last March at Fort Polk. (I knew this would happen somewhere some day, but now that it has, it really dates us.) Charley and George argued over who would have to make the old grad speech (age vs. class standing). George, the elder, lost and made, I'm sure, a stirring address. So far George has one granddaughter, but he is "expecting" again in April (via daughter Virginia) and hopes for a Class of '91 this time. George says he's lost 30 pounds through enforced dieting following heart congestion after a flu bout last winter and feels fine. I'll bet he gets the Ph.D. he's after.

Bob **Seedlock** called on 29 November to report he and Tense were selling their home in Falls Church and moving to Greenwich, Conn. Bob, as you know, is president of Yuba Industries; he was originally stationed at their San Francisco office but is transferring his headquarters to the New York area. Their address after 1 February 1969 will be 475 Field Point Road in Greenwich, 06830.

Hank **Byroade's** new post, after over four years as U.S. Ambassador to Burma, is diplomat-professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces here in Washington. He hasn't made a luncheon yet.

Class luncheon attendance has been quite good all fall (14 in September, seven in October, 14 in November) until we hit a low of three (**Diercks**, Lee **Martin**, and Paul **Whittemore**) in December; however that was the day after Christmas. Of the four luncheons, I managed all four; Bill **Hipps**, Lee Martin, Dave **Parker**, and Paul Whittemore made three; Bruce **Bissell**, George **Maliszewski**, Gus **Prentiss**, Don **Shive**, J.D. **Stevenson**, Willie **Williams** and Bud **Zehner** attended two; and Choppy **Brett**, Duffy **Brown**, Trapper **Drum**, Johnny **Frazier**, Bob **Gildart**, Luis **Mercado**, Kelsie **Reaves** and Bob **Stumpf** made one each. Hipps and Reaves are new Washington returnees; Bill is with Philco-Ford, and Kelsie is Vice Director of the Joint Staff.

I would like to correct two errors in recent columns. In the Summer 1968 Notes I reported Ken **Sanborn** as CG of U.S. Army, SOUTHCOM; it should have been U.S. Air Force, SOUTHCOM, of course. Chester **Johnson** is still CG, U.S. Army, SOUTHCOM, so far as I know. Sorry for the mistake. Also, in the Fall 1968 column, the typesetter incorrectly stated that I was Associate Professor of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey; it should have read Associate Director. USC&GS is a Federal cartographic agency

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in the Commerce Department, not an educational institution.

Thanks for writing, and keep the letters coming. If I don't answer them all except through this column, please forgive me and remember I have another full-time job, too. Best wishes for 1969!

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Your new Scribe regrets the absence of Class News in the last ASSEMBLY but pleads "not guilty." The avalanche of unhappy letters coming in to Washington on the subject at least show that ASSEMBLY is read. With this in mind I will try WITH YOUR HELP to keep the '38 column bulging during the coming year.

The last half of 1968 was naturally a period of great change for many of us. Retirements, looking for Shangri-La with its dreamed-of home, surveying the job field, all were major activities. To the extent possible I shall point this column to the maximum number of the whos, the whats and the wheres.

At year's end when the smoke had at least partially cleared, the Washington area still claimed the lion's share of the warriors of '38. Numbering 42, active and retired, they dot the countryside. In the more exclusive reaches of the Pentagon building, '38 finds itself still well dug in. Jack **Ryan**, now the USAF's Number 2 airman as Vice Chief of Staff, brought Jo and their pretty daughter Patty Jo to Washington last August after serving a stint as Commander of the Pacific Air Forces. Ches **Chesarek** occupies the seat of the Army's Asst Vice Chief of Staff. Art **Collins** is now Asst C/S Force Development; Ken **Wickham**, Army Adjutant General; Andy **Anderson**, Director of Materiel Acquisition, ASA; and Frank **Miller**, Asst Dep. C/S Logistics. Jerry **Folda** has recently returned from duty as CG, U.S. Army, Alaska, to add more years to his record of 14 already spent in the Pentagon. Elsewhere in the area John **Tillson** is Deputy CG of the First Army and Charlie **Denholm**, CG of the Army's Security Agency.

Those Washingtonian classmates who have put their uniforms in mothballs are by now quite numerous. Dow **Adams** and Tracy **Harrington** have become pillars of CIA. "Inspector" Willie **Corbett** is at the Civil Service Commission. John **Damon** is putting our astronauts on the moon at NASA. Jim **Taylor** has a job in the Department of Transportation, George **Dillard** with the Bureau of Standards, and Jim **Lewis**, the Office of Emergency Planning. Classmates **Sussmann** and **Patrick** have opted for the academic world, Bill at nearby Frederick Community College and Tut with the Consortium of Universities. Among those who are trying their hands at private enterprise are Al **Burke**, working for Page Communications Engineers, Al **Hulse** at Technical Operations, George **Kelsey**, the Burroughs Corporation and Al **Weinnig**, TRW Jet and Ordnance Division. Johnny **Johnson** has an interesting working arrangement. As Purchasing Agent for Philadelphia's Port Authority, he and Kitty live in a suburban Philadelphia high rise, but they have kept their Lake Barcroft mansion as a weekend hide-a-way. George and Betty **Bixby** have

1938: STRATCOM Chief Junie Lotz presents the Bronze Star to '38 offspring Captain Arpad A. Kopcsak Jr. at Fort Huachuca.

settled in their home at Lorton near Fort Belvoir. George apparently wants to keep his eye on the contemporary crop of engineers. Those who read the last issue of ASSEMBLY were undoubtedly as unhappy as I that the otherwise excellent retirement write-up on George failed to mention that our illustrious classmate was a member of '38.

Recommended reading for all is Washingtonian Jim **Mrazek's** recent book, THE ART OF WINNING WARS (Walker Press). In turning out this excellent think piece, Jim zeroes in on the lack of creative thinking in our contemporary military leadership. When he isn't expounding on such matters, Jim relaxes in outings such as that planned for Canada by Nick **Chavasse's** Air Force Ski Club. Not far from Washington Mike and Virginia **Hayes** are in Lewisburg, Pa. A recent press release from Bucknell University announced that Mike had joined the staff as Asst Director of Alumni Relations. Apparently he had little difficulty switching caps from his pre-retirement job at Bucknell as PMS&T.

In the Great Northwest, Bob and Betty **Ashworth** retired in the Fort Lewis area where they became neighbors of Bev and Margaret **Beverley**, now at Fort Lewis. Ed and Jean **Bailey** hope soon to join the Puget Sound contingent (if they can find a good Republican to buy their Washington, D.C., house). Still further from Washington, Bob **Breitweiser** (CINC, Alaska) writes that he and Stevie are really loving the Far North and "had the pleasure of seeing Dick and Edith **Bromiley** up here in September. Their daughter, Lynne, is married to Captain Paul Harvey, my aide—Dick and Edith are enjoying life at San Mateo in California where Dick is working for United Airlines." (The Bromileys are not far from Hal and Mary **Kelley** in San Francisco.) Bob relates his genuine pleasure in decorating Jerry **Folda** with the Distinguished Service Medal on Jerry's departure for Washington. Jim and Ginny **Isbell** are the other stalwart members of our Alaskan contingent where they moved after retirement in 1967. Jim runs the Alaska Disaster Office.

In a warmer clime Jack and Mary **Jacunski** have been joined in Florida by those '38 retirees who have tired of snow and ice (but love hurricanes). Dave and Mechi **Sherrard** are building their dream cottage in Gainesville under the watchful eyes of John and Jo **Boyt** who are organizing for golf, hunting and fishing. Nearby, at Melrose, farmers J.B. and Pat **Coleman** are still recovering from the extra-curricular 30th Reunion activities at the Red Apple Motel. And down Orlando way the Virg **Zollers** are holding the fort as are Gailon and Bettye **McHaney** up in Fort Walton Beach. Southern Florida received its boost with the recent arrival of Andy and Hope **Lipscomb**. Andy, as Merrill Lynch's man in Fort Lauderdale, advises Florida millionaires how to make more millions in securities. He and Hope have acquired a waterfront home and aspire to be boat owners—so that we can all go fishing.

Over in Texas, Lou and Ellen **Coira** are still in San Antonio where Lou directs the operations of the USAF Security Service. They often see Ski and M.E. **York** who opted for M.E.'s home country in which to retire. Evelyn and I were delighted to run into them both at the HemisFair last summer where Ski was doing a bang-up job as Protocol Officer. We just missed Doug and Loraine **Polhamus** in Houston where they moved after Doug's retirement in July. They are now settled, and Doug says that it will soon be real estate or securities. Texas ranchers Mac and Barbara **Macomber** are at Cotulla and the **Bayers**, **Hartmans**, **Strands** and **Battersons** in San Antonio. Willie and Margaret Earle **Langford**, also Texans, were recently seen at the ARMY-Navy game. Willie is teaching at a university.

Sam **Eaton** is still head of MAAG in Greece, but he and Patsy will be returning to the U.S. next fall. Rumor has it that Sam will soon retire to grow oranges in Ojai, Calif., near Patsy's mother, Connie. They will be within short driving distance of Henry **Huglin** at Santa Barbara. Henry is senior military analyst with G.E.'s think tank TEMPO. Two recent Huglin pieces, "Perspective on Nuclear Weapons" in the August MILITARY REVIEW and "Our Space Venture and Our Role in the World" in May-June AIR UNIVERSITY REVIEW are well worth reading. In a note written after a recent fascinating around-the-world trip which included S.E. Asia, Henry sagely observed that "we are really doing very well in Vietnam."

Last fall the world of politics and Neil **Van Sickle** had a brief encounter when Neil retired to electioneer in South Dakota. Neil concluded that politics are not for him but the wide open spaces and beautiful skies of South Dakota are, so he and Marge are building a home near Rapid City. In neighboring Colorado Leo and Fran **Harman** who live in Denver are developing Sun Hills, an enchanting residential area opposite the north gate of the Air Force Academy. They extend a hearty welcome to those who yearn for a magnificent view of the Rampart Range. Further south in Indian Territory, Vince and Bobbie **Elmore** have taken up residence in Lawton, Okla., where Vince is attacking one of our top problems, urban renewal.

It is always great when one of our offspring is publicly recognized for outstanding achievement. It is even more gratifying when the recognition is given by a classmate. Such was the case last August when, at "the garden spot of the Army," Fort Huachuca, Ariz., STRATCOM chief Junie **Lotz** presented the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Arpad A. **Kopcsak** Jr. Pop your chests up, Arp and Tess.

Still on active duty and also holding the standard high for '38 are Bill **Kieffer** at Westover AFB (Commander, 8th Air Force), Fred **Dean** in Naples (NATO ComAir South),

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Bert **Harrison** in Izmir, Turkey, Frank **Norris** at Norfolk (Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College), Frank **Izenour** at Aberdeen (CG, USA Test and Evaluation Command), G.G. **O'Connor** at Fort Monroe, and Claire **Hutchins** in Hawaii.

Evelyn and I have bought a home just off Arlington Ridge Road overlooking the fairways at the Army-Navy Country Club. We are looking forward to picking up interesting bits and pieces on visits by those of you who just can't stay away from Washington. If you don't pass this way, remember to send me news that can be used in future ASSEMBLIES. For major help in compiling this edition, my thanks go to many but especially to Art **Collins** who has sent me notes almost daily.

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These notes are being prepared as the year 1968 closes, and we approach our 30th Reunion year.

Carl **Buechner** wrote Dick **Morrison** from Germany that he is again hard at work on the 30-year book and will appreciate assistance from the entire class on locating by permanent mailing address, the following: Homer **Barber**, C.R. **Bess**, Dick **Bowie**, John **Brearly**, P. **Breitenbucher**, H. **Caldwell**, R.M. **Coleman**, H.L. **Conner** Jr., H.V. **Cooperider**, W.J. **Fling**, Frank **Forrest**, Joe **Frost**, Ned **Glenn**, Walt **Grant**, Perry **Hoisington**, John **Jaycox**, H. **Lampley**, Bob **Little**, Phil **Long**, Monk **Maslowski**, J.B. **Maxwell**, M.J. **McKeever**, Don **Nickerson**, Len **Palmer**, Art **Reed**, Al **Robinette**, Ed P. **Schmid**, E.W. **Schroeder**, Howard **St. Clair**, W.C. **Stone** Jr., Shields **Warren**, J.W. **Watt**, Jasper **Wilson**, Carl **Wohlfeil**, Tilden **Wright**.

Carl's address is: Col. C.A. **Buechner**, Hqtrs 17th A.F. Box 9267, APO New York 09012.

Johnny **Olson**, who retired in July 1967 and joined Booz Allen Applied Research Inc., is settled at Lake Quivera, Kansas, in a "fantastic Swiss Chalet Type" house just outside the S.W. suburbs of Kansas City and surrounded on three sides by water fit for swimming or fishing. Nearby is their club with golf, tennis, sailing etc. If you are in the area, don't fail to call.

Norm **Farrell**, at CDC Fort Belvoir, saw Carl **McFerren** last fall on a visit to CONARC. Pappy plans to retire soon and settle in the vicinity. He also reports at Fort Monroe: Bill **Hinternhoff**, Pappy **Myers**, and Ralph **Hanchin** with a CONARC element at Fort Eustis. Ralph has recovered fully from a heart attack and remains active.

1939: Sons of '39 who graduated from the Naval Academy in Class of 1968. Ensign John Davis and parents (left), Ensign Bill McDowell and parents (right).

George **Higginson** wrote Dick **Morrison** that he is retired at Austin, Texas, and reports Lyle **Peterson** in the area.

Bill **McCaffrey** and Mary visited the Mexican War College last summer in the company of Stan and Nell **Larsen**. Bill, who is stationed at Carlisle, says that Harmon **Lampley** is in business in Mexico City. (Carl **Buechner** still needs his mailing address for the year book). Ben **Chapla**, Deputy Post Commander at Carlisle, will retire next summer. Walt and Ann **Higgins** are in Seoul and son Bobby, in Vietnam. Barry McCaffrey won a DSC and a pair of Purple Hearts last year, and is now en route to Nam for his second tour. Mike **Davison's** son returned in the Spring of '68.

Frankie Joe **Kobes** announced the marriage of daughter Jane Elizabeth to Mr. Phillip Ray Hertzog, 12 Oct. 1968 in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In order to pick up more news your Scribe roused himself and did some hot-footing around last fall. I saw Paul **Tuttle** at NCSU in Raleigh where he is PMS and my youngest son, John, is a sophomore. Paul is in excellent form, expects to retire next summer and settle in Raleigh. At Winston-Salem, N.C., where oldest son, C. David Jr., is a stock-broker, I learned of Ernie **Brockman's** recent lung operation. He has been retired there for some time and is a Systems Analyst with Western Electric. I did not see Ernie this trip, but spent a pleasant evening with him and Charlotte last summer. Ernie was reported home at 1437 Eldorado Avenue. We all wish him well.

The Washington contingent of the Class was represented at the ARMY-Navy game by the Bob **Williamses**, Dick **Cleverlys**, Dave **Goodwins**, Lou **Kunzigs**, Linc **Simmons**, Ed **Hamilton**, and the **Kepples**. We were pleased to see Pappy and Betty **Myers** from Fort Monroe, who proudly announced a new granddaughter; Ed **Kurth** who must have a permanent seat assignment at the stadium by now; Matt, Barb **Legler** and daughter Laura, who is a student at American U. in D.C.; and **Kobes** in the VIP box.

Just before Xmas Reta and I attended a delightful cocktail party given by Ed and Grace **Hamilton** at the Dacor House. There was a good turnout of the Class plus others of the D.C. area — one of whom was "Tac" Matthews, D Co., Maj. Gen. USA Ret. Some, but perhaps not all, of the classmates and wives there were: Dick and Adelaide **Cleverly**, Scott and Jan **Kurtz**, Dottie and Buzz **Chapman**, P.J. **Long**, Bob and Marge **Ploger**, Bob and Jean **Williams**, Shep **Fitzgerald**, Chet and Nancy **Lennhoff** and — representing the younger generation — Barth **Hamilton** and Laura **Legler**.

We are now grieved to announce the last roll call for two of our classmates: Fuzzy **Harrison**, cancer, DeWitt Hospital, Fort Belvoir in October, buried in Arlington; and Seth **Hudgins**, heart attack at Arlington Hall Station, New Year's Eve, buried at West Point.

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Winter doldrums, snow thick on the ground and little pieces of paper from all over the world make up my present problem. The doldrums always were, I can't do much about the snow since I don't understand it so ho for the pieces of paper.

1940: Col. Arthur A. McCarton, USAF, receives 2d Legion of Merit from General T. J. Conway.

Shaunesey retired and lives at 445 Topping Hill Road, Westfield, N.J. He received the oak leaf cluster to his Legion of Merit upon retirement. Now is Director of Purchasing for Harry M. Stevens, Inc. in New York City. Susan **Gleszer** married 1st Lt. Stephen Beaudry at the Div Arty Chapel at Fort Carson. Roland is the proud father of the bride. George **England** retired at Presidio of San Francisco, and lives at 43 Sylvan Drive, same city. Woody **Vaughan** is new CG Army Europe Communications Zone. Jack **Wright** still getting briefed as CG The Infantry School. Jim **McAfee** is new president of Gulf Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Fla.

Hank **Arnold** is back from the Far East to Hq Sixth USA Presidio of San Francisco. Wally **Clement** goes from Belvoir to Hq USAREUR. Roy **Nelson** retired, also **Barton**. Ed **Podufaly** back from the Pacific to Army Topographic Command, Washington. Harry **French** retired 31 October. Ray **Goodrich's** daughter Pamela Frances to wed Navy Ens. Peter Boorum. Mike **Paulick** assigned deputy CG at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Sam **Goodwin** honored by his first Alma Mater, New Mexico Military Institute as a Distinguished Alumnus. Chuck **Noble** from Washington to Seventh Army, Europe. George **Mueller** ordered from MAAG, Ethiopia, to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Reg **Clizbe** will be retired.

Deep condolences to Mac **Lemley** on the death of his mother on 16 October.

Black moves from Thailand to Hq USARV. Burton **McKenzie** Jr., First Classman at USAFA, makes 60 parachute jumps in one day. Has 825 free fall jumps and is aiming for 1000 before graduation this June. **Marston** retired at Andrews AFB in October.

One of the all-too-few **Deems**-ograms from France informs me that some of the things he is against are: snow shovels, pants for girls, negative income tax, men's cosmetics, 9 million cars each year, and high tariffs. There are other things he doesn't like, but they lean towards the controversial. The **Addingtons** write from Saudi Arabia. Cathy Ann arrived on 2 April making them grandparents. **Hamelins** came through Dharan in July on way via Landrover from Kabul, Afghanistan, to Ethiopia. For those who are up on their geography, they took a fruit-boat from Jidda to Ethiopia.

Skip **Fowler** retired and lives in Colorado. One son Gordon is a new 2d Lt. in the AF. Son Robin in Vietnam last year in Navy

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1940: James B. McAfee, President, Gulf Life Insurance Co.

and Guantanamo Bay this year. Marcia back in States after long stay at Stanford Campus in Vienna. Bill **Roedy** in Office, Chief of Engineers in Washington. Building T-7 yet! The Annual Raleigh Christmas poem getting to be as much expected as the one in the NEW YORKER.

Katherine Mary **Gunster** married to Harold Powers Laing in St. Petersburg, Florida on 27 December. The **Reineckes** retired to 6831 Sandy Shore, Columbia, S.C. **Rooney** teaching in same city. Sam and Jean **Patten** making the most of Sam's tour as PMS at Syracuse University. Both taking teaching courses. **Elliott's** daughter Betty was married on 21 June. John **Coontz** reports Zeke **Summers** retired in California. Walt **Winton** reports that the Pike's Peak USMA '40 Contingent includes the **Fowlers, Abbeys, Clarks, Gasperinis, Shoemakers,** and the Page **Smiths.**

Rod **Wetherill** has been to both sides of the world from CG 24 Div Eur to CG Fort Riley and then quick orders to Hq MACV. Jo staying at 1005 West Ash Street, Junction City, Kans. Chuck **Oglesby** is the PMS at Hofstra University, Garden City, N.Y.

Art **McCartan** retired in MacDill AFB and was awarded his Second Legion of Merit by General T.J. Conway. "Mosshead" **Parker** retired with Legion of Merit at Robins AFB.

Other people in other places: **Bonham** retired to 4617 Braeburn Drive, Fairfax, Va. **Buck** is at 334 Hidden Valley Trail, Sherman, Tex. **Case** is at 941 Buckingham Circle NW Atlanta, Ga. **Dunham** lives at 3912 Durham Road, Harrisburg, Pa. **Freudendorf** is at 2724 Whitney Place, Metairie, La. **Frontczak** is at 7095 South Cook Way, Littleton, Colo. **Loewus** is at 359 Warrington Circle, Hampton, Va. **Maedler** retired and has taken a position with National Electrical Manufacturers Assn., 155 E 44th St., New York N.Y. **Porte** has moved east from Colorado and lives at 5324 Duvall Drive, Westmoreland Hills, Washington, D.C. **Symroski** at Route #1 Box 237, Sanibel, Fla.

Even **Ferrill** who believes **Woodward** should be a captain agrees that our Senior Member UNCMAC in Korea did a superior job under tough conditions in bringing back the PUEBLO crew.

'41

Col. Burton C. Andrus Jr.
American Embassy
Bern, Switzerland

1968 was a busy, if sometimes hectic year, and '41ers were busy, but relaxed as usual. At year's end, we could count certain agonies, a lot to be thankful for, and some things to be very proud of indeed. George **Brown** cracked the four star barrier and could probably be declared Class Man of the Year. Bill **Seawell** became our first corporation President. We could be thankful that the unpleasantness in SEA had become less unpleasant; thanks, in substantial part, to stout-hearted classmates, hard-nosing their way through their third war, plus the equally hard-nosed efforts of the class sons and sons-in-law, getting their first taste of battle. (NOTE: Xmas letter showed 10 old heads, 16 sons, and 10 sons-in-law in the shooting zone plus 18 sons, 3 sons-in-law, and 6 daughters in uniform or the Peace Corps).

The retired curve trends upward. Only the generals and a few of what the DOD concernedly refers to as "Terminal" assignment colonels remain. Records here show about 80 still beating the last note of assembly.

Other pluses: On 21 Aug. the bad guys clearly reidentified themselves as the bad guys and on 5 Nov. voters turned out in record numbers; both of these events may lead to increased stature for our profession. We were exhilarated by the sound thrashing of the team that manages to get "up" for but one game a year. These events, together with the thrilling performance of Apollo 8 (where ours continues to be the best represented Alma Mater in Space) wound the year up with such a bang that most of the yippies, rioters, and confused, student protesters were drowned out by the roars of approval. So, as the Class of '41 turns into the home stretch of its soldiering days, 1969 could hardly look more exciting!

Our representatives at the ramparts are: Burnside **Huffman**, II Field Force; Elmer **Yates**, CG Eng Const Agency; Clare **Armstrong** with II Corps Adv Gp; and Wendy **Knowles**, AID. Rip **Collins** and Martin **Shadday** are in Korea. Mac **Jones**, George **McIntyre**, Harry **Ellis**, Woody **Garrett**, Sam **Magruder**, and Charlie **Fletcher** are recent returnees.

If, indeed, there is a generation gap, it could hardly apply to our profession. Our sons and sons-in-law are making a splendid contribution; many in combat for the second time. Those who have twice been awarded the VN Service Medal include Capt. John **Richards** '64, Lt. Scott **Peddie** USN, Capts. John Kempster and David Harris (sons-in-law of Potter **Campbell**), Capt. Tom Williams, USMA, and Capt. Charlie Harrell (sons-in-law of Jean **Moody** and Geo. **Pickett** respectively). Those on their first "go" are: Bill **Birdseye** '65 and Walter Birdseye, Lt. Jim and Lt. KO **Mullins** Jr., Capt. John **Murray** '64, Capt. Lou **Flanders** Jr., Lt. Mike **Rhynard** USAFA '66, Bob **Levy**, David **Linton**, Lt. Walt **Mather** Jr., '67, Lt. Pat **Mayo**, Lt. Jim **Sikes** Jr., Lt. Pete **Thompson**, (AG), Johnny **Brooks** IV, USN, Lt. Hugh **Foster**, Lt. Joe **Knowlton**, and Capt. John **Ward** '64, who won an Olmstead Fellowship that will bring him to Geneva in July. Sons-in-law of Lyman **Faulkner**, Dave **Gauvreau**, Joe **Reed**, Geo. **Welles**, and Pat **Tansey** (a Marine wounded in action) are on their first tour.

1941: George Brown, the first four-star general in the Class of 1941, commands the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam.

Others in uniform are: Ron, Bob, and Jim **Berger**, Capt. Milo **Moucha** Jr., Tommy and Burt **Atkinson** USN, Brian Green (**Freese**), Lt. Frank **Gerig** Jr., Capt. Patrick **O'Connell** '66, Capt. John **Easton**, Capt. Bryan **Troup**, Capt. R.D. **Brown** III '65, Lt. Mike **Grygiel** '68, Lt. Tom **McDaniel** Jr., USAFA '68, Capt. Steve **Mayo** USAFA '64, Jack **Thigpen** Jr., and Lt. Doug **Von Schriltz**. Sons-in-law: Lt. R.L. Pearce (**Curtis**), Capt. John K. Moon (**Starr**), Ronald Bishop (**McMillan**), Maj. Paul Morgan (**Vaughan**); and Cadets Clare **Armstrong** Jr., and Tom **Hendrickson** '69; John **Norton**, Dick **Snider**, Frank **Stainback** III, '70; J.S. **Brown** (HM) '71; and Charlie **Fletcher**, Bill **Hershenow** III, Dan **McCaffery**, Thomas P. **Smith** (CL), and David **Tuttle** '72. At USAFA: Curt **Andrus** '69; John **Brier**, Jack **Trimble**, and Dick **O'Connor** '70; and Roy **Hendrickson** '72. And at USNA: Martin **Shadday** '70, and Mike **Greene** Jr., '71. Robin **Cooper** (RL) enters USAFA this July. Distaff representatives: Karen **Moucha**, Joan **Borman**, Jane **Clifford** in the Army Nurse Corps; Molly **Greene** in ARC Korea; and serving in the Peace Corps: Susan **Durr**, Celia **Roton**, and Ginger **Travis.**

The Grandparent Derby goes on apace. '68, an excellent vintage year, added at least 25 to our precious nursery. Leading the list would certainly be Ben and Marge **West** who got a daily double – twin boys presented by daughter, Sharon. Grandparents buying pink booties were: Butch **Berger**, Ted **Brown**, Aileen **Felchlin**, Auby **Hauser**, Jack **Millikin**, Jean **Moody**, and Dick **Rastetter**. Buying blue: Pooge **Curtis**, Felix **Gerace**, Guy **Goddard**, Dennis **Grace**, Babe **Hendrickson**, Ralph **McCool**, Alicia **Salinas**, Betty Shearer (**Waitt**) and Ted **Celmer**. Seven others who failed to mention the color of the footwear were: John **Burtchaell**, Charlie **Cannon**, Bob **Detwiler**, Frank **Gerig**, Lynn Lee, Ed **Poole**, and Mal **Troup**.

It was great to be joined this year by 12 of our family who maintain contact: Edee **Durr**, Aileen **Felchlin**, Ruth Freese, Beatrice Higgins (**Ward** JH), Blanche Johnson (**Cummings** RL), Helen Mahone (**McDaniel**), Jean **Moody**, Gen Hume **Peabody**, Alicia **Salinas**,

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Betty Shearer (**Waitt**), Judy **Tyler**, and Capt. John **Ward**.

1968 was not all good or even just hectic. For some tragedy was very near and very real. Ralph **Freese**, George **Stillson**, June **Reed** and Dorann **Rastetter** passed away.

Late information has been received from Horace Brown that Ben **Kercheval** died on Christmas morning from a heart attack and was buried in the El Camelo Cemetery at Pacific Grove, California. Butch **Rising** attended the funeral.

Larry **Greene** Jr., was KIA in VN. Bill and Marie **Clifford** continued to bear the cross of Mark's disabling accident, and John **Easton** fought for his life against the rare disease, myastenia gravis.

Nineteen more '41ers have stacked arms, and heading the list in the retiree column would have to be Lyman **Faulkner**, Bob **Johnson**, and Jack **Kelsey** who have turned to career No. 3! real estate, teaching, and jewelry respectively. Seven went to defense industry: Potter **Campbell**, Howdie **Clark**, Jay **Clinton**, Jim **Forsyth**, JOG **Green**, Jack **Millikin**, and Frank **Stainback**. Three to education: George **Adjemian**, Joe **Gurfein**, and Earl **Brown**. Three to securities: John **Atkinson**, Tom **Cleary**, and George **Johnson**. Six others: George **Pittman** – Airport Mgmt; Paul **Ramee** – Civ Engineering; Chuck **Roton** and Buck **Miller** didn't say; Dick **Scott** said '69 would be a "Sabbatical"; and for Dave **Cooper** it will be "Fishing, golf and bridge."

Wedding Bells: Martha **Curtis** to Clark J. Wilson in Aug.; Robert **Elsberry** to Cynthia LeVesque in Aug.; Bill **Gribble** Jr. to Mary Jane in Jun; Peggy **Hershenow** to Ensign Kenneth Carlton in Aug.; Pat **Hutson** in Nov.; Bonnie **Male** in Dec.; Lt. Jim **Mullins** to Jackie Robinson in Feb.; Theresa **Pittman** to Charles Jackson in Aug.; Patsy **Reed** to Lt. Robert Reynolds; Pam **Roy** to Douglas Miller in Oct.; Elizabeth **Waitt** to Thomas R. Tomlinson in Jan.; Sandee **Starr** to Capt. John K. Moon; Roger **Sykes** to Kaye in Apr.; Tina **Tansey** to John Clarke in May; Chris **Tidmarsh** to Don Saunders in June; Roger **Rosenbaum** in Mar.; and Bill **Purdy** brought the lovely Milda into the class family on 9 Nov. She is a Girl Scout Officer of International standing.

Boaty **Boatwright** reports enjoying the "Life of Riley"; John **Callaway** is doing what we all think we can do better than the incumbent – Post Commander; Duck **Deyo** says "Golf didn't keep me busy enough – now taking a course in oil painting." Fitz **Fitzpatrick** from Lisbon begs, "Bring me a snowball!!" Wally and Doris **Lauterbach**, "Have twins!" (Cessna 310); Jack **Millikin** was too bashful, but Lucy wasn't to announce that Jack received the DSM upon his retirement. Steve **Plume** III becomes an M.D. in June; Charlie **Schilling** is at Stuttgart University on a sabbatical; Chick **Seamans** is planning to become the best fisherman in Florida in July; Pete **Tanous** says, "Buy a gold-plated Lincoln, and send the bill to Bill **Vaughan**." Ben **West** has his LL.B. Bill Vaughan reports, "Am working hard thinking of ways to influence the monetary system."

In the New Jobs Department, Bill **Seawell** hit the longest ball yet: President of Rolls-Royce Aero Engines, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of R-R Ltd. Bill is making engines for 24 airlines and 220 executive operators in the U.S. George **Adjemian** teaching Am Govt at Cal State; John **Atkinson**, investment exec with Goodbody; Earl **Brown**, Dir of Govt Rel and Counsel for Merrimack College; Potts **Campbell** with Grumman; Howdie **Clark** and Jack **Millikin** with Motorola; Tom **Cleary**, Inv exec with A L Stamm; Jay **Clinton** VORG Tech Oper, Inc; Norm **Coker**, Compt/Dir of Co/Data Corp; Andy **Evans**, Cdr Tac Air Warfare Center, Eglin; Tom **Fisher**, Mgr Strat Policy Studies, Bolt Beranik and Newman; Bill **Gleason** Asst C/S Log AFCENT relieved Dick **Scott**; JOG **Green**, Link Group, Singer Gen Precision Inc; Larry **Greene**, C/S V Corps; Mike **Greene**, Dep Comdt AWC; Joe **Gurfein**, Dir Fed City Coll; Mac **Jones**, DCG USAMECOM, St. Louis; Jerry **LaRocca**, Exec VP, Microwave Sensor Systems, Inc; Sam **Magruder**, IG CDC; Swampy **Marsh**, Asst Dep C/S O & T Fourth Army; Joe **Myers**, Counselor, Project Transition, Ed Ctr, Fort Lewis; Jim **McElroy**, Asst Mgr Advance Planning and Anal, Litton; Geo. **McIntyre**, Mgr AWC nonresident course; Irv **Perkin**, Mgr of Ops Infilco Plant GATX; Geo. **Pittman**, asst Dir of Avn, Cape Kennedy Apt; Paul **Root**, Chf ROTC Div Sixth Army; Frank **Stainback**, Fac Engr Pan Am; Pete **Tanous**, Mgr. International Activities, Philco-Ford Corp.

THE GAME: Horace **Brown** reports that '41 turned out: Jack **Norton**, Charlie **Fletcher**, Pete **Tanous**, John **D'Esposito**, Al **Snider**, Al **Dalby**, Mike **Greene**, Joe **Reed**, Eric **de-Jonckheere**, George **McIntyre**, Spike **Woodruff**, Roy **Clinton**, Butch **Berger**, Leon **Briggs**, Lee **Ledford**, Walt **Mather**, and Biss **Moore**. Al **Hayduk** rallied with the other Colorado Springers, Ben **Spiller** (host, in the new home with the loveliest view in Col Spr), Mal **Troup** and the Hayduks. He reports that the Denverites, John **Henschke**, Bob **Kramer** and Bill **Linton** rallied chez Linton. Jack **Christensen** reports that the swinging San Francisco Set fell flat at game time but vowed, "That it shall not happen again." George **Pittman** reports five brethren within 15 miles near Apollosville, Fla: Jack **Kelsey**, Frank **Stainback**, Max **Hall**, and Pete **Dilts** – they couldn't collect for the game but hope to by Founders Day. Pat **Tansey** reports on the Missouri game along with Herb **Clendening** and Frank **Gerig** as follows: "It seems a disgrace to us that the Corps of Cadets (represented by one battalion) were not given better seats than on the goal line. Also the host cheerleaders had microphones with amplifiers which drowned out the Cadet cheerleaders who were provided none. It appears that the gate take is more important than the contest among the Big 8."

Bill **Gurnee** reports Pilot and Copilot **Lauterbach** stayed with them for a week in November. Double scratch lates for the Xmas letter included Curt **Chapman** at Fort DeRussy, "Glad to grin and bear living in Hawaii as Pac Ocean Div Engr." And Rod **O'connor** at Casilla 1209, Asuncion, Paraguay, representing the Interamerican Development Bank, "At noon today it was 100, and I am in my 5th day of a plaster body cast having broken collar bone water-skiing last Sunday. I always was pretty strong – now I just smell that way." Biss **Moore** Business Mgr, Lawrenceville Schl, 2557 Main St., Lawrenceville, N.J. says, "Y'all come! On the direct route from N.Y. to Wash, Phila, and the Penn Turnpike." Biss mailed his input on 7 Jan barely 53 days after deadline.

As we charge into 1969 let's make a check list to (a) do all we can to restore military direction to our profession, (b) to beat the bad guys to the moon, and (c) Roll that Score Way Up!!

1942: On the march again.

'42

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Santa Claus and the Christmas Newsletter are harder to follow than a dog act, but deadline is upon me and Danny won't wait! Unfortunately, Class Elections are a week too late for the deadline, but with some degree of assurance I will predict that John **Murphy** will become Great Pumpkin, Crit will be our answer to Spiro Agnew, George **Hesselbacher** will retain control of the purse strings for another year while consolidating his debts, Al **Wilder** will take on the real labor of love as Secretary, and with the promise of a 100% increase in salary, the Historian remains entrenched. Ted **Marks** had been seduced into accepting the Secretaryship–but the Supe failed to clear with the Washington Contingent and is sneaking Ted away to be C/S at USMA! Don't look on it as losing a Secretary but as gaining a set of quarters!

Happ ness is a set of eagles for the Bob **Blairs** as of mid-December. Changes include Jack **Barnes'** move to the 173d Airborne Bde, Don **Bolton** back here to Camp Tanglefoot, Bob **Fritz** to AMC, Grant **Jones** to XI Corps Arty Advisory Group at Salt Lake, Bill **Kraft** to replace Pat **Timothy** as ADC of the 9th Inf Div (Tim to be Deputy Senior Advisor in the II Corps Tactical Zone), and Jim **Vivian** to Brussels for a NATO tour. Garrard **Foster** and Jack **Watson** have joined the ranks of us old soldiers, Jack to Planning Research Corp as a Senior Associate with a parking space and G. undecided at the moment.

In October yours truly had the honor of being introduced to the Advanced Class Students at Fort Sill by the Asst Com, Larry **Caruthers**. Even more pleasureful were the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with Larry and Mae at their lovely quarters as their first guest. Wouldn't you know! George **Rehkopf** and Helene accepted the inevitable and had me over to share Bloody Marys and lunch with pg daughter Robin and the resident padre (not really. George's brother was just visiting!). The biggest concern was coordinating the arrival of the grandchild with the 1 Feb. retirement and move to Columbus, Ga.

Homecoming '68 brought forth the old crocks pictured herewith. The starting eleven that ambushed California at Homecoming–**Offley, Watson, Cutler, Wyman, Hays, Wilder, Ulsaker, Gates, Urrutia, Halpin** and **Hanst**–plus John **Baker** who timed a JAG conference to get up from Panama, the **Cages, Horridges, Sheffeys** and Bill **Warrens**, all of whom were either too old, too hung over, or too late to

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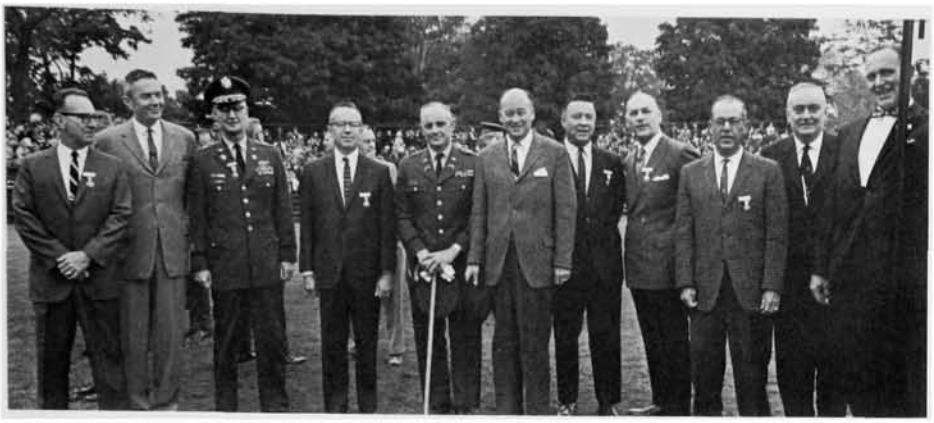

1942: The starting eleven that ambushed California at Homecoming. Left to right: Offley, Watson, Cutler, Wyman, Hays, Wilder, Ulsaker, Gates, Urrutia, Halpin, and Hanst.

make that particular scene. Hank was escorting his "niece" or "cousin" or some such unlikely story which would no doubt give Genny a chuckle. John Sheffey was vehemently denying any connection between his attendance at the inauguration of the new President of Panama just two weeks prior and the coup announced just that morning. Of course, our No. 1 grad on the scene was the Supe, and we all had the extra fun of sharing the official and unofficial activities with the **Kosters** and letting all and sundry know that they belonged to us. The Cutlers hosted cocktails Friday evening for the group. The Hayses provided lunch before the game Saturday. The **Stephenses** were busy trying to convince the California crowd that what ARMY did to them was all in the spirit of good fellowship, and the **Flanagans** were in the throes of adjusting to the birth of their latest little gal and the marriage of their daughter, Dierdre, who complained that their replacement program was just a bit too efficient! I missed Bud **Ryder** when he was back here on a visit in September, but when several of us visited the new barracks – No. 1 – we bumped into young Ted and found him a more than adequate replacement! Also on the scene that weekend were Tommy **Fergusson** and drag (gosh, but all the men spent a lot of time talking to Tommy!) and the Dick Mileses' daughters, of which Julia has subsequently entrapped her Firsty into popping the question.

The AUSA convention at the end of October brought in a few visitors and unearthed a few locals to include Bob **Clagett**, Jack **Davies**, Dowillie **Divers**, Al **Hunter**, Tom **Iuliucci**, Sam **Koster**, Butch **Offley**, Ray **O'Neal**, Danny **Raymond**, Joe **Schmidt** and Dopey **Stephens**. Ink **Gates** and John **Sheffey** were reported to be in attendance at the fancy-dress dinner concluding the convention, but since said affair is beyond my choking price, I cannot report their presence first-hand.

The Penn State game attracted the **Kosters**, **Horridges**, Dopey **Stephens** and the **Hansts**. The attendant festivities were a ball, and as for that rouser of a game, one more of us just might have turned the tide. Or perhaps on second thought, I should say one less—like Barbara. She tried to be well behaved in rooting for her Alma Mater, but when Penn State got that last score, Westy was the beneficiary of a lot of enthusiasm from that Nittany Lion behind him!

My Carlisle trip came during the flu season, and Marie **Sitterson** was clever enough to claim illness. Not stated was whether the illness came in concert with or preceding my arrival! The **Spilmans** poured one evening, providing a very pleasant interlude plus word that Bob has discovered that palettes and small paint brushes can be a heap more fun than the three to six-inch size. A late arrival prevented me from enjoying the **Zimmermans'** hospitality at Benning. Bill reports the purchase of a home in Palm Beach—a steal, he says—in contemplation of retirement in 1970.

Newsletter lates: Dick **Brice**—Larry is getting married in December to Kathy Boudreau of Anaheim. Best wishes to all. Roy **Geiger**—Arrived here 1 October. In the rat race of the move overlooked this notice. Enjoying the Big Ten football and the job as PMS. I have NOT retired and don't plan to until 1972. Hank **Harmeling**—Just back from W.P. and seeing John (a Plebe) and Dutch (Firsty). Hope back from Saigon and the little people home to keep us churning. Teaching great.

Tom **Iuliucci**—Still going strong in the bowling business in Fayetteville, N.C. Now proud of two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. Tina, last child still at home, active in high school and community youth affairs. Come see us. John **Mattina**—Moved to Frankfurt and the Engineer Command last year. We expect to leave Europe in June. Destination unknown. Nell is enjoying our first "champagne" tour. Johnnie left college, volunteered for the Army, graduated from Fort Sill OCS in August and heads for Vietnam after completing flight school.

Bob **Terry**—We've just completed our first year in Hawaii. The swaying palms and ocean breezes are also enjoyed by Turk **Ryder**, Ernie **White**, Bob **Blair**, Grant **Jones** and families. Besides supporting Punahou and Michigan State, Nomie and I are enjoying the sun, the beaches and the people here. Jack **Watson**—Retiring New Year's Day to start another career here in D.C. This address should be valid for writing, calling, and visiting purposes for quite a long spell, so do please use it.

Potpourri (hah!)—Col. T.J. **Michel** was cited in the press for lauding six ARMY divers for their assistance in "repairing a deluge valve at a Titan II missile site" at McConnell AFB. Dick **Hennessy** called while in town when his dad was being operated on. No subsequent news, so we trust all is well. Ray **Murphy** was back for a conference the week AFTER the Navy game. Even us goats understand about timing, Murph! The **Cutlers** were in town for Ginger's AER chores. Press reports noted that Mrs. Alvin D. **Wilder** had hostessed a dinner-dance for the Engineer Wives Club of D.C. and that Club President, Mrs. John **Baker**, had given a brief history of the Munich beer busts in connection with an Oktoberfest held by the USARSO Officer's Wives Club. The **Brughs** continue to do things on a scale appropriate to prior activities by arranging a double wedding in River Forest on 27 Dec. for Susan and Ann!

Bill **Crosson** just reports himself back in NYC after a brief and uninviting look at things down Venezuela way. I had a delightful luncheon date with Carey **Brown's** father a few weeks back. It was easy to see where Carey got his snap and sparkle. Joe **Cannon** advises that Sam **Koster** is already lined up to speak at the San Francisco Society's Founders Day Dinner and says y'all come. Dotty **Robbs** has remarried and has our best wishes for much happiness. The official word reported Roy **Smith's** retirement and receipt of the Legion of Merit for outstanding service as a project engineer at Los Angeles from November 1963 to June 1968.

Christmas card gleanings: **Andersons** are building a home on an island in Penobscot Bay and residing in Bangor meanwhile. The **Buchanans** went down to Columbia, Mo., to see the **Kosters** and the Missouri game. The **Cages** gained a daughter-in-law in January when Lee Jr. took the fatal step. Bill **Hamilton** has extended at U. of Connecticut until 1970, and Gloria is working on an M.A. Jay **Hewitt** had spinal surgery in November but was reported at home and doing well. Betty Lou **Plott** was in attendance upon a new grandchild in Oklahoma, and the **Rowlands** are moving to Freeport where Dave will be in the investment business.

Charlie **Mizell** asks that I extend apologies for all errors, omissions and other goofs in the NEWSLETTER, allowing that his "proof" reading ain't what it used to be! Having evaluated the job done and the product as A-1, I declined! For your address list, note that the **Harrells** are at 4502 Orley Place, McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641.

John **Reid** continues to give loving attention to Project '72 but is underwhelmed by the flow of contributions. Infernal Revenue says we're tax exempt (thanks to John fighting the initial turn down) so let's all get with the program. How's about setting up to dun yourself a monthly contribution for X months and make this the Class effort it should be! It is also requested that you note the name and address at the head of the column and try it! You might enjoy a new habit this year.

JAN '43

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The days of yule and holly brought an abundance of cards and letters from classmates all around the world. First, from Vietnam, Mitch **Goldenthal**, who commands the new I Corps Tactical Zone Signal Group at Phu Bai, reported that he saw Jack **Armstrong** shortly after Jack arrived in Phu Bai to become G1 of the XXIV Corps under Gen. Dick Stilwell. On the same day that Mitch saw Jack, he also visited Joe **Conmy**, who commands the 3d Brigade of the 101st, and had dinner with Doug **Blue**, Commander of the 18th Engineer Brigade. Other classmates whom Mitch has seen in Vietnam include Jim (Rabbit) **Brook**, who is the leader of the Army Electronics Command's R&D

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Jan '43: Kathy Beeson and her daughter, Mrs. Judith Beeson Sullivan, hold the Legion of Merit certificate presented posthumously to Tom Beeson by Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Agan (far left), Commander of the Aerospace Defense Command. Also pictured with Kathy and her daughter are Tom Beeson Jr. (holding Legion of Merit medal) and Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Thatcher, former ADC Commander and a close friend of the Beesons. At the time of his death in an automobile accident in Europe, Tom Beeson was Chief of Staff for Allied Forces, Southern Europe, in Naples.

team in RVN; Darrie **Richards**, CG of Qui Nhon Support Command; Bob **Burlin**, Deputy and ofttimes Commander of the Army Engineer Construction Agency, Vietnam; Ted **Ardery**, who is the R&U Chief for the same agency; and Bert **Hood**, Deputy G4 of USARV. Mitch also reported that Elvy **Roberts** is now the USARV DCS for Plans & Operations and will probably be the next USARV Chief of Staff.

Also out Vietnam-way, Bob **Fiss** received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding services with the Army Artillery Training Center at Fort Sill. Bob's now the Deputy Commander of II Field Forces Artillery in Vietnam. His daughter, Susan, was married to Rodney W. Underhill in the old post chapel at Fort Sill on 20 Sept. 1968. It is reported that there have been such improvements in the Vietnamese IG system over the past year that Bob **Cook** was requested to stay another year, so Ruth has moved to Clark Field in the Philippines, which is not too far from Bob.

Jan '43: Mitch Goldenthal, CO of the I Corps Tactical Zone Signal Group, and Jim (Rabbit) Brook, leader of ECOM's R&D team in Vietnam, are pictured together at Phu Bai.

Shortly before his departure from the MACV J3 office, Andy (J.W.) **Anderson** wrote that Gray **Wheelock** had just arrived from OASD (ISA) to become the Deputy J3. Andy no sooner arrived in Washington for assignment to Army DCSOPS than he received Change 1 to his orders, sending him to EUCOM, Europe. Another returnee to the Washington arena in January is Johnny **Baer**, who was Deputy Commander of USMAC Thai and will succeed Henry Newcomer (USMA '39) as Director of the Near East and South East Region, OASD (ISA). There was an excellent photo of Johnny in the November issue of the Air Force magazine with Air Chief Marshal Boon Choo Chandrubeska, Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force. Also from Bangkok came word from Marge **Seith** that she bought a share of PanAm and flew over to visit Ted, who has been transfered to Udron. Their son, Jim, receives his pilot's wings in February and their daughter, Susan, is to be married to a USAFA graduate in June.

Jack **Jones** rose to a comment about his pioneer life in a recent ASSEMBLY column to state that he has been forced to flee from Marina del Rey, Calif., due to the unhealthy influx of large numbers of airline hostesses. He's now hiding away in a little log cabin on the rugged Northern California coast at Mendocino. It's only a 3½-hour drive to his home in San Francisco, so he commutes once a week for a taste of city life. Jack has been on medical leave from North American Rockwell since mid-1968. Also on the West Coast, Dick **Broach** is now the Deputy Chief of the Flight Safety Division, Directorate of Aerospace Safety at Norton AFB, and Dave **Barger** has assumed the duties of the Vice Commander of the 6595th Aerospace Test Wing at Vandenberg AFB.

Dimitri **Kellogg** retired from the position of Director of the Department of Operations Research/Systems Analysis at the Army Management School to become a consultant to General Electric Corporate Engineering in Schenectady, N.Y. Meanwhile, Jim **Richardson** advised me that he is moving from Michigan to teach at the Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Del. He's bought a home at Rehoboth Beach.

Commuting between West Point and a very similar institution (in terms of architecture) called Duke University, Tom **Griess** completed his Ph.D. in history in October. The subject of his dissertation was "Dennis Hart Mahan: West Point Professor and Advocate of Military Professionalism, 1830-1871."

Dolly **Neale** reported from Carlisle Barracks that they are enjoying the academic environment and plan to extend their tour as long as possible . perhaps until 1973 and retirement. The only other classmate at Carlisle is Hal **Barber**.

Here at the flagpole in Washington, Bill **Knowlton** took a few moments from his round-the-clock job as Army SGS to compile 500 well-chosen words on the activities of classmates here and there. According to Bill, Ray **Ruyffelaere** has returned to Thailand, this time for a tour on the Joint Staff. All of the Ruyffelaeres should shortly qualify for Thai citizenships. Eppy **Epperson** dropped in from Brigham City, Utah, where he's senior resident representative for Lockheed, in search of a civilian job in Vietnam. Recent orders were seen transferring Pete **Pavick** from command of the 64th Artillery Group in Texas to NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs. Bill also reported that Gerry **Cosgrove** really has his hands full as the Defense Attaché in Jordan. Meanwhile, our Defense Attaché in Sweden, Phoebe **Foote**, should be returning to CONUS for reassignment next summer. Out at Fort Irwin, Calif., Ralph **Hofmann** is relinquishing command of thousands of acres of desert to join the MACV staff. Down south at Huntsville, Ala., Bob **Marshall**, Director of Site Activation for the Sentinel Command, is reported to be solving the problems of site location by subduing local civilians and dissident scientists with an old

Jan '43: Johnny Buckner accepts the Order of Daedalian's Muir S. Fairchild Award from Lt. Gen A.P. Clark, Commander of the Air University at Maxwell AFB. The award was made in recognition of Johnny's contributions to professional military education in the Air Force. Johnny is now Commander of U.S. Forces at Lajes AFB in the Azores.

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Jan '43: Lou Wilson is presented the Legion of Merit by Lt. Gen. J.W. O'Neill, Commander of the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Organization, for his outstanding services in USAF Headquarters from 1964-1968.

lacrosse stick. Bill Knowlton's son, Dave, now serving in Joe **Conmy's** 3d Bde Headquarters, is scheduled to rotate to CONUS in April and will become a drill sgt. at Fort Knox.

Through the courtesy of Jack **Shaffer**, the last class luncheon here in the Washington area was held at the Columbia Country Club. Those in attendance included: Jack **Armstrong**, Bob **Baden**, Ken **Buell**, Chet **Butcher**, Clarence **Davenport**, Jack **Daye**, T. Q. **Donaldson**, Ed **Faust**, Flip **Fenili**, Pete **Grimm**, Jim **Hackler**, Bill **Hahn**, Charlie **Heltzel**, Fred **King**, Eddie **McGough**, Stew **Meyer**, Rex **Minckler**, Danny **Moore**, Johnny **Norris**, Bill **Pietsch**, Bill **Pitts**, Jack **Russell**, Jack **Shaffer**, Bill **Talbott**, and Charlie **Wirt**. It was at this business luncheon that the Class President, Jack Armstrong, appointed a nominating committee of two (Bill Pitts and Stew Meyer) to draw up a slate of new class officers and shortly thereafter departed for Vietnam, leaving me holding the gavel until the new class officers are installed in January. Class "Financier" Jack Daye reported that the portfolio of investments in the class fund now includes the following shares: Diamond Shamrock (15), Sante Fe Industries (15), Kysor Industries (15), Continental Oil (7), and Kennecott Copper (10). The book value of these investments is $2290.36. Jack states that he'll be retiring soon to join Bob **McDermott** who's now President of the United Services Automobile Association. The Class joined in expressing its "get-well-soon" wishes to Bill **Fritz** who was the victim of routine surgery that went awry. Our new Washington class roster shows Myron **Dakin** at NASA. It was also learned that Barbara Baden, daughter of Bob and Robin Baden, was married to Jack Reid (USMA '68) at Fort Belvoir last 24 November.

Jim **Cobb** popped into town the other day from Huntsville, Ala., on Sentinel production matters and claimed that he's just completed building a barn for his daughters' new horse —at least there'll be no more dog houses for Jim.

It's time to close this column to meet the 6 January deadline. In our next column, look for the announcement of our new class officers and an eyewitness account of our 26th anniversary party on the evening of 19 January. Until then, the best of everything for 1969!

JUN '43

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Sixty-five of the Washington area contingent gathered in the Castle Room of the Fort Belvoir Club on 12 October for a particularly heart warming class party. Bill and Nancy **Malone** did the hosting, and the arrangements were superb. After dinner Bill gave us an impromptu that rivalled a Bob Hope Special. He had the whole crowd ready to hop immediately aboard the ARMY-Navy game bus being lined up by Bob **Sonstelie**. Bob **Plett** (accompanied by Florence) gave a brief report on the excellent progress of the 25-Year Book and from all indications it is a real winner. Bill closed the formalities by introducing Mrs. Robert L. Eichelberger, beloved widow of our Plebe and Yearling year Superintendent. Thanks go to Tommy **Tomlinson** for bringing us the honor of her presence.

Conversation after the elegant dinner centered around plans to attend the ARMY-Navy game and the remarkable retention of youth of some of our class. Lee **Hogan** (accompanied by Anne) gives credit to jogging—he could still fit into his cadet riding breeches. Hank **Richard** (with Bev) and Gary **Black** (with Marge) give credit to tennis. Jamie **Philpott** wasn't there to explain where he gives credit—he was home babysitting with their 18-month-old! Cobe **Hurley** proudly told of Pat Jr.'s graduation from the AF Academy and of the scheduled entry of son Kevin next year. The following attended in addition to those already mentioned: Marianne **Aaron**, George **Alexander**, Bruce and Barbara **Arnold**, Charley and Betty **Benson**, Bill and Anne **Brake**, Rolo and Jan **Brandt**, Ned and Nicki **Burr**, Clare and Jane **Farley**, Dick and Winnie **Hemsley**, Archie and Shirley **Hill**, John and Myla **Hudson**, Earle and Dorothy **Johnson**, Alan and Lynn **Jones**, Dick **McAdam**, Dale and Helen **McGee**, Buck and Barbara **Newman**, Bill and Bee **Peak**, Snuffy and Judy **Rhea**, Dave and Nita **Schwartz**, Sandy and Chris **Sembach**, Bob and Val **Sonstelie**, Art and Jean **Surkamp**, Craig and Elizabeth **Teller**, Duane and Harriet **Tenney**, Dutch and Ginny **Umlauf**, Wick **Wickert**, Joe and Norma **Weyrick**, Carlos and Barb **Young**. (Thanks to Dave Schwartz for providing all this fine information.)

To continue with the activities around the Washington area, Bob **Sonstelie** reported on those that went from here to the ARMY-Navy game and also the members of the class he could remember seeing there. To quote Bob, he says that his memory seems to be increasingly unreliable. Anyway, his recollection of the A/N game participants were: Bruce and Barbara **Arnold** (Bruce just returned from Vietnam and is now assigned to AF Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.); Harvey and Skippy **Short**; Dave and Juanita **Schwartz**; Tommy **Tomlinson** with daughter Lucy and son Bill (Tommy also reported he visited Doc and Kathleen **Reinhalter** in Braintree, Mass., back in July while he was attending Harvard Mgmt School); Bernie and Ann **Rogers**; Larry **Pavy**; Al **Tyrala**; Billie **Cantlay**; Rip and Ginny **Collins**; Leo and Dorothy **Hayes**; Dick **McAdam** with daughter Lucy; Dale and Helen **McGee**, with daughters Susan and Ann; Ned and Ginny **Schramm** (Ned just returned from the West Coast to be with Air Research Corporation here in Va.); Si **Silvester**; Joe and Norma **Weyrick** with two of their children; Carl and Lola **Wolf**; Dunc **Randall** with family; Arch **Hill** and family, and Leon **Sembach** and family.

Joe **Weyrick** continues to keep me posted on the classmates in the Army who have changed status. **Van Auken**, after a bout with the medics at Walter Reed, received a clean bill of health; he is now retired and lives in Florida—let us know your whereabouts, Van. Ed **Soler** is now CO AVLAVS at Fort Eustis. Les **Hardy** is leaving USAREUR in March for direct reassignment to command an Artillery division in Vietnam; Betty and Billy will stay here in Annandale. She reports they are grandparents as Joyce had a boy on their 25th wedding anniversary. Bill **Peak** is now at the Defense Intelligence School and the Defense Language School in preparation for his being the Military Attaché to Hungary. Hal **Parfitt** now commands an engineer bde in Vietnam, and Jesse **Fishback** commands an engineering gp in that area. Visiting Joe Weyrick from overseas was Hank **Romanek** from Hawaii and Nick **Parker** from England; Nick and Cynthia plan to return to the U.S. this summer.

Ed **McCabe** received a Legion of Merit from Gen. T.J. Conway, Commanding General of the U.S. Strike Command. **Lacouture** is now Director of Ballistic Missile Def, U.S. Army Air Def Comd, Colorado Springs. In an article datelined Saigon (furnished me by Dutch **Umlauf**), Hubert **Tansey** reportedly led the Black Knights of the Mekong over Navy 32 to 0; this kind of confirms you're never too old to play! Roger and Anne **Kullman** are still enjoying life in Colorado Springs. Tody and Ralph **Hallenbeck** are enjoying life at Scott AFB; their oldest son, Don, an F-4 driver in Vietnam, was recently married; Teddy is in flying training at Laredo; Rudy is a senior at the AF Academy; and Lane is at home with them. "Shadrach" **Easley** is still in San Pedro, Calif., and reports that Lorry **Thomas** is with Hallacrafters in Chicago (so let me know your Chicago address, Lorry).

Had a note from Tom and Boots **Brown** in California; Boots is selling real estate, and Tom is with the Ampex Corp.; their son Tom (a professor in a local university) was recently married. Babs **Watson** is living in Orlando, Fla.; her son Larry graduates from law school this summer and will go into the Marines; Tom graduates from college next summer and goes into the Navy; the little gal is still with Babs.

Dale **Sweat** is now Deputy Chief of Staff/Plans at USAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany; Betty and Susan are with him there, and Buzz is a senior at Colorado University. Dick **McAdam** retired on 31 July '68 and is now a field representative of the State Technical Services for the University of Va.; they are still living at 4421 North Ditman Road, Arlington, Va.

Received belated word that Ernie **Price** lost his wife Betty last July. We are sorry to hear this sad news and would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ernie. Had lunch with Charlie **Pence** and Rex **Cocroft** some time ago, and they both report everything is going great with them and their families. I also had lunch with Paul **Steinle** who retired last July and is now with Ham-

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ilton Standard in Hartford, Conn. Paul reports Ruth and the children are fine, but I have forgotten their home address—please let me hear from you again, Paul. Ralph **Jones** has returned from an assignment in Vietnam to be Director, Civilian Manpower Management Office/ACSFOR (Pentagon). Ralph, Evelyn, and the children are now at home at 10 South Abingdon Street, Arlington, Va. 22204.

Any clasmates who have sons graduating from service academies this summer please let Bill **Malone** or myself know so that we can appropriately recognize these young people.

As John **Moses'** last official act prior to retirement, he furnished me with the latest Army statistics which are quoted below. I hope John keeps as up-to-date on this in retirement as he did on active duty because without his help for many class projects we would go wanting. Thanks, John!

Class of June '43
Army Personnel Status (as of 31 Dec. '68)

	Active Duty	Retired	Total
*Brig Gen	11	1	12
*Col	100	16	116
Lt Col	8	82	90
	119	99	218

Army Summary

Active	119
Retired	99
Resigned	32
Deceased	34
Discharged	7
Foreign	2
Total	293

***Brigadier Generals**

Baldwin	**Magathan**
Bolling	**Morris**
Burdett, A.M.	**Parfitt**
Cantlay	**Rogers, B.W.**
Dunwoody	**Schroeder**
Glasgow	**Mathe (Ret.)**

*Figures and names include selectees.

Best regards 'til next issue.

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My plea for contributions to this column apparently registered on some tender ears. The cobwebs are pretty well cleaned out of my mailbox now. The influx of mail and response has been tremendous. Many thanks! Molly **Molloy** wrote from Aberdeen Proving Ground, where he is Director, Infantry Materiel Testing of the USA Test and Evaluation Command, that the plea was so great that he felt "he had to check into the net." Molly, back from a tour with ACTIV, is delighted to be back in CONUS, and looks forward to the Reunion next June.

Jim **Connell,** writing from Vietnam where he's in the RF/PF Division of CORDS, says that he will miss the Reunion. He reports that George **Brown** is in J3, Don **Gruenther** is in Operations Research, Systems Analysis, and Nels **Parson** in CORDS, all at Hq MACV. At Hq Seventh Air Force are Bo **Bottomly,** Fred **Porter,** and Eddie **Stahl.** In the Air Force Advisory Group are Dave

1944: *Hal De Arment receives LM in Vietnam.*

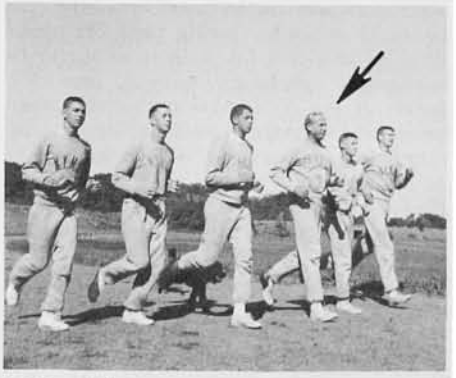
Fitton and George **Hoffman.** George's son John has been appointed Cadet Colonel in the ROTC unit at Georgetown University where he's a senior.

In mid-September, Dave **Ott,** Phil **McAuliffe,** and Jack **Cushman** assembled for the annual charm school for newly-selected BG's. From the charm exuded in the accompanying photograph, it appears that any one of them could have been the instructor. Shortly after the school was over, Jack pinned on his stars (on 1 November) and Dave received orders to move out the end of December to a new assignment as CG, US Army Support Command, Thailand. Joyce and all but one of the children will be accompanying him on that trip. Phil expects to remain around Washington for a while longer. In the meantime, young Denny McAuliffe has won the Grantland Rice Scholarship to Vanderbilt University. So, it's a good year for the men of the McAuliffe family.

On the 21st of September, the Washington group assembled for a cruise up and down the C & O Canal under the supervision of Cap'n Tom **Tarpley.** There were about 50 or 60 aboard; no one fell overboard, and a very pleasant evening was had by all.

Retirements: 1 November 1968—Jean **Lamarre;** 1 January 1969—John **Carlson;** and 1 February 1969—Jerry **Capka.**

We were all saddened to learn of the recent death of Ollie **Becker.** The funeral for Ollie, who was retired and living with his family at 5 Keith Drive, Monsey, N.Y.,



1944: Phil Toon (arrow) leads a part of NYMA student body in a jogging session in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

was conducted at West Point on 17 December. His wife Terry has written a letter to all of Ollie's classmates and friends from which the following is an extract: "Every thought, word and deed of my dear husband carries me away from despair and discouragement and I find out also that it is a great blessing to have kind, thoughtful and loving relatives and friends like you." We assure Terry that her sadness and sense of loss are shared by all of us who were Ollie's classmates and friends.

Bob **Pearce,** last reported as CO, Pershing Operational Test Unit, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, has relieved Tom **McGuire** as CO of the 4th Armd Div Arty stationed in Zurndorff, Germany.

Your Scribe had the pleasure during October of spending a week at Fort Gordon, Ga., where I tippled and supped with Dave and B.J. **Silver** in their comfortable quarters overlooking a lake complete with ducks and swans. Both Silvers are looking great, and Dave is obviously enjoying a very pleasant assignment as Comptroller.

Bev **Snow,** now in Engineer Division, G4, USARPAC, received the Legion of Merit in October for duties as District Engineer, Wilmington, N.C. District. George **Blanchard,** recently assigned as Director of Plans and Programs, OACSFOR, received the first oak leaf cluster to his DSM for duty as Chief of Staff, IFFV.

John and Barbara **Eisenhower** have livened up the fall society pages with news of their offsprings' weddings. Eleanor and I stood by as John Eisenhower gave away our goddaughter in marriage in the George Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge Park on the 16th of November. Wade and Doug **Kinnard** drove up from Fort Monroe where Doug is Deputy ACofS, G3, at Headquarters, CONARC. John made his shortest speech on record, "I do," when asked who gave the bride. On 22 December we made the trip to New York for David's wedding. Those in attendance included the **Carys,** who drove up from Winston-Salem, the **Dunhams,** who flew in from Chicago, the **Kinnards,** and from Washington, the **Blacks, Blanchards, Daniels,** and **Hennessys.** If 1968 was the year of the wedding for the Eisenhowers, 1969 is the year of the book. THE BITTER WOODS, Putnam, $10.00, a study of German and Allied comand structures, focusing on the Battle of the Bulge, has received really good reviews and went on the newsstands and in the bookstores in January.

Jack **Peterson** is doing great as Deputy Comander of S&MA for COMZ. A long letter from Bea reports that they are thoroughly enjoying their first tour in Germany, getting in plenty of golf at Ramstein and have had some good trips to Garmisch and Oberammergau since their arrival in Germany this summer. They are living at the Kreuzberg Kaserne and wish we would all come over and visit with them. Bea says the thing she misses most is her telephone.

Becoming a grandfather for the second time hasn't had any aging impact on Red **Morrison,** who still plays a mean game of squash. Another local athlete, Roy **Bahls,** brought new lustre to the class when he and his partner finished in the quarter finals of the National Amateur Senior Doubles in Germantown, Pa., where they found themselves up against a team which included a former Davis Cup player. Roy, also a runner-

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1944: General Haines pins on Bev Snow's Legion of Merit while Catherine looks on.

up in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament and in the Greater Washington Senior Doubles, looks forward this spring to a new assignment somewhere outside the Washington area.

Max **Marshall**, after retiring on 1 July 1964, entered the academic world at the U. of Texas, and later at the U. of Missouri. After completing his requirement for the Ph.D., he is now Professor of Journalism and Chairman of the Department at the East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn. Except for a VA hospital and a local ROTC unit, Max and Connie seem to be pretty much removed from military life. Ironically enough, says Max, who claims to have been the least-on-the-ball Plebe, his nearest contact with the old gray line is with the most-on-the-ball First Classman our Plebe year, Carl Hinkle, who resides in the same city.

The shot gun approach to reporting produces some interesting results. Ted **Muller** was reported as having visited Frank **McArdle** in La Crescenta, Calif.; attended the ARMY-Rutgers game along with Hi Ely; and as having been seen by John **Glab** in Elmira. If he stayed home, Ted would be with the Federal Systems Division of IBM at Owego, N.Y. Frank wrote from LA where he is with Durochrome Products.

Hi **Ely** reports from his Jugtown Mountain Smoke House that he also saw Jack **Howell** and Charlie **Frock** at the ARMY-Rutgers game. Charlie is back at Picatinny Arsenal for a second tour, this time as Director of the Ammunition Engineering Directorate, and Jack is still at West Point. Hi reports his family is growing up and disappearing with his eldest son following his footsteps as cook in an Army mess in Alaska, one daughter in Katie Gibbs in Boston, and two kids at home. Hi has now expanded his frozen food locker business into a chain of four gourmet shops and has just started in on franchising. The latch string is out at Hi Hope House in Flemington for anyone on his way through.

John **Glab** is a consultant to the City of Elmira, N.Y., where he also runs a small consulting, engineering, and labor relations business. He is a member of the Governor's Panel of Mediators and Factfinders under the provisions of the New York State Public Employment Relations Board. John occasionally sees Howie **Metzler** who commands the Seneca Army Depot. John has a large home in Elmira and would love to see anyone who is passing through that area.

Roy **Hoffman**, who retired the end of July 1966, spent several months investigating the "greener pastures" offered by private industry, then returned to the fold as a DAC and is now happily employed in the PEMA Execution Division of DCSLOG. Doris is employed as a Public Health nurse by the City of Alexandria, Va. Roy also reports that Joe **Losch** dropped in to see him recently. Joe is now working for Westinghouse in California after retiring several years ago. Joe is delighted with his position out there in Los Angeles, enjoys frequent reunions with members of the Class, and reports that Bill and Nancy **Stowell** are living in Calarillo, Calif.

Dee **Pettigrew**, who we last reported en route to his new assignment with JUSMG-MAAG, Spain, was General Wheeler's (and Phil **McAuliffe**'s) escort officer when the Chairman, JCS, visited Madrid in mid-November. Dee is soon to become Chief of the Army section. Frank **Cash** is now back from Turkey and is running the Turkey desk at the State Department.

Walt **Harris** is acting Chief of Staff of the Capitol Military Assistance Command in Vietnam where he has been since September after completing a year in command of the 1st Brigade at the Army Training Center at Bliss. Walt writes that Pat and the kids all loved it so much at El Paso that he left

1944: General Collins pins on the 1st OLC to George Blanchard's DSM while Beth looks on.

them all there when he went to Vietnam. His oldest girl is now hostess for Eastern Airlines, flying out of Washington, and Walt Jr. is in his second year of chemical engineering at North Carolilna State U. Walt's next door neighbor at Fort Bliss was Willie **Burr** who had command of the 3d Brigade of the ATC. Cliff **Coble**, now retired, is teaching school in northeast El Paso. Walt reports he had a pleasant trip out to Vietnam and shared the airplane with John **Donaldson** who was then en route to be new CO of the 11th Brigade of the Americal Division.

Hank **Francis** is vice-president of the Richmond Organization, an international show business and music publishing combine, in New York, best known for their November national hit, "Those Were the Days." By the time you receive this issue, they will be known for "Oliver," whose music they are publishing. Hank is a real storehouse of information on classmates in the New York area. He reports Ted **Altier** is president of Altier and Sons Shoes, Incorporated, in Rochester; Paul **Anderson** is president of Mailing List of New Jersey in Medford; Les **Babcock** is a Post Office official; Bill **Bingham** is Dean of Student Affairs at the Stephens Institute of Technology in Hoboken; Dean **Bressler** is manager, civil affairs, for CON ED in New York. Jerry **Capka**, Director of Athletics at West Point; Larry **Ciske** is a sales engineer with the Bristol Company on Park Avenue; Jack **Combs** is president of John W. Combs, Limited, in Willowdale, Ontario, Canada; Bob **Flynn** is with Eastern Airlines; Jack **Kimbel** is an engineer with the M.W. Kellogg Company in Manhattan; Lorin **Klingle** is with Creel Petroleum Corporation also in Manhattan; Al **Norton** is an Associate Professor at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point; and Jim **Patterson** has long since returned to the family tradition as Vice-President and Assistant Managing Editor of the New York NEWS.

Joe and Anne Phillips passed through Washington in November en route from Fort Bragg to a new assignment with CDC, ADFSC, in Heidelberg. It sounds like a real interesting job as Joe undertakes to computerize USAREUR.

Dusty **Rhodes** is base operations and training officer at Suffolk County Air Force Base, N.Y., after a year in Thailand. His oldest son, Duncan, is now following in the service tradition as a first lieutenant in Armor at Fort Riley, and his next son, Richard, is now a corporal in the medics at Fort Meade.

Bob **Samuel** commands the 3d Support Brigade, and seems to be enjoying the challenges of a real big job and enjoying life in Stuttgart. Daughter Ann has completed her third year of college at the U. of Vienna, and Christine is attending Schiller College near Marbach along with Spike **Geltz**'s son, Ted. Bob **Selton** is in Heidelberg as Chief of Plans, DCSLOG. Spike Geltz in the J4 office in EUCOM. Dusty **Rivers**, still a bachelor, is also at EUCOM and is quite a connoisseur and collector of the finer arts.

Frances and Johnny **Johnson** seem to be up to their second knuckles in finger food on the cocktail circuit in Stockholm. They have lots of bedrooms, but only one bath and claim the youngest child in the class. (Any contenders?) After five years of homesteading in Virginia, the thing they most miss are their friends back here, so you are all invited to drop in on them (particularly if you can fix a furnace).

Charlie **Czapar**, who retired in February of this year, is now in the investment business here in the Washington area with Reynolds and Company in their branch office in Alexandria. Charlie and Barbara reside over in the District of Columbia. In competition with Charlie is Tom **Phillips**, who is now with Walston and Company. Tom and Anne lived in Springfield and moved here in August of 1968 from Memphis.

From Lakenheath, Suffolk, England, where he is base commander of the 48th Combat

1944: Our three BG Nominees, Jack Cushman, Phil McAuliffe, and Dave Ott at Charm School, September 1968.

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Support Group, Steve **Farris** reports that Lakenheath is a good place to land and that he is always there to welcome lost souls.

Jan and Charlie **Steel** are living it up in Little Rock where he is the District Engineer. Charlie reports that his closest contacts are Ed **Decker**, District Engineer in St. Louis, and Frank **Moon**, who is District Engineer in the Galveston District. He has a real nice town house in Little Rock and is more than happy to see any classmates passing through the area. Last summer and fall, the Steels saw their oldest son, Chuck, graduate from West Point and their daughter, Natalie, marry a Naval Academy graduate.

Phil **Toon**, who obviously didn't get enough running around the hills his Plebe year, now leads the jogging up in Cornwall-on-Hudson where he continues as superintendent of NYMA. In between his jogging sessions, Phil fights the economics of the private school game. From the looks of his picture, he has less trouble with his waist line than he does with his balance of payments.

The horizontal and vertical gunners have decided to go their separate ways again. Among those destined to continue wearing a missile on their cannon: Bud **Cabell**, John **Desmond**, George **Pappas**, George **Farne**, Bob **Parks**, Dee **Pettigrew** and Dick **Ware**.

George **Farne** has returned from Vietnam after picking up a Legion of Merit for duties in Headquarters, MACV, and is now Chief of ARMTE at White Sands Missile Range where he is next door neighbor to Bob and Dottie **Shannon** who are now back from Iran. Bob is with SENSEA.

Mac McKeever wrote in to disclaim heroic actions attributed to him in one of our earlier issues and to set the record straight. He recently commanded the 1st Brigade, 7th Division, in Korea, not the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, in Vietnam. With that clarification, be advised that he is now back in Washington on duty in the JCS.

The 14 December formal at Bolling AFB under the guidance of John **Desmond** was not the best attended function we've had. If the B-aches for being absent ("saving myself for '44/25") have any validity, ours will be a great Reunion. In that regard, John **Carley** reports that as of 31 December responses to Joe **Cutrona**'s memo indicate 37 attendees. By the time you read this, that number will surely have grown. Among those scheduled to attend are Bill **Nelson** who will be staying over to see his son graduate, and John **Carley** who will be leaving a few days later for a new assignment as Chief of the Allied Staff, Berlin Kommandatura.

Ed **Millington** was in the Pentagon early in December along with the CG, Fifth Army. Ed is in DCSLOG, Hq Fifth Army and reports that Jim **Dunham**, who is one of his neighbors in Lake Forest, and he are planning to attend the Reunion in June; and, that during the Democratic National Convention, Harry **Grace** dropped in on them from Fort Sill along with a contingent of Army troops prepared to keep things under control.

Channing **Gilson**, whose current work as an industrial designer entails design of fountains, computers and business machines, held an Industrial Design Exhibit at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles in October 1968. In addition to his Award Winning Laser which successfully beamed its light ray to the moon in January 1968, Gil also exhibited three television

1944: Dee Pettigrew (extreme left) and Phil McAuliffe (extreme right) escort General Wheeler through the Valley of the Fallen, near Madrid.

cameras which he designed in his Hollywood studio.

A Legion of Merit for work on the SERGEANT, PERSHING and LANCE missile systems while in OCRD, plus work on the multi-rail rocket system caught up with Hal **De Arment** in RVN where he commands the 23d Artillery Group.

Oliver **Becker** died suddenly on 13 December while at work at Grumman Aviation in Long Island. Abou was buried on Tuesday, 17 December, at West Point with the local contingent standing in for the Class. The family is at 5 Keith Drive, Monsey, N.Y. 10952, and I'm sure would appreciate hearing from friends.

Randy **Cary** has moved from the banking business to the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in their Winston-Salem office. Young Randy, who now sports a private pilot's license, is a junior at the U. of South Carolina, and Bill is a sophomore at the U. of Virginia.

Bill **McGlothlin** had the pleasure of "swearing in" his son, Kit, into the USAF. Kit is attending Air Force Officer Training School and will follow up with pilot training. Bill's only regret is that Kit won't be taking training in the 3560th Pilot Training Wing, which Bill commands at Webb AFB, Tex.

Well, that's it for this time; we'll see you for "44/25 at West Point." In the meantime, KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING, FOLKS!

'45

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In our 20-Year Book, Barney **Broughton** wrote: " . . . I've gotten a bigger charge from the second ten [years] than from the first and look forward to the third. Don't think I've committed my reserve yet." Fellow classmates, there is an indication that Barney has now committed his reserve!! At 0118 hrs at 25 Oct. '68 at Fort Belvoir, Va., Geoffrey Broughton arrived on the scene at 8 lbs 12 oz to reinforce four brothers and a sister previously deployed to and present and accounted for in the Broughton household order of battle. Mother and baby are doing fine; Barney leaves WSEG and the Washington, D.C., area for VN and a Bde in the 9th Inf Div in January.

Annual Class '45 Dinner Dance: In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday and ARMY-Navy game festivities (ahhhhhh!), Party Chairman Hank **Stick** and his duly appointed associates, Frank **Attinger** and Bob **Dingeman**, took care of the arrangements for this year's dinner dance at the Andrews AFB Officers Club on 23 Nov '68. If my memory and Hank Stick's notes serve me right, the following attended: Ted and Betty Lou **Adair** (from Larchmont, N.Y.), Arch and Barb **Arnold**, Frank and Bernice Attinger, Bud and Fran **Avery**, Les and Audrey **Ayers**, Jake and Faye **Bennett**, George and Barbara Jean **Benson**, Paul and Brookes **Braucher**, Barney and Leila **Broughton**, Dick and Ruth **Conniff** (from Lynnfield, Mass.), Tom and Peggy **Curtis**, George and Elizabeth **Daoust**, Steve and Marilyn **Day**, George and Katy **Dexter**, Pete and Rena **Dillard**, Paddy and Margie **Driscoll**, Jim and Lillian **Elkey**, Bob and Van **Evans**, Fitz and Pat **Fitzpatrick**, Jim and Claire **Gilland**, Dick and Pat **Groves**, Buster and Sugar **Hayden**, George and Skip **Hoge**, Hank and Barbara **Hughes**, Bob and Gene **Ives**, Janis **Jones** (Larry in VN), Frank and Joan **Kane** (from Carlisle Barracks, Pa.), John and Reffie **Lawrence** (from Deal, N.J.), Bill and Cynthia **Lilley**, Bill and Rita **Manlove**, Bruce and Gladys **McCracken**, Tom and Nina **McCunniff**, Bob and Rachel **McDaniel**, Russ and Nancy **McGovern**, Bill and Martha **McMurray**, Homer and Carleen **Minckler**, Nancy **Munson** (Jim in school), Tony and Ann **Parrish**, John and Kitty **Powers**, Ward and Shorty **Protsman**, Wilbur and Flo **Pugh**, Walt and Dot **Root**, Salty and Jane **Salter**, Ed and Shirl **Saxby**, Harry and Nancy **Shaw**, Dick (You should have seen me before the fire!) and Louise **Smith**, George and Dody **Smith**, Hank and Virginia Stick, J.B. and Betty **Townsend**, John and Ann **Tyler**, Bob and Mary **Velie**, Bob and Gwen **Waddington**, and Wally and Ginger **Wittwer**.

The drinking and carryings-on at the dance were interrupted by our Class President, Ward **Protsman**, to recognize the artistic talents and efforts of Bob and Gene **Ives**. These two designed and ramrodded the fabrication of the medallion which is awarded to each of our Class sons who graduates from one of the Service Academies. Their reward was a set of these medallions suitably inscribed and mounted side-by-side in a clear plastic frame on a wooden pedestal. Our own "friendly Irishman from Israel" — Tom **Devlin** — volunteered to put this complicated contraption together and deserves the thanks of the Class.

Christmas Card News: The spirit of Christmas prompted the following reports. Jane and Paul **Nelson** are happy to report a modern day phenomenon. They find themselves in the same house after 5½ years! Paul is in his sixth month as Director of Advertising for North American Phillips Co., Inc., privately-owned American portion of N.V. Phillips of Holland. He finds that this new job offers challenge and satisfaction after 10 years in the agency side of the advertising business. Jane is now the Associate Librarian at the Corporate headquarters of the Schering Pharmaceuticals Corporation in Bloomfield, N.J. Paul III is a freshman at Dartmouth, having elected to accept a 4-yr. Army ROTC scholarship instead of a West Point appointment. The Nelsons have recently purchased a bay front lot in Brigantine, N.J., where they plan to build a house this winter. They're hopeful that they will have opportunities to share the pleasures of this villa with old friends.

A long note from Joy and Hoot **Van Hout**. Hoot is Chief of M.A.T.A. Dept (whatever that is!) at Fort Bragg, N.C. And according

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1945: Lt. John B. MacWherter, USAFA 1968, receives the Class Medallion with dad and Bill Jarrell looking on.

to Joy, he looks "lovely" in his green beret! I'll pass!! If you overlook the presence of the CG, '45ers are running the 82d Abn Div – Art **Ringler** is Chief of Staff; Pete **Spragins**, Charlie **Greer** and George **Atkinson** command the brigades. Snapper **Rattan** is Chief of Staff of nearby 18th Abn Corps. And speaking of the Rattans, Jane reports that their daughter Jean is engaged to and expects to marry this spring a former helicopter pilot from the 82d who plans to take up dairy farming near Roanoke, Va. More from Joy. Their daughter Buff graduated from St. Catherine College in St. Paul, Minn., last May with a B.S. in nursing science. She was commissioned a 2/lt in the Army Nurse Corps during her senior year in college and reported to Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg in November after basic training in San Antonio. And would you believe . . . the first things issued to this young lt. were two pairs of combat boots and two pairs of long johns! Viva la difference! And wrapping up the Van Hout clan, Gretchen is a senior and Mary Ellen is a freshman at the U. of North Carolina; Hank is a leg artilleryman overseas in Freiburg, Ger.; four are in grade school; and Maggie and Laura Kelly are still at home! Whew! Joy's final comment . . . she realizes that she could become the High Lama of the PTA at age 73!!

Elsewhere, Ray and Janet **Griffith** are happy with and busy working their 7½ acres in Tucson, Ariz. Bill and Melba **Boiler** are honchoing the 10th Arty Gp in Germany. They report that they occasionally see Jim and Betty **Root** (CO, 3d Bde, 3d Inf Div, Aschaffenburg, Ger.). Tom **Drake** is now the Center G3, Fort Gordon, Ga., after a year as CO of an AIT Bde. Joe **McCarthy** is leaving his command at Fort Campbell, Ky., in February to take command of a Bde of the 4th Inf Div in VN. Nancy and clan will remain at Campbell with friends and schools. Martha and Chris **Christiansen** are happy with their new desert home at White Sands Missile Range, N. Mex., where Chris works with the SENTINEL program. Their daughter Jan is a commended National Merit student who will be going to college next fall. They report seeing the **Wakefields**, **Fitzpatricks**, **Cavannas** and **Pitzers**, all in the El Paso area.

Nancy and Jerry **Briscoe** are enjoying Panama. Jerry visited the Washington area on "very pressing and important military business" in time to see the ARMY-Navy Game. Phyllis and Cliff **White** entertained the flu bug and Cliff III, home from the U. of Vermont, at their Carlisle Barracks home. Trude **Stuckey** updated her family situation. Dutch is an Army Sgt. on his way to a three-year hitch in Hawaii; Susie graduates from Ohio State in April and looks ahead to a possible wedding; and Dan and Erna are coming along fast. Not a word about the old man!

Army Promotions: Promoted to Colonel in DA Cir No. 624-61, 6 Nov '68, are the following: Dick **Boberg**, Dick **DeKay**, George **Garman**, Jim **Gilland**, Larry **Heimerl**, Walt **Hylander**, and Dan **Prescott**. Congratulations . . . . and the very best for the future.

Odds and Ends: Received a long, newsy letter from Bill **Jarrell** who is the Director of Admissions and Registrar of the Air Force Academy (AFA) (classmates with sons aspiring for that institution note!). He provided proof (see picture) that the Class Medallion was awarded to John **MacWherter's** son last June Week. Pappa John is due back [AFA] for keeps this summer after a two-year sabbatical with the European Office of Aerospace Research. Other Class sons at the AFA are: Daniel Ely **Farr** III, Class of 1972; and Terry M. **Horan** and Christopher W. Johnson (Moe **Johnson's** boy), both in the Class of 1970.

Other news: Bob **Lochry**, previously in the Dept of Astronautics at the AFA and Hq, ADC in 1967, has recently been transferred to Shemya, Alaska. Mary and family will sit this one out at Colorado Springs. Claude and Carol **Fingar** are civilians living in Colorado Springs. Slade **Nash** is in SEA with Mike and family likewise waiting for his return at Colorado Springs. Ran and Nell **Preston** are living in Moraga, Calif., where Ran is an engineer with the Bay Area Transit System in San Francisco.

Buzz **Trustin** is president of an aluminum and glass fabricating company in Omaha, Nebr. He has visited the AFA several times in his capacity as a LnO (admissions Officer) for the AFA. Frank **Attinger** and Frank **Marvin** visited the AFA recently for a scientific meeting. And finally, the **Jarrell** family spent a camping vacation in Yellowstone Park with Bill and Rita **Manlove** (stationed at Pentagon) and Bill's son Mike, who had just completed a tour in Korea.

Sam **Lessey** served as Asst to the Chief Sergeant-at-arms at the Republican Convention in Miami Beach. He was number two man in charge of security arrangements and acted as the chairman's representative on the floor of the convention. In September, Sam joined the investment banking firm of Shearson, Hammill & Co. in New York City as a Vice-president.

Salty **Salter** met Jim **Edwards** for the first time since graduation at a Brown-Princeton swimming meet. Vance Salter is captain of the Brown swimming team, which explains why Salty was there. Jim is a swimming fan interested enough to wear a stop watch to meets. When he is not at a swimming meet, working out at the Brown pool, or participating in the annual open water event, Jim is a lawyer in Providence.

1945: Butch Foley is decorated by Colonel Sparks, Deputy Commandant of the Air War College.

A letter from George **Churchill** confirmed verbal info received from Rusty **Heilbronner** and reported in the winter issue of ASSEMBLY. George was momentarily jolted when he learned that he was unaccounted for. He had very infrequently corresponded with Bob **Burgess** and Rusty and had thought that the gossip mills would weave the tale of his whereabouts. Whatever your excuse George, we're glad to have you back, and we'll look for you when we're in good old San Diego.

Gene **Gasior** hosted the 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary for his parents at Long Beach, Calif., on Fathers Day, 16 Jun '68. Following the celebration he took his family to Honolulu for a week's vacation and then back to his "mountain retreat" in San Anselmo, Calif.

Plucked out of the WALL STREET JOURNAL – Jim **Summer** has been elected Director of General Mills, Inc., and appointed Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of General Mills. Les **Ayers** informs me that this ain't hay! Jim has been Chief Executive Officer of Smith Food Group, Ltd, in England.

Bob **Krebs** continues his boondoggles or whatever to Europe and his reports on same. In October he saw Bill **Reidy** (Intel Div), Bill **Hankins** (Log Div), and George **Garman** (P&A Div) at Hq, USAREUR; Bill **Blum** (Intel) in Berlin; and Al **Muehlke** (Intel) at Hq USEUCOM. He had hoped to see but missed Jack **Burke** near Heidelberg and Hank **Wood** and Bud **Weaver** at SHAPE. On return to Carlisle Barracks, he saw Mel **Gustafson** from CONARC and on 30 days TDY with the Institute of Advanced Studies.

And from here and there and in case you didn't know . . . Bob **McAlister** is leaving the 4th Inf Div in VN for the Pentagon and a job with OASD (ISA). Bill **Walker** has the word that he will take command of Picatinny Arsenal this summer. Kris **Kristoferson** became the District Engineer, Fort Worth, Tex., after his stint at the Army War College. Dick **Chidlaw** has been seen at Hq AFCENT in Europe. Harrier **Eyster** has resigned her job at West Point and has moved back to Florida. Keep in touch Harriet. Carl **Fischer** was retired effective 1 Oct '68. He can be reached c/o 354 W Dudley Ave, Westfield, N.J.

Bill **McNamee** writes from Corona del Mar to say that all is well. He completed three years with Philco-Ford in August and is happy with his fine job, good pay, great climate, etc. B.O. **Lewis** retired in Feb '68 and is now employed by the Communications Satellite Corp in Washington, D.C. He is residing at the same location. Ed **Munyon** is leaving Kirtland AFB, N.Mex., and is being transferred back to the Washington area – Hq AFSC, Box 741, Andrews AFB, Md. – for the next three yrs. or so. Bill **Gardiner** is exercising his brain at the Army War College while Anita and the kids keep the home fires burning in Springfield, Va. Lucian **Truscott** moved from the S&F, USACGSC, Fort Leavenworth, to Hawaii for duty with the Joint Staff, PACOM in Nov '68.

Bob **Mackinnon** has moved from his Bde CO slot to become the Chief of Staff, 1st Cav Div. Saw him briefly over martinis in December while he was home on a short leave. Troop duty has given him a new look . . . would you believe a slim, youthful, short-haired cuss at about 175 lbs? Nancy

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thinks that he looked GREAT!! I'll jealously take the old, 210 lb. look! Tom and Gloria **Longino** came to the Chicago airport to visit yours truly during my recent trip West. Tom has the comptroller situation in hand at Hq Fifth Army. Gouny **Wallace** is emplaced as the Exec and horseholder for Gen. Rosson, J5, OJCS.

And more notes on the kids . 2/Lt Rob **Adams** has his orders to the 65th Engr Bn, 25th Inf Div, in Germany following Ranger training, Basic Course, etc. Following the same training, 2/Lt Jesse **Gatlin** will make his first PCS to Fort Carson, Colo. Donna Gatlin will marry a USAFA grad-to-be, Craig Hinman, on 5 June 1969. Doug **Hartline** was one of three, key defensive players recognized for their play in Annandale High's 14-7 victory over Mount Vernon for the Virginia 1-A league Northern Regional football championship. All three were guests of the U. of Miami at their game with Alabama. West Point Plebe Chris **Kane** is on the Dean's list!!?

Awards and Decorations: Lynn **Cummings** received the Bronze Star at Clark AB, Philippines, for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against the VC. During this time, he was Asst Dep Comdr of Opns, 405th Fighter Wing at Clark AB.

Bob **Lochry** received his third award of the USAF Commendation Medal at ENT AFB, Colo. He was cited for his outstanding leadership and ability as Asst Dep Chief of Staff for Opns, Fourteenth Aerospace Force.

Butch **Foley** (See picture) has been decorated both for heroic aerial achievement and exemplary service in VN. He received the DFC, Bronze Star Medal, and his second through fifth Air Medals at ceremonies at the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., where Butch is now Chief of Research and Development Studies. The DFC was awarded for a 3 Feb '68 mission during which Butch penetrated heavily concentrated enemy defenses in an unarmed RF-4 Phantom jet to locate a previously unknown SAM site in North Vietnam and obtain intelligence data of vital importance. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his leadership and professionalism as CO of the 12th Tactical Recn Sqdn at Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Our Departed: On 18 Dec '68, Chuck **Reynoldson** died of an apparent heart attack while skiing at West Point. He was a teacher at the New York Military Academy. Chuck was buried at West Point on 20 December. At this writing, Dorothy's future plans are not known.

On 3 Jan '69, Lucile **Knight** died in a Jacksonville, Fla., hospital after a long illness. She was buried in Jacksonville on 8 Jan. A memorial service was held on 10 Jan. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Falls Church, Va., where Al is Assistant Pastor. The family has requested that contributions in Lucile's memory be made to the Lucile Stice Knight Memorial Fund, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Church and Payne Streets, Falls Church, Va. Al's current military assignment is with the AEC at Germantown, Md.

In reporting the passing of John **Noble**, I inadvertently referred to John's wife as Mary. It so happens that Mary is happily married to Dale **Mahan**, who so kindly provided me the details of John's death. Joan Noble is now residing at 635 A Burning Tree Drive, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017. My apologies to all concerned for my error.

Memorial Fund: Les **Ayers** reports: the Class Memorial Fund now has aided ten children of members of the Class, both living and deceased, with interest-free-loans or grants. You will be getting an annual report from the Memorial Fund soon; but in the meantime, if you have not completed the one-time assessment of $50, please consider finishing that up in 1969.

If you know of children of members of the Class (one of yours maybe?) who will need a financial boost to get started in some educational endeavor this year, apply for information to the Memorial Fund, Box 45, Fort Myer, Va. 22211.

In Conclusion: Keep those letters and pictures coming in it helps. Keep Smiling!!

'46

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No. 89. It was a most successful football season. For the first time since graduation, I was in possession of season tickets, and believe me, I enjoyed them. With only a short period of bad weather during one game, the home games were played in perfect player-spectator conditions. To make matters even more enjoyable my seatmates were old C-2 company mates Jack **Barth**, Marty **Zorn** and their wives. Aside from those stationed at the Point (Joe **Jordan**, Ed **Saunders**, Roger **Nye**, Jack **Whitener**, Bill **Simpson**, DeBow **Freed**, and Ed **Crowley**) the following enjoyed season tickets: Max **Ulrich**, Ralph **Ellis**, Jim **Nelson**, Gil **Harper**, Sam **Walker**, Dan **Mahony**, Hal **de Moya**, E.K. **Ball**, Howie **Giebel**, Kent **Keehn**, Dave **Brillhart**, Tony **Cuculo**, Tom **Hirschberg**, and Ralph **Meola**. Others who were noted at early games were Saul **Horowitz**, Bob **Crowley**, J.R. **Cavanaugh**, George E. **Hall**, Sam **Title**, Roy **Thurman** and Dick **Kinney**. Freed fed me the data on season ticket holders. We all look forward to the improved seating promised when the enlargement of Michie Stadium is completed.

At ceremonies held 4 Sept. 1968 at Fort Leavenworth, Ben **Boyd** was promoted to colonel. His mother, with the assistance of Maj. Gen. M.S. Davison, CG, presented the insignia. Boyd is assigned to the faculty, Dept. of Larger Unit Operation, U.S. Army C&GSC, and was last stationed with Hqs., U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Dick **Burgess** is a colonel and is a member of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing based at Phu Cat AB, Vietnam. He flys an F-100 Super Sabre jet. In 1963, Dick received an M.S. degree at the U. of Oklahoma. Joe **Buzhardt** is returning to Washington for a job in the Pentagon. If you recall, he had been Senator Thurmond's legislative assistant before going home to McCormick, S.C., to practice law. It looks like government service has the hook into him.

After graduating from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, last June, Jim **Convey**, a Colonel, went to Heidelberg to join DCSOPS. By a stroke of good fortune he was pulled out to command the 56th Arty Group at Schwabisch Gmund. The change of command took place 5 Nov. 1968. The 56th consists of three Pershing missile battalions. Vince **Gannon**, who attended the change of command ceremony, is indeed in Europe and is Chief of Staff of the 4th Armd Div. Others in Germany are Joe **Flores** with DCSOPS in Heidelberg and John **Perkins**, a colonel, commanding the 39th Engineer Group at Ulm. Convey received a note from his old roommate, Dick **Bacon**, now retired and selling mutual funds in Colorado Springs, Colo. (2523 Rimrock Drive).

In September, just a few days too late to make the last issue of ASSEMBLY, I received a letter from Mr. Robert B. Coolidge, USMA Nov. '18, the father of ex-'46 classmate R.B. **Coolidge Jr.**, who passed away in 1964 (obituary Winter '65 issue). The letter was to inform us of the passing away on 30 Aug. 68 of Bob's widow and Mr. Coolidge's daughter-in-law, Gabrielle "Dee" Coolidge. Even though Bob did not graduate, the young Coolidges were still devoted West Point fans. After Bob's death, Dee made a substantial contribution to the Superintendent's Fund. His name appears on the bronze plaque in the sally port opposite Grant Hall. Dee was quite active in community affairs in Bronxville, N.Y., until shortly before her death. The Coolidges had moved to Bronxville in 1958. Dee is survived by her daughter, Ann, an eighth grader.

With graduation coming this June, Len **Edelstein**, a colonel, is attending Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. He and his wife, Elaine, were last at Leavenworth, where he was an instructor with the C&GSC. Ruth Ann **Furuholmen**, Jim's widow, who has since married Lt. Col. (Ret) Richard Holcombe, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Ruth Ann Furuholmen to Lt. Alan C. Hieta, USA, which took place 4 Jan. 69 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Washington, with the reception held at the Officers' Club, Fort McNair.

Received a very interesting Christmas card from Goose **Gosling** who is CO, 3d Tng Brigade at Fort Knox (1411-A 4th Ave). Because of a few days TDY in Oct 67, he and Colleen enjoyed some R&R a bit late in San Francisco, when he completed his year in Vietnam last April. They went to Oklahoma, where their oldest son Skip is now a junior at Okla. U. before continuing on to Knox in May. Last 17 Aug. in Norman, Okla., Skip married his wife, Bonnie, also a student at the university, but, in addition, from Cedar Rapids, Ia., only 40 miles from Manchester, Ia., the Gosling stomping grounds. The Goslings other children, Steve, a high school senior, and Susie, nursery school, took part in the ceremony as best man and flower girl. George **Otte** is the only other classmate at Knox, as Dpty Dir of Command and Staff Dept at TAS. Betty and George have three children: George 15, Lois 13, and Joy 8, address 1127-B, B Street.

Goose expects to be at Knox into summer '70. He also stated that George **Patton** (CO 11th Cav) is programmed to join them at Knox in the Armor School when he returns from Vietnam sometime in May 69. I understand that Patton was wounded, but not seriously. Incidentally, the **Goslings'** card had pictures of the newlyweds, the flower girl and the rest of the family. It is the kind of data that would appear desirable for that 25-year book due in 1971. Each of you should give some consideration to inclusion of photos of graduated sons and those in academies at the time. Maybe a few shots of families at sons' graduation would be appropriate. No

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doubt a single combined photo can be made to show all members of a family wherever they may be at the time. Start giving it some thought because, before you know it, that committee has got to get started.

Kibbey and Peggy **Horne** are enjoying their stay at the Language School, Presidio of Monterey, Calif. 93940, where he is commandant and residing in Qtrs. 336, Fitch Ave. Bob **Kren** has been appointed Director of the Office of Public Information, U. of Missouri, Columbia. Working with graduates from Fort Leavenworth and the West Point Society of St. Louis, Bob organized a no-host after the ARMY-Missouri game alumni party at the Holiday Inn-West in Columbia. In spite of a disappointing game from the Army point of view, and rain which dampened the atmosphere, spirits did not appear to be dampened at the gathering. About 200 graduates and their friends showed up for the festivities.

There were only a few members from the big herd of 1946. **Kren** saw Jack **McDonough** and his wife from the Leavenworth Staff and Faculty. Jack **Matteson** was there with his son who attends Kemper Military School in Booneville, Mo. Bill and Miriam **Thomasset** also were in the Leavenworth group. Bill is now project officer with the Institute of Combined Arms Support there and was promoted to colonel 4 Sept 1968. Elbert **Throckmorton** and Nora Jane represented Air Defense from Richards-Gebaur AFB. Kren has renewed acquaintances with Arnold at the U. of Missouri. Arnold was enrolled in the College of Education, where he obtained the prerequisites to teach in secondary schools. He now teaches in Kansas City, Mo. Arnold, being true to form, had a guitar in his car and ended the party with some former Glee Club members in a song-fest. Kren found it strange after 25 years to be a member of the institution playing football against Army. Family loyalties were somewhat divided. Bob adds that Betty Jane was also at the party (collecting money) with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Chitterling, USMA '20.

Roger **Lengnick**, an Air Force Colonel, received his second Legion of Merit at Los Angeles A.F. Station, for outstanding service while assigned to the office of the USAF deputy inspector general for inspection and safety at Norton AFB, Calif., from July '65 to March '68. He is currently a systems program officer for the Space and Missile Systems Organization at Los Angeles, and presently assigned to the USAF satellite systems program. Roger and Virginia with their three children reside at 5060 Rockvalley Rd., Palos Verdes Penisula, Calif.

From Naples, Italy, I have heard from Dave and Joan Peters. They arrived there last July on the SS CONSTITUTION, with stops en route at Lisbon, Gibraltar, Plama, and Sardinia. This is their first trip to Europe. Dave is Chief of Plans and Strategy Section at NATO's Allied Forces Southern Europe Hq, duties he started shortly after his arrival there and his promotion to colonel. He very much enjoys the daily contact with all allied personnel of all the Services. The Peters and their three children look forward to additional travel opportunities in Europe this year.

One of the very key, behind the scenes, individuals for the Apollo 8 moon flight, was **Rocco Petrone**, the launch director. In his capacity as director, Rocco had to fend off all potential technical difficulties the astronauts and the equipment encountered in the final hours before lift-off. Until Apollo 8 was free of the launch tower, he was in charge of the team. He and the other 22,000 people whose sole aim was to make a perfect launch, flight, and return are certainly to be congratulated. The astronauts do take the greatest personal risk, but Frank Borman knew that it was a team effort as revealed by his very first words upon his arrival aboard the retrieval carrier that eventful day of 27 Dec 68.

Out in sunny Calif. (116 Hillbrook Dr., Los Gatos) we can find Skip **Strain**, retired and now in the Long Range Planning business in the Advanced Strategic Programs area of Lockheed's Missile Systems Div for the past 16 months. Steve **Conner** works down the hall from Skip as a staffer in Product Development of Missile Systems Div. Jack **Dayton** who, along with Steve, are married to sisters, was at Lockheed till last summer. He now operates, with his brother, Dayton's Fine Furniture in Zephyr Cove, Nev., five miles from South Lake Tahoe. The only active duty type there is John **Molchan** with the AF Satellite Test Ctr. John just pinned on his eagles, and he and Connie are living about three miles from Skip and Irish. Strain mentioned in his letter that J.D. **Hughes** is the new Sr Mil Aide to President Nixon. Is this correct?

Roy **Thurman**, Office of Secy of Defense, 3E947 Pentagon, forwarded the following note: "To the Class of 1946. Thank you for your beautiful basket of flowers for Rich's grave. We deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness. Rich could not have been a more wonderful husband and father and was completely dedicated to doing the best job possible for the Army, our country, and Vietnam. He died living his West Point motto: 'Duty, Honor and Country.' The actions and thoughts of his life will constantly be our source of inspiration. Rich was always proud of being a member of your Class, and I cherish the time we spent with each of you. Thank you again for your expressions of deepest sympathy. Affectionately, Anne Pohl."

Bill **Roney** has been awarded the USAF Commendation Medal at Holloman AFB, N.Mex., for meritorious service as comptroller at Hq, Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md. Bill is now at Holloman in a unit of the Air Force Systems Command. After a short and sweet stay of 90 days at Nellis AFB, where Bill **Yancey** was Vice Commander of the 4525th TAC Ftr Wing, orders were received sending Bill and Phyllis to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. (763 Hickory Circle). Bill is the Wing Commander of the 113th TAC Ftr Wing. Their son, Bill, is in Vietnam on his 2d tour aboard the USS RANGER aircraft carrier. Mary Jo, their 20-year-old, is a junior at Catholic U. while Annette is in the 9th grade at Myrtle Beach.

At Fort Hood we can find: Dick **Fuller**, Deputy G3, III Corps, whose son, Tip, is in Germany as a helicopter mechanic; Dick **Streiff**, CO 3d Brigade, 2d Armd Div; Frank **Conant**, CO Div Support Command, 2d Armd Div, scheduled for Vietnam this summer and whose daughter, Marcia, is engaged to Lt. Trevino presently in Vietnam; and Minter **Wilson** (see last issue).

Now back from Vietnam and able to put together his usual excellent year-end report, we can find Guy **Troy** at Fort Ritchie, Md., out near Gettysburg. He is Chief of the DIA Branch of the ANMCC. His daughter, Pam, and husband are stationed at Norfolk. He and Wynne still have Kent, 12, and Thad, 10, at home. Dick **Beckner** is in Vietnam with Office of Military Asst, Hq MACV, APO 96222. Stan **Blum** is training for attaché duty in Portugal this summer. Jack **Burney** is in OSD, International Security Affairs. Jim **Day** is now Chief Plans Div, Plans & Pol Div Hq USSOUTHCOM. Steve **Edwards** is in the Command Branch of the Civil Disturbances Directorate.

Larry **Elder** is with Janss Cattle Ind, Palm Desert, Calif. Larry and Sally's daughter, Bonnie, was married on 28 Sept 68. Jack **Gilham** is CO, 3d Bde, 4th Armd Div. Ben **Hanson** is in JCS with the Joint Secretariat. Bob **Knapp** is in Col Div of OPO, but in March will report as PMS Arizona State U. Jack **Kopald** is with National Dairy Products in Memphis, 135 East Cherry Drive. Andy **LaMar** is PMS at Auburn U., Ala., and his daughter, Julie, is a soph at the U. Ben **Landis** is now with AMC, 12709 Buckingham Drive, Bowie, Md. Sam **Martin** is with SHAPE in Plans & Policy Div. Jack **Matteson** is CO Support Command, 24th Inf Div, Fort Riley, Kan. **Miller** is preparing for a division advisory assignment in Vietnam.

Willie **Persons** is in Mil Affairs Div, JAG. Frank **Richter** is in Washington with Hq AMC. **Rogers** is in Vietnam with the Force Structure Br. ACofS MA (CI), Hq MACV. Ed **Roxbury** is in Research Analysis with N. American Aviation in Washington. Charley **Simmons** is with Defense Communications Planning Group, JCS. Kit **Sinclair** is a student at Carlisle, Box 154 AWC. Kit and Ginna's son, Bryan, is a radio mechanic in a battalion of the 5th Mech Bde in Vietnam. Harry **Smythe** is Div Adv to 9th VN Div. Norm **Stanfield** is now in the IG Off of DA. Lew **Tixier** in Vietnam is now commanding Support Command in the Americal Div. Son Mike is preparing at Bullis for the Academy. **Webb** is in DCSOPS as Chief Political Mil Div. **Wolf** is in Hq USARV in Vietnam. **Berry** is Chief of US Army Military Group in Guatemala.

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The new year has started, and I hope this column gets in the ASSEMBLY, since the frantic holiday schedule somehow left me a couple of days short.

The first item is a follow-up on the news of Hank **Emerson** as reported in the last column. He has almost fully recovered from his injuries and is now at Fort Bragg commanding the Support Command of the 18th Airborne Corps. On 9 Dec., Hank was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 14 oak leaf clusters by General Ewall, 9th Div CG. The Vice Chief of Staff, General Palmer, then presented Hank with the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal for his tremendous work in Vietnam. We are all proud of Hank's achievements and the merited recognition he has received.

Class Mail Bag: Jean and Jane **Burner** are completing their third year at Fort Knox where Jean is G3 of the training center. He saw Bill **Webb** last May and the **Veaudrys** in July. They leave next summer, but don't know where.

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A card from Jim and Mary **Colburn** informs me that Jim is with King Resources in Denver as Director of Transportation. Good letter of the activities of the family during the year. Address: 4951 South Clinton, Englewood, Colo. 80110. Gwenne and Ron **Heiser** reported from 3d Armd Div in Germany where Ron has the Support Command. Joan and Dick **Allen** have retired and are now at 939 Wayne Avenue, Deerfield, Ill. 60015.

Jay **Bleiman** continues to uphold the Class at Princeton in the Woodrow Wilson School. Bill and Ann **Cooper** are in Colorado at 5265 Plymouth Drive, Littleton, Colo. 80120. No words, just a pretty card. Beverly and Bob **Rosen** are at SHAPE and will probably come back to R&D work in Washington this summer. Jim and Donna **Smith**, 22 Skyline Drive, Kearney, Nebr. 68847. Jim is teaching American History at Kearney State College. So much for the Christmas notes.

ARMY-Navy game saw a good turnout with 40 classmates in attendance to watch the great victory. Among those noticed by some of my correspondents were: Cliff and Cynthia **Zimmer**, John and Jane **Mastin**, Tom and Jackie **Hayes**, Bob and Ginny **White**, Jody **Johnston**, Bill **Henry**, Jim and Ann **Cosgrove**, Charlie and Jane **Shields**, Al and Pat **Haig**, Dixie and Harry **Kain**, Nancy and John **Gerrity**, Muriel **Webb** and Uncle George, Mike and Mockie **Maloney**, Bob and Nancy **McCord**, Bob and Norie **Mahowald**, Al and Bobbie **Geraci**, Tom and Posie **Rogers**, Bob **Beckelman**, Buck **Fernandez**, John **Culin**, Ike **Snyder**, Howie and Meg **Sargent**, Duke and Pat **Duquemin**, Malcolm and Sue **Wright**, Jill **Faith**, Lee **Lynn**, Harry and Helen **Ball**, James and Yvonne **Bleiman**, Ann **Baer**, Don and Marion **Steininger**, Bill and Gerry **Coghill**, Elsie **Haldane**, Lannie **Dunham**, Dick and Doris **Littlestone**, Doc **Haskin**, Jim and Kay **Johnson**, Hugh and Jean **Bartley**, Hal and Louise **Richardson**, Bob **Haas**, and Jim **Coolbaugh**. I understand there were big doings at the Hayeses' and Johnsons' that weekend!

A Class get-together was held in Washington on 6 Dec. at the Washington Naval Yard, hosted by Buck **Fernandez**, Jody **Johnston**, and Ed **Cottongim**. Twenty-six members of the Class were there, and it was a delightful get-together.

Odds and Ends: Don **Burton** dropped by briefly at the Pentagon from Army Research Office in Durham, N.C., where he says he is enjoying the work and the intellectual atmosphere. Congratulations to Shelton **Biles** and Bob **McCord** who are going to the War College next year and to George **Bland** who is heading for the British Imperial Defense College. Ted **Spiker** is finishing graduate work at Temple U. and then will go to work for the U. of Delaware.

Wayne **Hauck** reports that Hal **Richardson** has retired at Salem, Mass., at 70 Deerborn Street. He is working as Production Engineer for the North East Power Company. Wayne also reports that Jim **Edington** has a new job as Director of Statistics, Department of Education for the State of Hawaii.

Jill **Faith** and Lee **Lynn** spent the holidays in Hawaii where Jack and George joined them from Vietnam. Sounds like a perfect place to spend Christmas and New Year's. Bill **Kuykendall**, Air Force, is scheduled to return from Bien Hoa to Washington in March. He'll work for WSEG. And, finally, that peripatetic traveler, Gordon **Duquemin**, is back in Vietnam commanding a brigade with the 1st Inf Div.

That's all for now. Thanks for the cards and notes and we will be in touch again in a few months.

'48

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Undoubtedly, the biggest event of the past quarter was the 20th Reunion. A small, but indicative, sample indicates that Homecoming is too short a time for such an event. One had insufficient time to change from one suit or dress to another what with continual events, parties, etc. Anyway, the turnout was great. Besides the distaff representation of the **Petersens** and the **Carters** by their daughters, and Harry **Buckley's** better half, Sally, in attendance were (as near as my befogged brain can remember): the **Brattons, Braswells, Medsgers, Whiteheads**, Jack **Buckleys**, Willard **Scotts, Conovers, Robertsons, Frenches**, Tom **Joneses, Doyles, Burrowses, Longs, Cooks, Bartons, Brills, Bellingers, Kerths, Hookers, McSpaddens** (now at Army War College), **Weavers, Hatches, Olsons, Cushings, Clarks, Mummas, Barondeses, Coopers, Genebachs**, Tom **Phillips, Hugheses**, Don **Packard, Stellings, Pabst, Sheffields, Buckners, Plummers, Bettises, Schalks, Wilhides, Webers, Bandeens, Enderles, Halls, Josephses, Herbetses, Sternburgs, Vreelands, Hoyts**, Tom **Ware, Webbers**, Jim **Macklin** (who came the furthest, Stuttgart, Germany), **Taylors Lockes, Jacobellises, Ruddys, Schmidts, Meinzens, Adamses, Starrys, Forresters, Hallahans, Wagoners, MacCartneys, Mansours, Hoffmans, Moungers, Witherses, Richardsons, Schlesses, Caldwells, Haskells, Cancellieres, Perrys, Leitners**, Russ **Ball** (being a brand new father he was unaccompanied), **Whitfields, Cappses**, Stan **Thevenet, Kastrises**, Bill **Madden, Sunders**, Sam **Cockerham, Days, Doodys, McNeelys, Beirnes**, and contemporary Charlie and Von Alter, who haven't missed a function in several years.

1948: Bill Smith (right) former commander of Sembach AFB with visitors Irv Schoenberg (left) and Under Secretary Hoopes.

For those whom I might have omitted, my abject apologies.

For those not present, the schedule went like this: Friday evening, cocktails and dinner at club, followed by parties at the Thayer in various rooms; Saturday morning, Alumni exercises and class picture, drinks and lunch at Club, a fine win over California, cocktails at Thayer, dinner and dancing at Mess Hall; Sunday, church, followed by Bloody Marys. Indicative of how well '48 behaved was the fact that the big "Welcome '48" sign which hung on the arch at the Thayer Friday had been struck by Saturday noon. Let's close this portion by saying that the Hotel, while considerably richer from our visit, was darn glad to see the last of us (me) leave. Incidentally, the numerous offspring who came with parents seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly the teenage girls who snagged cadets for the weekend.

The 20th Reunion souvenir is a piece of a tree which was removed from in front of the Mess Hall when the expansion started in 1963. Mounted on it is a plate giving the years 1948-1968. There are still some available. Write Jack **Capps**, c/o Dept of English, ZIP 10996.

New arrivals in the area are Lyle **Walter** and Jim **McCray**. Losses include Joe **Gorrell** and Monk **Doty**. President Donn **Starry** departs for Vietnam in February or March. I am indebted to Irv **Schoenberg** for the accompanying picture. Bill **Smith** (on the right) was at that time commanding Sembach AB, and Irv and Under Secretary Hoopes dropped by to see him circa 30 May '68, just before Bill's return to the Pentagon. New colonels lists were published in both Services. I don't have the Army list, but understand that a goodly portion of our lt. cols. were on it. AF selected **Barber, Buechler, Butler, Eakins, Elebash, Gillogly, Kipfer, Locke, Loret, Lynch, McInerney, Muehlenweg, Mumma, Pomeroy, Pompan, Sandman, Skinner, Swenholt, Tashjian, Young.** Congratulations to all.

Had a nice note from Dick **Cudahy** recently. He's busy running Patrick Cudahy, Inc., in Cudahy, Wisc., ran for Attorney General last fall, but was defeated. He and Ann have four children: Richard, 10; Kit, 6; Tia, 4; and Daniel, 3. His civic activities, alone, are a separate career in themselves. Good to hear from him.

Had lunch with Tom **Hazard** a few weeks back. After a brief year at Stanford doing graduate work, he is back at State Dept and living near his former home in the Beallsville, Md., area.

I must correct some misinformation in the last column. Jim **Richardson** ran on the Democratic ticket, not as reported.

Speaking of N.C., perhaps the most interesting story of the Reunion was told me by several people. As Friday wore on, and the **Malletts** didn't appear, someone allegedly called Asheville to inquire as to their whereabouts. Dave, immersed in the problems of Wall Street, had the dates mixed, and had plans made for the following weekend. We are all sorry they missed the fun. The **VanArsdalls** also missed being present. They, however, were forced to cancel because of Apollo 7, Bob being deeply involved in our space efforts at Patrick AFB, Fla.

For those who have lost track, we now have three sons in Service academies: Ricky **Whitfield** at USMA, Class of 1971; Dan **Dougherty** at USAFA, Class of 1971; and Raymond **Barton III**, also USAFA, Class of 1972.

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Frank **MacInerney** writes that he is presently head of the Foreign Language Dept, USAFA, and expects to stay through June 1970. He reports Ann **Butler** and family, and Dottie **Wurster** and children remain in Colorado Springs awaiting the return of their spouses from RVN. Incidentally, Frank and Mary now have four children, from 19 to 5. My tour at West Point prevented my seeing Bill **Buckner,** now President of Alexander Electronics, Inc., Kansas City, Mo., when he was in town for a convention in November. The **Brattons** are watching TV with avid interest these days. Young Joey is captain of his school's "It's Academic" team and will appear shortly on that program. For those not familiar with the show, it is the local high school equivalent of the GE College Bowl.

Received a large clipping from the Los Angeles HERALD-EXAMINER for 23 Dec. all about Charlie **Skouras** and family. The story tells about how Christmas is celebrated in Greece, and about Charlie's parents and how Mr. Skouras was the prime mover in the building of St. Sophia Cathedral in LA. Charlie and Marie have two children: Charles III, 14, and Christianna, 12. Charlie hasn't aged a day in the last 20 years. What's your secret, classmate? Unfortunately, the news picture isn't reproducible, but if you can get a glossy, Charlie, I'd love to print it.

Dorothy **Graves** wrote to say that Warren had retired and taken a position as Deputy Director of Operations, Commonwealth Services International, Inc., stationed at Dhahran International Airport, Saudi Arabia. All but young Edwin, who is a freshman at the U. of Nebraska, will join Warren in January. Edwin will transfer to American U. in Beirut, Lebanon, next year. W. Reed Jr., will attend the American Community School in Beirut this year. Best of luck to them. They will be near neighbors, relatively speaking, to Tomi and Jack **Miller,** who have also taken up civilian pursuits in the Middle East. Their address is Rt I/ORED, R&D Div, Box 200, ARMISH/-MAAG, APO NY 09205.

Received a clipping showing Peg **Van Arsdall** and Rear Admiral Clyde Van Arsdall Jr., pinning on Bob's eagles. The Admiral is a distant relative, and the Navy thought this would be great PIO material. Young Bob is a freshman at Florida State. Bill **Caldwell** has been assigned to European Headquarters from West Point. The material from Neil **Ayers'** very newsworthy letter will appear in the yearbook. Suffice to say that he works hard as a Trustee, but still finds time for civic and sporting activities. He and Helen have four children, two girls 18 and 10, and two boys, 16 and 8. Sounds busy and happy. Stub **Clarke** writes that he and family are settled in Wurzburg, where he is Support Command Commander of the 3d Inf Div.

Bill **Thomas** writes to say that my blandishments of a Washington job in the welfare field still won't get him and Rachel to leave the sunnier climate of Florida. Today I envy them, the weather being what it is. Irv **Schoenberg** in his October trip (missing the 20th because of it) saw Betty **Bowen** at Clark AFB, Philippines, while Tom is in RVN; Bob **Pater** in Saigon where he is on Gen. Brown's staff; and missed Bob **Mathis,** who has returned to DDR&E here. As previously mentioned, Joe **Gorrell** has retired, and now lives in Austin, Tex. 78704, 2907 Rae Dell.

Ginnie **Meyer** writes from Fort Hood sending a clipping of son Tom, who was named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. Congratulations. The Meyers are at 6818 Rose St., Fort Hood, Tex. 76544. The Saul **Resnicks** joined Ginnie for a quiet celebration of Homecoming. Saul has settled, probably permanently, in Dallas. Joe's battalion keeps him hopping, while on the home front Ginnie is first VP of the Officers' Wives Club, and chairmaned a postwide Military Ball.

The **Dotys** settled at 4804 Deerwood Dr, Raleigh, N.C. 27609, instead of Charlotte. Monk is a systems analyst with the State. Their house is rather well-known in the area since the bedroom end was formerly an old farmhouse, which housed one Katie Mae, whose activities during WW II raised the question of loose morals in the local area. Rees **Jones** may be heading this way next summer. Presently they reside in nearby Virginia Beach 23452, 3720 Beacon Lane. Sid and Anne **Berry** are at 118 Eames Ave, Fort Benning 31905, where Sid is Asst Cmdt of the Inf School. Son Bryan, 16, is in school in Atlanta; daughters Lynn, 14 (a budding ballet dancer), and Nan, 13 (of the horsey set) are at home.

John and Sandy **Egbert** love their home which John built at 3 Spanish Moss Circle, Savannah, Ga. 31406. John and Anne **Bellinger** are enjoying the Army War College life, it seems. Bill and Casey **Burns** are looking forward with mixed feelings to leaving NATO after four years for a return in July to the U.S. Steve **Griffith** went to RVN in January, with the family (Anne and their seven) returning to Alexandria. Young Stephen is in his second year at Portsmouth Priory, R.I. Sally **Macklin** tells me that Ted and Ingrid **Huie** and five children live in the other end of the same building in Stuttgart, where Ted is Deputy JA, VII Corps. Ted returns Stateside in the summer. Jim **Walk** was off to Korea with Betty and three boys going to Vermont.

Bob and Jordy **Cushing** report that their livers were dried out in time for the **Webers** to join them to watch the A/N game in Palatine, Ill., where Bob is with Marriott. Daughter Carolyn enters Mich. State in the fall. Incidentally, I thought Joe Albano's great catch of an O'Toole pass broke the game open, even though he lost a shoe in the process. I had had Joe in class for a few days in 1967, and I wrote him a note of congratulations and wondered if he would remember me. He certainly did, he stated, because I was the only Plebe math instructor that put him pro three days in a row. Joe and I are alumni of the same school, Bullis.

Bob and Jerrie **Whitfield** have moved to 6 West View Dr, Katonah, N.Y. 10536. Carol **Robinson** reports that Norm was off to RVN last August, while she and kids remain on the East Coast. Marianne **Kiernan** has gone into the Public Relations field as a secretary to a PR man and enjoys it very much. Harwell and Louise **Smith** took an eventful trip to Seattle last summer, seeing as much as they could both ways. The picture of the children and Louise at Yellowstone is great. Harwell III is a carbon copy of his father, I might add. The **McEnerys** are well and await John's return from RVN, where he is with the 11th ACR as CO of the 3rd Sqdn. Son Doug us at K.U.

Jim **Hall** has been named VP at Colt. Congratulations. They have bought a condominium on the shores of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Patti and Jan collected 40 ribbons and trophies in swimming last summer. Future Olympic material, I'll wager. Bev, when not painting, is getting a degree in Interior Design, which she really doesn't need to qualify as a superior interior decorator. The Lew **Chandlers** are also in Austin, Tex., 1712 Palma Plaza, 78703. Maybe they and the **Gorrells** can get together.

Joe and Massie **Dorsey** spent part of the summer touring the West in conjunction with a national apple meeting in Oakland. Pem, 16, and Tupper, 12, are busily engaged in many pursuits. Joe's apples and golf improve simultaneously. Byrd and Palmer, beware! To show we're all not aging, Bill **Cook** and son Billy climbed 14,500-foot Mount Whitney in August. And, Donna's youngest sister also found a Bill Cook to marry. Confusion will result, I predict. Sam and Joan **White** missed the 20th because Sam forgot the closing date for tickets. They still planned to try for one party, but turned up sick.

Bob **Petersen** took over a Bn with the 1st Air Cav on Christmas Eve. Dolly spent R&R with him in Hawaii, and saw Pat **Osteen** and Nancy **Hartnell.** Jack is G3 with XXIVth Corps. Punk expects to retire soon. The **Stellings** head back to LA. They report Don **Kipfer** in SEA, and son Mark at Georgetown U. Jack Osteen looks for a brigade soon. Emmy and Charlie **French** and their sizable brood are still as active as ever. Jim **Dingeman** is CO of the 2d Bn, 12th Cav, 1st Air Cav, but leaves it for another, unknown, assignment. The **Mansours, Webers, Hallahans,** and Alters send their best wishes to all for the new year.

While at West Point I met Bobby Mahowald, and George and Willie Webb, whose fathers are from our older half of the Class ('47). Fine cadets all. One last story about Homecoming. One wife, who shall remain nameless, when asked how the game was by one who couldn't be there, replied, "I don't remember; I was too hungover." Which sums up the view of many.

In closing may I take this opportunity to thank Donn **Starry** for the superior job he did on the yearbook. The countless hours spent will never be adequately repaid. However, as a poor substitute, may I, Donn, in the name of all the Class say thanks and well done!

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Recent promotion lists to colonel resulted in a total of 42 classmates nominated for their eagles. Congratulations to: Art **Banister,** Ted **Campbell,** Tom **Crawford,** Jack **Cronin,** Joe **Henry,** Gene **Hustad,** Punch **Jamison,** Bill **Liddicoet,** Jim **Marr,** John **Poulson,** Harry **Spillers,** Stu **Spragins,** Mike **Steger,** Van **Vandervoort,** George **Wentsch** and Fred **Westfall,** the Air Force nominees and to: Frank **Clarke,** John **Costa,** Dick **Craig,** Hilly **Dickinson,** Bob **Estes,** Phil **Feir,** Chuck **Heiden,** Bill **Hoffmann,** Bill **Kennedy,** Maury **Kurtz,** Russ **Lamp,** Bill **Lowrey,** Ted **Marley,** Jack **McArdle,** Clay **Moran,** Bill **Norman,** Bob **O'Brien,** Ernie **Roberts,** Joe **Schmalzel,** Gerry **Schulz,** Bob **Schwarz,** Howard **Strohecker,** Ted **Swett,** Ed **Townsley,** Bert **Turner,** and Pat **Vollmer,** the Army nominees.

The Washington contingent is now 160 strong under the presidency of Jack **Albert**

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and has an active schedule worked up for the coming year. The social committee under Lee **Surut** has planned a gala affair at Andrews on 18 January and a trip to Annapolis in March to attend the ARMY-Navy games followed by dinner in the evening. Bill **Lambert** heads up the luncheon committee which has scheduled quarterly luncheons at the Pentagon in January, April, July, and October. There is also a civilian contingent of the Class which meets downtown on alternate months under the guidance of Walt **Milliken**.

New Army list for senior schooling next year includes Bob **Springer**, AWC, Bob **Estes**, ICAF, Frank **Clarke** and Al **English**, NWC and Clay Moran, Naval WC.

Thanks to Bill Monroe '47, we had word of Steve **White** up on Cape Cod this fall; Steve was making a cross-country bicycle (three-wheeled variety) tour on his way to visit his brother, Bill White, now retired from the Air Force in Woods Hole, Mass. Keep up the good work, Steve, and we hope to see both of the Whites at the 20th this spring.

Our sympathy is extended to Ken **Sickafoose's** family. Ken passed away shortly after his retirement last fall.

Recent retirees from the Washington area were: John **Magnotti**, now with Planning Research Corp in Washington, D.C., and Dick **Toth**, who joined the Martin Company in Orlando, Fla. Hugh **Kinney** is leaving Washington for Philadelphia reportedly as the Exec VP of the Auerbach Company.

A note from Jack **Kiely**, now with Raytheon Company in Bedford, Mass., brings us up-to-date on the New England group. Art **Driscoll** is President of the West Point Society of New England and for a part time job is a VP with John Hancock in Boston handling Legislative Liaison. Marc **Jartman** is with Fairchild-Hiller in Boston; Vic **Wakefield** recently left Hanscom for Vietnam; Tim **Cronin** is a VP of Computer Control Corp; George **Nigro** is living in Brockton, Mass.; Wayne **Smith** is in Dover, N.H., and Bob **Bigelow** is an attorney in Winchester, Mass. Notes were received from the Chuck **Wasons** in Denmark, the Jud **Conners** in Hawaii and from the Jerry **Lauers** at STRICOM in Florida. To confirm how time flies, the Lauers' oldest boy, Peter, is currently serving in the Army in Vietnam. Also in Vietnam with their families still here in the Washington area are: John **Chandler**, Tom **Crawford**, Bill **Dederich**, Dean **Dickinson**, Bob **Erbe**, Bob **Estes**, Al **Hale**, Jack **Hodes**, Jim **Holt**, Huck **Long**, Gene **Marder**, Lee **McCrary**, Bob **Noce**, Terry **Powers**, Bill **Robison**, Duane **Smith**, Bob **Springer**, Bill **Streett**, Van **Vandervoort**, and Ed **Yellman**.

The "world's greatest fighter pilot" alias Jim **Hartinger** is now the CO of the 23d Tactical Fighter Wing, McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kan. Ernie **Denham** has begun a new career in the stockbroker's trade with Dupont & Co. in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ted **Swett** was recently decorated with his second award of the LM for his performance at the U.S. Infantry School. Ted is currently a student at the Air War College. I don't think this column has previously mentioned the death from a heart attack of Joe **Pingitore** in November 1967; our belated sympathy is expressed to his family on behalf of the entire Class.

Letters have gone out to the Class outlining the activities for the 20th Reunion to be held this coming June Week. Over 100 '49ers are expected to attend. Generally informal, relaxed affairs are planned. If you have not received a copy of the letter, you may write any of the Reunion Committee at West Point for information: **Battreall, Ross, Puckett, Luebbert, Kirby, Martin, or Kemble.** Hope to see you all there.

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Christmas Eve, on the way to church, Robin and I watched the moon hanging low in the western sky and felt a real tug to think that Frank was there, commanding the first vehicle ever to leave the earth with man. I'm sure that we shared with millions throughout the world the anxiety of each of the key moments when the astronauts' lives were at stake—and the relief when the three of them were once again safely aboard the carrier. Frank has received congratulations from thousands of people, including the President. By the time this is printed I hope that Congress has seen fit to award him the Medal of Honor. But perhaps from the Class, with whom he has a special bond, it will have a little added meaning to say, "Well done. We are very proud of you."

With a column due right after the holidays, I have a double appreciation for Christmas cards with all their news. I'll try to put them in some sort of order, but before I do there are a couple of lists important to a number of people; this time I hope I won't leave out anyone's name.

The recent AF colonel promotion list included **Baxter, Boyle, Brunson, Cannon, Clement, Cody, Drury, Hammond, Hemenway, Ingram,** Lou **Leiser, Newton, Payne, Ryan,** RR **Smith,** and **Whiting**—Congratulations!

The War College list had a number of '50ers on it. Going to Carlisle will be George **Ball, Bolte, Fife, Griffin, Loper, Snoke,** and GG **Thomas. Cheney, Fette** and Jere **Sharp** will attend ICAF. **Lewis** and Al **Flynn** will be exposed to the water at the Naval War College. **Mastoris** and **Small** will remain in this area while attending the NWC, and Marv **Rees** will go to Montgomery, Ala., for the Air War College.

1950: Frank Diggins (right center) shows off some potential talent at his USMA Prep to Gus Dielens.

To go back to November, we enjoyed going to Philly for the annual struggle, particularly with an ARMY win. We had our own what-is-now-becoming-traditional dinner at Weber's afterward, kindly arranged by Kelly and Betty Jane **Veley**. Seen at one time or another during the day and evening: Jack **Allens**, Tom **Balls**, George **Balls, Dowes, Eeks,** Al **Flynn, Glenns, Grosecloses, Harpers,** Stud **Heit, Hunts, Kulpas, Loves,** Jack **Murphy, Paulgers, Reads,** Rufe **Smiths, Steeles, Streits, Trefry, Underwoods,** and **Veleys.**

Almost forgot the Army promotion list to colonel. These happy people were on that one: Hooper **Adams,** George **Ball,** Ray **Barry, Bashore, Baxley, Durst, Eichorn, Fern, Fullerton, Gearan, Graham, Hoffman, Hurst, Hutcheson,** Emmett **Lee, Lunn, Martin, McDowell, Means, Morrison, Nutting, Palmer, Phillips,** Ed **Pierce, Pinto, Reinhart, Roehm, Round, Sanderson, Sibbles, Small, Spence, Stapleton, Steele, Strickland, Tate, Trefry, West, Willingham,** and Spike **Wood.** Congrats again!

Had a nice letter from Jack **Baughan** in the Fall. He had been Chairman of the Outstanding Candidates Committee of the WP Society of New York, and in June of 1968 was elected President of the Society; he is justifiably proud of its growth in recent years and welcomes support and membership from all over the world. To quote part of his letter, "A current thrust of ours is to support the Admissions Program of the Academy (sponsored, incidentally, by Manley **Rogers**) in order to help guide the kind of boy that is wanted by the Academy into the right channels." Go to it, Jack.

Understand Jim and Lamar **Wheaton's** son Jay has an appointment to West Point. Jim is in Vietnam, and Lamar is in Columbus; Jim has been assigned to the Infantry School at Benning when he returns, which should be soon.

I'll start with cards from Germany: Anne and Dick **Leavitt** are at Wiesbaden; Anne says she feels MUCH younger this year because there aren't so many youngsters running around AF Hq.! They see the **Brunsons** and the **Pettigrews** there—and in November saw Ding and Johanna **Price** in London. Dunc and Patty **Joy** are at Wildflecken, in the heart of the Rhon Mountains, just ten miles from East Germany; they're all enjoying it and looking forward to lots of skiing. Dunc has the 54th Engr Bn there. John and Eileen **Jones** are in Bad Kreuznach; John finished his tank bn duty in the 3d Armd and now has the 8th Inf Div Support Command; he doesn't think his German has improved since his days with Herr Tiller.

Bette **Bell** wrote from Hawaii where she is waiting out the year George is in VN; they finished up at Maxwell in June. My spies tell me the **Breitwiesers** are on Oahu, but I don't know what Al's job is.

We have two families at Clark AFB in the Philippines, taking part in the arrangement whereby the men can return from VN, hopefully on a monthly basis. Dick **Wyrough** is at Dalat, with the Vietnamese Military Academy for at least two years (one is behind him). He finds the job fascinating, and having the family nearby compensates for the extension. I'll quote part of his letter which mentions classmates: "Bill **Steinberg**

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arrives in Dalat in two weeks to be XO of TF South, a brigade-sized hq in southern II Corps (he comes from Bangkok, where Marie-Claire will remain); Win **Skelton** is SA, 23d ARVN Div and passes through here occasionally; at IFFV Nha Trang are Bob **Hughes**, Dep Engr; **Fox**; Larry **Santana** (ex-'50), Dep PM and soon to be Army PM in NYC; in Saigon recently I've seen **Scandling**, Ross **Franklin**, Bob **Wilson**, Ace **Barker** to mention a few. I've seen Dick **Cody** and Ev **True** at Clark; also Francois **Therrien**, Dep G4 IFFV." John **Howard's** family is the other at Clark under a similar arrangement to the Wyroughs. John will serve 18 months as a Province Advisor in VN; Ann writes that they have a large house (and a live-in maid). The yard is lovely and, of course, tropical (and a yard boy comes twice a week to take care of it). Ann says they're getting spoiled in a hurry.

Shirley and Walt **Adams** are in Bangkok and looking out for Marie-Claire **Steinberg**. Bert **Aton** is on duty at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. Harvey **Prosser** is now assigned at Korat as commander of the 34th TFS.

Dave and Pat **Hughes** are at Fort Carson, but I don't know Dave's unit. (No note on the Christmas card.) Monty **Coffin** is enjoying life at the AF Academy. Nearby at Ent AFB are Ginny and Linc **Faurer**; their children are having a great time with all the activities at the Academy. They've had a lot of snow and hope to ski at Aspen. 30 Nov. gave them a good excuse to have a party, and those who came to cheer ARMY on were the Stu **Woods**, **Pennekamps**, **McCutchens**, **McCormicks**, Hogues (USNA '50, I'll bet Harvey and Kathryn were pulling for the other side!), Monty **Coffin**, Maris **Prosser**, **Tom Lobe** and the **Nolds** who drove down from Denver.

In Oklahoma we have a couple of geographical widows. Jane **Price** is in Stillwater with her four boys—John Andrew was born in 1968 but she didn't say when. Between lessons, Little League ball, wrestling, and basketball for Stuart, Doug, and Roger (with John under one arm), I wonder if she knows Walt is gone (VERY funny, **DeGraf.**). Lee **Franklin** is waiting for Ross' return in Del City, Oklahoma, and she, too, has a new baby; Jennifer arrived 10 Oct., and in addition to Lee, Danny and Vicky think she's great. Could they be prejudiced?

Having mentioned two new babies, how about another? Macon and Jim **Fooshe** had a 7 lb. 10 oz. daughter, Ann Carter, on 2 Nov. 1968. This is their first child, and they know they have a winner!

Leo **Wegner** says to add one to their TD —Amy Catherine, born in May 1966 in Beirut, Lebanon. This is the third child for Muriel and Leo. Lots of congratulations are in order.

Jack **Hendry** sent a lot of news from Leavenworth. He and Gen have a big five-bedroom house (three full floors) built in the 1800's. Harry **Coyle** was there in the summer for two weeks of active duty. At the ARMY-Missouri game they saw John and Joy **Cragin**; John retired in 1967 and is teaching physics at a college in Joplin, Mo. Other '50ers at Leavenworth: Tisdale and Dick **Johnson** are students; Norm **Hubbard**, Joe **Elliott**, Bob **Chambers** and Nelson **Ritter** are assigned to the post. Jack is now becoming proficient in equitation, having bought a horse in Sept. He says Gen and the children are riding, too —better than he!

One of my correspondents from the Lone Star State is Morris **Herbert**, who finally finished his 23-year-tour at West Point. He and Faith are at Fort Bliss, where Herb commands the 6th Bn (HAWK), 61st Arty, and they expect to be there 'til summer of 1969. They're in large old quarters built in 1893 ("Five bathrooms should be enough for anyone.") To quote part of his letter: "Great news about Gus **Dielens** taking over as Director of Athletics. He got his work cut out for him—you should see the 1970 football schedule—very difficult. I suppose, however, that Gus will be scrupulously honest, and we'll still be sitting on the 25-yard line." I hate to disillusion you, Herb, but the '50 people I was with were on the 5-yard line this year!

Ardath **Wilson** is our loyal correspondent from Houston. She keeps busy with her five youngsters, and has done some part-time work for Kelly Girls. Goodloe made the Drill Squad at high school, and practicing and marching at football games filled her days this Fall; she also teaches guitar and sings with the Sing-Out Houston group; the other children keep busy, too, and Clay surprised Ardath with his avid interest in sports. Knowing Gail, I could only wonder if he weren't a sports fan.

Burke and Lish **Lee** are enjoying their tour in Charleston, S.C., where Burke is the District Engineer. Carl and Dottie Stone are at KI Sawyer AFB in Michigan. Snow began to fall in October, and they've bought a 6 h.p. snow thrower (which Dottie says "sure beats shovelling!"). I had lunch with Carl when he was here in November, and he told me they'd seen Dick and Debbie **Lorette** who are at Wright-Pat AFB; Dick has gotten his Ph.D. in Bus. Ad. from Harvard. Ed **Batchelor** wrote from Omaha to let me know the AF types there at SAC: Bucky **Cronin**, Bob **Abelman** and Ralph **Ritteman**. Ed says Jerry **Rusch** is on his way to D.C. from Barksdale. Ray and Lis **McCauley** finished their tour in Panama and are now at Langley AFB here in Virginia. Sue **O'Connell** and the children are in Newport, R.I., while Bob is in VN; he has the 70th Engr Bn at Ban Me Thuot in the highlands.

Joe and Beth **Griffin** are at Fort Bragg, N.C., where Beth says it's nice to have a real Santa this year. Ruth and Sandy **Sanderson** are there, too, with the 82d; Sandy had one year as a Bn CO and six months as G3. Vietnam seems to be in the future. June **Irons** and the children are in Fayetteville while Jim is in VN, and she says Shirley **Thomas** (GG) and Mary **Round** are nearby.

Paul and Ruth **Gorman** are in Paris, where Paul is with the Vietnam mission. Ruth says his hours are worse than the Pentagon "but probably more exciting." The **Bolducs** are also there, for Blackie is at the War College. They have a house with a view of the Eiffel Tower—but Mary says "Some idiot is building an apartment house which will not only eliminate the view, but is causing the house to sink; so we hold open house for local plumbers, electricians, and masons." I understand Vin **Hirsch** is also there, at the Embassy—right, or wrong?

Had a long letter from Will Hill **Tankersley** telling me all about the outfit he commands in the Reserves, the 926th Engineers, based in Montgomery. He's proud of the outfit, and should be, if they perform as described in the clippings he sent along. Will Hill is a Vice-president in an Investment Securities firm in Montgomery; he and Theda have two boys and a girl and lead a full life. He finished the C&GSC course over a five-year period, and is now close to a Master's in Economics, after a similar program. He's had enough of part-time schooling!

Bess and Grady **Banister** were East in the fall, and it was a treat to see them. We all told each other we hadn't changed much since we were last together, but when we look at the six-foot-tall sons, we realize those years couldn't have slipped by without altering us a little. Jack and Margaret **Irwin** are also California residents with a big brood, and the animals that always seem to go along; they moved this year and have spent much of their time painting, altering, etc. Joan and Fred **Nickerson** are in Southern California in Porvat or Poway—we've never been able to figuer out which!

And now to our comrades in Vietnam. Jack **Magee** wrote in Nov. He's running the Strike Plans Branch, TACC, 7AF. He works closely with Joe **Anderson**, Skip **Scott** and Ernie Thomas, all with 7AF—also Bud **Pritchett**, MACV TASE. Also there or close by are Dick **Drury** (834 Air Div), Briggs **Jones** (11th Cav), Faulkner **Heard** (25th Div), Dick **Slay** (Bien Hoa, Ranch Hand), Bob **Wilson** (MACV) "and Jim **Thompson** who I see only when he plays on the adjacent tennis court at noon." Jack went on to say that Bert **Aton** is at Ubon; Bob **Weber** just left, en route to Norton AFB, Calif.; Herb **Liechty** is with Task Force Alpha; Mac **McMullen** was there on a TDY trip from the States. Jack and Kay were in Hawaii in July and said Marie and Chip **Kaseman** (Hickam) were wonderful to them. Jack and Kay go to the AF Academy in March of this year, where Jack will be a Group TAC-ACC; his sponsor is a fellow named John **Pennekamp**.

Ross **Franklin** had the 1st Bn/505 in the 82d Abn 'til he got his eagles. He hated to give up the battalion, but it was nice to turn it over to GG **Thomas**. Jim **Irons** has one Bn and Ros **Round** the other in the 3d Bde. Ross is now Deputy 173d Abn Bde. Bill **Berry** arrived in Oct. from Italy; Trema is at Camp Hill, near Carlisle Barracks. Bob **Morrison** has the 2d Bn, 19th Arty of 1st Cav Div. Jack **Crittenberger** is Sr LO to the Thai division and sees Leo **Romaneski** almost daily. Leo is Asst Engr II FFV, and Jack works closely with people there. To quote part of Jack's letter: "Gerry **Kelly** has an Engr Bn and looks the same; Bob **Gard**, 9th Div Arty CO, was at Ben Cat recently, and we enjoyed lunch together; saw GG Thomas two months ago." Win **Skelton** is now Advisor to the 23d Div. Classmates seen locally: Bob **O'Connell** is building Hwy 21 with the 70th Engr Bn; Win was weathered out of Thanksgiving with Dick **Wyrough** at Dalat —and they were mortared that night! Walt **Price** has the 3/506th; the CG hung the Cross of Gallantry on him just before he gave up his Bn. Win didn't know Walt's new assignment. Ken **Murphy** left in Nov. from Ninh Thuan province where "he did an outstanding job and was thought of as the most effective of our seven advisors." Jack **Mackmull** has the 164th Avn Grp at Can Tho and, according to Bev, sees John **Goldsmith** nearly every day; John is a G2 with the 1st Bde if I understood Bev correctly. Leo **Romaneski** is our most faithful correspondent; Robin says she feels guilty when she drops him a line because he's so good about answering. In Sept. Leo was seeing Lou **Prentiss** (due home any day) almost daily; he went

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to inspect some work done by the 34th Engr Bn, which is commanded by Ed **Stefanik**, and Ed accompanied in the helicopter. In Oct. Leo went to GP **Kelly's** change of command ceremony, when he took over the 31st Engr Bn. G.P. came directly from USARPAC where he served in the Construction Div of the G4 Sec.

If I've left any of you out, drop me a line, for we're particularly anxious to know where everyone is in Vietnam. At least these are some of the Class of '50 who are where the action is.

We have some newcomers to D.C. since the last issue: **Boylan, Cannon, Dunn, Gurnee, Johnsrud, Kramer, Kuyk,** Dan **McDaniel, Mueller, Paulger, Rein, Schopper,** DS **Wilson.** We number about 190 now.

Odds and Ends from all over: Ken and Skeekee **Murphy** began 1969 by leaving D.C. for Panama. Congratulations to Mike and Jan **Dowe** who were married 31 Oct. 1968 in Arlington. In mid-December, we saw Jim **Mitcham** who was here from Fort Bliss for a one-month Systems Analysis course at Fort Belvoir; Tom Loper took part in the same sessions. In Oct. the U. of Utah Board of Regents approved the appointment of Bill **MacLachlan** as Chairman and Professor in the Dept of Aerospace Studies. The appointment is effective 1 July 1969; Bill is currently at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii.

Morris **Herbert** is the author of an article in the Dec. issue of MILITARY REVIEW, published at Fort Leavenworth. In "The Military Handgun," Herb discusses the Automatic Colt Pistol. Bill **Pogue** was transferred from N.J. to Houston in Aug. and he and Sue really like it there; Bill is a civilian, but I don't know what company he's with. Bruce and Barbara **Petree** had the fortune (good or bad?) to move into gov't qtrs at Fort Lewis on 21 Dec. Bruce has the 1/2d with TIC there. Ann and Jake **Jacobson** are experiencing their last winter in Moscow; they had a vacation in Helsinki and Stockholm—and hope to go to Portugal for golf in Feb. Sounds like a rough life over there! Muriel **Strickland** and the children are in Munich while Hank is in VN; they hope to meet in Bangkok for R&R. Jack **Maxwell** and family recently left Heidelberg for Brussels, where Jack is with NATO.

In Oct. 1968, Harvey **Prosser** received the USAF CM for his service at the Air Force Academy, and on Thanksgiving Day, Bob **Werner** was awarded the LM for his work with OCE. Well done! Leo **Wegner** is at the Presidio of Monterey where he was assigned in 1967 from Dix; he runs the language school Operations and Training shop, and really likes it. Bruce Leiser graduated from their Spanish course last spring and went on a mapping job in Bolivia. Their address: U.S. Army IAGS, Bolivia Project c/o U.S. Embassy, LaPaz.

Unfortunately, Leo's letter brought the sad news of the untimely death of Charlie **Elliot** on 21 Nov. 1968. I know you all join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to June and their children Karen, aged seven, Charles Jr., who is five, and two-year-old Bruce. Charlie was among seven victims of a plane crash near Barrow, Alaska. The twin-engine plane was carrying members of the Governor's Employment Advisory Commission on a tour of Arctic villages in a study of unemployment there; Charlie was an advisor to the Commission. June can be reached in care of her mother, Mrs. E. Ilog, 760 S. Van Ness, San Francisco, Calif. 94110. Charlie was buried in Pacific Grove, Calif., in fulfillment of his wish to be buried by the sea.

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Congratulations are in order for 34 Army classmates who were selected for promotion to colonel or for attendance at one of the senior service colleges during the 1969-70 school year. The 18 due for eagles are: **Boatner,** Norm **Brown, DeRamus, Fant, Gilbertson, Goodnow, Hardesty, Harris, Hemphill,** Walt **Johnson, Lemnitzer, Lombard, Louisell, Markham, Pattillo, Peter, Schuman** and **Weyand.** Off to school this summer are: **Holman, Jorstad, Lukert, Morgan,** G.C. **Smith** and **Vetort** — Army War College; **Peixotto** and **Yerks** — National War College; **Akers, Bicher, Evans, Lackman,** Stan **Sheridan,** and **Sheriff** — ICAF; **Rockwell** — Naval War College; and **Remson** — French Ecole Superieurre De Guerre. The Class is proud of you!

Before delving further into the notes for this ASSEMBLY, I want to correct two errors which infiltrated the column in the last issue. Gil **Stephenson,** contrary to what was printed here, was not the G3 of MACV last September (a two-star position); he was the G3 OF THE CAPITAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND in Saigon. And Roy **Herte** was commanding THE 3D BN OF the 7th Inf, 199th Light Inf Bde, not the 7th Inf of the Bde. My apologies to Gil and to Roy who originally sent the information in correct form. A VC gremlin must have slipped in with your letter, Roy, and somehow got to the printer who set the type! Vietnam news for this issue has come from a variety of sources and hopefully the craftsmen of the printing trade and I will get it all correct this time. One caution, however, some of the items are three-four months old, and the information may no longer be accurate.

Stan **Sheridan** has been commanding the 1/69th Armor Bn of the 4th Inf Div since last August, and at the end of October he and his tankers had just returned to the Pleiku—Kontum—Du Co area in the highlands. Prior to that, the unit had been attached to the 173d Abn Bde in the Bong Son area for six months. Stan had the following to report on classmates in RVN. Don **Anker** was the IG of the 4th Div; Doug

1951: Brig. Gen. C. W. Clapsaddle, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Comptroller's Office, U.S. Army Europe, presents Myles Grant with his second award of the BSM.

1951: Des O'Keefe receives the JSCM for meritorious service from Brig. Gen. Donnelly P. Bolton, MACV AC/S.

Michel is back in the service as a chaplain and was located at a Special Forces CIDG post near Duc Lap; Sandy **Weyand** was the CO of the 4th Bn of the 503d Abn in the 173d Abn Bde; Ted **Charney** in the G3 section of IFF and not too happy with his staff job; Ray **Tague** in G1 of USARV and angling for a Bn; and Pud **Keesling** had a Bn in the 101st and was doing an outstanding job according to 4th Div units who worked with him.

Elsewhere in the combat zone Air Force file John **Ward** is on duty at Phan Rang AB, and Desmond **O'Keefe** received the JSCM for service as an advisor to the Vietnamese I Corps. Des was among the classmates listed in Summer 1968 ASSEMBLY for whom the AOG had no address — welcome back to the fold, Des — and is one of four "unknowns" about whom some information was received for this column. Bob **Flanagan's** whereabouts were also discovered thanks to Bob Hunt of '54 who noted your Scribe's request for news of the "unaccounted for" '51ers and wrote that he had seen Flanagan in Da Nang in November. The address he provided indicates that the Irishman was the AC of S for Security, Plans and Operations in HQ, USASUPCOM in Saigon at the time.

Myles **Grant** was located in Germany via a news release to the AOG announcing the second award of the BSM to him. Currently the Chief of the Management Assistant Branch in the Comptroller's Office, HQ U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Myles received the award last September for service with IFF in Vietnam during June 1967 to June 1968.

News of stateside classmates is highlighted by the announcement that the Army Aviation Association of America has selected Ed **Lukert's** 52d Avn Bn as the outstanding aviation unit of the year. Ed commanded the 52d from September 1967 to March 1968, providing all Army aviation support in the central highlands during that period. He was awarded two DFCs (for the battle of Dak Tho and for the Tet offensive), an OLC to the BSM, ten AMs, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/SS, and the unit was recommended for a Valorous Unit Citation as well as a Presidential Unit Citation. Ed returned from Vietnam in September and, after settling Carol and the five children in Annandale, Va., enrolled in the AF project manager's course at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, to prepare for a future assignment in Army Materiel Command as project manager in the development of a new UTTAS helicopter.

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1951: One hundred and fifty members of the "In Crowd" from the Washington, D.C., area assemble for photo coverage of the big October get-together.

Henry **Otten**, commanding the 30th Eng Bn (Topo) at Fort Belvoir, received a rare award last August. The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces, which represents 36 Protestant denominations and over 40 million people, presented him with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of Hank's deep concern for the spiritual well-being of his men and the subtle influence exerted by his family at troop church services. Belvoir staff chaplain Lt. Col. Charles R. Nichols, who recommended Hank for the honor, made the presentation on behalf of the General Commission.

Still in the Washington area, Bob **Hyatt** sent a photo of the big '51 gathering held last October in the D.C. area. Approximately 150 classmates were present, but because of the size of that group you will have to supply your own identifications to the picture which accompanies this column. There are just too many faces to name! I noted at least one "missing" classmate in the group – Mike **Kovalsky**, we now know where you are; how about a letter to tell us what you've been doing? If anyone recognizes other "lost" members of the Class among the party crowd or has news of them in other locations, please drop the Scribe a line.

From the snow country in Colorado comes news that in January Dan **Foldberg** took command of the 2/11th Mech Bn in the 5th Inf Div (Mech) after six months as the division G3. Dan's leg wound, received in RVN in February 1968, has healed well, and he provided information on three other classmates at Fort Carson or vicinity. Tom **Foster**, who commanded the 3/77th Tank Bn and was later XO of the 5th Div's 3d Bde, left for a MACV assignment in January, while Ron **Milam**, who was CO of the 2/61st Mech Bn and later XO of the 2d Bde, left the post in February for Thailand. Frank **Fischl** is now Assistant Director of Athletics at the nearby AF Academy and, according to Dan, "hasn't aged a bit!"

The two big events during the past football season were Homecoming and, of course, the Navy game. Chuck and Jackie **Canham** had an after-game party for classmates returning to West Point for the Homecoming Weekend and among those present with spouse were Bob **Dean**, Ed **Markham**, Ed **Partain**, Ron **Roberge**, George **Scheuerlein**, Guerdon **Sines** and Bill **Stockdale**. Elmer **Pendleton**, up on a boondoggle to the UN from the Air War College, is still preserving his bachelor status and came stag. Seen in Philadelphia for the big game this year were Henry **Evans**, Dick **Szymczyk**, Chris **Rupp**, Tom **Horgan**, John **Daigh**, Bunker **Elmblad**, Ed **Partain**, Ed **Peter**, Fred **Irving**, Joe **Fant**, Harry **Lombard**, Bill **Stockdale**, Walt **Johnson** and Andy Mausinue (associate classmate).

One last item for the social events section. One of the few remaining bachelors in the Class, John **Hook**, finally turned in his membership in the Perennial Bachelors Association, oddly enough, while on a Vietnam tour. John married Betty Ziegler on 13 January while on an R&R visit to Hawaii. He arrived from RVN at 1 pm; they were married at 4 pm, and – what's this?! They spent the rest of John's R&R participating in a bridge tournament? Aw, come on now! Anyway, best wishes to the new couple from the Class.

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'52 has two names in the news as of early January: Mike **Collins** in APOLLO 8 Control was often heard, but rarely seen. Jack **Gibney** in the NLF rice paddy negotiations was often seen, but rarely heard. Congratulations to both on tough jobs well done.

The Air Force has an unusual amount of news this time. Starting in Southeast Asia, Ken **Simonet**, listed as missing since Jan. 1968, is now considered alive as a prisoner in North Vietnam. Clint **Winne** recently completed 38 combat missions in his F-4, flying with the 25th Tac Ftr Sqd out of Ubon, Thailand. Bert **Freeman** has evidently figured out how to get his redboy into an F-100 and is flying combat missions from Tuy Hoa. Bert is in the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing. Rich (Robert B.) **Richardson** was killed in an aircraft accident in Vietnam in October. His widow, Jacqueline, is living at 3231 Main Way Drive, Los Alamitos, Calif. Our sympathy goes to her.

Bill **Shields** returned from Southeast Asia

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this fall and is now applying his Stanford Ph.D. knowledge as a project scientist in the Office of Aerospace Research, Arlington, Va. Congratulations to Lou **Churchill**, who recently received a second AFCM at George AFB, Calif. Lou is piloting an F-4 these days. Doug **Ludlam** writes from Sandia Base that he will be finishing a 3-year tour there in June. He is the Joint Operations Staff Officer for the JTF-8 Air Deputy. He had the pleasure of being inspected by the Hq DASA IG: old L-1 roommate John **Morgan**. John has recently married and between inspections lives in Washington with his bride Barbara. Doug has also seen Frank **Keilt**, serving with JTF-2, and Juan **Burciaga**, an attorney in Albuquerque.

On the Army side, we have more news from the 25th Div to add to Homer **Kiefer's** report in the last issue. Bert **Stubblebine** sent a long letter, much appreciated, with a photograph of Lope **Rimando** and friends. Lope is with the Philippine Civic Action Group at Tay Ninh; it's great to see him after so many years. His 25th Div friends are Al **Bracy**, CO G3; Bob **McGowan**, CO of 3d Squadron, 4th Cav; and Bert Stubblebine, G2. Al and Bert have since returned to the States. Bert also reported that John **Kenney** is IIFFV G3 Plans Officer, and Ralph **Cline** is in USARV G4. Jack **Gibney**, whom we mentioned earlier, is now at II FFV, with TDY to the NLF. Jack has been in Vietnam so long (534 months) that he has been picked up as a relatively secure hamlet by the Hamlet Evaluation System.

Art **Deverill** writes from the 101st Div that Sam **Hubbard** commands the CHINOOK Bn of the 160th Avn Gp, while Lew **Henderson** commands the 4th Bn (Aerial Rocket Artillery), 77th Arty. Art, who is himself on an extension commanding the 2d Bn (155mm Howitzer), 11th Arty, has also seen John **Cooke** (Province Advisor, Dalat), Tom **Fitzpatrick** (1st Div), Bud **Lichtenwalter** (199th Inf Bde), and Norb **Szymczyk** (MACV-DCSOPS).

Meanwhile, back in Memphis, Kermit **Bell** has received his 5th BSM, awarded for service with the 1st Div in Vietnam. He is advising Tennessee NG, FA units. Art **Taylor** graduates in January from the U. of Miami, just in time to go North (DCSPER) for the winter. Tom **Dunmire** graduated from AFSC last summer and now commands a bn in the ATC at Fort Benning. Speed **Hulley** is the PM of the Defense Supply Agency after returning from a tour in Thailand. He and Sally are living in Falls Church; they report that the Washington class party in October was great, and the January party is expected to be the same.

At Leavenworth, Herb **Devins** and Gordon **Carpenter** are on the faculty, teaching the likes of Don **Sells**, Lou **Pendleton**, and Jeff **Knight**.

Bill **Duncan**, who commands a Delaware NG hospital unit, spent a busy April with the riots in Wilmington. He is now back at his job running the Wilmington Medical Center, with a letter of commendation from the Governor for his April efforts. For excitement, Bill and Doris are taking flying lessons.

Denny **Mullane** was made second vice-president of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. last June. The promotion involved moving the family to West Hartford from Long Island. Rumor has it that the promotion and transfer are a result of Denny's having

1952: Al Bracey, Lope Rimando, Bob McGowan, with Bert Stubblebine in the rear.

already sold a policy to every man, woman, child, and gerbil on Long Island.

And in Washington, the Washington National Symphony presented a concert in November that included Bill **Raiford's** "Sesquicentennial March." The march is dedicated to the Class of 1952, and from the Class, Bill, please accept our congratulations.

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Most of the class news falls into the "local" category for this issue, partially because of the 15th Reunion; but primarily due to the lack of letters from the Class. Drop me a note — despite your doubts there are lots of people interested in where you are and what you are doing!

The AAA's experimental seating plan spread the Class around Michie Stadium for most of the football games, but we were able to find Dick **Davis**, Jim and Nell **Pigg**, and Sandy and Hatsie **Meloy** at various games. Dick had brought one of his sons up for the game and reported that Betty Ann was home with their newest addition, Richard Mark Davis, who was born on 19 July 1968. Jim and Nell Pigg were on their way to Germany with high hopes for good housing, as Jim's tour in VN was to improve his standing on the housing list. The Meloys made a "child watching" trade with the **Nerones**, who made their trip up during Homecoming.

Which brings me to the subject of the 15th Reunion, pictures of which were featured in the last ASSEMBLY. Those here for some part of the weekend were: Bob **Albert**, Ed **Andrews**, Lew **Andrews**, Vince **Araskog**, Rolfe **Arnhym**, Bob **Bartlett**, Dick **Benz**, Al **Biggerstaff**, Jim **Bleecker**, Tom **Brain**, Burden **Brentnall**, Bill **Burdeshaw**, John **Burns**, Bob **Butler**, Bob **Carter**, Sid **Carter**, Bob **Connor**, Pete **Conzelman**, Jim **Currie**, Ed **Davis**, Dick **Davis**, Norm **Delbridge**, Tony **DeLuca**, George **Dimtsios**, Greeley **Ellis**, Chuck **Fiala**, Bill **Fio Rito**, Harl **Graham**, Ralph **Greer**, Craig **Gridley**, Russ **Gorshans**, Al **Grum**, George **Haas**, Tom **Hoffman**, Jim **Hogg**, Spike **Holman**, Bill **Hosmer**, Dick **Hoyt**, Jack **Hughes**, Hutch **Hutchinson**, John **Jamieson**, Jack **Johnson**, Bill **Jolin**, Mike **Kallman**, Ted **King**, Ralph **Koch**, Ray **Kotowski**, Hugh **Lacquement**, Ray **Lesinski**, Vic **Luby**, Tom **McKenna**, Dave **Motycka**, Si **Nerone**, Jack **Neuberger**, Conrad **Osborn**, Al **Paulekas**, Rog **Peterson**, Art **Phipps**, Don **Ramsay**, Joe **Rears**, Dave **Rice**, Early **Rush**, Jim **Sammons**, Don **Schmidt**, John **Seigle**, Don **Shaw**, Martin **Silberg**, Bill **Stuart**, Rollo **Sullivan**, Bill **Sutton**, Fred **Taylor**, Howie **Thompson**, Marion **Todd**, Bob **Tumperi**, Rocky **Ventrella**, Gil **Volker**, Paul **Vose**, George **Williams**, and Bob **Zargan**. In addition to almost all the class wives, we were especially pleased to have with us Kaki **Martin**, Betsy **O'Connor** and Joan **Walters**.

The activities got underway Friday evening at the West Point Golf Club House where Rollo **Sullivan**, Nick Andre, and Ed Turek had arranged large quantities of good food and drink. The tales of the last 15 were told and retold, and we even heard a few from cadet days. On Saturday morning, the early risers gathered for a class meeting in Thayer Hall. A short memorial service was conducted by Bob **Carter** to honor each of the 22 classmates who has been lost since graduation.

Our class president, Bob Zargan, then discussed the proposed move of the class headquarters to the Washington area and minor changes in the class constitution required to move in 1969. After a general discussion it was voted to amend the constitution to allow the move when "less than ten classmates lived in the West Point area." As this situation will probably occur in 1969, it was also voted to move the headquarters about the 1st of June, after the election of officers in the Washington area. The final recommendation of the committee which studied the advisability of the move was to keep one of the class officers, possibly the Historian, at West Point. The idea was to provide a direct point of contact for the Class with all the various agencies located here. Since there was partial disagreement on this point and some investigation was required to determine just how this officer would be selected, it was decided to defer this recommendation to the nominating committee in Washington. To complete the meeting, Rocky **Ventrella**, Associate Director of Admissions, gave a strong appeal for assistance in the Academy's District Representative program. The Fall issue of ASSEMBLY carried an article about an outstanding Congressman — DR team. If anyone can help in this important area of locating and counseling outstanding potential candidates, let us know.

To return to the morning's activities, the Class formed up in front of the Library for the traditional march to Thayer Monument. After the Review by the Corps we joined our wives in the stands for some official photos. Most of the group moved into the crush at the West Point Army Mess for lunch and then bused to Michie Stadium, where we had an unusual view of the game from the California side. The chilly weather didn't noticeably spoil anyone's enjoyment of the ARMY victory, although it may have contributed to some of the husky voices heard at the cocktail party afterward. For the many who were able to stay for the Superintendent's Reception and Dinner Dance, the Cadet Mess provided an excellent dinner in the older portion of Washington Hall. The Reception also afforded an opportunity to see the nearly completed new wings and to speculate from the poop deck on the future OC's thoughts as he looks out in six different directions! The end of the dancing did not end the day for everyone — in the early morning hours many absent classmates were "roasted." At least one, Bob **Daly**, in Ottawa, was personally questioned about his absence!

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For the hardy, Sunday brought Chapel services and brunch at the West Point Army Mess before starting the long trip home.

Some of the items which were passed on during the reunion: Don **Shaw**, Bob **White** and Ted **King** are in Washington; Ralph **Koch** is in Germany with the 26th Sig Bn; Mort **Saffer** is a plant manager for Samsonite in Denver; Paul **Vose**, who I believe is the first MD in the class, is currently completing his residency in General Surgery at Fitzsimons General Hospital; and Pete **Conzelman** is now at Fort Lee where he is teaching at the Logistics Management Center.

Joan **Walters** has moved into her new home in Cornwall and looks forward to seeing any old friends who may be in the area. Her new address is P. O. Box 386, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12520. Joan passed on the news from Stan and Dorrie **Wielga** in Hawaii of their newest addition, Julianne, born 29 October 1968. Stan is due to return to VN for his second tour this spring. Also in Hawaii are Millie **Stinson** and Pat **Wilson.**

From Louise and Ray **Eineigl** (Louise in Fla., Ray in Long Binh) comes the news of Raymond John Eineigl Jr., born 21 October 1968. Rounding out the baby corner for this issue is Rita Louise Kallman born on Christmas day 1968 at West Point — the proud parents, Jackie and Mike **Kallman.**

Items gleaned from Christmas cards and letters: Ed **Reed** reports from Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, that Sally and Al **Mathiasen** are also stationed there — Al is flying C-130's to VN. Bill **Snead** saw Jack **Merrigan** at Fort Bliss this fall. Jack is commanding a Vulcan Bn. Bob **Daly** reports from Ottawa that he picked up six stitches in the head while skating; said he hadn't been skiing yet. He also reports that Bob **McDonald** is now assigned to the Group. Lois **Heitzke** says that Ken has a Bn with the 1st Div at Lai Khe.

Talked to Sparky **Jones** at Valley Forge General Hospital where he is the Post Engineer. He said John **Ceglowski** was also there with the Physical Eval Board. Also talked to Monty **Speir** recently in the Pentagon where he has been assigned to the new Air Defense Arty Career Branch OPO. He said that Bill **Wubbena** was due to come into the Field Arty Career Branch this spring. Other future moves are Bob **Blastos** from Fort Leavenworth to VN and Dick **Fischer** from Sandia Base to VN.

A nice letter was received from John **Oblinger** in England where he was attending the Joint Services Staff College (by the time this is printed, he will have graduated and moved to Germany). John mentioned that Barbara **Stoneburner** was remarried last fall to Lt. Col. Ralph K. Hook, an Artilleryman stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Colonel Hook, who lost his wife several years ago, has two children so the new family has five school-age children to keep life interesting.

On Saturday the 28th of September, ceremonies were held on Doughboy Field, Fort Dix, N.J., to present Mort **O'Connor's** decorations to Betsy and the children. Mort was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart. Kathy and Tony **DeLuca** were among those from West Point who attended.

The Class extends its condolences to Sandy **Meloy** and his family on the loss of his father in December. Many classmates will long remember General Meloy's kindnesses at Fort Benning, in Korea, and wherever they may have come in contact with him.

From the Army and Air Force News Services the following: Ed **Coggins** completed 78 combat missions in F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers from Thailand before the November bombing halt. Dick **Phillips** completed his tour at Da Nang and is assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB. Wally **Leland** finished at Tan Son Nhut and is now at Hickham AFB. Chuck **McGinn**, who is at UCLA, received the Air Force Commendation Medal for work on the TITAN III program. Bill **Bauman** received the Legion of Merit in VN where he was commanding the 11th Combat Aviation Bn.

That's it for this time.

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I don't know what brought about the increase in correspondence from classmates during the last quarter. Perhaps it was the Christmas season, or the comment about lack of news items in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. Whatever the reason, the result is appreciated.

A card and letter was received from Ramon (Aggi) **Aguilar.** Aggi is a LTC and G3 of the 1st Cav Div, Venezuelan Army. He and his wife, Victoria, send their regards to the Class. Jim **Williams** is also in Venezuela. Jim will be coming home in June on his way to Vietnam. Another classmate you may have lost track of is Fred **Attaya.** He and Mary are now living in Denton, Texas. Jot and Olga **Thomas** brought the address book up to date again! Jot is CO of the 2d Bn, 18th Arty at Fort Lewis, Washington. Word came from Fort Bliss that Buck **Weafer,** Roger **Browne,** Ron **Salvador,** and Al **Richard** are still enjoying the climate of the Southwest. Buck, Al, and Roger will be moving to Leavenworth this summer. Len **Fuller** and Bob **Anthis** are at Leavenworth waiting to welcome them. Both are assigned to the Department of Command. Jodie **Rude** is with the 1st Air Commando Ftr Sqdn in Thailand and will be home in May. Craig **Spence** (USMA, Math Dept) was able to fill me in on the whereabouts of a few more classmates. Bill **Hannon** is a Bn CO at Fort Sill, Glen **Stout** and George **Perrin** are Bn CO's in Germany, and Dick **Sugg** is in Australia. Tom **Shukay** is working for Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles as the project manager for a satellite antenna.

In November I received a letter from Bob **Hunt** who was on his second tour in Vietnam. By the time this issue comes out, Bob expects to be at Hq, First Army, Fort Meade, Maryland. Bob has seen John **Porter** who was with I Corps MAAG as the Post Engineer Advisor and John **Zartman** who was on a brief liaison visit to Vietnam from Hawaii. Other news from Vietnam has Chuck **Debelius** commanding the 20th Eng Bn near Pleiku.

The Air Force was also quite helpful with news items. Jim **Karns** is on duty at Udorn Royal Thai AFB. Jim has managed to pick up a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma and do a tour at the AF Academy. Loren **Hart** is flying an F-4 Phantom out of Da-Nang, and Bill **Clarke** is with the 6586th Opns Sqdn at Hickam in Hawaii. Bill recently received the ACM for his service during the one-year period that he was CO of an aircraft used by the Commander-in-Chief, USARPAC.

Word came from Michigan State U. that Ronald Lee has been appointed Assistant Provost, Professor and Director of Equal Opportunity Programs there. Ron will be devoting his efforts to increasing the opportunities for Negro students, faculty, and employees. Before moving to East Lansing, Ron was an assistant to Postmaster General O'Brien as a White House Fellow. Ron was selected by the President as a member of the first group of White House Fellows in 1966 and was the first President of the White House Fellows Association. Ron also received the Arthur S. Flemming Award in 1968 as one of the most outstanding young men in government. Congratulations, Ron!

After the Homecoming Game last Fall, the Class got together at the **Chancellors'** for the celebration. Among the members from "out-of-town" were Neil **Chamberlin,** Buzz **Grant,** Sam **Greer,** Bob **Guidera,** Mark **McDermott,** Tom **Stark,** and Norm **Stephen.** Pete **Leone,** who had just returned from Vietnam, was here for the weekend and attended the dinner-dance in Washington Hall. Andre **Broumas** wrote that the Class had a well attended 12 Oct. celebration at Evans Farm Inn in McLean, Va. The classmates and wives who attended are too numerous to mention by name, but suffice to say there were 164 celebrators. Andre, I appreciate the list of classmates in the D.C. area that you sent.

Not all news is good in this issue. I received word recently that Jack and Carol **Krause's** son, Billy, had died of leukemia. The Class made a small donation to the Leukemia Foundation in accordance with Jack and Carol's wishes. Jack is stationed at Andrews AFB outside of Washington.

Jack **Charles** informed me that Bill **Frier** had been seriously injured Thanksgiving Day in an automobile accident in Columbus, Ohio. Hopefully by this time Bill is well on the road to recovery. Bill and Sally live at 5575 Oakmont Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

By the time this issue is printed, you should have received a preliminary "flyer" concerning our 15th Reunion. The Reunion will be held the weekend of 4 Oct. 1969, which is Homecoming. ARMY will host Texas A&M for the occasion. The Reunion Committeee needs your cooperation in returning the flyer if you haven't done so, since a great deal of planning is necessary. If you haven't received the information and entertain any thoughts of attending the Reunion, contact me and I will pass your address on to the committee. For those of you in the Washington area, Tom **Young** has consented to be the committee's contact man. Think often and think positively about returning for the festivities!

Thanks again for letting me know where you are and what you are doing.

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We have a report on the class Godson Forrest **Stanley,** age 12½, shown in the accompanying photo on a fishing trip in Canada. Forrest is in the seventh grade, a First Class Boy Scout, excellent swimmer, and plays trumpet in his junior high school band. Parents Bob and Nena are also doing well. Bob is at C&GSC and Nena is back in college.

There are two photographs from the Class of '55 party in Washington on 23 Nov. at

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1955: Norm Smith receiving the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

1955: John Pickitt receiving two awards of the DFC, 12 AM, and the USAF CM for action in Southeast Asia.

1955: Tom West receives the Legion of Merit at Fort Eustis.

1955: Party in D. C.

Howie and Helen **Stone's** house. Some 90 persons were in attendance, and it was clearly a successful affair. Unfortunately, the photographer, whose identity will not be disclosed, got to the "spirits" before he began, since most views are from the back. Captions on the photos received read like, "Hard pressed to identify these folks except for the man in the sporty sport coat (back view) who is partially obscured by the unknown girl in the white dress." (That was Hugh **Quinn** in the sporty sport coat.) Identifiable in the two photographs included are Jan **Anderson**, Eddie Ward, Dale **Ward**, Howie Stone, Roy **Dunaway**, Rex **Perkins**, Ann Perkins, Judy Harris, Bill **Harris**, Hi **Stevens**, Bob Carpenter, Bob **Schmidt**, and Al and Ellie **Raymond**.

Football season brought a number of out-of-town classmates to USMA. John and Ellie **Martling** hosted a homecoming party to celebrate the victory over Calif. Present from out-of-town were Al and Ellie **Raymond**—D.C., Dick and Sally **Bean**—D.C.; the Bob **Russells**—AFB, N.C.; John and Joanne **Lovell**—Vassar; Rex and Ann **Perkins**—D.C.; Joe and Connie **Franklin**—Newport; Dick **Lilly** and wife and two sons—Westboro, Mass. (where Dick is in the software computer business); Bob and Astrid **Hasbrouck**—NYC (where Bob works for Chase Bank); Doc **Dorough** and his wife—from State Dept., D.C. Kelly **Lichtenberg**, Tom **Sims**, and Dick **Struss** were also at the Calif. game. Howie and Helen **Stone** and Tom and Sue **Weaver** came up to the Duke game from D.C.

Bob and Jill **Wiegand** are back after completing a one year tour with the Indian Defense Services Staff College that sounds so good it's worth describing. The college is located in the Nilgiris Mountains in Western Madras State. In addition to glorious scenery and association with warm and friendly people, there were a number of lesser advantages including horseback riding, ample time for golf, bridge, and Mah Jong, shopping sprees in Hong Kong, and — of possible interest to the ladies — a comfortable house with six servants. Bob is due back in Vietnam in January and Jill will be staying at Leavenworth.

Some miscellaneous short notes: Fred **Bliss** reports that his course in comptrollership at the U. of Rochester is "tough." John and Ruth **Sloan** seem to be thoroughly enjoying learning Russian at Monterey. Bob **Chapman** has recently been assigned to DOD (Systems Analysis), where he will be analyzing defense matters relating to Western Europe. Tom **Wilkinson** is attending the Command and Staff College at Maxwell. Bill **Arthur** is due to leave his USMA assignment with the English Dept for VN sometime around the end of Feb. and will be leaving Rachel behind in Highland Falls. Ray **Gunderson** has just reported for duty at the Inf. School.

Al **Cini** writes from Miami Beach where he, Kathy, and their son Michael expect to be permanently located now. Al was permanently retired in July with a 100% physical disability rating. They are now renting an apartment, but expect to buy or construct a home in the area. Al's address is Apt 3, 7727 Harding Ave., Miami Beach.

Tom **West** received the Legion of Merit shortly before departing for another tour in Vietnam. The award was for exceptionally meritorious service while serving as a test pilot for unconventional and experimental aircraft. John **Pickett** has received two DFC's for heroism as an F-4C commander.

1955: Forrest Stanley, Class of '55 Godson, on fishing trip in Canada.

One pertained to the support of Khe Sanh while besieged in January 1967, the other for his role in protecting and recovering a downed wingman — despite low clouds and intense hostile fire. Norm **Smith**, shown receiving the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, has just reported to the AFCS at Norfolk. Norm expects a tour in Latin America when he completes Norfolk.

'56

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Stan **Wilker** sends his apologies to all for not being able to meet this issue's suspense date, but he explained via telephone that he was unexpectedly called away to Washington and asked me to fill in for him. Stan indicated that he has received many greeting cards from the Class and has much to report, but he begs your indulgence until next issue. In the meantime, many happenings have been going on hereabouts, and I can really use the space.

Last month's issue of ASSEMBLY announced the death of Frank **Bonnarens**. Frank was killed in Vietnam on 19 Sept. while piloting a Huey helicopter. Details concerning the cause of the crash are unknown; but suffice to say, the only matter of real significance is that the crash claimed the life of one of our own. Paul **Merola**, who had just

1956: Brig. Gen. Knowlton (Social Sciences, remember?) promoting Bob Sorley while Mary proudly looks on.

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1956: Bob Bacon also gets a raise in pay. With Bob are Irene, Brig. Gen. Knowlton and the Bacon children.

arrived in Vietnam for another tour of duty there, was designated escort officer to accompany Frank on his final journey. On a gray autumn day, Frank came home to West Point and was accorded full military honors, a tribute befitting a noble classmate and friend. John **Keutmann**, Art **Harris**, Chuck **Garvey**, Charley **Saint**, Randy **Parker** and Ed **Rhodes** served as honorary pall bearers. Pat **Haley** was narrator for the requiem mass in Holy Trinity Chapel, and Dick **Crews** escorted Frank's family. Those of us here at West Point were joined by a group of classmates who journeyed from the D.C. area to bid a final farewell. Bob **Sorley**, Jim and Georgine **Bauchspies**, Bob and Shirley **Devoto**, Steve **Boylan** and Phil **Stynes** were among those in attendance. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Rina and the children. He will be missed by all of us.

I received a surprise call from George **Stapleton** late one evening. George and Peggy, as most of you already know, are stationed at the Air Force Academy. Where was George calling from? You guessed it, the Park Restaurant. Some things never change. George had returned briefly to West Point to attend the funeral of one of his former cadet company commanders. Although the reason for your visit was a regrettable one, it was great to see you again, George. Now if you could only figure out a way to send Peggy.

Since the last article we have welcomed the arrival of Herb and Marla **Wagenheim**. Herb is the new Finance Officer, no less. Now, how's that for a combination! Herb controlling the money, and me controlling the aviation assets . . . ever been to Acapulco, Herb?

And the beat goes on. Recent departures include Dick and Mary **Crews**, Chuck and Barbara **Garvey**, and John and Flo **Keutmann**. All the men are off to you know where. Mary is residing in Ohio, Barbara in Highland Falls, and Flo in Jacksonville, Fla., until Dick, Chuck, and Johnny come marching home. Luck to all of you, gang. Following their tours in Vietnam, Chuck and John are scheduled to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. That should ease the pain somewhat.

Speaking of waiting wives, I failed to mention in the last issue that Carolyn **Ogren** is residing in Highland Falls until Ted returns from Vietnam this summer.

Well, another football season has come and gone, and congratulations are certainly in order for Coach Cahill and the lads on the team. They were a thrilling team to watch . . . spirited, determined, talented. The season was highlighted by a come-from-behind three-point victory over highly favored California and, of course, the big one over a stubborn Navy team in a game that was traditionally typical of the series. The only disappointments were the losses to Vanderbilt, Missouri, and Penn State, each by only four points. These losses were nothing to be ashamed of, and you can be sure that each of those three teams, especially mighty Penn State (rated number two nationally) and Coach Joe Paterno, knew they had played a real football team. Team Captain Kenny Johnson was selected first string all-America, and six players plus Coach Cahill were tapped to participate in post-season football games. In all, it was a great season, and Rabble Rousers have good cause to pop up those chests.

Pat **Haley** did a superb job in setting up the Homecoming Party at the old train station following the California game. Many out-of-towners showed up, and it was just great seeing old faces again. Jack and Adele **Hayes**, my old roommate (Jack that is, not Adele), stayed the weekend with Barbara and me and were here for the big party. Jack left the Academy at the end of yearling year and completed his education at Drexel Institute in Philadelphia. He is now a very successful engineer with the Campbell Soup Company and resides with his family in Salisbury, Md. Pete and Mary **Vann**, along with Caroline **Holleder**, Ted and Fay **Dayharsh**, Mickey and Peggy **Grubbs**, Jim and Joan **Shirey**, Grif and Sarah Lou **McRee**, Charley and Mary **Glenn**, Bill and Janet **Schrage**, Jack and Pat **Woodmansee**, Zuke and Lucy **Day**, Bob and Shirley **Devoto** and Bill and Janet **Weihl** all converged on the Rock to help make the affair an outstanding success.

1956: Merrill Green receiving the DFC and AM with six OLC's for extraordinary achievement in RVN. Presenting the awards is Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Holzapple.

Our own gang was very well represented by the presence of Alice **Celeste** and Mona **McAniff**, Tom and Betty **Bowes**, Dick and Mary **Crews**, Bill and Shirley **Crites**, Jim and Mareth **Ellis**, Chuck and Barbara **Garvey**, Tom and Joan **Griffin**, Pat and Gingie **Haley**, Art and Deet **Harris**, Dave and Lu **Palmer**, Randy and Ann **Parker**, Farrell and Nancy **Patrick**, Charley and Pat **Poole**, Ed and Cathy **Rhodes**, Charlie and Ann **Saint**, Dick and Vicki **Tripp**, George and Martha **Ward**, and Barbara and me. A good time was had by all.

I bumped into Tom and Pat **Masterson** and Ed and Marge **Holloway** at the Rutgers game. Tom and Ed are residing in the Newark-New York area and appeared to be coping extremely well with the rigors of civilian life in that highly competitive area of the country. At least neither of our two stalwart classmates appeared to be too undernourished.

At one of the home games I had a chance to say hi to Chuck **Russell**, and later at the Navy game, Barb and I sat with Bob **Bacon** and his wife, Irene, with Judy **Le Hardy**, who is anxiously awaiting Ward's return from Vietnam, and Rude and Maude **De France**.

When you come right down to it, that's really the nicest thing about football season. You have many opportunities to meet old friends and renew former acquaintances.

I received a Christmas card from my other old roomy, Bill **Haponski**, now serving in Vietnam (who isn't?). Bill wrote that he served under our former TAC, Col. George S. Patton Jr. in the 11th Cav as his S3 and later as XO of the unit. Bill, now a lt. col., is commanding the 1/4 Cav Squadron. Your folks recently visited us, Bill, and also informed us that you received your Ph.D. within two days of your promotion. Congratulations on all counts. Incidentally, your folks looked great, Bill, and we enjoyed their visit.

The new lt. col. list is out, and as best I can determine, it looks like 28 more classmates were picked up for below the zone promotions. Congratulations are in order for Jim **Anderson**, Doc **Bahnsen**, Harry **Crandall**, Rude **De France**, Bob **Easton**, Vern **Ebert**, Phil **Farmer**, Gene **Fox**, Win **Frank**, Knobby **Glock**, Bob **Hammond**, Woodie **Hayne**, Johnny **Johnsen**, Harry **Johnson**, John **Kirk**, Pete **Lash**, Ward **Le Hardy**, Frank **Matthews**, Russ **Mericle**, Don **Morelli**, Paul **Merola**, Jon **Porter**, Bob **Quackenbush**, Ed **Rhodes**, Dick **Rinker**, John **Snodgrass**, Bob **St. Louis**, and Bill **Weihl**. Nice going, fellows. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

The ARMY TIMES recently published the new list of selections for the Staff Colleges and once more '56ers were conspicuous by their presence on the list. Again at the risk of skipping someone, the names I was able to extract from each list are as follows:

To C&GSC: Bob **Andree**, Marsh **Schoon-**

1956: Maury Cralle sent in this picture of a recent party at his folk's home following his return from Vietnam. Shown in the pic are Sharon and Bill Narus, Mary Lou and Dick Curl, Maury, Ernie Wilson and Arv West. Maury was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry near Hue during the TET offensive last year.

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maker, Chuck **Brinkley**, Gene **Eastburn**, Bob **Easton**, Bill **Johansen**, Jim **Shirey**, Gary **Sidler**, Barry **Bynell**, Phil **Eliot**, Dirk **Leuders**, Jim **Strozier**, Jerry **Burcham**, Wally **Crain**, Ted **Grant**, Art **Harris**, Renny **Hart**, Russ **Mericle**, Bob **Scully**, Milt **Shattuck**, Jack **Sloan**, Ed **Valence**, Erny **Wilson**, Chuck **Russell** and yours truly. Barb and I are really looking forward to seeing you all out there at Leavenworth. Scheduled for attendance at AFSC in 1969 is Ward **Le Hardy** and in 1970, Jim **McNulty**, Chuck **Garvey**, and John **Keutmann**. Tony **Ortner**, George **Stapleton**, and Ed **Van Dervort** will attend the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB. Hope I haven't missed too many.

While we are on the topic of accomplishments, Dave **Palmer** will have a book published in March by Greenwood Publishing Corporation, New York, entitled THE RIVER AND THE ROCK. Dave tells me it is a history of fortress West Point during the American Revolution. The book's dedication reads:

> Dedicated to the memory of those fallen comrades of the West Point Class of 1956 who found a "soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow" in Vietnam.

That alone makes it a must for every '56er's personal library. Besides, Dave has already blown his promotion pay and can really use the scratch.

I received a very informative letter from Bob **Sorley** bringing us up-to-date on the whereabouts and assignments of a good number of our classmates. Here's the rundown. Keith **Barlow** is assigned to the OCSA in the Pentagon and does much in the way of writing speeches. Jim **Bolin** works in the ODCSPER at DA. Jim **Bauchspies** is with the Army Materiel Command in Washington. Steve **Boylan** and Dick **Curl** are assigned to OACSFOR in the Pentagon. Bob **Bacon** handles protocol matters in the OCSA. Charlie **Sarkiss** is assigned to DCSPER at DA and is also attending graduate school in Washington for his Master's Degree before heading for Germany. Jim **Shirey** is assigned to OPO in the Pentagon. Phil **Stynes** has been assigned to CDC at Fort Belvoir and is now studying Italian in preparation for a tour in Italy beginning next summer. Dick **Parker** is with the ODCSOPNS. Bob **Devoto** is employed as a civilian by McKinsey and Co., a management consultant firm which does a good bit of business with the military. Bob and Shirley recently moved into the town house they restored on Capitol Hill in Washington. Ever have any trouble with the neighbors there, Bob? Rick **Brown** is assigned to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Rick expects to return to Vietnam for his second tour next summer. Marty **Zimmerman**, also a civilian, is with OACSFOR as is Ken **Withers**. Bill **Wescott** arranges itineraries for visiting foreign military personnel and is assigned to OACSI in the Pentagon. Jim **McNulty** is assigned to the National Military Command Systems Support Center in the Pentagon. Chuck **Russell** works for the Army Comptroller at DA. Charlie **Bagnal** works with the Weapons Systems Analysis Group in the Office of the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Pentagon, and Dick **Woods** is with Infantry Branch at OPO. Getting away from Washington area and moving on to Vietnam we find: Leroy **Suddath**, CO 2d Bn 28th Infantry, 1st Inf Div; Jack **Nicholson**, CO of 2d Bn, 503d AB Inf, 173d Abn Bde; Doc **Bahnsen**, CO Air Cav Troop, 11th Armd Cav Regt, and Gus **Johnson**, XO 2d Squadron, 11th Armd Cav Regt. Many thanks for your letter, Bob.

Here at West Point, the annual local class elections took place, and after each nominee was given an opportunity to state why he should not be elected, the winners, or losers depending on how you look at it, were: **Jim Ellis**, Chairman; **Bill Crites**, Vice Chairman (they got the right man for that job); Hawley **Oakes**, Secretary, and Herb **Wagenheim**, Treasurer. Herb didn't have a prayer. He was the only nominee for that position. Dave **Palmer** and his staff deserve a well done for their efforts during the past year.

That wraps it up for this issue except to wish all a Happy and Successful New Year. Maj George J. **Woods** Jr.

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Since I've been less than overwhelmed with reports of exceptional wives of '57, I'll have to turn out another "straight" column; perhaps by the next issue (deadline 15 March) many exceptional wives or husbands thereof will surely have provided me with accounts of their accomplishments. Meanwhile, I'll get back to the derring-do of '57.

Jim and Sue **Woolnough** (civ, w/Gen Dynamics, D.C.) hosted a party at the **Iverson's** Chevy Chase estate. There were 34 classmates and wives in attendance including: Leon and Lollie **Bieri**, Jim and Barbara **Britton** (Fort Meade w/6th ACR), Dick and Mary **Christensen** (USAF, Pentagon), Dick and Maureen **Fadel** (ACSFOR, DA), Jerry and Diane **Galloway** (Office of Dep. Vice C/S, DA), Len and Peggy **Hanawald** (Inf, OPO), George and Ellen Iverson, naturally (OCRD, DA), Chip **King** (Civ), Don and Pat **Ley** (CDC), Len and Dee **Marrella** (AMC Hq), Church and Woozle **Matthews** (AMC Hq), Ed and Judy **Olsmith** (C/S DA), Jerry and Barbara **Schumacher** (Attaché Sch, en route to Moscow), Jerry and Jody **Scott** (DCSPER, DA), Dick **Seward** (Bureau of Standards, Civ), Dick and Diane **Stephenson** (Hq, USAMC), Carl and Pat **Vuono** (Arty, OPO), Don and Nora **Whalen** (OCRD, DA), Jackie **Barbazette** (John is Cust Asst Off, Saigon), and Valerie **Carson** (Martin is w/ Engr, RVN). Conspicuously absent were: Dick and Sue **Bone** (OPO, Sig), Ron and Phoebe **Gooding** (Walter Reed), Julio **Heurtematte** (civ and aging Lothario), Steve **Place** and Frau (USAF, Sys Cmd, Andrews AFB), Bill **Ray** and Mrs. Ray (as you may have guessed, I've run out of wives' first names — Marine Sch, Quantico), Dick and Jo Anne **Scholtes** (Inf, OPO), Moon and Florine **Mullins** (USAF, Air Staff, Pentagon). Somewhere in the Washington area and presently unlocated are Ed **Wilhelm**, Rod **McConnell**, and John **Murphy**. Come out, come out, wherever you are.

1957: Gwen, June, Raymond and Ray at Leavenworth.

1957: Clancy Hall receives 1st OLC to AM, originally awarded in 1952. Earlier Clancy received the ACM, Cross of Gallantry, BSM and CIB for service in RVN as an Advisor.

As you may have noticed, the class center of gravity has apparently shifted from WP to DC — we are collectively swapping the Halls of Academe for Corridors of Power.

John **Ramsden** is XO of the 27th Maint Bn 1st Air Cav and is putting in long hours traveling to and from the outlying units they service. John completed C&GS in June— "Managed to keep humor and wits" — and graduated on the Commandant's List for Outstanding Students. Alayne **Ramsden** and daughter Adrienne-Marie are living in Cornwall where Alayne is a Girl Scout leader, assists with the religious program at the local parochial school, and thinks up unusual names for any future kiddies. Ray and Gwen **Ketchum** are living in gov't leased housing in Kansas City; Ray commutes to Leavenworth each day. In addition, the following classmates are attending C&GS at Leavenworth. This list comes from Bernice **Kovel** in a letter dated 26 Sept: Tony and Noreen **Albright**, Bob and Nancy **Alsheimer**, Les and Ann **Bennett**, John and Joan **Bloomfield**, Don and Cynthia **Bowman**, Dick **Caldwell**, Dan and Maureen **DeLany**, Bill and Missy **Duncan**, Dick and Marjorie **Edwards**, Bruce and Peggy **Glen**, Steve and Carol **Glick**, Ken and Pat **Halloway**, Ed and Carol **Hickey**, Tom and Lyn **Hicklin**, Mike and Pam **Higgins**, Joe and Sue **House**, Jim and Liz **Jenkins**, Art and Lee **Johnson**, Bill and Julia **King** (Bill's last assignment was Asst PMS, Univ. of Puerto Rico. Eat your heart out, **Echevarria**.), Max and Bernice **Kovel**, Justin and Renee **La Porte**, Dan and Larier **McCrary**, Tom and Karen **McDonald**, Jerry **Patterson**, Steve and Susan **Quatannens**, George and Debbie **Richardson**, Bruce and Maxine **Stout**, Jim and Linda **Swenson**, Bob and Sara **Tener**, Jay **Toole**, and Stu and Carol **Wright**. Whew!! Bernice also writes that Max returned from VN last April. He was awarded an Air Medal and 2 BSMs.

Don **Sadler** is in the Little Rock Engr Dist w/dy sta at Table Rock Lake (Ozarks, Mo.). Don boasts of reeling in three bass with three casts—there must be some religious symbolism there. Don **Miller**, who is now at Andrews

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AFB, Md. with AF Sys Cmd, received two awards of the AM for air action in SEA. The citation reads: "Maj. Miller, an information staff officer, was cited for his outstanding airmanship and courage on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions." Fred **Koehler** writes from Palos Verdes, Calif, that he is in the management chain at Ampex Corporation and that he is currently responsible for engineering and manufacturing ferrite cores for the Computer Products Division. Fred and Bunny (they have four sons) have bought a home in Palos Verdes and extend a cordial invitation to any classmates traveling through LA. They live at 6231 Scotmist Drive, not far from MARINELAND. Bob **Buckner**, whose teams at DeWitt Clinton High School (Bronx, N.Y.—largest high school in the world) have won 52 of 56 games and one New York City Championship title during the past three seasons, has been named Freshman and Asst. Varsity basketball coach at Manhattan College. At Clinton, Bob was a PE teacher for six years, asst football coach for three years, and head basketball coach. Bob's 1965-66 Clinton team won the NYC title with a 21-0 record. Bob, JoAnn, and their four children reside at 84 Cochran Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. Bob's big dilemma comes on 1 Feb. when ARMY plays Manhattan at Madison Square Garden.

Jim **Wood**, who holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, has been appointed Sales Manager of Corning Glass Works' Graphic Medio Dept. in Newton, N.J. Jim joined Corning in 1963 and was named production superintendent at the Canton, N.Y., plant in January '68.

Enough catering to the civilians. Back to "our kind" of people. Guy **Palmieri** is S3 of the 23d Arty Gp in Vietnam. Dick **Dean** is still located at Sandia Base where he will be stationed until Summer 1970. Jesse **James** writes from Fort Lewis that he has recently returned from his second tour in Vietnam. During his last months, Jesse was CO of the 240th Assault Helicopter Co., better known as the Greyhounds; he was kept busy supporting the Special Forces and Long Range Patrols. He is currently in a MOHAWK Aviation Co. at Fort Lewis. Jack **Lustig** returned from Korea recently where he commanded a NIKE Bn. I believe Jack is the first classmate to command a Bn. He is currently ARADCOM LO with Western Electric on the SENTINEL Program. He and Phyllis have bought a home at 913 Onslow Drive, Greensboro, N.C. Speed **Negaard** is Bn CO of the 1st Bn/28th Inf, VN. He is on his second tour.

After this hodge-podge of information, I'll end on a note of order. Our congratulations to the following 30 members of the class who have made the outstanding list to LTC. The first eight have now been on two outstanding lists. All anticipate promotion circa May or June '69: **Boivin, Leard, Loeffke, Luther, John McDonald, Scholtes, "Slimy" Smith, Tener, Albright, Bowman, Chernault, Glen,** Clancy **Hall, Kenyon, Ketchum,** Bill **King, Kovel, Langworthy,** Marrella, Warne **Mead,** Merrick, Hardin **Olson, Pataro,** Don **Pope, Scott, Seely,** Dick **Stephenson, Varner, Voorhees, Wishart.** "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers," unwashed and unblessed, grudgingly congratulate and eternally hope. Keep the poop flowing and start preparing material on exceptional class kiddies for the column after next.

1958: A "happening" at the Price's home at USAFA. Sitting: Wards, Davies', Hansults, Wrights, Prices, Crowleys. Standing: Krankels, Galens, Thompsons, Primes, Dugans, Chuck Davis'.

'58

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My deadline for this quarter was late December. As indicated by the names above, this is my last endeavor as your Class Scribe. My horoscope indicates RVN this summer. Karl **Oelke** has "volunteered" to take over the job until he leaves in '71. Please send all cards, letters, and pictures to him at the address above.

Despite the long hours involved in writing these notes four times a year (Frank **Waskowicz** knows what I mean), the rewards have been plentiful. I feel much closer to the Class and hope that I've encouraged a few of you to write more often. My thanks go to all of you who have dropped me a card or letter with news of your family and classmates. Without adequate correspondence from the Class, the Scribe's job is quite difficult, if not impossible. My parting request is that each of you write Karl AT LEAST every time you have a change of assignment, job, etc. The deadlines each year are generally late March, early June, early September, and late December. Those of you with cameras can be of great assistance by taking a picture (black and white) at any class gatherings (further defined as two or more classmates) and forwarding a print (3x5 or larger) to Karl.

The last issue included centerfold photos of the ten-year Reunion held 11-13 Oct., but there was no news in the notes as they were due in September. The reception center at the WPAM was manned by Gary and Sylvia **Graves** and Bob **Giuliano.** The Dinner-Dance at the Hotel Thayer Friday night was cheerful and boisterous as many saw friends for the first time since graduation. After much handshaking, backslapping, war story telling, and serious drinking, Herb **Puscheck** recounted some of the highlights of the class history and then introduced Coach Cahill, the guest speaker. The **Bons, Nadals,** Glenn **Halls,** Puschecks and others all contributed to the successful evening.

Bob **Finkenaur** was primarily responsible for the "tailgate" luncheon at Howze Field before the football game, and Duff **Manges** set up the Victory Cocktail Party following the ARMY upset of California. Sam **Myers** coordinated the Alumni Dinner-Dance at Washington Hall including the display of large '58 weather balloons! Most of the class departed after the brunch on Sunday.

Others involved in the work of the Reunion were Bill **Parks** (picture taking formation), Jim **Peck** (housing—he succeeded in getting accommodations for practically everyone), Jim **Kernan** (coordination with AAA on football tickets), Bob **Degen,** Paul **Makowski,** Fred **Kulik,** Pete **Groh,** Bob **Clark,** and John **Hill.** Of course, the entire affair was ably produced and directed by George **Lawton.** To all who made the Reunion a memorable occasion, thank you for a job well done.

Over 120 classmates (most with wives) attended the Reunion. Needless to say, we're all looking forward to the 15th in '73.

Our sincere congratulations go to the eight Army classmates who made the most recent LTC list: Rich **Gell** (Engr), Bill **Giallourakis** (FA), Jim **Hall** (Engr), Wes **Loffert** (Inf), Don **Palladino** (Engr), Jim **Peck** (Engr), Bob **Pointer** (Ord), and Lon **Spurlock** (Inf). That gives the Class a total to date of 17 secondary zone promotions to LTC in the Army.

Most of you have seen the '69-'70 Leavenworth list; here are the '68-'69 attendees: **Bauer, Brown JK, Bugay, Cameron, Carson, Clewell, Collins, De Boeser, Dodd, Donovan RT, George, Graf, Hubbard, Hudson, Hunt, Kelly TJ, Le Mere, Martin D, Mathis, Mignano, Moentmann, Pryor, Reynard, Roberts, Schurtz, Serchak, Turner RD, Victorine,** and **Williamson.** Phil Pryor and Bill Serchak both sent much poop which appears elsewhere in the article. The consensus seems to be that everyone is enjoying the year, especially the social functions.

The Washington, D.C. group has scheduled a full slate of social functions highlighted by a Christmas dinner party at Evan's Farm Inn. George **Sibert** asked me to advertise several of the other events, but with the long lead time on this article it's rather difficult. Those

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in the area should call George (OX 5-5612) for details. There is a luncheon in April and a picnic in May.

Air Defense Artillery — The split in the Artillery Branch to separate Air Defense and Field Artillery finds about 25% of '58 Artillerymen in the Air Defense. Glenn **Hall** finished his civil schooling at Columbia U. in '68 and is now in the Engl Dept, USMA. Bruce **Hamilton** is also at USMA instructing in the Physics Dept.

Armor — Tom **Carpenter** is slated to command the 3/5 Cav up near the DMZ in RVN. I hear Bob **Moscatelli** is in Nha Trang. Church **Hutton** finished his Master's at U. of Penn. and is now in the Engl Dept, USMA.

Chemical Corps — Bob **Gall** was Chemical Off and G3 Plans of USARSUPTHAL, Korat, Thailand, but is now in Germany. He received a Master's Degree in Industrial Relations at Purdue subsequent to an ROTC tour there.

Engineers — Jim **Sigler** is with USAECAV, Engr Div at Long Binh and is due home in July. Mimi and the children are living in Arlington, Va. Tony **Smith** was Dep G3 of the 4th Inf Div, but should have his Engr Constr Bn by now. Rumor has it that Paul **Johnson** is in Nha Trang. John **Devens** is in the Engr Sec at Korat, Thailand. Dave **Clarke** received his MS in CE at the U. of Illinois before going to RVN. He is presently studying medicine under an Army program at the U. of Texas. He expects to finish in two years. He and Carol have two boys. Ron **Bellows** has returned from his second RVN tour and is with the Mech Dept, USMA. At Fort Belvoir Terry **Connell** and Bob **Bunker** are attending the Career Crse, while Joe **Lupi** works out with Combat Developments Command (CDC). Sam and Joan **Collins** are at Leavenworth. They attended the ARMY-Missouri football game with many other classmates.

Field Artillery — About 75% of '58 Artillerymen are now in this branch. Among the Bn XO's in RVN are Jack **Bradshaw** 1/84 (9th Inf Div), Ash **Haines** 2/4 (9th Inf Div), and Lee **Miller** 3/82 (supports 196th Lt Inf Bde). Carol Miller and the boys are residing in Highland Falls for the year. Jack **Downing** is Radar Officer of the 9th Inf Div and expects to get to a Bn for the second half of his tour. Margie is living in Las Cruces, N.Mex. John **Nun** is flying with USCONARC Flt Det out of Langley AFB, Va. Rube **Waddell** is having fun these days going through the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School, NATC Patuxent River, Md. Dusty **Rhodes** is completing an MA program at Syracuse U. and expects to join the ES&GS Dept at USMA this summer. Fred **Stritzinger** is presently TAC of Co F-1, USMA. He expects orders the summer of '69 or '70. Bill **Serchak** is at Leavenworth and sent the two snapshots of the Leavenworth group.

1958: Crosbie Saint receives the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Norris, Commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College. The award was for service as operations and training officer of 1st Squadron, 1st Air Cav, and as Deputy Ass't CofS for Operations with the Americal Div.

1958: The Leavenworth group at Bill and Alice Grafs: Front to rear: Sam Collins, Dwain Moentmann. Sitting: Ron Turner, Alice and Bill Graf, Joan Collins, Bonnie Schurtz. Standing: Judy George, Bob and Sue Clewell, Gerry Schurtz, Anna and Claude Fernandez. Rear standing: Tony Bauer, Sally and Phil Pryor, Dolores Bauer, Vivian and Dick Reynard, Noreen and Cliff Victorine, Pat and Kevin Brown. Bottom picture, sitting: Bill Serchak, Jack Carson. Standing: Don and Alice Roberts, Kathleen and Ed Dodd, Karin and Rock Hudson. Rear, standing: Ann and Bob Donovan, Becky and Larry Hunt, Edna Serchak, Marilyn and Neil Williamson, Ann and Vince De Boeser, Kit and Chuck LeMere.

Infantry — Strube **Jackson** was XO of 1/503, 173d Abn Bde, but is now in IFFV in Nha Trang. John **Holecek** is with Mil Psy Opns, IFFV. Dick **Kittelson** is with the 1st Air Cav; someone saw him at Camp Evans. Palmer **McGrew** is S3 3/503 near Dalat. John **Sewall** was S3, 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div, but is now Ass't to the Div Chief of Staff. Nancy is living in Cambridge, Mass. Lon **Spurlock** is in a Bde of the 1st Inf Div. Jae **Stanton** is with the 173d Abn Bde. Claude **Fernandez** was in the G1 office at Leavenworth, but is now attending the British Command and Staff College in England. George **Hussey** returned from a MACV assignment to a ROTC job at Norwich U. in Vermont. He's S3 and instructor. Linc **Jones** is attending the USAF Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Mac **McCaffrey** is at Fort Rucker, Ala., with CDC Aviation. He and Nancy recently had their fourth child.

Ordnance — Pat **Donovan** is with the 701st Maint Bn, Ist Inf Div. Betty and the children are staying in Albuquerque, N.Mex. Wayne **Wyatt** left Ruth and the children at Fort Lee, Va., while he went on a TDY assignment as LO to CDC, Hq USARV, and 1st Log Cmd.

Quartermaster — Sandy **Evans** is working in the J3 shop of JCS in Washington.

Signal — Gary **Kosmider** was S3 of the 63d Sig Bn near the DMZ in RVN. He liked supporting the Army, Navy, and Marines in the area. Spider had been in Germany prior to the VN tour with Mary and the two children.

Transportation — Dave **Powers** has finished an R&D assignment at Edwards AFB, Calif., and is now on his second tour in VN.

USAF — Jack **Halsey** was at Lockbourne AFB, Kan., but is now in RVN on an AC-119 gunship assignment. Arlene and the children live in Schilling Manor, Kan. Bob **Olson** received an MS in Aerospace Engineering at AFIT and has also been certified as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio. He is now navigating EC-47's out of Pleiku. Walt **Patterson** is flying C-130's to RVN from Taiwan. He spends a lot of time at Cam Ranh Bay and Tuy Hoa. Walt expects to go to the Armed Forces Staff College in Jan '70. Dan **Yarr** also flys C-130's to Cam Ranh Bay but from Okinawa. Roxie and the children were to join him there.

Charlie **Profilet** was a B-52 Instructor Pilot at Wright Patterson, but is now in a Master of Engineering Program (CE) at U. of Okla. He expected to be with the 3d Civil Engr Bde at Bien Hoa by March. Al **Chase** is flying recon out of Udorn, Thailand. Other '58ers at Udorn are (or have been) Bob **McCann**, Denny **Sharon** (13th Fighter Sqdn), RT **Shellenberger** (was there with a C-130 outfit), and Skip **Hettinger**. Skip flew his 100 missions over NVN and is now an instructor in the F-4 program at George AFB, Calif. Skip says Tom **Cartwright** is also at George.

Dave **Livingston** married Betty Jane Pickel last August and is an F-111 test pilot at

1958: Jim Hall has been named Deputy District Engineer of the U.S. Lake Survey, Great Lakes. He and Dee are living at Selfridge AFB, Michigan.

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Edwards AFB, Calif. Others at Edwards include Ab **Abernethy** who is going through the Aerospace Research Pilot School, and Mike **Jones** who is in the Flight Test Engineering business on the F-111 project. Mike was shot down over NVN while flying recon out of Udorn and spent five long hours on the ground before being rescued. A back injury and burns grounded him for six months so they sent him to Edwards AFB. He arrived in CONUS one day before Bonnie was to leave for their Hawaii R&R. He's fine now and mentioned seeing the Charlie **Davises, Prices,** Tom **Davises, Krankels, Schroeders,** and **Dugans** at USAFA during a trip there.

Larry **Asbury** is an Electronics Warfare Off at Pease AFB, N.H. Mac **Williams** and RL **Kirtley** have received MS degrees in Aerospace Engineering at AFIT and have gone to F-4C training. Mac **McCullough** is assigned to the Directorate of Personnel Plans on the Air Staff at the Pentagon. Dick **Osborn** was reported to have been TDY to Lockborne AFB from Eglin last fall. Willis **Smith** is stationed at Shaw AFB, S.C. John **Schaefer** is at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Civilian — Ron **Brunner** has many irons in the fire: he's Personnel Manager of Carol Cable Co. in Glendale, Calif.; manages a folk-rock group called the PILOT, and a soul-singer, Kim Stacey; he also dabbles in song writing and acting. Oh yes, he's now Opns Off at the LA Watts Skill Center which comes under the Office of Economic Opportunity. Larry **Bullis** is now Registrar of the Bullis School; he also teaches math and coaches football and baseball. Jim **Castle** is Manager of the Engineering, Information Services Dept of GE in Bethesda, Md. He and Dottie have built a home in Potomac, Md.

John **Evans** is Trust Officer with The Equitable Trust Co. in Baltimore, Md. He specializes in investing, pensions, and profit sharing trusts. Dick **Groves** is VP of the Engineering Midwest Applied Science Corp and also is a visiting prof. to the AA&ES Dept of Purdue U. Joe **Katz** has opened his own insurance agency, Joseph J. Katz Associates, in Bridgeport, Conn. Joe specializes in business insurance and pension planning.

Rumor has it that Pete **Millspaugh** was on one of Nixon's campaign staffs. John **Reilly** is working in the GE Electric Utility Sales Office in the Boston area and invites classmates in the area to drop by. TK **Smith** bought a new home in Minnetonka, Minn., where he's a Soils Engineering Consultant. He hopes to get his Professional Engineering Registration this year. He and Catherine expected their second child in February. TK's sister, Jane and her husband, Dave **Parsons,** are with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Rep. They also expected their first child in February. Wayne **Weiss** is a flight officer with United Airlines keeping those skies "friendly." Mike **York** is now a patent counsel for Fairchild Hiller Corp., living in Arlington, Va.

Closing Notes — Our deepest sympathies go to Paul **Gibbs** (ex '58, I-2) and his wife on the loss of their daughter who suffocated in her crib in December. The tragedy occurred in Va. while Phil was TDY to the VN Language School en route to RVN.

The "Ten Year Books" have been distributed and most of you should have your copies by now. Bob **Giuliano** has a few left over and if you did not order one, but would like to receive one, drop him a line at the Dean's Office, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

1958: Hal Lyon has received the 1968 Horace Mann Award and Lectureship in Public Education Policy at the U. of Massachusetts. Hal will teach seminar courses and aid in planning innovative programs for teacher education for one year.

As you probably noticed, the pages which were devoted to our deceased classmates were incorrectly printed. The publisher admitted the error and printed enough revised copies of the book so that the relatives concerned did receive a correctly printed book. The publisher also printed about 500 sets of corrected pages. These can be placed in the book (they are backed with an adhesive) where appropriate. If you want copies for your book, please write to Bob and he will forward a copy to you.

We are sorry this happened, but the proofs which we saw were correct. The mistake was made in the printing plant, and since the books were sent directly to each individual, we did not see it until our copies arrived. The idea to print corrected pages came from John **Brinson** and we thank him for his interest.

That's about it for this issue. The mailbag was quite full. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to have been your Scribe for the last two years. I wish all of you continued success in your careers.

P.S. Rae plans to live near her mother in Annapolis while I'm in VN. JH **Ramsden**

'59

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The ad hoc reunion committee is doing a fine job and reports that preparations for the gala ten-year Reunion are proceeding and that enthusiasm is building. An information letter has been sent to all classmates for whom addresses could be found. If you know of anyone who did not receive this letter, please pass the poop on to him. Although the official 10th Reunion takes place at Homecoming (3-5 October 1969), there will be class-sponsored activities during June Week 1969 as well. Responses for both events look good at this point and a memorable year seems in store.

Accommodations are a problem, of course, for both June and October, but the committee is hard at work to provide beds and roofs for everyone. It has been suggested that reunionees may be more comfortable if they leave the children with grandma because of the scarcity of babysitters, child care, medical facilities, and accommodations during these periods. The committee asks only that you avoid surprising them at the last minute, if it is possible. Your early response will enhance the success of the operation considerably. If you need more information than you have received, write or call Don **Markham,** Dept. of Tactics (in charge of notification) or Bob **Weekley,** Dept. of Soc. Sci. (committee chairman). Bill **Mullen** and crew are setting up accommodations, and Bill **Schwartz** is planning the social activities.

Squinting the eyeball down the ARMY TIMES list of staff college enrollees for the coming year yielded the following recap (admittedly of doubtful accuracy) of classmates schedued to attend. The Armed Forces Staff College list includes **Bennett,** R.B. **Johnson, Kanarowski, LeClere, Tully** and **Zagalak.** Headed for Leavenworth are **Heath, Ivey, Plassmeyer, Wilmoth, Devereaux, Hewitt, Hilmes, Kleb, van Loben Sels, Griffin, Poole, Lytle, Roesler, Sullenberger, Lidy,** and **Wilson.** Charlie **Getz** is going to the AC&SC, and Nick **Krawciw** and Jim **Paschall** will be classmates at the NC&SC. This information, as I have hinted, does not supersede any other that you may have received.

Doug **Campbell** has been in Austria for four years and is currently preparing for examinations in lieder, oratorio, and opera at the Vienna Music Academy. He plans to return to the States this June to fulfill final requirements for a music degree at the Cincinnati Conservatory. The best bet for reaching him is by mail addressed to his mother in Savannah, Ga., at 2204 Indiana Ave.

Powell **Hutton** spent last summer in the Middle East preparing for his elective course in the Dept. of Soc. Sci., and while there he ran into Tex and Terry **DeAtkine** in Lebanon. Tex is a FAST student at the American U. in Beirut and apparently spent a month on camelback (surely a class first) with the Trucial Oman Scouts last August. He and the family have enjoyed their year and a half there, but as this goes to press, we cannot help but wonder whether he will complete his tour in Beirut. After his visit with the DeAtkines, Powell continued on to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia before winding up with a tour of the Jordan Valley for a view from both sides of the Arab-Israeli divide. He returned to face SCUSA, an ordeal upon which he reports elsewhere in this issue.

A new son, James, was born to Diane and Bruce **Porter** in Washington, D.C., last 8 Aug. He joins brother Scot, born 6 May 1966, whose name may not have found immortality in these pages at that time. Bruce is a stockbroker with Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis. Other rumors from that area have Joel **Kampf** as the director of purchasing for American Chirogenics (is it bigger than a breadbox?); Connie **Boyle** as a stockbroker with E.F. Hutton; Steve **Hurley** with IBM; Mike **Gillette** considering a job with the World Bank; and Bob **Roth** as one of

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1959: Jay Madden receives the Legion of Merit for superior performance in successive assignments as Chief and System Manager, Automatic Digital Network, Engineering Management Office, STRATCOM, Fort Huachuca as Penny looks on.

two principals in Data Sciences Corporation, a new company offering microfilm service bureauwork in and around D.C.

Jim **Woods** was scheduled to depart in February for Vietnam and a FAC job in the OV-10. His wife June, son Tom, and daughter Wendy were to await his return in Fairfield, Calif. Patty **Moore** and the boys are in the Fort Lewis vicinity during Lee's tour, which has located him about 100 miles south of Da Nang.

Jim and Joan **van Loben Sels** send their regards to all from 1628-A York Road, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060. Jim is currently Staff Supervisor, Nuclear Cratering Group, Office of the Chief of Engineers (Bldg. T-7, Washington, D.C.). Lee **Nunn**, who was last reported working in the Nuclear Power Field Office at Belvoir, may be a neighbor. Craig **Bertolett** and Ed **Stauch** were up from Aberdeen for separate football games this fall. I believe that Jay **Redding** and Bruce **Medaris** round out the current contingent at APG.

Jerry **Jervell** has announced his intention to relinquish his bachelorhood at West Point on 22 March. He is reportedly at the U. of Denver preparing for an assignment in the Dept. of Soc. Sci. Jay **Weisler** hung up his uniform in January 1968 after a second tour in Vietnam, and he is now practicing law with the firm of Spinn, Ehlert, Spinn, Weisler & Weisler in Brenham, Tex. He was married last 28 October to Jerry Lehde, a former Houston school teacher. They invite classmates at Fort Hood to stop by any weekend, and they hope to see many more at WP next Homecoming.

Jim and Arlene **Hahn** had an ARMY-Navy Game party for the group at Leavenworth. Hank **Larsen** was very kind to send a group picture, but unfortunately it was too dark to print. It was bright enough, however, to see that a good time was had by all.

I am sorry to report the death of Ralph **Wensinger**, who was killed in Vietnam last 21 Oct. and buried in the post cemetery at West Point. The class extends its deepest sympathy to Ralph's family. His wife, Patricia, and his three daughters, Kathleen, Cynthia, and Elaine, are in Perrine, Fla. (33157) at 9800 S.W. 189th St.

Al **Dorris** has most graciously consented to write these notes for awhile beginning with the summer issue. His first deadline will be about 15 June, so please inundate him with poop before that. Mail should be addressed to Maj. Albert F. Dorris, Dept. of MA&E, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

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The new year could hardly have started (or the old one have ended, depending upon how you like to look at such things) in a more satisfactory manner than it did with the news of Nick **Rowe's** escape after five years of captivity in Vietnam. Several of us were eating lunch in the Club on New Year's Eve when the first announcement reached West Point, and we hastened to spread the word even before the news media picked up the story. Because of the fine press coverage, it is certainly not necessary to repeat the details here. I suppose it is also gratuitous at this point to tell Nick publicly how delighted we all are to have him back in circulation again — he has doubtless gotten the idea from the many telegrams and letters that we have sent.

Bart **Furey** received a letter from Benny **Evans**, who met Nick in Long Binh, containing an account of Nick's escape and subsequent reception. Benny also sent along a photograph which is in the Bulletin Board Section of this issue. Upon arrival in the States, Nick was met by Mary Grace **McInerney** on the west coast, and then by D.K. **Allen** and Les **Beavers** in Texas. They were dispatched from Washington to serve as general aides to Nick, and they set up headquarters initially at his home in McAllen, Texas, later moving with him to Brooks AFB in San Antonio. D.K. had to return to Washington after five days, but Les took his family to Texas and will be there as long as Nick has any use for him. Mike **Mierau**, an aide to General Westmoreland, has been in touch with Charlie **Otstott** (Physics Dept) and suggests that Nick will undoubtedly not be sent back to Vietnam, despite his wishes, but will probably spend some time traveling and speaking and generally becoming familiar with events of the past five years.

Bart **Furey** (1/1 Inf, USMA) also reports seeing Dave **Stem**, former USMA Acting Provost Marshal, who stopped by en route to the PMO, 173d Abn Bde in Vietnam, and he has heard from Hal **Ladehoff**, currently attending language school (DLIEC) in the FAST program. Bart and I both saw Dave and Janet **Wilkie** and Jim and Sandy **Fairchild** at West Point during the holidays. Dave is at C&GSC, and Jim is studying geography at the U. of Michigan prior to returning here with ES&GS (I had more poop, but lost the cocktail napkin upon which it was recorded during an all-too-brief drink with the Wilkies and Fairchilds at — of all places — the Hotel Thayer.) Chip **Fenton** is still working with a DOD team at a nuclear facility in Livermore, Calif.; Joe **Fortier** is a stockbroker with Goodbody & Co. in Miami; and Bart has also heard from Phil **Tripician**, who finished an MBA degree at Fairleigh Dickinson and is now a district manager for Bell Telephone.

According to Buck **Brady** (Physics Dept), Jim **Dougalas**, recently returned from Vietnam, is an ROTC instructor at Hofstra on Long Island, and Terry **Rich** is studying Polish and Czech (!) at Monterey in the FAST program. From another napkin, source now unknown, I learned that Tim **Schatzman** returned from Vietnam after a helicopter crash curtailed his tour with an injury to his back. Tim is now assigned to USSTRICOM at MacDill AFB. Bill **Breit**, who served as an Infantry advisor, is now a staff advisor in the delta area somewhere.

Frank **Partlow** (Soc Sci Dept) ran into Frank **Cremer**, Joe and Lea **Robinson**, and Gene and Elaine **Reese** at the ARMY-Navy game. Joe works for Uniroyal in Toledo, and Gene is an opthamology resident in Louisville. Gordie **Livingston** is a surgeon with the 4th AC in Vietnam while Kate and their children wait in Indianapolis. John **Denton**, another physician among an expanding group, is currently serving his residency in New York. Frank reports that Tom **Throckmorton** remarried in early December to Kathy Whitsell; they are living in Alexandria. Also in the Washington area are Hal and Jan **Dreibelbis**. Hal has an MS from Stanford and has returned recently from Vietnam.

Edith **Bauer** writes (from 2252 NW 19th Lane, Gainesville, Fla., 32601) that Dave and George **Finley** remain the only classmates at the U. of Florida (both with ROTC). George was at summer camp at Bragg last year, and he sent Doris and Stevie (age 3) to Germany for a vacation with Doris's parents while he was gone. He then flew over himself and accompanied them home. (Apparently, George, sales of your various drawings are continuing at a profitable level). Dave and Edith have two children — Stephen (5) and Amanda (3). Edith also reports that Bob **Rudesill** and Fred **Kaiser** have been at Auburn with the ROTC department, but she doesn't know if they are still there.

I have a letter dated 1 Jan. 1969 from Cal **Johnson**, USAF, who obviously takes his New Year's resolutions very seriously. (I wish more of you would make similar ones.) Cal, Sue Anne, and "Robie" are living at 1619 E. Del Rio Drive, Tempe, Ariz., 85281. Cal is studying engineering mechanics at Arizona State preparatory to teaching at USAFA, and he is doing other things, too, since Sue Anne is expecting TWINS (according to recent X-rays) any day now. Jack **Humes** is also at Arizona State, although by now he has probably completed his EE degree and may be en route to USMA.

One of the major social events of the year must have been the party put on by the Tony **Bakers** at their home in suburban Philadelphia prior to the Navy game. Unfortunately, I have not been able to compile an accurate account of what happened or even of who attended — everybody seems to have a very hazy recollection of the details, although opinions of a great evening, however vaguely expressed, are easy to come by. In addition to a sizable contingent from West Point, some of the guests seem to include Bill (Hound Dog) Chase from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; J.P. **Hesford**, who moved recently from Fort Holabird to Fort Devens (he must be in MI these days); Mike **Field**; Bob and Diane **Miser**; Pete **Hastings**; and George **McManus**. The Fields, including Meagan and Mike Jr., are living in Hawaii, which sounds particularly attractive as the inevitable gloom period descends up here (it is even worse the second time around).

J.Z. **Miller** (1/1 Inf, USMA) reports that Bruce **Nevins** has moved from New York to San Francisco where he is assistant to the general manager of Levi Straus. Peggy and Zeke had the John **Nixes** for house guests recently. While John serves with Special Forces in Vietnam, his wife will live in Germany; following his final tour, he will join the State Department.

John **Gulla** wrote a long letter last September from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate

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School at Monterey, where he is studying operations research. John, Jackie, John Arthur (1½), and Kimberly Ann (4½) live at 1012 Leahy Road, Monterey, Calif., 93940, and have seen several classmates in the vicinity. Bob **Castleman** is taking the same courses as John; they also attended together the last Artillery career course that included both tube and ADA portions. Randy **Perkins** has been at the school for some time, also in the OR/Systems Analysis program, and Joe **Cote** is there studying nuclear physics. My old roommate Ted **Bierman** should be completing his third year at USNPGS, if he is still there. Ted was studying electronics engineering the last I heard, and he apparently works at it so diligently he doesn't have time to write.

Joe **Felber** sent a note from Vietnam, where he is in a jump slot as a staff advisor to the 1st Bde, Abn Div. Joe reports that Al **Champ** is senior advisor to the 1st Arty Bn in the same division, but he had not seen him yet. Their base camp is at Tan Son Nhut, although Joe says they "operate all over the place." Jon **Searles** and Bill **Fisher** went over with Joe for RF/PF assignments (whatever that means) in the delta.

Bob and Molly **Davidson** sent a Christmas card from Boston, where Bob is currently studying at the Harvard Business School. He left the Army last summer, and they (including four children — one set of twins) live at 14 Madison Ave., Watertown, Mass., 02172.

Another Christmas card came in from Bob and Judy **Totten** ("and the four Tottentots"). Bob is presently assigned to ACSI, and he reports that Bill **Willoughby** caught an AK-47 round in his arm on Thanksgiving Day. He is now in Japan, but Ann expects him back soon for stateside treatment. Although the wound is serious, it is apparently not critical. Bob asks if anyone knows the whereabouts of Don **Chapman**. I don't; how about you? Gene **Brisach** promised to send in pictures and a guest list of a recent '60 party in the Washington area, although I have not yet heard from him. Bob claims the somewhat dubious distinction of being the oldest classmate to attend Ranger School — he graduated with the Class of '66. He says he "did it for the training and to get in shape for Vietnam after two years at UCLA studying Astrodynamics. It's a hard way to get in shape!" Amen.

John and Sandy **Getgood** (Chemistry Dept) heard from Carol **Terry** recently that she received Fred's last decorations. In a ceremony on 20 Dec. at the Army Munitions Command headquarters in Dover, N.J., Maj. Gen. Frank G. White presented her with Fred's fourth Distinguished Flying Cross, third Bronze Star Medal, and 30th-47th Air Medals.

Finally, no Class of '60 column could be complete without a couple of birth announcements. I forgot to include that of my own daughter last time (and I can't even blame that on a lost paper napkin.) Susan Randall **Good** was born on 31 Aug., joining two brothers. Frank and Judy **Calverase** (English Dept) are the parents of a second son, Gregory Francis, who was born on 19 Oct.

My own New Year's resolutions begin with the faithful (and public) promise to improve my notetaking, filing of cocktail napkins, and other administrative details associated with keeping you informed. I wish that you would assist by writing to me instead of merely talking to me. And if you don't have time or inspiration, let your wife do it — her writing is probably more legible, anyway. May the New Year bring to us all peace, prosperity, and continuing prolificacy (insofar as the last is desirable).

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There are many ways to spend the early part of a Christmas eve, and this is only one of them. As I sit writing while a gentle snow is falling here at West Point, it causes me to ponder the past and forecast the future. Neither do I well so you shall be spared. One thing does surface clearly, however, and that is the importance of the present. Three weeks ago my father was a healthy, robust man; now he lies paralyzed and speechless in an Iowa hospital. As I write, a fellow alumnus is circling the moon and giving us earthlings a play by play of its wonderment. He used to put us "D" in Mechanics (some of us) and live in Gray Ghost and all of that. So, yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and enjoy him while he lasts. On with the news.

Bob **Kee** is in VN after going to the Civil Affairs school at Fort Gordon. Bob and Ruth have a new baby girl born 6 Aug. whom they named Susan Elizabeth. Al **Vanderbush** stopped up recently while enjoying his post-Vietnam leave. Al is heading for Georgia Tech and a Master's in Operations Research.

The passage of Ron **Hannon** through Hawaii on his way back to VN gave rise to a recent gathering of the clan on the Island. This gathering gave rise to a call to the mainland and my awakening to hear the happy, antiseptically clean voices of Bob **Protzman**, John **Eielson**, Ron **Hannon**, Bert **Mucho**, Wayne **Ploger** and Terry **Alexander**. The first two are interning at Tripler; Bert is flying C-somethings out of Hickham AFB and expects RVN soon; Wayne is in the J2 Section, CINCPAC; and Terry is taking up the slack left by Ron on CONUS. He is headed for Fort Knox.

Ed **Brown** returned from RVN in mid-December, and he and the family are in the process of moving from Cornwall to Raleigh, N.C. Ed will be studying for a Master's in nuclear engineering at North Carolina State U. Nan **Beckett** was kind enough to send a copy of the Beckett family newsletter, and its well written contents were lively with news and humor. Ron will finish work on his Master's at the U. of Alabama near the end of January and will be going to RVN by way of Fort Bragg and the MATA Course. Ron has an "A" average at "Bama" and was recently selected for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Honorary Society for Political Scientists. Nan and Natasha are going to spend next year at Columbus, Ga. Ed **Leland** is finished at the Naval Postgraduate School and will discharge some of his new learning with MACV while on Tour No. 2 in RVN. Sally and the boys will live in the Washington, D.C. area. The Bill **Hathaways** are living at 3000 Ritchie St. in Baltimore, Md. Bill is stationed at the Intelligence Center at nearby Fort Holabird, Md., but expects RVN again soon.

1961: At gathering of the students and their typists at the U. of Illinois.

Jack **Cornelson** has extended an invitation to the Class to visit the sunny south, not of RVN, but of Italy. John is aide to the Chief of Staff of Allied Forces, Southern Europe, stationed in Naples.

Mike **Breslin** is a member of the CONARC briefing team operating out of Fort Monroe, Va. Mike plans to leave the Army next summer and hopes to enter Yale Law School in the fall. Jim **Tedrick** is still at U. of Penn working on his degree in English and reports that Jack **Dorr** is about finished with the Career Course at Fort Belvoir and will be going to Alaska to operate a nuclear reactor. (We shall apprise Herman Kahn of this, Jack.) Dave **Brooks** and family are now living in Dover, N.H., where Dave is a full time graduate student for the Air Force at the U. of New Hampshire.

Bill **Williamson** has written a note from his vantage point at the U. of Illinois in Champaign. Bill is working on a Master's in geography and will report to the Environment Faculty of ES and GS here at WP next June. With him will come his platoon of women: Barb and the three girls, Debbie, Sandie, and Laurie. Pete **Heimdahl** is at Illinois working on a Ph.D. prior to coming here to the Mechanics Dept. The Heimdahls will arrive in June, also. Ken **McCollister** is studying civil engineering in Champaign and has no definite indications from the Engineers as to his next assignment. Mary Ann presented Ken with a daughter, Lynda, last October, who joined her sister, Lisa. Tom and Judy Mercer with their two daughters (notice all of the women) are at the U. of Illinois. Tom is getting a Master's prior to USMA duty next summer. Dan and Maria **Halpin** round out the Illinois contingent. Dan is now a civilian with no definite plans beyond getting a Ph.D. in civil engineering. Bill also enclosed a picture of the crew (shown elsewhere on this page, I hope) and a word about Bob **Worthy**. It seems that Bob had the wisdom to betroth a lovely young thing from Iowa, and they were married on 9 Aug. in Davenport, and are now living in St. Louis, Mo.

Ted **Benz** is now living in Orlando, Fla., where he teaches history and coaches track at Boone High School. Another classmate who has turned educator is Sam **Nutt**. Sam and Pauline spent the summer touring the United States and are now settled in Myrtle Creek, Ore., where Sam teaches math and coaches football in the high school there.

Joe **Dahle**, whom we see frequently here at West Point, is now employed by IBM. Joe is working in their education division at Fishkill, and his particular "bag" is devising computer-assisted units of academic instruction. Incidentally, Joe works in the same complex as Jim **Staub**. Earl **Gilmore** is living

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1961: . . . and meanwhile on the archipelago, the Protzmans host a party to see Ron Hannon off for Vietnam.

in Pekin, Ill., and works for the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. Earl also works for the Admissions Office as one of our District Representatives (anybody else interested?) and is studying law at LaSalle in Chicago. Walt **Ligon** is working for Philco Ford out of Philadelphia in their sales management division.

Phil and Patsi **Smith** wrote a most interesting Christmas Newsletter. It seems that while Phil was stationed in Illinois with the Air Force for three years, working on duty full time, he did all of the course work required, wrote a Doctoral dissertation, and received a Ph.D. from the U. of St. Louis in Business Administration. He has recently gotten out of the Air Force and hired out to Lear Siegler, Inc., in Santa Monica, Calif., as their EDP coordinator. They have purchased a home in West Los Angeles and welcome visitors. Bob and Anita **Montgomery** are in Clarks Summit, Pa., where Bob is working in Plant Operations for the Owens-Illinois Glass Co.

Bruce **Halstead** is studying Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Eloise has presented Dale **Shipley** with a baby boy, and they have named him Donald. Rumors are that Dale is returning to RVN in February. The Bob **Eveleths** were recently blessed with a new baby boy, also. Bob is now in RVN with an American signal unit.

Our congratulations to that contingent of the Class to be chosen as the advanced guard for attendance at the Command and Staff College. Those going to Leavenworth next August will be: John **Votaw**, Jim **Harmon**, Bob **Chelberg**, Gary **Ford**, Ted **Vander Els**, George **Kopcsak**, Frank **Rauch**, George **Seckinger**, Hank **Van Gorder**, Mike **Urette**, and Mike **Xenos**. Additionally, Tom **Sherburne** will attend the Armed Forces Staff College and Dick **Behrenhausen**, Jack **Dewar** and R.J. **Wooten**, the Naval Command and Staff College.

Recent arrivals at West Point have been Joe **Stringham** and John **Berinato**, both of whom are instructing in the Office of Military Instruction. Other arrivals lately have been new babies born to the **Buckners**, **LaBornes**, **Dohertys**, **Powells**, and **Popovichs**.

So things from here look good; the Corps is expanding, and so is our class legacy, and if you Protestants are not careful, the Catholics will over-run this planet. O well, henceforth, there is always the moon! Happy New Year!

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By the time that this ASSEMBLY reaches you, you should have received the class mailing concerning the educational fund. It's great to have the ball rolling on this fine project which has been hanging in abeyance for so long. Russ **Broshous**, Kraig **Hansen**, Bob **Martin**, and Stu **Sherard** certainly deserve a round of applause from the Class for their efforts in getting it in motion. To get the project to the organizational and financial stability which it so richly deserves will require the support and cooperation of the entire Class, so please respond to the mailing as rapidly and as generously as you can. If you have not yet gotten this packet of information, contact me at the above address, and I'll have one sent to you posthaste.

Dick **Chegar**, who is currently studying English at the U. of Indiana prior to coming to the English Department up here, has proposed another project which will require, and definitely merits, the cooperation of the entire Class. He intends to write a book of profiles of six to eight classmates who have lost their lives in combat. It is not his idea to put anyone on a pedestal, but rather to present a warm, human view of a *cross-section of a West Point class* by writing short biographies of these men who have contributed the ultimate in the defense of their country. Dick anticipates that the book could be completed within the next three years, and that it can yield a profit, 80% of which would go to the educational fund. What he needs now from you is recommendations on those to be included and any information that you have about them; the success of this unique memorial volume, of course, depends upon the quality and quantity of information which Dick receives. Send it to Maj. Richard D. Chegar; RR#4, Box 39A; Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

The MARINE CORPS GAZETTE for December announced that a destroyer escort named the USS FRANK S. REASONER is being constructed in Seattle. It is the first U. S. Naval ship to bear the name of a Marine who won the Medal of Honor in Vietnam, and is a wonderful tribute to Frank.

I have the sad duty to report that another one of our classmates was killed in Vietnam. Bob **Hufschmid** was killed in a mortar attack while serving as the S3 of an artillery battalion. Our deepest condolences go to Susie and his family.

Joan **Chandler** wrote to express "my very deepest thank you to the members of the Class of '62 for the beautiful flowers sent for Chuck's funeral. A very special thank you to Cliff **McKeithan**, Jim **Kays**,, Roger **Brown**, Bill **Cross**, Rusty **Broshous**, Dave **Mundt** and Glen **Blumhardt** for their help during the ceremonies and to the rest of Chuck's wonderful classmates who were so near me with words and thoughts of comfort on the day of the funeral. The strength of you all carried me through that day and beyond. With appreciation and affection always, Joan." Joan has settled in White Plains and urges any classmates who might be in the vicinity to stop by.

Seth and Cathey **Hudak** are living in Merrimack, N. H., where he is water commissioner, in addition to holding a new job as Assistant Civil Engineer for the Public Service Company of N. H., and a myriad of extracurricular positions. He and Cathey have two children (Margaret 4½ and David 15 months) and are expecting their third in February. Seth relays that Dick **Rohrbacher** is working on a Ph.D. in phys ed at Boston U. and that Paul **Dobbins** is working a tough ten to two job as a securities man. Our Class seems to be trying to occupy Boston as Ben **Carter**, Fred **Comer**, Frank **Cross**, Jack **Fagan**, Dave **Francis**, and Bernie **Skown** are all civilian MBA candidates at the Harvard Business School, while Brian **McKinley** is going the same route in uniform; John **Landry** and Pete **Stanley**, both still in service, are studying social sciences at Harvard; Walt **Menning** and John **Wagner** are civilian MS students at the MIT School of Business; Dave **Harkins**, with two partners, recently set up a financial consulting firm in Boston, Rudy **Penczer** is a Physics Marketing Specialist with Digital Equipment in Maynard, Mass., and Al **Symes**, Bill **Daugherty**, and Ron **Witzel** reputed to be somewhere in the immediate area.

Bob **Carroll**, a sociology student at Northwestern in preparation for coming to the MP&L Department, relayed through Dave **Windom** that Art and Barbara **Pattarozzi** are in Chicago, where Art is a stockbroker; Bill and Karen **White** are also in the Windy City with Bill working for IBM. Dick and Carol **Chegar** are not our only representatives at the U. of Indiana: Don **DeSapri**, Bob and Millie **Wong**, and Joe and Joanie **Nunnelee** are also there. Don is studying English; Bob, Chinese, and Joe, a PE type. Jim, Becky, Tommy, and Amy **Acklin** are in London, where Jim is working in the attaché section of the embassy. Jim and Tina **Heldman** have settled in Seattle after a nice, long trip to Europe, Jim is enthusiastically engaged in working for IDS, the largest investment firm. Tony **DeAmico** is another of our financial types, taking his Account Executive training for the Francis I duPont Company in Baltimore. Tom **Buck**

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and his wife Maureen are at Norwich U., where Tom is a military science instructor and the Mountain and Cold Weather Team advisor.

John **Jones** writes that he is with the Combined Support Coordination Center at II Corps Hq in Pleiku. Charlie has been giving him a respite for the past few months, for which he is quite happy. He relays the following about other classmates in VN: Jack **Reavill** had a 175 Btry just south of Kontum, but should be home by now. Bill **Dworsak,** who had been a Tac at VMI, is with an Atry Bn in the 4th Inf Div. Bill **Ross** is in Pleiku with an American Arty Bn. Gene **Ramella** is a FAC at the local air base and John **Godwin** is flying OTTERS from Holloway AAE. Fred **LaRoque** is with the 25th Div.; Wayne **Willis** left the 25th in October to start the career course at Sill on 15 November. Geoff **Withers** started the Inf career course in Sept. Ty **Cobb** wrote from VN, where he was with the ARVN Abn Div. on the day that he was to return to CONUS. He is going to the U. of Texas with eyes to coming up to the ES&GS Dept. Dan **Buttolph** is currently G3 advisor to the ARVN Abn Div. Bob **Krause** and Fred **Hillyard** are supposed to be coming to the same organization.

Gus **Fishburne** has left the 25th Div., where he was an Ass't Bde S3 and an Inf Company Commander, even while being an Armor file. Barry **Thomas** was a Company Commander in the 199th Inf Bde., but was moved to Bde. staff after being wounded. Fred **Doten** was flying MOHAWKS out of Da Nang, but has since left for the helicopter transition school at Rucker followed by the career course at Benning. Tom **Murray** is flying O-1's from Soe Trang in IV CTZ. Chris **Robbins** should be coming home in the next couple of months after a tour with SF. He had an A team on the Cambodian border for about half of his tour. Larry **Crane** was a ranger Bn advisor, but has since returned to Fort Dix and resigned. Tom **Simcox** is some type of advisor in the IV CTZ at Bac Lu. Bill **Harrison** is working at MACV Hq, and Phil **Costain** is a general's aide in Saigon. Anover MACV staff man is Ron **Borrello;** he reportedly leavens his work-a-day existence by taking high-paying tdy trips to such deserted outposts as Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Bangkok. Jerry **Comello** is reportedly in the G3 section of the 1st Inf Div, and Bill **Gavan** is an advisor to a province recon unit. Dan **Buttolph** also covered much of the above info in his letter, along with the news that Ed **Hendren** is an Eng Company Commander with the 1st Cav Div. Marsh **Johnson,** in the G3 Section of the 101st, wrote that Steve **Warner,** Pete **Wuerpel,** and Jim **Dunmyer** are also in the 1st Cav. George **Handy** is working at II FF in the 3 section. Al **Wilhelm** is aide to Gen. Stilwell at XXIV Corps. Jim **Blundell** is with the 25th Div.

Bob **Culp** writes that he, Ron **Chisholm,** and Marv **Norwood** are all stationed in Bangkok. Bob married Ann Bailey, the widow of classmate **Ellis Bailey,** prior to starting his accompanied tour in Thailand. The Culps are expecting a baby in the near future, for which we offer our congratulations. Ann Culp also insists that we mention that Bob's name was omitted from the Major's list.

Buck **Weinfurter** writes from Fort Bliss, where he is in the HAM Dept, that Frank **Sazama,** Irv **Kamm,** Bob **Rumph,** Jerry **Tysver,** and Larry **Needs** are all there taking the Air Defense Career Course; Stan **Thompson** and Dick **Gilligan** are taking the 1181 course; Todd **Bergman** teaches in the Command and Staff Dept and that Bob **Szymczak** is with SENTINEL at White Sands. He also includes the information that Don **Williamson** is doing grad work at the U. of Hawaii. John **Dargle** is with the 25th Div in VN; Tom **Moore** has a Special Weapons Detachment in Germany, and Bill **Kinard** is with MAAG in Arabia.

Don **DeSapri** writes of many Sept. departures from Knox for grad school: Deane **Stanley** to Harvard; Jim **Ellis** and John **Landry** to Princeton; Bill and Ann **Cross** to Syracuse; John and Mimi **Grimshaw** to Georgia Tech; Karl **Henn** to the U. of Michigan, and Tom and Julie **Fintel** to the U. of Paris. Bob **Loupe** and Bill and Betty Sue **Miller** were still at Knox in September. Sam **Steele** departed for Dong Ha early in Sept. John **Sloan** was also at Knox, but was scheduled to depart for the 25th on 11 Dec. He indicates that Trevor **Dupuy** was scheduled to leave for Thailand in Nov. Larry **Mengel** is working on a master's in Industrial Engineering at Lehigh U. He and Martha are living in Bethlehem, Pa., and invite any classmate in the vicinity to stop by.

Marsh **Carter** writes that, including himself, there are six classmates at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey — three Marines and three from the Army. Marsh, Jim **Lau,** and Gerry **Garwick** are the Leathernecks and Cal **Johnson,** Bernie **Martin,** and Don **Hard** are the Army representatives. The Carter family is to be congratulated on the 4 Nov. birth of Marshall William.

Dan and Lorene **Teed** also received our congratulations on the birth of 7 lb. 3½ oz. Mike on 29 Dec. Dan has recently left the service and is heading back to Texas. Doug and Donna **Morgan** are living in LA while Doug attends USC in Mechanical Engineering. They expected their 3d child to arrive about Christmas. Dan **Stephenson** is also attending USC in ME. Buck and Sue **Lair** are at Stanford where Buck is studying for a Master's in History. Ken and Helen **Wallace** are in Tucson while Ken studies Mechanical Engineering at the U. of Arizona. Billie and Joan **Thomas** are also at the U. of Arizona with Billie being in Electrical Engineering. Ken and Brenda **Ishoy** round out our class contingent at Arizona, as Ken is an ROTC instructor.

Tony and Sue **Lawson** are living in the Philippines, where Tony is a State Dept. Man. Roy and Ann **Cole** are still in Hawaii; Roy is in the 3-shop of USARHAW. Art and JoAnn **Webb** are still on a leave of absence to attend the Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Art is also the pastor of the Battletown Baptist Church in Cameron, Texas. Dick **Ryer** won his Air Force pilot wings at Moody AFB, Ga., in Oct. EK and Cynthia **Whiting** are at Pease AFB, N. H., where EK is a pipe jockey for the AF. Dave **Garvin** and his wife were up from Belvoir for Navy weekend, as were Bob **Sikorski** and his wife. Bob is currently in the Ord Career Course at Aberdeen. Bill **Dieal** is also at Belvoir, and was up for New Year's Eve.

That's about it for now, '62ers. The deadline for the next ASSEMBLY will probably be in the latter part of March, so send me what poop you can about that time. I'm afraid that much of what I say should be referred to in the past tense, but hopefully recent history about classmates is better than no news at all concerning them. Congratulations to all of the new majors, and please remember the Educational Fund.

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For all you faithful readers, I must apologize for not having an article in the Fall issue. Seems that deadline dates were confused, and I was not able to submit my letter on time. I will, however, cover all letters and info received since the summer issue.

VIETNAM—Frank **Lennon** has been with the 173d at Dak Tho, then switched to Co B, S/F at Pleiku. After extending for six months, Frank, as he said in his letter, "lucked out" and was assigned as R&R Liaison Officer (TDY) at Fort De Russey, Hawaii! Spence **Folsom** was in the same company with Frank and spent many months as CO, "A" detachment at Bu Prang. Frank later states that Ted **Yamashita** is with an engineering unit at Schofield, and Jack **Adams** is on CINCPAC staff. John **Dorland** left U. of So. Mississippi and assumed command of A Co. 2 Bn (Mech) 2d Inf, 1st Inf Div. The 1st Cav has quite a representative of '63 with Wally **Speed,** George **DeGraff,** Bill **Witt,** Bob **Wood,** Don **Conrad,** and Tom **Wilson.** Tom **Gallagher** is district advisor at Chon Thon. In September, Gerry **Nakashima** took command of Co. C, 1/2 Inf, 1st Div. Karl **Beach** is on his second tour and has switched from the 101st to the 1st Div. Joe **Jaworowski** was with HHC, 1st Bde, 1st Cav. Joe had also been S3 (Air) for the same Bde. Ward **Lutz** arrived for a second tour in August and is S3 (Air) 1st Bde, 1st Cav. Ward **Smith** was wounded while working out with the 1st Cav but is back on his feet now. Walt **Downey** was the XO 13th Sig Bn, 1st Cav and received a Bronze Star Medal for his excellent work. I assume that Walt and Marie are now at Fort Monmouth. Received a news release from the USAF on one Capt Bill **Ivy.** Seems that as he was bringing his "Dragon Ship" in for a landing at Pleiku, the strip came under rocket fire; Bill pulled up, spotted the enemy position, and put in a long burst of machine gun fire to silence the enemy. Bill did all these heroics while dangerously low on fuel. Good job, Bill!

CONUS—Bob **Vogel** has finished a tour with the 6th A.C. at Fort Meade and is now at Cornell for Grad School. Mike **Cunningham** is one of a very few to be assigned to Germany. Mike is with the 536th MP Co in Augsburg. Gordy **Arbogast** is in school at Fort Monmouth and is headed for Communications Engineering at Ga. Tech. Pete **Bentson** left the 1st Cav in August and headed for Benning and the Career Course. Bill and Adelle **Cooke** and their two girls are in the Canal Zone. Bill is an instructor with the Engr Committee at the School of the Americas. Congratulations to Mac **Otis** and Tim **Grogan** for winning the DSC for extraordinary heroism. Mac left RVN in July 1968 and is now an ROTC instructor at Michigan State U. Lou **Sturbois** is now at Indiana State getting a Master's in English, then Lou and Bambi will head for WP. Hank **Morris** is now at WP. I spoke to Hank at our 5th Reunion, and he told me about his assignment, but my fuzzy head did not retain the info. Sorry, Hank! Bob **Steele** left the 4th Div and is working on another degree at Penn State. Denny **Leach** is now attending IOAC after his 2d tour. Denny got hit again, this time in the head; reports are that the shrapnel

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just bounced off. Bob **Foley** is attending the AOAC at Fort Knox along with Tom **Carney**. Roger **Bivens** is now a civilian and attending the Wharton School at U. of Penna. Rog became engaged to Miss Karen Daniels in November 1968. Congratulations to both.

Cary **Fisher** is burning up the USAF. Cary is now an instructor as USAFA after picking up a few awards such as: D.G. Squadron Officers School, and the "Air Force Systems Command Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year Award." To top it off, Cary got a certificate for running 100 miles in 14 weeks while attending SOS. Keep up the good work, old buddy, and I'm sure the Army would give you a chance. Speaking of the USAF, Tom **Griffith** switched from "OD" to "Blue" and is now in flight school at Craig AFB, Ala. Bud **Hall** is at Nellis AFB, Nev., attending F-111 school. Vic **Bunze** is a "P" at USAFA in the Astro Department. Oops, almost forgot to mention that Tom Griffith is a proud new poppa—his son's name is Tyler Martin Griffith. Dick and Barbara **Cole** are pulling ROTC duty at N. Georgia College. Dick and Barb were married in September 1967. Phil **Bosma** is also passing out the propaganda at Jacksonville St., Fla. Leigh **Fairbank** is roughing it at U. of Miami, Fla., after an extended tour in RVN—first with the 25th Div and then as S/F detachment CO. Roger and Joeline **Manning** are at Fort Polk; Rog commands a BCT Co. Buddy **Crumpler** has resigned and he and Laura and two children are in Raleigh, N.C. attending Law School. Bob **Bowes** is sneaking around Fort Bragg attending S/F School. Art and Pat **Ryan** are also at Bragg; Art recently finished OOAC at Aberdeen.

Larry and Ann **Anderson** are proud parents of a son, Andrew, born in March 1968. Larry is finishing up at the Army Air Defense Course at Bliss. Ed **Greybeck** is also at Bliss with the CDC Institute of Nuclear Studies. Ed and Dee Dee now have twin boys—Ned and John; their address is 205 Sheridan Road, Fort Bliss, Tex. 79906. Gene and Eddie **Cargile** welcomed the arrival of twin daughters, Kysa and Kelly, in June 1968. Ken **Hollander** returned from Europe in April 1968, went to language school at Bliss, and on to RVN in September 1968. His wife Briane and son Todd are at 35857 Toledo Court, Fremont, Calif. Jim **Sorensen** is presently with the DDLP, U.S. Air Defense School. Bill and Kathy **Merritt** are also at Bliss with the Sentinel Central Training Facility. Charlie **Nahlik** deposited Carole and the three girls in St. Louis at 7840 Sunray Lane and headed off for RVN as a PSYOP officer. Numerous other trips to Nam by Charlie have been TDY so now he finally gets one that counts! Don and Jon Ann **Armstrong** are at Niagara U. on an ROTC assignment Dave **Griffith** writes that he is now a civilian in Los Angeles working on an MBA at USC. Hank **Porper** has also turned to civilian life and enrolled in the MBA program at Stanford. Mike **Clay** is now at RPI picking up pointers for a tour as a "P" in the math department. Duane Myers graduated from AOAC at Sill and then matriculated at Purdue. Class 6-68 at Sill to graduate in February includes Bill Smith, Wolfgang **Fletter**, and Mike **Cunningham**. Others to graduate in April include Fred **Gantzler**, John **Ellerson**, and Rudy **Ehrenberg**. Still at Sill in class 2-69 are John **Wyrwas**, Ken **Wall**, and Ralph **Mitchell**. Buzy **Rolfe** is in Korea with a missile

1963: Left to right, Hank Morris, Karl Beach, and Mac Otis in RVN.

unit. Steve **Goth** is out of the Army and attending Harvard Business School. Andy **Gothreau** is studying Russian as the first leg of the FAST program. Dick **Higgins** is working for the Dept of Doctrine and Plans at Sill. Understand that Dick is the proud father of twins. Others at Sill include Jack **Davis** with the Target Acquisition Dept and Frank **Gibbs** with a school support (STR) unit. Bob **Zelley** and Bob **Winters** are both Gunnery instructors. Art **Conlon**, after picking up a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, and an ARCOM with "V," went to Worcester Polytechnic Institute as an ROTC instructor.

The fall issue of ASSEMBLY has some good pictures of our 5th Reunion. Special thanks go out to Clark and Nona **Ballard** who hosted a cocktail party at their quarters on Friday evening. Some of those in attendance include the **Seidels**, Pat **Stevens**, Lou **Sill**, now a broker in NYC, Al **Thompson**, a bank officer in NYC, John **Ahern**, working for GE in Lynn, Mass., John **Ellerson**, from Fort Sill, Joe **Blackgrove**, engaged and on his way to Nam, and Mike **McCormack**. Others include Sandy **White**, Jim **Doherty**, Rog **Stribling**, and Don **Wolz**. Our first Reunion was quite successful with many thanks to Andy Seidel for his administrative work. Perhaps our 10th year Reunion will find only a few on short tours and the majority at West Point.

Received a nice card from Diane **Perry** and I would like to quote from part of it: "I wish in your next article you could express my appreciation to the many, many members of the Class of '63 for all their letters, cards, etc. I also want to thank all of them for dropping by to visit. It has meant a lot to me as the Class of '63 has a very special spot in my heart." Diane is teaching in Annandale, Va. and taking care of George IV.

Pat **Stevens** will take over the duties as Scribe. Please send all future news items to Pat; his address is listed above. With Pat at West Point it will be much easier to consolidate and control the activities and events of the class. It is hoped that in the future the duties of the Scribe will be passed on to other classmates stationed at West Point. I'd like to thank all our classmates and their wives for their contributions. I've really enjoyed hearing from so many. Best of luck to the new Scribe.

Lastly, but surely not least, congratulations to our new Majors. I haven't been able to compile the complete list, but some on the list include: **Capps**, **Eckert**, **Cook**, **Asbury**, **Silvasy**, **Seidel**, **Dorland**, **Leach**, **Lutz**, **Foley**, and **Carney**. My memory is failing at this point, but the complete list is out and a hearty "well done" to all. Dewey **LaFond**

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Things are looking up for me as the fledgling class Scribe. Many of you have written or dropped a note to keep me informed of your location and activities. And just as important, you have been considerate enough to include information about other classmates, so I must say thanks to those who have taken the trouble to write — you make my duties much easier and you add considerably to the enjoyment of those who read the column.

CONUS — First of all, let me say that I really enjoyed the many Christmas cards with family portraits on the covers. It is readily apparent that our Class has some fine looking families growing up. Dave and Ruth **Baratto** have two beautiful children named Dario and Carla (nice Irish names). Dave has been stationed at Fort Polk where he had a company for six months and lately has been a brigade S3. Ron and Betsi **Williamson** sent word from Fort Rucker that all is well and announce that as of 21 Oct. a new little Army aviator has landed — his name is Stephen Ronald. Ron is an operations-type working in the Tactics Dept down there at Rucker. Mike **Hartley** is working in the same place. Mike's wife, Balva, is expecting in Apr. Right now, Suzanne is the little cutie of the family and resembles Mike so much it is unbelievable. Larry, Louise, and Laura **Brewer** still reside at Rucker, and the last I heard Larry was still running the post — as aide to the CG. Norm and Jeannie **Anderson**, Carol and Dave **Latimer**, and Milt **Brokaw** were also reported to be at Rucker. Jim and Judy **McCormack** were there until around the midde of Dec. when Jim left for his 2d RVN tour, and Judy moved to Alexandria, Va. They had their first family addition on 9 Nov. when Leslie Meredith arrived on the scene.

I intercepted a letter by George **Lonsberry**, and from it I got some real good poop. George has left the Service and is working for a corporation in New Jersey. His wife Betsy and son Christopher complete the family. George visited West Point during the football Homecoming Weekend and picked up a lot of information which I will pass on. Bob and Gail **Ames** are at Benning attending the career course. At the game, George saw Jim **Gantsoudes**, Bill **Seely**, Pete **Kufeke**, Ken **Ordway**, Pete **Elson**, and Nick **Kemp**. Nick is flying F-104's in Yokata, Japan and was on 2-months TDY to the States. Ken is out of the Service. Jim is still stringing signal corps wire in Augusta, Ga. No info on the rest.

George also reported that Bill **Vineyard** was working for General Electric in Maryland; Brink **Miller** was at Fort Belvoir; John **Ward** was at Fort Riley and heading for the language school; Joe **Mastriana** was at Fort Bliss; Brendan **Quann** was attending a Language school in Wash, D.C.; Lenny **Fly** was at Fort Hamilton; Ken **Kvam** was at MIT; Herb and Mannie **Macia** were at Benning; George **Hromyak** was in his last year at med school at the U. of Kentucky; Mark **Galton** was at Fort Meade; Art **Kelly** at Monmouth; and that Sam **Lamback** was at the Yale Divinity School.

Other Christmas cards revealed the following information. Ted and Patti **Morgan** are enjoying Fort Benning along with their two boys, Danny and David. Doug and

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Sandi **Bennett** are still located in Williamsburg, Va. Jim and Donnie **Jinks** are at Fort Sill attending the career course. Dennis and Jackie **Culp** are at MIT. They are the proud parents of Dennis King III (nicknamed "Deke") who was born on 8 Oct. They also sent word that besides themselves and Ken **Kvam**, Mike **Amrine** and Leon **Yourtee** are at MIT and that Jim **Harding** and Bill **Murdy** are at Harvard.

Received a birth announcement from Sylvia **Haydash** telling of the arrival of Krystyn Michelle on 16 Sept. Sylvia said that Ed is the senior advisor for a Vietnamese airborne unit located at Ton Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon. He is scheduled to return in July. Bob **Hillyer** is in the same unit and should return the latter part of Mar.

The word from Leo **Spinelli** is that he he is still a bachelor (one of the few left) and that he is living in sunny California at Oxnard AFB.

Mike **Davison** wrote a nice letter from Fort Knox and had some good poop to pass on. Evidently, quite a few of the tanker types are undergoing the rigors of the advanced course at Knox. Mike says that some of them include Mike **McKinley**, Bruce **Sinclair**, Doug **Barr**, Dick **Gray**, Ron **Cross**, Seavy **Bain**, Frank **Lambert**, Mike **Prothero**, Arnie **Gaylor**, Pete **Schmeelk**, and Russ **Russell**. He also relates that José **Muratti** and Mike **Brooks** are assigned to the training center and that Pete **Meyer** is working in the armor school. Finally, Mike mentioned that he and McKinley drove to Columbia, Mo., for the ARMY-Missouri football game and saw Mike **Cook**, Jim **Cornell**, and Frank **Mashburn**. He said that with the wind, rain, and ARMY's loss, the only thing worthwhile was Frank's flask of scotch.

Hank **Thomas** dropped me a line and passed on his best wishes. As you probably know, Hank was hurt in a water-skiing accident more than two years ago and had to retire from the Service for disability. He currently is studying at Stanford for a master's in aeronautical engineering. His address is 13B Escondido Village, Stanford, California, 94305.

My most reliable contributor from the Infantry troops is Mel **Case** who keeps me informed from Fort Benning. Mel and Marilyn have been stationed there since July '67, and he recently got orders to attend the career course so it looks as if he is in good shape for awhile. Mel writes that Bill **Black** has been the CG's aide and is currently on orders to RVN. "Moose" **Mozden** works on Infantry doctrine (God have mercy on us doughboys); Art **Parker** works on the golf course as well as in the Weapons Dept; Jim **Muir** left the leadership committee on his way back to RVN, and Dan **Evans**, Tom **Kullman**, and Art **Lozeau** are on the Artillery team. Mel also reports that quite a few are in the advanced course down there. He says John **Otjen**, Marty **Michlik**, Jim **Beierschmitt** (who recently got married), Jim **Kotre**, Nick **Nichols**, Hal **Winton**, Barry **Hartman**, Lenny **Kresefski**, and Jim **Kofalt** have all been hitting the books recently becoming advanced Infantrymen.

Jeff **Kleb** dropped a line to say that he and his wife were expecting No. 2 in Dec. He is an ROTC instructor at Amherst and working for his master's in slavic languages. Jeff also reports that Ron **Lind** is at RPI preparing himself for the math department at West Point.

Another letter which I intercepted was from Russ and Toni **Pells** stationed at Fort Monmonth. They announced the arrival of Mark Harrison to the family as of 27 Aug. Russ finished the career course in Oct. and is now instructing in the A.D.P. dept. Their letter indicated that Howard and Nancy **Wilson** are presently at Fort Ben Harrison, Bill and Jane **Simonis** were at Fort Bliss, and Willie and Nancy **Brucker** were in the car course at Bliss.

Hugh **Boyd** is studying civil engineering at Princeton and writes that Fred **Pope** is in the Arty career course at Fort Sill; Art **West** is on his second tour in RVN, presently serving with the 11th Cav Regt.; Harvey **Fraser** works for IBM in Beacon, N.Y.; Ged **Brown** is at the U. of Illinois; Lee **Grasfoeder** is at Fort Leonard Wood; Larry **Bramlette**, Sam **Burney**, and Gary **Cecchine** are at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Speaking of Aberdeen Proving Grounds Dave **Binney** wrote a real nice letter from there which was very informative. He is presently serving as exec to the DCG of the Test and Evaluation Command. Dave said that he and Linda, plus many other classmates, had a real ball at the Homecoming game last year. He also attended the Navy Game and saw Johnny **Lang** and his new bride, George **Smith**, Len **Fly**, Paul **Bertelli** plus fiancée, Bill **Seely**, Howie **Wilson**, Larry **Brewer**, Rusty **McCormack**, Mike **Leonard**,and Chet **Kempenski**. Morey **Lent** was there also. Morey is attending the U. of Virginia Law School. Dave also revealed some other poop: that "Ranger" **LaVoy** recently got married and spent Christmas in Connecticut; he visited with Jim **Daly** and Bob **Magruder** at their bachelor's pad in Lawton, Oklahoma; that Jim and Judy **McNulty** are at the Arty career course; and that Mont **Hubbard** is currently stationed at the Air Force Academy as an instructor.

Ralph, Joan, and Wayne (two-years-old) **Corley** report from El Paso that all is well. Ralph is still studying ways and means that will enable the Army to overcome the Air Force's lead in missiles and rockets.

Leroy and Mary Ann **Mills** are stationed at SAMSO, El Segundo, Calif., and enjoying it very much. Al **Russo** is stationed at Hunter AAF in Savannah, Ga., where I believe he is doing some flight instructing. Dick and Marie **Nowak** are assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco where Dick is the aide to the Sixth Army Deputy CG. Mike and Babs **Bowers** were at Rucker for awhile, but I understand that Mike left for RVN, and Babs is waiting for him in Richmond, Va. Also, late word in reveals that Al **Carver**, Tom **Curran**, and Jim **Carson** are in the Fort Benning area.

Before closing the CONUS section of the class column, I would like to mention that Roy and Eileen **Buckner**, who are stationed at West Point, have very kindly agreed to "honcho" things concerning the Class Reunion. There is a lot of work involved, and we all owe them a note of thanks. Roy is working in the Math Dept at school.

Europe — I don't have a great deal of news concerning our class in Europe, but then, I don't believe there are many of us over here. Dixie and I were blessed with a young man named Michael Allen last 7 Nov. We've been enjoying life in the Heidelberg area, but around the first of the year, we are moving to Augsburg to join the 3d Bn, 19th Inf, 24th Inf Div for a little ground duty. I'll be performing the chores of an executive officer. Ron **Odom** arrived in Germany a short time ago to become the ADC to the DCINC, USAREUR. He will be stationed in the Heidelberg area. Milt **Tratensek** has also arrived in the Heidelberg area and is working in the Office of the Secretary of the General Staff. Bob **Tetu** is still in the Darmstadt area with the Aviation Section, V Corps Arty. I saw Denny **O'Connor** several weeks ago, and he was looking well. Denny is located at Hanau in a flying slot. I read in the papers not long ago that he received a DFC for actions in RVN. And John **Mulvaney** is still up at Wiesbaden AFB working hard for the men in blue.

Finally, I received a letter from Ben **Sternberg** a while ago, and he tells me that he and George **Domas** are enjoying the night life in Paris. Also, I assume both these fellows are doing a little studying.

Vietnam — I've received several letters from our troops in RVN, and I'll pass on their words. Huba **Wass DeCzege** wrote that he is commanding a company in the 503d, 173d Abn Bde. Huba is on his second tour. He was an advisor to a Vietnamese ranger battalion in I Corps his first trip and did a bang-up job. Denny **Gillem** writes from the 101st Abn Div that the Class is well represented in that unit. He says J.P. **Downey** and Pat **Graves** are in the G3 after commanding companies for awhile. Buster **Heneman** is working in the Office of the Chief of Staff. Ken **Eklund** commands the division LRP company. Al **Jones** and John **Arrington** work deep in the super secret part of G2. Pete **DesJardins** is Asst S3 of support command. Doug **Alitz** is Asst S3, 1st Bde. Per **Madsen** is working in the G4 shop. And Jan **Hughey**, Denny reports, is somewhere in DIVARTY.

John **Murray** relates that he and Mike **Bowers** are working in an FSCC in the Bien Hoa-Long Binh area. John sees many of our classmates who are passing in and out and reports that not long ago he saw **DesJardins**, **Hughey**, Steve **Bettner**, and **Heneman** — on their way home. He also reports seeing Bill **Chescavage** leave not long ago. Bill had an Eng Co., but was heading for an ROTC assignment at VPI. John says Watts **Caudill** left the 1st Div with two Silver Stars and a Purple Heart and is now on the ROTC staff at Lehigh College in Easton, Pa. Also, Bill **Guthrie** recently left the 173d for Georgia State.

Bob **Balderson** is with the 199th Inf Bde, performing the duties of S3 Air for the 2d of the 3d. He reports Tony **Hartle** in the same Bn commanding one of the companies. Bob just arrived in RVN on his second tour. While at Bragg, his previous duty station, he ran into Joe **O'Brien** who was in one of the signal units there on post. He also saw John **Hottell** who just returned from Oxford. John is married and has a company in the 82d — but was expecting to be assigned to RVN shortly.

Bill **Reynolds** is getting some command time with the engineers in Thailand. He is enjoying his tour building roads and airfields, but expects an assignment to West Point sometime in July. He reports seeing Mike **Moran** in Sattahip (wherever that is). Mike is a Bn S4.

A late note from Ged **Brown** tells the sad news concerning the death of Carl **Winter**. Carl was an Armor officer, but was assigned as an Infantry company commander in the 25th Inf Div when he was killed in action on 23 Nov. Funeral services were held in his hometown of Hemlock, Mich., on 7 Dec. Jeff and Pat **Louis** and Ged and his wife were in attendance. Carl is survived by his wife Beverly and his 16-month-old son, Curt.

Well, that is about all the information I

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have at the present time. Keep those cards and letters coming folks. Before closing, let me add one note. We are planning a Class Reunion this summer, and you will be receiving an information poop sheet soon, if you haven't already. Since we are working with outdated addresses, we are not sure that all will receive distribution so make sure you personally pass on the poop when you get it.

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We begin our column this issue noting the passing of Joan **Menninger**, Ed's wife, on 25 Mar. 1968 from congestive heart failure contracted a month after the birth of their son, Jeffrey Scott on 21 June 1967. Ed left his son with his brother and sister-in-law in California and is now an advisor with the 1st ARVN Abn Bn in Tay Ninh. Ed reports seeing John **Swensson** with MACAG, Terry **Ryan**, who's CO of special troops at USARV Hqs at Long Binh, Jerry **Ledzinski** with 5th SFG in RVN on an extension, Jim **Scheiner** outprocessing on the way to an engineer assignment at West Point, and Terry **Throckmorton** in Cu Chi where he's an asst adv. Ed also mentions that he replaced Ray **Pollard** who was medevaced because of hepatitis and a kidney illness with last word being that he might have to have a kidney removed.

Jim **Long**, S1 at the ARVN Abn Div Adv Det in Saigon, writes of seeing Ed, Ray, Harley **Moore** who is sporting a pretty wild mustache in the Engr Sec of 1st Log Cmd, Tom **Barron** who has a company in the 4th Inf Div, and Marty **Johnson**, an ARVN Bn Adv in IV CTZ.

Joe **Barkley** writes from Saigon where he's with MACV, Combat Opn Cntr, Joint Opn Cntr. He's run into Dick **Williams**, a RF/PF Training Center advisor in Bac Leiu in IV Corps. Dick has seen Bernie **Ziegler**, who is with STRACOM in Can Tho; Tom **Powers**, a MATS Senior Advisor in Bac Leiu; Dave **Gabel**, with the 21st ARVN Div Tng Cntr, and Nick **Principe**, a Ranger Bn Adv in IV Corp. Joe's also seen Dave **Jones**, a Subsector Adv in Quang Nam; Don **Rowe** in I Corp Hq; Jim **Hume** with the 2d ARVN Div in Quang Ngai; Rick **Wetherill**, a Bn Adv with the 25th ARVN Div; Bill **Sherrell**, Adv to 51st Ranger Bn; Jon **Thompson**, flying an OTTER out of Tan Son Nhut for the Embassy; Curt **Churchwell**, flying BIRD DOGS out of Phu Loi; Bob **Johnson**, with the 25th Inf Div; Denny **Coll**, S3 with the 3d Sqd, 11th ACR; Fred **Timmerman**, with G3 of 4th Inf Div; and Ray **Pollard**. Joe leaves wife Diane, and Chris, in Morrisville, Pa.

John **Knowles**, aide to Maj. Gen. Parker, CG of Engr Troops, writes of seeing Paul **Barber**, Ken **Slutzky**, and Nick **Merriam**, all with the 18th Engr Bde at Cam Ranh Bay; Ralph **Locurcio**, John **Wattendorf**, and Bill **Lyons**, all with the 20th Engr Bde at Bien Hoa; Rick **Charles**, Barry **Levine**, Tad **Ono** and Chuck **Nichols**, all with the 65th Engr Bn, 25th Inf Div; Rick **Sullivan**, Terry **Ryan**, and Jim **Harvey**, all with Hq, USARV; Bob **Timbrook** and Gil **Curl**, both with G3, IFFV; Harry **Joyner** (G3) and Rocco **McGurk** (Maint Bn) with the 25th Inf Div; Ed **Simpson** and Can **McConnell**, both with Hq, 34th Engr Gp at Vung Tau. John's also seen Frank **Reller** and Emery **Chase**, both Engr Co. CO's in the Delta; Steve **Ellenbogen**, who has an Engr Co at Qui Nhon; Roy **Garms**, in Engr Hqs at Long Binh; Pete **Cahill**, with the 199th Inf Bde; Paul **Singelyn**, who's S1 at the 8th Engr Bn, 1st Air Cav, and Wayne **Scholl**, recently in the 45th Engr Gp, but now in civil school.

1965: Wedding of William N. Ritch Jr. and Betty Ballagh of Newburgh at the Catholic Chapel, West Point, on 15 September 1968. Bill was an All-America lacrosse player.

Chuck **Moseley** sends word from Blackhorse, home of the 11th ACR where he shares space with several other classmates. They include Rick **Horst** and John **Funk**, both in the Regt Hq; Paul **Renschen** in A Trp; John **Hays** in B Trp; John **Longhouser**, recently of K Trp, but now at Benning; Jim **McEliece** and Jerry **Kelly**, both recently evacuated with wounds to Walter Reed and Japan, respectively. Chuck has also seen Tom **Powers** with a nearby RF/PF unit; Tom **Mushovic**, an ARVN adv; Pete **Becker**, Adjutant in the 2d Sqd, 11th ACR; and Tom **Borkowski** in Vung Tau.

Marty **Andresen** recently left the 25th Inf Div for the altar (23 Nov. 1968 to Della) and the Jan. Car Crse at Sill. He writes of seeing **Joyner, Chase, McGurk, Ono, Levine, Throckmorton,** plus Ed **Maness** with S3 of 5/2 Arty, Tom **Cindric** who has C Btry, 1/8 Arty, and Pat **O'Connor** who is with G3, 101st Abn Div.

Steve **Morrissey**, writing in Nov. (his 20th straight month in country) has a SF "A" Det near the Cambodian border. Steve has seen Jim **Ferguson** who Steve says was rather seriously wounded in Sept., and Lee **Atchley** and Steve **Kempf**, both in Bien Hoa. Steve is now at the Adv Crse at Sill.

Sherry **Ray** (Sonny's wife as of 12 Aug. 1967) writes from North Carolina about Sonny who is a RF/PF Adv in IV Corp. Sonny and Sherry enjoyed a Nov. R&R where he met his new son, Patrick Lloyd (3 Sept. 1968) and both are looking forward to a 29 Mar. rotation. Sonny has seen Jim **Hume**, Glade **Bishop**, and Joe **Kosciusko** at Tan Son Nhut. Sherry saw Rick and Marianne **Chapman** (Feb. 1968) at Benning from where Rick is being reassigned to the 137th Engr Co, 25th Engr Gp. She also heard from Tom **Barron**, attended Mike **Teeter's** wedding to Mary Belle Ball on 18 June 1968, and visited with Sandy and Rosemary **Hallenbeck** (Dec. 1967). She also mentions Ric and Patty **Shinseki** at Knox, Tom **Johnson** who's continuing work on his Ph.D. at UC, Livermore, and Kala **Kukea**, on his 2d RVN tour as CO of a LRP Co. and due home in April.

Skip **O'Donnell** wrote from the Oasis, Vietnam, where he was waiting out the monsoons with his 175/8" Btry. He has seen Pat **Donovan** who has a 105 Btry, Gil **Curl**, Larry **Strassner** who has C Btry, 7/15th Arty, Bill **Lehman** with the 52d Arty Gp at Pleiku, Frank **Meier** who has a 105 Btry, Jim **Talbot** and Jim **Tomaswick**, both with the 41st Arty Gp at Phu Cat, Mike **Drinkwater** with a missile unit near Tan Son Nhut, and Terry **Carlson** who has a 105 Btry west of An Khe. Skip also saw John **Pickler** and Joe **DeFrancisco** on their way out of the country headed for Sill.

Frank and Donna **Prokop** (21 Apr. 1967) write from Bitburg AFB, Germany, where they're enjoying their 3-YEAR TOUR (?!). No classmates over there that they've seen. Frank is playing soccer and as of last August should be a father.

From CONUS Frank and Cam **Hennessee** send greetings from Benning where Frank is at the Adv Crse. Bob **Cato** says hello from Sill where he's at the Car Crse along with Preston **Hughes**, Barre **Bernier**, Steve **Clement**, Larry **Clewley**, and Dick **Tragemann** who will all finish in late April. Steve will be married in April in Chicago. Denny and Dottie **Shantz** write from Edwards AFB in Calif. to announce they will become parents in late June. Others at Edwards are T.J. and Cas **Kelly**. Rick and Susan **Leary** and their little girl (8 Nov. 1968) recently left Edwards for Denver where Rick is studying for his Masters.

Lynn and Ed **Zabka** with 15-month-old daughter Lori write from Wright-Patterson AFB where he has been since graduation. Ed is attending AFIT studying for his Master's in Aerospace Engineering. Also at AFIT are bachelors Tom **deJonckheere** and Jerry **Stockton**, both studying Nuclear Engineering, and Tony and MaryAnn **Pyrz** (with son Paul) studying Civil Engineering. All four expect to graduate in June 1969. Others at Wright-Pat are Jerry **Dufour**, still single, Dick **Osgood**, married and working in the Avionics Lab, and Chuck and Lucy **Shaw** who expect their first child in Feb. Chuck works in Procurement.

Jerry **Merges** writes from the MI Adv Crse of Mark **Schwartz** and Tom **Fergusson** who graduated on 13 Dec. Mark stays on as Special Security Officer, and Tom heads for OPO MI. Both are still single. Jay **Vaughn** and Jim **Coughlin** just started the Adv Crse on 6 Jan. Jay's still single. Tom **Abraham** and Jim **Hardin** are also at Holabird. Jerry returned from RVN in August with Chris **Spire** and John **Seymour**, both branch transfers to Ord from Arty. Chris is married and has a girl Kimberly (almost three). Jerry and wife Janie have two boys.

Bob and Jeanne **Thompson** write from Knox where he's an instructor in the Armor School. Jay and Carol **Stewart** are also at Knox where Jay is the CO of a Stu Off Co. They are the proud parents of a son James V. Stewart IV. Jack and Joanne **Lyons** recently left Knox for the 6th Cav at Meade. Other classmates at Knox include Lance **Stewart**, John **Alger**, Bob **Frank** (all Infantry),

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Don **Appler**, Gil **Gilchrist**, Ken **Lemley**, and Tony **Gamboa**. All will finish in June.

Bob and Jodie **Guy** write from Benning to announce the pending birth of their first child in January. Bob heads back to RVN in March from his Ranger Tng Cmd job. Bob has seen Chris **Needels** and Hugh **Kelley**, both now in RVN, and Tommy Shaw, Wes **Taylor** and Bob **Zonne**, all in the Car Crse, and Billy **Mitchell** with the Ranger committee.

Becky and John **Bell** write from Tyndall AFB near Panama City where John is Chief of Data Processing, and Becky teaches HS history with an open invitation to classmates in the area to stop by for sun and fun.

And last, but not least, Mark and Linda **Walsh** announce the birth of a son Todd Eric on 11 Oct. 1968. Linda is spending her time in Wayne, N.J., while Mark completes his RVN tour.

My thanks to all those of you who wrote, and as a famous American once said—"Keep those cards and letters coming in, folks."

'66

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Greetings Fellow Classmates. The mail response has been great. I have a lot to cover, so I'll get at it.

Stateside, there are many at Fort Bragg: Ron **Caldwell**—17 Cav, Jim **Unger**—B/307 Engr, Gil **Ruderman**—Div Arty, Gene **Driscoll**—CGAide, Rick **Gorski**—Div HHC, John **Deponai**—47 Engr, George **Crocker**—HHC 1/325, Ed **Cattron**—A/2/504, Bob **Albright**—HHC 2/325, Dick **Swain**—3/320 Arty, Mack **Harnden**, and temporarily me.

Howard **Kirk**, Jack Marshall, Jim **Hackett** and Mat **Harrison** are with the Old Guard at Fort Myer.

Many of '66 are now attending career courses. At Fort Sill are Bob **Scales**, Tom **Dusel**, John **Eckert**, Bill **Whelihan**, Jim **Vivian**, Morris **Faber**, Mike **Strickland**, and Tony **Mazzarella**. Mark **Scureman** and Gaines **Dyer** are at the signal course, and Doug **Booth** and Dale **Anderson** are with the engineers at Belvoir. At Fort Knox are Rees **Barksdale**, George **Norton**, Jim **Rickens**, Gus **Blummfield**, John **Eberle**, Bruce **Auer**, Art **Grant**, and John **Hayes**.

Bonnie and Bob **Seigle** write from Fort Rucker that they have seen Blair **Williams** and family, Paul **Ekstrom** and family, Shay and Sam **Rizzo**, Cleone and Phil **Nelson**, Dick **Eklund**, John **Pappas**, Mickey and Mike **Grisafe**, Carol Ann and Welch **Agnew**, Sherri and Bill **Wight**, and Helen and Mike **Brennan** all are in the Aviation program.

Jack **Wheeler** and Art **Mosely** are still at Harvard and Mary and John **Boyd** are at Princeton. Bill **Rennagel** and wife are at Ohio State. Emily and Rich **Tarpley**, Mitzie and Dave **Ray**, Dick **Doty**, and Bill **Bishop** are at Fort Lewis.

For brevity, I'll combine the following: Jim **VanSickle**—aide at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Jim **Lester**—Fort Huachuca, John **McKnight**—Fort Polk, Tom **Kinane**—ROTC Pratt University, Ken **Waylonis**—ROTC Penn State, Phil **Riley**, Ed **Kane**, and Mack **Hayes**—Fort Benning, Wes **Clark**—Ranger School, Tom **Beasley**—Abn Bn in Panama, Laura and Rick **Thoden**—El Paso, Texas, Steve **Eisenberg**—C Btry 3/51 Arty in Philadelphia, and Tom **Wagner**—HHC Btry 3/43 Arty in Philadelphia.

Carol and Pete **Fairchild** write that the Air Force now has them in Burlington, Mass., and that they've recently seen John **Detrick**.

At Fort Wainwright are Kevin **Kelley**, Jim **Ophus**, and Carol and Pete **Kronberg** and daughter Dawn Marie. Pete is Commandant USARAL NCO Academy.

On extended R & R in Hawaii are Kathy and Vardell **Nesmith**, Karen and Gordie **Kimbrell**, Liz and Bob **Wysocki**, Alice and Lynn **Hunt**, John **Rantala**, and Marleen and Frank **Cosentino**. Frank is an aide.

Tom **Garrett**, Sam **Wrightson**, and Frank **McGoogan** made it back from the war. Merry Christmas wives — Sue, Mody, and Jeanne.

A few are hanging on in Germany. Barb and Norm **Fretwell**—Berlin, Donna and Reg **Audibert**—Frankfort, Boyd **Harris**—CO HHC CENTAG, Skip **Peery**—Post Engr Stuttgart, Jerry and Pat **Sands**—511 MI CO/66 MI Group, and Patsy and Ted **Lingle**—7th Cav.

Typically and appropriately, the great bulk of '66 is where the war is. Don **Rose**, Roger **Thompson**, and Wayne **Poage**—2/231 Arty (82 Abn), Tom **Swain**—FDO 1/21 Arty (1st Cav), Dan **Crawford**—FDO 1/40 Arty, Pete **Braun**—ARVN Arty Advisor, Kern **Morgan**—HQ Btry 2/33 Arty, John **Dubia**—A Btry 1/7 Arty, Doug **Laipple**—A Btry 8/6 Arty, Mike **Higgins**—S1 4/77 Arty, and Bob **Scales**—2/319 Arty.

On the Engineer side of the family are Jack **Welch**—S3 62 Engr Bn, Bob **Meccia**—Vinh Long, Mike **Hustead**—A Co 35th Group, Brian **Ashbaugh**—C Co 4 Engr Bn, Danny **Waldo**—A Co 70 Engr Bn, Paul **Mlakar** and Rich **Hlista**—14th Engr Bn Quang Tri, Gil **Brunnhoeffer**—15th Engr Bn, Jack **LeCuyer**—A Co 8th Engr Bn, and Hilton **Dunn**—3d Bde 4th Inf. Bob **Steenlage** and Jim **White** are signal. Jim has A Co 13th Signal Bn.

Also: Bill **O'Connor** and Bruce **Andrise**—25th Inf, Bob **Hicks**—9th Inf, Dave **Crowell**—IV Corps Advisor, John **Hanaberry**—TOC Duty Officer 4th Corps, Doug **Sims**—Refugee Advisor Can Tho, Rock **Salt**—PF Advisor III Corps, Ron **Marvin** and Emmitt **Gibson**—Asst G1's 4th Corps, Jouni **Keravouri**—43d Ranger Bn, Jan **Olkoski**—Advisor 1/15 Regiment, Jack **Norris**—21st ARVN Div, Mike Fellows—42d Ranger Bn, John **Carrow**—MI in Saigon, Frank **Meszar**—Advisor 4th Corps, Dave **Martin**—G2 staff XXIV Corps, Ron **Meier**—ARVN Advisor in Saigon, Ed Johnson—1/3d, Walt **Brinker** and Larry **Faust**—1st Cav, Bill **Otto**—101st.

In Country are Sam **Champi**, John **Carber**, John **LaRoche**, John **Tillson**, Ken **Schroeder**, Ed **Hathaway**, and John **Geiger**.

The tidbits of today are Nelson **Newhouse** was signal officer for the Bob Hope Show and ex-classmate Jeff Rogers is back in the Army and headed across the big water.

That's all for now. Please note my change in address. Happy New Year!

'67

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I know the entire Class joins with me in extending deepest sympathy to the families of Ron **Frazer**, John **Brown**, Rog **Fulkerson**, Joe **Pena**, Mike **Nathe**, Ray **Enners**, Rich **Bickford**, Mike **Parr** and Jim **Brierly**, who were killed in Vietnam, and Mike **Sands**, who

1967: Occasion was birthday party for Marie Frankiewicz at Bill and Donna Richards' quarters. Standing left to right: Elaine and Dean Kunihiro, Gerry Threadgill, Jack Wood. Seated left to right: Sandy and Tom Schwartz, Steve and Marie Frankiewicz, Judy Wood. On floor left to right: Donna and Bill Richards, Al Nahas and date, Susie and Jim Saine.

was killed in Korea. I would like to express my concern for all of you who have suffered from wounds. I am recovering from injuries received on 24 Aug. while serving as Recon Plat Ldr, 3/1, 11th Inf Bde. Pete **Summers**, who was a Plat Ldr with the 101st, is a patient here with me and was recently joined by his wife, Sherry. John **Goodnow** was here for a while, but he is now back to duty. He and Ann are at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Vietnam — Tom **White** is getting married 20 June in Detroit; everyone is invited. If you need further details, contact Tom at K Trp, 3/11 ACR, APO S.F. 96257. Bud **Shumate**, FOing with the 173d, recently participated in the first amphibious assault by an airborne unit in VN. Steve **Viney**, who arrived in country with Dick **Farr** and Phil **Burkett**, is a Recon Plat Ldr with the 101st. He recently met Sue and their new son, Mark Andrew, on Hawaii R&R. Jim **Saine** is with the 1st Air Cav, as Detachment Ldr of the 11th Pathfinders. Bob **Keck** is with the IG section of the 101st. He and Judith were able to celebrate their first anniversary together in Hawaii when Bob had a June R&R. With Bob are Woody **Spring** and Rich **Adkins**. In Sept. Bob and Vicky **Griffin** had a son, Robert Jr., born in Fla. Bob is a Plat Ldr with the 4/21, 11th Inf Bde. Ace and Margie **Clark** had a son, Matthew Shannon, born in Oct. Margie is residing in Hawaii while Ace is Recon Plat Ldr, 4/21, 11th Inf Bde. Kay **Harmless** is in Ga., waiting out Marty's tour. He is at Lai Khe as an aide in the 1st Inf Div. Bob **Keenan** is a Plat Ldr in the 4th Engr Bn, 4th Inf Div. With him as FO's are Doug **Williams**, Bill **Koch** and John **Frink**. Tom **Lanyi** is also there giving Armored protection.

Korea — Bill **Freccia** is getting married 22 Feb. in New York. If you are in the area, or can attend, let Bill know at 4111 Clarendon Rd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. Bill is Bn Opns O of a HAWK unit, and ran into Jack **Ziemke** who is Plat Ldr with a NIKE-HERC Btry at Inchon. Gussie **Butler** and Suzanne **Heath** are living together in Seoul while

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Craig and Razor are near the DMZ. Craig is a HAWK BC in the 7/5 Arty, and on 30 May, Gussie gave birth to "Bo"—Craig II. Razor is Btry XO now in the 2d Div's 1/15 Arty, after serving as a FO on the DMZ. Townie **Clark** and Chuck **Horwath** are Plat Ldrs of a Quick Reaction Force on the DMZ, and also player/coaches of the 2d Inf Div football team. John **Thompson** is stationed just outside Seoul, and John **Murrell** is with the 7th Inf Div at Camp Kaiser.

Germany — Earl **Walker** was married 5 June to Susan Porter at Fort Myer, Va. They live near Bamberg, where Earl is an S1 with the 2d Armored Cav. Mike **Riess** and Lloyd **Kinney** recently received the EIB while serving in the 4th Armored Div's 54th Inf. Mike is a S1 and Lloyd is a CO.

CONUS — George and Margie **Kolesar** are in Palmdale, Calif., where he is XO of an AD Btry. They will soon move to White Sands when George enters the NIKE-X program. Lou and Linda **Colella** are in Saugus, Calif., where Lou is a BC. They leave shortly for the Intell School at Fort Holabird. Wes and Bev **Spincic** are in Miami. Wes is assistant S3 of the 13th Arty Gp. Bruce **Baccei** was married 26 Oct. in Denver to Marilyn Syner. Bruce is stationed at Fort Carson with the 5th Sig Bn. In the MATA course at Fort Bragg are Al **Etheridge**, Bill **Richards**, Willy **Held**, Wayne **Schaltenbrand**, Tom **Schwartz**, John **Stewart**, Mike **Warren**, Bobby **Whaley**, Hank **Uberecken** and Aaron **Coe**. They should be arriving in country some time soon after the course ends. Bruce **Richardson** is aide to the 82d's ADC for Opns. After going TDY to Fort Sill, he'll join the 173d in country. Dean **Kunihiro** is with the 82d Div Chem Office and is awaiting orders for the Chem Advanced Course. Tom and June **Murphy** are at Fort Hood where Tom is Trp Cmdr with the 3/1 Cav, 1st Armd Div.

This wraps things up for now. Note the change of address, and let me hear from you.

Down The Field

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scholarships in January. They were two of 33 college football players selected, and ARMY was the only team to get two awards.

Other Fall Sports

This was ARMY's year in the 150-pound football, the Cadets having a historical edge in the even-numbered years while Navy seems to get the odd-numbers. Coach Eric Tipton's Mighty Mites won all six games and the Eastern Intercollegiate title. They named 24 men to the all-East team at the end of the season, and 12 of them were from ARMY.

Cross country ran into injury trouble again but almost came through against Navy. Running on a new course on the back nine of the West Point Golf Club, the harriers won six of nine meets. Second Classman Jim Kee was the consistent winner.

Soccer under Coach Joe Palone found Brown the toughest opponent. The Bruins beat the Cadets there during the regular season then came to West Point to win the NCAA quarterfinal game. It was the sixth straight year that ARMY gained the NCAA post-season tourney.

Fall Sports Captains

Leaders for the 1969 fall varsity teams have been selected in three sports. Lynn Moore, offensive halfback from Ponca City, Oklahoma, will be captain of the football team as ARMY enters its 80th season of intercollegiate play. Moore trailed Jarvis in rushing this past season and was third in scoring. The last back to lead the Cadets was Sonny Stowers in 1965.

John Veenstra of Hawthorne, New Jersey, will be the soccer captain. He has been a starter for Coach Joe Palone the past two seasons. All-League halfback Jim Lovelace from Richmond, Virginia, will captain the 150-pound team. Lovelace has been an offensive regular for two years.

Winter Program Underway

No sooner does one finish the fall sports schedule than it is off and running with winter sports. There are now 11 on the varsity level, skiing having been added by the Athletic Board for 1968-69. The ski team has been lacking sufficient snow to do all the training necessary, but the meets didn't start until the first weekend in February.

Basketball started strong with six straight victories including a second place in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament just prior to Christmas. Then the string was snapped, and the Cadets lost five in a row. Coach Bob Knight made some changes in his lineup, and things got better. Lack of a high scorer and the height problem which always seem to occur at West Point have been factors in the play to date.

Fencing opened with two upset victories over Columbia and City College of New York. The Cadets displayed strength in the epee in their first two matches and have a good chance to do well in the foil. Lieutenant Ron McMahan, former Eastern Intercollegiate foil champion from Pennsylvania, is the coach this year. Penn, Princeton, and NYU appear to be the big challenges in the future.

Gymnastics opened with victories over Pittsburgh and Merchant Marine. Changes in the rules this year permit five men in each event, the top three scoring. This could give ARMY a better opportunity, for while the Cadets may lack the big performer, they have the all-around talent in depth.

Hockey started strong, winning the first four games, then ran into trouble with a Canadian team (Waterloo) and R.P.I. in the R.P.I. tournament. But the team hit a winning stride after the holidays. Dave Merhar, captain and center, and Tony Curran led the East in scoring at the end of the first month of action.

Pistol kept right on winning, three all-America shooters from last year giving Coach Leonard Ross a good chance to defend the national intercollegiate title. Captain Jim Adamson, Vic Ross, and Phil Holden were national selections last winter.

Rifle went back to the coaching of Alfred O'Neill, who had spent a year in Vietnam. The team was undefeated after three matches and showed definite improvement. O'Neill notes that while the varsity is good, the Plebes have been equally powerful. Their scores have been even better than the varsity.

Squash had little trouble until the Harvard contest, but otherwise ARMY looks like it is heading for another good season. Of course, the Cadets still have to face Penn and Yale. Coach Bill Cullen continues to take players who have never held a squash racquet before and make them into aggressive competitors.

The swimmers gave Coach Jack Ryan his 100th ARMY victory and ran the season mark to 4-0 before they went to Yale. That was the same old story, Yale won. So the Eastern League race now turns to the battle for second place with Dartmouth and Princeton rated there along with ARMY.

Track staged a thriller with Harvard, ARMY winning the final two relays to take the meet, 57 to 51. The ARMY won its first four meets, giving Coach Carleton Crowell 11 straight indoor victories. In fact, Crowell didn't lose a single meet indoors in 1968. Records started to tumble early. Captain Larry Lemaster matched the mark of 1:10.8 made by Bob Foos in the 600, and Bruce Olson did the same to Gary Steele's effort of 6 feet 9 inches in the high jump. All four are on the current ARMY team.

Wrestling gained a tie with Penn State then suffered three losses. However, the grapplers recovered by blanking Yale 36 to 0, and appear to be back in business. The losses came to Maryland, Iowa, and Oregon State, all national powers.

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Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.

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Lewis Stone Sorley

NO. 3448 CLASS OF 1891

Died 15 August 1966 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 99 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

LEWIS STONE SORLEY

LEWIS STONE SORLEY was born in Liverpool, England, on 7 April 1867, while his parents were on an extended visit to Britain. His mother, nee Mary J. Stone, was from Mobile, Alabama, while his father was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who migrated to the United States and became an American citizen in 1848. Young Lewis was raised in Galveston, Texas, where the elder Sorley was prominent in the banking and cotton businesses and very active in religious, Masonic, and civic affairs.

Lewis attended the University of Texas in Austin for two years. Then, having won a competitive examination for appointment to the Military Academy, he made the long trip from Texas to West Point to take the entrance examinations, which, in those days, were given only at the Academy. With about 200 others, he entered as a candidate. In a few days he was notified that he had passed the entrance examinations and thus became a new cadet in the class of ninety-one.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 16th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah, which, in the nineties, was a delightful station for a young officer. About this time the War Department decided to organize Indian units in the Infantry and Cavalry regiments in the West, and Company I, consisting of 55 Sioux Indians from South Dakota, was added to the regiment. Sorley was assigned to this company. The non-coms were graduates of the Indian schools at Carlisle and elsewhere, and the company became a very successful organization. Mister (in those days) Sorley, though a mere second lieutenant, later commanded the company. In time, however, the project was abandoned.

In the summer of 1894, year of the great railroad strike, he was in Nevada with his organization on strike duty, guarding the railroad. In the fall of 1896 the 16th changed station, and he went to Fort Sherman, Idaho, on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

With the outbreak of the Spanish American War, the regiment went to Cuba. In the attack on San Juan Hill Sorley was wounded in the chest and arm; but, returning to the States, he recovered in a few weeks. He was later to receive the Silver Star and the Purple Heart as a result of his service in Cuba. While still on sick leave he married Nan Merrow of Galveston, to whom he had been engaged for some months. Then followed tours in the Philippines with fighting in the insurrection, transfer to the 14th Infantry, return to the States and duty with the 14th in San Francisco, where the regiment was rushed immediately after the great earthquake of 1906.

Now came four years as Commandant of Cadets at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. While here he wrote a history of the 14th Infantry, studied law, won his LL.B. degree at the University, was admitted to the bar in the State of Louisiana, and studied German. At the conclusion of this assignment he obtained a long leave and took the family on a six-month trip to Europe. In Berlin he attended a German language school for intensive further study and later spent two weeks with the German Army on field training and maneuvers.

Returning to the States, he was stationed in Montana and Washington (state) and, on promotion to major, transferred to the 12th Infantry stationed at the Presidio of Monterey and later the Presidio of San Francisco (in Pershing's brigade). Soon came border duty in Arizona, then to the School of the Line at Leavenworth, then to Hawaii.

After the outbreak of World War I he was ordered to Command the 13th Infantry of the 8th Division at Camp Fremont, California. In late October 1918, after their training period, the division moved East to leave for France. The armistice was expected to materialize soon, however, and this caused some uncertainty about sailing. Part of the division left for Europe, but the 13th Infantry, after some personnel of the regiment had actually gone aboard ship, was ordered to remain in the United States, and was distributed to Camp Mills, New York, Camp Merritt, New Jersey, and Hoboken, New Jersey, for mobilization duty.

Colonel Sorley, still commander of the 13th, was put in command of Camp Merritt, through which many thousands of troops were to pass as they were demobilized. He did a superb job here and received a letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, saying that he (FDR) was directed by the President of the United States to express the appreciation and commendation of the Commander-in-Chief for his (Sorley's) distinguished service as commanding officer of Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Sorley also received high praise from his immediate superior, Major General David C. Shanks.

In the spring of 1918 opportunity was given to field officers who had not had overseas duty during the war to visit the battlefields and military installations in France. Sorley applied for this tour and had a most interesting trip in Europe. En route back to the States he was appointed commanding officer of troops on the transport *Agamemnon*, sailing from Brest. The Navy had turned this ship over to the Army without a crew, just before the vessel was to sail for France. Because of the great pressure "to get the boys home" in a hurry, the Army had to get together quickly a sort of emergency crew composed of the poorest type of waterfront personnel, and on reaching France this crew was not allowed ashore. As a result the crew members were in an ugly mood, and on the trip home cossack posts of armed soldiers had to be kept on guard over them in the boiler and engine rooms all the way across the Atlantic.

The ship also was heavily overloaded with passengers. There was every variety of military personnel, including the entire West Point Class of 1921 (designation now changed to 11 June 1919), plus Red Cross girls and more than 100 war brides. Last but not least there was a Congressional Committee with wives, who were given the best accommodations. Because of the great overloading of the ship, the majority of those aboard could have only two regular meals each day, and at noon sandwiches and coffee were served by volunteers. The West Point class, through its commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harrison, volunteered to help in any way possible. Class members performed guard duty, helped in regulation of the mess hall and in serving sandwiches at noon. Speaking of this class, Sorley said: " they were the only disciplined and co-operative group on the ship of disgruntled casuals As an outstanding example of discipline and co-operation amidst many whose attitude was one of complaint and criticism, the Class of 1919 has ever had a unique place in my affections."

Sorley was now assigned to duty in the Office of the Adjutant General in Washington for two years, after which he attended the Army War College. Then he was sent to Potsdam, Germany, where, for three years he worked in the Reichsarchiv, selecting documents and translating them for the Historical Section of our Army War College. This was a most interesting mission, much enjoyed also by his wife and two young daughters, who spent part of the tour in Berlin and part in Paris and soaked up lots of German and French.

Upon returning from Germany in 1925, Sorley was appointed Chief of Staff of the 79th Division, an eastern Pennsylvania reserve division with headquarters in Philadelphia. This was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable assignments of his career. Here he made a great number of fine and lasting friendships and was in constant demand as a speaker at functions of many kinds in his area. It was a great pleasure to work with the personnel of the division, many of whom were dedicated, idealistic men.

In 1931, after six years on this rewarding assignment and 40 years of active service, he retired, electing to remain in this area where he and his family had so many fine friends and gratifying associations. He spent considerable time in writing and speaking on national defense and similar matters.

In 1943 Major General (now Lieutenant General) Milton G. Baker, Superintendent of Valley Forge Military Academy, organized for the War Department a training center for candidates for commissions in the Air Corps, and invited Sorley to teach the candidates military law. This project went so well that General Baker asked him to remain as a permanent instructor for the cadets at Valley Forge. Here Sorley taught German until 1949 when, at the age of 82, he retired from teaching. The Corps of Cadets conducted a retirement parade in his honor; and standing with him at this formation were his two sons, then on active duty and en route to class reunions at West Point.

In 1954 his beloved wife Nan died. This was a terrible blow from which he recovered

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very slowly, despite travel to California and visiting friends in many locations on his way back East. He moved to Washington to be near his two daughters. Years later he was to be saddened further by the death of his younger son, Merrow, (USMA '24), in February 1965.

Lewis Sorley was truly devoted to West Point. During these last years he attended June Week at the Academy practically every year and was very proud to be, on some occasions, the oldest graduate present, especially after the death of his old friend and one-time West Point mathematics instructor, Major General Henry C. Hodges Jr., Class of '81. Sorley's last visit to the Academy was in June 1965 when, at age 98, with the Superintendent, Lieutenant General James B. Lampert, he proudly and without assistance led the alumni to Thayer monument and placed the wreath thereon.

Later in the year he had a successful operation for cataracts, but his general health began to deteriorate. He could not go to West Point in June 1966. Although weakened he felt well and remarked how fortunate he was, at that age, to have "no aches or pains."

On 15 August 1966, suddenly and without warning, he had a "massive heart attack" — his first and only. Taken to Walter Reed, he died that evening, eight months short of 100 years of age. He was buried at Arlington beside his adored wife Nan; "the brave little soldier" as he sometimes referred to her. He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Frederick B. Lyon and Mrs. Nan S. Volckmann, both of Washington, D.C.; Colonel Lewis S. Sorley Jr., USA, retired, (USMA 11 June 1919), of Wayne, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, one of whom is Major Lewis S. Sorley III, (USMA '56); and seven great-grandchildren.

Colonel Sorley was a Marshal, Somerset Chapter, Magna Charta Barons, and was a member of the Colonial Order of the Crown, of the Americans of Royal Descent, and of the Sons of the Revolution.

Lewis Sorley was a man of the highest principles and a worthy son of the West Point of which he was so proud. He was kind, understanding, and generous; a fine husband and father, with the deepest affection for his family; and a true friend to his friends. His death brought great sorrow not only to his family but to his many firm friends in many places, who wrote touching tributes to Mac Sorley, '91. His work is done; his course on earth is run; and it can certainly be said to him, "well done, be thou at peace."

— *LSS Jr.*

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William Peirce Ennis

NO. 4013 CLASS OF 1901

Died 28 July 1968 at Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, aged 90 years.

Interment: Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts

On 30 July 1968 we laid to rest at Vineyard Haven an old soldier who had lived in retirement there since 1941. A whole generation had grown from cadets to generals since he had left the Army, and hardly a dozen men still on active duty had ever seen him.

In a sense, he had been born to disappointment: he was too young for the Spanish-American War and too old for World War II, while the 1918 Armistice came before his division shipped out for that war. Yet, although he never saw a round burst in combat, William Peirce Ennis was one of the great field artillerymen. A man of unshakable integrity and sincerity, unremittingly absorbed in every aspect of his profession and relentlessly determined upon superior performance in the organizations he commanded and the schools he supervised, Ennis attracted a large and devoted following among men ten to twenty-five years his juniors, men who were to be the field artillery generals and colonels of World War II. Many who attained four and three-star rank, with two and one-star officers galore, are proud to this day of having been "Ennis men."

William Peirce Ennis

During most of his service, he was a legend in the Army, and as with most legendary figures, stories about him were wildly exaggerated. A big man, in his prime immensely powerful, Ennis had a deep rumbling voice, which he almost never raised; but when he wished he could drill a mounted battery by voice alone, without the usual arm signals and bugle, and thus he acquired the nicknames of "Roaring Bill" and "The Bull" by which the whole Army knew him. Actually he was a very quiet-spoken man, notably compassionate and gentle, who loved to work with young men and horses.

William Peirce Ennis was born at the Presidio of San Francisco on 30 January 1878. His father was 1st Lieutenant William Ennis, 4th U.S. Artillery; his mother was Andrine L. Peirce of Boston. The father had graduated from the Academy in 1864; had been brevetted twice for gallantry in action with his light battery before the year was out; attained the rank of captain twenty-three years later; retired as a brigadier general in 1905; and enjoyed for five years (1933-38) the distinction of being our oldest living graduate.

The Ennises had lived for generations at Newport, R. I., and Captain Ennis spent eight years at nearby Fort Adams during young William's boyhood. In this environment William absorbed in almost equal proportions a lifelong love of the water, of the light artillery, and of horses.

Ennis entered the Academy on 19 June 1897. He won his "A" in football, baseball, and track (he held the Academy record for the hammer throw) and played on the hockey team. He was commissioned in the Artillery Corps on 2 February 1901.

In 1903, Ennis married Eda Totten, another child of the Artillery, daughter of Charles Totten (USMA '73). Probably no woman in the Army of her time has been more loved than Eda Ennis. She is a real saint on earth, always the first on hand to comfort the stricken and support the overburdened, her serenity ever unshakable — except only if someone attacked "Will"; she would not be happy about that! But if the offender were stricken she would be the first at his bedside. The only child of this very long and very happy marriage was William Peirce Ennis, Jr. (USMA '26), another field artilleryman, who married another Artillery daughter, and is now a retired lieutenant general.

Ennis spent his first three years with a light battery at Fort Hamilton, followed by four years at West Point, and then came three years at the Remount Depot at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. Ennis had always been deeply interested in the care, gentling and training of horses; now for three years it received his full attention, and he was generally acknowledged to be the greatest trainer of artillery horses we ever had.

In 1912 he went with the 1st Bn 1st FA to the Philippines; the battalion joined its regiment in Hawaii in 1913; and in 1915 Ennis was ordered back to West Point to command the Field Artillery Detachment, at that time an assignment of real prestige. "Roaring Bill" was admired in the Corps as a man who ran his business without a hitch and always knew exactly how much to demand from horses and men (including cadets). The legend grew apace.

At the end of 1917, he went to Fort Sill as Senior Instructor in the Department of Materiel, School of Fire. He became department chief and colonel (temporary) in May 1918. After the war he received the Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As Director of the Department of Materiel, School of Fire, from May 9 to August 30, 1918, his untiring energy, devotion to duty, and exceptional qualifications for the task he had to perform, were directly responsible for the splendid organization developed."

In August 1918, Ennis was promoted brigadier general, to command the 13th FA Brigade at Camp Lewis, Washington. At the age of 40, this master of his trade seemed well-launched on a brilliant career. Then came the Armistice; the divisions still at home were demobilized immediately; and as fast as practicable everyone was busted back to his Regular rank. In Ennis's case the busting was deferred during the period of his detail to the Army Equipment Board or "Caliber Board", a group of recognized experts who were to recommend the future weaponry for the field artillery, which had in a very short time grown greatly in importance. At the end of this detail, Ennis reverted to his Regular rank of major.

Ennis spent the next six years attending Leavenworth and the War College and on General Staff assignments. He spread his surplus of energy and curiosity in all directions. While he was G-4 in Panama (1922-25), he collected a group of fishing enthusiasts and purchased an old subchaser which they named "Papagallo". Initially, Ennis was the engineer. He personally rehabilitated the boat, patched the hull, disassembled the engines and restored them to working order, installed new shafts (kindness of the Navy); and "Papagallo" cruised the Gulf of Panama for years without breakdown. Meanwhile Ennis was studying navigation; he took the

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prescribed examinations and received a master's certificate for all classes and sizes of ocean-going vessels; when the first skipper rotated home, Ennis became master of "Papagallo" Every weekday he rose at 5:00 a.m. to supervise, before office hours, the gentling and training of a carload of wild horses, shipped to Panama as "polo mounts," that General Sturgis had asked him to "lend a hand with." The man was never tired.

As the Panama tour ended, Ennis received the greatest compliment the Chief of Field Artillery could offer: he was ordered to the Field Artillery School as Assistant Commandant. The Assistant Commandants of all the schools were distinguished officers, handpicked as the top technicians of their respective arms. Theirs were in fact command positions, under the Commandants as brigades are under divisions. Ennis's appointment came at a fortunate hour. There had been time to digest the lessons of the war, as well as the comparatively recent (1907) innovation in the American Army of organizing the field artillery for combat into regiments and battalions. The challenge now was to use all we had learned and therewith to develop a flexible, mobile, accurate, hard-hitting artillery for the future.

Ennis understood and was eager to meet this challenge. During the next four years he gave the highest order of imaginative and forceful leadership, constantly initiating new ideas and new methods to make the field artillery battalion an effective fire unit and to overcome the grave inadequacies which obstructed it: inadequate observation, communications, mobility, not to mention inadequate guns and ammunition. These quests involved dozens of able men not only in Ennis's time but right up to World War II; the sum of all their work brought everything to a marvellously-timed fruition and gave the United States such field artillery as the world has never seen. All we claim for Ennis is that in his term he surrounded himself with very able men — Devers, Honeycutt, Swing, Brooks, Sibert, to name a few offhand — led, inspired, originated, never turned down a promising idea, and throughout maintained the highest standards of instruction.

When he left Fort Sill in 1929, Ennis at 51 was still a lieutenant colonel. For two years he commanded the 2d Bn 16th FA, a separate battalion at Fort Bragg; for three years he performed General Staff duty for his old friend General Fox Conner at Boston; and for the next three years he commanded the 6th FA at Fort Hoyle, most of the time in command also of the 1st FA Brigade and the post. His final three years were spent on Organized Reserve assignments at Fort Bragg and Jacksonville.

Ennis's matured professional wisdom and his passion for complete and thorough performance were imparted, in small matters and in large, to those fortunate enough to serve in his battalion, in his regiment, in his Reserve units. Many very personal letters came to him during these years from men who wanted to thank him for all they had learned from him in man-to-man instruction. A senior general wrote him years later: "The most valuable school I ever attended was your one-student school for young Lieut. ..... What a pity every youngster can't have such a chance!" Up to the day he retired, Ennis was bending his talents to shape the artillery for the impending war.

Some years earlier, while he was Fox Conner's Chief of Staff at Boston, the Ennises had bought a home on Martha's Vineyard, where many of their old friends were settling. When Ennis retired in 1941, he and Eda went there to live, and immediately became active in local affairs. He organized and became the first head of Civil Defense on the Island, was Chairman of the local Red Cross chapter throughout the war, was a trustee of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, and a member of the town's Finance Committee. The old sea-lover soon got a large catboat, overhauled and re-rigged it, and spent his spare time fishing, lobstering, and teaching his grandchildren the fine arts of sailing. In his mid-seventies, he gleefully aided and guided a young friend, 15-year-old R.M. Packer, Jr., in building a 33-foot boat and installing its inboard power plant. He and Eda were never too busy to help those in need and were admired and fondly respected by the people of the Vineyard.

From time to time his old boys wrote him how his dreams for the artillery were coming true: light aircraft solved the observation problem; modern radio solved the communications problem; self-propelled guns and high-speed tractors and trucks made it easy for even the heavier guns to keep up with infantry in pursuit; better guns, better fuzes, highly effective fire direction methods, greatly improved survey methods, the "time-on-target" technique, armored artillery battalions careering around like Pelham's horse artillery . . . It was indeed the war of Bill Ennis's dreams in every way but one — he was ten years too old when it came.

But he had been a great pathfinder and a great leader of the arm, and in the clutch his boys all did him proud. He was entirely content to let his fame rest on that record, and so are we all.

— *Williston B. Palmer*

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Henry Abercrombie Finch

NO. 4458 CLASS OF 1906

Died 16 March 1968 in Claremont, California, aged 85 years.

Cremation

HENRY ABERCROMBIE FINCH

HENRY ABERCROMBIE FINCH WAS BORN 1 May 1882, in Huntsville, Texas, at the home of his maternal grandparents who had emigrated from Alabama shortly before the Civil War. Very early in his life, his parents moved to Fort Worth, Texas. His father, a lawyer, died when Henry was ten, and his mother returned with her family of four boys and two girls to Huntsville, where she raised them, earning a living by teaching music in a state teachers' institute.

After graduation from high school, Henry clerked in a local drygoods store, until a vacancy became available at the district United States Military Academy. He won the competitive examination, and entered West Point on 16 June 1902.

Young Finch was a good student, graduating sixth in a class of 77. He commented often on his surprise at his scholastic standing, stating that he had anticipated much stronger competition and did not consider his record so very good. He entered the Corps of Engineers and was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but was soon moved to Fort Riley, where the Corps was assigned to build a bridge over the Kaw River on the Indian reservation. Both officers and enlisted men were quartered in tents, where they were to endure a rigorous Kansas winter. The battalion was sent to Cuba in February 1907, as part of an expeditionary force designed to head off an incipient revolution.

Finch liked to tell of his conversion to the Army, as a career, brought about by the sudden change from snowdrifts in Kansas to orange blossoms, balmy nights, warm seabathing — not to mention the dark-eyed senoritas — in Cuba. He would say, "I intended to resign after serving the required two years with the Army, planning to be a civil engineer, maybe starting by driving a tunnel through the Andes. But Cuba changed all that! When I saw what the Army could offer — in Cuba, by way of contrast with Kansas — I told myself, 'Finch, if this can happen to a mere lieutenant — and he gets paid for such service! — then I'm in the Army for keeps!" Forthwith, out the window went all thought of resignation, a decision he never regretted.

Malaria sent him home from Cuba, and shortly he was visiting at the California home of his fiancée Helen Parker, whom he had met while at West Point. His recovery from the malady was very swift, and in April 1908, he and Miss Parker were married in Oakland, California.

Finch spent the next year between Engineer School and Washington Barracks, D.C., after which he and his wife went to the Philippines, where he was assigned to a company engaged in building land defenses on Corregidor Island. After two and a half years of very hard but interesting work, the Finches spent a three-month leave touring Northern China, Manchuria, Korea, and lovely Japan, before returning Stateside.

Back in the States, the Finches were sent on a Government sponsored trip to Panama, where the Corps of Engineers had been assigned the monumental task of building the Canal.

Finch's next assignment was in the Cincinnati District, where he was to take local charge, under contract, of the construction of the lock at Portsmouth, Ohio, and later, on force account, of the one at Vevay, Indiana. He found construction work fascinating and rewarding — not so, however, the tours of flood duty in 1913 and 1915, even though they taught him many worthwhile lessons.

In August 1916, having left his wife and infant daughter in California, Finch reported for duty with the Pershing Expedition in

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Mexico, where his company was assigned to hard, dusty road maintenance duty. The record made by his men was satisfying. Also satisfying was the fact that his own relationship with the hundreds of Mexican workers, hired to supplement soldier labor, was very good. His understanding of the problems of the under-privileged people and efforts in their behalf were compensated by extra effort on their part.

Soon after the Expedition was withdrawn in early 1917, the United States concentrated on preparations for the war with Germany. The 2d Engineers, with which Finch had served in Mexico, "gave birth" to the 5th Engineers, and as a major, Finch was assigned to temporary command of the new regiment.

They were strenuous days; no assignment lasted long. Finch once stated that within two years he served with seven different regiments. In the fall of 1917 he was transferred to an engineering regiment at Camp Lee, Virginia, where as a lieutenant colonel, he assisted in forming several Auxiliary Battalions.

Again Finch demonstrated the ability to get along well with people, particularly with soldiers under his command. Also he derived much satisfaction from maintaining friendly relations with rural French people during his service in France, which was in contrast to the prevailing faultfinding attitudes.

A few months later Finch was given duty with the Engineer Regiment of the 92d Division, stationed at Camp Sherman, but in May 1918, as that organization was transferred overseas, Finch was detached and sent, as a colonel, to command the 113th Engineers, 38th Division, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with which regiment he shipped overseas in September 1918, to France where the regiment received the mission of constructing a large air depot project in the Advance Section. There, Armistice caught up with him.

Change was still the order of the day. After the 113th was ordered home, he was assigned to the Engineers of the 82d Division, and later, to take command of the 6th Engineers, then with the 3d Division, stationed on the Rhine. He returned to the United States with that regiment in August 1919, and was at once placed on duty with the Militia Bureau, in charge of reorganizing the National Guard.

After serving five years in that office, Finch was happy to be given River and Harbor duty, in charge of the Los Angeles District, after which he had a four-year tour in charge of the Engineer School at Fort Humphreys, Virginia, now Fort Belvoir, and a three-year assignment as District Engineer in the San Francisco office.

In 1935 he took command of the 6th Engineers at Fort Lawton, Seattle, with which regiment he had served in Germany 16 years earlier, and from 1938 to 1942 he served as Corps Area Engineer at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, after which he was transferred to the staff of the Fifth Army Corps under General Krueger. Finch completed his active duty as commander of Camp Barkeley, Texas, and was retired due to age on 1 February 1944.

Many persons inspired and influenced Finch throughout his years of service. At the outset of World War I, a little pamphlet, "The Management of the American Soldier," by General David C. Shanks, impressed him deeply. As a rifle expert shot, he studied the system promoted by Colonel Alexander MacNab, and became a fully qualified coach. Under the inspiration of General Thomas H. Jackson, Corps of Engineers, he systematized in both classroom and field the instruction of Engineer reserve officers, and that system which he set up is followed at the Engineer School to the present time.

It was said that Finch never once looked at his 201 (Efficiency) File in the Defense Department, feeling that doing so might affect friendships with those reporting on his service. He felt that he already knew whether his work was good or not.

Throughout his service, he was devoted to the Corps of Engineers, and he declined several opportunities to transfer to other duties: An informal feeler from West Point concerning an instructorship; the opportunity to attend General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, which he passed up for two successive years; and being given a choice, he turned down, during World War II, an assignment that carried with it the temporary rank of brigadier general. He preferred to end his service at Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he served until, almost two years overage for grade, he accepted his retirement philosophically and without grievance.

During the time the Finches lived at Fort Lawton, Seattle, his daughter Mary Frances married Richard T. Young of Seattle. Young later became an Infantry major with the 3d Division, having served in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. After completing his service, Young became a lawyer, and he and his wife and family subsequently located in Claremont, California.

When Finch retired, he and his wife settled in Claremont, next door to the home of the Youngs.

The evening of Finch's life was spent in gracious living, with his wife, near their beloved daughter and six grandchildren. He died peacefully 16 March 1968.

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Fred Hughes Coleman

NO. 4591 CLASS OF 1907

Died 25 August 1966 in Richmond, Virginia, aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

FRED COLEMAN, AGE 16, learned about Army life in the Spanish American War. Mustered out of the 1st Arkansas Volunteer Infantry in 1898, Private Coleman returned to Camden High School determined that he would go to West Point.

Graduating USMA '07, Second Lieutenant "Spots" Coleman, Cavalry, joined the Army of Cuban Pacification. In his spare time, there in Cuba, he studied for transfer to the Ordnance Department. In 1909, while on Ordnance detail at Sandy Hook Proving Ground, he became a slave to cigarettes. However, it is a tribute to him that his unique arguments against smoking not only saved his children from the habit but his grandchildren as well.

In 1911, at Frankfort Arsenal, he married Helen Moorhouse. He also developed a munitions specialty which led to his resignation from the Army in 1915 in order to build and operate a munitions plant for the Bartlett Hayward Company of Baltimore. Records indicate that Mr. Coleman's products were of exceptionally high quality.

FRED HUGHES COLEMAN

In 1920, Mr. Coleman returned to the Army as a Major, Ordnance Department. Shortly thereafter, his classmate, Colonel T. H. Bane, persuaded him to transfer to the Air Service. Major Coleman became both an airplane and airship pilot and remained an active flyer until his retirement 21 years later.

Fred Coleman excelled in his continuous stream of diversified projects both on and off duty. In 1923, using dynamite and enthusiastic child labor, he blasted a new room in his basement from solid rock. In 1924, he built the only radio in the neighborhood that could be heard without earphones. In 1926, he led his family on a meandering 8000-mile camping trip which included a few days at West Point where he planted career seeds in three young minds. His harvest was a son in Classes '38, '39, and '40.

In 1934, as Commanding Officer of Patterson Field, Colonel Coleman's personal interest in draining the flying field by gravity brought success to a project previously thought impractical. His housing project for Patterson stands today as evidence of his interesting ideas.

Although Colonel Coleman was a forward thinker, his progressive ways were not always acceptable to his superiors. For example, as Commander of the Panama Air Depot between 1935 and 1939, he searched for the cause of a series of aircraft engine failures. Having traced fuel contamination to the "aqua system" for storing and pumping gasoline, he changed the Depot's system to direct pumps. The engine failures disappeared but, unfortunately, some frowned upon his solution. Although deeply disappointed, he lived to see all aqua systems eliminated.

In 1941, after 30 years of service, Colonel Coleman retired. Reverting to his munitions interest, he became Consulting Engineer for Proctor and Gamble's ordnance plant at Milan, Tennessee. Unlike his World War I experience, regulations now tied his hands. After two unhappy years, he departed in search of new adventures in agriculture.

In 1943, he bought "Evergreen," a farm rich in colonial atmosphere but sadly neglected. There on Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Eastern Shore, Colonel Coleman found a wealth of material for his inquisitive mind. The colonial home, along with its shore line and acres of marshes, woods, and fields, served as his laboratory for 22 years. He

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said he never worked but was just "interestedly busy" seven days a week.

Colonel Coleman was happy on his farm, but he may have sensed that time was short, for in April of 1965 he sold all and began to travel. With Mrs. Coleman, he drove the Alcan Highway and explored Alaska. He toured the West to Mexico City and then on to Florida. After wintering in beach front quarters at St. Augustine, he drove back to Virginia in April 1966 where, unfortunately, his cigarette damaged lungs caused him to become fatally ill.

The circle is now small of those who remember what Colonel Fred "Spots" Coleman stood for and accomplished. However, the code by which he lived lives on with his grandchildren. We are confident that his great-grandchildren shall follow through.

— Cols. John (USAF Ret) and Robert (USA) Coleman

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Edwin Hall Marks

NO. 4757 CLASS OF 1909

Died 19 December 1967 in Berkeley, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

EDWIN HALL MARKS

BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWIN HALL MARKS, U. S. Army (Retired) died in Berkeley, California, on 19 December 1967, at the age of 80. The Rev. Gordon D. Griffith officiated at private services at St. Clement's Church, Berkeley, on 21 December 1967. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Edwin Hall Marks was born at Wilmington, Delaware, on 2 July 1887, the son of the Rev. Lafayette Marks and Elizabeth Nevin Marks. He graduated from Wilmington public schools, and was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Senator Du Pont, who greatly admired the character and civic accomplishments of the boy's mother. She must have been relieved, for she had always feared this son would "go on the stage," since he carried a spear in many a chorus at the theatre in Wilmington, and seldom missed any play or musical which came to town. He entered in June 1905, was graduated 11 June 1909, number 8 in his class, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. It was in this arm of the service, except for General Staff assignments, that he devoted his entire military career. His service as an officer of the Army and of the Corps of Engineers was extremely broad in scope, having covered all phases of these activities — troop command, training and teaching, civil works and military construction, and staff. And to all of these, his own temperament, inherent natural ability, and his training were equally well directed.

Following his commissioning in 1909, his early assignments laid the basis for his future broad capabilities. This included the Panama Canal Zone when the Canal construction was most active; at Rock Island, Illinois, on Mississippi River problems; at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Ohio River activities; at the U. S. Army Engineer School, Washington Barracks, D. C., as a student; duty with engineer troops — 1st Battalion of Engineers; surveying in Guam; and engineer troop and staff duty in the Philippines at Corregidor and Manila.

Upon his return to the United States in 1915, his experience was further broadened by service at Detroit, Michigan, at the Engineer District Office and the U. S. Lake Survey. He was to serve further on the upper Great Lakes — Duluth, Minnesota — after World War I.

Before the outbreak of World War I he had become an instructor in the Department of Engineering at the U. S. Military Academy. But the mobilization for the War required his abilities, and he served at several Engineer Officers' Training Camps and in the organization and training of the 20th Engineers (Forestry). He was in France with the American Expeditionary Forces from May 1918, where he commanded the 20th Engineers and was in charge of the Forestry Section of the Division of Construction and Forestry, A.E.F. By this time he had been promoted to Colonel of Engineers, U. S. Army. The end of World War I found Colonel Marks on duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, in Washington, D. C., where he remained until 1921.

During the 1920's, Colonel Marks reverted to his permanent grade of Major, Corps of Engineers. He was District Engineer in charge of the Duluth and St. Paul, Minnesota Districts; a student officer at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was an Honor Graduate; in command of the 13th Regiment of Engineers at Fort Humphreys, Virginia; a student officer at the Army War College; and then was assigned to the War Department General Staff.

During the 1930's Major Marks served on the General Staff while General MacArthur was Chief of Staff; was District Engineer of the Galveston, Texas, District from 1933 to 1937; was District Engineer at Buffalo, New York, 1937 to 1938; and then became the Division Engineer in charge of the great Ohio River Division at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1938. In 1937 he was an official delegate to the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congress meeting in Europe.

In 1933 Major Marks was promoted to the permanent rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, and in 1938 to Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

As World War II approached, Colonel Marks was promoted to Brigadier General, Army of the United States, in April 1941, which grade he held until the war was over, and in which grade he was retired.

Immediately following this promotion, General Marks was transferred to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the home of such important engineer activities as the Engineer School (including the Officer Candidate School), the Engineer Training Center (enlisted personnel), and the Engineer Board (research and development). He was in command of all of these, in addition to the general Post administration. It was one of the biggest and most important Engineer positions in support of the war effort, and his success in it won him the Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1944 there was need for an executive of General Marks' qualifications as Division Engineer, Southwestern Division and Engineer of the 8th Service Command at Dallas, Texas. In that area (Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas) there were large wartime military construction requirements for the Army (including the Air Corps) as well as river and harbor activities in support of the war effort, and flood control. General Marks was selected for this position. Upon his transfer from it after the war, he was awarded the Legion of Merit in recognition of his service.

General Marks' last assignment prior to his retirement in 1947 was as Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, at San Francisco, California. This still involved responsibility for military construction and planning for California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Colorado. In this position he was also a Member of a Joint Army and Navy Board for Crossings of San Francisco Bay.

After his retirement for physical disability in mid-1947, General Marks continued to reside in Berkeley, California, engaged in various civic activities, and was a Member of an Advisory Commission, Institute of Traffic and Transportation Engineering, University of California.

General Marks was a Life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the Society of American Military Engineers, the two most important professional societies in America in his field of endeavor. His membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers was as follows: Junior 1913, Associate 1916, Member 1938, Fellow 1959. He was a Charter Member of the Society of American Military Engineers. He was also a Member of the Army-Navy Club, Washington, D. C., of the Army-Navy Country Club, near Alexandria, Virginia, and of the St. Francis Yacht Club, and the Commonwealth Club of California. He served as a vestryman at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California.

General Marks married Miss Margaret Ainsworth of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in 1917. She died in 1940, leaving two sons, Edwin Hall Marks Jr., and Willard A. Marks. Both sons graduated from the Military Academy, served in the European Theater during World War II, were wounded in action, and received battlefield decorations. Edwin Jr., is still an active Army officer in the grade of Colonel, and Willard was retired in 1947 as the result of his war wounds. He is now actively in business near Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both sons are married, and each has three children.

General Marks and Miss Josephine Clark Galbraith of Cincinnati, Ohio, were married in November 1941. They had a happy and purposeful life together, both prior to and after his retirement. Their mutual hobbies included symphony concerts, oil and watercolor painting, photography, fishing for rainbow trout in the High Sierra, and frequent European jaunts in their Hillman-Minx.

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In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit decorations referred to above, General Marks was made a Commander in the order of Orange-Nassau, Netherlands.

General Marks had inherited a love of music from both parents. His father taught him violin, and the composer Ethelbert Nevin was his mother's cousin. As a young man, he became the friend of Victor Herbert, who often entertained him in his apartment, and also took him to the Lamb's Club. At this time, too, he was to become the lifelong friend of the accomplished actor, Sydney Greenstreet.

Perusal of other than official publications and records gives an insight into some of General Marks' personal characteristics. The Furlough Book of the Class of 1909, published in 1907, carried a cover illustration and an illlumination drawn by him, showing high artistic ability, for he was first in his class in freehand drawing. This same publication refers to him in these terms, "He bears his blushing honors thick upon him." The 1909 HOWITZER shows him a Cadet Lieutenant. He was also a member of the HOWITZER Board (Athletic Editor) and a member of the Glee Club, Stage Manager for the Hundredth Night performance, and a member of the Hundredth Night Chorus. He was Captain "Kiki" of the palace guards, and the name "Kiki" stuck with him among his older friends throughout his lifetime. General Marks was an accomplished horseman and, in his younger years as an officer, owned and raced his own horse. "The Rasp, 1912," published by the Class of 1912, Mounted Service School, shows "Lieut." Marks up on "Phoenix Stag," and refers to a gold cup put up by the Washington Jockey Club for military races which became the permament property of the Corps of Engineers which won it twice — in 1910 and 1911. It is presumed that "Lieut." Marks participated in these victories.

General Marks was an officer and gentleman in the highest application of those terms. His service as an engineer officer of the Army covered some of the most important assignments that can be given one, all accomplished with distinction. And what is not always the case, he was able to handle such assignments and to produce such results while preserving the respect of his associates. For he was always a gentleman in bearing, attitude, appearance, and temperament. Here I wish to quote from remarks made at his funeral by the rector of his church, the Reverend Gordon D. Griffith. It is needless for me to say that I, who knew him well, concur thoroughly in the picture they present.

"It is customary to say at such a time as this that we come to pay our last respects to the person who has departed this life. As long as we have memories, however, we shall respect General Marks for what he was, and especially for what he meant to each one of us.

"We shall respect his as husband, father, and grandfather.

"We shall respect him as a Senior Army officer and remember with gratitude his services to his country.

"We shall respect him as a citizen of Berkeley and for his contributions in so many ways to the community.

"We shall respect him here at St. Clement's as a faithful member of the parish, and as a conscientious Vestryman and Junior Warden.

"But above all, we shall respect him for what he basically was — a gentle man; one whose unfailing courtesy, kindliness and sheer goodness won for him a sure place in the affection of everyone who knew him.

"He was a 'parfait knight,' and the world, and we are the sorrier for his passing.

"May he rest in peace."

—*D. F. J.*

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John Nathaniel Hauser

NO. 5035 CLASS OF 1912

Died 26 December 1967 in Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JOHN NATHANIEL HAUSER

JOHN NATHANIEL HAUSER was born on 4 May 1889 in New York City, the son of Louis A. Hauser, a Manhattan businessman, and his wife, the former Erna Durlacher. He attended public schools in the city, and entered Cornell Univerity in September 1907. An appointment to West Point became available before the end of his freshman year, however, so he left Cornell and entered West Point in one of the few classes to enter in the spring (a short-lived experiment designed to give the Plebes an academic start before the rigors of summer training). He performed well as a cadet, rising to the rank of quartermaster officer on the Corps Staff, and participating widely in extracurricular activities and athletics, including the basketball and gymnastics teams. He graduated eighteenth in his class in June 1912.

His first assignment was to the 5th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served in Battery A for nearly three years, a tour of duty including border service in Arizona and Texas. He married Dorothy Ohmer of Dayton, Ohio, in 1914. In October 1915, he transferred to the 1st Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, and in 1916 joined the 9th Field Artillery which was formed from the 1st. Promoted to major in July 1918, he joined the 60th Field Artillery at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, which was then preparing for overseas movement.

After the Armistice, duty for the next several years consisted of ROTC assignments at Columbia University and the University of Nebraska, and a year of battalion command in the 3d Field Artillery. During this same period, a son was born, John Nathaniel Hauser Jr., and the normal course of duties was enlivened with a short tour in Germany attending the Artillery School at Trier.

Assigned in 1922 as Artillery Instructor of the Organized Reserve Corps in Dayton, Ohio, he lost his first wife through illness. Stationed at Ohio State University as an assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics from 1923 to 1927, he was married in 1925 to Charlotte McCorkle, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Charles M. McCorkle of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Two children were born of this marriage, Charles in 1929 and William in 1932. Other duty assignments included the Field Artillery Advanced Course in 1927-28, Command and General Staff College in 1928-29, and command of the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery from 1929 to 1931. After five years as an adviser with the Pennsylvania National Guard, he attended the Army Industrial College in 1936-37.

From 1937 to 1938, John Hauser was Executive Officer of the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then served as Commanding Officer of the Oklahoma District of the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1938 to 1940. His first wartime assignment was as Chief of Staff of the United States Lend-lease Mission to the Soviet Union, where he served with distinction in a trying assignment. In 1943, he activated and took overseas the 8th Replacement Depot, and served with it in the North African and Italian campaigns. A final wartime assignment, 1944-45, was in the China-Burma-India Theater where he was theater replacement officer. For this duty, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the citation emphasizing the complexities and difficulties of the postwar demobilization.

After the war, John Hauser served a year as Deputy Post Commander of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he and his wife Charlotte made many good friends in the community of Fayetteville, which was later to be their retirement home. His final duty was Post Commander at Fort Stewart, Georgia, from which he retired in 1949 at the age of 60.

Life in retirement was, after a bit of restlessness due to being "out of harness," pleasant and rewarding. The Hausers established themselves firmly in church and community life in Fayetteville, and spent much of their time at a beach cottage on the coast. They also found time to travel, making three trips to Europe and one to Hawaii. These were also years of parental pride. One son, Charles, served with distinction as an Artillery lieutenant in the Korean War, and then returned to a successful career as a foreign correspondent and then as newspaper editor. The younger son, William, graduated from West Point in 1954, and continues on active duty in the Army. In the fall of 1967, shortly before John Hauser's death, he was gladdened by the happy news that one son was promoted to lieutenant colonel and that the other would soon present him with another grandchild.

And then the end came very quickly. On the 17th of December, John Hauser suffered a mild heart attack. Doctors recommended a hospital stay of several weeks as a precaution. He appeared to be recovering nicely, but on the 26th he suffered another attack. It was all over in a few minutes, a sudden and virtually painless death, an end that he himself had said he would prefer when his time came. A memorial communion service

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was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, and the church was filled with friends from Army days and two decades of community life. He was buried at Arlington on 29 December 1967, beside the grave of his eldest son, John, Class of 1941, who died in World War II. The funeral service was performed beautifully by the 3d Infantry honor guard, and the family was comforted by the thought that he would have been pleased at the smartness of the matched greys that pulled the caisson — a fitting last ride for a man who began his 41-year career in the horse-drawn Artillery.

Forty-one years. Forty-one years, as General Omar Bradley wrote in a retirement letter, of "devoted and loyal service." And what did John Nathaniel Hauser himself think of those 41 years in his country's service? The answer is best expressed in his own words, in a letter he wrote to a friend several years ago. "Would I live this same life over again, given the choice? There is only one answer, *I would*."

— *W. L. H.*

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La Rhett Livingston Stuart

NO. 5227 CLASS OF 1914

Died 4 September 1967 in Hemet, California, aged 75 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

La Rhett Livingston Stuart

With his Army background, La Rhett's entering West Point, and devoting his life to a career of Army service, could have been predicted. His maternal grandfather was Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston of the Class of 1853, and his father was Sidney E. Stuart of the Class of 1880, who was commissioned in the Artillery, transferred to the Ordnance Department, and was killed in an accident at an Ordnance Arsenal in Delaware in 1889.

La Rhett was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1892, and entered with the Class of 1914 on 1 March 1910. He was a model cadet. He attained the rank of cadet lieutenant, was popular in the class, deeply religious, and was on the Advisory Committee, Young Men's Christian Association. His write up in the 1914 HOWITZER contained the following: "He is a mighty efficient man. He takes pains to do his work well — he always does it well — and without any fuss about it. We feel sure that he will always be well liked wherever he goes." His sincerity, popularity, and valuable service as a commissioned officer fully confirmed this estimate and prediction.

It was through me that he met the sweet and gentle young woman, whom you will remember as Dorothy Clark, and who was later to become his devoted wife.

Upon graduation, La Rhett was assigned to the Coast Artillery. His first station was Fort Monroe, where he spent one year. During this year, he married Dorothy on 28 April 1915.

With our entrance into World War I impending, La Rhett was assigned to Fort Andrews, Massachusetts, in September 1915, and served there for two years.

Of course, he realized that the primary and ultimate goal of military service is the defense of our country, and I know he hoped for combat duty overseas when the United States entered the war; but his hopes were not realized. He was assigned as instructor at West Point in 1917, and was on duty there for five years, in the Department of Chemistry. When this long tour ended, he attended the Coast Artillery School Battery Officers' Course as a major.

His subsequent military education was complete. He graduated from the Coast Artillery School Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff School, and the Army War College. Between these school details were tours of duty with the Coast Artillery, in various ranks and command assignments: in the Canal Zone, at Fort Monroe, in the Philippines, and in San Francisco. He completed the course at the Army War College in 1938.

This was followed by a four-year tour of duty in the Operations Branch, G1, of the War Department General Staff, and he became a colonel in 1941. This detail enabled him to meet many officers of the same or higher rank and of all branches of the service. Fortunately, there are two retired generals in San Antonio who served with him in G1, War Department General Staff: Ike Spalding '12 and Jim Walker '20. When I talked with them, each spoke of what a conscientious, hard-working, and capable staff officer La Rhett was, and of his high traits of character.

Throughout his career in the Coast Artillery Corps, La Rhett had been interested in the Antiaircraft Artillery as an essential weapon to keep pace with the rapidly developing aerial bomber. He was fortunate in being allowed to specialize more in Antiaircraft Artillery than the average officer was able to. After completing his General Staff detail in 1942, he commanded the 6th Coast Artillery Regiment at Fort Winfield Scott, California, for two months, when he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Thereafter, he organized, trained and commanded Antiaircraft Artillery units at Fort Sheridan; Camp Davis, North Carolina; Camp Callan, California; Camp Stewart, Georgia; Mitchel Field; and Camp Pickett, Virginia until October 1944, when his opportunity for service in the Philippines finally came.

Here I must digress to say that several years earlier, Dorothy was stricken with a serious illness, requiring an operation and hospitalization. It appeared for several years that the operation had been successful. La Rhett went to Southeast Asia, and took part in the New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon campaigns. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service from 10 December 1944 to 3 July 1945. He first served as Deputy Commander, 14th Antiaircraft Command, showing brilliant leadership in training units for combat operations, and later was Commanding General of the 102d Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, establishing antiaircraft defenses in the Clark Field and Subic Bay areas, and supervising the installation of intricate and effective warning systems for the protection of troops and civilians. I have been briefly summarizing his Legion of Merit citation, which ended with "By his superior leadership, initiative and devotion to duty, General Stuart made a noteworthy contribution to the success achieved by the 14th Antiaircraft Command in the campaign to liberate the Philippine Islands."

After returning from the Philippine Islands and reverting to the rank of colonel, La Rhett became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of San Francisco in April 1946, and served as such for five years until his retirement as brigadier general on 31 July 1951. It was during this Reserve Officer Training Corps detail that Dorothy again became seriously ill.

For some time, they had planned to spend the retirement years in Encinitas, California, where one of their two sons lived; and prior to his retirement, La Rhett and Dorothy bought a three-acre place there, on which they built a beautiful and spacious home, designed by his son, Theodore, an architect. Their plans for the future were not to be fulfilled.

When La Rhett was retired on 31 July 1951, he and Dorothy moved into their home. She was then very ill, and in less than one week she had to be taken to the Camp Pendleton Hospital, where she died a few days later. She was laid to rest in the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco.

After the loss of Dorothy, La Rhett continued to live in Encinitas alone. Gradually his health deteriorated, and, in 1956 he bought a trailer and moved to Hemet, California, which afforded a dryer climate, and was close to the March Air Force Base Hospital in Riverside. During the last two years before his death, he began to have numerous heart attacks, and had to use crutches because of poor circulation, so he moved into a rest home.

Finally, the end of the road came, due to a heart attack, and he was laid to rest beside Dorothy.

La Rhett's service was an ornament to his profession. West Point and 1914 have reason to remember him and his service with pride, and his passing with regret.

He is survived by two sons: La Rhett L. Stuart Jr., 204 Fuller Lane, Winnetka, Illinois 60093, and Theodore C. Stuart, 565 Requeza Street, Encinitas, California 92024; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Stuart Wheeler, and a brother, Sidney E. Stuart, both of 1421 West 13th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66604; and three grandchildren.

— *J. H. C. '14*

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John David Miley

NO. 5584 CLASS OF 1916

Died 18 November 1967 at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, aged 74 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Jack Miley was an Army boy, born on an

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JOHN DAVID MILEY

Army post in California, one of a long line of West Point graduates. His father, grandfather, and two great-grandfathers were all graduates of the Military Academy.

Jack went to West Point in 1911 as a member of the Class of 1915 and immediately became well-known to his classmates when he won the indoor gym meet, a feat never before accomplished by a Plebe.

Unfortunately, Jack was not as good in his studies as in athletics and was turned back and graduated in the Class of 1916. Many of his original 1915 classmates as well as his 1916 classmates continued close and personal contact until his death. Ike Eisenhower wrote Jack, not long before his death, to say he had heard of his illness and wished him a speedy recovery.

Upon graduation in 1916, Jack became a second lieutenant of Infantry assigned to the 36th Infantry Regiment at Brownsville, Texas. From then until February 1917 he continued to serve on outpost duty on the Mexican Border and at Army posts in Texas. On his 24th birthday, 15 May 1917, he was promoted to captain. At the time of his promotion he was serving at Fort Clark, Texas.

Upon the outbreak of World War I, Jack was transferred to the 40th Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he served only a short time before being sent to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and then to Camp Custer, Michigan, the location of the Headquarters of the 14th Division of which the 40th Infantry was a part.

Shortly after his arrival at Camp Custer he was selected to be a member of the Division Staff and was promoted to major. The Division remained in training at Camp Custer until the end of the war where, much to his regret, Jack continued to serve as Assistant Chief of Staff. He always felt he should be serving with a unit in combat and regretted that he did not see action on the battlefield in Europe in World War I.

After the war Jack was assigned to the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as Assistant Executive Officer, the first of three tours at Fort Leavenworth. Here he served for four years before going on foreign service to Tientsin, China. His next assignment was as a student at the Advanced Course at the Infantry School. To further his military education he was then sent to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Jack's assignments were all of the career-building type designed to fit him for high command which he no doubt would have achieved had he not been hospitalized in 1931 and sent to Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver where he was retired for physical disability in 1933.

It was here at Denver that he met his wife Ida Rodeberg whom he married in December 1932. They lived in Denver until the outbreak of hostilities in World War II. During this time Jack was in the construction business. He built and sold a great many houses in an area which is now the heart of Denver.

In March of 1941 Jack applied and was accepted for active duty. He had been completely cured of the tuberculosis which caused his retirement in 1933. He served from 1941 to 1948, during which time he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

His experience with the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth led to another tour in the same assignment and, later, to the position of commander of the combined Discipinary and Prisoner of War Camp at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After the war he was sent to Texas on ROTC duty. Here he again was hospitalized, and some time later, in 1948, was retired for the second time for physical disability.

Jack and his wife decided to settle finally at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he had a host of friends acquired during his many active duty assignments at Fort Leavenworth. Jack kept busy to the end with many varied interests. He bought and managed a small apartment building in Leavenworth. He built a cottage in the mountains 20 miles from Denver where he and his wife spent their summers.

Jack's chief asset was his personality. His friends were legion. Everyone who knew Jack liked him, and it is doubtful that he had an enemy in the world.

Jack is survived by his wife, Ida R. Miley, of Leavenworth, Kansas; a brother, Major General William M. Miley; two sisters and a great many true and devoted friends.

— His brother Bud — Class of June 1918

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Julian Lamar

NO. 5980 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 8 September 1967 at Atlanta, Georgia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Summerville Cemetery, Augusta, Georgia

JULIAN KITCHEN LAMAR MILLER was born in Augusta, Georgia, on 14 October 1893. When he passed away at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, on 8 September 1967, he was the noted Julian Lamar, a well-known portrait and landscape artist who had many thousands of paintings to his credit, including portraits of many truly famous persons. Jake was still active in his art work right up to the time of his death.

The son of a newspaper publisher, Frank Harvey Miller of Montgomery, Alabama, and Maria Cumming Lamar, our Jake was given every opportunity, both locally and in Washington, Paris, Munich, and Florence, to develop his God-given talents. He had started painting at the age of 11, and in the next 10 years his work began to attract attention. His family, however, felt that a military background would greatly improve his education. So, on 15 June 1915, Jake entered the Academy. Throughout his later career as a portrait painter, Jake always gave much credit to his West Point education as a good

JULIAN LAMAR

source of art inspiration as well as the mechanics of painting that filled out the gaps of his European school and metropolitan art center training.

Entering West Point, Jake, like the rest of us, was busy trying to assimilate Beast Barracks and summer Plebe Camp. Returning to barracks, Jake was assigned to E Company and during his Plebe year, his many artistic talents began to spread around. Many an Upper Classman was heard to inquire, "Is this the DIV where Mr. Miller, who can print hop cards, lives?" And many an Army girl still treasures her 50-year-old hop card from her evening at Cullum Hall, made up for her Upper Classman date by Plebe Jake Miller.

With a roommate like Bill Coogan of similar talents, it was not long before they became the Corps Co-Hop Managers and participants of all our Hundredth Nights and Furlough Song and Show Committees. Jake, because of his artistic talents, was a natural as Chairman of our Ring Committee and a member of our HOWITZER Board. The cry of "Where's Mr. Miller," hung to Jake all through his cadet days.

In spite of all these extra-curricular activities, Jake was a good student and a fine soldier. The Tactical Department recognized this, and Jake moved from Cadet Corporal wherein he displayed the hard-work side of his nature by making E Company cook tent the model of the battalion. From there he moved on to become the Regimental Supply Officer and one of our very few Cadet Captains of the Corps. The Tactical Department, the Class, and the Corps had recognized Jake's worth when things had to be accomplished. "Where's Mr. Miller" had become a sounding board that always came through.

Upon graduation from West Point on 12 June 1918, Jake became a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, U.S. Army and was assigned to the 20th Infantry. After serving as a student officer at the Infantry School of Arms from 6 July to 30 September 1918 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned and helped train the 10th Division at Camp Funston, Kansas. From Camp Funston, Jake moved to France with the Advance School Detachment 10th Division and became a student officer at Gondrecourt. He returned to the United States 28 October 1918 and remained with troops until 15 January 1919 when he was transferred to Rock Island, Illinois, where

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he served until July 1919. After his return to the United States and while still serving with troops, Jake's spare time turned more and more to his art work which was almost immediately in great demand. Like many others after the signing of the Armistice, he felt that his future was in civilian life and particularly in the world of art. Accordingly, he resigned his commission on 16 July 1919 and moved to Chicago with his temporary address appropriately enough in the Fine Arts Building on Michigan Boulevard.

From Chicago it was a short step to New York City where he opened his studio. On 10 March 1920 he married Lucy Hamilton Armes, also an artist and prominent socially in Washington. They lived in an apartment at the National Art Club in New York City. Divorced, Jake subsequently, in 1937, married Wilmethe Kershaw of St. Louis, who had carved her acting career in England, gaining fame through the years until she became the head of England's National Theater. In addition to their New York home, they purchased a colonial estate on the banks of the James River in Virginia. The site was formerly a grant from the Indians to Virginia's first governor, and their home is the second oldest brick building in the United States. Hereafter, the Lamars, portrait painter and actress, were referred to as the Lamars of New York and Virginia.

Jake's devoted sister Cazenove, now Mrs. Leslie R. D. Helm of Augusta, Georgia, is his only survivor. She has been a great help to the writer in compiling this memorial. Up to a few years ago when he moved to Atlanta to continue his art work, Jake lived with his sister when he gave up his studio in New York.

During West Point days, Jake had met Major Stuart Cramer, Class of 1913, then an instructor in French. Their acquaintance grew, and after Major Cramer left the Service in 1922, Jake made many visits to Charlotte, North Carolina, to paint the portraits of Major Cramer's children — the children, as the Charlotte *Observer* wrote, of one of Charlotte's most prominent industrial leaders. Jake specialized in children's paintings and besides the children of other families in South Carolina painted two generations of well-known Georgia residents.

Jake maintained his New York City studio for many years. Early in his career, 1922, by decree of the Supreme Court of New York City he had his name changed to Julian Lamar in honor of his mother's family and giving himself a shorter and easier name to remember in the art world. And his fame as a portrait painter increased in stature. By intense study of the portrait subject, especially the eyes, he seemed to have a genius for transferring personality into cold cloth.

From his home studio in New York, he was now travelling to Chicago, Southampton, Boston, Newport, Pittsburgh, Palm Beach, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis, Denver, and throughout the deep South, painting his subjects in their native surroundings. Now, after many years of palette and brush, Julian Lamar became a name to conjure with among the portrait painters of America. He had transferred to canvas the personality, character, and facial features of many thousands of persons, a large majority being celebrities, many truly famous names such as: the Oyster Bay Roosevelts; Prime Minister Winston Chuchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, both paintings now hang in the Hyde Park gallery; General Douglas MacArthur; Dr. Franklin H. Martin, President, American College of Surgeons; Walter Carpenter, President, DuPont Company and his wife of Wilmington, Delaware; Governor Frank Dixon of Alabama; John Grier Hibban, Nassau Hall, Princeton; Henry Fairfield Osborn, Curator, American Museum of Natural History. The Augusta *Chronicle Herald* in "What Goes Here," its Sunday Feature Section, 3 March 1968 wrote, "The late Julian Lamar contributed much to the community — especially in the field of art.

"Because his early paintings reveal so much of his personality, the Augusta Museum has arranged an exhibit of Lamar's landscapes and portraits of himself and his family. His work will be displayed at the museum through 17 March.

"Having studied at the United States Military Academy and the Academy of Arts in Munich, Germany, Lamar made art his career . . the fruits of which can now be enjoyed by many Augustans."

— *W.E.L. June '18*

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Elliott Watkins

NO. 6229 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 15 June 1968 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 71 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, Fort Benning, Georgia

ELLIOTT WATKINS

ELLIOTT WATKINS was one of our best infantrymen. He loved the dogface doughboy. He personified every attribute of this man whether on or off duty, during peace or war, or when overseas or serving in the United States. He was an inspiration to the man who has to engage his enemy at close range. He departed this life at Fort Benning, Georgia, the home of the Infantry, on 15 June 1968. He and Martha had lived in Columbus, Georgia, since his retirement in 1954.

Elliott Watkins was a big man physically. He was a noted athlete of his day and later a fine football coach. He played varsity football at West Point. He won the West Point heavyweight wrestling championship in 1918.

Elliott Watkins was a good man in terms of attitude and intent to assist others. His sense of humor was infectious and delightful. His friends were staunch ones. He returned, in full measure, the same devotion that many gave him.

Elliott Watkins was a loyal and lovable man. He was loyal to this Country, to the Army, to the Infantry, to his Alma Mater, and to his fine family and close friends. Based on all of his characteristics, he was "simply loved and admired" by those who knew him best. To these friends he was a truly great man who made a significant contribution during a worthwhile lifetime.

He was born on 31 August 1897, in Brooks County, Georgia, the son of Dr. John E. and Olive Whaley Watkins. He entered West Point in July 1916, and graduated on 1 November 1918, graduating early due to World War I requirements.

He served during World War I both in the United States and in France and Germany. He returned to the United States in November 1919, and married Martha Groover, from Quitman, Georgia, on 29 November 1919. To their happy union were born two sons: John, while his father was with the 33d Infantry Regiment in Panama; and the second son, William, was born at Fort Meade, Maryland.

After Elliott left Fort Meade, he was ordered to Valley Forge Military Academy, where he served with distinction. At the conclusion of his first two years at Valley Forge, the Superintendent, Milton G. Baker, was sufficiently impressed by Elliott's outstanding contribution, that he wrote to the Adjutant General of the Army as follows:

"Captain Watkins has completed two years of duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit at the Valley Forge Military Academy. The splendid spirit of cooperation, initiative and capable instruction and administration shown by this officer has been most instrumental in developing the unit to a high degree of efficiency. His every action has made him an excellent representative of the regular establishment, and he has been eminently successful in arousing and maintaining enthusiasm and interest among the cadets enrolled in the unit.

"I cannot speak too highly of his services. His cooperation and attention to duty would unquestionably call for an outstanding rating were I to render an efficiency report on him."

Just prior to World War II Colonel Watkins was assigned to the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He stayed with this regiment and with the 5th Division throughout the intensive training that the Army had when anticipating the beginning of a war with the axis powers.

Prior to and during World War II he also served as instructor at Fort Benning, as chief of staff of a training division, and as commander of special forces at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

In July 1945 he landed in Leyte in the Philippine Islands and then to Manila where he served as director of supply and operations.

In 1948, he returned to the United States as a senior instructor of the Georgia National Guard. He contributed much interest and assistance to the Reserve components of the Army.

In 1949, he went to Japan and was assigned to the Eta Jima Specialist School where he served directly under both General MacArthur and General Ridgway.

He returned home in 1952, was again assigned to the Georgia National Guard in Atlanta, and retired there in 1954, ending 36 years of dedicated service.

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Donald Wilson McGowan

EX-CADET OF 1922

Died 24 September 1967 in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, aged 68 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

DONALD WILSON MCGOWAN

MAJOR GENERAL DONALD WILSON MCGOWAN died in retirement on 24 September 1967. His death followed a period of hospitalization and surgery. It is with love and pride that we, his children, write of his life, his service to country, and his gift of self to us the proud bearers of his name and heritage.

Dad was many things to many people, but to all and above all, he was a soldier. At 16, the youngest of four children, he went to the Mexican Border as a bugler. He was a sergeant major in France in the same regiment, the 114th Infantry, during World War I. His appointment to the Military Academy came about from his service overseas. His resignation from the Corps was followed by commissioned service in the New Jersey National Guard as Adjutant of the 113th Infantry and 112th Field Artillery Regiments. When the National Guard was federalized in 1941, Dad took command of the 102nd Cavalry — the Essex Troop — and this was the military pride and love of his life. He trained the regiment at Fort Jackson, saw the last of the horses replaced with armor, sailed to England, and then landed on Normandy Beach and fought across Europe. The circumstances of his relinquishing command in no way lessened Dad's love for the Regiment, the Guard, or Service to Country.

In the post-war reorganization of the Guard our small state of New Jersey was allocated one of the two Guard armored divisions in part because of his efforts and armor experience. He later commanded the 50th Armored Division — the Jersey Blues — for seven years. His assignments in the National Guard Bureau, first heading the Army Division and then as the Bureau Chief, culminated his 47 years of uniformed service. The military was his life; its continued development was his reason for being.

Each man must define success for himself; we think Dad was able to do this, and that he could accept the "Well Done" offered by so many.

Retirement brought time for different aspects of his all-consuming interest — the soldier. He served the Armor Association as its President, a singular honor for a National Guardsman. He helped raise New Windsor Cantonment near West Point, the last field encampment of George Washington. Dad equated his efforts here with the pleasures of being a Captain and riding a horse every day — it was just plain fun. At New Windsor he was with friends, new and old, those present and those well-known in history; this, coupled with the satisfaction of researching and rebuilding a living Army heritage gave great reward to soul and spirit. He was at ease.

We never knew anyone who read as much as Dad! His favorite subject was the history of his country, especially during its founding years. Yet there was always a volume of Hornblower nearby, to end the day or to fill an hour between visits to armories or cities or states as the Buick or Convair took him where he needed and wanted to go, doing those things related to his positions of increasing responsibility.

Our home has always been on Eggerts Road, between Trenton and Lawrenceville, in New Jersey. As the family grew, so did our house, with Dad's help and by his hand. Pine paneling with red trim and large windows were his forte; with skilled help from his friends and perhaps dubious assistance from his children and later on his grandchildren, Dad changed the house to keep pace with the home he provided. Hopefully he received from both as much as he gave.

Our father was a builder and a leader. He built houses and armories and log cabins by doing and by giving of himself completely to the project at hand. He did the same with people. Few, perhaps, would call Dad shy and quiet, but we think he was. He did so much not by saying but simply by doing and being. He taught his children many things with few words. Mother raised us — four sons, one daughter — but there was never any doubt as to the effect Dad had on us as our father. Because of his presence, his influence, and his direction, we grew — within as well as without. He saw us all married; he enjoyed and gave counsel to his grandchildren. There are now nine. He buried his oldest son a year ago.

Dad lived his life as he felt it had to be lived — in service to others — and we were privileged to have been a part of that life. We who remain are better prepared for the uncertainties of time and events yet to pass because of this man, this builder, this leader.

To choose the harder right, to do as he would have done, to serve as he served — these are our goals, and the goals shall pass on to our children.

This writing constitutes a final act, but there shall never be an end, ever.

God bless you, Sir, and thank you

Louis Wagner Marshall

NO. 7090 CLASS OF 1923

Died 24 April 1967 in Largo, Florida, aged 66 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"LOU" ENTERED THE MILITARY SERVICE from Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he began his commissioned service as an Infantryman with the skeletonized 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland. The war to end all wars and to make the world safe for democracy was a recently accomplished fact of history. Lou, along with many others at that time, reached the momentous decision that there would be no more wars in our time. That seemed to be the prevailing mood of the country — and the skeletonized 12th Infantry (which seldom could muster as many as three squads per company for occasional training) was typical rather than exceptional. Lou concluded that a more meaningful and useful life could be found elsewhere. Accordingly, when his resignation from the Army was accepted on 30 October 1924, he joined the inactive reserve. He then accepted a position with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, which he held for the following 19 years, the last five of which were in a military leave status.

LOUIS WAGNER MARSHALL

When war clouds again threatened, Lou offered his services, and in May of 1941 he was ordered to active duty as a Captain with the Army Air Corps. He received a regular commission as a Major in July 1946 and subsequently advanced to Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. He was happy to renew contact with many of his former West Point associates, some of whom had risen to general officer rank and held positions of great responsibility. Among those he frequently mentioned were Bill Craigie, Jim Early, "PD" Ent, Eddie Howard, Laurie Norstad and Al Gruenther. Lou completed courses at the Command and General Staff College and at the Armed Forces Staff College. His duty assignments included A1, 6th Air Force, Panama Canal Zone (where he was awarded two Commendation Ribbons); Chief of Air Reserve Military Personnel and Training, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base; Deputy Commandant, Armed Forces Information School, Fort Slocum, New York; a detail with the Standing Group of NATO, where he was chairman of the Military Complements Committee — a 10-man, inter-allied group, charged with making a manpower study of the 23 NATO Headquarters and six independent agencies. Lou's last active duty assignment was as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, where he was retired for physical disability on 31 May 1956.

On 4 August 1923, Lou married Constance E. Sundh, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Smith College. They have one son, Rich-

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ard Marshall, who himself has had a distinguished military career and is now distinguishing himself in civil life. After Lou's retirement, he and "Connie" made their home in Largo, Florida.

Lou joined the Long Gray Line on 24 April 1967. Although in his last few years he had to contend with increasing disabling physical handicaps, he managed to maintain his mental balance and his courage. He responded to his country's need, served with distinction, and carried himself with the pride of those whose motto is: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

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Nathaniel Lancaster Jr.

NO. 7124 CLASS OF 1923

Died 18 March 1968 in Hanover County, Virginia, aged 67 years.

Interment: Woodland Cemetery, Ashland, Virginia

NATHANIEL LANCASTER JR.

NATHANIEL LANCASTER JR., the youngest of 11 children, was born on 30 October 1900, in Ashland, Virginia, and spent his early years like any other "country boy from a small town," as he once termed himself. After finishing high school, he attended both Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia, and Randolph-Macon College in Ashland while awaiting entry into the United States Military Academy. This event marked a turning point in Nat's life — a life that later led to a rewarding career rich in inner satisfaction, if not in material returns, covering a variety of assignments over much of the world. His roving life came full circle in 1960, after some 49 continuous years on the active payroll of Uncle Sam, when he retired to settle down with his wife Helen near Old Church, Virginia, only a few miles from where he had set forth so many years earlier for West Point. There he and Helen bought a lovely old Colonial showplace, "Eastern View," off Route 1, Mechanicsville, with a history dating back to 1740. There it was, almost seven years later, on 18 March 1968, that he was taken suddenly and unexpectedly with an embolism.

Nat was one of those who forsook the Army for other, though not necessarily greener pastures, but not until he had served more than seven years following graduation. However, he did not leave the government; rather, he took and passed the tough examinations for the Foreign Service and in effect merely transferred his allegiance to the Department of State. He was appointed Vice Consul of Career and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service on 16 December 1930 and sent to Mexico City as his first post.

The foreign assignments given Nat in the years thereafter, interspersed with occasional periods in the Department of State, included Bombay, India; London, England; Lorenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa; Lisbon, Portugal; Bangkok, Thailand; Bradford, England; both the Hague and Rotterdam in the Netherlands; Curacao, Netherlands West Indies; and Belfast, Ireland, from which post Nat retired as Consul General — a rank to which he had risen some years earlier.

Nat was devoted to West Point and all that it stood for and was proud to be a graduate, but he served in the Army at a time when the morale among many officers, especially those just behind the famous "hump," was none too high. While his assignments generally were those of the average company officer of Infantry, having won his "A" at the Academy as a stellar infielder, one of the extracurricular post duties that he seemed to draw most often was as coach of service baseball teams, including the team at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. It will be recalled that in the late 'twenties the Army was pretty much in doldrums with low pay, slow promotions, and no apparent prospect of another war on any horizon. At any rate, after much soul-searching, Nat saw little immediate future in the Army for himself and gave up a "sure thing" in resigning to start out literally from "scratch" on a new and untried course.

It took courage to reach this decision, especially with the depression then spreading over the land, but Nat was never one to refuse to face a challenge. And by the measure of his later achievements in the Foreign Service, he surely found in his new life the stimulation and sense of satisfaction that he is believed to have sought.

For many years following graduation from the Academy Nat was quite the gay young blade. He loved life, and he loved people; and as a bachelor it was rare that he spent an evening alone. Though not the hail-fellow-well-met type, he had a warm and outgoing nature and made friends easily and naturally. Yet for all his conviviality and wide circle of friends, there was underneath a certain reserve, almost a shyness, that allowed only a handful ever to know him well or get really close to him. This was especially true of his relations with the fair sex, and although certainly not lacking in attractiveness to the ladies, he once remarked with tongue in cheek, in discussing the matter of matrimony: "The older I get, the more particular I am, and the less desirable I become." He could laugh at himself.

One story he used to tell on himself may help explain why he was a bachelor for so long. He had returned from India at about the time that the glittering post of Third Secretary of Embassy at London became open, and the Department of State was casting about for a dapper young sophisticate, preferably a bachelor, to fill it. Asked point blank by the Chief of Personnel whether he had marital intentions, Nat's reply was typically forthright: "Not if it means I wouldn't go to London."

Nat went to London.

Many years later, at age 45, Nat finally found in Helen Didot the wife for whom he had for so long, but so quietly been searching. Helen, a gracious person of character and sensitivity from Memphis, was made for Nat. She was then a widow with three small sons whose French husband, in the Diplomatic Service, had died during the war in the East.

Nat and Helen were married in Bangkok on 24 October 1946, and his life thereafter took on new meaning. It is a lovely and rare thing for two people, no longer young, to find such compatability and contentment, but each complemented the other, and it is believed that for the first time in his life, Nat knew other than a transient, ephemeral kind of happiness.

Nat was not only a good husband, but a good father, and was a great influence on his stepsons, who were devoted to him. And although he and Helen were blessed with no other children, their mutual devotion only ripened over the years. On each of a number of visits with them by the writer at their lovely retirement home, the strong impression was left that for all the satisfaction Nat may have derived from his work and experiences in active diplomatic and consular offices around the world, he was happy to be able to revert in his later years to the simpler way of life.

But what a change from the "man about town" of earlier days! And what complete domesticity had been wrought upon the confirmed bachelor of yesteryear. He had become an enthusiastic gardener — in horticulture as well as agriculture — and could talk knowledgeably about peonies and peaches, antiques and art (Helen is an artist of talent), tractors and tomatoes, and could explain how a new generator could be installed for the circulating pump. His days were mainly spent in keeping large lawns and box bushes properly cut and trimmed, working on his house, and otherwise busying himself about his property. It was a wholesome kind of life that still left time for reading, seeing friends, and following his special love in sports — baseball — via TV.

In his life and character Nat sought to exemplify the ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country" ingrained in him at West Point. He was a good man with good instincts and was always a gentleman. He was not a prude, but he recoiled from coarseness and vulgarity of any kind. He had a high code of ethics, and his personal life was exemplary. I can speak with some authority in saying all this as I have known Nat since I was a Plebe, and he was one of the less forbidding "ogres" on the Beast Detail in 1922. But it was not until we became closely associated in the Foreign Service, starting with our two years together in the Consulate General at Bombay, that we established the deep friendship that has lasted through the years. And I can say quite honestly that in all these years I have never known Nat to raise his voice in anger, resort to rough language, lose his sobriety or complete aplomb, do an unkind or unfair thing, or conduct himself in other than a gentlemanly manner under all circumstances and on all occasions.

The word "diplomat" seems with some to be vaguely identified with such things as suavity, urbanity, guile, and perhaps insincerity. Though Nat could turn on suavity as the occasion required, it was in his nature to be open and forthright, and he wore his sincerity on his sleeve. Not a poseur, he was always completely himself: honest, steady, and thoroughly dependable, especially in a pinch. He was a man of unquestioned integ-

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rity, whose strongest traits were perhaps his unselfishness, his tolerance, and his unswerving loyalty to a friendship. And for all his easygoing manner, he was a hardworking and efficient officer both in the Army and the Foreign Service.

Typical of the many letters that have poured in to Helen from all quarters following notice of Nat's death was one from an erstwhile associate of Nat's reading, in part, as follows:

"He was a great man to have as a colleague in the Service. He was patient, good humored, and vastly knowledgeable. Both his American and his Foreign Staff loved him and would follow his direction unhesitatingly. In and out of the office Nat was a good companion who did more than his share to make the Foreign Service a happy career for his colleagues."

The respect and affection with which Nat was held in the community around "Eastern View" received mute but eloquent testimony in the very large turnout of both town and country folk for his funeral. There was, quite naturally, no taps sounded over his grave as he, a civilian, was laid to rest. But he, no less than those who had remained in uniform, bore the indelible stamp of West Point on his character in a life dedicated wholly to the service of his country.

To the Long Gray Line has been added one more name of which our Alma Mater can be justly proud.

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Charles Calvin Higgins

NO. 7192 CLASS OF 1923

Died 6 March 1968 in Topeka, Kansas, aged 66 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

CHARLES CALVIN HIGGINS

COLONEL CHARLES C. HIGGINS died 6 March 1968 in a Topeka hospital after a long illness. He was born 12 April 1901 in Lawrence County, Illinois, the son of Judge and Mrs. T. C. Higgins.

Appointed to the United States Military Academy in June 1919, he graduated in 1923. He was an Army veteran with 34 years service, retired in 1953 and lived in Topeka from that time until his death.

Colonel Higgins had served in various Infantry regiments in the United States, Panama, and the Philippine Islands during his early years in the Army. While stationed in St. Louis, he attended Washington University, graduated in 1932 with an LL.B. degree, and was admitted to the Missouri Bar.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, Colonel Higgins was instrumental in planning Army Armored training programs at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in organizing the 7th and 11th Armored Groups. During World War II, Colonel Higgins commanded the 11th Armored Group, assigned to General George S. Patton's Third Army. He was in five campaigns, from the Normandy invasion to Czechoslovakia.

After the war, he served for a time as marshal of the Nuremberg trials. Then, in 1946, he was assigned as the Senior Instructor for the Army Organized Reserve of Kansas and later as Chief of the Kansas Military District. From 1951 to 1953, he served in Korea as President of the Eighth Army Board of Inquiry and President of the Eighth Army Awards and Decorations Board. He also participated in the Panmunjon peace talks. Colonel Higgins was a member of the Dexter, Missouri, Masonic Lodge and American Legion post. He attended the First Methodist Church in Topeka.

Burial with full military honors was in National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Peggy Higgins; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Lohre of Covington, Kentucky; Mrs. James Stafford of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Benjamin Burton of Fresno, California; a son, Thomas C. Higgins, 3519 Twilight Drive, Topeka; a sister, Mrs. R. Kip Briney of Bloomfield, Missouri; and 13 grandchildren.

— *J.H.C. '14*

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James Barry Kraft

NO. 7529 CLASS OF 1924

Died 16 February 1967 in Vienna, Austria, aged 67 years.

Interment: "Waldfriedhof" Berchtesgaden, West Germany

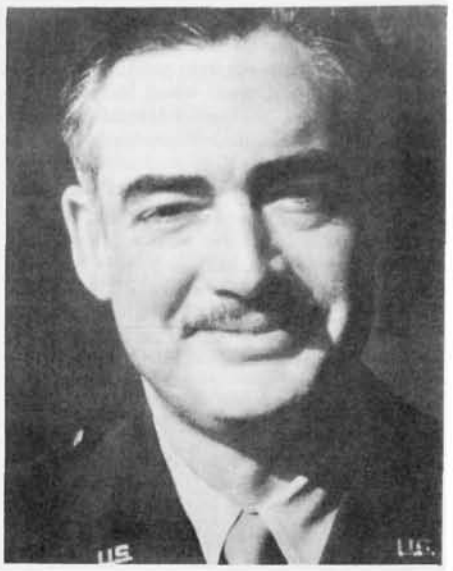
COLONEL JAMES BARRY KRAFT, the well-known first Commander of the Recreation Area, Berchtesgaden, was laid to rest on Tuesday, 23 February 1967, with military honors in the cemetery "Waldfriedhof" in Berchtesgaden. The church ceremony was performed by Army Catholic Chaplain R. L. D'Arcy at the Alpine Chapel.

Jim Kraft was born in Buffalo, New York, on 28 August 1899. He attended Canisius and Dartmouth Colleges. He took part in World War I when he was only 17, then he graduated from the Military Academy in 1924. During World War II, Jim served in Hawaii and also participated in the landing in Normandy.

At the close of the war, Jim was assigned as Commander of the Recreation Area, Berchtesgaden, Germany. His next duty in 1948 was as Military Attaché in Budapest. Later he served as Professor of Military Science at St. Bonaventure University, New York.

The graveside eulogy was delivered by the Deputy Governor of the Berchtesgaden District, L. P. Miller, as a special tribute to Jim Kraft. Mr. Miller said in part: "This wreath is presented in the name of the District Governor and the District I represent."

After the war in 1945 was a difficult time for the Germans, and Jim did all within his power to alleviate the suffering of the



JAMES BARRY KRAFT

people, which was not an easy task. In appreciation of Jim's efforts, Mr. Miller in closing his speech said: "We wish to thank Colonel Kraft again in the name of all of us. It was the Colonel's last wish to be buried here; may he rest in peace among the beautiful mountains. We shall always honor his memory."

Jim Kraft received the following decorations and citations: the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Army Commendation Ribbon, and the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star (France).

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and his son, Nickolas, who is currently serving as a captain in the United States Air Force.

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Graham Kirkpatrick

No. 7784 CLASS OF 1925

Died 13 February 1968 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, aged 66 years.

Interment: Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

GRAHAM KIRKPATRICK

"KIRK" WAS BORN 26 JULY 1901, in Selma, Alabama. He dearly loved the country place

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where his family resided for two generations. It was situated on broad acres at Old Cahaba, the first capitol of Alabama. His military career started when he left there to go to school at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Senator Bankhead of Alabama.

The patriotism which was always such a part of him had been fired from an early age by his two grandfathers who were in the Army of the Confederacy during the War between the States. Though he resigned from the Service in 1926 to go into business, his zeal never diminished for working for his country, too.

After many years in the insurance field in San Antonio, Texas; Atlanta, Columbus, and Albany, Georgia; and Newark, New Jersey, he was appointed the Alabama State Agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey.

When the world crisis arose from Nazi Germany, he returned to service in the United States Army on 22 July 1941. His first assignment was that of Project Officer and Executive Officer, Army Air Forces Replacement Training Center at Maxwell Field, Alabama. On 1 February 1942, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Air Forces Classification Center at Nashville, Tennessee. He had already served as project officer in charge of the construction of the station. In November 1942, he was transferred to the 4th Armored Division which was stationed at Camp Young, California. He was Commander of the 2d Battalion of the 51st Armored Infantry Regiment. Later, when it was reorganized, he served as Commanding Officer, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion. The story of the invasion of France and the part that the 4th Armored Division played in the "Break Through" are well known. Kirk's personality and knowledge of men which he had gained in civilian life and as a soldier made him a true leader and morale builder of his men.

He was severely wounded in Rennes, France, on 30 July 1944, and was sent to the 68th General Hospital in England to recuperate. In October, he went back to France to command the 384th Military Police Battalion which was engaged in stamping out black market activities, which had assumed scandalous proportions.

Late in December he was back in the hospital with complications from his wounds, and in February 1945, he was returned to the States, and eventually retired in July 1945. His Decorations and Awards were: the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the French Croix de Guerre with palm, the Defense Service Medal, the French Fourragère, the Service Medals for American Defense and the European Theatre of Operations, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

In 1948 he decided to become an attorney and entered the University of Alabama Law School in the Spring of 1949. He was deeply interested in law and made an excellent record. In his senior year he was awarded the Nathan Burke Memorial Award for a legal writing, and was a member of the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence.

In 1951 he began the practice of law in Selma, Alabama, and was there for six years. He had much practical experience in all phases of law which qualified him to start his teaching career in the College of Law at the University of Tulsa in 1957.

He felt that it was a patriotic duty to instruct young men in the real meaning of the law and law practices as they have come down to us from the founding of our great Republic. He spoke to organizations at every opportunity on the privileges that have been our good lot in this great country, and the responsibilities that go along with these privileges. He felt that we must accomplish a drastic reformation in our thinking and actions in our country today. He said in one of his speeches, "We must eliminate from positions of responsibility those false prophets that sell our America short. Let us impress upon all such enemies within our gates the undeniable fact that our Constitution gives them a right to entertain any ideas they see fit to adopt, but they have no corresponding constitutional right to use positions of responsibility to undermine the very institutions under which they take refuge."

Kirk's sudden death on 13 February 1968 sealed his lips, but the hundreds of young men that he instructed will never forget the ideals that he taught in his law classes. The Tulsa County Bar Association in its official publication for March 1968 had his picture in it with this inscription:

In Memory of Graham Kirkpatrick
Soldier, Teacher, Lawyer
The Tulsa County Bar Association
extends sincere sympathy to his family.

The Downtown Kiwanis Club of Tulsa has this quotation in their Memorial Resolution for him: "The Colonel took great pride in being a Kiwanian and a member of this club. This club took exceedingly great pride in his presence among us. He participated with interest in our moral, patriotic, and civic objectives, and was a daily, living example of a forthright man of integrity. He left a legacy of good works and sincere dedication, which made a lasting imprint on all who knew him. He loved Tulsa, and this community is richer for his having lived in it. Particularly enriched were his many students whose lives were beneficially influenced by his example and teachings. It is our desire to keep in the permanent records of the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa a decree and affirmation of the esteem in which he was held by all."

He was equally devoted to the Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years taught one of the oldest Sunday School classes for men in Oklahoma, The Brotherhood Class. He was President-elect of The Sons of the American Revolution, was counsel for the Tulsa Area Safety Council, was a member of the American, the Oklahoma, and the Alabama Bar Associations, a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Elks Club, and the University Club of Tulsa. He published cases and material on Oklahoma Criminal Procedure 1963, and Code Pleading 1964.

On 16 February he was buried with military honors in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife Ernestine, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and daughter Martha, Mrs. William H. Crabtree of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and four grandchildren — Bill Jr., Graham, Anna Hunter, and Bruce.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him." *I Corinthians 2 verse 9*

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Edward Bernard Keller

NO. 8270 CLASS OF 1928

Died 20 February 1968 at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

EDWARD BERNARD KELLER

AT THE REQUEST OF HIS WIFE, I have been given the honor of reminiscing about a favorite friend and brother-in-law: First Lieutenant Edward Bernard Keller. Ed was born on 31 May 1906 at Perkasie, Pennsylvania, where he spent his boyhood and completed his early education. He was a studious and serious-minded student, which characteristics must have been most useful in his later studies at West Point.

Perhaps the most salient characteristic of Ed Keller was his natural curiosity and his philosophical mind. Although I know little of his life at the Academy, I can imagine the spirited discussions about military problems in which he must have participated. I can envision, also, the friendly arguments he started with reference to the psychology and philosophy of man. A detailed account of his activities at West Point would have been desirable. We do know that he continued as a "loyal Army man" and attended all ARMY-Navy football games as long as he was able.

Subsequent to his graduation from the Academy, he served with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for two years. For further study in military communications, he was sent to Yale University where he received the Master of Science degree in 1931. From Yale he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands for three years. He was retired for physical disability in 1934.

On 29 December 1934 he married Frances Armstrong of Papakating Farms, Augusta, New Jersey. The first meeting of the writer with Ed Keller was on a memorable visit of the bride and groom to the writer's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the winter of 1935. Since that time, Ed and I have had many stimulating philosophical discussions on a variety of subjects.

In 1940 Ed Keller joined his father in the "Mahlon Keller Insurance" business. As the business prospered, he felt the need of law experience. Thus it was that he studied law

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"on the side," sacrificing his leisure time for study and travel to and from his night classes. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, in 1949.

He served his town and community in a variety of ways. During World War II he was an air raid warden and a member of the Ration Board. For three years he was a Boy Scout Troop leader. He was elected Justice of the Peace in Perkasie, which office he held for 15 years. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Doylestown Historical Society, and was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

I should not close this account without referring to his family life. He was a devoted husband and father, despite (or perhaps because of) his compulsion for banter and badinage. Often his wife and three children were not quite sure whether he was serious or "just teasing." It seems probable that this quality was most useful in the fine family relationships that he obtained.

Lieutenant Keller is survived by his wife, three intelligent, loving, well-adjusted children, and two grandchildren. Dr. Anne Keller Schwartz, born 15 December 1936, is married to Dr. Alan Schwartz. They are both geneticists at the University of Louisville. Dr. John Mahlon Keller, born 10 March 1939, is a biochemist at the University of Chicago. The youngest, Linda, born 3 December 1940, is married to W. James Morrow. They have two daughters and are living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. An older brother, Ralph A. Keller of Perkasie, also survives.

Subsequent to his retirement from the family business, Ed remained at his home in Perkasie. After an illness of about two and a half years, he passed away at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, on 23 January 1968. He will be remembered by his many friends as a thoughtful, introspective person of considerable charm. He will be missed very much by his family, his relatives, his classmates, and other friends.

— Wm. T. Penfound
Warren Wilson College
Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778

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John Keeler Neff

NO. 10493 CLASS OF 1936

Died 23 March 1944 in Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 31 years.

JOHN KEELER NEFF, born 25 July 1912 in Sayre, Pennsylvania, was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Kansas. Graduating with the Class of 1936 he ranked the Artillery, and on expiration of his summer leave entered upon active duty as a battery executive officer with the 12th Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. For three years he performed battery duties, broken by a tour as instructor at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Camp Bullis, and some months as communications officer for his battalion. In February of 1939 he was transferred to the 8th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He remained there until March of 1941, and then returned to the United States for duty with the 40th Field Artillery at Fort Ord, California. About one month before the attack on Pearl Harbor, John, by now a

JOHN KEELER NEFF

Lieutenant Colonel AUS, was assigned as Executive Officer, 592d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, and embarked with that unit on 18 February 1943 for the Pacific Theater. In May he was transferred to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston where death claimed him on 23 March of 1944. John Neff was awarded the Legion of Merit.

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John Clarke Goldtrap

NO. 10697 CLASS OF 1936

Died 15 December 1944 while on board a POW ship. Aged 32 years.

JOHN CLARKE GOLDTRAP, familiarly "Goldie" to his many friends, was a member of the Wyoming National Guard before entering the Military Academy. Born in Regent, North Dakota, on 21 March 1912, he was appointed a cadet from at large, and entered the Academy with the Class of 1935. No "hive," Goldie enjoyed some minor differences of opinion with the Academic Board, and was turned back to join the Class of 1936, thus commencing a highly agreeable and mutually prideful relationship. "Goldie" was a natural for the Infantry, and on 12 June 1936 he was commissioned in his chosen arm.

His first assignment was with the 2d Infantry Division, Fort Francis, Warren, Wyoming. He served there until June 1939, and then enrolled in the Regular Course in the Infantry School. After a brief tour at Fort Ord, California, he sailed from San Francisco in June of 1940 for the Philippine Islands. There he joined the famous 57th Infantry (Philippine Scouts). He died in action on 15 December 1944. Goldie was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, AUS, posthumously. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.

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James Samuel Brierley

NO. 10932 CLASS OF 1937

Died 19 April 1968 at the Ephraim McDowell Memorial Hospital, Danville, Kentucky, aged 53 years.

Interment: Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shamokin, Pennsylvania

MEN OF THE CLASS OF 1937 will have no trouble recalling the ever smiling, always buoyant, with the great zest for life, "red headed" cadet from Beverly, New Jersey, James "Jim" Samuel Brierley. As a cadet he was a corporal, sergeant, the Assistant Manager of Cross Country, then Manager of Cross Country, a pistol marksman, and he received the Manager's Minor "A." Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry but later transferred to the Ordnance Corps.

During his 16 years of active service, he served at various posts including Picatinny Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, and the European Theatre during World War II. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and received his M.S. degree in Engineering and Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry.

He resigned in 1953 to try civilian life and was associated with only three firms in his civilian career. After leaving the Service, he joined Continental Motors for approximately two years. He spent 11 years as Chief Engineer with Chrysler Motors of Detroit. The last 18 months of his life were spent with American Greetings Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio. He was transferred from Cleveland to AGC's new plant in Danville, Kentucky, in July of 1967 as head of its Engineering staff. Jim was listed in *The American Men of Science* and *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.*

His love for the USMA began from the time of his birth as an "Army Brat" at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on 11 October 1914 until his death following a short illness, at the early age of 53. This feeling manifested itself in many ways, but none more openly as his consistent counseling of qualified young men to apply for attendance at USMA, plus his "free of charge" tutoring of these young men. Jim really never seemed anything but a military man even during his 15 years of civilian life. He was an Army man first and an inquisitive scientist second.

Jim had many hobbies and friends and through these and his love and devotion to his family, he lived a rich, full life.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Witmer and Miss Jane Brierley; and a sister, Mrs. Morton Wyman.

JAMES SAMUEL BRIERLEY

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Ralph James White

NO. 12906 CLASS OF 1942

Died 19 July 1965 in Memphis, Tennessee, aged 47 years.

Interment: Memphis, Tennessee

RALPH JAMES WHITE

"INDESTRUCTIBLE" IS WHAT WE THOUGHT OF "White, R. J." at West Point. Years after his death, it still does not seem real that this rugged athlete and great officer so early in life sickened and died. The Air Force has lost a natural leader, and all of us who knew him have lost a friend with a special kind of warmth.

Jim was born in Traverse City, Michigan, on 22 August 1917. He, one brother, two sisters, and their parents were an active family. Jim grew up in an atmosphere of intellectual give-and-take, hospitality, and athletic competition.

The family settled permanently in Kingsport, Tennessee, when Jim was eight. Here he went through all the traditional experiences that America offers. The Tennessee hills and streams abounded with game. School work was not too hard for a bright young man, and the Tennessee Military Academy football team welcomed a big, fast tackle who made good grades. Besides, he was a star in track as well and ended up with letters in both.

Jim had been interested in West Point from his earliest childhood. When the opportunity came in the form of an appointment in 1938, he did not hesitate, although other careers were offered by his father and family friends. Along with 472 other new cadets, he entered the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1938.

Big Jim was properly chosen for old M Company, the easy-going flankers — all six feet tall or taller. Plebe year was a harassment, but no more. The academic work was not easy, but failure never threatened. By Yearling year Jim was firmly on the A squads in football, boxing, and track, where he stayed through graduation. Academics, athletics, military training, and weekend dragging were all managed with a relaxed air. The demands of such a schedule are too great for many cadets, but they never were for Jim.

In his Second Class year Jim met Sally Hamilton on a blind date. Although he did not settle down to dating only her for a while, it was all settled by his First Class year. They were married a few hours after graduation in Sally's home town of Ossining, New York.

In quiet succession Jim completed flying school and joined the Eighth Air Force in Europe in 1943. He flew with this great outfit until the war in Europe ended in 1945, rising to squadron commander as a lieutenant colonel and accumulating five Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Soldier's Medal, five Air Medals, and Croix de Guerre W/GS.

After the war, Jim served on the Air Force Research and Development Board until 1951, when among the first 13 of his class of 1942 he was promoted to colonel. He seemed well on his way to greater things and in succession became Air Attaché to Morocco; Base Commander of the big SAC base at Barksdale, Louisiana; and finally back to Washington to again serve in Research and Development. At Barksdale AFB his health began to fail, and while in Washington he underwent major surgery and several stints in Andrews Air Force Base hospital. He was retired from the Air Force for physical disability in 1962 and went home to Kingsport, Tennessee.

During these 20 years, Jim and Sally were blessed with three charming and outstanding children — Jamie, David, and Susan who is now Mrs. Lachland Talbot and resides in Middleburg, Virginia.

Shortly after Jim retired, he and Sally were divorced. Some two years later Jim married the former Mrs. Janice Tabor who now resides in New York City. After the divorce, Sally continued to live in Washington, D. C. In 1967 Sally married Rear Admiral Joseph Gardiner (Ret). They reside in Warrenton, Virginia.

Jim's 47 years seem to have passed with the speed of the bombers he once flew. Yet, today he lives in the hearts of his classmates and many friends as the great big guy whose earnest sincerity, bountiful good nature, and ever willingness to help touched deeply all those with whom he came in contact.

— *A Friend*

John Ashley Noble

NO. 14579 CLASS OF 1945

Died 24 May 1968 at Saint Louis, Missouri, aged 45 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN ASHLEY NOBLE

JOHN ASHLEY NOBLE was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on 11 May 1923, the son of the late Lieutenant Commander Harry J. Noble, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, and Lily Mayer Noble. During his early years, he attended Longwood Day School, Brookline, Massachusetts.

Duty reassignment of John's father caused relocation of the family to Coronado, California. John graduated from Army-Navy Military Academy (also designated Brown Military Academy for a short time), alternately located at Pacific Beach and at Carlsbad, California, and from Bullard Preparatory School, San Diego, California. Following the untimely death of his father during John's high school days, his mother married the late Rear Admiral Charles P. Kindleberger, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, of Coronado.

John's intense desire to follow a military career motivated him to enlist in the Army in 1941 for attendance at the West Point Preparatory School, Fort Winfield Scott, California. It was there that he first met many of the friends and associates who later became his classmates at West Point.

As a cadet, John spent much thought and endeavor successfully dodging the Tactical Department and graduated with relatively few demerits — although, on two memorable occasions, he was saddled with minor slugs for infraction of the regulations. John's class standing of 145 in a graduating class of 852 belied his well-known academic ability but rather pointedly demonstrates his preference of *Esquire* to calculus and the latest best seller to economics. Despite his penchant for finding the enjoyable life in a niche at comfortable academic level, increased allocation of branch vacancies for the class permitted him to be commissioned in the Corps of Engineers which always had been his first preference. The outstanding memorable aspect of John's cadet days was his thorough despisal and frequently voiced opposition to equitation; but he equally vociferously reveled in those endeavors which he deemed to exemplify the application of precision, personally excelling in smallbore pistol marksmanship and skeet shooting, although he preferred to regard himself as a golfer of no mean standing.

Following graduation, service as an Engineer Unit Commander at Headquarters Army Forces Western Pacific was gratifying to John's early aims. Yet, upon return to Fort Belvoir and graduation from the Engineer Officers Advanced Course in 1948, he chose to broaden his horizons by returning to demanding academic pursuits. He studied law at Harvard University Law School, was awarded a LL.B. degree in June 1951 and a branch transfer to the Judge Advocate General Corps in July. After graduation from the Judge Advocate General Officers Course at the University of Virginia, he was assigned as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Two years later he was reassigned to the Judge Advocate Section, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, which was then committed to combat in the Korean conflict. Upon return from overseas, he resigned his commission in the Regular Army.

During the next few years, John was employed by the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, and earned a master's degree in Engineering at Rensselaer Poly-

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technic Institute. Later he worked for the Martin Company, Denver, Colorado. From 18 January 1965 until his untimely death on 24 May 1968, he was employed as Manager, Procurement Negotiations, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri. He was a member of the Federal Bar Association and licensed to practice law in the states of New York and Missouri.

During a short period of hospitalization in March 1968 John learned that he was afflicted with leukemia. In his inimitably selfless manner, he decided not to burden others with his troubles. As a consequence, he informed only the very closest family members and associates of his affliction and required them not to divulge this knowledge. In the very early morning hours of Thursday, 23 May, he was stricken with symptoms characteristic of pneumonia and moved by ambulance to Missouri Baptist Hospital during a torrential thunderstorm. At about 3:15 Friday afternoon he succumbed to leukemia. His illness was so short and his affliction so well concealed that his demise came as a sudden shock to all who knew him.

Memorial services were held for John at 10:00 a.m., Monday, 27 May at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Warson and Ladue Roads, St. Louis, Missouri. All available West Point classmates in the St. Louis area were in attendance. The casket was flown on the same day to Newark, New Jersey, for transshipment to West Point.

Within his immediate family, he is survived by his spouse, Joan, residing in Chesterfield, Missouri; two sons, Kimberly and John A., Jr.; two stepsons, Gary and Steven Ferguson; a daughter, Anne N. Bower; a son-in-law, Bruce Bower; a grandson, Whitney A. Bower of New Canaan, Connecticut; and a sister, Evelyn N. Ramey, wife of retired Navy Captain Simon E. Ramey, USNA '37 of Santa Clara, California.

John's previously stated desire was fulfilled, and his continued nearness to his beloved Alma Mater ensured when he was interred with full military honors in the West Point Cemetery on 29 May 1968.

— *A classmate*

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Rodney Howe Smith

NO. 19042 CLASS OF 1953

Died 3 June 1967 near Bien Hoa, Vietnam, aged 35 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RODNEY H. SMITH was killed in Vietnam on 3 June 1967 as a result of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash during a combat reconnaissance flight. The helicopter, contour-flying under conditions of poor visibility, crashed and burned after striking a power line in the vicinity of Bien Hoa. Those persons, including Rodney, on one side of the aircraft were pinned under the wreckage. At the time of his death, Rodney was battalion commander-designate of the 1st Engineer Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. He had already served almost a year as the Battalion's Executive Officer, and had returned from the United States less than a week before his death to begin a voluntary six-month extension in Vietnam. Killed with him in the crash were the incumbent Battalion Commander, the Battalion Operations Officer, and the Battalion Sergeant Major.

There was never really much doubt that

RODNEY HOWE SMITH

Rod Smith would choose to devote his life to the military profession. Born at Walter Reed Hospital on 2 August 1931 into an Army family, the son of a West Point graduate, Rod pointed all his life toward a military career. In his boyhood years, spent in the typical Army pattern of many moves on several continents, Rod began to develop and demonstrate the personal traits which were to become so pronounced and so well remembered by those who knew him as an adult. If one were to select any particular traits of character which marked Rod's youth, the qualities of self-reliance and resourcefulness would stand out, perhaps brought to fruition by the very demands of being an "Army Brat," and of often finding one's self uprooted from things familiar. As a boy, Rod always had some project underway, ranging from printing and selling (for 2¢ a copy) a neighborhood newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, to inventing a new baseball game based upon actual major league statistical probabilities. In the same way, in later years, Rod's friends were amazed by the number and wide sweep of simultaneous interests which he could manage efficiently. Rod's high intelligence was easily detectable from his record as a student in grade and high school. And, finally, the special personal warmth that was Rod's and which caused his death to be felt so poignantly by those who knew him, could be seen in his affectionate and patient tolerance of his younger brother through the years of growing up.

After graduation from Western High School in Washington in 1948 and attendance at Sullivan's School, Rodney entered West Point in July 1949. Having been measured at one-tenth of an inch below the maximum height at the pre-entrance physical, it was not surprising that Rod found himself in Company M-2, probably his first "unit" association and in any case one of which he was to remain extremely proud. His experiences as a cadet ran the gamut from high achievement to occasional clashes with the system. He had little difficulty with academics, and spent many hours in the sinks coaching others who did not grasp the material so readily. His resourcefulness and sense of enterprise were still evident as a cadet but, in the view of the Tactical Department, not always properly channelled, and he spent several months as a First-Class-Area-Bird after his popcorn concession in the lost Fifties was uncovered. He discovered the sport of water polo, and competed in this at varsity level all four years. And it was as a cadet that he met and courted Florence Mood, his future bride.

After graduating 24th in the class of 1953, Rodney followed in his father's footsteps and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. His first assignment after branch school took him to Korea, where he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander in the 2d Engineers and 18th Engineers, both combat battalions. Following his return from Korea and after making the acquaintance of his daughter, Ceane, Rod was assigned to the Buffalo Engineer District. His specific task there was to oversee construction work on a portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway project located at Massena, New York.

From Massena Rod was sent to graduate school at the University of Illinois. Rod's career at Illinois was a particularly distinguished one. After completing his master's degree in Civil Engineering in less than the required time, he was extended for several months to complete a Ph.D., which he received in the summer of 1958. His field of interest was structural dynamics, specializing particularly in the effects of atomic blast waves on underground structures, and his doctoral thesis was entitled, "Numerical Integration for One-Dimensional Stress Waves." Professor Newmark, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, wrote of Rod's accomplishments at Illinois: "Rodney was one of the brightest and most capable graduate students I have ever had. He had not only a quick mind but a penetrating analytical one, and together with this he had excellent judgment and engineering intuition. Rod could have had a distinguished career as an engineering scientist or as an engineer in practice."

Professor Newmark also commented on Rod's human qualities: "All of us here who knew Rod liked him because of his modesty and attractive personality. He never gave the impression that he was aware of superior intellect or ability. He worked hard and earnestly at his studies and in his research, and I know he also showed the same devotion to duty in his career." It was also at Illinois that Rod's second child and first son, Rodney Jr., was born.

After attending the associate career course at Fort Belvoir, where he received the Society of American Military Engineers award for the highest course average that year, Rod and his family moved to Frankfurt, Germany, where Rod served a three-year tour with the U.S. Army Construction Agency. Rod's engineering skills were put to work here particularly in the installation of Mace missile sites in Germany. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his work with USACAG. While in Germany, Rod also became actively involved as a vestryman of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. The Reverend Donald O. Wiseman, Rector of St. Christopher's, said of Rod: "One of the things I remember most was his firm sense of community responsibility and a necessity for involvement on a wider scale than one's family and work. He was here during a time when we were substantially expanding our facilities. Rod's experience and training were especially valuable in all of this and his readiness to help was greatly appreciated, for many of us knew he could do it only by omitting other activities and commitments." Rod's second son, Dan, was baptized in St. Christopher's.

Rod returned from Germany with his family in 1962, and, after Command and General Staff College, began a four-year tour in

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the Department of Military Art and Engineering at West Point. This was to prove to be one of the most rewarding periods in Rod's life. Professionally, Rod was again able to apply his engineering knowledge, in teaching the civil engineering honors course, in his own elective course in advanced structural analysis, and in rewriting and modernizing the standard design course in steel. Colonel Charles H. Schilling, Professor and Head of the Department, wrote of Rod's professional input to the Military Academy: "Rodney Smith was one of the finest young officers with whom I have come into contact, either at West Point or in the field. As an instructor and assistant professor, Rodney's most remarkable attribute, which he demonstrated time and time again, was his ability to interpret and restate complex theoretical material in language which could be understood and mastered by the layman. I put this talent of Rod's — which I consider to be the mark of a true Ph.D. — to use on many occasions."

Technical mastery of a subject is only one part of teaching, however, and the instructor who fulfills his role completely must couple such technical expertise with a genuine interest in others and a sympathetic attitude toward his students. Rod Smith measured up extremely well against both these criteria. It is no doubt for this reason that Rod's advice and counsel were continually sought throughout his life; as an officer by his juniors and seniors alike, and as an instructor at West Point by hundreds of cadets. His students knew that they could count on his complete honesty, his genuine concern for them, and a warm and patient reception for their problems.

While at West Point, Rod also found time to play an extremely active role in cadet extracurricular activities. He served as officer-in-charge and coach of the cadet water polo team for three of his four years at the Academy. As an officer-in-charge of the Cadet Ski Club, Rod had a major hand in designing and supervising the installation of the vastly improved facilities at the Victor Constant Ski Slope, including the construction of two new ski lifts and an extensive snow-making system.

Rod's last tour was, of course, in Vietnam, and it was in his work here that he probably took the most pride. Those of us who saw him when he returned home on leave shortly before his death could not fail to be impressed by his conviction of the worth of our presence in Vietnam, by his pride in our professional Army there, and particularly by his enthusiasm at the prospect of taking over command of what his assistant division commander, Brigadier General James F. Hollingsworth, described as "the finest and most professional Engineer Battalion ever fielded in combat." For his contribution in Vietnam, Rodney was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for Valor.

The variety of Rodney's achievements in his lifetime has been recognized in a rare way for one who died so young. A window in St. Christopher's Church in Frankfurt has been dedicated as a memorial to Rod's presence. The Eastern Collegiate Water Polo Conference has renamed the trophy given to the winner of its annual tournament as the LTC Rodney H. Smith Memorial Trophy. A portion of the Victor Constant Ski Slope which Rod personally designed has been named "Rod Smith's Glade." Rodney's eldest son has been awarded a scholarship by the Society of the First Infantry Division in recognition of Rod's service in Vietnam. Finally, Rod would have been especially pleased to know that his friends and former colleagues in the Department of Military Art and Engineering have sponsored the establishment of the LTC Rodney H. Smith Award, to be presented during June Week, 1968, and annually thereafter, to the graduating cadet standing first in engineering.

There are, of course, no tangible awards which can commemorate the personal gifts Rod gave to all of us who knew him. There is no adequate way to capture his quiet zest for life, the humor he found in his daily activities, his selflessness in coming to the aid of those who relied upon him, the warmth and sincerity he brought into his contacts with those around him. These, the most important part of knowing Rod Smith, survive only in the memories of those who must carry on without him.

Rod's close friend and classmate, Lieutenant Colonel Allen F. Grum, who served with Rod in Korea, in Europe, and at West Point, speaks for all of us when he wrote to Rod's widow shortly after his death: "I'm sure that there will always be a lingering thought of 'what might have been.' Rodney certainly would have been a big wheel someday. He had everything going for him — brains, personality, the respect of superiors, subordinates, and, rarest of all, contemporaries — and the quality that outshone all others was that tremendous dedication. But I think the 'might have been' is not nearly as important as the 'what is' — look at Rod's accomplishments, a good company commander in Korea, his doctor's degree at Illinois, his work with USACAG, the first to attend C&GSC, so much of the CE department is his creation virtually single-handedly, the ski slope, water polo, that tremendous record in Vietnam. I've often thought in the last few days that God allots to each person a measure of work, and Rod accomplished his in a few short years while the rest of us struggle on to try to match him. Since Rod was finished, it was time for Home and Rest."

We all try to be Rod Smiths, but few of us succeed as he did.

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Monty William Walters

NO. 19412 CLASS OF 1953

Died 16 March 1967 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 36 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MONTY WAS BORN IN GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, on 13 August 1930. The elder son of Maurice and Lela Walters, it was here that Monty spent his childhood, active in church and scouting. As a senior at Central High School, Monty was a colonel in the ROTC. As a young boy, his biggest wish was to go to West Point.

After graduation from high school in June 1948, Monty enlisted in the Army and took his basic training at Fort Knox. It was there that he passed the competitive examination for West Point, and in October 1948 he arrived at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Stewart Field. He received his appointment from Senator Arthur Vandenberg, and joined the Corps in July 1949.

While a Cadet, Monty was proud to be a member of the Cadet Chapel Choir for four years. It was at West Point in 1950 that Monty met Joan M. Eberhardt, the girl

MONTY WILLIAM WALTERS

who would become his bride after graduation.

Monty chose Infantry as his branch, and on 6 June 1953 he and Joan were married in the Cadet Chapel. Together they set out on a career that brought much happiness, and 12 changes of station in little more than 13 years. After finishing the Basic Course at Fort Benning, they travelled to Fort Hood, Texas. Monty became Platoon Leader, and then Executive Officer of Company B, 25th Armored Infantry Battalion, 1st Armored Division. Then on to Mannheim, Germany, in 1955 and Monty became the Commanding Officer of Company B, 41st Armored Infantry Battalion, 2d Armored Division. In May 1956, Monty and Joan adopted a pretty baby girl whom they named Diane Alison.

They returned to Fort Benning in 1958 for the Advanced Course. June of 1959 found Monty at the Army Language School at Monterey, studying Turkish for a year in preparation for a short tour in Turkey. Prior to leaving Monterey, Monty received a change of orders to report on temporary duty to Fort Holabird, the Army Intelligence School. After four months as a student, he was assigned a branch immaterial tour in Stuttgart, Germany, with the 66th Military Intelligence Group. During this tour from 1960 to 1963, after working closely with the Intelligence service, Monty transferred to the new Intelligence and Security branch. This was the work he wanted to do for the rest of his Army career.

In August 1963 Monty returned to Washington, D.C., to attend the Defense Intelligence School. It was here in September that a lovely daughter, Heather Lee, was born to Joan and Monty at Fort Belvoir. When school ended in June 1964, Monty joined the Office, Assistant Chief of Staff of Intelligence, in the Pentagon. This assignment lasted until Monty left for Vietnam on 1 January 1966.

He arrived in Can Tho and became the Assistant G2 Advisor, IV Corps Headquarters. His work there was most rewarding. Monty found time to teach English three nights a week to a large group of Vietnamese soldiers. He was also on the Board of Governors for Operation Education, organized by the Advisory Team Chaplain, to help the local children receive clothing, food, and books for school. Monty loved his own children so very much that he had to help the homeless and parentless children

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over there. He wrote a letter to WMAL Radio Station in Washington, and the response to its broadcast was gratifying.

Monty returned safely to Joan and the girls on 15 December 1966, in time for a happy Christmas reunion. Along with the Bronze Star and other medals, the Vietnamese Government awarded him the Medal of Honor. The citation that accompanied the medal read in part: "Here is a field grade officer rich in intelligence experience. During his entire tour of duty in the IV Corps TZ, Major Walters has demonstrated goodwill in closely cooperating with his Vietnamese counterparts, in coordinating and operating the professional activities — collecting the information concerning the enemy plans, and furnishing the information in an accurate manner, thus assisting the military in neutralizing and breaking up the Viet Cong plans, therefore making favorable conditions available to the friendly units in scoring victories throughout the battlefields of the IV Corps area." Signed: Lt. Gen. Dan Van Quang, Commanding General, IV Corps Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam, 19 November 1966.

On 20 January 1967 Monty reported to the Defense Intelligence Agency, Foreign Attachés Activities Section, an assignment he had looked forward to for some time. On 3 March, Monty was rushed to Walter Reed Army Hospital, where it was discovered that he had a brain tumor. The illness that took Monty's life was a sudden and tragic occurrence, and he fought valiantly for his life while undergoing delicate brain surgery three times in 13 days. Monty died on 16 March, the anniversary of the founding of his beloved Alma Mater.

Monty was promoted posthumously to lieutenant colonel on 17 March, effective 22 December 1966. He was buried with full military honors at West Point, the place that was very dear to him, and where he and Joan had spent so many happy days together.

"No words can really express the feelings one has when a friend has gone. You try and recall the days you shared, but they all seem to melt into one.

"As graduation approached, you wondered of the career ahead and of marriage. There was never any doubt in Monty's mind however, as to his choice of a career in the Army or his choice of a mate, for Joan and the Army were the two most important things in his life. You remember Monty with a smile on his face, for he always seemed to see the brighter side of things.

"We will all miss our friend, but we can take solace in the fact that his life was spent doing what he wanted to do, and with those who meant so much to him.

"There is a void in our lives that will never be filled, but we have happy and wonderful memories of a loving husband and devoted father, an outstanding soldier who had so much to give, and of a kind, warmhearted man who was a friend to all."

— his wife, Joan
and his friend, Bob Albert '53

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Robert Henry Gross

NO. 20110 CLASS OF 1954

Died 10 December 1967 in Japan, aged 38 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ROBERT HENRY GROSS

ON 20 DECEMBER 1967, at West Point, New York, Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Gross made his last military formation. As in everything with which Bob was associated, the last formation was a study in perfection. The day, warm for December, was brilliant and the sky a beautiful blue and white patchwork quilt, handcrafted by Mother Nature for that very day. The honor guard from his Cadet Company, the United States Military Academy Band, the friends and relatives, all presented a picture that Bob must have appreciated. It was as he would have planned it himself.

Bob was born to Roy and Mildred Gross in Detroit, Michigan, on 20 January 1929. His boyhood was like that of any young American growing up in the 1930's and 1940's. He had his share of jobs, his share of fun, his share of friends. One close friend of that period recalls the sandlot football and baseball and occasionally going "over the fence" at the University of Detroit football games. He noted that as an only child, Bob led a somewhat sheltered youth. On occasion, this caused Bob to be the object of kidding by other children, many of whom received a street corner boxing lesson for their trouble, for Bob was rangy, fast, and an excellent boxer. The friends of his youth remember Bob best for his outgoing personality, his forward and direct manner with adults, and his ability to remain mannerly at all times.

Bob graduated from the University of Detroit High School in 1946, attended the University of Detroit from 1946 to 1949 and entered the Military Academy in July 1949.

The cadet years for Bob Gross started out notably. One of Bob's roommates recalls: "The POINTER ran an article about Bob's first day as a cadet. He arrived with suede shoes and a DA haircut. When the Firstclassman who greeted him started to brace him, Bob said that he was tired and would appreciate being shown to his room. He added that after a good night's sleep he would be willing to start being a cadet." Apocryphal or not, the anecdote shows Bob as he was: never very excitable, seemingly unworried.

Bob's roommates, reminiscing about him, made some astute observations:

"He had a serious air, quickly supplanted by a sense of humor, which affected all with whom he came in contact."

"He was a loyal and trustworthy friend, who would respond to a classmate's need without hesitation."

"His best subject was Portuguese, but he had some problems with other departments. When kidded about not standing high enough in the class to get anything other than Infantry, he would always laugh and say that was what he wanted anyway."

After graduation in 1954, Bob went to the Basic Infantry Officers' Course and Airborne School at Fort Benning. He hated airplanes and used to laugh about getting airsick when he saw one. He is quoted as describing his experiences in jump school as the hardest way he knew to earn $100.

In November of 1955, Bob married Rita Rogers at West Point; they were subsequently blessed with two children, Courtland and Gabriella.

Bob Gross' military career described formally: assignment to the 3d Infantry Regiment at Fort McNair; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Fort MacArthur, California; Company B (later Headquarters and Headquarters Company) 12th Cavalry (Korea); Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, University of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Foreign Area Specialist Training Program (Brazil); Aide-de-Camp to Military Group Commander Brazil; S2, 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Vietnam. In addition to the schools mentioned, Bob graduated from the Infantry Officer Career Course, received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Scranton, and was a Doctorate Degree candidate in Latin American Area Studies at American University, Washington, D.C.

Bob Gross' military career was described by his superiors as follows: Major General F. N. Roberts — "The thing that most impressed me about Bob was his cheerfulness. No matter what the weather, the job he had to do, or the Old Man's temper, Bob stayed cheerful; his big grin made him nice to have around. But more than that, he seemed to epitomize the motto of his Alma Mater. This was especially true in the matter of duty. Bob was a precisionist; he demanded precision and set the example himself. He had the highest standards of duty, honor, and patriotism — always, he was a soldier."

Major General R. R. Linvill — "Bob demonstrated a genuine effort to continually portray those attributes of the professional soldier acquired years ago at West Point. It will be difficult for us to assess the tremendous loss that his death has created. Our only consolation is that he left an indelible impression of his goodness on all who knew him."

Knowing Bob was a little like knowing an ebullient, likable, and sometimes slightly eccentric dynamo. If Bob typified anything, it was the efficient, tireless, thoroughly competent military officer. He was a great believer in "troop-leading" people into going along with his ideas, and it usually worked. When confronted with someone as positive as himself, Bob wasted no time in "banging heads," but sought an acceptable accommodation — and then on with the business at hand. If he was impatient with some people for their slowness or lack of comprehension, it was not for personal reasons, but because he had a job to do for Uncle Sam, and he wanted to get it finished so that he could start on another. Always a great asset to a party, Bob played as hard as he worked, but he never stepped down from the pedestal of officer and gentleman.

Although reluctant to leave his family,

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Bob was especially pleased to join the Big Red One in Vietnam. While conducting a search for a missing soldier, the helicopter in which Bob was riding crashed and burned; Bob died on 10 December 1967 in the 106th General Hospital, Kishine Barracks, Japan. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The true essence of a man's character is not contained in the words spoken of him while living, but in how he is remembered when gone. We who knew him recall Bob Gross as an outstanding officer, a loyal friend, a devoted son, and a loving husband and father.

— *A friend*

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Michael Finlay Field

NO. 23247 CLASS OF 1960

Died 16 October 1967 in Vietnam, aged 30 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MICHAEL FINLAY FIELD

MICHAEL FINLAY FIELD was born into the United States Army on 7 August 1937 at St. Joseph, Missouri. Mike was raised in the Cavalry as Mike's dad received numerous troop assignments throughout the continental United States. Mike's grade school list looked like that of most other "Army brats" — long. His dad was stationed with the 10th Cavalry, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the 4th Cavalry, Fort Meade, South Dakota, the United States Cavalry School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the 8th Cavalry, then stationed in Japan.

Normally it is customary that "Army brats" received experience from their varied trips that carry them around the world following the footsteps of their fathers, but Michael Field was an exception — an exception because what Mike learned was something that very few men in the United States can master and become known in international competition. Mike learned to become an expert horseman.

Ever since Mike could gain his own equilibrium and firmly grip a pair of reins, he was in the saddle. He became a protégé of Colonel Kito and General USA of the old Japanese Court. These distinguished equestrians were two of Japan's finest and internationally known through competition. These gentlemen were highly respected for their competitive horsemanship. The very fact that Mike was able to study, to be accepted as a pupil, and to be specially coached under these men was a tribute to the ability Mike displayed at that early age.

Mike entered competitive jumping in Japan and before long won practically every jumper class competition held in Tokyo. At this time Mike was competing against grown men, and his winning performances delighted his coaches and his dad who spent many long hours helping to train Mike. Mike soon became a master of horses, and in 1950 he won the Olympic open jumping trials against the finest riders in all Japan.

When Mike's family returned to the United States, his dad was assigned to the Command and General Staff School faculty, and Mike then entered his first year of High School at Immaculata in Leavenworth. Mike then demonstrated another athletic ability by making the varsity football team as a 155-pound guard. This was Mike, not the biggest man but cool, calm, and fearless; able to use his head when others resort to brawn alone. Others recognized Mike's ability as an athlete, but more so as a young man and contemporary with a promising future. They elected him president of his high school class.

During his two-year tenure at Immaculata, Mike bought and trained his own horse. "Autocrat" was an 11-year-old, and Mike was the talk of the hunt club as other more experienced equestrians tried to talk Mike out of wasting his time and efforts on such an old horse. Mike always had a way with animals, and he worked himself and his horse to a fine peak. They were a synchronized team, and they competed against all of the finest riders in the midwest. Mike and "Autocrat" soon had another wall of ribbons (mostly blue) which filled the wall opposite the one which was filled previously in Japan.

In 1953, Mike spent the entire summer with the United States Equestrian Team at Rimrock Farms in Kansas. Again, in 1954 Mike joined the USET team in Nashville, Tennessee, and competed against the finest riders in the United States. Many of these people were the same ones who advised Mike to give up on "Autocrat." Mike Field won the Pan American three-day event on "Autocrat" and in so doing was invited to represent the United States of America on the United States Olympic Team to compete in Mexico City that same year. Mike could not accept the invitation because of school which he realized was important. Mike's one true ambition was to go to West Point, and to achieve this goal he knew that he had to continue on in high school without the break which participation in the Olympics would have given him.

Mike Field realized his dream to become a cadet and joined the Class of 1960 on 3 July 1956. Mike had to forgo competitive riding when he entered the Military Academy; however, he soon found himself a home by becoming a mule rider. Again Mike excelled as a rider and as a leader. Mike was chosen Captain of the mule riders his First Class year. Mike's ability to lead and to create lasting friendships blossomed during his cadet years, and he found friends among classmates, upper and lower classmen. Mike was admired and respected by all because he was a man's man and a true leader. This ability fully matured when Mike commanded troops since he was a highly successful commander.

After graduation Mike elected the 101st Airborne Division for his first assignment. After his successful completion of Airborne and Ranger School and graduation from OBC at Fort Benning, Mike joined the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Mike served there for two years as a platoon leader and then was selected personally by the battle group commander to command the Reconnaissance Platoon, a highly selective position reserved for the best platoon leader in the group.

Mike then went on to become the Assistant S2 and later became the S2 as a first lieutenant. Mike was an outstanding troop commander and seemed to accomplish difficult tasks with ease. There was no doubt that Mike had a way with his men that instilled a desire in them to go all the way with their young commander. Mike was the type of soldier who stood out from others. Many officers took notes and filed them in the back of their heads as they watched Mike work. He was that good.

Mike must have been filled at birth with an unsatiable desire to try everything exciting life had to offer as he caught the skydiving bug at Fort Campbell and was a familiar sight on the drop zone every weekend. The only time I can remember Mike's being caught in a flagrant misjudgment was Armed Forces Day, 1962. Mike jumped from a Beaver and was caught in some strong winds which were prevalent at Yamoto DZ and always seemed to prevail after troopers had made their exit. Mike made a perfect standup landing with one leg in half of a beer keg filled with mustard and located to the rear of the hot dog stand which was vending to the mobs of awed spectators whose attention had been captured by the wayward skydiver.

Mike achieved a D license in skydiving and amassed several hundred free falls. Most likely it was here that Mike developed his love for the sky as he filed his request to attend flight school. Mike's application was accepted, and he departed the 101st and reported to Fort Rucker, Alabama, graduating from flight school and receiving his aviator's wings in fixed wing aircraft.

Soon after, Mike was ordered to Vietnam and piloted L-19's, helping many an advisor out of tough scrapes. In his L-19 Mike assisted units on the ground and outposts by directing air strikes, adjusting artillery, conducting low level visual reconnaissance missions, and dropping and adjusting flares at night. During his first tour in Vietnam Mike demonstrated his ability as a pilot and as a soldier. Tim Schatzman, a classmate, will never forget Mike the night his unit was under heavy attack. For hours Mike flew above Tim helping adjust the flares, relaying important messages, and directing support for Tim's Vietnamese unit. For his actions during his first tour in Vietnam, Mike was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with 25 oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart and Commendation Medal.

When Mike returned to the States he decided to take the big step and get married. On 13 April 1965, Mike took the hand of the lovely Patricia Jones in marriage. Pat was a Navy Junior whom Mike had known throughout high school years. Mike and Pat then went to Fort Wolters, Texas, to attend helicopter school and become dual rated. After that, Mike, Patty, and a new addition, Megan moved to Fort Benning

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where Mike was to attend the Infantry Officers Advanced Course. After graduation from the advanced course, Mike was assigned to Benning as an instructor in the Company Tactics Department.

As soon as Mike settled the house, he went to the stables at Fort Benning to arrange to purchase a horse. No wife of Mike could go through life with her not being able to ride. This was wonderful for Pat as she could spend hours with Mike at the sport he loved the most, and they could introduce Megan to the Hunt Club at an early age. Mike became quite active in the Hunt Club and as an accredited judge he was called upon to officiate numerous shows at Fort Benning and throughout Georgia and Alabama.

Mike, in addition to being a licensed sky diver and pilot, was an avid gun enthusiast. He had a fine collection of guns and was a fine skeet shooter. He also had another love and that was sports cars. Having owned several MG's and Triumphs, Mike had to order a station wagon when he acquired his family. Settled at Benning, he then got another TR and joined the sports car club there. When the weather was not fit for riding, Patty assumed the role as navigator, and they were off together to a rally. It was a common sight at Fort Benning to the other occupants of Custer Terrace to see the Field family moving out for the weekend with a sports car filled with Pat, Megan, and their little dog Adam, pulling a horse trailer and seeking excitement somewhere in the area.

After a year at Benning as an instructor, Mike received orders assigning him to Headquarters Troop, 19th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Mike left Benning in December and in early January departed for Vietnam while Patty, pregnant again, joined her parents, Rear Admiral and Mrs. C. B. Jones in Guam. This was fortunate for Mike, for he was able to go on leave and R and R in Guam to see Pat and the family. It was in Guam in September that Michael Jr. was born. Mike saw his young son in early October and returned to Vietnam to finish the last few months as a staff officer.

On 16 October 1967, God decided that "He" needed Mike with "Him." It was on this day that Mike's jeep was destroyed by a command-detonated mine. God took one of our best soldiers with "Him" for a purpose that only "He" knows. With this in mind it helps to ease our sorrow in losing such a fine soldier destined for a fine future, a good Christian, a devoted husband, and proud father, and beloved friend.

General Omar Bradley once said: "To live by beliefs that give freedom, justice and dignity to all – we must sometimes be prepared to defend those beliefs with our lives."

Michael Finlay Field was such a man. He was born to be a soldier in the Cavalry, and he died in combat, a soldier in the Cavalry.

Mike's many decorations include: the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with 39 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters.

From the grateful government of the Republic of Vietnam, Mike received two Gallantry Crosses with Silver Stars. Mike was also awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Aviators Wings and Senior Paratrooper Wings. A grateful nation promoted Mike to the rank of Major and in so doing, to the best of my knowledge, promoted the first Major in the Class of 1960.

Mike is survived by his wife Patricia, his daughter Megan, his son Michael Jr., his mother and father, Colonel and Mrs. Eugene Field (Ret), and his sister Patricia.

Sleep peacefully Michael, for in your short lifetime you accomplished more than most could do in their entire lives. The world is better from having known you Mike, and your sacrifice and the sacrifice of your family will help millions to become free. Farewell for now dear friend, "Be thou at peace."

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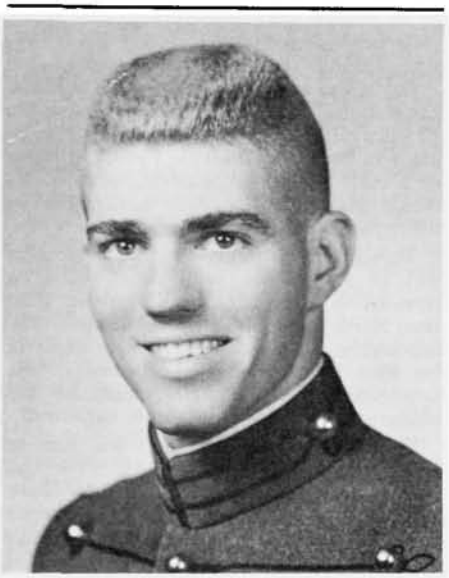
Robert Phillip Andrews

NO. 24027 CLASS OF 1962

Hostile death, Vietnam, 3 September 1966, aged 26 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



ROBERT PHILLIP ANDREWS

ON 3 SEPTEMBER 1966, NORTH OF CU CHI, Republic of Vietnam, the first platoon of Charlie Company (4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division) was unknowingly in trouble. It had moved into a heavily mined and booby trapped area which surrounded a well concealed and fortified bunker. Moments later, the unsuspecting platoon began receiving accurate and deadly rifle, grenades, and automatic weapons fire. The company commander, realizing the precarious situation his unit was in and the necessity for immediate and effective action, rapidly organized and personally led an assault on the enemy bunker. The assault culminated in the destruction of an enemy stronghold, but in its wake, claimed the life of Charlie Company's commander and a great son of West Point, Captain Robert Phillip Andrews.

Andy was born in Chicago on 1 December 1939. He spent his early years in New York, California, and Texas, but eventually returned to his birthplace and attended Austin High School. He established an excellent record as a student and class leader and achieved the grade of Lieutenant Colonel in the school's ROTC program.

Following high school graduation, Andy entered the University of Illinois as a midshipman in the NROTC program. One year later his interest in naval life remained minimal, and it was with much elation that he accepted an appointment to West Point from Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois.

Andy strode across the steaming pavement of West Point for the first time on 1 July 1958. Neither the blazing and humid inferno of that day nor the stern and repetitious orders of the Beast Detail could detract from the realization of Andy's boyhood dream to attend West Point. Armed with keen mind, strong body, and magnetic personality, he went on to establish a sterling record at the Military Academy. He complemented his academic achievements by vigorous participation in the manly sports of boxing, lacrosse, soccer, and football. Active in all aspects of cadet life, he always managed to find time for the numerous friends that came to his room for wise counsel or good cheer. Andy's selection as Commanding Officer of Company M-1 came as no surprise to M-1er's, and he commanded with characteristic professionalism and "Can Do" spirit.

On 6 June 1962, immediately after receiving his coveted Army Commission, Andy headed for Chicago and a very important event. Ten days later, after a courtship of three years, Andy married the lovely Rosemary Casey. The reception that followed will long be remembered by a great percentage of Chicago's Irish population.

Graduation Leave, Infantry Officers Basic Course, Airborne and Ranger Schools successfully completed, Andy and Rosemary went north to Alaska. Serving in several different positions at Fort Richardson, Andy acquired a wealth of experience and a deeper appreciation of his chosen Army career. Mountain training, jump status, winter exercises, long range patrols, and rescue missions offered a diversity of challenging experiences. Perhaps a portion of the citation of his first Army Commendation Medal best summarized his effectiveness as a young officer: ". . . All responsibilities he served devotedly and with a competence deserving of the praise he continually received and the esteem in which he was held by superiors and subordinates."

As the conflict in Vietnam worsened, Andy's battalion was ordered to Hawaii for training and subsequent assignment to the small, battletorn country. The unit completed its training as scheduled and steamed to Vietnam. A glimpse of Andy's character and feeling are evident from a letter he wrote to his mother while aboard the war-bound ship:

> I am happy to be going there, even though it is a hardship and a worry to you at home, but somebody must do it and my country has given me a lot, including the training and education which has made me what I am and suited for doing the job . . . I am not, nor will I ever be, a rich or highly successful man according to contemporary standards, but I am rich in other things. I know what duty is, and honesty with both myself and the world. I know what is right and what is wrong, and I appreciate what has been given to me. Altogether, I am a happy man.

Deeply religious and stirringly patriotic, Andy dedicated his life to God and Country. In his brief period of service, he received the Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and "v" device, Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge. As Andy distinguished himself as an officer, the same could be said of him as a husband and father. His wife and sons, Doug and Casey, were his loves, and received his time and attention unreserved for military duties.

Andy made a significant contribution to the greatness of West Point and the United

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States Army. Had he lived his contribution would have been far greater. The impact he made on the lives of those who knew him will become more and more evident in the years to come.

Thanks, Andy, from all of us.

— *Michael J. Rosenberg*

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David Allan Bujalski

NO. 25106 CLASS OF 1964

Killed in action, 15 August 1967, near Cu Chi, South Vietnam, aged 26 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DAVID ALLAN BUJALSKI

"ONE OF GOD'S SAINTS has come and gone and richer is the world which he passed through." These words, written by an Army chaplain and close friend of David's, epitomize the regard for David of all who knew him. David was a big man, not only physically, but mentally, morally, and spiritually as well. The strength which his outer form so forcefully displayed was only a picture of his inner strength of character.

David was born 18 August 1940, in Valley City, North Dakota. He was the youngest of six children born to John and Gladys Bujalski, and soon acquired the family nickname of "Little David." Little David outgrew his nickname by outgrowing his brothers and sisters. The development of his character kept pace with his physical growth, and he became a cheerful, friendly, loveable young giant.

David's faith in God manifested itself in his early teens. He spent his last three years of high school at St. John's High, Collegeville, Minnesota, preparing for the priesthood. During his senior year, he decided he did not have a religious vocation. He continued for two more years at St. John's University, majoring in physics. While at St. John's, one of David's brothers was at West Point and another at the Air Force Academy. David was deeply impressed with the influence these schools had on his brothers and with the work his brothers were doing.

David entered West Point in July 1960 and adapted readily to Academy life. He earned the respect and admiration of his classmates through his unselfish giving of time and effort in academic coaching, his active participation in extra-curricular activities, and his own academic achievements. During Yearling year, he met Barbara DePretoro, a student at Ladycliff College.

David graduated and was commissioned in the Artillery on 3 June 1964. Three days later he and Barbara were married in the Cadet Catholic Chapel. Elizabeth Marie was born 28 July 1965, in Munich, Germany, where David and Barbara were stationed after graduation. In June 1966, they moved to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where David was Commander of C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Combat Support Training Brigade. He transferred to the Corps of Engineers in June 1967, and shortly thereafter left for Vietnam. David felt he had a duty to go there, that since we were there, we had a job to do. On 15 August 1967, eight days after his arrival in Vietnam, David fell victim to a sniper's bullet while performing a helicopter-borne road reconnaissance mission. Kathleen Anne was born 26 September 1967, in Glen Cove, Long Island, New York.

David was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (posthumous) for his deeds in Vietnam. On 27 March 1968, a sports field at Fort Huachuca was dedicated "Bujalski Field," in honor of David. A stone monument, with a memorial plaque on top, was constructed by the men in his former company.

Throughout his military career, as a cadet and as an officer, David developed at a tremendous rate. The friendly young giant from North Dakota became a dedicated, skillful, highly qualified officer. In the words of his First Sergeant at Fort Huachuca, "He was revered by his cadre, loved by his students, and respected by his superiors."

David's life was too short for him to have reached his full potential. We can only conjecture as to what he would have achieved, but we do know that he influenced the lives of those who knew him. David's deeds had very little effect on a troubled world; however, we will never know to what extent his effect on his contemporaries influenced great deeds yet to be performed. We can only pray that some day peace will come and stay in our world, and that all men will be as friendly and helpful to others as was that man from North Dakota.

— *his brother*

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Richard LeRoy Endicott

NO. 25761 CLASS OF 1965

Hostile death, Vietnam, 30 April 1968, aged 25 years.

Interment: Highland Cemetery, Casper, Wyoming

DICK WAS A PROUD AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER. Duty, Honor, Country were not just words; they were his life, and he gave meaning to them for all who were privileged to know him. He was a very special person. Nothing was ever done part way; he gave his very best whether fighting a battle, pulling a rip-cord, listening to a concert, or discussing philosophy in a drawing room. Climbing his Wyoming hills, searching for traces of ancient man, it was never "how far down below" he was, but "how near the top." Reading was always one of his greatest pleasures, and an honest belief or opinion was worth his consideration even if he disagreed with it. Guns were not only part of his profession but a hobby he thoroughly enjoyed.

It was not a world of yesterdays for Dick

RICHARD LEROY ENDICOTT

but of todays and tomorrows. He not only had great faith and confidence but was able to share this with others. His was a helping hand when the going was rough; leading, guiding, never impatient, always looking ahead.

To each of us who knew him Dick was wise and understanding beyond his years, sincere, dedicated to his ideals and firm in his beliefs. Not content to follow the crowds, nor influenced by the whim of others, he was a unique individualist who took his honored place in the Long Gray Line with his head held high.

In his teen-age years he was active in Civil Air Patrol and was awarded an exchange trip to England in 1960 for being the outstanding cadet from the state of Wyoming. He was also the cadet colonel in high school ROTC at Casper, Wyoming during his senior year. In July of 1961, he entered West Point, graduating with the Class of 1965. His first station, for 13 months, was in Seoul, Korea with the 31st Infantry. While in Korea he earned his black belt in Karate. In April 1967 he reported to Ft. Bragg, N. C., with the Raider Detachment, 82d Airborne Division. He wore his Parachutist Badge with special pride, and "Airborne" was one of his favorite expressions. In March 1968 he reported for duty in Vietnam.

The last call to duty came on 30 April 1968. Captain Richard LeRoy Endicott died from wounds received from ground fire in a firefight near Cu Chi, South Vietnam. He was Company Commander, Company C, 2d Battalion, 14th Infantry (Golden Dragons), 25th Infantry Division. Prior to his death he had been cited for gallantry and heroism. He has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

His life, though short, has left us a happy past to remember and a better future to work for, trying to be the kind of person he was, truly an inspiration to all of us. His community, the State, and the Nation have lost a fine young man. As we pay respect to his memory, we are saddened that he is gone, but we are glad that he lived. We have the inspiration of his life as our heritage. Let us be glad that we called such a man our friend. The words of Edgar A.

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Guest seem to have been written about Dick:

"To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still
To do my best and let that stand
The record of my heart and hand;
And then, should failure come to me
Still hope and work for victory."

—*Jeanne Carpenter*
A friend

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George Patrick O'Toole Jr.

NO. 25990 CLASS OF 1965

Killed in action, Vietnam, 12 December 1967, aged 23 years.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery, Mankato, Minnesota

MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, will fondly remember Pat; but memories of this magnetic Irishman will be held not only by his comrades in arms. Ask the people of Mankato, Minnesota — they'll remember him as a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 24, a loyal alumnus of Loyola High School, a sportsman, a friend. Those who played football opposite him or tried to catch him running the mile won't forget the aggressive young man who didn't know how to play second best. The librarians at Loyola will remember him, surely, as a voracious reader; and the Drama Club and Glee Club were sorry to see Pat O'Toole graduate. The regulars down at Pappy's Bar surely remember the fellow who sang Irish songs and enjoyed boilermakers when he was home on leave. Pat was a professional Irishman —

GEORGE PATRICK O'TOOLE JR.

and determined to let everyone know it. It was well worth buying him a drink to hear his yarns and join enthusiastically in "Galway Bay."

Entering West Point as a member of the Class of 1965 widened Pat's sphere of influence. Quick-witted, personable, entergetic, and enthusiastic, he thrived at West Point as a cadet and leader, but encountered difficulty in the academics. It reflects Pat's dauntless attitude that in spite of four turnout stars, he finished that Plebe year. Classmates and faculty alike were drawn by Cadet O'Toole's dynamic and animated character. Numerous girls across the country were no doubt impressed by the cadet captain's stripes that he sported during his First Class year.

There was never any doubt that Pat would be an Infantryman. Airborne and Ranger schools were natural and fitting for this professional soldier. His ever-present sense of humor, inspiring leadership and steadfastness were even more appreciated by his classmates during those physically and mentally difficult times. Ranger Class #65-3 was perhaps best known for its ability to break into a song — usually started by Ranger O'Toole — when the going got roughest.

Pat arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska, in December 1965 after an arduous drive up the Alaskan highway. He was assigned as 4.2 inch mortar platoon leader for the 1st Battalion, 47th Infantry, 171st Infantry Brigade. He soon demonstrated his leadership and won the respect of officers and men who knew him directly and by reputation. His off duty time was spent in making friends and introducing fellow lieutenants to the camaraderie of the songs of Ireland. He enjoyed Alaska's outdoor resources immensely, particularly skiing. Pat's Alaska scrapbooks record his participation in the Biathlon cross country ski competition; the 26-mile Equinox Marathon, and the 12-mile Gold Discovery race — each of which he tackled with his usual stamina and enthusiasm.

Pat's memory will be carried by the people who knew him in Alaska from the men of the Heavy Mortar Platoon to the Indians of remote Allakaket, Alaska; by the girls of the University of Alaska, and by the young men whom Pat encouraged to enter West Point.

Pat's decision to volunteer for the Special Forces was no surprise. He requested duty in Vietnam with the confidence and assurance of a well-trained soldier. Pat found the fit of the Green Beret exactly to his liking and confidently went off to war.

As an A Team executive officer at Moc Hoa for six months, his proficiency in administration, supply, and finance contributed significantly to the successful operation of the unit. Such work, however, was tedious for this man who chaffed at inaction. His letters reflected his concern for the children and orphans in his area, his satisfaction in the job that the Army was doing, and the comradeship he enjoyed with American and Vietnamese Special Forces soldiers.

Following his promotion to captain, Pat commanded Detachment A411 at My Phouc Tay in November 1967. His last letters indicate his acceptance of an extremely challenging and difficult job — but one to which he looked forward. Pat was killed on 12 December 1967 when ambushed by an estimated enemy battalion as he led a search and clear operation, looking for a reported weapons cache.

Those who never knew Pat are unfortunate. Those who knew only the carefree Irishman saw, like an iceberg, just a small part of his character. There were things Pat seldom talked about — his love and respect for his family; his devotion to moral principles and the soldier's code of ethics; and his tenderness and affection, especially for children. For all his bravado and swagger, these are the qualities that will be remembered of Pat by those who knew and loved him.

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Richard William Thompson

NO. 26338 CLASS OF 1966

Hostile death, Vietnam, 19 November 1967, aged 26 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

RICHARD WILLIAM THOMPSON

RICHARD W. THOMPSON was born in Atchison, Kansas, on 10 March 1941. He graduated from Atchison High School in 1959 where he was a star football player and was first team in all ratings: All League, Northeast Kansas, and All State. He was second in the state in discus and shot-put. Scholastically he was third in his graduating class. He had congressional appointments to both the Military Academy and the Naval Academy, plus academic and athletic scholarships to 30 other schools.

He chose to go to Kansas University on a full athletic scholarship. At the end of his first year he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. He received his training at Fort Leonard Wood and at Fort Dix. After another semester at Kansas University, he entered St. Benedict's College in Atchison where he made a straight 4.0 average. In the Spring of 1962 he was appointed to the Academy as a result of a competitive Army Reserve examination.

"A Legend in His Own Time!!" — How many times have you heard that phrase? Well, it must have been quite a few. It is a trite, often used, and really quite ambiguous saying. And it is presented as an attribute to many people.

But this is supposed to be an obituary for Richard W. Thompson, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Infantry, 173d Airborne . . . ad infinitum until every imaginable Service unit is mentioned. But the words abate in significance when followed by that honorable footnote, "(KIA)" — Killed in Action. And yet, the combination of name, position, and footnote mean little, because I doubt if many people know who Richard W. Thompson was, unless someone happened to pencil in one short word — "Buck."

Believe me, that one word makes a difference. I roomed with him for a month before I knew that Buck's given name was Richard, although I knew of Buck Thompson long before I ever met him. He may not have been a true legend. It is quite con-

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ceivable that the honorable residents of Paris, Texas, may never have heard of him; nor the stalwart citizens of Ogden, Utah; but he did not know them either, so it is of little consequence. But you can be sure that those chosen few who resided on the USMA Reservation from 1962 through 1966 heard of him.

What I am trying to say is that Buck was a legend in his own right. In the humble beginnings of struggling Fourth Class year he evoked feelings of levity among his contemporaries, and some degree of consternation concerning his ability to survive. At the same time, Buck's superiors seemed to view the antics of this young man with mixed emotions, ranging from humorous indifference to utter disbelief. Still, though, Buck was known.

By the time he reached the beginning of Third Class academic year, he was already an official member of the elected aristocracy of the Class of 1966. So, while the comportment of the individual continued to upset many of the towers of traditional behavior, the institutional legend of Buck Thompson expanded more and more. For, Buck made a point of acquainting himself with others, and others with himself. In addition to serving as Class Historian, he was also a member of the Class Committee, and was active in the Dialectic Society, appearing in the Hundred Night shows.

Actually, little changed in the remainder of his service at the Academy. Second Class year gave him the opportunity to direct others within his squad, and so impart to them some of his creed of life, while First Class year enabled him to expand his sphere of influence.

Sure, the stories of his activities grew. Who else had attributed the end of a lecture to lack of a speaker's drinking water? Who else commanded an audience after taps for the purpose of the reminiscences of old "war stories"? Who else could command attention (both adulatory and grimacing) by his mere entrance into a room by an unforgettably theatrical appearance? Who else had his anecdotes and sayings repeated over and over again with the familiar footnote, "Did you hear what Buck said?" And who was as well known as Buck for being himself?

Undoubtedly, many of the above questions could apply to others of the Corps, and rightly so. But I doubt if any one person could satisfy all the requirements of such a litany as well as Buck.

Yet, in the naturally maudlin remembrance of a fallen comrade, one can not omit the often hidden but ever-present quality of concern that Buck had for others. I do not mean to say it was for everybody, because Buck was selective. But I, and I emphasize the first person, believe that his one goal, as aspired to by Buck, carries with it a deep desire to see others happy. Odd as it may seem, the joy of others was one of Buck's most sincere feelings of accomplishment. Whether he was admired or derided is known only by the person with whom Buck was communicating. It is just too personal to be covered by a blanket statement.

While at the Academy, Buck met Fran Urstadt, a graduate of Ladycliff College. They were married June Week in the Cadet Chapel. He was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 325th Infantry of the 82d Airborne Division. A son, Richard William II, was born on 12 May 1967. Three weeks later Buck left for Vietnam. He was one of 99 classmates to volunteer for duty in Vietnam.

In June of 1967, Buck arrived in Vietnam. Buck distinguished himself on 19 November 1967, while serving as a platoon leader with Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate) on a search and destroy mission in the Republic of Vietnam. As the lead element established contact with the well prepared enemy fortifications, Lieutenant Thompson maneuvered his platoon into an assault line and pushed toward the positions. With little regard for his personal safety, he continually exposed himself to intense automatic weapons, rockets, and mortar fire to direct fires and to guide his elements. After receiving the order to withdraw, he began a retrograde action, utilizing fire and movement tactics that minimized the amount of casualties sustained.

While reorganizing his platoon, he was ordered to assault the enemy again. As he moved his platoon into an assault formation, he was severely wounded by small arms fire. Refusing medical attention, he continued to direct his element forward. In the vicious, close quarter firefight that ensued, Buck was again wounded. He again refused any medical attention and continued to expose himself to the intense enemy fire. Running from man to man, shouting words of encouragement and direction, he inspired his troops with his valorous actions. As the order to withdraw was issued, he began to move his element away from the point of contact.

As his platoon was moving into the company perimeter, Buck was informed that his platoon sergeant was wounded and not with the platoon. With total disregard for his own safety and despite the fact that he had been twice wounded, Buck rushed back to the contact area which was still receiving enemy mortar fire and dragged his platoon sergeant back to safety. While in the process of reconsolidating his position, Buck was mortally wounded. Buck's extraordinary personal valor in close combat against a numerically superior North Vietnamese force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

So, Buck lived, and died. That is it. He lived as he thought a man should live, and died as he thought a soldier should die. Buck achieved many personal goals, and he'd like to be remembered that way — as a winner, not as a failure. Hopefully, all who knew him remember the successes. I do. For he did achieve one magnificent success, for if you ever knew him, you will remember Buck.

An ecumenical memorial service honoring First Lieutenant Richard William Thompson at St. Benedict's Abbey Church on 28 November 1967 was attended by more than 500 Atchison citizens. A "Buck Thompson Scholarship Fund Memorializing Vietnam Veterans" has been established at St. Benedict's College.

Besides his wife and son, Buck is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson of Atchison; a sister, Mrs. Paul Wilson, wife of Marine Major Wilson; and three brothers, Thomas K., Cass, and Jim.

Buck has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and several service medals.

— *A Classmate*

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Robert Wayne Luecke

NO. 26569 CLASS OF 1966

Killed in action 2 March 1968 while on patrol near Saigon, Vietnam, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IT IS STRANGE what one remembers of former students. Upon first meeting Robert Luecke I was impressed by his polite formal manner and by the extending of his hand immediately upon the introduction by his father to his future teacher. This same extended hand was always a part of his life . . . extending it and using it to help others throughout elementary school, high school, the USMA, and eventually in overseas duty in Vietnam.

ROBERT WAYNE LUECKE

Robert Wayne Luecke was born in Paterson, New Jersey, on 28 June 1944. He was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paterson, New Jersey, and later began his elementary education in the Church-owned and operated elementary school. He entered Bethany Lutheran School, Parma, Ohio, on 1 February 1957. On the junior high level he was an active participant in sports and began to show an interest in music, especially in choral music.

Upon graduation, Robert entered Lutheran High School-West, Rocky River, Ohio, in the fall of 1958. As a high school student he was a strong competitor in football and basketball for four years. In his senior year he was also a member of the track team. Pursuing his interest in music, he served in the choir all four years of his high school training. During his high school years he also served as class president of the freshman class; vice president of the student council as a senior; reporter on the school newspaper, *The Longhorn Scout*, in his senior year; and was a member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years. On graduation day, 8 June 1962, Robert Wayne Luecke received his appointment to the USMA from the Honorable Representative Michael Feighn of the 20th Congressional District of Ohio.

While at the USMA Robert once again pursued his musical interest participating in the choir and serving as chief acolyte in the Protestant Chapel. After graduating in June

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1966, he took additional paratrooper training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and went on to complete the Ranger School in December 1966. Assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, he was transferred to Detroit, Michigan, during the riots in the summer of 1967. Transferred again, he attended the Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and completed his training in October 1967. Assigned to the Special Language School at Fort Bliss, Texas, he completed this training in December 1967.

After a short leave he left Parma, Ohio, on 26 January 1968, arriving in Vietnam on 30 January 1968. On 2 March 1968, while on patrol, Lieutenant Robert W. Luecke was killed by an enemy planned and executed ambush. Throughout his life, Robert Luecke was a shining example of a dedicated Christian. Funeral services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Parma, Ohio, on 24 March 1968. Eight former elementary and high school teachers served as pallbearers. An additional service and interment were held on 26 March at the Protestant Chapel and the West Point Cemetery. Honor Guard and pallbearers were from the Company of Cadet Richard W. Luecke — Class of 1969.

In memory of Lieutenant Robert Wayne Luecke numerous memorials to the Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, and the Lutheran High School Association of Cleveland, Ohio, were established. This latter memorial will be used to give grants to teachers on sabbatical leave scholarships so that they may be given additional training in bringing the lambs of Christ closer to their Saviour. Once again the hand to others is being extended.

Lieutenant Robert Wayne Luecke is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luecke, Parma, Ohio; two brothers, Cadet Richard W. Luecke, USMA Class of 1969, and Randall W. Luecke, eighth grade student of Bethany Lutheran School, Parma, Ohio; and a host of classmates and friends in many parts of the world.

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Donald Richard Judd

NO. 26585 CLASS OF 1966

Hostile death, Vietnam, 22 June 1967, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

VIETNAM WAR CASUALTIES have cut deeply into the Class of 1966. Now as this war continues, the service of all of us is tempered by true personal commitment and sincere determination to advance this cause for which, already, a number of our classmates have gallantly given their lives. Donald R. Judd was killed in action in Vietnam on 22 June 1967, just a little more than a year after graduation.

Don was born on 11 April 1943, in Batavia, New York. He grew to maturity in the town of Alexander, New York, a small rural community just outside of Batavia. He graduated from Saint Mary's Elementary School and Notre Dame High School in Batavia, where he became well known for his football, basketball, and track endeavors. By his high school teammates, he is remembered as being a very determined, but always a very fair competitor, who continously looked out for the underclass members of the team. After graduation from Notre Dame High School, Don went on to attend Manlius

DONALD RICHARD JUDD

Preparatory School where he learned the rudiments of military life and cultivated several friendships that were continued as fellow classmates at the Military Academy.

Don won his appointment to West Point from New York's 39th Congressional District and joined the Class of 1966 on 2 July 1962. At the Academy Don was not the ideal cadet to the establishment, but for his classmates and friends he made many sacrifices to help many people. His witty remarks and congenial conversation made him popular with everyone he met. He despised pretense and hypocrisy, and his friendship was deep because he shared much with his friends. He enjoyed sports, particularly handball, squash, tennis, golf, and basketball. Plebe year he was a stalwart on the 150-pound football team but was too heavy to compete in subsequent years. It was the competition, the desire to be good, and the comradeship and respect won by battling a worthy opponent that inspired Don to excellence in sports.

Always, even while at the Academy, Don was his own man. He felt strong the need to excel, but he did so in his own manner. When not competing athletically, Don devoted much of his time to the extensive reading of all sorts of literature, for the knowledge and enjoyment of reading. As a result, his class standing was not the best, but for him he was gleaning the most from life in his own manner.

In his final year at the Academy, Don chose his branch as Infantry. He first reported to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, in August of 1966, where he learned that the unit he had intended to join was already deploying to Vietnam. At this time he volunteered for Vietnam hoping that he would join this unit over there. Next he successfully completed Airborne and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and went on to join the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, where later he received orders assigning him to the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

On 6 May 1967, Don married Mary Leahy, the girl he met during his Second Class year. The happy couple honeymooned in Nassau and then traveled about portions of the United States for several weeks while Don said goodbyes to his relatives and friends. On the 2d of June, Don left for Vietnam as a loving husband, devoted son, and eager young officer prepared to meet the challenge of the profession of arms, the profession in which he was now so happy.

In the 1966 HOWITZER, the inscription under Don's picture reads "When the chips are down, Don could always be counted on." On the 22d of June 1967, in the hills around Dak To, Republic of Vietnam, the chips were down for Don and his rifle platoon. On that day Don and most of his men found the true meaning of "Duty, Honor, and Country." Greatly outnumbered after going to the aid of another platoon, they held off for hours an estimated two battalions of North Vietnamese Regulars before they were overrun.

For his action on that final day Don was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Knowing Don, it was easy to match him with his Silver Star citation. Exposing himself to enemy fire while bringing wounded men into the safety of the defensive perimeter . . Being hit several times by enemy fire but still working to help his men . . Moving from defensive position to position resupplying his men with ammunition while exposing himself to enemy fire . . Finally, falling mortally wounded while bringing another wounded man to safety. This was the Don Judd we knew, the hard competitor possessing physical ability and stamina, a natural leader of men, and counted on when the chips were down.

We, who were close to Don, feel a deep sense of loss in his death. Don spent only 24 years on this earth, but during those 24 years he became many things to many people — adored husband, loving son and brother, devoted uncle, remarkable friend, professional soldier, and a gallant and courageous leader. We hope that his bereaved wife and parents will take solace in knowing that we of the Class of 1966 will never forget Don and our other classmates gone before us, who like Don, provide us with the constant reminder that the true greatness in a man is his capacity for self sacrifice in the service of his fellow man. Donald R. Judd made the greatest of all sacrifices. No greater love had a man than that he gave his life in defense of another man's freedom.

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Douglas Graham Magruder

EX-CADET OF 1966

Killed in action 18 November 1967 at Dak To, Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE CLASS OF 1966 HAS LOST one of its greatest competitors in Doug Magruder. Most of us remember Doug as an outstanding athlete. He was surely a great sportsman as well, never allowing his determination to excel to preclude him from helping others. Many of us received his help and encouragement in athletics, academics, and the system. By always performing to maximum capacity under all circumstances, Doug inspired others to do their best. Moreover, his never failing sense of humor kept us all amazed and entertained during the trying Plebe year.

We all know that Doug ranked number one in our class in Physical Education for the two years he was at West Point, but his achievements in athletics included much more. At Coral Gables High School in Miami, Florida, he successfully competed in two major sports in the same year. At West Point,

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DOUGLAS GRAHAM MAGRUDER

in addition to winning his Numerals and Major "A" in track, he set a new Academy record for the triathalon through his record-breaking scores in the swimming and cross-country events, thereby leading the Company D-1 team to the Brigade championship. After resigning from West Point after yearling year, Doug entered the University of Miami where he lettered twice in track and led his fraternity, Sigma Chi, to numerous intra-fraternity athletic victories.

Doug's career at University of Miami was no less astounding than that at West Point. His military training and tremendous ability were immediately recognized, and he was awarded ROTC leadership positions and selected for membership in the elite Scabbard and Blade society for outstanding ROTC cadets. Doug continued to set a fine example and was rated first overall among the entire Florida contingent at Fort Bragg ROTC Summer Camp. Moreover, he ranked number one of over 2,000 cadets on the Physical Combat Proficiency Test with a perfect score of 500. A memorial fund has been established at the University of Miami in Doug's name which is providing a permanent trophy and an annual saber award to the ROTC cadet attaining the highest score on the PCPT each year.

While at the University of Miami, Doug met his future wife, the former Rebekah "Honey" Shelley, and a year later they were married on 20 December 1965. The following June, Doug graduated with a B.S. Degree in Mathematics and, as a Distinguished Military Graduate, received his Regular Army commission in the Field Artillery.

After the Artillery Officer Basic Course, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Doug and Honey went to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where Doug was a member of the 82d Airborne Division. Five months later, his request was granted, and Doug left for duty with the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

Arriving in July 1967, Doug joined his unit in action around the Dak To-Kontum area as a forward observer. After distinguishing himself and gaining the admiration and respect of Infantry as well as Artillery commanders, Doug was assigned the critical position of fire direction officer. About this time, Honey gave birth to a healthy Doug Jr. whom Doug knew only through pictures.

Intensive enemy build-ups and heavy casualties caused Doug to again become a walking Artilleryman. His superiors knew Doug; they knew he could be counted on when the going got tough. Doug, as usual, did a fine job until his death on 18 November 1967.

Doug's classmates and fellow officers have written of him: "Anyone who ever met him instinctively marked him as a winner. He was so very much a man—honest and unaffected. There seemed to be nothing that Doug could not do, and at the same time make it look easy as hell." The respect that Doug's associates had for him can be summed up by his commanding officer who said, "He was the epitome of what a young career Army officer should be—dashing, courageous, and honest." Nothing much can be added except, he was our friend.

Doug is survived by his wife, Honey, and son, Douglas G. Jr., of Miami; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Magruder of Coral Gables; two brothers, Army Captain Robert B. Magruder, USMA '64, and Navy Lieutenant Peyton Marshall Magruder Jr., USNA '62, both stationed at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Motley of Miami. He was also the grandson of the late Brigadier General Marshall Magruder.

— *Captain Richard J. Swift Jr.*
Captain Robert B. Magruder

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Jose Manuel Pena

NO. 27133 CLASS OF 1967

Died 25 August 1968 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON 25 AUGUST 1968, JOSE PENA was serving as a platoon leader with Company B during a combat operation near the village of Thon Hai, seven miles west of Tam Ky City, in Quang Tin Province, Republic of South Vietnam. At approximately 4:00 p.m., Jose was mortally wounded when the company received small arms fire and enemy grenades.

Jose was born in New York 6 February 1944, two months after his father passed away. This event brought me courage in my difficult moments.

From his early years he showed his sense of independence and responsibility. He loved school, sports, especially sailing, and was an avid reader. In 1956 we moved to Puerto

JOSE MANUEL PENA

Rico. After completing elementary and high school at the Academy of Immaculate Conception in Mayaguez, he attended the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts for one year, prior to his appointment to West Point. His teachers and classmates admired his willingness to help the underprivileged. He was an inspiration to many.

While at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception he belonged to the Boy Scout Group. In high school he joined the Civil Air Patrol, where he earned the grade of cadet captain. At the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts he joined the ROTC. His ambition was to make the Army his career.

On 1 July 1963 Jose joined the Corps of Cadets USMA. While at the Academy he enjoyed every minute of his stay.

At the late President Kennedy's inauguration, he was proud to be chosen with other USMA cadets to go to Washington and take part in the Inauguration Parade. In 1961 he also was chosen as an exchange cadet to represent the United States in Greece. From that trip he gained wonderful experience and many friends. His happiest moment was on 7 June 1967 when General Bennett presented him with his diploma and his commission as an officer of the United States Army.

After completing the Regular Army Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne Course, and Ranger Course, he was assigned to Hawaii, and from there to Vietnam. He was very happy to go, confident that he was going to do his duty to his country and to help make this a better world to live in.

He showed his love of country by giving his life. His generosity will make this a better world. He will live in our hearts forever.

God bless you.

— *Mom*

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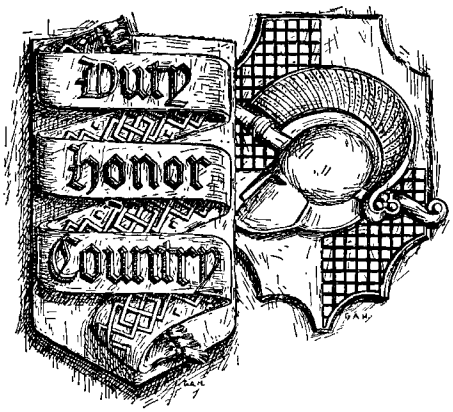

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1968 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Donald C. Cubbison	1904	25 December 1968	Carmel, California
Charles R. Pettis	1904	10 January 1969	Ellisville, Mississippi
Edmund L. Daley	1906	19 December 1968	Albany, New York
Irving J. Palmer	1907	15 June 1966	Green Brook, New Jersey
Elmer C. Desobry	1908	23 November 1968	Dallas, Texas
Olin O. Ellis	1908	25 December 1968	Baltimore, Maryland
Arthur B. Conard	1911	16 December 1968	Monterey, California
Leonard L. Barrett	1912	14 January 1969	Atherton, California
Robert N. Bodine	1912	21 November 1968	San Antonio, Texas
Russell L. Maxwell	1912	24 November 1968	Washington, D.C.
Edward C. V. Boykin	Ex-1912	9 November 1968	Charlottesville, Virginia
Francis A. Englehart	1913	13 January 1969	Washington, D.C.
Wyndham M. Manning	1913	9 December 1967	Columbia, South Carolina
William L. Roberts	1913	27 November 1968	Redlands, California
George W. Hirsch	Aug 1917	22 January 1969	Honolulu, Hawaii
Charles F. Baish	Jun 1918	28 August 1968	Falls Church, Virginia
John P. Zachman	Jun 1918	14 January 1962	Toledo, Ohio
Richard C. Babbitt	Nov 1918	11 December 1968	Orlando, Florida
George G. Eddy	Nov 1918	5 January 1969	Carlsbad, New Mexico
James L. Keasler	Nov 1918	15 November 1968	El Paso, Texas
John M. Moore	Nov 1918	6 February 1969	Roanoke, Virginia
Clarence A. Rosendahl	Nov 1918	5 March 1967	Waco, Texas
John H. Stokes Jr.	Nov 1918	10 November 1968	Palo Alto, California
John T. Lynch	1920	8 January 1969	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Donald F. Stace	1920	20 December 1968	Santa Monica, California
Frederick E. Phillips	1923	7 December 1968	Albany, New York
Charles L. Dasher Jr.	1924	1 November 1968	Bethesda, Maryland
George P. O'Neill	1924	22 December 1968	Fort Dix, New Jersey
John H. Riepe	1924	5 November 1968	Glendale, California
George W. Smythe	1924	16 January 1969	Fort Myer, Virginia
Philip D. Ginder	1927	7 November 1968	New York, New York
Orrin L. Grover	1927	13 January 1969	Patrick AFB, Florida
Guy S. Meloy Jr.	1927	14 December 1968	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
George F. Peirce	1927	8 January 1969	San Francisco, California
John A. Samford	1928	20 November 1968	Andrews AFB, Maryland
Harvey P. Huglin	1932	10 August 1966	March AFB, California
Robert Totten	1933	13 November 1968	U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
William S. Stone	1934	2 December 1968	Brussels, Belgium
Walter E. Bare Jr.	1935	29 January 1969	Jacksonville, Alabama
Harvey C. Dorney	1937	13 November 1968	Andrews AFB, Maryland
Lawrence A. Spilman	1937	13 November 1968	Ottumwa, Iowa
Seth F. Hudgins	1939	31 December 1968	Arlington, Virginia
Benjamin B. Kercheval	1941	25 December 1968	Santa Barbara, California
Franklin W. Taylor	Jun 1943	12 December 1968	Charleston AFB, South Carolina
Oliver G. Becker	1944	13 December 1968	Meadowbrook, New York
Charles L. Reynoldson	1945	18 December 1968	Cornwall on the Hudson, New York
Charles W. Elliot	1950	21 November 1968	Elmendorf, Alaska
John A. Hall	1954	29 October 1968	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Harper B. Keeler	1957	30 January 1969	Vietnam
Norman N. Cunningham	1961	24 September 1968	Vietnam
Robert G. Hufschmid	1962	2 November 1968	Vietnam
Carl J. Winter Jr.	1964	23 November 1968	Vietnam
John H. Hays	1965	8 November 1968	Vietnam
Michael G. Parr	1967	27 November 1968	Vietnam

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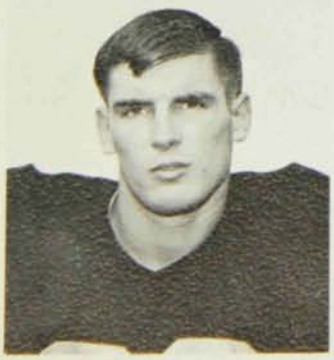
Coach Tom Cahill



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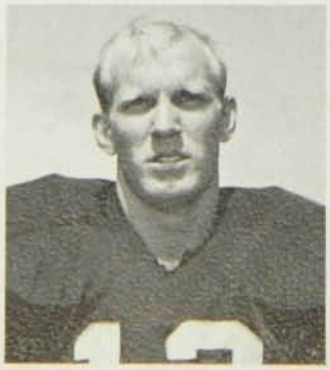

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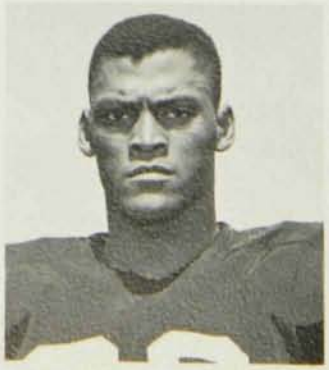

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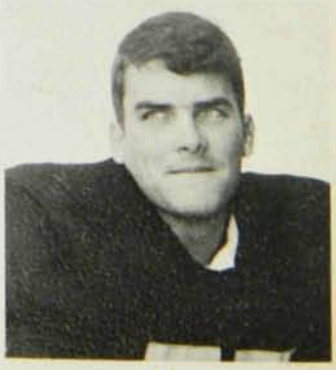

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