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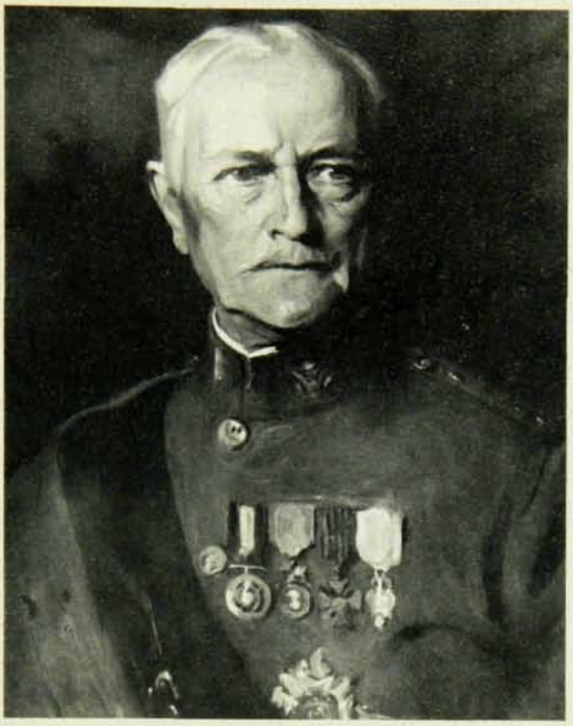

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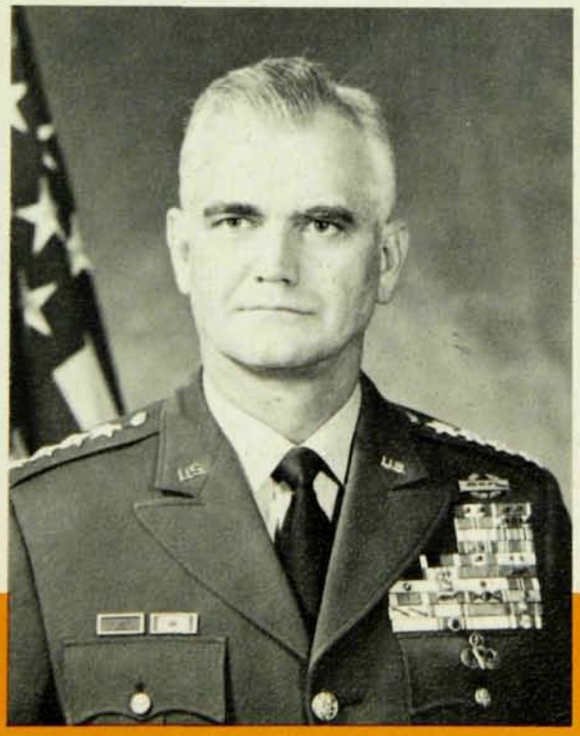

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. . . West Point's First Captain

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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

In my letter to you in the Fall issue of Assembly, I asked for your support and assistance to gain Congressional approval of the Cadet Activity Center. Recently, such approval has been granted -- my sincerest thanks to each of you who responded to our call for help.

Again, we come to you for assistance. We must continue to improve our methods of identifying top scholars, leaders and athletes in order to focus our recruiting effort on the best young men of college age.

Of special concern this year is the successful continuation of our intercollegiate program which consists now of 20 varsity sports -- 52 teams (20 varsity and freshman, 12 JV) and nearly 1,550 cadet athletes. In recent years the Army teams have collectively maintained a .750 winning record. In the face of ever-increasing competition, we may encounter difficulty in maintaining such an outstanding record unless we can bring about a qualitative improvement in our scholar-athlete.

Limits on time, travel and personnel require that we get additional help from the breadth and width of those geographical areas in which both our friends and graduates live and serve. Competitively, we are faced with strong alumni organizations that augment the recruiting efforts of institutional athletic departments. The Army coaching staffs have demonstrated successful procedures for generating interest in prospective candidates for West Point but only after the high school athletes have been identified. They need to have the young man's name and high school or home address in the spring of the boy's junior year. Upon receipt of a name, a file is initiated and then it is our ball game.

The success of a good admissions program is this early identification of talent. Our admissions officers rely heavily on national selection programs such as the American Legion's Boys State and the National Merit Scholarship Program for the identification of young leaders and scholars. They also make good use of the many referrals from graduates. As a consequence, the quantity of candidates has improved significantly over the past two years with quality being equal to recent years. However, to reach the athlete, we particularly need your support. If each friend and graduate accepts the challenge of locating one good prospect each year and of forwarding his name to the Director of Athletics, our intercollegiate program should continue to bring great credit to West Point.

Again, my thanks for your support of the Academy.

Sincerely,

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The front cover features the current First Captain and four of the famous First Captains of the past. Photos of Lee, Pershing, and MacArthur from West Point Museum. The back cover shows Colonel and Mrs. Edgar William Garbisch and part of their art collection—108 of their 111 exhibits were on display at West Point, 22 January-15 February 1970. *Reader's Digest*, *Time*, and other publications have recently featured the display.

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FIRST CAPTAINS

NAME	APPOINTED FROM	DATE
G. F. Lindsay	Wash., D.C.	1820
J. C. Holland	S.C.	1821
T. B. Wheelock	Mass.	1822
C. G. Smith	Conn.	1822
J. A. Phillips	N.J.	1823
R. E. Hazzard	S.C.	1824
N. S. Harris	N.J.	1825
A. S. Johnston	La.	1826
T. S. Trask	Vt.	1827
G. E. Chase	Mass.	1828
R. E. Lee	Va.	1829
W. E. Basinger	Ga.	1830
W. Chapman	Md.	1831
P. St.G. Cocke	Va.	1832
E. Shriver	Penn.	1833
W. S. Ketchum	Conn.	1834
M. Blair	Ky.	1835
D. Leadbetter	Me.	1836
F. Woodbridge	Vt.	1837
I. Vogdes	Penn.	1837
S. H. Campbell	Vt.	1838
H. S. Burton	Vt.	1839
W. H. Churchill	N.Y.	1840
E. K. Kane	Ill.	1841
P. S. McKinney	Mo.	1842
J. C. McFerran	Ky.	1843
J. H. Whittlesey	N.Y.	1844
F. Porter	N.H.	1845
C. C. Gilbert	O.	1846
J. C. Symmes	O.	1847
W. P. Trowbridge	Mich.	1848
W. Silvey	O.	1849
R. Johnston	Va.	1850
R. Williams	Va.	1851
T. L. Casey	N.Y.	1852
J. B. McPherson	O.	1853
J. B. Villepique	S.C.	1854
G. Weitzel	O.	1855
G. W. Snyder	N.Y.	1856
G. C. Strong	Mass.	1857
W. C. Paine	Mass.	1858
C. B. Reese	N.Y.	1859
J. M. Wilson	Wash., D.C.	1860
N. R. Chambliss	Tenn.	1861
P. H. O'Rorke	N.Y.	1861
J. D. Rabb	Ky.	1863
O. H. Ernst	O.	1864
J. L. Rathbone	N.Y.	1865
C. E. L. B. Davis	Conn.	1866
J. E. Bell	Tenn.	1867
W. P. Clark	N.Y.	1868
E. Bergland	Ill.	1869
W. E. Birkhimer	Ia.	1870
G. B. Davis	Mass.	1871
W. H. Miller	Ala.	1871-1872
T. N. Dailey	A L	1872-1873
R. Thayer	Penn.	1873-1874
S. S. Leach	Ind.	1874-1875
C. H. Bonesteel	Dak.	1875-1876
W. L. Fisk	Ia.	1876-1877
J. L. Lusk	Penn.	1877-1878
C. McD. Townsend	N.Y.	1878-1879
F. H. Peck	N.Y.	1879-1880
J. G. Warren	N.Y.	1880-1881
S. Rodman	Mass.	1881-1882
G. W. Read	Ia.	1882-1883
C. E. Gillette	Pa.	1883-1884
P. A. Bettens	Ind.	1884-1885
J. J. Pershing	Mo.	1885-1886
E. C. Young	Mo.	1886-1887
J. S. Winn	Ky.	1887-1888
G. T. Langhorne	Va.	1888-1889
F. E. Marshall	Wisc.	1889-1890
J. F. McIndoe	Md.	1890-1891
C. P. Summerall	Fla.	1891-1892
R. P. Johnson	N.C.	1892
C. W. Kutz	Pa.	1892-1893
C. H. Conrad	S. Dak.	1893
W. H. Mitchell	Penn.	1893-1894
T. L. Ames	Wisc.	1894-1895
A. G. Lott	Kans.	1895-1896
H. S. Morgan	Ga.	1896-1897
M. Craig	Penn.	1897-1898
J. A. Woodruff	Vt.	1898-1899

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AUTHOR'S NOTE:
The background information for this article was developed in three ways. The old Post orders in the USMA Library Archives, which date back to 1820, were studied to see who was the ranking cadet in each class, militarily. In the early years this cadet was called the Adjutant, and he signed the Post orders each day. The second main source of information was the REGISTER OF GRADUATES. The third was a questionnaire that was mailed to all of the living former First Captains for whom addresses could be obtained. There are fifty-six former First Captains living and fifty-four questionnaires were mailed. Over eighty per cent of the questionnaires were filled out and returned. They comprise a fascinating collection of facts and anecdotes, and will henceforth be maintained by the Archivist at the USMA Library. The respondents to this questionnaire were generous with their time, their introspection, and their wisdom. Most of them are very busy people with heavy responsibilities, and the entire Association of Graduates and the author are indebted to them for their thoughtfulness.

IF one were asked to describe the typical young man who has come to the Military Academy and risen above his contemporaries to become the highest ranking cadet or First Captain during the past sixty years, he would do well to describe him in the following way: he would be 6'1" tall, weigh a little over 170 pounds, be 23-years-old while serving as First Captain; have come from a public high school and then went to college or served in the Army before entering USMA; he may or may not have won a Varsity letter in high school or as a cadet; his father was not a career military professional, but the son was highly motivated to a service career upon entering USMA and became even more so while a cadet; he was a high achiever, industrious and efficient; he was non-assuming about his own abilities and was a persuasive type leader versus an authoritarian type leader; he possessed a good sense of humor; at graduation he was commissioned in either the Infantry or the Engineers, and the chances that he is a general or will become one are two out of three.

First Captains appear to be a rare blend of tough-minded, intelligent, achievement-oriented young men with unusually high energy levels and with unusual amounts of human understanding. They also appear to be sincerely humble people. Nearly seventy per cent of them did not perceive themselves as having outstanding leadership ability when they entered the Military Academy. Many of them still don't. They state that they enjoyed working hard and accomplishing tasks as a cadet and to several their selection as First Captain was a surprise. Over fifty per cent of them had no aspirations, while a Plebe, to become First Captain. Although only thirty-five per cent felt that they were incapable, fifty-six per cent stated that they either doubted or were sure that they would not have become a campus leader at a civilian college. Cadets who become First Captains come to the Military Academy from all classes of traditional American society. A very recent First Captain was an auto mechanic's son. Another, the son of a machinist. Another, the son of a four-star general. It continues to be true that a cadet's performance is his stock in trade at West Point and not the environment that sent him there. Many First Captains had inglorious high school careers, and several did not finish high school before enlisting in the Army or seeking full-time employment. Only twelve per cent were asked to seek admission to USMA primarily for intercollegiate athletic potential, yet over sixty-one per cent lettered in a varsity sport, eleven in football.

The list of men who have held the position of top ranking cadet, militarily, is a long and distinguished one. There have been 166 such cadets during the

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POINT'S FIRST CAPTAINS

FIRST CAPTAINS WHO WERE SUPERINTENDENTS (3%)
Robert E. Lee (1852-1855)
John M. Wilson (1889-1893)
Oswald H. Ernst (1893-1898)
Douglas MacArthur (1919-1922)
William C. Westmoreland (1960-1963)

FIRST CAPTAINS WHO WERE COMMANDANTS (1.2%)
John K. Waters (1951-1952)
Bernard W. Rogers (1967-1969)

past 150 years. Sprinkled among those who have been endowed with the honor and entrusted with the responsibilities of serving as First Captain are names such as: Lee, McPherson, Bonesteel, Pershing, MacArthur, Wainwright, Olmsted,, Waters, McConnell, Westmoreland, Rogers, and Dawkins.

The position of top ranking cadet has gone through many changes, both in name and in responsibility. It was called the Adjutant of the Corps when Cadets Robert E. Lee and Charles Mason were vying for the job in the summer of 1828. Lee won that competition and became the Adjutant of the Corps, but Mason won the next battle when he finished first academically in the Class of 1829 with Lee graduating in second place.

While the job was mostly ceremonial in those days, it was sufficiently time-consuming in 1828-29 to cause Robert E. Lee to miss his cherished goal of finishing first in his class, academically as well as militarily. The names for the position of top ranking cadet have varied from the "Adjutant of the Corps" in Lee's era to "A Company Commander," "Regimental Commander," "Cadet Major," and "First Captain and Brigade Commander of the Corps of Cadets" which it is now called, and has been since 1919. As the name has changed, so have the responsibilities, and today's First Captain is not only

General Milton G. Baker, President of the Association of the United States Army in 1962, congratulates First Captain James R. Ellis as former First Captains look on—
Left to right: Lee D. Olvey '55, William C. Westmoreland '36, Charles J. Barrett '22, Douglas MacArthur '03, George H. Olmsted '21, Kenneth E. Fields '33, and John Bard '54.

FIRST CAPTAINS (Cont.)

NAME	APPOINTED FROM	DATE
E. M. Adams	Mass.	1899
G. A. Youngberg	Minn.	1899-1900
E. N. Johnston	Ore.	1900
F. W. Clark	Ill.	1900-1901
F. F. Longley	Mich.	1901-1902
D. MacArthur	Wisc.	1902-1903
H. H. Robert	Miss.	1903-1904
T. W. Hammond	Ore.	1904-1905
J. M. Wainwright	A L	1905-1906
C. T. Harris	Tex.	1906-1907
H. D. Higley	Ia.	1907-1908
E. St. J. Greble	R.I.	1908
C. A. Baehr	Minn.	1908-1909
F. S. Strong, Jr.	A L	1909-1910
C. H. Nance	A L	1910
B. C. Lockwood	Utah	1910-1911
A. V. Arnold	N.Y.	1911
W. Dean	Ia.	1911-1912
W. C. Crane, Jr.	A L	1912
D. E. Gain	Mo.	1912-1913
J. B. Cress	A L	1913-1914
R. B. Woodruff	Ia.	1914-1915
R. G. Moses	Colo.	1915-1916
E. L. Ford, Jr.	Conn.	1916-1917
J. T. Knight	Va.	1917
O. Knight	A L	1917-1918
N. L. Peckham	Conn.	1918
C. M. McQuarrie	Mont.	1919
T. A. Roberts, Jr.	Ill.	1920
G. H. Olmsted	Ia.	1920-1921
C. J. Barrett	N.J.	1921-1922
W. F. Breidster	Wisc.	1922-1923
R. V. Lee	Va.	1923-1924
C. E. Saltzman	Ill.	1924-1925
R. C. Maude	Mass.	1925-1926
J. W. Cox, Jr.	Va.	1926
G. E. Martin	Mich.	1926-1927
J. E. Briggs	A L	1927-1928
B. D. Rindlaub	N. Dak.	1928-1929
R. P. Swofford, Jr.	Mo.	1929-1930
J. K. Waters	Md.	1930-1931
J. P. M. McConnell	Ark.	1931-1932
K. E. Fields	Ind.	1932-1933
J. de P. T. Hills	N.Y.	1933-1934
H. C. Gee	Ia.	1934-1935
W. C. Westmoreland	S.C.	1935-1936
S. L. Smith	Calif.	1936-1937
H. K. Kelley	N.J.	1937-1938
H. T. Smith	Del.	1938
J. L. Cantrell	S.C.	1938-1939
J. F. Presnell, Jr.	Me.	1939-1940
J. Norton	Army	1940-1941
C. C. Hinkle, Jr.	Tenn.	1941-1942
J. E. Kelleher	Wash.	1942-1943
B. W. Rogers	Kans.	1943
J. H. Cushman	Army	1943-1944
R. E. Woods	Ga.	1944-1945
A. A. Jordan, Jr.	Idaho	1945-1946
W. J. Schuder	Army	1946-1947
A. W. Braswell	Ia.	1947-1948
H. A. Griffith	N.J.	1948-1949
J. M. Murphy	N.Y.	1949-1950
W. J. Ryan	Ky.	1950-1951
G. D. Carpenter	Q C	1951-1952
R. E. Barton	R A	1952-1953
J. C. Bard	Mich.	1953-1954
L. D. Olvey	Ga.	1954-1955
R. G. Farris	Ala.	1955-1956
W. T. Huckabee	N.C.	1956-1957
R. F. Durkin	O.	1957-1958
P. Dawkins	Mich.	1958-1959
C. P. Otstott	Tex.	1959-1960
H. M. Hannon	Penn.	1960-1961
J. R. Ellis	Ala.	1961-1962
R. E. Eckert	Penn.	1962-1963
R. A. Chilcoat	Penn.	1963-1964
C. R. Arvin	Mich.	1964-1965
N. E. Fretwell	Mo.	1965-1966
J. B. Wood	Penn.	1966-1967
J. L. Throckmorton, Jr.	N.Y.	1967-1968
R. H. Baldwin, Jr.	O.	1968-1969
J. T. Connors	N.Y.	1969-1970

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FIRST CAPTAINS IN THE CIVIL WAR

UNION	CONFEDERACY
William Chapman	Albert S. Johnston
William S. Ketchum	Robert E. Lee
Israel Vogdes	Philip St. George Cocke
Henry S. Burton	Danville Leadbetter
Joseph H. Whittlesey	Robert Johnston
Charles C. Gilbert	John Villepigue
James B. McPherson	Nathaniel R. Chambliss
Godfrey Weitzel	
George C. Strong	
Patrick Henry O'Rorke	
Oswald H. Ernst	

the ceremonial commander of the Corps but he is in fact vitally involved in the administration of the Corps of Cadets.

The present Brigade Commander and First Captain is 21-year-old John T. Connors from Floral Park, New York. Cadet Connors as First Captain is responsible to the Commandant of Cadets for the discipline, the internal administration, the supply, training, morale and general efficiency of the 3,800-man Corps of Cadets. Cadets Connors was not elected to this position; he was selected by the Commandant and his staff based upon demonstrated performance, academic standing, extracurricular activities, appearance, and leadership abilities as appraised by his fellow cadets on their semi-annual Aptitude for the Service Ratings.

Mr. Connors feels that the reason he became distinguishable among his fellow cadets was that he worked hard and had a keen desire to achieve. "I think I was chosen not because I had more ability, but because I was striving for the post. Before coming to West Point, I always heard how tough it is, how challenging. So when I got here, I wanted to do the best I could in everything I attempted and rise to the highest position I could. My years here have been a great personal challenge."

The practice of requiring cadets to rate one another, called the Aptitude for Service System, was instituted in 1943 and has ever since been a key instrument by which outstanding leadership (and, of course, deficient leadership) is recognized very early in a

Association of the United States Army First Captain plaque which hangs in the sallyport of East Barracks. The names of the First Captains since 1872 are affixed to this plaque.

Class of 1970 First Captain John T. Connors with Mrs. Douglas MacArthur at the MacArthur Memorial Dedication.

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PROFILE OF LIVING CAPTAINS		Profile Class 1973*
Average Age at Entry**	19.4 yrs	18.5 yrs
Average Age When First Desired to Enter USMA**	14.6 yrs	16.0 yrs
Average Weight as First Captain**	171.5 lbs	160.2 lbs
Average Height as First Captain**	6'1"	5'9"
Entered USMA Directly from High School	23%	73%
Did not Enter Directly from High School**	77%	27%
(Of those who did not enter directly)		
Prior Service	23%	48%
Prior College	63%	
Military Prep School	9%	
Other	5%	
Won Varsity Letter in High School	57%	74%
Asked to Attend USMA Because of Athletic Potential*	12%	
Won Varsity Letter as Cadet**	61%	
Father was a Career Professional in Armed Forces**	16%	31%
Attended Public High School**	84%	80%
Attended Private High School**	16%	20%
Planned Service Career Upon Entering USMA**	69%	
Did not Plan on Service Career Upon Entry**	12%	
Undecided Upon Entry**	19%	
Planned Service Career Upon Graduation**	79%	
Did not Plan on Service Career Upon Graduation**	9%	
Undecided at Graduation**	12%	
Actually made Service a Career (either retired or on active duty)	92%	
Rhodes Scholars	11%	
Branch Chosen upon Commissioning:		
Infantry	45%	
Engineer	22%	
Field Artillery	13%	
Armor	5.5%	
Coast Artillery	5.5%	
Signal Corps	2%	
Air Corps of Air Force	7%	
Awards and Decorations Received:		
Distinguished Service Cross	8%	
Distinguished Service Medal	36%	
Silver Star	13%	
Legion of Merit	46%	
Distinguished Flying Cross	11%	
Purple Heart	11%	
Percent of Eligible Who Have Attained General Officer Rank (25 of 37)	67.5%	

*Information provided, where available, as a matter of interest only. Comparisons are not appropriate since the First Captain's Profile spans nearly sixty years and accounts for only one man from each class. The averages for the last four First Captains (1967-70) are: Age at entry—17.3; Wt.—182; Ht.—5'11". They are becoming younger, shorter and heavier.

**Of those First Captains who responded to the Questionnaire.

cadet's career. Cadet raters, who rate their classmates and all under-classmen in their companies semiannually, do so by ranking each cadet on his ability to "command a group of men in the accomplishment of an assigned mission while retaining within the group high standards of discipline, morale and personal morality." The First Captain, after three years of such ratings and close observation by the Tactical Officers, is the cadet who has been adjudged most capable of fulfilling the many demands of that office. The selection is not often an easy choice, since there are several cadets each year who appear to have the prerequisite attributes to serve as First Captain.

The list of accomplishments of former First Captains validates the selection process, and attests to their abilities and motivation. Ninety-two per cent of the living First Captains have made or are making the Service a career. Over sixty-seven per cent of those eligible have made general officer thus far. Thirty-six per cent have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, thirteen per cent have been awarded the Silver Star, and forty-six per cent the Legion of Merit. Two First Captains, now both deceased, have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The First Captaincy, however, has not been completely exempted from its individuals with human faults and failings. At least one First Captain was dismissed for drunkenness during the 19th Century, and in more recent years, a First Captain was reduced to private and confined for five months after nearly being dismissed, for "reporting the Corps of Cadets at the entraining formation in Philadelphia after the ARMY-Navy game while under the influence of intoxicating liquor." ARMY won on that day, and this ex-First Captain, who is now retired, wishes he had followed his staff's advice and taken a long weekend.

While the demands on the First Captain are staggering, his life is not entirely filled by hard work and pressure. When asked to relate the most interesting things that occurred during their tenure, they almost all stated that the opportunity to meet visiting dignitaries at West Point and represent the Corps elsewhere were the most interesting. One First Captain hosted the King and Queen of Greece at West Point, and a few months later was dining with them in their palace outside of Athens. Another told of attending a State Dinner in the White House, and greeting Premier Khrushchev in his best Yearling Russian to which the Russian leader responded with a giant smile and a torrent of Russian, none of which the First Captain understood.

They were also asked to recount the most humorous things that happened to them. While the line between "interesting" and "humorous" was often indistinguishable, and many incidents were neither until years later, many of the anecdotes merit mention. Unfortunately, however, space limitations prohibit including but a couple of these anecdotes. Maude '26 was designated to officially lay the cornerstone at the dedication of Washington Hall in June of 1926. After doing so, he discreetly (*Continued on page 33*)

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The Ordeal of Orton Williams,

by MARGARET SANBORN*

Margaret Sanborn is best known for her prize-winning two-volume study: ROBERT E. LEE, A PORTRAIT: 1807-1861, and ROBERT E. LEE, THE COMPLETE MAN: 1861-1870. While at work on this biography she became interested in the young Lee kinsman, Orton Williams, who visited the family so often at Arlington. After finishing the second volume, Mrs. Sanborn turned her attention to Orton Williams in order to write about his case objectively, correcting the many errors in fact which have persisted ever since his trial, and to try to unravel the mystery surrounding his actions. The latter proved no easy task, for some of the answers apparently died with this young man.

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1863

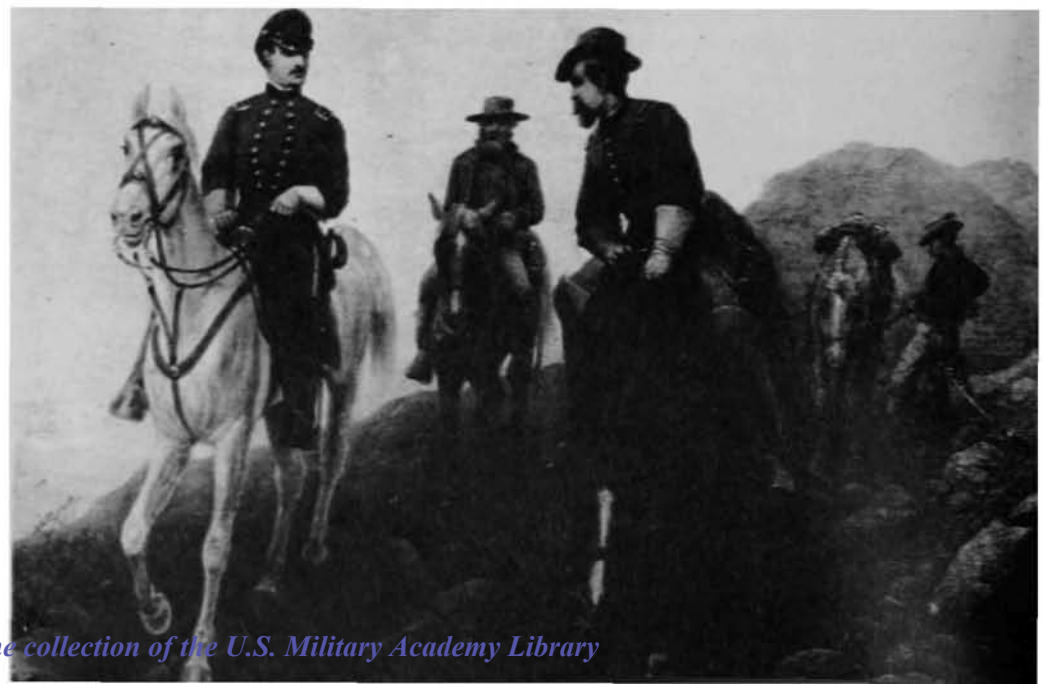
HIGH up on Figeur Hill, a rocky bluff rising some two hundred feet from the bed of the Harpeth River, was Fort Granger, a post of considerable strength. Below the muzzles of its guns lay the quiet, pleasant little town of Franklin, Tennessee, twenty miles in a direct line south of Nashville.

Here at Franklin rested the Union army's right wing, weakened now by the withdrawal of all but two regiments of infantry and a small cavalry force. Hills ringed the town, and somewhere beyond those hills roamed the Confederate cavalry under Forrest and Wheeler, part of General Van Dorn's command. Franklin had been attacked on June 4, 1863, and Colonel John P. Baird, 78th Illinois Infantry, commandant of Fort Granger, had beaten off the attacking force. Since that day the Federals had waited, alert and apprehensive, certain that the Confederates would return with reinforcements, from the direction of Spring Hill, six miles south.

June 8th

The day was nearly done. The campfires that had cooked the evening meal at Fort Granger were heaps of glowing coals. The men lay stretched out on the grass, chatting and smoking. Their commander, Colonel Baird, sat outside his tent, talking with Colonel Carter Van Vleck.

Out of the gloaming rode two men, up to the headquarters tent. They were stranger officers, unattended, and superbly mounted. They had on . . . Federal regula-



Union Officers in Tennessee during the Civil War—in uniforms that disguised Confederates Orton Williams and Walter Peter.

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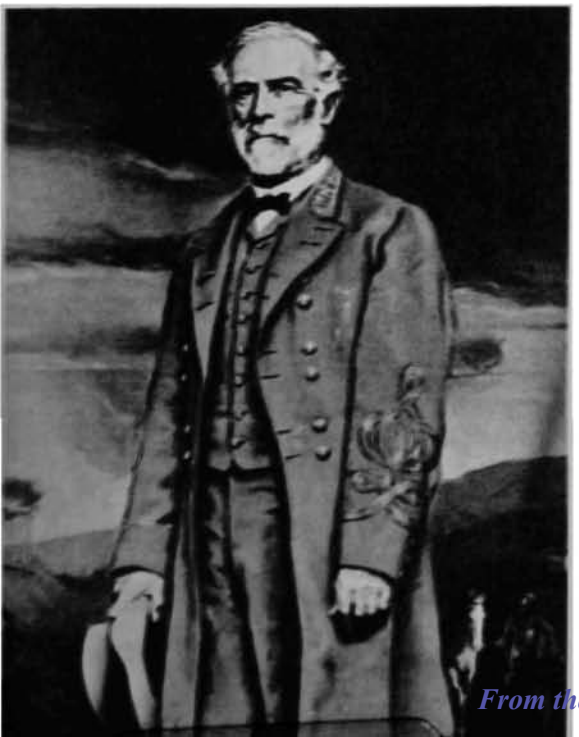
tion trousers and caps, the caps covered with white flannel havelocks . . . Citizen's overcoats were strapped to their saddles." Everyone who saw them stared at the havelocks, for these were known only as something foreign, and therefore objects of curiosity.

The officers dismounted and walked up to meet Baird. The elder of the two—"he was as fine looking a man as I have ever seen, about six feet high," a soldier who was watching wrote later—introduced himself as Colonel Auton of the Army of the Potomac, and his companion as Major Dunlop, his assistant in the inspection of Western troops, for which they had been sent directly from Washington City. They had just now come from Murfreesboro where they had seen General Rosecrans. Yes, they had also passed through Triune and seen General Gordon Granger.

Colonel Baird was greatly impressed with Colonel Auton, for "there was something engaging about this handsome, dignified young officer, with his easy grace of bearing; a note of brilliance to his conversation, which was withal frank and quiet; an indefinable air of distinction and individuality in all that he said and did." Dr. Wilson Hobbs, Surgeon of the 58th Indiana Infantry, a correspondent for *Harper's Weekly*, met Auton that night, and reported that "he was one of the most intellectual and accomplished men I have ever known. I have never known anyone who excelled him as a talker."

Although Major Dunlop said little, Colonel Baird liked his frank and handsome face. He was described as "a generous, warm-hearted, gallant man, six feet in height, straight as an arrow, a splendid horseman, and every inch a soldier."



General Robert E. Lee (1829)—a kinsman of Orton Williams.

Baird suggested that since it was growing late, they spend the night with him. They thanked him, but explained that they must press on at once to Nashville. Would the Colonel then be so kind as to have their passes made out?

Baird gave the order, and while they waited, Auton told him how after leaving Murfreesboro, they had mistakenly taken the road to Eagleville and when near there had stopped at a house for dinner. While at the table they had been surprised by a party of about twenty rebel scouts who captured* his orderly and came so near to capturing them, he and the Major had to leave their coats and baggage.

The passes were brought but had to be sent back for correction, as they had been made out to Colonel *Orton*.

Auton then took Baird aside. He had a great favor to ask: because of their encounter with the rebels, they now had no money. Would the Colonel lend them something for immediate expenses—say fifty dollars?

Baird did not have the money, so he walked over to Colonel Van Vleck who had been sitting smoking in silence, listening and observing closely all that went on, and asked him to lend fifty dollars. They stepped inside Baird's tent, and Van Vleck has written:

"I told him that I thought the men were not what they represented themselves to be; for, said I, the Government would not send two officers from the Potomac to inspect the Army of the Cumberland, when we already have more inspectors of our own than we know what to do with. Neither would Rosecrans send them from Murfreesboro through the enemy's country without an escort, and if he had done so foolish a thing, and they are what they pretend to be, why should they insist upon going to Nashville tonight without any offer to inspect troops here, and this after such peril to get here? Again, I added, is it not strange, if true, that the rebels should be able to capture the Colonel's servant and coat and all his money and yet he get off so safely himself with his lieutenant?

"I declined to let the money go, immediately arose, and went to my own tent, saying to my surgeon, whom I found there, that the two men who were attracting so much attention by their havelocks were certainly spies."

Baird was disquieted. He went back to Colonel Auton and asked awkwardly to see (*continued on next page*)

**The transcript of the trial reads "shot"; Col. Van Vleck wrote that Auton said "captured." I prefer Van Vleck since the Court Record is unreliable.*

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James A. Garfield, Chief of Staff for General Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland, and later President of the United States, sent the message directing that a court martial of Orton Williams and Walter G. Peter be held.

General Rosecrans (1842), commanding the Army of the Cumberland, who had known Orton Williams' father, William George Williams, Class of 1824, who fell at Monterey, Mexico. Lawrence A. Williams, Orton's brother, was an 1852 graduate of USMA.

their orders. Auton presented them readily. Baird looked at the envelope and read with returning composure the pass written on its face:

Headquarters Department of the Cumberland.
Murfreesboro', May 30, 1863.

All guards and outposts will immediately pass without delay Col. Auton and his assistant, Major Dunlop.

By command of Major-General Rosecrans:
J. A. Garfield,
Vol. Chief of Staff and Asst. Adjutant-Gen.

Inside the envelope there were many papers, and Baird read them all. He was further reassured when he read Special Orders No. 140, IV and V:

War Department, Adjutant-General's Office,
Washington, D.C., May 25, 1863.

Extract Special Orders, No. 140.

IV. Colonel Lawrence W. Auton, Cavalry, United States Army, and Acting Special Inspector-General, is hereby relieved from duty along the line of the Potomac. He will immediately proceed to the West and minutely inspect the "Department of the Ohio," and the "Department of the Cumberland," in accordance with special inspector's instructions, Nos. 70, 92, and 140, furnished him from this office and that of the Paymaster-General.

V. Major George Dunlop, Assistant Quartermaster, is hereby relieved from duty in this city. He will report immediately to Colonel Auton for duty.

By order of the Secretary of War.
E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Colonel Lawrence W. Auton,
United States Army, Special Inspector-General.

War Department, Adjutant-General's Office,
Washington, D.C., May 25, 1863.

Extract Special Orders, No. 140.

VI. Major George Dunlop, Assistant Quartermaster, is hereby relieved from duty in this city. He will report immediately to Colonel Auton for duty.

By order of the Secretary of War.
E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Major George Dunlop,
Assistant Quartermaster, on special duty.

General James A. Garfield had written:

Headquarters Department of the Cumberland,
Murfreesboro', Tenn., May 30, 1863.

Colonel,—The major-general commanding desires me to say to you that he desires, if you can spare the time at present, that you will inspect his outposts before drawing up your report for the War Department at Washington City.

All commanding officers of outposts will aid you in this matter to the best of their ability.

The general desires me to give his respects to you.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. A. GARFIELD
Volunteer Chief of Staff, and Acting Adjutant General.

COLONEL L. W. AUTON,
Cavalry, Special Inspector-General.

The final paper read:

Headquarters, United States Forces,
Nashville, Tenn., June 5, 1863.

All officers in command of troops belonging to these forces will give every assistance in their power to Colonel L. W. Auton, Special Inspector-General, under direct orders from the Secretary of War.

By command of General Morgan:
JNO. PRATT,
Assistant Adjutant-General

Colonel Baird was satisfied. He handed back the papers, and presumably apologized for having asked to see the papers of officers acting under direct orders from the Secretary of War. He obtained the fifty dollars, for which Auton gave his note, handed him the corrected passes and told them the countersign, wished them Godspeed, and regretfully watched them ride off into the night —a night that was described as "hot and murky." "They were swallowed up in the darkness almost instantly; it seemed that the darkness blotted out the very sound of the hooffalls of the horses."

Baird was now alone. Colonel Van Vleck's charges returned to mind forcefully, and he apparently thought for the first time about forgery. In spite of those convincing papers, Colonel Auton and his lieutenant might be "the destructive wedge of the Confederate army." Perhaps he should have held them. Yet, if they were what they claimed, they were officers of importance, and he had no pretext upon which to detain them. He wondered if he should send after them and order them back. But on what

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Orton Williams served with both Union and Confederate Forces during the Civil War. He served with General Winfield Scott (left) and with General Braxton Bragg, Class of 1837, (right). Orton Williams served as Chief of Artillery on Bragg's staff.

grounds could he ask to see their papers again or question them further?

At this moment Colonel Louis D. Watkins, 6th Kentucky Cavalry, rode up to headquarters. Baird was now so disturbed that without greeting Watkins, he burst out with the whole story including Colonel Van Vleck's charges, and his own present suspicions.

Watkins, an army regular, listened in silence. When Baird had finished he admitted that some things did seem peculiar and perhaps suspicious. This decided Baird.

"Those men must be brought back, Watkins, and their papers reexamined! Go after them. Tell them there are dispatches to be sent to Nashville. Tell them anything, anything. But bring them back, Colonel!"

Watkins swung into the saddle, and with his orderly, galloped off in pursuit.

Colonel Van Vleck has written that Baird came "immediately" to see him, that he "was much excited," and asked him if he "thought they were spies. I replied that I did, and he jumped on his horse and followed Colonel Watkins."

Newspapers of the day recounted dramatically how when Auton and Dunlop heard hoofbeats behind them they spurred their mounts to "lightning speed," and how Colonel Watkins told his orderly to "unsling his carbine," and if the men showed any suspicious motions, to fire without orders. They reported how, when told to halt, Auton's "presence of mind forsook him," like Major André, and "he put his hand upon his pistol and almost determined to fire upon Watkins."

Actually Auton and Dunlop had no reason to believe that they had aroused suspicion at the Fort, so they had taken their time. Colonel Watkins overtook them before they had reached the first picket outpost. Auton, he said later, "courteously consented to return to the fort." If either was surprised, he did not show it. On the way back Watkins said to them: "Gentlemen, I will not trouble you to ride back to the fort, but if you will halt at my quarters, which are near the turnpike, I will send for Colonel Baird, and he can come there to see you."

They consented readily, and when they reached Watkins's tent, went in and sat down.

Considerable time passed, and Auton becoming impatient at the delay, walked over to the door and looked out. He saw that guards were posted around the tent.

"What does this mean, Colonel, this guard?" Auton asked.

"It means," said Watkins, "that you are suspected, and for the time being you are prisoners. If you are what you represent yourselves to be, you will only be delayed a short time; but we must be convinced of that before you are released."

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The purpose of Orton Williams' mission remains unknown and may have died with him or leaders of the Confederacy—such as Jefferson Davis (1828) center with left to right, Beauregard (1838), Jackson (1846), Stuart (1854), J. E. Johnston (1829).

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by JOHN C. WILCOX

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THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES: 100 years of service to USMA graduates

DEEP in the recesses of Cullum Hall, surrounded by transient BOQs and lofty storage basements, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy carries on a 100-year tradition of service to Academy graduates.

Founded in 1869 and incorporated in 1891, the Association started as a small fraternal organization for all living graduates, meeting once a year at West Point on 17 June. The "objects" of the Association, according to its original Constitution, were "to cherish the memories of our Alma Mater, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates." The Constitution, expressly prohibiting "Political, or any other discussions foreign to the purposes of the Association . . . ," stressed that the Association should serve a purely social function.

Forty-three graduates attended the first annual meeting of the Association on 17 June 1870. They listened to an address by Charles Davies, Class of 1815, who reminded them that their purpose in meeting was "to revive cherished memories, to strengthen friendship . . . , and to renew, together, vows of perpetual allegiance to our country. . . ." Business was kept to a minimum. The Secretary of the Association read the Necrology of Graduates for the year 1869-70, and the membership conferred the Presidency of the Association on the oldest living graduate, Sylvanus Thayer, Class of 1808.* The Treasurer's Report

**Note: The oldest graduate in 1870 was actually Samuel Noah, Class of 1807. (Although not expressly stated, indications are from Cullum's memorial article on Noah in the Annual Report of June 17, 1871 that Noah was incapacitated.) Thayer was oldest graduate from 10 March 1871 until his death 2 September 1872.*

Reunion Class informal activities.

General Leslie R. Groves on behalf of the Association of Graduates presents Thayer Award to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur in 1962.

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Traditional formal ceremonies at Thayer Monument.

Homecoming game.

for the first fiscal year itemized business expenditures amounting to $117.77.

One hundred years later, the Association's functions have expanded in proportion to the size of the Corps, and its ties now extend to graduates and regional West Point Societies around the world. The annual meeting is still held during June Week for the President of the Association's Report and the election of Officers and Trustees. But the membership has grown to such size (an average 99 per cent of each graduating class joins the Association) that in 1958 the decision was made to schedule an additional reunion weekend to relieve overcrowding during June Week, and action was initiated to introduce Homecoming as the annual reunion for the younger classes.

The Association now carries a staff of 14 under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association (also Alumni Secretary, USMA), and operates with annual expenses of more than $120,000 (in 1968-69)—one thousand times the budget for 1869-70. Income from an endowment of slightly more than $1 million together with receipts from the sale of commemorative gifts leaves the Association with an annual deficit (in 1968-69) of more than $50,000, which must be covered by contributions from the annual fund drive and membership dues.

With the increase in expenditures has come an expansion in the services offered to Association members. The Association's primary functions are still the June Week and Homecoming alumni reunions at West Point. During these annual events, which culminate a year's planning and coordination, the Association *(Continued on next page)*

Bob Hope receives the Thayer Award in 1968 with General Donald V. Bennett, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, and General Maxwell D. Taylor.

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Miss Jean Hoey and Miss Joan Voegtly arrange reservations for Alumni activities. Coordinating the activities of individual reunion classes and organizing traditional ceremonies during June Week and Homecoming help maintain the "fraternal fellowship" for which the Association was founded.

Mrs. Alice Chesley devotes full time to the Association's Gift Shop. Here she discusses merchandise with Mrs. Marjorie Ruhlmann of the finance and accounting department.

serves all Academy graduates, members and non-members of the Association alike. The task of preparing information material and programs, staffing sub-committees, assisting the large numbers of returning graduates and their wives, coordinating the activities of individual reunion classes, organizing the traditional ceremonies at the Sylvanus Thayer Monument and the Superintendent's Reception, has each year become an increasingly complex logistic feat. The returning graduate bears the individual expenses for accommodations, meals, and parties. However, the Association underwrites the reunion activities to insure that the alumni reunions remain the occasions of "fraternal fellowship" for which the Association was founded.

In 1958 the Association initiated the Sylvanus Thayer Award in honor of the "Father of the Military Academy" and first President of the Association. The award is presented annually to an "outstanding citizen of the United States whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, 'Duty, Honor, Country.'" The Association requests nominations from graduates and officers of the West Point Societies for consideration by the selection committee. Presentation of the award in a ceremony at the Military Academy in May has become a West Point tradition of national significance.

After 11 years, the Thayer Award is established as a national honor. The stature of the men to whom it has been awarded has identified the award with dedication, self-sacrifice and national pride, and has brought to public view the ideals which have kept West Point a national shrine. Recipients have included Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence (1958); Honorable John Foster Dulles (1959); Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge (1960); President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1961); General of the Army Douglas MacArthur (1962); Honorable John J. McCloy (1963); Honorable Robert A. Lovett (1964); Dr. James B. Conant (1965); Honorable Carl Vinson (1966); His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman (1967); Mr. Bob Hope (1968); and Honorable Dean Rusk (1969). Perhaps the most famous presentation ceremony was in 1962, when General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, accepting the award, gave his famous "Duty, Honor, Country" speech. This address, reproduced on records and in print around the world, has become recognized as the clearest statement of the principles and ideals of the Military Academy.

June Week, Homecoming, and the Thayer Award Ceremony are the most conspicuous of the Association's activities, but they account for only a portion of its daily work load. The Association has in recent years assumed

Mr. Raymond McGhee operates equipment necessary for bulk mailing to fill requests of individual classes.

Mrs. Mary Gledura, Assistant Editor of ASSEMBLY—with a circulation of more than 15,000 graduates.

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Mrs. Chesley (left) with Miss Philomena LoRusso and Mr. Clarence Work handling Christmas rush orders for the Gift Shop.

Miss Carroll Voegtly updates address plates for all living members of the Association—20,000 names. Individual files for every graduate are maintained.

the unofficial role of information office for graduates. The address and file department maintains active 201 files for each graduate since the Class of 1890. The files are augmented by news clippings and vital statistic forms mailed periodically to all members of the Association with the degree of augmentation corresponding to the response of the graduate. The department also maintains address plates for all living members of the Association—nearly 20,000 names. Keeping these addresses current is one of the Association's most time-consuming and important responsibilities, as these addresses are used continuously for mailing ASSEMBLY, the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, the Gift Catalogue, as well as for mailings requested by individual classes and Societies.

The 67 independent West Point Societies maintain their

ties with the Military Academy through the Association, which acts as a central liaison point and furnishes them with current information about West Point. In an effort to bring the Societies into closer touch with the Military Academy, the Association recently revised its publication, *Guide for Organizing a West Point Society*, adding new suggestions for increased activity in admissions, fund raising, and public relations. Although they are given complete autonomy in their organization and meetings, the Societies follow the Association's guide lines closely, and most make use of the Association's facilities for mailings, address lists, and supplies. Each year in March, the Societies rely on the Association to provide information, supplies, guest speakers, and Football Highlight-films for their annual Founders Day celebrations. The Association also plans a schedule of speaking engagements to enable the Superintendent, the Commandant of Cadets, the Dean of the Academic Board, and other key Military Academy officers and coaches to visit as many of the Societies as feasible for Founders Day celebrations.

The Association's policy—trying to keep the Societies better informed about West Point and provide them information on how they can be of assistance to the Academy has had a noticeable impact. A number of Societies have sent in copies of revised constitutions and by-laws and are attempting to increase their assistance to the Academy. West Pointers are traditionally loyal and active alumni, and the Association is attempting to give them more opportunities to support the Military Academy.

ASSEMBLY magazine, of all the Association's activities, is most familiar to the more than 15,000 graduates who subscribe annually. During the past two years ASSEMBLY has been enlarged and given a thorough face-lifting. In Spring 1968 the magazine was switched to offset printing permitting more and better quality photographs and clearer copy. Tradition remains strong in the Class Notes, Obituaries, "Bulletin Board," (*Continued on page 40*)

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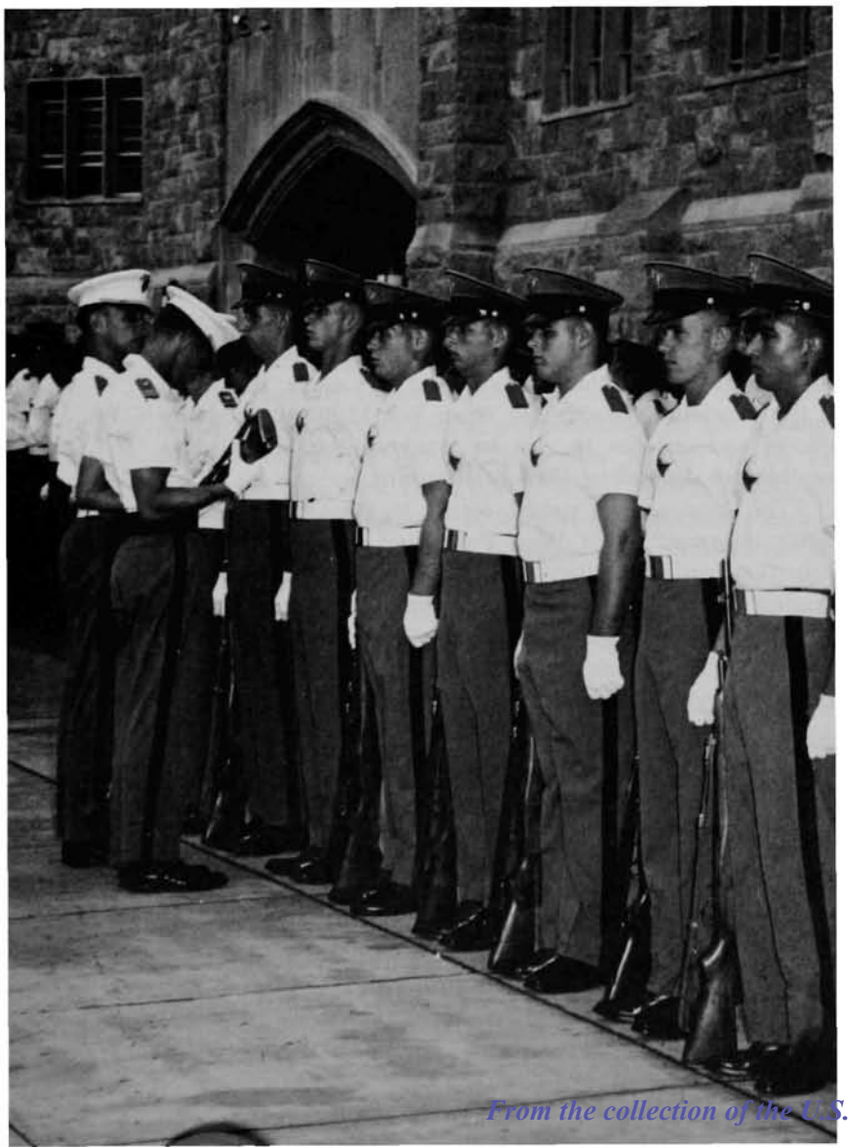
The Class of 1970, in anticipation of taking over responsibility for leading the Corps of Cadets, developed guidelines for the operation of the Fourth Class System. Here the Brigade Commander John T. Connors and his staff receive congratulations from Senator John Stennis, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, after a review in his honor.

CHANGES in the Fourth Class System

by RAMON A. NADAL



Opportunities to practice leadership are used to maximum advantage to train cadets in proper leadership techniques.

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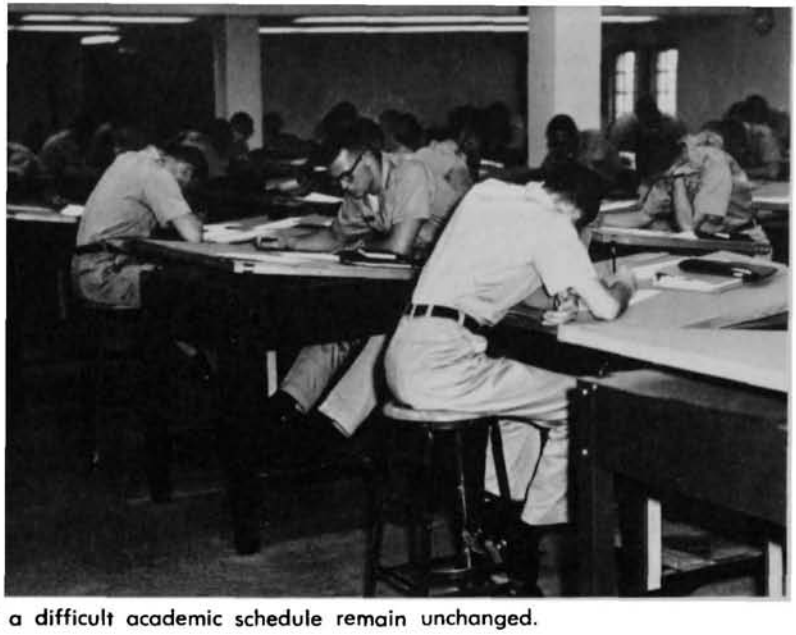

A physically demanding schedule and a difficult academic schedule remain unchanged.

IN the spring of 1969 the former Commandant of Cadets, Major General Bernard W. Rogers, directed that the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership (MP&L) undertake a thorough study of the Fourth Class System to insure that it supported fully the Military Academy's mission. A committee of six officers from the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership conducted the study beginning with an analysis of the historical development of the Fourth Class System and its stated purposes at various stages of development. The committee then examined the system as it had evolved in order to determine its integration within the overall USMA environment and changes, if necessary, for the system to support the Academy's goals.

The committee's study included a survey of the opinions of officers stationed at West Point and of the Corps of Cadets to ensure that the views of those concerned with the supervision and implementation of the system provided input into the study from its inception.

Concurrent with the MP&L study, the Class of 1970, in anticipation of taking over responsibility for leading the Corps of Cadets, began developing guidelines for the operation of the Fourth Class System. Both the cadet and committee efforts reflected a discontent with the negative and degrading practices fostered by the existing system. The resulting proposals were integrated by the Commandant of Cadets into program modifications essentially involving the nature of the relationship between the Plebe and the upperclasses. This article presents a discussion of these modifications in order to keep readers abreast of the changes made in the Fourth Class System since the last report in ASSEMBLY, spring of 1963.

To understand the rationale for the changes in the system, it is important to recognize the specific functions of the Fourth Class System within the Academy's environment. The committee report stated that the Fourth Class System has two major functions: to socialize the new cadet (that is, to cause him to develop the attitudes and values appropriate to a cadet), and to afford an opportunity for leadership to the upperclasses. From these general functions a definition was derived.

"The Fourth Class System is an artificially generated stressful situation which facilitates the socialization and equalization of cadets, assists in the identification of the maladjusted cadet and provides an opportunity for leadership experience by the upperclasses."

This definition established a number of worthwhile goals for the system and enabled the committee to compare aspects of the system against those goals.

In order to accomplish those functions specific to the development of the Fourth Classmen, a stressful situation is required. In the past there have been two ways that this stress has been generated. The first of these has been the stress resulting from the general demands of the USMA Program which includes such factors as the Plebe being away from home, a physically demanding schedule, high standards required in all aspects of appearance and behavior, and the difficult academic schedule. There have been no changes made in any of these areas.

The second manner of generating stress has been by harassing or abusive behavior on the part of the upperclassmen. This manner of generating stress, though it assisted in achieving the objectives of the system, proved to be partially detrimental to the overall system in terms of developing the proper leadership behavior in the upperclasses. The abusive behavior demonstrated by some upperclass cadets toward the Fourth Classmen is not the type of leadership model we are trying to develop, nor is it the type we want the entering Plebe to associate with the Military Academy and the Army on his first contact with these institutions.

Because cadets have somewhat limited opportunities to practice leadership during their four years at the Military Academy, it is also imperative that those opportunities that exist be used to maximum advantage to train cadets in proper leadership techniques. Since an officer does not purposely humiliate or deride his troops, a cadet should not be allowed to do so either. Officers are concerned with the welfare and morale of their troops; therefore, cadets should be taught to develop the same concern for their subordinates. The need to develop empathetic qualities in leaders has long been recognized by the Army and has been repeatedly substantiated over the past twenty years by research studies on leadership conducted at leading universities. In order to assist the upperclassmen in developing the correct manner of dealing with subordinates and to best fulfill the Academy's mission of instructing and training the Corps of Cadets, (*Continued on page 40*)

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West Point's Annual

Student Conference

Enters Its Twenty-First Year

SCUSA comes of age

by WILLIAM L. HEIBERG

THE gray walls were still echoing from the cheers from the gridiron victory over Navy when two hundred students, representing seventy-eight colleges across the nation and Canada, gathered in Thayer Hall for the Military Academy's twenty-first annual Student Conference on United States Affairs. On 3 December the Cadet Chairman, Jack C. Zoeller, formally opened the conference. Before an audience of 1,000 he identified the primary aim of SCUSA: "Our goal is to gain an appreciation of the vast and complex considerations which enter into the policy-making realm, at the same time exchanging thoughts and ideas with contemporaries equally interested in this process."

SCUSA XXI had as its topic, "The National Security Policy of the United States: Foreign Policy Directions for the Seventies." Major General S.W. Koster, Superintendent, introduced the Keynote Speaker, a man eminently qualified to speak on this topic: "It is particularly appropriate that we should have our conference opened by Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. In his position, the decisions he makes will not only direct U.S. policies while he is in office but will have their effect in at least the next decade to come."

Ambassador Johnson discussed the general problems of foreign policy formulation, then focused on specific aspects of American policy-making. Foreseeing a decrease in America's exercise of world leadership in the next decade, he said, "This does not mean a withdrawal from the world, nor neo-isolationism. It means a recognition of changing circumstances. . . . I do not think that we need to apologize for what we have done in the world. I think that the great outlines of our post-war foreign policy turned out to be pretty valid. . . . Our problems are the problems of success."

The first evening of the conference was turned over to a blue-ribbon panel which discussed the objectives and problems of United States foreign policy. The chairman was Doctor C. Burton Marshall, Acting Director of the Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research. Introducing the session, Dr. Marshall noted that he had sat on many previous SCUSA panels: "If they gave service ribbons for attendance at SCUSA, I would get such an adorned chest that I could go around impersonating a general." After a few observations on some of the changes of the position of the United States in the world in the last decade, Dr. Marshall introduced Mr. Joseph E. Slater, President of the Salk Institute.

Mr. Slater addressed his remarks toward the scientific and cultural strands in the fabric of foreign relations. After briefly touching on the impact of the nuclear age and the space explorations on international affairs, he exposed the students to some of the deeply significant implications of the revolution in biology and ecology. Mr. Slater concluded with a hope that man would find ". . . some better working relationship between humanistic thought and the quality of life in the tremendous and growing pace of scientific and technological development."

He was followed by Professor Warner R. Schilling, Associate Director of the Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. Moving from what he considered some of the more significant trends of the sixties—the end of Monolithic Communism, the lessening of fears of Soviet aggression—Professor Schilling discussed the dangerous confidence of world leaders in their ability to handle nuclear crises. Coupling this with the difficulty of perceiving the state of the strategic balance, Prof. Schilling warned of a decade with increased danger of pre-emptive nuclear attacks.

Congressman Thomas S. Foley, U.S. Representative from Washington State, concluded the formal presentations by warning of the danger of internal disintegration and unmanageable population levels. Anticipating a period of unprecedented economic, technological, and scientific advances, Mr. Foley expressed a fear that governmental institutions could not keep pace.

Before opening the panel to questions from the student participants, Dr. Marshall made a few summarizing remarks: "I thought that, in contrast to Under Secretary Johnson's speech this afternoon, (*Continued on page 41*)

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Under Secretary of State U. Alexis Johnson posed with his hosts prior to delivering the SCUSA Keynote Address. From left to right: Cadet Chairman Jack C. Zoeller, Cadet First Captain John T. Connors, Ambassador Johnson, Cadet Vice Chairman Paul C. Campbell, Major General S.W. Koster, and an unidentified student participant.

The first panel discussion was concerned with the objectives and problems of United States foreign policy. Congressman Thomas S. Foley participated for his second SCUSA; Professor Warner Schilling and Doctor Joseph Slater appeared for their first Student Conference, while the panel chairman, Doctor C. Burton Marshall, is a long-time SCUSA veteran.

The second panel looked at problems in the formulation and execution of United States Foreign Policy. Left to right: Mr. Kraft, nationally syndicated columnist, Congressman Taft, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Professor Hilsman, former Assistant Secretary of State, participated in the discussion under the chairmanship of Colonel Jordan, Head of the Department of Social Sciences.

Both panel discussions were followed by lively question-and-answer periods with the student delegates.

Ambassador Kenneth T. Young answered students' questions at Grant Hall at an informal reception following the SCUSA banquet.

The heart of SCUSA, the round table discussions, took place in the USMA Library.

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by RICHARD W. WYLIE

Cadet Activities Center Programmed

A cadet activities center for the Military Academy is not a new idea. On 1 March 1938, a resolution with the official stamp of approval of the Association of Graduates and the Superintendent of the Military Academy, Major General William D. Connor, was forwarded to Washington asking that funds in the amount of $5,000,000 be authorized and appropriated. The project was strenuously pursued by succeeding superintendents, and an article appearing in the 8 May 1942 *Pointer* written by Cadets Mike B. Davis and Felix A. Kalenski gave the history of the project to that time, and related the efforts which were continuing to insure its timely construction after World War II.

The history of the proposed center has had many ups and downs since 1942; however, the need has never been questioned. With the present expansion of the Corps approaching the final goal of over 4,400 cadets, one can imagine the overcrowding and inadequacy of facilities which have remained relatively unchanged since before the World War II expansion when Cadets Davis and Kalinski wrote: ". . . the Corps has grown too large for Cullum. Cullum Hall was erected when the Corps of Cadets consisted of only 400 men. Although Cullum has long served as one of the finest ballrooms in the country, its usefulness as a ballroom is limited in that there is only room for a single class to hold a hop. . . . Grant Hall like Cullum Hall has been outgrown. Every weekend finds Grant more than filled to reasonable capacity with visitors. . . ."

The long and complex history concerning a cadet activities center at the Academy began with a proposed General John J. Pershing Memorial Hall on Trophy Point and evolved to the present configuration and location shown. Over the years, however, the activities center has always taken second priority as a major project behind such facilities as conversion of Thayer Hall to an academic building, construction of New South Barracks, construction of the new Library, and (as part of the present expansion program) has had to wait its turn again while the barracks construction, Mess Hall addition, gymnasium addition, and new Academic Building have each delayed it another year. For the first time in its history, funds have been authorized and appropriated for this facility (part of the Fiscal Year 1970 Military Construction Program) through a culmination of the unfailing efforts of all the superintendents beginning with General Connor (Superintendent, USMA, 1932-38), supported strongly by successive Presidents' Boards of Visitors, and actively supported by many individual senators and congressmen.

The programmed center will consist of a 4,500-seat

Rendering of the Cadet Activities Center: This is a view of the activities center looking north-west from the vicinity of the flagpole with the PX/Commissary shown to the left.

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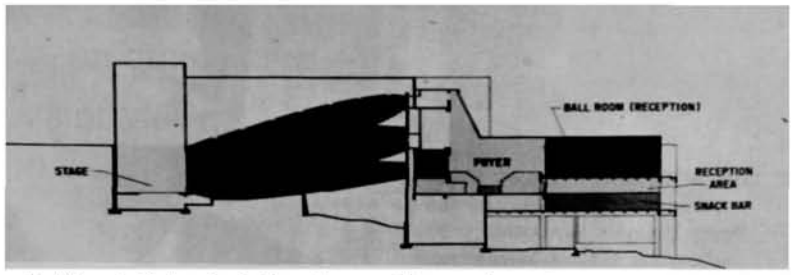
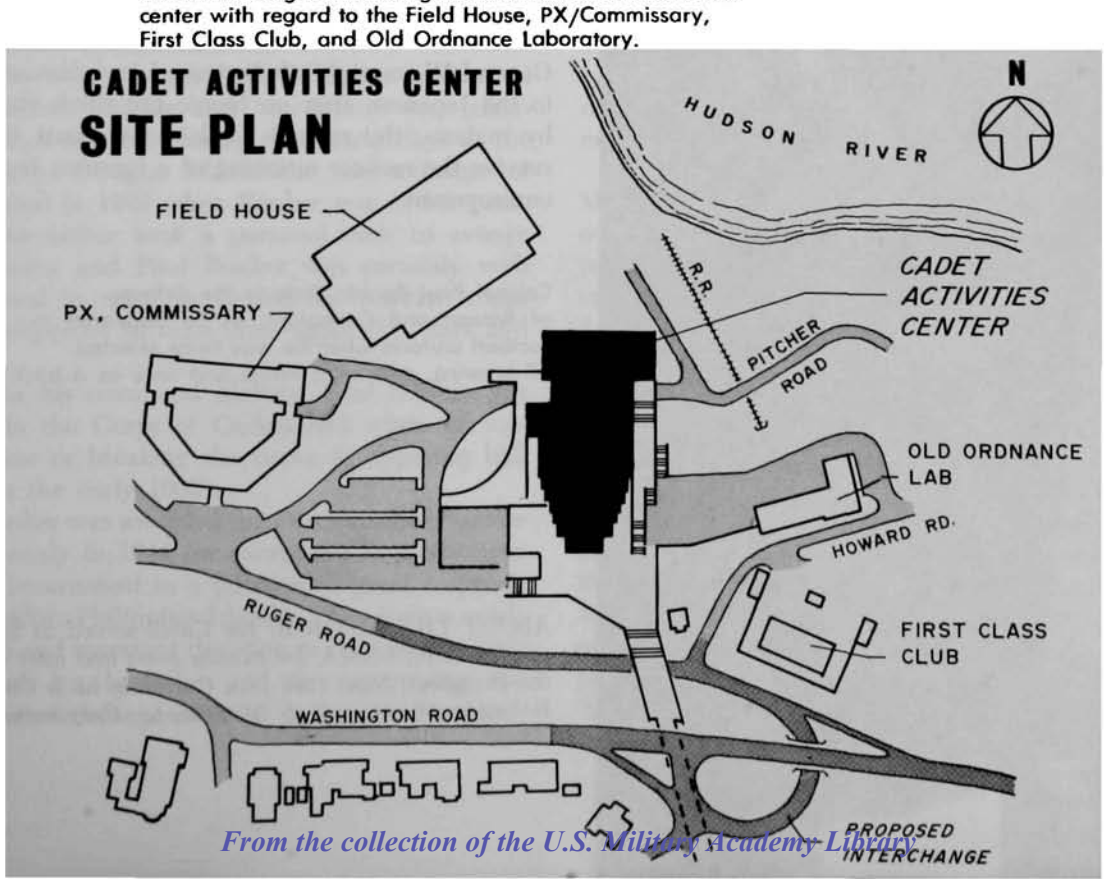


Profile of Cadet Activities Center: This north-south cross-section, oriented with the southern end of the building to the left, shows the arrangement of major functions to include the 4,500-seat auditorium, the lobby or foyer, the multi-purpose ballroom, the Cadet Hostess area, and the 1,000-seat snack bar.

auditorium, a 1,000-person ballroom dividable into three large multi-purpose rooms, a 1,000-seat snack bar, a Cadet Hostess headquarters/lounge area, a games area, and a large lobby. The lobby will normally serve the auditorium but will double as an additional cadet guest reception area during periods of intense activity such as June Week, football season, and ring weekends. The activities center will be located in an area bordered by the Old Ordnance Laboratory, First Class Club, Field House, and PX/Commissary building. The old buildings in this area are scheduled for demolition to provide room for the activities center and for parking areas, with the center carefully oriented so that it will least obscure the view up the river from the level of the Plain, yet will afford a beautiful view of the river from the ballroom and snack bar. Some desirable functions, such as a cadet bowling alley, extracurricular activity club rooms, and some of the games areas were eliminated from the scope of the project during concept stages to reduce the cost to an acceptable level. To regain some of these deleted facilities, it is planned to convert the present Ordnance Laboratory Building to a cadet activities center annex upon completion of the Academic Building and other post service facilities. Together with the First Class Club and the Field House this arrangement will allow development of an activities complex near the Cadet area, yet separated from the mainstream of tourist activity.

The needs of the individual cadet of this generation have not been overlooked in the facilities planning. The cadet comes from a society which is continuously growing more crowded and one in which it is becoming more difficult to establish an identity. Today's cadet, just as the rest of the nation's youth, needs the opportunity and facilities in which to meet in a relaxed atmosphere for an informal exchange of ideas with his contemporaries. The cadet activities center will provide such facilities for the future Corps of Cadets and, as this project nears the actual construction stage, the words of Cadets Davis and Kalinski are even more appropriate than when written in 1942, and speak for the Academy in saying: "The historical background of the proposed memorial has been punctuated with disappointments for cadets and friends of the Academy. No amount of praise is sufficient to express our gratification for the great efforts of those who have worked to make the project a reality."

Site Plan: Diagram showing the location of the activities center with regard to the Field House, PX/Commissary, First Class Club, and Old Ordnance Laboratory.



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by JOE CAHILL

Colonel Bunker, Class of 1903, classmate of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur with whom he served in combat.

Colonel Paul Bunker

In September of 1943 as the young football hopefuls of the many schools and colleges throughout the country were getting into shape for the grid campaign, a tersely worded communique was issued by the War Department. It read something like this: "Colonel Paul Delmont Bunker gave his life in a disease-ridden, malaria-infested Japanese Prison Camp."

Just to refresh your memory Paul Bunker was the first West Pointer to be picked for the all-America team by Walter Camp. He received this honor as a tackle in 1901. The following year Bunker was again selected to the all-America, but this time as a halfback, giving him the distinction of being the only man ever to make Walter Camp's all-America both as a lineman and as a back.

Following his graduation from the United States Military Academy this Alpena, Michigan, youth had a brilliant career in the Army. Specializing in big coastal defense guns, he set up an impregnable defense for the City of New York during his tour of duty at Fort Totten in 1927. He saw extended service in the Panama Canal Zone and at Hawaii before being assigned to the Philippines, where he played a key role in the artillery defense of Bataan and Corregidor.

Colonel Bunker was on the Rock of Corregidor when General Wainwright's half-starved and diseased troops fell to the Japanese after an heroic last ditch stand. Ravaged by malaria, the rugged Bunker, then past 60, could not survive the meager rationing of a rigorous Japanese prison encampment.

Colonel Paul Bunker, hero in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor, as he appeared in football uniform when he was twice selected all-America, once as a tackle and once as a back.

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"Upon the fields of friendly strife,
are sown the seeds
that, upon other fields, on other days,
will bear the fruits of victory."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Enters HALL of FAME

The name of Paul Bunker today evokes the fondest football memories in the minds of West Pointers who recall the bruising, bang-up type of football in vogue at the turn of the century.

A steel-chested, tow-haired, rugged tackle tipping the scales well over 215 pounds, Bunker made the cadet varsity as a Plebe in 1899 and played without relief throughout the 1900, 1901 and 1902 grid campaigns.

He was invincible in the tackle position and found numerous opportunities to lug the pigskin in the steam-roller mass momentum plays featured in the game in those days.

These line smashing assignments that were lacking so much in finesse served to give Bunker the necessary grooming that eventually led to his transfer to the backfield in the 1902 season.

He was not the colorful elusive runner so prominent in football today, but depended on bull strength and a pair of piston-like legs that consistently sent him through the center of the line for three, four, and five yards at a clip.

This type of play paid good dividends in those early days of the game. In the 1902 ARMY-Navy classic, Paul, after sustained marches down the field, powerhoused over the Middie goal for two touchdowns.

A man who never forgot Paul Bunker was General Douglas MacArthur. Bunker and MacArthur were classmates and roomed together during their early days at the Military Academy. Douglas MacArthur was manager of the football squad in 1902 when Bunker was at his peak.

General MacArthur took a personal oath to avenge Bataan's defenders, and Paul Bunker was certainly with the great General in spirit as he led his veteran troops back to the Philippines to raise once again the Stars and Stripes.

The men in his command idolized Paul Bunker just as every man in the Corps of Cadets had when he was smashing the line or breaking the backs of opposing ball carriers back in the early 1900's.

Colonel Bunker was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously in 1944 for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a position of great responsibility at Corregidor, Philippine Islands. The citation read: "His courageous and incessant devotion to duty in directing the activities of his batteries and in supervising the immediate repair of damage inflicted by enemy bombardment was outstanding. Colonel Bunker's outstanding leadership maintained superior morale and efficiency in his command throughout the campaign."

ARMY MEMBERS
National Football Hall of Fame

1951—Charles D. Daly, Back, 1901-02
1954—Christian K. Cagle, Back, 1926-29
1954—Edgar W. Garbisch, Center, 1921-24
1954—Lawrence McC. Jones, Coach, 1926-29
1955—Elmer Q. Oliphant, Back, 1915-17
1959—Felix A. Blanchard, Back, 1944-46
1961—Glenn W. Davis, Back, 1943-46
1962—John J. McEwan, Center, 1913-16
1964—Earl H. Blaik, Coach, 1941-58
1969—Paul D. Bunker, Tackle-Back, 1900-1902

Indeed the physical development and keen competitive spirit engendered on the football field must have paid huge dividends to Colonel Paul Bunker throughout his long and meritorious career in the United States Army.

A symbol of his dedication to his Country and the Military Academy—a piece of the American flag that flew over Corregidor and which he sewed beneath his arm patch—through a fellow prisoner of war found its way back to West Point. Along with his personal diary the piece of flag is a permanent part of his Alma Mater carrying forward the memory of an outstanding athlete and officer.

In a fitting tribute to Colonel Paul Bunker, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame inducted him into the National Football Hall of Fame as one of "eight legendary players who helped make the game of football great."

In another terse communique in vivid contrast to the one in 1943, Paul Bunker earned immortality: "Colonel Bunker, a two-time Walter Camp all-America player at Army at two different positions in 1901 and 1902, was captured at Corregidor in World War II, and died in a Japanese Prison Camp. George Trevor called Bunker a "battering ram fullback with the strength of a lion."

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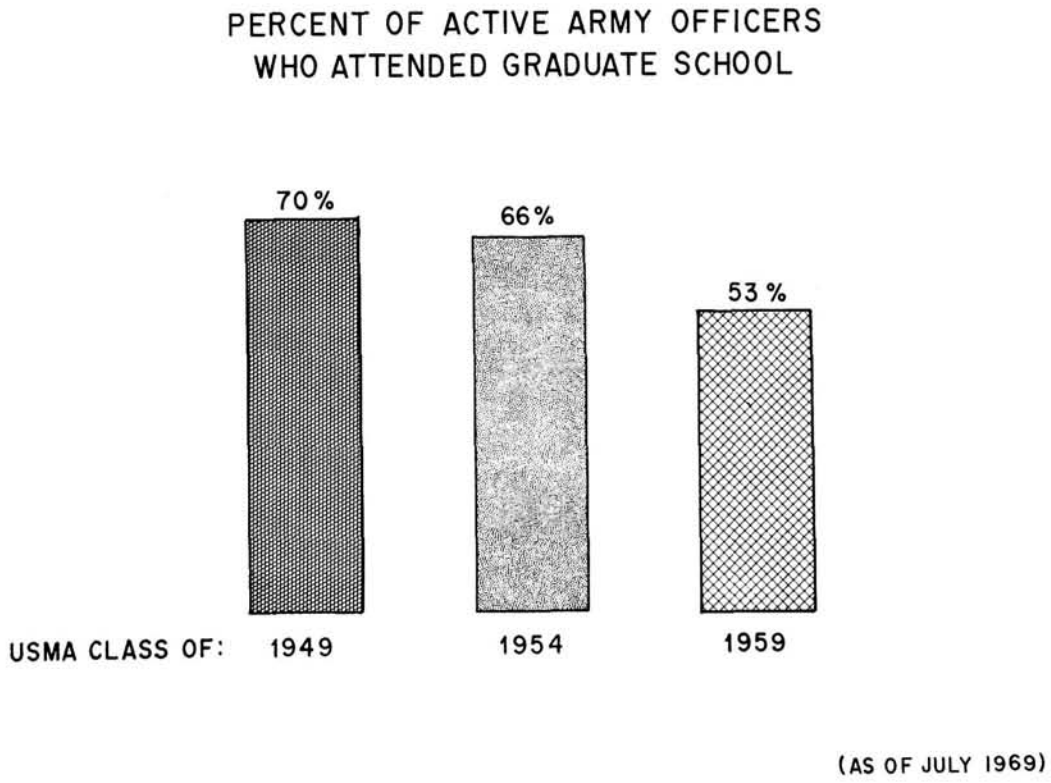
GRADUATE SCHOOL and the WEST POINTER

by Robert W. Giuliano and Pat M. Stevens IV



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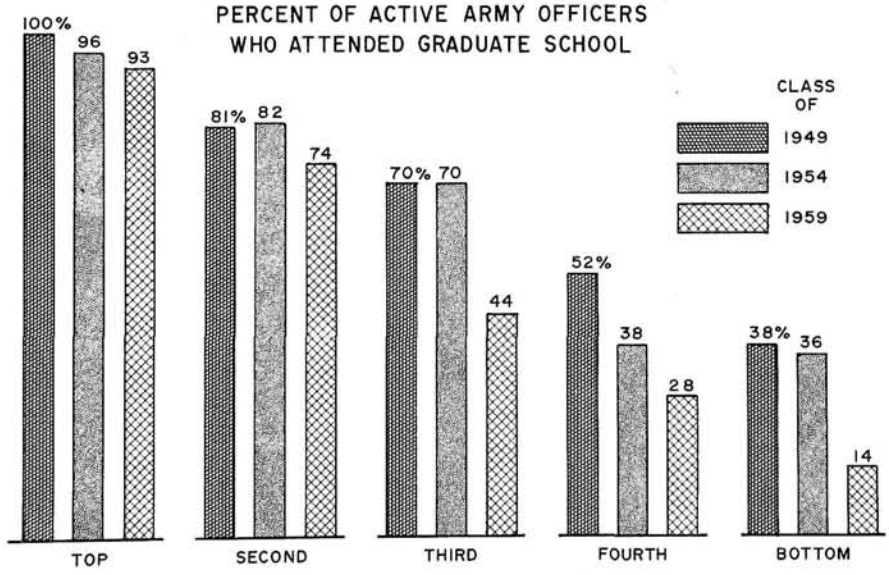
GENERAL MacArthur's return from the fields of France to West Point in 1919 was the first great stimulus for progressive change at the Military Academy in more than five decades. For three years as Superintendent, the dynamic young MacArthur turned his brilliant intellect and immense energies to the moulding of "a new West Point in the spirit of the old West Point." In bringing the Academy of 1919 to a new and closer relationship with the Army, he recognized that it could only "rise through the certainty of evolution rather than after the demoralization of revolution."

MacArthur knew that the cornerstone of progress was a closer tie with the educational patterns of the country, and he recommended in 1920 that every instructor spend a year at a civilian college in preparation for his faculty duties. He went even further in recommending that the War Department order each Professor to visit annually at least three institutions of higher education "for the purpose of observation, study and liaison."

In these actions, General MacArthur early laid the patterns of the graduate schooling program now so extensively used by the Army. In this, as in so many other plans, he demonstrated his almost mystical vision of the future.

As the two decades between the Great Wars passed, the graduating cadets of the Academy enrolled in growing numbers as officers in Civil School. By 1940 some 30% of each class were attending graduate school, and by the mid 1950's the percentage had grown to 50%. Figures for those graduates who were commissioned in the Air Force during this period were around 35%. As requirements for graduate schooling are based upon the needs of the service, it is evident that through these years the increase in attendance figures reflected the growing Army demands. In the comprehensive 1958 Curriculum Study, the Jannarone Committee Report foresaw the 1960's as an "Age of rapid technological advance and even more rapid change in the world conditions. . . ." The report noted that these advances would require that ever-growing numbers of officers attain a graduate education. The past decade has witnessed precisely that.

In two former issues there have appeared notes on West Pointers in graduate school. Again, as the new decade begins, we review three classes and their educational accomplishments while on active duty.



QUINTILES OF GRADUATION ORDER:
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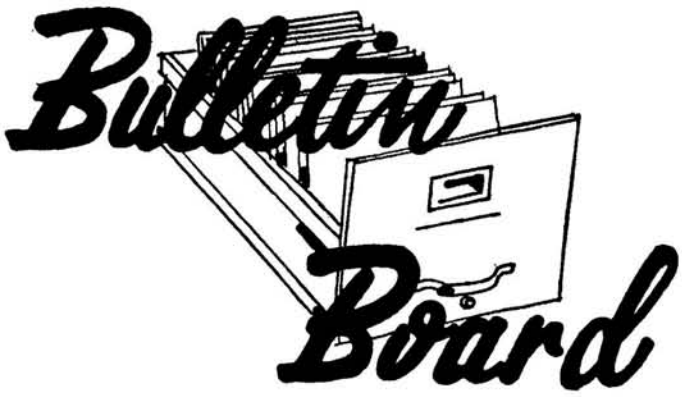

Homecoming 1970

Homecoming 1970 will be the sixth game of the 1970 season following ARMY's initial home game against Baylor on 19 September and four successive away games against, in order: Nebraska, Tennessee, Notre Dame, and Virginia. ARMY's Homecoming opponent will be our old and time-honored foe—Pennsylvania State University. As Tom Cahill stated, he could scout four of ARMY's first six 1970 football opponents by attending the post 1969 season Bowl Games.

Homecoming Weekend will run from Friday, 23 October, through Sunday, 25 October. The 5-year reunion classes will be '50 (by class request) and those classes graduated 15 years or less—'55, '60, and '65. The schedule of events will closely parallel the 1969 program.

Be here and cheer for an ARMY victory.

Friday 23 October	1200	Alumni Headquarters opens—Association of Graduates Office, Basement, Cullum Hall.
	1530	Athletic events.
	1700	Reunion Class picnics and dinners.
	2030	Band Concert — North Auditorium, Thayer Hall.
	2130-2400	Old Grad's Night—Benny Havens Bar, West Point Army Mess.
	2400	Alumni Headquarters closes.
Saturday 24 October	0800	Alumni Headquarters opens.
	0900-1030	Open House at the following: Cadet Barracks, Library, Museum, Thayer Hall: Selected academic departments.
	0900	Board of Trustees Meeting—WPAM.
	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.
	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. Pennsylvania State University—Michie Stadium.
	1700	Reunion Class cocktail parties.
	2000	Alumni Dinner—Washington Hall.
	2130	Superintendent's Reception, followed by Alumni Dance—Washington Hall.
	2400	Alumni Headquarters closes.
Sunday 25 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.

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

the spring issue by — 16 March
the summer issue by — 15 June

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

Left to right: Colonel Vernon C. Gilbert, Major General John F. Franklin '34, Brigadier General Arthur H. Frye Jr. (Ret.) '35 join Brigadier General Nuttman '95, the Oldest Grad, on his 96th birthday.

Oldest Grad Celebrates 96th Birthday

The oldest living graduate of the United States Military Academy celebrated his 96th birthday on 28 January at his home at 2101 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco.

Brigadier General Louis M. Nuttman (Ret.), a member of the USMA Class of 1895, was presented with a photograph album highlighting both his days at the Academy and his forty-seven year active Army career by Major General John F. Franklin Jr., Deputy Commanding General of the Sixth U.S. Army and member of the Class of 1934.

General Franklin made the presentation on behalf of the Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, which also gave General Nuttman a blanket in West Point colors and emblazoned with the Academy crest.

In addition to General Franklin, Brigadier General Arthur H. Frye Jr. (Ret.), Class of 1935 and General Manager of the San Francisco Water Department, and Colonel

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Vernon C. Grant, Professor of Military Science at the University of San Francisco, reminisced with General and Mrs. Nuttman during the observance.

Asked whether he would attend June Week ceremonies at West Point to accept personally the tribute paid the oldest living graduate, General Nuttman explained that his inability to walk long distances prevented his doing so.

"I thought that the picture of the Senior Graduate in the Cadet mind," he said, "should be one who is erect and who can make the march from Cullum Hall to the Monument to stand in line for the review."

The general's distinguished military record can stand any review. Entering the Academy in 1891 and accepting an Infantry commission upon graduation, the Newark, New Jersey, native was awarded the Silver Star for heroism in the Santiago de Cuba Campaign during the Spanish-American War.

At the end of the war with Spain, the General was assigned to the Philippines where he served as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General S. Ovenshine during the Philippine Insurrection.

General Nuttman won his second Silver Star shortly thereafter for gallantry in action at Yang Tsun, China, while participating in the China Relief Expedition during the Boxer Rebellion.

He returned to the Philippines in 1902 to take part in the expedition against the Moros on Mindanao, and received his third Silver Star for his bravery in the Battle of Bayan in May of that year.

In 1903, the general was assigned to West Point where he served as an instructor in Chemistry. Later, he held other posts at the Academy before returning to the Philippines in 1906.

He served in administrative posts in the Philippines until 1909 when he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Regiment at Fort Crook, Nebraska. In 1914, he took part in the Vera Cruz (Mexico) Expedition.

With the entrance of the United States into World War I, he took command of the 356th Infantry Regiment during that unit's training in the United States and later deployment in France. He led the regiment during the St. Mihiel Offensive in September of 1918.

General Nuttman then assumed command of the 69th Infantry Brigade for the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and won his fourth Silver Star when he was mentioned in the dispatches as "providing a magnificent example of courage for his men despite a severe illness." For his service in France, the general also earned the Distinguished Service Medal and was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Army.

Returning to the United States in 1919, the general served as an instructor at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, until 1921 when he became Chief of Staff for the 2d Infantry Division at Camp Travis, Texas.

In 1925, he was assigned to San Francisco as Recruiting Officer for the IX Corps area. He commanded the 22d Infantry Regiment from 1930 to 1932 at Fort McPherson, Georgia, before being named commander of the New York Port of Embarkation in Brooklyn.

General Nuttman went to Hawaii in 1934 to command the 22d Infantry Brigade and in 1937 took command of the 18th Infantry Brigade at Boston Army Base. He retired from active service in 1938.

A Tribute by Sports Illustrated 8 Dec. 69

By the kickoff there were 102,000 of them jammed inside that old pile of cold stones. And suddenly came the beautiful thought that there wasn't a pro scout among them, that the young kids out there on the field weren't going on to the Bears or the Packers or the Jets next year, but to Vietnam, and instead of a bonus there'd be combat pay, and maybe that halfback can't run the 100 in 10 seconds—but he just might be the next guy to win a Congressional Medal of Honor. And, like that, snap! It no longer mattered what happened all the previous Saturdays, because this was something very special.

Elinor Peabody Day

It has come to the attention of the editor of ASSEMBLY that a rare tribute was paid to Elinor Peabody, wife of Brigadier General Hume Peabody, Class Scribe of 1915, on 8 December 1969, when a Distinguished Service Award was presented to her by the Rotary Club of Lexington Park, Maryland, at what was designated as "Elinor Peabody Day." Also, that nearly four years ago, the new addition to the local hospital was named "The Elinor Peabody Wing" in her honor. Both Elinor and Hume have worked tirelessly for many, many, years on civic activities for the betterment of their community, and of St. Mary's County, Maryland. This information, from an outside source, is a tribute to Hume Peabody who apparently is too modest to mention such matters in his fine 1915 Notes.

Patton—A Salute To A Rebel

The premiere of the moving picture *Patton* was held at the Criterion Theatre in New York City on 4 February 1970.

The producer is an Army man, Brigadier General Frank McCarthy (Ret.), once Secretary of the General Staff for General George C. Marshall, now with Twentieth Century-Fox Studios. In addition, no picture has benefitted from the work of higher level technical advisors: General of the Army Omar N. Bradley and General Paul Harkins (Ret.).

People at sneak previews are vocal in their praise of acting by George C. Scott and Karl Malden, who play Patton and Bradley. Frank McCarthy's writers have obviously seized the opportunity to draw contrasts in the personalities of Omar Bradley and George Patton, two of the top generals in any army in World War II.

An unsolicited letter from an early showing in Phoenix read, ". . . The honesty is very compelling. We all need to see this picture—dove, hawk, or fence sitter. . . . The photography, color, and scenery were breathtaking. The sound marvelous . . . the music perfect. . . . Even the clanking of the tanks was very real. Realism: . . . the dead being robbed gave me a glimpse of the awfulness." Another viewer wrote, "I say 'thanks' to 20th for having the courage to put this movie together, especially at this time in our country."

The Department of Defense stated it had no objections to the release of the film, and at the D.O.D. showing there were compliments for the picture and especially for the producer for his sincerity and factual integrity in telling the Patton story. General Bradley said, "Don't change a foot of it."

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Book Review

OMAR NELSON BRADLEY:
THE SOLDIERS' GENERAL

By Colonel Russell "Red" Reeder. Illustrated by Herman B. Vestal. 112 pages, Garrard Publishing Company, Champaign, Illinois. $2.69.

Reviewed by RALPH G. NEWMAN, Chicago, Illinois.

He was born on Lincoln's birthday seventy-six years ago, less than thirty years after the death of our Sixteenth President. He would one day command the largest fighting force ever amassed in battle under the American flag. He is the possessor of some of the great qualities we associate with the man whose birthday he shares: of humble origin, he worked as a youth to help provide for himself and his family, is strong and athletic, studious, a born leader, has an inquiring mind, and is dedicated to his country, its ideals and its welfare.

Carl Sandburg quotes a Lincoln contemporary in the dark days of the Civil War, when the Union fortunes were at their lowest, saying, "Where are the Lincoln men?" He meant, "Where are others like Lincoln who can come to the aid of their country?" Here, almost a century later, a "Lincoln man" did come on the scene—Omar Nelson Bradley, whose Twelfth Army Group, later to be called the Central Group of Armies, consisted of the United States First, Third, Ninth, and Fifteenth Armies. It was an army that numbered about a million men, organized in over forty combat divisions. He was the man General George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, called "the finest group commander in any army."

Colonel Russell "Red" Reeder has written a compact, fact-filled, fast-moving biography of the "Soldiers' General." It compresses an amazing fund of information in a little over 100 pages, and yet, despite this, does not sacrifice good writing. The style is direct, effective, yet warm and with charm. Colonel Reeder awards his subject proper and deserved praise without being effusive or cloying. The Bradley story is so great that it requires the skill of a consumate reporter who can present the facts and yet not stand between his subject and his readers. This the writer does with seemingly simple skill.

Born in Clark, Missouri, raised in nearby Moberly, Bradley was graduated from West Point in 1915. His classmates included men who, along with him, are among our country's immortals—Eisenhower, McNarney, Aurand, and Stratemeyer. He served at several posts in the United States during World War I and advanced to the rank of major. In World War II he succeeded General George S. Patton as commander of the Second Army Corps in the Tunisian campaign and later led this unit in the Sicilian campaign. He then took command of the U.S. ground forces for the invasion of France. In August, 1944, he took command of the Twelfth Army Group and held that post until the end of the war. Bradley's policy of keeping his command near the front lines disturbed his fellow officers, but soldiers appreciated the General's concern for their welfare.

Colonel Reeder is well equipped for this task of authorship. He comes from an army family and was a student at West Point under math instructor Omar Bradley in 1923. He led a regiment ashore at Normandy on D-Day and was wounded on the sixth day of the invasion. He was the Special Assistant to the Athletic Director at West Point for twenty years and is the author of many books on military subjects.

Written for young readers in the eight to twelve-year age group, this book is not written down to the prospective audience, but treats the readers as they should be treated—as young men and women. It can be recommended for schools and libraries and can well serve as an introductory work for the adult reader. Excellent illustrations by Herman S. Vestal add considerably to the charm and interest of the book.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE R. STEPHENS, 71, formerly Head of the Department of English at the U.S. Military Academy, died 13 December 1969 at his home in Blawenburg, New Jersey. Born in Berwick, Pennsylvania, and educated in the Philadelphia schools, General Stephens graduated from Princeton University in 1921. While teaching and coaching at Swarthmore Preparatory School, the Haverford School, and Dickinson College, he received his Master's Degree and the Doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania (the latter in 1931). From 1935-1945 he was an Associate Professor in the Department of English, History, and Government at the U.S. Naval Academy. He was appointed by President Truman as Head of the Department of English at West Point and a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army in 1945 and served in that capacity until he retired 31 January 1961. At that time he was promoted to Brigadier General and awarded the Legion of Merit.

Upon retirement General and Mrs. Stephens bought a home in Blawenburg, New Jersey, near Princeton. From 1962-1966 General Stephens acted as a Visiting Professor of English at the Westminster Choir College, teaching Philosophy and serving on several committees. He discontinued teaching in 1966, but continued his relationships with this institution until the time of his death.

Professor Stephens was an occasional writer, interested in the classical subjects. He was the author of **The Knowledge of Greek in England in the Middle Ages** (his thesis) and of several monographs on medieval subjects, mostly published in **Speculum.** He was listed in **Who's Who in America, The Directory of American Scholars,** and other subsidiary works.

Fond of travel, the Stephenses made many trips in various directions. They visited England nine times and also journeyed to Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Panama, the Caribbean Islands, and Hawaii.

General Stephens was a member of The Modern Language Association, The Mediaeval Academy of America, The Modern Humanities Research Association, and The National Council of the Teachers of English. He was a member of The Nassau Club in Princeton, The Old Guard of Princeton, New Jersey, and of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel Brice Stephens, formerly of Philadelphia; a daughter, D'Arcy, the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore J. Charney, Fort Dix, New Jersey; and a son, former Captain Robert G. Stephens, Hilton, New York; two sisters, Miss Wilhelmina Stephens, Philadelphia, and Mrs. James E. Stevens, Morton, Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren. Burial was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

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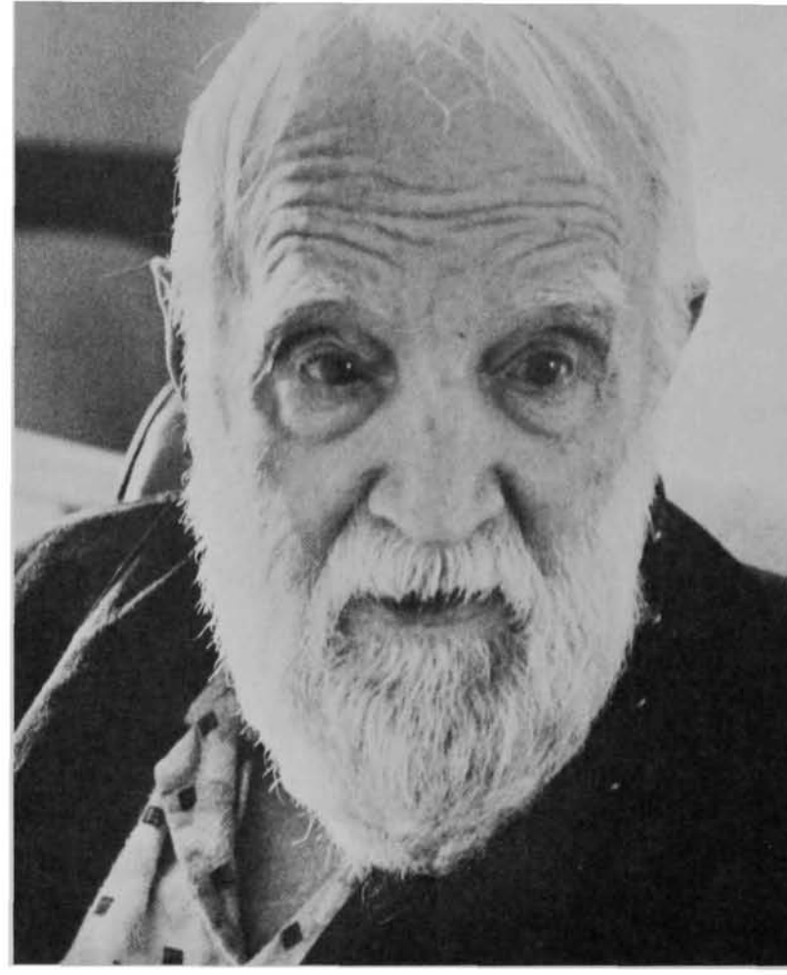
Major General Thomas M. Rienzi '42 (left) is promoted to that rank in ceremonies near Long Binh, Vietnam, on 1 December by Lieutenant General Frank T. Mildren '39.



Colonel George E. Houle, USMA Class of 1893, oldest living graduate of the Military Academy since October 1968, died on 19 December 1969, thirteen days before his 100th birthday. Born in Canada on New Year's Day 1870, Colonel Houle was admitted to the Military Academy on 15 June 1889 from the State of Massachusetts. He was graduated on 12 June 1893, holding the grade of cadet lieutenant and ranking thirty-ninth in his class. During his thirty years of active duty, Colonel Houle served in Cuba and the Philippine Islands, as well as at numerous posts in the United States. Following his retirement on 16 October 1919, Colonel Houle returned to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he lived until his last years when he moved to a nursing home in nearby Williamstown. During a visit from the Alumni Secretary last year, Colonel Houle told stories of his cadet days and expressed his pride in leading the Long Gray Line. The memory of his years at West Point had not dimmed in the seventy-five years since his graduation. Funeral services were held on 23 December 1969 in Pittsfield.

Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Seely, Assistant Professor of Psychology, has his new oak leaves pinned on by his wife Patricia and Brigadier General S. S. Walker, Commandant of Cadets, USMA.

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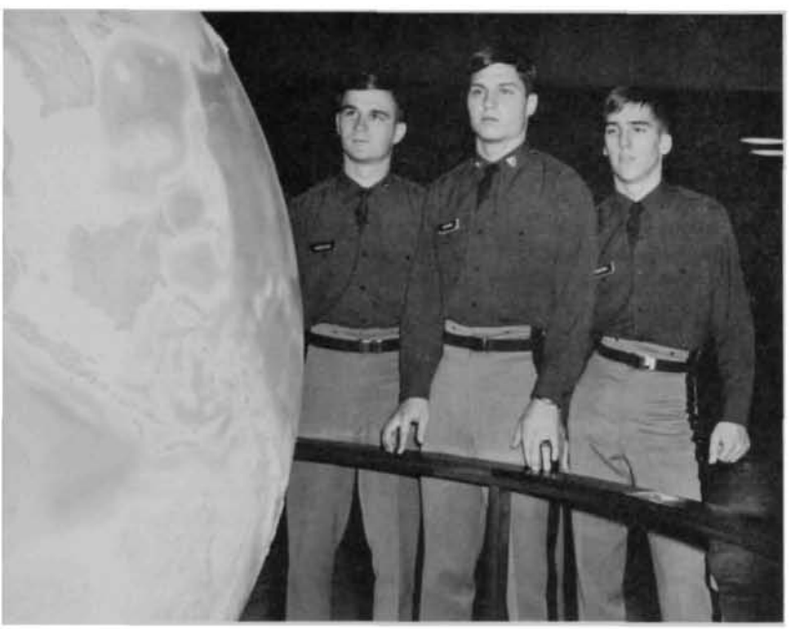
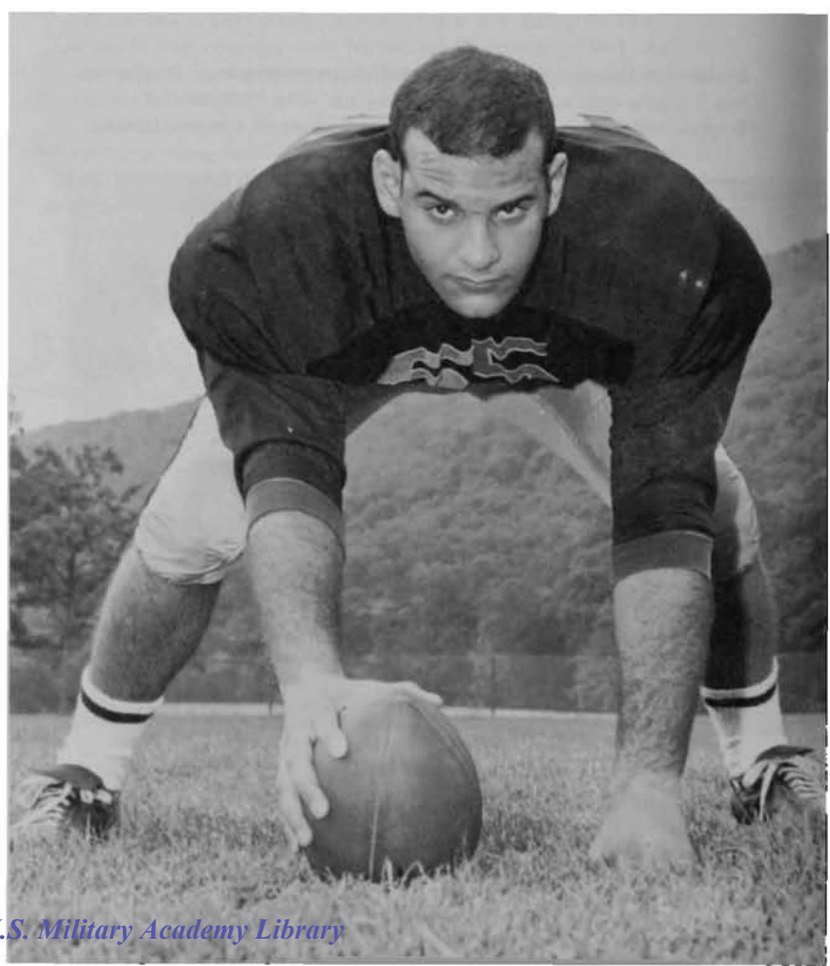
Ken Wyrick, 1970 Football Captain, receives best wishes from his teammates.

Cadet First Classman Theodore M. Shadid Jr. has been named a winner of a National Collegiate Athletic Association Post-graduate Scholarship. A total of 33 football players in the United States were named as NCAA Scholarship recipients, with each winner receiving a $1,000 grant to the graduate or professional school of his choice. Those selected were chosen on the basis of academic, athletic, and extracurricular excellence. Cadet Shadid, the starting center on the ARMY football team for the past two years, is a Dean's List student who ranked 28th in a class of 750 at the end of three years at the Military Academy.



It's a small world as the Vuksich brothers, Greg, left; Paul, center; and John study the giant relief globe in the U.S. Military Academy library. Their parents Colonel (Ret.) and Mrs. Melvin M. Vuksich live in Cornwall, New York.



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Major General S. W. Koster, Superintendent, and Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, (USA, Ret.), second from left, are shown at ceremonies 21 January at which the Academy received a quarter of a million dollar trust fund from the DeWitt Wallace Fund, Inc. General Thompson, executive vice president of **Reader's Digest,** was accompanied by two other officials of the magazine; W. Barnabas McHenry, Chief Legal Counsel, left, and C. Robert Devine, director of public relations, third from left.

Mrs. William F. Ericson presents her husband's Class of 1968 ring to Mr. Thomas Russell of the USMA Library. Lieutenant Ericson received posthumous awards of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. A 1968 graduate of the Academy, he was the first member of his class to be killed in combat.

Hank Brewerton (left) Class Scribe of the Class of 1940 and President of the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Valley at a meeting with, left to right, Phil Toon '44, Bob Hulley '52, Major General S. W. Koster '42, and Major General T. J. Sands '29.

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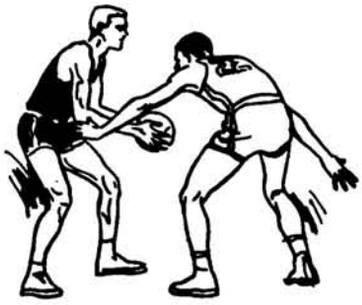

down the field...

by Bob Kinney

A Saturday afternoon in late November in Philadelphia's spacious John F. Kennedy Stadium can mean just one thing—it's Army-Navy time once again. There's an extra touch of excitement generated when these two schools meet on the gridiron, and what happened this November 29th proved no different from any of the 69 Army-Navy contests which preceded it.

While a capacity throng of 102,000 people braved traffic snarls to find their seats, tucked away in the bowels of the mammoth structure were the respective squads, awaiting the starting whistle. Tension filled the locker rooms. On the Army side head Coach Tom Cahill felt it; so did team Captain Lynn Moore and reserve back Greg McGuckin. Even equipment man Dave Garzione was quieter than usual.

Just a few hours later these same people were wearing grins from ear to ear. Before the afternoon drew to a close Moore had rushed for 208 yards over, around and through the bewildered Navy defense, and had scored two touchdowns to lead his Cadets to a rousing 27-0 victory . . . Greg McGuckin had played in his first Navy game and picked up eight yards the only time he carried the pigskin . . . Coach Cahill knew the taste of victory over arch-rival Navy for the third time in four seasons . . . and Dave Garzione didn't mind one bit picking up the dirty towels and jerseys. Army had won!

As one season ended, though, another was just around the corner. The news media were still writing articles on the Army-Navy game when the Cadets launched the 1969-70 winter campaign. Less than 72 hours after the goal posts came down in Philadelphia, the Army basketball team polished off Lehigh, 74-61, thanks to some timely scoring by Captain Jim Oxley and pivotman Mike Gyovai. Oxley wound up with 21 points, Gyovai 18.

Second Half of Season Better

The Cadet gridders, under the .500 level at the season's midway point with a 2-3 record, came on much stronger in the second half of the schedule. They turned back Boston College in addition to Navy, battled Oregon to a

FOOTBALL—Halfback Lynn Moore dives for extra yardage as Navy defenders bring him down. The Cadet leader had a field day against the Midshipmen, and for his efforts was rewarded by being named "Back of the Week" by **Sports Illustrated.**

FOOTBALL—An official signals for a touchdown as captain Lynn Moore scores again for ARMY in season's finale against Navy. Moore scored two touchdowns in leading 27-0 whitewashing of Midshipmen, in process rushing for over 200 yards.

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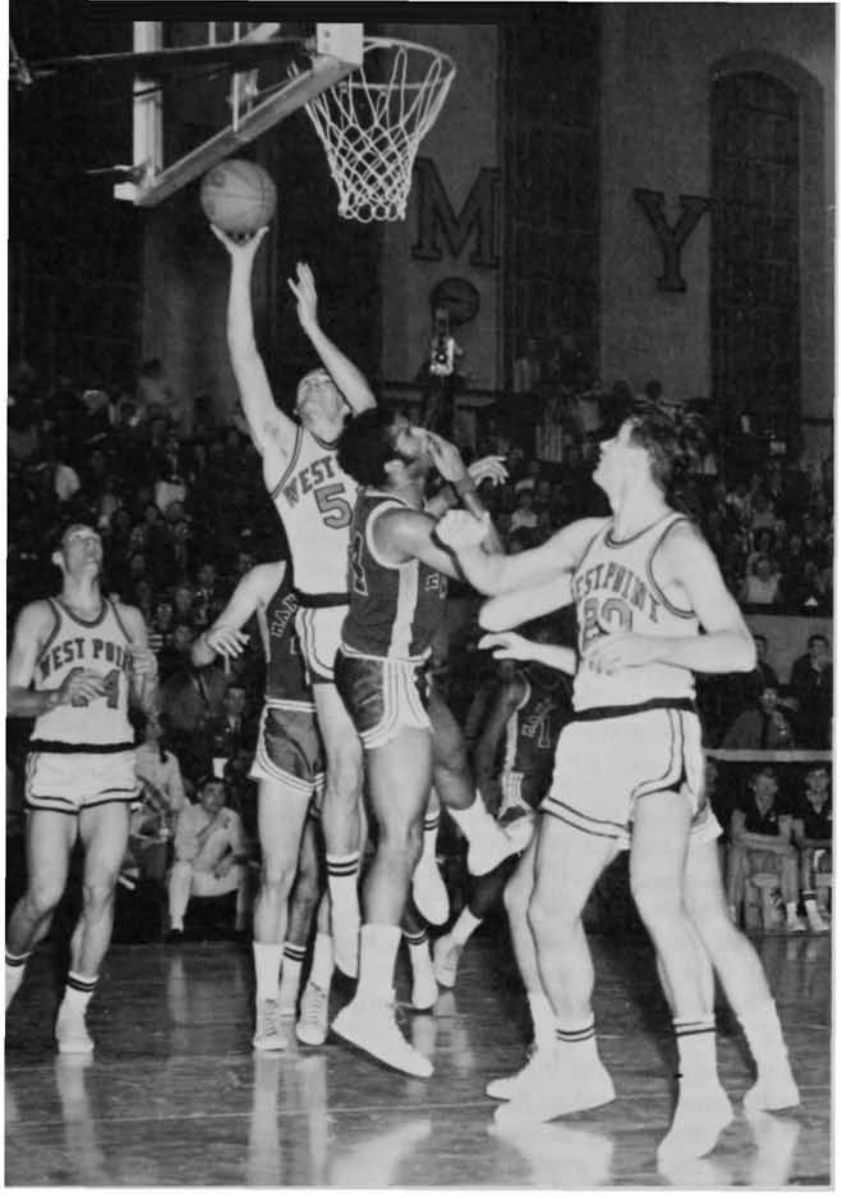

BASKETBALL—Doug Clevenger, second leading scorer, drives for basket and two points. Cadet cagers are off to an excellent start, showing ten victories in their first 12 games.

BASKETBALL—Max Miller (44) battles for rebound in Maine contest. ARMY, the nation's leader in team defense each of the past two seasons, currently leads the country again with a stingy 52.9 average.

17-17 tie at Eugene in the first trip by an ARMY team to that state, and dropped close decisions to Air Force and Pittsburgh.

The ARMY coaching staff made a few personnel changes for the Boston College game, and they paid off handsomely. Moore, a bruising runner with deceptive speed, was moved from fullback to halfback, a position he had manned so capably the previous two seasons; Ray Ritacco, a yearling, was elevated to the starting job at fullback; Joe Albano left the flanker slot for the one at split end; and Bill Roden became a starter for the first time at flanker back. Quarterback Bernie Wall, who had missed the Utah State clash with a foot injury, likewise returned to the starting lineup. All played key roles in a devastating 38-7 rout of the Eagles.

It didn't take ARMY long to establish itself. On the very first play from scrimmage Moore took a handoff from Wall and galloped 82 yards to paydirt. When Arden Jensen added the conversion point, the Cadets had a 7-0 lead . . . and after only 17 seconds had ticked off the scoreboard clock.

Despite sizeable margins in the statistical column, ARMY led by a scant 10-7 cushion at the half. The final two quarters were all ARMY's, though. Moore, who concluded his afternoon's work with 183 yards rushing, scored again on a five-yard slant; tight end Mike Masciello hauled in a five-yard strike from Wall; and Ritacco, enjoying a superb varsity debut, barreled over the stripe twice from a yard out. Wall completed 13 of 21 attempts for 209 yards, his best performance ever, while Albano caught seven passes for an even 100 yards, his best effort, too.

With the record now even at 3-3, the Cadets took on Air Force before a regional TV audience and the largest crowd ever to witness a game at Michie Stadium—41,700. Coach Cahill hoped the momentum built with the victory over Boston College would continue.

A field goal by Jensen late in the first period staked ARMY to a 3-0 lead, but Dennis Leuthauser booted a pair of his own in the second quarter as the Falcons moved out to a 6-3 advantage at the intermission. The stubborn ARMY defense thus far had stopped the Air Force's offensive thrust, limiting them to just 33 yards on the ground.

With Wall and backup quarterback Bob Mohn both on the sidelines with injuries, Roger LeDoux was called into action once again. LeDoux had been converted to a quarterback for the Utah State clash, and entered the contest with a lot of pressure on his shoulders. (*Continued on next page*)

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HOCKEY—Back on the road to recovery following four tough losses in December, the ARMY skaters are hopeful of another winning season. Here they put pressure on enemy goal as Ken Vogel moves in.

He wasn't to be denied, though, as he moved the Cadets into scoring position with time running out in the final quarter.

On third down and goal to go from the eight, LeDoux fired a bullet to Masciello in the end zone. A holding penalty nullified the go-ahead score, however, and ARMY was forced to settle for a tying 27-yard field goal by Jensen. When speedster Ernie Jennings returned the ensuing kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown, Air Force had a 13-6 victory in its grasp.

The following Saturday in Oregon, Arden Jensen again was to play a vital role in a 17-17 tie with the Ducks. With just eight seconds remaining, Jensen kicked a clutch 43-yard field goal into the wind to knot the count. Earlier Wall had passed 15 yards to Ritacco for one score, while Moore, bottled up most of the afternoon by the Oregon defense, broke loose for a scintillating 95-yard kickoff return and a touchdown.

Two field goals by Jensen, both in the final minute of the second period, provided ARMY with a 6-0 lead over Pittsburgh in the last home game of the year. That was to be it offensively the rest of the day, though, as Pitt bounced back with six points in the third stanza and nine more in the fourth to take a hard-fought 15-6 decision. ARMY defenders picked off five stray passes, too, with Randy Stein coming up with three of those to tie an Academy record. Linebacker Bob Coonan intercepted the other two in his best showing of the season.

It was now time for the big one with Navy, a game like no other game played in these United States all year long. By virtue of the loss to Pitt, the Cadets knew they would be under the .500 mark no matter what. Coach Cahill would know his first losing season since taking over in 1966, yet a victory over Navy would go a long way toward taking the sting out of the final record, and make the winter months that much more enjoyable.

Captain Lynn Moore was the big gun for ARMY, and he couldn't have picked a better day to close out his collegiate career. He carried the ball 40 times, an ARMY record, amassed a grand total of 208 yards rushing, and scored two touchdowns, the first coming just five plays into the second quarter to give the Cadets a lead they never relinquished. When they added a pair of scores in the third period on another Moore sprint and Wall's six-yarder to Masciello, the handwriting was on the wall.

Navy tried desperately to avoid the shutout, the first by an ARMY team over the Midshipmen since 1949. With first down and goal to go from the four late in the fourth quarter, it looked like the Middies would finally get on the scoreboard. Four times they hammered away at the ARMY defensive unit, and four times they failed. ARMY was to have its cake, and eat it, too.

Moore, Jensen Set Academy Standards

Records are made to be broken, and a few more went this season. Moore, named (*Continued on page 43*)

WRESTLING—Mike Mullady (top) works for fall over Tom Talbert of Maryland. Veteran 134-pounder had to settle for a 10-3 decision, but ARMY grapplers emerged with 19-14 victory over Atlantic Coast Conference champions.

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First Captains

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tucked the trowel inside of his full dress coat and took it back to his room. He was later summoned by the Superintendent, Brigadier General Merch B. Stewart, who told him that he had observed the "historic" trowel being pilfered, but felt it was in safe hands, and he could keep it. This trowel was recently returned to the "Expansion Planning and Control Office" at West Point by the "pilfering" First Captain Maude after 39 years of guardianship.

Otstott '60 relates how he kept President Eisenhower waiting in his cadet room for 20 minutes during June Week 1960. The Alumni Luncheon ended earlier than expected, and Cadet Otstott was still lunching with his parents when the President and his party went directly to their next stop (Otstott's room) for a ring presentation, arriving 50 minutes earlier than expected. The story goes that the President waited patiently, being entertained by the Commandant, until Cadet Otstott finished his lunch and came home.

When asked to equate the job to that of a subsequent job as an Army officer, the replies ranged from Company Commander through Corps Commander. One said "The job of any high ranking commander with a blend of First Sergeant and Chaplain." Most said there was no job in the Army similar enough to compare it with, since nowhere else did one command his equals as a First Captain must.

The First Captains were asked to render philosophical advice to a newly appointed First Captain. This they did with great uniformity. Their advice reduced to thoughts such as: "Take your job seriously but not yourself." "Always maintain good communications with the Corps, especially the First Class, without their support one will have a very unharmonious time." "Be firm when you must, but never lose sight of the qualities of compassion and friendliness."

The Superintendent of the Military Academy is often asked by visiting educators why West Point is not experiencing at least some of the student unrest and dissent that pervades most of America's college campuses today. His answer is that the cadets themselves, through their structure of self-government under the First Captain, run the Corps and are therefore part of the "establishment" against which most students rebel. Colonel Sam Hays, who until his recent retirement headed the USMA Office of Military Psychology and Leadership, says essentially the same thing, only he goes further. Colonel Hays contends that the USMA administration "co-opts" the cadets by compelling them not only to live under the regulations but to enforce them on their peers and subordinate cadets. He further explains that this is justified since these young men are being trained to lead and command others; and research done in his Department has revealed that "a position of leadership over one's contemporaries (in the sense of equal class status) is one of the most difficult leadership situations." Thus the present structure of student government provides the best sort of leadership training. Certainly the First Captain, who sits at the top of this pyramidal command structure over his classmates and fellow cadets, is in a "difficult leadership position." He is placed in a rather artificial situation knowing that in a few months he will revert to equal status with his subordinates. He is expected to articulate and enforce the regulations and the particular desires of the Commandant while concurrently being counted upon by the Corps of Cadets to determine their best interests and champion them to the Commandant. The extent of this difficulty can probably best be related by quoting some of the replies by former First Captains to the question "What was the most difficult aspect of being First Captain?"

Olmsted '21 . . . "explaining Corps viewpoint to Superintendent Douglas MacArthur."

Briggs '28. . . . "Handling and getting cooperation from classmates."

Swofford '30. . . . "The loss, to a certain degree, of the very close relationship previously enjoyed with many of my classmates."

Rogers '43. . . . "Commanding classmates."

Cushman '44. . . . "Responsibility, yet essentially equality among classmates."

Braswell '48. . . . "Trying to support the policies of the Commandant (and Superintendent) while retaining the respect and cooperation of leaders in the first class."

Dawkins '59. . . . "I feel there were two. First trying to deal with the issues and problems of college life through a hierarchically organized chain of command, in which all of the members were one's own peers. Second, serving two masters. Being spokesman for the Commandant to the Corps, and at the same time representing the desires and needs of the cadets to the Commandant."

Baldwin '69. . . . "Keeping classmates in line—discipline of underclasses was fairly easy—they respect the office, but classmates often fail to understand that cadet first classmen really do run the Corps."

While several First Captains replied to this question by saying that there was nothing particularly difficult about the job, a clear majority found the peer problem and the arbitration role between the Corps and the Tactical Department to be the most difficult and perplexing part of the job.

Interestingly, while most First Captains found the problem of handling classmates the most difficult, the majority also stated that the most rewarding part of the job had been the recognition and respect that has accrued to them from their classmates for having been their First Captain. They perceive this respect as ample compensation for their loneliness, hard work, and the difficult decisions they were forced to make while undergoing terrific pressures from the Corps on one side and the Tactical Department on the other.

John Bard '54, who was a second lieutenant at age seventeen after dropping out of high school before becoming First Captain and a Rhodes Scholar, succinctly sums up the consensus feeling for the most rewarding part of the job: "The many years of active service since then, being recognized as a leader both of the Class of '54 and professionally by the bulk of my classmates."

When asked if they thought the job of First Captain today with the increased size of the Corps and the attitudes of the young was very much different, the former First Captains were split evenly on their responses. As might be expected, most of those who responded negatively to this question were the older First Captains and vice-versa. Consider first a sampling of responses from the more senior First Captains:

Woodruff '15. . . . "No, I can't see that the new attitudes of the young need be catered to; let their attitudes conform to that of the slowly (I hope) changes in the Corps. So the job of First Captain, as I see it, is different only as may be demanded by the greatly increased size of the Corps."

Peckham '18. . . . "No, in my opinion, the qualities of leadership required of the First Captain are the same through the years, regardless of the size of the Corps, the attitudes of the young, etc."

Breidster '23. . . . "No—when put in command, be it a Company, a Battalion, or the entire Corps, there is a job to be done. I do not believe that added numbers would make any difference, and I certainly would not think that the attitudes of the young would have any effect. I believe the same attributes of firmness, fairness, and justness would apply."

Note next the responses of the last three graduates who served as First Captain:

Wood '67. . . . "Yes—In 1967 the Corps numbered 3,000, which is not that different from the present. Attitudes will continue to change and supply a constant force trying to also change the establishment of West Point, but this has always been true to a certain extent. The First Captain is a middle man between the force of the Corps and the reluctance of the Commandant to change the establishment. I imagine this will become increasingly more difficult."

Throckmorton '68. . . . "Yes. When I was First Captain the Corps was 3,200 strong. At that time the expansion was causing problems, and I am sure that it still is today. The increased size of the Corps makes it imperative that the First Captain exercise his authority through his chain of command. Unfortunately, he is no longer able to exert even a semblance of personal influence among the great majority of cadets. Certainly the new attitudes of the young will affect the job of First Captain as the majority of cadets will continue to

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agitate for great responsibility and fewer restrictions."

Baldwin '69. . . . "Yes. It would be somewhat different. I think there is a tendency of today's cadet not to respect established authority so that a First Captain can't rely solely on his stripes or his office. Those who select future First Captains should look for a man who has earned the respect of his class; he will probably do the best job. Athletes often have a big advantage in this area, but are sometimes overlooked as potential First Captains. I felt I was selected primarily for my public speaking ability rather than real leadership ability."

There exists a rather even distribution of views on this question among the First Captains who appear on the age continuum between those quoted above. Consider, for example, the response of Kelleher Jan. '43, who attended the Naval Academy for a year before coming to USMA where he became an All-American football player: "No. I don't fully understand the new attitudes. All I knew then—in the interim—and now—is Duty, Honor, Country. He has a chain of command—and his peers must understand and believe and set the example."

Jordan '46, who was Vice-President of the student body at the University of Idaho before entering USMA to become the First Captain and a Rhodes Scholar, strongly believes that the First Captain's job is different today. He explains: "The task of being First Captain is undoubtedly more demanding today. The Tactical Department has passed a great many more responsibilities on to the cadet chain of command, which responsibilities have not only increased the latter's workload but have also heightened the tensions experienced by senior cadets who have competing demands on their time and increased de facto authority (especially over their classmates). It is undoubtedly more difficult to maintain the cohesion and internal discipline of the Corps nowadays in the face of liberalized leave and other privilege regulations and in light of the anti-establishment climate among young people, including many cadets." A very recent Commandant, who was also a First Captain and Rhodes Scholar, Rogers '43 does not think the job is different, although he did not elaborate. Perhaps the response to this question by Dawkins '59 helps to explain General Rogers' feelings. Dawkins, who was so close to going to Yale that he had paid his deposit and selected his dormitory room before diverting to West Point at the last minute to become nationally recognized as a scholar, athlete, and leader, says:

"Certainly the job is different today than it was a decade ago. The larger sized Corps and the attitude of contemporary youth in general create an environment in which the First Captain is less able to deal with disagreement amongst cadets by appeal to esprit and loyalty to the institution. Nonetheless, West Point gets very few of the sorts of young people who are on the frontier of new values, so the effect in this regard can easily be exaggerated. There is a general trend towards giving the cadets greater voice in matters which control their life-style. This has obviously involved the job of First Captain. There has been a tendency, however, for this to be largely administrative responsibility, making cadets a lot busier but not really giving them much more prerogative. I believe that the most important determinant of the First Captain's job is not the secular trends of the sort mentioned in this question, but rather the Commandant as an individual. Depending on how he views the First Captaincy and the First Captain, the job will vary considerably."

These comments seem to affirm the fact that the interaction of personalities, both cadet and officer, is the "that" upon which the influence and effectiveness of a First Captain hinges. The young First Captains who have commanded the newly expanded Corps during a time when young people are clamoring for more freedoms seem concerned about the viability of the First Captain's role in its present form. They seem to ask questions such as: Is the First Captain and his chain of command asked to do too much? Perhaps portions of their jobs should be reverted back to the Tactical Department, freeing them to concentrate more on their academic development while being less encumbered by the tensions of command and time-consuming mediations between the Tactical Department and their fellow cadets. Should the First Captain's job become more ceremonial as it was in the days of Moses '16, who said that the only thing the Commandant ever told him was "to follow the band through the streets of New York to the stadium for the football game"?

A shift in the balance of responsibility for running the Corps between the First Captain, the First Class, and the Tactical Department would run the risk of violating Colonel Hays "co-opting" theory and risk depreciating the amount of practical leadership training that the cadets receive. Additionally, it could go counter to what the young people seem to be desiring, which is a greater amount of autonomy and voice in determining policies which govern them. In light of the expanding Corps, the increasingly heavy academic demands and the changing attitudes of young people, including the cadets, the role of the First Captain today has taken on a dimension of importance probably unknown to any of that office's 166 previous encumbents.

The responsibilities, frustrations, and fulfillments of today's First Captain are unique among men of nearly all ages and positions, and particularly so to a college senior who is barely over the legal voting age. First Captains dine with kings and queens, generals and presidents, yet they live in a four-walled room with fellow cadets from whose ranks they have risen and to whose ranks they will return as lieutenants. They have led and represented the Corps of Cadets with precision, dignity and humility for the past 150 years. History predicts that they will continue to do so in the future whether or not certain adjustments in responsibilities are made to ameliorate the sociology of the times as has often been done in the past. They have stood tall in the ranks of great captains. They have vindicated the judgment and confidence of those who made them First Captains. They always will.

Orton Williams

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During the conversation Colonel Baird walked in. There is no record of this second meeting, but it was doubtless a difficult time for them all. Baird was certainly uneasy and apologetic as he asked to see their papers again.

These were re-examined minutely. The form and phraseology were faultless. Good reason was shown for new inspectors in the West. Still, Baird and Watkins were in as much doubt as before, and Baird refused to let them go.

Colonel Baird in his anxiety now climbed to the signal station on top of the hill behind Fort Granger in order to receive at first reading the reply to the message he had decided to send to Triune.

By now a thick, gray fog completely enveloped Franklin. Baird and the signalman stood in a blur of pale light. With his torch the man wigwagged the question:

"Is there any such Inspector-General as Colonel Auton and assistant, Major Dunlop?"

Presently the signalman at the telescope flung up his hand for silence, and read off this message:

"Cannot understand. Will send Lieutenant Wharton to investigate."

Baird thought of sending another message. But even if Triune understood this time, the reply could not be seen through the swirling fog. The Colonel went back to the Fort. It would be several hours before Lieutenant Wharton could arrive, for, Triune was some fifteen miles away. He decided that he had best report to General Rosecrans, and dictated the first in that singular series of dispatches sent and received that night:

Franklin, Tenn., June 8, 1863

To Brigadier-General GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

Is there any such Inspector-General as Lawrence W. Auton, Colonel United States Army, and Assistant, Major Dunlop? If so, please describe their personal appearance, and answer immediately.

J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post

No time was given on this dispatch, but it was probably around nine or nine-thirty. Ten and half-past ten passed, and still no reply. The question had evidently aroused little interest. When Baird could not bear the suspense any longer, he sent a detailed message to General Garfield:

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Franklin, Tenn., June 8, 10:30 p.m.
To Brigadier-General GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

Two men came into our camp about dark, dressed in our uniforms, with horse equipments to correspond, saying they were Colonel Auton, Inspector-General, and Major Dunlop, Assistant, having an order from Adjutant-General Townsend, and your order, to inspect outposts, but their conduct was so singular that we have arrested them. They insisted it was important to go to Nashville tonight. The one representing himself as Colonel Auton is probably a regular officer of the old army, but Colonel Watkins, commanding cavalry here, in whom I have the utmost confidence, is of the opinion that they are spies, who have either forged or captured these orders. They can give no consistent account of their conduct. I want you immediately to answer my last dispatch. It takes so long to get an answer from General Granger at Triune, by signal, that I telegraphed . . . Nashville for information. . . . If these men are spies it seems to me important that I should know it, because Forrest must be waiting their progress.

General, I am your obedient servant,
J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post.

Some fifteen or twenty minutes passed, then Baird received an answer to his first dispatch. Immediately following it Lieutenant Wharton of Granger's staff rode in from Triune.

It was a tense moment when Auton and Dunlop faced the Lieutenant. He looked at them steadily for some time. No one spoke or moved. Then he announced with finality that they had not been at Triune that afternoon—or in fact, ever! He then examined their papers, one by one, and pronounced them all forgeries. On what he based his opinion is not recorded.

Next, Baird read the telegram:

Headquarters
Department of the Cumberland.
June 8, 10:15 P.M.

Colonel J. P. BAIRD, Franklin:

There are no such men as Inspector-General Lawrence W. Auton, Colonel United States Army, and Assistant Major Dunlop, in this army, nor in any army, so far as we know. Why do you ask?

J. A. GARFIELD, Brigadier-General
and Chief of Staff.

When confronted with this dictum, so Baird wrote, "they owned up as being a rebel colonel and lieutenant in the rebel army. Colonel Orton by name, in fact Williams, first on General Scott's staff, of Second Cavalry, Regular Army."

Orton then said to Colonel Watkins:

"Why, Watkins, you know me. We served together in the same regiment of the United States Army. I am he that was Lieutenant Williams." Watkins remembered him.

Colonel Baird was elated now with what he supposed was an important capture of highly dangerous spies. "Had they succeeded in their attempt, in all probability the army of General Rosecrans would have been destroyed, the East might have been separated from the West, and secession made an accomplished fact," Baird believed at the time. He sent the following telegram to his chief:

Headquarters, Franklin, June 8, 1863.
To General GARFIELD, Chief of Staff:

I had sent you an explanation of my first dispatch when I received your dispatch. . . . Their ruse was nearly successful on me, as I did not know the handwriting of my commanding officer. I am much indebted to Colonel Watkins, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, for their detention, and Lieutenant Wharton, of Granger's staff, for the detection of forgery of papers. As these men don't deny their guilt, what shall I do with them? My bile is stirred, and some hanging would do me good.

. . . I will telegraph you again in a short time, as we are trying to find out, and believe there is an attack contemplated in the morning. If Watkins gets anything out of Orton, I will let you know. I am, general,

Your obedient servant,
J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post.

But Baird's feeling of exultation was short-lived: just a few hours later he was making a desperate effort to save the two men from death. It may have been the telegram calling for such brutal haste (sent in answer to his second dispatch), that made him think for the first time of the men and what he would be called upon to do with them. It read:

Headquarters, Army of the Cumberland,
Murfreesboro, June 8, 12 P.M.

Colonel J. P. BAIRD, Franklin:

The two men are no doubt spies. Call a drum-head court-martial tonight, and if they are found to be spies, hang them before morning without fail. No such men have been accredited from these headquarters.

J.A. GARFIELD, Brigadier-General, and
Chief of Staff.

Search was then made of their persons. In their hatbands, concealed by their merino havelocks, were their names and ranks in the Confederate Army. On Dunlop's sword was etched his true name and rank: "Lieutenant Walter G. Peter, C.S.A."

Colonel Van Vleck recalled that Williams had "a fine sword with a presentation inscription on it, which gave his name as 'Col. L. W. Orton.'" He also had $1,500 in Confederate money, a silver cup, "and quite a number of small trinkets."

These two young officers were cousins, playmates from childhood. He who was known as Williams or Orton, would be twenty-four on July 7th; Walter Peter was just twenty. "The one had led always, the other had gladly always followed, followed with the boyish admiration that was scarce less than hero worship. Those who knew them all their short lives tell today of the devotion of Lieutenant Peter to his brilliant, accomplished, fearless cousin," a contemporary wrote.

Orderlies now hurried through the sleeping camp, stopping at the tent of Colonel Jordan, Colonel Hoblitzel, Colonel Van Vleck, and Captain Crawford, to announce:

"The Colonel orders, sir, that you assemble at once at Headquarters for drumhead court."

The midnight drumhead court-martial, the swiftest and most terrible of all courts of law, convened. "Officers greeted one another with voices unconsciously lowered; the chairs as they were drawn up to the table made a great scraping on the bare board floor. One of the lamps went out, and an orderly placed a row of lighted candles along the edge of the long table; the row of tiny flames threw garish shimmers of light on side-arms and brass buttons."

The prisoners were brought in, and the trial began. It was one of the strangest trials on military record for the only incriminating evidence was the men's identity; aside from this they had nothing to condemn them but an intention that will probably never be known.

The record of the trial reads in part:

RECORD OF
THE MILITARY COMMISSION
Headquarters Post, Franklin.
Before a court of commission assembled by virtue of the following order:

Headquarters Post of Franklin
June 9,—3:00 A.M.

A court of commission is hereby called, in pursuance of orders from Major General Rosecrans, to try Colonel Williams and Lieutenant Peter of rebel forces on charge of being spies, the court to sit immediately, at headquarters of the post. . . .

Some evidence having been heard in support of the charge and specifications, the prisoners made the following statement:

"That they came inside the lines of the United States Army at Franklin, Tenn., about dark on the 8th day of June, 1863, wearing the uniform they then had on their persons, which was that of Federal officers; that they went to the headquarters of Colonel J. P. Baird, commanding forces at Franklin and represented to him that they were Colonel Auton, Inspector, just sent from Washington City to overlook the inspection of several departments of the West, and Major Dunlop, his assistant, and exhibited to him an order from Adjutant-General Townsend assigning him to that duty, and a pass through all lines from General Rosecrans; that he told Colonel Baird he had missed the road from Murfreesboro to this point, got too near Eagleville and ran into rebel pickets, had his orderly shot, and lost his coat containing his money; that he wanted some money and a pass to Nashville; that when arrested by Colonel Watkins, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, after examination they admitted that his (the Colonel's) true name was Lawrence Orton Williams; that he had been in the Second Regular

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Cavalry, Army of the United States once, on General Scott's staff in Mexico, and was now a colonel in the rebel army, and Lieutenant Peter was his adjutant; that he came into our lines knowing his fate, if taken, but asking mercy for his adjutant."

The undue haste of the trial is evidenced by the glaring errors in this record of what Williams and Peter supposedly told the court. The first mistake is the ridiculous statement that Williams had served on General Scott's staff in Mexico. The Colonel was seven years old at the time of the Mexican War. The second error is that his "true name" was not Lawrence Orton Williams, but William Orton Williams, which he had legally changed to Lawrence William Orton. The next mistake is about the shooting of the orderly.

Colonel Van Vleck wrote an account of the trial to Colonel Williams' sister, Martha:

". . . In his remarks to the court your brother said that he had undertaken the enterprise with his eyes open and knew what his fate must be if he was discovered, but said that the value of the prize at which he grasped fully justified the fearful hazard he had made to gain it, and acknowledged the entire justice of his sentence, and said that he had no complaint whatever to make. He . . . denied that he had designs against Franklin. I believe that he said the truth; he had a greater prize in view. He asked for mercy for Lieutenant Peter on account of his youth and because he was ignorant of the objects or dangers of his mission, but said that he had no right to ask for mercy for himself. . . . Your brother did say that he intended to have gone to Europe if he had been successful in his undertaking."

All that the court succeeded in doing was to establish the identity of the two men and obtain from them an admission that, posing as Union officers, they had come into Fort Granger the previous evening. It could not prove that they were spies for there was no evidence. As to the real purpose of their expedition, members of the court were as much in ignorance after the trial as before it. Van Vleck admitted later that "the object of his [William's] mission . . . to this day is a most mysterious secret to us all."

When their examination was ended, the prisoners were taken away. They did not learn the verdict until after sunrise.

The official record concludes:

The court having maturely considered the case, after hearing all the evidence, together with the statements of the prisoners, do find them, viz. Colonel Lawrence Orton Williams and Lieutenant Walter G. Peter, officers of the Confederate Army, guilty of the charge of being spies, found within the lines of the United States Army at Franklin, Tennessee, on the 8th day of June, 1863.

Thomas J. Jordan,
Colonel Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry
President of the Commission.
Henry C. Wharton,
Lieutenant of Engineers,
Judge-Advocate.

The trial lasted barely an hour. When it was over, Colonel Baird sent another message to his commanding officer, quite different from the flippant "some hanging would do me good" dispatch:

Franklin, June 9, 1863, 3:25 A.M.
To General GARFIELD, Chief of Staff:

Colonel Watkins says that Colonel Williams is a first cousin of General Robert E. Lee, and he has been Chief of Artillery on Bragg's staff. We are consulting. Must I hang him? If you can direct me to send him somewhere else, I would like it; but if not, or I do not hear from you, they will be executed. This dispatch is written at the request of Colonel Watkins, who detained the prisoners. We are prepared for a fight.

J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post.

"General Rosecrans was strongly of the opinion that the men were spies when he learned that they had presented orders or letters purporting to come from him; he was apprehensive and uneasy in regard to the military operations of the following day, and was, therefore, anxious to hear the result of the trial, and if guilty, that they be executed without delay," it has been written in his defense. Back then came this relentless decree:

Headquarters
Department of the Cumberland,
June 9, 4:40 A.M.

Colonel J. P. BAIRD, Franklin:

The general commanding directs that the two spies, if found guilty, be hung at once, thus placing it beyond the possibility of Forrest's profiting by the information they have gained.

Frank S. Bond, Major, and A.D.C.

The day dawned clear and bright. Bugles shrilled the reveille. Men poured out of tent and hut to begin another day. Fires were kindled to cook the morning meal.

Colonel Baird was observed sitting at his table, "haggard and listless." Presently an orderly, followed by the Reverend Robert F. Taylor, chaplain of the 78th Illinois Infantry, entered Baird's tent. He had been wakened at dawn and ordered to report immediately to headquarters. There he learned for the first time what had happened while he slept. Baird told him that the prisoners had asked for him. The Reverend Taylor wrote an account of his meeting with them, and sent it to Miss Williams:

"Colonel Baird went with me, and introduced me, and announced to them their sentence"—(another has written that Baird "could not refrain from shedding tears as he announced it to them"). "They received the announcement with sadness but with great dignity and composure," Taylor continued. "Your Brother asked Col. Baird whether or not this sentence would be announced to them as the sentence of the court martial, and . . . he added, 'the charge of being spies, we deny.' This is all I heard from their lips on the subject and did not interrogate them nor did they make other allusion to it in my presence."

Miss Williams wrote at once to ask the chaplain: "Did my Brother acknowledge to *you*, that he was a spy? Or did *you hear* him make this acknowledgement to anyone else? Did he converse with you on any other subject than his spiritual welfare?"

Taylor replied: "In regard to your Brother's confession that he was a spy, I should have said before, that I did not hear it. In fact . . . he claimed to be innocent of the charge when in my presence his sentence was announced to him. When the sentence had been announced to them, your Brother . . . added *'the charge of being spies, we deny.'*"

After the chaplain had administered the sacrament, the men asked permission to write a few letters. When pen and paper were brought, Baird and Taylor withdrew. To his sister, Martha, Williams wrote:

Franklin, Tenn.
June 8, 1863

My dear Sister,

Do not believe that I am a spy—With my dying breath I deny the charge.

I hope you will not grieve too much for me—I believe in "Jesus Christ who *came into the world to save sinners*"—Although I die a horrid death I will meet my fate with the fortitude becoming the son of a man whose last words to his children were—"Tell them I fell at the head of the column." I remain, with love to my sisters, Brother & relatives

Your devoted Brother
Lawrence W. Orton

There was also a note of farewell to the young woman to whom he was engaged. This read in part:

". . . When this reaches you I will be no more. Had I succeeded I would have been able to marry you in Europe in a month. The fate of war has decided against us. I have been condemned as a spy—you know that I am not . . ."

Walter Peter wrote in a similar vein to his family: ". . . We were tried by a court martial & found guilty. *We are innocent* . . ."

"Oh! God, what a fate for the innocent," mourned his sister.

When Martha Williams received her brother's letter, sent through the lines in Lieutenant Peter's valise, she wrote to a close friend:

I wish dear Blanche you would show my precious Brother's letter to all my friends & dear Papa's friends at West Point. It is a perfect transcript of his mind and heart. You cannot think how it has comforted me, stricken & crushed as I still am. He died in the faith of Jesus Christ . . . No, if Orton had been a spy, he would have written to me very differently. He would have said—"Sister, I have sacrificed everything for my country —I have given up all for the cause I think right. I know I have sinned in the eyes of God, but now I trust in His mercy." Had he been a spy . . . this he would have acknowledged frankly. It was

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characteristic of Orton always to acknowledge the fault.

When the letters were finished, Colonel Baird was called, and when he came, Colonel Williams asked if he might send a telegram to General Rosecrans who had known his father in the old army. Baird, eager to remit the sentence if he could, agreed readily, and together they composed this message:

Franklin, June 9, 1863

To Brigadier-General GARFIELD:

Will you have clemency for the son of Captain Williams who fell at Monterey, Mexico? As my dying speech, I protest our innocence as spies. Save also my friend.

Lawrence W. Orton
(Formerly W. Orton Williams)

I send this as a dying request. The men are condemned, and we are preparing for execution. They also prefer to be shot. If you can answer before I get ready, do.

J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post.

No answer ever came. Colonel Baird could do no more. Visibly shaken, he was forced to give the order for the execution.

Daylight found men at work setting up a scaffold on a wild cherry tree on the left bank of a little brook that joined the Harpeth River, just below the bridge. The tree stood just a short way from the railroad depot.

At nine o'clock Captain Julius H. Alexander, Provost Marshal of Franklin, charged with the execution, reported that the gallows were ready. Just before the prisoners were led away, Colonel Williams asked that his sword and pistols be given to Colonel Watkins, to whom he also presented his horse, "valued at five thousand dollars, and asked him to treat it kindly for his sake."

At twenty minutes past nine, the guards, with arms reversed, marched Orton Williams and Walter Peter to the scaffold. Colonel Van Vleck who stood with the other officers and men in the hollow until the grim work was done, wrote Miss Williams:

"Your brother died with the courage of a true hero. He stepped upon the scaffold with as much composure as though he had gone to address the multitude. There was no faltering in his step, no tremor in his nerves. He thanked the officers for their kind treatment, and said that he had no complaint to make: that one of the cruel fates of war had befallen him, and he would submit to it like a man. On the scaffold the unfortunate men embraced each other, and Lieutenant Peter sobbed and said: 'Oh Colonel, have we come to this!' Your brother at once checked him by saying, 'Let us die like men.' And they did die like men, with the heartfelt sympathy of every man who saw them die."

Another witness wrote: "The scene was one of awful solemnity. Many of the spectators turned away in tears, unable to look upon the sorrowful sight." Afterward an officer wrote:

"We are all sad over this event. There is gloom on every face."

"The bodies were cut down at thirty minutes and encoffined in full dress," the *Harper's* correspondent reported. "The Colonel was buried with a gold locket and chain on his neck. The locket contained a portrait and a braid of hair of his intended wife—her portrait was also in his vest pocket—these were buried with him. Lieutenant Peter also wore about his neck with a gold chain, a locket containing a portrait of his wife," which was likewise buried with him at his request. Both men were placed in the same grave in Franklin Cemetery. In 1864, the bodies were sent to the Williams and Peter families in Georgetown, D.C., and reinterred in Oak Hill Cemetery on September 29th.

At ten-thirty that morning the following dispatch was sent:

Franklin, June 9, 1863

To General GARFIELD, Chief of Staff:

The men have been tried, found guilty, and executed, in compliance with your order.

I am, ever your obedient servant,

J. P. BAIRD, Colonel
Commanding Post.

That afternoon, when Baird had regained his composure, he sent the last message in this strange series. Had it been sent before and some attention paid to it, it might have allowed time for solving a mystery that will now probably never be solved. But most important, it might have saved two lives.

Franklin, June 9, 1863

To Brigadier-General GARFIELD:

Dispatch received of rebel account of fight. No truth in it. The officers I executed this morning, in my opinion, were not ordinary spies, and had some mission more important than finding out my situation. They came near dark, *asked no questions about forces, and did not attempt to inspect the works*, and after they confessed, insisted they were not spies in the ordinary sense, and that they wanted no information about this place. Said they were going to Canada and something about Europe; not clear. . . . Though they died like soldiers, they would not disclose their true object. Their conduct was very singular indeed; I can make nothing of it.

I am, General,
J. P. Baird, Colonel
Commanding Post.

No one, not even members of the court who condemned them, believed these young officers to have been common spies, and many believed that they were not spies at all. Further, no one ever doubted that Lieutenant Peter was ignorant of the mission's purpose, and was therefore deserving of mercy.

W.F.G. Shanks in his weekly letter from the Army of the Cumberland to the *New York Herald* wrote:

"They did not explain upon what grounds they made their pleas of not being spies under these circumstances. It is to be regretted that they did not, as it might have explained their reason for coming into our lines. No such unimportant matter as a proposed attack on Franklin could have induced two officers of their rank and character to undertake so hazardous an enterprise.

"No plausible reasons have been given explaining the expedition upon which these men were engaged; probably never will be explained. Were not anxious in regard to works and troops at Franklin. . . . These are the first rebel officers hung during the war . . . *Col. Baird regrets that the trial was not more deliberate.*"

Who was William Orton Williams alias Lawrence William Orton? He was not a first cousin of Robert E. Lee, as Colonel Watkins stated, but he was a first cousin, once removed, of Mrs. Robert E. Lee. Williams was the great-great-grandson of Martha Custis Washington, the wife of George Washington. His mother was America Pinckney Peter Williams, a daughter of Thomas Peter, a Georgetown banker, and Martha Parke Custis Peter, a granddaughter of Mrs. Washington, and a sister of Mrs. Lee's father, George Washington Parke Custis.

Walter Gibson Peter was the youngest son of Major George Peter, a brother of Thomas Peter. The Major had commanded a battalion of militia at the Battle of Bladensburg in 1814. He was a member of Congress, and is described as being "a large landed proprietor, noted in all county affairs, a large-hearted, most hospitable gentleman and a genial host." Walter's mother was the Major's third wife, Sarah Northfleet Freeland.

On June 27, 1826, America Peter married the talented William George Williams, Captain in the Corps of Topographical Engineers, under peculiar circumstances. A letter written by a family friend gives the details:

"I suppose you have heard of America Peter's marriage. Did you ever hear of so singular and melancholy an affair? The scene was truly afflicting. It was like a funeral, all the family in tears and the bride almost in convulsions. It was very unexpected indeed, even to the bridegroom. America had been very sick the day before, and he went up about eight o'clock to ask how she was. She came downstairs and told him he was to be married at nine. Mr. Addison was sent for directly and they were married on the spot and got into the carriage and went to Woodlawn, where they are to stay a week and then come to Arlington and remain a week there, then to Mrs. Custis' on the hill and stay another week there, then they go to Mrs. Freeman's boarding house in the city to live. . . .

"Poor Mrs. Peter it is a dreadful stroke to her, and the old gentleman was more violently opposed even than she, and indeed it is not to be wondered at for Mr. Williams is a total stranger whom no one knows anything about except that he was born in England and educated in this country at West Point. And although his friends and acquaintances all speak well of him, yet there seems to be some mystery attached to him. I think there is some risk in marrying him, and then to marry under such circumstances, the opposition of friends and occasioning such

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affliction to Mother and Father and all I think it must be dreadful. Poor America, I pity her very much, she has suffered very much through the whole affair, and Mr. Williams is also to be pitied I think. He has suffered a great deal they say."

Captain Williams had been educated at Exeter and the Polytechnic School of Paris before receiving his appointment to the United States Military Academy from which he graduated in 1824. One who knew him wrote:

"He was a man of remarkable proficiency in many branches of learning, was a poet and painter of no inconsiderable merit, and in other respects was greatly accomplished. He was at the same time devoted to his profession, and was a most efficient and capable officer."

Their first child was a daughter, (named Martha Custis for her grandmother and great-great-grandmother), who was baptised on June 11, 1827. Two more girls, Columbia and Catherine Eliza, followed; and then a son, called Lawrence Albert. On July 7, 1839, a second son was born at Buffalo, New York, where Captain Williams was then stationed while in charge of the harbor works on Lake Erie. This boy was named William Orton but would always be called Orton.

When Orton was three, his mother died. Two years later, on September 21, 1846, his father, then Chief Topographical Engineer in General Zachary Taylor's army, was mortally wounded in the fighting at Monterrey, Mexico. His last words were a message to his children:

"Tell them I fell at the head of the column."

The children then went to live with their grandmother, Martha Custis Peter, at Tudor Place, the beautiful early Federal mansion designed for her by Dr. William Thornton, architect of the United States capitol. This house still stands in all its grandeur on Georgetown Heights, and is yet occupied by members of the Peter family.

Orton grew into a bright, handsome boy, "tender-hearted . . . loving & devoted," according to a sister. "In personal graces and accomplishments he bore a great resemblance to his father. . . . He was of a poetic temperament, had considerable skill as a painter, but was thoroughly devoted to the military profession." It was recalled that as a boy he liked best to organize his playmates into companies and drill them "in the tactics of the day."

Orton was further remarkable for fearlessness, and a daring that was hard to distinguish from the reckless. He also accepted leadership as his birthright, and was often something of a despot in exercising this right. Among those who accepted his leadership without question, was his younger first cousin, Walter Gibson Peter, then living in Georgetown, too; Walter formed for him "a most devoted and romantic attachment," it was said.

Orton was educated at schools in Alexandria, Virginia. He had wanted to go to West Point as his elder brother had, but as it was not the usual practice for the Academy to accept brothers, Orton failed to get an appointment. After finishing his studies, he was employed by the Coast Survey, but he never abandoned the desire to some day become a soldier.

Even as a small boy, Orton was attracted to his pretty and vivacious cousin, Agnes Lee, a daughter of Robert E. Lee. With maturity this attachment ripened into a love which Agnes returned, for as she once wrote of Orton, "*none* knew him but to love." Since they were both fearless and enthusiastic riders, they spent much of their time together on horseback, exploring the groves about Arlington and racing across the lush Virginia meadows.

On Saturday, March 23, 1861, Orton fulfilled his life's ambition when he received a commission as second lieutenant in the Second Cavalry. In the War Department Records are these instructions appended to his entry:

". . . His services will be required for a few hours daily at the Headquarters of the Army; not to interfere, however, with his company duties." On April 25th, he was promoted to first lieutenant and appointed an aide on General Winfield Scott's staff.

Although on April 12, 1861, Colonel Robert E. Lee went to Richmond to take command of Virginia troops, Orton continued to visit Agnes. When General Scott learned of these rides over to Arlington, he ordered them stopped. Orton promised, but being "passionately devoted to . . . Agnes Lee the temptation was too great, and he continued to make clandestine visits"—until he was arrested on May 7th, and sent to Governor's Island, New York. There he was kept until any information that he might have to aid the Confederacy was rendered worthless by time.

Front page stories in Northern newspapers reported how he had been "perniciously" and "traitorously" carrying all of General Scott's secrets directly to the rebel chieftain, Robert E. Lee.

Orton was released during the first week of June 1861, and on the 10th, he resigned from the cavalry, took the train to Richmond a few days later, and reported to General Lee. Nothing would have pleased Lee more than to put Orton on his staff, for he needed men of ability; but more important yet in Lee's mind, was the desire to exert some control over the young man's growing imprudence. But the General knew that such an appointment would only lend credence to the duplicity charges which would be revived, making it difficult for Orton's brother, Captain Lawrence Williams, who was then an aide to General George McClellan. Orton was therefore appointed to the staff of General Leonidas Polk then at Columbus, Kentucky.

War had begun. Orton's meetings with Agnes, now staying with friends in Richmond, were shadowed by the imminence of his departure for the field.

On August 5, 1861, he was mustered into the Confederate service as a first lieutenant, at Memphis, Tennesee. By October he had been promoted to captain, and soon afterward, to assistant Chief of Artillery.

He had lost none of the despotic characteristics of his boyhood; in fact, he had come to be regarded as a martinet, which did not endear him to the scions of Southern gentry who had volunteered for service, and saw no reason to obey an order until given good and sufficient reason to do so.

One morning, just before the Battle of Shiloh, when Williams had finished the inspection of his battery stables, he passed a young soldier who failed to salute him. He turned back and asked the private why he had not done so, and received this reply:

"I saluted you, sir, as you passed down, and I did not think I had to salute afterwards, every time you might pass by me in going about the stables."

The soldier was then ordered to salute, and when he refused, Williams, infuriated, "drew his sabre and thrust it into the man's body, killing him."

The matter was investigated, and Williams was called on for a report of the affair, which he submitted in writing. He concluded it by saying:

"For his ignorance, I pitied him; for his insolence, I forgave him; for his insubordination, I slew him."

In the confusion of Polk's withdrawal from Columbus to Corinth, Mississippi, the matter was dropped. Although Orton distinguished himself at Shiloh (he was twice mentioned in general orders, and promoted to Chief of Artillery), men and officers refused to serve under him, so he was transferred to another command.

It was then that he changed his name, by an act of the Mississippi Legislature, to Lawrence William Orton. That it had not been changed before is proven by the report of Colonel J. J. Neely of Forrest's Cavalry, who wrote on June 29, 1864, in official correspondence:

"A sword was captured at La Fayette, Georgia, by Captain Deberry . . . bearing the inscription: 'W. Orton Williams, C.S.A., Chief of Artillery, Shiloh, April 6, 1862.'"

It is interesting to speculate how this sword came into Federal hands, for it was not the sword he had worn into Franklin and presented to Colonel Watkins.

Why Williams took the given name of his brother, then in command of a Federal regiment in the Virginia Peninsula Campaign, is another mystery. It caused endless confusion in the newspapers of the North and South, distressed his family and puzzled his friends, and brought much embarrassment to Lawrence Williams. Their sister Martha, commented: "As his Brother's name was Lawrence, this was unaccountable. I wrote a letter of remonstrance, but do not know whether my letter ever reached its destination." Orton's only surviving allusion to the name change appears in a letter of December 18, 1862, written to Martha Williams. It ends: "Your affectionate brother

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(I have changed my name), Lawrence William Orton."

Sometime in 1862, Orton published a book on military tactics, which received wide recognition; a number of general officers wanted to see it adopted by the entire army.

At Orton's request, the War Department of the Confederacy, transferred Lieutenant Walter Peter from Colonel "Lige" White's Company A, and appointed him adjutant on his cousin's staff. "Do beware of Orton Williams, he is so foolhardy and rash; do, my brother!" Walter's sister, Sarah Agnes Peter, warned prophetically when she learned of the appointment.

Agnes Lee and her mother spent Christmas, 1862, at Hickory Hill, the estate of kinfolk, located twenty miles north of Richmond. Orton who was by then promoted to a colonel of cavalry, and inspector, was in Richmond, and joined them.

On Christmas morning, Agnes found under her pillow, a pair of gauntlets and a riding whip, given her by Orton; they were her most cherished presents. After breakfast they went out riding, Agnes wearing the new gloves and carrying the whip. As they rode through the snowy woods, Orton asked her to marry him, and she refused.

When he found that he could not change her mind, he left. In Richmond he was given orders to report to General Bragg at Shelbyville, Tennessee. In April 1863, Orton was placed in command of the Second Brigade of Martin's Cavalry Division, then with headquarters at Unionville, Tennessee.

Two months later he and Walter Peter rode into the Federal lines at Franklin.

Because the secret of his mission was kept so well, no one ever admitting any knowledge of it, many Southerners of his day, as well as his own family, believed that he had undertaken the expedition on his own. The Chattanooga *Rebel* of June 17, 1863, commented: "Lawrence Orton Williams was one of the most honorable officers of this service. The expedition that ended so tragically was undertaken on his own account and was unknown to his brother officers." And Martha Williams wrote: "The general opinion of our friends at the South seems to be the decision of my own mind from the first—that it was a mere adventure undertaken upon the spirit of the moment, without dreaming of the awful consequences."

This theory conflicts with Orton's remarks to the court "that he had undertaken the enterprise with his eyes open and knew what his fate must be if he was discovered." It is unlikely that he *could* have attempted anything so important as a secret mission to Canada and Europe without official aid and sanction. He told the court that "the value of the prize at which he grasped fully justified the fearful hazard he had made to gain it." It was in all probability some diplomatic mission. Further, there is evidence in the official Confederate Correspondence that Orton had worked previously with Secretary of War Judah P. Benjamin as an agent or scout.

Three weeks after Orton Williams and Walter Peter died at Franklin, Benjamin, then Secretary of State, wrote to Lieutenant J. L. Capston:

Department of State, Richmond
July 3, 1863.

Sir:

You have, in accordance with your proposal made to this department, been detailed by the Secretary of War for special service under my orders. The duty which is proposed to entrust to you is that of a private and confidential agent of this government, for the purpose of proceeding to Ireland, and there using all legitimate means to enlighten the population as to the true nature and character of the contest now waged in this continent, with the view to defeating the attempts made by the agents of the United States to obtain recruits for their army. It is understood that under the guise of assisting needy persons to emigrate, a regular organization has been formed of agents in Ireland who leave untried no methods of deceiving the laboring population into emigrating for the ostensible purpose of seeking employment in the United States but really recruiting in the Federal armies . . .

Throw yourself as much as possible into close communication with the people where the agents of our enemies are at work. Inform them by every means you can devise of the true purpose of those who seek to enduce them to emigrate . . . Explain to them that they will be called on to meet Irishmen in battle, and thus imbrue their hands in the blood of their own friends, and perhaps kinsmen, in a quarrel that does not concern them. . . .

In this war such has been the hatred of the New England Puritans to Irishmen and Catholics, that in several instances the chapels and places of worship of the Irish Catholics have been burnt or shamefully desecrated by the regiments of volunteers from New England. These facts have been published in Northern papers . . . you will see shocking details, not coming from Confederate sources, but from the officers of the United States themselves.

Lay all these matters fully before the people who are now called on to join these ferocious persecuters in the destruction of this nation. . .

I am, sir, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. P. Benjamin
Secretary of State

It is possible that Orton Williams may have been Lieutenant Capston's predecessor.

When Williams went to Tennessee early in 1863, he met at Columbia, the young and attractive Mrs. Hamilton. She was a Tennessee girl, formerly Miss Lane of Chattanooga. Orton, still stung by Agnes Lee's rejection, fancied himself in love with Mrs. Hamilton, and proposed marriage. She accepted him, though what she perhaps neglected to tell him was that she was not the widow of Colonel Hamilton of South Carolina, as supposed, but his wife. She and Orton planned to be married in Europe, in July, as his farewell note to her states.

But Orton, always unaccountable, always mysterious, told his friends just before he rode into Franklin, that he and Mrs. Hamilton were married. Perhaps they were living together, and this was said to cover up. But the news of his marriage worked its way back to Orton's sister, Martha, so when she learned of Colonel Hamilton's death some months after Orton's she admitted that she was "horrified" at the thought of bigamy. She may have learned the truth after meeting Mrs. Hamilton, but she still felt, as she wrote to Agnes Lee, that "this would seem to be without extenuation & make her words to him & me most false. I think she must be deranged. Lo [Lawrence Williams] & Harrie who saw her often, thought her very strange although they believed in her love for Orton. Lo now thinks she is deranged. Poor girl she has my deep pity."

The undue haste of the trial, its obvious lack of deliberation, and the admitted doubts in the minds of several members of the court as to the validity of the charges, mixed bitterness with the sorrow that was brought to the Williams and Peter families. It is impossible to accept or resign oneself to injustice. This was especially true in the case of young Walter Peter who was ignorant of the purpose of the expedition and unaware of the dangers; yet in the hysteria of the moment he was hanged, too. His death was a shock from which his mother never recovered; until her death in 1867, she wrote a letter to the Secretary of War on each anniversary of the execution, reminding him of the crime in which he had participated.

Neither Martha Williams nor Agnes Lee ever forgot this sorrow. Over the years they found comfort in writing to one another about Orton. There is no doubt of Agnes's love for him; in her letters to Martha she begged her to write about him.

"Yes I can imagine the interest you feel in all connected with him," Martha replied. "You were children together. In my mind's eye I can see you now . . . sitting around the nursery fender telling fairy tales. And then when you had grown up, it was always—Where are Agnes & Orton?—Those forest shades could tell. And your rides on horseback! Once, particularly, I have you before me, your glowing face & your streaming hair & his admiring glances as you entered the dear old 'portal of the household' together."

Then speaking of her own feelings, she continued:

"My dearest Agnes, how often my mind reverts to the past — yet how I stifle back the thoughts that come. . . . Our beautiful home! What sorrow the memory brings to my heart—I have never been to Georgetown or Washington since my great grief. I feel as if I never could go

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again. Every place there is associated with him—especially dear A. [Arlington]. Sometimes I wish I could go to Europe & live where I'd never see anything to remind me of bygone days."

Agnes Lee died at the age of thirty-two. In the afternoon of October 14, 1872, "the stupor of death was gathering fast," her younger sister, Mildred, wrote in her journal. "Later about dusk her mind cleared—& turning to the Doctor she said:

" 'Must I prepare to live or die?'

" 'To do both, Miss Agnes.'

" 'It is just as well—I never care to live long—I am weary of life.' "

Then turning to her sister she said:

"Mildred, you must look after my God-children—give my watch to Katherine—& my lace shawl & little work-box to Sally Poor & her little daughter." She was silent for a few minutes, then roused to say:

"Perhaps Cousin Markie* had better have my *Bible*—you know, Orton gave it to me."

**The pet name for Martha Custis Williams*

Association of Graduates

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and "Down the Field" sections, but the character of the magazine has changed markedly as more space has been devoted to "front matter" feature articles and photographs. More than just an alumni news magazine, ASSEMBLY is now a feature magazine with appeal to a wide audience. The response from subscribers indicates approval of the expanded format.

Although the Alumni Secretary holds the position of Editor of ASSEMBLY, the job of editing the magazine is now delegated to a full-time Associate Editor and the Assistant Editor. The improved quality of the magazine is due in large part to the careful attention which the staff can devote to each issue. However, lack of space in the small Cullum Hall offices still complicates the job of paging up the magazine.

During the past five years the Association has greatly expanded the number of items offered for sale by its gift shop. The sales department was started in the 1940s when the Assocation took over from the USMA Treasurer's Office the sale of commemorative glassware and Wedgewood china. Today the gift shop stocks more than 150 commemorative items, including desk sets, records, vases, music boxes, crystal, scarves, china, blankets, chairs, tables, and jewelry. Each year the Association underwrites the cost of publishing the gift catalogue which is mailed to every Association member. The gift shop keeps a large inventory at Cullum Hall to expedite mailing and to provide for direct sales to customers at West Point. Three of the staff at the Association devote full time to running the gift shop, maintaining the stock room and inventory, and mailing out gift orders.

As expenditures have increased and operation of the office has become more complex, the Association has established a separate finance and accounting department. Operating as a non-profit organization, the Association keeps account books for income from the gift shop, interest and income from the endowment fund, donations to the MacArthur Fund, and other income. Day-to-day expenses incurred in running an office with a staff of 14 also involve detailed bookkeeping.

In addition to the four annual functions, ASSEMBLY, and day-to-day alumni business, the Association has been called upon to sponsor special projects involving graduates of the Military Academy. In 1964 a group of graduates working through the Association started a fund drive to erect a memorial to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Appeals were mailed to every graduate of the Academy and to officers and civilians who had known or worked with General MacArthur. Committees of graduates and officers and trustees of the Association worked for five years to raise more than $175,000 for the monument. They ran a competition to select the sculptor, and awarded the construction contract. The monument, unveiled by Mrs. Douglas MacArthur at a dedication ceremony on 11 September 1969, has already become a popular meeting place for cadets and a favorite attraction for visitors to West Point. The Association now administers the remainder of the MacArthur Fund through a MacArthur Memorial Committee to maintain and improve the MacArthur Memorial and to keep the name of General MacArthur alive at the Military Academy in coming years by actions such as the sponsoring of guest lecturers and library acquisitions.

In 1961 the Association undertook another special project when it received a bequest in honor of Brigadier General Palmer E. Pierce, USMA Class of 1891 and President of the Association from 1931 to 1934. His wife's will read, in part: "I give and bequeath to THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES of the United States Military Academy . . . in furtherance of the general purposes of said Association, the sum of One Million Dollars as a fund to be known as the Palmer E. Pierce Memorial Fund, it being my wish that the Trustees shall establish a suitable memorial in memory of my late husband . . . in connection with the anticipated Association Hall or such other project decided upon by the Association Trustees. . . ."

Mrs. Pierce's bequest had been made with the cooperation and guidance of Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President of the Association from 1947 to 1955. General Fenton worked tirelessly and closely with Mrs. Pierce and her attorneys in planning provisions flexible enough for whatever project would be most beneficial to the Military Academy. Upon receipt of the bequest in 1961, the Association's Board of Trustees decided that the greatest benefit would accrue to Academy graduates if the donation were used to enlarge and modernize the West Point Army Mess, which was completely inadequate for the many alumni functions and social events at West Point. The original plan called for renovation of the Club, and new additions to include a large ballroom overlooking the Hudson River, a main dining room, a number of smaller meeting rooms, and a new structure joining the Club to Cullum Hall and containing offices and storage space for the Association. Construction was begun in 1961 and completed in 1964. The project was completed as planned, except for the connecting link to Cullum Hall, for which funds were insufficient. Benefits from the enlarged club have justified the Association's donation of the Pierce Fund for that purpose.

It was also during General Fenton's 8-year term, the longest incumbency of any President of the Association, that needed steps to improve the Association's financial basis and make it a more viable organization took place. In 1948, General Fenton established the Fund Raising Committee and started the fund drive letter, which has since been continued annually. The permanent endowment fund, established by an amendment to the constitution in 1927, grew from $110,000 to more than $500,000 under General Fenton's administration and nurture.

Now in its one-hundredth year, the Association strives to provide ever improving services to Academy graduates. The primary limitation on expansion of the Association's activities is financial. In accepting his election to a second term as President of the Association, General Clyde D. Eddleman pledged his efforts to improve the financial status of the Association, and looked forward to a future endowment fund of $5 million "to take care of the operating needs of the Association and provide grants to assist the Superintendent in meeting his needs." General Eddleman called on the entire membership to assist in meeting this goal. "The ultimate aim," he said "is a strong and virulent Association of Graduates in support of our Alma Mater."

Graduates can well be proud of their Association's accomplishments in its first hundred years. As the Association's second hundred years of service begins, the accomplishments of the Military Academy will correspond directly to alumni support of their Association.

"Grip hands with us now"

Changes in Plebe System

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the committee report recommended the following primary objective for the Fourth Class System: "To develop each new cadet in a manner which provides him the opportunity to achieve his full potential within an environment which supports his efforts to do so."

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This objective recognizes USMA's responsibility for assisting in the development of the incoming cadet and gives the upperclassmen some direction for their effort in dealing with the Plebe.

As stated earlier, the Class of 1970 also studied the Fourth Class System. Changes recommended by their committee are best described by the term "positive leadership" which they instituted to describe the way they planned to deal with the Fourth Class. The cadets, realizing that the great majority of the new cadets are motivated to be here and are capable of doing a good job, decided to emphasize the direction and instruction of the new cadet rather than his harassment. Instead of approaching each new cadet as a somewhat inferior and unmotivated individual, during New Cadet Barracks (NCB) 1969, emphasis was placed on developing pride—pride in being good enough to be admitted to the Academy, pride in being associated with and belonging to a particular class, and pride in meeting the daily challenges of NCB. Changes in the system were not designed to make the system easier—only more relevant. As the MP&L study states in referring to New Cadet Barracks: "To sum up, this discussion suggests that our reception and treatment of cadets at the outset should be such that we convey to them that we recognize their motivation and qualifications, and that we are going to severely test their ability to achieve in this environment. Toughness in New Cadet Barracks, which is desirable, should be related to demanding but meaningful physical and military training, not to harassment and negative sanctions connected with the Fourth Class System."

Specific changes implemented include the following: (1) the elimination of exaggerated, harmful aspects of the brace: (2) the reduction of the harassment in the Mess Hall; (3) the elimination of shouting at Plebes and adoption of a policy that only one upperclassman at a time will address a Plebe; (4) the reduction of the required "Plebe Knowledge" to those items which can rationally be expected to have some useful purpose in a cadet's development; (5) the assurance that each Plebe be allowed to sit on all of his chair and be allowed to eat three complete meals daily.

Because bracing has played such an important part in the Fourth Class System over the years, a further note is warranted. In 1967 and 1968 studies conducted by the Office of Physical Education and the Medical Research Project of the West Point Hospital showed that some aspects of bracing were harmful to a number of Fourth Classmen. The great majority of entering Fourth Classmen showed a definite reduction of arm and shoulder strength by the second week of NCB, as evident by a dramatic loss of pullup ability. Not until December of 4th Class Year did the Plebes regain the same capacity for pullups they had when they entered. Many did not regain normal capacity until April. As a result of these studies the Office of Physical Education questioned the value of past bracing practices as a contributing factor to proper military bearing. In fact, in many cases it affected good posture adversely. Consequently, it was recommended that it be emphasized to all cadets, especially the upper classmen, that the purpose of bracing is to develop a good soldierly appearance and equally, if not more importantly, to promote the physical well being and development of the individual. Also, that the brace be defined in compliance with the position of attention in Field Manual 22-5. It was also recommended that the Mess Hall serve the purpose for which it was intended, and that new cadets assume a good position with less tension; and that they be permitted to eat without unnecessary interruption.

From an historical point of view, it is interesting to note that in 1919 a committee of the Class of 1920, at the direction of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, studied the Fourth Class System and recommended that, "The ideal military carriage is that indicated by the description of the Position of the Soldier, in Infantry Drill Regulations."

The matter of eating a full meal is one that has often been addressed in the past. Many studies have recommended that all personnel be allowed a full meal, and invariably the recommendations have eventually been ignored. This serves as an example of one of the pernicious effects of the Fourth Class System. If the proper attitudes toward subordinates were being developed, there should be no need to remind the upperclass cadet to allow the Plebe to eat a full and sufficient meal. While we realize that Plebes did not often go hungry, the use of deprivation of food as a punishment is not a suitable leadership technique. It is recognized that food deprivation in conjunction with bracing gave the upperclassmen two tools that were highly effective in disciplining Plebes. However, they were so effective that they hindered the development of appropriate techniques for dealing with subordinates by some members of the upperclasses.

Changes in the amount and type of "Plebe Knowledge" the new cadet was required to learn were made to increase the functional and rational aspects of the system. Those programs which the Plebe undergoes should have a rational and explainable reason for their existence. In a schedule as crowded as that faced by the current Plebe, it becomes difficult to justify the time spent memorizing the definition of leather.

When considering the question of changes to the Fourth Class System, it is important to realize that the system has never been a constant. It has changed many times in the past, being easier or harder depending generally on the attitudes of cadets and officers at West Point at a particular time. In studying the history and development of the Fourth Class System, it is interesting to note the many changes that have been made in the past and the many distinguished graduates who have advocated changes. For example, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur in 1919 wrote, "The control of the Corps without the assistance of a state of subordination entailed on the Third Classmen (Plebes) by means of the customs above outlined (i.e., the Fourth Class System) would be the final test in leadership applied to the graduating class." Those programs which exist at the Military Academy then must be justifiable from an empirical and rational point of view. Intuition is no longer a sufficient justification for their existence. The changes implemented are based on sound scientific knowledge of human behavior, and on the experiences of officers both within and outside the Office of MP&L.

It is too early at this time to assess fully the success of this program. Though mention has been made of some of the major changes, there were numerous detailed changes that were made in support of the effort to emphasize proper leadership. And, as with any program to institute change, there were some problems. Some upperclass cadets do not like the changes. Fortunately, the Class of 1970 undertook a series of briefings to inform the Corps of the nature and reasons for the changes and gained the support of most. Results of a cadet questionnaire conducted after New Cadet Barracks (NCB) show overwhelming acceptance and satisfaction with the new programs on the part of those cadets who served as squad leaders during NCB. Indications of the success or failure of the new program are available only from New Cadet Barracks at this time. The resignation of new cadets during NCB was about the same; 6.6 per cent. This is an indication that the Plebes do not view the new NCB process as being any easier than previous Plebes did their "Beast Barracks." Other performance measures, however, support the changes. Performance on the rifle range was the best it has been since trainfire was instituted; sick call rate was significantly less; and the cadet detail members generally felt that the Plebe class showed more esprit than previous classes had during NCB. These few facts are not conclusive, but they do indicate that the Class of 1973 is doing at least as well and in some areas better than previous classes. The study of the Fourth Class System is continuing, however, and the effects of the changes made will be closely monitored to insure that it remains a positive factor in the development of the West Pointer.

SCUSA

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we had quite a go-around in pessimism this evening. The only one who gave even a little glint of optimism was my colleague Joe Slater, who opened up the possibility that these great technological leaps were going to bring about more international cooperation." After a lively discussion period with the delegates, the meeting adjourned to Grant Hall for an informal reception.

Thursday morning marked the begin-

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ning of the heart of the conference: the first of five round table sessions. All tables met in the USMA Library, with each focusing on one of the following areas: the North Atlantic Community, USSR-East Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, South and Southeast Asia, United Nations and Arms Control. The explicit tasks of each round table were to examine past and present U.S. foreign policy attitudes toward its particular area, to define policy alternatives open to the U.S. in the future, and to put together a position paper recommending policies for the next decade.

Each table consisted of fifteen to eighteen student delegates, including three Cadet participants and a Cadet recorder. To add guidance and depth to the discussions, two highly qualified senior participants sat on each round table as chairmen and advisors. Largely responsible for the success of the conference, these individuals were carefully selected representatives of government, academic, or private institutions closely involved in the foreign policy-making process.

The second evening of the conference was marked by another panel discussion; this one aimed at problems in the formulation and execution of U.S. foreign policy. Chaired by Colonel Amos A. Jordan, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, exponents of the views of the Executive Branch, Congress, and the press were called upon to discuss the actual processes of foreign policy-making.

Professor Roger Hilsman (USMA '43), Professor of Government at Columbia University and former Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East, began the panel discussion with a number of examples drawn from his experiences in order to illustrate his view of foreign policy formulation. "Policy-making—not just in Washington, but in any country: Peking, Hanoi, Moscow—is not a rational process in the sense that you add up all the facts and decide what you are going to do. . . . It is a political process in which presidents can not command."

Congressman Robert A. Taft Jr., U.S. Representative from Ohio, followed Professor Hilsman and spoke from the perspective of a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Commenting on the role of student dissent in recent moratoriums, Mr. Taft suggested that such demonstrations, marches, and assemblies ". . . could be extremely disruptive in the formulation and conduct of a sound foreign policy. . . . The appropriate remedy is at the polls, not in the streets." While recognizing the role of Congress in tying foreign policy to public opinion, Mr. Taft stressed the limitations and restraints on the Foreign Affairs Committee and the necessity for strong leadership from the president.

The nationally sydicated columnist, Mr. Joseph Kraft, spoke of the role of the press in providing a link among the various policy-making agencies. "We do help a little bit in improving the communications and giving to the people who play the government poker game a better sense of the hand each participant in that game is holding." Commenting briefly on the relationship between the press and the American citizen, Mr. Kraft observed that "public opinion in this country is easily the best informed of any country in the world," due largely to the efforts of the press.

Colonel Jordan summarized the panelists' comments, noting in part that it appeared from their remarks that the president could not command, Congress was rather passive, and the press had only a modest informational role. "If this summary is correct, perhaps we should ask our panel to go back to the original question and tell us, 'Who is in charge?'" At that time the discussion was thrown open to the students, and a lively question and answer period ensued.

Following another day of round table deliberations, the SCUSA participants were joined by the senior USMA personnel at a banquet at the West Point Army Mess. After a dinner of prime ribs of beef and a short concert from the Fourth Class Glee Club, an address was delivered by Honorable Kenneth T. Young, President of The Asia Society and former United States Ambassador to Thailand.

Ambassador Young focused his remarks on the words "foreign" and "directions" of the SCUSA theme. He suggested that the time had come to abandon preconceived notions of "foreign" policy in favor of a new "international and environmental" policy. "Foreign policy has come to an end because our policy toward the world begins at home. . . . The environment of the whole globe should be the focus of our attention." Turning toward Southeast Asia, Ambassador Young expressed the hope that regionalism might provide solutions to the problems in which this country has been involved. "We can not just turn our backs and go away. There is some kind of role between preponderance and total withdrawal. Just what that role will be for us, we will have to work out as part of the 'directions' in the seventies."

Each round table finished its position paper on Saturday morning, and these reports were read at the final luncheon. One senior participant observed that these summaries were "efficiently and professionally accomplished," while another judged them "well written and excellently presented—some were as good as any State Department presentation." Copies of the reports were distributed to all delegates, then SCUSA XXI adjourned.

As the students returned to their respective campuses, the round table chairmen and advisors evaluated the conference as an educational experience: "The students were terrific and some of them quite capable of being round table leaders themselves." "Intellectually stimulating—it was a very enjoyable feeling to be confronted with eighteen eager students." "As always, an exhilarating experience. It is marvelous to be part of SCUSA." "Excellent. It gave a fine idea of how alert and alive today's students are." "An outstanding exercise: I appreciate having been invited and wholeheartedly endorse the concept of SCUSA."

A good indicator of the success of SCUSA XXI can be found in the comments of the students themselves. One delegate from the University of Virginia wrote a four-page letter to say that the conference was "the greatest educational experience I have had. I learned more in the four days at West Point than in an entire semester course." A co-ed from Iowa State University agreed: "SCUSA was one of the most educational of all my university experiences." A Nebraska student hailed it as "my most rewarding college experience," and a girl from Mt. Holyoke wrote, "SCUSA XXI was more exciting as an intellectual exercise than anything else I've done in college."

While the delegates were nearly unanimous in their praise of the educational value of SCUSA, the most commonly repeated observation concerned an increased regard for the West Point Cadet. A Vassar girl was very reassured to find her distorted images of West Point "completely demolished," and a Colgate student wrote to say, "I greatly respect the Thayer system and the educational achievements of the Cadets." A participant from Williams found that "my opinions concerning West Point and the Army are now much more objective," and a Purdue student wrote a letter to his university president stating that the conference had "erased some stereotyped notions about West Point." A delegate from the University of Utah commented that his eyes were opened to the values of the West Point system: "You are doing a great deal of good both for people such as myself and your cadets through this type of open exposure and dialogue."

Perhaps the best measure of the value of SCUSA, however, is the benefit to the Cadets themselves. Without exception, Cadet participants were enthusiastic, praising the conference as "stimulating," "refreshing," "extremely valuable," and "mind-expanding." Each of the forty-eight primary and alternate Cadet delegates had spent much time in preparation for the conference through a series of voluntary seminars held throughout the Fall semester, and observers at the conference remarked that the Cadets frequently appeared more knowledgeable in their respective areas than were the visiting political science students at their tables.

Particularly valuable were the experiences of some seventy members of the Cadet staff who were responsible for all administration, including housing, messing, transportation, and escorting for the visiting students and senior participants. Delegates and speakers alike were high in their praise for the efficient operation of the logistical arrangements. The conference was the culmination of many months of careful preparation, and as SCUSA XXI drew to a close, the Cadet staff was already beginning to look ahead to the 1970 conference.

SCUSA has entered its third decade with a highly successful record. The two

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hundred and forty participants of the 1969 conference have joined the ranks of thousands of SCUSA alumni who left West Point with a better understanding of the complicated process of national security policy, as well as a deeper appreciation of the abilities of their contemporaries across the nation.

NOTE: In May, 1970, the *Proceedings, SCUSA XXI* will be published in 4,000 copies and distributed to government agencies, educational institutions, and interested individuals throughout the nation and Canada. Copies may be obtained by writing the Executive Secretary, SCUSA XXI, Department of Social Sciences, USMA, West Point, N.Y., 10996.

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Down The Field

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the "Back of the Week" by *Sports Illustrated* following his outstanding performance against Navy, rewrote the record book in kickoff returns, setting five on game, season and career levels. He also was a solid choice for the all-East squad as chosen by the Associated Press.

Arden Jensen, with another year remaining, became the greatest kicking specialist in ARMY gridiron history. Jensen connected on 10 of 18 field goal attempts, and now has a career total of 21 to his credit. The old mark was 13, previously held by Dick Heydt (1961-63).

Center Ted Shadid likewise garnered some post-season laurels. An excellent student as well as a two-year letterman, Shadid was the recipient of a National Collegiate Athletic Association post-graduate scholarship.

Still on the subject of post-season honors, Coach Cahill and Lynn Moore travelled to San Francisco to participate in the annual East-West Shrine game. Coach Cahill was the head mentor for the East squad, while Moore saw extensive duty as a running back.

Twenty lettermen will return for the 1970 season, which offers one of the more challenging schedules in all of ARMY football history. Four of the first six opponents the Cadets will play appeared in bowl games this year, and three of those four must be met on the road. All told, ARMY will host Baylor, Penn State, Syracuse and Oregon at home, and will visit Nebraska, Tennessee, Notre Dame, Virginia, Boston College and Navy in Philadelphia.

Other Fall Sports

The 150-pound lightweight team lost its Eastern League title to Navy to follow an historical trend. It appears ARMY wins the league championship every even-numbered year, while Navy takes home the trophy in the odd-numbered seasons. Such was the case in 1969 as the lightweights finished with a 4-2 mark, defeating the likes of Princeton, Rutgers, Columbia and Pennsylvania. Named to the all-League honor team were halfback Jim Lovelace, guard Hugh MacDonald, and tackle Jon Deason from the offensive unit, and end Chip Lauckhardt, guard Jim Busack, and halfback Kent Townsend from the defensive unit.

The soccer squad failed to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven years, but still finished with a very respectable 7-3-3 record. Mid-season losses to Yale and NYU kept the booters out of the national tournament, and offset fine efforts against Brown (0-0), Air Force (3-2) and Navy (0-0). Third-team all-America honors were forthcoming for Captain John Veenstra.

It was a rebuilding year for the cross country team, yet Coach Carleton Crowell managed a 5-4 record with his yearling-dominated nucleus. Newcomer Steve Fee made his presence felt in a hurry before suffering an injury halfway through the schedule. Veteran Nick Sebastian picked up the slack in Fee's absence, and got good support from Bob Curran, Bill Henry, and Jeff McNally. In the Heptagonal meet the Cadets finished sixth.

Good Start For Winter Teams

Through results of Saturday, January 10, ARMY's winter squads were enjoying their fair share of success. Only the skiing team, added to the varsity lists last year to bring the winter total to 11, had yet to taste dual-meet competition. Plenty of snow has aided considerably in the training program, so the skiers should be ready for their first meet next month.

Getting into post-season tournaments—namely, the NIT—has become a habit with the ARMY basketball squad. The Cadets have gone to Madison Square Garden five times in the last six years, four of those times reaching the semi-finals. If this year's start is any indication of what might be expected in the latter part of the campaign, still another invite could be in the making.

In the first dozen games the Cadets fashioned an excellent 10-2 record, bowing only to California and Florida State. They appeared in both the Cable Car Classic in San Francisco and the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, and in each came home with third-place laurels. In the Cable Car Classic Jim Oxley was a unanimous choice for the all-Tournament team.

Defensively, ARMY leads the country in team defense against scoring, limiting the opposition to just 52.9 points per game. Nothing new for the Cadets, though; for the past two seasons ARMY has been the nation's leader in this same category.

Fencing had three meets, and won all three, defeating Cornell, 19-8, and both Rutgers and CCNY by identical 16-11 scores. The strongest two weapons thus far have been the sabre and foil, two areas where the Cadets have yet to lose. John Kendrick and Jim Bartholomees have been the chief threats in the sabre, while Nick Costantino and Bill Patterson have handled the bulk of the work in the foil.

In gymnastics the start has been a fine one, also, with victories already in the books over Pittsburgh, the Merchant Marine Academy, and Cornell. The most consistent performers include John Senor in the horizontal bar, Bob Harvey in the long horse, and Pat Dunphy in the parallel bars. Yet to come are critical meets with Penn State, Springfield, Temple, and Navy, results of which will have a definite bearing on the overall season.

Coach Jack Riley's hockey team leaped out to a fine start, winning the first three over American International, Middlebury, and Princeton. Then came a rash of injuries to key personnel, and with it a run of bad luck when the Cadets dropped four straight. They rebounded against Bishop's, though, coming from behind to post a 3-2 victory on a goal by John Roberts midway through the third period. The win leveled the record at 4-and-4.

As usual, the pistol and rifle squads are hitting the targets with winning scores. The pistolmen show a 2-0 mark behind the shooting of Vic Ross, Frank Drake, and Frank Durrum, while the rifle team is undefeated through three matches with decisions over the Coast Guard Academy, CCNY, and St. Peter's. Leading sharpshooters are Jim Plunkett, Blake Gendron, Bob Strong and Rich Redd.

Harvard has been the only team to defeat ARMY in squash, but that's nothing to be ashamed of for Harvard is the defending national champion. With that one exception, the Cadet racquetmen have been victorious, defeating Trinity, Wesleyan, Franklin & Marshall, Toronto, and Yale, in that order. Filling the top two positions have been George Alcorn, nationally-ranked, and Bill Malkemes.

The swimming team is all even at 2-2, and still waiting to get into its new pool. Jack Ryan's mermen suffered an inaugural loss to Harvard, then bounced back with victories over Columbia and East Carolina. Powerful Yale, perennial Eastern champion, followed on the schedule, and handed the Cadets a splashing. A big chunk of the schedule lies ahead, and with it hopes of a first-division place in league standings.

Harvard also spoiled the indoor track record. Aside from that one loss, however, the cindermen have done extremely well, scoring handily in triangular decisions over Lafayette and Colgate and NYU and St. John's. Good balance has paid off handsomely, with superior strength coming from the field events. Here Bill Diehl (35-pound weight), Pete Nell (shot put), Bruce Olson (high jump), Kevin James (pole vault) and Dave Phelan (long jump) have all performed admirably, while in the running events sprinter Tony Dedmond (60-yard dash) and George Forsythe (600-yard run) have carried a heavy load.

The ARMY wrestlers were doing well until a tour of the mid-West just prior to the Christmas recess. They had won two of three meets at home, including a 19-14 victory over Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland, but dropped three of four decisions on the tour. Individually, Mike Mullady at 134 pounds, Tim Carman at 167 pounds, and heavyweight Kurt Meyer have the best won-lost records.

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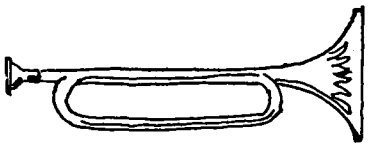

REPORT

. . . from the classes

'02

Col. Frederick D. Griffith Jr.
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Greetings from the Class of 1902.

The **Bells** still make their headquarters in Washington, D.C. They celebrated Thanksgiving with a family dinner at their daughter's home in the United Nations Plaza in New York. Four generations and some close relatives were present—31 in all. Mrs. Bell spent most of the Fall with relatives in Washington, Pa., but returned to Washington, D.C., to attend a dinner given by General Aurand at the A-N Club. **Bell** spends most of his time at the A-N Club where he plays bridge regularly. He has written an article for the next issue of the Military Engineer.

Dockery's Christmas Card says that he is in good physical condition and assured of excellent care for life at the beautiful Carmel Valley Manor where he has been living since giving up his house.

The **Griffiths** are well and spent the year in Louisville except for a few weeks in Florida in Jan.

A Christmas card was received from **Pegram** from Petersburg, Va. He evidently did not go to Mallorca for the winter as had been his custom in the past. No news.

'03

Maj. Gen. Max C. Tyler
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Our beloved and most loyal member of 1903 who by his constant endeavors has kept this Class' column in ASSEMBLY going for years has had to give it up on account of ill health. I have undertaken to act as his substitute until he is able to take it on again.

There are 10 of us 1903ers still on deck. The wear and tear of time has affected the health of each one differently. With one exception viz "Puss" **Farnum** we are either in our 90th year or older. "Puss" is our youngster. He is only 88. He has had painful locomotion problems. Jake **Wuest** lives in Orlando, Fla. He lost his dear wife recently. He says, when he looks back, he wonders where the time has gone. He does not feel able to travel.

John **Franklin** in Morristown, Tenn., says when he passed 90, he was thankful for his long years of life but his activity is quite limited being uncertain on his feet and needing a cane to get around. His general health is good.

Clifford **Jones** spends 8 months in Norcross, Ga., and the rest of his time in Miami, Fla. He reached 90 in Nov. and says it was not such a depressing event as the 80th was.

Our Association membership of 19,707 represents over 96% of our living graduates.
Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Secretary for the appropriate application form.
His address:
Secretary
Association of Graduates
West Point, N.Y. 10996

Lewis **Turtle** says he is tired and bored and taking it easy with a minimum of exercise. He does not feel able to travel. I have nothing to report on Bobbie **Howze** and Albert **Gilmor**, but believe them both to be well and active.

Clark and Hazel **Lynn** live in an attractive Convalescent Home in Bethesda, Md. They have promised to keep me posted on their activities. Hazel has had health problems, but Clark, like good whiskey, improves with age. He is our senior member with 92 years to his credit, 39 of which were distinguished service in the Army.

'07

Col. John S. Sullivan
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Charley Wyman wrote that he never expected he would live to see his picture in the ASSEMBLY. You could have "knocked him down with a hoe." One of the first things he looks for in the ASSEMBLY is Dan'l and the Supe; he adds "Golly! how that fellow gets around!" Charley is reading Fleming's "West Point" and finds it fascinating. He sent greetings to all our luncheon group and thanks for the birthday card signed by all the group.

Eddie **Householder** writes that he and Mary are now comfortably settled in their new home they had built last summer. One evening, 50 of their friends surprised them with a house warming party. They brought food, champagne, and a beautiful gift for their home. We join your other friends in all good wishes.

Astronaut Michael **Collins** '52, son of James and Virginia, has been appointed an Assistant Secretary of State. Waldo **Potter's** new address is—120 Hyperion Dr., Port Richey, Fla. 33568. Tom **Spencer** entertained a small group at dinner at the A-N Club. While here he was the guest of Enrique **White.**

Mrs. Herbert B. **Hayden,** Valerie, has joined A.M. Thompson & Co. Inc. Travel Services, at 274 Madison Ave., New York 10016, as VP. She will devote her time to travel development and sales. She was formerly President of Mercury International Travel Inc., New York City. Fay Brabson of our luncheon group went to Tennessee to a family reunion.

MG Russell B. Reynolds has joined our luncheon group—a distinguished officer, a gentleman, and a scholar. We now number 9. A book was published a few years ago about 9 old men—referring to the members of the Supreme Court. A recent poll shows that there are no old men in our group.

Leland **Wadsworth** writes to say thanks for his Class birthday card. He was 88 in Sept., the oldest man in the Class according to the calendar. He says he is in pretty good shape. He still drives his car, having recently renewed his license.

It was customary at the turn of the century for the senior COLs in the CE to submit applications to be appointed Chief of Engr when a vacancy occurred. President Theodore Roosevelt sent his military aide to New York to tell COL C. E. Marshall that he had not received his application to be Chief of Engr. COL Marshall stated he was not interested, he was happy as Dist Engr, expected to retire there and live there. The aide reported to the President. He was sent again to New York to tell COL Marshall that the President was interested in receiving his application. COL Marshall gave the aide the same reply as before. President Roosevelt sent the aide to New York for the third time—to tell COL Marshall that he is Chief of Engrs. Many thanks to Glen Edgerton for this bit of Engineer history.

'08

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John **Hester** reports that his health seems good. He says that while every day is a holiday, he doesn't find time to do all the things he wants to do.

It is sad to have to report the loss of 3 more classmates since the last ASSEMBLY appeared. J. K. **Brown** died in San Pedro, Calif., on 7 Sept. 69; John **Kennedy**, in Columbia, S.C., on 26 Sept.; and Robert S. A. **Dougherty**, in Allentown, Pa., on 13 Oct. It is an appalling rate of attrition in our membership and one that could not be maintained very long. All 3 were exceptionally able and highly talented, each in his own special way different from the others, and in considerable measure different from anybody else in the world. They were perhaps rugged individualists, but not rugged enough to withstand longer the ravages of time.

Helen **Muhlenberg** writes from Joshua Tree, Calif., that she calls Hal **Coulter** in Palm Springs, about once a week to talk to Mrs. **Coulter.** Hal, who is pretty weak and listless, doesn't talk on the phone anymore. He is at home again, after a stay of several weeks in a convalescent home.

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'09

Maj. Gen. George L. Van Deusen
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Barney **Oldfield:** "All is much as usual except that I have retired from Boeing after over 23 years. We are now trying to figure where to go from here."

Peep **Reed:** "You both looked, I might say, more like 1939ers at our recent reunion." (Muchas gracias!)

Tony **Goetz:** "My winter address will be 1750 So. Ocean Lane, Fort Lauderdale. I go there because my younger daughter lives there. She is having the Xmas dinner this year. Among those present will be my grandson, Bill Holly, his wife Terry and their baby (my first great-grandchild). Our older daughter Harriet, now Mrs. Jack Holly, lives with her family in Boca Raton, only 20 miles away, so I am happy to be able to see both my girls all winter. . . . I enjoyed very much attending our 60th Reunion last May and thought it remarkable that so many of Bill's Class are in such fine shape. Wish I could report something recent about classmates, but I spent Oct. in Austria, trying to cure some arthritis at Bad Gastein."

Dorothy Mion: "My dad, Robert **Donaldson,** would now be a great-grandfather, a daughter Catherine having been born to my son, Butler Mion. Sister 'D.D.' and Spence still live in Hill Valley. 'D.D.' works at U.C. Hospital as a child psychologist. Their elder boy Joe has a mania for bike racing and will go to France next summer, where he can race to his heart's content. My daughter Elizabeth, now 28, has her own apartment and has been alternately working and attending San Francisco State College. My son, Butler B. Minor VI ('B.B.') graduated from UC, worked a few years for Wells-Fargo, then, on inherited money bought a major interest in the Mechano-Electro Works in Oakland. I am on my 15th year with Traveler's Insurance, not fascinating nor much money, but I feel 'sort of safe'."

Ethel **Wright:** "With a niece, I flew to Lisbon last June, and we thoroughly enjoyed Portugal. Such a clean, prosperous looking country and such courteous people add enjoyment to the beautiful castles and pictures they show the tourist. And their churches are a delight to anyone fond of architecture.

"From there we flew to Madrid which again made headquarters for a motor trip to Toledo, El Escorial, and Avila. Joined by an English friend whom I had not seen for 15 years, we flew to Milan, then Florence, Siens, etc., where another niece joined me, and we prowled around Venice and its islands. Our stay there was made quite thrilling by the anchoring of a huge British ship so that we watched their drills and admired the good behavior of their shore parties.

"To Switzerland, where I was lucky enough to have friends, and then Oxford for a visit with my niece, and again near Caerleen with English friends, rounded out a busy and delightful summer. Each of my last 5 trips has been called my swan song, but I am now planning where I will spend next summer."

Lin **Herkness:** "Carlota and I carry on much as in the past, more as observers than participants in the activities of a turbulent world. . . . Of course we are living in days of change. Today our dollar is dwindling at an alarming rate. I admit that I am dwindling. I regret it but recognize that it is so."

Phil **Gage:** "I see Bob Sears and his nice wife quite often. He's a regular attendant at our monthly Retired Officers Luncheon Club. He drives his own car. It's great to have an '09er in town now."

Pheobe **Nix's** daughter, Mrs. Henry (Dorothy) Faucher, has faithfully fulfilled her communications with 1909 since her father's death in 1931. She now requests that these duties be transferred to her nephew, Doctor Ralph R. **Nix,** 15 Stilt Avenue, New Orleans, La., whose father was accidentally killed in 1943 while serving as a Medical Officer in the Coast Guard Service.

Claude **Thummel:** "My wife, Dorothy, has now been retired, so our time is relatively free. Took a couple of short trips north this summer and fall—hunting ancestors."

George **Van Deusen:** Many thanks to those who have contributed news items to this column. Let's hear from the rest of you! Effie and I are both well—or **think** we are.

General Bill **Simpson,** now living at 258 Brightwood Place, San Antonio, Tex. 78209, furnishes the following information re '09 graduates and their families:

"I have talked to Elinore **Underwood** who reports that she is well and getting along fine. One son, LTC Arthur Underwood, USMA 1949, Inf., now stationed in Panama, is due for a 3d tour in VN in Mar. 1970. Her other son, LTC Andrew **Underwood,** Inf., is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Her oldest grandson is a midshipman at Annapolis.

"Joe **Plassmeyer** arrived in San Antonio from his Missouri home on 6 Nov. He will spent the winter here as he has been doing for the past 2 years. He reports that he is OK.

"As for the **Simpsons,** I am happy to report that both Ruth and I are well. We enjoyed visiting West Point last May for our 60th anniversary reunion. It was grand to see you and Effie and the other classmates present. We hope we will still be able to attend our 65th."

Please note that Joe **Plassmeyer's** address until next Easter will be: Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Tex. 78205.

'10

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These are my last ASSEMBLY Notes before our 60th Reunion at West Point next summer. While hoping for the best in attendance, we realize that some will not make it. To the absent members of 1910 on this auspicious occasion may I ask each of you to send me (in advance) a little personal message to the Class—a greeting, a bit of wit, a humorous remembrance, or just how you are doing—so that as the Class of 1910 stands to toast our Country and our Alma Mater we will feel you are all there with us in spirit if not in person.

Rowenah **Harmon** writes that she has moved from her old home in the mountains at Avery, Calif., to Denver, Colo. 80222, still in the mountains, where she now resides in a condominium apartment, La Fontana, Apt. 806, 4570 East Yale Drive. Rowenah says that the pleasant part of living in Denver is seeing old friends of hers and being near members of the **Harmon** family who live there. She sends best wishes to all 1910'ers.

I regret to report that Gertrude **Carrithers** passed away on 22 Oct. 1969 after having been in poor health for the past several years. Arrangements are being made for burial later in the cemetery at West Point, N.Y. For many years Gertrude **Carrithers** had taken a great interest in the activities of the Eber Duclo Post of the American Legion, Manitow Springs, Colo., especially in the Legion Boys State Funds. The family therefore requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the good work in which Gertrude has been interested during her lifetime. A contribution to this activity was made by the Class of 1910 and a fine letter of appreciation received from the Eber Duclo Post No. 39 of the American Legion.

I have not heard from Frank **Scowden** for some time, so I am assuming that he is still enjoying his excellent game of golf which takes a lot of his time.

A recent note from Margery and Fritz **Strong** reports plans underway for our 60th Reunion and extended best wishes to all members of 1910 for the New Year of 1970.

Mail addressed to me must now include the name of my Apartment House and my apartment number as shown above. The PO Dept, responsible for placing our mail in individual locked mail boxes in the lobby of our Apartment House, requires this, and may return mail to the sender for "insufficiency of address" if their instructions are not complied with.

'11

Brig. Gen. Harold F. Nichols
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John **Beatty,** hospitalized last summer for 6 weeks and 2 operations, had good recovery and expects a far better 1970. He sends regards to all the Class. When last heard, **Betcher** in Canajoharie with son Jack was working to keep their driveway cleared of snow so that they could go marketing.

Lucy **Evans** enjoys better health than in a long time. Her daughter Sally's husband, CPT L. L. Jackson, USNA '45, is now stationed at Pearl in Hawaii. Mildred **Franke** wrote that she was quite well again and happy that a daughter was living with her. Two grandsons were home from VN, and she was spending Christmas with a son and family.

Edna **Gilbreath,** in Dec.: "Getting along all right, all things considered, still in my own house with no other plans in the foreseeable future." Also in Dec., Jeanette **Hardigg** wrote of Bill's offspring. Bill Jr. continues with the Monsanto Chem Co.; Jack, who was graduated in 1969 from Ind. U Med School, was interning at the U Med Center in Indianapolis, and was to be married in Feb.; Jean Brew was a 3d year nursing student at Catherine Spalding College in Louisville.

Charlotte **Hardy,** with enough of apartment living, has moved to a town house on the edge of Tucson, 6274 N. Campbell Ave. 85718, where she again enjoys country living. Jo **Hoisington** is happy that her daughter, Mary Jo, and husband COL James E. Maertens, Ex-USMA '44, retired last fall, are now living in Santa Barbara.

Last Sept., Alice **Rader** was spry enough to go on a conducted bus tour to Zion and Bryce Canyons, Lake Powell, the Indian country and both rims of the Grand Canyon. And a night in Las Vegas! Gerry **Stanton** was in San Francisco in Oct. before leaving on an extended South Seas cruise. She has sold her Hudson River home, but seemed not sure where she would next light.

A welcome holiday card from Helen **Stewart,** visiting a daughter at Vandenberg AFB, said she had sold her Rutherford, N.J., home and now lives at 5049 Greenbriar Dr., Ft. Myers, Fla. 33901. Bill **Wyche** has seen none of 1911 in a long time but hoped to make the 60th Reunion in '71. He and Louise spent Christmas with their children at Southern Pines, near Pinehurst.

My thanks to all for bits of information.

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'12

Brig. Gen. Bradford G. Chynoweth
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One more loss to record: last summer, in Texas, Mildred **Rose.**

In Dec., John **Lindt** edited and distributed the traditional Class Christmas booklet, with messages from members. We have living, 25 graduates, 11 non-graduates, and 35 widows. Messages were received from 24 graduates, 5 non-graduates, and 15 widows. A son of 1912 is the new Commandant of Cadets. We are proud of Sam. We warn him, however, not to dig around on the area of barracks, or he might uncover a special set of tracks made by our Johnny, of whom we are also proud.

'13

Col. Joseph W. Viner
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Notes written about 1 Jan. 70 suggest an inventory of our Class. We graduated 93 in June 13. As of today we have 27 living! Let us all remaining "hold the line" for our 60th Reunion in 73!

It has been the custom for years that as of about 1 Nov. each classmate and each "ladies of the Class" send in a letter of news and facts for the year. As of 15 Dec. these are combined in an Xmas pamphlet and mailed to each, hence our '13 Notes may be trite to us, but offers news to our sister classes of each of us.

Anyone visiting Hi. should visit the **Lyman** Museum at Hilo. This historic house reveals visually the story of Hi's. growth. GEN Chas **Lyman** ("Lil" to us) of '13 was the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. David Lyman who came to the Islands in 1832 as missionaries. "Lil" and Polly live on a farm near West Chester, Pa., and breed race horses—dozens of them each year.

COL Manning (and "Lucile") **Kimmel** live in a most pretentious house on the shores of Hampton Roads, Hampton, Va., just near where "Old Ironsides" and the "Merrimac" had their Civil War battle. Stop to see them in this historic spot.

If you visit Fla. please call on COL Eddie **Lovell** at 215 Annie St., Orlando, Fla. Eddie has had his 80th birthday but is confined by some acute arthritis trouble.

Imogen **Englehart** has made 116 Eames St., Ft. Benning, Ga., her future home. The climate is better than Washington or New England, and part of her family is there (COL David Conrad 1943).

Carlos **Brewer** reports that he has 19 grandchildren. **Craig** and Doug **Greene** used to report 20 or 30 each. What an Xmas party they must have!

GEN Junius **Jones** and his bride (Mrs. O. L. Turpin) spend most of their time at their plantation—Centenaria, Jackson, Miss. Anne Howell Turpin is the granddaughter of Joseph Chambers who with his brother, James, graduated from West Point in '18 and '20 respectively. Let us have a Class reunion with Junius!

COL ("Chief") **Rowley** went to a convention in Honolulu—then took off for Bangkok and other places last summer. GEN Lunsford (and Janet) **Oliver** have left the North for their winter home in Deltona, Fla., where they stay until Apr. Archer and Catherine **Dorst** report things quiet at Berkeley. They live near U. of C. where the last few years so much occurred. We get all our Class news of the West from Archer—thanks to him.

An Xmas gift to the Class was a letter from Elizabeth (Dana) **Palmer** who lives at Lowell, Mass. Also news came from Julia (Mrs. Stuart) **Cramer.** Julia lives in Charlotte, N.C., and remarried COL Maurice Smith. One of her boys, Stuart **Cramer** III, lives in Beverly Hills, Calif., and another, John Scott **Cramer,** lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Pricilla **Newgarden** passed thru Va. with her sister-in-law on way to Boca Ratan, Fla. Few of us are as busy as Pricilla as she always attends the reunion of Paul **Newgarden's** Tank Corps Div.

Bill and Gertrude **Rosevear** who live at Edenton, N.C., made a quick Xmas trip to Norfolk and Va. Beach and paid the **Viners** a visit. Both appear in fine form. Dorothy **Copthorne** lives with her sister—or nearby—at Babson Park, Fla. Her boy, William II, Class of '52, works for a corporation in Tampa, Fla.

Year after year we hear from W. C. **Young** from Due West, S.C. Many of us would like to see this "Podunk"—so why not a meeting there one of these years?

We all wish Eloise (Mrs. Jack) **Considine** of Sonoma, Calif., lived nearer to us. She lives in the "Valley of the Moon." It sounds like a pleasant place to visit. Her son-in-law—MG Phil Davidson (Class of '39)—is the Comdg GEN at Ft. Ord, Calif., and they live at the Presidio of Monterey. Her three other children—Tinker, John and Mike are all in Western locations.

GEN George Brown ('41) Air Force Commander in VN is flying home for Xmas to visit his family at Arlington. "Skip" Brown (daughter of Dan **Colhoun** '13) lives there and Frances **Brown** (Mrs. T.K.) is also there to see her son George. Tim **Brown** (now a BG) is at Ft. Ord, Calif., where Eloise **Considine's** daughter is the wife of the Comdg GEN.

Pete **Corlett** and Pauline live in out of the way, but lovely, Las Huertas, N.M., north of Santa Fe. Pete is out of politics but both are in fine fettle so they report.

Please note that Helen **McCunniff** has a new address in her Xmas letter. Tom (her son) is now at Pentagon. Her son-in-law, LTC G. Hartnell ('48), is in Lincoln, Nebr., while another son-in-law, COL Ed. C. Meyer ('55), is in VN.

William and Lois **Crane** are "tied down" on a cattle farm at Leesburg, Va. Beef cattle is his hobby—to create better Angus beef. Selective breeding is his specialty. I often wonder if **Lyman's** breeding race horses or "Pinky's" breeding cattle offer the best Wall Street buy?

One of our loveliest Southern ladies, Minna **Crutcher** of Henning, Tenn., did not come East this Xmas to see her daughter "Ginny"—(Mrs. Dr. Nash) of Elizabeth City, N.C. Minna says arthritis is kicking up and hence sticks to the home fires. Her son Jack runs a large farm near Henning (one-half the county) so I am sure Xmas with her grandchildren was a big one.

Dorothy Young (G. R. **Young** to us) has invited us to visit her at her new Adirondack Lodge, a few at a time, next summer. She now lives at 4431 P St., Washington, D.C. What a place for a Class meeting!

The J.W. **Viners** have little to report. Had 11 of the family at Xmas. Bob and Mary Crawford (1914) were with us. Many of you miss a historic visit to this part of Va. Any time is good—but summer is best as this is a delightful place—all year.

'14

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As you see, I am still the "Scribe" for '14. I'm writing this on 4 Jan., my dead-line being yesterday, so in performing this pleasant duty, I am still "the late Mister **Carruth.**" As we all grow older, time seems to fly by so fast, probably because we are slowing up.

It is a pleasant duty, but the sweet must be at times mixed with the bitter—that is life, as we all know. This time, I must report my receipt of a letter from Jim **Haskell,** bringing the news of the death, on 16 Nov., of his wife, Marjorie. Many of the Class knew her as Marjorie Cameron at the Point. She was a beautiful, sweet and sincere girl, and had many friends in our Class. I admired and knew her very well, but have never seen her since graduation. As Jim wrote, she had been ill, at times desperately ill, since she had a cerebral stroke and operation in 61, and has been an invalid ever since. Her death from a heart attack came as a blessed relief. Fortunately for Jim, he has two daughters, married to retired COLs, who live near him.

The Yule season brought some beautiful Christmas cards from classmates and Class widows—some containing news of interest to the Class. I shall summarize some of them, as well as some letters.

A long letter from Mary **Ryan** was full of Class news, such as: Tom and Clara **Monroe** drive down to Carmel occasionally, to visit "elderly" relatives (actually little older than they are); Betty **Doe** has recovered well from the heart attack (mentioned in my last letter) and is able to go places, but Jens is still in a convalesence home.

Eleanor **Cress** has many close friends around her at Palo Alto and leads an active social and civic life. She (Eleanor) makes frequent visits to Carmel and always sees the **Ryans.** Eleanor **Forbes** still lives in the home she and Fritz completely remodeled not long before his death, but she has sons and grandchildren nearby, as well as a sister; Frances **Wyeth** is living alone, but visits a married son in Ariz. or N.M. Her (Frances') address (as given in Skimp **Brand's** list of 10 May 69) is still correct, but Mary understands that it is probably temporary.

Bruz **Waddell,** replying to my letter about Vera's operation in New York City during the 55th Reunion, said it was a very successful one, and she has made an excellent recovery. After a visit to the N.J. shore, following the Reunion, Bruz and Vera returned to Los Angeles, and Bruz broke into the hospital. He reports everything A-ok now, except for a blood clot in one leg, which is disappearing, but he still has to stay in bed at home with the leg elevated most of the time. (Good luck Bruz, take it easy, but what a way to eat Christmas dinner!) In his letter, Bruz wrote also that their son, Bill, USMA '50, has just been approved for a Doctor's degree in Business Administration. His dissertation was "Management of Conglomerates."

The title simply floored me. The best definitions I could find for conglomerate were "a heterogeneous collection; cluster" or "a rock composed of pebbles, etc., loosely cemented together." This led me to wonder what could be a military application for such a title. I suppose that if an officer were handed a group of green recruits, loosely cemented together by their ineptitude as soldiers, and should, thru his leadership, develop the group into a well-diciplined and well-trained fighting unit, that might fit the title of the dissertation, or would it?

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Another newsy Christmas letter came from Eleanor **Forbes**, sending Christmas and New Year's greetings to all members of '14. She was tempted to attend our 55th Reunion, but it was too far for her to go alone. She has made 2 trips to Los Angeles to visit her son, John—one of them was to attend the wedding of her ex-marine grandson, back from VN. She occasionally spends a week with her son, David, at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. The oldest of her 4 sons is with Lockheed in Southern Calif., the 2d oldest lives in Los Gatos, which is a comfort to her. Eleanor has 9 grandchildren and they are her pride and joy.

A letter from Ben **Weir** reports that he and Ruth are well. Like many others, he expressed his appreciation of the fine job of planning and execution done by Charlie **Gross** and Skimp **Brand**, that made the 55th Reunion go off so smoothly. His comments on the details of Graduation Exercises tallied closely with John Henry **Woodberry**'s report in the Summer 69 ASSEMBLY.

Pete **Bullard** included a mimeographed letter with his Christmas card, personalized at the bottom. It's too long to quote fully. Everything is going ok with him; no hospitalization for 1½ years; his apartment is near Ft. McPherson, Ga., and he is lovingly looked after by his son, Robert L. III and wife taking him to the PX, commissary, shopping, and for dinner twice a week. As per doctor's orders, he "perambulates" daily, but no jogging. Drop him a line.

A letter came from Gus **Jouett** from which I understand that Tooey **Spaatz** is going to write the obituary in ASSEMBLY for Jack—none could be better qualified. A Christmas card from Gus said that her sister, who lives in Conn., was to spend Christmas and the holidays with her, and that in Jan. they were planning a Caribbean cruise.

Dorothy **Hannum**'s Christmas card was filled with a courageous attitude toward life. She wrote that she keeps reasonably well, and busy as she can with Church and Volunteer Red Cross work, with plenty of time to see and enjoy friends. The card from Mary and Bill **Ryan** contained a colored photograph of them, standing on the porch of their apartment up on the Mesa at Carmel. They certainly looked in fine health and spirits, altho' Bill is plagued with arthritis at times.

Roger **Harrison**, who had such a serious heart attack while watching the ARMY-Navy game in 68, sent me a Christmas card saying he is up and about with the help of a cane. He and his sweet daughter Mrs. Virginia Hewes were disappointed that they had to miss attending the 55th Reunion but he ends by saying "I hope to make the 60th." What a courageous spirit! The **Houghtons** keep in good health, as does Jessie **Lewis**; but they, like all the rest of us have slowed down. I was pleased to get a unique 3-dimensional card from Xen **Price**. Like me he was unable to attend our Reunion.

This is getting longer than I expected, so I must soon stop. I saved Charlie **Gross**' card for the last. As usual he and Ella sent us one of the impressively beautiful West Point cards—a snow scene looking across the Plain toward the enlarged Washington Hall. Altho' I knew that the statue of Sylvanus Thayer was on the "Point" where the old hotel used to stand, I missed it in the picture. Also, as usual, the card contained a poem (so called) by Charlie about the next Reunion. Here it is: "Be sure to take all the necessary pills and more/ To keep you partially alive and not too sore/ To attend our Sixtieth in Seventy-four/ Charlie" I think Charlie should be our Class Poet, and he is such an outstanding classmate.

We, as of now, have living 40 graduates 4 non-graduates, and 28 Class widows. All our Class widows have classmates—they should keep them informed of Class news. And, as we grow older, and less "mobile" let's compensate by writing more to each other, not forgetting my eagerness for news.

As for us in San Antonio, Tim **Rees** had the ARMY-Navy game at his home for the Class with the assistance of his daughter, Mildred Lytle, and her husband, Tom.

About 2 months ago, Lilian and Ike **Gill** drove Earll and me to Laredo where we 4 spent three delightful days at "La Posada," the plush motel at the American end of the International Bridge to Nueva Laredo, Mexico. This gave us the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping in both cities, to really see Laredo, and to have an enjoyable visit together.

A recent letter from Ferne **Potts** included the news that she is going with 2 friends in Jan., on an 85-day cruise around the world, getting back to New York in Apr.

That's about all the Class news. May we all have a good year in 70.

'15

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Come, come, Compadres!! It is later than you think. Get that firm commitment to Hank **Aurand**. The Man still has this and that to finalize. Counting he's and she's, looks like about 90 will gather come May 27th.

BAD NEWS. We regret to report the death of Bill **Tompkins** in Richmond 26 Oct. Burial was in Arlington with Class honorary pallbearers. Our sympathy is extended to Betty, their son, and the grandchildren. The Class sympathizes, also, with Cliff **Jones** who lost his wife Betty a few months ago.

NAVY GAME. WOW!! Gloating 1915ers attending: Blister and Dorothy **Evans**, Ed and Ethel **Hyde**, Eddie **Lyon**, **Peabody**, Dick **Richards**, Mason **Young** and granddaughter.

COAST TO COAST GLEANINGS. Peggy **Buekema** and Ida **Ryder** will team up for the Reunion and also for Graduation each having a grandson in '70. Ida reports that 117 descendants attended the Centennial of her father's graduation. Prior to June Week, Ida will voyage five months via freighter to include Africa, Persian Gulf, and India. Sorry to report Fred **Boye** had a second stroke in Dec.—was in Walter Reed but now in hospital at home doing Okay. Not to be outdone Charlie **Busbee** at same time was in V.A. Hospital, Salem, Va., with mild stroke. While visiting Charlie, Elizabeth fell and broke her hip. Both should be back in orbit ere too long. John Henry **Cochran**'s 7-word report: "Minimal deterioration; both are mobile and vocal." He and Mary **Welby** summered in Hendersonville, N. C. Still not on relief in spite of many home repairs. So far Mike **Davis** is the only San Antonio Reunion "positive." Edict to Jawn **Leonard** and Woody **Woodruff**: Get cracking! Det and Laura **Ellis** spent 2 Oct. weeks in S. C., Det found his brother recovering nicely from a coronary. They lunched with Laura **Brownell** (7 great-grandchildren) and visited Eddie and Hennie **Moale**. All pert and chipper.

Gibby **Gibson** fearfully awaited a visit from a niece who "always dragged him to the races." Recently he finished up some ear surgery and Mary's health has improved greatly since last summer. They enjoyed a "drop-in" from Cliff **Jones** and daughter. Millie and Jack **Harris**, back in circulation, Thanksgivinged with kin in S. C. Had fine visit. Another "tip of the hat" to Dad **Herrick** for his assistance to Betty and Walt **Hess**.

Gene **Leone** had a bit of surgery early Fall and though he had a fine recovery, he found it wise to forego attendance at football games and Homecoming. He is fine now, and he and May are making plans for the 55th, and you know what that means! Shorty **MacDonald**'s recovery from last year's stroke, while steady, has been slow. He feels his rate of locomotion precludes Reunion doings. Helen **Howard** is wintering in the same apartment house, and Elisa and Helen just might attend. Nice note from Harry **Pendleton**. With his morale he should be with us next May. While visiting West Coast, Dick **Richards** was much interested in Portland housing projects. Naturally, he took in the ARMY-Oregon game.

The **Tates** are wintering at 1590 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale 33304. Dorothy **Taylor** visited the **Aurands** in Mar. and then went to Vancouver for looksee at new granddaughter; then on to England for a month's tour. Probably will miss the 55th because of arrival of another grandchild. Warning! Ed **Wallington** had his second cataract operation last fall and now is in fine shape to detect all delinquent Class dues. Mac **Wogan** has reversed her field since last report which had her permanently in Denver. Mac now makes Asheville her permanent station. Daughter and husband live next door. Will use Denver for TD only. Reunion RSVP's from Fla.: **Robinsons** and **Zundel**, will; **Gerhardts** and **Gibsons**, probably not.

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'16

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Before I get started in reporting the current news, let me again thank all sub-scribes who have sent in news items. And let me urge those who have not to "do something." Remember Bill **Hoge**'s injunction to you when he gave me the job of being your Scribe that "Dwight can't make the news."

One of the first items this time came from Maurice **Miller** who wrote that Joan and George **Newgarden** had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They are number 17 of our Class to be so favored. They were guests of their son, George III, and his family at Corpus Christi, Tex. George III is a retired LTC regular AF and since his retirement has done very well in the brokerage business at Corpus Christi. Joan and George were married 14 Oct. 1919, and Joan is a sister of another '16er, Notley **DuHamel**.

We can all rejoice that Fay **Prickett** has recovered from a coronary attack which he suffered in Sept. After excellent care at DeWitt Army Hospital at Ft. Belvoir, and continued at home by Peggy, Fay wrote on 18 Nov. that he had attended a Class luncheon and was working back into playing golf by riding a golf cart with Jakey Devers and doing some pitching and putting. Fine work, Fay! Fay announces the arrival at West Point of their 6th great-grandchild, young Miss Laura Suzanne Miller, daughter of MAJ and Mrs. F. D. Miller Jr. If my tally is correct, she is '16's, 18th great.

Edna and Maurice **Miller** returned home on 7 Dec. from an auto trip to Miami, Fla., visiting Edna's sister and her husband there.

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Before leaving they gave a party at the Officers' Club at Ft. Sam Houston for classmates, wives, widows, and children, and dispatched a "get well" card to Fay **Prickett** carrying the signatures of all present.

Marjorie and Ray **Moses** have had a time for themselves! In our Summer 1969 notes I reported that they would leave Montreal in mid-Sept. for Liverpool and an 8-week's stay in London, and would then return on the **Queen Elizabeth II**. They enjoyed their stay in London and vicinity, including Cambridge and Stratford-on-Avon, and Marjorie had a good view of the Queen when she opened Parliament. Additionally, changes in sailing plans for the **Queen Elizabeth II** modified and enlarged their return to N. Y. via the Caribbean, visiting Tenarife, Barbados, Grenada, Martinique and St. Thomas. They arrived home on 28 Nov. in good time to enjoy the ARMY-Navy game. They stay at their Longwood Towers apartment in Brookline for the winter.

Mary and Stan **Scott** returned early Nov. from an "inspection" of grandchildren and, says Mary, "We liked what we saw." They visited son Bill and family at Dallas, Tex., and Gilbert's family at Baldwin, Kans. Son Gilbert is a LTC in Vietnam responsible for 200 miles of pipe line as well as other things. Thanks to Mary **Scott** sending her letter from Kay Barrows, we learn that Bunny **Barrows** appears to be holding his own nicely at the V. A. Hospital at Bedford, Mass. He is able to ride out to homes of relatives not far away and otherwise enjoy family and friends.

A note on Christmas card from Lucille and Hearse **Henderson** says that Hearse is doing better now than he has over the past 2 years and that he hopes to be able to attend the Reunion in 1971. Fine, we'll be hoping to see you, Hearse.

Preparatory to moving to their new home at Sun City, Ariz., in early 1970, Marion and Holland **Robb** have sold their old home at Chapel Hill, N. C. Their address at Sun City after Mar. will be 10646 Saratoga Circle, Zip 85351. Holland says he plays golf better now than when he was a good deal younger, but Arnold Palmer still need not worry. The **Robbs** left Chapel Hill about 11 Dec. but since their new home at Sun City will not be ready until late Mar., they expected to be homeless wanderers by auto until then. On 15 Dec. Savilla and Brig **Bliss** had a lovely dinner party for them at the A-N Club.

Thanks to the courtesy of Mrs. Stickney (widow of R. C. Stickney, USMA 1915) I learned that Marion Halpine, widow of our Ken **Halpine**, died at Annapolis, Md., on 13 Sept. Services were held at St. Anne's Church in Annapolis on 16 Sept. and she was buried in Arlington with Ken and a son Pfc Kenneth Jr., who was killed in the invasion of Luzon. Marion is survived by her son John D. **Halpine** of Valley Forge, Pa., her daughter Faith, Mrs. James E. Victor Jr., of Annapolis, and 5 grandchildren. 1916 sends its sympathy to them all.

Ellen and Dz **Britton** sailed for Europe on the **Queen Elizabeth II** on 25 Sept. planning to pick up a Mercedes, visit London, Heidelberg, Salzburg, Bern, Zermatt, Madrid, Lisbon, and return sailing from Algeciras on the **Michelangelo** on 4 Nov. Good traveling, Ellen and Dz, again and again!

'16ers in the San Francisco area enjoyed the ARMY-Navy game with Blanche and Roland **Shugg** as hosts. Classmates and wives present were **Doneys, Johns, McBrides,** (R.B.) and **Woodwards.** A fine game result followed by a delicious buffet lunch! Blanche and

1916: Review at Ft. Riley, Johns and Rufsvold (1946).

Roland report that one of their grandsons, son of their daughter Mrs. Woodcock at Corvallis, Ore., was married in Aug. 1969, and that a granddaughter, daughter of LTC Cushman, AF, of Orlando, Fla., will be married 10 Jan. 1970.

Helen and Woody **Woodward** spent Christmas with Helen's daughter, Jean, at Santa Barbara, Calif. Edith **Cabell** writes from Washington that Bud (DeRosey Jr.) flew her down to Savannah, to be with his family for the month of Oct. She said it was a wonderful change for her, and it was obviously greatly appreciated.

A card from Marie **Weyand** at Cornwall in early Dec. said that Babe was then in the West Point hospital for surgery on his hip which, because of an arthritic condition, has been very painful. We wish you a speedy recovery, Babe. Marie says Babe's spirit is unquenched and that he has plans for 6 more books!

Jean **Lange** has nicely recovered from her fall and broken hip of a year ago. She tells of climbing the hills of San Francisco and Berkeley with no ill effects on a recent trip there.

Caroline and Murph **Irvine** included the **Styers** and **Worshams** with some 80 guests at a cocktail garden party at their home in Coronado in mid-Oct. Their son, Thomas, a Naval Academy graduate, received with them. Caroline expected to visit their daughter (Helen) Mrs. Ronald M. Farris and her family at Fairfax, Va., in Nov.

Fay **Prickett** recently had occasion to look over our 1916 HOWITZER again. He says he found it most interesting and that it recalled many pleasant memories. He recommends that the rest of us dust off our copies and read them.

While Laura and Dwight **Johns** were at Ft. Riley in October, Dwight was honored in receiving the review of the troops of the 138th Engineer Group (Const) and attached units commanded by his son-in-law, COL R. M. Rufsvold (USMA 1946). The accompanying photo shows the two of them on the reviewing stand. Dwight can still pull in his chin!

Bill **Hoge** now announces that he has two great-grandchildren! One is a young lady, Christine Nettie Brown, daughter of CPT and Mrs. D. R. Brown (USMA 1965), and the other is Michael **Edmonson**. Bill says he has not seen Mike yet but that "Christine is the sweetest child I ever saw." These two boost 1916's greats to a total of twenty, known to your Scribe, that is. Be sure to keep me informed.

APR '17

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One of the most important and informative books published in this decade on recent military history is WAR IN PEACETIME: The History and Lessons of Korea, by our **Joe Collins.** This is the personal story of the CofS at the time of the Korean conflict; and it contains important insights into the strategy and tactics of the conflict, as well as the personalities involved, especially that of General MacArthur.

In a letter written on 16 Nov., Jack **Code** wrote that Alex **Campbell** was critically injured when his car left the road and plunged 120 feet down an embankment. Jack wrote, "Alex is much better; I saw him today. He is now in intensive care in the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto."

On Thanksgiving Jack and Isabelle and their family had as their guests Elf and Louis **Martin**, Love and Jane **Mullins**, Sid and Marge **Young**, **Whitcomb**, Evelyn and Ray **Irwin** and Jack's sister and her husband, Aileen and Jack Wilson.

In Nov. Francis **Macon** was seriously ill with pneumonia; but after several weeks he made a good recovery.

As usual the **Haydens** were busy with plans, projects, and trips. Twice they were in Honolulu visiting Bobette and her husband, LTC Thomas Robert Watson, Ret., who now live there. Robert spent last year taking graduate courses at the U. of Hawaii and has embarked on a teaching career. Rob is a 2d Classman at West Point and was one of the cadets selected to accompany the Supe and his wife on an official visit to S. America. Laddie is a senior in high school. Buster **Hayden** left the JCS in Aug. and in Sept. flew west for a tour of duty in Korea. His family is in Carlisle, Pa. Peter **Hayden** is busy as ever with his decorating business, and Dorothy is teaching 8 bridge classes a week. Her second book, WINNING DECLARER PLAY, was published in May and is a big success. One highlight of the year was a reunion of the **Hayden** clan at Steamboat Inn on the North Umpqua, Ore., and another was Laddie's delightful cruise with friends on the **M.S. Bergensfjord** to Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Madeira.

Clarke **Fales** wrote on 1 Oct. "Jessie is in the hospital with an operation on her hip. She hopes to be around and about by 11 Dec., when we are scheduled to leave for Barbados." This fall Bill **Cowgill** enjoyed a 60-day tour of Spain.

Dutch **Keiser** died on 22 Oct. in his home. Interment was at West Point, and services were held in the old cadet chapel. Dutch's wife Marian and **Warner** and **Nygaard** were there. Jack **Code** wrote, "Dutch Keiser had been living on granted time for the last 17 years, as his heart had not been good. He had been in Letterman Hospital, and they had sent him home. Sgt. Cook, who has acted so long as his aide, was with him; and they had gone into the kitchen to get something, when Dutch just died—bomb—just like that."

After a long illness Leo **Erler** died on 6

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Nov. Only 24 hours before his death, Kewp **Yuill** had visited Leo and Rothé at their home in Florida. Funeral services and burial were at Arlington Cemetery on 10 Nov. The generous work for the Class that Leo did while he was here in Washington is remembered by his classmates.

Another sad note is that Francis **Markoe** died on 25 Nov. at St. Paul, Minn. Funeral services were held in the St. Paul Cathedral, and burial was at Calvary Cemetery in St. Paul. After WW I Frank left the Army and attended Brasnose College, Oxford, England, and Georgetown School of Foreign Service, Washington, D. C. During WW II he served as a GSO with Hq. Fifth Army in Africa and Italy. Later he was secretary of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, 7 sons and 19 grandchildren. The sincere sympathy of the Class is extended to Marian **Keiser**, Rothé **Erler**, and Ruth **Markoe**.

Bill **Heavey** received a note from Solange **Barroll**, which reads, "As the secretary of the Class of '17, won't you express my thanks for their support, also for their gift to Morris' pet charity, Army Relief Society. West Point and the Class meant so much to him. But sickness had done its bad work; I hope he is at Peace. Thank you all."

In early Nov. Kewp **Yuill** embarked on a trip to the East, planning to visit Fla. and the Washington area. From Fla., however, he was called home and returned to Dallas. In Dec., Bill and Dot **Eley** received a card from Gay saying that Kewp was in Carswell AFB Hospital. She said that he was showing improvement.

At this writing, 26 Dec., your scribe is in Dewitt Army Hospital, Ft. Belvoir, after having a mild heart attack on 15 Dec. However, I've had a fine Christmas. I'm getting along well, and my son Page and his family are here from Tallahassee, Fla., visiting me.

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AUG '17

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Sad to us was news of Helen **House** passing away in her sleep at home on 2 Oct. Just 16 days later Eddie gave up at the end of a long illness. They were buried in their family plot in Winter Park. The loss was a particularly severe blow to our Winter Park Colony of which Eddie was the presiding elder. To the many of us who knew and loved her, Ann **Williamson's** death brought grief. She is now reunited with Ray in Arlington.

As we battle our assorted ailments, it is nice to know that some are mastering them. Dorothy **Huff** had a session in Walter Reed but is now back in Distaff House and coming along well. Willie **Wilson** spent most of Sept. exploring the clinics at Ft. Ord Hospital —after a bit of carving, he is back on the ranch and cheerful though he has had to turn over care of his sheep to his granddaughter. The sun drenched Carmel Valley is restoring him to health. Peggy **Moore** has let the New England cold get into her bones. She fled the climate to visit her daughter, Margaret Wood, and family—she's thinking of Portugal after the New Year. Pablo **Cole** has spurned his cane, swims and dances, and could be induced to take Laura on safari. The **Coles**, however, forewent sending Christmas cards—they still love you, though. Girard **Troland**, who has been the oldest graduate attending West Point functions in New England for the past 5 years, went to the wedding of his grandaughter, Cecelia Cushman, at Ft. Devens sporting a new hearing aid.

The peripatetic **Joneses** flew to Albuquerque for a reunion with Barbara and Grady. They were all made happy, as was the Class by Larry's being listed for a star. In Jan. they will loaf on the **Gripsholm** for 6 weeks while the good ship rounds South America.

Our annual heterosexual luncheon was a success. Three generations were represented. As a token of our regard for the **Jones** family, man, woman, and child, the Class presented stars to Biff for transmittal to Larry. Bob **Bringham** is being spoiled by his daughter-in-law at Ft. Leavenworth. Now he is being urged to visit son Bill at SHAPE. What a joy to be so beloved as Bob is.

The Society of the Cincinnati, one of whose shining lights is Bill **Chapman**, is being enriched from our Class by Fred **Sharp** III and Dr. Gordon G. **Heiner** III. John **Deas**, son of Alston, was already a member as was Bill **Chapman's** grandnephew.

Space is inadequate to deal with the **Johnsons**. Jack had the Mets at a luscious 8 to 5 and sent a picture of himself alongside a deer pendant. His figure is scarcely impaired from that of Kaydet days. But that is nothing compared to the activities of Florence. She is the moving spirit and instructress of a large Yoga group in San Miguel de Allende. Pictures of her in the local paper show her in positions incredible for our age bracket. What a gal and what a job for Jack to try to keep up!

Froggy **Reed**, at 75 still playing squash though no longer in competition, has been written-up in glowing terms because of his great contributions to camellia culture. Also he has won all sorts of awards with his flowers, and has now set his sights on exhibiting in London. In another area, he has been elected to the 747 First Flighters, and by now has gone to Hawaii along with 361 other members to celebrate. The greatest since Bernard McFadden!

As of the date this was written, Happy New Year!

JUN '18

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It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of 2 of our classmates, Red **Alexander** and Puss **Catte**.

Red passed away on 16 Sept. 69 at the Naval Hospital at Charleston from cerebral thrombosis. He was buried in the family plot at the Presbyterian Cemetery at Charlotte, N.C. Puss **Catte** died on 28 Sept. 68 at St. Elizabeth's in D.C., and his widow, Beatrice, died on 13 Aug. 69. Our deepest sympathy goes to son Joseph who lives at St. Cloud, Fla.

Growley **Gruhn** handled Red and Puss' obits as well as Jawn **Mesick's**. Your scribe wrote Wayne **Wells'**, which should be in the Spring issue, and completed Bitt **Barth's** which is in the hands of ASSEMBLY. To those of you who do not have 201's in the class files—PLEASE—prepare one and send it along. It's a tough job writing a memorial out of thin air.

There have been many holiday greetings to the Class and with them many comments as to activities in 69. Inez **Adcock**, Agnes **Bell**, Grace **Corpening**, Claudia **Hanley**, Helen and Robbie **Newman**, Jo **Rice**, Marian **Ross** and Fran **Sturgis** Walsh all sent greetings.

The **Axelsons** have moved again, just around the corner to get an apartment with a view. Son Rudy is now head of the Limited Weapons Lab at Aberdeen. Grandson Davis will graduate from VMI in May; Diane is already teaching, and Paul and Susan still at college. Scip says Joe **Zak** has had a long seige at the Naval Hosp. at San Diego with a broken hip but had hopes of being home for Xmas with the aid of a walker.

In his Xmas greeting Bob **Bagby** said he had been feeling sorry for himself after an emergency operation on a ruptured appendix and hadn't felt good for months. But, wrote Bob, your scribe's description of his troubles and back-to-normal pop-ups made him start to feel better, and now he reports that he hasn't felt better in years.

Mary **Barth** in returning the approved memorial on Bitt, sent her greetings and deep thanks to the Class for all their sympathetic efforts in her behalf.

Laddie **Bellinger** sent advice as to how to accommodate one's activities to the loss of a finger and telling about his dad, then the QM at WP, who investigated the loss of a finger by one of his sergeants. The sergeant took him to the saw and said he could not understand how he lost the finger as he had only been so close, he gestured with another finger, pointing at the saw, and lost that one too. So, said Laddie sagely, don't show anyone how your accident occurred. As the former chairman of two national committees of the National Safety Council, your scribe promises to reread some of the transactions he wrote for the Council. But after all one accident in three-quarters of a century is not too bad.

More greetings to the Class from the **Bishops**, **Boineaus**, **Cobbs** and **Casman**. And with the "Wreath the holly, twine the bay" from the Old English carol and with the scent of the bayberry came the **Blanchards** greetings. In Nov. Eve flew to Newburgh for a weekend family reunion while Charlie stayed home playing golf and winning his Thanksgiving turkey.

Now that your scribe has reported his accident I find that others have also had them. Pat **Casey** wrote that Dorothy, while on her way to go night fishing on the dock, stepped from the brightly lighted room into the dark, missed a step and sustained a severe ankle injury. It required two different sets of casts due to the ankle being too badly swollen to set the broken bones at first. Dorothy carried on with crutches and a wheel chair, but, no more swimming, golf or fishing for some time.

Our Supe, GEN Koster, in Oct. presented the Superintendent's Plaque to Lucius **Clay** in "appreciation of outstanding service to the Academy." As you know, Lucius has been chairman of the Supe's Fund Committee since its inception in 1961. The fund is now known as the WP Fund.

Peggy **Deylitz** Sutton in her greeting spoke of her memories of the beautiful snow covered hills in New Hampshire. Her husband Bob had a tough time after surgery, but has now made a wonderful recovery and is gaining back weight.

Greetings from Julia and Squire **Foster** with the news that 1 Mar. they expect to move to Ala.—address later. After 6 months of inevitable readjustment the good Squire will again be relaxing in his rocking chair. Tells your scribe not to go skiing or do anything foolish like that.

From the **Gallaghers** comes the news of 3 weeks in Cuernavaca, Mex. Phil wrote that despite all the fancy adjectives your scribe dreams up about frosty Nov. and snowy Dec. they like the land of eternal spring—flowers blooming in mid-winter, swimming pool and a balcony overlooking green lawns. Phil admits that with their thin blood they can no longer take the cold glory of our north woods.

Frances **George** writes that her days are full, right in Concord, with her many inter-

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ests, historical and otherwise, and she enjoys her home rather than traveling about the country. No wonder, you should see the lovely home that she and Paul furnished so beautifully.

In her greetings Suzette Godson Cover spoke of her still great interest in Jun. '18 and how much she enjoys our Class letters. Having been through N.H. she feels via my descriptions that she knows our home, the woods, the birds, and the snow in winter. She keeps in touch with Class activities through Meyer **Casman** and Sylvia **Shattuck.**

From the **Grenatas** Xmas letter we learn that Arline is continuing her church and hospital work while Mike remains involved in both church and civic affairs and the American Legion, besides supervising the family farm 2½ miles from their home in Leesburg. Daughter Michaela and husband Ken McIntyre and their 6 children live in Va. and are spoiled by the fond grandparents. Daughter Rosalee and her US Forester husband Chris Comstock and son Mike live at Concrete, Wash., too far away for the grandparents to spoil Mike more than once a year, which they did last summer.

Steve and Growley **Gruhn** wrote that during the Homecoming game vs. Boston College, who had defeated Navy, the **Robinsons, Caseys, Wards** and **Gruhns** were present. At the ARMY-AF game, a plaque was presented by some organization to honor Olie **Oliphant** on his selection to the 100-year football team. A real honor to Olie and the Class of Jun. '18.

On the **Hoffmans'** greeting, Charlie made the comment that after a few hours in the duck blind that was cold enough for him—where you are—no thanks.

Lane **Holman** reports that his knee surgery gives assuring evidence of success and about Mar. will know for sure. Your scribe has always felt that adversity is good for the soul. Lane was forced to stay close to home after his surgery in Sept. and, without half trying, the enforced rest lowered his blood pressure preceptably; almost down to cadet measurements. Lane advised me to keep the monster (tractor) out of gear whenever I wander in front of the beast so that the Class letters may be kept circulating. The **Horrs** relayed the word that Lane **Holman** was recovering from his knee surgery satisfactorily enough to help them cheer the ARMY on to beat Navy.

The **Hurts** are still reliving the happy memories of our 50th Reunion, and the close harmony Jun. '18 has achieved through the years. Greetings also received from the **Hamiltons, Hudsons, Malones,** and **Richardsons.**

In greetings from the **Jadwins** your scribe received some sound advice from a good farmer who has 4 tractors to a dumb engineer with 1. Connie and Peg left in mid-Jan. for Hi. to visit son **Barry** (he commands the Polaris Sub "Nathan Hale") and 3 grandchildren. They will return 15 Mar.

Alice **Kramer's** son Bunny is now back in San Francisco IBM District, and she expects to see him more often than when he was on the road. Anne **Kreber's** greeting told us that Leo is under strict doctor's care, but he is still the sweet, gentle fellow he always was. Frances **Lewis** spent Oct. in Spain with Betty and Scotty (Hal's brother), Xmas brought daughter Dot and family for a visit to Fla. Skin diving and water skiing at the keys was on the program.

As I write, the **Lorences**, plus many others in the area, just came out of a 5 days and 5 nights plus blackout, with no power, no heat, lights, water or cooking facilities. But, we held the fort in our home in front of an open fireplace all that time—122 hours and 43 min. A most interesting experience for us and the many ski vacation visitors from throughout the U.S., many from the deep south.

The **McKee's** sent an article by Jerry Hulse clipped from the Los Angeles newspaper about 1 of our north country 19th century villages, as Jerry puts it, "Living there is like coming alive inside a Christmas card," or, as he winds up: "It's a place where people smile as they pass you on the street, and it takes an invitation to get buried in the cemetery." How true, even a black-out as we just passed through can't wipe the smile off our faces.

Via their holiday greeting the **Mileys** told of a visit to Ft. Bragg to be with their "oldest" and family, and another visit with their "youngest" and all. Andy **Moore** told of a 3-weeks visit from Marian Jr. who came down from N.Y. to be with him while he had a cataract operation. The neighbors called her a polar bear because she went swimming even during one of their cold spells. There's a true north country girl for you—northern N.Y. state —PW Smith's old town.

The **Mussils'** greeting contained much fine thought on the bonds of unity and good fellowship which have held Jun. '18 together as 1, these many years. They spent the holidays driving down the Pan-Am highway thru' Mex. and the Central American countries, with Xmas week in Guatamala City viewing the holiday fiestas and then on southeastward toward Panama.

Sara **Neilson** wrote that Murray had suffered a severe heart attack on Thanksgiving but was home for Xmas and making good steady progress. Quiet for 2 more months will be Murray's most difficult order. Son Bob will be going to college next fall. The **Nixon's** son Henry goes to France for Jan. as part of his academic work. Tom and Aimee are reasonably well. Greetings also came in from the **Offleys.**

The **Rundells** returned to Fla. from Walla Walla, Wash., on the doctor's advice that Earle should live in a milder climate. They now live at 121 The Pendleton, 1224 S. Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32018. Strange are the coincidents of life because this is the same apartment the **Axelsons** lived in last year and loved it, but Norma's health made it necessary for them to return to Calif. Bee wrote that Earle demurred at the Dr's. advice and told him they had been put to considerable expense shipping their things out west. The Dr's. answer to that was that they had stopped putting pockets in shrouds years ago.

The **Robinsons** are both well and stayed close to home during the fall and winter.

Sylvia **Shattuck** in summarizing the past year spoke again of her wonderful photographic safari in Africa and her visit in Guadaloupe with son Blanny. Football weather found her in slow motion, cold and high blood pressure, and it was time for a good rest. Blanny is now on duty in the Pentagon with DDR&E.

The PW **Smiths** are busy and well. With her 50-piece orchestra Carol spends hours with her violin—in practice, rehearsals and concerts. The cold weather has driven PW to walking the dog rather than taking daily swims in the Atlantic. On one of these occasions, carelessness in descending a seawall gave PW a nasty tumble, but the police ambulance sirened him to a hospital where they stitched his scalp together. "No important results" wrote PW.

After Jody **Tansey** had completed the 2-year cycle of surgery, 2 heart attacks, plus a broken wrist, and with Pat suffering from emphysema, the **Tansey's** are wishing all a happy 1970. And this in spite of losing her brother Heinie **Baish** and sister Nina Stone. Perhaps having to keep up with 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson is the reason. They enjoy the Class "poop sheets" as Jody expresses it, very much. Son Ted returned from VN after 4 years of combat in the Far East. Michael, the youngest, a LT USN has gone to sea for 8 months.

Tommy **Tompkins** phoned to express his and Nonie's sympathy re your scribe's abreviated left index finger. In response to the request as to gadgets to make the stump useful he suggested a cork screw and bottle opener combination. Then, as an old horse cavalryman, Tommy said he had a fantastic thought. How about a gadget for removing stones from horses' shoes since the north country still raises horses. And all this good humor in spite of his just getting back on his feet again after a 6-weeks stop-over at the hospital following a stroke. O.K. now said Tommy, and so is Nonie and we are planning to head for Fla. the end of Jan.

Greetings from the **Townsleys.** After a busy summer and fall in N.H. with almost continuous house guests, Elsie and Clarry left in Nov. for Wash. D.C. to be there for Clarry's sister's birthday. Saw Bob and Louise **Bishop** at a cocktail party. Then on to Charleston to hibernate for the winter and await the trip back to N.H.

The **Wards** gave your scribe orders not to stick his hand in the wrong place again. In Jan. they flew to Lisbon, Madeira, Spain, Italy, France and England. Back to the U.S. the middle of Mar.

Greetings from Margaret **Whitaker** who enjoys both the Class letters and the ASSEMBLY notes as they permit her to keep in touch with Jun. '18. Reg's grandson, CPT Joseph T. **Whitaker** and family came back from South Korea in Sept. and are now at Huntsville. Sarah, their daughter and Peg's great-granddaughter, was born on Hallowe'en 67.

From the snow-clad hills and cut-glass trees of N.H., Anna Mary and your scribe bid you so long till next time.

NOV '18

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Alicia **Van Voorst** has attained national prominence in the "Washington Post" of 11 Nov. 69. Headlines proclaim: "Capt. Sledd Presents . . . Mrs. Marion **Van Voorst's** WINNING RECIPE. Congratulations to: Mrs. Marion **Van Voorst** of Washington, D.C.; one of the winners in Tidewater's Herring Roe Recipe Contest! Try this delicious dish by Mrs. **Van Voorst** and you'll see for yourself. . . ."

As of this writing $2,119.52 has been collected so far for Linson College, 60 classmates contributing.

My only other commercial is to recommend to you "The River and The Rock" by LTC D. H. Palmer, Dept of Engr and Mil Art, USMA. I had 4 days in hospital recently so had the leisure, interrupted only by pills at 3-hour intervals, to read this beautifully written history of West Point from the ice age until General Thayer. It is a splendid story of the Revolutionary War. You can get it from the USMA book shop.

Those near Washington celebrated 1 Nov. with a splendid dinner at Ft. McNair, beautifully managed by Buddha Groves. Millie Stice maxed the decorations. Everyone was there—those from a considerable distance were Betty **Snow, O'Grady,** the Jack **Curtises** and **Wanamaker. Binder** telegraphed. **Chorpening** telephoned, and as many as could talked to Fred and Phil **Butler** and all the San Francisco classmates the **Butlers** could gather in

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their home for a simultaneously convened Western party. Of course it was an afternoon party out there.

Clyde **Welch** had an emergency operation in Sept. at the Ft. Jackson Hospital where the care is excellent, and he is within 10 minutes of home. After further treatment he had another operation in early Dec. We hope he is home long before you read this. **Gorman**, too, has been seriously ill and is being cared for in the Bay Pines Veteran Hospital in Fla.

Badger was cleared by Walter Reed for their winter move to Pompano Beach, Fla. But then Laura Belle got the flu. However, they got away 24 Nov. The **Barnes** got back to Washington, D.C., from their annual 3,000 mile drive to Salem, Ore.

Howie **Canan** wrote from a fishing trip in the Ozarks that George **Keyser** showed great improvement and Elsie is her usual charming self. Charlie **Colson** is home from a sojourn in Leesburg Hospital. He does not try to get out much but has enough interests to keep from being bored. Bonner and Dorothy **Fellers** say that they are a little more cautious, but in Oct. they did a 2,000 mile drive through the mid-west.

Jesse and Evie **Graham** are missed in Washington, especially at the 1 Nov. party. They are off to Fla., but after visiting their daughter at Ft. Knox and a Ga. visit they will return to Washington. Edith **Griffiths** moved into another house after daughter Nancy married in Sept. Babe **Gullatt**, after a stay at the Naval Medical Center, came home with a heart pacer. Both he and Nell seem fine. One of our busier wives is Ruth **Hastings**. For several years she has headed the Red Cross Volunteers for the Eastern U.S., a full time job.

Charlie and Edna **Hixon** must be proud. Their son Charles is on the BG list. John **Barnes** and Richard H. **Groves** have stars, also one son-in-law, Charles W. Ryder Jr. Have I missed any?

Muriel **Searby** spent 2 weeks in France where she visited her son, Frederick, and was the guest of honor at Pont-a-Mousson where Ed gave his life in Sept. 44. Lev and Bette **Yoder** had a trip to Quebec in Sept. Milt **Hatch** was in Washington visiting his son in Nov. and Dec. The Washington classmates entertained him at a special luncheon 2 Dec. There was another special lunch for Lem **Pope** 17 Dec.

Wanamaker, P. D. **Breen** and his wife Lucrece, and Heinie and Pat **Bergman** were at West Point for the Homecoming football game. Dad **Miller**, in his 76th year, is still an active pediatrician. He and Louise celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary 15 Apr. 70. The **Colwells**, **Breens** and **Coolidges** attended the AF game at West Point. The John **Fonvielles** were in San Antonio in Dec.—both are fine. Their elder son is studying for a Ph.D at U. of Tex.; the younger one is in the Navy. The **Freeman's** son, back from VN, is at Hickham Field.

The **Knudsen's** daughter is back in San Antonio. Her husband is Chairman of Surgery at Santa Rosa Hospital. Their other daughter will live in San Antonio while her Jet Pilot husband, LTC David H. Leavitt, AC, spends a year in VN. Young Cris is still with Esso. Harry **Krieger's** doctor has told him that he can outlive his father, who reached 100. Alex **MacKenzie's** news is all about his grandchildren. Bonnie **Symington** is Asst Prof of French at Tex. U. Sherry graduated from Cal. U. last spring and is still there pursuing her Master's degree. Jules **Piland** and family are adjusting to San Antonio.

Mike **Quinn** writes that Frances has a bad foot so he has put an elevator in his house. They had quite a celebration on their 50th anniversary. **Quinn's** son Tom is at Hill AFB. They hope to have him home for Christmas. Their daughter, Patricia, 4 youngsters and her husband (with Douglas Aircraft) are at Garden Grove, Calif.; Jeanne and Mike, with 12 youngsters, are at Columbus, O.; Mary Ellen is at Schilling Manor, a development to house military families of people overseas where her husband, MAJ Jerry McKain is Commander; Jim is practicing orthopedic surgery in Dayton, O.; Dick, a Major of Armor, is G-2, at the Marine Amphibian base at Da Nang; and Patti and her family are still living at White Sands.

Percy **Banister** writes from Prescott, Ariz. He enjoys the mile high climate and enjoys long walks in Prescott National Forest. His brother lives there, too. **Bixby** told Gerry **O'Rouark** of Fred **Butler's** 1 Nov. party. Gerry then joined the party by telephone. The **O'Rouarks** attended a 55th reunion of their high school and had a wonderful time. 76% of the class survive—100% of the girls!

Charlie **Bathurst**, replying to an inquiry from Bill **Blair**, states that he is not the Charles **Bathurst** in the History of Freemasonry as Grandmaster in York in 1726. Charlie's ancestor came to these colonies in 1683.

John **Buchanan** wrote in Sept. that he was to have major surgery at Letterman. Cornie and Helen **Hahn** are wintering in Tex. in their trailer. One of their sons occupies the house at Boulder while attending the U. there.

Art **Pulsifer** wrote to me on 25 Nov. of his last year's trip and also of one of 9,000 miles he plans for the future. They will drive first to San Antonio and then through the west to the Pacific Northwest. I hope they look up all you westerners on the way and report. Art also writes, "Please advise **Peckham** that I think I was the 2d one in the Class to be married in the Chapel 1 Nov. 18. I think Mike **Odor** was first. We married within an hour of graduation and are still married and still happy with the results. It is now 51 years, plus." The girl you all know, Marie R. Sayre. Good Boy, Art!

Fred **Stevens** Jr. ('52) is back from VN for duty in Washington. Helen **Williamson** spent Christmas in Switzerland with her daughter, Alice, and family. The Jack **Winns**, after touring the Northwest last year, are planning to tour the Northeast this summer. The Mike **Jenkins** are having all of their progency for the Christmas holidays.

The Bob **Schows** have almost severed the last tie with Va. I understand that they have sold the last 800 acres in Highland County. But son, Skipper, who has just finished Leavenworth, is now in the Space Division of the Pentagon, so maybe Bob and Tiny may visit Washington occasionally. They survived the Hurricane Season in Fla.

MAJ John **Stokes** Jr. will leave on 27 Dec. for his 2d tour in VN. **Riani** reports: "In the early 20's I was on ROTC duty in Iowa City, where **Shrader's** family operated a pharmacy. I do not recall a widow appearing there after his death and do not believe he left one." **Cambre** had a hernia operation on 21 Oct. He reports all okay now and that they have moved. New address 21357 Meteor Drive, Cupertino, Calif.

Pete **Goerz** reports: "We are getting along as well as can be expected with the years coming along seemingly faster than ever. My heart condition and glaucoma are fairly well under control." Vinita's health is much better. They are going to Houston for Christmas with the grandchildren.

Pinkie and Isobel **Lock** report they are in good health and leading a quiet life. Their grandsons visited them last summer. The **Morrisons** drove to Fla. to see Charlie's very ill sister. En route they visited relatives and friends. In Bradenton, Fla., they spent a couple of days with Dave and Ruth **Taylor**, saw Hatch, who is much improved in health, visited with Winette **Stansbury**, now living in St. Petersburg, Fla. In Houston they saw the **Cockes**; and in Scottsdale they visited with **Bathurst** who is feeling better although still in oxygen, but getting exercise on a stationary bike. Ruth won a large turkey in a golf tournament and had to call in the grandchildren to eat it. The Al **Millers** will have both boys and their families for Christmas and plan to try to make Scottsdale to spend New Year's day with Charlie **Bathurst**.

Necrology: John **Dietrick** died 31 Jul.; Tubby **Snow** died 31 Aug.; Ben **Chadwick** died 19 Sept.; Camilla **Bennett** died 24 Sept.; Mark **Rhoads** died 18 Oct.; Bill **Miller** died 25 Nov.; Dave **Ogden** died 26 Nov.

'19

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Plans for the Class memorial gift to USMA are nearly completed. It will consist of a memorial grove on the small ridge line running down to the parking lot in front of the Cadet Chapel. In the grove there will be a large block of granite, roughly triangular in shape, with inscriptions on the three faces, in turn, of The Corps, Alma Mater, and The Cadet Prayer. The block will be surrounded by benches and suitably landscaped. The Memorial Committee, of which Buddy **Ferenbaugh** is chairman, is confident that the project will be a worthy addition to West Point of which all of us should be proud. Its cost has not yet been determined, and it may be necessary to seek supplemental contributions from the Class.

A revised Class roster, with addresses corrected to Nov., was mailed by Al **Wedemeyer** and should have reached each classmate and Class widow by 1 Dec. If one was not received, notify your Scribe. It is planned to issue a report of changes hereafter, not a complete roster, about 1 Dec. each year. Our 50-Year Book indicates that 40 of our classmates have served at some time in a position in government, national, state, or local, not including teachers, from member of a state legislature to member of a county advisory committee. It indicates, too, that we have 4 great-grandfathers, with Joe **Phelps** having reached that distinction in 1962. If Ralph **Bassett**, Dean **Luce**, or Lofty **Snodgrass** claims an earlier date, he should notify your Scribe; otherwise, Joe holds first place. Jack **Whitelaw** is expecting to join that group.

Tony and Helen **McAuliffe** attended the 25th anniversary commemoration of the defense of Bastogne, Belgium. They flew to Brussels on 27 Sept., and were luncheon guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Eisenhower. The next day, after lunch with King Baudoin and Queen Fabiola, they drove to Bastogne, where, according to an account in the Brussels newspaper, "La Soir," "The principal ceremony took place in the afternoon at the Mardassan Memorial in the presence of the King, and of the hero of the Battle of the Bulge, the American General **McAuliffe**. At 1500 the general and his wife arrived at the monument. They were greeted with a tremendous ovation by the crowd of about 50,000." Tony at a later reception made a speech in French. In "McAuliffe Square," among the monuments and relics of the battle, there is a handsome bust of Tony in

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bronze on a marble pedestal. The **McAuliffes** attended a formal dinner the following evening at the American Embassy. Tony also appeared in Newsweek's "Where Are They Now?" of 22 Dec. On an earlier trip, without Tony, Helen and their 2 children, Jack and Patricia, traveled in the British Isles. While dining in an English restaurant, Helen topped off the meal with a piece of pie which did not measure up to her standards; at the same time, she overheard the American-accented conversation of a couple seated at a table behind her, and they, too, were not satisfied with their pie. Conversation between Helen and the couple developed, and they were mutually surprised to learn their identity. The couple were Al and Mary Moore, of San Jose, Calif.

Al **Gruenther** also visited Ambassador and Mrs. Eisenhower as he attended some of the celebrations of the Battle of the Bulge. Nonie **Morgan** (Al's widow) sent Bob **Crichlow** a photograph showing some of the damage that her house suffered from hurricane Camille. She had evacuated her home, and returned after the storm to find that a large tree had fallen on the roof, creating leaks which caused much damage to furniture and floor; and the yard was a shambles.

Jitney **Mickle** wrote that Whiffer **Van de Graaff** was elected to the U. of Alabama Football Hall of Fame. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition. Jitney missed the Reunion because of ill health, but says he is now much better. Jack and Alex **Raaen's** son, John Jr., was the first Class son to graduate from West Point. He has been promoted to BG, with station in VN, and is thought to be the first Class son to reach that grade. Chic **Noble** wrote that Wini **Hoffman's** son Tom is commanding a brigade in VN, and son Dick is in Washington expecting his Eagles. The San Antonio West Point Society met in Dec. with **Collier, Gard, Noble,** and **Springer** with their wives, and Gladys **Foss,** Wini **Hoffman,** and Babs **McNair** in attendance. Hank **Meyer** has been a patient in the West Point hospital, but at last report was doing well. Count **Wilson** is recovering from his cateract operation, and has signed up for a lush 3-week air cruise of S. America in Jan.

News from Ike **Lawrence** is that Lil and Toots **Frederick** gave an ARMY-Navy Game party in their new apartment in Largo, Fla.; guests, besides the **Lawrences,** were the **McLeans, O'Connors, Pierces, Winns,** and Alex **Raaen.** Dave and Margie **McLean** also gave a dinner party at their home in Clearwater, with the **Fredericks, Lawrences, Zimmermans,** and Alex **Raaen** as guests. Ike also reported that Bill **Kean** is recovering nicely from hip surgery, and Harris and Gretchen **Scherer** have purchased a lot on Siesta Key, Sarasota, where they are building a home. Meanwhile the **Scherers** are back in Washington for a few months. The **Lawrences** planned to spend Christmas with their daughter and family in Fort Lauderdale. It is reported that Rooney and Gertrude **Taylor** plan to winter in Fla.

Gus **Broberg** reports that he and Bobbie spent a weekend of golf in Navy country on Coronado Island last fall. He also commented on other classmates of Southern Calif. It appears that Joe **Holly** is the only Army general at La Jolla in the midst of 252 Navy and Marine Flag Officers. He is still doing 5 miles up the beach every morning; Carlene recently had a setback, but is now much better. John **Denny** is retired from his job as Assistant City Attorney of Los Angeles. His family has achieved notable academic laurels. Son Jack received his baccalaureate degree at Stanford and his Ph.D. at Berkeley; he is now a professor at the U. of Ariz. and has just been selected to determine qualifications for candidates for a Ph.D. Daughter Joan is married to a distinguished scientist, Dr. James C. Bliss of Stanford Research Institute. John's late wife, Miriam, graduated from Vassar in 1919. Ralph and Mary **Bassett** have a big organ on which Ralph plays classical music. Lynn **Marlow** is planning to visit Africa in Feb., leaving Fred behind to play golf. He recently suffered two broken ribs when a car hit his Cadillac broadside. Pop **Riley** says that he is retiring from the U. of Wash., but will continue as a real estate consultant on a part-time basis.

Ham and Viv **Hamilton** did a lot of traveling with their Airstream mobile home. From El Paso they toured through Mex. as far as Acapulco, then to West Point for the 50th Reunion, and on to N. Eng. From Me. to Nova Scotia, through Quebec, Montreal, and back to El Paso. They drove over 17,000 miles. Bunker and Jeanne **Bean** also did some traveling from their Indianapolis home. Their son, LTC Dick, is on duty at the Pentagon, and their daughter, Bettye Jean, and her husband, Robert Young, just promoted to MG, are stationed at Red Stone Arsenal. Besides visiting those families, the **Beans** stopped at Duke U. for a Finance School reunion, visited Carlisle Barracks, and attended the Navy Game, where they saw Fuzzy **Fasnacht.**

The Washington group had a Sunday brunch at an Arlington country club 7 Dec. Elton and Georgina **Hammond** made the arrangements, and it was a happy party. Those who attended were Emmy **Allan,** Stu **Barden** and his son-in-law Gerald Johnson, the **Booths, Brannons, Burnells,** Betty **Cole,** the **Cranstons, Crichlows, Ferenbaughs,** Les **Flory,** the **Hammonds** with their daughter Georgina and her husband, Mitford Mathews, and daughter Dianne and husband, Peter Wick, the **Hopkins, Joneses,** Rosa **Kerr,** Doc **Martin,** the **McAuliffes, McGinleys,** Jack **Murphy,** the **Odells,** Kitty **Olson,** the **Ovenshines, Phelpses, Rexes, Scherers, Starrs,** and **Wedemeyers.** Ham **Young** and Miss Margaret Mary Salmon announced their marriage on 19 Dec. Our congratulations and best wishes to them. They will live in Washington.

'20

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Duke **Samouce** furnishes the following account of a ceremony in honor of a classmate of whom we all are justifiably proud. "Tommy **White** was honored last October 19th with a memorial window in the Washington, D.C., Cathedral. The inspiring services were attended by Tommy's widow, Connie, of Washington, D.C.; his daughter, Mrs. William Mitchell Jr. of Berryville, Va.; his sister, Mrs. Clifford E. Conry and her husband of Springfield, Ill., and a large number of friends.

"The eulogy was given by The Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre Jr. Dean of the Cathedral. He dwelt upon the sincerity of Tommy's faith in dedicated service to the Nation and called him truly God's soldier.

"The window may be viewed again after next November when this portion of the Cathedral will be completed. It is of striking Biblical design containing sweeping arcs resembling flight patterns. It was fashioned in startling luminous colors by the eminent English artist, Patrick Reyntiens. Across its base is the inscription—IN MEMORY OF • • THOMAS DRESSER WHITE • • THE MEN OF THE AIR FORCE."

Duke and Elton **Samouce** were among those attending this impressive ceremony. It was reported at length in the "Springfield, Ill. Sun," along with an account of the highlights of Thomas Dresser **White's** career. Springfield was his home town.

News of another classmate whose name will be well remembered comes from Margaret **Horn,** our Tyree's widow, in a note to Charles **Holle** thanking him for a reported visit to Tyree's grave. To quote: "You may wonder why I do not have flowers on the grave at times. I have established a Student Loan Fund in Tyree's name and keep adding to that instead of ordering flowers. Already it has helped 5 young people, 3 in college and 2 in graduate work. I think Tyree would approve."

Herb **Reuter's** father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reuter of Abilene, Kan., aged 101 and 94 respectively, recently celebrated their 73d wedding anniversary. Herb reports: "They live alone, are self-supporting, and active in Church affairs." And some of us, as our 50th reunion approaches, and for a few the 50th wedding anniversary in the near offing, are rumored to consider ourselves ancient.

Chesty **Haswell** reports an extensive and interesting motor trip about Europe last summer and fall. He and Eulamay, by rented car from Germany, visited Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia as well as Western countries. Highlights were the Iron Curtain countries, the Basque country and the Pyrenees, the wine country about Bordeaux where Chesty developed the ambition to become a qualified wine taster, and Vienna. There he had the honor of being received at Hofburg Palace by COL Louis Podhajsky and his charming lady, and the opportunity to meet officers of the Spanish Riding School and a tour of the Lippizan Stud Farm at Piber, Austria. As Chesty remarked, "Quite an experience for an old foot-soldier."

Your scribe and wife Julia recently drove through Munich and Bad Toelz en route to Garmisch. Chesty was brought to mind as it was in this area in 1945 that our last meeting occurred while he was Dpty SigO of the Third Army. We had a delightful 3 weeks in England, under the aegis of LTC J.D. Jr., USMA '49, on duty in London.

Rip **Brady** and Polly are wintering in Tucson. Rip was hoping to see the **Langevins** as well as any classmates who might be passing through that region. He, as are all other correspondents, is looking forward to the Reunion next May.

Johnny **Moreland** reports all quiet down on Mobile Bay. He sees Dinty **Moore** infrequently and says that Dinty hasn't been too well. Johnny told of his son, COL Harry Moreland, commissioned through the aviation cadet program in 1944, a command pilot with 330 combat missions, succeeding to command of the 366th FtrWg in VN.

George **Rehm** attended the dedication of the MacArthur Memorial at West Point last fall and reminds us that Red **Blaik** and John **McNulty** were on the Memorial Committee. Other classmates attending the ceremony were **Bessell, Byers, Farrell** and **McDonald.**

Clovis and Marie **Byers** attended homecoming festivities along with the **Bessells, Fisher,** the **Hasbroucks,** the E.C. **Johnstons, Lanahan, Lemnitzer, McDonald, Sturman,** and **Tully.** Clovis reports further: "Mildred **Hayden** permitted Marie and me to act as her agents in her donation to USMA of 3 very ancient and historic books, 2 18th century duelling pistols and a Navy Colt revolver. The books and the duelling pistols will be dis-

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played in the Library, and the Navy Colt revolver will be in the Museum."

Lem **Lemnitzer** saw Bill **Bessell** and A.G. **Sand** at the Navy game—all pleased with the results. Jack **Goff** saw **Bare**, Bill **Bartlett**, and **Wahl** at the ARMY-Oregon game.

Dorothy **Harris** gave the West Point Library a copy of Von Steuben's Drill Regulations which Freddie had owned.

Not all news can be good news. We are saddened by the death on 23 Nov. 69, of COL Russell Owen Smith at MacDill AFB Hospital. Russ had suffered from emphysema for many years and had been hospitalized a few weeks before he died. Frank **Henning**, who furnished this information, is a neighbor of the Smiths in Sarasota where Russ moved about 10 years ago. Russ' widow Eloise L., is a sister of Frankie Morse. His son, Russell M., ex'53 USMA, lives in Sarasota. Graveside services were held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The honorary pallbearers included O.R. **Johnston**, M. **Pierson**, **Singer**, J.H. **Walker**, **Whitehead**, E.T. **Williams**, and **Withers** of 1920 and General William H. Simpson, USMA '09, Russ's WW II boss. Frankie and Fran **Morse** attended with the immediate family. Eloise is back in her home at 617 Siesta Drive, Sarasota.

Wilmer **Merritt** has been in Ft. Monroe Hospital following severe strokes. Martha hoped to have him at home for a few hours on Christmas Day.

Harold **Miller's** recent trip to Japan was interrupted by his illness. Lois **Higgins** writes that Higgie's difficulty is still under control. Frank **Roberts** was in Walter Reed Hospital for a few weeks in the fall following a heart attack. At Christmas he was home and improved and looking forward to the 50th.

Bee **Holder** had several stays in the hospital this past fall. She is hopeful now that an emergency operation has preserved the sight in one eye. Bill and Bee are looking forward to our Reunion. Joe **Dillon** landed in Bethesda Naval Hospital for a few weeks last Oct. with ticker trouble. I'm happy to report that he was at the Dec. Class luncheon looking fit.

Terry **Tully** and Mrs. Josephine McLachlen of Washington were married last Oct. Both had lost their former mates some years previously. We wish them much happiness. Gloomy and Lou **Hasbrouck** were to seek a place in the sun in southern Europe after the holidays.

And we boys way down in Old Va. are basking in a foot or more of snow as these notes are written.

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It is most unfortunate to have to start this report with some sad news. Bob **Pierce** passed away on 3 Oct., George **Taylor** on 3 Dec. and CPT James C. Woods, USAF, USMA '59 son of Freddie and Carol **Woods** 19 Oct. To their widows and kin, on behalf of the Class, I wish to extend to them our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

The sad news of Bob **Pierce** came after the last Class notes were submitted, but through Charlie **Branham** we managed to get a short piece in the winter edition of this magazine. Bob had suffered a long time with emphysema. The last few months of his life he suffered so badly that death came as a blessing. The following is a excerpt from a letter that Burt **Pierce** sent to Charlie **Branham**: "The beautiful spray of Chrysanthemums with the West Point colors from the Class of '22, I particularly noticed. It was very thoughtful of you to send me the black, gold, and gray colors also the pennant with Class '22. Please thank the Class for me. Bob was proud to have been a member of that Class." Spider **Mudgett** accompanied Bob's body from El Paso to West Point for burial. The Army furnished a C47 for the trip. Spider reports the service at the grave site was most impressive, and the burial spot is one of the best in the cemetery.

Sully **Sullivan** wrote me on 4 Dec. that George **Taylor** had passed away the previous day. We all know that George suffered considerably during the past several years as a result of a series of massive strokes. Murphy wrote me, "His final years, in spite of his disintegration, found him understandably unhappy at what was happening to him, and this must have hurt him deeply—to think that this had to be his reward for his outstanding combat leadership." George was a gentleman, a soldier, a leader, and a credit to the highest ideals of West Point. We have lost one of the "Greats" of our Class. George's body was cremated and burial will be at West Point some time in the Spring.

Carol **Woods** sent me a news clipping about her son James who was killed in VN on 19 Oct. when a new VO 10 Bronco observation plane he was piloting crashed at the Bien Hoa Air Base after being struck by enemy fire. James is survived by his widow, June, and two children. He was buried at West Point.

Orval and Ninna **Cook** spent the month of Sept. in Europe. They rented a "bug" in Vienna and visited parts of Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Portugal. The thing that intrigued them most were the dirty, smelly, dishevelled American hippies spreading American "culture" especially in Italy and Spain. Looks like the hippies have left Europe and are now congregating in Florida.

The Jordan **Bassetts** came through Jacksonville on their trip south in mid-Dec. I would not have known it except I received a post card from them to that effect mailed from Crystal River. Next time please stop in. By the way, has anybody seen or heard from "**Clark** of the Army"? He promised to write me last Aug., but I have not received anything, not even a post card. I remember the time when you could "ask them up and down Broadway, they all know Eddie **Clark**".

Those **Andersons** get around. In early Oct. they headed up in Wisconsin for the "Color Tour" and visited some relatives. Then the next month they took off for South America on a 3-week trip, going to Panama, down the west coast then across the continent to the east coast and up north from there. They arrived home just in time to repack their bags for their winter sojourn in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

We have a new addition to the Sunshine State. The Okie **O'Connells** left "the wind and the ice and the snow" (quote from Pat **McGrath's** 100th Night song) and bought a home in Boca Raton, Fla. Without doing a lot of research I believe it is safe to say that more classmates live in Boca Raton than in any other city (except Washington area), **Crary**, **Kyle**, **O'Connell** and **Tyler**.

Johnny and Helen **Johnson** entertained the **Crarys** and **O'Connells** at dinner to welcome them to the sunny clime. Nothing is more enjoyable than going from New York to Chicago by way of Los Angeles. But that is what the Slater **Millers** do when they travel. This time they plan to go from Honolulu to Carmel, Calif., by way of South America. Oh well what's a few thousand miles more or less.

Bob **Murphy** sent me a news clipping from the 11 Nov. edition of the "New York Times." The article stated that Max **Taylor** is writing his memoirs. The book is tentatively titled "A Soldier's Journey." Max is quoted as saying, "Principally, the book will be about the lessons I've learned from some of my assignments. It will be more of a personal story than a formal autobiography with foot notes and all." This will be Max's third book. His others are "Uncertain Trumpet" and "Responsibility and Response." "A Soldier's Journey" should be a best seller, at any rate a "must" volume for all Orioles.

I received a nice long letter from Bob **Raynsford**. Bob writes that he spends part of his time at the home he built 20 years ago at St. Fargeau, France, and part of the time at a home he built 8 years ago on the Island of Oleron. He says that the climate at the latter place compares favorably with Fla. during May thru Oct. Then for the past 4 years the **Raynsfords** have spent the months of Dec. through May with their married daughter at Hampden, Mass., and plan to do the same this year. Bob expects that they will get over to West Point and visit with the **Branhams**. He says that the **Branhams** are the only classmates that he has seen in the past 10 or 15 years. Well Bob, you better start thinking about our 50th Reunion, you will see them all then.

For a short time I lost Jim **McDavid**, but a reply to my letter to Ollie **Hughes** put me back in the ball park. The **McDavids** moved from Columbia, S.C., to Montgomery, Ala. In reply to my Christmas card to Jim he called me on the phone one night before Christmas, and we had a very pleasant conversation. Jim told me he is blind and that his good wife has to read and write for him. We are indeed sorry to learn this, but we hope this will not keep Jim and his wife from West Point come June 1972.

The Bob **Taylors** write that they were pleased to have had Granger and Lucile **Anderson** and Ed and Bea **Lynch** join them for a few hours last June. The visit was short, but they covered a lot of Class "doings."

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a nice letter from Helen **McGrath**. She writes that her son Bud Jr. is the manager of the New York Office of a steel company and resides in Darien, Conn. He has 3 children. Fenny married an Englishman, a scientist, and they live in La Jolla, Calif. They have 4 children. So between the 2 children, 7 grandchildren and a yearly trip to London and Portugal she feels like she spends most of her time in an airplane.

"P D" Lynch keeps busy at the U. of Tex. The **Lynches** are planning on spending the Christmas Holidays at Denver—provided the weather permits, otherwise they head south to to Brownsville, Tex.—the Miami of Tex.

Harry **Albert** sent me a picture magazine of the "Life of General Eisenhower." This truly confirms the saying that "A picture is worth a thousand words." This magazine is exceptionally well done. In his transmittal note Harry stated that "Since I've last seen you, Isabel and I have been around the world, and trying to learn how to take it easier." This makes the 3d pair of Orioles that have circumnavigated the globe. How about a little detail of the trip, Harry?

Frank **Greene** writes about the tremendous changes that have taken place at West Point, accompanied by traffic conjestion that is out of this world. Just imagine, the part of South Barracks that was being built when we were cadets has been razed. Information has come to me that it is planned to develop Constitution Island for recreational purposes. Flirtation Walk has been taken over by the visitors. The cadets no longer have the privacy we had to entertain our friends and relations. They propose to operate a ferry boat to the

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island (and, I guess, walk over on the ice in the winter). The Class Memorial should be a big help for us "Old" grads to find our way around West Point during our 50th.

Bob **Murphy** spent a hectic summer up Mass. way. He took a 6-week course to complete the requirements for the renewal of his Fla. teaching certificate. But he did find time to take a 5-day cruise on a 4-Masted Whaling Schooner from Mystic, Conn., to Nantucket Island. It was a most enjoyable trip. Pat **Wardlaw**, his son and grandson, attended the ARMY-Oregon game at Eugene, Ore. ARMY tied the heavily favored Ore. team due mainly to the **Wardlaw's** yelling. Pat complained that with all his seniority in the A.A.A. he had seats on the 15 yard line.

Bill **Kyle** recommends that the book to read is "The Bitter Woods" by John Eisenhower. The book covers, among others, the Battle of the Bulge. Bill writes that Max **Taylor** had an important assignment, but he did not know that Gus **Nelson** was one of the key defenders and a great commander. In connection with this battle, Max **Taylor** was at the **Kyle's** apartment for a hurried get-together cocktail party with classmates when he was called to be told that his division was in a bad fix. Max left immediately and what happened from then on is history.

The **Crarys** are enjoying their new home in Boca Raton, Fla. Frank and Clare are getting their exercise swimming in their pool which they hope will keep them in good health. I did not know it before, but Frank and Okie **O'Connell** married sisters which partly explains why the **O'Connells** followed the **Crarys** to Boca Raton.

I received many letters of congratulations and thanks for the address list I sent out on 20 Oct. I am sorry there are so many errors. Some-day-I-will-take-a-week-off and get out an addenda to correct the errors and show the changes of address of several classmates.

The Daddy of the Class, Bob **McClenaghan** writes, "Well the old cogger is just able to get around, not a wheel chair case yet. Going blind, but while there is life there is hope." I haven't seen Bob in a good many years, but I would like to make a book that he will get to be the oldest living grad. (Not to be facetious, but Bob has only a few years to go to attain that honor). The **McClenaghans** raised a basketball team, five sons. Bob is a LTC in VN, Bill a professor of political science at Ore. State, Jack is comptroller for a concern in Portland, Ore.; Don, Finance Department, Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, Wash., and Dick with Allied Chemical in Phila.

The contract for our class memorial has been executed and work has begun, in fact as of 14 Nov. 2 payments have been made. The base is complete, except for the paneling, the terrain has progressed to the 70-foot elevation, and the first building, the Washington Hall complex, is complete. As of this writing (29 Dec. 69) the fund stands as follows: Cash Received—$5,435.00; Pledges—525.00; Total—$5,960.00. I had hoped that at this writing I would be able to report that the fund was over-the-top. My last report stated that there were 13 still to hear from. This number has now dwindled down to 3.

P.S. After completing this report but before mailing it I received word from Pat **Wardlaw** that "Chief" **Freeman** died on 16 Dec. 69. Pat had received a letter from Mary Paul **Freeman** stating that the "Chief" had been striken with what was thought to be phlebitis but later found to be cancer of the stomach and liver. This all started in early Sept. He was in and out of the hospital several times. He returned to the hospital on 13 Dec. and had a stroke almost immediately. The "Chief" is survived by his wife and two children. To them we extend our deep sympathy. Burial was at Hartselle, Ala.

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Football, golf, and Christmas were the subjects most frequently mentioned by classmates from and about whom I heard since the last ASSEMBLY. As you will see, travels, aches and pains, and children are also high on our interests.

In football the AF and Navy games were of course the highlights. Though the result of the AF game was not to their liking, **Dwyer**, Caroline **Leone**, the Bruce **Kings**, the **Manrosses**, **Scheetz**, the **Tredennicks**, the **Weikerts** and the **Wilders** seemed to have a good day at West Point.

Harry **Scheetz'** unhappiness over the score was augmented on his way home. While stopped at a traffic light near Ringold, N. J., his car was hit and made a total loss but Harry was not! However, he has had to make a series of visits to the hospital to take care of the bumps, shakes, and shocks he got in the accident. Since the gas tank was punctured but did not explode, Harry feels he had some luck. He is making a slow but steady recovery from the experience.

The Navy Game was something different. The day was delightful and the results very satisfactory to our representatives at the game, who were: the **Biddles**, the **Carrolls**, **Dwyer**, the **Grombachs**, the **Hallocks**, the J. C. **Kings**, the **Morses**, **Scheetz**, with a drag, the **Tredennicks**, and the **Tullys**. The **Biddles'** enjoyment of the game was heightened by the fact that they were flown to and from the event by the escort of one of their daughters who accompanied them. **Scheetz** provided pictures and comments on both games with an assist from **Biddle** on the Navy Game comments.

1923: At the Air Force Game.

1923: L. to R., front row, Miss Sue Miller, Miss Virginia Wilder, Mrs. Frank Wilder.

1923: Betty and Freddy Manross.

CLASS AFFAIRS. We had a Class luncheon here on 19 Nov. with some 17 present including **Early** and **Sweany** from Baltimore. We confirmed Wendell **Johnson's** program for the 47½ Reunion. It includes an informal get-together on Fri. evening, dedication of the Swimming Plaque and a dinner on Sat. on the weekend of the Baylor game, 18-20 Sept. Johnny has succeeded in reserving 30 rooms for 2 nights at the Thayer. You will get the details in a special bulletin which may be in your hands before you see these notes.

The request for help to locate our "address unknown" classmate brought an offer of support from **Grombach**. Remember that R. **Stone** is working on this and send him any dope you may have. We had one faint lead from the wife of a graduate of another class.

There has been only one new response to our call for help on memorial articles. Please look over the USMA Register. If you can be of help on any of the names after which there is not an "Ob" notation, let me hear from you. We are particularly anxious for help in the case of those classmates lost in a combat zone.

Our next Class luncheon after you are likely to see these notes will be the 3d Wed. in Apr. Present plans call for a coed party on an as yet undecided date in May. In Mar. we will meet with the local West Point Society on Founders Day.

TAPS. J. C. **Carter** died on 20 Nov. at Spring Valley, Calif. Deke **Stone** notified us promptly and helped Edna **Carter** write the obituary notice for the "Armed Forces Journal." He and Louise attended the memorial mass, and Jim **Short** paid his respects at the mortuary chapel. Fritz has written a letter to the family on behalf of the Class. In view of the short time between Jim's death and the funeral, the Class made a donation to the Association of Graduates Endowment Fund in lieu of sending flowers.

Gene **Ridings** died on 26 Nov. in San Francisco. **Harmony** arranged for flowers on behalf of the Class and sent us word promptly. Together with 11 other classmates he attended the services at the Golden Gate cemetery where Vera **Ridings** is buried. Gene and his son shared an apartment in San Francisco. Gene Jr. found his father dead when he returned for breakfast after doing a night watchman job for a friend whose apartment was vacant. Gene had played golf 2 days before he died.

Fritz and we of the Executive Committee appreciate the prompt notification and help we were given in these unhappy events. It included telephone information from the daughter of Godwin **Ordway**, '25 and ex'23.

The pleasure derived from our Christmas cards was dulled by the news that Babs **Webber** had died late in Nov. and that the **Webber** Christmas poem would not appear. We all understand and share in Ken's great loss and hope he will resume the Christmas poem next year with perhaps some help from the squeaker.

PERSONAL BUT NOT CONFIDENTIAL. Fritz **Breidster** has asked me to extend to each of you his best wishes for a good 1970 including joining him at the 47½ Re-

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1923: At the Air Force Game.

1923: L. to R., front row, Bruce King, Caroline Leone, Nell King.

1923: Dwyer and Tredennick.

union. Dorothy and I thank you for the warm congratulations in so many of your Christmas cards. I appreciate the nice things said about this column and the tid-bits many of you enclosed.

In reporting the personal notes I usually try to show separately what I gathered from letters, Christmas cards, conversations, and from letters sent to others. This time that promised to be so complicated that I have not been as precise on that point as I would like to be. My credit lines may not, therefore, be as complete as they should be. Keep in mind that these notes were completed in early Jan.

Gjelsteen writes that he had a young man's ailment—a burst appendix—in the Fall. By Christmas he was home but still confined to the side lines. Ruth Ann, who is teaching French in the dependent's school in Frankfurt came home to see Einar while he was sick. She is hoping to have her half-sister, Mary Elizabeth, spend some time with her in Germany. In spite of Einar's handicaps the **Gjelsteens** found time to remodel and to acquire a house and to move! No report on Andy's progress on the trumpet.

The George **Buells** interspersed an ocean trip to Bermuda between trailering to Mex. and N. C. and an Avion Rally in Fla. They also found time to have the house overhauled, host friends and relatives, and establish an Audubon Society Chapter at Ocala, Fla.

The **Endertons** looking young and gay in the picture on their Christmas letter report a honeymoon trip to Western Canada after their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Herb has completed his 555-page book on the geneology of the Bronsons (Remember he is Herbert Bronson **Enderton**). His book is completely homemade as to writing, reproducing, and binding. They are now piping a trip to Europe.

The **Peseks** also travelled north to Victoria, B.C. Mark, a county engineer, returned to struggle with a master sewer plan, Harriette to referee the gold fish-raccoon feud at their home, and both are awaiting the birth of Johnny and Barbara's first child. **Duke Albrecht** says he is still working a little, "not too hard," and playing a lot of golf, "not too hot."

The **Pierces** spent Christmas with son Dick's family in Atlanta. They plan to visit Bill and his family in Germany this summer with a side trip to Switzerland for their wedding anniversary and to come back in time for the 47½ Reunion.

1923: At the Navy Game.

1923: Frenchy and Olga Grombach.

1923: Helen and Jim Carroll.

Virginia **Post** has recovered fully enough from the injuries resulting from a fall to permit her to visit Ed Jr. and his family at Leavenworth for Christmas. Virginia and Ed were stationed at Leavenworth when their daughter met the man who later became her husband.

The **Workmans'** daughter, Ann, is married to an industrial psychologist and has travelled abroad extensively with him. After a recent trip to Scandinavia she visited the Workmans in Atlanta. Their son, John, has a battalion at Stuttgart.

Bill **Grove** has given up his job with a Lychee Growers Assoc. but is still running the UGF Campaign in his area. Betty has had to do lots of travelling to visit her daughter, "Shug" Pence, who was badly injured when a horse jumped a corral fence and landed on the windshield of their car, and to see her son "Punk" in Lincoln, Ill., where he is teaching math in a Junior college.

The **Fowlers** really seem busier than the traditional one-armed paper hanger. Both are still active in church work. In addition, Dave is in a drama club and a men's chorus, takes part in track meets and is a jogger. Esther is a garden-clubber and keeps up a vigorous exercise program. They say they are no longer dependent on the drugs and pills so many of us come to depend upon to keep us feeling the way we think we ought to feel. They too travelled to the north going as far as Wash. State this summer. Their daughter is still here in Washington, D. C.

The **Weikerts** entertained two cadets from the Netherlands as their part in helping to house foreigners during the International Air Cadet Program this summer. Later they had a visit from a retired Dutch AF officer, father of one of the cadets, and from the sister of another. In the Fall they made a short stop here on a trip that included the AF Game.

Aida **Bowen** has played in duplicate bridge tournaments in Mex., Atlanta and all over Fla. this year. She says Jim is in fair health and keeps busy gardening, cooking, and caring for his cat. One of their sons is at Ft. Ord, the other at the Pentagon.

Bill **Lucas** had a heart attack in Mar. followed by another in Apr. He spent 63 days in the Naval Hospital in Charleston and says he cannot praise the outstanding service in that hospital too highly. He told a doctor, who

1923: At the Navy Game.

1923: Madelein and Bill Biddle with daughter and escort behind them.

1923: Frances and J.C. King

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was giving him a dose of a powerful painkiller, that he knew Heaven was his home but that he was not home-sick yet. He lost 35 pounds during the recovery but thinks there should be an easier way to do that.

Clyde **Rich** passed thru Washington in Dec. in the course of a business/pleasure trip to the U.S. from Madrid where he is connected with a hydraulic lift firm. He wants you all to know that his phone number there is 279-6535, because phone books are usually out-of-date or otherwise unreliable in much of Europe. For correspondence purposes the APO address in our list is the most reliable. I told Clyde I had had a card from the **Guevaras** who are in Spain in the course of a trip currently planned to last about 6 months and take them around the world. They had just discovered that Clyde was in the U. S. He plans to get in touch with them when he gets back to his CP.

Wendell **Johnson** passed on the following. **Neal** wrote that the big surf in Hawaii this year missed their side of the Island. He added that Rita had a successful minor operation in the summer, but is now able to resume work with her school. Ralph retired as Civil Defense Director after beating some hostile political machinations. He now keeps in shape by gardening and jogging. H.J.P. **Harding** wrote that his son died in May after a long illness. H.J. was planning to spend Christmas with his daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. The O.P. **Newmans** saw the Navy Game on TV with a large group of Navy files at Annapolis where his sister lives. They are considering a trip to the West Coast this summer. Ray **Foster** is getting a big kick out of rounding up good candidates for West Point in central Fla. He is working on this with **Weikert, Merchant** and **Curry.** **Grener** had to drop out due to illness. Roy met **Chambers** and **Gettys** during a recent work-shop on the subject at Tampa.

Peg **Gruver** has moved to the Rossmoor Leisure World where **Salsman** and W.G. **Johnson** are already in residence. She has resumed portrait painting and recently completed one she was commissioned to do for a member of one of the prominent families of the U.S. With Mrs. W. R. **Winslow** she is one of two successful portrait painters in the '23 family.

Speaking of Rossmoor reminds me that **Johnson** is teaching Spanish and heading up the FISH organization there. The latter has nothing to do with the piscatorial arts or sciences but is an organization which operates a neighborhood service one can call upon for help in an emergency. You may have read about it in "Readers Digest" or elsewhere. From participants and from people who have made use of its services, I gather it is both a satisfying and useful avocation. Johnny can give you the dope if you want to organize one.

The **Timbermans** are on a trip to visit their son who is in the State Department on duty in VN. They will visit friends in Calif., Hi. and Hong Kong before meeting young Tim at Bangkok. At about the same time Meta **Beckley** will be in Thailand visiting young Stu and his family.

Harmony reports the following doings of the characters in or near his Bay Area platoon. **Fitzmaurice** recovered quickly from a cataract operation. He could sit up and watch TV though he had a patch over one eye a few days after the operation. At the **Pitzer's** luncheon for the **Buckleys, Endertons, Garrechts** and **Harmonys,** Buckley was late because, though retired, he is still doing volunteer teaching. He did get there in time to get in on the reminiscence BS particularly that about **Pitzer's** airplane smashing when he was trying to fly. Loreina **Price** is recovering from a broken arm she sustained in a recent fall. The **Gurleys** have left the Walnut Creek area and settled in Hi. The **Mergens** live so far in the hinterland near the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation that the local forest ranger is the most reliable communication link with them. Shim **Reid's** adverse comments on **Harmony's** bridge recorded in ASSEMBLY, drew the rejoinder that it was no worse than, and in fact caused by, Shim's weird and provincial bidding. In the course of taking care of his granddaughter, Jazz developed a one-pin diaper operation which Marion and Sally forced him to abandon for the more conventional two-pin job.

1923: At the Navy Game.

1923: Edith and Birney Morse.

1923: Scheetz

1923: Dr. Amelia Gallo, Scheetz' Drag.

Craigie forwarded a copy of a letter from a former **Congressman** to his sister. The following **extracts struck** Bill and me as funny: "I have learned with much pride and pleasure that you are in charge of a program for the production of chamber music. While all are familiar with violin music, piano music, etc. the idea of chamber music had never occurred to me. Can imagine the sound as resonant if those unique and useful vessels are wisely chosen."

The **Hallocks** visited their daughter here in the course of a trip which included taking in the Navy Game. Bob has now retired a 2d time. He was an active rider while the FA was still largely horse-drawn and looked just as fit as when I saw him dominating a flock of heavy artillery in WW II in Italy. In the course of our talk I learned that Bob climbed an Alp on graduation leave!

From Harry **Scheetz** I learned that Phil Sears is feeling a bit better, that the **Dwyers** are planning to move into an apartment in Apr., and that the **Manrosses** made a trip in the Canadian Rockies under a chief guide whose father had guided the Oatram Expedition there in 1902.

Grombach has completed arrangements for the publication of his 1972 Olympic Guide in English and German. These will be the 19th and 20th editions of his book. It has had some 51 printings in several languages since it first appeared in 1955. He expects to broadcast daily on radio from Munich for the UPI as he did from Rome, Tokyo, and Mexico City.

Stodter recovered in time from an illness to perform his role in the wedding of his daughter, Susan Shan, to Wm. D. Platt III in Nov. Caroline **Leone** visited her son at Leavenworth for the Thanksgiving holidays. **Biddle** has taken a full time job as a riding instructor here in Washington. It is reported that he has had to revise established terminology for certain parts of the human anatomy when there are ladies in his class.

Sydney Smith, Budge **Smith's** widow, visited Washington in the late fall. She tells me "Dear Belle," the book based on letters written by Tully McCrea 1862 while he was a cadet and during and after the Civil War, is still selling well. McCrea's daughter was the wife of Tschappat '96 who wrote the Ordnance text we used as cadets. You've missed a good book if you have not read "Dear Belle." Sydney has continued their interest in the restoration of the Sackets Harbor Battle area and the history of the region. She already has a fund of fascinating stories at her command and is busy learning more about the area. Most of you are aware that Colonel Elisha Camp, her great-grandfather, was an officer in the War of 1812. She still lives in his home built about 1815. She and Budge have kept the home and the many memorabilia it contains in fine shape. When she spoke about General Jacob Brown, prominent in the War of 1812, I recalled that Emily **Leaf** was one of his descendents. I am hoping that they will get together and perhaps add something to our knowledge of this interesting phase of U. S. Military history. If you are a War of 1812 buff, you too, may be of help.

SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT. I recently had a letter from John Sampson, COL USA Ret., Utah '24 who was an instructor at USMA and later at Fort Sill while I was. During a visit to USMA where his son now teaches Spanish, Sammy gave the AOG biographic information on Thomas G. **Martin** ex'23. They were close friends and classmates at Utah. After graduation, **Martin** went into the oil business spending much time

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overseas. He later concentrated on well drilling equipment business and did very well. During WW II Tom won an award for his work in training military personnel in the restoration of oil wells and equipment destroyed by the Japanese in the areas in which he had worked early in his job with Shell. Tom died in 1965. His widow's address appears below. Right after I got the letter from Sammy I mentioned it at a party given by the Lee **Shafers**. You guessed it! **Shafer** and Jim **Fry** were **Martin's** roommates until he was found at the end of Plebe year. They have written to his widow.

I recently had a letter asking if I could provide the address of Bill **Castner's** widow. The writer was working on a biography of Bill's father. He was one of our tough fighting GENs in WW I. Bill used to show me letters his old man wrote. They were informative and in colorful language with 4-letter words used when they were appropriate and particularly meaningful rather than just for the sake of dirt and an infantile bravado as the self-appointed intellectuals use them now. I know that Bill's first wife was Lady Jane Raby (Sp?) who was at Vassar when we were cadets. I do not know her address nor the name and address of his second wife. If you can help, please let me know.

ADDRESSES. We plan to publish a revised address list before too long. In the meantime here are some changes recently sent us. **Buckley**, COL Michael Jr. (Eleanor) 54 S. Circle Dr., Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060; **Gjelsteen**, MG Einar B. (Genevieve), 1800 N Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95814; **Gruver**, Mrs. Earl S. (Peg), 3615 Gleneagles Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20906; **Guevara**, LTC Santiago G. (Carmen), 4525 Albemarle St., NW, Washington, D. C. 20016; **Gurley**, LTC Franklin K. (Charlotte), 1717 Ala Wai Apt 1802, Honolulu, Hi. 96816; **Higgins**, Mrs. Charles C. (Peggy), 1064 Emerson Road, Park Hills, Covington, Ky. 41011; **Martin**, Mrs. Thomas G. (Bernardine), 3452 Elm Ave. #201, Long Beach, Calif. 90807; **McInerney**, COL James G. (Rose), 8675 Midland Parkway, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432.

A PERSONAL NOTE. W. B. **Tully** responded to my lament about a Class Miniature. Our problem is now solved, and Dorothy and I are grateful.

'24

Brig. Gen. Monro MacCloskey
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It is with great sadness that we report the following deaths: Clarence E. **Rothgeb** died at the Army Hospital at Sandia Base, N.Mex., on 11 Sept. and was buried with military honors in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Laura Virginia (Mrs. Clarence K.) **Darling** died on 4 Nov. Graveside services were held on 6 Nov. at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cordelia P. (Mrs. Gerald J.) **Sullivan** died on 15 Nov. Graveside services were held on 18 Nov. at Arlington National Cemetery. Maxwell W. **Tracy** died on 12 Dec. at the Roanoke Community Hospital after an extended illness. Services and interment in the West Point Cemetery were attended by many classmates. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

The Annual Meeting of the Class was held at the A-N Club in Washington on 18 Oct. Officers elected for FY 1969-70 are: president, James E. **Moore**; 1st vice-president, Herbert D. **Vogel**; 2d vice-president, John I. **Hincke**; secretary-treasurer, Monro **MacCloskey**. The following committees (chairman named first) were appointed by the new president to act during the fiscal year; Ways & Means—**Glasgow, Evans, Erskine**; Entertainment—**Elmore, Pape, Reynolds**; Personal Service—**John, Davis, Dewey**; Correspondence—**MacCloskey, Graling, Royce**; Contact—**MacCloskey, Graling, Royce**; 50th Year Reunion Project—**Beurket, Vogel, Anding.**

The cocktail party and buffet dinner were attended by 74 classmates, wives, widows, and guests, including 20 from out of town.

Ray **Beurket** reports that as of 30 Nov. he had received cash contributions for the Class Memorial Project from 111 classmates, ex-1924's and widows of classmates, and has sent a total of $6,685 to the Military Academy. In addition pledges of $3,100 over the next 4 years have been promised, and several classmates have contributed shares of stock, the value of which has not yet been determined. Work has already been begun on the project—the remodeling of a reception room in the Cadet Chapel—which will cost something over $18,000; so the sooner we have the entire amount, the better.

Walter and Beth **French** have a great-granddaughter, born on 14 Aug. Walter is feeling fine and hopes to attend the dedication of the Memorial in '74. Charlie and Daisy **Royce**, who stopped in Biloxi to see Martin **Hass** on their way back from Mex., sent us a letter from him describing the disasterous effects of hurricane "Camille." Martin was one of the few who suffered no injury or damage.

Pete **Shunk** wrote us that Jim and Eleanor **McGraw** have sold their home of 20 years in El Paso and bought a 30-foot house trailer and prime mover; and that Harry **Stadler**, who has been seriously incapacitated for the past 11 years, has moved from Del Rio to a nursing home in El Paso.

Pete and Bobbie **Lee's** son Bob ('46, COL R. V. Jr.) returned from VN on 17 Aug., and with their daughter Jennifer they held a week-long family celebration in Williamsburg with Bob and his wife.

The Peyton **McLambs** have forsaken the lovely house they built some years ago and are living in an apartment in Ramsey, N. J. While driving down alone to our Annual Meeting, Peyton was in a very bad accident which completely demolished his Buick, but he was able to walk away from it and arrived somewhat "shook up" and with a few stitches in his scalp. Bill **Renn** scheduled his visit to the West Coast to coincide with the ARMY-Oregon game on 8 Nov., and was pleased to run into the Sandy **Goodmans** there.

Paul and Harriet **Nelson** plan to be back East over the holidays visiting their son, Paul B. Jr., '45, who is director of advertising for North American Philips Co., in New York, and their grandson, Paul B. III, who got an appointment to West Point, Class of '72, but went to Dartmouth instead.

The **Polsgroves** took a long automobile trip in Sept., pretty well covering the West and Southwest. In Poly's own words, "It takes some kind of a nut to drive 9,200 miles in 5 weeks."

Bob **Cullen** reported that the Alamo chapter of the Herd had its fall dinner party at the Ft. Sam Houston Club on 25 Sept. Present were the **Boatners, Cullens, Eyerlys**, Bradfords, **Traywicks, Wrockloffs, Ives, Massaros, Stokes, Kessingers**, Wilsons (from Houston), Chick **Darling**, Mary **Bicher**, Winnie **Ramsey**, Hannah **Hawkins**, Helena **Liebel**, and Karla **Burrill**. Benny **Leonard** was on a space available trip to Europe to see his oldest son, and **McHugh** didn't make the dinner because of a little throat trouble. Col. Harriet **Wells** (Lucien's widow) is the Chief Nurse at Fourth Army Hq. and will retire shortly.

A letter from one Denis J. **Mulligan** filed a complaint with your "Honorable Secretary" against the statements made by Sandy **Goodman** in his opus, which is reported in full in our Winter Bulletin.

Pete **Hains** took a Pentathlon Team of Juniors and Seniors to Budapest in Sept. who placed well against stiff competition, though not winning. Pete says that life behind the Iron Curtain was just like it was in Moscow in 1961.

Stub and Mildred **Stubblebine** visited with their youngest son and his family in Oct. Craig is a professor at Claremont Men's College and Graduate School. The **Stubblebines** are delighted with their new home in Tampa and meet with the **Pences, Rodiecks**, and **Bertsches** several times a week on the beach. The Les **Skinners'** arrival will increase the clan to 7 within a 6-mile radius.

George **Pence** adds that the Clearwater Herd also includes the Em **Cummings**, Jesse **Wells**, and Fish **Salmons**, and that they have been getting together.

Corinne **Outcalt** has been visiting in Washington with her daughter Ann Saint whose husband is on his second tour in VN. Corinne will return to Carmel after the holidays. They came to our Annual Meeting, also George and Kay (Corinne's sister) Vaughn. A note from George **Lightcap** says he enjoyed his recent North Cape cruise on the **Kungsholm** and seeing Lorraine **Claybrook** Gants aboard. George is a really fine bridge player with many Master Points to his credit in Duplicate.

Susie **Smythe** received a warm letter of thanks from GEN "Westy" Westmoreland for giving George's papers to the Army. They are in the USMA Library. Ken **Decker** came East last summer not only to attend our Reunion but also to select a new home nearer to West Point than the West Coast. He visited with Mugger and Maud **Ives** and Joe and Nugie **Massaro** in San Antonio, but after all his travels decided Tacoma was still the best.

Bill **Sexton's** oil paintings have been exhibited in the Fairfax County Library, and there is a continuous rotating exhibit of them in the Alexandria Branch of the First Virginia Bank. He thinks his two best are portraits of Gen. George C. Marshall (in the Marshall Museum and Library at Lexington, Va.), and of LTG Leonard D. Heaton, former Surgeon General of the Army.

Jim **Stowell** wrote, "Have been following ARMY football with interest; the AF Academy is intriguing as well. BEAT Navy!" So we did. 27 to 0, wow!

Among Class football fans attending the ARMY-Notre Dame game were the **Frank Kreidels**, Mark **Smiths**, Charlie **Stevensons**, Steve **Ackermans**, Bill **Halligans**, and **Smith**, J. G. The **Smiths** were also at the ARMY-Air Force game where they saw Red **Mead** and John **Hill**, each with a grandson, the **Coughlins, Polsgroves**, and the **Eddlemans** who were in the Supe's box. The **Palmers**, Charlie, Jean, and young Charles, were also there. So far we've heard that the **Palmers**, Dave **Erskine**, Van **Pape**, and Bruce **Bidwell** were at the Navy game. Charlie remarked that the seats normally occupied by our Class seemed to be filled with young people—or do some of us just look young?

Les and Peggy **Skinner** made a 7,000-mile drive to Sacramento and back to see their son

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and his family prior to his departure for a 2d tour in VN. He is an LTC, CE. Les and Peggy are moving to Fla. in Jan.

The Harry Van Wyks moved from San Mateo to Pebble Beach in time to attend a local Class wing-ding in Monterey. The Earl Scotts are now living in Chevy Chase. Mabel has been in poor health all summer but is feeling better now. Scotty, however, may have to have an eye operation.

Ramona Schmidt has moved to Garden City, N. Y., from Arlington, Va. Frank Lazarus wrote that he has been at 303 E. 57th St., N. Y. C., for the past 3 years. He is in business under his own name, real estate sales and leasing.

The Jerry Reids sold their 5-acre tract in the country and have moved into town in Spearfish, S. D. They spend a lot of time vacationing in their 22-foot trailer. They visited their son Loren and his family at Ft. Sill at Thanksgiving before his departure for a 2d tour in VN.

Zero and Betty Wilson's son Joe, LTC '53, was due back from VN in Sept. Zero wrote, "It has been a long year for his gray-haired and bald parents." Johnnie and Mildred Johnson are enjoying a "quiet life in the sun and fun capital of the world." Their son, William L. Jr., is the Miami area engineer for the Florida Power & Light Co.

The Robert Foley Smith's son, John Dexter, LTC '52, recently received his 2d Bronze Star for meritorious service against hostile forces in VN. He is XO for the 25th Inf Div's Support Com. Ben and Evelyn Mesick have been in Singapore since last July with the International Executive Service Corps. Ben is evaluating all the many projects for training skilled workers and technicians for the metal engineering industries.

Tom and Gwen Malin visited with the Stebbins in Palo Alto recently to celebrate their 43d and 45th wedding anniversaries. At the Memorial Day Class reunion meeting at Newburgh, Art Grimm was stricken with severe abdominal pain which required his hospitalization at West Point over night. He watched ARMY defeat Navy at baseball the next day, but on his return to Syracuse that evening was rushed to the hospital for an emergency gall bladder operation, and has just recently resumed his normal activities.

Dan Hundley wrote that J. G. Moore was hospitalized for 2 months last summer. He had an operation on his knee which became infected, but is getting around now with walking aids. Although he is pleased about losing 35 pounds, he is complaining at the need for new clothes.

Ralph Glasgow spent 2 weeks in Walter Reed in Sept. for a foot operation to correct a condition that began during his football days at the Academy. With great strength of character and a strict diet, he now weighs under 200 for the first time in years. Pete Peterson had an emergency operation at the Ft. Belvoir Hospital for a ruptured appendix in Oct. and was on the critical list for a few days. He is fine now but says that is losing 10 pounds the hard way.

Hash Vogel had a heart attack early in Nov. that put him in Walter Reed, but he was released in time for Thanksgiving at home. Doing fine now. Gus (James A.) Watson suffered a slight stroke this fall which hospitalized him for a few weeks but has completely recovered and is as active as ever.

Loomis and Nancy Booth are back in their apartment in Washington for the holidays. They report that building a house in Spain is no easier than in the U.S.A., and has the usual delays and frustrations.

Ed Ebersole, who is a charter member of the National Football Hall of Fame, was invited and played in their last 2 golf tournaments in Las Vegas, the only Army man competing.

After a lapse of many years, we have heard from Jack Hitchings. He and Rosanna have 1 son and 2 grandsons. They have been living in Tarragona, Spain, for the past 5 years, and since his retirement he has "been actively engaged in working with the patriotic societies trying to save the Country from the gradual surrender to socialism." They find life in Spain delightful and economical.

Karl Woltersdorf, having retired from the utility business after 41 years, and as president and general manager of a small investment company for 2¾ years, has now begun a 3d career with General Computer Services, Inc.

Duke Arnold had a slight stroke in Aug. but there was fortunately no paralysis. He says his arthritis is getting him down, however. Logan Berry is still working in the administration of Nova U. In his free time he and Betty play golf or enjoy the beach. He wrote that Bennie Bennett, who lives nearby, is an avid golfer and "burns up the links 3 times a week."

On 2 Nov. Mrs. Jane Cannon Curtin and Charles T. (Buck) Lanham were married. They are living in Chevy Chase. Margaret Harrison Craig, daughter of the Malin Craigs, was married in Washington on 29 Nov. to Mr. John Wyville Sheehy Jr. They will live in San Francisco.

'25

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Plans well formulated for our 45th in June and the final warning scheduled out in Jan. The regular D.C. area crowd present at our Nov. luncheon with exceptions of Don Bailey (absent because of illness of Amy) and Robertson in Chicago, Bruce Clarke at West Point on a seminar on Generalship. Bruce visited the library where Mr. Weiss reported greater interest than ever in our Class Globe.

Van Brunt had a couple of serious sessions in the Ft. Meade hospital but rallied in time to make the ARMY-Navy Game in person (as per usual). The Clelands wintering in Madrid where they took up temporary residence about 6 months ago. Colby Myers wrote that he tried to reach us by phone when here in Oct. but no answer—we must have been out trying to shore up business.

Surprised and happy to announce the marriage of Bee Holland to George Helmick (son of GEN Eli Helmick the one time IG). They were old friends of some 40 years and are taking up residence in Hi. Martha and Ed McLaughlin still enjoying their suburban life near Jacksonville, Ala. You will be proud to know that our Class Godson, Bruce C. Jr., reached the top rung on the GS ladder (#18) surpassing nearly every one of the '25 senior citizens in annual salary.

From time to time we have heard of aged parents (or grandparents) approaching the century mark but Mildred Smith is well ahead with report of visiting her father in Cornwall on his 103rd birthday. This gentleman still very alert, interested in everything and everybody. The Smith sons: Carl at Ft. Carson, Colo., Bob at Coronado Naval Base, and Wayne Jr. in Hi. (Mildred visited there in Apr.).

Betty and Hank Westphalinger now firmly entrenched in Chicago after having made 4 moves in less than 5 years. Betty had to give up some of her voluntary hospital work because of a right eye operation but now recovering (the standard glaucoma eye-drop treatment continues). Hank is chairman of Rotary Club Public Relations and is a speechmaker also. Both bowl, and Hank golfs. He had 2 weeks in Shannon and Dublin, Ireland, on business while Betty visited Boston, N.Y., and D.C.

Enjoyed hearing from Nora and Russ Finn—Diz Barnes reports seeing their daughter here around the big secret place occasionally. Bee and Count Cavelli thrilled over arrival of first grandchild, parents still at Kincheloe AFB, Mich. Daughter, Nora, a junior at Boston U. The senior Cavellis enjoyed a fascinating two weeks last Feb. at Gambor, C.Z., which included a fishing trip to the Perlos Islands.

Pop Harrold off to Panama again for the holidays with daughter Sally and family. Says he keeps healthy, out of trouble, and is looking forward to a 5th grandchild soon. Alice and Dave Tulley holding up for the winter in Aspen. We encountered Alice in one of the stores at the Beach (July) but Dave not present—we rather expect that Dave is still carrying enough flesh to last him through until Spring.

Enjoyed hearing from Sally and Charlie Parker (several of our '25 girls have mentioned being with Sally from time to time out there). Kay (W) Burns reports two additions to their already copious families. Son Bill and family still at the sub-base in Charleston, S.C., son Peter homing from Korea, son Jeff on 2d tour in VN, son Ken (whom we have seen) here in the Pentagon, and son Ben a H.S. senior. In the other section: Don Burns Jr. out of the Army and in Harvard Law School, daughter Rosemary (and family) in Md. Kay's mother (84) still active as ever and has criss-crossed the U.S. several times this year although temporarily grounded with a broken wing.

Rosaline and Mitch Giddens now happily located in Denver after their many good years in Trinidad, Colo. Maurice and Pep Peploe expecting daughter Betty and family down for the holidays. Jack is at the USAWC. Peg and Sheik Grayeb very proud of their three grandchildren here, and we were so sorry to miss them Thanksgiving weekend. We met our Carol and Bob in the Quaker City for the A-N Game then to the N.J. "ice-box" lake district for a few days. You fair weather people note that we built a beautiful snowman for our 2 little granddaughters on 1 Dec.

Johnie Haskell finally reported in with a nice letter. Seems Paulette and he luxuriated on a 5-month cruise on the France from Cherbourg via the French West Indies to N.Y.C. Then a great motor trip (a la McManus) some 9,000 miles here. Starting at Boston—to N.Y.C., the Smokies, Florida, Dallas, L.A., S.F., Seattle. Then the Can-Pac RR via Vancouver to Montreal. Then back to home-base in Brussels.

Aggie and Porter Kidwell settled in San Antonio 1 Oct., but Aggie to the hospital on the 27th (ticker trouble) now home recuperating. They have seen the Peploes, Bradfords, Mrs. Bigelow, and Grace Larter. Sue Heacock well adjusted and apparently enjoying the San Antonio life.

We encountered a gentleman over from London who knew the Toms quite well and verified all reports received. Seems Ray attempted an air hitch-hike to June week from the Mildenhall AB, but a bad accident re the purloined plane (this in our newspapers) cancelled out the proposed passage. In July

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their youngest son hospitalized for 3 months with a fractured femur and still limping. Ray and son David to Majorca in Sept. and daughter, Ray-Liz, to Yugoslavia. Agnes having big dental trouble. Ray-Liz (now 21) in last year of Harrow College of Art. All enjoyed perfect TV reception of the A-N Game. They appreciated a telephone call from Ernie **Holmes** when passing through on a scheduled tour.

Pat **Henn** at the local club for the Big Game and sat at the '25 table. Of course all had a great time—why not at 27-0! Dell **Hall** had a very interesting and happy European tour last summer and is now taking music at their City College. Says everyone studies hard but all enjoy the course immensely.

Dottie **Pheris** had a great year—starting in Jan. on the **New Amsterdam** for a Caribbean cruise with 15 Va. friends. Then the Richmond Eye Hospital from which she emerged (after cataract operation) with a pair of contact lenses. In May visiting in Detroit. The young **Pheris** finally resigned from the regular Navy but now flies with the Naval Reserve. Last month to Bermuda with friends to a plush Kennel Club Show. To Conn. for Thanksgiving then Tex. and the King Ranch where offspring now assistant to one of the K. Ranch VP's.

The **Bradfords** happy to have son Bill back after some 94 missions and one of the Navy's most enthusiastic pilots. They expect him to be at the Leemore Naval Station (40 mi. from Fresno, Calif.) until Spring, then back to the Far East. They had the **Peploes** and Porter **Kidwell** for dinner (Aggie in the hospital at the time). Reported young **Canham** ('51), son of our Chuck, gave an illustrated talk on the "W.P. Expansion" at the W.P. Society of So. Tex. dinner 12 Dec. We are still trying to digest the detailed literature re a Wedgewood portrait medallion of Sylvanus Thayer sent by Mrs. **Renfro**. The **Cannon's** son now in D.C. and we expect him at one of our luncheons.

The Dick **Clark's** logged some 6,000 miles last season just roaming leisurely around the far West and enjoying quiet spots and fishing. While the **Clelands** doubtless have established all time motor records in O/S travel, we cite the **Gardners** (and the **McManuses** previously reported) for Western Hemisphere records. Audray and Duke piled up some 20,000 miles in 68, 17,000 in 69 and are planning on Mexico and Guatemala before the racing season in 70 then British Columbia in the Fall. They (quote): Happiness is staying home during July and Aug. when the crowds are touring.

Sorry to report the passing of Roland **Browne** in Aug.

LTC Harry **Crandall** Jr. present at our Dec. luncheon. Bill **Ritchie** on a goose hunt, **Cabell** in the S.W., **Cole** at the dentist, **Bailey** at NASA but good attendance never-the-less. Our Jan. luncheon on the 8th following the Quarterly West Point Society Luncheon 6 Jan.

The American Express office in Sacremento has arranged (via American Airlines and Greyhound bus) for a 7-day round trip from the West Coast to West Point for June week, 26 May-1 June inclusive. Details direct to you in 1st Q. notes mailed individually. Again —truly sorry for the errors (and late changes) in our last address list. Please post the changes in the list mailed this Fall.

Toots and Frank **Steer** had a nice visit with Dorothy and Link **Linkswiler** while the L's were in Hi. They report excellent family health (now) that Bobbi had major surgery (6-pound non-malignant tumor removed). She missed 5 weeks of school but now almost caught up and fully recovered. Doveline at Okla. State U. and Twylla-Dawn, with her Teacher's Certificate now working as a Public Relations Director. Frank maintaining weight at 175, and both Toots and he active Aloha workers.

Carolyn (P) Christiansen's Christmas letter arrived too late for us to brief by 1 Jan. mailing to the ASSEMBLY but will follow in 1st Q. notes. They had a full house on Thanksgiving to include **great**-grandchildren. Dwight **Harvey** had 2 weeks in Calif. visiting their eldest, while Elsie visited Doris Ellen and family in Albany, Ga. Elsie has been troubled with poor health for some time but always manages to rally.

Ralph **Sears** finally retired as "customers man" decided the hours and the commuting time a bit wearisome after so many years. Evelyn reports that their daughter Nancy and husband were to have dinner with the Jack **Birds** in Lawton (they are back at Ft. Sill from Stuttgart). Son, Bo and family in Baltimore, where grandson, Tom, in kindergarten but (they hope) military career oriented!

Jean **Miller** writes that she has moved near her daughter and three grandchildren who live in Irving, Tex. The regular holiday greeting from Bill **Wright** who never puts on a current return address.

After writing a distress letter to **Farwick**, he came back with one of the nicest replies we have ever received from a classmate. Bachelor Gus has enjoyed the wide world of sports for longer than a normal lifetime—says he hasn't missed a Homecoming or an ARMY-Navy football (or baseball) game in the past 10 years! A very regular at West Point throughout the seasons, and he can drive from his home to the Academy without either a stoplight or a crossroad from the time he hits the tollway (only 6 miles from his pad) until he picks up Highway 17 leading from the N.Y. Thruway into Newburgh.

'26

Maj. Gen. Francis L. Ankenbrandt
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Now that the WINTER deadline of 3 Jan. is upon us, I find myself with the usual last-minute scramble to get my notes in shape and put down in some sort of logical order—if possible! Connie and I arrived here in Naples, Fla., earlier than usual (15 Nov.) and fairly well settled in by Thanksgiving to the local routine of golf (still louzy), swimming in the gulf (great), gardening (not too boring), and social rounds (lots of fun); and renewing the many new friendships we have made over the last several years down here. More and more of them have made this area their year-round homes, and are extolling the advantages and pleasures of so doing.

We did have a good 6 months in Villanova, although it seems that we were away on trips as much as we were there! One of the highlights was an 8-day cruise with friends on their yacht off the Me. coast, from Portland up to Mount Desert Isle and back—some 400 miles of as rugged and beautiful a coastline as any in the world, and something I had never experienced before. We went in and out of many of the bays, rivers, inlets etc., going ashore when the mood hit us, and anchoring overnite in delightful out-of-the-way spots.

1926: Left to right: Matthias, Mills, and McFarland.

Another highlight was a motor trip to the Middle West, with a long weekend in Columbus, Ohio, as the focus, when we saw Ohio State slaughter Michigan State in the big stadium (our friends were Ohio State people, so that worked fine!). We also got to see family and friends in Indianapolis, Mt. Carmel, Ill., (my old hometown) and Minneapolis on that trip. . . . A trip to Washington for a Class Officer meeting, staying with Admiral and Carlene **Sims**, in the course of which we caught up with a number of classmates and families who live there. You will all hear about the meeting in due course, in a report being concocted by President **Sims**. Suffice to say, one of the main topics of discussion was the 45th Reunion during **June Week, 1971**, plans for which are well underway and sound great. Everyone be sure and put this item on your MUST calendar! Apparently, the Thayer Hotel will be the center of Class activity, and everything will be done to minimize transport and other logistic problems.

Finally, we made 3 games at West Point this fall, including Homecoming and the AF games, and it was a lot of fun to catch up with quite a few of you guys and gals—especially at the Supe's Reception and Dinner Dance at Homecoming night. Our Class had 2 tables, with the Jimmie **Burwells** being the ones that came from the furthest (San Antonio); others included the **Heidners**, **Bayers**, Rod **Smith** and his brand new bride Kathy, **Cordermans**, **Heibergs**, **Collinses**, and the **Anks**.—After the AFA game, we dropped in on the Red **Reeders** over at Home Plate in Garrison, and caught up on a lot of news, such as the big Normandy Landing celebration, kids, baseball, etc, etc. Well, enough of our activities, and on to more important news!

One of the items came to me from the mouth of the Rio Grande river (Harlingen, Tex.) in a fine Xmas card from Johnny and Muffet **Johnson**. It seems that Johnny is still "baby-sitting" the cows on their extensive property holdings down there—the result of the 10-month draught they have had. He makes 3 trips a week out to feed them, so they can't roam very far from home for the time. Johnny is reported to be still playing a fine game of golf (handicap please, Johnny? Mine is currently **27**), and has had excellent hunting, so he is very happy! They went up to spend the Thanksgiving weekend with Trooper and Polly **Doyle** at College Station, during which they saw Tex. (are they **really** #1?) slaughter A and M in that annual brawl between those big rivals. Those of you that got to the homecoming at West Point recall that A & M had a really big and fine team that beat ARMY rather convincingly. Their final news was about Nancy **Harris**, who phoned while visiting young Sammy and family in Houston, and who promised to visit Harlingen on her way back to her new home in Ariz.—not far from the Mexican border—address, 134 A, Paseo Quinto, Green Valley, Ariz. 85614. Glad to catch up with you, Nancy.

Johnny and Kay **McFarland** came thru with a fine report from the Pacific Northwest, basically as a result of the thriller ARMY played with Oregon at Eugene. Johnny sez "It was a cliff-hanger throughout, and we

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who saw it can be thankful that we escaped cardiac arrests a time or two! I think we were slightly lucky: Oregon won the statistics, but ARMY tied them anyway. ARMY refused to quit. Had the game been played in Michie Stadium before a friendlier crowd, perhaps ARMY would have scored a touchdown instead of a tieing field goal in the last minute. The din made by the Oregon fans and band was so great that our team couldn't hear the signals and that was a factor in a serious loss inside the 10 yard line. Three of us '26-ers and our wives got together after the game for some whoop-de-do: Bill and Rosie **Mills**, Norm and Charlotte **Matthias**, and the **McFarlands**. Eddie and Teddy **Watson** were also at the game apparently, but they failed to make connections with the rest of us." The snapshot herewith is of the 3 stalwarts themselves—but again, where are the ladies?! Mac is still teaching part-time at North Idaho Junior College at Coeur d'Alene and enjoying it very much. Thanks a lot for the fine report, Mac.

By the way, from a completely different source, Fred **Munson** in D.C., I find that the **Matthiases** were in that area late this summer, staying with son Norman who is with the Engr Sec of the CDC down at Ft. Belvoir, and went back west via Charleston, S.C. to visit Helen's sister and hubby (the George Honnens, '20). Freddie kept the grandchild derby alive with this item—"If anyone in addition to Ted **Wenzlaff** is still interested in this contest (including Red and Virginia **Corderman**!), the **Matthiases** now have 4 for son Norman, 4 for son Judson, 3 for daughter Betsey, and none as yet for son Peter, who is in VN and unmarried!" Freddie also sent me Ted **Wenzlaff**'s latest letter from Sutton, Nebr., describing his experiences as a Senator in the State Legislature which just adjourned. As he described it, the whole business is a great experience, and he must now decide by Mar. 70, whether or not to run for re-election. He says, "There are many factors to consider, and at this time, I really don't know what my decision will be." We are proud of you, Ted!

Spud **Murphy** again gave me news of the Bay area in San Francisco, much of it up-to-the-minute. Elsie and Freddy **Munson** were out there visiting Freddy's mother in Frisco. While there they spent some time with the Hal **Fordes** in Los Altos, catching up on all the news. He reported much Xmas travel from his area—the **Fordes** visiting daughter and son-in-law Jolleys in Philadelphia—the **Bradys** touring Los Angeles and Palm Springs—the **Nourses**, with daughter Joan, spending the holidays in Newport News, Va., with son Bob and family—the Alex **Sewells** to La. etc. Among the stay-at-homes, Bill and Louise **Hawthorne** had a delightful Xmas party, which was attended by the regular Bay Area group, and also by Beth and Ken **McNaughton**, up from Pebble Beach. Spud's big news was a brief description of the wonderful trip the **Murphys** and the **Fordes** took to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in late Nov. He said "each of those places has its special charm and interest, the trip was absolutely great, and we enjoyed every minute of it. We even took cancellation of our side trip to Tahiti in good grace—seems it was over-booked, somehow!"

Another brief item from D.C. came via Pic **Collins**, telling of the continuing monthly Class luncheons at the A-N Club on the 1st Thursday, stag only, with regular attendance around 14 or so. At the 4 Dec. luncheon, the following were there: **Barney, Collins, Connolly, deShazo, Heiberg**, L.W. **Johnson, McDaniel, Munson, Sims, Stanton, Storke** and **White**. There are now 26 families in the area, in addition to the 4 widows (Esther **Andersen**, Dottie **Carter**, Flossy **Strickler** and Eleanor **Walker**). Pic says, "Sorry there isn't any news from this area of sufficient importance to put in ASSEMBLY." Surely those 30 families must be doing something noteworthy and newsworthy—maybe like Nellie **Nelson** breaking 80 on the golf course at A-N Country! How about that, Nellie?!

A short Xmas card note from Don and Ro **Booth** in Santa Barbara, Calif., is noteworthy primarily because they have not appeared in print for some time, and it appears all is well on their front. Don is still active in business out there, and we all hope to see them in person at the 45th, if not before. Thanks for the note, Don and Ro.

A final item, some of which has been reported before, was furnished by Vald **Heiberg**, and in such fine prose as to warrant its verbatim duplication—here it is: "A couple of distinguished members of the Class who have recently retired from responsible positions in business, have not simply faded away! In an article about new products under 'Business' in the 24 Oct. issue of TIME magazine (see p-92), the following quotation was printed: 'Developing new products is a gigantic crap game,' says Boone **Gross**, former President of The Gillette Co. in Boston. 'The cost of failure—either by not getting into the game or by launching unsuccessful products—is astronomical. Yet the profits to be earned from successful new products are almost without limits.'—In a recent letter from Red Duffy in Oxford, Mich., he wrote, 'At RedBob Farms here, we are breeding thoroughbred race horses, raising them, training them on our 5/8s mile track and then racing them at various tracks locally and around the country. It is a definite business with us, which I started several years ago, anticipating a continuing and demanding activity on my retirement from the Ford Motor Co. It is a great experience, and I have never regretted that decision for one moment'." A fine report, Vald.

That is all for now—see you all in 3 months. Anky.

'27

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Although the previous ASSEMBLY featured the 69 Homecoming most adequately, this is the first opportunity to cite those of '27 lucky enough to have made it: **Bixel, Burgess, Matthews, Garland, Kuter, Perrine, Asensio, Moore**, and **Lillard**. Not all of these were gathered at any one point at any one time during the day, but unless reports err they were all there for counting purposes. (The Scribe was even lucky enough to get his beaming puss on the ASSEMBLY cover—lower right, between Lemnitzer and the Supe, almost blocking out Rodney Smith of '26.)

Gar **Davidson** visited West Point in late Oct., suffered through the game; but, otherwise, he stated that he was "most favorably impressed with what I saw." Included was an optimistic progress report on the Class Tree, standing tall between Cullum and the Bachelor Building, and appearing to him to be "in good stead." The Scribe, too, visiting at the Point for Christmas, took time out to skid through the rather heavy snow to check on that Tree. Miraculously, it seemed, the snow had not come within a foot of our Tree, so that even the bronze marker was clear and prominent. That Dec. day, confirming Gar, the Tree seemed indeed healthily indifferent to the wintry weather.

Harry **Paxson**, Corrales, N. Mex., provided a most interesting and complete description of his fine amateur radio station, WA5-WBN. On the air by radio-telephone since last June, he had in 4 months made some 300 contacts: "From Austria to the Congo; Brazil to Alaska; Iceland to Australia; Japan to Easter Island; and 47 states of the U.S." He asks a provocative question: "I wonder how many of our classmates have radio amateur licenses and are on-the-air? I'd like to contact them. Or, if there are none or only a few, perhaps I could contact amateurs in their home towns and weld our gang together via the airways." As Pax summarizes it, "Thus '27 first to become 'synthesized' by amateur radio!" Peggy and Pax are well, he advised; the 2 married daughters reside in Ala. and Ky., with the 6 grandchildren. In love with N. Mex., Pax warns that anyone contemplating a move thereto had "better hurry. Available land is going fast." He "knows of a good acre, left on the fabulous west slope of the Rio Grande—12 miles north of Albuquerque"—where all the usual supporting commissary-plus facilities exist. Stand to horse!

From Ruth and Mone **Asensio** came a brief report on young Mone, USMA '52, LTC, Inf., who returned last Mar. from VN, where he commanded a bn of the 199th Lt.Inf.Bde., and earned a SS. He is now in the Pentagon with ACSFOR. The **Asensios** visited in Calif. in June with daughter Joan and AF son-in-law Lew Norman.

Some reported changes of address should be brought to general attention: for the George **Martins**, Lido Ambassador, Apt. 102, 800 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, Fla. 33577; and for the Julian **Wests**, 5041-A Val Verde, Houston, Tex. 77027.

Oddments of news gleaned from some arriving Christmas greetings are offered herewith, as perhaps missed by some. Larry and Ethel **Kuter** seem to have had their usually traveled year: (1) to the blast-off of Apollo X; (2) to the Royal Air Force Friendship Ball in London; (3) to the Paris Air Show, to watch the big Concorde and 747 in flight, both aircraft in which Larry had been "heavily involved from their beginnings." Then on to Larry's golf at Gleneagles, Scotland, while Ethel retraced ancestors in the village of Comrie. Larry is apparently going to "retire" again this year. They have had resettling eyes on Colo. Springs, with Naples, Fla. attractive for the winters. One removal fact seems certain: as they put it, "We are sure that we will not be living in New York City."

Donnie and Dutch **Holland**, out Los Angeles way, are truly enjoying "the Golden West." Dutch, recently elected one of the Vice Commanders of the Military Order of the World Wars, looks forward to "a busy year in a great organization that is trying to do something to stem the flow of unpatriotism of the New Left." He reported seeing or hearing of our Ray **Curtis**, Joe **Felber**, Chuck **Stone**, and Chick **McNutt**.

Bob **Turner**, Blacksburg, Va., has decided "it was best to let the young take on some of the responsibilities for running the world and the Commandant's work at VPI. So now I am 100% devoted to the intricacies of basement shop, garden, and golf." Although Jans has quit her influential post at Auburn High School, Bob "hopes the time is not too distant when we can get around with more facility and can call on some of our friends."

Helen and Mac **McKinney** had an active and exciting 69. Highlights included a surprise visit of son Bud from Ak. All **McKinney** progeny seem fine. They received visits from **Burgesses, Dickersons, Aloes**, and **Greens**; saw at various times the **Webbs, Ewings, Benders, Gardners**, and Red **Day**, and visited

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the **Jordans**. The **McKinneys** even suffered a damaged car through accident in Tenn., but fortunately they escaped injury. As usual, Helen and Mac invite us all to come to Fla.: "We love visitors!"

If significant omissions occur above, please excuse, this time, the Scribe, who dragged a cold and laryngitis right up to that deadline typewriter, even more disorganized and tied up than usual!

ASSEMBLY is planning two features in the future: Pointers as Clergymen, and in Government. The Scribe is not sufficiently informed to supply the data. Please come forth with info on those, yourself or others, whom I should report, to our general renown. Oh, yes, include all who have served or are serving in these professions—in any way.

The next deadline is 16 Mar., so hustle in something—airmail—as soon as this issue reaches you. We need, especially, more clear photographs! Other classes of our vintage seem to beat us out pictorially.

It's too late for a "Happy New Year," but not for "Remember the 45th!"

'28

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Congratulations and best wishes to Bob Warren and Josephine Luhnow who were married on 13 Sept. at Chapala, Mex., where Bob is living. Likewise, to Fred **Dau** and Helen Singer Hester who were married on 24 Oct.

The Class compliments Paul **Peery** on the publication by Prentice-Hall of his latest literary work: "Billy Casper—Winner" which was reviewed in recent ASSEMBLY by Egon Weiss, U.S.M.A. librarian.

Bill and Myrtle **Billingsley** saw Pete and Frances **Lockett** at a cocktail party in Tacoma, Wash., in Oct.; both appear in good health and enjoying retirement. Jim and Nelle **Totten** spent part of last summer at the Continuing Education Center, VPI, Blacksburg, Va., studying Landscape design—Horticulture is one of their hobbies, and Jim is a Volunteer Guide at the U. S. National Arboretum. Luke **Finlay** has retired from Jersey Standard as of 1 Dec. but with Annie Sue stays put in Manhattan to do some specialized work in oil and international law from his home address (see your reunion booklet for the number) where the latchstring is out for any classmates wandering in that direction. Roger **Goldsmith** reports that he and Florence babysat their only grandchild for a week while the parents were in Canada—Roger's son is a student in Germany.

About 10 classmates attended the homecoming game last fall, but only 4 couples took in the Alumni Dinner Dance: Ralph and Ruth **Butchers**, Roger and Florence **Goldsmith**, Paul and Sarah **Johnson**, and Duncan and Ginny **Somerville**. Roger won a door prize of 8 pilsner beer glasses; the **Goldsmiths** also took in the ARMY-Air Force game but saw no other classmates.

The Class continues to be well represented at WP Society of D. C. functions. **Billingsley, Boatner, Breden, Butchers, Haskell**, T. A. **Lane, Seeman, Sirmyer** and **Totten** attended the 7 Oct. luncheon and several the early Jan. 1970 that is, 1. A class co-ed dinner was also held on 16 Nov. at Ft. McNair; present were Bryant **Boatner**, the **Bredens, Butchers, Crallés, Cummings**, Paul **Gavan** (Ann was down with pneumonia), **Haskells**, T. A. **Lane, Maxwells, Mundys** (due to take off soon for winter in Mexico), **Raymonds, Seemans, Sirmyers**, W. D. **Smiths, Tarrants** (from Charlottesville), **Tates, Uphams**, Jo **Wyman**, Chris **Nelson**, Betty **Daley**, and Ann **Fritzsche**. The **McNamaras** had to cancel the last minute for a duty job overseas.

Steve **Reynolds** had serious surgery last summer but, according to Janet completely recovered and saw all ARMY home games in the fall. About the same time in the fall Ned **Sirmyer** and Bryant **Boatner** talked with Aug **Kissner** when he slipped in and out of Washington, as is his custom. Next time Aug says he'll take time for a small "reunion"; also said he had seen Kerwin Malone and John **Dewitt** at a Sarasota WP Society lunch. Bob and El **Fleming** reported in from 1311 Hobart St., Menlo Park, Calif. 94025 (change your address book) where Bob says he's tending El's swimming pool; also reported remarriage of daughter, Elie, and seeing Bob and Ruth **Frederick** at the races! As is the custom in those parts, Blondy **Saunders** holed up for the winter in S.Dak. and expects son, Rich, to make VN again in the summer. Fran and Ethel **Boos** enjoying 2d retirement in Fla.; Stu and Dorothy **McLennans** still happy in Calif. after visiting son Stu at Leavenworth. Scud and Wilda **Scudder** now retired and moved to Calif. at 878 Q Via Mendoza, Laguna Hills 92653. Web and Virginia **Anderson** back in the "operating" game as Vice-Mayor of Asheville, N.C. Those who saw the Bob Hope Christmas show caught a glimpse of Rosy **O'Donnell** as Santa at the White House kick-off. Charlie **Curran** writes from Warsaw, Poland, hard at work on the Vistula River Program as a U. N. Representative.

'29

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More Post-Reunion Items. Army and Dee Dee **Armstrong** are still regretting having to forego the 40th because of exams at Army's school, and this at the only time they will ever have a son with quarters at WP during a 40th. (Elder **Armstrong** son Peter has joined father and brother in the academic atmosphere by becoming Asst to the Dean at Dartmouth.) Kirk and Edie Wee **Kirkpatrick**, on the other hand, say it was perhaps a mixed blessing staying in quarters on the post, for they didn't get to see as much of the Class as they would have liked.

Larry and Billie **Guyer** went on from Reunion to Williamstown, Mass., to visit Billie's parents there, and to pay their respects and those of '29 to the Oldest Living Graduate, George E. Houle, '93, and to provide him with news of June Week 69 and of Alumni activities. COL Houle remembers Larry's father, George Guyer, '90 turned back to '91, "but not well, in a sense," says Larry, "because G. Guyer pulled in G. Houle's chin as a plebe."

No more news from Paul **Harkins** on his Patton-Bradley cinema project, but Nell and I saw a play here in D.C. in which the star was a very fine actor named Michael Strong, "Who had just returned from Spain, where he spent 5 months filming 'Patton' in which he plays GEN Carver (Who He? **Harkins**, perhaps?), co-starring with George C. Scott and Karl Malden." (Unquote, "Playbill.")

Weary and Jeanne **Wilson** survived their rigorous post-Reunion schedule in good shape. Got youngest son Fred married, graduated from college, commissioned in the Reg Army, and now stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo.

If you haven't received your Alumni Day group picture, you are not alone. Class Veep Jupe **Lindsey** has written the photographer a nasty letter in the name of the Class, and I have written him a nasty letter in my own name. (He hasn't cashed my check yet, but that just fouls up my check book.) No replies as of this writing. Perhaps by the 45th . . .?

Whitside **Miller** is generously sorry not to have been required, at the 40th, to relinquish the famous Class Cup for the youngest child. Per chance by the 45th . . .?

After Action Report. The marriage of Herb and Ida **Milwit's** daughter Myra Jo was celebrated with style, éclat, and large attendance at Walter Reed in late Oct. (Herb and Ida are native Washingtonians and come from largish families—Ida is one of nine siblings.) All the traditional, impressive, and colorful Jewish customs were followed in the solemnization of the wedding vows in the WR chapel and at the joyful and happy reception and seated dinner and dance that Herb and Ida gave at the WR officers club following the ceremony. (More happiness came to the **Milwits** when the wife of one of their twin sons presented them with their first grandchild, a boy, Daniel, on 1 Dec.)

Sick and Well Report. (Together with some not-so-incidentals.) George **Reilly's** ulcer operation has come and gone, most successfully. He and Betty were at the D.C. Gp's Thanksgiving cocktail-buffet, both in fine form. Unfortunately, **Snyder**, Honorary '29, remains on the seriously ill list at WR, but is now out of the intensive care unit.

Maggie **Graul** had emergency surgery in early Nov. at Carswell AF Base, while she and Don were visiting son Philip and family in nearby Ft. Worth. The **Grauls** were en route back from Sheridan, Wyo., where daughter Margie, Mrs. John B. Kendrick, had had the **Grauls'** second grandchild, a boy, Francis, named for Maggie's father. Maggie came home here in 2 weeks, and she, the new mother, and the child are all doing fine. Christening scheduled for late Jan. here in the D.C. area, where many of the **Graul**-Honeycutt-Kendrick relatives center.

Pink **Conner** flew to Bermuda for a Harvard Bus. Sch. reunion. (Son George was by happy chance also in Bermuda on a business conference.) But Pink flew home with—he discovered on reporting to WR the next day—a very bad case of pneumonia. Massive treatment with wonder drugs and inhalation devices soon had him out of hospital and at home for R&R.

George and Dot **Lynch** were both at WR in Mid-Dec. for pre-surgery exams and tests. Both ambulatory and in good spirits. After a few days, George returned to Columbus to prepare Christmas for their two college daughters, and Dot went home for Christmas later.

Deceased. With sorrow we record the death of Virginia Baish Stone (Nina), Jack **Stone's** wife, from cancer in Annapolis on 28 October 1969. Interment was in Arlington with members of the Class as honorary pallbearers. There was a large attendance—not only from the Class, but also from the AF, in which Jack served as an officer for 17 years and almost as long as a civilian, and from the Army Engrs, in which served Nina's brother, Baish, CF (deceased) and brother-in-law, Tansey, PH both June '18, WP roommates, and well known to many of us in later days. The Class extends its sympathy and condolences to Jack **Stone** and to his and Nina's families. Jack's Annapolis address is COL John N. **Stone**, 232 Anchorage Drive, Route 5, 21401.

Moves and Travels. Joe and Jean **Horridge** have sold their 6-acre place at Havre de Grace and have bought a half-acre place at Chambersburg, Pa., where their son and

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family live and only an hour and a half from daughter Diane and family in Potomac, Md. This should keep the **Horridges** in the D.C. Gp, we hope.

Jack **Horton** stayed home in Austin to mind the house, the boys, the dogs, the cat, and a new boat while Virginia took a 3-week trip to Eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain—Moscow, Kiev, etc.—via Amsterdam and Vienna.

According to "Tass," the Soviet news agency, **Jim Gavin** has also been behind the Curtain. He spent 4 days in Moscow on a private visit as a guest of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, for talks on economics and technology with Soviet officials.

Jim and Doris **Hannigan** continue to commute between Texas A & M and WP, and John and Sara **Phillips** have started commuting between Raleigh and WP, now that son David and family are there. David '62, MAJ and a recent M.S. in math from Rensselaer P.I., *is living in Highland Falls in half of* the old Graystone Mansion, once a restaurant and road house just off old 9W, where the Class had its 10th Reunion stag dinner.

Bill and Dot **McCulla** have bought 2 cottages on the beach at Eastham, Mass. (One may be rented when not occupied by visiting family. Adv.) They will now divide their year between the Cape and Fla.

Dan and Ruth **Sundt** have bought and will soon move to a larger house in Newark, Del., where Dan continues to teach math at the U. of Del. and to serve perennially as Grand Marshal on Memorial Day (uniform still fits).

Freddy and Win **Chaffee's** son, Dr. (Ph.D.) F. H. Chaffee Jr., CPT USA, on active duty with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., and his bride, the former Mrs. Holly L. McReynalds, of Bristol, Tenn.-Va., and Tucson, have bought a house in Tucson, where Fred Jr.'s work in building the new telescope on Mount Hopkins will keep him much of the time. (Freddy **Chaffee** himself continues to improve and may well be on the 1st tee, or at least on the practice green, by the time you read this.)

Promotions and Honors. Miriam **Keeler** has been for sometime Acting Head of the Dept of English at the College of Charleston, where George teaches math. When queried about a rumor that she had become Perm Head, Miriam said no, she's still Acting and she thinks they have kept her on as Acting "because the Pres and the Dean felt more at home talking to a seasoned old battleaxe than a young Ph.D." Miriam, in the immortal words of TV's David Frost, "We don't believe you." Congratulations to both the **Keelers**.

George **McAneny** occupied practically the entire sports pages of the Newburgh newspaper when his Cornwall Central soccer team won an Orange County Championship and George was named "Coach of the Year" by his coaching peers and his goalie was named "Player of the Year." This is the team that George has developed from scratch. He hasn't lost his touch since his 3 war-time years of coaching soccer at WP, when his record was 20-5-5. (At the Homecoming football game at WP, George saw Roger **Browne, Cruise, McCulla, McKeefe, Renshaw, Sands,** and **Wilde**.)

Long Unheard From. Pearl **Robey**, upon request, replies that he and family are happy *in Tucson, have 2 children in college*, and that he dabbles in real estate, works with the AF Assn, the Order of Daedalians, and a local comte to establish an Air Museum in Tucson. Only complaint: "The hills in Ariz. get higher with each passing deer season and the old 12-guage shot gun is not as sharp as it used to be with quail." (Well, the poet says: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, . . ." However.)

1929: Paul Thompson, Kay and Harley Parks.

It's A Small World Sub-Div. At the wedding of the daughter of Betty and Eph McLemore '28 in Fort Royal, Va., I ran into a fellow guest, a Belgian by birth, now a US citizen and living and working here in D.C., who announced to me that our Red **Cooper** saved his life in the 1942 North African landings at Arzew, when he was a member of the French Foreign Legion. Wishing to elicit amplification (and news) from Red and Bette, I wrote this to Scottsdale, Ariz. But Red still plays 'em close to the chest: "Thanks" he said . . . "Coppens (the Belgian) had quite an interesting experience. . . . Nothing very exciting to report from here. . . . One sad note—the attractive little cow town we selected back in the 50's for eventual retirement has been swallowed up by the fast-growing monster called Greater Phoenix." (Note by WJT: Greater Phoenix is now larger in pop than Pittsburgh, Pa.)

SF Bay Area Report. (From **J. Theimer.**) Don **Zimmerman** and Roy **Holbrook** ex '29 have visited the Charlie **Allans** in Idaho. (SF Bay Area takes in quite a spread.) Don occupied himself looking for garnets in mountains and streams, but claims not to be a rock hound. Adele **McNally**, "looking svelte and beautiful," spent the holidays with Paul and Mary Anne **Freeman**. Adele is considering moving her base from DC to SF, and the Bay Area-ers are encouraging her. Paul **Freeman** made a business trip to Singapore, which celebrated that event by providing 18⅝ inches of rain in 24 hours. Ed **Wright** had the Bay Area-ers down to Varian for a tour and lunch. Interesting, says **Theimer**, but some of the physics and electricity went a bit beyond P. Carter's and P. Robinson's classic courses.

From the D.C. Gp. The deliberations of the Class Coord Comte here have lately been enhanced and enlivened by the addition of Dick **Wentworth**, now that he is no longer gainfully employed. As Class Secy, he has always, of course, been ex **officio** an honorary member, but not active because of his teaching duties.

Remember the D.C. Gp's Spring stag luncheon at the Army Distaff Hall on Wed. 22 Apr. Plantings and flowers are always beautiful then, and the handsome old mansion makes a fine place to gather, hoist a few before lunch, and keep old acquaintance from being forgot. Put this on your calendar and join us if you're in the area.

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At no time does the fallibility of human endeavor become more apparent to me than when I issue a new list of addresses. No matter how carefully I try to pick a time when, hopefully, the peregrinations of The Gang are, at least temporarily, static—no sooner is the list published then a dozen or so "Change of Address" notices come trickling in. So here, for your records, are the latest amendments to the list sent out in Nov.: Wally **Ahearn**, 1804 Doublegate Court, Augusta, Ga. 30904; Thad **Broom**, 929 Lovell Dr., Virginia Beach, Va. 23454; Cookie **Cook**, 3700 East Conway Rd., Orlando, Fla. 32806; Dan **Cooper**, P. O. Box 397, Seal Beach, Calif. 90740; J.O. **Curtis**, P. O. Box 13075, Station E, Oakland, Calif. 94611; Bill **Dickinson**, Box 3017, Little Rock, Ark. 72201; John **Guthrie**, 325 County Rd. #6, Wayzata, Minn. 55391; Ted **Kimpton**, Box 268, Bethany, W.Va. 26032; Mike **Lee**, 18741 Harleigh Dr., Saratoga, Calif. 95070; Em **Porter**, Whispering Pines, N.C. 28327.

Howie **Quinn**, 1707 Tarrytown Ave., Crofton, Md. 21113; Rusty **Reustow**, 243 Florasota Ave., Sarasota, Fla. 33577; Asa **Shannon**, 6931 Gateridge Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75202; Jimmy **Wilson**, 1484 Tanglewood Parkway, Ft. Myers, Fla. 33902; and Ster **Wright**, White Stone, Va. 22578.

All the foregoing are certified to be valid for at least 20 minutes after breakfast, I Jan. 1970. Incidentally, in connection with **Guthrie's** move, John reports: "All is well on our rather large (6-acre) hillside except that I am married to a tree-worshipper (Druid, you know) and have been digging many foxholes for the fall plantings, with more to come in the Spring, I am sure."

Having set that part of the record straight (for any given 20 minutes) let me see what other bits of news have accumulated since the last issue.

First, I must report with regret the death of Neal **Ausman** on 16 Nov. in a hospital in Torrence, Calif. He was buried at West Point. I have no particulars; simply a brief obit from a Palos Verdes paper that was sent to me by Cliff **Blackford** via Bob **Wood**. I'm sure the Class joins in sending our sympathy to the family. Anyone who will volunteer to write a memorial article for publication in ASSEMBLY is requested to get in touch with me.

I am also sorry to report that Seafood **Garton** suffered a severe stroke while in New York for the Notre Dame game. He was initially hospitalized at Roosevelt Hospital in N.Y.C. and later moved to Walter Reed where, as of 1 Jan, when this was written, he was still in critical condition, almost completely paralyzed and only fleetingly conscious. When he was stricken several classmates, notably Joe **Haskell** and Jim **Lunn**, rallied around to help Mary **Garton** in a variety of practical ways—typifying the strong bond of friendship and the spirit of helpfulness that has always been a hallmark of the Class. It is our devout hope that by the time this is printed Seafood will be well on the way to recovery.

Another bit of unpleasant news is the rough time that Andy **Wright** has been having this winter. An old back injury that was one factor in his early retirement has been acting up again, causing a series of strokes that, while not individually serious, have had such

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a debilitating effect that the medicos have ordered him to quit working the farm that has been his principal source of income. This, together with the unstable conditions prevalent in Panama, has put him in a pretty precarious situation. Several friends here in Washington are trying to help him get a review of his record that may result in a more generous physical disability pay allowance. I shall hope to have more cheerful news of the outcome in the next issue.

Turning to happier things, it is good to report an item that just missed the deadline for the previous issue—Lou **Heath's** marriage in late Sept. to Helen Reynolds Allen. As a member of the "Second-Time-Around Club" I welcome these new members and hope they will be as happy as Dolly and I.

We went up to The Point for Homecoming weekend in Oct., arranging our schedule so as to reconnoiter some of the local hostelries for 40th Reunion accommodations. Stayed the Fri. night at the new Holiday Inn in Fishkill, which will be our base of operatons for that big event, and were very favorably impressed with its facilities and staff. More about that in a separate Reunion Memo. We picnic-lunched most pleasantly with Joe and Betty **Haskell** before the game and afterwards drove to New York to spend Sat. night at their comfortable and gracious apartment. I had been late in applying for tickets, so Dolly and I found ourselves quite a way from the rest of the classmates, but we did get a glimpse of Bill **Allen**, Beau **Beauchamp**, Jim **Brett**, and Fergie **Ferguson** among those present.

And speaking of Fergie, I am indebted to Phil **Wehle** for filling me in on another happy event, this time a ship christening. The **Wehles** and Sid and Mary **Wooten** journeyed to Philadelphia on 22 Nov. to see the Sun Oil Company launch its newest ocean-going tanker, the "S.S. American Sun," with Pat **Ferguson** as the sponsor of their elder daughter Jean as maid of honor. Phil wrote: " 'Twas a grand show; Pat did us all—and Fergie in particular—real proud. Weather, cold; the ways, fast; the champagne, bubbly; the speeches, short; the message, clear; and Pat was beauteous, gracious, queenly, sparkly, and generally captivating." Indeed it must have been a grand show. Our warm congratulations to the **Fergusons** and to Sun Oil for being astute enough to hire Fergie in the first place!

Had a good letter from Gundy **Gunderson** in late Oct. from Forest City, Ia., describing a lengthy summer trip in the southern and western parts of the country. Herewith a few extracts: "I had a most pleasant reunion with Florence and Chris **Clarke** and enjoyed their hospitality during an overnight stop in their magnificent home on Lake Austin near Austin, Tex. Chris and I had a long ride on his motor boat followed by a refreshing swim from his pier. . . . While out in Calif., I spent a very enjoyable evening with Freddie Crabb and his new wife at their lovely home in the "Active Adult Community" of Oakmont in Santa Rosa. . . . Beth and JoJo **Carrithers** entertained me at dinner and took me on a tour of their beautiful surroundings near Walnut Creek, while we reminisced about our mutual activities over the past 44 years. . . . I talked to Bernie and Joe Twyman on the phone while I was in San Francisco and also contacted Jo **Berry**. Ed was busy teaching school. . . . I had hoped to spend an evening with Buck **Folk** and Chuck **Heitman** in Colorado Springs but an unusually early and heavy snow storm made me change my plans."

Also a postcard from Hank **Royall**, postmarked Johannesburg. In the words of that staunch old independent: "The Class of '30 should draw up a resolution supporting Rhodesia and South Africa. They have better solutions than we to some of our problems. Both countries are rich and beautiful." I'll be happy to hear from volunteers to form a committee to draw up such a resolution!

A special note of interest that might come under the heading of "Lost and Found" concerns a Class Son who was inadvertently overlooked in receiving the Class Gift. He is LTC Frederick Mertens Galloway ('54), who was Harry **Geoffrey's** son. After Harry's death in an air crash in 1935 his widow married Don Galloway ('23) and the son, quite naturally, took Don's name. Because of this we missed the fact of his being a Class Son when he graduated. I stumbled on this while going through some old files turned over to me by Bob **Wood** some years back, and together we located Fred at Ft. Belvoir. It is pleasant to report that the handsome silver plate that has been our traditional gift to each Class Son has been obtained from Bailey, Banks and Biddle and duly presented to COL Galloway—almost 16 years late, but nonetheless with our congratulations and warm wishes.

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I am afraid that I may not have too much news this time since I haven't sent out the annual letter this past year—no excuse, just lazy. It is possible, however, that Betty and I received enough Christmas cards to make a reasonable column.

It is with regret that I report the death of Sam **Smellow** just before Christmas at Walter Reed after a rather lengthy stay in hospital. Burial was at West Point, but I have no other details at this writing.

We were very pleased to receive a letter from Speed and Jim **Mooney**, whom we had so cavalierly disposed of in the previous column. I had read about and seen the photos of the devastating power of Camille, but should have considered instead the ingenuity and steadfastness of '31. I quote from the letter; "Yes, we stayed in our house and the dear Lord took care of us. We were not hurt and the house suffered about $11,000 damage. We had the full fury of the vicious Northeast Quadrant, the eye passing about 4 to 6 miles west of us, and the noise of winds gusting to 195-200 miles per hour is indescribable. We didn't hear our chimney blown down, part of our side porch torn off, etc, but we could surely feel our real old wooden house rocking and swaying in the breeze. The resiliency of this old house which has weathered many hurricanes, our keeping windows open on the downwind side (many closed, air-tight homes exploded due to pressure differential) and plain luck in not being hit by one of the many tornadoes spawned by the hurricane, helped save us." Jim and Speed go on to say that about 95% of the homes and buildings in Pass Christian were destroyed. And if you go by their place, Speed will give you a cup of that delicious La. coffee, as usual.

I have some new addresses. Bill and Helen **Cassidy** have returned to Washington and are now at 442 M Street SW, zip 20024. Bill is doing something for the US Army, which just goes to show that the Establishment can't get along without us. Fern and Augie **Schomburg** have pulled up stakes and moved to 5131 East Desert Park Lane, the Town of Paradise Valley, Ariz. 85253. Please put a jug of wine and a loaf of bread in their Care package. Willie and Claire **Bell** sent in a new and I presume permanent, for the time being at least, address: 512 Yawl Lane, Sarasota, Fla. 33577.

Chet and Gin **Diestel** came east last July and managed to visit most of the family—quite a task, as Gin says, as the Rowan and **Diestel** clans go on and on. It was the first time Chet had seen some of the grosskinder since 1961. They see Helen **Irvine** from time to time. Helen, by the way, spent Xmas in Tex. with her son and family. Chet and Gin are still in one piece, but "it takes a lot of doing."

I don't know how many of you received Maggie and Agnes **Webber's** letter for the year, but I found it very informative and interesting. For brevity, I can mention only a few of the highlights. Maggie is now incorporated and very few of our classmates can make that statement, and in Del. especially. Agnes and Milan Jr. are both working for Pop, and Milan Jr. is undergoing officer training in the Illinois National Guard. Marty is decorating interiors and they are all active in the Citizen's Committee for Honesty in Government. Dick and Lucile **Danek** are back in Albuquerque after a short visit to their lemon in Yuma (lemon orchard that should be). Kelley and Don **Little** keep busy running their Church of the Messiah in Macon and love it. They also keep occupied keeping track of their 11 grandchildren. Bill and Betty **Chandler** expect to keep to their daily routine for another year—enjoying San Francisco, seeing friends who pass through all too briefly and working when necessary. Polly and Moppy **Perry** report a swiftly passing year, leaving them in good health. The year included a 3-week trip to Europe; and additional work for Moppy who is now counseling some 200 foreign scholars at Mich. State in addition to his other duties.

Val and Freddy **Berg** keep busy, healthy and happy building their new home in San Juan. In all that has been written about that house, I have never heard mention of whether it will have a guest room. I hope it does. Irv and Naomi **Lehrfeld** claim that son Bill '59 was partially responsible for our success in the A-N game, since he coached the "Goats" to a 26-0 win over the "Engineers" and then went to Philadelphia to see ARMY do almost the same thing. As a footnote to the game, Bill **Hardick** says that the game was witnessed by a small but enthusiastic group of '31, to wit: Bob and Lib **Quackenbush**, George and Marian **Wertz**, Benny and Betty **Krueger**, Al **Gay**, Budge **Howard** and Bill himself. Fran and Bill **Dick** from sunny Calif. sent along a common plaint for all of us: "Sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day, money in the pocket, or distances that are near enough." Young Bill, Laurin, wives and 4 grandchildren spent part of Aug. with grandpop and grandmom just to add a little spice to life. Bill and Fran were going to watch the A-N game at Dean and Martha **Herman's** along with Roz and Dick **Steinbach**.

I thank Sid and Betty **Brown** for sending along the **Maloney** address. In answer to Betty's question—maybe this summer. Chet and Virginia **Ott** now sport 8 grandchildren and a change of job for Chet. He has just taken over the Ore. Dept of Motor Vehicles at the request of the Governor. Chet had to give up an Oct. European vacation and now has to cope with two million unhappy citizens. He will try to make enough of them happy that he can take the vacation this spring. Chet and Imogene **Young** are just back from Ohio where young Chet was married to lovely Annette Gainer of Maumee. Chet and Imogene are

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enjoying seeing the two young grandsons (also progeny of Mary and Abe Lincoln, '33) while Pop and Mom are stationed at the Pentagon. Rob and Fran **Bard** have joined the army of doting grandparents, their daughter, Judy having had a bouncing boy in Aug. Ella Mae and Bill **Woodward** and Elmo and Ginger **Mitchell** both wrote in to say that they had seen each other at a West Point get-together in Atlanta in mid-Dec., Peggy **Wagner** also being present.

Ted and Nina **Parker** have turned real Yankee and settling in their new house near Albany and are missing all the helping hands they have had for so many years. Their 3 married daughters are located relatively (no pun intended) nearby in Amherst, Mass.; Mystic, Conn., and Phila., Pa. So if Ted can get the traffic mess straightened out, they won't have too much trouble seeing grandchildren, now and then. I must say that their "invitation to visit" has changed a bit. It used to be, "Come see us, we have plenty of room." Now it is, "Come see us, bring your own tent." Nina did mention their "little house." I hate to mix business with pleasure, but judging by some of the acconterments hanging by the fireplace in the **Parker** house, a Roger Williams warming pan for one, the Mad Eagle from New London, N.H., might find a customer for some of his wares. Dick and Pris **Jewett** drove from Ithaca to WP for homecoming along with Bill and Betty Allen, '30. Dick is still professoring at Cornell and daughter Sally is preparing 4th graders in the town to face her father 9 years later.

Hugh and Betty **Harris** have bought a retirement home on the shores of Lake Moultrie. To show how serious they are, Betty earned some money on jury duty and spent it on a wheelbarrow and aluminum ladder. Hugh will stay on as president of the Citadel until June of 1972, or until a new prexy is chosen. Betty and Hugh went fishing this past summer, but I couldn't find any mention of their catching anything. Catherine and Wayne **Taul** sent along a picture of Beauty and the Beast, respectively. They quote as a divident for living in the Golden State, the fact that they see many classmates—and don't have to travel. Grove and Florence **Powell** are still pursuing the art critic's award of the year. Florence does the painting and Grove has become the little old frame-maker. Georgia and Clyde **McBride** report a quiet year in Bowie, except for visits by the grandchildren from South America and Calif., when I would imagine the quiet was just a tad less.

Our thanks also to Don and Alice **Webber**, Roy and Myrel **Kauffman**, Scott and Jacquie **Dickson**, Johnny and Wilma **Davis**, Paul and Irene **Burns**, Ruth and Dick **Lawson**, George and Marian **Wertz**, Ann and Al **Gay**, Shorty and Alice **Rothrock**, His Honor the Mayor and Betty **Hauck**, Paul and Gracie **Mayo**, Tommie and George **Speidel**, Andy and Dee **Adams**, Dorothy and Bill **Hampton**. Johnny **Davis**, by the way, retired on 1 Nov., but then was recalled to active duty to participate in the SALT talk. Bob **Johnston** sent a card from Noumea just before Christmas. Bob is heading for Australia, where he intends to stay for a few months, Jack **Gordon** added another star to his crown in Oct. when he hosted a luncheon for Dan **Callahan** (No, Dan hasn't moved to San Antonio, he was just visiting). Present were, Jack, Dan, Charlie **Densford**, Johnny **Sullivan**, Bert **Muenter**, Jimmy **Stroker**, Tom **Marnene**, Al **Greene**, Johnny **McGee**, Leo **Cather**, Hector **Truly**, and John **Feagin**. John is back on active duty again after eye surgery at West Point, where his son, the doctor is stationed.

Thanks to Ockie **Krueger**, some of us were able to witness a Redskin football game in Oct. Bill **Hardick** took care of the arrangements. Ockie was too busy ushering, and a fine time was enjoyed by Curly and Marian **Wilson**, George and Marian **Wertz** (3rd time I have mentioned them in this column), Ernie and Nancy **Easterbrook**, Roy and Babs **Leinster**, Johnny and Wilma **Davis**, Bill **Cassidy**, Dick **Greer** and son, Shorty and Alice **Rothrock** and son, Peter Otey and Anne **Ward**, Dick and Pat **Harrison**, Warren and Margo **Hoover**, Fred and Marie **Warren** and daughter, Johnny **Ruggles**, and Dick and Eleanor **Carhart**.

Bill **Hardick** got home from the game to have Gussie tell him that Jim **Pumpelly** had called. Jim called again later to say that he was leaving that evening for the west coast and had no news of great import. A short while later I had a letter from Andy **Adams** saying that he and Dee had gone to Europe and North Africa in Sept. and Oct. and had tried to contact Jim while in Spain; but was told that Jim and Marge had gone stateside to visit their daughter on the west coast, so I had A-1 intelligence. While clearing out the desk drawer in which I keep the correspondence until I am finished with it, I came across a note from Ben **Turpin** dated 10-14-69. No news, but there was a check enclosed dated 1-23-69. I'll try to cash it anyway. We had three short notes from Deadeye **Henry** wishing everybody well, Charlie **Hoy** saying he and Martha were well and from Shorty and Alice **Rothrock** saying ditto. Before I forget, thanks for the calendar, Deke. I guess that is about enough for someone who didn't have anything to say in the first place. Happy Easter to all of you.

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For the 1st time I open the column with sad news: the sudden, unexpected deaths of Rose **D'Orsa** in Oct. and Ash **Manhart** in Dec. The last time we were with Rose was at the Class party in May, and she was the picture of health as was Ash when I saw him in Sept. In both cases the news came at a time when I was leaving for Fla. Our trip in Oct. delayed our news of Rose's death until we returned the end of the month. We had been hoping for a miraculous recovery. In Dec. I departed on the 11th, but Dossi was home to represent me at Ash's services at the Ft. Myer Chapel on 16 Dec. Ash's remains were flown to Colo. for burial, and Rose was buried at West Point. Both Charlie and Helen took it like true soldiers although clearly both grievously affected.

Reference my 2d trip to West Palm Beach where we had bought a house (our permanent address, however, is the same as above), I was fortunate to get a lift from Bill **Powers** who is transferring, in part, from Kennedy Center to North Palm Beach and will be in charge of the Fla. section of the Intercoastal Waterway. Lil and Bill have purchased a lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condominium overlooking the water in an area called "Port O' Call." Lil is very enthusiastic about the arrangement, and they plan to purchase or have purchased a 2d condominium for investment purposes. Bill and I, at my suggestion, stopped at a pecan roadside shop to see what "gives." The pecans turned out to be far more expensive than those purchasable in Washington. So be advised.

Al and Nora **Gerhardt** gave a real fun and hospitality spread for the ARMY-Navy game. Food, drinks, and service were far above par. Al's table centerpiece of a simulated football field was clever and ingenious complete with his Cadet tarbucket right on the 50-yard-line. Candleabra held black, gray, and gold tapers. It was quite a picture and no one with a camera handy to record it. Stan **Wray** who provided most of the entertainment during the game acted as substitute referee, lineman, and half back. It was a gay time for all. Both of Al's nieces are cute as bugs in a rug—1 with a husband and 1 with fiancé.

A pleasant surprise at the Nov. luncheon when Ed **Howarth** and Lou **Coutts** arrived unannounced. Lou said that although it was a long trip, he felt it necessary to attend another luncheon. Actually he was here with Mary and her sister for the marriage of Kathy to CPT Joseph Murphy. Also along the way they had picked up Mary's mother in Mo. The wedding was on 15 Nov. at Belvoir with former Chief of Chaplains, Luther Miller, officiating. He had performed the same service for Lou and Mary, for Mary's sister and her husband and, had christened Kathy, and officiated at the services at Arlington for Mary's brother-in-law, Jack Schwartz. Departing Washington the next day (along with the exodus of Moratorium Day marchers!), they managed to arrive back in Mo. for her mother's 80th birthday and back in Walnut Creek for Thanksgiving. We wish Kathy great happiness—we have quite a fond feeling for her, and she is an almost next door neighbor here in Fairfax.

Ed came to visit his daughter (along with Billie, of course) who had gone through quite a siege but is rapidly gaining back her strength. As usual, Lou was in high fashion, i.e., broad necktie, flourishing but delicate handkerchief to match, and a $20 blue Madras shirt with French cuffs and arresting cuff links. With his now white hair well-groomed, he looks like a leading man of a feature attraction of the type we remember well.

In search of sympathy, I report that because of a recent accident, which demolished my Opel station wagon (almost new), I am now w/o transportation. Dossi is reluctant to allow me to drive the Buick! But good comes from evil . . . I lost 8 pounds by self propelled transportation, especially in Fla. where I averaged about 6 miles a day.

Luke and Joslin **Morris** drove us to the U. Club before a Redskin game for the famous before game brunch. I could have eaten a 3d helping but it didn't seem right to go back for 3ds. The Redskins won.

A few extracts from short notes on Christmas cards etc. . . . Del **Pryor**, who loves to haze Dossi, says "I finally managed to decipher your upside down and inside out typing and was sorry to hear the bad news." He planned on spending the holidays in Nashville with daughter Lynda and her husband Jerry. Both Del's sons, Phil and Ralph, are back in VN for their 3d tours and their wives are living in Hi.—this news came from daughter Lynda on her card. Mary **Cain** sent the usual "Sure wish you would come by for some cheer" . . . Be patient, Mary—we move slowly. Mary Lou and Frank **Britton** passed through Washington en route to spend the holidays with their 2 daughters in N. Y. Both are happy and well occupied in Fla. Roommate Harry **Porter** wrote a note telling us that with all the problems we had survived we should be fit enough to try Minn. . . . sorry, Harry, I can't speak Swedish.

Dot and Rush did not send much news—just greetings from the Boston area. La **Trelle Duncan** expressed tearful regrets that we had not stopped to see them in Atlanta on our Fla.

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trip but aside from the detour of 200 miles plus, we were actually on a business trip, and I don't mean "monkey." David is now gainfully employed at Sears Roebuck, and they are very proud of his progress in the business world. Barbara and Pete **Hinshaw** are truly hibernating in Scientists Cliffs. They have a happy and busy life; the children drop in frequently and use the picturesque cabin they also own just down the road from their main house. Young Fred is back from VN and going to Finance School at Ft. Harrison. Barbara mentions missing old Army friends but says they are so involved in local activities they don't even have time to go to Fla. but expect to make Atlanta in Jan.

Don and Marian **Hardy** have settled (temporarily) in Winter Park, Fla. near the **Rees-Sutherland-Suarez** complex. Seems like an AF reunion. Previously, they had spent winters touring places far and wide. Marjorie and Tom **Darcy** want time to slow down. On my 2 trips to West Palm Beach, I called Tom w/o results. Click **Rees** tells me Tom's always out fertilizing, spraying trees etc. He should have an outside extension.

The day before I left for Fla. on my 2d trip I was invited to a "Carabao" luncheon, and whom did I meet there but another invitee, Archie **Lyon**. This is an unusual collection of gentlemen, each 1 presumably has served in the Philippines. Most are retired, and 1 can meet anyone there from 5-star to ex-private. I noticed that Archie wasn't partaking of the delicious meal. He explained that he regretfully was on a diet to counteract a diabetic condition. I told him to cheer up that I had been a member of the same club for 3 years, but diets are made to break. Archie smiled quietly, but I don't believe agrees.

To step out of ranks, I must mention our famous ex-French instructor (for those in the UPPER section), Bill Jenna. He sent a diatribe directed to the Miami "Herald" concerning a 1st page article in their 14 Dec. issue. Bill can sure spit fire, but he also adds a touch of humor here and there which mollifies the bitterness. For example: After a lengthy and perceptive discussion of Oriental deception and indifference to life of their own in the form of sacrifice, he says: "It simply reinforces my opinion that anyone who believes that you can trust a Communist is a wee bit dim upstairs. Personally, I wouldn't trust a Communist as far as a cat can spit and that ain't such a fur piece." It's better heard than read.

In closing, those of you who read this will note that Ken and I are out of cadence in that there is repetition, but I wrote mine early and just received his copy . . . please forgive—we'll try harder.

From Ken Zitzman

If anyone bothers to read this half of the column, it will be about the time the ump shouts "Bat'r 'rup" for the 1st time at Doubleday Field. However, it is being written 2 days after Xmas and the grand prix for the most thoughtful Xmas gift must again go to Hawaiian Benny **Webster**. I don't know what normal people got, but he sent me a matched set of ear cleaners; indestructable, stainless plastic handles in harmonizing colors, tipped with tufts of luscious llama wool. Why there were 3 to the set is completely beyond me.

A "brunch" (i.e. noon till 10 p.m.) at the Danny **Sundts**, with the **Powers, Jamisons, Keatings** and neighbors was delightfully entertaining and even instructive regarding the remarkable **Sundt** Clan. Bobbie entertained at her elaborate Hammond organ like the pro she is and fielded all requests, pops, rock, and classics (she didn't leave the bench for 6 hrs.). Bobbie has played professionally at officers clubs and cocktail lounges in major Washington hotels, but her main love is being the organist at Distaff Hall where she hasn't missed a Sun. in almost 4 years unless she was out of town.

Later we chatted about their 4 talented sons, Dick, USMA '59, married the daughter of a Danish GEN in Fredericksburg Castle, when Danny was the Army Attaché in Copenhagen. He is a MAJ, has 2 daughters, and is now the aide to the Fourth Army Comdr.

Chuck has a Master's degree from N.Mex. State, and spent several years riding the rodeo circuits where he collected many prizes and only 1 broken leg. He is now working for the N.Mex. Soil Conservation, married to a lovely French-Mexican girl, and has produced the 1st grandson.

After time out for service in Korea, 3d son Danny married and is back in the U. of N.Mex. where youngest brother Duke is in his 4th year. With his student-wife (the only American daughter-in-law) Duke lives and works on a cattle ranch, rides in some rodeos, and is one of the up and coming young sculptors of the SW. His bronzes are in regular demand; he recently had a 1-man show in Las Cruces and is setting up his own foundry to cast his own works.

A talented group, and when they join that 200 odd **Sundt** family reunion in N.Mex. every other year, it really must be a jamboree.

It's well that we have bright news with good prospects for the jrs because the class certainly took some severe losses this last quarter, all from cancer. In chronological order: Rose **D'Orsa** died after a brief hospitalization at Walter Reed. **Besson, Baer,** Jo **Huggins** and I attended the memorial mass at Meade which was conducted by GEN Pat Ryan, ex Chief of Chaplains and Fifth Army Chaplain during WW II while Charlie and I were doing our stint in Italy. The funeral mass was held at the same hour in N.Y.C., and Rose was laid to rest that afternoon at West Point.

Like a real professional Army Officer's wife, Rose served with Charlie all over the world during their 34 years together: Berlin, Vienna, Naples, Okinawa, and coast to coast in the U. S.

In mid-Nov., George **Grunert** finally succumbed after a long struggle including 2 amputations which had him down physically but never mentally. The military funeral at the Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. National Cemetery included all '32 pallbearers; Hal **Walmsley**, Tom **McDonald**, Bill **Means**, Tony **Steele**, Jack **Price**, and Milt **Glatterer** who did a fine job in organizing the detail and helping Gracia **Grunert** in every way he could. Here in Washington, Ash **Manhart's** passing was mercifully fast, but the very suddenness of it was an added shock to Helen as it was to all of us. Ash went on his last sick call for a chest cold; an x-ray revealed lung cancer which spread rapidly; and despite the finest medical treatment, it was all over in less than 6 weeks. Having spent an hour with him at Walter Reed just 2 weeks before he died, I can say that he showed his sense of humor and class in general to the end.

Through it all, Helen carried on like the lady she is; and fortunately, son CPT Michael H. had just returned from VN and was present. At the memorial service at Myer before final interment at Sedalia, Colo., there was a large turnout from '32 including Jim **Woolnough** and Charlie **Williams** who flew up from CONARC and John **Steele** and Bill **Spurgin** who drove from Harrisburg, Pa. for the occasion.

And now for happier news. At recent Washington luncheons we welcomed Hunter **Harris** from Honolulu, Lou **Coutts** from S.F. and Horace **Bigelow** from Fla., the latter bringing the welcome news that Dottie is again in fine shape. Lou and Mary were here to become instant grandparents when their widowed daughter Kathy married CPT Joseph K. Murphy, a widower with a fine 7-year-old daughter Erin. Appropriately enough, the knot was tied by ex Chief of Chaplains Luther Miller who did the same for Mary and Lou, also for Mary's sister, and christened daughter Mary, now married to LT Peter Beck, USAF. They probably keep the man on a retainer's fee.

Joe **Gill** was in town briefly from Beirut to wheedle $10 million out of A.I.D. for the Medical Center at his American U. there.

From Atlanta, Pop **Duncan** complains about the help. His chauffeur isn't bad in downtown traffic but his secy's English isn't any better than his. What's strange in that, you ask? Don't forget that Pop is head of the Emory U. Anthropoid Dept, and all his employees are chimps.

Al and Nora **Gerhardt's** winning ARMY-Navy game TV party served as a fitting send-off for Bill **Powers** who made a real find in FIND (Fla. Inland Navigational Dist). Bill is General Mgr, and from his North Palm Beach office has charge of the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami. He will return to Washington for a few days each month as a Consultant for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts which he started building a few years ago.

But for new enterprise, we have to award the double martini with olive cluster to Red **McKeown** who has just formed a new company with the appealing title of "Fred **McKeown** and Son," no less. His company is West Coast representative of Rockville International which owns several producers of all types of fine tableware, Swedish, English, German, Danish, Belgian, French, and I guess, American. Red says he "just had his best year ever, not only in $'s but many other things." Never mind the "other things", Red, keep your mind on business. Maybe life begins at 40 as they say, but it really gets into high gear 20 years later.

A Christmas visit to San Antonio was particularly enjoyable (I'm writing this in my room at the Officers Club, and I just got a phone call from a guy who asked, "Is this the AWOL Section?" Maybe he knows something that I don't.) and featured a long lunch with Dick and Helen **Coiner** who either own the town or know the guys who do. We have about 16 classmates there who have started the friendly practice of regular class luncheons, thanks largely to the entrepreunership of Bill **Means**.

Also met MAJ Dick Sundt who combines the efficiency and charm of Danny and Bobbie to good effect as aide to the Fourth Army Comdr. At the latter's New Year's Day reception, chatted with an interesting mix of today's leaders in uniform and ex LTS of our USMA vintage who were on post with me 30 years ago and came back after retirement.

In closing, the time is ripe for reunion news, past and future. Again, the homecoming football weekend proved to be the best off-year gathering to see our own classmates and contemporaries, with 1 exception. Present were Ralph **Davey**, Milt **Ogden**, the Rush

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Lincolns with teenagers Rush Jr. and daughter Debbie, and George Descheneaux. Desch had with him his daughter Joey, the living image of lovely Betty, and her husband Tom Ormsby who covers the Hanover, Mass., area for Monroe Calculators.

Bill Powers, Frank Jamison, Pat, and I drove up from Washington in a package deal and stayed at a Highland Falls' Motel occupied completely by alumni who persisted in confusing 2:00 a.m. with 2:00 p.m. In the form-up for the Alumni March to Thayer Monument next day, Bill, Frank, and I got distracted and fell in behind the Class of '53 as it was rounding the tennis courts. I haven't looked up the records but a discrepancy of 21 years must surely rank high among the longest of "scratch lates."

But for tops in off-year '32 Reunions, the palm goes to John and Fran Pugh who extend the open palm at their 400 acre farm in nearby Loudon County Va. Last year they invited all 45 Washington Classmates, wives, and any others who might be in town. That was so enjoyable that they are starting off for the gathering this year by inviting all of '32 world wide for fluids, solids, and intangibles on Sun. after 7 June. The weather is guaranteed to be good, but if not, there is plenty of room without resorting to the hay barn (unless you want to) for a successful bash. It's being announced now to let you get in on the calendar if you're planning a trip East this summer. The Pughs sincerely want everyone who can come and will circulate detailed instructions a month in advance.

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The Class was saddened by news that Ben Ray, who had seemed right robust when he played in our spring golf tournament, died while visiting his mother in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ben was 1 of the 1st of '33 to earn a Ph.D.

Abe and Mary Lincoln expect a new grandchild, their 6th, from daughter Anne and her husband, Don Young. Son Jim (USMA '60) continues in the Pentagon to work on TACFIRE. Bob Lawlor has been promoted to Supe of Administration, Fairfax Park Authority. Eleanore is presently being tortured by arthritis. She tells of the drive Diddi and Emory Hackman made all the way from here to Brazil (and they are there now—not still but again). Their Ann and her husband are back from Taiwan and live in Herndon; PBK daughter Carolyn and husband live here. Johnny and Dorothy Johnson have moved to their new home, in Country Club Hills, 3417 N. Venice St., Arlington, Va. 22207 (phone: 536-4968). Son Bob went to VN in Nov.; daughter Ellen has 1 child and lives in Calif.; son Harold works here and lives in nearby Greenbelt and has 2. Johnny's principal job continues to be as pres of the Herbert Hoover Library Assn but several other activities demand part of his time. Doug Gilbert ret. from teaching this fall; he and Mich hope to occupy their new home by Mar.—weather permitting. Son Doug Jr. with his 3 was here for some of the holidays; he flies for Braniff out of Dallas. Son Raine is struggling over the final efforts on the Ph.D. he expects from Georgetown U. by spring. Marge Ryan will fly to London (for $62.50—see United Services Club, Pentagon, for cost details) in Jan. and back in Feb. Marge and Bill have a new grandchild, their 3d, whose parents are MAJ and Mrs. (Jean Ryan) Francis W. Farrell Jr. Al Welling writes that older son Peter was home from his 2d year at MIT and joined his father, mother, and brother on a skiing jaunt. Al reports that Wyandotte "has been acquired by a huge German Group—and the future is uncertain."

Bob Rayburn writes from England that he and son Bob and daughter Rosalie "had a grand day at the opening hunt—next summer, if all goes well, will be taking up residence on our farm in Ireland." Pick Vidal plans to go to Fla. in Jan. and see Bruce Scott in Miami. The night after Christmas, Charlie and Barbara Carver had son George Jr. with his wife and George Allen III plus daughter and husband, LTC Schneider (ODCSOPS) and 4 kids for dinner—and because the snow kept them from leaving, all stayed for a gay night. Barbara is a licensed real estate agent and has been very helpful to Army families moving to Washington; she is with Crowell & Co. in McLean. Billy Harris has been "shelved with an operation and am just getting back on my feet. Those ulcers finally got the best of me. We are starting next month with regular luncheons at the Ft. Sam Officers' Club. Liz and her husband have moved to Cleveland; Punkin is still in Washington." Bert and June Sparrow are expecting Skipper to present them with their 5th grandchild early this year. Virginia and family came down from Conn. for the holidays. "Kathy will sing her carols—near Pleiku." Bruce and Ruth Scott took in Chet and Tommy Dahlen who "stopped by for 3 days—on a long trip to celebrate retirement." Note picture of part of Chet's retirement ceremony at Ft. Sam on 31 Oct.; he was awarded the DSM for service as Dpty CG, Fourth Army.

Ann Hill writes: "Fran golfed with Bill Damon and Bob Blanchard; among his golfing friends is Bob Meals—we look forward to Nermine's arrival in Jan. Bob's son Dave is here on leave after VN." In Hi., Bob Hain says, "At this point we are petitioning for a change in the name 'Pacific Ocean,' because it ain't." May Ware and Art Tyson's family was scattered last year over 3 continents "but this holiday season finds us all together here in Ga. Bob is at Benning; Art Jr. and family returned from Argentina." Betty and Billy Clarke have "1 big news item—we have a new grandson, Thomas Clarke Colella." Lamar Ratcliffe's Christmas card says that Lamar Jr. is still in Germany; Tom, a senior at K-State, has been commissioned in Ord.; and Fred is a freshman there with AIR ROTC. Hap Tubbs notes that "Eddie Doleman is VP of Honolulu Iron Works and active in the Honolulu Heart Assn. Bob and Millicent Hain were badly flooded by big surf." Hap's son Bill is in VN; Tom is here with GE; Sue lives in Chicago; Pat's husband, MAJ Greason, is an instructor at Sill. Eleanor and Danny Hine suffered a very damaging fire in their home; he has had to use insulin regularly, and she was hospitalized because of a bad kidney infection. The fire damage was only partially repaired when son Bill and family visited them while looking for a house in Berlin Heights, where he'll work as a computer programmer. Hadley Richardson "keeps busy with work and sailing; Hester and I see the Rothwells now and again. Bill Fletter has moved to Titusville, Ga., to work for the McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Co." Cowboy and Libby Elliott had happy holidays together at home in West Chester. Betty Gallagher and Randy and Cindy send greetings from 1481 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla. 33062. Card from Dave and Betty Gibbs, then in Stuart, Fla., says "Since 1 Aug. we have been (with Travel Trailer) from Monmouth to Ft. Worth, Colo. Springs, Medford, Ore., Gainesville, Fla., and finally here. Expect to return to Colo. Springs and build a house next summer. Visited Dick and Marney Meyers in Tucson and with the Olsons in Fla. I'm still supporting 'Mallard' but on a contract with VITRO LABS so may be in the Pentagon (again)." Bev and Lib Jones report that Mimi is near the top of the freshman class at Illinois' Principia College; Sally, a H.S. junior, "is doing fine grade-wise, too. We've both lost quite a few pounds; in fact I'm 33 lbs. lighter than last spring. We (dad, mother, Lib, and I) live side by side here in Miami. We are taking no school courses this year." John Honeycutt (408 Hermosa Drive, S.E., Albuquerque, N.Mex.) reminisces: "I couldn't resist putting on my wall behind some riding crops, a pair of Churchill spurs, and a pair of boot hooks. Hooray for the olden days. It's a great and

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glorious feeling to go to bed and not have to set the alarm clock." John sent a picture to prove that he was ret. on 31 Oct. It was taken just after he was presented a DSM by ADM Mustin, Dir, DASA.

Pat and Rita **Guiney**, with their Margie and Patrick III, rented a Hillman Minx in England last summer and "drove around southern England, Wales, and Ireland—found a flock of Guineys in Dublin—won a few bob at the dog races in Exford—had a champagne dinner with Moon and Anne Mullins in London and all went to the British Military Tournament where we saw a spectacular riding drill, that was nothing at all like the exhibits '33 put on at USMA. Then we jumped over to the Continent and visited, among many other places, Rita's old home in Nijmegen, Holland. Unfortunately, Jimmy **Polk** was away from Heidelberg. I am still recovering from that traffic rat race in Rome. Sailed home on the SS United States, which has since been taken out of service—now their is no US passenger ship making the trans-Atlantic run (air fares are cheaper and maritime unions too greedy). I am in my 14th year of teaching math in the Highland Falls H.S.—the 'new math' was introduced here last year, and for awhile I was only a page ahead of the students! I became a grandfather (Oct. '68) when Nancy had a baby girl, Lacy Taylor. Daughter Margie graduates from H.S. this year, and we have therefore been visiting some college campuses; most of the male students could use a haircut. She made the National Honor Society last month. Patrick is doing well in the 6th grade; he won the local Ford Punt, Pass, Kick contest for 11-year-olds. We particularly liked Red **White's** letter of appreciation from the Class of '33. If any of you need help with reservations at the Thayer or local auto courts, please let me know."

Betsy **Damon** reports that Jack **Schmelzer's** new address is: Lake View Manor Apts., Millville, N. J. 08332; where he is working at Cumberland County College. Jack's Patty and family live in the Boston area; Paul is also in Boston; John is finishing graduate work at Georgetown U.; Ruth is teaching in the American School in Montevideo, Uruguay. Chuck **Dunn** (39 Towne Square, Newport News, Va. 23607) says he and Dana "finally sold our house in Okla. City and moved into this town house on 8 Dec. I continue to explore getting back to work somewhere between here and Washington." Doug and Lil **Cairns** like living on Catalina Is. but think they may move this summer. Travel to the mainland is by water or amphibious plane. Mimi and her 2 are living on the island "for the duration," and daughter-in-law Terry lives in Seattle. Both Terry's husband Rob and son-in-law David Brooks are in VN. Charlie **Leydecker** writes that Abe **Lincoln** visited them in Oct.; "we reminisced even on the golf course where we broke even." Charlie sent a news clipping from the Salisbury "Times" which tells of Chet **Degrave's** miniature wild fowl carvings—"3 or 4 would fit into a child's palm"—and Tita's 2-week mule trip in Ethiopia. It was good to get a card from Jose Jiminez and the very fine book he sent showing the different uniforms of the Venezuelean Army.

We hosted the annual pre-game luncheon with USNA '33; and our treasury is now $42 richer. In his letter of condolence to Turner Duncan, Pres of USNA '33, **Hurly** said, "We stalwart members of the 'right' class of the 'right' school extend our appreciation to those members of the 'right' class of the 'wrong' school for their annual contribution. Better luck (but not much better) in 1970!" On 25 Oct., 39 of us broke bread together and danced at the Army Navy Town Club. Tom **Moorman** was the speaker at the DC WP Society's Oct. luncheon; and he tried hard to make USAFA sound as good as USMA. Ten of us were there. Mo **Kaiser** went to the homecoming game and saw **Guiney**, Vic **King**, **Pohl**, **Eyler**, **Vidal**, **Hale**, Bus **Evans**, **Fritz**, and **Lewis**, pretty good turn-out. Out next whing-ding is scheduled for 15 May—the trip on the C&O Canal Barge.

1933: VADM Lloyd Mustin and MG John T. Honeycutt.

'34

Maj. Gen. Lloyd E. Fellenz
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Jim **O'Hara** received a letter from Fred J. **Weis** ex '34. Fred is area manager for the AVCO Defense and Industrial Products Group in Denville, N.J. He had been reading Class News in the Summer '69 ASSEMBLY and wrote to Jim who in turn invited Fred to join our Class Association. Fred's address is P.O. Box 315, Denville, N.J. 07834.

Saturday night, 27 Sept. '69 a class party was held at Ft. Meade and hosted by Mary and Jack Seaman. Cocktails were served at the **Seaman's** spacious quarters, and dinner was served at the Officer's Mess. Those attending were Jack and Mary **Seaman**, Hal and Faith **Edson**, Jim and Elinore **O'Hara**, Gene and Hope **Corrigan**, Pete and Evelyn **Ward**, Tom and Foss **Foote**, Burt and Ginger **Bruce**, Lou and Louise **Walsh**, Bill and Huschi **Denson**, Emory and Loretta **Lewis**, Dena and Anne Johnston, Bob and Sis **MacDonnell**, BJ and Farley **Richardson**, Dan and Betty Anne **Cheston**, Bob and Lil Tyson, and Jack **Donoghue** who escorted Helen (E.E.B. **Weber**) Purcess. The party was delightful and a great success; some credit is due to the planning and efficiency of Jack's ADC's. Our hats are off to the **Densons** and the **Wards** who traveled farthest to come.

It is with sorrow we announce the death of Jack **Stark** of a heart attack while swimming in late Sept. 69. Jack was buried at West Point on 30 Sept. 69. Services were conducted at the Old Chapel. Flowers were sent by the class.

On 20 Sept. a joint '34 lunch was sponsored by '34 Navy at the Old Navy Gun Factory. The Navy had a tremendous turnout of about 20 classmates, far outnumbering us. It was almost embarrassing. Present for USMA '34 were **Gerhart**, **Lewis**, Lou **Walsh**, Jack **Schaefer**, **Stevens**, **Tyson**, **O'Hara**, **Edson**, and **Fellenz**. The Navy put on a good show with a male choral group singing good old Navy and Army songs—mostly Navy, however!

Bob **Kyser** retired on 30 Sept. and almost immediately went into the hospital with pneumonia. He is fine now, and he and Rita are on a well-deserved, extended vacation in Tampa, Fla. Their present plans are to remain in Washington when they return from Fla. Bob hasn't decided what he wants to do with regards to future work.

Bey Mario **Arosemena** sent me a nice note after receiving Dud **Wilmeth's** account of the Class Reunion. He and Chicha are well and happy. Bev said he paid up his class dues and sent a check to the Supe's. Fund—wants us now to get off his back!

Jack **Donoghue** recently sent me a Change of Address card. His new address is: 8 Saratoga Dr., Hudson, Mass. Telephone (617) 562-6397.

As you can read, there is not much news this time. I now send out a 2d plea for news from you guys. I can't put news in the ASSEMBLY unless I get the news from you—so get your pens in hand and write to me.

The following notes were received by Bentley **Kern** along with the payment of dues.

Paul **Hanley** passed on Season's Greetings and said life continues busy with him.

Ken **Cunin** reports he was sorry that he was unable to make the 35th Reunion.

Billy **Craig** reports that he and Peg have been moving around madly since retirement trying to find a home. It now looks like they will build in Stuart, Fla. For the time being they are renting a small cottage at 828 Palm City Ave., Stuart, Fla. 33494.

Pete **Ward** from the Hampton Roads area reports having seen recently Johnny **Diefendorf**, Jerry and Muff **Blair**, and Dave and Helen **Routh**.

Tom **O'Neil** is still living in San Francisco. All his children (3) are now out of college and married. One son is in Trenton, N.J., another in San Diego, and a daughter in Va. Beach.

Travis **Brown** seems to be operating an antique shop at 3100 Steiner St., San Francisco, Calif. 94123. At least his return address was "Travis Tabor Brown Antiques."

Ace **Brookhart** reports he has complied with Dud **Wilmeth's** request and mailed $34.35 to the Supe's Fund for the class gift and wishes he could make it more. If everyone who hasn't yet contributed gave $34.35, we'd have a gift of over $8,000.

Stan **Brown** sent thanks for reminding him of his dues.

Joe **Piram** gave those at a party a scare the last of Oct. when he collapsed. His trouble proved not too serious and after surgery he is back home. Harry **Hubbard** reports that the remainder of '34 in El Paso is fine. Harry is busy selling cattle and getting others ready for sale.

Stilsen **Smith** reports that he is teaching and couldn't get away to attend the 35th Reunion, but that he hopes to make the 50th, if not before. He says that Southern Calif. is wonderful, except for the smog, the traffic, the hordes of people and Stilson.

Dede **Simenson** had a detached retina, first in the left, then in the right eye. The docs have done a good job and are still working on him. Dede's note was "writ by hand" by him, so he must be OK.

From the desk of H. J. **Jablonsky** come his dues and word that $50 was sent to W.P.

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Alumni Foundation—Class of 1934. Good ole Jabo!

H. R. **Hester** has paid up all back dues in full and with apologies. How about the rest of you characters who are unpaid—86 as of this date, 4 Jan. 1970.

Art **Meier** is with McDonnell Douglas Astronautics n Santa Monica. He has just received a license as an Industrial Engr for the State of Calif.

Bud **Buehler** sends best wishes and states it was fun seeing all of us at the Reunion.

Jack **Renfroe,** with apologies, has sent in all back dues. For all Jack has done for the Class he doesn't need to apologize to anyone for anything in this Class.

From the desk of Russ **Volckmann** comes payment for all back dues and best regards. Russ thinks there is something wrong with the records, but he paid anyway. The bills for the dues are helping the fund. Most guys just forget to pay.

Bob **Fuller** is sorry he is late paying his dues.

Tom **Crystal** thinks the Treas. is doing a fine job and wishes he could have made it to West Point for the Reunion.

Bill **Wise** sent best regards along with his dues payment.

Bob **Erlenkotter** has accused the Treas. of having the memory of an elephant when he picked up an isolated unpaid dues for 66-67. Bob reports that Doris **Rogers** (T de F's widow) is in Ga. and can get her mail at the following address: c/o Peters, 3241 Willow Ave., Brunswick, Ga. 31520.

From the desk of V.C. **Huffsmith** comes his dues payment for the current year and also cancelled checks to prove he paid the other years. Oh well, we can't win them all.

Sis **MacDonnell** reports for Bob that it is great to be back in the Washington area for good. Bob is working for a congressional committee.

All is well with Dan and Betty Anne **Cheston.** Dan is plowing along with stamp sales (Stampfinder, P.O. Box 5620, Baltimore, Md. 21210, if you are interested) and appraising for estate purposes.

A memo from Rip **Winkle** gives Uncle Dud a 3.0+ on and for his 35th Reunion Report and sends $34.35 to the Supe's Fund. The Dud scores again.

Harry **Hillyard** congratulates the Treas. on his selection and especially for sending out the "Dues Statement". Bentley still thinks the election was crooked. Harry points out that the big problem with dues is how much I owe or whom to send it to.

Frank **Kemble** reports that he and Ella regret not getting to the Reunion, but that his teaching obligation prevented his absence in early June; that perhaps conditions will be better on the 40th. Please note that his address in the locator should be changed to Rte. 9, not 5.

Charlie and Doris **Wood** are looking forward to the 40th.

Johnny **Franklin** writes that Dud's "humor has not diminished in any degree, in fact I think it is even more apt and pertinent."

Louise **Walsh** had a serious operation in Nov. in a Washington hospital and is now up and around.

'35

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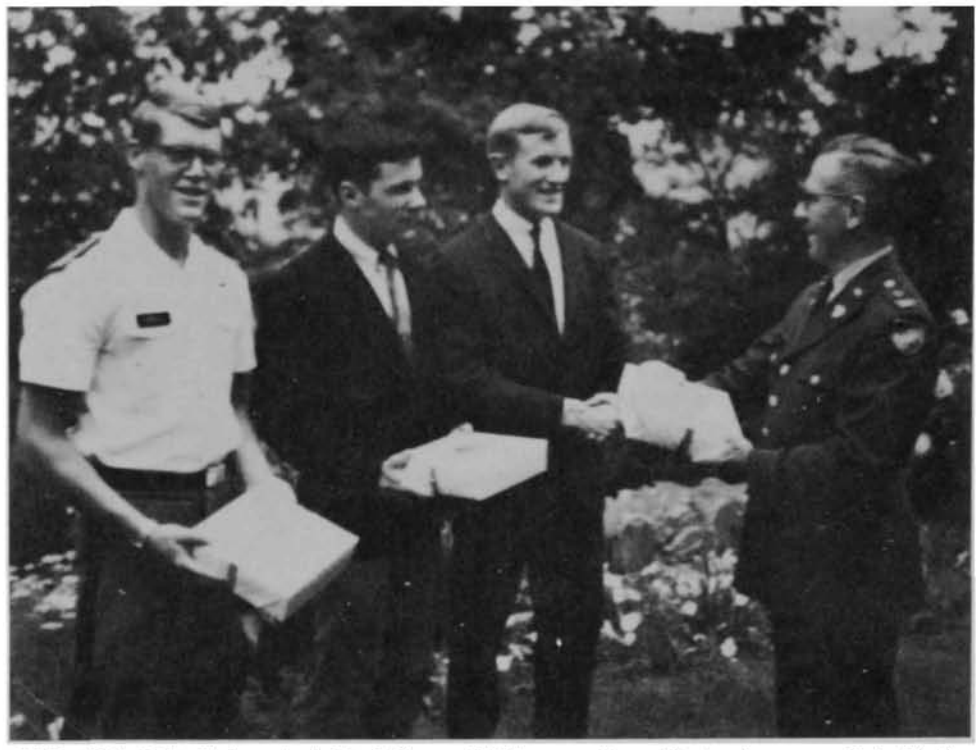
A fair-sized group of '35ers gathered at Ft. McNair for the first luncheon of the season on 30 Sept. There were 18 in all including Ken **Berquist** down from Pa. The usual cheer of such gatherings was greatly sobered by word of John **Stapleton's** death earlier that same day. John was retired in 1962 with the heart condition and about one in the morning, Tucson time, it claimed him. Burial was in Arlington on 3 Oct. Edna Jane has written a very warm letter thanking the Class for all the help and sympathy she has received and for the Class flowers, with special thanks to John's classmates in the Tucson area.



1935: COL J.S.B. Dick on behalf of Class of '35 presenting gifts to class sons Pete Skells, Bill Rynearson, and Jack Gloriod in the Dick's garden.

Another shock for the Class was the death of Lucie **Rhoades** on 17 Nov. She had been ill for only a short time with cancer. Jack asks that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Memorial Fund, Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, Roswell, N.M.

There are no military promotions, reassignments, nor retirements to report but a nice letter from Frank **Fiore** reports that he is taking a leave from Western Union International and moving to Washington for "at least a year." His new job is International Telecommunications Union Representative with the Interamerican Development Bank (How does that grab you?). I called that office to see if he has arrived and find that he has, but with the offices closed for the holidays he and Marge are probably up in N.J. visiting with their son's family at the **Fiore** home there. MAJ F.A.N. (Tony) **Fiore,** USMA '62, is a Bde Sig O in VN.

In the last issue was reported George **Ruhlen's** move to Ft. Sam. That move must have been strenuous. After taking over as Dpty CG Fourth Army and commander of Hq Ft. Sam Houston on 28 Oct., George was a patient in Brooke General Hospital on 4 Nov., under observation for a coronary occlutation and expected to "be away from his duties for a few weeks." We all hope George is completely recovered and back on top again.

Another move is by Nat **Martin.** After several years in Darien, Conn., with IBM, etc., Nat and Ginny have moved to 94 Edmunds Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 02182. Nat is now a VP with ITT-Sheraton in Boston.

Ed **Ferris** (who is, this winter, mobile as opposed to hospitalized) and Marie went up to visit their son Danny at West Point and to see the ARMY-Boston College game got pleasantly held over for the wedding, on the afternoon of 26 Oct., of Betty Strauss, lovely daughter of Bob and Betty **Strauss,** to William G. Kosco, CE (presently assigned in Somers **Dick's** empire of math). Bob's and Betty's eldest son, Robert Jr., Class of '61, was one of the groomsmen. The reception at the West Point Army Mess "left nothing undone." We all have a good chance to meet the bride and groom because MAJ Kosco has been assigned to "Aide" the '35 Reunion, and it is the consensus that young Betty will help. Bob and Betty **Strauss** tour the US in their small private plane which they say is not new and not fast, but quite reliable.

Ed **Ferris** also reports seeing Bill **Lapsley** at the ARMY-B.C. game. Bill is now a VP of Consolidated Edison in New York, and lives at 379 Quaker St., Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514. Ed and Marie **Ferris** also visited elder son Mike and family in Houston at Thanksgiving and while there had a nice visit with Bun and Routh **Wilby.** Bun is with Brown and Root, Engrs; Bill, USMA '67, is a CPT at Arlington Hall Station; Mary, 20, is at U. of Bordeau, France, majoring in political science and French; Betty, 12, is a junior in high school and interested in horses; and Tommy, 7, keeps Bun and Routh young.

The **Bidgoods** have a new grandchild, Matthew Stephen **Bidgood,** 7 lbs 14 oz, born 24 Nov. 69, son of Marilyn and MAJ **Freddie Bidgood,** USMA '60, at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Somers and Lucy **Dick** happily report daughter Priss (ANC) and her husband David Bodde (CPT C E) and their other son-in-law Bernie Ferry (MAJ C E) all home safely from VN—Bernie for the 2d time.

Note on a Christmas card from **Ralph Haines** reads "Our older son, Palmer, marries a lovely local girl later this month. (A former Miss Hawaii with a Master's Degree in Political Science.) Our younger son, Bill, returns from an extended tour in VN to be best man. The **Cherrys** assemble on us for the event. Hope all are well in D.C.—I couldn't find '35 at the half of that very satisfactory A&N game." The fact is that at least a few of us saw Ralph and Sally, but vigorous waving, etc. didn't catch their eyes as they walked along obviously looking for our small group, which consisted of **Joe and Esther**

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Keating, Russ **Smith,** Al **Foreman,** and Jeff and Charlotte **Rumsey.** It WAS a great football game.

A very fine pre-game party was held jointly with '35 of Navy on 22 Nov., at the home of CPT and Mrs. Paret in Arlington. We had only 22 of our group there and were outnumbered about 2 to 1 by Navy. Our representation was Seep and Jo **Bassitt** and Russ **Smith** down from Pa. bringing Carol **Skells** (who had stopped over with **Bassitts** on her way to New York to help with a new grandchild), these 4 all stayed with Al and Jean **Robbins** in Washington and the 6 all came to the party together, also the **Algers,** the **Ferrises,** the **Pattersons,** the **Mitchells,** the **Thayers,** the **Rumseys,** Kay **St. John,** Joe **Anderson,** Russ **Hawkins,** and Bernie **Waterman.** The last 3 alone because of wifely illness, and the **Simpsons,** who had planned to attend dropped out when Margaret was taken ill. I am happy to report that these ladies have long since recovered. This was the 2d such joint gathering, the 1 a year before being hosted by Jim and Consuelo **Alger** in their quarters at Ft. McNair.

Another wedding was taking place on 29 Nov. which no doubt reduced our showing at the A&N game a bit. At Ft. Myer, Hart and Betty **Caughey's** eldest daughter, married William Thomas Coker. The other 3 **Caughey** girls were bridesmaids. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas DeWitt Coker of Peoria, Ill., and is with IBM in Chicago. The bride is also employed in Chicago as a home economist with Quaker Oats. The young couple will of course live in the Chicago area.

I got a very sad, plaintive letter from Bill **Martz** last fall asking why the **Martz** family was being ignored and why, in listing the new cadets in the summer issue of ASSEMBLY, did I omit Wm. V. **Martz II.** This is the first communication I've had from Bill, and it contained no other news on the **Martz** family endeavors, only the complaint that he has "received no literature, no information, nothing—not even a request for dues." Well, I have arranged with Ed **Ferris** to send him a special request for dues, and as for omitting Bill II, as a member of the Class of '73, I am very sorry, but I must make a public proclamation here and now. Whatever other virtues I may have, I am not, repeat **not** clairvoyant, and the only way I was able to report on the young men I did list was by the help of their respective fathers writing in the news. Even Somers **Dick** didn't have a computer readout when those notes left my hands last 16 June. Again I say, I'm sorry Bill, but if you want something publicized please write a note.

Betty **Rynearson** wrote in a nice letter enclosing the accompanying photo of the 3 new graduates and Somers **Dick** at the presentation of the Class Trays last June. Pete **Skells,** Bill **Rynearson,** and Jack **Gloriod** in the usual order. Betty also reports that their son Charlie and Dave **Gregg's** son Peter entered Norwich U. last Sept. Dave's older son, Dave, is already there as a junior.

Charlie **Hoy** passed through Washington and reported that on a trip to Europe he literally bumped into John and Gina **Throckmorton** in Madrid in the air terminal. He says they exchanged greetings, but there was no time for anything else. Charlie also reports that he now has a duly witnessed and recorded hole-in-one at the Charleston Country Club. Can anyone—even Charlie **Rich**—tie that?!

Arthur and Helen **Fickel** took a vacation and drove down to S.C. in Dec., stopping off a few days in Washington. The **Rogers** and the **Rumseys** very much enjoyed seeing them and hashing over old times.

This will be the last issue of ASSEMBLY before our 35th Reunion. The west coast has been circularized regarding charter travel by Al **Wells'** mimeo sheet last fall and Bernie **Waterman's** poopsheets went out early Dec. with request for reply by 15 Jan. 70. At last word responses were coming in slowly. It is hoped that they will all come promptly after the holidays. But in the cases of 2 of our retired general officer classmates the packets were returned marked "Moved—No Forwarding Address." *It's getting pretty tough when* we lose track of our eminent citizens. We hope it was only postal error due to the Christmas season.

'36

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As virtually every writer in the world is doing at this time, your Scribe takes note of this special sidereal occasion—the finish of the 6th decade in the 20th century. The 10-year-span, as a century previously, has been full of many things which all of us would rather not have seen—the frustrations of war, in the main. This column, just this time in '59, I closed with a New Year's wish for continued peace. How very wonderful if this could be the immediate (or early) portent for 1970! On that earlier occasion Jack **Chiles** and Howell **Estes** were doing a fine job keeping the Class together from their Pentagon offices. Since then we have had 34 sons graduate from WP, 4 each from Naval and AF Academies. Four of our young Pointers have been killed, 3 of them in battle. All told, there have been 6 in-service deaths. Fifteen of our members have joined the Long Gray Line. 1936 has commanded continuously in the longest war (unfortunately) that this country has ever had.

In further reviewing the past 10 years, we've had 2 Supes, 2 vice C/S, 2 over-all battlefield war-time commanders, 1 C/S, and 6 full GENS. Altho comparisons are sometimes "not," yet after our 1st 8 years of service we were about 30 yrs of age, and most of the Class were LTCs to COLs. We had 1 BG. In the 60's we have had about 300 sons and about the same number of daughters; therefore, we have not materially increased the world population from our own married members. In the present war—which is longer than our WW II, our offspring have reached thru grade of MAJ—there may be 1 or 2 LTCs—and the oldest age runs to about 32. However, our sons are only about 50% in uniform (thank goodness). If lack of modesty could be forgiven, I should like to remind "us" that I can think of only 1 graduate who has equaled the following: First Captain, Supe, C/S, commander in chief in war time, full GEN, address to joint Congress, and long-shot candidate for President. Out of almost 30,000 graduates only MacArthur can equal Westy's accomplishments. And if some would say that MacArthur "did more," I'll be the 1st to agree. But GEN MacArthur was never "Time's" Man of the Year; and most especially, Doug was not Class of 1936!

Two sons entered the Academy last July: Jack **Daly** Jr. and Jon **Jacoby.** Good luck to these young Plebes.

This year-end mail was heavy as usual. In his Christmas message to his troops, Abe spoke the prayer of the 70's in a wish for peace. Jack and May **Arnold** still working at FSU. They have a MAJ son at Vandenberg and a CPT at Warren AFB. One daughter at FSU. Gordon **Austin** is in 3d year at National Security Assn. Joyce still writes and broadcasts. Daughter at Georgetown U. Son has been studying advanced hotel management in Atlanta, now working in Hong Kong. The **Barretts** moved into a new home in Mar. He is still with Fla. State Dept of Education. One daughter is in Ariz.; the other has been home while her husband has been flying in VN. Their new address: 2808 Rebecca Dr, Tallahassee. **Bodines** still in full retirement, have been cruising Chesapeake in a 30 ft. sailboat. **Bennetts,** still in L.A. area, returned from a Pacific cruise this year. From Washington, **Carmichaels** see vast change from our lives of the 30's. Oldest son trying for medical school. Annapolis son liking the Navy.

Catos wrote from Clearwater. Two sons went to VN this year, 1 has already returned. Early in '70, 2 sons and their sister will have a reunion in Hi. **Catos** have chatted with the **Besses** at Ft. Myers and have seen **Faiks** at Ft. Lauderdale. Walt is studying for his law degree and was trying to get his last son to WP. They (**Faiks**) have a new address—2738 NE 16th St., Ft. Lauderdale. The **Chaffins** will remain in Lebanon until end of Mar.; Dave was back in States for Christmas. **Chappelears** made a trip to Boston and did some sightseeing. Had dinner with the **Finkels.** Their younger daughter is expecting her 1st child in spring. **Chiles** had a visit from Mary and Mike on a return trip to Korea. Mike and Abe had seen Lucylee in Saigon where she helicopts around in her present assignment and worries mama-Lucy back at Sheridan. Jack **Hall** is a glee-club Cow at the Point.

Kay **Christensen** says young Don has returned from VN and has taken a civilian job in Atlanta. The 2 were together in Washington at Christmas. The **Clarks** are mostly alone in a big house at Maxwell. Son Pat was home for Christmas. Caline passes thru Atlanta often but not long enuf to get in touch; this may be remedied when a scheduled Mar. get-together occurs. Bill and Betty **Connor** had both sons home for holidays. Kathy lives nearby. From Bill I received news of Ben **Turnage's** remarriage and the news that he and Frances are living on **Connor's** St.—92 Tradd, Charleston. The **Cordeses** sent the clearest and most concise year-news letter of the Class: On 1 page—pics of members of family. Underneath each—names and places. All xeroxed for mass distribution. Both gorgeous daughters have families and son Rick has a '69 wife and is stationed in Japan. Cliff and Max have a cruiser for "living" up in Olympia. Bill **Covington** has ret for 3d time. He's now mayor of Whispering Pines, N.C.—new address—"Box 33," same place. **Crawfords** are back in Europe. He's researching taxation and the Common Market. Address—Box R, APO NY 09080. **Currans** had Christmas at Bradenton home.

Hap **Dalton** is building in his carport, mainly a bath. As Hap hasn't been upstairs in 1½ years, he says it's been that long since he was in a tub. He encourages our son to become Pope because he thinks he and I can make use of his position for our advantage. The **Dalys** had several things to be happy about: their 30th anniversary, son Charlie's Phi Betta Kappa at Stanford, and Jack Jr. going to the Point. The Class nominated Ben **Davis** for the Castle award which is recognition for the Pointer who most contributes to the tradition and ideals of the Academy. Those of us involved considered him a unanimous choice. TR **Davis** wrote from San Antonio. His son may be the youngest child in the Class (but I trust my memory seldom any-

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more), and it was 10 years ago that I announced the very proud event for Tom and Barbara. Ken and Karie **Dawalt** sent greetings from their new Alexandria townhouse. The **Dorlands** had an eventful year: Gil changed jobs after being in Nashville 17 years. He's now an Ex VP at Carolina Steel in Greensboro, N.C. He saw all 4 sons in Army green. The last child was married. At year's end the whole family was nearby. Pete and John at Benning. Diana and Robbie at Duke. Rick, married in Aug. goes to State U. of N.Y. After 10 years in service, young Gil, USMA '59, resigned and entered N.C. bank at Charlotte.

Jesse **Drain** wrote from Indianapolis where he's moved into an apt—3928 Rue Renoir. Young Robert is a CAPT in VN, and youngest Jesse III a Navy "j.g." Jesse is selling for Prudential. Nan and Howell **Estes** in an apt, too,—565 Bellevue Ave, Apt. 1902, Oakland, Calif. Howell is VP of World Airlines Inc, Oakland International Airport. Josh and Hazel **Finkel** are doing well in Newton, Mass. He's still with insurance also, I believe. Fos and Grace **Furphy** went to Mexico in early '69 and had some motoring problems which caused a different means of return transportation. Daughter is expecting for 3d time and lives near them. **Furphys** planning European vacaton in '70s. Rudy and Betty **Ganns** getting settled in Hemet, Calif., and hoping for some traveling in near future. Phil **Greene** has been 11 years as Dir of Guidance in his 1,700 student H.S. Edgar **Thompson** has been with the school in Special Education for 2. Obviously R.I. has "top" educational advisors. Although somewhat late (not unusual for this column) I happily report that Mary Lee **Griffith** married Abb Chrietzberg, COL at Third Army, Ft. MacPherson, in Nov. 67. Their combined families (5 in colleges) live at the old **Griffith** residence in Atlanta. Russ **Grohs** sent greetings from San Antone. Missed Nick **Grothaus** who called while passing thru Atlanta in Oct. All the **Hanekes** are congregated near Richmond. Carolyn is home. Margaret has an Oct. baby (1st **Haneke** grandchild), and Bill is going to U. of Richmond. Like Bill, I'm sad to say that Margaret's husband was wounded this year.

Tommy and **Jean Hayes** have had a good 6 months in his new job. She has spent a good deal of time settling their new home outside the Presidio. He has made a rather long trip to the Orient—as far as Pakistan. They both have had a trip to Chile. All in all, the presidency of International Engineering Co. sounds exciting from every angle. Gen and Will **Hendrickson** wrote from their mountain-deer paradise—Box 17A, Rt 2, Mancos, Colo. (new address). The **Hesses** wrote that young Beth is in love, and Helen keeps reading guide books on Europe, waiting for the time she can go again. Hi has a large 5 bedroom villa all to himself in Tunis. He's the only AID engineer on water development. Still plays tennis and says that he is aware of the 37-year relationship we have all had and hopes it can continue another 37. I'm sure we'll all agree. Dave **Hiester** is a N.J. manufacturing company's consultant and is finishing graduate work next summer. Daughter Darrell goes to Nuremberg with husband. Got messages from both Steve **Holdernesses** (Jr. and Sr.). The younger is out of service and with Conn. Gen Insurance. "Our" Steve is still at Hilton Head. Elsie and he saw **Kramer**, **Hay** and **Yost** at A-N game. Jerry H. was married in Aug. and is in VN. Clark **Hosmer** is directing graduate programs for Ga. State U. in Columbus, Ga. Lyn has been a volunteer dental aide and taking college courses. Both are readjusting to their new location. Son Brad graduated with honors from Nav WC and is now on Pentagon duty. Gay and Kevin are home. Phil got out of AF and is with Bendix Corp.

Illigs had a Xmas cocktail party which must have been very holiday seasoned. **Jacobys** were East last summer; saw **Pages** in Raleigh and **McCartys** in Charleston. They're happy about son at the Point. Dale had broken shoulder from falling out of a canoe while fishing and sober. Jake still teaching math. Bill and Elly **Jones** get my 2d best award for Christmas greeting—the **Cordeses** beat them only because of pictures. USAFA son Brice is an eligible bachelor still at Myrtle Beach AFB. The rest of children near home (Calif.). Bill still in real estate. Have heard from Bill **Jordan** several times. Most recently from VA Hosp, Miami; I'm sure he'd like to hear from old friends. Art and Peg **Joyce** wrote from Chicago. They saw **Dorlands** before they left Nashville. Dette **Kimball** wrote from the farm where she spends most of her days. Had a nice visit from Barbara and Bobby **O'Brien**. They rode most of the time. Bill **Kimball** is in Denver and is working hard at his own franchise (company) dealing with business services for small concerns. He thinks his work has great potential for the little man. He had a pleasant chat with Dave **Brown** who lives in Evergreen and teaches H.S. He has been back to Washington once. Had a few chats with **Monteiths**. Hopes to see **Cozart** up in Boulder.

Bill **Kinard** re retired and left research and writing. Visited son Bill at Knox and Chris in Chicago. In '70 both sons will be in Europe where Jane and Bill will again try to visit them. **Kramers** wrote from Mass. They were at A-N game with **Yosts** and **Holdernesses**. Art was impressed by Steve's youthful look. Heard from **Lamperts** out in Pacific. Had a very full and newsy letter from Grace **Layne**. They visited daughter Pat in S.F. who almost has her Ph.D. Her husband is a young exec and has a hobby in writing for Macmillan (2 novels) and short articles for "Harpers," "New Yorker," and "Esquire." They (Grace and Clyde) did the nite circuits at Mexico City and Houston. Clyde otherwise, is mgr of design and programs at G.E. in Falls Church. Gracie says they have their "forever roots" in their Alexandria home. Jim **Billy** wrote that farming is fine but tobacco prices aren't. He saw Westy at Louisville J.C. convention. Were with **Chiles** at Vandy game. They went to Denver to see daughter who was ill, and while there, stayed on air base with **Monteiths**.

Hank **Lind** wrote from beautiful Monterrey where Helen is working in museum, and both are so lucky to be there. Al and Maddy **McCormick** are in Minn. and have only Mark (14) still at home. Dan **McElheny** is a law student in Fla. (like **Faiks**). Daughter Pam is in Ariz. and son Bruce is out of Marine Corps and in college. **Mileses** had all 5 children with them for Xmas; USNA, Kenny, was back from 2d VN tour. Monty wrote from Lowry and contests my comments about Bill **Fickes** in this previous column. Monty says Bill was struck by lightning right on what is now the AFB where he commands. He says that Illig can identify the exact spot.

It has been my great reward to get back in touch with Classmates whom I never saw after graduation. One of these guys, for whom my fondness was never slight, I finally caught up with and heard his voice on the phone (never saw him) in Saigon; this Christmas, finally got my 1st card from Marian and Hank **Mucci**. Perhaps this should be listed as one of the accomplishments of the 60s! Helen and Joe were still in Hi. at year's end. The **Noakes** have been happy to have son Dave nearby at VMI ROTC. Father and son are interested in sports cars. Eve and Don have been involved in a college course at W & M in Plant Taxonomy. They've been on field trips, and Don's expertise in photography has been a considerable assist to enjoyment. They spent 4 months at their Vt. farm, also the past year. Heard from the 3 **Palmers** at holiday time. The **Partridges** were busy last year. Tuck worked at Mitrapab, a joint country effort to raise and deliver school aid in Thailand—Julie **Abrams** does the same. Tuck has been a Red Cross case worker and assisted at Jim Thompson's house as a guide. Son Bruce continues teaching nuclear physics at Princeton while Colin is sophomore at Dartmouth. Just before year end, **Partridges** had to move back stateside—Cornell Aeronautical Lab, Box 235, Buffalo, N.Y. **Persons** were back in Quantico for arrival of a grandson. Next July they are moving to Marin County, San Rafael. Bev **Powell**, following his visit in Atlanta in Sept., said that Lee and Sue **Shea** have bought Bill **Prince's** home in Santa Fe; that would be like 302 E. Coronado Rd. Bill moved to another location in Santa Fe. Last year the **Quinns** went to Europe—Holland, England, Ireland. Rob is back from VN again and going to Heidelberg. Bob and Juana went to homecoming and saw **Packs**, **McCabes**, and **Austins**. Bob goes to S. Dak. frequently to see his father; Juana plans to go west in the spring for her 30th (college) reunion. The "Old Surveyor," Charlie **Redman** sent his newsy, philosophical, and patriotic poem again this season from Kennett, Mo.

Many hearts were broken to hear that lovely Edie **Safford** passed away in Dec.; she was buried at the Point. Bill **Sibert**, Headmaster of General MacArthur Military Academy and Pres of Military Order of World Wars, stopped thru Atlanta on his way to participate in an award being made by the latter organization in Savannah. Young George, Class Godson, sent a card with pictures of his and Judy's 3 adorable children. He transferred from Engrs to Inf and will be visiting Benning in May. Bob **Joerg** is back at National Rifle Assn in Washington after a 3-year leave in VN. John **Lynch** was job hunting. Bill **Haneke** was made Comptroller of Richmond Medical Center. The last few items were supplied from Bill **Shuler's** news desk. Bill **Sievers** wrote from Kirtland Hall College, Md., saying that he and Larry are recovering from illnesses of a year ago and still living in an apt. Son Bill is an instructor at Sill and daughter Sharon is senior at Dickinson, Carlisle. Howie **Snyder** has been up to Washington several times in recent months—spent Christmas there —with his father who has been confined at Walter Reed. I had a pleasant lunch with Howie early in Dec. when I dropped down to Benning to see a sick friend. Received a fine color pic of the whole **Swain** family —the **Swains** seem to have a special talent for accumulating female beauty. Peggy **Vincent** flew all over the country again this year—Mexico City, Calif., Wash., Canada, etc. Still works with TV and modeling. Says she was also an "xtra" in "Viva Max." Young **Casey** is 4 year-thru the Navy and back hoping to go to college. Ed **Wallnau** was

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made the 1st honorary member of the West Point Society of Conn.—Ace **Miller** is pres. Greetings came from **Waters**, Taylorville, Ill. Chuck Jr. is out of AF and studying law. Daughter Brooke is at Eustis with her husband back from 2d VN tour. Jim and Virginia **Weaver** wrote from Calif. He's with State Real Estate Commission. They had a big family Christmas reunion.

Westy, I've heard, will become pres of Citadel about '72. What a full-circle for 1 of the most tremendous careers in military history. Of doubtful importance will be the fact that the 3 most important Class officers will all be together in Charleston: Bill **Connor**, Westy, and Ben **Turnage**.

A card from Ben and Mimi **Whipple** says they hope to see **McElhenys** in Jan. Had 2 visits from Wort and Patty **Williams**—arrival and departure from the far NW. It was great; my whole family got to visit with them. They saw their son at Citadel, the **Connors, Holdernesses, Covingtons,** and **Evanses**! Missed Tim **Willis** who called from airport in Nov.

Prayers and best wishes for Peace with a Happy New Year and new Decade.

'37

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Again it is my sad duty to report the loss of a much-liked and respected classmate. Fred **Ressegieu** was killed in early Nov. when his executive jet crashed into a mine pit near Churchill Falls, Canada. Memorial services were held in Montreal, where Fred lived, and burial was at West Point. Fred was the highly successful vice president of Canadian Bechtel, Ltd. Our great sympathy goes to his wife Ginny who has now been twice widowed from our Class.

Scott **Hall** has been most helpful in preparing this quarter's issue. He reports that on a trip he talked with George **Holcomb** in San Antonio; George is still head of the Modern Languages Dept. at Trinity College and apparently very happy. Scott also furnishes the following description of a Sept. event:

"Amid all the pomp and tradition of the old Army we used to know, Stu and Kate **O'Malley** were retired at a ceremony last Tues. at Ft. Myer, Va. The spectacular event was attended by the **O'Malley's** friends and many very senior military people, including GEN Westmoreland. The retreat-retirement parade included a trooping of the line by the famous 3d Infantry Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps in colonial uniforms, a 13-gun salute with ruffles and flourishes, an inspection of the troops, a presentation of the DSM, and a fly-over of choppers. The following classmates were present: Obie and Marty **Oberbeck**, Fred and Isabel **Clarke**, Bob and Ginger **Gildart**, Betty **Spengler**, Bud and Trix **Zehner**, Don and Fran **Shive**, Trapper and Betty **Drum**, Dick **Klocko**, Bill and Madeline **Cain**, Jerry **Stumpf**, Joe and Bonnie **Chabot**, Kelsie and Mary Lou **Reaves**, Jim and Marge **Duncan**, and of course Ann and Scott **Hall**."

Don **Shive** tells me that Bill **Bailey** came through surgery at Walter Reed in fine style and plans to continue his studies at Georgetown U. for his Ph.D. He plans to go to Japan in Mar. in connection with his thesis. Also, Frank and Jean **Harrison** visited her sister in Arlington in Sept., on a wide swing from San Antonio, visiting Noel **Menard** in Ia. and Jim **Norvell** in Lawton, Okla. Jim is with the local Chevy dealer. Frank said that Jack and Emilie **Browning** are in the San Antonio social whirl.

1937: Bert Connor, CG of Third Army, presents Delk Oden, CG of Ft. Rucker, a plaque in recognition of his post's outstanding Army Community Service program.

Ham **Fish** wrote to Don **Shive** recently to say that he would like to remain on the Washington area roster although he and Mildred have been in Raleigh, N.C., for some time; Ham is taking a 2-year math course sponsored by NSF to retread retired military types into math teachers; he will finish next May.

Dave **Parker** had a fine time at the Oct. Homecoming; he took his family and had hoped to see more classmates than he did: Paul **Cullen** was there with his children, also Alice and Westy **Westover**; and Joe **Focht** and wife, who live nearby, came to the game only. **Metz** had registered for the affair but was not visible.

Bud **Hines** sent a welcome letter from Roswell, N.M. He says Sam **Agee** is still running N.M. Military Institute in fine fashion. Bud's daughter and her husband were visiting; the young man is an Iranian who has been at MIT for 6 years and is on his way back to Iran, probably to be drafted for 2 years. Bud is teaching physics and a little math, both college and high school. He has spent 4 summers in Las Vegas, N.M., getting an MS degree: "Now I have both an MA and an MS—not very useful." He is still playing a lot of tennis and holds the veteran's title for both town and country club. He reports that Jim **Posey** has left Nuclear Research Associates and has bought into a company making a device that holds a car straight after a front-end blowout.

Chief **Evans** is again a great contributor. He sent a clipping about Bill **Lewis** being promoted to Associate Port Dir of New Orleans, and another about Solly **Sollohub's** appointment as Dir, Div of Interior Resources, in Fla., where he has been working since May 61. Claudine **Evans** is busy painting portraits of the patients at the NAS hospital—mostly wounded Marines and Sailors from VN. The youngsters appreciate it most deeply.

1937: Bill Lewis, at left, witnesses the Governor of Louisiana sign an act for capital improvement of the port of New Orleans.

Chief raises a good point about a modern trend: "*The Pentagon is a good case in point*—I still can't understand why they have to have so many in headquarters, with a 3.5 million armed services against 13 or 15 million in WW II. Is automation the reason?"

The ladies had a good luncheon in Sept., with cocktails at Ann **Hall's** house followed by lunch at a country club. Present were Jerry **Stumpf**, Mary **Byroade**, Betty **Spengler**, Dottie **Graham**, Sally **Mercado**, Louise **Lutes**, Ginny **Pearsall**, Marge **Bailey**, Trix **Zehner**, Mary Ann **Robbins**, Pat **Frazier**, Mette **Parker**, and Bonnie **Chabot**.

The **Zehners** had their traditional ARMY-Navy game brunch and TV session on the big day. It was my first attendance, and I'm very glad I went. They have a lovely house in a most elegant area, and everyone present enjoyed himself hugely. Present were the **Fraziers, Hippses, Kennedys, Halls, Mercados, Parkers, Pearsalls, Prentisses, Hallocks** (down from Pa.), **Bissells, Georges, Klockos, Whittemores, Stumpts,** and Betty **Spengler**.

Choppy **Brett** reports that both he and Bob **Gildart** received fine awards from the American Legion for their patriotic efforts in support of the Veterans Day "Freedom Rally" here in Washington, designed to counter some of the effects of the so-called moratorium.

Class luncheons continued to be a strong focal point during the period. Attending all 3 were **Hall, Shive, Frazier, Brett, Martin, Parker, Hipps,** and **Bissell**. Able to make 2 were **Prentiss, Zehner, Whittemore, Diercks, Williams, Hyzer,** and **Stumpf**. Mo **Preston, Stevenson, Maliszewski,** and **Cain** got to 1 each.

Remember—I can write up only the news I hear or get in the mail!

'38

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1938 Class Officers elected for the ensuing year are Pres, R.B. **Anderson**; Entertainment Chairman, Jesse **Thomas**; Secy-Treas, W.W. **Smith**; Scribe, L. Dow **Adams**.

Following are all the names **Dapprich** and Jesse **Thomas** can remember as having attended homecoming: **Lotz, Jannarone, Lough, Carusone, Sinnereich, Ekman, Danielson, Singer,** and **Amick**. Both admit that they probably didn't remember everyone. None was satisfied with the outcome of the game.

Jack **English** is working for Booze-Allen in Kan. City. He is working on developing systems for computer assisted war gaming with an integrated staff of military and scientific gamers. This is tied in with on-going activities at C&GSC.

On 29 Sept. 69 GEN Bruce Palmer Jr., Vice C/S, pinned a 3d star on G.G. **O'Connor**. He was assisted by G.G.'s son Bob. When GEN Palmer regretted that Hope could not be there for the occasion, G.G. said she was acting like a true Army wife and was taking care of packing for their subsequent move to VII Corps in Europe. Ken **Wickham** did the honors.

At a communications conference at Ft. Monmouth 2 of the Army CO's from the Class of '38 were very much in evidence. Bill **Latta** who just took over the Strategic Communications Command at Ft. Huachuca from Junie **Lotz**. So the Class of '38 shift kept the strategic communications and the jungle of communications procurement and development under control.

Received a note from Dick **Sims**. With a cancellation of the Cheyenne production program on which he had been working he joined

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1938: L. to R. Shurards, Ekmans, Rhines, Colemans, Boyts.

the ranks of the unemployed. He is now working in Pascagoula, Miss. for the Ingalls Shipyard as Mgr, Configuration and Data Management. Looking at the programs ahead he expects to be a Mississippian for years to come. Dick and Fran left McLean in Oct. and are now established in a Spanish style rambler with a new guest house in the backyard. Dick claims you can catch speckled trout and flounder only 100 yards from his house. Their new address is 3 Celeste Drive, Moss Point, Miss. 39563.

Two '38 couples recently completed round-the-world trips. First the **Dappriches** visited Hi., Bangkok, Kuala Lampur, Singapore, Djakarta, Bali, Saigon, Manila, Baguio, and back home. On reading **Dapprich's** letter more closely, I find that he says he simply revisited this year the most interesting places they found on last year's round-the-world tour. But the **Skaers** really did just return from a 3-month round-the-world trip. They took off for London on 15 Sept. After several shows and much reminiscing in London, they proceeded to Ramstein, Germany, where they visited and travelled with daughter Diana and son-in-law MAJ Colton. The highlight there was Octoberfest in Munich. On to Spain for a week at Mallorca, thence to the Far East via Dhahran and Karachi. Next came New Delhi, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila, Hongkong, Taipei, Tokyo, Alaska, and back home. They saw the **Coiras**, the **Isbells**, and the **Chancos** en route. Tony has just finished a beautiful Hq for his construction company, the Vinell-Philippine Corp. Tony and wife Dimps extend invitations to all classmates; and, from the impression I get, I think we should all accept.

Mickey **Finn** attended a Reserve Training Conference at CONARC HQ 3-4 Sept. Mickey is now the DCG for Reserve affairs at Third Army. Mickey recently manned the field CP where he coordinated Army assistance to the Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Camille.

Greg **Lynn** is ret. and heads the Comptroller course at Syracuse U. Both his sons are attending Syracuse U., and the husband of daughter Bonnie has just finished C&GS.

Jerry **Folda** assumed the DCSOPS job at CONARC in Oct. The following classmates bumped into each other at a recent function in the lovely Myer quarters of Art and Nim Collins: the Desloge **Browns**; the **Damons**; the **Lewises**; the **Taylors**; and the **Weinnigs**. All were impressed with their lovely objets d'art and Nim's arrangement of them.

Jim **Henderson** was choosen to head the recent Community Chest drive for the Monterrey Peninsula Community. His goal was $272,000. We hope he met his goal and that he and Adele are reaching similar goals in their personal bank account.

We seem to be building up a considerable '38 colony in Central and North Fla. John and Jo **Boyt** have settled on St. Armand's Key in Sarasota. Bill and Iris **Ekman** live 3 doors away. Bob and Peg **Rhine** are on the nearby mainland in a posh condominium. Dave and Mechi **Sherrard** live at 6914 SW 35th Way in Gainsville. J.B. and Pat **Coleman** have settled on a lovely lake nearby. All get together frequently for golfing, elbow-bending, and fishing on Bill **Ekman's** 21-foot "Wee Willie."

The **Jacunskis** are still in Gainsville and probably started the entire colony. Dave Sherrard, probably in association with John **Coleman**, is organizing and establishing a new real estate dept for Cannon and Associates in Gainsville. If you can't get to Manila to see the **Chancos**, this area looks like a pretty good 2d choice for free-loaders.

The **Sherrards**, the **Colemans**, and another '38 couple who, because of modesty must remain nameless, spent a wonderful week in Rio in late Oct. and early Nov. While there Dave visited his coffee plantation in Paraguay. He reports that the frost had damaged every plantation except his which is producing coffee beans at great rates.

Reports indicate that the following classmates attended the ARMY-Navy game: in the Brass Section were the **Chesareks, Collinses, Jannarones, Lotzes, Loughs, Stilwells**; in the '38 Section were the **Amicks**, Desloge **Browns**, **DeHarts**, **Danielsons**, **Dappriches**, **Dupuys**, L.E. **Johnsons**, **Langfords**, Jane **Learman**, Longs, Frank **Millers**, Max **Murrays**, **Seffs**.

1938: L. to R. Ken Skaer, Dimps Chanco, Evelyn Skaer, Tony Chanco in November 1969 in front of the Chanco residence in Manila.

Jesse **Thomas** arranged a lovely dinner party for the Washington contingent on 4 Dec. at Arlington Hall. Since Charlie **Denholm** is CG there, the amenities were superb. The R.B. **Andersons**, the **Adamses**, the Desloge **Browns**, the **Collinses**, the **Denholms**, the **Hannums**, the **Hulses**, the **Kopcsaks**, the **Kelseys**, the **Lewises**, the Frank **Millers**, the W.W. **Smiths**, and the **Taylors** attended. Each couple kindly wrote a resumé of its families' activities. It was unfortunately late in the evening when they wrote them and the illegibility of some, plus the fact that I already have more material than each class is allowed, has led me to save them for the next edition.

Jean and Ed **Bailey** are organizing their new house in Sequim, Wash. (P.O. Box 926). Ed has passed the State Real Estate Exam. They are building docks and fireplaces, trapping and cooking crabs, hunting ducks, and admiring their breath-taking view of mountains and Puget Sound.

The AOG is preparing 2 features: (1) West Pointers as clergymen and (2) West Pointers in government. Please send any information on these and other subjects to address above.

'39

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The old reliable, Frank **Kobes**, has as usual provided most of the information for these Notes. He deserves a special vote of thanks from all of '39 for his interest and labors. Frankie Joe attended the Vanderbilt game in Nashville in Sept., and reports that Chesty **Evans** promoted a get-together of '39ers for the game, and then had them all out to his home outside of Nashville afterwards. Present were Virginia and Bill **Stubbs** from Atlanta, Frank and Mary **Gilchrist** from Columbia, and Bob and Sally **Spragins** from Huntsville. The party also produced the information that Bob **Page** is teaching in a junior college at Mercersburgh, Ga., and studying for an MA in history at Vanderbilt.

A fairly good group of the class showed up for homecoming, including Matt **Legler**, Dr. John **Scholl** (Boston), Riel **Crandall** (now Supe of Buildings and Grounds at Trinity University at Hartford), Mickey **Laitman**, Woody **Wilson** (now in Wellesley, Mass.), Speedy **Hull**, Perry **Hoisington**, Charlie **Duke**, and F.K. **Newcomer**. And of course, the **Kobes**, who had dinner later on with Walt and Ann **Higgins** and Dick **Curtin** and his new bride Shirley. Dick is with South Western Research, Phoenix, Ariz.

Frank reports a note from Don **Nickerson** in Seattle says he just got married. His wife's name is Evelyn. And Carl **Buechner** spent a few days at the Point in Oct. cleaning up administration on the 30-year book. If you have any questions on that score, drop Frank **Kobes** a note.

The Navy game produced the usual crop of get-togethers. There's a report of one at Hilton Head, S.C., and we have first-hand knowledge of one here in Washington. It began with a gathering for the game itself at Bob **Curtin's** home in Alexandria, complete with buffet, libations, and at least 4 TV sets. At that point the party consisted of the **Curtins**, **Dukes**, **Wickbolts**, **Trahans**, **Thomasons**, **Meyers**, Ed **Smiths**, **Morrisons**, **Brown-**

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fields, and **Chapmans**, but additional members climbed aboard as the evening wore along. After the game, the party moved to the **Morrison's** historic and gracious home in downtown Alexandria for dinner, and finally adjourned **sine die** at a reasonably reasonable hour.

I am glad to report that Dinny **Herkness** has finally been run to earth. In answer to the plea in the last ASSEMBLY, I have a note from **Lindsey C. Herkness** Sr., that Dinny lives in Compiegne, France, where he is Managing Dir of Inter-Chem France, the French subsidiary of the American concern, Interchemical Corp. Dinny's address is c/o Inter-Chem France, B.P. 26, 60 Clermont de l'Oise, France.

Huey **Long** writes from San Diego that the **Longs** and the **Bestics** took a trip in Oct. last to Lake Louise, Banff, Vancouver, BC, Victoria, and down through Wash. and Ore. back home—"beautiful weather, fine trip —and we're still talking to each other." Huey also says that Bob **Little**, who is going to San Diego State in preparation for a teaching career, is living at 6258 Calle Empinada, San Diego 92120.

Dick **Dickerson** is settled in Weymouth, Mass., about 15 miles SE of downtown Boston, where he teaches 5 classes of geometry daily in the local H.S. And Dave **Goodwin** reports from 120 Washington Ave., Savannah, Ga. 31405, that the greater Savannah area is becoming a mecca for '39ers. In addition to Vic **Johnson** and Preacher **Williams** in the city itself, many others are turning up "across the river and up the road" at Hilton Head. One of you Hilton Head Homesteaders give me a rundown.

'40

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The time we thought would never come is hard upon us. The 27, 28, and 29th of May '70 is just around the corner, and the 30th Reunion is here.

Up-to-date (mid Jan. '70)

But who is coming? As of this writing, I have cash on the barrelhead from: Joe **Couch**, Dick **Cassidy**, Charlie **Harrison**, Kermit **Dyke**, Syd **Fisher**, Don **Bennett**, Walt **Lavell**, Page **Smith**, Stew **McKenney**, Lyman **Heidtke**, Aquilla **Hughes**, "J.B." **Bonham**, Scott **Case**, Dave **Crocker**, Luther **Arnold**, George **Dixon**, Larry **Legere**, Dick **Shagrin**, "Sully" **Sullivan**, Chet **Freudendorf**, Sam **Goodwin**, Bert **Lane**, Don **Baumer**, George **Carnahan**, Al **Gee**, Ben **Delamater**, Larry **Klar**, George **Mayo**, Chuck **Hazeltine**, Dixie **Lederman**, Bill **Kasper**, Bill **Porte**, Stub **Oseth**, Hobie **Pillsbury**, Dad **Fuller**, Ray **Downey**, Ford **Fuller**, Harry **Miley**, "Featherbelly" **Woodward**, Gene **McDonald**, Dave **Parker**, Lee **Fritter**, John **McLean**, Jim **Loewus**, Chuck **Fairlamb**, Rick **Ferrill**, Bryce **Denno**, Art **Barry**, John **Aber**, Frank **Devlin**, John **Burfening**, "OZ" **Osborn**, Earl **McFarland**, Sil **Gasperini**, Bill **Roedy**, Rod **Wetherill**, Charley **Bagstad**, and Frank **Colacicco**. The last 5 have sons graduating in the class of '70. All will be present with the "Ladies, God Bless 'Em!"

1940: MG Wendell Coats (right) was presented the DSM by GEN William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, in ceremonies 24 Oct. at the Pentagon. The Army's former Chief of Information, GEN Coats has been reassigned to Ft. Hood, Tex., where he will command the 2d Armored Div.

The following have indicated that it is early to make a decision but they "might" be present: Dave **Yates**, Jack **Harnett**, Bob **Warren**, Mark **Klunk**, Otis **Ulm**, "Ro" **Gleszer**, "Red" **Gideon**, Stan **Smith**, Dean **Vanderhoef**, Ray **La Rose**, Tony **Wermuth**, Woody **Vaughan**, Phil **Loofbourrow**, Ray **Clock**, Bob **Fate**, Paul **Krauss**, Bill **Coleman**, Wendell **Sell**, Charlie **Beaudry**, Bill **Bennett**, Morrill **Marston**, Ed **Hoover**, Al **Gillem**, Mike **Bavaro**, Vic **Conley**, Walt **Fellenz**, Lee **Cagwin**, Ron **Kolda**, Bidwell **Moore**, Harmon **Rimmer**, "A.J." **Russell**, Bob **Strong**, Wendell **Coats**, Jim **Humphrey**, Roy **Nelson**, Walt **Swank**, Ed **Verner**, Ed **Wynne** and John **Townsend**.

1940: MG Lee Cagwin assumed duties 20 Oct. as Director of the Operations Directorate, HQ., U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Others will be along, and I estimate over 175 people for the reunion. Will not know until 1 Mar. what is available to us, but the general plan is a picnic, alumni party in mess hall, and class dinner. Am shooting for Round Pond for the picnic and Ball Room WPAM for Class dinner.

Have received word that barracks will not be available for those who do not want to live in a motel. However, Ladycliff is still available for the ladies, and the single male billeting will be done at the Thayer Hotel as long as places last. Both Ladycliff and Thayer reservations can only be made with AOG.

About people: Bill **Roedy** ret., Ross **Milton's** daughter engaged to Janius Morgan with a spring wedding planned. **Clapsaddle** from Europe to ENT AFB in Colo. Jack **Harnett** is Gen Mgr of East Bay Municipal Utility Dist in Oakland, Calif. See picture. Ed **Black** back to Hi. from VN. Don **Bennett** now the DIA in Washington, D.C. Steve **Silvasy** ret. and also Chuck **Beaudry**. "Ro" **Gleszer** now CG, Military Dist of Washington. Fat Jack **Wright** down to a lean 155 lbs seen loading 2-millionth round fired by 101st Abn since it arrived in VN. Jack now in command of that proud outfit. Lee **Cagwin** from Eighth Army to EUCOM. Chuck **Noble** in Europe with the Seventh Army gets his 2d Star. George **Mayo** also an MG. Rod **Wetherill** ordered to Sixth USA Presidio of San Francisco. Dick **Abbey** to Malstrom AFB, Mont.

1940: John S. Harnett, COL (USA Ret), General Manager, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland, Calif.

Wendell **Coats** presented DSM by COS. Citation was for eminently meritorious conduct as Army Chief of Information, now commands "Hell on Wheels" Div at Hood, Tex.

Lyman **Heidtke** was good enough to add $100. to his deposit which gives us a little bit of mailing money, and that is most helpful. Sam **Goodwin** has moved from Berlin to Hood, Tex. Shirley **Klar** reports she is the "brawn" as she types notes and research for "brain" Larry as he works on his Ph.D. at Fla. State U. in drama. Jim **Loewus** reports that Dale **Epley** is teaching at Frederick Community College in Portsmouth, Va. Frank **Devlin** with USAR Advisory Gp at Ft. Devens, Mass. Steve **Morrissey** teaching at St. Petersburg Junior College with Otis **Ulm**. Stan **Smith** ret. in San Antonio. "Bardolph" **Vanderhoef** now owns a boat and wants to bring it to reunion. Ray **La Rose** reports on his family. Pat his oldest daughter married to an engr at United Aircraft living in Hartford, Conn. Mike, his oldest son is a CAPT in the Transportation Corps just returned from 2-year tour in Bremerhaven. One daughter. Mike is in VN. Larry is a 2LT AF, getting his wings at Lubbock, Tex. Graduated from U. of Buffalo, commissioned from ROTC. Ray Jr. is in his Jr. Year at Oneonta State College, and Jeanne the youngest is a Soph at the U. of Conn. Ray and Ronnie still working at their respective jobs with the thought of buying a cottage on 1 of the Thousand Islands and buying land in Vt. for 2d retirement. Ray **Clock** teaching at the Citadel.

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Beaudry ret. to Lompac, Calif., 366 St. Andrews Way to be exact. **Martson** living at 5507 Spruce Dr., Clinton, Md. Jim **Humphrey** back in Fla. at 13575 SW 74th Ave. in Miami. **Ray Nelson** ret. and living at Caramillo, Calif.

This is written in early Jan. so may not be entirely accurate when you read it. If you need anything at the last minute, I can always try.

'41

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Greetings, '41er and Mrs. Man and Woman of the Year, and God bless you! We've **made it**! The **in group** has become us! And it's only the beginning! The splendid old soldiers of '41, and their even more splendid young brides clearly represent Middle, and not so silent, America. And, in uniform or cits, we remain committed to continue to serve God, Country, and Fellow Man. The pendulum is swinging, and the "losers" are in deep trouble!

The Christmas Letter this year was fittingly a bumper harvest. From Bill **Vaughan's** classic cover to Herb **Stern's** last under-the-wire scratch late, it was packed with pertinent poop. And even the lates will now be heard from. Highlights: John **Atkinson** has become our 1st Political leader having been elected to the Bradenton City Council. We have 5 new Pres: Sleepy **McCool** has his own Insurance and Construction Co in Memphis; and in the DC complex, new entrepreneurs are Jim **Roy**—**Roy** Real Estate; Brad **Smith** and Associates; Pete **Tanhous**—Industry Services International; and Herb **Stern**—**Stern** Furniture.

We were delighted to have Alicia **Salinas**, Trixie Higging, Judy **Tyler**, Helen Mahone, and Gen **Peabody** participate. We were even more delighted to have several other "associate members" write Xmas Greetings in time for this edition. We have 8 stalwarts still on the firing line in VN: George **Brown**—CG 7th AF; Mike **Greene**—Asst CG 25th Div; Spec **Powell**—Asst CG Americal Div; Bob **Tarbox**—CG USA Const Agy; Elmer **Yates**—Dir of Const, MACV; Walt **Woolwine**—CG 1st Log Comd; Wendy **Knowles** (A BG equivalent in the Civ Sv) Province Senior Advisor; and Harry **Besancon**—Pac Arch & Engrs, Saigon. Six Class Daughters are serving their country: Donna **Anderson** in Special Services at Cu Chi with 25th Div; Christine **Cole** just married and joining Peace Corps with husband; Cis and Mike **Roton** in Peace Corps; Carolyn **Schilling**, ANC en route to VN; Joanne **Borman** and Mary **Ramey** in ANC; and, claiming a class 1st, Mary M. **Fisher**, our 1st WAVE! Sons and sons-in-law in SEA: LT Dan Trees (**Brown** JT); Lipsit '65 (**Busbee**); Kevin **Keleher**; Jim Chance (**Brown**, Ted); LT Sedberry (**Cannon**); MAJ Jack Kemster and CPT Glenn Allen (Potter failed to mention the 2d lad's name—he **is** an Army Aviator at Pleiku, married to Kitty and heading for Benning); SGT Skip **Faulkner**; CPT Hugh **Foster** III; MAJ Winger West (**King** TM); CPT Walt **Mather** Jr (Co CO 101st); LT Pat Mayo USAF; Kayo (Charles) **Mullins**; Bob **Levy** USMC; Bob Reynolds (Reed WR); CPT Paul M. **Root** 1st Cav; Jim **Sykes** Jr; CPT Brian **Troup**; LT **Tuttle** Spec Forces; Auby **Hauser's** son and son-in-law, Tim, an Arty Fo and name not given; SGT Steve **Woods** USMC, 2d tour; CPT Mike **Rhynard**, F4C pilot, 2d tour; Bill **Whitaker**. Fifty-three are in uniform.

Don't let anyone tell you the '41 types aren't capable of working together as we move into our dotage. The Xmas letter could be a typical example. From Wendy **Knowles** in

1941: One of '41's Men of the Year—a real pro—Frank Linnell, Deputy CG USTASCOMEUR, Augsburg.

Chau Doc to Paul **Skowronek** in Sofia, Wally **Lauterbach** in Anchorage, and Rod **O'Connor** in Asuncion we marshalled a record input. The count down started in a remote ski lodge in Bavaria where Bill **Vaughan** labored over his drawing board. Betimes, in the mid-Pacific Hugh **Foster** and his saint-like Secy, Maggie, reduced the scrawly formats to intelligible syntax. Later Curt **Chapman**, while doing what never an enemy shell nor bomb could do—leveling Battery Randolph at De Russy, made contact with an underground press for the reproduction. Maggie, having eliminated the need for an editor, left me to learn to operate collating and stapling machines. And finally, through the use of a clandestine courier, the stuffed envelopes were delivered to Jack **Christensen** who, above and beyond the call of duty, unhesitatingly licked 300 stamps in order to save the Class Treasury approximately $30.

Nobody would have ever argued that Wally **Lauterbach** had a bit of Paul Bunyan in him, but the Christmas '69 diary would make Babe, the Blue Ox, turn green! He and the world's most beautiful co-pilot put 10,000 miles on "Never Never No Mink" as they toured Mexico in Feb.; in June they went to the ocean where they caught a year's supply of salmon; in July, Wally and Jeff built a hangar for the Cessna and took their Hondas on trail rides with Mom riding tail gate behind Jeff; in Aug., 3 boats of "us" went up the Columbia to permanent ice cap country, but after negotiating the "mighty" Columbia, decided to leave the Colo. to the young folks! In Sept.—flew to Edmonton the "newest" city in Canada and in Nov. to Eugene to join Classmates at the Ore. game. Dad got his deer opening day, and Jeff got skunked tho Jeff did much better with ducks and geese. "A very active chapter of the CAP was formed at Brewster, and guess who was Squadron CDR? He gets a bit of jazz from the family when he turns up in those AF blues! Took on a "3d" career in Sept. buying 23 acres of pear and apple orchard. "If anyone had told Doris 3 years ago that she would spend a couple of hours with the County Extension Agent talking about gopher poison, frost free root stock, and sterile-male-coddling-moth control and found it fascinating, she would have said they were nuts! And on 6 Dec. the Swiss Family **Lauterbach** redeployed for 6 to 8 months TDY to Anchorage (221 E 7th St) where Wally will do public relations, coordinate, and trouble shoot for Comsat for the 49th State." Soooo . . . what else is new???

George and Betty **McIntyre**, Woodmore Box 241, Monument, CO 80132 report "Finally completely settled, and the house does look lovely . . . don't think we will ever get used to the idea of being ret. . . . every sport available here plus good buddies." Bob and Jo **Kramer**, 510 Title Bldg, 30 Pryor St SW, Atlanta 30303 is Dep Div Engr, South Atlantic Div; "Last move before retirement." John & Natalle **McIntyre**, 7 Church St., Wallingford, Vt. 05773—Building houses—2 graduated from College—2 working at it. Dave & Mary **Gauvreau**, 3008 Highland Dr., Colo. Sp CO 80909—DCSOPS Hq ARADCOM—2 grandchildren who will come for Xmas from Knox. Ralph & Bert **McCool**—3831 Northwood Dr., Memphis 38111. Ralph **McCool** Ins and Const Co Inc—Pete & Janet **Dilts**—113 Clairbourne Ave., Satellite Beach, Fla. 32935—Teaching Jr Hi Math—Pete II grad U. of Fla.; Steve entering 1st grade—in between, Doug in business at Radiaton Inc; Robert soph at Fla. Tech; Martha grad H.S. in June—Janet and I bridging the generation gap and holding our own. Bill & Janet **Gribble**—Qtrs 3, Belvoir 22060—CG USA Engr Ctr—2 kids finished college and 2 still attending. Expecting our 1st grandchild this spring. Enjoying a fine set of quarters, the new job, and the lively young community here. Bob & Helen Dixon—Bx 29 S Freeport, Maine 04078—Mgmt Ex, CPA firm—Our 4 kids still in Mich.; 2 are married. We will spend the holidays with them and with Ralph and Betty **Upton**. Our add in spring, 2 Blue Heron Lane, Cumberland Foreside, Me. 24110. Denis & Luci **Grace**—1056 C N Jamestown Rd., Decatur, Ga. 30033—Engr IG—transferred from Livorno to Atlanta. Sy & Aree **Coker**—4220 Scotland Rd., Alex, Va. 22309—Ops Analyst—Norman, Sr in U. of Va.; David, Nat Honor Soc, and playing drums in H.S. marching and concert bands. Lloyd and Wilma **Salisbury**—US Def Att c/o State Dept Am Emb, Abidjan 20520—Attaché to Entente Countries, Africa. Jan, Soph in college, Tom completing tour in VN, Bill studying law in S.F. Walt & Midge **Mather**—9107 Volunteer Dr., Alex, Va. 22309—Howard, Needles, Tamma & Bergendorr, Const Engrs—Joan now has 3 children (Becky, Brian, Michael), Walt Jr a CPT CO line Co; Carol a working secy; Bill hopes to enter WP in '70; all well and doing what they want to do. We expect Walt Jr. home in Feb. Harry & Sadie K. **Besancon**—home 1845 Capri Dr., Charleston, S.C. 29407—ret. 1 Aug.—couldn't get VN tour on AD so taking one now. Oldest, Michael, 18 entered Duke and has regular Navy ROTC scholarship—Beat ARMY! Marie, skipped Sr Hi and entered college at Charleston. Charles entered H.S. this year.

Ruth **Freese**, 3525 Glenbrook Rd., Fairfax, Va. 22030—son Brian home from VN in 1 piece . . . much to be thankful for. Sybil Wilson (**Lokker**) wrote of becoming a happy grandmother; young Jack and his bride have a son with that famous **Lokker** nose and grin, Jack **Lokker** Wilson. Petey **Woodward**, 210 Ruelle, San Antonio, Tex. 78209, "I keep busy with vol work, golf, and plan to go back to school in Feb., as does Scott after a year out. Hunter still at Berkeley and all's well." Jean **Moody**, 8937 Littleton St., Fairfax, Va. 22030—"Love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy '70 to all our dear friends of '41". Fox and Lid **Rhynard**, 5025 NW Highland Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330—VP and Gen Mgr of Wilt Enterprises—living in the country with acreage for kids & horses—Kathy Sr at U. of O, Nancy freshman at Southern Ore., Bonnie Soph in H.S., Mary Ann 7th gr, Mike

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1941: Homecoming at Browns. Back row left to right: Potter Campbell, Howdy Clark, Johnny Brooks, Lee Ledford, Horace Brown. Front: Chuck Schilling and Pete Tanous.

a CPT due to return to SEA in Jan., front seat of F4C, still a gay bachelor. Caroline **Keleher** phoned from Waikiki during the holidays while she and 15-year-old Tim were R&Ring with son Kevin.

Potpourri: The leader of the SSFBABCUS-MAC, Pooge **Curtis**, reports that the South S.F. Bay Area Black Class Chapter (for short), "Convened at Lew and Ann **Elder's** to view the exhibition of football USMA provided the nationwide TV audience. USNA provided a suitable background. Next day the chapter re-convened at Treasure Island to enjoy a spectacular wedding and reception for Frances **Mullane.** Doris was beautiful and Walter resplendent in a frock coat. The groom: Richard Carlson." We had good representation at Homecoming: John **Easton** proved it with a photo of 7 youngsters: **Campbell, Clark** HW, **Brooks, Ledford, Brown** HM, **Tanous,** and **Schilling.** A nice letter from Rip **Collins** reports things well at Lee and a good boss named Hank **Boswell.** Bill **Gleason** reports daughter Emilie married to LT Mel Marini at Lee on 15 Nov. Marka **Huffman, Boswells,** and **Collinses** also present. Tommy **Thomas** reports Class Godson has doffed the **cloth,** married, and is pursuing another Master's degree leading to a Ph.D. and work in sociology.

On tot, at the end of the very active year we had many blessings to count. But there were certain agonies. Jim **Graham** died 4 Nov., a June operation having disclosed cancer. Bob **Keagy** and Jim **Carroll** were among the honorary pallbearers. Rog **Neumeister** was unfortunately out of town. The local WP Society sent a memorial to the American Cancer Society. Jim **Carroll,** 785 Upper Colonell Dr., St. Paul 55118 has info on the address of Jim's family. And a 3d Class Son has given his life for his country. CPT John H. **Camp** Jr, Inf, was killed in action in Sept. He was scheduled for R&R in Oct., and was to have been married in Hi. Jack and Marion can be reached at 5425 Walton Ave., SE, Wash. 20023. Clare **Armstrong,** according to Wire **Coakley,** "Has had a rough time. GEN **Armstrong** died and son LT C. H. **Armstrong** USMA '69 was medically retired with cancer." Margaret Theresa **Kuzell** died in an automobile accident in Johannesburg; Bill **Lug,** son-in-law of Dick **Rastetter,** died of cancer; Jim **Mullins** lost a leg in VN. Dunc **Brown** and Mark **Clifford** continue grim battles against massive odds.

But on the plus side, John **Easton,** with courage that defies description, has fought his way back. His recovery, which still has some way to go, continues to astound his doctors. He is back at work—hours that no one will believe. Charge on, J. J., we're all cheering for you and your indomitable Julie.

Cocky **Cochran** came up with an excellent suggestion: "As the Class passes into retirement and becomes relatively fixed on locations, would it be feasible to get the Class Roster run off by geographical groups—thus facilitating contacts while travelling." A great idea. It will be implemented starting now! Following, listed by areas and, instead of branch, initials to show 2d career. DC: AD — Active Duty—**Boatwright, Boswell, Borman, Crow, Collins, Fletcher, Gerace, Goddard, Gribble, Grygiel, Huffman, Jones, Kuzell, Lanigan, Locke, Magruder, Reed** & **Rowny.** ED — Education—**Buttery, Camp, Deyo, Elsberry, Flanders, Gurfein, Garrett,** & **Woodruff.** DI — Defense Industry—**Clark** HW, **Clinton, Forsyth, Millikin,** & **McMillan.** SB — Stock Broker—**Anderson, Deane** & **Rossell.** EG — Engineering—**Mather** & **Coker** SY. RE — Real Estate—**Laney** & **Roy.** MG — Management—**Richards, Reilly, Smith** BJ, **Tanous, Stern.** OU — Occupation Unknown—**de Jonckheere, Kisiel, Danforth, King** JH & **Bodzin.** And Molly **Brown,** Lucy **Cooper,** Judy **Tyler,** Helen Mahone (**McDaniel**), Jean **Moody,** Ruth **Freese,** Aileen **Felchlin,** and Gen **Hume** Peabody. The 2d largest (and growing) chapter, **San Francisco Area:** AD — **Cannon, Pique, Ramey** & **Root.** ED — **Cole, Celmer, Hendrickson** & **Tuttle.** DI — **Carlson, Collison, Christensen, Curtis, Elder, McKee, McElroy, Mullane.** LW — Law—**Dillard** & **Johnson** RP. RE — **Hershenow.** EG — **Lee** LC. MG — **Stanford.** OU — **Sliney.** Music—**Thompson** AG. **Atlanta:** AD — **Callaway, Grace, Kramer** & **Male.** DI — **Moore** WL & **Kosiorek.** LW — **Murray.** ED — **Van Hoy.** EG — **Adams** HL and Betty Shearer (**Waitt**). **Europe:** AD — **Atteberry, Corbin, Fitzpatrick, Gleason, Kennedy, Linnell, Purdy, Lawson** RL & **Vaughan. New York:** AD — **Brown,** H.M., **Samz, Schilling.** DI — **Campbell, Easton, Hall** & **Seawell.** LW — **D'Esposito** & **Ledford.** ED — **Harvey** & **Rastetter.** LI — Life Ins—**Murrah.** OU—**Zott** and Trixie Higgins (**Ward**). **Cape Kennedy:** ED — **Ellis,** H.H., **Michel, Dilts.** EG — **Stainback** & **Telfair.** OU — **Cooper,** D., **Scott, Seamans.** MG — **Pittman Jewelry-Kelsey.** *Co Sp/Denver:* AD — **Mitchell, Gauvreau, Linton.** RE — McIntyre, G.W. & **Troup.** DI — **Henschke.** SB — **Hayduk.** C.P.A. — **Cooper,** R.L.. **Wright-Patt/Cincin:** AD — **Ascani** & **Lee,** J.C.H. ED — **Tower.** CS — Civil Service—**Brown,** J.T. OU — **Berger** & **Meador.** Village Manager—**White,** A.W. **Seattle/Portland:** AD — **Kelley.** ED — **Myers** & **Whitaker.** RE — **Rhynard.** OU — **Day** & **Thompson,** C.A. Put-Put Golf—**Rosenbaum. LA/San D:** DI — **Gurnee, Coker,** N.K., **LaRocca.** RE — **Faulkner.** MG — **Hoebeke.** OU — **McCaffery** and Edee **Durr. Tampa:** AD — **Cochran,** H.W., **Moucha, Seneff.** ED — **Snider.** SB — **Atkinson. San Antone:** AD — **Marsh** & **Miller.** MG — **Detwiler** and Alicia **Salinas** and Petey **Woodward. Boston:** ED — **Brown,** E.V. & **Campana.** DI — **Fisher.** EG — **Woods.** Dir Museum—**Knowlton. Honolulu:** AD — **Chapman** & **Foster.** ED — **Hutson.** EG — **Delaney.** OU — **Busby.** SB — **Andrus.** NOTE: With a 6-man R&R staff, the Honolulu detachment stands ready to receive all '41ers and their children transiting West or East. We survived the big surf and continue to fight the smog and hippies. Curt **Chapman** is rebuilding Waikiki and rooms are scarce so call us—have fins, will snorkle!

Class Business: Jim **Laney** is Chairman for the 30th Reunion. It's time **NOW** to pick the Credit Card you will use to make the trip. June '71 will be here in less than 400 days! The 30th is the big item on the agenda. But a substantial number of the Xmas inputs mentioned the need for us Men and Women of the Year to exercise our **great silent** prerogatives. I'm not saying **what** we should do or is this column the appropriate platform, but somewhere between Wray **White's** direct letter to Xuan Thuy charging "Savage and uncivilized treatment of American prisoners" to the admonition of Harry **Besancon,** ". . . may we give increasing attention to the knowledge and to the service of our God"; it would appear that we could properly take a class stand. With the massive and treacherously inspired pressures being exerted on our profession it seems we could **encourage** those still standing muster, **decry** those who have sullied our uniform, **stand firm** behind those who are being falsely accused, and **consider** the things we can and should do to insure that our Alma Mater will continue to be the impeccable and inexhaustible mold from which our Nation's military leaders are drawn. What say, Man of the Year?

Yeah Reunion!

'42

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Apologies for what I hope you all evaluated as an inferior product in the last issue. In the middle of a 2½ week business (honest) trip to the coast, I suddenly realized that Danny's headline "had," frantically scribbled what I could and sent it to my secy to translate—and I hope that doesn't happen again—not the trip but the half-asperous column!

At Ft. Ord I found it to be Bob **Bringham's** turn to be sick (Marcie pulled it last time); so I had to be content with a phone call. What a sneaky way to save on booze! Bob did try to recoup by sending a copy of the Ft. Ord paper with headlines about Bud **Roecker's** retirement and receipt of the DSM. Lee Hamerly came in for a brief break from his duties as Staff and Post Engineer. Daughter Mary was off to college in Grenoble,

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daughter Janet to the School of Arts at Winston-Salem, and son Russ to the U. of Wash.—and the **Hamerlys** were trying to logistic all of this from temporary quarters! The Army has since solved the latter problem by sending Lee to West Point! Should we add another set of quarters to reunion plans?!?!

Other moves and stuff include: a call from John **Baker** advising that they are now residents of Ft. Monroe; the appearance of Don **Blake** at the Nov. luncheon in the Pentagon with the sad tale that he'd been caught and brought back here for assignment; Sam **Cumpston's** departure for 3250 Pine St., North Bend, OR 97549 to resume college teaching; **Fergy** to Temporary Disability Ret List on 31 Dec.; Fran **Roberts** commanding the II Field Forces Arty in VN (APO 96266); Polly is smarter. She just went to Pensacola to find her warm weather—and to help daughter Murray with her 2d son; Mark **Terrel** to PMS'ing at Ore. State (2920 NW Fillmore, Corvallis, OR 97330); Pat **Timothy** with orders for charm school here before sacrificing himself to the rigors of the Defense Attaché Office in Paris in May (or Mai) yet; a call from Al **Ward** to tell me that he and Fay are now at Langley AFB (Box 1701, CMR #1, Zip 23365) with their eyes on Ismir, Turkey, when retirement time comes late next year.

Bud **Ryder** made the local Oct. luncheon, thanks to a meeting of the PX moguls. Also reported on the local scene at about that time were Ray **Murphy** and Pete **Russell**. Bill **Kraft** showed up at the Nov. luncheon while home on leave to marry off a daughter and do a bit of visiting. Also attending the luncheon was our ex-classmate Paul **Donata** who had come East to take a bride and was retreating to 3812 Atwater St., Sacramento 95825. Bill **Crosson** called to advise that he's now Dir of Overseas PR for Deere and Co. in Moline, Ill. 61265. He was about to tour the company facilities in Europe, see the gang, and dispose of an apartment in Paris.

The Annual Report of the Army Relief Society indicates that Ginger **Cutler** is still devoting herself to duty as the Pres and has put the arm on Cherie **Koster** to be her Spiro. ARS found itself out in the street due to a move by the Reserve Components in N. Y. C. until Frank **Koisch** mounted up, put on his white hat, and found them a happy new home.

Fifth-hand word has it that Andy **Weigel** was in a jeep accident in late fall. If so, we trust that the lack of further news means that the recovery was rapid and uneventful.

Jeff and Dottie **Davis** ran a late on the news letter but report that daughter Nancy is now working here, son Jack has entered Penn State, and the old folks are trying to contribute to NATO's progress.

A call from Bill **Gernert** announcing his enjoyment of the job up in the wilds of Canada and his Canadian boss. He and young Bill were seen at that most satisfactory Navy scrum along with the **Allins, B-meeses, Cages, Cooperhouses, Elys, Gateses, Josendales, Markses**, Doug **Murray, Sittersons**, Rip **Youngs**—and oh, yes, the **Kosters**! Even us TV addicts got to see Cherie and Sam.

Had an interesting note from Dick **Wise** about the joys of life "down under." He'd dined with the **Russells** in Bangkok and was looking forward to a long leave at home in Dec. and Jan.

The Annual Meeting of the Assn of the US Army in Oct. provided a fine excuse for a gathering of the clan. In attendance at various times were Jack **Barnes**, Bunny **Bonasso**, Bobo **Clagett**, Jake **Cooperhouse**, Ink **Gates**, Stan **Josephson**, Sam **Koster**, Jim **Obenchain**, Ray **O'Neal**, Joe **Schmidt**, Bill **Snow**, Garth **Stevens**, Bob **Terry**, Sid **Williams** and Phil **Wyman**. Since the AMAA booth was convenient to the courtesy lounge, the traffic was terrific, and I got to see them all!

The Army Aviation Assn of America took over the Sheraton-Park after AUSA and brought Bill **Zimmerman** into town. My excuse for attendance at the convention was to lead the applause when COL Russell P. **Bonasso** received the James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award—most impressive and apparently well deserved, judging by the terrific response. Of course the latter may have been a poor basis for judgment as Bunny had brought along enough Bonassos, including his mother, to guarantee an ovation!

Rip **Young** writes that there's no TO&E for his job to make a move mandatory because of his 2d star; so he's working diligently and quietly in hopes that he and Bettye will be undiscovered for some time to come.

Fred **Rosell** sent a copy of the updated Calif. roster, to include Charlie **Coleman**, Bill **Garland**, and John **Mattina**.

Barbara and I spent a lovely fall weekend in Williamsburg with June and Larry **Adams**. We reduced their future choice of restaurants by 1 when we were joined by the **Baxters** and Bob **Shorts** (recently awarded the BSM for imaginative leadership and perceptive judgment while serving in Thailand) for dinner at the King's Arms on Fri. night! Saturday night's thing was an oyster roast (groan), with the **Baxters** hosting a low-cal (like spoon bread) brunch on Sun.!

General (Postmaster-type) Jim **Josendale** reports having seen the **Crowleys** on a jaunt to Calif. **Josendales** in turn had a Dec. visit from the Jack **Kennedys**. The official news from the AOG advised that Jim was honored with a Service Award from Culver Military Academy where he is a past Pres of the Fathers Assn. Appearing among the other listed awards and achievements was word that in '68 he was selected by the American Business Women's Assn as "Boss of the Year." His fellow members of the Fri. Marching and Drinking Society here have not yet unearthed all the qualifications for selection, but we "dirty old men" are investigating thoroughly.

On a jaunt to Leavenworth in Oct. I was able to sample Frank and Pat **Clay's** hospitality (a euphemism for martinis) and found them enjoying the college life. Got off the plane here and almost literally bumped into Cy **Manierre** looking dapper and jaunty as usual. My Benning trip was a mixed blessing. The **Zimmermans** served pickled okra in an aperitif known as a martini (what else would you do with pickled okra?) and kept me from calling the resident investment expert, George **Rehkopf**. Consequently, I must wait at least 1 more year to become independently wealthy!

Larry **Lahm** was so eager to get a Class List that he sent in his address: 3855 Van Buren, Corvallis, Ore. 97330—and a gift for the Treas!

Barbara and her mother spiced a drive to New England last fall with a visit chez Peg and Jere **Maupin**. Not as much fun as visiting them in Paris, but close!

Jack **Barnes** has been a unique wearer of the green in that he has received much favorable comment in the local press for his pacification efforts in his area of central VN last spring and summer. He even got to make his pitch to the National Business Council at the Homestead—that unconscionable military public relations campaign again!

A note from Danny **Halpin** wondering whether he'd responded to the Xmas Newsletter (no), enclosing some funds somehow left over after the recent purchase of a home and bewailing the procrastination of Class Scribes like yours.

Last minute word that Jim **Obenchain** is due congratulations for receipt of the LM, details unknown.

Anyone remembering our favorite athletic trainer, Kickapoo **Logan**, will be delighted to learn that he is now painting canvases instead of athlete's feet and doing exceedingly well with a studio in Palm Springs.

Pictures from the Homecoming dinner-dance show the **Watsons, Cutlers, Bob Shorts, Boltons, Bartholomeeses, Fosters** and **Markses**. The photographer did poorly by the gals so I refuse to publish!

Thanks to one and all for the Christmas cards, answered and unanswered! May '70 bring peace, freedom, and the best of everything to each and all. And may it also bring news and negotiable instruments to Box 1142, Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. 22211. Project '72 is but 25% complete. Eight more ASSEMBLY columns will come your way before the moment of truth. Have you dealt yourself into this Class Project? A 10 dollar bill for each column you see before the deadline will do the trick.

JAN '43

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The Christmas season brought Yuletide greetings and a spate of welcome news from a number of classmates far and near. From Iowa, the Rev. Johnnie **McGowan** reported that he has been quite occupied with the reunification of his Central Christian Church and the University Christian Church in downtown Des Moines. Johnnie's Central Christian Church was founded in 1860 and has been the mother church for other congregations of the Christian Church in Des Moines. From Rochester in northern N.Y., Chuck **Alfano** invited classmates passing that way to drop in and renew olde acquaintanceships. Chuck is Mgr of Procurement in the Electronics Div of General Dynamics. From the great Northwest, Charlie **MacVeigh** extolled his satisfaction with life as Chief of Contracts and Standards for the King Co. in Seattle, Wash. Also located in Seattle is Russ **Smith** who retired from Hq., Dept of the AF in Washington, D.C., recently and is now involved in marketing analysis for Boeing Aircraft. Up at Carlisle Bks, Bill **Neale** is remaining for a fourth year and denies any report that he's retiring. As Dolly remarked, Bill only offered to retire if DA sent him to Ft. Hood. Bill is Dir. of the Individual Research Program at the AWC. With the **Neales** at the College are Hal (Dir. of Mil. Management Studies) and Charity **Barber** and Tom and Florence **Flatley**. Tom's keeping the troops occupied with nonresident instruction. Also living at Carlisle while Ralph is in VN is Sally **Hofmann**. During a Nov. R&R with Ralph in Hi., Sally saw the B-wigs, who appear to becoming real Hawaiian homesteaders, and the Bob **Watsons**, who have already settled there. From the Citadel, Burt **Hood** wrote to say that they are at home to any classmates passing through Charleston; Burt is PMS and Dpty Com of the Citadel. Elvy **Roberts**, who commands the 1st Cav Div, recently had the pleasure of pre-

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senting a SS impact award to Burt's son-in-law, CPT Leigh Fairbank (USMA '63). As Elvy reported, when Fire Support Base Ike came under heavy enemy attack on the night of 3 Nov. 1969, Leigh immediately formed a reaction force and restored the integrity of the breached fire base perimeter. Basking in the southern Calif. sun, Dave and Barbara **Barger** wrote to say that they recently had a ball with the **Bradys**, Lou **Wilsons**, **Kanes**, **Herringtons**, **Taliaferros**, and **Lindells** when the **Footes** visited Los Angeles. Meanwhile, in Germany, the **Raulins** view with regrets their impending return to the States which, for Ernie, will simply be a stop-over point en route to VN. Also enjoying the German environment are the Ace **Elliotts**, who recently moved from the 24th Inf Div in Augsburg to Heidelberg, the Ted **Arderys**, the Mitch **Goldenthals**, and the Adrian **St. Johns**, all of whom were already living in Heidelberg. Ted **Seith** flew into town about Thanksgiving time to speak with Congressmen behind closed doors with regard to US defense requirements in Thailand, where he is CO of MACTHAI. Rumor hath it that Ted and Marge have moved into a mansion in Bangkok befitting a maharaja. Also in SEA is George **Sykes** who is DCS for Intelligence for the Seventh AF at Tan Son Nhut AFB. On the other side of the globe, Don **Vlcek** is now comdr of the 71st Msl Warning Wg's Det 1 at Fylingdale RAF Station in England. Down in Fla., Ted **Lutrey** is Spec. Asst to the Dir of the Armament Dev and Test Ctr at Eglin AFB and, speaking of Fla., Brad and Millie **Lundberg** are pulling up stakes in the Washington area and moving to Cocoa Beach, Fla., where they've purchased a palatial flying-deck, swimming-pool, boating-dock type of home at 243 Jamaica Ave.

Socially, the Washington contingent of the Class has assembled twice since our last column. The first time was during the Octoberfest at a little inn in nearby Md. called the Schnitzelbank. What with Lowenbrau, an accordianist, and many prosits, it was a goer from the time that the sun sank below the yardarm. Outstanding performers for the evening included Bill **Knowlton**, who more than spelled the local accordianist; Peg **Knowlton**, who joined Bill in some fancy Bavarian steps; Mary Dee **Starnes** and Millie **Lundburg**, who injected a touch of Hi. with their swinging hulas; Jack **Wood**, who added a French song or two; Ben **Edwards**, who sang any and every tune; and Don **Powell**, who gave a whirl at every dance. We owe our thanks to the Harry **Pritchetts** and the Jack **Woods** for a real gala evening.

On the 17th of Jan., the Washington contingent of Jan. '43 assembled a bit more formally at Ft. McNair to celebrate the 27th anniv. of our June-in-Jan. graduation. Those present to mark the passing of another milestone included the DeWitt **Armstrongs**, Jack **Armstrongs**, Bob **Badens**, Johnnie **Baers**, Dick **Batsons**, Milt **Behns**, Doug **Blues**, Ken **Buells**, Bob **Burlins**, Wes **Curtises**, Bill **DeGrouchyes**, T.Q. **Donaldsons**, Ben **Edwards**, Jim **Frankoskys**, Bill **Fritzes**, Pete **Grimms**, Gregg **Henrys**, Sam **Karricks**, Bill **Knowltons**, George **Lundbergs**, Eddie **McGoughs**, Stew **Meyers**, Rex **Mincklers**, Johnnie **Norrises**, Bill **Pietsches**, Harry **Pritchetts**, Em **Princes**, John **Rosses**, Jack **Russells**, Al **Saaris**, Fred **Spanns**, Bill **Starnes**, Bill **Talbotts**, Charlie **Wirts**, Jack **Woods**, Johnnie **Raaens** (he's the new Army Dir of Ammo in DSCLOG), Joe **Bensons** (who recently returned from the Philco-Ford offices in Bangkok to those in Phila.), the **Dannachers** (who also drove down from Phila.), the **Antoniolis** (who drove down from NYC where Tony is the PMS at Fordham), and George **Rebh** (who just arrived in the Washington area to replace Frank **Camm** as the C/FDP in Army ACSFOR; Frank is already basking in the Calif. sun as the Pacific Dist Engr). We thank Johnnie **Norris** and Ben **Edwards** for a memorable evening.

Both Charlie **Wirt** and Bill **Knowlton** reported the following turnout of classmates for the Oct. homecoming weekend at Woo Poo: the Tom **Griesses** and Les **Hardings** (both in residence there), Frank Camm, Ralph **Cadwallader**, Hank **Ebrey**, Johnny **Johnson**, Jack **Upchurch**, Johnny **Courtney**, Bob **Smith**, Frank **Shaw**, Jack **Shaffer**, Pete **Grimm**, Hal **Walker**, Charlie **Wirt**, the Bill **Knowltons**, the Bill **Wades**, and the Flip **Fenilis**.

The past two class luncheons have seen a goodly number of Washington-based classmates assemble in the Secretary of the Army's Mess to socialize and conduct a bit of Class business. At the Oct. 7th luncheon, Class Pres Johnny **Baer** appointed Bill **Starnes** and Eddie **McGough** to draw up a slate for the election of new class officers. At the same time, he proposed that Merle **Carey**, Bob **Fiss**, and Em **Prince** constitute the Class's new Financial Comm.; those present for the meeting concurred. In this connection, Em **Prince** reported a mild recession in our class fund as the result of a rather bearish market.

During the late Jan. 13th luncheon, Dee **Armstrong** and Ben **Edwards** were unanimously elected to be the Class Pres and VP, respectively, for 1970. In accordance with the articles of the new Class Constitution, which was formally adopted by the Class during this luncheon meeting, Bob **Baden** and Em **Prince** will remain in office as Secy and Treas, respectively, for another year. Also during the course of the meeting, Dee **Armstrong**, as Chrmn of a spec Class Obj Comm. consisting of Dee, Jim **Frankosky**, and me, rendered a report on possible contributions that the Class might make to the Academy in terms of a donation, endowment, memorial, or what-have-you. By the time you read this column, you will have received a copy of Dee's report on this subject. Your comments and suggestions are solicited. Bob **McDermott** and Jack **Daye** of the USAA provided some first-class actuarial support for this comm. with predictions that some 200 of our 314 classmates now alive will still be alive in 1989 and that an amazing 55 will still survive in the year 2000.

Our congratulations are in order for Jack **Gorman**, who was selected for promotion to BG; Dotty **Bishop**, who recovered quickly from her serious operation at Walter Reed in Nov. and rejoined Cleo in Wiesbaden; and Bob **Marshall**, who's the full-fledged CG of the much-discussed SAFEGUARD air defense system with Hq at Huntsville, Ala. Bob also wears the hat of Kwajalein Range Comdr, but he's not moving out there as was previously reported.

Speaking briefly of retirements, Chuck **Lenfest** doffed his uniform on 1 Nov., and was last heard from heading west. Chuck was the Dpty. Dir. of Force Dev in DCSP&O at USAF Hq. Jack **Wood** will be retiring on 31 Jan., and will become Washington rep for a number of different concerns.

Turning now to the younger and upcoming majority generation, Jim **Hackler** reported from his Caravelle Motel at Myrtle Beach that his son, JFH III, graduated from Flying School at Williams AFB, Ariz., on 1 Nov. and is undoubtedly on his way to become the world's second best fighter pilot. Up Boston-way, Pappy **Wilkes'** son Lyn graduated from Colby Phi Beta Kappa and is now attending the Sloan School of Mgmt at MIT. The **Nygards** also wrote from Duluth that their son Rick graduated from Clemson U. as an architectural engr and is now with the Army Corps of Engrs in VN. Our son Dave, who graduated from Duke U. last June, married Charlotte Younger of Canton, O., on 30 Dec and is currently residing in Greensboro, N.C.

The Class expressed its deepest sympathies for the Joe **Bensons** who lost their son Joe in an automobile accident on the Eastern Shore of Md. on 6 Dec. He was buried at West Point on 10 Dec. beside an infant daughter of the **Bensons** who died at birth while they were stationed at West Point in the late '50s.

So, as we move into the 1970s, best wishes to all and keep us posted.

JUN '43

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After I had submitted last quarter's notes, the Army announced a new GEN officer promotion list. We tried to get that in the Fall issue but were unsuccessful. Here it is: Bud **Bolling**, Al **Burdette**, and Bernie **Rogers** made MG; and Harold **Aaron**, Trev **Sawyer**, Rip **Collins**, and Arch **Hamblen** made BG. On 21 Nov. Jamie **Philpott** was promoted to LTG to be Dpty Dir, Defense Intelligence Agency. Not only was Jamie the 1st one in our class to put on his star, but he is the first one to be elevated to the rank of LTG. Hal **Knowles** was recently nominated for BG in the AF. Our congratulations to all.

We now have 41 classmates in GEN officer grade. For the 1st time we have more people off active duty than we have on. The exact figure changes from day-to-day, but as I recall 47% of the class are still on active duty and 53% are either retired, civilian, or deceased. Those who have retired recently are J.A. **Betts**, Jock **Barickman**, Norm **Pehrson**, Ed **Kreml**, Bill **Spahr**, and Stan **Ott**. All of you recent retirees please forward me your new addresses.

As usual, following the holidays there is not too much news to report. In any case, I will bring you up-to-date with what I have. As I reported in the last issue, Clair **Farley** was working on a party for the ARMY-Notre Dame game in N.Y. All of us crumped out; so the party fell through. Maybe we can do it next year.

I had a note from Jake **Brier** who gave me a rundown on classmates at the ARMY-Navy game. These included Bill and Maggie **Ray**, Harvey and Skip **Short**, Fred and Mary **Proctor**, Ted **Tansey**, Sandy **Taylor**, Cajun **Pavy**, Tony **Durante**, Snuffy **Rhea**, Leo and Dorothy **Hayes**, and Harry **Heintzelman**. Jake said there may have been more, but he was unable to recognize them. Jake also advised me that Reading **Wilkinson** had just arrived in SEA when he was departing. Let me hear from you again, Jake.

Joe **Wyerick** passed on the following dope regarding classmates: Hal **Aaron** is now with the Office of the Vice C/S, Army; Al **Metts** is assigned to Hq U.S. Army Materiel Command; Bud **Bolling** is the Dep Asst C/S for Force Development; Clarke **Baldwin** is in the Office of the Dep C/S Operations. All of these gents are here in Washington.

Jeanne **Surkamp** passed away 26 Sept. Services were held here in Washington at Ft. Belvoir 29 Sept. All of us express our sympathy to Art and the children.

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Hank **Fletcher** also passed away the 3d of Oct. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery, and we all express our sympathy to Rebecca and the children.

Arch **Hamblen** reports that Al **Burdette** is to be Chief of Army Aviation upon his return from VN. This was forecast for Jan. '70. Antonette and Al, Rundy and Arch had a weekend together while Al was home on leave from VN. By the time this is published, Al will probably be hard at work in the Yogi Palace.

I also saw Craig **Teller** at Andrews AFB not long ago, and he was in the process of retiring. Let me have your new address, Craig.

Bob **Plett** gave me the following report on the recent party in Washington. "The party was a great success. Classmates and wives gathered at the Zebra Room of the Cameron Station Officers Club on Friday, 7 Nov. and had a real ball. We probably set a record for the duration of the party in that the Class of June '43 was still going strong when the club closed. Names of those attending follow (we were particularly honored in that CPT (ANC) **Phillips**, daughter of Jim and Helen **Phillips**, attended also): Paul & Rinda **Atkinson**, George and June **Alexander**, Bruce and Barbara **Arnold**, Charles and Betty **Benson**, Bud and Fran **Bolling**, Al and Marge **Bowley**, Rollo and Jan **Brandt**, Buzz and Nan **Bucher**, Ned and Nikki **Burr**, John and Ginney **Collins**, John and Dorothy **Chandler**, Cecile and Bill **Coner**, Clare and Jane **Farley**, Arch and Rundy **Hamblen**, Betty (Mrs. Leslie) **Hardy**, Harry **Heintzelman**, Dick and Winnie **Hemsley**, Shirley and Archie **Hill**, Lib and Lee **Hudson**, Cobe (Mrs. Paul) **Hurley**, Walt and Iyllis **Hutchin**, Dottie and Earl **Johnson**, Ralph and Evelyn **Jones**, Dick **McAdam**, Dale and Helen **McGee**, Jack **McGregor**, Bill and Nancy **Malone**, Marion and Bill **Moore**, Jim and Helen **Phillips**, Elsie and Sam **Pinnell**, Bob and Florence **Plett**, Fred and Mary **Proctor**, Ginny and Ned **Schamm**, Lee and Don **Spiece**, Wick **Wickert**, Ralph and Barbara **Young**, Cynthia and Nick **Parker**, Hank **Romanack**, Trev and Helen **Sawyer**, and Milt and Patty **Pigg**.

Dick **Schaefer** was recently awarded "Knight of the National Order of VN." This award was given him for his duties as Asst C/S for Plans, USMACV. Dick had hoped to be home this Feb., but according to Caroline, has been extended. I know Caroline and the children are looking forward to his return this summer.

Tim **Ireland** was recently awarded his 3d Oak Leaf Cluster to the LM. It won't be long at this rate until he has more LMs than I do AMs!!!

Jean and Ron **Cullen** were in town recently and report that all of their troops are great. Bud **Holderness** reports that everything is fine in Osan. Jan and he hope to return home this summer and will be glad to be in the US again. Stan **Pace** reports that Elaine and the boys are fine and that he is still "doing his thing" with TRW. John and Myla Lou **Hudson** had all the troops together at Christmas, and everyone is doing fine. Ralph **Hallenbeck** was in town recently, and we had lunch with Ernie **Cragg** as well as dinner with Lee and Anne **Hogan**. Our Class Pres. continues to run PR for the AF. Ralph reports that Tody and Lang are fine—as well as Don (who is going back to VN), Teddy (who is enroute to VN), and Rudy (who is entering flying school). Dave and Juanita **Schartz** are back in Calif., and their address is 712 So. Fernwood Street, West Covina, Calif. 91790.

Jesse **Fishback** writes from Redstone Arsenal that he is in the Production Engineering business of the Safeguard System and once more enjoying military quarters. Classmates Stan **Wilson** (Civil Service) and COL Jim Miller are with the Missile Command. They saw Jim and Jane **Walker**, (AF COL, Ret) a couple of times. Went to the ARMY-Vanderbilt game with an unusual family representation: Daughter Jill (Vanderbilt) and son John (USMA '70) on opposite sides. They stayed with John and Wanda **Ball**, but saw no other June '43ers there. Jess left the engr troops in good hands in VN: 20th commanded by Hall **Parfitt** and 18th by Jack **Morris**; Jug **Young** was in MACV in charge of the highway construction effort; all 3 should be returning soon. He reports Howie **Coffman** is on his way from Germany to the 18th Engr Bde in VN. Bill **McKenzie** is now Hq USAREUR/7th Army Engineers. Gordon **Schroeder** is now 8th Army Engr in Korea. Bob **Clark** was in Washington visiting from Turkey; and while I didn't get a chance to talk with him, he called and reported that all his family was fine.

Spring buck-up is: don't forget to keep me posted on late news. Cheers.

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Newly-arrived Jim **Adamson** (ODCSPER) and Washington residents Ernie **Graves** (OCE) and Ken **Cooper** (OSA) were joined by recently departed Tom **Tarpley** (Ft. Lewis) plus 3 from USAREUR: Jack **Peterson** (S&MA), Doc **Hayward** (Berlin Bde), and Tom **McGuire** (V Corps Arty) for the Oct. meeting of the Army's Charm School. John **Donaldson** and Ed **O'Donnell** were adjudged as sufficiently charming, and they stayed on the job in RVN where Johnny is ADC of the Americal Div, and Ed commands the 20th Engr Group. In mid-Nov. Johnny was home for a 30-day leave before returning to Nam for his final 6 months.

As we go to press, the latest USAF BG selection list announces that Tom **Hoxie** (ODir M&O), Bill **McGlothlin** (CO, 3510th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB), and Gene **Steffes** (OACofS Studies and Analysis) will soon don stars. Congrats to you all.

Dean **Bressler's** B-Ache as to why he had not departed NYC, as previously planned, sounded more like a travelogue. In a nutshell, he hasn't been there long enough to make a move. As Dir of Hunting and General Sales Mgr of Winchester-Western, he's been involved in wilderness fishing and caribou and moose hunting trips in Central Quebec; in a driven pheasant promotional shoot in Winchester, England; in bird shooting in Evora, Portugal; and duck and geese shooting on the west coast of Mexico.

Mac **McCoy**, who ret. from the AF in June '67 is dodging hurricanes and holding down duties as Exec Dir of the Joint Legislative Data Processing Committee in Baton Rouge, La. June is working for the American Bank and Trust as secy for the downtown branch mgr.

I regret to announce the untimely death of Fred **Kiefer's** daughter Sally at Benning early in Jan. as the result of a mishap in a free-fall parachute jump.

The following note, addressed to the Class of '44, was received from the **Kiefer** family. "Thank you for the lovely flowers. They were so beautiful and appropriate. Few of us may join the 'Long Gray Line' as Sally did, doing what was the greatest and most exciting thing for her. According to all reports, as she exited the aircraft she looked up and smiled, stabilized, came in for her rip cord pull, hooked it, and then never pulled hard enough. I think, but will never know, that she felt the wind pressure on her arms and thought she'd pulled. She wasn't frightened; so she never knew she didn't pull. Unfortunately, she put too much blind faith in the Sentinel Automatic Opening Device, which failed her when needed. But all of us must someday join the 'Long Gray Line' and the ones we love. She lived a full life in 17 years. I hope the rest of us can do as well in the time allotted us."

Bob **Morrison** turned in his suit on 1 Dec. and is now at work for the Government in the Washington, D.C. area.

Jim **Cumberpatch** is Exec VP of Boyan Associates, a small computer software firm with offices in Arlington, Va.; after returning this last summer from Calif.

Doc **Greaves** reports that the best hotel in Almeria, Spain, is 10 km away—the Aquadulce Hotel in the village of the same name. That's Doc and Jean's hideaway during the

1944: You can sleep well tonite, knowing your U.S. Army is in safe hands. Charm School, October 1969.

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1944: LTG Agan pins on Bob Armstrong's LM.

filming of scenes for Doc's latest celluloid epic—as yet unnamed. This time, Doc is (appropriately) an Army medic helping to win the West; before that he was a defecting Russian GEN in "It Takes a Thief," before that he was one of Napoleon's marshals in "Waterloo." What with changing locations, Doc manages to cover the northern rim of the Mediterranean rather well—with brief stays at places like Rome, Capri, Split, and Malaga.

I am indebted to **Lee Smith**, who, from his vantage point in the NMCC, manages to keep well-informed on the comings and goings and whereabouts of the blue-suiters: Roy **Bahls** is in Operations, HQ, PACAF at Hickam along with Johnny **Werner** and John **Susott**; Winston **Anderson** is CO, 10th TRW at Alconbury, UK; Steve **Farris** is Base CO at Lakenheath, UK; Ray **Dunn** is Dir of AF Affairs, MAAG France in Paris; Howie **Tanner** is Vice-CO of the 75th TRW at Bergstrom AFB; Bill **Steger** is with the AF Fuels Center, Kelly AFB, and scheduled to assume command of Bien Hoa AB in RVN in Mar.

Jack **Geyer** is Vice-CO, 4252d Strategic Wing at Kadena AB; Bo **Bottomly**, also known as the "Bald Eagle," is CO, 355th TRW at Takhli AB; Geoff **Cheadle** is J6, HQ, MACV, with family at Clark AFB; Bob **Ginsburgh** commutes between home in Bethesda, Md., and his duty station at Maxwell AFB where he commands the Aerospace Studies Institute of the Air U.

John **Calhoun** is Dpty CO, Pacific Missile Range, Vandenberg AFB; Chuck **Sampson** is Asst DCS/Civil Engineering, HQ, SAC; Dave **Henderson**, and Bill **Charlson** are assigned to the Office of the AC/S, Studies & Analysis, HQ, USAF; John T. **Moore** is in the Directorate of Plans, HQ, USAF; Bill **Fullilove** is DCS/Personnel, HQ, AFLC; John P. **Moore** is Base CO, Da Nang AB, RVN; Bob **Brotherton** is in DCS/Plans at HQ, USAFE.

1944: MG Lloyd Ramsey presents John Donaldson with his flag after pinning on the stars, the SS (OLC), DFC (OLC) and LM (2d OLC).

Bill **Fairbrother** is Vice-CO, 14th Special Operations Wing, Nha Trang AB, RVN; Dusty **Rivers** is in the J5 Div, HQ, EUCOM; John **Williams** is in the Directorate of Plans, HQ, USAF; Lyall **de la Mater** is an exec with the United Air Lines Flight Training Center in Denver; Bob **Brundin**, also ret., lives in Colo. Springs where he is with a chemical company.

Bob **Armstrong** received the LM for his contributions to the AF professional military education program while serving as dir of the CE school at the AF Institute of Technology. Bob is now Asst Dpty C/S for CE at the Aerospace Defense Command at Ent AFB.

Art **Hyman** reports from CDC at Belvoir that daughter Norma will graduate from college, where she is an education major, in N.C. in June. Son Eric is at U. of N.C. on a full football scholarship where as a 6'5", 240 lb soph he was the starting defensive tackle. Betty is busy with interior decorating, night school (U. of Va.), tennis, and raising 4 children.

Charles and Dorothy **Daniel** gave their daughter Ann in marriage to Scott Senechal at Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria on 30 Dec.

Charlie **Davis** reports that he, Dos, Mike, Andy, and Carla are definitely enjoying the benefits of semi-retirement in the D.C. area. Charlie has the Emergency Operations Div in the Office of Civil Defense where he oversees Federal, State and local government programs of emergency planning, warning and communications systems, radiological defense, emergency services, and emergency operating centers. Family extra-curricular activity includes Falls Church government, Boy Scouts, League of Women Voters, Fair Housing, Girl Scouts, and a number of things that teenagers get involved in. When you are in town, call 532-6698 or OX 5-0136.

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Our silver anniversary year has begun. As you wend your way to June Week and the big 25th, you will notice a change of scenery here and there. On Broadway, "Oh Calcutta" has replaced "Oklahoma." Passenger trains no longer stop at the West Point Station. Cigarettes are pushing on toward 50¢ a pack. By June, less than 300 '45er's will still be under arms. Firsties can now buy 2 cars to compensate for that 1 we never got. Stew is no longer an authorized military meal—having failed the cost effectiveness test. Military pay is still a vital issue for new USMA graduates. During a recent survey in Columbus, Ga., I found 1 graduate selling real estate on weekends—several husband/wife teams on night shifts at local pizza parlors. This in contrast to some of our own experiences when we were rich LTS during the occupation years abroad —only to moonlight later as CAPTS on paper runs, World-Book, and Avon assignments. Now, in retrospect, we must have done a few things right. With 18 generals and more to come, priests and ministers of all faiths, college professors, doctors, corporation presidents, many national and state/local government leaders, we have every right to be pleased with the product of '45 as we reach the 25 yard line. Why, if I'm not mistaken, my recent mail bore testimony to the fact that at least 1 class member is leading a GI's for Peace Movement. So, we enter the 70s well rounded in every respect.

1945: Dale S. Hall has been appointed president of Thunderbird Products Corp.

PERSONS TO BE DECORATED. George **Benson** in Indonesia (for the 3d time) on loan to the State Dept and assigned as the Special Asst to the Ambassador for Coordinated Operations. George's contributions in this area of the world are worthy of special recognition. More on the Bensons in the kids' column. Jim **Summer** was elected president of General Mills, Inc., in Nov. Congratulations to you, Jim, on this outstanding achievement. Slade **Nash** has received the LM and the DFC for service in Southeast Asia. Slade flew 145 missions prior to the bombing halt as Vice-CO of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. He is currently Vice-CO of the Aerospace Defense Command's Air Defense Weapons Center at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Dan **Prescott** (see photo) who has logged more than 1,000 combat flying hours, received the Master Army Aviator Badge at a recent ceremony at Ft. Meade, Md. Dale **Hall** (see photo) has been appointed Pres. of Thunderbird Products Corp., a subsidiary of Fuqua Industries, Inc., according to Doug **Kenna**, Fuqua Pres. Dale has served as exec VP and general manager of the Miami-based boat manufacturing company since early 69. Ed **Rafalko**, Vice-CO, 4258th Strategic Wing, appeared dripping wet in a recent issue of "Armed Forces Journal," after being doused by fellow crew members and well wishers following completion of his 100th combat mission over VN. Soaking is given to all crew members following completion of the magic 100 runs.

OUR DEPARTED. On 15 Nov. 69, Bill **Jones** was killed when his single-engine private plane crashed on takeoff from Woodbridge, Va. Airport. At the time of his death, Bill was commanding the First Flying Training Squadron at Andrews AFB, having returned last year after being injured in the crash of an A-1 Skyraider in Thailand. At memorial services at Andrews on 18 Nov., **Gandy**, **Broucher**, **Arnold**, **Ochs**, **Ayers**, **Munyon**, **Marvin**, **Bond**, Tom **Curtis**, **Pauley**, **Baker**, **Argo**, **Schwartz**, Ann **Swain** (Hal's widow), and Lynn and Pat **Cummings** were

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among those present to pay their respects. Bill was buried the next day in the family plot at Warsaw, Va. Reamer **Argo** and John **Schwartz** (Bill's USMA roommates), Ann **Swain**, Fred and Natalie **Bond**, and Pat and Lynn **Cummings** represented the Class at Bill's final resting place. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lois, Mary Lee, Elizabeth, and Anne. Lois is at home at 3714 Prince William Dr., Fairfax, Va.

RECENT RETIREES NEWS. Harvey Jones has been named Dir of Public Works for the Reedy Creek Improvement Dist in Orlando, Fla. Harvey will be planning for the 43-square mile Walt Disney World—due to open in Oct. 71. Get your letters off to Harvey for free tickets, etc. Neil **Im-Obersteg** and Bill **McGuinness** retired on 1 Jan.—at this writing I have no word as to their future plans. Bob **Webster** is scheduled to leave his blue suit behind on 31 May—just in time for June week. Jack **Broughton** reports that "Thud Ridge" is now in its 3d printing and will soon be out in paperback. Jack is with Lift Development Incorporated—as is Frank **Lish**—designing vehicles which ride on cushions of air. Sounds interesting!

KIDDIES KORNER. Andy **Hankins'** and Jack and Helen **Rhett's** daughters are freshmen at Agnes Scott College. Jim **Root** is in his last year at Cal State (Hayward)—taking ROTC at Berkeley. Yipe!!! Hammy and Garry **Root** (with beards and mustaches) are both attending Monterrey Peninsula College. Tim **Truby** (Brown), Cliff **White** (Vermont), Robert **Tierno** (Oklahoma), Rob **Krebs** (Davidson), Jan Krebs (Mary Baldwin), Ann **Kane** (Marymount), Frank **Kane** Jr. (Penn State), Bonnie **Benson** is attending the College of the Holy Names in Oakland, Calif. Richard **Benson** is at the USMA Prep School at Ft. Belvoir. John **Carhartt** is at San Francisco State—sister Mary attends the College of Wooster, Ohio. Betsy **Spragins** and Elizabeth **Van Hout** were married at Ft. Bragg, N.C.—both to USMA 69's. Alice and I had the pleasure of attending their joint engagement party at Ft. Benning in Oct. During this visit south, I observed that today's Inf 2LTs are still registering the same complaints we did 25 years ago. Getting just about the same results too. Our class sons at USAFA as reported by Bill **Jarrell**, the friendly Registrar; Christopher W. **Johnson** (Moe's boy) '70; Daniel E. **Farr** III '72; Bob **Lochry** '73; and Bob **Munson** '73.

GERMAN ROOTS. Bette **Root** reported from Heidelberg—in a most memorable fashion—on the departure of the Lurline (circa 1945) and the latest word from the Seventh Army area. Her description of the vessel's leave taking is a must for all goats who were outbound from the Embarcadero on 8 Oct. 45. I will reproduce that portion of her report and make it available to all—drop me a line for an immediate dispatch of same. Jim **Root** is working in DCSPER in Campbell Barracks, as is George **Garman**. Geef and Mary Lou **Byrd** are in Frankfort where Geef presides as the Dpty CO of the Hesse Dist. Mack **McGovern** has the 2d Bde, 8th Inf Div, in Baumholder. Bill **Reidy** is with Hq USAREUR (ACSI), as is Joe **Melanson** who is the PAO. Keep writing, Bette, and I shall make your Lurline story a best seller—might even title it **Mackinnon's** leaky locker.

ODDS AND ENDS. Fred **Einsidler** was recently named as Pres. of Consultants and Designers Corp, a Chicago based subsidiary of the Greyhound Corp. Jim **Graham** returned to the AEC's Joint Committee Staff in Sept. as Asst Dir. Since 1966, Jim has been in General Electric's Washington office as manager of licensing and regulatory practices. Fred **Hartwig** has joined Electro-Optical Systems as VP and corporate chief scientist. Al **Froede** reports in from APO NY 09677 where he is in charge of the 37th Air Div. Rolfe **Hillman** sent me word that Jim **Munson** arrived at the AWC from VN. Speaking of Jim—Jim Jr. is a member of the class of '73 at the AF Academy, thus giving Jim and Nancy 2 Academy sons—Jack graduated USMA in 68. Frank and Shirley **Marvin** have son Gary, a First Classman at Annapolis, and Bob, a Yearling at USMA. Ken **Russell** is still holding forth as the AF's program office dir for the AWACS. Bob **Mackinnon** has settled in as CG of the Primary Helicopter Center and School at Ft. Wolters, Tex. Larry **Jones** is now with the 1st Armd Div at Ft. Hood. Pat **Hurley** married Rosalyn Rembke upon his return from VN. Rosalyn had been Asst to the Dean of Women at the U. of N.M. but will now devote most of her time posing for Pat's portraits. Bill **Moran** is the new CO of the Aerospace Research Laboratories at Wright-Patterson AFB. Walt **Galligan** has assumed command of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing at Phan Rang AB, VN. Bob **Breene** has been appointed a full professor at the U. of W. Va. Andy **Carhartt** is the new Dir of Development at Tarkio College. Bill **Jarrell** reports having seen Claudius **Fingar** in Colorado Springs and notes that Bob **Fye** is at Carson. Bill and Jesse **Gatlin** are the only 2 classmates now on duty at the AF Academy. The Washington contingent ushered in the Silver Anniversary year with a Jan. dinner dance at Andrews AFB. As other events of this type takes place—please—won't somebody send me a picture and a little poop to go with it. If you haven't heard by now, George **Hoge** has replaced Larry **Jones** as our Reunion Chairman; and by the time you read this, flyers on the big splash should be in your hands. At this time too, why not send in your share to the Memorial Fund and get that out of the way before June Week. One has only to read the lovely thank you letters from our '45 children who have been helped so far to become a believer in this worthy cause. So, on to the Rock—drive carefully and stay off the Newburgh ferry. See you in June.

'46

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No. 93. The brain must function-albeit I have a horrible "bug" which has as the main attraction "a splitting headache." And of course the pro ball games on TV are another distraction. But, deadlines are deadlines. The decade of the 60's brought to our class pathos, joy, and change. Significant highlights include forced severances from service, voluntary resignations, retirements, deaths, Cadet sons, grandchildren, 15th and 20th Reunions, and Stars on some shoulders. In the 70's we can look forward to our 25th Reunion in '71, most likely more Cadet sons, hopefully more Stars, and in '76 we will hold our 30th when the country celebrates the 200th year of our Independence.

Speaking of Stars, you no doubt read the last ASSEMBLY with a feature article on the new Com, our own Sam **Walker**; and congratulations to you Sam. On the latest nominee list were Charles **Myer**, Charlie **Simmons**, and George **Patton**—my salutations to these men also. George was at Homecoming Game this past fall receiving hand shakes all around. One of our earlier GENs, Marty **Colladay**, is presently stationed at McGuire AFB, N.J.

Charlie **Myer** is now CO of US Army Strategic Communications Command Center in Europe, having left STRATCOM Hq, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. last Oct. He had been the

1946: Dick Diver receiving the JSC from BG J.H. Belser, director of operations, North American Air Defense Command Headquarters, Colorado Springs—retirement ceremonies.

CO of the 11th Signal Group from July '68 to Aug. '69 and then was a special asst to the CG at Huachuca. He graduated from AWC last year and has also graduated from C&GSC and the AFSC. He served as CO of 69th Signal Bn in VN '65-'66. Charlie and his wife Wini will enjoy their 1st tour in Europe along with their daughter Mary and a son David. A 2d son Steven is a Cadet at USMA.

Before I get too far along, I should cover some class business. You all should have received a letter of 6 Oct. '69 mailed from Washington. This letter brings us all up to date concerning the Class Fund, Class Memorial, and Class Son Mementos. I shall not repeat except to say if you have not responded to Joe **McKinney** or Ed **Saunders**, do it now. If you did not get the letter write (COL J.T.) Joe **McKinney**, 1305 Mae Beth Street, McLean, Va. 22101, and enclose your latest address. By the way, as of 3 Dec. 69, the vote for Class Memorial was 149 for Mini Park, 21 for Book Collection, and 19 for Picnic Area on Constitution Island. Frankly, I assume by now that the decision has been made to go for a Mini Park. So if you didn't vote, you may be too late by now! So, let's build up the fund so we cover our commitment!!

Ed **Saunders** mailed some pictures of festivities last June at WP. They show our 1st Class Sons to graduate from USMA, Tom **McMinn** Jr. and Harrison **Lobdell** III, as well as a group of classmates that Jean and Ed entertained that day. The "Troy Hutto Memorial Saber," presented annually by Merl **Hutto** in memory of his son Troy to the graduating son of the Class of '46 most outstanding in engineering and science, was presented to **Lobdell** by those members of the class present on

1946: Harlan Tucker receiving BSM with V from BG Darrie Richards '43, CG USA Support Cmd, Qui Nhan.

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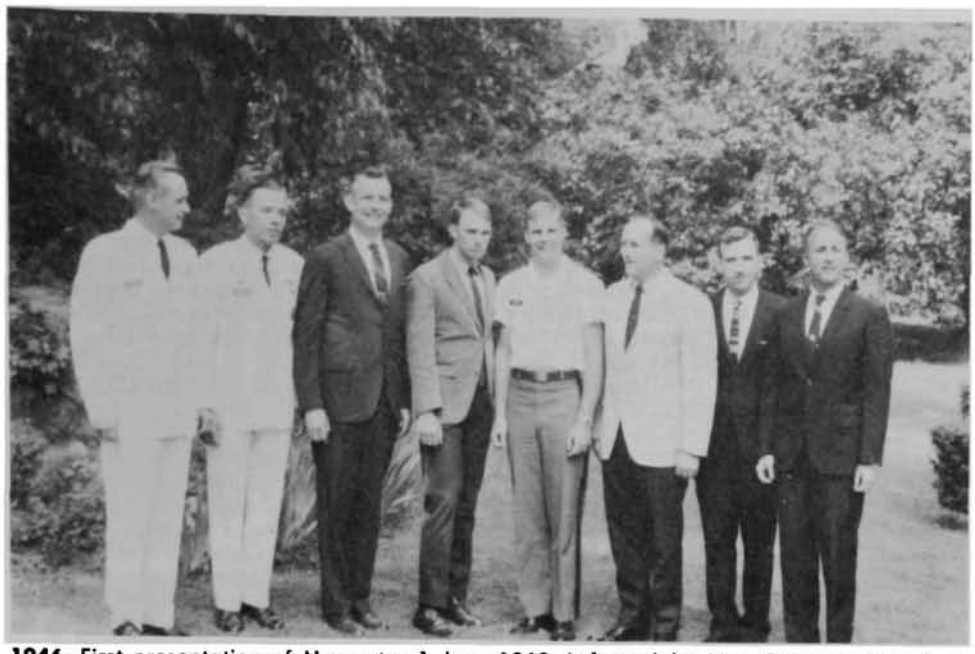

1946: First presentation of Mementos 1 June 1969. Left to right: Nye, Simpson, Saunders, McMinn, Lobdell, Jordan, Freed, Lobdell.

behalf of Merl. The Class Mementos are walnut bookends embossed with bronze "Fried Eggs" from F.D. hats. Each pair of bookends carries 2 brass plates: 1 engraved with the name and class of the recipient, the other stating that they are presented by the Class of '46 to a graduating son.

The Class Sons, USMA '73, are listed in the Fall Issue of ASSEMBLY. Other Class Sons are as follows: 1970—Gilbert **Harper**, Gerald **Minor**, John **Minor**, Joe **Reeder**, and Steve **Starner**; 1971—Calvert **Benedict**, Henry **Bolz**, Bert **David**, Richard **deMoya**, David **Hutchison**, Timothy **Terrell**, and Walton **Walker**; 1972—Edward **Collins**, Roland **Desert**, Russell **Hall**, Richard **Kane**, Stephen **Keehn**, and Stephen **Myer**.

It is with deep regret that I must announce the death last Dec. of George **Miller**. George was senior advisor to the South Vietnamese CO of the 24th Tactical Zone, COL Nguyen Pa Lien, who also died at the same time. They were flying in a UH 1 Huey helicopter over a ground operation in jungled hills of Kontum Province, 285 miles NE of Saigon, when the helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed near the town of Dak To. The crash killed all the occupants, who, besides George and Lien, included 4 U.S. crewmen, 4 Vietnamese soldiers, and a Viet Cong POW. George had been in VN since Feb. '69. He leaves his wife Nancy and his mother who lives at Army Distaff Hall. Nancy's address: 1319 S. 20th St., Arlington, Va. We share with Nancy her sorrow, and the Class is with her in spirit to help her carry her burden.

The Fall '69 ASSEMBLY noted Harold **Williams'** death 30 Sept. '69 in Oakland, Calif., at the Naval Hospital. He was buried in Knoxville, his home. Bill **Clapp**, in business in Knoxville, represented the Class at the funeral. Harold had never married. Also, received the sad word that Andy **Talbot** died in Oct. of a long illness; he died in Mexico. His wife's name is **Phyllis**. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

As of 31 July '69, Dick **Diver** ret. He received the Joint Service CM during ceremonies held at Colo. Springs, Colo., where he had been serving as plans officer in Hq North American Air Defense Command. He and his wife Roberta had been living at 1107 Server Dr. One of the speakers at the 2d Annual Armed Forces Audio Visual Communications Conference held 3-7 Nov. '69, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., was Dr. Bob **Wagner** from Ohio State U. Bob represented the Society of Motion Picture Engrs and is a prof of photography and the Dir of the Motion Picture Div of the College of Engineering at O.S.U.

1946: Two members of '46 display the trophies their units won in the 1969 Strategic Air Command Combat Competition. Clyde Denniston (left), commander of the 320th Bomb Wing, Mather AFB, Calif., holds the trophy his unit won for being Best in 15th Air Force. William A. Temple (right), commander of the 416th Bomb Wing, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., holds the trophy his unit won as Best in 8th Air Force.

Cal **Arnold** has been named to a new post of manager of financial planning and analysis for Honeywell Inc in Minneapolis, Minn. Cal has been with Honeywell since '54 and was most recently dir of manufacturing for the firm's Computer Control Div, Framingham, Mass. From '65 to '68 he was general manager of the automation company's German subsidiary, Honeywell G.m.b.H. Bob **Cramer** is currently attending June '70 class at AWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He was last stationed at Ft. Shafter, Hi., and holds a LM, BSM, and AM.

As a result of heroic and outstanding service in SEA, Bill **Batsley** has been awarded the SS and the BSM. Other current and pertinent data about Bill was in Summer '69 ASSEMBLY. Randy **Adams** has assumed command of the 408th Ftg Group at Kingsley Field, Ore. The group is a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command. Adams had served at Nha Trang AB, VN prior to this assignment.

Bill **Temple** is commanding SAC's 416th Bomb Wing at Griffiss AFB, N.Y. Last fall one of his crews flew a B-52 in the Fairchild Trophy "World Series of Bombing" contest to test the skills, without actually bombing, of SAC's top crews and award championship accordingly. Army Judge (COL) Gran **Rouillard**, appellate military judge, U.S. Army Court of Military Review, was sworn into his judgeship on 2 Sept. '69 at the U.S. Army Judiciary, Falls Church, Va. The U.S. Army Court of Military Review was established under the Military Justice Act of 1968 and became operative on 1 Aug. '69. It is the highest appellate body within the Army for the review of court-martial cases. Judge **Rouillard** received his LLB from Harvard Law School.

Stew **Harper** moved this past summer from Long Island to Huntsville, Ala., and is still with Computer Sciences Corp. In the Huntsville area he has found Jerry **Bowman**, Faison **Gibson**, George **Porter**, Frank **Schoen** (left in Nov.), Ken **Van Auken** (also left in Nov.), Bill **Wray**, Hap **Hazzard**, and Ralph M. **Cloud**, ex46. Stew flew a load of cadets, including his son, to Vanderbilt game last fall. George **Bailey**, 12605 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas 75230, has been in Tex. about 18 months and hopes to stay a long time. The **Baileys** are providing a home for Patsy **Green** while her parents

1946: DeBow Freed at retirement ceremonies held 30 Oct. 1969 at West Point being presented certificate by MG S.W. Koster, Superintendent.

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1946: First "Class Sons" with Mementos, Tom McMinn Jr. and Harrison Lobdell III.

Carol and Jess **Green** are in Thailand, Jess at Udorn and Carol teaching school in Bangkok. Patsy is going to college in Big "D," and George likes having a daughter even if temporarily.

Gordon **Oosting,** previously manager of the San Mateo, Calif., office of Dean Witter & Co., a S.F. based brokerage firm, has been named the firm's national sales manager and has been elected Senior VP. He will operate from the firm's 14 Wall Street office in NYC. **Oosting** began his investment career as an account exec in the S.F. office in '54. Gordon is a past member of the Board of Dir of the Boy's Club of San Mateo.

Received a letter this past Oct. from Marion "Jack" **Richards** giving us some follow-up poop concerning the **Dormans.** Petey (Mae P.) and the family are living in Charleston, S.C. (1396 Pooshee Dr.). The 2 oldest boys, Buck (George S. Jr) and Bob, are attending **The Citadel** with hopes of entering WP this summer. Bill, the youngest is in H.S. and plays football. Petey has initiated a memorial fund in honor of George. She will select an appropriate award, to be presented each year at graduation to a cadet identified for particular excellence in an area to be determined and dependent upon the magnitude of the fund. Contributions may be sent to: COL George S. **Dorman** Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Superintendent, West Point, N.Y.

AF Classmates Dave **Bradburn,** John Schmitt, and Roger **Lengnick** are in the L.A. area. **Lengnick** is perhaps at Wright-Patterson by now, however. John **Molchan** is at the Satellite Control **Facility** in Sunnyvale, Calif. **Richards** is Dir, Engineering Group I, Dpty for Space Communications Systems, L.A. AFS. Johnny **Castle** runs the Horn DASC at DoNong till this Aug. Bob **Wayne** is now Vice CO of the 355 Tac Ftg Wing at Takhli Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. This data was transmitted by Frank **Lester** who is Dir of Plans 7th AF at Tan Son Nhut, until Sept. '70.

Twill **Newell** is Vice CO at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., of the F-111 wing. He was at the AF Academy prior to going to Nellis. John **Pitts** and Whitey **Yeoman** are still at USAFA. Slats **Stees,** Chuck **Parsons,** Bob **Tribolet,** and Lou **Creveling** are all on the AF COL's list. Bill **Yancey** left for VN last July to be Wing Commander of the 31st TAC Fighter Wing. Phyllis is at 3320 Circle Hill Rd., Alexandria, Va., while their son Bill III, back from a 2 year Navy tour, returns to college. The **Yanceys** made 3 moves in the 12 months July '68-'69—out to Nellis, back to Myrtle Beach AFB, up to Washington, and VN.

Harlan **Tucker** (3100 Teton La., Bowie, Md. 20715) back from VN since last May is at the Pentagon as Chief, Supply Distribution Div in DCSLOG. His daughter Linda gave birth to a son 8 Sept. '69 to make the **Tuckers** grandparents. In SEA he was CO, 45th General Support Group in Pleiku. He had, between assignments, checked in at Walter Reed for a ruptured disc operation.

Guy **Troy's** Annual Bulletin arrived on time as usual. Of course it is loaded with poop. Guy is Chief, ANMCC Board, Defense Intelligence Agency, Ft. Ritchie, Md. He is due to leave this summer, but where? Their daughter Pam's husband (MAJ) is now commanding the MI Detachment of the 173d Bde in VN. The **Troys** and Rus and Mary **Burn** had a nice visit when Rus came East on business from his N.Mex. based firm. Joe **Clark** is with Westinghouse's Atomic Energy Div and moved from Pittsburgh to Bremerton, Wash., last year. Larry **Elder's** son Gary was awarded a BSM in Dec. '68 while in VN.

Bob **Frantz** has finished the 5-year reserve C&GS course, is G3 of 99th ARCOM, and should be an 0-6 in the reserves soon. **Joffrion** should also have completed the reserve C&GS course this year. Art **Lochrie** is with

1946: President of Nicaragua, LTG Anastasio Somoza, receives title to OH6A Cayuse helicopters from COL T.W. Swett Jr. '49, Commander, U.S. Military Group Nicaragua, as American Ambassador Kennedy Crockett looks on.

market planning of Allison Div, GM, living at 3338 Devereaux Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208.

Bill **McMaster** has formed a company for trading commodities known as Computrad, Inc. He's out in Calif. **Roxbury** is now international marketing manager for the Military Arms Div of Colt and living at 6525 Devine St., McLean, Va. 22101. Mase and Mary **Rumney** also live in McLean, while Mase writes books and is a part time employee of Stanford Research. Bill **Traber** is a market analyst for Lockheed out in Calif. John **Treadwell** is with personnel training for J.P. Stevens Co in NYC.

Dick **Beckner** is back from VN and is now with DCSLOG. He and Donna live at 2701 S. Inge St., Arlington, Va. Jack **Gilham** is in Programs Div, DCSPER, living in Annandale, Va. His daughter Connie is married to CPT Gordon, presently in VN, and she made Jack a grandfather when her son Sean was born on 29 Nov. 69. Ben **Hanson** is in J5 as a Special Asst. Frank **Richter** is at AMC in the Ground Mobility Div of R & D Engr. **Stanfield** is in the IG office. Dick **Strieff** is Dpty Special Asst to the Pres for liaison with former Pres. Lew **Tixier** is in J3, JCS and our Washington Class Pres for this year. His son Mike is at USMA Prep at Belvoir. George **Webb** has moved to SASM, JCS and lives in Alexandria. Duke **Wolf** is with DCSPER Army Review Board but expects reassignment within the Pentagon shortly. His son Eric is now a 2LT (RA) Inf on his way to the 3d A/D in Europe. He was the Bde Cmdr at Miami ROTC.

Stan **Blum** is now Attaché in Lisbon. Jake **Burney** took over the 1st Bde, 4th A/D in Europe at Illeshiem. Vinnie **Gannon** took over the 3d Bde, 4th A/D from Jack **Gilham.** Charlie **Simmons** is tentatively scheduled to stay in the 3d Inf Div where he is now commanding the 3d Bde. He may move up to ADC when promoted to BG. **Wilson** is Chief of Info at SHAPE Hq after attending a combined SHAPE War College in Italy for 5 months. **Conant** is CO SPT Cmd, 1st Inf Div in VN. Joy awaits his return in Roanoke, Va. Willy **Persons** is in Hq, USARV as the JAG in VN. Kit **Sinclair** is CO of the 160th Avn Group in the 101 Div in VN. Ginna is in Hi. with sons Steve and Chris. Their oldest Bryan is married and shortly will leave the Army and return to college. George **Otte** is CO of the School Bde at Knox and expects to remain till '71. Harry **Smythe** took over the 194th Bde at Knox this past summer. Dick **Fuller** is CO, 3d Bde, 2A/D at Hood. Bud **Martin** is CO, 1st Bde, 2 A/D, having returned from Europe (SHAPE) this past summer. **Matteson** is C/S, 24th Inf Div at Riley. Steve **Edwards** is studying for a Master's in Journalism at Ohio State U. **Knapp** is PMS at Ariz. State, Tempe, Ariz. Andy **Lamar** is PMS at Auburn, 823 Univ. Drive, Auburn, Ala. Their daughter Julie is a jr at Auburn. Jim **Day** is J3 SOUTHCOM, Panama. George **Patton** is at chopper school, Ft. Rucker, Ala., and finished 27 Jan. Destination unknown as of late fall. He reports that Tom **Constant** is in USARPAC. Guy **Rogers** is Chief, Manpower DCSPER, Fifth Army, Chicago, living at Ft. Sheridan. Ricky **Wheeler,** by the way, is still living at 35 Kassel, ELF Buchenstrasse 28, Germany.

Tidbits: Hal **Hallgren** took Exec Management Course at U. of Pitts, while other classmates were at Harvard (Summer '69 ASSEMBLY). Lea **Parmly** at U. of Md.? John **Hill's** mother died this past summer of cancer. Helen **Chatfield's** address: Rte 2, Box 771-J, Oak Harbour, Wash. 98277. Seen at football games this past fall, besides those vertical seats a mile high that make up the new Michie: Roger **Nye** (USMA), Dick **Gruenther** (USMA), Joe **Jordan** (USMA), Ed **Saunders** (USMA), George **Patton,** Bob **Tully,** Dan **Mahoney,** Jack **Barth,** Bob **Swab,** Marty **Zorn,** Tony **Cucolo,** Mase **Rumney,** Saul

1946: Gran Rouillard (right) receives oath of office as an appellate military judge from Hon. W.H. Darden, a judge of U.S. Court of Military Appeals.

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1947: Al Haig—first General in the Class—Stars pinned on by President Nixon and Pat Haig at the White House with Secretary of Defense Laird looking on.

Horwitz, Max Ulrich, John Treadwell, Stan Love, Wade Kingsbury, Ton Hirschberg and many others whose names I am sad to say I did not properly record. In fact, **Patton** helped with a letter listing Homecoming (Texas A&M) attendees he noted. One last thought, I sat with season tickets directly on the 50 yd line. I know the new addition helped, but man, we have arrived!!

'47

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By the time you read this, I assume everybody will have recovered from the Holiday Season. I think it is unfair for the Editors to insist that we sit down right after New Year's Day and compose a column and mail it by 3 Jan.

As a way of starting the 1st column of '70, records of our Class show that there are 81 Army officers still on active duty and 40 AF officers. By the time this column reaches you, Ken **Hatch** and **Paul Callan** will probably have joined the retired ranks.

We now have our 1st GEN in the class. **Al Haig** was promoted to BG on 1 Dec. (see cut). His stars were pinned on by Pres. Nixon and Pat **Haig** at the White House with Secy of Defense Laird looking on. Congratulations again, Al.

Let's run down the latest comings and goings from Southeast Asia. Jack **Young** departed for Thailand in the Fall with station at Nahhon Phanon Airport. Milt **Bellovin** also arrived in VN for duty at Ton Son Nhut. Cecil **Fox** is with the 7th AF at Binh Thuy where he is Chief of an AF advisory team. Bob **Rosen**, one of my more faithful correspondents, is now Chief of LOC Div in MACV. Bob reports that Bernie **De Gil** is the advisor to the Vietnamese language school in Saigon. George **Maloney** also reported that he's moved to G3, XXIV Corps where Hal **Tavzel** is also working. John **Gerrity** is in J3, MACV.

Dick **Littlestone** has departed Washington for duty at II FFV. G. G. **Kent** joined the 1st Signal Bde in Saigon in Feb., while Jim **Mattern** has gone to the 21st Signal Bde. Mel and Shirley **Rosen** (who showed up at the Christmas party at Belvoir) reported that their son, Steve, is in the Medics in VN.

Throughout the Fall there were a lot of class gatherings here in Washington and at the football games. Hugh **Bartley** sponsored a class party here in the Washington area in Oct. which was well attended by 35 members of the class. Among the notables attending the Homecoming game at WP were the **Haldanes, Hayes, McCords, Balls, Cosgroves, Reckmeyers, Karters,** and Gibby **Perkins** (Tom is living it up in Korea). Of course, the **Bielickis, Webbs, Haldanes, Rogers,** and **Mastins** were the class representatives in situ at West Point.

Roger **Bate** flew in from the AF Academy for the AF game. The **Mastins** held a get-together, Qtrs 18, after the game, and 20 classmates with wives were in attendance. The Mastins had the **Schuders** that weekend; the **Hayes** and **Faiths** were staying with the **Haldanes**; and Bobby **Geraci** was visiting with the **Webbs**. Bill and Jetta **Kuykendall** and children came up from Washington; George and Lee **Lynn** arrived from Piccatinny; the **Maloneys** were over from Conn., and Buford **Biggs** was also there with wife. A fine time was had by all (except for the final score!).

The ARMY/Navy game saw a large turnout, both for pre-game festivities at Bob **Haas's** and Tom **Hayes's**, and victory celebrations at the **Hayes's** and Jim **Johnson's**. Among those I could pick out in the crowd as we slaughtered Navy were Bernie **Abrams**, Harry **Ball**, Hugh **Bartley**, Lockar **Bentley**, Buford **Biggs**, Shelton **Biles**, Bill **Coghill**, Jim **Cosgrove**, Bob **Delistraty**, Jack **Dunham**, Buck **Fernandez**, Bernie **Gardner**, Bob **Haldane**, Wayne **Hauck**, Tom **Hayes**, Bill **Henry**, Harry **Kain**, Bob **Kennedy**, Bill **Kuykendall**, George **Lynn**, Bob **McCord**, Tom **Rogers**, Al **Sapowith**, Howie **Sargent**, Jack **Schuder**, Don **Steininger**, Bill **Webb**, and Moe **Wright**. (In the interest of space, I've omitted the wives' names, bless you all!). After the game, many assembled at Jim and Kay **Johnson's** hideaway in Wynwood. My recollection is that Buford **Biggs** found an unused credit card, and we proceeded to call various places around the country to check on some of our classmates. I distinctly remember routing George **Dell** out of his judge's chambers in Los Angeles that night.

Pete **Boerger** moved from OCE to become Exec to the Under Secy of the Army on 22 Dec. Hugh **Bartley** left Washington in Feb. for the 3d Armd Div in Germany. Johnny **Guice** has arrived in Washington to work with Office of Secy of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

Cliff **Zimmer** has established his own consulting firm in Conn. Frank **Taylor**, OCRD, and Howie **Sargent**, OCofSA, have gone on Temporary Duty with the Dept of Defense Blue Ribbon Panel which is looking into ways to reorganize the Dept of Defense. Lots of luck!!

Social Notes: Pete and Betty **Boerger's** son, Tom, was married to Tana Heilig in St. Louis on 20 Dec. Bill and Betty Lou **Reckmeyer's** son, Bill, was married 27 Dec. in McLean, Va. The **Dunhams, Kains, Shields,** and **Schuders** also witnessed the 1st of 11 marriages of the **Reckmeyer** clan. Jane **Shields** reports that she visited the Pentagon for the 1st time in 22 years this Fall. She didn't say for what purpose.

Harry **Kain's** boy, Mike, is a 4-striper at Annapolis. I did not get his reaction to the ARMY/Navy game outcome. Tom **Monahan** has been elected Pres. of the Va. Trial Lawyers Assn. El and Tom visited London and Ireland in Aug.

Christmas Cards: Jean and June **Burner** sent a nice note from Mich. State where Jean's the PMS. Their older daughter is in college at Mich. State and the younger a junior in high school.

Gibby **Perkins** wrote from Carlisle. Her note had a beautiful description of Carlisle in the Christmas season. Tom, of course, is in Korea and unable to write (or never learned, I suspect!).

Ginny **Jacobson** reported from Mo. where she's waiting out Jake's tour in VN and teaching in the junior high. She plans to join Jake in Hi. in Jan.

Miscellaneous: Mel **Blanc's** new address is 4205 Taft Park, Metairie, La. 70002. Forest **Crowe** was in the Pentagon at the end of Oct. He received a NASA Public Service Award. He reports his work as a member of NATO Industrial Advisors Group takes him to Europe 4 or 5 times a year. One final strange note (and I don't remember the circumstances), but Bob **McCord** reported that Shelton **Biles** (they are both at the AWC) is immersed in writing an historical (or is it hysterical?) treatise on water pollution. Can't wait to read it, Shelton!

That seems to be all for the Winter Issue, and I hope I get some delayed Christmas cards and can report some catchy news from other classmates scattered throughout the country. Have a happy Spring.

'48

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It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of classmate Jack **Hamilton** last 11 June. Details are sketchy, but apparently Jack fell down a flight of stairs and suffered head injuries. The news reached this area only recently. Bette and daughters Susan and Sally remain in the Boston area. For the Class

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1948: Left to right: Phil Day, Sam Cockerham, Jack Kean, Donn Starry, Wally Williams, Larry Hoyt, and Jack Doody.

I want to say that our grief and shock is only exceeded by the family's own. I will always remember First Class summer at Buckner when Jack and I were on the detail. His Southern-accented speech belied his origins in N. J. He is missed by all.

It is also most distressing to me to have to tell you that the first son of the Class to enter West Point, Rick **Whitfield**, died at Walter Reed on 12 Jan. after a long illness. He was buried at West Point on 16 Jan. There is little that I can say to Jerry, Bob, and David, except that I and others who either knew Rick or knew of him are heartbroken.

The election of 2 Board members was very close, with a good response from the electorate. Tom **Ware** nosed out Joe **Meyer** for 1 slot. Unfortunately, you gave us a problem on the other position by leaving Bud **Wagoner** and Walt **Meinzen** in a tie. As of this juncture, I haven't resolved the dilemma. Maybe each should share half a seat.

John **McEnery**, now SGS for Hq CONARC, is shown with GEN Woolnough watching the Honor Guard pass in review after John was presented with the DSC for action in RVN while commanding a squadron of the 11th Armd. Our hats are off to you, John. Ed **Bertram** arrived at CONARC, too, and is with the IG. And, Rees **Jones** is in that area as the Operations Officer for the US Army Recruiting Command.

Marge and Rees had the local contingent over to their new home at 340 Elizabeth Lake Dr, Hampton, Va. 23363. Two photos accompanied their card which may or may not be printable. Included in the group were Bob and Beje **Ward**, John and Connie **McEnery**, the Ed **Bertrams**, and contemporary John and Sally Welsh whose 2d son is a Plebe at WP. Bob **Ward** saw Monk and Mary Virginia **Doty** in Raleigh last Fall on his way back from depositing son Robert at Ga. Tech. He reports they are doing fine.

The **Dotys** confirmed their happy state directly. They had to give up "The Storehouse" but have no regrets and came out in the black.

1948: L. to R.: John McEnery, John Welsh, Willie Bertram, Rees Jones, and Bob Ward.

Monk still plans and budgets for the State of N.C.

The 10 Dec. issue of the Washington "Evening Star" carried a delightful story replete with pictures about Neil and **Helen Ayer**. Neil, Master of Myopia Hunt up Boston way, Helen, 10 horses, 32 foxhounds, and 4 men to care for the quadripeds, were on a 2-week, 1,800-mile foxhunting trip which started at Farmington Hunt in Charlottesville, Va., and ended at Green Spring Valley Hunt near Baltimore. Their stops included 1 in Potomac, Md., outside of Washington.

During my 2 weeks at WP in Nov., I was pleased to witness Gerry **Medsger's** receipt of the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding work with the Dept of Mathematics. Gerry is now Dir of Research at USMA. As such he has continuing contacts with our latest Doctoral classmate, Harry **Buckley**. Harry is ensconced in a sumptuous office as head of MP&L.

Dennis **Patterson** has moved to the Regional Engr Office in N. Y. Qtrs 107B, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y., is the present location of that mastermind of devilishly clever torments.

Randy **Bierne's** mother died in the late fall; our sincere condolences to him. Mrs. **Bierne** was 9th regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Assn which has preserved the home and grounds of George Washington. She also was active in other historical societies.

Homecoming produced, in addition to the WP group, the **Barnetts, Kastris,** Louise **Bratton, Pabsts, Meinzens, Halls, Sternburgs, Balls,** Joe **Herbets,** and Ben **Eakins.** The game didn't measure up as it should, however.

The Navy game saw a goodly turnout including a busload from here. Dave and Sarah **Mallett** and children made it up. And, Russ **Ball** hosted those who could stay after at dinner at the Philadelphia CC.

Jack and Tomi **Miller** reported in from RTI/ORED Box 200, ARMISH?MAAG, APO NY 09205, with a Christmas card made in Tehran, Iran. Now I call that true ecumenism.

Norm and Carol **Robinson** are at Box 3387 Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., which Norm commands. They love it there, and who can blame them? Get down to Tombstone, Norm,

1948: L. to R., front row: John McEnery, Rees Jones and John Welsh. Back row: Willie Bertram, Beje Ward, Connie McEnery, Sally Welsh, and Marge Jones.

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1948: R. to L.: Donn Starry, GEN Abrams, Jack Doody, Larry Hoyt, Sam Cockerham, and Wally Williams.

and see my grandfather's sign at the O.K. corral.

Jay **Brill** was awarded the LM recently for his efforts in 2 different directorates at USAF hq here. He now is military asst to the Asst Secy (R&D) of the AF. Looking at the press release I note that while he was getting his Master's at Purdue, Jay belonged to Phi Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, Gamma Alpha Rho, and Alpha Phi Omega. He must have spent most of his time going to meetings; and think of the dues! Congrats, Jay.

Since Bill **McGinnis** failed to make the 20-yearbook, we print a handsome picture of him which accompanied the news that he has retired and been named Dir of Research, Development, and Manufacturing of the Liquid Paper Corp. of Dallas, Tex. They have acquired the right man, you may be sure. Check their stock price in a year.

Contrary to what the usually infallible REGISTER of GRADUATES states, reports of Dick **Miner's** retirement are premature. He is gainfully employed in the B-1 Bomber System Program Office working for BG Townsend, the program dir. Has yet to get together with Irv **Schoenberg** and Bill **Lyon** for lunch. The Miners live at 5615 Oak Valley Road, Kettering, Ohio.

Ann and Irv **Schoenberg's** complete address is 1053 Saratoga Dr, Fairborn, Ohio. Ann reports missing the group here—AND the parties. The feeling is mutual; they are missed and their get-togethers were always superb.

Frank, recently promoted to COL, and Mary **McInerney** are still in Colo. Springs where he is the head of the Foreign Language Dept.

Jack **Kastris** is shown receiving his 2d USAF CM at his retirement ceremony last Aug. He is now with Honeywell here. Audrey is busy settling their new home at 9418 Delancy Dr., Vienna, Va.

The '69 Green Book has only 1 classmate in it—Jack **Osteen**—as CO of the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div, XXIV Corps.

Lou and Becky **Haskell** received orders rather suddenly moving them to Huntsville, Ala., where he is Dir of Missile Intelligence with a staff of 240. They are as happy as clams.

1948: McEnery and GEN Woolnough watch as the Honor Guard passes in review during DSC award ceremony for action in RVN while commanding 36 Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regt.

Jim and Pickle Barnett live at Qts 112-C-1, Governor's Island, N. Y., where he is the N. Y. Dist Engr.

The '69-'70 edition of "Who's Who in American Politics" carries Bill **Mounger's** bio. He is presently State Finance Chairman for the GOP in Miss. Are there any more of you listed?

Marge **Barondis** reports that Art moves from the War College to Andrews AFB thereby giving them a shot at the **Schoenbergs'** record for longevity in the area.

Recently we helped Bill and Joan **Bandeen** celebrate a special date. I somehow thought it was Bill's birthday, and we arrived with a gift. It turned out that the occasion was their anniversary which Joan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sleeper, marked with a fine dinner at the Columbia CC. Oh well, can't be right all the time.

As you would expect Bob and Peg **Van Arsdall's** card had a great shot of the earth from space.

Frank and Nancy **Schless** are on Okinawa. Young Bill is a junior at St. Louis U., while brother Bob is in his 1st year at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kans., where my family's company used to have a plant. Son John is a soph at Kubasaki High, while the 3 small ones go to elementary school in Quonset huts.

Bill and Donna **Cook** reported a busy year: Bill 3 times to Europe; Donna working full time as a Psychometrist in the Anaheim Union H.S. Dist; Kathy and Billy spent active summers: she learning to drive and vacationing in Minn., and he at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho and with father on a 5-day trip to the High Sierras.

Harwell and Louise **Smith** report son Harwell III at Memphis State. The picture indicates that Louise now looks up to all family members but Wayne.

Bob and Jordy **Cushing** have advised that all is well with them, and that all but young David are gainfully employed. Can't seem to get a 4-year-old a really good job.

Contemporary Charlie and Von Alter joined the group at the A-N game and had a great time. Charlie is now at Ft. Monmouth, home of the Sig Corps and burnt orange and white flags.

Carl and Deed **Schmidt** still run Baltimore and environs, and get together with the group here occasionally.

Wally **Williams** reports a gathering at the change of command ceremonies when Donn **Starry** took command of the 11th ACR. Present were Jack **Kean**, Sam **Cockerham**, Jack **Doody**, Larry **Hoyt**, and Phil **Day**. Missing were Steve **Griffith**, Ennis **Whitehead**, and Joe **Bratton**.

Speaking of the last named, young Joey seems well adjusted to the system at USMA. Doing great in Math.

Jim and Sally **Macklin** sent a picture taken on the Berlin train. Very nostalgic. Jim is now SJA of VII Corps, and they live at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart. They have seen Tom and Betty Bowen—he is C/S of the 4th Armd in Goeppingen—and Fred and Joyce **Tibbetts** at Thanksgiving—he is CO of 3d Bde, 3d Armd. Jim **Dingeman** returned from RVN to the Materiel Dir, at CDC, Belvoir. He was most fortunate to have his brother Bob present when Jim received his eagles at Hq, USARV.

Sid and Anne **Berry** still at Benning where he is Asst Com. Anne reports that in keeping with everything else he has done, Sid is now learning to fly a helicopter. When he has 200 hours he'll get his wings.

Casey **Burns** writes from 623 11th Ave, Huntington, W.Va., to say that Bill has the 2d Engr Gp in Korea. He may well forget what life is like here in the ZI he's been away so long, 1st Europe, now Asia.

Sam and Joan **White** remain at Westport, Conn., and are well, I would judge.

The **Tyree** tribe now lacks only 1 to make a starting basketball team. David is 4 months at this time (1/2).

Jack **Kean**, previously mentioned, is with the 1st Inf Div Arty and says his troops are the greatest.

The ASSEMBLY is planning 2 features, 1 on grads as clergymen and the other on grads in government, at any level, past and present. Give me some help on this I and let those of you who fit the criteria drop me a line, O.K.?

I'll leave you with one thought. You may have missed a recent "Life" article about the worth of college classes year by year. 1948, to no surprise, is considered a 4-star banner group—that's the top.

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'49

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It is appropriate to begin this column with congratulations from the Class to our classmates recently selected for promotion.

The AF has selected 4 more stalwarts for promotion to BG—Jim **Hartinger**, Tom **Marsh**, Ab **Martin**, and George **Sylvester** joining Bob **Pursley** selected last year. Bob puts on his star in Jan. after patiently waiting a full year since his selection.

AF promotions to COL: Mal **Agnew**, Carl **Arantz**, Dave **Arnold**, Roy **Brunhart**, Ted **DeMuro**, Bob **Ennis**, Jack **Gillette**, Kelso **Jones**, Norm **Katz**, Gene **Mechling**, Hugh **Mitchell**, Ray **Moss**, Wayne **Norby**, Charley **Oliver**, Joe **Pospisil**, Chuck **Reed**, Bill **Schlosser**, Jim **Stansberry**, Jim **Stillson**, Jack **Wallace**, John **Walter**, Chuck **Wason**, Doug **Weart**, Don **Woods**, and Bill **Workinger**.

Army promotions to COL: Charley **Adams**, Bob **Andreen**, Ray **Barlow**, Ray **Battreall**, Clyde **Bell**, Jack **Bender**, Bob **Black**, Bill **Bounds**, Bob **Bradley**, Dick **Bundy**, Jack **Carr**, Bruce **Carswell**, Jim **Coghlan**, Jud **Conner**, Jack **Cox**, Bart **Day**, Seth **Day**, Dean **Dickinson**, Bob **Erbe**, Tom **Fife**, Carl **Fitz**, Joe **Gibson**, Dick **Gillespie**, Bill **Goodwin**, Bernie **Greenbaum**, Joe **Hickey**, George **Hoffmaster**, Norm **Hopkins**, Hugh **Jenkins**, Ross **Johnson**, Ogden **Jones**, Bob **Kemble**, Art **Kingdom**, Jim **Lampros**, Charley **Lehner**, Hal **Lombard**, Bill **Luebbert**, Bob **Lynch**, Jack **Madison**, Ken **McIntyre**, Skeeter **Meek**, Hays **Metzger**, Larry **Monahan**, Bill **Moore**, Joe **Muckerman**, Jim **Neil**, both Bob **Nelsons**, Bob **Noce**, Bill **Nordin**, Larry **Ogden**, Rollie **Peixotto**, George **Pollin**, Al **Singletary**, Duane **Smith**, Snuffy **Smith**, Orton **Spencer**, Chuck **Spettel**, Bob **Springer**, Tom **Stockton**, St. Clair **Streett**, George **Stukhart**, John **Sutton**, Jack **Thomas**, Don **Whistler**, Dan **Williamson**, and Ed **Yellman**. Hope we didn't miss anybody.

Our apologies to Fred **Birch** and Fred **Westfall** for missing their sons' enrollment in the present plebe class at the Point.

Hill **Dickinson** made one of his frequent trips to VN and came back with the locations of a number of our classmates there. Wes **Knapp**, 8th Div, IV Corps; Harry **Griffith** CO 35th Engr gp, Cam Ranh Bay; Rosey **Schwarz** 48th TC gp Long Binh; Ross **Johnson** IO USARV; George **Pollin** IG USARV; Steve **Nunnally** G4 USARV; Boyd **Allen** CDC Ln O; Joe **Kingston** C/S 1st Cav; Ted **Hervey** G1 I FF; Lou **Baumann** Dpty CO 5th Mech gp; Punch **Jamison** Opns, 7th AF; Ab **Greenleaf** Wing CO 463d TAC Airlift, Cam Ranh Bay; Joe **Schmalzel**, Hq MACV; Bob **Bradley** USARV, and Jack **Hodes** S.A. 22d.

Heard of 2 helicopter incidents this reporting period; Lou **Baumann** got cut up in VN when his copter's canopy was shot out. Here in the D.C. area, Carl **Arantz** was in a copter which lost a battle to a power line, but Carl escaped with a few cuts.

Received a nice letter from Doc **Brandt**'s widow Crill, which came in just too late to make the last issue. Doc's family is still at Satellite Beach in Fla. with the 2 oldest girls Rita and Bonnie now married, while 3d daughter Margie is a student at the U. of Fla. Crill also reports that Rita has made her a proud grandmother; has anyone else in the Class laid claim to that distinction yet. Crill invites and encourages any of the '49ers visiting the Cape Kennedy area to please get in touch with her at 117 Hedgegrove Ave. in Satellite Beach.

Recent retirees are Harry **Maihafer** and Dave **Rogers**. Dave has remained in the D.C. area and is working on the SAFEGUARD program as a civilian. Ted **Boland** is presently assigned to the Presidential Commission on an All Volunteer Army and is looking forward to his retirement the end of Jan. Ed **Wilford** has returned to the D.C. area from Fla. and is now Marketing Manager for Radiation Systems, Inc. in Va. Bob **Swantz** retired from his DOD Systems Analysis slot and is toiling for Auerback in Arlington, Va. Bill **Lambert** has his oldest boy preping at Ft. Belvoir in anticipation of joining the next plebe class; Rocky **Marder** has retired and is now cutting a swath in the real estate business in Va.; Bill **Hiestand** recently retired and has joined Kinney Rent-A-Car in the NYC area.

1949: Ed Nelson receives 2 DFCs and the AM from MG K.W. Schultz at Norton AFB.

Had notes at Christmas time from Cherry **Henry**, just returned from Hi. where she joined Dick on R & R from VN; Jud and Kit **Conner** still out in Hi. (can't understand how a country boy from Vt. can like the place so much); Ann **Lauer** in Fla. waiting for Jerry to come home from Korea and son Peter from VN; Jack and Jean **Kiely** and Art and Maureen **Driscoll** all in the Boston area; Mike and Avis **McNamee** in the L.A. area; Web and Betty **Ivy** in Orlando Fla.; and Jack **McCarthy**, still a bachelor, working for TRW in Dayton, Ohio.

Chuck **Wason** is still holding down the AF procurement spot in Denmark, but oldest daughter Sandy, somewhat of a science whiz, is attending M.I.T.; she must get that talent from her mother.

Had occasion to drop in on Chuck **Olentine** several weeks ago at Ft. Belvoir where he is busily engaged as CO of the OCS there. His oldest boy is studying to be a Vet at Cornell U. Hope he doesn't hear of any of his father's escapades there back in 1944.

The writer made the 1969 Homecoming game against Tex. A&M this year along with a fair-sized contingent of classmates. Bill **Marslender** showed up all the way from Tex. wearing Stetson hat and boots, but no six-shooter. The WP contingent sponsored a roast beef dinner at Long Pond, which we missed, but was well attended and the food drew rave notices.

Walt **Milliken** headed the '49 Committee in the D.C. area and had 2 bus loads of Army rooters raring to go at the Navy game.

The D.C. contingent had a highly successful and crowded "beer bust" at Andrews AFB in Nov. Bill and Jean **Lake**, Bill and Dee **Liddecoet**, Bill and Liz **Nordin** and Ted and Barb **DeMuro** made up the energetic committee and pressed Jack **Albert** into service as the auctioneer at a "Crazy Auction."

Noticed in recent releases that Ralph **Puckett** and Collier **Ross** (to 5th Div, Camp Carson) and John **Mackert** (to MACV) will be leaving the WP contingent this Summer.

Ed **Nelson** won 11 awards as an AC-47 gunship pilot in VN including 2 DFC's. Ed is now at Norton AFB serving as dpty chief of the MINUTEMAN Missile Test and Deployment Div. Mike **Steger** now at ICAF won a AFCM for his work with the office of ACS Studies and Analysis, Hq USAF. Dave **Parrish** is now the CO of the 6555th Aerospace Test Wing at Patrick AFB in Fla. The Wing is responsible for the launch of spacecraft and missiles from the USAF Eastern Test Range. Watch for Dave on some of those future APOLLO shots. Fred **Westfall** is now Chief of the Radiation Directorate at DASA, here in D.C.

Heard about Pete and Maryanne **Hisken** from Tom Devlin. The **Hiskens** attended the ARMY-Oregon game out on the Coast. Pete is in personnel work with Boeing in Seattle.

'50

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Happy New Year! Christmas is over and 1970 has arrived—but by the time you receive this copy of ASSEMBLY, spring will have sprung. So while the snow is on the ground in Va., and it's 90 degrees in VN, everybody try to look ahead to Oct. so you can be thinking about Homecoming—and the gathering of the 20-'50 clan. Al/Leo **Romaneski** has gathered a lot of poop for us, so read on, my friends, and see what's in store for us. It's gonna be great!

"Homecoming Weekend, 23-25 Oct. 1970, will find a gala gathering of the Class for fun and games. Maximum attendance by classmates and their wives at this 20th Reunion will afford a grand opportunity to see how young your classmates have become. Reunions during June week, although traditional, have become more and more congested in recent years as the size of the Corps has grown. By scheduling the reunion in the fall, '50 will be the senior reunion class and will have priority for rooms (23 and 24 Oct. only) at the Thayer Hotel (with a 30 June deadline for priority treatment) and also for use of the WPAM and other facilities for class functions. A very tentative schedule of events follows: 23 Oct. Fri.—Alumni Registration desk opens at noon—A cocktail party and/or buffet supper has been suggested for the evening.

"24 Oct. Sat.—Class business meeting—Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall—'50 Wives' Lunch, WPAM (Both of these luncheons are sponsored by the AOG as part of Homecoming Weekend.)—Penn State Football Game—Alumni Dinner/Dance Washington Hall.

"25 Oct. Sun.—Chapel—A class picnic, provided enough classmates can stay into the afternoon to make this event worthwhile.

"Your suggestions are welcome. Please forward your comments to LTC A. Leo **Romaneski**, 8214 Chancery Court, Alexandria, Va. 22308. A flier will be mailed to each member of the Class in May, and a refined schedule of events will be included in the next ASSEMBLY column. It is important for those planning to stay at the Thayer to make their reservations early—at the very latest, prior to the 30 June deadline. A deposit of $12.00 should accompany your request and be sure to mention you're in the Class of '50. Make checks payable to the U.S. Hotel Thayer, and mail to: U.S. Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y. 10996. See you in Oct.!"

Thanks, Leo. I'll throw in a couple of suggestions, since I have such a good opportunity: First, if you haven't taken your family picture for the 20-50 book, stop procrastinating! Second, if you have any doubts as to whether

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we have your current correct address, send it to me at the address at the start of this column. Third, I'd write down the address of the Thayer, the deadline date, and the amount due, and clip it to a calendar before you do another thing. Remind yourself in May, so you can send your check in June before the money goes for other things. The Thayer can't take care of the entire Class, I don't imagine, and this is one item you don't want to miss out on. The Plain gets pretty hard for sleeping purposes.

In Dec. the list for the War Colleges came out. In case you haven't seen it, 18 from '50 were on the list. Going to Carlisle are **Reed Davis**, Toady **Dreisenstok**, Jim **Irons**, Tom **McBride**, Dave **Meredith**, Carm **Milia**, Bob **Morrison**, Chuck **Osterndorf**, Ros **Round**, Don **Sampson**, Dean **Schnoor**, Win **Skelton**, Nel **Thompson**, and Bob **Wilson**—Ken **Murphy** is going to the Inter-American Defense College; Sandy **Oliver**, to Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Lou **Prentiss** to National War College, and Sandy **Sanderson** to Canadian National Defense College. Congratulations!

Also in the good news department was the Army's promotion list to COL. Robin read me the list of 99 classmates on a tape, and that was the first word I had. I'd list them all, except that the scribes have been asked not to put in long lists that have been published officially. The ASSEMBLY is getting so large that we're all requested to cut down on all information that will be read elsewhere. Suffice it to say a lot of people were happy, and justifiably so.

Christmas cards brought a lot of news for this issue, and it was good to hear from so many. It's almost impossible to put them in any kind of order, so I'll just run through them:

Lyman and Sara Ann **Hammond** are in Norfolk where Lyman is with SACLANT. Jim and Annette **Guion** are nearby; Jim is PMS at O.D.U. Ros and Mary **Round** are on the faculty at the AFSC, but only til he goes to Carlisle. Burke and Lish **Lee** find life in Charleston, S.C. just great; Burke is Dist Engr there. Jim **Tormey** reports to Norfolk the first week in Jan. for the Dist Engr job there. Carl **Stone** wrote a note just before Christmas that he'd be going to Thailand on 31 Dec.; Dottie and Tex will wait out the year in Albuquerque, N.M. Dottie saw Paul and Miriam **Wood** in Oct.; they're at Kirtland.

Phil and Jean **Harper** are at Ft. Lewis. Jean wrote "We have big old Army quarters, and Phil's bn keeps him out of them most of the time." Bruce and Barbara **Petree** are there, too, and they see a lot of each other.

Maris **Prosser** wrote that Harvey came home in Sept., and has been in D.C. studying Spanish. They leave 1 Apr. for Santiago, Chile, and are really looking forward to the assignment. Maureen **Doughtie** and the girls are waiting out the year in Kailua, Hi., while Claude is in Saigon, where he is Advisor to the VN National Defense College. George **Bell** returns from VN to CINCPAC in Jan., and Bette is glad they will not have to move from their home in Honolulu.

Shirley **Adams** wrote from Bangkok that she and Walt went to India with the **Wyroughs** in Nov. They've seen lots of classmates: John **Streit**, Ty **Tandler**, Al and Bettie **Griebling**, and Eddie and Ming **Ramos**. Franci **Wyrough** sent the info that Dick took command of a Bde on 15 Dec., but didn't say which one; they hope to return to D.C. this summer. Ann **Howard** writes from the Philippines that John gets home 3 days each month, and the whole family is happy to be where they are. Judy and Darby spend all their time Scuba diving, and Ann says she's being ruined by full time help—that's a nice way to be ruined.

1950: Will Tankersley appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Robin has had several nice calls from '50-ers going through the D.C. area: Ed **Quinn** called in Sept. when he went east on business. He and Joan live in Bountiful, Utah 84010 (1385 South 1425 East is the unusual address) and they have 11 children: 8 boys and 3 girls. Ed has been out of the Service for about 10 years, is part of an advance technical planning group, for which he is the technical administrator for the SERGEANT Missile contract. Their oldest, Christine, is a senior in high school this year and is part of a special honors program that will permit her to enter college as a sophomore next year—certainly a student to be proud of. They have 5 boys on the municipal swim team, and Ed says all the youngsters lead busy, happy lives. (He gave Joan all the credit for having such a fine family.) George **Hannan's** widow Georgia called in Sept., and she and Robin caught up on each other's news. Georgia is married to Roger Gardner; they have a boy and a girl and live in Excelsior, Minn., where Roger is in the programming end of TV. George's parents, COL and Mrs. Hannan, who live in S.Dak., had visited them recently, and both are in good health. Georgia asked for news of Harold **Nabhan**, but Robin didn't know his whereabouts. Herb **Underwood** is glad to be back in his home state of Ala.; he and Florence and the youngsters are in Huntsville where Herb is assigned to Research and Engineering Directorate of the Missile Command at the Arsenal; they hope to be there awhile. Herb called when he came up to Belvoir in Nov. as a liaison to CDC.

At WP, Kilbert and Lucille **Lockwood** think it's a great place to be. Dolores and Bob **Hoisington** have 6 fireplaces in their abode. Jane **Fox** is living in Highland Falls while John is in VN; she works for the local newspaper and finds it very rewarding.

Congratulations are in order for Tom and Susan **Fife**, who were married in Oct. in North Hollywood, Calif.

Clyde and Marilyn **Spence** are enjoying their assignment in Korea; Clyde is G3, Opns, in Seoul. . . . Dick and Anne **Leavitt** will be leaving Germany in Feb.; Anne and the youngsters will come to the D.C. area—Dick will attend survival school and then go on to the 8th Wing at Uban Thailand in Apr. John **Wickham** left JCS in Oct.; he and the family sailed to Germany, where John has a Bde in the 3d Div. at Schweinfurt.

Ding and Johanna **Price** were in D.C. for the Christmas holidays—up from Maxwell where Ding is attending the Air War College, along with Dick **Drury**. Bob **Kubby** is at Killeen, Tex., where he's in the Systems Engr. Office at Ft. Hood, with Project MASSTER.

Hugh **Holt** went to VN in Nov. '69. A nice note from Ann caught us up on their news: Hugh got his Master's in Bus Admin from the U. of Ky. in '66. Then they went to Panama for 3 years, during which time Hugh had the 3d Bn 5th Inf 193 Bde. Ann and the 4 children are spending the year in Columbus, Ga.

Tug and Patty **Greer** are at Ft. Leonard Wood, where Tug has a Bde. Chuck and Alice **Graham** are in Heidelberg, where Chuck is with OCINC-SGS. Blackie and Mary **Bolduc** are surviving traffic, strikes, and too much fancy food in Paris; they hope to come back to D.C. this summer. I had a letter from Paul **Gorman** from Paris, where he's with the Peace Delegation. He said he hopes to see me because he gets to Saigon occasionally. Paul was with the Big Red One a couple of years ago. I'll be leaving about the time my underpaid secretary is typing this, and going to the 7th ARVN Div as Sr Advisor, so he'll have to track me down; I'm really sorry to leave the Bde.

A news release in Nov. tells us that our I-1 classmate Will Hill **Tankersley** has been appointed civilian aide for the state of Ala. by Secy of the Army Resor. There are 54 other prominent civic, industrial, business, and professional leaders representing the Army in each state, the Commonwealth of P.R. and the nation at large. Activities of these aides include explaining the Army's mission and objectives to their areas and interpreting civilian views and reactions for the Army. That's great, Will Hill!

Bill **Aman** has submitted his application for retirement in Apr. of this year, and will then work in the D.C. office of the Home Life Insurance Co. of New York. Many of you know of Bill's interest in Estate Planning and may have his book published in 1962, "Career Common Cents." Good luck in the new venture!

Bill and Shirley **MacLachlan** are at the U. of Utah, where Bill is the PAS in the AF ROTC detachment there. Walt **Price** returned from VN in Mar. of '69; he, Jane, and the boys are now at Ft. Leonard Wood. Sib and Nancy **Sibbles** are at Ft. Ord, and so are Joe and Judy **Gappa**; Andy **McFarland** is nearby at the Defense Language Institute. Sib and Nancy like the Calif. weather, but say their hearts are in Va.

Many of you know Harvey Hogue USNA '50 who was active with the '50 group at Leavenworth in '61-62. Harvey's been at Phan Rang since July '69 where he has a Sqdn of C-123's; Kathryn and the girls are in San Antonio for the year. Ty **Tandler** is an Opns Staff Officer at the Royal Thai AFB in Thailand. Ira **Kimes** flies with the 557th TFS at Cam Ranh Bay; he completed his 100th combat mission in Oct. Jim **Lee** took command of the Americal Div's 196th Inf Bde. Saw Vin **Hirsch** in Dec.; he's an advisor to the 3d ARVN Corps. Chuck **Hawyard** is G3 for II FF, after having a Bde. Russ **Glenn** saw Jack **Saalberg**, who is the Dpty Task Force Comdr of TF South; the Hq is at Phan Thiet. Jim **Donovan** has the 815th Engr Bn. Stu **Wood** has the 27th Engr Bn. Jim **Lynch** has the 554th Engr Bn at Lai Khe; saw Jim in Oct. at the change of command ceremony for Huck Long. Don **Payne** is the Dpty Comdr for Opns for the 12th T F Wing at Cam Ranh Bay.

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Sam and Barbara **Lockerman** saw Tex and Shirley **Gillham** when they came down to D.C. to sightsee; Tex works for Western Electric in NYC; he, Shirley, and the 5 kinder live in N.J.

A Christmas card from Terry **Parsons** showed the South Rose Window of the Washington Cathedral; inside the card was a prayer written by Frank **Borman.** Terry will be going to VN in Mar. and will be at Long Binh in the USARV Hq Bldg, Customer Assistance Office—and speaking of **Frank Borman,** it was great to see him in Dec. when he was visiting the troops for 10 days. I didn't want to take any of his time away from the men, who really were glad to see him, so I was able to ride in a chopper with him when he was in the area, going from one unit to another. We got in about a 15 minute visit.

In the awards department, Steve **Cameron** received the LM in Oct. at Ft. Belvoir, for service as a military analyst with the CDC Institute of Systems Analysis. Mal **Ryan,** Dick **Slay,** and Jack **Magee** all received the DFC for service in VN.

Fred and Joan **Nickerson** are in Poway, Calif. (what kind of a name is that, Fred?) with their 4 children. Their Christmas picture in the sun by the pool looked like real Calif. living. Tom **Sharp** heard from Bob **Abelman's** mother that he's wearing eagles, and is with the AF in Belgium; Tom is in the Investment Div. of Walker and Lee, Inc. working with commercial properties, apts, investment gps, etc. He and Bonnie and their 3 youngsters live in Santa Ana, Calif.

After having DISCOM of the 8th Inf Div for a year, John **Jones** was assigned as G3 CENTAG in July of '69. He and Eileen and the family are living in Mannheim; they expect to leave Germany before summer, but have no orders yet.

Before signing off, this seems to be a good place to apologize for all errors of commission and omission. In the last issue, my typewriter, which spells very poorly, stated that Arch **Wood** has had 2 hours in Systems Analysis, instead of 2 Tours. There are probably times when I leave out people's names, or put in assignments in error. Wish I could think of someone to blame for all of this, but I can't!

For Gus **Dielens'** invite see Pg. 112.

1951: COL Jim Wortham, CO of the 4th Missile Command in Korea, is shown presenting the new Camp McCullough sign to MAJ Charles Peters, the camp commander. The camp was named in honor of Dick McCullough, who was killed in action in 1952 near Chorwon, Korea. In the fight for "Old Baldy," Dick earned a DSC for the heroism that cost him his life.

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Just as my intentional erroneous "poop" started netting results in the form of news for the column, I get relieved. Clint **Granger,** who remains in D.C. along with the majority of fellow-suffering classmates, has "consented" to write the quarterly report for awhile. Before I forget it, let me give you his military address/phone number: OADCSOPS (Rm 3E634), Dept. of the Army, Washington 22010 (Phone OX 7-5106).

Sandy **Cortner** wrote from RVN, where he commands the 5th Bn, 7th Cav ("horse-blanket" div) to assure me that he and Jo are not in Chad, which I knew all along. She's staying in Andalusia (are you sure that isn't "southern" Chad?) while he's "over yonder."

Sandy and Jeanne **Weyand** are at Bragg where he's C of S of the 82d "Airplane" Div while awaiting a Bde. Ed **Partain** began his flight tng in Jan., and he and Fran are expected here in late summer for a command assignment. On behalf of the Class, I would like to express sympathy to Jeanne **Weyand** on the loss of her father MG James R. Pierce. Sympahy also for D'arcy **Charney,** whose father BG George Stephens passed away in Dec.—you will recall that he headed the English Dept when we were cadets. While I certainly do not recall how to diagram a sentence, or in most cases "who" wrote "what" in literature, I do remember an example of then COL Stephens' wit from a Plebe lecture. He defined strategy as being out of ammunition, but not wanting the enemy to know it, so you keep on firing. D'arcy and Ted are at Ft. Dix where he commands a tng bn.

Johnny **Spach** was kind to send me a copy of his recently published book, "Time Out From Texas" (published by John F. Blair, Winston Salem, N.C.) which he dedicated to Dick **Wasson.** I'm sorry I haven't found time yet to read it, but 2 of my family have, and they find it fun reading.

Rocky and Joyce **Milburn** are in Oberammergau until July. They have a leased Bavarian house—large, I hope—along with their 6 youngsters, all of whom (including Joyce) are expert skiers—racers, no less! He corrects a previous ASSEMBLY reference to **Joe Sites** being in Italy; he left last summer for SEA. Rocky also reports seeing Joe **Knittle** and Ed **Peter** at SHAPE Hq, and his brother-in-law, John **Byers,** at Hq, USAREUR. Cecil **Nist** is with AFNORTH in Kolsas, Norway; and Jim **Pitts** is in Stuttgart. The **Milburns** kindly extended an invitation to classmates to visit them during the Passion Play, but since the letter was received between editions of the ASSEMBLY, you'll have to wait another 10 years.

From Guy **Jester,** learned that Stan **Sheridan** is now in the Pentagon; also, that John Haumersen has joined Wally **Klein** in Programs and Budget of OCRD. Guy also reported hearing from Betty and Bill **Grugin,** but didn't say anything beyond having heard. Russ **Walthour** is such a real estate magnate in Jacksonville, Fla. that his name is now a household word there. He might run for Mayor on the Republican ticket. Card from Betsy and Barnett **DeRamus**—on his return from VN, he was assigned to Bad Godesberg, Germany, as OIC of the baths.

Barney **Landry** sailed for Bremerhaven in late Dec. on the GTS "Admiral Callaghan." GE's new marine gas turbine engine is powering the ship, and Barney's the engineering "mother" to it for the first 1,000 hours at sea. There is a lot of diversity in his job; he spent last summer at Fiat in Torino, Italy—something about a license deal. Gosh, I can remember when you could buy a car license by mail from the State of Ga. for $3.

Mitzi **Thomas** is among the wives staying in the Philippines while Bill is advising in VN—he gets home for about 3 days a month. Roland **Tausch,** who is senior advisor in Vinh Long in the Delta, similarly gets to visit with his family.

Camilla **Kuhn** writes that Peter was ill early last year; but enjoys good health now. Another Peter, one of the last stalwart bachelors, has bit the dust—Pete **Matthews.** He heads the Arthur D. Little office in Athens, Greece. And Bob "Pete" **Prehn** is now C of S of the 12th Spt Bde here at Bragg. He and Candy have moved into a house they bought in Fayetteville. Congratulations are in order for him and the following other Army classmates and Associates who were named recently on the new 06 list. Forgive me if I inadvertently passed over some name. Reb **Barber,** George **Bicher,** Dick **Breakiron,** John **Byers,** Chuck **Canham,** Ted **Charney,** Jim **Check,** Sandy **Cortner,** Al **Costanzo,** Godfrey **Crowe,** Otto **Doerflinger,** Tom **Harrold,** John **Hill,** John **Hinton,** Buddy **Hoff,** Fred **Irving,** Guy **Jester,** Russ **Johnson,** Pud **Keesling,** Mike **Kovalsky,** Carl **Lind,** Andy **Mansinne,** Brooks **Martin,** "Mc" **McCraw,** John **Norvell,** George **Orton,** Ernie **Peixotto,** Andy **Remson,** the **Rockwells** (Fred and Jim), Dan **Sharp,** Frank

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Sheriff, Joe Smith, Howie Steele, Gil Stephenson, Ray Tague, Bill Vandenberg, Frank Waldman, Danny Wardrop, Dick Wells, Jack Whitted, and Bob Yerks.

Recent AF selectees for COL include Bud Bacon, Frank Fischl (Director of Athletics at the AF Academy), and Irv Reed.

Some other classmates received good news on being selected for senior service schools. Don't know about AF types, but Army officers on the lists include: to the Army War College—Gerry Carlson, Bill Crouch, Red Forrester, Russ Johnson, Ed Peloquin, Jim Phillips, John Schweizer, and Dan Wardrop; to the Air War College—Al Costanzo, Godfrey Crowe (now in J-1 of JCS,) and Steve Galligan; to the Naval War College—Marv Krupinsky; and to the French Ecols Superieurre de Guerre—Bill Malouche.

After 9 years in banking in Miami, Phil Barth has moved north to Mansfield, Ohio. Even though I can understand, Phil, that your blood doubtless got a little thin while down South, would think that one from Buffalo would find Mansfield relatively warm, rather than as you describe it. See you at the 20th Reunion!

Anne and George Meighen are at Ft. McClellan where he is Post G3. Dave Huff is Asst C of S of the SAC Bomb Wing at March AFB. Willie Winner is DA of Scotts Bluff, Nebr.—with all he knows on you, Bill Bradley, you'd better stay away from there.

Russ Johnson and Lee Duke gave out questionnaires at the Navy Game in hope of getting some "poop" for the column—here's what they gleaned: Rudy Prince is in Tex. "involved in some kind of business." Ray Tague is at Knox. Larry Crocker is Dpty Dir of the Engr Reactors Gp at Belvoir. He reports that Dick Wells just left for VN. Tom Horgan and Bunker Elmblad founded a computer peripherals co. (INFOREX, Inc.) in '68—Tom is Prexy and Bunker is Veep for Marketing. Now be honest—from that, do you have any idea what they do???

Tom Williams has volunteered to organize a party after next year's ARMY-Navy game. Understand you want the "green light," Tom, and with absolutely no authority, I'll give it to you. Anyone who wants to take exception to my usurpation of power can organize the party himself. Seriously, think it's a noble undertaking, Tom, that will be appreciated by all who can make the date. So go!!!!

Ron Roberge passed along a list of those he saw at the last "Navy" game. If you were there and your name's not included, then why didn't you write? Will not attempt to list escort status because some risky soul may have been in tow of someone other than his wife —Black '51, you know. Seen there were Tom Williams, Bob Dean, Lane Holman, Pud Keesling, Tom Horgan, Rudy Prince, Pete Beczkiewicz, Dick Ryan, George Hardesty, Ed Peloquin, Larry Crocker, Bill Stockdale, Russ Johnson, and Lee Duke.

Meager news of awards—Gerry Dickson received a SS for flying a battle-damaged warplane in support of allied ground trps near Rach Gia. Howie Peckham received a BSM for meritorious service in VN. "Sam" Samotis recently received an AFCM for service performed at Scott AFB before being assigned as staff weather officer of the 2d Weather Wing at Torrejon, Spain.

I am indebted to Paul Coughlin for the info concerning the dedication of Camp McCullough in Korea to the memory of Dick, who won a posthumous DSC for his bravery in Korea. In fact, it was Paul's initiative which led to the naming of the sub-post of Camp Page (near Chun Chon) for Dick McCullough.

1952: Early in the orgy, we see Frank Benedict (J3 MACV), Lou Rajchel (1st Sig Bde), Keith Comstock (CO, 69th Sig Bn, and host), and Ron Obach (J4 MACV).

Hal Headlee's mother sent me a copy of her most recent newsletter to classmates from C-1. She has been keeping in touch with this gp for 18 years. Will pass along what I think is still topical. Hal's a navigator on a C-141 based at McGuire AFB. Jack Ross will be in Mass. until this summer, then back to Boeing in Seattle. (He apparently reports that Herb Roth is president of an electronics lab in Waltham, Mass.) Ed Lukert is project manager for development of a new Army aircraft to replace the UH-1. Larry Mintz is in Cali, Columbia, and would like to see some classmates come down for the 1971 Pan-American games to be held there. Ralph Cooper's manager of Government Radar Contracts Department of Texas Instruments. Bill Givens is with AEC in the DC area. Don Zurawski is with Hq, USAF in the Pentagon. Gil Stephenson's attending the AWC at Carlisle. Buerdon Sines is still with Penn-Central RR in Philly.

At the organizational meeting of the Class held in D.C. when our headquarters was transferred from WP, Jim Boatner was elected temporary President and Billy Joe Ellis, his Vice. Al Costanzo was appointed (can't believe one would volunteer) "20th Reunion Chairman." Al's subsequent selection to attend school this coming year in Montgomery may alter this. Clint will keep you posted.

Will close by listing Army officers who recently put on their eagles: Jim Boatner, Barnett Deramus, Joe Fant, Ron Gilbertson, Chan Goodnow, George Hardesty, Bucky Harris, Bill Lemnitzer, Harry Lombard, Bill Louisell, Ed Markham, Pat Pattillo (on return from RVN, he's to head Inf Car Manglement), and Ed Peter.

Don't forget, make this the year in which you give Clint something to write about!

Lt. Col. Joseph L. Fant

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Lots of good news from the Air Force recently, starting with what is becoming a pleasant custom: a salute to Mike Collins. After a moon tour and a world tour, he has now settled down to a quiet little old retirement job—Asst. Sec of State for Public Affairs. It looks like we'll continue to hear about you often, Mike, and we'll continue to wish you luck and success in a tough job.

Chuck Youree sent a welcome letter from the Air War College, where he and Craig Alderman are students. Chuck reports that 5 of the Class in the AF became COLs on 1 Oct.: Bill Shields, Bob Tanguy, Jim McInerney, Johnny Ralph, and Chuck himself. Furthermore, Jeep Rollston and Bob Winger have been selected to make COL in 1970. Congratulations all around. That's a wonderful solution to the AF's celebrated hump problem.

We also hear from the AF in VN: Johnny Ralph is asst. dpty for opns of the 366th Tac Fighter Wing at Danang. Down the coast at Tuy Hoa, Bert Freeman and Dave Rohr are flying F-100's of 31st Tac Fighter Wing. Further south, Doug Ludlam reports from Saigon that he is in a jungle of green suits in MACV J-53. His philosophy is "When with the Army, do as the Armenians," which is the sort of cross-cultural adaptability we love to see. Some of the green suits look familiar to Doug: Lou Arnold at MACV Construction Directorate and Don Weinert, an advisor to the Vietnamese Staff College.

The Army in Saigon also reports; Ron Obach sent an informative letter with a happy picture of Keith Comstock, Lou Rajchel, Frank Benedict, and Ron. He was kind enough to spare the details of the following morning.

Over in Germany Luddy Harrison's 1st Bn, 54th Inf was selected as top bn in the 4th Armd Div. Also in Europe is George Barkley, who writes from Izmir, Turkey. George is SGS of LANDSOUTHEAST, and invites anyone passing through Izmir to call him. Seems there are lots of grapes there, so the wines. . . .

I managed to miss Hank Lowder and George Relyea in the last column's note on AWC students. My apologies to you both.

From Atlanta comes word of John Bart's retirement in Aug. John returned in July from duty on the CINCPAC staff and is now living at 4293 Huntington Circle in Atlanta. Good luck, John.

The final note is from Washington. Bill Reilly writes, "The H-lers (with a couple of Glers thrown in for good measure) had a very enjoyable get together on 11 Oct. Jim Crow, Com of USMA Prep School at Ft. Belvoir, had us out to the 'Army-Navy' game between his school and the Navy prep school

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1952: John Bart, recently retired, received the JSCM for duty with CINCPAC.

from Bainbridge, Md. A beautiful day and Army won. We went to Ft. Hunt picnic area (with families) afterward—picked up a few more there—had a great time." Present were **Art Taylor**, Scotty **Shipe**, John **Cannon**, Harry **Dutchyshyn**, Jay **Luther**, Don **Lasher**, Metz **Seebach**, and Bill **Reilly**, plus a proportionate number of wives and "10 jillion kids." Bill also mentioned seeing Dayton **Pickett** and Jim **Dietz** last year, both in Washington on 2 week's active duty.

I would mention that Meredith **Garver** is fully healed and skiing again while John minds the war, but she asked me not to. So that's all.

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November brought the tragic news of the loss of another classmate and former Electricity instructor, Robert Lee **Alexander**. Bob was commanding the 1st Sqdn, 12th Cav when his helicopter was shot down near Tay Ninh, VN, 31 Oct. 1969. Funeral services were conducted at West Point on 10 Nov. Among the many classmates and friends who were able to attend the services were Norm **Delbridge**, Len **Greeley**, Al **Grum**, Ted **King**, Cliff **Landry**, Chuck **Lowman**, Graham **McIntyre**, and George **Williams**. The entire Class joins in extending our sincerest condolences to Pat, the children, Terry, Kimmie, and Bo, and to all his family. Pat's address is 7704 Arlen Street, Annandale, Va. 22003. A memorial has been established as a part of the West Point Fund, and contributions may be made in Bob's name.

From the D.C. area comes news of the class elections. Our new class officers are: Pres.—Norm **Delbridge**, V.P.—Ed **Andrews**, Secy.—Jim **Lammie**, Treas.—Tom **McGregor**, and Washington Scribe—Rolfe **Arnhym**. The plan is to introduce the **Arnhym—Graham** team to the column, supported by our worldwide staff of '53. Rolfe will pass on the poop from D.C. while I do the same (for a few more months) from WP. We plan to keep it strictly "unbiased" reporting! Rolfe's address is 5101 Coleridge Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030.

Living near the **Arnhyms** are Ed and Sue **Dinges** (OSD, ISA) Bob and Nola **Breckenridge** (NWC), Herb and Inge **Schmidt** (CDC), and Don and Bev **Meyer** (AVCofSA). Others seen during the holidays were the Ed **Andrews** (NASA), **Landrys** (OCR&D), **Shaws** (AVCofSA), Tom **McGregors** (DIA), **Rices** (CORC), **Parkers** (Ft. Carson), and Bill **Renner** (TDY from VN). Also from Rolfe: Stu **McLennan** is getting ready to go back to VN. Jim **Donahue** is in VN while Madeline is saving money in Carmel, Calif. Tom and Joanne **Nugent** in Heidelberg stemming the gold flow. Hank and Judy **Purcell** in Tampa, Fla., in a big house near the beach. Jim and Sue **Stuart** still hiding out at Ft. Knox. Doc and Helen **Viereck** leaving Europe for a short tour.

I somehow missed a letter from Jack **Yale** in the last issue. He sent along a picture of the AF get-together in the D.C. area, but it was a little dark to print. Those attending were Burden and Ada **Brentnall**, Ed and Betty **Davis**, Bob and Carol **Hess**, Pete and Vivian **Clements**, Don and Clara **Sykes**, Jim and Jean **Jones**, Clay and Mary **Jackson**, and Jack and Jackie **Yale**.

A letter from Dick **Durham** who is with Arms Control and Disarmament Agency as a civilian. He has been sent to the NWC this year where he and Bob **Breckenridge** are members of the 69-70 class. He also reminded me that Sandy **Meloy** was a member of last year's NWC class, not ICAF as I said. Also that John **Seigle** was first a member of that class, then appointed to the NWC faculty, and finally appointed to GEN Lincoln's staff in OEP. Dick also reported that Glen **Schweitzer** had resigned from the Foreign Service and is now Secy to the Marine Resources Council at the White House. Jim and Shirly **Bambery** and their 6 offspring are now in Alexandria—Jim is assigned to OPO.

Max **Noah** sent along the picture of the group around Carlisle. All are attending the AWC except Spike **Holman** who is Asst to the Pres of the New Bloomfield Academy, and Bob **Bartlett**, Secy of Highways for Pa. Max says that Bob is a likely candidate for Governor and that "Bartlett for Governor" stickers are beginning to appear in Harrisburg. Hal and Joy **Rhyne** had a son Kurt born on 19 Sept.

From the Naval WC, Cliff **Neilson** says that he and Jerry **O'Malley** are the only '53ers there and they especially enjoyed the ARMY victory at Philly. They were able to compare War College Courses when they ran into **Breckenridge** and **Durham** on board the "Forrestal" during a recent field trip.

At Leavenworth, Tom **McKenna** sent word of a gathering that included the **Russ Bakers**, John **Bringhams**, **McKennas**, Stu **McLennan**, and Sue **Fernandez**. Bob **Fernandez** has a bn in VN. Jackie **Blastos** is also living there, but was off to meet Bob on R&R in Hi. Bud **Zimmer** is in the class there, but was not able to attend.

Ed and Pat **Reed** report from **Clark AFB**, that they have been able to do some traveling in Asia this year. The only classmates they have seen are Al and Sally **Mathiasen** who are also stationed there. (More about Al later). Ed and Lola Turek, AF associates at WP until last fall, should be joining them at Clark before long.

Bob **Carter**, who commands probably the largest bn in the Army, the 1st Bn, 1st Inf here, passed along his usual good supply of poop. John **Smythe** to OAVCofSA, Ken **Heitzke** to JCS-Joint War Games Agency, Don **McNutt** to Army Elm-AEC, all in Washington. Doug **Waters** to Ft. Bragg, and finally an article about Jim **Pigg's** 3d Bn, 35th Armor winning the 4th Armd Div Tank Gunnery Award. Jim had the honor of accepting the award for the Bn, which was presented by Secy of the Army Resor.

Here at WP the new upper deck gave us a new outlook on the football field and WP in general. For those of you who haven't seen it, the altitude of our seats was slightly higher than the top of the Cadet Chapel tower and just below that of Ft. Putt! About 26 members of the Class were here for the Homecoming game, and many joined us later at the **Biggerstaff's** for a delicious buffet prepared by the local wives. During the several home games, I picked up notes on several people: Fred and Mary **Taylor** down from Griffiss AFB. Art and Laura **Arduna** returning from Germany last fall. Frank and Janet **Snyder** living in West Chester, Pa., where he works for Baker Industries. Jack and Dot **Johnson** and their 3 boys living in Old Tappan, N.J. Bob and Sue **Boxell**, Ray and Louise **Eineigl**,

1953: Party given by Noah's and Creighton's at Carlisle, Pa. on 1 Nov. 1969. Picture includes all classmates at AWC this year except Bob Ayers and Hal Rhyne who were absent when the picture was taken. Top row, left to right: Barbara Sheard, Chuck Fiala, Priscilla Noah, Joe Sheard, Mike Cousland, Spike Holman, Hank Davisson, Bob Bartlett, Neil Creighton, Glenn Otis. Front row: Barbara Otis, Joan Creighton, Carol Cousland, Max Noah, Martha Holman, Edy Fiala, Christa Davisson, Carol Bartlett, Dan Rickard, Meta Rickard.

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Ed and Jan **Andrews**, among the many who traveled up from D.C. to see a game. Additions to the local class population are a son John Charles to Tony and Kathy **DeLuca** and a daughter Kathryn to our associates, John and Gerry **McCauley**. The **Dalys** and **McDonalds** drove down from Ottawa to see the last and coldest of the home games and to stock up on their PX supplies. Another fall visitor was Bob **Porter**, from Camp Verde, Ariz., sporting a wild beard. Seems he entered the beard contest before being invited back for an orientation trip as a Dist Rep, and stood to lose 50 bucks if he shaved it off.

From the AOG some news releases on classmates. Bob **Dean**, who has become a successful sculptor in recent years, has been commissioned to do a statue of GEN Eisenhower for Denison, Tex. He has recently completed a 9-foot statue of GEN MacArthur, which was dedicated Sept. 15th at Texas Military Institute in San Antonio. Al **Mathiasen** was awarded the SS for heroic achievement during an emergency resupply mission at Tonle Cham, VN. Bob **Rose** was awarded his D.S. degree in engr by the U. of Va., and is now assigned to the Physics Department at USAFA. Russ **Groshans** has been appointed to RCA's corporate engineering staff as a Staff Engr, Product Engineering.

A final somber note. Larry **Tatum** is still listed among those POWs whose status has never been made known by the North Vietnamese. I urge you to support any action that will force the NVN government to release information and insure humane treatment for these men.

1954: D-2 Files in D.C. area.

'54

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Greetings, everyone. My best wishes for the new year and the new decade go out to you all.

The big event of this past quarter was our 15th Reunion; it was truly a memorable affair for all who attended. According to AOG records, an even 100 classmates signed in, but I suspect a few may have missed that formality; more than that seemed to be present. Events got off to a running start Fri. evening with an informal cocktail-buffet at the WP Golf Club, engineered by George **Chancellor**. That affair officially ended at midnight, but about 20 die-hards relocated the festivities to the **Chancellor's** living room. No one seems to know just when that party did end.

Saturday was jam-packed with an important class business meeting starting at 0800 (good grief!), followed rapidly by a brief tour of the academic buildings, alumni ceremonies, P-rade, class pictures, luncheon, and an exciting, if disappointing, football game. Saturday wound up, quite properly, with more cocktails and camaraderie at the alumni dinner-dance. For those who remained on Sunday—and who had sufficient stamina—there were class memorial services and brunch. All-in-all, many elbows were bent; many lies were told, and many old friendships and acquaintances renewed—just as it should have been.

It's impossible to list the names of all who were present, but one in particular cannot go unmentioned. Ramon **Aguilar-Sanchez** journeyed north from Venezuela, and, risking frostbite, entered into the festivities with gusto. It was good to see you, Agui, and we hope to see you at the 20th, if not sooner.

Two important items of class business were undertaken at the business meeting in spite of the early hour and the wing-ding the previous evening. First, the members present approved a motion to select the class officers from the members stationed or living in the D.C. area. A new slate of officers was proposed and approved by the members present. The new class officers, effective 1 Jan. 1970, are: President, John **Gilboux**; Secretary, Bill **Almon**; and Treasurer, Jack **Krause**. Congratulations, gents; we're in good hands. In addition, the president will appoint a ln secy from the class members stationed at or residing in the vicinity of WP. This officer will execute duties prescribed by the president.

In addition, the members present approved a resolution directing the new president to appoint appropriate committees to investigate the desirability and feasibility of incorporating the class fund, to revise the class constitution, and to study the possibility of awarding honorary class memberships to deserving people. So ended the 15th Reunion.

1954: Ramon Aguilar-Sanchez.

Over in the mail dept, Bill **Carroll** sent in a short note late last summer and it somehow escaped publication last issue. Anyhow, Bill thoughtfully sent a snapshot taken at a party staged by Al **Hamblin** last summer for former D-2 files in the D.C. area. From left to right are: Vicki and Art **Lykke**, Bill **Carroll**, Ed **Aguanno**, Ken **Bell** and his new bride (unfortunately her name was omitted), Al **Hamblin**, Carolyn **Carroll**, Carol **Reed**, Winnie **Auganno**, Nancy **Boose**, Bob **Reed**, and Bud **Boose**. The lady in front of Ken **Bell** was also not identified; I presume it is Doris **Hamblin**. (Must have been a good party, Bill!) If I am reading Bill's letter correctly, he was recently (last summer) promoted to Field Offices Manager for the Barber-Colman Co. and now works in Rockford, Ill.

Not 1, but 2 letters came from Bob **Hunt** who is presently attending the C&GSC at Leavenworth. He reported that both he and Jerry **Anderson** are still bachelors contrary to an earlier remark of mine in the ASSEMBLY. He also reported that he had seen Frank Kernan who had been assigned to the First Army SJA office until about June 1969, when Frank again left the Service. Bob also said he saw Bill **McGuire** at Ft. Meade, where Bill was assigned to the First Army IG office. However, by the time this article goes to press, Bill should have reported to AFSC. Bob included a snapshot of the class members assembled at the Leavenworth Rod and Gun Club for the purposes of drinking beer and deriving a great deal of pleasure watching ARMY beat Navy. He noted that John **Woodyard** drove up from Ft. Leonard Wood to join them. Bob and Betty **Ley** also recently reported to Leavenworth where Bob is a member of the faculty in the Dept. of Command.

Prior to Homecoming, Jim **Burris** wrote to John **Farrar** that he was en route to Europe from VN to assume command of a bn there after having ducked a staff job on Okinawa. Jim had a good tour in VN; he was the senior advisor to the ARVN Rangers and commanded a bn in the 4th Inf Div. He also collected a pot full of decorations to include the SS. Well done, Jim.

Joe **Palumbo** wrote from Karlsruhe where he is assigned to USDESEA (United States Dependent School European Area). Joe said

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1954: John Arnet after award ceremony.

he is the no. 2 soldier in a directorate that is responsible for the opn of over 220 dependent schools throughout Europe to include Turkey, England, and a couple of places I never heard of. He answers the telephone as Coordinator for Administrative Services, which he confesses means: "When you don't know what to do with it, give it to Joe." However, he says that this is what makes it interesting, and considering such far-flung responsibilities, I'm sure that's an understatement. Joe enclosed a snapshot of the 7 very handsome **Palumbo** children.

Through my vast network of spies (Tom Collier, '52 class Scribe), I learned that Bill **Grace** has been assigned to MACJ 53 in VN, which means Bill is in the long-range planning business down in that tropical paradise. Thanks for the poop, Tom.

At the reunion, Andy **Underwood** informed me of a little get-together the Class is planning for 7 Feb. at the Ft. Belvoir Officers Club. It promises to be a real blast, and it will no doubt make headlines in the next issue. Let us know how it turns out, Andy.

Official news releases, confirmed by the Army and Air Force "Times," have Ed **Keiser**, Dick **Diller**, and Jim **Miller** at the AWC. I'm certain that list is incomplete; I believe Mory **Leiser** is also there and perhaps one or two more.

Jim **Dalton** is reported to be at the Armed Forces Industrial College. News comes that Scotty **Wetzel** policed up 3 DFC's and 16 AM's while flying 200 combat missions in F-4's over SEA. Half of those missions were above the 17th parallel. Good shooting, Scotty.

To the best of my knowledge, Jody **Rude** is at Moody AFB, having recently returned from a combat tour in SEA. Barron **Fredricks** and Larry **Drum** were last reported to be at Udorn, Thailand, flying F-4's and C-130's respectively. Duane **Erickson** reported for duty at the AirWC where he will learn how to fly higher and faster. Jack **Arnet**, now stationed at the AF Academy, returned from VN in June 1969. Jack received the DFC, BSM, and 2 AMs while serving as an advisor to VNAF.

Bill **Egan** is flying F-4's out of Cam Ranh Bay, while Bob **Dorr** is reported to be with the 3d Tac Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa. And last, but not least, the boys who fly the C-7 Caribou, Bill **Clarke** and Jim **Kyker**. Bill is based at Vung Tau, while Jim calls Cam Ranh Bay his temporary home. Noticeably absent was news from Bill **Boucher**. Put "the squeeze" on somebody, Bill, and let us hear from you.

This will be my last column; it's been both an honor and a pleasure serving as the class Scribe. However, Bill **Almon** will take over from here. Bill's address is 6304 Stoneham Lane, McLean, Va. 22101. I have just been informed that I will continue to serve as the Ln Secy, and of course, I will be happy to hear from one and all, and I will insure that your messages are forwarded to Bill. Incidentally, the class postal box here at WP (Box 54) is being discontinued.

Well, that's the way it is. Auf Wiedersehen. **Chuck**

'55

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Don **Buchwald**, who is on the faculty at Leavenworth (Dept of Div Opns) came through with a good run down on classmates there in the current class. Don asked each one for his previous assignment and for news as to other classmates seen and/or heard from. Much of it is old news by now. Tours are so short these days and the sources of news so slow in passing it on that by the time I get it it is frequently already out of date, and there is a further delay before it finally appears in the column. Since many of the people involved have not been mentioned in the column recently, or at all, I will include some of the information—even though it is more like history than news.

Members of the 1969-70 class are as follows (previous assignment and "news" in parenthesis following the name of the individual): Paul **Bazilwich** (Engr Sec, Hq II FF, RVN. Saw in VN Al **Bundren** and John **Spellman**, both in G3 Sec, Hq II FF, and Bob **Johnson**, USA Engr Construction Agency RVN); Dan **Dugan** (Hqs, 1st Avn Bde, RVN. Dan reports that Bill **Welter** is in a R&D slot at Ft. Eustis with the Army Avn Material Laboratories after returning from RVN in Feb. '69. John **Wing** and Bill **Graham** are at Edwards AFB, after returning from Korea and RVN, respectively); Jim **Fiscus** (Dpty G5, 4th Inf Div, RVN. Was visited at Leavenworth by Dave and Toni **Maurer** on their way to Def Intelligence School and Def Lang School in D.C. By now Dave should be on station in Bonn, Germany, in his attaché assignment); Woody **Fleming** (Student, Stanford U. Reports that Chuck **Gersitz** presently at AG school studying ADPS after which he will go to Ft. Hood to the CS3 test gp of Data Systems Command); Ken **Ginter** (Engr Strategic Studies Gp, Office of C/Engrs. "Understand Tom **Mullan** went to Naval Post Grad School instead of C&GS as scheduled."); Dick **Gray** (XO, Office of Engr, Hq, USAREUR. "No one!"); Tom **Herren** (DCSOT, P&O Div, Opns Cntr, Hqs 1st Army); John **Matteson** (1/14th Arty, Americal Div); Dave **McNerney** (1st Cav. Reports that Ski **Ordway** commanded 2d Bn, 7th Cav Div until July '69 and that Don **Poorman** is CO 228th S&S Bn); Jack **Passafiume** (Chief, Tactical Data Systems Div, Hq, US Army Security Agency. "Phil **Enslow** is working at DOD, Systems Analysis; Chuck **Domeck** is with the AEC in Md.; Ed **Trobaugh** is on GEN Westmoreland's staff); Bob **Schmidt** (Chief, Collection and Requirements Div, USA Foreign Service and Technology Center, Wash., D.C. Bob notes that Gil **Batchman** has resigned, but no news of his whereabouts); Dick **Shimunek** (Opns Staff Officer, Joint Tng Div, Hq STRIKECOM); Jim **Strickland** (526th Engr., RVN. "Ted **Bishop** had the 14th Engr Bn in I Corps until Aug. '69, saw Vince **Warner** in TC Sect, 1st Log Cmd). The remaining members of the current Leavenworth class are Bill **Brown**, Bill **May**, Bill **Sietman**, and Jim **Napier**. Bill **Chance** and Wayne **Smith** are on the faculty; Bob **Wheaton** is assigned to the Institute of Combined Arms Studies. Also present are 2 associate members, George **Bailey** and Ray **Macedonia**.

A number of letters came in with news of assignment changes. Fred **Bliss** has reported in to OCRD, after completing a year of grad work in systems analysis at the U. of Rochester and a TDY assignment to the Center for Naval Analysis in Arlington. Other classmates assigned to OCRD include Bob **Joseph**, Cliff **Jones**, Bob **Newton**, Jack **Doyle** and Pete **Booras**. Fred reports his study at Rochester included a great deal of advanced math, statistics, and economics—and that he is happy to have it behind him.

Jim **Fleeger** is attending Wharton's Grad School for an M.B.A. in Industrial Management. This comes after the Joint Staff College

1955: Fall party at **Leavenworth**.

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1955: Carl Cathey receives his eagles at promotion ceremony at Carlisle Barracks. Present for the occasion are parents, wife Marcia, and children Mike, Kim, and Teri.

in India (where he preceded Bob **Wiegand**) and a tour commanding the 82d Abn's Arty Bn in VN. That tour was curtailed somewhat when Jim's helicopter went down in the A Shau Valley, but after a short vacation in Hi., Jim is fine now and "enjoying the relaxed pace of civilian schooling."

Warren **Jones** assumed command of the 3d Bn, 22th Inf near Tay Ninh on 12 Nov. He previously had been XO of the 3d Bde. 25th Inf Div. Warren's wife Barbara is residing in Minneapolis while he is gone.

Howie **Stone** has assumed command of the 1st Bn, 26th Inf. The Bn was visited by astronaut COL Frank Borman in Dec., at which time Howie presented him the Bn insignia – making him an honorary "Blue Spader."

John **Sloan** is well into his 2-yr assignment at Garmisch, which he says is even busier than the last year at Monterey. All the instruction is in Russian and John writes ". . . I think this kind of training should be given to people much younger than I. I think I'm forgetting English faster than I'm learning Russian." Ruth is continuing to attend the language classes as well, and they are enjoying the assignment–including a camping trip in Italy this summer.

Ray **Karam** has changed jobs in D.C. and is now assigned to the OEP of which GEN Lincoln has been Dir since his retirement last year. Ray is in fine fettle. His work involves national security matters (the Dir of OEP has a seat on the NSC).

Congratulations are in order to Carl **Cathey** for his early promotion to full COL and also to Carl **McNair**, Pete **Walton**, and Hugh **Quinn** for their selection to the AWC (There may be 1 or 2 others in the latter category, but those are the only names I have.)

I had a phone call yesterday from a member of the Class of '61 relaying the following story from one of his classmates in VN. It seems the officer concerned was walking down the street and just happened to notice a Vietnamese soldier (RF) wearing what appeared to be a USMA ring. After demanding to see the ring, and a minor tussle, it was eventually retrieved and the inscription, although partially obscured, plainly reads something like Irvin **Katenbrink.** I haven't yet had time to get in touch with Irv, who has been doing graduate work at the U. of Chicago after which he reports to the Army staff, but I'm sure he will be happy to learn the missing ring has been recovered.

As a final note, let me appeal once more for letters or notes with news of yourselves or classmates. There was a discouraging drop off in mail for this issue. How about a belated New Year's resolution to write to the column?

'56

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As is the case each year at this time, your many cards and well wishes have saved the day for this column. I am particularly grateful for the "highlights of the year" that many of you include in your Christmas greetings. Roger and Judy **Root** are counting their blessings this year which now includes a baby boy Jonathan Michael born 17 Nov. As reported earlier, Roger is with IBM in the N. Y. area and the Roots are much at home now in New City, N. Y.

The **Dewey** household has been traveling in all directions this past year to keep up with Gene's many interesting and most important "White House Fellow" activities. After Gene's initial globe-circling survey for the Agency for International Development, he participated with the President's Special Coordinator on Nigeria/Biafra Relief in attempting to negotiate relief arrangements for both sides. What was initially expected to be a ln. mission between Nigeria and Biafra blossomed into a continuous ln. mission, not only with the parties to the conflict, but also with the 14 major donor countries of Western Europe ("The Hague Group"), and the international organizations involved in relief opns. Priscilla's activities ranged from her role in the White House Fellows Wives Program to a vacation near the end of the year in Zagreb and Budapest. Meanwhile, Elisabeth, their 5 year old, attended kindergarten and was active in her church choir. Gene found time to visit Bethlehem, the Judean Hills, and the Jordan River. He expects to be assigned to VN next year, probably commanding an avn bn. Woody **Woodmansee** also participated in the White House Fellow program along with Gene. If his assignments were as exciting as Gene's, I expect to be able to devote the next entire report to same.

Maury **Cralle** is serving at Ft. Monroe, Va. as ADC to GEN Woolnough, CG, U.S. Continental Army Command. He travels a good deal with the GEN and reports the following tid bits concerning '56ers he has contacted. Tom **Griffin** is with the TAC Dept at WP. Jane and their 3 children really enjoy this assignment. Jerry **Hutchison** is Aide to CINSOUTH in Panama. Jerry and Joanie have a huge house at Quarry Heights, apparently one of those mansions with no glass–just screens to allow the air flow through. Jerry, of course, travels quite a bit in S.A. Carl **Hattler** is presently VP and half owner of his own heavy construction firm in San Juan, P.R. Carl and Denny have a lovely large home on the outskirts of San Juan. They have a pool and a separate bedroom for each of their 6 children (now I know why he's in the construction business). Denny is interested in children's competitive swimming and 2 of their daughters have been on the team representing P.R. Pete **Judson** is now at Ft. Rucker helping to run their WO Car Programs. He recently married a lovely girl from New Zealand, Pat, and last Oct. they adopted a baby boy Steve. Bill **Narus** by this time should be on his way to an M.B.A. at the U. of Ariz. Sharon went ahead of Bill to Ariz. to assure their 2 boys didn't miss any schooling, either. Dick **Curl** has moved up to the office of the C/SA in their SGS Sec. Tony **Jezior** is completing his Masters in Opns and Research at the U. of Ga. in Atlanta and is on orders to Ft. Benning. Rick Shean is in the SGS Sec of Hq, Fifth Army at Ft. Sheridan. Dick **Washburn** is in the Avn Sec of Hq, Sixth Army. Al **Beauchamp** is out of the Service and managing a real estate project south of Colorado Springs. Al **Bowman** has remarried and is now teaching at the AFC&GS at Maxwell AFB.

Ward **Le Hardy** returned from VN in July and the latter part of '69 was at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. Judy mentioned that Sue **Sirkis** recently moved to Norfolk also while Mike is in VN. The Le Hardys expect their next move to be to the D.C. area, where Ward will be with Inf Assignments. "Bucky" **Harris** has recently returned from his 2d tour in VN and is now at Ft. Hood, serving as XO in the US Army Computer Systems Command Spt Gp. Bucky was Dpty G5, XXIV Corps during his last tour and was awarded the LM, AM, and the ARCOM for his excellent performance. He has a fine

1956: Roger Redhair receives 1st OLC to the ACM for meritorious service in VN.

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1956: Members of the Class of '56 living in the Washington, D.C., area gather for a reunion at the Ft. Myer Officers Club in Sept. 1969.

family: identical twin girls, 8, and 2 boys, 4 and 1. The last one was born while he was overseas and was 8 months old when Bucky first saw him. Don **Smith** arrived at Phu Bai in VN just prior to Bucky's departure. They were in close proximity of each other, but never did have a good chance to visit because of the press of work.

The **Rall** family is residing in New Llano, La., while Fred is XO, 1st Bn, 3d Bde at Ft. Polk. Fred and Cindy have a fine son, Raoul, 10, and twins (boys, I believe), 3½. We received a "Felicia Navidad" from Gerry and Barby **Richardson** and their 3 boys. Gerry is a logistics advisor to the Paraguayan Armed Forces. This means he teaches at the Command and General Staff School near Asuncion and assists the MAP supported Artillery and Presidential Support Commands in solving their maintenance and supply problems. Barby has been elected president of the local American woman's club "Las Amigas Norteamericanas del Paraguay." This club raises money through dances, teas, and fairs to assist needy causes among the local populace. The **Richardsons** were pleased to have Warren and Paula **Keinath** as house guests during their swing through South America last July. They have also seen Pete **Verfurth** who flies the "Andes Run" out of Panama and passes through Asuncion from time to time. Gerry and Barby plan to be in Paraguay through June 1971, and, of course, invite all classmates, families, and friends by for a little hospitality in the Latin tradition.

Bob and Shirley **Devoto** will be off to "Merry Olde England" by 1 Mar. this year. It seems that Bob will exchange jobs with one of his contemporaries in the London Office of Mc Kinsey and Co., Inc. They plan to rent their home in D.C. and take a "flat" in London. They don't have a London address, yet, but mail will reach them through Bob's office (c/o Mc Kinsey and Co., Inc. 87 Jermyn Street, London S. W. 1, England). This past year, Shirley has been supervising the finishing up of their home in addition to her real estate work. Bob has been commuting to Tulsa and Philadelphia 4 or 5 days a week to assist in the merger of 2 oil companies. Stan and Connie **Diez** are living in nearby Fairfax, Va., while Stan is at the Pentagon assigned to the Force Planning Analysis Directorate in the Office of the Asst V C/S (LTG De Puy). Lesa and Eric are 12 and 10, respectively, and enjoying their new home in Fairfax County. Elsewhere in nearby Falls Church, Bob and Pat **Pearson** are at this writing awaiting the stork and number 6. They have been in D.C. for 3 Christmases, and feel it is kind of nice to be settled for awhile after all the moving they did prior to Bob's current Pentagon assignment. Last Aug., Bob and Pat got away by taking their children, Mary, Barbara, Jim, Janice, and Joey over to Nags Head and lived out of their trailer ("Pearson's Penthouse") for 2 wonderful weeks of swimming, fishing, sightseeing, and just plain relaxing. Jack **Polickoski** is helping the Pentagon fight its budgetary battles from his post in DCSPER. Jack, Marianne, and their kids, Patti and Robby, are living in Springfield, Va. To complete the Va. and invirons run-down, we received a very nice card from Jim and Joan **Lane** from Annandale. They have 2 children, James II and Jennifer. In addition, I received news from my old "roommate" Jack **Fitzgerald** that he is now attending the Marine Corps C and GS at Quantico, and expects to return to VN this summer for his 2d tour. After his 1st tour, he attended Wharton (U. of Pa.) for his Masters ORSA. By the way, Jack and Marianne believe that they lead the Class in at least 1 category; their eldest daughter is in high school.

The **McPeeks** are thoroughly enjoying their tour at the AF Academy. Bill has completed his U. of Denver course work and all exams for his Ph.D. in Higher Ed. All that is left now is the dissertation and oral defense. This past summer the entire family rented a camper-trailer and drove and camped through Utah, Nev., Calif., and return. They enjoyed this so much that they took another 3 day trip to Durango, Colo., and rode the famous narrow guage Durango-Silverton railroad. Scott, their eldest, is in junior high and is very interested in wrestling. Jeff is a 4th grader and loves football. Of course, the entire family reverts to skiing in season. Bill expects to leave the AF Academy this coming June and spend his year in SEA.

Received a very nice card from Jerri and Jim **Sutherland**. They were able to take a very sentimental journey this past Aug. to revisit Scott's grave at WP. Bill and Eva Jo **McClung** have kept things humming in Cincinnati. Bill is teaching high school electronics and Eva Jo is teaching 1st grade. Both are very active in Cub Scout affairs. Mary Ellen, 12½, loves junior high and is on the Student Council, bowls, is a Scout, and appears on the honor roll regularly. Jeff, 10½, plays clarinet in the 5th grade band, and James, 8½, is an excellent student in the 3d grade and wants to become a doctor. Bill has continued his work toward his Master's degree.

All is well at the **Fisch** household. Don has returned from VN and earned an M.A. (Soc Sci) at U. of Ill. He now instructs and prepares instruction material for the US Army Institute for Mil Assistance (MAAP). Don and Toby have a daughter Barbara (5), and a son David (4), and a Doberman Pup (5 months) to keep things lively around the home front.

The big news around the **Luft** home is that Bonnie Jane was selected by the Wright-Patterson Officers Wives Club to represent them in the annual Military Wife of the Year award. Not only is she mother of 8 children, ages 13 months to 13 years, she chairs 7 Family Services committees, is music director of the base CHAP program, was Volunteer of the Year for 1968-69, and is involved in Project Commitment activities through her church. With that kind of energy around, who needs the atom bomb? Neale, in addition to his assignment as a program monitor for Civilian Institution at A.F.I.T., also has found time to be a Cubmaster. Both Bonnie and Neale bowl in a couple of leagues. Neale has seen Wyn **Frank** and Paul **Dougherty** often and has talked on the phone to Pete **Vann**.

A "Mele Kalikmaka Me Ka Hauoli Makahiki Hon" is the greetings from Jesse and Cynthia **Blackwell** and their children Frances and Ben. Jesse is a Staff Procurement Officer working out of Honolulu. They purchased a 3 bedroom home complete with a large yard with its evergreen grass, mango trees, papaya, banana, and lime trees and other sundry and beautiful flora and fauna. They say the beach is only 2 blocks away, but they have such a job keeping up with the vegetation that it might as well be 2 miles for all they get to use it.

I believe most of you must have heard

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1956: Jim Harris receives the LM from COL M.T. Johnson, CO, USACSC Spt Gp, Ft. Hood, Tex.

or read that Fred **Dent's** dad, retired AF MG Fred R. Dent Jr., 61, a much decorated combat pilot of WW II, died recently after a short illness. Our sincerest sympathies are extended to Fred as well as his mother, sister, and brother.

Ray, Carolyn, Janice, and Donna Cannon sent us a most welcome Christmas greeting from Selma, Ala., where Ray is instructing fledgling pilots at Craig AFB. Carolyn has started working as a volunteer dental asst 2 mornings a week and their girls are doing quite well in school. Ray expects to be in SEA next year. Carolyn and the girls plan to live in Jacksonville, Fla., at that time if and when he goes. Received a nice card from Greg, Vicki, and Becky Wold from Livonia, Mich. Greg sent all the news through my parents so you will have to wait for the next issue to be brought up to date on him.

Here in Southern Calif., the word is that Irv **Mayer** expects to be flying KC-130's from Taiwan by early 1970. We received a nice card from Irv, Judy, and their children Deborah, Karen, Janet, and Nancy. Dex **Shaler** has remarried. Her name is Bette and she's a "red-head." Take it from a man who knows, Dex—red heads and girls with that name are worth a million. Besides his new life style, Dex is also starting back to school to get his Master's in Bus Admin. He apparently was inspired to this by studying for and becoming the 2d salesman in his company to become a Certified Data Processor.

It seems communications satellites are catching on around the world. By the next report, I hope to have made several good trips to London and Montreal and to have negotiated a few good contracts with the Canadians and British for TRW in the process. Thanks for the mail and keep it coming.

WEST POINT

If ARMY's 1969 football season was something less than a total success, the social season which accompanied it failed to suffer. Homecoming on 4 Oct. was the main attraction and saw the return of Don **Ackerman** (a frequent visitor from his home in Darien, Conn.), Heath **Twichell**, Ken **Withers**, Sam **Gates**, Art **Boudreau**, John **Stevenson**, and Doc **Bahnsen**. John remarried in Dec. 1968 to a delightful gal named Karen (who accompanied him to Homecoming), moved from Fla. to Tex. in Mar., and is currently a computer sales representative with the Dallas office of Control Data Corp. Doc also joined the ranks of the remarried when he exchanged vows with the former Phyllis (Fif) Shaughnessy here at the Post Chapel on 12 Oct. Hugh **Grubb**, Post Chaplain and an associate classmate, performed the ceremony. Jim **Ellis** was best man and Bill **Haponski** and Herb **Wagenheim** were ushers. Guests included the Tom **Griffins**, Bob **Hewitts**, Sam **Kems**, George **Youngs**, Bill **Schrages**, Bill **Crites**, John **Liwskis**, and Ann **Conrad** (Mike being in VN).

The game with AF on 1 Nov. turned up a few familiar faces from the AF Academy—notably Bob **Grassberger** and Bill **McPeek** who accompanied a small, but vocal cadet contingent from Colorado Springs. Further conversation with Bob by telephone shows a fairly sizeable '56 representation on the AFA staff. The list, still incomplete, includes Bob **Blocher**, Joel **Campis**, John **Gromek**, Tom **Kirchgessner**, Don **Sheehan**, Perry **Smith**, and Dick **Daleski**. Bob **Krutz** and Ben **Tindall** will, I understand, also rejoin the staff after completing work on their Ph.D.'s. The AF also contributed to '56's representation at WP with the arrival from Langley AFB, Va., in Oct. of Ed and Marianne **Burhans** with their 2 boys and 2 girls. Ed is assigned to the Supe's Office as AF Ln O.

The Christmas season picked up where football left off and a lively class party at Herb **Wagenheim's** house made the transition a smooth one. Just before Christmas, Roger **Redhair** was presented an OLC to his ACM for meritorious service in VN. Roger, who has been with the Math Dept since July, also holds a BS and AM awarded during the same tour.

A class reunion at the Officer's Club, Ft. Myer, Va., in Sept. brought together over 60 of the more than 100 classmates known to be in the D.C. area, and Bob **Sorley** sent word that he, Dick **Curl**, and Ken **Withers** have been acting as a steering committee to form a local class chapter. A slate of officers consisting of Gary **Phillips**, President; Bill **Crum**, Vice President; Bob **Devoto**, Secretary; and John **Wall**, Treasurer, has been elected. The group is anxious to hear from others passing through. I will stay in touch and pass on news of their activities in future issues of ASSEMBLY.

Holiday messages received at USMA brought reports from or of '56ers all over the world: Doc **Bahnsen**, Dave **Palmer**, and Zuke **Day** are all commanding armd bns (the 1/32d, 2/33d, and 2/37th respectively) in Germany, and George **Rostine** is with the 2d Armd Cav Regt; Bill and Jan **Baxter** are enjoying the skiing and skating in Garmisch, where Bill is enrolled in the Russian Area Studies Program. In VN, Randy **Parker** is commanding the 2/22d Inf. while Jack **Nicholson**, who extended for 6 months, is Dpty Sr Advisor to the Vietnamese Abn Div. If they look up, they may catch a glimpse of Bob **Caron**, who is reported to be flying out of Bangkok, Thailand. Ted and Judy **Grant**, Chuck and Ruth **Brinkley**, Bob and Chris **Easton**, Jim and Joan **Shirey**, Bob and Shirley **Scully**, Renny and Barbara **Hart**, and George and Barbara **Woods** are among the current C&GS group at Ft. Leavenworth. Bob and Sue **Flory** and Keith and Kay **Barlow** are in the D.C. area where Bob works for the Chief of CDC and Keith writes speeches for the Army C/S. Mark **Sisinyak** is also in the Pentagon assigned to OPD.

1956: Doc Bahnsen and bride, Fif.

Reports on the civilian side of the Class show Paul and Mary Kay **Jakus** living in the Las Vegas area where Paul is a manager with IBM; Randy **McCreight** with Grubb and Ellis Realtors, San Francisco; Grif **McRee** teaching at Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Va., after completing work on his Ph.D. at the U. of Va.; and Pete **Vann** moving from D.C. to join the home offices of Control Corp in Dayton, Ohio. The civilian world recently enlisted a valuable new member when Roger **Blunt** turned in his LTC leaves to join the staff of Harbridge House, a Boston based management consultant firm. Initially he will work out of the company's D.C. office, but says there is a strong chance that he, Derrie, and their 3 children will move to Boston this summer.

And so with the snow swirling and the north wind whistling down an ice laden Hudson River, it's time to crawl back into my "redboy" for another issue. See you in the spring.

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I regret to have to report another death in our ranks. Robin **Mangum** died on 6 Dec. 69 in South Vietnam. He is survived by his wife Coleen and their 3 children, Robin, Janet, and Douglass, who now live at 4804 Pawnee Pathway, Austin, Tex. He is also mourned by his mother Mrs. W.H. Mangum and his 3 brothers, CPT Wiley Mangum, LT David Mangum, and Mr. Michael Mangum. Robin was buried at the military cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Coleen asks that as a remembrance to Robin, monetary contributions be sent to the building fund of the Faith Methodist Church, South La Mar Blvd., Austin, Tex.

The Class extends condolences to Neal Ausman, whose father COL Ausman, USAF, RET, '30, died in Nov. and was buried at West Point. Neal left the AF 2 years ago and is now working with Aerojet on the MARINER Program. Neal, who lives at 5762 Ravenspur Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. 90274, heads an engineering branch that develops simulated data for projected flights to MARS! Also at the funeral was Neal's brother-in-law, "Spoony" Jack **Adams**. Jack married Mary Jo Ausman and they, and their 2 children, live in Newport News, where Jack is plans officer and comptroller for the Army Recruiting Command. Jack returned from VN in summer '69, and in his last month over there, he was pulled out of his job as Bn XO and put to work straightening out the finance records of all divisional EM clubs and all non-appropriated activities. Jack made the following observation: '57 has 2 heavyweight reps in the stock market on either end of the country. Suave P.K. **Morrill** and Big John **Witherow** have the West Coast locked up, whereas Tennessee John **Ledbetter** and Lumbering Charlie **Erb** are the power in the East.

Alexandria, Va., contains a shady enclave where the following classmates are close neighbors: Joe **House**, Moon **Mullins**, Dick **Stephenson**, and Ed **Hickey**. Bernie **Loeffke**

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1957: Skip Perrine weds lovely Diane Perry.

now commands a gringo bn, the 2d/3d Inf. Bernie, on his 4th combat tour in VN, has already won a LM, SS w/cluster, BSV w/4 clusters, AM for Valor, ACM w/cluster, Civic Action Medal, Staff Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and 2 PH's. He recently led his bn through fierce combat in the jungle south of Baua. After the 4-hour fight ended, Bernie, whose outfit routed an enemy bn, compared the battle to "the famed La Drang and Carpenter's mountain campaigns, both in terms of ferocity and individual heroics." Tim **Murchison** took command of the famed Quarterhouse, 1st Sqdn, 4th Cav on 12 July. He writes that his A Trp, which saved a base camp by repulsing a Regimental attack, is being recommended for the Pres. Unit Citation. Lately, things have slowed down to the point where Tim watches and waits both for the enemy and for an AGI-CMMI team! Also in the Big Red One are Wade **Shaddock**, XO of the 5/2 Arty (SP), a "far flung empire of dusters, quad 50's, and search lights"; Les **Bennett**, 1st Bde S3, Ted **Voorhees**, 2d Bde S3, and Bob **Faulkender**, Asst C/S, "holding division together."

Rumor has it that Speed **Negaard**, who commanded the 1/28th Bn in VN, now commands an Inf Bn in Germany. An unverified report has Russ **Ramsey** playing the role of English Prof. somewhere in Fla. Another prominent figure in education is Charles **Wheatley**, a sociology prof. at Princeton. Charlie, according to "Time" magazine (5 Jan. 70), is one of the nation's top 5 sociologists. Charlie casts his vote with America's students: "For me, they are the only really viable political entity. . . . Older faculty are ineducable when it comes to the revolution, the movement. They won't be shot, you know; a little island will be found for them some place." Constitution Island, Charlie?

Bill **Golden** passes on the following: Bachelor Larry **Mulligan** has been a resident of Nicaragua for the last 10 years, working in manufacturing and agriculture. Larry recently spent 6 months in NYC, studying for an investment broker license. Joe and Joanne **Quiros** are now settled in business in NYC after years of world travel. The middies attacked Don and Kae **Wells'** quarters before the ARMY-Navy game. Don, who is an exchange tac at Annapolis, had his office stuffed with milk cartons; his desk appeared in the "head"; his uniforms disappeared, and his old Buick, minus wheels, turned up in Tecumseh Court wearing several Anti-Army signs. Don's chagrin blossomed to grins after the game, however. Jim **Britton** calls Ft. Meade home, these days. Winchester, W. Va. is civilian Bob **Dagle's** home, now. The Class is well represented in the nation's airlines: Eastern—Bob **Jones**, who recently left the TWA ground school in Kansas City, where he instructed for a considerable time. TWA—Waxy **Gordon** and Tony **Bullotta**. American—Dick **Russell**, flying out of Dallas. Braniff—Tex **Gauntt**, also flying out of Dallas. Bud **Langworthy**, who works at Ft. Eustis as a civilian, and wife Nancy are living in Newport News. Bob and Claudia **Westerfeldt** and son Bob Jr. live at 366 Roberts Drive, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. 55808. Bob is R & D Coordinator for the Safeguard system at Huntsville.

1957: Bill Page receives AM at Cam Ranh Bay.

Etta **Dean** writes that she, Dick, and their twin daughters, Karla and Tara, will leave Sandia Base this June. She will wait out Dick's year in VN in El Paso. Guy and Sue **Palmieri**, who live at 1360 Canoe Place, Hampton, Va. 23361, are with CONARC. Albert and Frances **Kline** and children Carlotta 10, Richard 8, and Marta 2, are living in Clemson, S.C., where Albert is Technical Superintendent of the Excelsior Finishing Plant, manufacturers of "men's wear woolen, worsted, and blend suit and sports wear fabrics." Albert is also pursuing a commercial pilot's rating under the G.I. Bill. John and Joan **Bloomfield** live at 7974 Orion Path, Liverpool, N.Y. 13088. John attends the Army Comptrollership School at Syracuse U. and expects to earn a Master's in Bus Admin. Also at Syracuse is Jim **Swenson**. On his 3d tour in VN is Eric **Christensen**, Asst Prov Advisor for Psy Opns in Kien Hoa Province (in the Delta). Bob **Arnold** reluctantly left Oberammergau for his new post as Chemical officer, 8th Inf Div, Bad Kreuznach. Ft. Sheridan is now the home of Bill and Cindy **Davies** and their 2 children. Bill is with 5th Army. Ted **Felber** is now at CDC at Ft. Belvoir, and he lives in Annandale. Lou **Circeo**, now stationed in D.C., plans a brief TDY trip to the RVN Military Academy at Dalat, Lou's last assignment, to clear up some unfinished business.

John **Ramsden**, EE Dept at WP, reports that he saw Gerry and Diane **Galloway** at the ARMY-Navy game. Gerry works in the office of C/S in D.C. Also in the capitol district, hiding behind a handsome mustache, is Bob **Roller** with wife Barrie. Junior **Gaspard** and wife Carolyn are now at Ft. Rucker. Junior arrived back from VN the day before Thanksgiving and gave special thanks. Bill **Echevarria's** new address is 2826-B Sidney Park Place, Aberdeen P.G., Md. 21005. Bill is in the Operational Research Div of TECOM, and he deals w/ statistical principles and eqpt. reliability. Also at Aberdeen is Bill **Burke**, Systems Test Section, and Jim **Taylor**, FA Material Testing. Skip **Perrine**, currently attending C&GS, married Diane Perry, widow of CAPT George Perry, '63. The marriage took place at Bolling AFB, Wash., and Skip and Diane honeymooned in the V.I. I know the Class joins me in wishing great happiness to the newlyweds. Fred **Koehler** was recently promoted to Chief Engr with Ampex. Fred, who had worked with IBM and later lectured in physics at Marist College in N.Y., from 66-68, now lives in Palos Verdes, Calif.

AF P10 provides the following: Fred **Freathy** and Mike **Keating** are back teaching at the AF Academy, after completing tours in VN. Mike won 5 AMs. Bill **Page**, an F-4 pilot in VN, received an AM for courage displayed on important missions under hazardous conditions. Jose **Olvera** is an F-105 Thunderchief pilot in Thailand. The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service included senior pilot Dave **Ray** in its special task force that supported the APOLLO 12 lunar landing mission. Dave and Connie are stationed at Pease AFB, N.H.

I've heard of no outstanding wives or kiddies this time. I'll close with a request from Dick **Mollicone**. He's trying to drum up contributions to the Ed **Quill** Memorial Program. The memorial will be in the form of an annual cadet award for excellence in engineering. Make donations payable to "Mechanics Memorial Account" and forward to Dick at DFEM, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840. Happy Spring, everyone. As Jack **Solomon** would sing in the shower: "For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

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Our deepest sympathy to Mary Kay **Olson** on the report of Bob's death. Bob had received his M.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering at AFIT in late 1968 and was navigating EC-47's

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1958: John Schaffer at Republic of China's Political Warfare School at Fu Hsing Gang, Taiwan, 14 Oct. 1969. John is a student there. With him, from left to right, are LT CMDR GEN Ching-hwa, a classmate; MAJ Tai Jau-lye, the school liaison officer; and CPT Liu Jyun-feng, the 23d Co. PolWar Officer. The Chinese characters in the background mean "return us to our rivers and mountains."

for the 362d Tac Elect Warfare Sqdn out of Pleiku, RVN, when he was listed as missing in action in Feb. 1969. In Oct. 1969, the Dept of the AF reported that they had received evidence that he could not have survived. Mary Kay and the children, at last word, are at 1414 SW 9th St, Faribault, Minn. 55021.

Congratulations to those selected for the 1970-71 Staff Colleges. To C&GSC at Leavenworth go Ron **Andreson**, Pete **Brintnall**, Bill **Cooper**, Mike **Daley**, Doug **Detlie**, Lou **Gennaro**, Fred **Goodenough**, Jim **Hall**, Mike **Harvey**, Corky **Henninger**, Ed **Jasaitis**, Brad **Johnson**, Bob **Julian**, Dick **Kittelson**, Fred **Kulik**, George **Lawton**, Jack **Peters**, Jim **Ramsden**, Joe **Schwar**, Lyn **Shrader**, Bob **Tredway**, and Hugh **Trumbull**. Gary **Kosmider**, George **Robertson**, and Chuck **Toftoy** were selected for the Armed Forces Staff College; and Tony **Nadal** and Garth **Payne** go to the Marine Command and Staff College.

The D.C. group held their holiday party at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club on 27 Dec. Although only scheduled for cocktails from 7 to 9, it was such a success that it lasted until 11. Out-of-towners attending included the very fashionable Hal **Lyon** in bell-bottoms, pork-chop sideburns, and striped suit. Hal will be finishing his Ph.D. work at Amherst in Jan. and moving back to HEW in Washington.

ARMOR. Don and Karen **Martin** are reported to have been blessed with a baby girl,

1958: Randy Rodenberg was awarded the BSM near Long Binh on 26 Jun. 1969 for outstanding service while logistics plans officer with G4, USARV.

1958: Bin Barta receiving BSM near Chu Lai on 30 Jun. 1969 for service while Opns O of 1st Bn, 14th Arty with the Americal Division.

but we have no name yet. Alice Lee and Bill **Graf** are in Wis. (1101 Fairchild St., Sun Prairie; zip 53590) where Bill is in grad school for Journalism. Gerry **Schurtz** really does have a job—in Armor OPO, Tempo A; and it is not giving pony rides. Sammy **Sookmak** is reported to be G2 Air of the Thai Black Panther Div in RVN.

ENGINEERS. Troy **Chappell** left for SEA in mid-Jan. with a tentative assignment in the Engr Div, US Army Spt Thailand, with station in Khorat for 1 year. His new address is USARSUPTHAI (ENG), APO SF 96233. Bob **Julian** is Plans and Programs Officer, 20th Engr Bde in RVN. He and 4 other classmates got together at Bien Hoa on 3 Nov. Alex **Johnston**, Joe **Lupi**, and Herb **Puscheck** are all in VN—Alex in the Engr Sec of USARV; Joe as XO, 46th Engr Bn; and Herb as S3, 159th Engr gp. George **Sibert** is still active in the D.C. area, only this will be his last entry under the "Engineer" section—he transferred to the Inf on 4 Nov. (some people never learn). Ray and Norma **Miller** are at 4028 Sussex Dr., Nashville, Tenn. Ray is in the Engr Dist. there. Both he and Norma were at the Vanderbilt game last Sept. Rock **Hudson** just completed flight school at Ft. Stewart, Ga.—he was the honor graduate. He should be flying T-42's (twin engine) in Apr., then helicopters for 2 months, and then to RVN.

FIELD ARTILLERY. Dan **Charlton** writes from Ak. that he, Pat, and family are now at Ft. Greely, Ak., at the Arctic Test Center. The country, he says, is magnificent, and the people live up to it. Bin **Barta** was presented the BSM at Chu Lai on 30 Jun. 69 for service while Opns O of the 1st Bn, 14th Arty (Americal Div). Janet is at 5911 E. Hawthorne St., Tucson, Ariz. Carl and Susan **Sullinger** were blessed with the arrival of a son Scott Carl on 26 Oct. at WP, where Carl is finishing his last year with the English Dept. Jim **Ramsden** has moved from Adjutant of the 1st Cav Div Arty to XO, 1st Bn, 21st Arty at Quan Loi, RVN. My thanks to Jim for the picture of the gathering at Bien Hoa. Bob **Tredway** and Gene **Wilson** are also with the 1st Cav Div in RVN—Bob as CO, 1st Trp, 9th Cav; and Gene as CO, C Btry, 2d Bn, 20th Arty (ARA). Corky **Henninger** and Vince **DeBoeser** are both with II FF Arty—Corky as XO, 5th Bn, 42d Arty; and Vince as S3, 7th Bn, 8th Arty. Mike **Daley** is an Asst S3 at XXIV Corps. Larry **Hunt** is in G3 at USARV. John **Nun** is headed for graduate work at Georgia Tech after Armed Forces Staff College, which he started last Aug.

INFANTRY. An interesting letter from John **Schaffer**. As part of the FAST program, which he started in '66 with grad school at Indiana, John is now a student at the Republic of China's Political Warfare College at Fu Hsing Gang, Taiwan. He is the only foreign student at the school and only the 5th American Army officer to attend. All classes are in Chinese, and John eats and marches to class with his Chinese classmates, who are political cadre in the ROC Armed Forces. He started classes in Oct. and expects to finish in Mar., when he will go to RVN as a political warfare advisor. Butch **Ordway** arrived RVN in Oct. He was XO of 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div for a short while, but by 4 Nov. had taken command of 1st Bn, 12th Inf of the Bde. Chuck **Toftoy** has moved to S3, 2d Bn, 28th Inf (1st Inf Div). Dave **Swanson** and Chuck **Densford** are both at USARV—Dave in G3 and Chuck in the Avn Sec. Pete **Bahnsen** has returned from RVN and is now reported at the American U. in the D.C. area. Claude and Anna **Fernandez** are en route from the British Staff College, which Claude has completed, to a 2-year tour in Naples, Italy (US Army Element, HQ AFSOUTH, APO NY 90524).

INTELLIGENCE. Pete **Brintnall** is CO, 191st MI Detachment, with the 1st Cav Div at Phuoc Vinh.

ORDNANCE. Neil **Williamson** and Glenn **Bugay** are both in VN—Neil is with the 27th

1958: John Abernathy, graduate of top USAF flying school—the USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards AFB, Calif. John was scheduled for assignment to the Air Force Armament Development Center at Eglin AFB, Fla.

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1958: Jud Ellis being congratulated by MG Guy H. Stoddard upon receiving 2d award of the BSM with "V" device for valor.

1958: Jack Halsey receiving AM at Nha Trang AB, VN, from LTC James E. Pyle, 71st Special Opns Sqdn CO.

1958: In Cav Country, left to right—Corky Henninger, Neil Williamson, Bob Julian, Jim Ramsden, and Vince DeBoeser. At Bien Hoa, 3 Nov. 1969.

1958: Bill Miles receiving chaplain's cross from LTC Billy H. Cox at Ft. Carson in Jun. 1969. Bill is presently vicar of St. Pauls in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and has the "additional duty" of chaplain of the 1st Bn, 157th Arty, Colorado Army NG.

1958: The ARMY-Navy game gathering of the future leaders of our country at Leavenworth. "You can sleep well tonight. . . ."

Maint Bn, 1st Cav Div, and made the Bien Hoa gathering; Glenn is Materiel Officer with the 701st Maint Bn. Wayne **Wyatt** returned from RVN last Aug. and is now at the Tank Automotive Command north of Detroit. Lorin **Farr** is anticipating orders to Germany. He is now at 41-B Algiers Rd., Ft. Lee. Dick and Judy **Oberg** are at 413 Hughes Dr., Redstone Arsenal. They went to the Vanderbilt game last Sept. and reported seeing several classmates there.

SIGNAL. Tony **Bauer** is in RVN as CO, 124th Sig Bn, APO SF 96262. Stew **Willis** is with a Sig unit at Hq, II FF.

AIR FORCE. Dick **Price** and Chuck **Hansult** are both at Binh Thuy AB, RVN—Dick as an Opns O and Chuck as a forward air controller; and both just came from tours at the USAF Academy. Jack **Bujalski** received the DFC for achievement as an F-100 pilot in a close spt mission. Jack is assigned to the 614th Tac Fighter Sqdn. Bob **McCann** was decorated with the SS for heroism while flying recon over North Vietnam prior to the bombing halt. He was cited for courageous penetration of enemy defenses to accomplish his mission. Bob was flying RF-4's out of Udorn at the time and is now "an air officer" at the USAF Academy. Charlie **Bond** was rescued by fellow members of the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sqdn when he was hit by enemy fire and forced down in a small valley in VN. Jack **Halsey** received the AM at Nha Trang. Jim **Chapman** is now flying F-4 Phantoms out of Cam Rahn Bay as a member of the 558th Tac Fighter Sqdn. Frank **Crowley** is a Tac Fighter pilot with the 9th Special Opns Sqdn at Tuy Hoa AB, RVN. His last assignment was at the USAF Academy. Jud **Ellis** received the BSM with "V" for directing the rescue of Vietnamese crewman trapped inside a C-47 Skytrain which crashed near Tan Son Nhut AB. At the time, Jud was the civil engr advisor to a Vietnamese AF Tactical Wing; he is now Aide to the USAF Chief Engr. Al **Chase** made the news as half of a brother-sister team at Udorn Royal Thai AFB. Mike **Jones** has received 6 awards of the AM for air action in SEA. The medal was presented at Edwards AFB, Calif., where Mike is now serving as an FB-111 project engr with the AF Flight Test Center. John **Abernathy** has graduated from the USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School. He was one of 17 RVN veterans selected for the course at Edwards AFB, Calif. John will be assigned to the AF Armament Development Center at Eglin AFB, Fla. John **Kubiak** received the Military Airlift Command's safe flying award at Kirtland AFB, N.M., for 2500 hours of accident-free flying. John is presently a B-57 Canberral aircraft cmdr. Tom **Davies** is in the Math Dept at the USAF Academy.

CIVILIAN. Bill **Miles** was presented with the religious insignia of the Chaplain's Corps at Ft. Carson in May 1969. Bill left the seminary in May 1963 and returned to active duty as an Armor Officer (Reserve), serving with the 4th Sqdn, 7th Cav (2d Div), for a year (during which he married Glenda) before transferring to the Chem Corps in July 1964. After the Car Course at Ft. McClellan, he went to VN as CO, 43d Chem Detachment (4th Inf Div) in July 1966. Upon return from VN in July 1967, Bill re-entered the seminary, received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in May 1968, and joined his first church—St. James' in Meeker, Colo., in Jan. 1969. He has since completed the Chaplain Officer Basic Course (on a brief return to active duty), been vicar of St. Mark's Church in Craig, and is presently vicar of St. Paul's Church in Steamboat Springs (that's right), Colo. (P.O. Box 722; zip 80477). Tony **Forster** announced the birth of his 2d child, a boy, Marc Tomas, on 3 Dec. 69. Tony is with TRW Systems in Calif. He and Mary Jane are living at 31312 Guadalupe, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. 92695. Randy **Rodenberg** was awarded the BSM before leaving Long Binh last summer. He is in

1958: Alan Chase receives the traditional lei upon completion of his 200th and final mission in SEA from his sister Susan. Alan was an RF-4C aircraft commander flying out of Udorn, Thailand, and Susan was a nurse at the USAF dispensary there at the same time as Al.

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1958: Jack Bujalski is presented the DFC at Phan Rang AB, VN, by General George S. Brown, CG, 7th AF, for extraordinary achievement as an F100 Super Sabre pilot on a mission near Tay Ninh City providing close air support for friendly troops in contact with the enemy.

the D.C. area now with an architectural-Engineering firm. Pat Kirk is still in Portage, Wis. (225 West Franklin St; zip 53901) and has added a plastics manufacturing company to his business ventures there.

By the time this reaches you, the New Year's hangover will have departed; Spring will have sprung, and the sap(s) will be running through the trees—yelling for '58's column for the ASSEMBLY, which will still be awaiting letters. Write! The column depends (Help!) upon its friends.

'59

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The 10th Reunion has come and gone. 150 '59ers assembled to renew friendships and compare notes. The Class thanks Bob **Weekley** and his standing committee chairmen, Dick **Maglin**—Funds, Bill **Fitzgerald**—Housing, Bill **Schwartz**—Social, and Wiley **Harris**—Tickets, for the countless hours they put in to make the activities so enjoyable. The ASSEMBLY editors were able to get good pictorial coverage of the Class into the Fall issue.

The Reunion brought Rudy **Letona** from Guatemala for his first visit to the US since graduation. Larry **Palmer** came some 3,900 miles from Frankfurt, Germany. Regrets came from such far-flung places as Brussels, Korea, Bangkok, Hawaii, and Vietnam. Hank **Larsen**, in particular, was especially disappointed about not being able to attend. But, he sent his business phone number in case there were any last minute cancellations—CHU LAI 3182!

1959: Jack Ravan being welcomed to his job with Senator Strom Thurmond, R-SC.

Accolades go to Fred **Malek** who is the Dpty Under Secy of Health Education and Welfare—the highest gov't. post held by a '59er. Barky **Norman** claimed the most moves since grad., 23. Bob **Cyr** has the most children, 6. Don **Wands** has owned 10 cars, but Claude **Lynch** was close behind with 9. The winners for the most weight gained, 50 lbs., and most waist line change, plus 7 inches, shall remain nameless. (Both civilians!). Can anyone top these statistics?

I took a "representative" survey of '59 in '69 at the cocktail party. For what its worth, the following profile emerged. The **typical civilian classmate** is a manager, making $20,000/year and driving 2 cars. He has moved 6 times since graduation and owned 5 cars. He has lost little hair, but some is greying. He has gained 13 lbs and 3 inches around the waist. He is a strongly conservative Republican who drinks scotch and doesn't smoke. He has sired 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl, and traveled 1,000 miles to get to the Reunion. On the other hand, the **typical military classmate** has moved 10 times since graduation and owned 4 cars. He, too, has lost little hair, but has some greying. He has gained 8 lbs. and 2 inches around the waist. He is also a conservative Republican, but has leanings toward neutral ground. He drinks bourbon and beer in about equal amounts and smokes cigarettes or a pipe occasionally. He has sired 2 children, 1 boy and 1 girl, and traveled 600 miles to the Reunion.

Three former classmates, Larry **Epstein**, John **Patterson**, and Bill **Turpin**, also returned for the Reunion. Larry has earned a Ph.D. and is working as a military historian. Bill transferred from the Inf to the AGC and is presently working for the Army Security Agency in D.C. He and Diane have 2 girls.

Stan **Delikat**, who is the Asst S3, II FF Arty in Long Binh, sent a rundown on some of the people in VN: Jim **Abrahamson**, S3 (plans) 11th Cav, Blackhorse; Bill **Burleson**, G3 (Staff) 1st Div, Lai Khe; Don **Davis**, USARV G4 (staff), Long Binh; Fred **Franks**, S3 2/11 Cav, Xeon; John **Harrell**, G3 Plans (Pacification), Lai Khe; Powell **Hutton**, XO 3/4 Cav, 25th Div; Milt **Newberry**, S3, 2/35, Xuan Loch; Kevin **O'Neill**, Bn XO 2/32d Arty, 3/82d Div; Bob **Ryan**, USARV Engr (Staff), Long Binh; Don **Tillar**, S4 23 FA Gp, Phu Loi; and Joe **Todaro**, Hq Cmdt, Div Arty, 1st Div, Lai Khe.

Jay **Weisler**, an attorney in Brenham, Tex., planned to attend, but was advised by his wife that the date of the Reunion would conflict with the projected date of birth of their 1st child. It did as Christina Lehde Weisler was born on the morning of 4 Oct. With better planning, Jay will make the next Reunion. Meanwhile, classmates are invited to visit and stay in the guest house.

Incidentally, Nancy and I welcomed the arrival of our 1st child, a daughter Jacqueline Kay on Thanksgiving morning.

Doug **Sefton**, who is the quality assurance and reliability manager for Scantlin Electronics, Inc. in West Los Angeles, would like to see a reunion there on the West Coast. '59ers in the Southern Calif. area can call 391-1838 or write Doug at 3401 Purdue Ave., West Los Angeles, 90066, where he lives with wife Sonja and daughters Nancy Lynn, 7, and Karen Kim, 5. Doug has worked with Hughes Aircraft Co. as an electronics packaging engineer and at Douglas Aircraft as a test director on the Saturn SIVB that has been assisting the astronauts out of this world.

Jerry **Hilmes** writes from C&GSC that the Class got together in its entirety (except for Fred **Wilmoth**) for a C1'59 (MidWest) Homecoming Party at the Leavenworth Country

1959: Dick Harnly receiving JSCM at Ent AFB, Colo.

Club on 11 Oct. Present were: Al and Melissa **Devereaux**, Mike and Helen **Fletcher**, Art and Joyce **Griffin**, Guy and Donna **Heath**, Russ and Gay **Hewitt**, Jerry and Geri **Hilmes**, George and Beth **Kleb**, Mark and Pat **Lidy**, Chuck and Robbie **Lytle**, Dot **McConville** (Fred's in RVN), Andy and Ellie **O'Meara**, Marty **Plassmeyer** and his recent bride Chris, Jack and Joan **Poole**, Gil and Ina **Roesler**, Lou and Judy **Sullenberger**, Jim and Joan **Van Loben Sels** and John and Elizabeth **Wilson**. Fred was off that weekend visiting prospective in-laws. He was married to Cindy on 15 Nov. Many watched the ARMY-Navy game at the **Poole's**. Jack and Joan threw a real swinging party to celebrate the victory. The course is moving along well, and Jerry indicates that "the course, the post, and housing will all be much better next year for those heading this way then or in subsequent years."

Bill and Kathy **Garcia** are finally set in Livermore, Calif. after a hectic move from the WP environs. The Lawrence Radiation Lab life is agreeable. Marge and Don **Fitchett**, the Dave **Frieds**, and the Bill **Murrys** are also in that area. Bill and Kathy went in to San Francisco to see Ellie and Bruce **Johnson** just before Bruce departed for VN in early Nov.

Jack **Ravan** became the Administrative Asst to Senator Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., on 21 Apr. 69. Prior to this, he worked as a Technical Manager with NASA's Unmanned Launch Directorate at Cape Kennedy and with his home state's Technical Education System of 12 post-secondary schools as Director, Program Services. Jack, Roberta, Valerie, Melanie, and Eddie reside at 8706 Rosedale Lane, Annandale, Va., and invite all to come.

Lou **Beard's** wife Alisen writes that after a 2-year tour in Germany, Lou is now XO with

1959: Denny Morrissey delivering eulogy to BG W.S. Smith at Forest Park, Ill.

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1959: Ten Year Reunion.

the 86th Sig Bn in Cu Chi. Their new arrival, Kimberly Anne, was born 26 Sept. and brings them up to 4 girls. She joins Sandra, Cheri, and Julie.

LeRoy **Greene** graduated from the AF air traffic controller course at Keesler AFB, Miss., recently. He and Gail were assigned to England AFB, La. for duty with TAC. Charlie **Getz** is attending the AF Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Bill **Isaac** has been decorated with the DFC, his 2d through 5th awards of the AM, and his 2d award of the AFCM for action in SEA. Bill was flying reconnaisance missions out of Thailand.

• Jim **Woods'** funeral was held here on 29 Oct. Death resulted from an aircraft accident in VN on 19 Oct. The Class extends its sympathy.

1959: Ten Year Reunion.

'60

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Homecoming '69 was marked by the return to WP of a large group of classmates whose spirits were undiminished by the loss of a tough game to Texas A&M. I flaked out completely after the game, losing my own battle with some kind of flu, but Nancy dutifully carried notebook and pencil to the party. What follows is my best attempt at transcribing her notes and those written by classmates in various degrees of happiness (that's what Engl P's call a "euphemism").

Gene **McLaughlin** is now a civilian and lives on Larchmont Lane, Hanover, Mass. The **McLaughlins** have 3 children. George **McElroy** is also a civilian, has 2 children, and hangs his hat in Duxbury, Mass. Jerry **Rivell,** who manages to get down here for at least 1 game a season with his wife Lorraine, is now principal of Ellison Middle School and is working on his doctorate in ed. admin. The **Rivells** live at 8 Olde Pasture Rd., Duxbury. Joe **Lucas** (D/Math) reports that Harry **Calvin** is at Harvard Bus School. Bill **Hourihan,** who just completed his M.B.A. at Northeastern, works for Xerox in Rochester, N.Y. Bill, wife Joan, and their 2 children live in Fairport, N.Y. at 66 Matthew Drive. Bill would like to hear from Larry **Coffey.** Michelle and John **DelPonti** are now located in Rockville, Conn., where John practices law. Duke **Schneider,** another lawyer, would like to hear from or about Jack **Hixson.** The **Schneiders** live in Milford, Pa. Mike **Mooney** scribbled that he is planning to get married. Tyler and Gail **Willson** have moved to Freeport, N.Y. Tyler works for the Walter Baker Chocolate Co. on Park Ave., NYC. Herm **Marmon** was married to the former Phyllis Bellarosa on 22 Nov. (I think in '68). Herm is S1 of the 52d Arty Bde, Highlands, N.J., which is the home of the First Army recreation area. Herm invites anyone planning to go to Ft. Hancock for a vacation to call him for assistance with reservations.

Ray **Andrews** is practicing law in Manchester, Conn., and Ed **Laurance** is Asst PMS&T at Temple U., Philadelphia. John **Willauer** is with the ROTC gp at St. John's. Austin **Vencill** recently returned from VN. He and Willie are now at Marion Institute, Marion, Ala. Don **Prosser** has resigned; he and Pat are living in Cranbury, N.J. Frank and Jean **Farrell** are at RPI and plant to join us at USMA next summer to teach math. Steve and Sarah **Waldrop** moved recently to Lexington, Mass., where Steve works with Poloroid Corp. Nina and Les **Beavers** adopted a son Bruce Edward (18 months) last Apr. Les works in the FA branch of OPO, and they live at 7908 Daniel Dr., Washington, D.C. 20028. Sherry and Emer **Yeager** live in Summit, N.J.; Emer was recently named a VP of Capital Research Co. in Monagu, N.Y. Ruthann and Dick **Holleman,** who live in Huntington, L.I., report that Grace and Pete **Brindley,** recent civilians, are now located near them in Millers Place, L.I. Roy and Corinne **O'Connor,** who live just across the river in Fishkill, N.Y., invite us all over there anytime. Roy works in the finance division of IBM. Ernie **Remus** was married on 27 Sept. 1969 at Pennington, N.J. Paul **Miles** is Mike **Mierau's** replacement as aide to GEN Westmoreland. Mike **Jezior** and Ron **Beltz** are on the faculty at the Engr School, Ft. Belvoir. Joe **Felber,** back from VN, has a Germany assignment—the 3d Bde, 8th Div, in Mannheim. Ed **Olmeta** was up from NYC, where he works with the Chase Manhattan Bank. Erc **Barone,** a mainstay of the USMA Engr Div, wonders about the whereabouts of Tom **Tamplin** and any other A-2 files.

That's a large amount of undigested poop—but you get a good idea of what is going on around the Class. The next major event for '60 will be the 10th Reunion celebrations. If you haven't returned the poop sheets from **T. Eubanks** and Jere **Forbus** by the time you read this, get your neck in and do something immediately. We will practice in June Week (27-30 May), but the main event (the "wet run") will be during Homecoming '70, 23-25 Oct. Don't miss it! (And remember to send in a family picture with your autobiography for the 10th Year Book.)

I regret to inform you that Don **Usry** was killed in an airplane crash in Colo. on 25 Oct. 1969. He was buried at West Point on 30 Oct. with many classmates and friends in attendance. Don had been a mathematics instructor at the Air Force Academy and was highly regarded by both students and faculty. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Maggie and their 2 children.

Edith **Bauer** wrote a long letter to advise us that she and David and the George **Finleys** will be with the ROTC at the U. of Fla. until June or July this year. The house in which they live (2252 NW 19th Lane, Gainesville, 32601) was built by Rand **Edelstein's** brother. Rand is also in Gainesville as a broker with Goodbody & Co. The **Bauers** have heard from Mary and Scotty **Brown,** who are now in Topeka, where Scotty teaches law at Washburn U. They also have a letter from Grace and Jim **Humphreys.** Jim is an attorney in Winston-Salem, N.C., and he reports that Mary and Phil **Chappell** are living in Greensboro, where Phil controls a large sales area for the Warner Brake and Clutch Co. The **Bauers** have heard from Emma and John **House,** now in grad school at Tulane, and from Lois and Larry **Struck,** similarly occupied at the U. of Tex. David saw Fred **Kaiser** about a year ago when Fred and his family were in Fla. to visit in-laws. Fred is with the ROTC gp at Auburn.

Al **Champ,** with the FA Board at Ft. Sill, wrote in to inform us of the class group now in that vicinity: Jud **Bireley,** instructor at the Arty School; Nick **Rowe,** student in car course; John **Seely,** staff of Pershing Missile Dept.; Jack **Casey,** FA Board; Carl **Miller,** XO of

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Honest John Bn; Pete **Bare,** Arty School instructor (T/CAD); J. J. **York,** Chief of Foreign Liaison Bureau; Jerry **Witherspoon,** FA Board; Dick **Sutton** (M.D.), Reynolds Army Hospital. Linc **German** and Ira **Dorsey** both passed through last fall on their way to VN. Al mentioned that the big item of gossip at Sill concerned Nick **Rowe's** plans to be married in Dec. By the way of confirmation, I had a note from Miss Jane Carolline Benson on 22 Dec. asking that I inform you all of the good news. Jane and Nick were married in the New Post Chapel at Ft. Sill on 27 Dec. and are now living at 5515 Cache Road NW, Lawton, Okla. Jane asks me to tell you that their home is open to any classmates passing through Lawton.

Jim **Fairchild** wrote in from Ann Arbor, where he is finishing a master's degree prior to joining us at USMA next summer (ES&GS), to announce the birth of a son Douglas Scott on 12 Oct. Jim and Sandy spent a few days last summer with Sally and Jerry **Kramer** (USAF) at Jerry's family's cabin on a lake in central Mich. The **Kramers** are currently living at 4520 N. 19th Road, Arlington, Va., 22207. From rather closer to home, Glenn **Lehrer** handed me a note one day while we were both waiting for the elevator in Thayer Hall. Lyla and Glenn had a son on 14 Aug. (Glenn, Jr.), who joins 2 girls (Nina, 7, and Lisa, 5). They were also expecting a litter of AKC collie pups in Dec., and Glenn is looking for takers. He is also looking for an address for Andy **Rux.** Can any of you help? Glenn, incidentally, seems to be trying to prove that Engrs really are flexible. After a year in MA&E as an instructor of first class engineering, he moved to the new Dept of History as an art instructor. He does admit that it took a while to get over taking his slide rule to class.

Arlene **Strasbourger** sent a brief rundown of Ed's activities over the past 5 years. After his discharge in 1964, he spent a year at Berkeley, then moved to Seattle and a job with Boeing. Apparently, he became fascinated with Boeing's computers, so he enrolled in a Ph.D. program in computer science at the U. of Wash. He passed his qualifying exams last spring and is now working for the university while he finishes his degree. Arlene says that he led a large Israeli dance group on campus for 2 years and that they still dance occasionally. The **Strasbourgers** have a 2½-year-old daughter, Simha; an 18-month-old son, Haim; a cat, Ephraim; and a German shorthaired pointer, Gittel. The whole outfit lives at 6521 17th Ave., NE, Seattle.

Nancy **Clay** provided one of her usual newsy letters. Tom and Sandy **Koentop** will be at Ft. Benning until 1 Mar., when Tom's resignation is effective. Olin **Thompson,** PO Box 111, Montrose, Ala. 36559, promises to make the 10th Reunion. Buddy and Nancy **Griffis** are at C&GSC, residing at 2101 Ottawa, Apt. 203, Leavenworth, Kan., 66048. Deane and Tom **Veal,** 25241-B LaMar Rd., Loma Linda, Calif. 92354, did not move to Wash. as they had originally planned. Tom is a dentist, and he is now studying orthodontics for a couple of years. Rosemary and Jerry **York** are still in Mich., where Jerry has just received another promotion at Ford. They see Art and Gynn **Judson,** who recently became parents again with another boy. The **Yorks** have also seen Mary and Dane **Starling** while Dane was getting an M.B.A. at Mich. The **Starlings** are now living in Chicago. The **Clays** are continuing the dog business in a big way. They expect a litter of Great Dane pups by summertime and have attended dog shows in N.Mex., Wy., Neb., and Colo. Nancy says they keep busy with their local kennel club, a Dane club they are starting in the Rockies area, the local Humane Society (which Wayne serves as a director), and the "Dane Dispatch," a breed magazine for which Nancy is a columnist. They have even adopted a kennel name for their new operation, ClaMorDane. The **Clays** are still holding out at the same address, 910 Franklin Ave., Loveland, Colo. 80537.

Buzz and Nora **Glenn** sent a Christmas card and note from 1502 Helmick Street, Compton, Calif. 90220. Buz was initially assigned to the AF Manned Orbiting Laboratory program; after its demise, he was transferred to a def satellite program under the Space and Missile Systems Organization. He leaves in May for an MSEE degree program somewhere—"the AF hasn't picked the school yet." Buzz plans to make the 10th Reunion if his school schedule will permit.

Russ **Baldwin** (Dept Physics) sent me a note the other day informing us that Phil **Walker** was married on 19 July 1969. He and his lovely wife Judy are now living at 2115 N. Chelton Rd., Colorado Springs, 80909. Phil is still working at Ent AFB and plans to be here for the big 10th.

Rene **Bierman** wrote in to tell us that Ted finished his master's degree in EE at the Naval Postgraduate School last June and is now in VN as S3 of the 2/26 Marine Bn, located north of Danang. Rene and their 2 boys (Michael 4½ and David 2) are living at 14915 Daytona Ct., Woodbridge, Va., 22191.

Tom **Eynon** is currently living at 112 Trudy Lane, Universal City, Tex. 74148, with wife Carolyn and son Brent. Tom was released from the Army in Sept. following a series of operations on both knees. He writes that he has joined the "Navigators," a religious organization he serves as a lay minister. His mission in Tex. will be to work with officers at Ft. Sam Houston, and he and Carolyn are excited about the opportunity. Tom reports that Steve **Covell** is in the same situation at 5524 Pebble Lane, Norfolk, Va. 23502, and that both of them are teaching school "to pay the grocery bill." Steve and Cindy had a baby girl on 14 Nov., incidentally.

From the AOG I received a news release about Ed **Osborne,** who recently received a DFC for heroism as an F-100 pilot flying ground support missions with the 37th Tac Ftr Wing at Phu Cat AB. Ed has an M.S.E. from the U. of Mich., and is now teaching in the Dept of Engineering Mechanics at USAFA.

From VN comes word from Walt **Wilson,** who has finally turned almost 10 years of intentions into action: "My wife has mentioned a few times that I should take time to inform the Class that I did get married. To satisfy her wishes I hereby formally announce that in June 1961 I married Barbara Kelly. Since that time we have managed to produce 4 children, Walter IV (6), Vickie (5), John (3), and Elizabeth (1)." Walt is currently in Lai Khe as S3 of the 554th Engr Bn, while his family waits in Taipei, Taiwan. He has also managed to produce (in addition to the children) a master's degree in civil engineering.

Tom **Noel** is S3 of the 3/319th FA Bn, with the 173d Bde, APO San Francisco 96250. Tom writes that '60ers pretty well have the bn S3 job sewn up in the bde. With him are Bill Chase, Craig **Hagan,** Jack **Downey,** Darrel **Houston,** and Kim **Mercado.** Tom's wife Gerri and their daughters Lisa and Kelly are in El Paso for the duration; we expect them all up here next summer when Tom joins the English group.

The AOG is beginning a study of graduates who are clergymen and in government. If you will advise me of any you know in either category, I will pass along the information.

Don't forget the 10th!

'61

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A classic theme of literature deals with that intriguing aspect of human existence: the lifelong metamorphosis of an individual. It is surprising that the Military Academy hasn't been the progenitor of an army of novelists because the constant stir and mix of a West Pointer's life with those of his comrades allows him to gauge their individual changes. As in the production of wines, the results can vary from acid-bitter or tastelessly flat to richly sublime, oftentimes with no tangible change in the basic ingredients. It can be a question of aging and environmental conditions. Since we flatter ourselves to be high quality types, rather than "vin ordinaire," most encounters with classmates are sparkling and zestful.

Our visit with John and Sandy **Eielson** a few weeks ago was just such an occasion. Has Johnny changed! The old Haverhill Flash, ace fullback with the build of a baby bull and the cleat-scarred hands of a veteran scrimmager, has become a slim waisted resident surgeon at Walter Reed whose angular face is capped by long flaxen-brown hair. His hands look slim and supple and now often hold an artist's brush: the man who is so color blind that he thought for a long time that Army fatigues were beige is now an accomplished oil painter. However, those who really knew Johnny recover quickly from the initial jolt because he's always been a sensitive person with a huge breadth of personality. His playful sense of humor is as refreshing as ever.

The reason that I have devoted so much time to **Eielson** is because we have our 10th Reunion charging down upon us! I, for one, would be terribly disappointed if we don't give serious consideration towards publishing a 10-year book. There are many things that mitigate against it, prime among them being the cost factor (which plagued '59). But, life is short (and terminal!), and anyone who entertained thoughts of an Army career isn't a money-oriented person. We have a host of **Eielsons** out there, and I think we would all like to have an up-dated book on '61. Then the Scribe won't get quite so many notes as: "Al, if you have an extra line in your next column, will you please ask Jack **Turnage** to get in touch with some of his old H2 buddies? None of us know what he has been up to since he graduated." Or these extracts from the K2 Newsletter: "No word from Joe **Amlong** . . . Corky **Corcoran,** where are you? . . . Imes **Grant**—married, wife's name unknown, no word . . . Denny and Judy **Rooney** —no word . . . no answer from the **Sheeders** . . . no word from Bill **Townsend** . . . Wo bist du, Hans **Wagner?**"

Other K2 news: Joe and Sandy **Dahle** live in Woo Poo's shadow since he is with IBM in Fishkill. Sandy is a substitute teacher and Joe is beginning work towards a Master's in Industrial Management. Another IBMer from K2 is Bob **Zielinski,** who resigned last summer (and we used to laugh about Continental Can Corp being one of the branch choices from USNA . . . just who do you know in DA, Mr. Watson?). Jack and Judith **Dewar** are at the Naval War College (Command and Staff) at Newport. Evidently, Jack experiences a sort of hedonistically sensual reaction towards the thought of naval maneuvers (He's a new father, among other things. Read on.), so he decided to keep cool and get a Master's through an arrangement between the school and GW U. in the area of International Affairs.

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When received, Jack plans on sending his turn-out star back to the Dept of Soc Sci with some sort of smooth and legally obscure comment as to where this particular piece of memorabilia can be filed. Bob **Gants** is still practicing law (Sharp, Partridge, GANTS & Perkins) in D.C.

Hank **Kenny** is completing his Master's in International Relations, and joins the Dept of Soc Sci next year. Don **Lionetti** is in Tempe, Ariz., studying for an M.S. at Ariz. S.U. He will report to ES&GS in the summer of '71. We have a little '61 colony at Tempe. I'll get to that later. Dave **Richie** dropped out (or dropped in, depending upon your point of view) some time ago and is in the midst of his 2d year at the Harvard Bus School. Jim and Judith **Scott** are at Ft. Rucker and should remain there for another year. Tom and Nan **Sherburne** are at DLIWC, Presido of Monterey. They go to AFSC in Norfolk, then onto Asian Studies and a tour in Indonesia as a part of the FAST program. Ken **Siegenthaler** and wife Phyliss are at Dover AFB, Del., where he is navigating C-124's.

Both John and Marty **Sommercamp** are studying: John for an M.S. in Bus Admin and Marty for a degree in Soc Sci. Joe **Stewart** is in the MATA course and heads for advisory duty in RVN. Marilynn will wait on Long Island with, I believe, a new arrival (no. 3, but I don't have the details). Mike **Urette** got back from RVN in early July, then underwent surgury for a ruptured disk in Aug. (I wasn't indiscreet enough to press for details. Let's just write it off as "Line of duty, Yes.") He's been keeping busy working on Project Provide, a study of the All-Volunteer Army, and awaits recycling to AFSC. Gene **Witherspoon** expects to leave WP in Aug. for RVN. Larry **Noble** will be with the AF Security Service at Ft. Meade until next fall.

Speaking of Security Services, I got a nice note from Bren **Battle**, who like Tom **Paskewitz** (N.Y.) is an FBI agent and lives with wife Alice and their 2 sons, John and Steven, in Ocala, Fla. I caught a glimpse of him at the ARMY-ND game, and he looks great. He saw Dallas and Donna **Gillespie** recently. Dallas received his M.B.A. from Fla. S.U., and is an engr with NASA at Cape Kennedy. Bren also told me that Gerry **Zingsheim** is with his family in Thailand as a civilian working for the US Govt.

Al and Carin **Vanderbush** were up this way over the holidays. Al told me that Jim **Blesse** joins him as a student at Ga. Tech after having spent the fall semester working with the ROTC detachment. He has seen Mike **Skotzko** at Ft. McPherson, and Gary **Webster** at Atlanta, "acting like a civilian" ("he walks around with a briefcase" were his exact words).

Warren **Shull**, wife Martie, and their 3 children, are in Great Falls, Mont., so I suspect that Warren is part of our underground AF. Another AF man, John **Green**, is at McClellan AFB, Calif., with wife Andrea, and children John Jr and Melanie.

I suppose it's a combination of the current RIF mentality which is racing around the Army, plus the realization that if we're not doing our thing by now, it's time to stop rapping and get moving. At any rate, we seem to be experiencing another rash of resignations. We've known for some time up here that Jim and Suzanne **Nicholson** are leaving the Army, but it's still saddening to lose their company. Jim's immediate plans call for law school. Bill **Hathaway** has submitted his resignation, and will be separated in Mar. He'll stay right where he is in Baltimore, probably teaching and going to school simultaneously. Charlie and Carolyn **Haas** are in Boulder, Colo. Charlie is in his 4th semester of Law at U. of Colo.

Howard and Edda **McCreary** came up for Homecoming and decided to reaffirm their marriage vows in the Cadet Chapel (they had been married in a civil ceremony in Germany). It was a very touching service, although I couldn't help but chide Howdy for not inviting their kids to the wedding. They are off for Germany again for a 3-yr tour, probably in Heidelberg. Ron and Ellen **Seylar** are in Dayton, where Ron is finishing up his Master's in Nuclear Engr at AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB. Marty and Bonnie **Ganderson** are at Ft. Monroe, Va.

Pat **Hillier** received his Master's in Industrial Engr from Ariz. S.U. last June. He is now applying his Opns Research specialty in RVN as S3, 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav. We have a sort of '61 Big Squad (Provisional) at Tempe. Listen to this for close coordination: Jim and Linda **Connolly** set up a child care center in their home so that Jan **Hillier** could meet Pat in Hong Kong. Jim, by the way, comes to WP this summer in the Math Dept. The **Lionetti's** took Jan to the airport (hopefully not on his mad motorbike), while Gabe and Joanne **Gabriel** saw her off with flowers on her 1st air trip. Gabe will return to RVN before coming to WP.

Larry and Kathy **Stoneham** are in Millbrook, N.Y. Larry is also with IBM (Mr. **Watson**, lay off! Go pick on your own alma mater, Brown U.! What's the deal here? Are your gray flannel uniforms really that much more perma-prest than ours? Is it your no colored-shirt rule that attracts our Class? Will you accept faded poplin shirts around the office?). Woodie and Pat **Woodward** are settled in Vernon, Conn. Woodie works in East Hartford with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Experimental Engr.

Pete **Gleichenhaus** passed through here from Panama enroute to RVN. His family will await him in Peekskill. Glockenspiel was good enough to give me a note on the people he had seen. Marybelle should have presented Kaiser **Bazan** with their 2d child sometime in Oct. Braniff Airlines gave Pete a First Class trip after he met the pilot (Bob **Gilliam**) in Bogota. Bob lives in Miami. Lee **Sager** lives in N.J. and is a stock trader in New York. Bob **Strauss** lives in Dallas and flies the Dallas-LA route for Continental Air Lines. Jack **Nevins** is still studying Public Admin at Syracuse.

Bud **Coddington** was admitted to the Calif. Bar a year ago and is with Roper, Majeski, & Phelps in Redwood City. He writes that he will marry Martha Anne (Marty) Stevens on 20 June. Our very best wishes to them both.

Ron **Beckett** is alive and well in RVN, while Nan is busy golfing, painting, gray ladying (or whatever), etc. at Fayetteville. Ron was awarded a Soldier's Medal for pulling 5 men out of a crashed and burning aircraft on his local (Dinh Quan Dist) airstrip. Ron has a way of being where the action is and then doing the right thing. He spotted an ARVN LT wearing a 1955 WP Class Ring. Ron immediately "liberated" it and caused a bit of a stir. It's marked Irvin G. Katenbrink Jr. I'm sure he will be delighted to get it back. Nan tells us that Sue and JJ **Roberts** and silly "Bear" (the dog) are doing fine in Calif., where JJ is working for Mutual of New York. Glynn **Mallory** is S3 of the 2d Bn, 4th Inf.

Ron **Hannon** wrote in mid-Nov. (he was then down to 23 days) from RVN. He commanded a gun Co for 7 months, then he went to USARV as Chief of Data Analysis & Graphics in the A&M Div, a job which included weekly briefings to LTG Mildren on avn matters. Ron is on his way to a ground assignment at Ft. Knox. He sent me a lot of info. Ron bumped into Cy **Shearer** at a bus stop in front of MACV, where Cy works in the IG Sec. Bill **Tobin** works in the G3 sec, 4th Inf Div at Pleiku. He should move out to become a Bn XO in a few months. Joyce remains in N.J. with their 3 children. Dale **Shipley** was working in USARV G3 Sec, then swung a deal which took him to the 1st Inf Div. Dale should be home about now to rejoin Eloise who lives on the same street as the **Seylars**. Larry **Smalley** is assigned to USACAV at Hq USARV, Long Binh. Sue is living in Dayton with their new son. Bob **Dunning** is, in Ron's words, the mainstay of II FFV Arty Hq. Frank **Gibson** is working in TMA Div and controls all in-country movement schedules for all services. Barbara is in N.J. Burt **Mucho** is flying with the "Ranch Hands" out of Bien Hoa. They are the low-flying defoliators who handle C-123's like they were dune buggys. Val is in Hi. with their 2 boys. Burt's brother (AFA grad) just joined him in country. Marty **Walsh** is back in RVN. He was road building around Duc Pho the first time; now he's with the 196th Engrs. Between tours, Marty has been asst area engr of the Sentinel System site construction in New England, then dpty dist engr for the Baltimore dist. Marty has a Master's in Civ Engr from Ia. S.U. Others now in RVN include: Denny **Rooney**, Commo Sec, MACV; Mike **Eiland**, MACV; Bruce **Nichols**, XO, MP Bn in Saigon; and Frank **Erhardt**, Management Studies Br, Comptroller's Office, Hq, MACV.

Ben Covington asks that everyone be notified that the parents of the Class of '61 donated a diorama (The Battle of Breitenfeld—17th Cent.) to the WP Museum.

New Arrivals: The Boys: Jonathan Michael (22 Sept. 69) to Jack and Judith **Dewar** (their 3d son); Benjamin Wilson IV (24 Dec. 69) to Ben and Ruth **Covington**. The Girls: Suzanne Brooke (8 Mar. 69) to Jim and Linda **Connolly**; Nora (1 Dec. 69) to Bonnie and Marty **Ganderson**; Esther Kaye (20 July 69—Moon Landing Day!) adopted by Al and Elsie **Hokins**; Lacy Elizabeth (10 Oct. 69) to Jim and Judith **Scott**; Jennifer Eileen (19 Oct. 69) to Gerry and Connie **Zingsheim**; and finally, Margaret (4 Mar. 68) to Linda and Glynn **Mallory** (I don't know why this one's so late. I think she wrote her own announcement).

That's all. Please send me any thoughts on our Reunion.

'62

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My hat goes off to all those unsung heroes of the past 8 years, the class scribes. Trying to get the least bit of news out of you guys is like trying to get an invitation to Giap's birthday party. Nevertheless, there are a few who persist. The best of the correspondents is Dan **Buttolph** who has written a number of times. He is the S3 of the MANCHUS. For the less knowledgeable, that's the 4-9th of the 25 Div's 1st Bde. He is on a 6-month extension after spending a year with the ARVN Abn Div.

His Xmas card indicates that he is going to go to England for some kind of exotic assignment. DA is probably sending him over there to look at the mini skirts and find a wife. Dan was up at WP last fall and looked great. He spent some time with brother-in-law Fred **Doten** down at Benning. Fred should just now be getting settled

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1962: Picnic at Ft. Belvoir in Aug. Included are the DeVries, Dieals, Garvins, Stocks, Heigls, Degenhardts, Selbys, Borrellos, Neumanns, Riggs, Fellows, Butzers, Kimseys, Dodds, and Rosses.

down out in Arizona where he'll be in grad school. The **Doten's** have added their 4th daughter to the family, which must be some kind of class record. Dan also reported that Freddy **Hillyard** took over his advisor's job with the abn. He is supposed to be going back to grad school when he rotates. Also with the ARVN abn is my much traveled roommate, Ralph **Pryor.** Marilynn is playing beach bum in Hi. with the children while Ralph works on his 3d tour.

Don **Price** is a G3 advisor in Tay Ninh province, while John **Easterbrook** is on an extension with the 1st Sig Bde. For those mutual acquaintances, John's lovely sister Nan recently married Tom Sherburne, '61. **Buttolph's** last bit of scouting found Steve **Warner** doing the briefing at II FF and Will **Harrison** probably settled down in grad school somewhere by now.

The most prolific writer by far is Dave **Garvin,** who had to use 2 stamps just to get his letter out of the P.O. Dave is in the G4 shop at USARPAC in Hi. Most of the news that he sends concerns people in the D.C. area. Bill and Liz **Christopher** are at the U. of Va. Law School, where Bill is getting ready to graduate in June and launch himself on the road to riches. Charlie **Brown** is out now and working for Fiber Industries down in N.C. Ed and Kay **Hendren** just finished up at American U. and are locating up on Storm King Mountain with the **Calhouns** and **Koscos.** Ed is going to work over in MP & L with **Sherard, Cross, Carroll,** and **Faley.** Incidentally, **Calhoun** and **Kosco** did their bit for the class population explosion last Fall. Crash is now the grinningest daddy around since the arrival of Patricia Ann. Billy **Kosco** did a little tripping down the aisle with Betty Strauss. Right off she made him spend some of his stock money on a Caribbean cruise on the new QE2. Back to Dave's notes, Dick **Fellows** is piloting a computer or desk for the AF at Andrews AFB. JJ **Heigl** should be married by now to Marilyn Watkins. He is at the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins and makes it up to WP occasionally. Roy and Louise **Degenhardt** are working on an M.B.A. prior to picking up the IBM banner. By the way, Bill **White** stopped by for a football game while taking the IBM Car Course (or something) over at Poughkeepsie. Ron and Mary **Stock** are finishing up a bit of language work in Russian prior to going over to Moscow as an Asst Air Attaché. No doubt a little James Bond music is common background at the **Stock** House. Another man in the same line of work is Bill **Dieal,** who will take wife and son to Rio for a stint as an attaché in Brazil. Skip **Campbell** is in grad school at the U. of Mo. He and Pat have 3 boys now.

Don **Bergeron** is recently married and living in Wilmington, Del. He was up for Homecoming and told me about all of his business activity. Sounds as if he will be a leading taxpayer before too much longer. Bob **DeVries** is studying law at G.W. Jim **Kimsey** should be enrolled there by now; however, his big enterprise is with **Hagerty** and **Brown** in Black, Gold, and Gray Unlimited. Dave **Riggs** and wife Jean have 2 boys now. Dave is with USARV, having spent 2 years in Switzerland studying on an Olmsted. Ron and Kitty **Borrello** added to their family on 11 Nov. with the arrival of Adam. Ron indicates that they are now only 1 short of a basketball team what with 4 boys. Dick **Kent** finally was "caged" after spending all of his free time on safari in Africa. He liked the climate so well that he is about to start a FAST trip back.

1962: MG Paul A. Gavan (ret) presents the LM to Bill at Ft. Belvoir.

Barry and Nancy **Butzer** are also down at Belvoir, where Barry is the Dir of Athletics and stays close to the football team —which beat the Plebes this year. There's a rumor that Barry is on his 27th car since grad. Dave **Neumann,** Jim **Dodd,** and Bill **Ross** are all civilians now or are about to be soon. John **Selby** is on the faculty at the Engr School and lives in Alexandria. Bob **Sikorski** is at the Redstone Arsenal. Thanks again Dave **Garvin** for the big contribution. You may consider yourself "Scribe Emeritus" for 1970.

Len **Henderson** dropped me a note from Morehead, Ky., where he is with the Morehead State University ROTC. He spent part of the past summer at WP with a group of instructors from all over the country. He and Joan have 3 boys ranging from 2 to 5. Until I became Scribe, I thought everyone had girls, but apparently most people have the same sex.

Had a long talk with Wayne **Downing** when he got back from his successful tour with the 25th Div. He was a CO, Bn S3, and for about 8 months a Bde S3. **Buttolph** says that Wayne now looks like a rainbow and did a tremendous job. He, Linda, and the girls are now in New Orleans getting ready for Mardi Gras and graduate work in systems analysis at Tulane.

Jim **Acklin** is more than likely in RVN by this time; he settled Becky and the family in Toledo, where they bought a home. From JJ **Kelly** comes word of a son born in Sept. He and Kaye are down at Tex. A&M, along with Will and Sandy **Worthington** and Dick and Judy **Gramzow.** Hope life wasn't too miserable for you after the ARMY game—it was pretty puckered around here for a week or so. John and Joanne **Sampson** are doing pretty well on John's sales ability down in Ky., where they now have a new home. Don and Joan **Denton** spent a weekend with the Rog **Browns** during the fall. Don is in his last year of law school at Cornell. He has been working in the summer with a firm in Syracuse.

Had a long letter from Dale **Smith** who is the Business Manager for an engineering consulting firm in West Lafayette, Ind. It is a pretty unique organization, since it is made up entirely of WP grads. Dale is going to Purdue part time to pick up the equivalent of an M.B.A. His brother-in-law Ralph **Lurker** (how many classmates are brothers-in-law?) will finish up his law degree from Kansas in about a year. Johnny **Ulmer** should be about to finish up his Master's in real estate down at U. of Tenn. Buck **Weinfurter** is down at Ft. Bliss. Buck is a "girl" man, with his 3d daughter having been born in Sept.

Doug **Morgan** is completing grad school in Trojan country at Southern Calif. After a tour in VN, he'll return here in ES & GS. Tom **Teuton** is selling real estate in the Indianapolis area. Jim and Elanor **Peterson** are at Penn prior to coming back to the English Dept. Jim and Carol **Ellis** are finishing up at Princeton for Soc Sci. Bill **Thomas** is scheduled to come to the Juice Dept after his current tour with the Danang Sig Bn. Bill **Boozer** is with the Americal and expects to come to MP & L via grad school. Dan **Denison** is in his last year of law at Harvard. Steve **Holderness** is also out of the Army now and is down in Cherry Hill, N. J., where he is a financial advisor in the area of estate and business analysis. Steve and Liz are keeping up with their contribution to the feminine growth of the

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Class with 2 girls, Rebecca and Lisa. The **Hudaks** also added a girl to their family this past year.

Received several news releases on some high achievers. Bill **Gavan** was presented the LM by his father at Ft. Belvoir for an innovative tour as an advisor in Quang Ngai. He is starting a job as the Dir of Mil Tng at the Prep School. Fred **Tilton**, flying Canberras out of N.Mex., won an AM and his sqdn turned out to be the best in the USAF. Dick **Ryer** is flying close air support out of Bien Hoa and working on the side with the Civic Action program.

Up at Wis., Don **Snider** and Pete **Wuerpel** are working on their Masters in Economics and PE, respectively. Both should be arriving here sometime this summer. While we're on the subject, WP is starting Gloom Period buried under tons of snow. Only the maternity ward seems to go at its usual pace. The Frank **Millers** added their 3d daughter and Ann **Canary** is imminent. The Class seems to consider more exemptions as the best way to fight inflation. JJ **Kirby** departed on his way to RVN. Joe **Szwarckop** is here as a TAC—they had a new son during the summer. Tom **Fintel** won the holiday safety award with only 2 accidents, one with an off-duty state policeman.

The Homecoming bash was the best yet. Faces appearing for the 1st time in years included **Bode, Mogan, Keuker, Lynn, Ord, Scheewe, Webb,** and **Wojcik.** The combo was great and with everyone pouring money on them, they stayed most of the night.

The housing situation will more than likely improve with the addition of Stewart AFB quarters and facilities to those assigned to WP. The credit for improved housing prospects has to go to **Canary, James,** and **Miller.**

With all of these beautiful children we're producing—don't forget the Class Educational Fund. It has not received the consideration or attention it deserves from many of you.

With the dawning of the new year, best wishes for success, health, and happiness to everyone.

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Today is the day before Christmas, and for the first time I'm more than a week ahead of the deadline for an issue. Football season ended on the 27-0 light note in Philadelphia and a party at George and Joan **Pappas'**, and winter is here, and all the leaves are gone, now replaced by ice-rimmed branches and 4 inches of snow. I deserted N.Y. yesterday and am sitting in 75° St. Petersburg, Fla. with the last 3 months mail in front of me—a somewhat slim stack, I note—why not write when you finish reading this?

A note from Arleen **Betaque** enclosing the birth announcement of Andy (Andrew David) born at 1133 pm 16 Oct.—he weighed 8 lbs. Good Show! Norm is in VN, home in July, with the 121st Sig Bn, 1st Div, Lai Khe. He's the three. Arleen, Karen (4), and Andy are with her folks in Philadelphia. Norm finished up his M.S. in EE at M.I.T. Thanks Arleen. Spencer **Folsom** sent along a hello to everyone from the 1/8th, 1st Cav Div, and said he'd seen Dick **James** on the way home from Cam Ranh. (I think Dick's at Benning now, because Nona **Ballard** showed me a Xmas card from Phil and Suzie **Bosma** there which

1963: The Superintendent presents Frank Cardile with his 2d SS.

spoke of a party for 66 '63ers and mentioned the **Jameses**).

Before this column gets going again—for now I'm back at WP in a snow drift having deserted the column for the beach in Fla. last week—I should mention the new year's party last night at the **Ballards**. Pat and Juanita **Tate**, Bill and Pauline **Robinson**, Mike and Nan **Allen**, and Hank **Morris** got together to see 1970 begin its hopeful course. Pat **Tate** convinced everyone that the number of polar bears on the dice around the ice holes is not all that easy to figure out. Anyway, back to the note pile: Lou **Mari** wrote a "few and far-between letter" from Pa. last Sept. where he was on an extension leave from RVN. Lou says when he gets home in Jan. 70 he'll have 2½ years there—that must be a record. He's been with the 1/11 Inf, 5th Div on the DMZ. Lou's bde CO is COL Osteen, a regimental TAC from our cadet days. Lou's been the Bde S3 air, Asst S3 Opns, Co CO, and now is the Bn S3 air. Lou says Will **Wilson** and Barbara are in Miami, Fla., where Will is majoring in "underwater war-mongering." JJ and Mary **Kauza** are in Monmouth (with 2 boys) where JJ is teaching. Lou says he's still single—after Korea and 2½ years in RVN! Chick **Chickendantz** wrote and said he returned from RVN in Jun 69, resigned in Aug., and is in law school in Mich. at Ann Arbor. Anita is teaching there in Ann Arbor. Pete **Kelly** is out there, too, according to Chick, and he adds that he saw Bill **Witt** at Knox.

Barbara **Stribling** wrote a note last Sept. (which arrived just after the deadline, Barbara) and says Gale and Tony **McKinnon** are in Atlanta as I have noted earlier. Tony finishes law school this summer and will join a prominent law firm—undoubtedly becoming the governor of Ga. one day. (Bo Calloway is a grad, you know, Tony). Bill and Sue **Boice** with Bill (5) and Burt (2)—Burt is named for Burt **McCord**—visited the **Striblings** in Jackson. Steve **Best** and Trissie (Barbara's sister!) and daughters Ashley (3) and Barrie (17 Mos) live near the **Striblings** in Jackson, Steve is with IBM. Roger is with the Deposit Quaranty Bank in the Bank Americard Div, and is finishing law school in June '70 as well, but will stay with the bank. Hank **Morris** saw Rog and Barbara down in Jackson while he was on an Admission trip through there. Thanks for the news Barbara! Talking of Hank, here's some things he noted while running all over the southeast: Brent and Barbara **Pope** and Ellen and Brent Jr. are at Huntsville and soon leave for Germany, Brent is with the Ord; Art and Sally **Swisher** are at Redstone Arsenal; Bob, Diane, and Stacey **Merrill** are in Savannah, where Bob is convalescing from a wound in RVN; Wayne **Mercer** and family are in Atlanta, where Wayne is with the Ford Motor Co.; Jeff **Ellerson** is in the ROTC detachment at William and Mary (that's an old stomping ground for Jeff!); Bob **Mayer** is there in school, as well. Karl **Beach** returned from RVN and Australia (R&R officer) and dropped by WP to pick up a brand new Pontiac before going on to Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Karl is an AG type now.

Pris **Dawson** was in England with Bill (6) and Lee (3) for some time and returned recently. She plans to enroll in school in Ariz. next summer, as things stand now. Pris and the boys went out to Ky. to see Jim's folks over the Christmas holidays. A note from Mike **Natvig** at Knox. He and Ginny are there for the Car Course, even though Mike is an Arty type. Luke **Woods** is in the same course. Thanks for the news Mike. I've gotten a pile of notes from Nona **Ballard** who should be the Scribe the way she collects info and passes it to me. Here it is: Jim and Sandy **McCarver** are in Germany, where Jim is Hq Cmdt at the EUCOM Hq. I recall Luke **Woods** had that job at one time. Jack and Susie **Davis** are at Wharton, where Jack is working on his M.B.A. Jack is now a civilian. Rodg and Karin **Bivens** are there, as well. Rudy and Sandy **Ehrenberg** and Rudy IV (3) were at Ft. Sill until May—now are at Stanford, where Rudy is studying Opns Research. Art **Meier**, Wayne **Morehead**, and Lew **Rice** are all at Sill. Dick Higgins and Joan are in Boston and Dick is at the Harvard Business School. Dick and Beth **Wilson** are there with them. Bill and Marion **Alexander**, Chuck (5), and Beth (3) are in Hershey, Pa., where Bill is with his Dad's Engineering firm. Ivan and Jeanne **Farris**, Shawn, and Courtney, are at Bliss where Ivan is in Missile School. He hopes to go to the USNPGS next. Ray and Ilse **Klopotek** and Thomas (2) are still at Edwards AFB Calif.—in the desert. Don and Marjorie **Reid** are at Stanford, where Don is working as a civilian on his Ph.D. Terry and Elaine **Alger** are still at USNPGS, but came to snowy Genesco, N.Y. for the holidays. Thanks Nona, for your continued good notes! Here's a note from Ray **Klopotek** I found in the pile; he says he was up at the AF Academy where Cary **Fisher**, Vic **Bunze**, and Jim **Lang** are all teaching. Ray **Nickla** made the recent AF Major's list 4 years ahead of time. Outstanding, and our congrats! Thanks for the news, Ray.

A long note from Dave **Jackson**, who, after apologizing for being a poor correspondent (Dave, the fact you wrote puts you ahead of about 300 classmates!), goes on to say that he spent a year in Korea in 64, returned to the US, married Judi, contributed 2 additions to 1963 (David and Theresa), and has more recently been to VN and the Armd Adv Course. Dave and Judi and the kids are now at Mich. (600 Terrace Lane, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197) where Dave is studying Nuc Engr. Judi is president of the OWC in that area and Dave is president of the student chapter of the American Nuclear Society. Dave says the **Schaums** and **Pogorzelskis** are also there at UM. I sent Ed **Banks** your address, Dave. Thanks for the note. Harvey **Orndorf** wrote from Oakland where he is a "CE" (Civilian Executive) with Kaiser Engineers. Harv and Pauline (married 1 Apr. 67) live in Walnut Creek, "Which you can find on any map of Calif." and says he saw several classmates at the Founders dinner last year. Thanks, Harv. I envy you your climate out there—this is

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1963: Julie and Bob Foley leave chapel at West Point under the sabres of his E3 Firsties.

horrible here. Let's see . . . I'll keep rummaging on down through here—Curry **Vaughan** wrote just after the deadline last Sept. from the 173d in VN. He is doing a real bang-up job there as one of our class chaplains and has been written up in the "Army Times" at least once that I know of. Curry says, for us folks waiting for the never-arriving major's list: "For promotion comes from neither the East, nor from the West, nor from the South, but God is the judge. He puts up one and sets down another." (Ps 75:6, 7). I'm beginning to believe that, Curry! Nancy is awaiting Curry's return in Feb. at Ft. Benning with Virginia and Julie. She spent Christmas with Curry's folks in Lebanon, Tenn. They have orders for **Bragg**.

Bob **Coulson** writes from "downtown Siagon," where he is with the Commo Sec of MACV Studies and Observation Gp. Dan **Willson** here at WP sent out a bunch of ARMY-Navy stuff to Pete **Bentson**, Garry **Hall**, George **Moses**, Tom **Carney**, Steve **Silvasy**, all out at the USNGPS in sunny Calif. I guess all of you were pleased with the effort in Philadelphia! Dale Garvey with the Big Red One writes that he is coming back soon (should be back by now). Dale says he and Jan have a girl and a boy now. Heidi **Heiden** and family and Alden **Cunningham** are over in Spain. Mike will be back here at WP teaching this coming year. Bill **Robbins** wrote from VN USARV G2 sec to say that he is putting on civilian clothes soon out in Elizabethtown, Ky., and asks that anyone in that area say hello. Bill suggests that we put out an annual address list of the Class, and that is a good idea, and one the executive committee will work up.

I've had 2 notes from Lyn **Cook** out in Calif. Lyn left the service on 15 Dec. 69 and is with a firm in San Diego now as asst to the pres. He looked long and hard at job opportunities and I know picked a good one. All the best to you, Lyn. Keep us posted. From RPI, Gary **Coe** wrote that we have Bill **Smith**, Fred **Gantzler**, Mike **Clay**, Jerry **Anderson**, Marty **Ischinger**, and Bob **Palmer** up there. The Mike **Clays** just had a little boy, Mike Jr. Congrats! Jacline **Manning** wrote that Roger is in VN again as CO of a btry in the 1/83d Field Arty. She is awaiting his return in Belleville, Mich. Thanks, Jacline. Diane **Merrill** wrote from Savannah and said that Bob and she have a little girl Stacey Elizabeth born in May 1968. As I mentioned, Bob was wounded in RVN, but is now doing OK. Diane said Bob got to RVN on 19 Aug., flew on the 20th, and was hit by a mortar fragment that night, and evacuated to Zama and Hunter Hospital in Savannah. Hope you're raring to go by now, Bob! While I'm still on this kind note from Diane, I want to thank all the girls who wait at home so patiently for their Army husbands and keep the correspondence going. It's a lot harder for you than it is for the guy over there, busy and occupied, and you aren't forgotten.

A note from Dick **Venes** with the 3d Div in Germany in the G1 shop. He wants to hear from Norm **Beatty** and Dave **Jackson**. Jim **Roberts** wrote from Daleville, Ala., where he and Susie and the 4 kids are stationed. Jim is in the instructor pilot course before returning to RVN. Thanks for the note, Jim. Rob Vanneman wrote from Harvard, where he and Sue are studying. Robby says Steve **Goth**, Charlie **Hogg**, Gil **Keteltas**, and Bob **Boehlke** are all there with him.

At WP on 27 Sept '69, Julie and Bob **Foley** became man and wife and moved into the BOQ awaiting qtrs on post. Bob is the Tac of CO E3 here (that's the 3d Regt). They had a beautiful day for the wedding, until later, after the reception, arrived a bit of rain. A lot of classmates were there: Claire and Mike **Vopatek**, Mary Alice and Al **Thompson**, Joanie and Dewey **LaFond**, Bradley and Lou **Sill**, Kay and Mike **Keaveney**, Sue and Rob **Vanneman**, Joan and George **Pappas**, Phyllis and Paul **Stanley**, Andrea and John **Ahern**, Karin and Rodger **Bivens**, Joan and Dick **Higgins**, Anne and Danny **Willson**, Linda and Ed **Carns**, Bonnie and Al **Genetti**, and Jean and Tim **Grogan**. It was a real fine day. At the same time Bob and Julie turned from the altar to walk back down the aisle, ARMY kicked off in Nashville, Tenn. against Vanderbilt. Down there at the game were Bill and Betsy **Witt**, Mike and Genny **Nativig**, Miles and Joanna **Eberts**, Bill and Marcia **Little**, Dick and Judy **Roberts**, and Brent and Barbara **Pope**. So it was a day of class gatherings both north and south.

And then there is always Homecoming, which brought some folks trekking back to Whoo Poo for the day. Altogether, I recall seeing, other than those stationed here, Bruce and Christy **Hamilton**, Matt **Miller**, Marty and Carol **Ischinger**, Jim **Doherty**, Russ **Simonetta**, Bob and Bunny **Stidham**, Allen **Christensen**, Jean and Tim **Grogan**, Lee and Cheryl **Rizio**, Janet and JJ **McClatchey**, Frank **Hall**, Denny **Murphy**, Adele and Bill **Cooke**, Linda and Gene **Bassett**, Susie and Colin **Kelly**, and Inge and Clem **Philips**. Frank **Hall** is now one of the President's Social Aides, and so spends a lot of time over at the White House these days. Here's a note in my pile which has Tod **Dolighan** married to a lovely blonde named Doris and in Ak. now. Congratulations to you both! Note from John **Roth**, just back from a tour with the 101st Abn, where he was with the G1 Shop. John is now the AG for Ft. Hamilton. John says in the AG group along with him are Jay **Westermeier** and Ty **Tyler**. John and Nancy are back together now, says John, after 3 years of Army separations, and glad of it! Their son Rick is 20 months old now. Steve **Popielarski** is with the 815th Engr Bn in VN as an Asst S3. He had been headed for the Three job, but 3 majors arrived and so that was that. Steve is headed for the U. of Pa. Law School and civilian life upon his return. Steve says he has heard from almost all of his 6 girls! Watch out, Steve; they're closing in.

Bob **McNeill** graduated from law school in June '69, passed the N.C. bar exam, and is now a full-fledged Army lawyer at Charlottesville in the AGC course. Nancy and Bob had twin girls (1 Feb. 68) and those 2 with their son, born in Apr. 64, keep them hopping. Bob says he is loaded down with women in his family. He says Tom **Vaughn** is at U. of Va. with his new wife Ann. Bob asks that all G2ers get in touch with him at 2414 Barracks Road, Apt 2, Charlottesville, Va., 22901, and he will get together a newsletter. Thanks, Bob. Good luck in your course.

I've just sat down again and have about ½ my pile to go through as yet. If these columns wander a bit here and there, it's because I organize them by moving through a pile of letters and at the end of the pile, that's the end of the column. Phil and Susie **Bosma** sent a card to the **Ballards** and spoke of being at Benning now, where Phil is in the Inf course, ending Mar. 1970. Alan (4) is in kindergarten; Kevin is now a year old, and is apparently becoming expert in "house demolition." Rich **Entlich** in RVN wrote in a recent note that he is in the Three shop of the 3/319th Abn Fld Arty of the 173d. He is headed for Ga. Tech in Math next June. Sally is in Calif. with Rachael (1½) and Eric (½). Rich says Ralph **Drewfs** is at USARV Hq, and Jim **O'Connor** is in G2 there. Rich adds, though, that he's sort of out of touch in Bong Son. Chum and Carol **Robert** are out at Sill (nuclear weapons instructor), and Chum says he has seen Mike **Summers**, Mike **Emerick**, and Mike **McCormack** there. Emmette **Smith** is just finishing the Adv Course and has added his 1st boy to the family. Doug **Gladfelter** and Frank **Mataranglo** are there, also. Chum adds that Carol heard from Nancy **Weyrauch** at the Presidio. Nancy said that Pete is heading back to RVN in the spring. That'll be a 2d tour for Pete.

Here's a Xmas card from Mike and Bette Rose **Bowers** in Germany. Michelle Lisa was born on 23 Sept., the same day Mike's resignation from the AF was approved, effective 15 July. Mike is in night school and gets his M.B.A. in May. Bette Rose says the **Bagbys** are over in Thailand, and the **Lavoys** are in Germany. The **Spears** are in S.C. Thanks for the card, Bette Rose. I should add that the picture of the **Bowers** family has 2 fine looking boys besides Michelle Lisa. Bob **Foley** sent me over a note having Bob **Bowes** teaching mountaineering in Dahlonega, and Jack and Vi **O'Donnell** in Okinawa, where Jack is aide to the High Commissioner there. Bob **Sloane**, here at WP in OPE, says Denny **Leach** is at Benning awaiting orders to grad school in

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Phys Ed and then to WP about Jan. 71. Gene **Blackwell** saw Bob here at WP when Gene came up to see about joining OPE. Gene's heading back to RVN (No. 2) in Sept. Thanks for the news, Bob.

The other day Bill **Lutz** stopped by my office—he was up on an educator visit from Ky. at the Project Officer. He left several bits of news: Don and Charlie **Fuller** and Christopher are at Knox; Miles and Joanne **Eberts** and Debbie Sue there as well. Bill and Pam will be there about 6 more months before—RVN? Their little gal Tracie is now 3½. Bill is CO, M551 Sheridan Tng Co. Thanks Bill. A note from Wendy **Gideon** in Columbia, Mo. who is in school there and was married to Jane Martin of Ozark, Ala. last 14 June. Congratulations to you both! Wendy saw Ken **Graham** with the Navigators in College Park, Md., and Ken is now married to the lovely Jo Anne. Chris **Wangsgard** was at Ft. Wood last summer. Wendy adds that he is in law school at the U. of Mo. under the excess leave program. Best of luck in your studies, Wendy!

Here's a note in my pile (on the back of a napkin!) which says Homer **Holland** is still in D.C. and about to finish his Ph.D. in Bus Admin at GW U. News release on Bob **Burita**, who is at the Air U. Sqdn Officers' School in Ala. Carol, Robert, Susan, and Michael are there during the 14 week course. Another news item (these are press releases which find their way into my file) has Ed **Hill** at the Wash. U. School of Medicine as one of 99 selected from 2,050 applicants. Good work, Ed. And another—"The Army Times" of 3 Dec., which I picked up in the barber shop recently, has on page 25 a photo of Mrs. **Reilly**—who it turns out is "Miss United Telephone" while she's waiting for Iain Reilly's return from RVN. Barbara was a model before marrying and so took the job while Iain is overseas. I wish I had that photo to put in this article, Barbara; it's a good one.

Al **Scott** writes from Urbana, Ill. that he is heading for RVN NTL 5 Mar. Lynn and the kids will be at White Sands or Denver. Good to hear, Al. A letter from John **Woods** in Stowe, Mass., where John is with Scott Electronics and Sue and the kids are looking after their beautiful new home. John organized a Navy party up there and has promised me a photo, which if not in these pages, will be in the next issue. I have already noted some of the folks in the area of Boston, but will run down the list again as John sent it to me: John and Andrea **Ahern**, Charles and Ann **Hogg**, Dick and Joan **Higgins**, Jim and Ann **Caywood**, Gil and Mary Ellen **Keteltas**, Bob and Kay **Boehlke**, Tom and Judy **Brendle**, and Matt **Miller**, bachelor (who, incidentally comes each year to WP with a beautiful girl—at least the last 2.), Jim and Kathy **Nolan**, Dick and **Beth Wilson**, Rob and Sue **Vanneman**, Bob and Susan **McCabe**, Steve and Sue **Goth**, and John and Sue. Thanks for the note and list, John. I'll get that photo in here or the next issue.

Allen **Clark** sent me a bunch of notes on M-1 files: Charlie **Nahlik** is at the Car Course at Bliss; John **Dunn** is a dpty District Advisor in Phu Yen, RVN, 50 miles NW of Tuy Hoa; Joan is waiting for him in Pittsburgh. Dick **Walsh** is due home to Raye, scheduled for Feb. 70. Grace **Baucum** is waiting for Bill in La., while Bill is at Quan Loi. "Magoo" **McGrath**, ex '63, is an accountant in Detroit. Pete **Kelly** is headed from Belvoir to RVN in early '70. J. B. **Wheeler** is back in RVN; Ed **Greybeck** has been out in the Ariz. desert, but is back at Bliss now—what's out there in the desert, Ed? Jeff **Davis** is back home now from II FFV Hq in RVN. Paul **Hable** is sunburned from construction road work in his

1963: Kay Keaveney, the first homecoming queen in 1962, crowns another at homecoming.

family concern—which builds all the roads in Tex. Kaye and Paul are in Corsicana, Tex. John **Oliver** is a stock broker with Dupont and Co. in Dallas. Dee is a happy civilian wife. Clint **Seward** is an engr with a computer concern in Dallas and helped Allen on a paper he was doing. Ralph **Brown** leaves the Service this June and will stay on in Tex. Allen is lined up as a securities analysist in Dallas and continues as a DR down there for WP. He is also the secy for the WP Society of North Tex. You're staying pretty busy, Allen! Thanks for the news you keep sending.

A note from Adele **Cooke** in Bergenfield, N.J., where she and Bill bought a house. Bill is Commanding C Co of the 2d Engrs in Korea. Says that Korea is colder than Panama! I'll believe that, Adele. Adele says she misses her Pan American maid. She is busy teaching 12th, 10th, and 9th grade English, while her girls Colleen and Lynn are in kindergarten and nursery school. Adele says Gary and Judy Marchand are at Potsdam, N.Y., where Gary is an ROTC instructor and working on his M.S. in organic chem. That sounds like a load! Joe and Kathy **Jaworowski** and Rich and Steve will remain at Quantico until Jan. Then Joe takes Chinese at Monterey and will be coming up to WP.

Down in Philadelphia for the Navy Game was a pile of people (me excepted, who watched it on TV by a fire) and Nona **Ballard** got up a list while she and Clark were there: **Ingrams, Cardiles, Smith** (Glenn), **Davis**, Frank **Lennon** and a date rooting for Navy, who became quite distraught, **McKinnons, Alexanders** (who said George **Davenport** is working in Tunkhannock, Pa. with Proctor and Gamble), **Gregors, Orlickis, Handcoxes, Gallaghers, Kellys, Youngs, Willsons, Dusenburys, Fletters, Cowgills, Rizios, Vannemans**, Geoff **Ellerson**, Joe **Blackgrove, McNeills, Vopateks, Sills, Jaworowskis, Bivens, Roths**, John **Littlefield** and his mom, **Grolemunds, Wolzes**, Jay **Westermeier, Stanleys, Hotmans**, and Frank **Kelly**. Sorry I missed seeing you, Frank. Frank has a brother in USMA '70. George and Joan **Pappas** had a good party after the game, for which thanks are due.

A few people have dropped up to WP off and on during football season, among them I can think of Karl **Beach**, now in Ind., **Sandy** and Mary Dee **White**, Dick and Joan **Gallagher**, and Frank **Lennon**. **Frank** was last seen holding forth in the Officers' Club bar on some topic of note. He's now a senior exec with TWA, and he and I are engaged in a small investment project. If it works, we'll have a big class party in Tahiti and invite everyone—travel paid.

A note from Bill **Stryker** in Nakhon Sritamarat, Thailand, to say that Ellie gave birth to Kathryn Alison on 8 Oct 1969 in Holland, Mich. Bill and Ellie also have Will (4), and Marian (2½). Bill is advisor to the RTA 5th Arty (Pack 75). His boss is COL Callagy whom you folks from the Belvoir poopschool will recall. Bill says Ray **Bagby** and Don **Siebenaler** are over there. He adds that Bill and Rose **Millerlile** are at U. of Mich., where Bill is working on his Masters. John **Walker** wrote from leave in R.I. to say he had finished a 2d tour in RVN with the Americal Div 11th Bde in Duc Pho. John commanded D Co, 3d Bn 1st Inf for 5 months and then was the Bn S3 for the rest of the tour. He was awarded the SS while there. Quang Ngai MACV has a handball court named in honor of Burt **McCord**, who was KIA there in 1966. Thanks for the news, John.

A party at Frank **Lennon's** brownstone on 78th St in NYC after the Notre Dame game brought Brad and Barbie **Jones** (law school at William and Mary), Gerry **Stonehouse** and his pretty wife, Bruce and Dottie **Miller**, Frank and Barbara **Cardile** and Barbara's sister Cathy, Joe **Blackgrove**, Mike **Vopatek**, and Lou and Brad **Sill** together after the game. Other news of note: at the Homecoming game Kay **Keaveney** crowned the pretty 1969 queen. Kay was the 1962 Homecoming queen at WP. Mike looked pretty proud of Kay! Don **Byrne** wrote that he resigned in Aug. and is working on his M.B.A. at the U. of Mass. He gives his home as Northampton, Mass.

Homecoming 1969 saw the last pieces of Central Area fall under the wrecker's ball, and the crowd arriving which I spoke of. The Class Executive Committee is now in being here at WP under the approved constitution: **Tate**, Chairman; **Stevens**, Vice Chairman; **Morris**, Secretary/Treasurer; and Wynne Morriss (Yale '63) the associate member. Ed **Carns** is the entertainment rep, and Paul **Stanley** handles athletic tickets.

A note from Tim **Sanchez** at the Harvard Med School, Class of 1973, who is undoubtedly going to be the outstanding physician of the century. I'll try and get up there, Tim, in the spring. How about a ring? (938-2105). I don't know what happened to Ranger **Prahm**. Sam and Bab **Thompson** were up here at WP for a football game in the fall, and Sam is headed for Ohio State in the near future to work on his Ph.D. in Geodesy, the science of earth measure and shape. They are making their home at Belvoir now, where Sam is working in the labs there. I had a letter from Leigh **Fairbank** last Sept. saying he was back in RVN on the 3d tour. Kathy and Leigh had a son born in Miami, 8 Oct. 68, named Peyton Scott, and he makes 2 boys so far! Congratulations. Kathy is waiting in Charleston, S.C., where her dad is the Citadel PMS. Leigh hopes to head to grad school after this tour overseas.

Jack **Silvey** and Nancy and son David have been at Knox, and are heading for the Fletcher School for a year or 2 before joining the Soc Sci Dept here about 1971. Jack says that the memory of Bill **Stacy** has been honored in the new classroom building at Knox named Stacy Hall, with a portrait of Bill in the

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entrance hall. A fitting tribute to Bill, who was a dedicated soldier. Bill **Nugent**, ex '63, wrote me a line from Wash., where he is heading up the Western Region of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity. Bill says he provides the mayors and governors of 7 western states with a personal contact for the Vice President. He also works in the Office of the Secy of Def, but is with the OSD White House Support Group. He was LnO from OSD to State during the Arab-Israeli 1967 war. Sounds good, Bill.

I always need letters, so when you read this column, how about shooting in some stuff for the next one in June? Have a good spring (it still seems a way off from all the snow outside).

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I start my words of wisdom for this session on New Year's Day, writings bits and pieces while switching channels back and forth among the Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl, and the Orange Bowl. Consequently, there may be a little less continuity than usual as I begin the 6 to 8 hour vigil of the televised football games. I hope all of you had a nice holiday season and that 1970 is a happy and profitable year for the entire Class.

Dixie, Mike, and I departed Germany 5 Sept. 69 with orders to Benning and the advanced course. While on leave, we enjoyed the 5th year Reunion of our Class during Homecoming Weekend. The last issue of ASSEMBLY gave pretty good coverage to that event, but let me say thanks to Roy **Buckner** who, with good help from Bill **Reynolds**, did an extremely fine job organizing things so that it was a pleasurable and memorable time for all in attendance. Two Class parties, many impromptu Class gatherings, a football game, and various alumni activities insured success, but I think everyone would agree that seeing old acquaintances was the most fun of all.

It would be impossible to relate all the information exchanged during that weekend, but I would like to mention those classmates who attended. The following are from a list provided by the AOG: **Bloomfield, Bolen, Brown, C., Case, Conway, Cook, Cope, Cytryn, Davison, DesJardins, Foster, Fraser, Grubbs, Harding, Harvey, Hornbarger, Jones, R., Kelly, A., Kleb, Lamback, Leyerzaph, Lind, Lonsberry, Mack, Mastriani, Meyer, P., North, Perkins, Pickarski, Smith, D., Smith, H., Spannaus, Speedy, Sutherland, Topor, Weisel,** and **White**. In addition, Mrs. Mike **Amrine** and Mrs. Kevin **Kelley** were there. Now, many others were in attendance, and I shall attempt to recollect the names of those fine people: **Banovic, Bertelli, Hinshaw, Kowalchik, Kvam, Egner, Kufeke, Normyle, Ullmann, Yourtee, Galton, Gantsoudes, Grasfoeder, Hillard, Leonard, McCormack, H., Thomas, H., Murdy, Schou, Speedy, Magnell,** and Mrs. James **McCormack**. I know that I have not listed all of you that were there, and I apologize for the lack of recall. (I also apologize for adding anyone that wasn't there) Actually, the only name I am 100 per cent sure of is Judy **McCormack**, Jim's wife, who rode up to the Reunion with Dixie and I. By the way, Jim is due home tomorrow (2 Jan.) from his 2d tour and will be heading for the Inf Car Course. All in all, the Reunion was a tremendous success and one the Class can be proud to look back upon. Personally, excepting the passage of time, I eagerly look forward to the next.

The fellows in RVN wrote some nice notes this past quarter, and I'm happy to pass on their poop. I think it's especially thoughtful of them since their time is usually quite limited, so I really appreciate their efforts in contributing to the column.

Bob **Walters** sent a Christmas card from the 199th Inf Bde's area where he has the challenging job of Bde Engr and 87th Engr Co CO. He says ". . . negative report from the DISTAFF side; frequent unaccompanied overseas tours have kept me a bachelor." Ron **Rezek** said "hi" from I FF Arty. He has a btry there. Ron's wife Linda is presently a music teacher in Lawton, Okla., waiting his return in Aug. Ron reports seeing Dick and Sue **Dexter** before his departure to RVN; stated Fred **Pope** was at the U. of Mich.; Fletch **Lamkin** at the U. of Calif.; Larry **Bryan** in Nha Trang in I FF Hq; Chet **Kempinski** in Nha Trang; and Bob **Gesner** commanding Hqs and Svc Btry, 3/319th Arty, 173d Abn Bde. Leo **Spinelli** wrote from Don Muang RTAFB, which is 10 miles from Bangkok, that he will be assigned to the AF Academy in Jan. (We need to infiltrate that place anyhow.) Leo says Bill **Murphy** is stationed near him and that they get together once in awhile for midnight excursions into Bangkok. Both are still bachelors. Ted **Togashi** gave me a good run-down on the troops in the Pleiku area. Ted is the Sig O to the 937th Engr Gp. He said Roger **Baldwin** is the Gp Asst S3; Dennis **Culp** is the S3 of the 20th Engr Bn; Phil **Shoemaker** is HHC CO, 18th Engr Bde in Dong Ba Thin; Dave **Corbett** is a Co CO in the 70th Engr Bn; and that Kevin **Kelley** was advising a ranger bn in the Pleiku area. Ted said that he would be taking a Sig Co before long and was looking forward to the job. Bob **Balderson** wrote from the 199th (with only 10 days to go!!!) and said he saw Pete **Claewplodtook** at Bear Cat in Sept. Pete is a special LNO to the Thai C/S. And Pete said that Vick **Kongsuvan** was at Sill or Bliss for schooling. Bob was on his way to the Amphibious Warfare Course at Quantico, Va., starting 16 Feb. 1970. Baldy also reported seeing Max **Johnson** at II FF Arty Hq.

Here in the States, everybody enjoyed the ARMY-Navy game and the Christmas and New Year's holiday. I must say, I didn't realize the Inf had it so good until I had the 16-day Christmas school break here at Ft. Benning. We have quite a few classmates down here, and the turnover is constant. Wayne **Wheeler**, George **Domas**, George **Hillard** (soon to be a father), Jim **Kofalt**, Ed **Schillo**, Bill **Major**, John **Graham**, Dave **Latimer**, Karl **Robinson**, Steve **Weisel**, Mark **Brennan**, Ed **Haydash**, Art **Parker**, John **Arrington**, Jim **Bigelow**, Rich **Stanko**, Norm **Gill**, Norm **Grunstad**, Tony **Hartle**, Jut **Hughes**, Tom **Kullman**, Charlie **Macchiaroli**, Jeff **Moakley**, Al **Palmer**, Jim **Pedersen**, George **Vondruska**, Huba **Wass de Czege**, and others are here. Mel **Case** just left; he is going to Georgia Tech for a master's in opns research. This will be Mel's 2d master's degree—his first was in golf which he received at Benning.

Over the holidays, Dave **Baratto** called and said he was enjoying the Armor Car Course at Knox. Dave, Ruth, Dario, and Carla will head for the U. of Ala. for a master's when he completes the Car Course. Jim **Beierschmitt** also called from Ft. Bragg. Jim is a Bn XO and working hard . . . and enjoying married life. He and Marsha have a young son named James Jr.

Ron, Betsi, Mike, and Steve **Williamson** will be leaving the Service soon to start graduate school at the U. of S. Dak. Ron will get his degree in government. Mike and Balva **Hartley** got out in Oct., and Mike is working for a law degree at Emory Law School in Atlanta, Ga.

A note from Chris **Shore** reveals that he will be arriving at Ft. Benning for the Inf Adv Crse starting 11 Jan. 1970. Chris left RVN 17 Sept. and did some snowbirding with the Berlin Brigade before arriving in the States. Also, a Christmas card picturing 2 very cute children, Deanna and Michael **Russo**, was received from Al and Judi who are located at Ft. Hood.

Denny **Gillem** is studying for his MA in international relations at the U. of Tex. at El Paso. His letter said it's really wild being in the Pol Sci Dept—he had to grow sideburns just to attend classes. Al **Christensen** is there for his MS in ORSA. Denny saw Jim **Powers** and Howie **Boone** at Bliss recently and said that Jim is in the Car Crse there and that Howie was an LNO at the Naval Post Grad School in Calif.

John and Gracie **Raymond** notified me of the birth of their 3d son Michael Winston born 2 June 1969. They are presently stationed at Kirtland AFB, N. Mex., where John is a navigator and special systems operator on an RB-57F. Bill **Bailey** is out there with the AF Special Weapons Lab and lives just down the street from John.

Ged **Brown**, now at the U. of Ill., writes that Jeff **Warner** married a gal from Atlantic Highlands, N.J., named Gloria Manganelli on 1 Nov. 69. They were married at the Post Chapel, Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and they honeymooned in the V.I. Jeff will be attending the Car Crse at Benning in Jan. Ged was Jeff's best man in the wedding; Greg **Hayward** was also in the wedding party. Greg, by the way, has been at the Pentagon, but I understand he is getting out very soon.

A very nice note from Ralph and Joan **Corley** brought us up to date on the southwestern part of the U.S. They have 2 children, named Wayne and Paige, and said they had a wonderful holiday. Ralph is on excess leave at the U. of Tex. in 1st yr law. They report that John and Tobey **Tate** and John and Betsy **Lang** are also aspiring lawyers there at U. T. The 6 of them had a big party on ARMY-Navy Day and enjoyed the game with some strawberry daqairies. Other news passed on by Joan is as follows: Sig and Linda **Weiner** are now in San Antonio; Fred and Sandy **Taylor** are in El Paso, where Fred is taking a course in system analysis (they just had a boy Frederick Scott Taylor to add to their 3-yr-old girl named Wendy); Marty **Ryan**, Art **Weiss**, Dave **White**, and Roy **Jones** were in the El Paso area and will soon be joining the ranks of civilians; Ralph **Campbell** is also getting out in Jan.—he has been at Ft. Bliss in the Air Defense School and has been operating a business franchise on the side selling Taco's—and been very successful I understand; Dick and Gail **Peterson** are civilians in Ill.; and an ex-classmate, Gary **Crowther** and wife Nina are stationed at Maxwell AFB, Ala. They have 4 boys.

An interesting Christmas card came to me from John and Gae **Ward**. The return address was somewhere in Switzerland. I don't know if they were just traveling or if John is there studying or what. But they have 2 children, John and Elizabeth, and upon their card was inscribed "HEUREUX NOEL ET MEILLEURS VOEUX POUR LA NOUVELLE ANNEE." My broken down French tells me that means something like Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

So, as I close, I hope you had a good holiday and let's hope the new year brings hope and happiness to us all.

One administrative note: let's get some pictures in here—they add a lot to the article!

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Art Hester is not AWOL, as I implied in the last column. He is at Stanford getting an M.S. in Industrial Engineering. He expects to come to WP in June with his wife Mae and 2 girls. Bob **Wolff** and Ron **Bailey** are also at Stanford. Bob writes that they will be at Stanford until about Oct. 70 where he is taking CE. Bob and Phyllis have a baby girl, Dina, born last Mar.

Unknown to me until recently, Bill **Fields** is here at WP as a propulsion instructor in the Engr Dept. He arrived last July and is leaving about 1 Mar. to study French at Monterey, thence to the French Test Flight School near Marseille. He and Rita have 2 daughters, Jeneanne 4 and Laura 2.

I have a new job now that the AF has closed Stewart AFB. I am now Airfield Ops Officer for Stewart Field Army Flt Activity.

Bob **Frank** is still in the hospital at Ft. Dix, but he was allowed to go home for Christmas. He hopes to remain in the Army after his recovery and has been offered a Soc Sci Dept quota for grad school. George **Seaworth** visited Bob from Ft. Devens. George expects to be a civilian about Mar. 70.

I saw quite a few classmates at the ARMY-Air Force and the ARMY-Tex A&M games. Some of them were: Scotty **Nelson**, Lee **Hewitt**, the Mike **Hudsons**, the Larry **Strassners**, the Bill **Reisners**, the Larry **Bennetts**, and the Ed **Knaufs**. Ed **Knauf** got his M.A. in aeronautical engineering at M.I.T. last Aug. and he is now at Norton AFB. John **Longhouser** came up from Stevens Institute of Tech. Steve **Harman** and Terry **Carlson** handed me notes at the game, and it's a good thing because some of the fans didn't appreciate my conversations with fellow classmates. Steve and Anne completed the Sig Adv Crs and will be living in Albany while Steve studies math at Rensselaer. The **Harmons** have a new addition, their 3d, James Thomas born in Aug. Steve reports that Rick **Kuzman** is going to Taiwan as a MAAG advisor and that Mark **Walsh** is going to Northwestern to study sociology after completing the AIS Adv Crs, also that Bernie **Ziegler** will attend the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey beginning Feb. 70. Terry **Carlson** is already at Rensselaer. Terry and Sharon have 2 boys, Christopher and Stephen. Terry is getting his degree in math. Also at RPI are T.J. **Kelly**, studying management, and Tommy **White**, studying math.

Gil and Ginny **Curl** visited Ginny's parents (who live about a block from me) at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gil is due to get out 28 Feb. and hopes to settle in the Hudson Valley. He reports that John and Karen **Pickler** are at the U. of Va., where John has been studying nuclear physics since Sept. Bruce and Judy **Raybeck** are at Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Judy is expecting a 2d baby in Feb. Frank **Hennessee** finished the Inf Adv Crs in Nov. and entered Georgia Tech to study industrial engineering. Gil ran into Tony **Clay** in NYC, where Tony works for the 1st National City Bank. Tony was married last Oct.

Steve **Darrah** wrote from Ft. Rucker where he is an academic instructor in the Aviation W.O. Career Devel. Branch. Phyllis and Steve have a 2d son **Gregory**, born 16 July. Steve reports that Julie and Bob **Radcliffe** are in Iran, where Bob is an advisor to the Iranian Army and aide to BG Mataxis.

Betsy and Howard **Reed** are in Raleigh, where Howard is working toward his M.S. in Mech Engineering at N.C. State. They are expecting their 2d child in Mar. Betsy reports

1965: Brothers-in-law Colin Halvorson and Mike Lapolla near Hue. Both are on 2d VN tours.

that Sherry and Kent **Brown** had their 1st, Jeffrey, last Aug. Kent was scheduled to return from RVN in Dec.

George **Bell** is presently attending the law school part time while on ROTC duty in Akron, but will be a civilian by the time you read this. He plans to remain there and get his law degree. Don and Sue **Erbes** visited the Bells in Akron. Don is getting out in June.

I stayed overnight with the **Powerses** at Ft. Knox and visited with the **Fliggs** and the **Coopers**. Mike **Fligg** has since departed for Purdue, where he is studying computer science. The following people graduated from the Armor Adv Crs in Feb. '70: John **Funk** to Ft. Hood, John **Roseberg** to RVN, Thom **Powers** to Ft. Lewis, Ray **Pollard** to Georgia Tech, Phil **Cooper** to Ariz. State for industrial engineering, and Jim **Woodard** to grad school at the U. of Mich.

Here's the news from Ft. Bliss as reported by Linda **Roebuck**. Zig **Roebuck**, Herb **Smith**, Ladd **Metzner**, and Tom **Wiley** finished the Air Def Adv Crs late last summer and all became btry cmdrs in the 7th Bn, 61st Arty, a Chapparal/Vulcan unit slated for Germany. The **Roebucks**, the **Metzners**, and the **Smiths** all have girls about 2 years old. The **Smiths** have another baby due in late Jan. Sylvia **Molepske** is staying in El Paso while Bob is in VN. They also have 1 daughter with another child on the way. Elsewhere Bob **Timbrook**, now at Ft. Knox, is due to get out of the Army in Feb. '70. Jim **Berry** and Fred **Belanger** finished the Adv Crs with Zig. Jim has an ARADCOM assignment around D.C. Fred got married and is a Nike Btry Cmdr in Mass.

I am going to depart from my usual practice in reporting only fairly recent news in the case of Ed **Armstrong** since apparently his

1965: Bill Heller receives BSM at Da Nang.

previous letters to the **ASSEMBLY** were lost. He spent his first 2 years at Columbus AFB as a construction engineer. He met his wife Karen there and spent quite some time deployed to Guam and RVN.. Then Ed went to Ariz. State where he received an M.A. in aeronautical engineering. While at Ariz. State, Ed was in Pi Tau Sigma and received a $10,000. research project from the National Science Foundation. While at ASU the **Armstrongs** partied with the L.B. **Lawsons**. Ed is now the F100/F86/T39/T28 Weapons System Engr at McClellan AFB at Sacramento, where he designs and fixes airplanes. The **Armstrongs** have an 18 mo. old son, Andy. They extend an invitation for classmates to drop in.

Jerry **Merges** sent me the latest from Ft. Holabird. There are now 5 classmates in the MI Adv Crs: Bob **Selkis**, Mark **Walsh**, Manny **Maimone**, Rich **Boerckel**, and Les **Hagie**. Jack **Concannon** and Rich **Hennig** graduated in Dec. Rich is headed for grad school at Georgetown in Jan. Steve and Molly **Philo** are expecting their 1st child in Feb. Steve plans on going to law school next fall. Dave **Hurley** will leave the Service in Mar. Tom **Abraham**, at Bliss, is planning to get out in Feb. Jerry mentioned seeing Rocco **McGurk**, Bill **Fields**, Scotty **Nelson**, Joe **Sanchez**, Steve **Harmon**, Tom Fergusson, and lots of others at the ARMY-Navy Game. He saw Mr. Bart **Barry** in D.C. in Nov. The **Mergeses** are expecting a 3d child in late Feb., just before Jerry leaves the Army.

I received only 2 letters with "free" instead of a stamp. John **Wells** was an Engr Co Cmdr and Bn S1 in I Corps. He returned to the States 28 Dec. and is assigned to the Sacramento Engr District in the Monterey Office. He expects to get quarters at Ft. Ord. John and Rose Ann have 2 boys, 30 and 16 months old. John reports that Fred **Smith** is S3 of the 19th Engr Bn and Dave **Brown** has an engr co attached to the 14th Engr Bn. John and Rose Ann ran into the **Smiths** and the **Connors** in Hi. last June. Mike **Connor** was an aide in RVN. Bob **Thompson** wrote from Phu Loi where he was finishing up his 2d VN tour as Plans and Tng Officer, 3 Bde 82d Abn Div. Bob will be a civilian by the time you read this. Bob, Jeanne, and Tawdra will be living in Tunkhannock, Pa., where Bob will work for Charmin Paper Co. Bob reports that Dave **DeMoulpied** was also in the 3/82 and was due to leave the Army in Dec. Lance **Stewart** is working in MACV Hq at Tan Son Nhut. Jamie **Bryan** arrived in Sept. and is in USARV G4. Fred **Shapiro** is S1 of the 2/12 Arty at Phu Loi. Fred is scheduled to get out in Feb. '70. Tom **Kovach** has an Inf Co in the 82d, but is being reassigned to the 1st Cav Div.

Some of you are no doubt aware that the deadlines for the ASSEMBLY appear in each issue in the "Bulletin Board." Since it came as a revelation to me, I pass it along. Thanks for all the letters.

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Undoubtedly, the world received the debut of Ken **Waylonis** with mixed acclaim. To Ken, it was either satisfying or embarrassing, but in the words of the late scribbler it was good press. Regardless, mail support is again favorable, and I can render an informative article.

Jim and Ann **Cunningham** have been assigned to the Inf Board at Benning following Jim's distinguished tour with the 116th Assault Helicopter Co in RVN.

John and Karen **Kozak** report that he has

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1966: Back row, L. to R., John Kozak, Dick Murray, Rick Clark, Gerry Smith, Tom Ewart, Mike Higgins, Bill Helkie. Middle row, L. to R., Karen Kozak, Stephanie Murray, Sue Clark, Joal Smith, Gerri Theisen (Tom's date), Cherry Smith (Mike's date), Tony Buetti. Front row, L. to R., Tom Grabow, Don Campbell at Officers Club, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

seen many classmates at Bliss. Tom **Ewart**, Dick **Murry**, Dick **Jones**, Warren **Johnson**, Don **Campbell**, Tony **Buetti**, George **Groves**, and Rick **Clark** are in the Car Course. Mike **Higgins** is an Inf Instructor; Gerry **Smith** is S3 of a Hawk Bn in the Army Tng Center; Bill **Helkie** is also with the ATC and plays basketball for the Center team. Ron **Meier** is an Asst S3; Bill **Stalker** is instructing in the Command and Staff Dept.; Tom **Zurla** is a student at the Defense Language Institute en route to RVN, Tom **Grabow** is assigned to the Low Altitude Area Defense Dept.; Dennis **Perkins** is Hq Btry CO in the Vulcan/Chapparal Bn where Sonny **Stowers** is S1, and Bill **Hargett** is assigned to the White Sands Missile Range. John **Kozak** is an instructor in the Car Course.

Mike and Barbara **Wynne** with daughters Lisa and Collene write that they are at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, where Mike is attending the AF Inst. of Tech.

Also in the AF, Ed **Case** is at Norad Hq in Colorado Springs, and Jim **Gibson** and Dan **Dodd** are at N. Mex. State working on their master's.

Norm **Fretwell** writes that he has recently changed assignments in Berlin and is now CO of B Co 4th Bn 18th Inf. Norm reports seeing Dave **Hines** with the Opns Sec of the Berlin Allied Staff.

Tom and Adelaide **Dusel** are at Ft. Carson where Tom is XO of B Btry 5th/4th Arty 5th Inf. Frank and Katherine **Callahan** are also at Carson.

Kevin and Penny **Gaynor** are at Rucker. Kevin is an academic instructor with the Dept of Tactics.

Bob, Bobbi, and Eric **Steenlage** are at Ft. Sheridan; Dave **Britain** is Asst Prof of Mil Science at the U. of Cincinnati; Fred and Kris **Rees** are with USATC at Ft. Lewis; Mike **Silliman** is with the DA Sports Office; Mike **Fuller** is with the 3d Inf at Ft. Myer, Larry **Donnithorne** is with Engr OPO; John **Donovan**, Gil **Ruderman**, and John and Sherie **Hayes** are at Ft. Bragg; Paul and Rose **Fantelli** and Art **Grant** are at Ft. Meade, and Sam **Bartholomew** and Harry **Wise** are at Ft. Jackson.

Woody **Brown** wrote that he and Tedde, John **MacDonald**, Bruce **Schremp**, Pat **O'Connell**, Justin **Pleasant**, Jim **White**, and Lynn **Wilson** are at Ft. Monmouth in the Car Course. In the area are John **Rice**, Mark, Carol, and Betsy **Scureman**, Steve **Singer**, Gaines **Dyer**, Ken **Kopecky**, and Jeff **Shurtleff**.

Attending the Eng Car Course at Ft. Belvoir are Sam **Champi**, Torry **Wilson**, Bill **Traubel**, Carl **Snyder**, Pete **Hines**, Joe **Calek**, Mark **Potter**, Hank **Simon**, and Ron **Marvin**. Also at Ft. Belvoir, Joe **Welch** is in the nonresident instruction office.

In the Ord Car Course are Terry **DeJonckheere**, John **Zierdt** and Ed **Andrews**.

At Benning for the Inf Car Course are Walt **Brinker**, Colin **Bludau**, and Ron **Bowen**. I'm sure I'll see many more when the course begins.

Jouni **Keravouri** is an ADC at Carlisle Brks and Al **Lindseth** is an ADC at Ft. Belvoir.

In VN are the following: John **Rantala**-199th Inf Bde at Long Binh, George **Sandell**-extended for A Trp 1/1 Cav in the Americal Div, Gene **Atkinson**-USECAV, Ken **Grice**-CO 513th Hq and Main Support Command, Doug **Booth**, Ken **Foret**, Jim **VanSickle**, Rick **Gorski**, Jack **Marshall**, Mike **Smith**, Bill **Tews**, Mike **Kimel**, and Jim **Ogle**.

In civil schooling, there are a large number of the Class studying medicine. Jim **Salander** writes that interested personnel should spec AR 601-112 and get with it. Besides Jim, those in med school now include Jim **Peake**, Keith **Markey**, Walt **Piskun**, John **Redmond**, and acting resident Reginald **Kinane**. Jack **LeCuyer** received an Olmsted Scholarship to Italy following Bill **Bergman** who already has an Olmsted Scholarship to the Netherlands. Jan **Van Prooyen** is studying nuclear physics at the U. of Ariz. Dan **Waldo** and Jim **Jenkins** both are reported to be in grad school.

Recently married are Gaines **Dyer** and Betsy Hartman.

Fred and Kris **Rees** announce the birth of their 2d son, Frederick. Congratulations!

Best wishes to all for the coming year. Please note the change of address and let me hear of yours.

'67

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Once again the hardships of war and life have not exempted our Class. Ron **Sutton** passed away on 4 Oct. of heart failure in Birmingham, Ala. Don **Dwiggins** was killed in action in VN in Dec. Our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

RVN: In mid Dec. Carroll **Howard** moved to Bien Hoa as aide to the III Corps Dpty Sr. Advisor; he had been with the 1st Div as CO, C/2Bn (Mech)/2d Inf. In the 1st Div, Bob **Curtis** is 1/4 Cav Motor O.; Jim **Warner** has A/1/28 Inf; Tom **Coker** is asst S3, 1st Bde; Rich **Altieri** is aide to the CG; John **Yankus** has C/2/28 Inf; Bob **Angeli** is asst S3, 1/4 Cav; Bill **Lynn** is S1, 1/16 Inf; John **Hart** has A Btry 8/6 Arty; Denny **Huyck** is asst G1. Sally is waiting his tour in Bergenfield, N.J. Jim **Cali** is also in Div Hqs as Chief of Admin Services. Jim **Siket** is LnO between Div and II FF. Nancy and James R. II (5/13/69) are residing in Highland Falls until he returns. Tom **Still** completed a tour with the 173d and is now an advisor to the VN Nat'l Military Academy at Dalat. Ty **McCoy** is XO, AFVN radio & TV at Tan Son Nhut. In the 4th Div, Rog **Arango** cmds HHC 1/69 Armor and Ray **Jones** is CO, Hq/3/8 Inf. Cheryl is living in Camden, Ark., until Ray returns. Rick **Foelsch** completed the MATA course at Bragg and the language

1967: L. to R., Bill Langlois, Dick Estes, Brian Hayes, Bart Bohn, members of 8th Eng. Bn. at Phouc Vinh.

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course at Bliss, and arrived in country mid Dec. as an advisor with Hq MACV. Laraine is waiting his tour in Valley Stream, N. Y. Mark **Miller** is asst S1 with the 24th Corps Arty. Bob **Evans** has a Btry in the 6/14 Arty near Pleiku. Steve **Toelle** is in Dau Tieng cmding a 155 SP How Btry. John **Kuspa** is also there as Installation O, while Linda awaits him in Southgate, Mich. Joe **Hardin** is BC, D/2/13 Arty at the 23d Arty Gp FOB Maria. Donny **Albers** is asst S3, 6/27 Arty in Quan Hoi. Jim **Jones** has A Co, 1st Bde, 1st Air Cav at Tay Ninh. John **Burns** is also there as LnO for 1/27 Arty. At Phu Hoi, Mike **Barney** is asst S3 for the 23d Arty Gp, and Pete **Economoc** is with A Btry 2/13 Arty. Jan **Askman** is asst XO for the CG, II FF Arty. Tom **Waraska** is Arty LnO with the 4/12 Inf. Beverly and their son Jimmie (4/9/69) await him in Philly. With the 25th Div, Marv **Tieman** is S4 2/34 Armor; Tom **Parr** cmds B/4/23 Inf, and Mike **Kush** has A/2(Mech)/22 Inf. George **Dials** is CO C/4/12 Inf, 199 LIB. Pamela is staying in Drexel Hills, Pa.

OKINAWA: Al **Olson** is aide to the High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Isls. He and Ann had a son William Thomas born 4 Oct. Bill **Cusack** cmds a HAWK Btry, and Tom **Condon** is with Hq 30th Bde.

GERMANY: Ace **Clark** cdms C/2/30 Inf. Steve and Sue **Viney** are in Berlin where Steve has A/4/18 Inf. There also are Dave **Hadly**, the Bn3 and Monk **Meyer**, C Co CO. Tom **Francisco** is CO HHC 2/6 Inf.

CONUS: Denny and Lori **Mikale** are at Ft. Riley, Kans., where Denny is Chief of Personnel Actions in the AG Br. Denny had spent 11½ mos in Fitzsimons recovering from wounds received in Nam. John and Ann **Goodnow** announced the birth of their daughter, Jeanne Elizabeth born 22 Oct. at Ft. Lewis. Mike **Lancaster** is in advanced flt tng at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. Terry **McMahan** is at Ft. Bragg after completing fixed wing flt tng at Ft. Rucker. He and Julia had a daughter Kimberly Lynn born 11 July. In rotary wing tng at Rucker are Dave **McAdoo** and Steve **Grove**.

Thanks for all your many cards and letters over the holidays. Sorry I have been unable to provide addresses that many of you have requested. Should I receive them, I will forward them on to you.

1968: Left to right: George and Sunny Ziots, Doug and Sue McKenna, Maureen, Dan and Jeffrey Powell.

'68

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Vietnam is currently the "in" place mainly because a lot of us are here. I know we all share the grief of the families of Bill **Ericson**, Don **Van Cook**, Ken **Cummings**, Denny **Johnson**, Dave **Sackett**, and Pete **Connor**. Their loss has saddened the whole Class. Bill's widow Clare has written twice and she gave Bill's class ring to the Cadet Library in Oct. I got a note from Ken's sister in July announcing his marriage to Franki Bradshaw in June 1969 at the AF Academy. He departed for VN 4 days after his wedding. Jim **Swinney** talked with Dave a few hours before he was killed in the same flight in which Jim won a SS. It was a tribute to Dave that the survivors of his platoon refused orders to pull back until they could recover his body. Dave **Schulte** wrote to me about Pete's death while leading his Inf Platoon in Nov.

Al **Vitters** wrote the AOG in Aug. to let them know that he and Bob **Griffin** were with the 11th LIB American Div and that Tom **Margrave** was also there with the 1/1 Cav.

Johnnie **Miller** was with the 101st in Aug. as an FA, as was John **Oventile**; Johnnie also wrote that Jim **Gaiser** was a Btry XO, that he had seen Chuck **Besanceney** in the A Shan valley with his Cav platoon, and Steve **Caldwell** took an Inf platoon in the 101st. Johnnie got married in Oct. 1968 and his wife Sue had their baby Robert Andrew this Aug.

I got a letter from John **Hedley** in Sept. He married Suzanne McCain at Ft. Benning in Jan. 1969. He's now with the 4th Inf Div along with Pat **Mente**, Ron **Adams**, John **French**, Gil **Tijerina**, John **Dallen**, and Art **Torres**.

Dave **Schulte** has written twice. He got married in Aug. on R&R in Hong Kong. He said that Fred **Tucker** did the same on his R&R in Hi. Dave, Mike **Benefield**, and Ron **Kendall** are all with 1st Cav Arty. He wrote that Paul **Pedrotti** and Rich **Wright** were also with the 1st Cav. Rich had been wounded, but was recovering in-country and would soon return to his unit.

1968: Mike Dauth with his new wings.

I met John **McDonald** at the 12th Evac Hosp in Oct. He had been wounded in the zone "C" with 1/12 Inf, 1st Cav. He was recovering there and is now back with his unit. He told me that Walt **Gaddis**, John **Dodson**, Bob **McDonald**, Bill **McAdams**, Mike **Murphy**, and Bruce **Parry** were all in the 1st Cav Div by Oct.

Oct. also brought more news of the 101st from Steve **Rader**: Jess **Nickols**, Gary **Halstead**, Bill **Robinson** and Don **Jones** had all been wounded and were back in the "world" by then. Others in the 101st with Steve are Mike **Einbinder**, Pete **Sowa**, Steve **Bowman**, Jack **Mayer**, Rich **Scaglione**, and Bill **Higgins**. Bill **Mulvey**, Frank **Audrain**, Tony **Cerne**, and Jim **Tallman** were with the 173d.

I got a letter from Jim **Lawton** in Dec. He's with the 23d Arty Gp and DEROS's this Jan. He said he planned to marry Anne Griswold in Feb.—nice way to go home! He said that Jock **Merriam** returned to Hi. with the 9th Div, married Melena Bremmer in Panama, and they are now in Germany.

As for the 25th Inf Div; yours truly, Jim **Swinney**, Will **Price**, and Larry **O'Toole** are all with the 3/4 Cav. Jim commands a Trp, and Will and Larry are Trp XO's. Ken **Day** is somewhere in the Div, also. Dave **Neyses** is with the 1st Inf Div. Paul **Baerman** and Bill **Nash** are both with the 11th Cav.

Moving to stateside news: Dan **Lynes** wrote from Ft. Benning in June that he was getting married in July and by now he's in VN, too. John **Kruger's** wife Jonnie wrote in June. They had a baby Derek Daniel in Feb. 1969 and John is now in VN with the 3d Bde, 9th Div, along with John **Benson**. Mike **Dauth** got married and he and his wife Joanne were in Enid, Okla. for AF pilot tng. At last report they were expecting a baby in Sept. and Mike was headed for Taiwan after getting his wings. Rich **Rhoades** was due in VN in July; his wife Mary is staying in Nyack, N.Y., and was expecting a baby in Aug. Bob and Maureen **Shaw** and Monte and Lou **Anderson** were at Ft. Bragg in Aug. Also at Ft. Bragg, Eric **Thomas** received a perfect score and a trophy in the Air Movement Opns course in June.

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Bill **Mulvey** wrote before he came to VN to tell me he had gotten engaged to Suzie Pugh and that they plan to marry when he gets back. Rosemary **Ackerman** sent me a letter in July from Ft. Bragg full of good news. She and Art had a son Arthur Weiman in Apr. Warren and Betsy **Bowland** had a boy Christopher. Diane and Frank **Audrain** were expecting a child in Nov., and George and Pat **Nippell** had a daughter Catherine in Apr. Ed **Milinski**, John **Walsh**, Mike **Mann**, and John **Anderson** have all gotten married.

Gordy **Tillery** wrote from Ft. Sill in July. Also at Sill were Fred and Sally **Shahid** and Nick and Carol **Kurilko.** Gordy said that Dan **Seebart** and Dan **Bunnell** both got married in June. Ft. Sill saw a lot of '68 pass through; Charlie **Piraneo** went through on his way to Virenza, Italy. Dave **Smith**, Ed **Millson**, Tommy **McConnell**, Doug **Stevenson**, Dan **Taylor**, Ron **Yasukawa**, and Chuck **Stevenson** were all there for Bn Comms officers course. Jay **Francis** and Mike **O'Neil** were at Ft. Riley, and Terry **Kennedy** and Bruce **Parry** had left for VN. Joe **Mangino** switched from ADA to FA, and Jinny and Lee **Morand** had a child.

Dave **Clappier's** wife Doris wrote from Ft. Campbell in Aug. Dave had left for VN in June along with many others who were at Campbell, including Ron **Adams**, Bill **Little**, Bill **Craven**, Denny **Rosenberry**, Charlie **Beckwith**, Jim **Baird**, John **Hathaway**, and Jim **Kimball.**

I got a letter from Bob **Clarke** in Aug. He married a girl named Anneliese in June and when he wrote he was attending "Duster" school at Ft. Bliss with Dick **Wiedenbeck**, Joe **Mance**, and George **Rebovich**. They were all due in VN later in Aug. Bob said that Andy **Anderson** had talked the Army into sending him through Med School. Andy figures he'll finish his commitment by the time he's 40.

Ron **Feher** sent a letter from Ft. Belvoir in Aug. He said that Jack **Cochran** married a girl named Bevi in June and he is now in VN, as is Bruce **McKenna**. Steve **Windsor**, George **Neill**, Mike **Kulikowski**, and Mike **Fellows** who were all at Ft. Belvoir with Ron then. Mike **Fellows** had married Becky Green in May; Ron had married Kathy Terranova in July, and Mike **Kulikowski** was bound for flight school.

Roger **Olsen's** wife Kathy wrote in Sept. to announce the birth of their son Erik in Aug. Roger is currently in the 1st Inf Div. She also said that Dick **McClelland**, Frank **Cooch**, and Dave **Taylor** are currently in VN.

Ed **Hobbs** wrote from Kirtland AFB, N.M., in Sept. He had just gotten his Master's in Nuc Engr from Stanford and was then nuc research officer at the AF weapons lab. Nick **Dienes** was there with him in the electronics div. Ed also said that Marty **Bowling** had married Barbara Gustafson in Aug. and was then attending M.I.T.; and John **Harmeling** was getting married in Nov. Both Marty and John had received ACM's for outstanding performance at their jobs.

Terry **Wong** wrote from Schofield Barracks, Hi., during Sept. He and Nick **Nahorniak** are enjoying the 50th state.

Warren **Bowland's** wife Betsy wrote a long letter in Sept. also. She gave me the news about the **Erions'** baby boy Carl. Jim and Sue **Cima** had a daughter Christie, Mike and Diane **Billingsley** at Ft. Carson were expecting in 1970, and Tommie and Jackie **Krieger** had a baby boy Paul. Chuck **Brooks** and Surry **Everett** were still at Ft. Bragg at that time. Ray **Puffer** was at Aberdeen as an aide then, and Ben **Heil** was at Ft. Campbell. Bobby **Baker** was in ADA in Calif, and was due to move to Carlisle Barracks in Nov. Jack **Baver** was XO of a tng sqdn at Lackland AFB. Jerry **Holderness** wrote from Carlisle Barracks in Oct. He was then aide to BG Greene at the War College and had gotten married to a girl named Susan in Aug. He wrote that Neil **Cowperthwaite** was due in VN in Oct. and his own in-country date was Jan. 1970.

I got a letter from Dan **Powell** at Ft. Richardson, Ak. in Nov. He and Sue had a boy Jeffrey in Aug. Dan is with ADA up there. Also at Ft. Rick are Doug and Sue **McKenna** with the Inf, and George and Sunny **Ziots** with FA. Tim and Jane **Brown** are also in Ak. They had a girl Kelly in July and Tim was aide to LTG Lemmon, CG USARAL. I just heard that Jim **Hargis** was in Ak. about then, too.

Ted and Ellen **Broyhill** wrote from Castle AFB. He's there for B52 tng now after he completed pilot tng at Randolph AFB in Aug. Ted said that he was due to go to March AFB, Calif., in Mar. and that he had heard that Bob and Judy **Hunt** in Germany were expecting a child in May.

On to Europe to complete this roster and odyssey of news! Tony **Ambrose** wrote from Wiesbaden in Jun. He had married a Philly girl, Linda, in Oct. 1968. Since he's been in Germany he has run into Jim **Madora** (ADA), Abe **Eustice** (Cav), Dave **Clemm**, Bud **Neswiacheny**, Lamar **Ratcliffe**, Bob **Sweeney**, Hal **Wilhite**, Len **Wallin**, and Mike **Romash.** George and Cathy **Fravel** were in Gelnhausen, and Mike **Tangen** and Vic and Alison **Garcia** were in Bad-Kreuznach along with Frank **Robinson.** Tony informed me that he and Linda were expecting sometime around last Thanksgiving. Drew and Sheila **Allen** are now in Germany, along with Fred and Diane **Johnson.**

John **Cruden** wrote from Germany in June. He, Rick **Russell**, Mark **Hansen**, Dick **Shipley**, Larry **Baker**, Eric **Kunz**, Craig **Carson**, and Ron **Warncke** all celebrated their promotions together. John had visited Bill and Carol **Kunzman** in Kreuz Wertheim at the ADA site there and he said that the **Krohnfeldts** were expecting soon. Neil **Lark** is with 1/13 Inf in Baumholder. John had gotten a letter from George **Heckman** in Ft. Meade who said then he could see a wife and a company in his future.

I received a note from Dale **Hansen** in Aug. that said he and Margo had been blessed with a baby girl Michelle in July and were then headed for Frankfurt.

Dan **Donahue** was with the 3d AD in Germany, and Mike **McClary** was in 2/37 Armor then, also.

Duncan **Stewart** wrote from Germany in Nov. He had been wounded in VN in Aug. and by Nov. had ended up in the 8th Inf. Div. via a couple of convalescent hospitals. In his letter he mentioned that he had gotten married shortly before going to VN, that Denny **MacVittie** had gone to the 1st Cav LRRP's and that he was replacing Pat **Curran**, who was bound for VN soon. Duncan also said that Greg and Mary **Babitz** were expecting this Jan. Greg is with a Sig unit in Wuerzberg.

That's about it for this installment; my apologies to anybody I've missed or misquoted; my congratulations to all those who have gotten married or had babies since I last wrote, and my sincere thanks to all those who have written. Keep the letters coming.

'69

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A few letters, a pair of weddings, and a New Year's party in D.C., coupled with a little more initiative on my part, are responsible for the increase in news this issue. Now that the Class is beginning to depart for the far corners of the earth following our initial schooling, I'll be relying on your letters more than ever for information. In the end, this column is what you, the Class, make it.

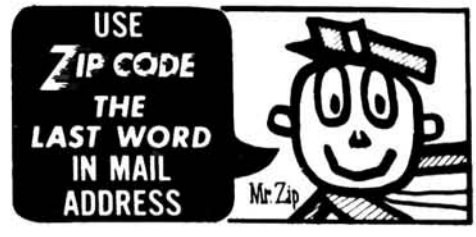
Early in Dec. I went out to Walter Reed Hospital and spent an afternoon with Dave **Kremenak.** As most of you know, Dave was hit by a jeep last Aug. while on his way to the morning formation for Abn school. For a while he was perilously close to death, but he is now well on his way to recovery. The only noticeable after effects that Dave still has are a depression in his skull which will be repaired later this year, and a partial paralysis in one hand which will hopefully be overcome in due time. Dave said that he will probably be released from active duty, after which he hopes to enter medical school at the U. of N. Mex. Dave would appreciate hearing from members of the Class, and a letter to his permanent home address will still reach him.

I received a letter from Bill **Leppig**, who is now at his Marine basic school at Quantico. He mentioned that he had seen quite a few members of the Class at the big win over Navy in Philadelphia, including Gene **Murphy**, Luigi **Rose**, Russ **Milnes**, Dave **Barber**, Dave **Scibetta**, Rusty **Casey**, Bill **Rynearson**, Jack **von Kaenel**, and Butch **Beard.** He also reports that the other 2 "jarheads" in our Class, Steve **Bosshard** and John **Heath**, are happily married and preparing to go into Marine avn.

Two weddings around Christmas provided an opportunity to see some classmates who had been in seclusion since June. Carol and Rick **Cappiello** were married in Conn. on 22 Dec., and in attendance were Walt **Ballenberger**, Jim **Nelson**, Doug **Jeffrey**, Frank **Tabela**, Steve **Rhyne**, Rich **West**, Roger **Vandenberg**, Mike **Steele**, and Tom **Brennan.** True to form, CAP did not leave the wedding until midnight, after the open bar had been closed. Joanne and Paul **Feyereisen** were married 27 Dec. at Ft. Myer, Va. Adding color to this ceremony were Mike **Colacicco**, Wayne **Murphy**, Tom **Spencer**, and Brooks **Boye.**

To close out this entry, I'll mention the party which closed out the year 1969 in D.C. From reports pieced together after the dust settled, the following members of the Class were present at one time or another, in one state or another: Bill **Taylor**, Bill **Holbrook**, Dick **Simmons**, Dan **Meischen**, Jack **Guernsey**, Tom **McCaslin** (co-host), John **Davis**, Carl **Ozimer**, Steve **Rhyne**, Rich **West**, Bill **Burke**, Jim **Nelson**, Ron **Hilburn**, Steve **White**, Bruce **Laswell**, Ken **Fleming** (co-host), Bill **Damon**, Rob **Goff**, Robin **Cababa**, Tom **Wheelock**, Brian **Morrill**, and your class Scribe. Photos were taken, but hopefully will never be published.

That's all for now. Please do drop me a line if you find time. Happy New Year to all!



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Class of Apr '17

Again we have been saddened by the late news just received of the death of Percy **Black.** Percy died of lung cancer at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 12 Jan. Burial was at Arlington Cemetery on 15 Jan. His wife, Laura, will continue to live in their apartment at 4000 Mass. Ave. in Washington. The Class joins Laura in mourning the loss of our classmate.

For a number of years this address, 4000 Mass. Ave., has held the greatest concentration of our classmates: Gladys and Joe **Collins,** Jule and Bill **Heavey,** and Laura and Percy, all three couples in the same tier of apartments.

In December Vivian **Irving** had an eye operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital for a detached retina. According to the latest report from her doctor, she is doing well.

Class of '50

P.S. Plans for a minority 1950 June Week Reunion are being made by the undersigned. To refresh your memory, 27 (Wed.) and 29 (Fri.) May are set aside for Class activities. Thursday, 28 May, is the date for the Superintendent's Reception and the Alumni Dinner-Dance at Cullum Hall. Reunion activities cease at noon on 30 May. Accordingly, it is hoped that we can obtain a locale for Class activities on both Wednesday and Friday. Thursday's itinerary will include cocktails and cookout at the **Dielens'** before, during and after the Cullum Hall activities. For those desiring to attend the alumni function, all it takes is a coat and tie. **Bob Hoisington** and I are available to assist in the acquisition of accommodations. In order to get a feel for the magnitude of attendance, I would appreciate a note from all who plan to be here. Hope to see you June Week.

Gus **Dielens**

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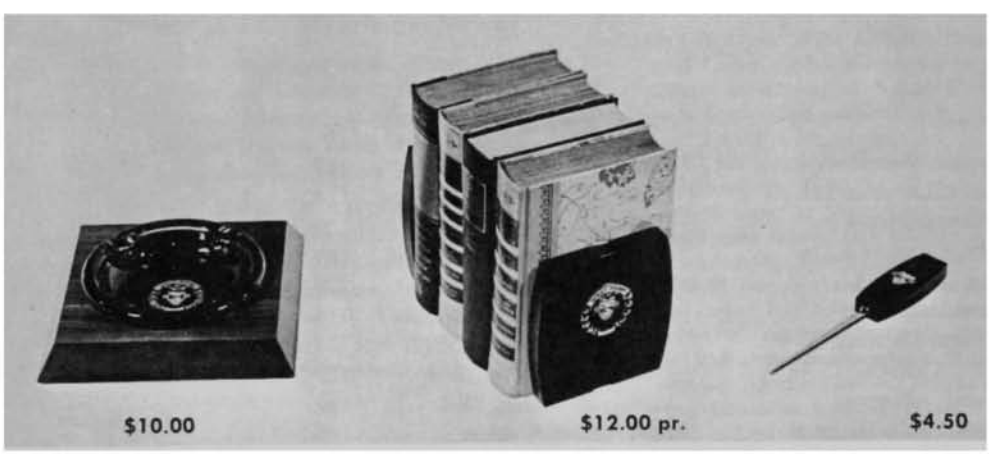

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Be Thou At Peace

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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George Henson Estes Jr.

NO. 3599 CLASS OF 1894

Died 2 July 1969 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 96 years.

Interment: Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater, Florida

GEORGE HENSON ESTES JR.

"HOKE" ESTES, AS HE was affectionately known to his classmates and other friends, was born in Eufaula, Alabama, 30 January 1873. His family moved to Columbus, Georgia, shortly thereafter.

Having been appointed to the United States Military Academy from the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia in 1890, he graduated from that institution and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry on 12 June 1894.

He served on duty with or in command of troops in all grades from Second Lieutenant to Brigadier General and in all units of Infantry from a platoon to a division. In addition, he served in the Subsistence Department of the Army, in the Inspector General's Department, and in various sections of the War Department General Staff. His service record includes duty in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaiian Islands, the Philippine Islands, and in various parts of the United States. On his Army Schools record may be found the United States Military Academy, the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

During the period from 1912 to 1918 while in the Subsistence Department he held the office of Treasurer of the United States Military Academy except for an absence of about two years duty with combat troops, the Twentieth Infantry, as required by law at that time.

He received commendation for conduct in action in Cuba in 1898, in the Philippine Islands in 1900, and again in 1901 and for his services in World War I, accompanied by appropriate ribbons and medals.

In the early days of World War I he served with the 76th Division, later on with the War Department General Staff in Washington, D. C. During a portion of this time he was the representative of the War Department Industries Board, Washington, D. C.

On 8 August 1918, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned to duty with the 18th Division, which he organized and trained at Camp Travis, Texas, and which he commanded until it was demobilized in March 1919.

After World War I his service included a tour of duty on the War Department General Staff, Washington; Commander of United States troops in Puerto Rico from 1925 to 1928; duty as Chief of Staff, 9th Corps Area; Commander of the 8th Infantry Brigade, Regular Army, with headquarters at Fort McPherson, Georgia. From 1929 to 1933 he was also the commander of the 82nd Division of the Organized Reserves which was composed of personnel from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He also supervised the training of all other Reserve units in those States during the same period.

On 30 August 1933, under instructions from the Secretary of War, he assumed command of the Infantry School and of the Post of Fort Benning, Georgia, continuing in that office to 30 September 1936. He retired from active duty on 31 December 1936 and took up residence in Columbus, Georgia.

General Estes started his school career at the age of eight years in a public school of Columbus, Georgia, and it seems a particularly happy fate that he should have finished his active service in the Army at the head of the largest military school of its kind in the world at his native city.

His ancestors were among the original settlers of Columbus, Georgia. His grandfather, Henson Scott Estes, and his father, George Henson Estes, were both prominent and influential citizens of Georgia.

In 1899, General Estes married Frances Farrell of Los Angeles, California. They had two children, Henson F. Estes, now deceased, and Frances, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Claude D. Collins, United States Army, Retired, Clearwater, Florida. There are four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In 1943 General Estes closed his home in Columbus, Georgia, and took up residence in Clearwater, Florida.

Both while on active duty and when retired he did quite a bit of writing for Service Magazines and for Sunday Supplements of a newspaper chain.

After moving to Clearwater, Florida, his interest in the community welfare is attested by his activities which ranged over a wide field: Member, American Legion, Local Post; Member, Clearwater Yacht Club; Member, and Director, Clearwater Rotary Club; Member and Director Arts and Science Club; Member and Director Community Concert Association; Member and Director Little Theater Group; Member and Director, Chamber of Commerce, Clearwater; Member and President, Retired Officers Club, Clearwater; and Member and President, The Executives Club, Clearwater.

General Estes died on 2 July 1969 at Clearwater, Florida, and is buried in the family plot in Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, near Clearwater, Florida.

—F. E. C.

Henning Ferdinand Colley

NO. 4153 CLASS OF 1903

Died 13 April 1969 in Bremerton Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington, aged 87 years.

Interment: Brookfield, Wisconsin

HENNING FERDINAND COLLEY

ON 13 APRIL 1969, Colonel Henning Ferdinand Colley died while sitting in a chair as a patient at Bremerton Naval Hospital where he had gone for medical tests. He was born near Forest City, Iowa, on 10 November 1881. He entered the Academy in 1899, graduating in 1903 in a class headed by General Douglas MacArthur whom Henning worshipped throughout his life for his courage, integrity, honesty, intellect, and stature. He held sacred these qualities and lived by this code. He loved card games, was an inveterate reader constantly searching for the truth, an independent thinker, and a constant sports fan — his favorite sport was collegiate football. True to his own home section of country, he always "backed" the Big Ten, which enabled us to collect the occasional wager from him as to the winner of the Rose Bowl.

He was attached to the Artillery: Coast Artillery Corps, prior to World War I. We believe it was during this time that he was assigned to research the feasibility of mining the waters of Puget Sound. He was Commanding Officer of the 351st Field Artillery and 16th Field Artillery with the American Expeditionary Force and served with the American Forces in Germany. He retired in 1920 as a Major, subsequently as a Colonel in 1930. For many years he worked with the Internal Revenue Department, excise tax division, and also with the City of Seattle Health Department. During World War II he worked as a shipfitter to help the Allied cause.

He was married two times, and both wives predeceased him.

Henning never did anything but good, had no enemies but countless friends. From 1953 until his death, he uncomplainingly underwent surgery for four different and distinct types of cancer, without losing that ready smile and sense of humor. He was very happy to return to the 65th Class Reunion

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at the Academy in 1968, which involved a jet flight across the continent from Bremerton unaccompanied at the age of eighty-six. We were happy that he was able to renew friendships with Colonel Dorsey Read Rodney with whom he corresponded over the years.

Among many of his good deeds, he provided assistance and especially the intellectual stimulus for his nephew to study medicine for which Russell will always be indebted.

Henning would be embarrassed by a flowery epitaph; he would decidedly and definitely dislike it. But of him may it be said, as Shakespeare caused Bassanio to say of Antonio, "the dearest friend to me, the kindest man, the best condition'd and unwearied spirit in doing courtesies and one in whom . . . honour more appears than any that draws breath. . . ."

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Trautman, four nieces: Mrs. Evelyn Meinecke of Bremerton, Washington, with whom he made his home during the last two years; Mrs. Pearle Maver of Montreal; Mrs. Norma Pulton of Edmonton, Alberta; Mrs. Vivian Wallom of Sun City, Arizona; and a nephew, Russell Q. Colley, M.D., of Tacoma, Washington.

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Charles Roberts Pettis

NO. 4215 CLASS OF 1904

Died 10 January 1969 in Ellisville, Mississippi, aged 88 years.

Interment: Oxford, Mississippi

SHORTLY AFTER 10:30 P.M., Friday, 10 January 1969, death culminated the long and fruitful lifetime of Colonel Charles Roberts Pettis of Ellisville, Mississippi, a member of the Class of 1904, United States Military Academy.

His classmates at West Point knew him as "Pete," and they, with his many other friends, had a full appreciation of his proficiency. He was a person with an intelligence far above the average, and coupled with this was his innate reserve and Christian humility.

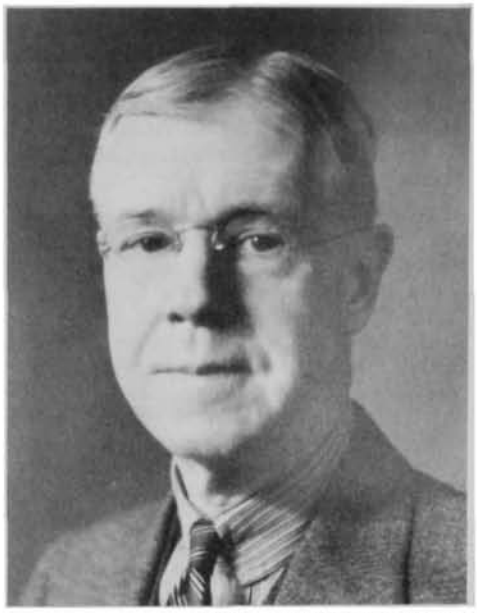
A prayer service attended by members of his family and his close friends was held in the old Pettis home in Ellisville where he had spent many of his happy boyhood years. His pastor, Reverend Newton Wilson of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, conducted the service beside the flag-draped casket and concluded with the reading of "The Cadet Prayer."

On Monday morning the body was taken to Oxford, Mississippi, to be interred among the graves of his ancestors. There a brief graveside service was held.

Born in Oxford, Mississippi, 21 May 1880, Charles Pettis was the eldest son of William S. and Ada C. Pettis, life-long residents of Mississippi.

His education was extensive and varied, he graduated from the University of Mississippi, 1899—A.B.; United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1904—B.S.; General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, 1920; Army War College, 1921; Army Industrial College, 1922; and the University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (Hydrology).

In 1927 he was elected a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This was in recognition of his extended research and analysis of flood flows in the United States.



CHARLES ROBERTS PETTIS

In 1936, while on duty in Detroit, Michigan, in charge of the United States Lake Survey, he made a study and analysis of the various factors affecting the levels of the Great Lakes, and as a result of this research he was given the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Michigan.

Over the years his research in the varied subjects related to hydrology led him to write articles for publication in a number of scientific magazines: *The Military Engineer; Engineering News Record; Civil Engineering; Proceedings, American Society of Civil Engineers.*

During his military career from 1900 to 1943, his duties were varied and range from: Assistant to the Chief Engineer, Manila, Philippine Islands, and Command of 1st Battalion Engineers, in charge of survey and land defense work in the Puget Sound Area to Assistant Professor of Mathematics, U. S. Military Academy. He commanded the 3d Battalion Engineers and was in charge of fortification and road construction, Corregidor, Philippine Islands, and was Department Engineer, in charge of fortification works in Manila Bay, Manila, Philippine Islands. During World War I, he commanded the 28th and 306th Engineers in France and was later in charge of the liquidation of war supplies in London, England.

As U.S. District Engineer, Baltimore, Maryland, he prepared a project for flood control at Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and a plan for deepening the approach to Baltimore Harbor.

He was Commanding Officer, 2d Engineers stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado; with the Engineer Office, Fifth Corps Area, Columbus, Ohio; in charge of U.S. Lake Survey Office, Detroit, Michigan; and in charge of U.S. District Engineer Office, Detroit, Michigan, prior to his retirement.

In 1939, after thirty-nine years of active service, he retired and became Head of the Department of Mathematics at Mississippi State College.

He was recalled into service because of World War II and was in charge of the Engineer R.O.T.C. at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, with incidental duties connected with other Engineer Units in the Fifth Corps Area.

Upon his retirement in 1943 he served for one year with the Ohio Water Supply Board in Columbus, Ohio, and at the end of that year he returned to his former position at Mississippi State College where he remained until 1950 when he was retired.

Colonel Pettis was a member of: The American Society of Civil Engineers (Fellow), American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow), American Geophysical Union (Member), International Association of Navigation Congresses (Life Member), Society of American Military Engineers (Member), Rotary International, American Camellia Society, and Sons of the American Revolution. He is listed in *Who's Who in America, 1950; Who's Who in Education; American Men of Science.*

In 1913 he married Miss Mary Woolsey Garnsey, daughter of Cyrus Garnsey Jr., and Carrie Dobyns (Garnsey) of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Garnsey was Assistant U.S. Fuel Administrator in World War I. Colonel and Mrs. Pettis had two children—a son, Charles R. Pettis Jr. of Ithaca, New York, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Pettis Lamb of Des Moines, Iowa. There are five grandchildren.

Upon his retirement in 1950 he and Mrs. Pettis settled in Des Moines, Iowa, and bought a home, but after a year they felt that weather conditions would be more pleasant and comfortable in the south so they bought a home in Ellisville, Mississippi, where his family had lived for many years. In this home he found much enjoyment in his yard and with his camellias. He joined an art class at the Junior State College in town and attended that regularly. These occupations, along with his church affiliations kept him well occupied.

He was an Elder in the Ellisville Presbyterian Church and for a number of years taught the Men's Bible Class.

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Cuthbert Powell Stearns

NO. 4804 CLASS OF 1909

Died 6 June 1969 in Charlottesville, Virginia, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

NO MORE NOBLE SPIRIT ever entered or left West Point than "Tups" as he was fondly called. His was a rare mixture of fitting humor and devotion which lent to his actions a wholesome magnetism. As a cadet he was for three years a first string end on the foot-

CUTHBERT POWELL STEARNS

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ball team, despite his weight of only a hundred and fifty-one pounds — and this at a time when much heavier ends were the rule. He was also a high-ranking "make," ending as a cadet captain. With all this extra work he stood well in his studies.

His record was so outstanding he was called back twice to the Academy as soon as regulations allowed. During those eight years he taught math, English, history, economics, surveying, and horsemanship. In addition he was a tactical officer, commanding a battalion of cadets, and climaxed his last two years by being appointed Master of the Sword. I know of no officer who at West Point filled efficiently so many diverse offices.

Out of all these abilities his main passion was the horse. In Madison Square Garden, on his own mount, he made over water a world's record broad jump of 27 feet. On the Mexican Border he rode the same horse a hundred and ten miles in twenty-four hours. His prime ambition to lead a cavalry charge against our enemies was thwarted by the advent of the tank. But he was partially compensated by being given command of one of the last cavalry regiments.

During World War I, while a Major he received the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "As chief of staff, spruce production division, Bureau of Aircraft Production, by his loyal devotion to duty, tact, industry and resourcefulness, he handled with conspicuous success all the military problems of organizing the division and distributing the troops and supplies, an operation which involved constant and intimate relations with 150,000 civilian lumbermen and over 500 lumber mills, extending over an extensive territory. He rendered services of great value to the Government in a position of great responsibility."

He even persuaded the delegates of all these lumbermen to accept without the slightest ruction a freeze on their wages, thus saving millions of dollars for the government. In the whole venture, he had no precedent to guide him.

His responsibilities after the war were of a high order: G3 of the 2d Cavalry Brigade; cavalry instructor at the Field Artillery School; command of the Second Squadron, 11th Cavalry; member of the War Department General Staff, G1; Executive Officer 2d Cavalry at the Cavalry School; Chief of Staff, 1st Cavalry Division; Command of 5th Cavalry; Chief of Staff, 6th Infantry Division.

In all these assignments he received high commendations from his superiors, including Generals Drum, Moses, Lear, and Brees; and to his own junior officers and men, he was an inspiring and noble figure.

In World War II he assumed even more difficult and responsible duties than in World War I. He was picked for training officers in Military Government, a subject which had received much theorizing but little practical testing, especially in the problems of restoring to efficiency the countries which war had ravaged. He organized the first school of military government in the United States, and went to England to establish and head a similar school there.

His inspiring and efficient training of all sorts of officers resulted in his assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, and his promotion to Brigadier General.

Lieutenant General Lee said of his work: "You organized and splendidly developed the training center at Shrivenham for the education of Military Government personnel. There you placed your imprint upon the hundreds, and, indeed, thousands of Americans — both mature, experienced administrators, and younger men who were destined to take over the unprecedented tasks of civil administration from the Armies as they surged across France, the Low Countries, and into Germany.

"In all of our planning, the outstanding trait of your work was soldierly appreciation of our mission. Your demands for personnel, for tonnage, for equipment and for supplies, were always tempered by a true military concept of our major campaign problems.

"One shudders to think of how hopelessly difficult it would have been for us, had your most important assignment been filled by one lacking your foresight and wise human interpretation."

Shortly after this recognition, he was struck down by a savage blow. He was notified at his headquarters in Paris that his only son, an Aide to a General, had been blown to his death by a German booby-trap while scouting a site for a forward headquarters. I was with Tups just afterward. I have never seen a father's grief dig deeper into his soul. I have never seen more soldierly self-control to carry on with the giant tasks in hand.

Even through his suffering, however, God blessed him with exceptional strength. He had had the fortune and the wisdom to marry after graduation Jessie Anne Peabody, a vital mate, whose love had grown through the years and whose grief was one with his. Though the loss could not be blotted out, her sharing and bolstering helped to alleviate the pain. And there came other supports.

His daughter Frances, beautiful in body and spirit, having married Paul Churchill Hutton, Class of '26, and later a highly-regarded Foreign Service officer, presented Tups with three remarkable grandsons. Two are now Majors in the classes of '58 and '59 respectively, one of these a Rhodes Scholar, and the third has just been commissioned from the University of Virginia. Thus, Tups lived to see his ideals carried forward in two pleasing generations.

Through all of these vicissitudes and responsibilities, he combined a rare uprightness, purity, gentleness, and modesty. He was one of those wise, sound, and quietly noble spirits of whom we can say so little except . . . here was a man for all seasons.

We list to his passing tread.

— *Ganoe '07*

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Merl Paul Schillerstrom

NO. 4841 CLASS OF 1909

Died 23 June 1969 in Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

COLONEL MERL PAUL SCHILLERSTROM, United States Army, Retired, died at Fitzsimons United States Army Hospital on 23 June 1969, at the age of 82.

Born on 26 December 1886, at Rattlesnake Creek, twenty miles south of Elko, Nevada, Colonel Schillerstrom (Shilly) made the Army a career, graduating from West Point in 1909, and serving continuously until the end of World War II. He was retired for reasons of health as well as length of service.

His initial service as an Infantry officer was at Fort Apache, Arizona, with the 8th

MERL PAUL SCHILLERSTROM

Cavalry. The following year, in 1910, he was ordered to Whipple Barracks at Prescott, Arizona. It was there that he met and married Evelin Margaret Harkin, who shared his military life and retirement until her passing on 4 June 1969, only three weeks before her husband.

In 1913, he went overseas to Camp Keithly, Mindinao, Philippine Islands, then to Zamboanga, and to Fort McKinley in Manila. Returning in 1915, he was assigned to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming (now named Fort Francis E. Warren). The same year he was sent with the Punitive Expedition into Mexico. During the World War I years, he was made an Inspector General at Newport News, and then in 1920 was returned to the Philippines where he was Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 45th Infantry at Fort McKinley. Next he went to Tientsin, China, where he was Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 15th Infantry. Returning to the United States in 1924, he then commanded the 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry at Spokane, Washington. In 1925-26, he attended the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a classmate of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1926, he was on National Guard duty at Detroit, Michigan, then in 1927, he went to the same type of duty with the 164th Infantry at Spokane, Washington. From 1930-32 he was at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he was again an Infantry battalion commander. In 1932, he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of North Dakota where he remained for five years. In 1937, he was Commanding Officer of Support Troops at Fort Benning, Georgia. From 1939 to 1943, he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Tennessee. From 1943-45. he was Post Commander, Fort McClellan, Alabama, and in 1945-46, he was Commander of the District of Alabama with headquarters in Birmingham. During that time, the district handled from 7,000 to 12,000 German Prisoners of War.

He loved all of his service. He loved to ride horses and played polo in the Philippines. His devotion and dedication are all the more remarkable knowing that his physical disability marked him for limited duty for some twenty-five years.

Shilly was retired on 30 September 1946 after thirty-seven years, two months of active duty. Adding the four years at West Point,

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he served devotedly for more than forty-one years. In retirement he lived at 315 North 29th Street, Bradenton, Florida, until 1968, when he and his wife Gypsy moved to Boulder, Colorado, to reside with their only daughter Evelin Merl and son-in-law Clifford G. Simenson, Colonel, U.S.A. Retired (USMA '34) at 1315 Old Tale Road, Boulder, Colorado.

Shilly was active until his last month; he spent a week in the hospital in early June, then returned home, and then went back to the hospital on 17 June.

A surviving classmate has this to say of Shilly: "No other member of our class was better liked or more respected. Quiet and unassuming, he was devoted to his profession and gave his best, which was always considerable, to his military duties."

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by two granddaughters, Evelin Simenson Linder, wife of Captain David L. Linder (USMA '66) and Joanne M. Simenson, a senior at the University of Colorado.

The military funeral and burial was held at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 June 1969.

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Howell Marion Estes

NO. 5013 CLASS OF 1911

Died 30 January 1969 in Washington, D.C., aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HOWELL MARION ESTES ("Steese") was born in Columbus, Georgia, son of Edwin C. and Addie Howell Estes. He attended the University School in Memphis, Tennessee and Braden's West Point Preparatory School in Highland Falls, New York. He was appointed to the Military Academy from Tennessee by Senator Carmack.

Of his entry into the military service, one cannot improve on the words of the 1911 *Howitzer*: "Born in the Old South, fresh from the fields of Southern chivalry, Howell entered West Point with a smile on his lips and his heart on his sleeve." During his Plebe year, he "called out" an upper classman who he thought had insulted him, and when his challenge to fight was declined, he went out for the boxing team in order to prepare for possible future incidents.

Howell was graduated with his Class after numerous skirmishes with the Academic Department with indifferent results. He was a handsome cadet, a clean sleeve, an area bird, and a member of the polo squad, as well as a member of the Cullum Hall football squad. True to Southern tradition, like Jeb Stuart, on graduation he chose the Cavalry.

Whenever with troops, he was always with the Cavalry or the Field Artillery, which was then horse-drawn. He served with the 11th Cavalry at coveted Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he had an opportunity to play polo. He was on strike duty with the 11th at Trinidad, Co., for about nine months. He was then transferred to the 4th Cavalry with which he served at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Back in the States, he was in the 20th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, and at Camp Logan, Texas. Then came World War I during which Howell was in the Field Artillery. After the war he served briefly with the colorful Colonel Tommy Tompkins in the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas. His last tour of duty with

HOWELL MARION ESTES

troops was in the sought-after position of regimental commander, first of the 4th Cavalry at Fort Meade, Maryland, and then of the 3d at Fort Myer, Virginia. The 3d was later moved to Fort Oglethorpe, where it was mechanized.

During the war, when the 20th Cavalry became the 78th Field Artillery, Howell was transferred to the 83d Field Artillery with which he went to France, where he was stationed at Brest and Ploemel. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, which was exceeded in World War I by only a few of his classmates. After his return to the United States, he was acting brigade adjutant of the 8th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Later he returned to his first love, the Cavalry.

His tours of detached duty were: student at the School of Fire and instructor at the Brigade Firing Center, both at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the High School, Knoxville, Tennessee; supply officer at Camp McClellan, Alabama; student in the advanced class at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley; student at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, of which he was a distinguished graduate; student at the Army War College and member of the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff, both in Washington, D.C.; assistant umpire at Third Army CPX; Commanding Officer of the Civilian Conservation Corps District at Fort Oglethorpe; Cavalry instructor at the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Executive Officer in the Office of the Chief of Cavalry, Major General John K. Herr, in Washington; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont; Commanding Officer of the Provisional Military Police Command, 1st Service Command, Boston, Massachusetts; Commanding Officer Fort Devens, Massachusetts; and Commanding Officer, West Point Preparatory School, Amherst College, Massachusetts, for which he received the Legion of Merit. He also had five other service medals.

In 1913, Howell was married to Juanita A. Dickson, the beautiful younger sister of Mrs. Allen M. Pope, whose husband was a classmate of General Douglas MacArthur and a Cavalry Colonel and later the President of the First Boston Corporation of New York. Juanita died in 1947. Howell never again looked seriously at another woman. He never said, "Give my love to your wife." It was always, "Give my respects to your wife."

He had a fine military record as shown by his many important assignments, all of which he carried out faithfully and efficiently. He was firm in command, at times even stern. Nevertheless, he had a keen sense of humor. Once when he was stationed in Washington, at which time he was 1911 Class Scribe, he included in the class notes for ASSEMBLY that at a class lunch one classmate spent the whole time extolling the virtues of his grandchildren, which was of no interest, wrote Howell, to anyone except the grandfather himself.

Another time, at our 45th Reunion at West Point, he shared a room in cadet barracks with two classmates. Being the last to arrive, Howell drew the upper bunk in one of the alcoves, which was much harder to negotiate for a seventy-year-old than for a cadet. He spent the better part of one evening convivially with the Class of 1906 in another division. Meanwhile, his roommates turned out the lights and went to sleep. Next morning the raucous sounds of the Hellcats revealed Howell asleep under the table. Said one of his roommates, "What's the matter, Howell, couldn't you make that upper bunk last night?" Replied Howell sleepily, "I could've made it if I could've found it."

Howell retired as a Colonel for physical disability in 1946. He and his daughter moved to the old St. Nicholas Apartments at 2230 California Street in Washington soon after Juanita died and lived there until his death.

His daughter wrote of him, "I think he had a very happy life. I can't think of any assignment he didn't really like. He particularly enjoyed the four years at Fort Monroe, and we often went back there for summer vacations. He also enjoyed very much his work with the Civilian Conservation Corps. And, as all good Cavalrymen do, he spoke nostalgically of his duty on the border in Texas. He loved to play polo, shoot birds, and play bridge. He kept them all up as long as he could."

He is survived by his son Air Force General Howell M. Estes Jr., who is Commander of the Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB in Illinois; his daughter Katherine Estes, who is secretary to one of the partners of the firm of Auchincloss, Parker and Redpath; three grandsons and two great-grandsons. A third great-grandson was born shortly after Howell's death. His eldest grandson is a Captain in the Air Force and at present, summer '69, is in Vietnam.

— *Karl Bradford*

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Leonard Lovering Barrett

NO. 5045 CLASS OF 1912

Died 14 January 1969 in Atherton, California, aged 78 years.

Interment: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California

LEONARD LOVERING BARRETT was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, on 4 November 1890, the son of the late Charles Emerson and Anna Lovering Barrett, and the nephew of Colonel Leonard A. Lovering, USMA 1876. Upon his graduation from the Academy in June 1912, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery, where he served until, upon examination, he was assigned to the Ordnance

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LEONARD LOVERING BARRETT

Department. While on duty in that department, and just before World War I, he made the interior ballistic calculations for a number of major caliber guns used in World War I. During World War I, Colonel Barrett served on the staff of General Liggett, at the Presidio of San Francisco.

In 1920, at the age of 30, he was retired for physical disability incurred in line of duty. Thereafter, he became Chief Engineer of Keasbey-Mattison Company of New York, until 1923, when the passage of the so-called Harbord Amendment rendered it impossible for him to continue with that company. In 1923, he entered Columbia University Law School, and upon his graduation therefrom in 1926, he was admitted to the New York Bar; thereafter he practiced law in New York City until he was recalled to active duty on 1 September 1941. Until his retirement on 6 February 1946, he served as Ordnance Officer of the Second Service Command at Governor's Island, New York, and as a member of the Harbor Defense Board. For his work there, he received a letter of commendation from the Commanding General, Second Service Command, dated 22 September 1945. Upon his retirement, Colonel Barrett and his wife settled in Atherton, California, where he died.

Colonel Barrett was a man of versatile talents and accomplishments in the fields of engineering, law, and music. He was a fine lawyer, a splendid mathematician, and a distinguished amateur of music.

As an engineer, specializing in problems of heating and ventilating, he was the author of many technical papers, among them "Pipe Line Transportation of Hot Oil," in which he originated a method that when applied effected large savings in the cost of transportation of oil by pipe line. In his "Insulation of Cold Surfaces to Prevent Sweating," he originated methods of heating and ventilating that are now standard practice in the industry, as is also his method of measurement of thermal conductivity of insulating coverings for hot pipes.

After re-retirement in 1946, Colonel Barrett devoted himself to writing books on mathematical subjects, and was the author of "Equations of Nuclear Physics," "Engineering Applications of Vector Analysis," and "An Introduction to Tensor Anaylsis." All three books have been published and have been well received by physicists and mathematicians. His book on Vector Analysis was adopted as a text by the Electrical Engineering Department of the University of Maryland. Colonel Barrett was in continuous correspondence with such eminent mathematicians and physicists as Dr. Albert Einstein, Dr. Nicholas Minorsky, Dr. Balthasar van der Pol, and many others.

As a lawyer, Colonel Barrett's specialty was in the field of corporation law, and he also made significant contributions to the Army. Among them was securing the passage of legislation in New York State exempting Army personnel not domiciled in New York from the payment of New York income taxes during World War II. His principal accomplishment in respect of the Army was embodied in the well-known and frequently cited case of Barrett vs. Morganthau (108 F.2nd, 481—D.C. Cir, 1939). In that case he litigated with the Secretary of the Treasury the question as to whether or not a retired officer of the armed forces of the United States could represent a client before the Government Departments. The District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia resolved this question in his favor, but was reversed by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia because of the wording of the statute. But the Court of Appeals in its opinion recommended that Congress should amend the statute. Colonel Barrett wrote the bill amending the statute, and it was enacted by Congress and became law, so that now retired officers of the armed forces can represent clients before the Government Departments.

Colonel Barrett was a member of the Bars of the Supreme Court of the United States, of the State of New York, and of the State of New Hampshire.

As a musician, Colonel Barrett was a fine organist, and was cadet organist at the West Point Chapel for several years. Throughout his life, he continued to participate enthusiastically in many musical activities, and did a great deal to foster the cause of music in his community, supporting and sponsoring several local musical organizations. For many years, he and his wife gave an annual private concert in their home, when professional musicians presented programs of vocal and instrumental music. One year an entire Mozart opera was presented in concert form, to the accompaniment of a small string orchestra. Until the very day of his death, he maintained his lively interest in, and love of, music.

Colonel Barrett is survived by his wife, Margaret (the former Margaret Douglas of New York City); two daughters, Mrs. Giles N. Montgomery of Stamford, Connecticut, and Mrs. J. Forbes Rogers of Darien, Connecticut; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is sorely missed by a host of friends in the professions and the arts, both in this country and abroad.

— *M. D. B.*

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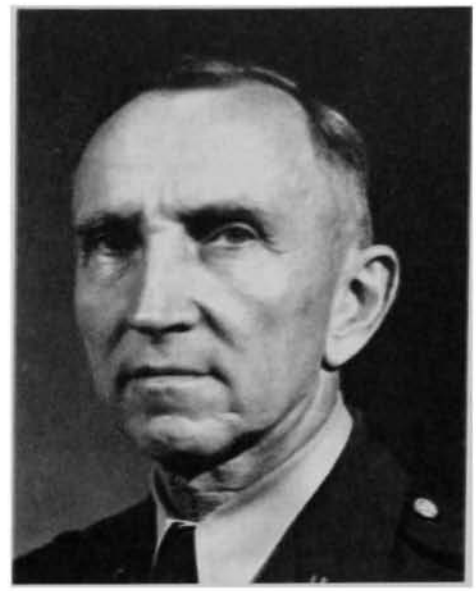
Reinold Melberg

NO. 5361 CLASS OF 1915

Died 24 July 1968 in Berkeley, California, aged 78 years.

Cremation: Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, California



REINOLD MELBERG

ON 24 JULY 1968 Colonel Reinold Melberg, who spent most of his adult life in the service of his country, died in Berkeley, California, following several weeks at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California. After cremation a memorial service was held in Oakland, California, for the family and close friends. Colonel Charles C. Herrick, who had been a great help to the bereaved family, took charge of the ashes which were scattered beyond the Golden Gate of San Francisco.

Reinold Melberg was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan, in 1889 and entered the United States Military Academy in 1911 after spending two years at the University of Michigan in the College of Engineering. While at West Point he became Sergeant of the Cadet Corps, sang in the Chapel Choir, and wrote "The Area Bird's Lament."

He graduated in the upper third of his class and was commissioned in the Coast Artillery in 1915. His first station was in Fort Dupont, Delaware; then in 1916 he served on the Mexican Border. In 1917 he served overseas in World War I as a member of the A.E.F. with the 51st Coast Artillery in St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne Offensive. His military specialty was Plans and Training Officer 2152, Adjutant General 2110-1, and composite Antiaircraft Unit Commander 1176. His decorations were World War Victory Medal with two Bronze Clasps, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, American Service Medal, Commendation Ribbon, and the Asiatic Pacific Medal.

Service Schools attended were Coast Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Monroe, Chemical Warfare, and the Government School of Languages. During the Spanish-American War he was Assistant Military Attaché in Madrid, and following that he was at Fort Mills, Corregidor in the Philippines and Solomon Islands, New Guinea. He served with the Army of Occupation in Japan as Military Governor of the Tokyo, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture.

He was retired 1 November 1949 at the Presidio of San Francisco on his return from Fort Douglas where he was Commanding Officer, taking in the South Western District. He also served with the Organized Reserve in Detroit, Michigan, the National Guard in Pennsylvania, and was Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the R.O.T.C. at the University of Michigan.

After his retirement Colonel Melberg continued his studies of languages at the University of California. His spare time took him

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to Idaho to hunt deer and elk with an old Army friend. Due to his fondness for hunting in his boyhood in Northern Michigan, he enjoyed the wilderness.

Colonel Melberg is survived by his wife Germaine from Paris, France, where he met her in 1919, three daughters, one of whom is married to a member of the Air Force, and seven grandchildren. He was devoted to his family and a dedicated man to the Service, who was respected by the men who served under him. He was a staunch friend and will be missed by many.

—A Friend

Joseph Isadore Cohen

NO. 5755 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 12 August 1968 in Baltimore, Maryland, aged 72 years.

JOSEPH ISADORE COHEN

JOSEPH I. COHEN, Joe to those of us who knew and loved him, was born 4 February 1896 in Charleston, South Carolina, the son of Jack M. and Carrie G. Cohen. After his public schooling in Columbia, South Carolina, he entered the University of South Carolina. While still in attendance there, Senator Ben (Pitchfork) Tillman appointed him to the Military Academy.

At West Point only one fault could be charged to Joe. Because of his quiet disposition and unobtrusive manner, he was not as widely known as he deserved to be. Being a definite "runt," making a name athletically was well nigh impossible. What he did do will not soon be forgotten by the beneficiaries—he was constantly helping those who were in academic difficulty. All who knew him esteemed him for his quiet charm and dry humor.

At graduation he ranked fifteenth and could have chosen any branch except the Engineers. Joe elected to go where the action was—the Infantry. He was the highest ranking member of our Class to enter that branch. All his commissioned service was with the 56th Infantry which he joined at Chickamagua, Georgia. In the course of his service he commanded a company, and held every staff job in regimental headquarters but that of supply officer. To Joe's amusement, he once acted as assistant to the chaplain. With his regiment he took part in the Saint Mihiel attack and the advance on Metz. He came home from the war a Captain.

In August 1919, he resigned and went to Baltimore. There he became an insurance broker. The following March he married Bessie Wiesenfeld. They had one daughter, Betty, whose husband, Henri H. Hoge, is an independent consulting electronic engineer in Baltimore.

Joe's trait of helping others persisted. He accepted the captaincy of a demoralized Boy Scout Troop and soon had it winning prizes. From that he moved up to be District Commissioner. Another hobby was collecting: stamps, books, records, information. But his greatest interest was his family, guiding and helping his daughter, his son-in-law and the two grandsons. His outstanding characteristic was a desire to help others.

Those of us who saw Joe at class luncheons from time to time, at our annual coed luncheons and at the Fiftieth, had no idea that Joe had ever been sick. Our ignorance was caused by his quiet courage and unwillingness to air his symptoms. So when death overtook him on 12 August 1968, it was an exceptional shock to us. No one who knew Joe Cohen could help feeling that he had lost a brave, true, and kind friend.

— H.P.F. and W.O.R.

George DeGraaf

NO. 6597 CLASS OF 1920

Died 30 March 1964 at Dunedin, Florida, aged 67 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

COLONEL GEORGE DEGRAAF died at his home in Dunedin, Florida, on 30 March 1964. With his passing the Class of 1920 lost one of its most esteemed members, and West Point lost a brilliant and loyal graduate who undoubtedly felt the stamp of its influence on his life more strongly than most graduates.

George was born in Paterson, New Jersey, 28 December 1896. Having first attended Wesleyan University, he was appointed from the State of New Jersey and entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, on 2 July 1918. Graduating with the 1920 Class, he had the degree of Bachelor of Science conferred upon him and accepted a commission as Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Regular Army, 2 July 1920.

West Point was George's first love from the time his father took him as a boy from Paterson, New Jersey, on trips to the Academy. Throughout his service and the remainder of his life, his deep admiration and love for West Point never waned. It is fitting that his ashes are interred there.

After successfully completing a course at the Field Artillery School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, in August 1921, George served with the 4th Field Artillery at Camp Stanley and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, until January 1924. While stationed at the latter post, he met Virginia Priest of San Antonio. In February 1923, they became engaged and were married in the Post Chapel on 1 August 1923. Theirs was a good marriage which lasted more than twenty years although ended by divorce. There were no children.

In January 1924, George departed the United States for duty in Hawaii, where he served with the 11th Field Artillery until September 1926. From February 1927 to August 1932, he served with the 7th Field Artillery at Madison Barracks, New York, during which time he completed a course at the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, in November 1931. He then served as instructor and assistant professor, Department of Physics, West Point, until June 1937. In August 1937, he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and successfully completed a course at the Quartermaster School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in June 1938. Then, after serving as Assistant to the Quartermaster at March Field, Riverside, California, until September 1939, he completed a course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in February 1940.

During World War II, he served as Post Quartermaster, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and Division Quartermaster, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, until August 1942, and in the Southwest Pacific Theatre as Quartermaster, I Corps until June 1944.

Upon his return to the United States on 30 July 1944, he was assigned to the Office

GEORGE DEGRAAF

of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., and later served in the Office of the Under Secretary of War until his retirement on 30 November 1946.

Throughout his entire service as cadet and officer, all who knew him were impressed by his meticulous fairness in all dealings, by his strict attention to duty, by his brilliant analytical mind, and by the uncompromising support and defense of anything that he believed to be right, despite the impact his stand might have on contemporaries, friends, family, or even his own conscience and feelings. At times he was stubborn and hard-shelled to a degree which made him sometimes seem completely devoid of any sensitivity. Yet such was not the case, as those who knew him best would attest. George had an innate kindness and sense of fairness within him which never failed to show, although sometimes this was not apparent until he had gone almost to an impossible extreme.

He was magnificent in debate and argument, possessing an extremely effective vocabulary and choice of words which were most difficult to match. Yet in a victory, which was often his, he could be both generous and modest.

The things I have just mentioned are the reasons why George was a successful leader, especially of his subordinates. It is possible

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that the same reasons may have in some degree impeded his progress with certain of his superiors.

The 1920 *Howitzer* says of George: "George is a man of no tender years, with the mind of a sage and a cynic. That his line is potent is shown by the fact that after he served a slug, he proceeded to convince the COM that the latter had tied it up by slugging him—and thus received credit for one month and twenty-two tours. Incidentally, the credit was needed soon after it was received. . . .

"George is almost an Engineer—just in the right spot you might say. With his untiring ability, he should be able to uphold the standards of any branch of Uncle Sam's fighting machine."

During his tour of duty at West Point, 1931-37, George's abilities and accomplishments were favorably noted by Robert L. Eichelberger, then a Major serving as Adjutant General at the United States Military Academy, with the result that DeGraaf was named by him to be Quartermaster, I Corps in the Southwest Pacific Theatre when Eichelberger later became Commanding General of the Corps.

In December 1942, George was awarded the Distinguish Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action. Cited by General MacArthur, he received the award near Buna, New Guinea, "for taking over totally disorganized units, personally leading assault groups, and—alone—wiping out at close range a number of enemy snipers, finally concluding successfully an attack which otherwise would have failed."

In June 1944, the British award of Mention in Dispatches, with accompanying certificate, was transmitted to George by the Acting Prime Minister, Commonwealth of Australia.

George's other awards include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, World War I Victory Medal, Distinguished Unit Emblem, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was credited with extended service as a commissioned officer from 2 July 1920 to 30 November 1946.

Of George's service during World War II as Post Quartermaster, Westover Field, Chicopee, Massachusetts, the following are some extracts from a news release in a Holyoke, Massachusetts newspaper at the time of his death 30 March 1964: " . . . Colonel DeGraaf, a Wesleyan University and West Point alumnus, came here in July 1940, ten months after ground had been broken at Westover Field. There were 27 temporary wooden buildings being completed under the direction of Colonel Murdock A. McFadden, the construction engineer and in command as the ranking officer. At the time both officers were majors, but Colonel DeGraaf took over command and made ready the buildings for the arrival of the troops. When he left in January 1942, Westover Field had become a well organized U.S. Army Air Corps station with 200 officers and 2,500 troops housed in 170 buildings, many of them of permanent construction. . . .

" . . . Colonel DeGraaf took an important civic role here. He belonged to the Holyoke Rotary Club and made significant contribution in developing a close and friendly relationship between the civilian population and the military. . . ."

After retirement George joined the executive staff of the Sperry Gyroscope Company, where his title was "Assistant to the President" of the company. He remained with Sperry until 1954.

On 2 January 1954, George married his second wife, Selma, in Christ Church Methodist, Park Avenue, New York City. They settled in Florida, but spent a lot of time travelling all over Europe, also to Panama, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. While in Florida, George was active in Community Affairs and, as was his custom, with helping others.

Selma said when reporting to me of his illness and subsequent death that "George was a wonderfully interesting man—full of curiosity—a wonderful travelling companion—very lively in discussions—always fondly remembered by all.

"He was never quite the same after a freak automobile accident that happened while he was stopped in his car for a traffic light and a woman driver came around the corner and hit the accelerator instead of her foot brake and struck George's car with hers head-on."

In addition to his wife Selma who resides at 563 Mehlenbacher Road, Belleair Bluffs, Largo, Florida 33540, George is survived by his brother Philip and wife Clara of 55 Victor Place, Hawthorne, New Jersey.

—*A Classmate*

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Basil Girard Thayer

NO. 6733 CLASS OF 1920

Died 23 January 1960 in Del Ray Beach, Florida, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BASIL GIRARD THAYER

THERE IS AN OLD LEGEND that in the hereafter old cavalrymen and their horses will gather at Fiddler's Green, a region of lush, green pastures, shady spots of woodland and cool springs and streams. It is pleasant to think of Jerry Thayer in this heaven, where, as a natural cavalryman, he would be in his element.

The fact that Jerry was first and foremost a cavalry soldier is not at all surprising. His father, Colonel Arthur Thayer (Class of 1886), was a cavalryman, as was his elder brother. Jerry was born at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on the day on which Santiago surrendered to the American forces. His father was in Cuba at the time, and was later decorated for his part in the campaign. Jerry's boyhood was not markedly different from that of other "army brats." Quite naturally he was at home with horses, and on a horse, from his earliest childhood. While the family was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he became an admirer of Lieutenant Benjamin Foulois, whose infant air squadron was at that post—the embryo of the United States Air Force. Jerry spent much time in his own attic workshop making model airplanes. He also became a motor enthusiast, qualifying as a driver while still in the early teens. But neither of these youthful addictions overcame his love of horses and the cavalry service. At Fort Sam Houston, too, he spent several hours in the guard house, as a result of a Hallowe'en prank. His father allowed him to remain in confinement for a period long enough to teach him a lesson.

Shortly after the war with Spain, and before the events mentioned in the preceding paragraph, Colonel Thayer was ordered to the Philippines, where the insurrection against the Americans was raging. The Thayer family —his mother, brothers, and sister—were the first officer's family to go to the Philippines when the insurrection was nearing its end. Because of a typhoon, they were landed from the transport by raft, and made their way to their new home by ambulance. Although the country was still infested by guerrilla bands, they arrived at their destination safely.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy in 1920, Jerry attained his primary goal—he made the cavalry. Along with all of his classmates, he was assigned to the Cavalry School, at Fort Riley, Kansas, to take the Basic Course, in which his horsemanship was outstanding. Upon the completion of the course, he was assigned to the 3d Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Virginia, where he served for three years. There is a story that he and a classmate got into the "dog house" by ducking out from an important debut party to take out their own dates. In 1924 he was transferred to the 10th Calvary, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, but before reporting to the new station he took a leave of absence and went on a sight-seeing trip by working as deck hand on a ship sailing for various South American ports.

Jerry was, of course, an enthusiastic polo player. He was a member of a 10th Cavalry team that toured the Pacific Coast in 1928, and he was conspicuous in polo in the Philippines, his next station after Fort Huachuca. He was awarded a five-goal handicap, a very high handicap.

Upon returning to the United States after his tour of duty in the Philippines, he was assigned to the 2d Cavalry, at Fort Riley, as the personnel adjutant. In 1931 Jerry was detailed to the Special Advanced Equitation Course at the Cavalry School. For the next few years his duties, like those of most of the lieutenants and captains of the time, were largely routine. He commanded Civilian Conservation Corps companies, had a tour of duty with the R.O.T.C., and performed the usual duties of a troop officer. In 1939 he was assigned to take the course at the Command and General Staff School.

With the expansion of the Army in 1940, Jerry gained his first experience with the new cavalry element, the Mechanized Force, as it was then called—the forerunner of the Armored Force, when he was assigned to the 1st Armored Regiment. Upon the entry of the United States into World War II Jerry became, successively, the Chief of Staff of the

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6th Armored Division, the XVIII Corps, and the 10th Armored Division, with which he went to the European Theatre of Operations. He was in the fighting across France into Germany, was in the Battle of the Bulge, and a little later was wounded in the pursuit of the Germans to the Brenner Pass. His division commander said of him that he was "one of the outstanding field soldiers in the Army."

After the war Jerry held several different appointments in Europe, and upon returning to the United States became a member of the staff of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After this he had another tour of duty in the Philippines, where he was the Chief of the Army Section in the military mission established to aid the new Philippine Republic. In July 1953 he entered Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, and was retired at the end of the month for physical disability. He passed away in 1960 at the comparatively early age of sixty-one.

In 1932 at the end of the Advanced Equitation Course, he married Katherine Holden Higbee, who survives him, and who resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jerry's honors (in addition to the Purple Heart) include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Belgian and French Croix de Guerre, the Belgian National Order with Palms, and the Ordre de Leopold with Palms and the Degree of Officer.

Those of us who knew Jerry and had the privilege of serving with him, all remember his courtesy and friendliness, his never failing good humor, his always immaculate appearance and military bearing, as well as his horsemanship. The rapidly thinning ranks of old horse cavalrymen all look forward to a reunion with Jerry in the grassy pastures of Fiddler's Green. And one of the finest tributes paid to him is a remark by a soldier of his troop when he was a lieutenant: "He's tough, but he's fair."

—*C.C.C.*

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John Taylor Ward

NO. 6806 CLASS OF 1920

Killed 11 April 1942 in Limay, Philippine Islands, aged 42 years.

Interment: Memorial Cemetery, Manila, Philippine Islands

WHEN HE WAS A BOY in Como, Mississippi, his parents called him Taylor, but somewhere he acquired the nickname of Tubby; and although it was highly inaccurate, it stuck. John Taylor Ward, son of Dr. Benjamin Needham Ward and Grace Taylor Ward, was born 8 January 1900 in Robilene, Louisiana. His wonderful disposition, keen sense of humor, and ready dry wit made him a general favorite. One day his father told him the best career he knew of was the Cavalry and that it had always been his ideal. To be a Captain of Cavalry was the ultimate in a young man's experience in the Army.

The quiet, unassuming boy must have turned that thought over in his mind during his years in Como High School. One day when Dr. Ward told his three sons to clean up the yard, he found Taylor sitting on the fence telling the others what to do.

"He would make a good Captain of Cavalry," Dr. Ward said.

His ideal came to pass when Taylor finished

JOHN TAYLOR WARD

a year at Bradens and entered West Point in 1918. As soon as the proud father could get away to visit him, he found Tubby walking the area for some minor infraction. The order was by command of Brigadier General MacArthur, Superintendent.

In the 1920 *Howitzer* it was written: "If after leaving a dance at Cullum Hall, your femme should ask you, 'Who was that blond pink-cheeked fellow with the dancing eyes and that languid Southern drawl?' you would without a moment's hesitation reply, 'Oh, that was Tubby Ward."

His first assignment after graduation leave was the Cavalry Student Officers' Basic Course at Fort Riley, which he completed in 1921. After graduation he married Betty King of Junction City, Kansas. Their first station was the 16th Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston. It was there 29 March 1924 John Taylor Jr. was born.

Service with the 4th Cavalry at Fort McIntosh followed; then he served at Fort Meade, South Dakota, where he was promoted to First Lieutenant. In January 1928 he joined the 26th Cavalry at Fort Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, where he planned and built a model barrio (town) for Filipino soldiers' families. This town turned out so well that the General named it Wardville.

From the Philippines he went to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas. In 1932 after attending the Signal School, he commanded Headquarters Troop at Fort Oglethorpe and was also Post Signal Officer and Signal Officer for all Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the district.

He was an expert horseman, and polo was his favorite sport. He carried a national goal handicap of 3 and won many cups in polo and jumping. In 1935 he was promoted to Captain, and in 1936 he left for the Troop Officers' Course at Fort Riley. He made history there by winning the Point-to-Point on a horse that was known to be the worst one in the stables. He said he knew the horse was crazy, but he chose it because it was so fast that he knew he would win if he could keep it on the course. So Betty and Johnny bet on that crazy horse. When they looked for the first rider coming into view, there was Tubby on the crazy horse, so far ahead he nonchalantly slowed it down coming in. No one but Betty and Johnny bet on it, so they won all the bets.

Those were great days of Army polo. The papers ran many stories about the Oglethorpe team, and there were headlines on the exploits of the modest young star on the white horse. WARD BRILLIANT AS DRAGOONS WIN. TUBBY SCORES FIVE GOALS. "Come on, Tubby!" his men would cry. They had great respect for him as an officer, for along with his professional ability, he had understanding and sympathy and was always loyal to his men. The efficiency of his troop or organization was paramount, always; so they surpassed themselves for him.

In June 1937 he was ordered to the 2d Cavalry at Fort Riley, and the efficiency and superlative performance of his troop was a matter of pride to officers and men.

Meanwhile, in September 1940 his son John entered New Mexico Military Institute, whose famous motto was "Every Boy Rides." John wanted a rugged school, and it was one. He played football, polo, piano, and drums; and his music, for which he had a natural genius, made him welcome everywhere. He composed many songs and was a general favorite among young and old.

Tubby was asked several times by the Quartermaster General (perhaps because of Wardville?) if he would accept a detail with the Quartermaster Corps. In June 1939 he became Post Quartermaster at Forts Baker, Cronkite, and Barrie in California. Knowing that war was coming, he felt that he must know supply; so he went on to serve as Post Quartermaster at Camp Callan. In 1941 a call came from General MacArthur for five officers of superior rating and outstanding ability who were young enough for field duty. Major Ward was picked by the Quartermaster General to be one of the five.

He sailed 1 November 1941 and arrived in Manila sixteen days before Pearl Harbor. His assignment was to organize and command an advance Quartermaster Depot for Fort Stotsenberg and all other camps in that area, about sixty miles north of Manila.

Thinking always of Betty and Johnny and of their happiness and safety, he wired several times that he was all right. Then on 12 February Betty received a wire from the Adjutant General saying Lieutenant Colonel John T. Ward had been seriously wounded in action on 7 February.

Nothing more was heard until 20 March, when a friend in Washington told Betty that Tubby had returned to duty 14 March. She had been writing every day, but all her letters were returned to her later. During the terrible drama of Bataan there were three RCA messages from Tubby, saying that he was all right. The last was in March. On 9 April 1942, Bataan fell, and all our men there who survived were captured and were sent on the infamous Death March to the prison camp at Cabanatuan.

Four months after the fall of Bataan Betty received three letters written on Bataan and found floating on the ocean by one of our submarines. Later she learned how they were gotten out. Some of the men had put their letters in a mail bag and put the bag on a freighter. The freighter shifted it to a submarine. The Japanese sank the submarine, and months later the bag was found on the ocean. The letters were cheerful, with no hint of the conditions on Bataan or the seriousness of his condition, only love and messages to John with the hope that he would stay at New Mexico Military Institute and graduate with a commission in 1944.

As the Japanese never listed Colonel Ward as a prisoner, he was carried as missing in action until MacArthur returned to the Philippines and rescued our prisoners in July 1945. Most of the reports on how he died were

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second or third-hand and differed somewhat. Most of those who actually saw what happened did not survive. One man who was just behind him on the Death March was able to give an eye-witness account. He said that on 11 April 1942 Colonel Ward was having trouble trying to keep up, owing to pain and exhaustion from his weakened condition. A Japanese guard kept prodding him with his bayonet and saying "Cuda" (hurry). They were on a narrow bridge; and as a truck was coming, they were told to move to the side. Colonel Ward staggered against the railing. It gave way, and he fell in the shallow creek below. The Japanese guard shot once, but missed. He then went down, picked him up, and bayonetted him.

Colonel Ward was buried with six others near Orion, and later they were buried in the new Memorial Cemetery in Manila.

Jean MacArthur, as a loyal friend of Betty, did her very best to find out the facts of the tragedy, and wrote many times from the Philippines and Australia. Major General Clovis E. Byers, a classmate, spoke to the nurses from Bataan who had just been released from Santa Tomas prison camp. He found one who had taken care of Tubby in the hospital on Bataan. He asked her to get in touch with Betty, which she did. The nurse told her that Tubby left the hospital in fine spirits, but that he had worn a plaster body cast, and that he was appreciative of any care. She said General MacArthur had offered him his choice, when he was able to leave the hospital, of coming over to Headquarters in the tunnel on Corregidor or remaining on Bataan. He chose to remain on Bataan, as he felt responsible for the men under him and thought he might be able to help if they were captured. Others who returned said he went on the March for the same reason, although he was not physically able. Some who were wounded and unable to start on the March were left in the hospital on Bataan and moved by truck later.

As General Byers wrote, "The knowledge that Tubby was held so high in the affection of all who knew him and that his name will forever be associated with that group of proven heroes should help you and John face now what must be a certainty."

General MacArthur wrote her that Colonel Ward died in action against the enemy and that it was largely the courage and sacrifice of Colonel Ward and his comrades-in-arms "which stopped the enemy in the Philippines and gave us the time to arm ourselves for our return to the Philippines and the final defeat of Japan. Their names will be enshrined in our country's glory forever. In your husband's death I have lost a gallant comrade and mourn with you."

He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously as well as two other decorations for gallantry, and a plaque was dedicated to him in Cullum Hall in 1949.

After Bataan fell and months passed with no word of his father, John found it impossible to remain in school. He said if anyone should be fighting, he should. He enlisted, and when General Patton needed replacements for his 90th Division, John volunteered. He qualified in all firearms, and he went in with the invasion.

John is now a successful territory manager for Wyeth, and with his lovely wife, who was Jane Wendover of North Adams, Massachusetts, is active in many church, school, and civic affairs in the Lake Chautauqua community, where they have a house on Cheney Point. There are three Ward boys living with them there, Edward Fisher, William James, and Peter King, and one daughter Betty Jane. The eldest son John Taylor is in his senior year at the University of Rochester; and the second son Robert Wendover enlisted in the Navy, and in 1969 was serving on the Destroyer *Blue* in the Pacific.

Betty sees them every year and usually brings back another bright-eyed young tourist to see the sights of Washington, where she lives at the Kennedy-Warren with her husband Edward Fisher, a novelist whom she married in 1950. He was a major in Military Intelligence during World War II and has been a devoted, understanding father to John and a loving grandfather to his children.

— *Betty King Ward Fisher*

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William Randolph Winslow

NO. 6972 CLASS OF 1923

Died 24 February 1945 in Luxembourg, aged 43 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WILLIAM RANDOLPH WINSLOW

"WILLY" WINSLOW, AS we called him, would be the last person to want me to write a memorial article about him. However, since he was one of the most unusual wayfarers in his short sojourn among us, it is appropriate that someone should recall, in addition to his service as an Engineer Officer, something about the personal side of Willy's nature that perhaps many knew but few understood completely.

Much of what I write, I know personally as a classmate and fellow Engineer; the rest has come from his widow, Marcella, and many letters and other information from his associates in the later years of his life.

Factually, he graduated as a distinguished cadet in 1923, not from any conscious effort on his part but simply because he felt it a challenge to learn in a rigid system with some show of success, without compromising his thinking about its relation to life as he saw it at that time.

Then came the Engineer School; Hawaii with the 3d Engineers; the University of California with a Master's Degree in Engineering; and assignments to District Engineer work.

I quote this passage from a letter from General Lucius D. Clay to me because it shows something at an early date of the Willy Winslow I am trying to depict: "I first really got to know Willy Winslow when we were stationed together in Pittsburgh. I quickly found him a highly competent engineer, but it took longer to find out what a generous, loyal friend he was behind an outwardly diffident manner. An avid seeker of knowledge, and a connoisseur of the good life, he was to those to whom he gave of his affection a good friend and companion."

Of course there are many other tributes and commendations I could include but knowing both Lucius and Willy over many years, I selected this one.

Willy further demonstrated his ability as a practical engineer later as resident engineer on the Tagert Dam Project. Throughout this technical phase of his career he enhanced that inner drive of intellectual curiosity with a propensity to assimilate all sorts of information and thinking which, to some, might seem irrelevant or inconsequential. While his job came first, he was able to correlate this knowledge to give him a perspective of human relations and some of the processes that make ideas what they are and people act the way they do.

After a tour in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, he went to the Command and General Staff School and then to the Combat Engineers as a field soldier. This is truly an amazing part of his military career: the engineer and scholar became a combat soldier!

The Combat Engineer Regiment which he took overseas received many commendations. It was stationed in Sudbury, England. His fellow officers called him "Uncle Willy." Here are a few things his Adjutant wrote to Marcella: "thoughtful but expected and got the best," "stable and brilliant with always new ideas," "vast store of knowledge but not in ivory tower," "talked in simple language to us but at home with the top brass and civilians."

Willy left the Regiment to go to the Engineer VIII Corps with General Troy Middleton. He took part in the invasion of France, the capture of Brest and Cherbourg, and was in the breakthrough from Constances to Avranche until pneumonia from overwork took him away in Luxembourg in February 1945.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, and Croix de Guerre from Luxembourg and France, Legion of Honor, France, and Croix de Guerre with Palm from Belgium. Typical of him, he never mentioned these. His family learned of them only when they were sent home. It was all part of the task he had to do, with no thought of what they might mean to him.

He also never mentioned to others the fact that his great grandfather had commanded the "Kearsarge" when she sank the "Alabama," or that his father, General E. E. Winslow, had graduated number one in the Class of 1889 and was a mathematician and designer of fortifications, or that his mother was a successful novelist and poet, or that his wife, the former Marcella Comes, was a talented painter. It is no wonder that he combined the inheritance and environment of both the sciences and the humanities!

With the outline of his service and background I have sketched, I wish I could really describe the person Willy was. Even in a troubled world, he took life in a sort of philosophical stride, tempered with humor and an innate sense of the "fitness of things." He was cavalier at times and perhaps a bit

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indifferent toward the ephemeral and questionable pseudo-values expressed by the herd of people, but he never failed to listen and select those ideas he thought worth considering.

The store of information and knowledge he had always came out, with perhaps some embellishments and unusual constructs, when things either got tough, and he had to reassure others things were not so grim as they seemed—or at times when that sense of humor or even irony took over.

He one time painted a picture while his wife was away, using her best paints and frame. It was hung over the mantel and called "Multiplicity of Melons." A lucious young nude before a bowl of melons and grapefruit! I think this is an intriguing conception and composition—as he tried to explain to Marcella!

Willy seemed to see life as a sort of game to be played seriously on a checker board where risks could be taken intelligently but with a debonair and nonchalant attitude. His background always gave him a certain confidence, which, I am sure, sometimes bewildered his colleagues in the conventional play.

He was thoroughly involved in everything he did in life, whether it was his Regiment, his River and Harbor work, his reading and studying, or his relations with all sorts of people, both officially and socially. He always preserved a detachment within himself which gave him an enlarged vista as if he were observing it all from afar. A talented individual who never understands vanity, who recognizes intellectual humility, and over it all has a touch of whimsy, is indeed rare. He was one of those gifted blythe spirits.

In addition to his wife, Marcella, Willy is survived by his daughter, Mrs. John Poole, and his son, John Randolph Winslow, all of Washington, D.C., and by a sister, Mrs. Winslow Chapman, of Memphis, Tennessee.

— *Kenner Hertford*

Harry Tatum Rowland

NO. 7132 CLASS OF 1923

Died 28 August 1955 in Birmingham, Alabama, aged 56 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HARRY T. ROWLAND was born on 11 May 1899, in Henderson, North Carolina, son of Thomas V. and Hattie Parham Rowland. He received his elementary schooling in Henderson and attended North Carolina State College from 1915 to 1918. Appointed to the United States Military Academy from North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District, he entered West Point in June 1919, where his beaming smile, friendly and co-operative attitude, and optimistic outlook on life soon earned him the affectionate nickname of "Hogan" and the lasting admiration and respect of his classmates.

Hogan's career at West Point was not marked by any violent upheavals. He was a good soldier and a good student, and as a consequence, he was able to remain in the good graces of the Academic and Tactical Departments even while devoting a considerable amount of time to such extra-curricular activities as athletics, poker, dragging pretty girls to the hops, and protracted "bull" sessions with his classmates and friends. This latter pleasant pastime became even more

HARRY TATUM ROWLAND

popular as our First Class year wore on and such important matters as branch of service, uniforms, and graduation leave had to be discussed at great length. Harry, never at a loss for words, was right at home in these discussions, and his classmates listened to his opinions with respect. In the end Harry chose the then infant Army Air Service, and following graduation on 12 June 1923, and graduation leave, he and fifty-two of his newly commissioned classmates reported in September to the Air Service Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Boys of today are familiar with airplanes, rockets, and spacecraft, but the young men of 1923 had spent their boyhood in the horse and buggy days and knew little, if anything, about flying or the theory of flight. They had read about the exploits of the Aces of World War I, however, and the whole idea of the conquest of the air appealed to the romantic and adventuresome sides of their nature. Harry loved flying from the beginning and easily mastered the art of controlling the "Jennie" in flight. Takeoffs and landings proved somewhat more difficult, but Harry devoted himself to these problems with single-minded determination and was soon able to join the group of students making "solo" flights. From then on Harry's training progressed without interruption, and he finished the prescribed course at the Air Service Primary Flying School in March 1924 and that of the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field in September 1924, when he was ordered back to Brooks Field for duty as a flying instructor.

The country, as a whole, was in the midst of a tremendous boom in the mid-nineteen twenties, while the Army was subsisting on very short rations, indeed. This was especially true of the Army Air Service, where pilots were still flying the JNS, the DH4, the NBSI, the MB3, and the SE5, all relics of the First World War, with no new equipment in sight. Despite the allure of flying, this static situation, with the prospect for the future even bleaker, had little appeal for many young officers. For Second Lieutenant Harry T. Rowland, young, ambitious, and full of energy, it had almost no appeal, so in 1925, he very reluctantly resigned his commission in the Army, retaining a commission in the Army Reserve, and entered business in San Antonio. Unfortunately for this business, however, it had nothing to do with flying, so Harry could not be happy in it very long and was soon recalled to active duty in the Air Service. Here he remained, performing the usual duties of a squadron officer, until 1931, when he resigned in order to accept a post with the Jouett Air Mission to China. Here Harry shouldered many responsibilities, including a three-year stint as personal advisor to Chiang Kai Shek on aviation matters, which gave him valuable experience for the discharge of heavier responsibilities in the future.

In 1935, Harry returned to the United States and became associated with the Glen L. Martin Company of Baltimore. Up until this time, Harry had been concerned with the operation and maintenance of aircraft; now he was to be involved in the problems of management in the business of making, selling, and servicing airplanes. Harry entered upon his new duties with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, and his progress was rapid. He became Sales Manager of Glen L. Martin in 1939, Vice-President in charge of sales in 1942, and executive Vice-President in 1945. In addition to his posts with Glen L. Martin of Baltimore, he was President and Director of the Glen L. Martin Nebraska Company, President and Director of the Skyline Corporation of Wichita, Kansas, President of Aircraft Armaments Incorporated of Baltimore, and at the time of his death was serving as President and General Manager of the Hayes Aircraft Company of Birmingham. Harry travelled all over the world in the interest of the companies with which he worked, and wherever he went, he made friends. Had he remained in the military service he would have, without doubt, attained high rank in the Air Force. Instead, he chose the industrial side of aviation, where his great capacity for work, his organizing genius, his integrity and dependability, his booming laugh and ready wit, his sincere and compassionate regard for people, and his consequent ability to win their loyalty and wholehearted co-operation marked him as one of the giants of the industry. In serving the aviation industry well he served the nation well, and his untimely death was a great loss to his country, as well as to his friends all over the world.

With the exception of a short period following his resignation in 1925, Harry Rowland devoted his entire adult life to aviation. The first ten years were spent in learning to fly, teaching others to fly, and operating aircraft in both the military and commercial fields; the next twenty years, from his first association with the Glen L. Martin Company in 1935 until his death in 1955, were devoted to the making, selling, and servicing of aircraft. During this latter period, Harry held many responsible and demanding positions in the aircraft industry, all of which he fulfilled successfully, but the greatest monument to his executive ability, perhaps, is the Hayes Aircraft Company of Birmingham, which he organized and built into a huge industrial complex employing more than 8,000 people. As President and General Manager of the company, Harry's duties were arduous, but in spite of the heavy responsibilities of his job, he managed to find time to participate in the civic affairs of Birmingham. He took an active interest in the Children's Hospital and in the Red Cross and Community Chest drives. He was a member of The Club, the Rotary Club, the Downtown Club, and the Chamber of Commerce and took an active part in all of these organizations. He was much in demand as a speaker, and during the short period of four years, he made no

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less than a hundred speeches in Birmingham alone. It would be difficult to find a man who made a more profound impression on a community anywhere than Harry made on Birmingham during the few short years he was there. After his death the tributes that poured in, from high and low alike, reflected the admiration and respect in which he was held by the employees of Hayes Aircraft Company, as well as by his associates in the Birmingham area and in the aircraft industry as a whole.

Harry was survived by his wife Marjorie Crume Rowland; two sons, Harry M. and James Tatum; and a daughter Barbara.

— *W. E. W.*
A Classmate

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Charles Lanier Dasher Jr.

NO. 7359 CLASS OF 1924

Died 31 October 1968 in Washington, D.C., aged 68 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CHARLES LANIER DASHER JR., who was destined to become one of the "Thundering Herd's" distinguished members, was born to Charles Lanier and Eloise Wilder Dasher, both of Georgia, in Savannah, Georgia, on 11 July 1900. Thereafter Charlie spent his first twenty years in Savannah, Vicksburg, and Washington, D.C., each city contributing to his schooling. Charlie gained early prominence, at what was then Central High School in Washington, as a leader, a fine athlete, and a keen competitor, attributes which were to characterize him in the years ahead. As a four-sports man, he was admired and respected by schoolmates and opponents throughout the city.

After a year at George Washington University, where he belonged to Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, on 1 July 1920, Charlie entered the Military Academy as a member of the Class of 1924, appointed from Georgia. Beginning in our first summer and continuing through the four years, he demonstrated his abilities as a leader and an athlete while at the same time meeting the academic challenges with his habitual quiet effectiveness.

Though an early knee injury curtailed his active football participation as a Plebe, Charlie, refusing to give up his favored sport entirely, turned to the administrative side of the game and ultimately became football manager in his First Class Year. After his knee injury, he concentrated on baseball as a major sport, becoming regular shortstop as a Plebe, holding down the position all four years—four baseball "A"s, two victories over Navy. Always a steady anchor for the infield, dependable both at bat and in the field, reliability, spirit, and team play were his trade marks.

A handsome cadet, always well-turned out, with an easy grace, a quiet, pleasant manner, yet one who inspired confidence in his associates, Dasher graduated in the upper third of his class, wore chevrons of rank during the three upperclass years, and then moved on to become a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery.

Dasher's first assignment was to the 7th Field Artillery at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where he reported to start his commissioned career in September 1924. During the first year at that station came the happiest and best event of Charlie's life. On 10 February 1925, he married Helen Catherine Rowzee

CHARLES LANIER DASHER JR.

of Washington, D. C., who had also been a student at Washington's Central High School. It was at Central during Charlie's senior year that their long romance began.

The following peacetime service brought to the Dashers a succession of assignments: Schofield Barracks, The Artillery School at Sill, Fort Hoyle, West Point, with a highlight as Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics, Fort Bragg, and then the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1939-1940. Promotion to the exalted rank of Captain had come in 1935.

During these years Charlie continued his interest in athletics as player and coach of various soldier teams. With horses plentiful and polo popular, he added that game to his athletic accomplishments and became an outstanding player. He also took up golf, a game at which he excelled, as other sport participation began to wane.

These years were greatly blessed by two additions to the Dasher family: Beverly Anne who was born at Schofield Barracks in 1928, and Charlene Catherine who joined them in Washington, D. C., in 1931. After appropriate years as "Army brats," Beverly Anne became the wife of William Allison Priest, then an Air Force officer, and now in business in Birmingham, Alabama, while Charlene Catherine rejoined the Army with Robert Allison Hyatt, USMA '51.

After the Command and Staff School came Fort Sam Houston; and then, with World War II threatening, the tempo of everything, including promotion and frequency of reassignment, began to pick up. Dasher was more than ready for the challenge which brought up a succession of assignments of increasing responsibility.

The United States' entry into the war found Charlie as an instructor at Fort Sill. From there he returned to troops and went to Europe where he participated in five major campaigns with the XIX Corps Staff, as Commanding Officer, 32d FA Brigade and, later, as Commanding General, Division Artillery, 75th Division. With this latter assignment came promotion to Brigadier General, AUS, 25 March 1945.

With the war in Europe ended, General Dasher was soon en route to the Pacific Theatre as Chief of Staff XVIII Airborne Corps. However, all hostilities terminated at that time, so Dasher volunteered to serve in Europe for two years after the war, assisting in the occupation and reorganization of war torn areas in various command and staff capacities. The most interesting of these assignments was a year and a half as Commander, Rome Allied Area Command.

His European Service was recognized by the award of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal twice, and the Army Commendation Ribbon twice.

His return from Europe early in 1947 was followed by attendance at the Strategic Intelligence School, and then back to Europe again, this time for an interesting three years as Army Attaché to Spain. For his outstanding service, the Spanish Government awarded General Dasher the Spanish Order of Military Merit.

After a year and a half in the States commencing in mid-1950 and divided between Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe and Assistant Division Commander, 8th Infantry at Fort Jackson, Dasher was assigned to the Far East Command in 1952. There he served with such distinction as Assistant Division Commander, 3d Infantry Division in the Korean combat that he was promoted to the rank of Major General. Engaged in extensive and frequently bitter combat while with the 3d Division, the high caliber of his leadership was exemplified near Chokko-Ri, Korea, on 16 August 1952, when General Dasher was wounded in action while directing the care and evacuation of wounded men while under heavy enemy fire. For this significant action he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (2d oak leaf cluster) with "V" Device, and the Purple Heart. The citation for the former read in part: "As he was caring for a wounded soldier, the entire area was subjected to intense enemy fire, wounding General Dasher. Despite intense pain, he exposed himself to the lethal fire as he moved among the men . . . directing the evacuation of the wounded. Only after he was assured that each man was in a safe position did General Dasher seek cover for himself. . . . General Dasher's heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service."

For outstanding service as Assistant Division Commander, 3d Infantry Division, General Dasher was awarded the Legion of Merit (oak leaf cluster).

With promotion, Dasher assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan, which he led with distinction for almost a year, returning that division to Korea in July 1953. During the ensuing months he and his command had many and varied responsibilities including combat, rear area organization, security and assistance in the successful transfer of prisoners of war during "Operation Big Swap." For exemplary leadership as Division Commander, General Dasher was awarded the Legion of Merit (2d oak leaf cluster) and was also credited with two Bronze Star Medals for his overall participation in major Korean campaigns.

In 1955, after a two-year tour as Deputy Commander, Fifth U. S. Army in Chicago, Dasher was again assigned to Europe where during three years he served successively as U. S. Commander, Berlin; Chief of Staff, U. S. Army Europe; and Deputy Commander in Chief, U. S. Army Europe.

His last active duty assignment as Commanding General, U. S. Army Caribbean, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, followed almost immediately upon return from Europe in 1958. There he served until retirement in August 1960, bringing to a close a distinguished military career worthy of such an outstanding leader. In recognition of his fine service from January 1954 to July 1960, General Dasher was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal

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which stated in summary: "General Dasher's long and distinguished performance of duty throughout this period is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service."

His distinguished combat service overseas gained recognition in the form of awards from a number of foreign nations. These included the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier) and the Croix de Guerre with Palm; the Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm; the Netherlands Order of the Orange Nassau (Knight Commander) with Swords; the Italian Grand Order, Crown of Italy and the Cross of St. Maurice and Lazarus; the Korean Ulchi Distinguished Military Service Medal with Gold Star, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; and the United Nations Service Medal.

After retirement Charlie and Helen returned to the Washington area, taking up permanent residence in a beautiful part of the Bethesda suburb. Charlie turned down opportunities for active participation in business, partly to avoid a possible conflict with living in the Washington area and partly because of increasing difficulties with arthritis. Instead, he concentrated on health, home, his hobbies of fishing and swimming, and on bringing back his game of golf to its former excellence.

In years subsequent to retirement the difficulties with arthritis increased, necessitating continuous treatments, and resulting in frequent great discomfort. Even so, Charlie kept his outstanding sense of humor and the responsive sparkle in his eye, played a sharp golf game, and was a keen competitor and a fine companion on the courses. He continued his interest as a Mason and his membership in the Baronial Order of Magna Charta. He served a term as Class President and gave much time to local interests, his hobbies, and to helping others.

Early in 1968 Charlie suffered a mild stroke in Savannah while on a trip in the South. His recovery was good and before long, Charlie, never one to complain, looking well, trim as ever, was back in circulation and working on his golf game. Then, suddenly, on 31 October 1968, he died of a heart attack at his home in Bethesda. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery, at Fort Myer, Virginia, attended by a tremendous gathering of old friends, comrades of all ranks, and associates of a lifetime.

In retrospect, Charlie Dasher was a man of unusual personal attributes. He was a skilled and versatile athlete and a strong competitor, yet he was equally well liked and respected by both teammates and opponents. Modest of his obvious skills, he was never boastful, believed in performance, not in talk. As an officer who set and required high standards, he was in many posts of command which held grave responsibilities and required decisions affecting many, yet he always had the universal confidence of superiors, subordinates, and associates. Those of us who were associated with him for many years under varied circumstances agree that we never heard anyone say other than good about Charlie. This is indicative of the fine character of the man; for, whereas one with such marked abilities and such strong capabilities for competition and leadership might easily have proved controversial in nature, in Charlie's case the opposite was true, in that he inspired universal admiration, confidence, and respect without conscious effort on his part.

West Point can always be proud of Charlie, just as he was always proud of West Point.

— *CDP '24*

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Robert Joseph McBride

NO. 7484 CLASS OF 1924

Died 21 June 1969 at Broward General Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aged 68 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT JOSEPH MCBRIDE

BOB, AS HE WAS affectionately known to his classmates and friends, was born in New London, Connecticut, on 14 August 1900. After graduating from Bulkeley High School in New London, he attended Columbia University in New York, and Marion Institute in Marion, Alabama, where he was elected President of the class of 1918-1919.

But the urge to go to West Point and pursue a military career was too strong to resist. He was appointed from the Second Congressional District, New London, Connecticut, and entered the Academy in July 1920. Bob was a blue-eyed handsome cadet with a winning smile and seemingly indifferent to the strenuous life that lay before him. He stood in the middle third of his class, qualified with rifle and pistol, played baseball during summer camps, participated in the Hundredth Night performances for three years, and during his last two years was a Sunday school teacher at the Catholic Chapel.

In September 1924, Bob began his professional career as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, at Fort Andrews, Massachusetts with the 13th Infantry. In May 1927, he was assigned to the 45th Infantry at Fort William McKinley, Philippines, where several of his classmates were on duty. He returned to the United States in September 1929 to attend the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduating, he was assigned to the 2d Infantry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he was promoted to First Lieutenant in January 1930. My father, Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, was so favorably impressed with Bob that he requested he be appointed as his aide. Bob served devotedly and efficiently in this capacity for seven years, until General McCloskey's retirement in 1938. During this period, Bob was promoted to Captain in August 1935, while they were stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1938, Bob was assigned to the 65th Infantry at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he served as a company commander and later as Regimental Supply Officer and Assistant Adjutant. It was there in the old Spanish fortress El Morro in San Juan on 12 November 1938 that Bob and the former Sarah Jones were married. Their daughter Therese Elizabeth was born in Puerto Rico on 26 September 1939.

Returning from overseas in 1940, Bob became the Executive Officer and S3, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry at Fort Hamilton, New York. In late 1940 and early 1941, he was a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completing the course, he returned to the 18th Infantry and received his promotion to Major in February 1941. From September 1941 until the following April, he was Assistant G4, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and during this assignment he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

In July 1942, Bob served as Acting Chief of Staff of the 88th Infantry Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, which was just being activated. This division was the first all Selective Service division to see combat during World War II. Bob became Chief of Staff of the division and remained in that assignment until August 1946. His son Robert Joseph Jr. was born on 2 February 1943 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, just a month after Bob was promoted to Colonel.

From August 1946 until November 1948, Bob was the Assistant Chief of Staff G3 and Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters Military District of Washington in the Nation's Capitol. During this period of his career, he had some unusual duties. He was responsible for all funeral plans for General John J. Pershing; he was in charge of preparing the plans for the retirement ceremony of General Dwight D. Eisenhower—which were approved in a conference with Ike; he escorted President Harry Truman to the laying of the wreath ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Armistice Day, 1946, and he participated in planning the first reburial of World War II dead in Arlington National Cemetery.

Following his Washington tour, Bob became the Military Attaché in Costa Rica where he served under Ambassadors Nathaniel Davis and Joseph Slack. During this time, there was an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Junta in control. The McBride's house was in the middle of the fray, and they later found twenty-seven bullet holes in the roof and numerous slugs in the yard.

In 1950, Bob was assigned to the United States Army Caribbean, Fort Amador, Canal Zone, where he became the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3. At the request of the Cuban Government in 1950, he became the senior United States Army officer to aid the Cuban Armed Forces. He departed the Caribbean in August 1952 for the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, where he became the Professor of Military Science and Tactics of the Army R.O.T.C. which at that time was the third largest R.O.T.C. organization in the United States. This was his last active duty station—he retired 31 July 1954.

During his military career, Bob received many United States and foreign awards and decorations: Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service Clasp and Service Star, American Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with three

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bronze service stars for participation in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), American Theatre Ribbon and five overseas bars. His foreign decorations were the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, Czechoslovakia Military Cross 1939, Commander, Crown of Italy and Officer, Order of the British Empire.

After his retirement, the McBrides spent several months visiting friends and relatives along the Atlantic Coast before selecting Fort Lauderdale as the retirement spot where they built their home. Bob's hobby was gardening, but he soon grew restless and took a number of business law courses which interested him. Shortly afterwards he began to work in the Employment Service Division of the Florida State Industrial Commission. He was Assistant Manager of the Fort Lauderdale office before his illness forced him to retire in the summer of 1966. After recuperating from major surgery that summer, he resumed his normal activities of handy man, gardening and swimming. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Sarah J. of Fort Lauderdale; a daughter Mrs. Donald L. Chamberlin of Clearwater; a son Robert J. Jr. of Miami; two sisters, Mrs. Daniel C. Chapman of East Lyme, Connecticut, and Mrs. George F. Nichols of Niantic, Connecticut; and three grandchildren, Robert Joseph McBride III, Karen Leslie Chamberlin, and Jeffrey Drake Chamberlin.

Earlier it was noted that Bob was the Chief of Staff of the 88th Infantry Division, the Blue Devils, which was first in Rome and first to the Brenner Pass after having broken through the Hitler and Gustav lines. The wartime commander of this division, Major General John E. Sloan, U.S.A. (Ret) said this of Bob: "Bob McBride reported to me, a stranger, as a prospective division G3 of the 88th Infantry Division, which I had been designated to organize to command and to train at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. He arrived during the preliminary period prior to activation, a new draft division, a new camp still under construction, a new division commander, and a new G3.

"During this period, I observed most carefully the new arrivals, whom I did not know, with special attention to their prospective assignments. McBride impressed me favorably from the first and now after more than forty-one years of active service and more than twenty years of retirement, I find no reason to change my first impression. The day that Bob McBride joined my division was one of the most fortunate, for me, of my entire military career.

"A few months after activation, my chief of staff was promoted out of the division; there was no question in my mind who should be my new chief of staff—he was Bob McBride. He was immediately so assigned and shortly thereafter promoted to Colonel. He served in this capacity with distinction throughout World War II. One of my greatest regrets of that war was that I was evacuated to a hospital in the States before I could succeed in getting him promoted to general officer. He deserved such promotion in every sense of the word. The successes of the division were due in large part to his outstanding performance. He was liked by officers and men; he was loyal, professionally qualified, met issues squarely, and accepted responsibilities without question, thus relieving me of a tremendous amount of detail. He was equally at ease in an Oklahoma flood, in selecting a cadre for a new division, in preparing for an army inspection or a secret visit and review by the President of the United States, as in preparing plans and orders for combat in the field.

"I have been informed that he continued his splendid performances and services long after I left the division. Two items of a continuing value which he assisted with prior to demobilization were the formation of a division association and the writing of the division history, 'The Blue Devils of Italy.' The association is still active, growing, and is a great esprit builder. The history is in its second printing and is still in demand.

"Colonel Robert Joseph McBride was a credit to West Point, to his family, and to his nation. America needs more men like him; he is sadly missed. It was my good fortune to have him as a close friend, a wonderful associate, a comrade in arms, and a loyal chief of staff."

Those of us who were privileged to know Bob can say that his friendship, understanding, professional skill, devotion to duty, and leadership will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace with the knowledge that his high ideals, love of his family, country, and fellow men are an inspiration to us all.

—*Monro MacCloskey* '24

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Thomas Allen Jennings

NO. 7522 Class of 1924

Died 9 March 1969 at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 68 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

THOMAS ALLEN JENNINGS

IN GOING THROUGH Al's meticulously kept papers this brief account of his military service was found—prepared by him obviously for this particular publication. How like this unassuming quiet man to prepare just the facts. Those who knew and loved him knew how much more there was to know than just the bare facts he prepared. His courageous fight for life was one thing he omitted.

He did not mention that he taught history at San Antonio College until one week before he had his leg amputated. After five months in the hospital he started a new life with a new leg. He refused to accept the fact that he was too old to learn to use a prosthesis. His answer to the doctors was that he had walked into the hospital on two legs and intended to walk out the same way. His amputation was in June, and he walked into the West Point party on his leg in September.

He was never idle. He kept busy at some hobby at all times. He refinished the family antiques from his wheel chair. Anything that anyone with two legs could do he was determined to find a way that he too could do it. He always succeeded. He was told he could expect to live five years when he had the amputation—he lived eleven and almost made twelve.

His interest in history never waned. He was a member of the Texas Historical Society and was just starting to help the newly organized Fort Sam Houston Historical Society to get going. He gave a talk to the ladies of the society during their organization period, and they invited him to join as a charter member. At the second meeting of the organization he was the featured speaker of the evening. The ladies of the society have just informed me that they are dedicating lovely old brass candlesticks, which they searched for extensively, in his honor. They will be in the Fort Sam Houston Museum. It is one of the old sets of General Officers Quarters—the one in the old Infantry Post. The historic old houses are to be saved if possible. This was the aim and the goal of the ladies who started the Society. They have asked for Colonel Jennings notes on his Master's Thesis as a contribution to the society. I am sure he would want them to be in the possession of the society in which he had such a keen interest.

He is survived by his wife Genevieve B. Jennings. His son Lieutenant Colonel Allen B. Jennings who is on duty at the Command and Staff College on the staff and faculty. His father was on the staff and faculty for five years. A grandchild Catherine A. Jennings also survives. His mother Mrs. Josephine A. Jennings of Pittsburgh, Pennslyvania, survives her son, a brother J. H. Jennings of Santa Monica also survives.

His devotion to his family and home life were the chief interests of his life.

— *Genevieve B. Jennings*

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Philip DeWitt Ginder

NO. 8193 CLASS OF 1927

Died 7 November 1968 in New York, New York, aged 63 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

GENERAL MARK W. CLARK wrote in a national publication: "Korea provided the United States with a bumper crop of leaders . . . among them Major General P.D. Ginder, Commander of the 45th Division in Korea. General Ginder arrived in Korea a Colonel, and by virtue of his leadership qualities, advanced quickly to the two star rank." General Ginder was north of the 38th Parallel for almost seventeen months, longer than any other general officer. He also was the youngest American General to command a division in combat in Korea.

Korea was not his first command in combat. As a Colonel he was among the first

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PHILIP DEWITT GINDER

to land in Normandy on D-Day and later he took command of task forces in the Hurtgen Forest Campaign and captured the town of Hurtgen, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Following this campaign, he became the Commanding Officer of the famous 9th Infantry "Manchu" Regiment of the 2d Division and led his organization across the European battlegrounds until they made contact with the Russian forces at Rokycany, Czechoslovakia. He was decorated by both the Russians and the Czechs.

Besides these decorations and the coveted Distinguished Service Cross, General Ginder has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Philippine Legion of Honor, the French Legion of Honor (Officier), the Croix de Guerre with Palms of France, the Belgian Fourragere, the Korean Taegu Medal with Gold Star and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon termination of hostilities in Europe, General Ginder returned to stateside duties with his "Manchu" regiment, and then attended the newly established National War College in Washington, D.C. Following graduation, he served on General MacArthur's staff in the Far East and held important posts with the 2d Infantry Division and the Sixth Army in San Francisco.

In 1949 he received the important post of Senior United States Military Attaché in Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he saw at close hand the methods by which the Communists wage "cold" war.

He became the Commanding Officer of the 6th Infantry Division (the Defenders of Berlin) in embattled Berlin in 1950, and in 1951 he met Jean Dalrymple, who was masterminding the United States' participation in the first Berlin Arts Festival. After their marriage in Connecticut, he continued his illustrious career in Korea, where he became a Major General, in command of the famous "Thunderbird" Division—the 45th. When he returned to the United States, he commanded Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Riley, Kansas; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; the 5th Army, with headquarters in Chicago; and then was called to the Pentagon to take command of all United States Reserve Forces. His final post was as Deputy Commander of the First U. S. Army, at Governor's Island, New York City.

After his retirement, he became president of the Brazilian-American Export Company, and a director of many important industrial organizations.

Major General Philip DeWitt Ginder 63, died at 4:35 p.m. on Thursday, 7 November at the Trafalgar Hospital, after suffering a cerebral hemmorage on Tuesday morning. He lived at 150 West 55th Street, New York City and in Danbury, Connecticut. He was married to Jean Dalrymple.

General Ginder was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ginder of Scranton, Pennsylvania, both deceased. The General's great-great-grandfather was the discoverer of anthracite coal in the state of Pennsylvania and has been honored by a monument to "Honest Philip Ginder" in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, at the site.

Besides his wife, General Ginder is survived by two daughters by his first wife, Martha Calvert. They are Mrs. Alan Caldwell and Mrs. Benjamin Dew, both of San Francisco, also one granddaughter and one grandson the latter born only a few days ago.

General Ginder was a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy and a member of the Brook Club in New York City, the Silver Spring Country Club, in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and was a 32d Degree Mason.

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Frederick Lewis Anderson

NO. 8328 CLASS OF 1928

Died 2 March 1969 in Houston, Texas, aged 63 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

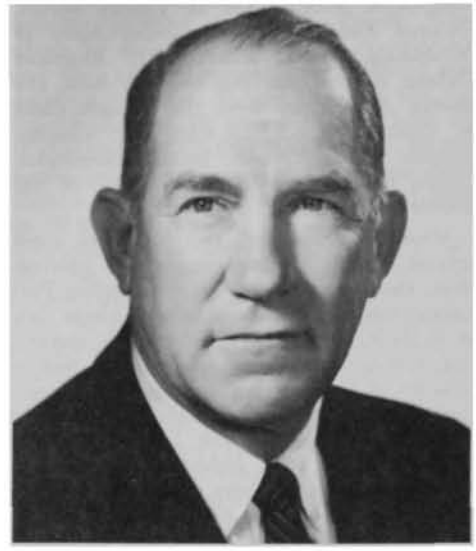
FRED HAD FOUGHT gallantly for almost two years the illness which caused his death. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday 6 March following an 11 a.m. service at the Fort Myer Chapel.

Fred was born 4 October 1905 in Kingston, New York, was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point on 9 June 1928 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. However, he had already determined that his future was in flying. Accordingly, he entered the Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, in September 1928 and was graduated from the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas on 15 October 1929.

While a cadet at West Point, Fred's enterprise and fighting spirit, which were so evident in lacrosse and football, earned him the title of "Ball Hawk." He won his major "A" in the years 3-2-1. He was a Cadet Lieutenant and a member of the Honor Committee as a First Classman.

The fighting spirit he had as a Cadet stayed with Fred until his last breath.

After graduation from the Advanced Flying School, Fred's assignments were those normal for a Junior Officer of the Army Air Corps. One incident was an outstanding example of the courage evident throughout his life. In 1934, while flying in formation over San Francisco, his airplane, an O-19, caught fire. Rather than eject immediately with consequent hazard to people below, he flew out over the bay and then ejected. The airplane went into the water, and so did Fred. A stiff wind was blowing, and he could not collapse his parachute. He was consequently dragged



FREDERICK LEWIS ANDERSON

submerged until pulled from the water by personnel from a U. S. Navy vessel. Fortunately, they had a pullmotor, and Fred was revived after four hours of unconsciousness. For this he was awarded one of the very few Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded in peace time and the first to be awarded to a member of the Class of 1928.

Although, as I have stated, Fred's assignments in the early days of his career were those normal to a Junior Air Force Officer, he early developed an interest in the then relatively uncharted area of aerial bombardment. This led to his assignment as Director of Bombardier instruction at the Air Corps Tactical School following his graduation from that school in 1940. In 1941, he was assigned as Director of Bombardment in the Training and Operations Division of the office of the Chief of the Air Corps in Washington, D. C. In 1943, he was appointed Commander of the 8th Bomber Command in the European Theatre of operations. In this capacity, he both flew with, and directed, his B17 fortress crews during their crucial attacks on German industries in 1943. The book and movie, "Command Decision," were based on the exploits of Fred and his fortress crews during this period. His leadership was recognized by his being promoted to Brigadier General (temporary) 7 February 1943 and to Major General (temporary) 4 November 1943, making him, at the age of 37, the Nation's youngest Major General. At the end of the war, he was Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

After the war, Fred was assigned to the Pentagon as Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Personnel and occupied this position until his retirement in 1947. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with two Clusters, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Commander of Bath (U. K.), Suvurov 3rd degree (U.S.S.R.), Croix de Guerre (France), and Order of Polonia Restitute, Commander's Cross (Poland).

That Fred was a man of many facets is demonstrated by his career as a diplomat and as a businessman both during and after World War II. During the war, he was selected for sensitive diplomatic missions to Britain, Russia, and Sweden. He was also General Eisenhower's representative at the

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Yalta Conference. Later, in 1952, his business activities were put aside for a time when he was selected by President Truman to serve as Deputy Special Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, to Europe, with the responsibility for the mutual security program, and representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In 1955, at the request of President Eisenhower, he headed a panel to study and report on the psychological aspects of U. S. strategy. In 1956 he served on the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund Special Studies Project Panel on U. S. International Objectives and Strategy. He also served on the Hoover Committee on reorganization of the Federal Government.

Fred began his business ventures as President and Director of Hodges Research and Development Company of Redwood City, California (1947-1950), then was President of Three States Natural Gas Company, Dallas, Texas (1950-1952). Following the NATO period, he engaged in individual private investment banking from 1953 to August 1959. During this time, with several associates in various parts of the U. S., Fred began to offer financial and other assistance to promising young business leaders during the critical, early-development periods of their business. He felt that providing such aid was vital to the growth of our national economy. His group participated in the financing of several corporations, including Lear Siegler, Inc., and Royal Industries, Inc., of Los Angeles; U. S. Leasing Corp. of San Francisco; and Raychem Corporation of Menlo Park, California.

In 1959 Fred joined William H. Draper Jr., Laurence G. Duerig, and the late Rowan Gaither Jr. in establishing Draper, Gaither & Anderson—a private investment organization located in Palo Alto, California. This partnership was formed to continue the type of venture capital investment activity already in process, and some of the companies developed under the firm are Mark Systems, Inc., Cupertino, California; Federal Petroleum, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Tracor, Inc., Austin, Texas. Fred served as director of most of these companies, as well as several others, including American Bakeries Company, Chicago, Illinois. In addition, he was a trustee of the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, and of the Menlo School and College, Menlo Park, California. He was a member of the Menlo Country Club, the Cypress Point Club, The San Francisco Golf Club, the Pacific Union Club, the Palo Alto Club, and The Links. He also was a member of the Institute of International Education, the Atlantic Council, the World Affairs Council of California, and the National Planning Association.

We could recall Fred's many acts of courage, many displays of true patriotism, of sacrifice for his country, his friends, and his family. He was generous to a fault. We could recount many other unique achievements of his career in the Air Force, in diplomacy, and in the business world. We could call to mind his contribution to final victory in World War II, where he persisted in his concept of high-altitude precision daylight bombardment through the dreadful days of 1943 and was to see his decision justified. We could relate more of his success in representing his country in diplomatic circles and of his charm and ability which won for him personal friendships with presidents, prime ministers, and rulers. We could list with satisfaction other of his business ventures which would have died a-borning but for Fred with his financial insight and courage.

But Fred would not be willing to have these things paraded. He would prefer to discuss, over a much loved cigar, and possibly a favorite drink, his struggle with the golf course at Mauna Kea or Cypress, or to speculate on what the duck season would be like in California next year. He would be eager to discuss his program for centralizing available information and individual research in cancer treatment. His eyes would soften and his voice grow warm and eager as he spoke of changes Elizabeth planned in the beautiful home they both so loved, or of the grandchildren and children who were so dear to him. Any talk of trout fishing would reveal that Fred Anderson was a dedicated and talented purist in dry fly stream fishing, and he would be utterly contemptuous of any mention of bait or hardware fishing. I think Fred would say that the weather was never too bad to play golf, or to fish, or to hunt. He enjoyed the good things of life, including his magnificent taste in wine and his unabashed joy in family, home, clubs, and his Colorado ranch.

If he were to choose one facet of his personality which he himself felt to be the greatest virtue, it would be loyalty. Fred was unswervingly loyal. He never recognized the absence of this in others, because to him, loyalty to his country, his family and friends, to his business associates, and to the code by which he lived, was the one way of life.

From all this, it is obvious that Fred Anderson was a man of many talents, adaptable to any circumstance, unflinching in adversity, gentle in victory. Like so many others we are proud to be able to say he was our friend.

— S. E. A.
— D. L. P.

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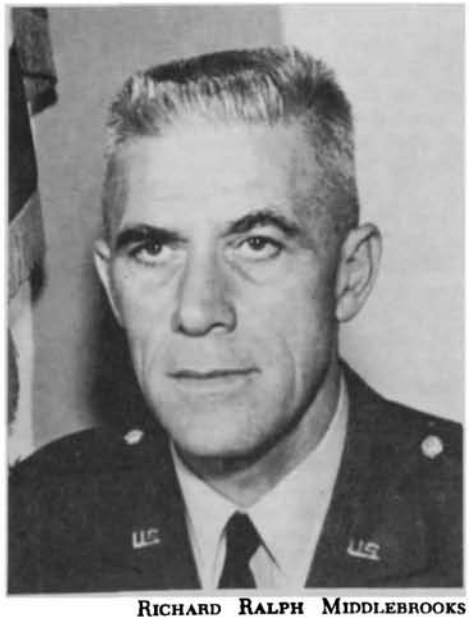
Richard Ralph Middlebrooks

NO. 8423 CLASS OF 1928

Died 18 February 1968 at the United States Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: Mountain Shadows Cemetery, Sonora, California

"A LEAN SIX FEET . . . a winning grin, a freckle or two . . ." said the *Howitzer* years ago; "kind, gentle, considerate, and to the day of his death, cheerful in the face of overwhelming odds . . ." said his friends and intimates forty years later. Across a generation of time these words characterize Dick Middlebrooks succinctly.



RICHARD RALPH MIDDLEBROOKS

Richard Ralph Middlebrooks was the second son of Ernest A. and Elizabeth Nickum Middlebrooks and the first of the families in recent generations to seek a career in the military service. Studies came easily to Dick during his youth in Portland, Oregon; and after competing with twenty-two candidates, he was appointed to West Point from the First Congressional District by Representative Hawley shortly after his high school graduation.

During cadet years his classmates noted a "handiness with horses and an avid desire for wings." All through the four years he gave little thought to any other branch than the Air Corps so that graduation, with a commission in the Infantry and a detail in the Air Corps, seemed ambition fulfilled. Fate decreed otherwise, however, for Dick did not complete flight training, and he undertook duty at Fort Sam Houson, close by, still hoping for a further try for wings. Unfortunately, the second try foundered on an eyesight disqualification.

Discouragement overtook Dick because of this disappointment, the austere life of the Army during those depression years, and the responsibilities now of marriage. While on leave with his family in Portland he submitted a resignation and accepted a position with a lumber company in the northwest.

Sober second thought found the roots of service instilled at West Point driven deeply. First there was remorse over the resignation of his commission, then effort to regain the commission by Congressional action, then in 1935 a return to active duty on his reserve commission for service with the Civilian Conservation Corps. Through many stations in California, Oregon, and Washington Dick earned commendatory remarks but, forseeing the transfer of the CCC to a civilian agency, he terminated active duty to return to Texas and take a position with the R.O.T.C. of the San Antonio high schools in 1937.

In 1940 Dick resumed active Army duty and from that juncture his military career developed speedily. Highlighted by rapid promotion, return to the Regular Army list and progressively heavier responsibilities, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre along the whole road—Australia-Papua-New Guinea-Netherlands East Indies-Philippines-Japan—and was awarded the Legion of Merit and two Bronze Star Medals. Following World War II, Colonel Middlebrooks served the Army Ground Forces at Fort Monroe, completed courses at Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, the Command and General Staff at Leavenworth, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in 1950. The Korean War found Dick with I Corps where he served as Corps G1, then as Commanding Officer, 15th Infantry and Chief of Staff of the 3d Division. On return home he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at North Carolina State College in Raleigh for which, upon termination of an extended tour he received the personal commendation of the Chancellor in 1957.

Commandant of the United States Army Cold Weather and Mountain School and Post Commander at Fort Greeley, Alaska, was Dick's next assignment. On completion of that two-year tour, he returned stateside for duty at Fort Ord, California, where he was appointed Commanding Officer, Special Troops in 1959. This station proved to be

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Dick's last Army duty for he was retired, disabled on 1 January 1962.

The years of retirement were fruitful, for Dick and his wife Beverly located in Carmel Valley where, though physical activity was seriously curtailed, he devoted himself to art work (a knack for which he exhibited as a cadet) and achieved notable success. During 1966 the Middlebrooks moved to Cuernavaca, Mexico, but the transition proved too strenuous, and they returned to Sonora, California, to build a new home. Dick died on 18 February 1968 at the United States Naval Hospital, Oakland, of pulmonary emphysema and congestive heart failure.

Dick is survived by his wife, Beverly (Smith) Middlebrooks at the Sonora address, and two daughters, Suzanne (Mrs. Frank Eckblom) of Twain Harte, California, and Nancy (wife of Colonel Everett S. Parkins, USA) of Alexandria, Virginia. There are four grandchildren.

Friends and associates in the Class of 1928, in the Army, and in civilian life can truly say as the *Howitzer* did that Dick Middlebrooks was "unfailingly generous, a sublime optimist . . . and all in all, a man whom it is a privilege to count a friend."

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Ralph Shaffer Harper

NO. 10419 CLASS OF 1935

Killed in Action 18 December 1944 in Tavigny, Belgium, aged 32 years.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio

Ralph Shaffer Harper died an unsung hero, killed in action on the evening of 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Tavigny, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge. As Commander of Task Force Harper, a major portion of the Reserve Command of the 9th Armored Division, he, like so many others traded lives for time—time which was essential to the reinforcement and defense of Bastogne. Too much time has passed to determine accurately all the pertinent circumstances surrounding his death; however, it is well known that Task Force Rose and Task Force Harper had established road blocks ten miles northeast of Bastogne on the road leading from St. Vith and about halfway between Clervaux and Bastogne.

Ralph Shaffer Harper

After the breakthrough on 17 December, the 2d SS Panzer Division used this road in its drive to seize Bastogne and continue westward. In the early afternoon of 18 December, the Germans attacked and overran Task Force Rose. Ralph collected the remnants of Task Force Rose, and together with his own tank-heavy battalion task force, prepared for the assault on his position which was launched shortly before dark on the 18th. The numerical odds against him were tremendous; but as the tide of battle shifted against his Task Force, he led a counterattack by his reserve company, and in the melee that followed, lost his life in a tank battle. He had, however, delayed a German tank division sufficiently to permit Task Force Cherry, from CCB of the 10th Armored Division, to move into and secure the village of Longvilly, a few miles to his rear on the same road to Bastogne.

Little did he know in the confusion that existed that evening, that he was buying time for Hank Cherry, another classmate of his; nor could he have known that he and Hank together had protected Bastogne from the northeast until the first elements of the 101st Airborne Division arrived at about daybreak on the 19th of December. Accounts of the battle and history books praise the valiant and now famous stand of the 101st, but none of them can possibly give sufficient credit to the leaders like Ralph who delayed the enemy until the 101st Airborne Division and other reinforcements arrived in Bastogne.

He was born 17 July 1912 in Columbus, Ohio, and went to school there, including one year at Ohio State University. He entered the United States Military Academy in July of 1930, took the "five-year course," graduated in June of 1935, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Cavalry. After graduating, he was assigned to the 14th Cavalry and stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where he met the lovely Mariam L. Wareham. They married on 29 December 1938. Soon thereafter, Ralph and Mariam moved to Fort Riley where he attended the Cavalry School, following which he was attached on temporary duty to the 1st Mechanized Cavalry Regiment at Fort Knox, while he attended the Armor School in 1940. After graduation from the latter, Ralph was assigned to the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he and Mariam lived for a short while until he was transferred to Camp Polk, Louisiana, to help organize the 3d Armored Division. This picture was taken at Camp Polk shortly before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

In June of 1941, they moved back to Fort Riley where Ralph joined the 2d Cavalry Division, which in June of 1942, was reorganized as the 9th Armored Division. He was promoted to Major in the AUS in February of 1942 and to Lieutenant Colonel on 20 October 1942. He commanded and trained the 2d Tank Battalion continuously thereafter, during five months of desert training in 1943, and ten months more at Camp Polk, Louisiana, taking the battalion overseas in August of 1944, with the rest of the division. When the battalion was committed to delay the onslaught of the Sixth Panzer Army, it was engaged in its first intensive combat. The battalion's performance in this, its first action, proved Ralph's worth as an officer and as a leader.

He is survived by his widow Mariam, who lives at 269 North Virginia Lee Road, Columbus, Ohio 43209, not far from Jack Davis, another classmate. Ralph's and Mariam's daughters, Sandra Margaret and Kay Ellen, both graduated from Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs, New York; Sandra received her Master's in English at Ohio State in 1965. Unfortunately, his daughters were not old enough during his lifetime to get to know their father for the highly skilled, courageous, and dedicated officer that he was; but, like the rest of us, they knew him as a fine, generous, understanding, and self-sacrificing father. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart and is buried in Union Cemetery at Columbus, Ohio.

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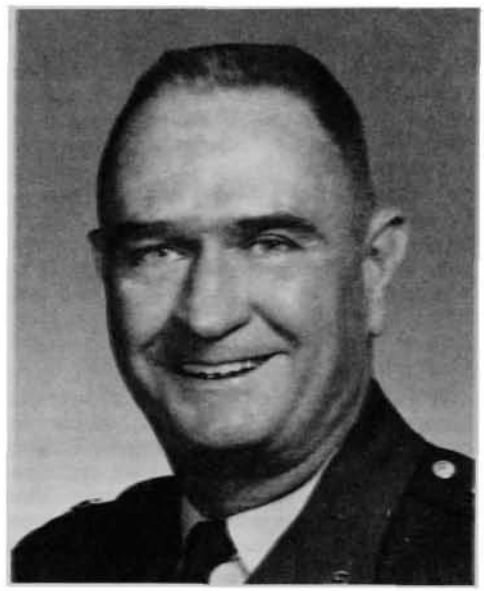
John Pope Blackshear

NO. 10458 CLASS OF 1935

Died 2 December 1967 at Milllersburg, Kentucky, aged 56 years.

Interment: Millersburg Cemetery, Millersburg, Kentucky



John Pope Blackshear

John Pope Blackshear was born at Newberry, South Carolina, on 25 November 1911. He was appointed to West Point from South Carolina and entered the Academy on 5 July 1930. However, difficulty with mathematics caused him to leave in January 1931. This did not discourage him as he succeeded in being readmitted, joining the Class of 1935 on 28 August of the same year.

During his next four years at West Point, Pope continued to have difficulties with academics; but when the chips were down, he always managed to succeed. As I recall, he hoped to achieve the distinction of graduating as anchor man. However, competition for this spot can be rather risky; so at the end he decided that passing successfully was more important, and he missed being anchor man by one file.

After graduation leave he reported for duty to the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, and served there until 1938 when he went to Fort Benning to attend the Regular course at the Infantry School. From August 1939 until March 1942 he served in different capacities with the 30th Infantry at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; Camp Jackson, South Carolina; Little Falls, Minnesota; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Much of this period was spent on maneuvers in various parts of the country.

During 1943 Pope commanded battalions in the 337th Infantry and the 409th Infantry and then attended the Command and Gen-

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eral Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1944. Following graduation in March 1944, he joined the 411th Infantry at Camp Howze, Texas, and departed overseas with it in October 1944 for duty in the European Theatre of Operations.

On the transport taking Pope to Hawaii in October 1935 was another brand-new Second Lieutenant, Geraldine Baker, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, who had just finished the Army School of Nursing at Walter Reed Hospital and received her commission in the Army Nurse Corps. They became acquainted on this trip and then were both stationed at Schofield Barracks. On 19 October 1936, they were married. After the tour in Hawaii, their married life consisted of moving constantly from place to place, practically living out of suitcases. It was really not until he had completed the 2d Command Class at Fort Leavenworth in 1946 and had been assigned for duty in Austria that Pope and Jerry had an opportunity to settle down. He served with Military Intelligence in Vienna and Salzburg until April 1950 when he was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

In September 1953 he departed for Korea where he served as Inspector General, I Corps, until his return to the United States in 1955, retiring in June of that year. He accepted a position at Millersburg Military Institute, Millersburg, Kentucky, as Professor of Military Science and as instructor in mathematics.

His experience of being "found" in mathematics his first year at West Point had made quite an impact on Pope. He now couldn't get enough of it and took courses at the University of Kentucky. He also obtained a Master's degree in Education at the University. In this new career he seemed to find new enthusiasm, and he became a highly respected and loved member of the school and community. He was coach of both the rifle and tennis teams, assistant coach of boxing, and played ardent golf and chess. Jerry says he played golf every day except when the snow was too deep to find the ball, even a red one. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner.

He died on 2 December 1967 of a heart attack. Services were conducted at Memorial Gymnasium of Millersburg Military Institute with senior cadet officers as pallbearers. He is survived by his widow Geraldine and their daughter Ann, Mrs. James Dillon of Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania.

After his death, a Millersburg cadet wrote this tribute to Pope Blackshear which describes well his approach to life:

The days of "Slicky-Slicky"
are gone and with them the era of a cadet—

A cadet who, though a soldier, was still a part of the "Long Gray Line."

A cadet who, by his own admission, had walked the "Area" enough to travel twice cross-continent.

Where has he gone? This pipe-smoking, yard-stick swinging, chess player who ran a class like a boot camp with a resounding "RE-port!"

He was all of this—and yet—

He was still a cadet who could, when he felt the need, remember and pass on old tricks he had used to make the way a little smoother, the problem a little shorter, the day a little brighter.

Where has he gone?

If there is a place of rest of ever-searching, ever-learning minds—he has gone there.

If there isn't such a place then he has gone off to start studying a new subject—

A study of infinity.

— *H. M. E.*

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Frederick Jordan Hampton

NO. 18281 CLASS OF 1951

Hostile death near Khe Sanh, Vietnam, 6 March 1968, aged 40 years.

Interment: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

FREDERICK JORDAN HAMPTON

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FREDERICK J. HAMPTON distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as Aircraft Commander near Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam, on 6 March 1968. The citation to accompany the Award of the Silver Star goes on to say that ". . . on that date, Colonel Hampton led his flight in support of friendly ground forces engaged in defense of their beleaguered outpost. Despite the continuous threat from intense hostile fire, Colonel Hampton's leadership, exemplary foresight, and ceaseless efforts resulted in significant contributions to the effectiveness and success of the commitments of the United States in Southeast Asia."

Fred was killed along with his crew, one civilian photographer, and forty-four Marines when the C-123 transport plane, of which he was Aircraft Commander, was hit at 4,000 feet by hostile fire and crashed in dense jungle.

He was born on 16 July 1927, at Gainesville, Florida, the son of the late Frederick J. Hampton and the late Alice McNair Taylor. As a boy, he led an active outdoor life with great interest in hunting, fishing, and athletics. He attended the University of Florida for two years and joined the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. About this time he set his sights on being in the United States Air Force.

Fred started his profession on 1 July 1947, when he entered West Point. His size predestined him for assignment to 2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment. This was an outfit which, in Fred's day, held itself to be a sort of Special Elect among the Corps of Cadets: it was quartered in the Lost Fifties, snugged in next to the gym at the base of the hill on which the chapel stands, isolated from the rest of the Corps, and far removed from such focal points of corps activities as the mess hall, the Wheel House, the academic buildings, and cadet headquarters. Life in the Lost Fifties called for clansmanship, and in this atmosphere of special kinships the quality of this man began to unfold.

Fred knew from the beginning that the Air Force was his goal, and he gauged his academic and military efforts to that end. He made it easily. He made a great many other things, incidentally, along the way. He was one of our top-notchers in gym on the high bar until a bad fall broke an arm. He was the anomalous Floridian who performed so well in the ski club. He served as a chapel usher in his first class year, and also in that year was appointed a Cadet Lieutenant of H-2 Company—an appointment merited by the combined judgment of his tactical officers and his peers.

But there was more. There is mention in the 1951 *Howitzer* of the Harmonicazoo Five, of the Universal Ukes, and of other activities by which cadets of "the Lostest of the Lost Fifties" bound themselves to one another. Fred was a generator of these doings. His interest in these forms of fellowship characterizes him as an essentially generous man. The testimony to his generosity was a series of furloughs on which his companions accompanied him to his home in Gainesville, Florida. That comradeship is not forgotten.

After graduation, Fred attended pilot and combat crew training at Spence, Vance, Randolph, and Forbes Air Force Bases. In 1953, he was assigned to the 307 BW at Kadena AFB, Okinawa, where he was awarded the Air Medal while flying B-29's in Korea. In late 1953, he joined the 305 BW at MacDill AFB where he met Katherine Anne Hawkins. They were married 1 May 1954, and moved shortly thereafter to Barksdale AFB and Hamilton AFB where Fred was Aide to Major General Robert B. Landry. After a short tour at Aerial Observer School in 1955-56 at Connally AFB, Fred and Anne returned to MacDill AFB in Florida, where Fred served for two years as a B-47 pilot with SAC's 305 BW.

In April 1958, he received the choice assignment of his career. At the Air Force Academy he distinguished himself by meritorious achievements as Air Officer commanding, 3d Squadron, The Air Force Cadet Wing. He was quite proud, and justly so, when his 3d Squadron was designated "Honor Squadron" of the Class of 1959, the first graduating class of the Air Force Academy. Fred's assignment at the Air Force Academy was his favorite and the highlight of his career—he appreciated working with "the finest young men in the world."

In 1961-62, Fred attended Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB and in 1962-63, the Attaché School at Fort Belvoir. From January 1964 through June 1967, he was Assistant Air Attaché, Venezuela. A fitting tribute was paid by the members of the Aeroclub of Caracas when they dedicated a page of their magazine to him. The memorial read in part: "The painful notice of his death was unpleasant news for the pilots of the Aeroclub of Caracas who had learned to love the congenial North American friend of Venezuela. We in Venezuela, far from that war,

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are only able to mourn the death of our friend."

His decorations were numerous. They included the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one BOLC, Distinguished Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal with two BSS, National Defense Service Medal with one BSS, United Nations Service Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters. In 1961, he received the Air Force Commendation Medal for distinguished service at the Air Force Academy. He was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to the Defense Attaché Office, Caracas, Venezuela. For service in Vietnam he received the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal. On 1 May 1968, by direction of the President, Fred received the Purple Heart and three other awards, posthumously, for distinguished service in Vietnam—the Silver Star for gallantry in action on 6 March 1968, the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 January 1968, and the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding achievement during February 1968.

His last commanding officer stated it well when he wrote: "It is difficult to accept Fred's absence as anything but temporary. His strength of character, skill as a pilot, and engaging personality all insure that he will be long and warmly remembered by all of us fortunate enough to have known him."

Fred is survived by his wife Anne and four children, Tracy Anne 13, Ellen McNair 11, Frederick Jordan Jr. 8, and James Duncan 4, who live in Tampa, Florida.

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Frederick French Van Deusen

NO. 19460 CLASS OF 1953

Died 3 July 1968 in Vietnam, aged 37 years.

Interment: Fayetteville, North Carolina

WHAT IS THE MEASURE by which we judge a man?

To his friends he was sincere, loving, loyal, a friend to be treasured.

FREDERICK FRENCH VAN DEUSEN

To those with whom he served, he was conscientious, exceedingly able, sacrificing, loyal, greatly concerned with the welfare of his men.

To his family, he was our light, our joy, our happiness, loved beyond description.

The youngest of the three children of Katherine Renalds Van Deusen and Colonel Edwin Russell Van Deusen, Frederick grew up in the carefree, delightful life of an Army brat in the 1930's and early 1940's with his brother Edwin Renalds Van Deusen and his sister Kitsy Van Deusen Westmoreland.

In 1946 his parents retired in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Here he attended high school, and our romance began. The deep and constant love we had carried us through Fred's years at Sullivans and four years at West Point. We were married after graduation in June of 1953.

Through the next fifteen years, we shared the joy of the birth of our three children, Sallie, Frederick, and Rob. Our moves were frequent, but with these came the great satisfaction for Fred of serving his country, and, for us both, of making dear and lasting friends. Each year brought greater happiness and joy into our lives.

There were the difficult months of separation from Fred for the children and me which every service wife knows and dreads with maneuvers, summer camps, Korea, the Dominican Republic, and Vietnam. But Fred never complained about these or his consistent long hours at work. Rather, he could never leave a job unfinished. His duty to God and country were so engrained that they were a part of him.

His concern for his men was marked. Their welfare held priority. Though I had never seen him weep, his commanding officer in Vietnam found him with tears streaming down his cheeks as he stood over the bodies of those he had lost in battle.

On 15 June 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Van Deusen took over the 2d of the 47th Mechanized Battalion with the 9th Division in the Delta. He was killed two and one-half weeks later when his helicopter was shot down over the Vam Co River.

Lieutenant Colonel Van Deusen was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star Medal. Two months before he had received the Legion of Merit.

However, as his children and I stood at his grave before a lovely white cross of flowers, this to me signified his highest award: that which comes to a reborn Christian who had surrendered his life to Christ.

This poem, written by our 14-year-old daughter, is to me a fitting tribute to the finest and most beloved man I have ever known.

MY FATHER

And as I knew him, a man.
His hair touched with grey,
As a branch just lightly shaken
after a snow.
His eyes were like the sea,
The same blue-green with the
same lovely sparkle,
And the same seldom coolness
when the fog rolled in.
His nose had a strength that
just matched him,
For he was strong, though less
in height than some.

He was so gentle, where many men
had not so great a capacity
to be —
He was so fatherly, where many
men had not the ability to
be —
And he had a courage few men
could ever have.
It was a quiet, and ever-working
courage
That was with him and gave him a
certain strength, a goodly
strength.

My father — handsome, gentle,
strong, loving,
courageous, fatherly . . .
All this, and oh, so much more,
he gave for "life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness."
He gave his life for his country
to better the world for his
children.

Yes, my father shall evermore be
Someone very, very special
to me.

Sallie Van Deusen
— *Carolyn S. Van Deusen*

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John Samuel Sutherland

NO. 20869 CLASS OF 1956

Died 10 April 1967 at Wilford Hall Hospital, Lackland AFB, Texas, aged 32 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

SCOTT SUTHERLAND'S very full and promising life was ended at this early age as the result of a chronic kidney disease. Although short in years, his time here was significant. All with whom he came in contact remember him for his concern, thoughtfulness, and unselfish accomplishments.

Scott was born 26 April 1934 and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His parents were Samuel J. and Hazel W. Sutherland. As a quiet, serious student at Riverside High School, he started showing the leadership qualities that became an inherent part of his life. He ranked scholastically among the top ten in his class, was elected to the National Honor Society in his junior year, President of the Science Experimental Club, Foreign Language Club, and the Crescent Debating Society. Scott's honors included judge of

JOHN SAMUEL SUTHERLAND

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the Student Court, member of the Principal's Cabinet, and President of the Honor Study Hall Board.

During his high school years, his interest in military activities started when he joined the Milwaukee Civil Air Patrol. He held the then highest rank as Cadet First Sergeant and was recommended by his commanding officer, Colonel John H. Batten, for promotion to Cadet First Lieutenant. In the summer of 1951, he was chosen as one of two Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol cadets to participate in the International Cadet Exchange program and visited Mexico. Scott received his appointment to the Academy from Senator Alexander Wiley. During the spring of 1951, he attended Northwestern Preparatory School, Minneapolis.

As a member of the Corps, he was active in the Dialectic Society, stepping into one of the leading roles of the 100th Night Show in First Class year. Scott also participated in the Choir, Forum, and was a Hop Manager all four years. At the end of his Plebe year, Scott met Jerri Smith. They were married in Holy Trinity Chapel on 29 December 1956 after his graduation.

Upon graduation, Scott was assigned to Marana AFB, Tucson. His next assignment was graduate school at Texas A & M. There he started work in meteorology; and in 1957, Jerri's and his son, James, was born. In 1958, he was assigned to Travis AFB as an Air Weather Service forecaster. In 1959, he was Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General Norman L. Peterson, then the Commander of the Air Weather Service. Of his work, General Peterson says, "He was my first aide, a fine one, and a wonderful friend. His courage during the last few years was truly remarkable and endeared him even more to all of his many friends."

Afterwards, at the University of Michigan, Scott received two Master's degrees, one in Meteorology, and the other in Aeronautics/Astronautics. An interest in the solar field was kindled during studies there with Dr. Helen Dodson Prince. Dr. Prince says, "He was truly admired and liked by all who knew him." In 1964, Scott's next assignment took him to the Sacramento Peak Observatory at Sunspot, New Mexico. He was the first weather officer assigned to the solar forecasting project. It was shortly afterwards that his condition became worse, and he was air-evacuated to Wilford Hall Hospital in Texas.

During the last two years of his life, knowing there was very little hope for him and living in discomfort, he still gave of himself to others. He was Cubmaster for Pack 288, Alamo Council, which consisted of 102 boys. In addition, he was an assistant training chairman and a Boy Scout merit badge counsellor. Many times, although he could hardly stand on his feet or bear to carry out his duties, he unselfishly volunteered, never letting others become aware of his condition. After his death, a plaque was presented to Jerri and Jim by the Pack in his memory. The inscription reads—

> "Be thou an example of believers,
> in word, in conduct, in love, in
> faith, in purity."
>
> I Timothy 4:12

Scott left his mark on this world with quiet dignity and with great courage and love. To his wife and son he has left the memory of a man among men—a memory that is deeply cherished. He was buried with full military honors at West Point where his inborn sense of honor and service found growth and fullness. In addition to his wife Jerri and son Jim, Scott is survived by his mother Hazel W. Sutherland, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and brother William, South Bend, Indiana.

— *William S. Sutherland*

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Duncan Padgett Smyly

NO. 21549 CLASS OF 1957

Killed in Action 19 November 1967
in South Vietnam, aged 33 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

DUNCAN PADGETT SMYLY

BORN AN "ARMY BRAT" at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1934, while his parents were stationed at old Fort Moultrie, a nearby Army post of years past, Duncan Padgett Smyly lived his entire life in the military tradition. At an early age he determined to follow the military profession and was graduated with the USMA Class of 1957. His first choice upon graduation was the Air Force and pilot training.

The early pattern of his service was a typical one for pilots. At first were the various schools and flight training stations, then came instructing at flight schools followed by a tour of foreign service in Thailand and a return to Oklahoma State University at Stillwater where he obtained a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering. Thereafter, he had a short stay at Sherman AFB, Texas, and then preparation for Vietnam where he arrived in January 1967 at Bien Hoa for duty with the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

This last assignment terminated in hostile death on 19 November 1967. His many letters and tape recordings during this assignment made it crystal clear to all of his family that this was his most productive, interesting, and important service.

Among citations awarded to him before and after death were the following: the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters, and The Purple Heart.

A dear friend and classmate has said, "Duncan Smyly, known to most of us as 'Dunc' or to me kiddingly as 'Dining Privileges,' Smyly's was perhaps the closest of friendships I developed during the quest of obtaining appointments, entering, and graduating from the Military Academy.

"Within fifteen minutes after meeting Dunc, at Sullivan School in Washington, D.C., there were four things I knew this man was going to accomplish at some time during his life: go to West Point, become an Army swimmer, marry Helen Stubbs, be an Air Force pilot. For the next fifteen years, I watched him do each.

"Not all was easy for Dunc, for in each instance, in accomplishing these objectives there was some doubt. Reflecting back, however, the question, I'm sure, to Dunc was always to what degree of success these things would be done, rather than whether they would. Determination, stamina, and persistence were Duncan Smyly. He always enjoyed what he was doing, often, I might add, to my consternation, as he used to swim the most gruelling race in intercollegiate swimming meets—the 440-yard freestyle event.

"From the times I counted Dunc's laps as he swam his 440 yards freestyle event for Army to standing beside him as he married Helen at the Army Chemical Center in Maryland, here was a friend I enjoyed being with and one I truly respected. His thoughts and friendship will always be cherished."

To his wife and family he was a devoted Officer, Husband, Father, and Son, and a Christian example to all who knew him. In the joy he received from his profession, his family, and his friends he put out his hand and "touched the face of God."

— *J. W. S. '27*

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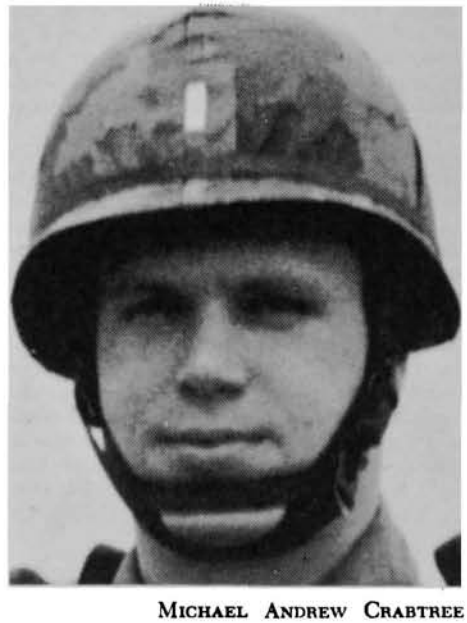
Michael Andrew Crabtree

NO. 24340 CLASS OF 1962

Killed in action, 18 November 1967,
near Dak To, South Vietnam,
aged 28 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MIKE MUST HAVE REMINDED his teachers at Cleveland High School in Portland, Oregon, of a German shepherd puppy when he was growing up, because even after he was fully matured, his bones still sprouted out into heavy hands and feet. He was physically overpowering—standing over six foot four, with wide shoulders and narrow hips,



MICHAEL ANDREW CRABTREE

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he looked the athlete he was. A veteran of many football practices, he was nearly a major league baseball pitcher also (a touchy subject which he would never discuss). His taste for athletics was extremely catholic: after his intercollegiate hopes were frustrated by injuries, he managed to cauliflower an ear playing "hall ball" in the "West Point Hilton" (the old West Academic Building which became the first set of barracks at the Academy with real corridors).

Mike had a devastating air of well scrubbed schoolboyishness around women which was in opposition to his huge file of *Playboy* magazines. He had a kind of John Wayne appeal, but big as he was, there was a certain air of fragility about him. He was instantly ready to fight for the pure pleasure of it, but he was also the most easily injured among his friends. It was Mike who ran headlong into the goal post at Fort Benning. . . . it was Crabtree who had his leg partially crushed between two cars by a slightly tipsy buddy . . . it was Mike who carried a dirty mouthguard and a baseball bat in his car "just in case."

Crabtree went airborne after graduation, and he logged a total of seventy-seven jumps to back up his Master jump wings. Being a paratrooper was instinctive with him. For Mike, there were not fifty-seven varieties of fighters. There were only two. There was the infinitesimal minority who really attack and the others. Paratroops attack.

Mike inherited an honest, simplistic code for living from his dad, a tough Portland police lieutenant who boxed his way through college. As General Robert A. Linvill's aide, he showed that he could handle himself very gracefully in any social situation, but his likes and dislikes were never muddled. He guarded a down to earth approach to people and problem-solving which made him a very effective troop leader and which would have made him a superior general officer. His troop sense was not studied. It emanated from his whole composition. He communicated his personality to others. General Bruce Palmer captured a bit of his spirit and his fate when he autographed a picture to Mike in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, in July 1965: "To Lieutenant Mike Crabtree with my admiration and esteem for a fine soldier who is marching to the sound of the guns. Keep your head down in Vietnam. The best of luck and Happy Landings."

Mike marched to the sound of the guns at the head of his airborne rifle company, and was there slain by those guns. He had already fought for his flag in the Dominican Republic and in Vietnam when he volunteered to return to combat. He knew the score when he applied. He had been permanently deafened in one ear during his first tour in Vietnam by a command detonated mine which narrowly missed killing him. Still, he left Lynne to care for Christine and Jay while he marched off in the awesome tradition of all our nation's heroes. It was life rather than courage which abandoned him within the mountainous Annamite Cordillera, in the former French protectorate of Annam, near a village called Dak To.

Why did he choose to go? This is as inexplicable as the fact that Lynn found her wedding veil twined in the strap of an airborne helmet when she unpacked their household for the last time. I suppose it was a feeling rather than a reason that drove him back. A sentiment which is reflected in the Scottish National War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle, Scotland:

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn at the going down of the sun
And in the morning we shall remember them
Whether their fame centuries long should ring they cared not over much
But cared greatly to serve God and the King

When Infantrymen gather and discuss one another, the harshest test they demand of each other is to ask: "Well, would you want him on either your right or your left in combat?" With Mike Crabtree the answer came easily. It was an honor to have him by our side. Now, Lord, we respectfully commend him to Yours.

Captain Crabtree is survived by his wife, Lynne; their two children, Christine and Jay; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Crabtree. His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Purple Heart with cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Arc Tab, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

—Alan P. Armstrong '61

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George Everett Perry III

NO. 24908 CLASS OF 1963

Hostile Death, Vietnam, 17 June 1966, aged 25 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

GEORGE DEDICATED HIMSELF to the service of his country early in life when, as a young schoolboy, he set attendance at the Military Academy as his first major goal. Born in Detroit, Michigan, George was the son of Colonel and Mrs. George E. Perry II. As an Air Force Brat, he was exposed from childhood to the proud traditions of the Service. Although George was unable to obtain an appointment to West Point upon graduation from Falls Church High School in 1958, his determination did not falter. He enlisted in the Army and earned his appointment to the Class of 1963 after attending the USMA Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Beginning with New Cadet Barracks, George was labeled by his classmates as a determined and dedicated individual. He put forth his best effort in whatever he attempted. One could sense the driving force within George as he labored over academics or as he vigorously played Rugby, a sport that he was instrumental in organizing at West Point. His participation in the Catholic Chapel Choir was indicative of the deep and sincere religious feeling which guided his daily life.

GEORGE EVERETT PERRY III

Upon graduation, George was one of the happiest and most satisfied members of the Class. His dream of graduating from the Academy with a commission in the Infantry had become a reality. He departed the Academy with a feeling of accomplishment, ready to put forth his best effort in the Army as he had done for four years at West Point.

George was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on 5 June 1963, and attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course and the Airborne and Ranger Courses at Fort Benning. During the Ranger Course, as during other difficult periods, George never lost his enthusiasm or rich sense of humor, frequently cheering and encouraging those about him under even the most miserable of conditions. After Ranger School, he joined the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in February 1964, and was assigned to the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. He served as a rifle platoon leader on Joint Exercise DELAWAR in Iran, and on the DESERT STRIKE Exercise in 1964, and was subsequently assigned as the battalion support platoon leader. While stationed at Fort Campbell, George was married to Diane Stuart, who shared his enthusiasm for the military life.

George rotated to Vietnam with his battalion when it was committed with the 1st Brigade in July of 1965. He served a full one-year tour in Vietnam as the support platoon leader and a rifle company executive officer of his battalion. His feelings about the war were best expressed in a letter he wrote to Diane after a classmate had been killed: "He was a professional soldier. He knew his job—its hazards—and I am sure he did his job well. He believed in the motto we learned so well at school, the motto that is on your ring and mine: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. He died for a cause as have many others over here. He gave his life for his country and it was God's will."

As the last few days of George's Vietnam tour approached, he returned to the Brigade base camp at Phan Rang to begin clearing. While he was out-processing, the brigade became heavily engaged with North Vietnamese regulars near Dak To. Many of the units of the Brigade were committed to a series of battles which caused unusually heavy casualties for both sides. An emergency call was sent back to the base camp for all available replacements and volunteers to be sent forward immediately. With the generosity of spirit and dedication to duty that marked George's life, he volunteered to return to the battlefield. Shortly after George returned to his company, it became engaged in close combat with a North Vietnamese Unit, and George was mortally wounded. For this action, George was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism.

George's company commander said afterwards, "I have never seen a more dedicated, hard working soldier. . . . Probably, the strongest and most admirable trait that George had was his unquestioned loyalty to the Army and to all those associated with him—seniors, subordinates, and contemporaries alike. This resulted in idolization by the troops, respect

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from his contemporaries, and a confidence in George by his seniors that was rarely exceeded."

George was due to be promoted to the rank of Captain three days later. In recognition of his devoted service he received a posthumous promotion to Captain. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge, and was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. The Republic of Vietnam also awarded George the National Order Medal, Fifth Class and the Gallantry Cross with Palm.

While George was serving in Vietnam, Diane gave birth to George E. Perry IV. Although George never saw his son, he was a proud father, frequently showing his close friends pictures from home and giving them the latest progress reports. He has left behind for his son the memory of a brief but outstanding military career and the finest example of dedication, moral courage, and human understanding.

George was a devoted friend and husband. He was always ready to give of himself, but never with the intention of receiving something in return. The words of General Douglas MacArthur during his acceptance of the Sylvanus Thayer award apply very aptly to George: "The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training—sacrifice. In battle and in the face of danger and death, he discloses those divine attributes which his Maker gave when He created man in His own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of the Divine help which alone can sustain him. However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind."

— *a friend and classmate*

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Denis Wayne Galloway

NO. 25026 CLASS OF 1964

Killed in Action 24 October 1966 in Vietnam, aged 25 years.

DENIS WAYNE GALLOWAY was serving with the 101st Airborne Division at the time of his death. He received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and two Vietnam Medals.

Denis entered the Academy with the Class of 1964 after two years at Washington University in St. Louis. His first two years at West Point were in K-2 where he established a reputation as a strong athlete in intramural sports and as a scholar. With his background and maturity he was able to help classmates and even the upperclassmen in both mathematics and engineering. In the class shuffle he came to M-2 during his "Cow Year" and quickly won esteem among his contemporaries and was called "Uncle Denis" for obvious reasons. He maintained a high academic average and managed to read at least three novels a week and even found time to learn to play the guitar. He participated in the Glee Club and was on the staff of the *Pointer*, both activities providing him with trips to New York City. Denis had an adventurous side and spent his share of hours on the area that year for an after hours trip into the town of Highland Falls.

During the previous summer, Denis spent

DENIS WAYNE GALLOWAY

a month on Army Orientation Training in Germany. There he met the girl that he would have married had his life not been so cruelly ended. Following graduation, Denis requested assignment to Europe where he was stationed with an Engineer unit near Frankfurt. During Christmas of 1965 Denis flew home with his bride-to-be and introduced her to the Galloway family in Elsberry, Missouri.

When Sigrid returned to Germany, Denis remained in the States for a few days and stopped by Fort Campbell, Kentucky, then home of the 101st Airborne Division, and visited with classmates. He remarked at the time that he felt his family liked Sigrid and was very pleased about their reaction. He also said that he intended to volunteer for duty in Vietnam. That was the last that I, his old roommate, saw of him.

I can remember him sitting at the desk in his room playing a song by the name of "Down in the Mines" on his guitar, or reading the *Elsberry Democrat* which became an institution for its down to earth editorials, grass roots wit, and vignettes of that portion of Americana which he loved. As a hardy and independent person he disliked the regimen of school just as he later rejected the relatively secure position of a "peacetime" assignment to volunteer for combat duty.

He was that kind of man, and as with all heroes and young men who die, he will be frozen in time for the rest of us; to remain a young man in our memories as we the living grow older, and sadder, that we will not see him again.

— *JMC*

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Charles Edward Brown Jr.

NO. 25781 CLASS OF 1965

Died 2 November 1966 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

TO THE YOUNG MAN about to be tagged *New Cadet Brown, C. E.*, that yawning sallyport might have been heaven's main portal, and that sharp 1961 Beast Detail a welcoming committee of angels.

This was it! For longer than anyone could recall, his dreams had focused on West Point. He had looked on all other opportunities mainly as preparing him for this. He had grown up among West Pointers, including three in his own family. His maternal grandfather (Ronald DeVore Johnson, '09), whom he idolized, had given him a shining image of the West Point graduate. Now at last Charlie had the chance to become one of these elite men.

Nearing nineteen, he packed two hundred pounds of solid strength on a six-foot frame. He had stamina and coordination for the rugged tasks ahead—developed easily and naturally through the years of competitive sports and the discipline of hard physical labor.

Hopkins Grammar in New Haven had shown him glimpses of greatness and made him aware of his own intellect. Freshman year at Yale University had provided time and stimulation to search deeply for his life's purpose.

It was no boy's whim, but a young man's thoughtful decision that made him say his thanks and goodbye to Yale when Congressman Giaimo of Connecticut, rewarding Charlie's merit and single-minded persistence, offered him a principal appointment to the USMA Class of 1965.

And so he came, eagerly, joyfully, bringing gifts for his Alma Mater. All of nature's endowments, and all that he had made of them, he offered earnestly and without reservation. One thing he asked in return: *make me a West Pointer!*

It is amusing to speculate on who was the more confounded those first few days—Charlie Brown by the Beasties' impregnable sternness, or the Beasties by his irrepressible happiness at being hounded by them. They surely must have judged him blasé, and put him down for special attention. How could they make allowances for the fact that he was in love with the whole Idea?

A human character is too complex to encompass with words. To us, his friends and relatives, Charlie's total nature was decent, honest, and true—essentially simple and lacking in guile. He was direct and eager in seeking the friendships of those whom he admired, and his outstanding qualities as a friend were enthusiasm and loyalty.

It was self-evident to Charlie that a soldier should love his country and be ready

CHARLES EDWARD BROWN JR.

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to defend it and that he, as a cadet, should be proud of West Point and of himself for being part of it. He was moved by the beauty of a full dress parade or an inspiring chapel service, by the spiritual force of Taps at graveside, and by the pageantry, the tumult, the surging voice of the Corps at a hard-fought football game.

For Charlie, as for his classmates, this was a time of growth and maturing—learning more about his own real nature and that of his fellows. His cadet years were, overall, a smooth and easy passage. We watched with unbounded pride as the Academy made him into a man—strong in body and character, keen, alert, purposeful.

As graduation approached, we realized that Charlie had found his love and his life's full meaning in the person of a young lady named Joan Bucknam. It was a delightful coincidence that Joan's father and Charlie's were USMA classmates ('34) and there was already a bond of friendship between the in-laws-to-be.

As she later expressed it, Ruth Bucknam, Joan's mother, found beneath Charlie's solid and forceful personality a fine, delicate sensitivity. In nature, in music, in books, and in people, she found Charlie always in search of tenderness and beauty.

And Ralph, Joan's father, says, "To me he was a son. I was proud of his unswerving devotion to duty, his concern over his enlisted men, and his knowledge of his profession. I am sure that he would have made a real mark in his profession."

The summer of 1965 was a memorable whirl of excited goings and comings: Joan's graduation from Vassar three days before Charlie's from USMA; then jump school, with plans for an early fall wedding; then weekly revisions of plans, each setting the wedding earlier than the last. Finally, a beautiful ceremony on July 31st in the Cadet Chapel and an unforgettable reception in the Officers' Mess.

After one happy year of stateside life together, mostly at Fort Lewis, Joan and Charlie received the long-expected alert for his unit. There was one last visit back East with the families, and then a difficult farewell.

Charlie went out to Vietnam with a professional's full knowledge of what awaited his unit. But his leave-taking was casual, as befits a soldier. There was unspoken yet clearly expressed love for all of us. He went proudly and confidently, buoyed by our love for him. He went with a West Pointer's heart for his duty. He had great plans and hopes for a life to be shared with all of us. But this job was to be done first.

And then in November came the tragic news that he had been killed in a combat accident.

Word from many sources has told us what splendid leadership and dedication he gave to this, his last duty. Those who served with him admired and respected him; throughout his battalion they felt a deep sense of loss after his death.

Now that he is gone, we see our Charlie more clearly than ever before. We are awed and grateful that he was one of us. We know now that the central motivating force of his life was simply to please and honor—and earn the approval of—those he loved. His wife, his parents, his parents-in-law, his brother and sister, his grandparents, his friends, and the men he was responsible for—these were the people from whom he drew his strength. And there was his beloved Alma Mater with her long gray line of loyal sons which he had so proudly joined.

He wanted his life always to honor them and show his faith in them.

Well done! Well done, indeed, our son!

Charles French Johnson Jr.

NO. 26551 CLASS OF 1966

Died 31 January 1968 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CHARLES FRENCH JOHNSON JR.

"THE MAN WHO LAYS his most precious possession, life itself, on the line must have justification for doing so." To Chuck this justification was his sense of duty and a "sense of worthiness of the gift of love God gave us in a free nation . . ."

Charles French "Chuck" Johnson Jr. lived in West Columbia, South Carolina. After graduation from high school he attended the University of South Carolina for one year while awaiting his much hoped for appointment to West Point by the late Senator Olin D. Johnston. Being in the profession of arms, as was his father, had been his dream since childhood.

At the Academy he was dedicated to the ranger program and all that it stood for. As a Plebe, he was captain of the Plebe pistol team. He remained a member of the pistol team for four years. In his "Firstie" year he was cadet-in-charge of the Karate club, during which time he attained a first degree Black Belt. As one of his classmates put it, he was "a good man to keep on your side." He held the rank of Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets and was also a platoon leader.

After graduation and a chapel wedding to a kindergarten teacher from West Virginia, Mary Cecil, he reluctantly chose Army Intelligence and Security and was assigned to Fort Holabird, Maryland. There he attended the Military Intelligence Officer Orientation Course and the Intelligence Research Officer Course. He remained there seven months.

Because of his sense of duty, the realization that prosperity and peace cannot be obtained without sacrifice, that we all must sacrifice at some time in life, and his confidence in his capability to perform well in a tense combat environment, he volunteered to serve in Vietnam. He was assigned to TID 525 MI GP with duty at MACV Team 37 in Phan Thiet, Bien Thuan Province, South Vietnam. There he served as senior intelligence officer until he was felled in an enemy held hamlet by automatic weapons fire in an encounter on 31 January 1968 during the TET offensive. As a result of his actions that day, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

His impact on his associates can best be described by the words of two of his commanding officers during his tour in Vietnam. The first superior related, "a most remarkable young officer. Intelligent, resourceful, and hard working, he was without a doubt the most promising officer that I have met during my army career. . . . Lt. Johnson was extremely well liked and admired by the officers and men of the Advisory Team, as well as the Vietnamese military and civilians with whom he came into contact."

The second said, "Johnny was a special kind of guy, an outstanding officer, a young vibrant personality who everyone liked and respected, brave and confident. . . . There was nothing about (him) that said a thing couldn't be done. . . . I can only think that if there is a higher purpose in the scheme of things then Johnny has been called on to lead us toward it."

Chuck had occasionally used the following poem to convey his own feelings of dedication to his chosen profession:

The stars swing down the western steep,
And soon the east will burn with day,
And we shall struggle up from sleep
And sling our packs and march away.

In this brief hour before the dawn
Has struck our bivouac with flame
I think of men whose brows have borne
The iron wreath of deadly fame.

I see the fatal phalanx creep
Like death, across the world and back,
With eyes that only strive to keep
Bucephalus' immortal track.

I see the legion wheel through Gaul,
The sword and flame on hearth and home,
And all the men who had to fall
That Caesar might be first in Rome.

I see the horde of Genghis Khan
Spread outward like the dawn of day
To trample golden Khorassan
And thunder over fair Cathay.

I see the grizzled grenadier,
The dark dragoon, the gay hussar,
Whose shoulders bore for many a year
Their little emperor's blazing star.

I see these things, still am I slave
When banners flaunt and bugles blow,
Content to fill a soldier's grave
For reasons I shall never know.

"SOLDIER"
C.T. Lanham, Captain, Infantry

He leaves his wife, mother and father, a sister, a brother who is in the Air Force, and a host of friends. We who survive are humbled because our lives have been greatly enriched because of him.

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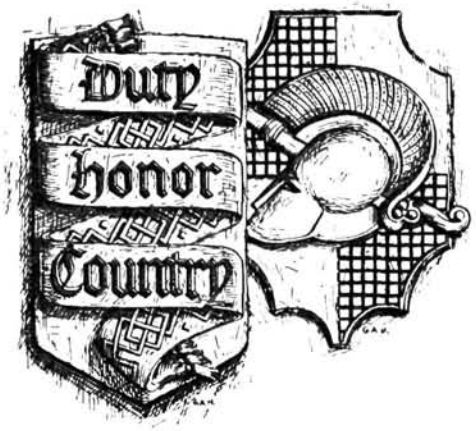

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1969 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
George E. Houle	1893	19 December 1969	Williamstown, Massachusetts
Walter S. Brown	1899	10 December 1969	Allen Park, Michigan
Robert E. Wood	1900	6 November 1969	Chicago, Illinois
Eugene R. West	1901	23 November 1969	Silver Spring, Maryland
Dorsey R. Rodney	1903	7 February 1970	East Lansing, Michigan
Wallace C. Philoon	1909	16 January 1970	Portland, Maine
Robert H. Dunlop	1910	18 January 1970	Washington, D. C.
Durward S. Wilson	1910	20 January 1970	Washington, D. C.
John D. Kelly	1912	2 July 1968	San Antonio, Texas
Charles M. Busbee	1915	19 January 1970	Salem, Virginia
Gabriel T. Mackenzie	Ex-1915	12 January 1970	Miami, Florida
Percy G. Black	Apr 1917	4 January 1970	Washington, D. C.
Leo J. Erler	Apr 1917	6 November 1969	Lakeland, Florida
Robert N. Kunz	Apr 1917	22 November 1968	Ormond Beach, Florida
Francis A. Markoe	Apr 1917	24 November 1969	Saint Paul, Minnesota
William J. Epes	Nov 1918	12 January 1970	San Francisco, California
William B. Miller	Nov 1918	25 November 1969	Washington, D. C.
David A.D. Ogden	Nov 1918	26 November 1969	Bradenton, Florida
Ralph H. Bassett	1919	6 January 1970	San Diego, California
Russell O. Smith	1920	23 November 1969	Tampa, Florida
John E. Freeman	1921	16 December 1969	Atlanta, Georgia
George A. Taylor	1922	3 December 1969	Palo Alto, California
James C. Carter	1923	19 November 1969	Spring Valley, California
Eugene W. Ridings	1923	27 November 1969	San Francisco, California
Cary B. Hutchinson	1924	2 February 1970	Fort Bliss, Texas
Maxwell W. Tracy	1924	12 December 1969	Roanoke, Virginia
John J. Holst	1927	19 August 1969	Leucadia, California
Francis H. Lynch	1929	9 August 1969	New York, New York
Eric H.F. Svensson	1929	31 January 1970	Evergreen, Colorado
Neal E. Ausman	1930	16 November 1969	Los Angeles, California
John J. MacFarland	1930	31 December 1969	Albany, New York
Samuel Smellow	1931	19 December 1969	Fort Dix, New Jersey
Frank W. Ebey	1932	28 January 1970	Santa Monica, California
Ashton H. Manhart	1932	10 December 1969	Washington, D. C.
Herbert C. Plapp	1933	4 February 1970	Orlando, Florida
Russell W. Jenna	1934	7 October 1969	Tallahassee, Florida
Reuben H. Tucker 3d	1935	6 January 1970	Charleston, South Carolina
Fred E. Ressegieu	1937	11 November 1969	Labrador, Newfoundland
John B. Bestic	1939	6 December 1969	Tucumcari, New Mexico
John J. Briscoe	1945	31 December 1969	Washington, D. C.
William A. Jones III	1945	15 November 1969	Woodridge, Virginia
Benjamin T. Hill Jr.	1946	22 January 1970	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Harry J. McPhee Jr.	1946	26 July 1969	Boston, Massachusetts
George L. Miller	1946	6 December 1969	Vietnam
Robert L. Alexander	1953	31 October 1969	Vietnam
Robin Mangum	1957	6 December 1969	Vietnam
Louis R. Sustersic	1966	3 November 1969	Vietnam
Donald H. Dwiggins	1967	8 November 1969	Vietnam
Douglas T. Gray III	1967	9 December 1969	Vietnam
Donald R. Colglazier	1968	18 January 1970	Vietnam
Peter M. Connor	1968	4 November 1969	Vietnam
James A. Gaiser	1968	7 November 1969	Vietnam
William F. Little III	1968	11 November 1969	Vietnam
David L. Sackett	1968	24 October 1969	Vietnam
Gerry H. Armstrong	1969	31 December 1969	Bethesda, Maryland

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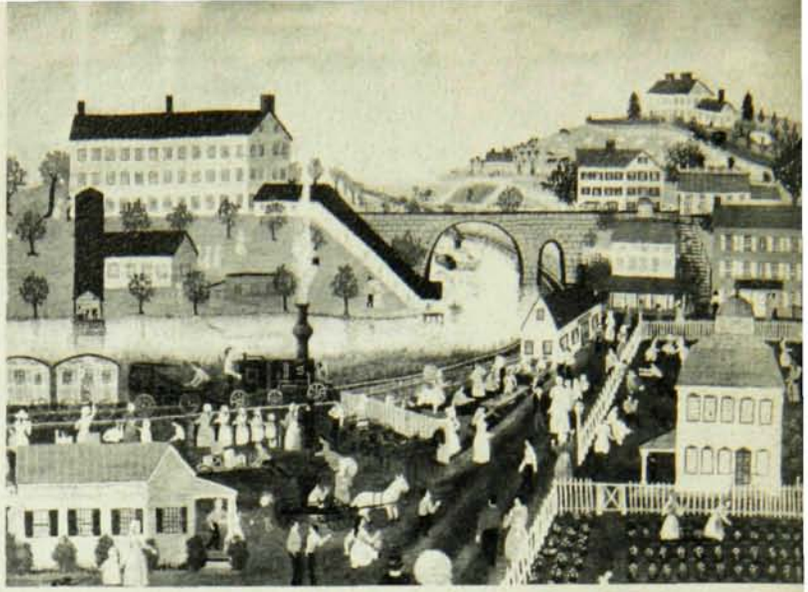
*Hudson River Valley Sunset**



After the wedding in Warren, Pennsylvania

The Burnish Sisters

*The Sargent Family**

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