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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

This present letter is being written on the completion of my "plebe year" as Superintendent and just before the annual conference of the four Academy Superintendents - to be held this year at the Coast Guard Academy. These conferences, which are over a decade old, provide a useful forum for the exchange of views and positions. My personal view is that while the first 6 or 7 years of these conferences produced ways in which we were alike and could possibly become the same, recent years have tended also to highlight areas in which we are different and probably should stay different. We are similar in that we all seek the same kind of outstanding, motivated young Americans. To that extent we are also competitors. Some young men to whom they offer admission come to West Point instead. Some to whom we offer admission wind up attending one of the other service academies. Yet all of us are experiencing the phenomenon of large numbers of qualified applicants in a time when the military is under attack.

Last year we had the largest number of qualified candidates in our history. This year the number of fully qualified candidates is almost identical. We are ahead of last year in our schedule of admissions offers, and in acceptances. Last year by this date we had 830 acceptances; this year we already have 1140. Once again we hope that the entering class will approximate 1360. We may exceed this number if acceptances keep running ahead of last year. The quality indicators remain high.

My Founders Day speaking tour this year led from Washington to Florida, to Texas, and then to Kansas and Missouri. The keen interest which our graduates still have in West Point was brought clearly into focus. At several of the dinners, parents of cadets were invited as guests. Their presence added even more enthusiasm to the gatherings. The talk which was given to our alumni attempted to put into perspective the academic changes of the last quarter of a century. What we have really done is to capitalize on prior college experience. Such experience combined with a difficult examination can result in validation of some of the courses in our core curriculum. In turn, we have attempted to keep abreast of the explosion of knowledge by a series of elective courses which permit cadets to explore far more deeply the areas of their academic interest. Those who can validate some of our required courses take more electives than those who must complete the standard core curriculum.

The talk also attempted to describe the cadet of today. He comes from an environment which is very unlike that of a decade ago. He springs from a generation whose "life style" is quite different from even a few years ago. And yet, one of the most thrilling aspects of a tour at West Point is to discover how much like us these cadets are. They have the natural idealism of youth, but they have harnessed it to our profession. They came to West Point because they sought challenge; and challenge is still being presented to them.

There is one other unrelated event to report which may have great potential significance to the Academy. This is the formation of the USMA Planning Advisory Board under the chairmanship of Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau (Retired). Our expansion program has long felt the squeeze of a nationwide escalation of construction costs. The funding problems resulting from this escalation have become a matter of deep Congressional concern. In search of the best possible advice, the Secretary of the Army formed the Planning Advisory Board. It has the broad mandate to exercise overall cognizance of the USMA Construction Program. Our aim is to have functional facilities appropriate to the mission of the Military Academy but built within the authorization and funding limitations established by the Congress. The Board has met twice and rendered an initial report to the Secretary. They will meet again in Washington as this issue goes to press.

In closing, may I again express the appreciation of all of us at West Point for the interest and enthusiasm which our graduates bring to the problems and challenges of today. I know of no other school which can boast of this degree of alumni involvement.

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The first West Pointer on U.S. postage stamps was Ulysses S. Grant. This front cover blow-up is reproduced in the stamp's original color. On the back cover, Astronaut Neil Armstrong is greeted by BG Paul W. Thompson, President of the Association of Graduates, at Thayer Award ceremonies on the Plain.

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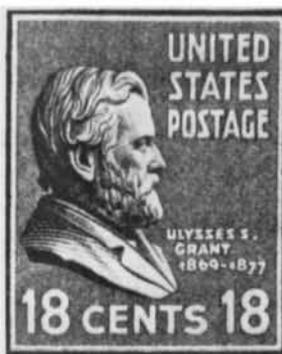
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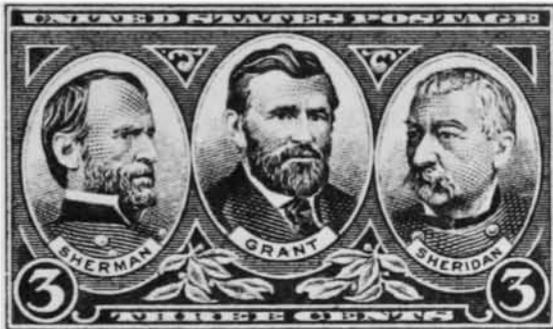
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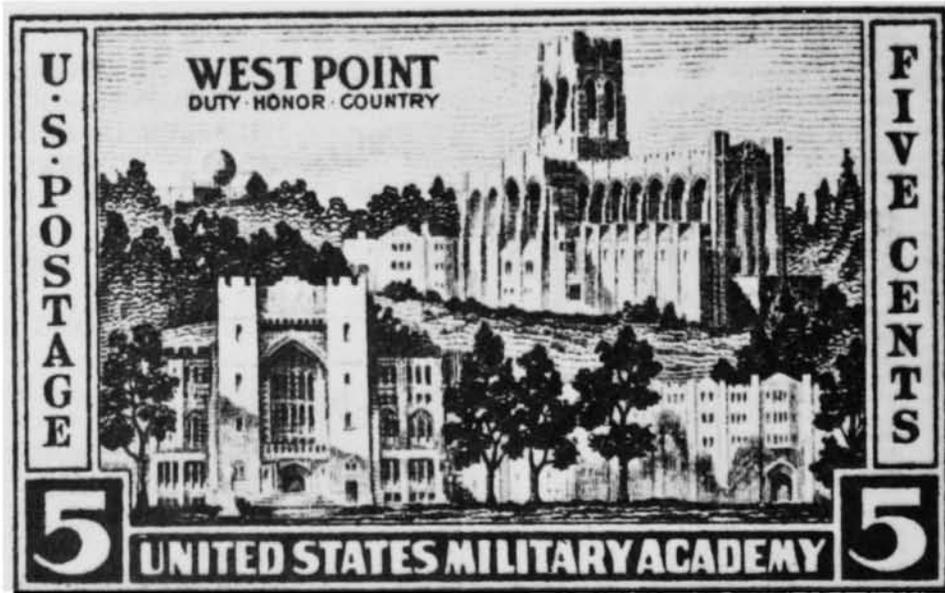
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(1) Grant was the first West Pointer honored on a U.S. postage stamp. This one was issued 2 June 1890. (2) Olive green in color, this stamp was issued 1 May 1923 in Washington, D.C. (3) Issued 3 November 1938, this stamp was printed from a photograph of the statue of Grant by Franklin Simmons, in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington. (4) Three of the 10 stamps in the Army and Navy commemorative series were in tribute to graduates of the Military Academy and the institution itself. This one was dedicated to Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. (5) Another Army and Navy commemorative stamp, this one honors Generals Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan. It is printed in purple. (6) The Army and Navy series, issued in 1936-37, included this five-cent blue stamp showing a view of the Military Academy. (7) Another commemorative stamp, this Washington and Lee special was issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the University named after these famous Americans. (8) The memory of Dwight D. Eisenhower was honored with this six-cent stamp issued on his birthday, 14 October 1969. (9) This is the third and most recent of the Eisenhower stamps, two of them being ordinary and one commemorative.

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STAMPED FACES of WEST POINT

by PHILIP A. FARRIS

SINCE 1890, the faces of West Pointers—and the Military Academy—have appeared on 24 United States postage stamps ranging in denominations from two to 30 cents. Thirteen graduates, two ex-cadets, and the Military Academy itself have been the subjects of both regular and commemorative stamps over the years—a tribute reserved for persons and events associated with the development and ideals of the Nation.

The first distinguished graduate to be so honored was General Ulysses S. Grant, Class of 1843, whose portrait has graced six different stamps. On one, issued with the Army and Navy commemorative series in 1936-37, Grant shares the honor with General William T. Sherman, Class of 1840, and General Philip H. Sheridan, Class of 1853. All three were memorialized in this series for their service in the Civil War. The first Grant stamp, issued 2 June 1890 in a five-cent denomination, is now worth six dollars in "mint" (uncancelled, perfect) condition.

Two more West Pointers were commemorated in the Army and Navy series. Robert E. Lee, Class of 1829, and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, Class of 1846, were both featured on the same four-cent stamp. Printed in gray, this stamp has portraits in oval frames of Lee and Jackson. Between and partly under the ovals, is a reproduction of the ancestral home of the Lee's, with the name "Stratford Hall" underneath in dark Gothic. This series of commemorative stamps, which included distinguished Naval Academy graduates, was issued to honor the military and naval services of the United States. It also included a five-cent blue stamp whose central design is a view of the Military Academy, showing in the foreground Washington Hall and North Cadet Barracks and in the background the Cadet Chapel. In the upper part of the central design is the name "West Point" in dark Roman lettering. Directly underneath in small dark Gothic type are the words "Duty. Honor. Country."

In addition to the Army and Navy commemorative stamp, Lee's portrait appears with that of George Washington on a stamp commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Washington and Lee University. This blue three-cent stamp was first placed on sale at Lexington, Virginia, on 12 April 1949.

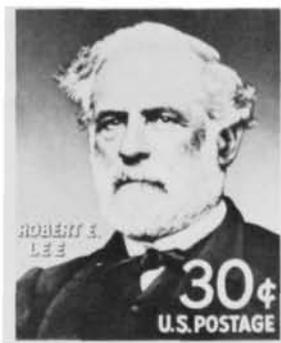
The likeness of Lee was also reproduced on a 30-cent gray stamp from two prints obtained from the Library of Congress. One identified as a Brady print, showing Lee in uniform, was used for his facial features, and the other taken from a negative owned by L. C. Handy of Washington, D. C., was used for the civilian attire. This stamp was issued in Norfolk, Virginia, on 21 September 1955.

Another graduate, Jefferson Davis, Class of 1828, President of the Confederate States of America, was honored with Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, on a six-cent stamp issued in commemoration of the Stone Mountain Memorial. Honoring the Memorial Carving, a gigantic bas relief in granite that has been termed one of the seven wonders of the modern world, this stamp was issued on 19 September 1970 at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

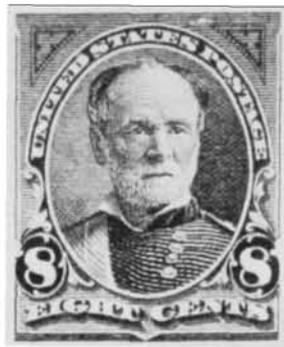
Approximately the size of a football field, the carving shows the mounted figures of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and "Stonewall" Jackson. It is some 13 miles east of Atlanta and is the focal point of a 3,800-acre state park that is visited annually by more than two and a half million persons.

The horizontal stamp, which shows the carving, is printed in gray. It was designed by Robert Hallock of Newtown, Connecticut. Engravers were Edward R. Felver (vignette) and Howard F. Sharpless (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

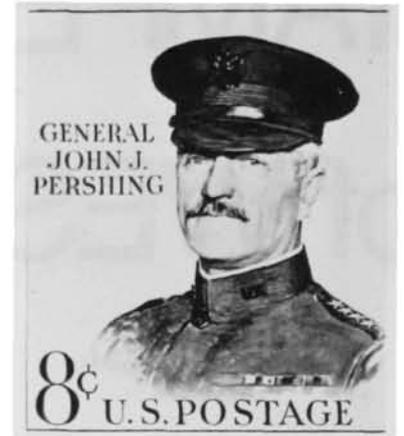
Two identical Sherman stamps were issued in eight-cent denominations, one on 21 March 1893, the other on 25 March 1895. On another stamp, Sherman shares honors



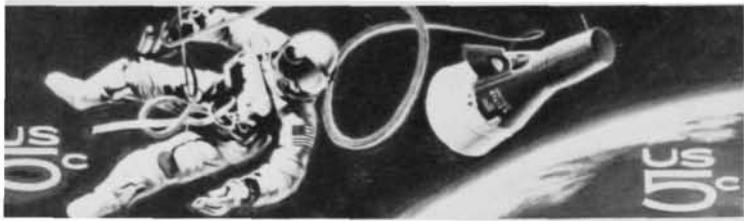
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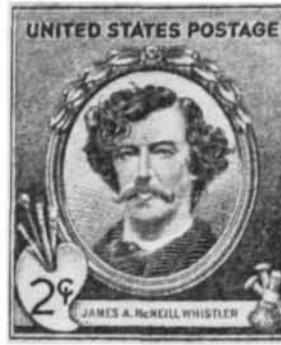
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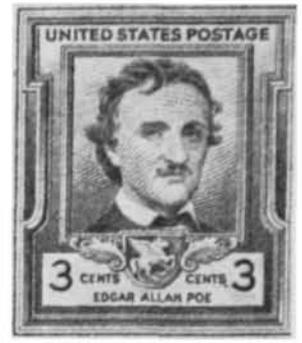
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(10) Among the ordinary stamps issued from 1954 to 1961, this 30-cent Lee stamp first went on sale in Norfolk, Virginia, on 21 September 1955. (11) Two identical stamps were issued in honor of General Sherman, each on a different date, but with the same likeness. (12) An ordinary postage stamp, this eight-cent Pershing stamp was issued on 17 November 1961. (13) A West Pointer in Space is commemorated with this stamp. (14) MacArthur was the most recent graduate honored for the first time when this six-cent stamp was issued in Norfolk, Virginia, on 26 January 1971. (15) General George S. Patton Jr. and the Armored Forces of the U.S. Army were honored with this three-cent commemorative issue of 1953. (16) The Stone Mountain Memorial stamp honoring three West Pointers was issued last year. (17) Issued in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal, this stamp features General George W. Goethals with President Theodore Roosevelt. (18) Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General under President Abraham Lincoln, was honored with this commemorative 15-cent airmail stamp.

(19) Two ex-cadets of the Military Academy were subjects of special commemorative stamps. James McNeill Whistler, world-renowned artist, and, (20) Edgar Allan Poe, poet.



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with Grant and Sheridan in the Army and Navy commemorative series. The first-issued Sherman stamp is today valued among collectors at \$4.50.

Among the graduates who have appeared on stamps are most of the commanding generals of the Civil War, as well as leading figures in American military history since that time. Three stamps honoring General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915, have been issued in this country. One, a commemorative stamp, was issued on his birthday, 14 October 1969, in first-day ceremonies held in Abilene, Kansas—his boyhood home and burial site. In its commemoration, the Post Office Department cited "this great patriot whose love of God and country was an inspiration to people all over the world."

A regular (ordinary) six-cent Eisenhower stamp was replaced recently by an eight-cent stamp of similar likeness when new postal rates went into effect on 16 May 1971. Issued in Washington, D.C., on 10 May, this new stamp is red, white, and blue in sheet form and reddish-brown in coil stamps used in vending machines. Like the six-cent version it replaces, this eight-cent stamp's design is based on a photograph of General Eisenhower taken by George Tames of *The New York Times*. Since the engraving pattern has been altered, however, the eight-cent stamp has a "new look" from the original six-cent impression.

Eisenhower is also among several graduates whose portraits have appeared on postage stamps of foreign countries. Between 1928 and 1940 the Canal Zone, which issues its own stamps, honored four graduates—all members of the Canal Zone Commission. General Eisenhower's portrait has been used on stamps of Monaco, the Philippines, and El Salvador, as well as the United States.

Other famous graduates acknowledged through United States postage stamps are General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Class of 1886, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903, and General George S. Patton Jr., Class of 1909.

Issued in New York City on 17 November 1961, the khaki colored eight-cent Pershing stamp ultimately replaced a stamp of similar denomination depicting the Statue of Liberty. This latter design also appeared on a three-cent and an 11-cent denomination. The likeness of Pershing was reproduced from a painting by J. F. Bouchor.

MacArthur became the 13th USMA alumnus to be honored when a six-cent stamp with his portrait was issued at Norfolk, Virginia, on 26 January 1971. This recent stamp of renowned West Pointers was issued with first-day ceremonies marking his 91st birthday anniversary.

A special three-cent stamp was issued in honor of General Patton and the Armored Forces of the United States Army, and was first offered for sale at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on 11 November 1953. The stamp has for its central design a portrait of General Patton. On either side is shown a Patton tank in action. Across the bottom of the stamp in a double panel, arranged in two lines, is the wording "Honoring General George S. Patton, Jr., and the Armored Forces of the U.S. Army." All the lettering is designed in white-face Gothic.

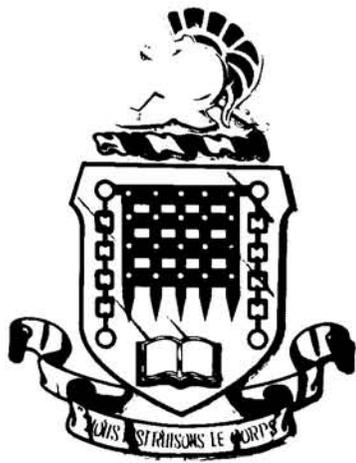
Not all of the West Point graduates have been honored solely for their military accomplishments. Major General George W. Goethals, Class of 1880, was recognized as builder of the Panama Canal on a stamp that was first placed on sale 15 August 1939 at the Navy Mail Post Office on the U.S.S. *Charleston*. The ship was at the Canal Zone on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal, an event commemorated by this stamp. Including framed portraits of President Theodore Roosevelt and General Goethals, the purple three-cent stamp shows a steamship passing through Gaillard Cut.

Although he did not graduate from the Military Academy, James McNeill Whistler, who spent three years as a cadet, was memorialized on a red two-cent stamp issued in Lowell, Massachusetts, on 5 September 1940. It was one of 35 stamps that make up the Famous American series of authors, poets, educators, scientists, composers, artists, and inventors.

This series was issued in seven groups of five stamps each, printed in sheets of 70. In the artists' group, Whistler's portrait is enclosed in an oval frame of colonial design. Underneath the frame in a horizontal panel with white ground is his name in dark Gothic lettering. In the lower left corner is shown an artist's palette with brushes, symbolic of the art of painting. In the lower right corner of this, and the other stamps of the artists' group, is depicted a stonecutter's maul with chisels, a symbol of sculpture.

On the 100th anniversary of the death of Edgar Allan Poe, another ex-West Pointer, a Famous American stamp was issued. The central design of this three-cent stamp is a portrait of Poe enclosed in inner and outer frames of Georgian pattern. Below the portrait frame is a horizontal tablet containing his name. Above it appears an ornamental shield-shaped panel with a reproduction of the winged horse Pegasus, symbol of poets. This purple stamp was first placed on sale at Richmond, Virginia, on 7 October 1949.

Montgomery Blair, Class of 1835, was honored by a commemorative 15-cent airmail stamp issued on 3 May 1963 at Silver Spring, Maryland, where he resided for many years. Blair, who was President Lincoln's (Continued on page 39)



West Point's Four Year Military Program

by RICHARD L. GRUENTHER

FROM the first day of New Cadet Barracks until the last graduation "hurrah" echoes across The Plain at the end of June Week, military training constitutes the foundation of cadet leadership and professional development at West Point.

During four years at the Military Academy, cadets encounter, and participate in, a wide spectrum of military training. They progress gradually, but methodically, from learning the rudiments of dismounted drill in Beast Barracks to the practical experience of commanding a platoon in a Regular Army unit as Second Classmen. When they don the gold bars of second lieutenants, Military Academy graduates are ready to immerse themselves completely in branch specialization. With the broad basic military background developed here, West Point officers can embark competently and assiduously on a military career in the United States Army.

This aspect of cadet training stems from the responsibility assigned to the Department of Tactics in fulfilling the Military Academy's mission. Four distinct elements comprise this responsibility: 1) To develop the qualities and attributes of leadership with emphasis on character; 2) To provide a broad, basic military education; 3) To develop high standards of physical fitness; and 4) To instill the motivation essential to the profession of arms and provide orientation for a career in the United States Army.

The Tactical Department directly supports the Military Academy mission with the help of all elements of USMA. The Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Sam S. Walker, directs the implementing action of four instructional programs that provide military training at West Point. Each of these programs—leadership development, military science, physical education, and career training—is primarily concerned with a specific aspect of the USMA mission. They are administered by the three instructional offices of the Department of Tactics: Military Psychology and Leadership (MP&L), Physical Education (OPE), and the Office of Military Instruction (OMI). They are developed

fully through the practical application that comes from living in a military environment for four years where cadets command and administer their own organizations, conduct their own intramural programs, and train their new members under the monitorship of the four Regimental Commanders and their 36 Tactical Officers. The Company TACS close the loop with extensive evaluation and counselling on an individual basis. Furthermore, our entire uniformed faculty contributes to the effort by example and through discussions of their professional experiences. The fulfillment of these programs is the thing that sets the Military Academy apart from other educational institutions whose mission is concerned principally with academic development.

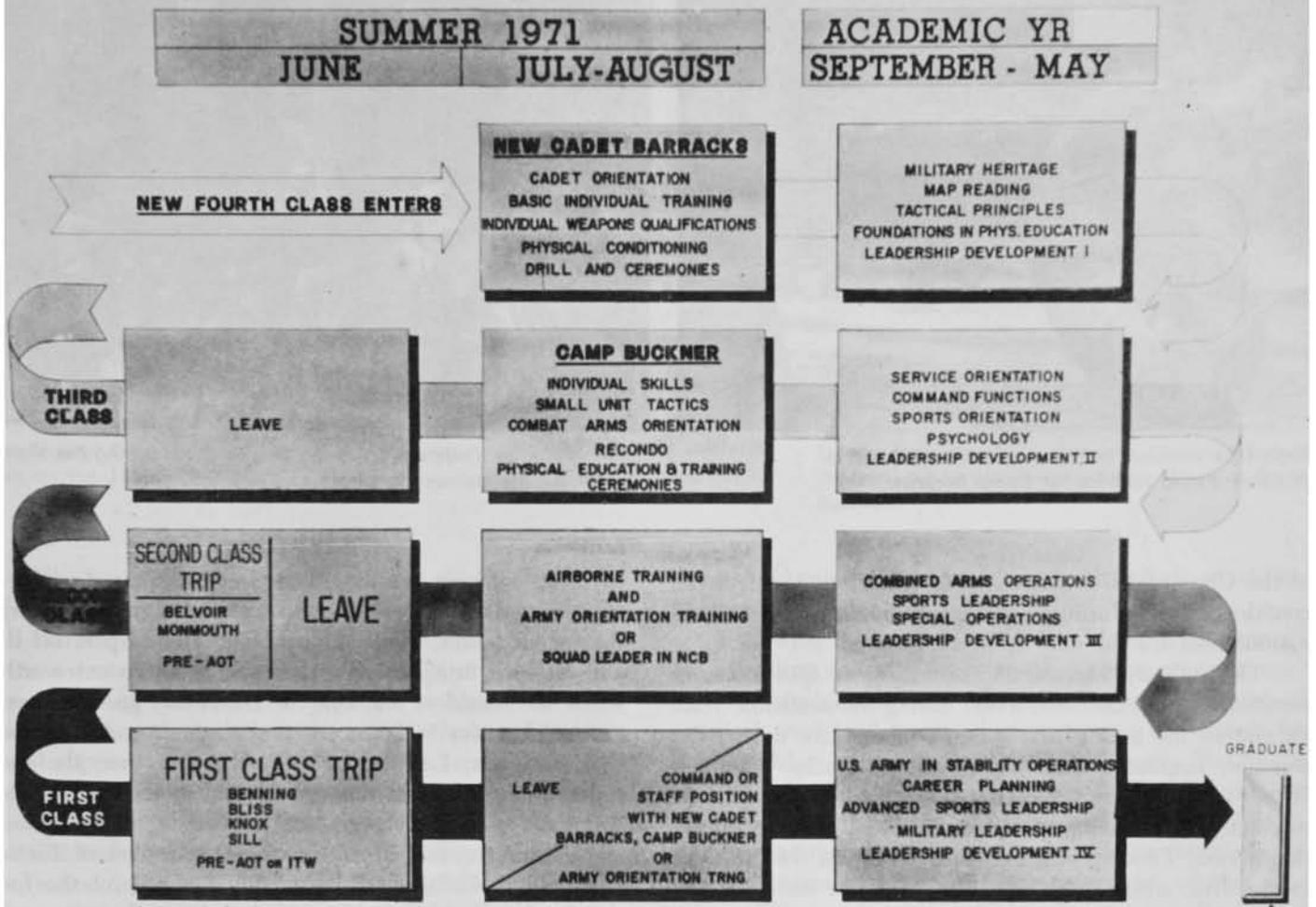
While MP&L provides leadership development instruction, and OPE carries out the physical education program, it is OMI that plans and conducts the major portion of the academic year and summer four-year military training program. In this training, we place primary emphasis on broad, basic military education rather than individual proficiency in the technical duties of junior officers of the various arms. We assume graduation will be followed by a basic branch course in which branch qualification is stressed. Formal career training is the classroom responsibility of OMI.

Cadet airborne volunteer exiting from 34-foot tower during first week of airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga.



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MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM 4 YEARS



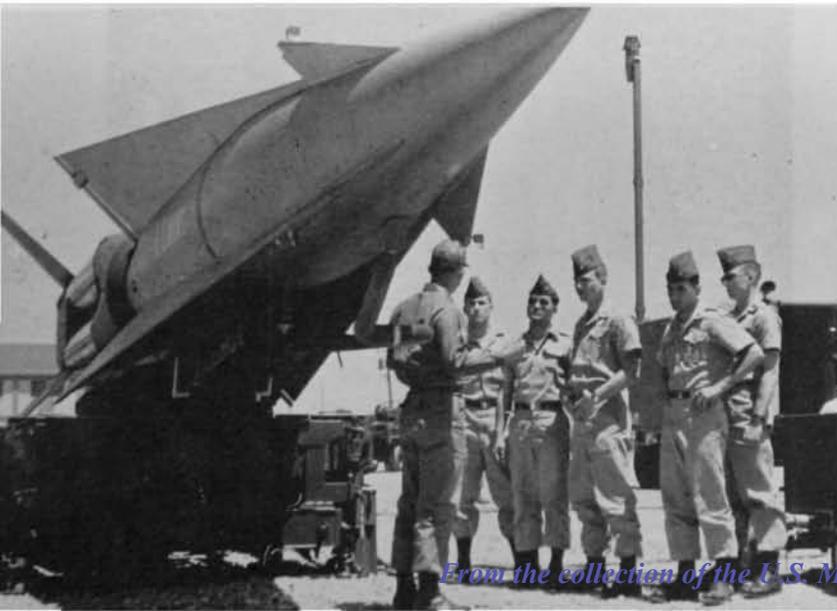
although every member of the Department of Tactics contributes to this phase of cadet development.

Generating career enthusiasm is the training objective of the 25 officers and 23 NCO's in OMI, a staff that is further augmented by a United States Marine Corps officer and one from the British Army. In OMI, we are not preparing cadets just to be platoon leaders or company commanders. Although it is important that they do well in these vital roles, we want to lay the groundwork upon

which they can build rewarding military careers, progressing to positions of ever-increasing responsibilities. For this reason, OMI gears objectives to long-range career patterns.

In planning and conducting military training for the Corps, OMI considers motivation to be of prime importance. Training is designed to be motivational while at the same time supporting the training objective. A good example is the duty-time Airborne Program for all members

First Classmen receive instruction on the NIKE HERCULES missile and launcher at Fort Bliss, Tex. on the First Class trip.



Cadets inspect the M60A1 tank at Fort Knox, Ky. during their First Class trip.





Pugil stick training in the combative block of instruction during Recondo at Camp Buckner.



Cadets practice the prussik climb during the Mountaineering phase of Recondo.

of the Class of 1973 who chose to volunteer. We feel the confidence built during this rugged course will be highly motivational for the new Second Classmen.

The military curriculum for cadets is split between summer training and instruction during the academic year. Of course, the bulk of the training takes place during the summer, beginning with New Cadet Barracks. Although 75 per cent of New Cadet Barracks training is cadetship-oriented, OMI conducts most of the field training during this period. Totalling approximately 60 hours, this includes battle drill, squad problems, and fieldcraft near the old Proctoria estate; one week of range firing which includes M-14 record firing and familiarization with the grenade launcher and LAW; bayonet instruction; and a familiarization ride in a helicopter. Performance by the Class of

1974 last summer on the M-14 range surpassed all previous records. Eighty-six per cent of the class fired sharpshooter or better, while 26 per cent fired expert on the difficult field firing course. This is even more noteworthy when one considers that rifle marksmanship given in basic training lasts for 84 hours whereas the new cadet receives only 34 hours. Last summer for the first time the new cadets were trained in the new instinct method of bayonet fighting.

During the academic year, the Department of Tactics is limited to 72 hours of instruction for each of the four classes. This includes such classes as honor lectures, auto safety, and aptitude ratings, in addition to military science courses with 20-man sections, and upperclass physical education.

Rappelling down a 72-foot cliff during Recondo training at Camp Buckner.



A Yearling executes the suspension traverse (slide for life) as part of the confidence test at the end of Recondo training.





Yearlings at Camp Buckner learn duties of cannoners on the 105mm howitzer.



Troops from the 82nd Airborne Division demonstrate squad tactics during Infantry Week at Camp Buckner.

Following New Cadet Barracks, we give the plebes a 17-hour course in the Heritage of the U.S. Army. Major Bill Hartzog, the Course Director, has designed the course to be a motivational experience. It instills in the plebes a sense of pride in their participation in the U.S. Army through the orchestrated use of a wide range of instructional support devices such as television tapes, static and mobile displays and multi-image presentations. It is not unusual for the plebe in a Heritage class to see a soldier of the Continental Line load and fire his "Brown Bess" musket; to see and hear on TV tape the fragile aircraft of the "Great War Era" or to hold in his hands a letter of surrender from General Lee to General Grant. The success of this course as a motivating device lies in the "emotions-on" approach taken in acquainting the cadet with the color,

images and pride of our Army's past— a past on which our Heritage is founded.

Following Military Heritage is Major Ted Stroup's Map Reading course. This intensive 23-hour course taught by OMI noncommissioned officers stresses a maximum of practical work and is aimed at preparing the cadets for future military science courses and field work. The NCOs of OMI, already skilled as instructors before assignment, take great pride in being identified as Instructors, USCC, and conduct their own preparatory classes for the new map reading instructors prior to commencement of the sub-course. This course utilizes the conference/practical exercise method of instruction for the cadets. This allows the cadet not only to learn map reading, but to gain further understanding of the Army and (Continued on page 39)

On a visit to Fort Monmouth, N.J., cadets climb telephone poles in a "pole orchard," while on the Second Class trip.

OMI Noncommissioned officer instructs a Fourth Classman in map reading.



An episode
in the Early Life
of an American Artist

ON a hot, humid day in July 1851, a rather slight young lad named James McNeill Whistler reported for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Little did he know then of the travail he would experience as a cadet or that his stay at West Point would end three years hence—just one short of graduation. Why did Whistler's cadet career in the Class of 1855 come to a close when it did in 1854?

Some of the answers can be found in the West Point archives. Documents, writings, letters, books, and even a doctor's certificate dated July 8, 1854, reveal much of the Whistler story. All these references put into perspective the ordeal and the luster of a notable American artist.

The record shows that when Whistler entered the Military Academy in 1851, a Second Classman named Cadet William R. Boggs was Adjutant of the Corps of Cadets. This is significant because Boggs knew much about the accomplishments of young Whistler's father, George W. Whistler, Class of 1819, who had gained recognition in the engineering field while building a railroad in Russia. Boggs' regard for engineering and his admiration of the elder Whistler prompted him to befriend the new plebe quickly.

In the course of time, Boggs began to notice that whenever Whistler had a few spare moments in his busy cadet schedule he would invariably pick up his pen and some scrap paper and start making character sketches of

Whistler In Cadet Gray

by KENNETH W. RAPP

Whistler Memorial in USMA
Library



other cadets. Impressed by Whistler's drawings, Boggs became so enthusiastic that he showed a few of them to other cadets. He often remarked that Whistler would probably not remain at the Military Academy to graduate since it appeared to him Whistler was destined to be an artist of note.

History has shown how prophetic were these words. It also shows that Whistler's attendance at West Point was attributed solely to the influence of his distinguished father and his eminent uncle, Major William G. McNeill, also a graduate, in the Class of 1817. Both, having had brilliant careers in their country's service, had attained fame as early pioneers in the American railroad industry. Therefore, it was undoubtedly the wish of Anna Whistler that her son, James, should follow them in the military profession. She was delighted with her son's drawing talent, but did not think a career in that field would be in his best interests. The decision as to whether her son should don Cadet Gray was hers to make, since her husband had died in St. Petersburg, Russia, in April 1849. They had enjoyed both the comforts and security of Army life and she wanted her son to have the same privileges.

Whistler was residing in Pomfret, Connecticut, when he was appointed to the Military Academy by President Millard Fillmore. Entering this new and entirely different phase of his life, he quickly became acquainted with his classmates. Among them were many young men who, in various fields, later carved their mark in American history. Such men as: Alexander S. Webb whose personal gallantry in the Battle of Gettysburg later earned for him the Medal of Honor; William W. Averell and David M. Gregg who, after graduation, gained fame as noted Indian fighters and served with distinction in the Civil War, both reaching the rank of Brevet Major General. Two of Whistler's classmates later became prominent in the diplomatic field. Gregg, in addition to his military achievements, was eventually appointed U.S. Consul to Prague. Alfred T.

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Sketches drawn by Whistler as a Cadet entitled **On Post in Camp**. Depict the progress of a bored cadet in two hours on Post.



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James A.M. Whistler, self-portrait, 1871-73. Titled **Arrangement in Grey**.



Cover design for **Song of the Graduates** by Cadet James A.M. Whistler, 1852.

Drawing of **Two Milkmaids Chatting** by Cadet James A.M. Whistler.



Torbert became the United States Minister to Salvador and, subsequently, was appointed the Consul General to Paris in 1873.

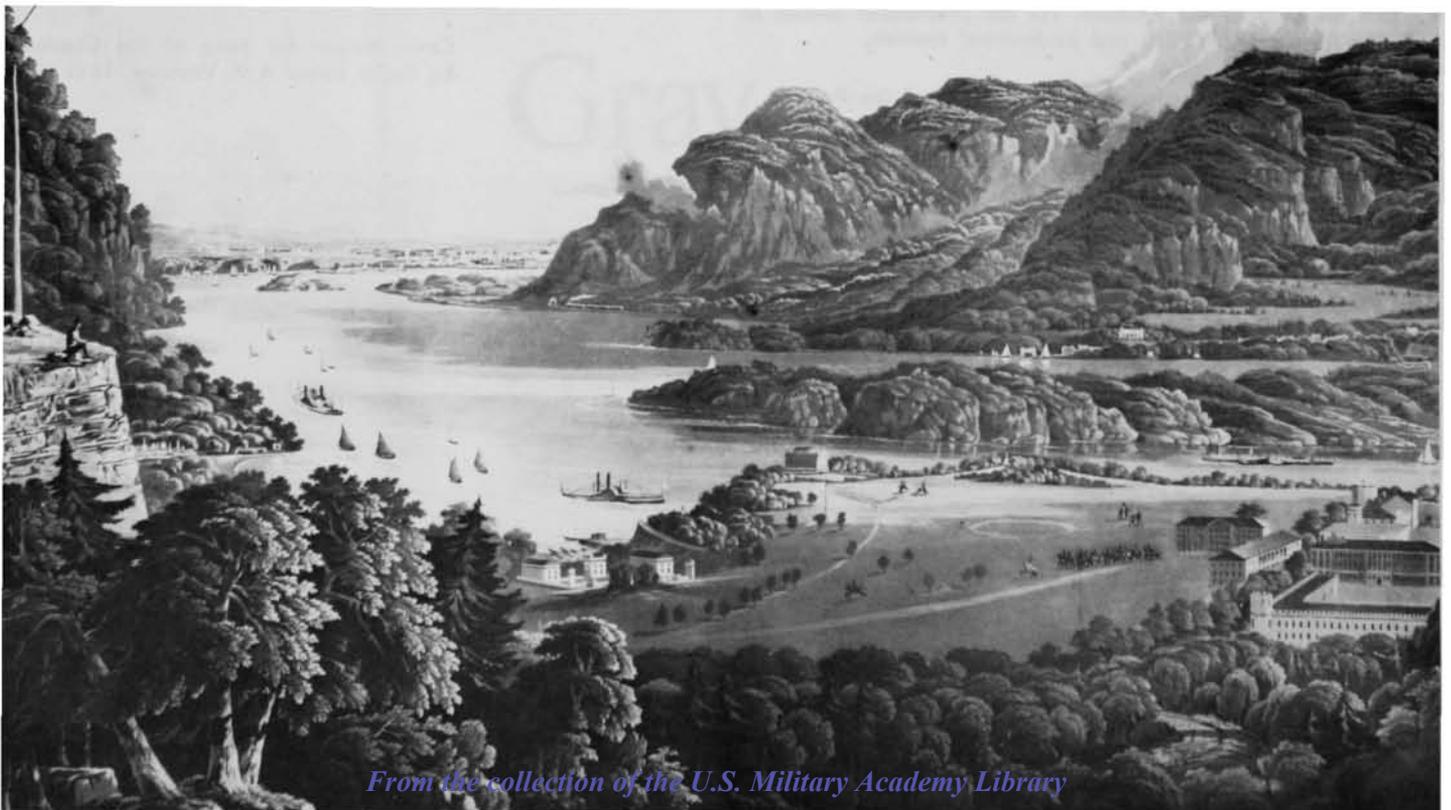
But, Whistler's cadet life turned out to be a stormy one. Academically, he stood relatively low in Mathematics and English, but he excelled in French and Drawing. On the other hand, the military side of his cadet career was a real problem. He had an extremely difficult time adhering to the strict discipline required and administered at West Point.

A volume of *The Register of Delinquencies* covering the period of Whistler's cadetship reveals that he committed many minor infractions which would normally have been overlooked at other schools. During his Plebe year, for example, he received demerits for: talking in ranks at drill; loitering in the Commandant's office during the absence of the Commandant; neglecting the care of a class model in the Drawing Academy.

Delinquencies recorded in his Yearling year included: not saluting the Officer of the Day properly; loitering in the Drawing Academy; carelessness in mounting his horse; leaving the Drawing Academy before the expiration of two hours.

An interesting incident which occurred in his second year is particularly worthy of mention. Cadet Whistler and his roommate, Henry M. Lazelle, were placed in arrest for playing cards. The report of the Commandant of Cadets states they were discovered sitting in their room at a table covered with playing cards. Interestingly enough, Whistler was caught "red handed" because he was observed with the cards in his hands. The incident proved to be rather ironic since Lazelle graduated with his class and later served as Commandant of Cadets during the years 1879-82.

View of West Point, U.S. Military Academy, by Robert Havell, 1848, around the time of Whistler's cadetship.



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During his third and final year, Cadet Whistler was cited, among other things, for: singing and talking aloud in the Drawing Academy; being Off Limits while skating on the Hudson River; having long hair at inspection; exchanging his horse on the road without permission.

From the infractions committed in Drawing during his three years at West Point, one can surmise that Whistler's demerits resulted from his complacency. He completely understood the subject. Moreover, it was evident that he was not interested in becoming an officer in the United States Army.

Another unfortunate incident could have led to Whistler's departure from the Military Academy. He had suffered from rheumatic attacks as a young boy. In May 1853, during his Yearling year at West Point, Cadet Whistler was taken ill with such an attack. This prompted Colonel Robert E. Lee, then Superintendent of the Military Academy, to send a letter to Mrs. Whistler informing her of Whistler's illness.

In the letter, Lee stated that Cadet Whistler was not suffering much pain, but his attack did not seem to be responding to treatment and the West Point Surgeon feared the boy's lungs were seriously injured. He concluded the letter by assuring Mrs. Whistler that her son would receive every attention and treatment which was in his power to bestow.

A copy of Mrs. Whistler's poignant reply to Colonel Lee was recently found in the Archives.

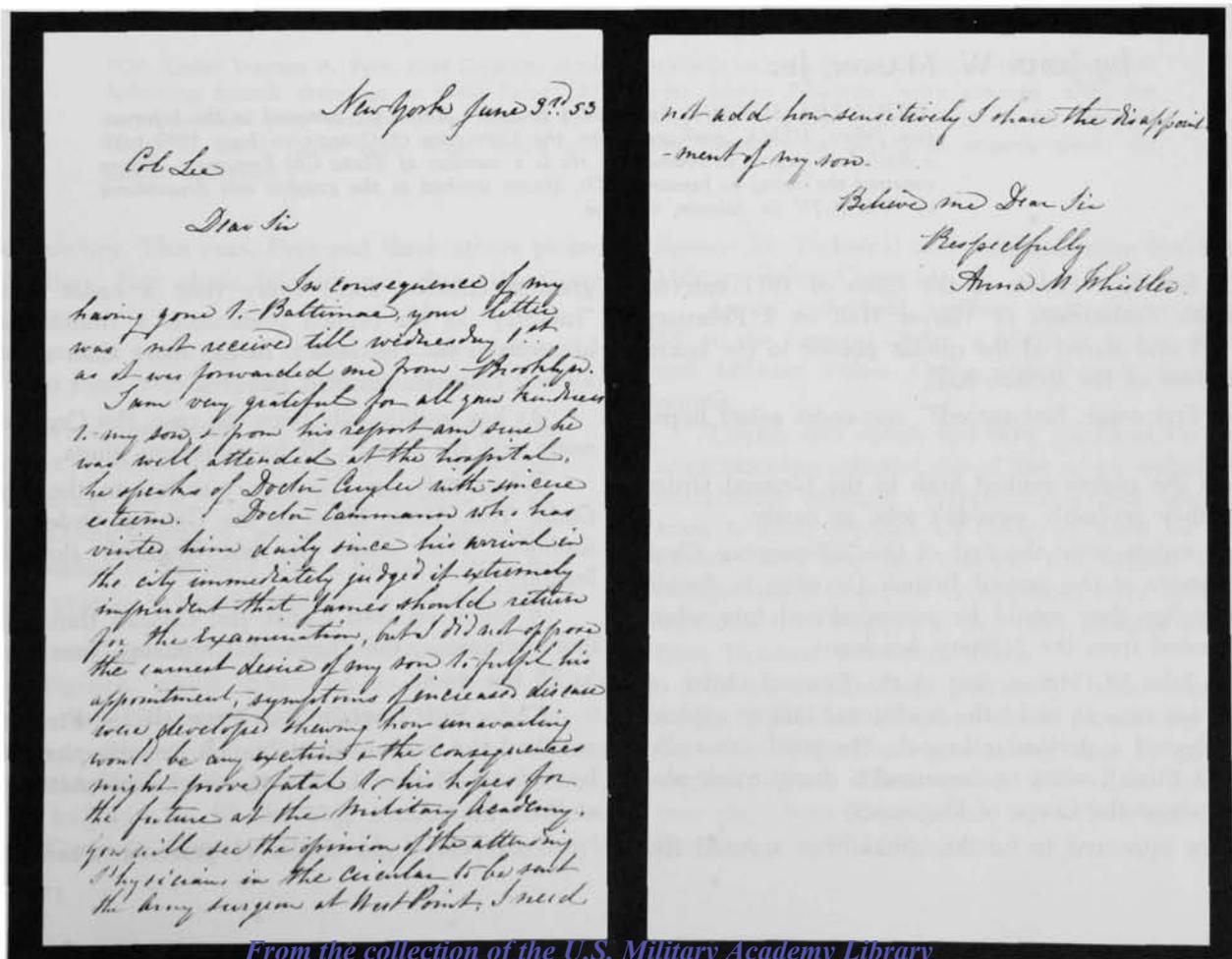
Four days after Lee's letter was sent to his mother, Cadet Whistler was given a leave of absence for medical reasons.

A second letter, this one written by Cadet Whistler, has also been uncovered in the Archives. Addressed to the Adjutant of the Post, it concerned (Continued on page 40)

Whistler's Mother, well-known work of the artist.



Letter of Mrs. Anna M. Whistler to Colonel Robert E. Lee in Archives, USMA.



the **CLASS** *of* **1971** **BRANCH** **DRAWING** *lightened with humor*

by JOHN W. MASON, JR.

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THE first four cadets of the Class of 1971 entered South Auditorium of Thayer Hall on 2 February 1971 and stared at the quotas pinned to the board at the bottom of the lecture hall.

"Hey, first come, first served?" one cadet asked hopefully.

Unless the cadets ranked high in the General Order of Merit, they probably wouldn't joke so easily.

These cadets were the first of the 732-member Class of '71 to arrive at the annual Branch Drawing to decide which branches they would be commissioned into when they graduated from the Military Academy.

Cadet John W. Moore, first in the General Order of Merit, did not care to make the traditional talk to explain why he selected a particular branch. He good naturedly quipped: "I think I want to command a dump truck platoon," and chose the Corps of Engineers.

Infantry appeared to be the choice that aroused the

greatest emotion since every time a cadet announced, "Infantry" as his branch preference, a thunderous cheer arose from his classmates. In all, more than one-third of all first classmen selected Infantry.

As has traditionally been the case, the Corps of Engineers was the first to fill its minimum quota.

When only one vacancy was left in the Engineers, Cadet Tom Metz, 124th in the General Order of Merit, shouted, "Who wants the last Engineer slot? I'll take Infantry."

A much relieved Cadet Jim Conrad thus picked his first preference, the Corps of Engineers, four turns later to fill the quota.

Cadet First Captain Tom Pyrz selected Field Artillery, and had the field artillery branch insignia pinned on him by Colonel Clayton L. Moran, senior Field Artillery officer at West Point.

Last year, eight of the 11 permanent cadet captains



TOP: Cadet Thomas A. Pyrzs, First Captain, receives Artillery insignia from COL Clayton L. Moran, FA, following branch drawings at West Point. LEFT: Cadet James Edwards looks pleased with the response from other Cadets to his reasons for selecting the Infantry. RIGHT: First in the General Order of Merit, Cadet John W.M. Moore concentrates intensely as classmates eagerly await his branch selection.

selected Infantry. This year, Pyrzs and three others picked Field Artillery, four chose Infantry and three the Corps of Engineers.

The greatest ovation was earned by Cadet James Edwards, who read from a speech which said:

“When the Armor has stuck its shillelagns in the dirt . . . when the air conditioning in the Signal vans breaks down . . . when the Engineers are all out building sewers . . . when it boils down to one poor soldier in the mud with a bayonet, then, by God, I propose to be with him—in the INFANTRY.”

The second quickest branch to fill its quota was Military Intelligence, which exhausted its maximum quota of 33 after the 312th man in the General Order of Merit.

Infantry, with its total of 240, had more future officers than any other branch. Second in size was Field Artillery, with 150, followed by 82 choosing Armor, Air Defense 65, Signal Corps 48, Corps of Engineers 45, Military Intel-

ligence 33, Technical and Administrative Services 22 and Military Police Corps 14.

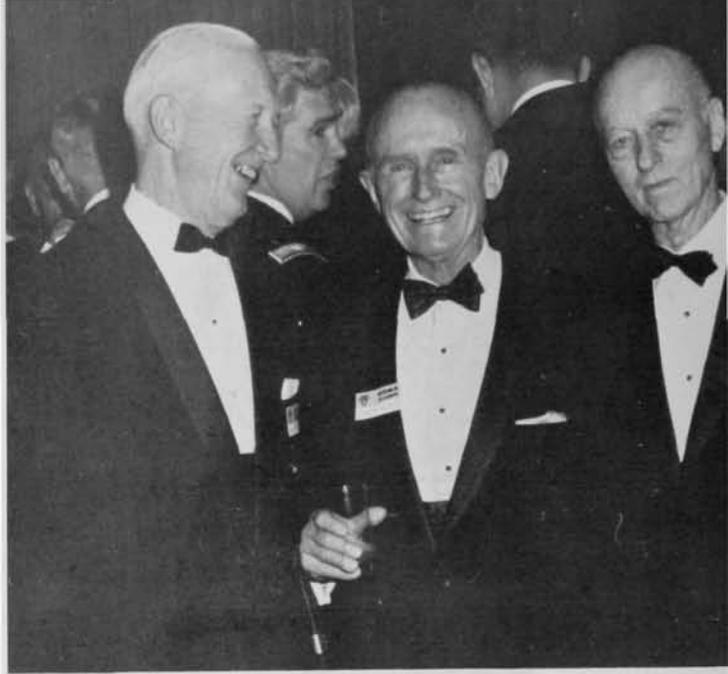
Armor and Field Artillery quotas were exhausted at 583 in the General Order of Merit to insure that Infantry and Military Police Corps would meet their minimum quotas.

Twenty-two cadets not fully qualified for all combat arms branches selected one of the seven technical and administrative services. Twenty-one cadets chose commissions in other services. Of these, 17 went Air Force, two picked Navy and two selected the Marine Corps. Five foreign cadets accepted commissions from their countries; one from the Philippines, two from Jamaica and one each from Thailand and South Korea.

Seven cadets had previously been selected for a newly established program which permits up to one per cent of a West Point graduating class to go directly to medical school. These cadets will select arms branches over and above these quotas, but will be detailed Medical Service Corps while in school.



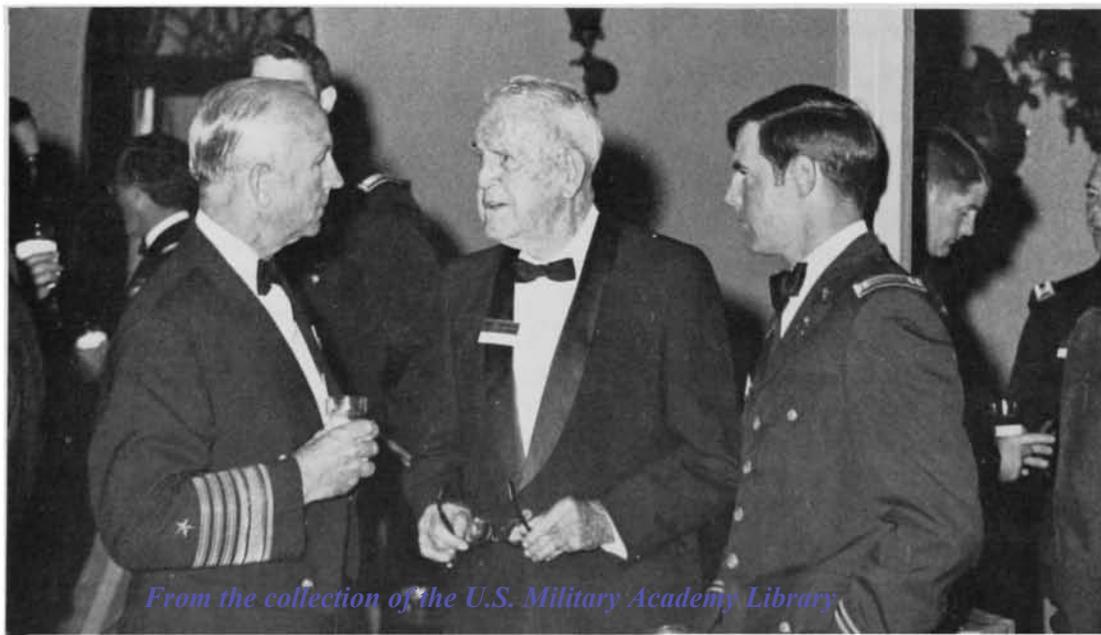
Founders Day at West Point brought together members of many USMA classes. Here, left to right, are Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson '29, President of the Association of Graduates; Colonel Jack M. Pollin '44, Deputy Head, Department of Mathematics; Captain David P. Rivers '67, Aide to the Commandant of Cadets; and Brigadier General John R. Jannarone '38, Dean.



Brigadier General Elvin R. Heiberg '26, (left), recipient of the Benjamin F. Castle Award, enjoys conversation at Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club with General Alfred M. Gruenther '19, (center) and General Clyde D. Eddleman '24, at the Founders Day Dinner.

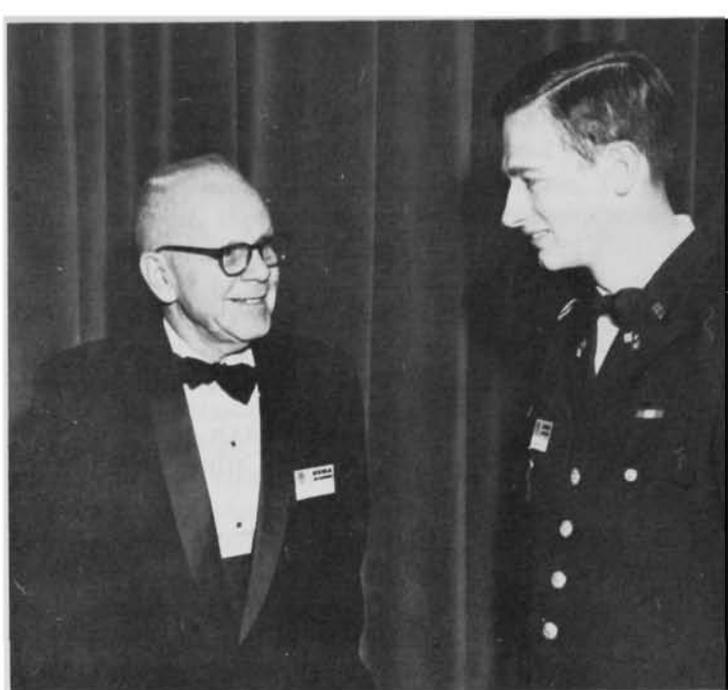
FOUNDERS DAY 1971

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USNA '33, (left), talks with Brigadier General James Crawford '11, USA Ret., (center), and Lieutenant Louis V. Hutchison Jr. '70, oldest and youngest graduates, respectively, at the Fort Benning, Ga., Founders Day Dinner. Admiral Moorer was guest speaker.





Colonel Richard L. Gruenther '46 (left), guest speaker for the Founders Day banquet at Fort Jackson, S.C., with (left to right) Brigadier General Gordon J. Duquemin '47, Deputy Post Commander, Major General William S. Coleman, Post Commander, and Brigadier General Robert L. Ashworth '38, USA Ret., President of the West Point Society of Columbia, S.C.



Founders Day at the Officers Club in Heidelberg, Germany, brought together Colonel A.M. Parsons '19, oldest graduate present, and Lieutenant W.C. Taylor '70, the youngest there.

IN a year already filled with controversy and concern, with domestic and international crises, the significance of Founders Day, 1971, becomes more meaningful in terms of the thoughts expressed by distinguished speakers at the meetings held world-wide in commemoration of the Military Academy's 169th anniversary.

Most were graduates of West Point. Some were not. All were fervent Americans. What each speaker had to say this year before assembled West Pointers and their guests went far beyond the usual amenities of these social gatherings. This year, a special message seemed to emerge from the speeches given at more than 100 Founders Day meetings.

The serious intent upon which speakers predicated their remarks prevailed throughout the occasion. References

to "Duty, Honor, Country" took on special meaning at a time when our Nation seems to be convulsing from the strains of dissent—a time when idealism to any degree must be translated in different terms, yet with unyielding resolve.

These excerpts are but a sampling of the thoughts expressed this year by speakers vitally concerned about the issues of the day, as they affect West Point and the Country. Their remarks, however, give a sound perspective to the matters in which all graduates are interested. Provocative, timely, and certainly significant, the following excerpts from Founders Day speeches bring into focus some important considerations for ASSEMBLY readers; indeed, for all Americans.

The oldest and youngest graduates of USMA attending the Founders Day Dinner of the West Point Society of South Texas at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Open Mess are shown with Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent. (Left to right) General Knowlton, Colonel Lewis Turtle '03, and Air Force Lieutenant Gregory Webb '70.



FORT BENNING, GEORGIA



ADMIRAL
THOMAS H. MOORER
CHAIRMAN,
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

ON VIETNAM: "The war in Vietnam has been a long and frustrating experience for the American people, but we are now on a course which is leading toward our disengagement. I do not want to underestimate the problems ahead, but the critics should not overlook the progress of the past. By any measure—manpower, casualties, sorties, costs—our involvement has been reduced. We are not looking for excuses to stay in Vietnam; we are pursuing those courses of action that will allow us to continue phasing out our involvement while giving our Allies the time and means to defend themselves."

ON THE SOVIET UNION: "There can be no doubt the Soviets have been acting rapidly to expand their military, political, and economic influence throughout the world. Now the obvious question is, 'What are their intentions?' This is a question open to speculation, but I can assure you that we don't need to speculate very much concerning their capabilities. And let us not forget that intentions are subject to change overnight—capabilities are not. So when I look at the direction in which the Soviets have been and are moving, and when I consider the lead-time required to develop and produce modern-day weapon systems, then I must say in all frankness that the United States simply cannot afford to ponder Soviet intentions and suddenly find itself in second place."

ON THE MILITARY ACADEMY: "For one hundred sixty-nine years now the United States Military Academy has produced the type of leadership that has forged the greatness of this Nation. I need not recount the famed and honored names to this audience. But I would like to mention one young man at West Point—whom I did not know—whose obituary I read just a short time ago. He had written it himself. He wrote not of what he died for, but of those things he lived for—the opportunities, the comrades, the ideals that West Point and the Army gave to him and made his life a full one. Every young man in America should take the opportunity to read Major John Hottell's obituary. I believe that all America owes a wealth of gratitude to the men of Major Hottell's breed—the men of the Long Gray Line."

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS



MAJOR GENERAL
WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON
SUPERINTENDENT,
USMA

"The first and most important thing which has happened at West Point is a direct result of the explosion of knowledge in the last quarter of a century. Knowledge has increased geometrically to the point where man can no longer find things in the mass of printed material available—let alone read everything of importance in every field. This explosion of knowledge has had a direct impact on the curriculum at West Point. For some years, we had kept adding things to the West Point curriculum until the cadet was so overscheduled that no further additions were possible. Yet, the chances were good that the Army would

send the young officer off to graduate school in a field not selected until after graduation—an assignment which would require him to compete with scholars who had majored in that field of discipline. Sylvanus Thayer made of West Point an educational institution of first rank. I believe we all share the hope that West Point will continue to be an educational leader.

"... When I was a cadet, I had no desire to 'communicate' with the Superintendent. I was perfectly happy if none of the officers communicated with me, particularly my outstanding tactical officer: William Henry Sterling Wright. We led our lives, and the officers led theirs. An indication that the Tac wanted to 'communicate' with us usually anticipated demerits. But today, all that has changed. 3,800 cadets all want to 'communicate' with the Superintendent, the Commandant, the Chief of Staff, or a wide variety of other people. Again, this is 'different' from what we remember, but it is not all bad. Their desire to communicate with seniors is the kind of change which we ignore at our peril and which we can satisfy without touching fundamental values. A young officer told me that in his view, seniors are neither more nor less concerned/indifferent today than in the past; but cadets and soldiers often think they are. It is important that we meet the young cadet half way in communicating if we are to establish credibility, and credibility is a precondition to establishing standards of excellence which will be accepted."

WEST POINT, NEW YORK



BRIGADIER GENERAL
PAUL W. THOMPSON,
USA RET.

PRESIDENT,
ASSOCIATION OF
GRADUATES

"The question of Victory, or substitutes for Victory, would not arise if this were a world free of perils for our Country. And the question of ensuring Victory would be a lot simpler if this were a world in which the nature of perils to come could be accurately foretold. But the fact is, our Country exists in a world fraught with perils—the dimensions and nature and timing of which are unforecastable. But we can be sure of one thing: some of the perils to come, and the most deadly and vital of them, will involve the application of force, and I mean armed force. Those are the perils which we surmount—or as a Nation, we die.

"... It's borne on me that men in other walks of life, business men, for example, have on their shoulders nothing comparable to the responsibilities, present and prospective, carried on the shoulders of our military leaders. To paraphrase the poet, these shoulders—of the Nation's military leaders—may at any time be called on 'to hold the skies suspended,' and 'to save the sum of things.' And that can be said of no other group of men—no other sets of shoulders.

"A layman, reflecting on the responsibilities for which military leaders must be prepared, can perceive that the crux of the matter—the name of the game—is not education and technology and training (all of which, relatively speaking, may be taken for granted);—the name of the game is Character. He whose shoulders 'hold the skies suspended' bears his burden through strength deriving from the attributes of Character which are his, and which have been his throughout the ups and downs of his career.

"Reflecting on these attributes of Character, one returns to the precepts of West Point—those precepts which have to do predominantly with Character, and only incidentally with book learning. Truly, and here I paraphrase both the poet and a Great Captain: on other fields and other days these precepts will bring Victory—perhaps in situations where the sum of things is at stake."

FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON



GENERAL
RALPH E. HAINES JR.

COMMANDING GENERAL,
US CONTINENTAL ARMY
COMMAND

"The Army of today faces new challenges. The future of the draft, upon which we have depended to provide us with the quality and quantity of manpower required to meet our needs, is in doubt. Although the President has requested a draft extension in the strongest terms, he has committed his administration to seek an all-volunteer force by mid-1973. Secretary Resor and General Westmoreland have pledged the Army to do everything within its means to move toward a zero draft. Obviously, we can and must improve service attractiveness and the public image of our Army. I recognize that I may be on thin ice with some of

this audience in view of your personal opposition to the termination of a military draft system and reliance on a fully voluntary armed forces. Certainly, prudence demands that we keep draft legislation on the books until we can demonstrate conclusively that a volunteer Army is both feasible and effective in the discharge of its assigned responsibilities. We will be dependent on the draft for several years to come, as a minimum.

"The Army has always measured its strength not in weapons or machines, but in people. The fact that these people today come from every geographical area of our Country and every segment of our society gives us what we must have—an Army of, by, and for the people. If we are able to shift to a volunteer force, we must do it without creating a gap between the Army and the people the Army is designed to serve.

"... Times are changing and we must be responsive to social change, without compromising basic values, if we hope to remain in contact with and to communicate with the soldiers we lead in combat. I assure you, we will not knowingly do anything which impairs the ability of the Army to fight—which must remain our primary mission. As the trainer of men and units for the entire Army, we in the Continental Army Command are acutely mindful of our responsibilities to field a professional Army—and intend to improve rather than degrade that professionalism within the context of the Modern Volunteer Army."

NEW YORK, NEW YORK



DR. EDWIN D.
ETHERINGTON
PRESIDENT,
NATIONAL CENTER FOR
VOLUNTARY ACTION
(MEMBER, BOARD OF
VISITORS, USMA)

"You took what you had to take at West Point partly because you got the rewards of high respect from parents and contemporaries back home. Today's cadet takes what he has to take at West Point and may then have to define his effort in his home community. But the challenge runs deeper. The cadet, no less than any of his contemporaries, is searching his own mind and heart to decide what his country ought to be, what it should do about the war in Southeast Asia, where it should stand in the face of emerging nationalism on every continent. The years of movement from adolescence to maturity, from Plebe to First Lieu-

tenant, are difficult enough in the best of times. The emotional pressure of these years for these Cadets must be nearly devastating in these times. The pressure is probably far more acute than the Cadet himself may realize.

"It is popular nowadays to say that our institutions have failed us and must change. I would not say that our institutions have failed us. I would say that our institutions need to be adjusted if they are to serve us as well in the future as they have in the past. Adjustments must be made at the Military Academy and at the Naval Academy.

"When you return to the Point, and you find things have changed, I hope you will not start to grumble about the lack of discipline; about the freedoms you never enjoyed; about the new range of courses which include some you may consider irrelevant; or about the curricular changes designed to give Cadets a wider exposure to the humanities and the social sciences. I hope you will return with a different mission. I hope you will go back to the barracks, chat with these Cadets, find out what they are thinking, ask how you can help. You might even consider forming a 'Big Brother' program to suit the situation as you find it.

"In so doing, you could well experience a satisfaction as deep as the one you had as student and soldier—learner and trainee—at the United States Military Academy."

DENVER, COLORADO



CAPTAIN
JOHN S. MCGUIRE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
YOUNGEST GRADUATE AT
DENVER MEETING

"As I understand it, the purpose of having the youngest graduate present at a Founders Day Dinner to give a short talk is to bring the older graduates up to date on our Alma Mater, with an alternative purpose of assuring them the 'Corps has not gone to h---'. Normally I wouldn't feel very qualified in this respect as it has been five years since I graduated. I do feel, however, that I might be more qualified than quite a few of my classmates, as I have a younger brother who is finishing up at the Academy this year. We're pretty proud of him—he's a Regimental Commander. Perhaps from the contacts that I have had from

him and his friends I can glean an opinion as to how the recent changes at the Academy might or might not have changed the basic fibre of today's Cadet.

"Changes have taken place in the physical plant; changes have taken place in the academic curricula; changes have taken place in the Tactical Department's approach to the development of personal character; changes have taken place in the material that is used to fabricate the old 'Keydet Gray.' In my opinion, all of the changes made at the Military Academy have been for the betterment of the institution. Those changes represent to me the fact that the Academy is a viable and vital institution of education and not an inflexible organization completely indoctrinated in its own traditions, isolated from the realities of the present, drifting without the foresight that any institution of its type direly needs. The Academy has kept pace with the realities of the present; but, then, it has not overdone itself on this point, either. I think this can be attributed to the inherent tradition of West Point—that characteristic that makes it so dear to all of us.

"For a cadet to survive some of the moods and ideologies to which he is exposed today, he has to be a more responsible individual. I don't think the Cadet today has changed so much that you wouldn't recognize him at first glance—your first impression might be that of a sleek, modernistic version, perhaps—but you couldn't fail to detect the presence of that unmistakable fibre—that characteristic that has been termed the Long Gray Line."

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



GENERAL
MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY,
USA RET.
CHIEF OF STAFF 1953-55

"The heart of any military establishment is its officer corps. There lies the great reservoir of integrity, moral courage, competence, and subordination to lawful authority. Next in importance is the noncommissioned officer corps, seeking to follow the former's precepts and to emulate its example. These are the bulwarks of our Army. If they fail, disaster follows.

"From Thayer's time to today West Point has been the inexhaustible reservoir of high-principled integrity inculcated through its graduates in our officer corps, and by it transmitted to our NCOs. I know of no substitute for that

high moral force. It must not be diluted by any concession to any lesser codes of society. How then do we answer the questions propounded at Carlisle and at Newport? How do we convey to our civilian superiors and through them to the American people our unshakable faith in the validity of the principles by which we were trained?"

"I know of but one way and that is by an undeviating adherence within the Corps of Cadets to the West Point code—a scrupulous regard for the sanctity of one's word and the integrity of one's acts, and then an unceasing effort to imbue our associates in the officer corps with comparable standards of conduct.

"I have no doubt of the response of the Army's leadership to that challenge, from its senior officers down, but it will be enormously more difficult without the strong and continuing support of its civilian secretaries, its Commander in Chief, and of the appropriate committees of the Congress."

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HEIDELBERG, GERMANY



LIEUTENANT GENERAL
ARTHUR S. COLLINS JR.
ACTING
CINCUSAREUR

"In our day-to-day work you cannot give a little here and a little more there. I am talking on matters of principle, not human relations. You cannot dodge the tough ones for a desire to look good; such as during that short period you are in a command assignment, and you sweep that gritty problem under the rug because you have only one month to go. You have to put it all together. You have to approach duty and honor every day as though that's the last day you'll have to serve your Country.

"General MacArthur, in his historic speech to the Military Academy on 12 May 1962, said this about our motto:

'Duty, Honor, Country: Those hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.'

These words are hardly in keeping with the times. Surely they sound outmoded in this period when dissent is rampant, when duty is derided, when service is scorned. But in such times it is more necessary than ever to have a guiding light—a beacon such as you see flashing from a rugged and stormy shore—something to show the way in times of trouble. MacArthur's eloquence, West Point's motto, are guides to our action today and every day. This action must be reinforced by compassion, understanding and humility as well as strength and conviction when choosing the harder right rather than the easier wrong. If we do this, the Army will be all right. We may not be in the headlines, but we will be respected—perhaps not loved—but respected. This, I suggest is a guideline for our reflections and actions in the future."



Cadet Riding Club team in formation riding at Morgan's Farm.



Team captain, Ted Hoffman (USMA '71), practices jumping.

Cadet Mike Kobbe (USMA '72) participates in the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association's competition at Jersey City State College.

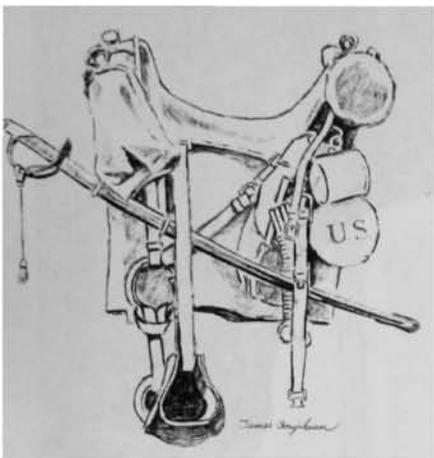


IN the fall of 1839 a sergeant and five dragoons reported to the Superintendent of the Military Academy for duty as riding instructors. Thus began an uninterrupted association between cadet and horse which lasted for over a century. World War II, of course, demonstrated that the charger no longer had a place on the battlefield, and so the horse disappeared from West Point. But those who mourned his departure were, like the writer of Mark Twain's first obituary, somewhat premature, to say the least. For the horse has returned to the Hudson highlands, and though his status is somewhat different from what it was in the old days, he is very much alive and kicking.

Ten dedicated cadets and five more-or-less willing mounts met at Morgan's Farm on the West Point reservation in October 1966 to form the Cadet Riding Club. Despite severe hardships the organization has thrived. It now numbers one hundred members and a string of ten horses, the latter being on loan from local riding camps and individual citizens.

The club sponsors trail riding, equitation instruction, mounted drills, horseshow competition, and annual Armed Forces Day and June Week demonstrations. Until recently cadets participated only in local horseshows, but in the spring of 1970 the Cadet Riding Club joined the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association, a group composed of teams from twenty-six colleges. The Association holds competitive shows throughout the academic year. It is worth noting in this regard that even though the cadet team joined late in the year, it did remarkably well in its first season of competition, several cadets winning enough points to gain entrance to the championship show. At the moment, having competed in six shows this year, with one left to go, the Cadet Riding Team stands twelfth. High point riders to date are: Dieter Balbi, Ted Hoffman, Mike Kobbe, Dave Lynch, Roy Maday, Rod Miller, Eric Hinson, and Mel Clark. Next year should prove even more suc-

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“Boots and Saddles” at Morgan’s Farm

by JAMES L. MORRISON JR.

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cessful since several of the strongest team members are now Plebes and Yearlings. Hopefully, a USMA team will someday be able to re-enter intercollegiate polo competition also, but for the present this is well beyond our capabilities.

The Cadet Riding Club is an extracurricular activity, open to any cadet who wants to ride and who is interested in learning horsemanship. In no sense does the club represent an attempt to resurrect the horse cavalry. This is not to say, however, that each active member does not obtain several assets which will benefit him throughout his military career. To begin with, he develops competence in a sport which he can enjoy for the rest of his life. And it should be pointed out here that all the major posts in

the United States offer facilities for riding; some, indeed, have recognized hunts. In addition, the horseman always finds ready access to some of the finest groups of people in the United States and in foreign countries, too, as more than one Army officer can attest. Most important of all, every cadet rider is afforded an opportunity to learn techniques and acquire traits which will directly enhance his leadership ability.

First, he must learn to master an animal much larger and stronger than himself without resorting to cruelty or abuse; similarly the cadet develops a sense of responsibility for the welfare of the mount assigned to his care. In short, he learns to apply the classic cavalry maxim, “First look after the horse, then yourself.” (Continued on page 41)

The Riding Club, led by Terry Treat (USMA '70) puts on its annual horseshow during June Week at West Point.



Awards are given annually to the Riding Club. Here, Mike Kobbe (left) happily accepts the trophy for outstanding horsemanship from LTG Clovis E. Byers, USA Ret., during June Week ceremonies.





LTC Streett adjusts equipment during tests conducted in the USMA Science Research Laboratory.

SCIENTIST AT WORK

WHETHER limited by ability, or time, or economic pressures, most of us must choose one career for ourselves. Only rarely can a man combine several pursuits into one life. Such a person is Lieutenant Colonel William B. Streett, the Director of the United States Military Academy's Science Research Laboratory, who in the course of his military career, has been soldier, teacher, and scientist.

In March of this year, Colonel Streett went to England to present a paper before the First European Earth and Planetary Physics Colloquium. His topic: "The Behavior of Light Gases at High Pressures," a field which he has been investigating since 1963.

This was his third scientific mission to that country which included a year there in 1966 while engaged in post-doctoral research in chemistry.

It was the second time he has made the trip to address other scientists concerning his work in gases under pressure, a field in which he is doing much original research, and gaining wide recognition from the world's scientific community.

Colonel Streett graduated from the Military Academy in 1955. During the years which followed he saw duty in Germany, earned both Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, and spent four years at West Point as an instructor in the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences.

In 1967 he received a permanent assignment to the Military Academy as Assistant Dean for Academic Research and Director of the Science Research Laboratory.

ASSEMBLY



The brass "rubbings" collected by LTC Streett while studying at Oxford University were recently displayed in the USMA Library. He is shown here preparing them for the exhibition. These rubbings were taken from monumental brasses which are a type of medieval tomb monument found in many old churches of England. They consist of flat brass plates in the outline of human figures, inlaid in stone, covering the tombs of persons commemorated. It is estimated that about 4,000 brasses, dating from the late 13th to the mid 17th centuries, have survived in Britain.

The paper which he presented in March was a product of his experiments into the effects of extremely high pressures (such as might be found deep in the atmospheres of the outer planets of our solar system) on the light gases (such as hydrogen and helium). This project received a grant from NASA.

An offshoot of this work, which Colonel Streett says is highly speculative, has been a theory which might explain the existence of the "great red spot" of the planet Jupiter, an unusual surface feature which has puzzled scientists since its discovery about 300 years ago. In fact, the "great red spot" is the subject of an article by him which will appear in the June issue of the international scientific journal "Icarus."

Colonel Streett intends to carry on his experiments as long as they continue to be scientifically profitable. Now, he says, they are in the realm of pure science, but new developments may change that. The outer planets, whose atmospheres are thought to be composed mostly of the "light gases" will be the targets for several unmanned space probes in the near future. What these probes discover, in conjunction with experiments such as Colonel Streett is engaged in, may answer questions about the origin and evolution of the solar system.

It is difficult in thought to bridge the gap between the giant bulk of Jupiter, and the infinitely small atom, but Colonel Streett is active in the latter field also.

He is conducting research relating to the density of liquid mixtures of Neon and Hydrogen. Sponsored by the

Atomic Energy Commission, this project is related to the development of the "bubble chamber," a scientific device used to detect and study the properties of sub-atomic particles, and, by extension, the fundamental structure of matter itself.

The research performed at West Point by Colonel Streett provided the basic information which enabled scientists at the Brookhaven Laboratories to design and improve the bubble chamber in 1964.

While in England, he also discussed this project with physicists of the Rutherford Laboratories.

If an Army officer engaged in pure science research is rare, a scientist with an artistic flare is not exactly common either.

While studying in England in 1966, Colonel Streett took the time to make a series of "rubbings," or impressions, of brass tomb monuments which are found in the older English churches.

The brasses, dating from the 14th through the 17th centuries, are effigies of the deceased. Those dating from the medieval period are very much like those human figures found in the illuminated manuscripts of the period, although the brasses are close to or greater than lifesize.

Recently, more than 30 of these "rubbings" were displayed in the Military Academy Library.

Unlike the abstract scientific research which he does, the rubbings are physical evidence of Colonel Streett's versatility—a man who is in the enviable position of having a multi-faceted career.

1871 DAY

Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, greets descendants of the Class of 1871 on the occasion of 1871 Day at West Point.



Frederick Dent Grant, USMA Class of 1871.

Frederick Schwatka, USMA Class of 1871.



NEARLY 100 descendants of the USMA Class of 1871, from widely scattered sections of the country, came to West Point 2-3 May 1971 for a day of Centennial commemoration.

Perpetuating a tradition begun in 1966, when 135 descendants of the Class of 1866 assembled at West Point for the first Centennial commemoration, this year's participants honored their Military Academy ancestors in special ways. Among these were two presentations to West Point in memory of their 1871 forebears.

One was a guidon of Troop E, 2d Cavalry, a unit in which Brigadier General James N. Allison, Class of 1871, had served for more than 20 years during the Indian Wars. According to Colonel Philip W. Allison, his son, from Salem, Oregon, who presented it to the West Point Museum, "this guidon saw repeated actions during the various campaigns against the Sioux, Cheyennes and Blackfeet."

Another was the class ring of George E. Bacon, Class of 1871, presented by his granddaughter, Mrs. John H. Lindt, of Riverside, California. It was added to the Class Ring collection on display in the USMA Library.

Two outstanding graduates of the 41-member Class of 1871 were Frederick Dent Grant, son of General Ulysses S. Grant, Class of 1843, and Frederick Schwatka, who became a world-famous explorer.

Grant saw frontier service in the Cavalry and later became Aide-de-Camp to General Sheridan. After leaving the Regular Army, he became Envoy to Austria. His military service was eventually resumed in the New York National Guard where he rose to the rank of Major General.

Schwatka was successful in three professional careers. One was as a fighting Cavalry officer in the Indian Wars in the desert and plains; the second as a military explorer in the Canadian Arctic and Alaska; and the third as a freelance explorer in Alaska and the Sierra Madre Occidental of Chihuahua. Although he did not practice medicine,

Mrs. John H. Lindt, granddaughter of George E. Bacon, Class of 1871, presents her grandfather's West Point ring to Mr. Egon Weiss, USMA Librarian, to be added to the Library Ring Collection.



Colonel Arthur A. Fickel (left), President of the 1871 Centennial Staff, discusses commemoration plans for 1871 Day with Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent.



Schwatka studied at and graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York in 1876. According to historical records, he did this during leaves of absence from his military service. Although he remained a combat soldier except for intermittent episodes of surgery after battles, he was a physician qualified at one of the good American medical schools. His name was on the graduation list for 1876 at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

Among the descendants of Grant attending 1871 Day at West Point were Mrs. David W. Griffiths and her son, John, from Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Griffiths is the daughter of Ulysses S. Grant III, Class of 1903, whose father was Frederick D. Grant '71. Madame Julia Grant Cantacuzene, a Russian Princess and Grant's daughter, was unable to attend the centennial commemoration of her father's West Point Class. Her husband was the grandson of Czar Alexander I of Russia. Residing in Washington, D.C., Madame Cantacuzene sent word to the West Point gathering that she could not attend because of health reasons.

Schwatka's granddaughter, Mrs. Harriet Jeanes, from Rock Island, Illinois, attended the 1871 Day ceremonies. She is his only lineal descendant. When asked about the idea of conducting these Centennial commemorations, Mrs. Jeanes said: "I am proud to be a descendant of a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and have found this day (1871 Day) to be a memorable occasion." It was her first visit to West Point. The place and the occasion made lasting impressions on Mrs. Jeanes. "I will always cherish the memory of this day" was her parting thought.

The idea for a Centennial meeting of this kind was engendered by Lieutenant Colonel David Quinn, whose father was a member of the USMA Class of 1866. Since the first Centennial commemoration in 1966, Colonel Quinn, Mr. Francis O. Boyd, and Major George C. Byrnes have served as the USMA Class Centennial Permanent Staff, a

continuing committee that helps perpetuate this event. Boyd is the grandson of Captain Orsemus B. Boyd, Class of 1867. None of these men attended the Military Academy, but the fact that Quinn and Boyd are descendants of USMA graduates gives added meaning to this annual event.

Each year a descendant of the Centennial class is selected by the Permanent Staff to act as President of the group meeting at West Point. For 1871 Day, Colonel Arthur A. Fickel, USMA '35, took on the responsibilities of President, USMA 1871 Class Centennial Staff.

Fickel and the descendants of the Class of 1871 were welcomed to the Military Academy by Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent. He said: "Your presence here indicates a sense of pride in this institution and its graduates which we share with you and which is a common bond between you, your forefathers and, indeed, all West Point graduates."

In mentioning the Class of 1871, General Knowlton remarked: "They graduated into an Army which was unpopular because of the terrible scars left by the Civil War. Thirty-two of the 41 members of the class experienced the isolation and dangers of the war-torn frontier of a small but expanding United States."

He paid tribute to their ancestors in these words:

"The Class of 1871, like generations of West Point graduates since then, were moved by a love of and obligation to their young country. Their sense of duty, self-discipline and personal integrity, learned here at the Academy, took them where they were called, not necessarily where they wanted to go."

General Knowlton concluded by saying: "It is appropriate that you, the descendants of the Class of 1871 and those of us here at West Point pause and remember the members of that class and their contributions to the defense and welfare of our country."

NEIL ARMSTRONG RECEIVES THAYER AWARD



1971 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

CITATION

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG

Throughout a long and lustrous career in aviation and astronautics, Mr. Neil A. Armstrong's service to his country has been marked by conspicuous professionalism and significant contributions. His outstanding accomplishments, spanning more than two decades of aeronautical history, have made him an acknowledged leader among American space pioneers. On 20 July 1969, a day of unprecedented historical import, his two colleagues and he instilled in the American people a realization of what dedicated individuals can do in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The first man to set foot on the moon, Mr. Armstrong thrilled and inspired men, women and children in every nation on this earth by his words: "That's one small step for man... one giant leap for mankind."

During the years preceding Apollo XI's achievement in space, Mr. Armstrong performed brilliantly in a series of key roles directly related to aeronautical advance. Following his service as an aviator in the United States Navy, to include 78 combat missions during the Korean War, he was selected as a research pilot for NASA. In 1955, during the early years of this country's aeronautical explorations, he was assigned to the X-15 project and piloted that experimental aircraft beyond previous flight barriers to altitudes over 200,000 feet and at speeds approaching 4,000 miles per hour.

Continuing his resolute efforts to further our nation's space program, Mr. Armstrong carried out a succession of flight tests, piloting the X-1 rocket airplane, prototypes of military interceptors, the paraglider, and other aircraft in the early stages of their development. As pilot of the B-29 "drop" aircraft, he participated in the launches of more than 100 rocket planes.

In 1962, NASA selected Mr. Armstrong to be an astronaut, and later assigned him as backup command pilot for the Gemini-5 flight. As command pilot for the Gemini-8 mission, launched on 16 March 1966, he performed the first successful docking of two vehicles in space. Named spacecraft commander for Apollo XI — the first manned lunar landing mission — he became the first man to walk on the moon, an achievement of wondrous and astounding historical significance.

Over the years, Mr. Armstrong has continually demonstrated to his country and to the world that individual human courage, determination, and sense of purpose can attain man's cherished aspirations in extending the frontiers of knowledge and understanding.

His selfless devotion to this Nation's aviation and space efforts reflects the ideals symbolized in the West Point motto — Duty, Honor, Country. In recognition of Mr. Neil A. Armstrong's outstanding contribution to Advanced Research and Technology in the United States space program, as well as his personal triumphs of the past, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby awards him the Sylvanus Thayer Medal.

PAUL W. THOMPSON
Brigadier General, USA (Retired)
President



Neil Armstrong troops the line of cadets during the Review in his honor as part of the Thayer Award ceremonies.



Cadet Robert A. Mohn (second from left), Deputy Brigade Commander, prepares to present a sabre to Neil Armstrong on behalf of the Corps of Cadets, as the Color Guard stands at attention.

ASTRONAUT Neil A. Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon, received the Fourteenth Annual Sylvanus Thayer Award from the Association of Graduates during ceremonies at West Point on 4 May 1971.

Following a Retreat Review by the Corps of Cadets in honor of Mr. Armstrong, guests assembled with Cadets in Washington Hall for dinner and the presentation, made by Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, USA Ret., President of the Association of Graduates.

Mr. Armstrong was welcomed to the Military Academy by Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent. Among the dignitaries attending the ceremony were General William C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; General Jacob E. Smart, Assistant Administrator, Office of DOD & Inter-Agency Affairs, NASA; General J. Lawton Collins, USA Ret., former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and Lieutenant General A.J. Russell, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force. Sitting with them at the head table were: Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean; Brigadier General Sam S. Walker, Commandant; and Cadet Thomas A. Pyrz, Cadet First Captain.

In presenting the award, General Thompson said: "The Sylvanus Thayer Award is the highest accolade which may be conferred on an individual by the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy. The qualifi-

cations attending the Award are simple but profound. The Sylvanus Thayer Award is presented annually to an outstanding citizen of the United States whose service and accomplishments in the national interests exemplify devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, 'Duty, Honor, Country'."

General Thompson highlighted Mr. Armstrong's brilliant career in aviation, aeronautics, and space exploration and noted that "when Neil Armstrong set foot on what he called at the time the 'fine and powdery' surface of the moon—automatically he was assured of a lasting and a unique place in the history of mankind."

Relating Mr. Armstrong's great achievements to the Military Academy, General Thompson said: "As for the young men in the Corps of Cadets, they can take an especial pride in the accomplishments of the Astronauts—if for no other reason than that men from the Corps have played such vital roles in the Space program."

He mentioned the historical feats performed in space exploration by Colonel Frank Borman, USMA '50, Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, USMA '51, Colonel Michael Collins, USMA '52, Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. White, II, USMA '52, and others.

Referring to Neil Armstrong as "not only a man of action, but also as a man of intellect," General Thompson noted the many deeds of the Thayer Award recipient



The Reviewing Party watches Cadets pass in review in honor of Neil Armstrong. (Left to right) Mr. Armstrong, Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, President of the Association of Graduates, Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean, and Brigadier General Sam S. Walker, Commandant.



Mr. Armstrong proudly shows the Thayer Medal to his audience as (left to right) Cadet Thomas A. Pyrzs, Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, and Major General William A. Knowlton look on.



Mr. Armstrong (left) admires the Sylvanus Thayer Scroll presented to him by Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson (right). (Photo by Vince Connolly, The Newburgh News.)

which prompted his selection for this honor. "I feel sure," he said, "that General Alfred M. Gruenther (Class of 1919) who was Chairman of the Committee which recommended Neil Armstrong for the 1971 Thayer Award, will agree with me that it's wonderful to have a young and vigorous Thayer Award recipient whose great accomplishments in the past promise to be matched by great accomplishments, in the same exciting field, in the future."

A tumultuous applause greeted Mr. Armstrong when he stood to accept the scroll and medal. Poised, impressively erect, and smiling warmly, he accepted the Thayer Award with these words:

"That you have chosen to honor the United States Lunar Exploration Program with this ceremony today is a great tribute to the thousands of dedicated Americans whose concerted efforts made that achievement possible. In accepting the Thayer Award, I take great pleasure in representing these people. The success of the Apollo program was possible only because each bit of work, no matter how small, was performed with meticulous care by an individual who accepted his responsibility, and worked cooperatively with the many scientists, technicians, production workers, legislators, executives, and others who contributed to the program."

On the Space program, he remarked: "Tomorrow (5 May) is the tenth anniversary of America's first manned space flight. In that 10 years, 21 additional flights have been completed. These flights, from earth orbital to lunar landings are still exploratory excursions—the faltering steps of an infant transportation system."

He noted, too, that "the Apollo triumph has been more than the birth of a new transportation system or technical revolution. Its most important results are perhaps not technical at all.

"As I stood on the Sea of Tranquility and looked up at the earth, my impression was of the importance of this small, fragile, remote blue planet."

In conclusion, Mr. Armstrong said: "The first decade of space flight was a time of exploration. The next decade

will likely be a time of application. Emphasis will be placed on how to reap the benefits from our new-found knowledge. This is consistent with the general contemporary tendency in our nation to turn inward and concentrate on human needs and creature comforts. Our space investments are being called on to emphasize the applications of this new technology to serve our people. And this is very appropriate. I do hope, however, that we will continue to explore our universe.

"Arthur Clarke, the noted British science fiction writer said, "The road to the stars has been discovered none too soon. Civilization cannot exist without new frontiers. It needs them both physically and spiritually."

"Many historians have noted the relationship between the pioneering response to the opening of new frontiers and the vigor and confidence of a nation.

"Vigor and confidence must be strengthened if this country is to maintain its vitality. You men of the Corps inherit the responsibility of making the principle implicit in your motto—'Duty, Honor, Country'—a working reality in building a better world.

"In accepting the Thayer Award I pay tribute to my former neighbor and friend, the late Ed White; my fellow crewmen: Dave Scott, Mike Collins, and Buzz Aldrin; and the many graduates of this Academy and others who, believing in dedication and service, have expanded the interest of our nation from the surface of the earth outward to the infinity of our universe."

With these final words, Mr. Armstrong was given a resounding, standing ovation by an appreciative and inspired audience.

The previous recipients of the Award have been: Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence (1958), John Foster Dulles (1959), Henry Cabot Lodge (1960), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1961), Douglas MacArthur (1962), John J. McCloy (1963), Robert A. Lovett (1964), Dr. James B. Conant (1965), Carl Vinson (1966), Francis Cardinal Spellman (1967), Bob Hope (1968), Dean Rusk (1969), and Ellsworth Bunker (1970).

Bulletin Board

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

the summer issue by — 15 June
the fall issue by — 15 September

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

Painting Given To Corps Of Cadets

Noted artist-naturalist Ray Harm presented an original painting, "The American Eagle," to the Corps of Cadets at West Point on 6 April 1971. It had previously been unveiled in a special ceremony in Louisville, Kentucky, under the auspices of the West Point Society of Kentucky, and attended by Governor Louie B. Nunn, and Major General William A. Knowlton and Cadet First Captain Thomas Pyrz from the Military Academy.

In presenting the work to the Military Academy, Mr. Harm said: "This American Eagle was painted as a gift for West Point, whose Long Gray Line of young men has always been unswervingly dedicated to Duty, Honor, Country.

"It was also painted as my personal rededication to our National Emblem and everything for which it stands. In it I have attempted to bring forth the power and grace, the majestic dignity of this magnificent bird."

He concluded his remarks for the presentation by noting: "It is my further hope that those who see the painting will resolve that our American Eagle must remain a living symbol, not become a victim of our apathy and uncaring neglect."

The painting hangs in the USMA Library.



Trowel of mortar is applied to cornerstone of new USMA academic building by Major General William A. Knowlton, as Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean, and Cadet First Captain Thomas Pyrz look on.

Cornerstone Laid At USMA

The cornerstone for the \$17 million academic building under construction here was set in place recently at brief ceremonies conducted by MG William A. Knowlton, Superintendent.

The building, which will house the USMA's Departments of Engineering, English and Mechanics upon completion, will be named for Professor Dennis Hart Mahan, a world-renowned scholar who taught at the Academy for over 40 years.

Taking part in the cornerstone ceremony with General Knowlton were BG John R. Jannarone, Dean; LTC Max-

A view of Mahan Hall construction from below the level of The Plain.

Mr. Ray Harm and General Knowlton beam happily following presentation of "The American Eagle" to West Point by the artist.



SPRING 1971

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



imiano R. Janairo Jr., deputy district engineer; and Cadet First Captain Thomas A. Pyrz. COL Charles R. Broshous, Director of the Expansion Planning and Control Office at West Point, presided at the ceremony.

Construction of the building was begun in 1968 and the structure is slated for occupancy during the 1971-72 academic year.

The building, when completed, will contain 66 regular classrooms and eight double section rooms. There will also be laboratories for the departments as well as a 600-seat auditorium.

In all, the structure will cover nine stories. Four floors will rise above the level of Thayer Road south of the Post Headquarters, while five floors will be below that level. Cullum Road, which runs east of the main cadet area, will be routed through the new building in a unique bit of construction.

Parents See Plebe Life

Approximately 3,200 parents and guests of the Class of 1974 visited the Military Academy for the annual Plebe-Parent Weekend 8-12 April.

A busy schedule took place as the Fourth Classmen "ran the Academy" while upperclassmen went on spring



Cadet Keith B. Holmes, (center), acting Brigade Commander during Plebe-Parent Weekend, talks with members of his staff after the review for parents.

leave. The Plebes had their own chain of command during the weekend.

Parents got a first-hand look of a Plebe's life at West Point. They toured the Academy and met members of the staff and faculty charged with training their sons. While here, parents received briefings on the Military Academy's academic, admissions, tactics, and expansion programs. They also ate with cadets in Washington Hall.

All in all, parents of the plebes found the weekend an exhilarating and enlightening experience. Many were heard to say it was an "unforgettable and inspiring" visit.

Statuettes Presented To West Point

MG William A. Knowlton recently accepted two bronze statuettes of distinguished Academy graduates, Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur, that were presented to the Military Academy by BG Robert F. McDermott, USAF Ret., USMA Jan. '43, and Robert L. Dean Jr., USMA '53, the sculptor.

The statuettes, or studies, were created by Mr. Dean for two nine-foot statues of MacArthur and Eisenhower.

The statue of General MacArthur was dedicated in 1970 at the Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, Tex.

The Eisenhower statue, now being completed, will be located at the former President's birthplace in Denison, Tex.

The studies were acquired from the artist by General McDermott.



General Knowlton accepts statuettes from BG McDermott and Mr. Dean.

State Flags Presented to USCC

Flags of the 50 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia were recently presented to the Corps of Cadets by the West Point Senior Chapter of the Society of the Daughters of the United States Army.

The flags now hang in the old dining area of Washington Hall and replace similar flags that were losing their color and beginning to deteriorate from repeated cleanings. The older flags were given to the Corps in 1952 by the National Guard Association.

Mrs. Robert Hulley, president of the West Point Senior Chapter of DUSA, presented the flags to Cadet First Captain Thomas Pyrz. The DUSA executive committee also was present for the presentation, which took place on the date of George Washington's birth.

In 1970, 34 historical flags were given to the Corps for the newly completed addition of the Cadet Mess. These came from the Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter of the West Point Society and represent the evolution and first influences on the "Stars and Stripes," and follow the growth of "Old Glory" to its present version.



GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS "WEST POINT DAY"

Governor Nelson Rockefeller presents a copy of the Law proclaiming 16 March "West Point Day" to Cadet First Captain Thomas Pyrz at ceremonies in Albany, New York, on 2 March. Also present at the signing were (left to right): Assemblyman Francis J. Griffin, Buffalo; State Senator John H. Hughes, Syracuse; Assemblyman Lawrence Herbst, Newburgh; Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent; Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean; and Assemblyman Benjamin A. Gilman.

Class of 1971 Picks Assignments

In recent assignment choices 297 and 281 First Classmen, respectively, chose CONUS and Germany as their first duty assignment.

The remainder of the Class of '71 picked assignments that will spread them from Alaska to Vietnam to stateside graduate and medical schools.

Vietnam assignments were influenced by the current U.S. troop withdrawal and consequent instability of units there. Infantry and Armor branches could not identify any Vietnam units for cadets wishing to be assigned in Southeast Asia because of their uncertainty about Vietnam-based units' status.

Still, 63 First Classmen in the Infantry and Armor branches insisted on volunteering for Vietnam duty, regardless of their unit assignment once they got there. An additional 20 cadets volunteered for RVN assignments with the Air Defense, Engineering and Field Artillery branches.

Thirteen cadets will continue their education—six in graduate school programs and seven in the new medical program. About 40 cadets, the top five per cent of the class, could have elected to enter graduate school.

Number one cadet in the general order of merit, John W.M. Moore, chose the 18th Engineer Bn, (Combat), at Fort Devens, Mass. The 339th Engineer Bn, Construc-

tion, at Fort Lewis, Wash., was the choice of Cadet Robert A. Mohn, second in the general order of merit.

Cadet First Captain Thomas A. Pyrz selected the 5th Bn, 81st Artillery (Airborne) at Biebrich, Germany.

A numerical breakdown of assignments is as follows: Germany, 266; CONUS, 228; CONUS (Airborne), 69; Hawaii, 29; Korea, 16; Germany (Airborne), 15; Canal Zone, 14; USARV, 14; Alaska, 12; medical programs, 7; USARV (Airborne), 6; graduate school, 6; Italy, 2.

USFA Announces Military History Symposium

The theme of the fifth Military History Symposium at the Air Force Academy, to be held on 5-6 October 1972, is "The Military and Society." At this point the program is quite tentative; however, three conventional working sessions in addition to a combined Banquet Address and Harmon Memorial Lecture are being planned. An additional session consisting of several workshops has been added to the agenda.

The purpose of this advance notice is to allow supporters and prospective participants to mark the date on their long-range planning calendars. Additional information detailing the theme, program, and some of the participants will be published in the near future. For further information about the Symposium write Major Ronald Fogleman, Executive Director, Military History Symposium, Department of History, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840.

Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, (center), Dean of the Academic Board and Member of the AOG Executive Committee, accepts from Mr. Richard D. Miller on behalf of the Association stocks bequeathed from the Estate of Leah W. Trott, widow of Major General Clement A. Trott, Class of 1899. Shown at the presentation are: (left to right) Colonel Robert J. Lamb, Alumni Secretary; Colonel Walter J. Renfroe Jr., Member of the AOG Board of Trustees; General Jannarone; Mr. Miller, Bank Trust Officer; and Mr. Thomas A. Mair, Attorney for the Estate.



Navy Captain Alan B. Shepard (center) presents the Military Academy a plaque containing the miniature West Point flag he took to the moon on the Apollo 14 lunar mission. Accepting the gift are: Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent, and Cadet Thomas A. Pyrz, Cadet First Captain. The presentation was made in Washington Hall on 30 April.



USMA District Representative Appointed

The appointment of Mr. Lloyd E. Powell, 5400 Cass Street, Detroit, Mich., as a District Representative for the United States Military Academy in the 13th Congressional District has been announced by COL Manley E. Rogers, Director of Admissions and Registrar.

Mr. Powell is a 1966 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He received his Master's degree in Business Administration from Wayne State in 1968. He will receive the Juris Doctorate from Wayne State in June 1971.

Mr. Powell is currently the Director of Army Instruction, Junior ROTC, Detroit High Schools.

As a District Representative, he will furnish information concerning the Military Academy to interested collegebound students, high school guidance counselors and administrative personnel, news media, civic organizations and parents. Mr. Powell will also be available to Congressman Charles C. Diggs to aid in matters concerning the Military Academy.

USMA TV Production Receives Award

The Academy's Instruction Support Division and MAJ John Child of the Foreign Languages Department have

been honored as recipients of the Keith L. Ware Award for Excellence, annually presented by the Department of the Army for achievement in the Command Information program.

They received second place in the television category for their video-tape "Che Guevara: A Biography." The video-tape dealt with the life and philosophy of the revolutionary leader.

The 39-minute production was written by MAJ Child for use in LS 382, a Spanish reading course that focuses on Guevara's writings. The video-tape also was done in English for use by the Department of History.

MAJ Child received a certificate for his work and ISD was presented a plaque. "Che Guevara" was produced and directed by Mr. Furman Baldwin.

USMA Civilian Alumni Questionnaire

The USMA Office of Institutional Research wishes to thank those graduates who participated in its recent survey. The results are now being processed and analyzed. Because of the large number of requests for copies of the completed report it is planned instead to publish the results in a forthcoming issue of ASSEMBLY.



Major General Wang Chin, Chinese Army, Ret., (left), oldest graduate of USMA in Taiwan, looks at portrait of General Douglas MacArthur, with Major General Livingston N. Taylor, (center), Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China, and Captain John Oi of Headquarters MAAG. General Taylor is a 1939 graduate of the Military Academy and Captain Oi graduated in the Class of 1966. General Wang was the Chinese Liaison to General MacArthur during the period 1941-46.



down the field...

by BOB KINNEY

STILL another sports chapter was added to the historical ledgers at the Military Academy recently with the conclusion of the 1970-71 winter season. And, while the victory total for the eleven varsity squads forming the ARMY Athletic Association's winter family wasn't as high for this year as it was for the 1969-70 campaign, there was solid improvement noted on several fronts, raising high hopes for the future.

Swimming, wrestling, gymnastics and rifle, swallowed up the previous winter in what is generally described as "a rebuilding phase," each showed notable improvement this time around. On the other side of the ledger, though, there were dips in the basketball, hockey and squash records, the sharpest coming in basketball.

In between, indoor track, fencing and pistol remained about the same by comparison. The cindermen posted a final 9-2 dual meet record, while fencing and pistol finished with respective 7-4 and 9-3 standards.

Skiing, which doesn't participate on a dual-meet basis per se, likewise came in for a share of the spoils. First came the University of Buffalo Invitational championship, followed by the West Point Invitational title and the Division II (West) crown. Most of the major problems were presented by an uncooperative weatherman; yet, in general terms, the second season of intercollegiate skiing competition was most successful.

One area which produced a great many smiles centered around the winter rivalry with Navy. The Midshipmen had won six of nine events the previous year, but this time ARMY was not to be denied. The Cadets added victories in basketball, gymnastics, rifle, swimming and indoor track to those recorded earlier by the cross country and 150-pound football squads, and currently lead in the annual series by a close 7-6 margin. This time last year Navy held a 4-8-1 edge.

Individually, headlines were authored by new faces and old faces alike. Academy records tumbled in several areas, and national recognition came to many. Here, then, is a capsule look at each of the eleven winter squads.

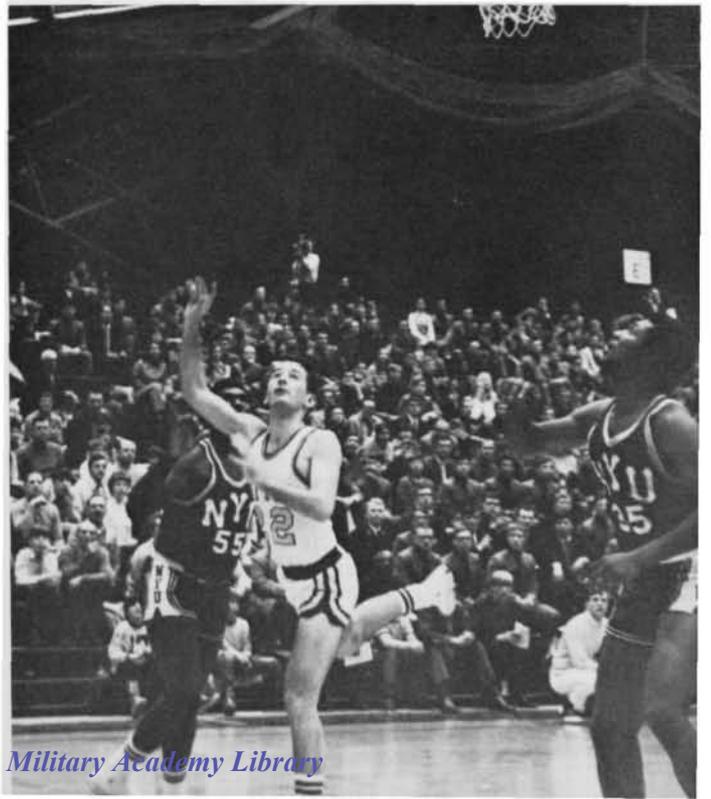
BASKETBALL (11-13)—After five straight winning seasons under head coach Bob Knight, the cagers ran into rough times and fell below the .500 level for the first time since the 1962-63 campaign. A midyear slump, when the Cadets dropped six in a row and eight of nine, hurt dearly and erased all chances of gaining a berth in the NIT, a tournament ARMY had been invited to six times in the previous seven years.

The season began well enough with victories in three of the opening four contests, and the added honor of team captain Doug Clevenger being named to the all-tournament squad at the Mountaineer Classic in Morgantown, W. Va. But then came the first signs of storm as the Cadets lost the

Baseball—Tom Pyrz demonstrates the style he used to hit safely in ARMY's first eight games this spring. Although they had strong pitching, the Cadets lost six of the Eastern League games they played—four by one run.



Basketball—It looks like a grand jete, but it's Bob Sherwin scoring against New York University last winter. Sherwin went wild against zone defenses the last few games and ARMY won four straight at the end of its season.



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Gymnastics—Dan Pillasch accepts the gold medal at the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Championships where he won the high bar competition. The ARMY gymnast went on to the NCAA competition at Ann Arbor, Mich.

next four, in the process bowing out of the ECAC Quaker City Festival following setbacks to Utah and Syracuse.

Determined to improve upon the disappointing 3-5 record of the first month of the campaign, the Cadets returned in January ready for the challenge. They started by routing Iona, 63-42, and promptly succeeded that decision with a similar 64-32 pasting of King's (Pa.). They kept the fire going the following game, too, topping Dartmouth, 69-57, behind a career high 37-point performance by Clevenger.

But here the merry-go-round stopped, and the disastrous tailspin began. Penn State triggered the slide with a solid 65-48 reversal at University Park in a game in which ARMY did very little right and much, too much, wrong. Before the Cadets were to brake the slide with a 73-68 trimming of George Washington, Niagara, Manhattan, Fordham, St. John's and Syracuse had added to the woes.

During the losing spell, coach Knight tried several combinations in an attempt to snap out of the doldrums. Lettermen Ed Mueller and Dave Ralph, failing to live up to potential displayed the previous year, were benched and saw little duty the rest of the way. At the same time, Second Classman Skip Loucks got his chance and made the most of it, as did yearling Chris Petersen and Second Classman Wally Wojdakowski. All were in the starting lineup at season's end.

Hope for the 1971-72 campaign was produced in the final four games. NYU (83-51) was the first to fall, then came a 64-50 win over arch-rival Navy, marking the 100th career victory for Bob Knight and the eighth victory in succession by an ARMY team over a Navy team. Despite a severe snowstorm, the Cadets were able to reach Rochester and Colgate on the final weekend, where they returned with respective 70-56 and 81-66 decisions.

Guard Bob Sherwin, a yearling, was the chief contributor in the closing stretch. He netted a game high 21 in leading ARMY over Navy, and followed with 19 against Rochester. In the finale with Colgate, he enjoyed his finest game of the season, hitting practically everything in sight while scoring a career high 33 points. He still has two years

eligibility remaining, and offers considerable promise for the future.

Clevenger topped the club in scoring with a 16.2 average, and was named to all-East and all-Metropolitan teams. Sherwin was next with his 11.1 average, with First Classman Max Miller third at 9.7. As a team, the Cadets finished second in team defense with a stingy 58.5 per game average, narrowly missing the opportunity to become the first school in NCAA basketball history to lead the nation in team defense four consecutive years.

FENCING (7-4)—Syracuse, St. John's, Rutgers, Yale and Penn State all proved most cooperative in helping the Cadets leap out to a quick 5-0 start, but the same type of support was lacking when the second half of the schedule rolled around. Losses in four of the last six meets dulled somewhat the early surge, and left ARMY with a final 7-4 record.

CCNY and Princeton joined the list of victims, but losses were sustained at the hands of powerhouses Pennsylvania, Columbia, NYU and arch-rival Navy.

In post-season competition, the Cadets tied for fifth in the 13-school Eastern meet, and placed 14th in the NCAA championships. Individually, Dave Huntoon was third in the sabre at the Easterns hosted by West Point, and ninth at the nationals. During the regular season, Huntoon posted a 26-6 mark in sabre competition, while team captain Jerry Edelen was 23-8 in the foil and Phil Petersen 20-11 in the epee weapons.

GYMNASTICS (6-3)—Gymnastics was one of the sports showing improvement over the previous season, thanks to a brilliant four-meet winning string at the end of the year. Only losses to Eastern threats Massachusetts, Springfield and Penn State blemished the final results.

At one stage of the season, the gymnasts were under the .500 mark with a 2-3 record. They evened the count with a victory over Temple, then put the icing on the cake with successive decisions over Cornell, Syracuse and Navy, winning the latter meet in the last event as Chris Timmers and Ted Leger placed one-two in the high bar. All things considered, it was a dramatic finish to a dramatic season.

Dan Pillasch, a First Classman, walked away with the top individual laurels when he captured first place in his specialty, the high bar, during Eastern competition. His title qualified him for the NCAA meet, where he placed 16th.

HOCKEY (8-14-1)—The final record here is a bit misleading when it's considered ARMY lost five one-goal decisions, three in overtime. With just a few breaks, the skaters could easily have bettered the .500 mark.

Goalie Dan Scioletti, who has been minding the ARMY nets for three years, wrote most of the headlines. He set one Academy record when he denied the opposition a goal for 154 minutes while on ice, and tied the ARMY standard for career shutouts by a goalie with eight. Two of those came this winter with blankings against Connecticut and Royal Military College.

Defensively, Scioletti got some fine support from a pair of Third Classmen, John Dowalgo and Matt Eaton, in addition to veteran talent contributed by Terry Tighe and Len Chiacchia. Up front, Geoff Champion topped all scorers with 11 goals and 24 assists, while yearling Ed Roubian and Geoff Eaton ranked second and third in the point parade. Roubian enjoyed the best scoring game of the season when he fired home four goals against Connecticut.

If the finish is any indication, the Cadet icemen can expect better times next year. Over the span of the final seven games, ARMY was able to record victories over American International, Connecticut, Colgate and Royal Military College, and just missed pulling off a major upset when it held powerful RPI to a 4-4 tie.

PISTOL (9-3)—This year's pistol group maintained an ARMY string of no losing season since 1939, and maintained it quite convincingly. The sharpshooters suffered losses to MIT, Navy and Air Force (the team totals were even, but Air Force won on more X's), but had higher totals against nine other opponents. In addition, they claimed championship honors in the NRA Sectionals.

The season was only two weeks old when the Cadets rewrote a line in the Academy record book. In a match with the Merchant Marine Academy, the entry of Paul Drake, Bill Epley, Frank Durrum and Phil Neil combined to fire a 3423, establishing an Academy record. High man among the four was Drake with his 860.



Hockey—ARMY goalie Dan Scioletti lunges to cut off a shot against Boston College in a game 27 Feb. which BC won 5-2.

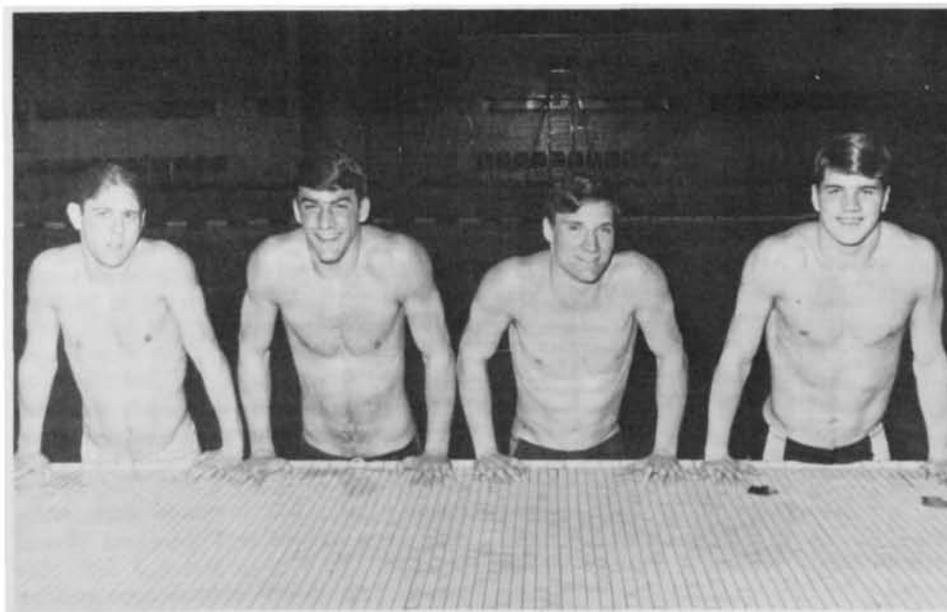
First-team all-America honors were forthcoming for Neil, a Third Classman from Wichita, Kan. Three others—Drake, Jim Ritter and Lee Pollack—were accorded second-team honors.

RIFLE (10-2)—The riflemen kept pace with their pistol cousins, likewise setting records and garnering all-America recognition. They went one better in the won-lost category, though, winning 10 of 12 meets.

The Cadets would have been better staying away from opposition from the state of Tennessee, for the only losses were suffered at the hands of Tennessee Tech—by a single point—and Murray State. Victories were achieved against the likes of Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Penn State and West Virginia, and the NRA Sectional title added to the spoils.

In the season's finale against Royal Military College, an Academy and range record both were established with a score of 1470. Greg Wenzloff, Bob Strong, Pete Kippie, Mike Pangman and Blake Gendron figured in the record scoring, with Wenzloff setting the pace with a sparkling 295. All five shooters bettered the 290 mark.

While no individual received all-America first team recognition, four were selected for the second unit. They



Swimming—ARMY's Bill Orton, Ben Ross, Jack Frink and Tom Slear were named to the all-East team at the conclusion of the dual meet season. The Cadets lost only two dual meets.



Track—Captain Bill Diehl placed second in the Penn Relays 24 April with a hammer throw of 196-feet seven inches. He later came up with a 198-foot five inch performance in a dual meet with Manhattan, two inches shy of the Shea Stadium record.



Tennis—Jack Stevenson, ARMY's number one singles player, backhands a return during the Cadets victory over Swarthmore, 5-4. ARMY, under new head coach Ron Holmberg, upset Williams 7-2 later in the season and seemed to have a good chance at a .500 record.

were Wenzloff, Strong, Kippie and Jim Plunkett. Honorable mention went to Pangman and Gendron.

SQUASH (4-8)—When the season began, interim coach Bob Davis had only two lettermen returning in the persons of Jack Stevenson and Ray Federici. A major rebuilding job thus became the order of the day.

As the season progressed, tennis great Ron Holmberg was named as head coach, but even he couldn't change the script. It was just not to be ARMY's year, as evidenced by the final 4-8 record.

The four triumphs came over the likes of MIT in the opener, Franklin & Marshall, Cornell and Fordham. Against Navy, though, the Cadets took it on the chin by a 9-0 count, a result that can't be forgotten soon enough.

Graduation will claim three starters, so the outlook for the next year should be much brighter. Of those returning, yearling Ivar Kaardal and Second Classman Lou Reyna posted the best records, closing with 7-5 and 6-6 marks respectively.

SWIMMING (11-2)—What a difference a year can make. In 1969-70 the Cadet mermen suffered through a 6-7 season, the only sub-par record for a Jack Ryan coached squad since he took over the reins in 1959.

This year, by contrast, ARMY won 11 dual meets and lost only two—those to Yale and Pennsylvania, the top two teams in the East, and each went right down to the final 400-yard freestyle relay.

On the plus side, the Cadets gained revenge over Harvard, Dartmouth, Villanova, Princeton and Navy. Against the arch-rivals from Annapolis, the swimmers of coach Ryan totaled 73 points, the most ever by the winning team in the series which began in 1939. In addition, five pool records were set and another tied, and one Academy standard went under.

Overall, no less than five ARMY records and five pool marks were broken during the course of the season. On the Academy side, yearling Bill Deatherage established marks in both the 1000 and 1650 freestyle; Ben Ross, another yearling, set a new record in the 100-yard freestyle; Ross, Bill Orton, Tom Slear and Jack Frink combined to lower the time in the 400 medley relay; and the 800 freestyle relay quartet of Craig Harrison, Hud Berrey, John Ferguson and Frink entered another line in the record book.

TRACK (9-2)—Veteran coach Carleton Crowell celebrated still another winning season in guiding this edition to a 9-2 record, in the process (Continued on page 41)



BASKETBALL COACHING CHANGE
—Bob Knight resigned in late March to accept head post at Indiana University following a brilliant six-year stay here.

Dan Dougherty, formerly an assistant at Villanova, was named as Knight's successor.



Stamped Faces

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Postmaster General from 1861 to 1864, is credited with being the principal promoter of what is now the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a cooperative agreement under which the nations of the world carry one another's mail. This stamp marked the 100th anniversary of the First International Postal Conference, forerunner of the UPU.

The design of the stamp features a portrait of Blair by the American artist Thomas Sully. Blair's image and a world globe are encircled by a band of letters representing the organized mail services resulting from the First International Postal Conference. This commemorative airmail stamp, printed in red, blue, and maroon, was issued in panes of 50.

In the Space Age, Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. White II, Class of 1952—Astronaut—was honored in the twin space commemorative stamps issued on 29 September 1967 at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Saluting the Nation's accomplishments in space, the twin five-cent stamps depicted Colonel White's famous space walk of 1965 and his spaceship. Selected as pilot of Gemini-4, a 62-revolution, four-day earth orbit, White began the mission on 3 June and terminated it successfully on 7 June 1965. It was during the third revolution that White performed the space walk and became the first man ever to propel himself in space.

These were the first twin stamps ever produced by the United States. Paul Calle, a Stamford, Connecticut, artist created the design which depicts the space walk that was successfully accomplished during Project Gemini.

The stamps were issued in panes of 50. On the upper left and lower left panes, the astronaut stamp is the first, third, and fifth stamps; the spaceship the second and fourth. This arrangement is reversed on the upper right and lower right panes. In these positions, the spaceship is the first, third and fifth stamps, with the astronaut on the second and fourth.

United States postage stamps, first used in 1847, are divided into five groups: *regular (ordinary)* stamps in denominations from one-cent to five dollars, kept in constant supply at post offices; *memorial* stamps, issued infrequently to honor an American statesman (usually a President) who dies in office; *airmail* stamps, for use on domestic and international airmail matter; *special* stamps, used to prepay fees for special services other than regular or airmail postage; and *commemorative* stamps honoring events and persons associated with the growth of America and its ideals.

Portraits of former Presidents and other prominent Americans have been largely used as the subjects of regular stamps. Eleven of the 24 stamps honoring Military Academy alumni are in this group, while 13 commemorative stamps have been issued in special tribute to West Point, its distinguished graduates, and famous ex-cadets.

Commemorative stamps were first issued on the occasion of the Columbian Exposition in 1893. Since then approximately 600 commemorative stamps have been issued. These stamps are considered a unique honor reserved for people and events having the deepest and most lasting significance to the Nation.

Many West Point faces emerge illustriously on the United States postage stamps that help relate the dramatic history of our Country. The United States Military Academy is exceptional among American educational institutions in the number of its graduates honored this way.



Four-Year Military Program

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to develop a rapport with senior noncommissioned officers. Additionally, the latest instructional media techniques are used in the map reading course as in the military heritage course. Particularly noteworthy in this aspect is OMI's own multimedia presentation, "A Perspective of Mapping" that keynotes the start of the course. This presentation by Major Stroup of OMI and Major William Lawson and Mr. Furman Baldwin of the Instruction Support Division, Dean's Office, was selected as one of the U.S. Army Topographic Command's entries at the 1970 and 1971 National Convention for Surveying and Mapping. The end result of the map reading course is a cadet well-trained in basic map reading skills, who is ready to proceed onto the study of tactics using maps and is prepared for land navigation and orienteering at Camp Buckner.

Plebes are then introduced to the principles and procedures employed in planning and executing military operations. They also take up the fundamentals of offensive and defensive operations which are common to all combat units. Eventually, all these concepts—taught by OMI—are applied by the cadets in platoon tactics.

After 30 days leave in June the new Third Classmen spend six weeks at Camp Buckner and one week at Fort Knox for the most intensive field training offered to cadets. OMI conducts a program of advanced individual training, small unit tactics, and patrolling and orientation in the various arms. For armor training the cadets go to Fort Knox because the expense of transporting tanks and limited facilities preclude the presentation of Armor training at West Point. Within the confines of the 15,000 acre reservation at West Point this very intensive and finely coordinated program of all-round training is conducted by busily transferring the academic year efforts into a teaming complex of training sites and activities very similar to those found at an Army Training Center. This is really an institutional effort with many of the post agencies heavily involved. Post support must provide and maintain over 5,000 items of military equipment to include such diverse

items as the armored vehicle launched bridge, 12 105-howitzers, nine helicopters, down to the latest of the new family of tactical radios. Most of this equipment must be drawn from depot and returned in the same condition at the end of the summer. While officers and NCOs assigned to OMI are the nucleus, much excellent assistance is provided.

Last summer 50 officers from the academic departments provided their vast and valuable experience as instructors in the field. Without exception each officer assigned had at least one tour in Vietnam. In addition, some 48 lieutenants, having a few months of service remaining after their return from Vietnam or Korea, proved invaluable as trainers. Many of these young officers have decided to remain in service beyond their ETS dates. We would like to think that the challenge and rewards of being assigned to West Point in some way motivated these officers to remain in service.

OMI is further supported in Buckner training by a troop augmentation of approximately 1,400 officers and enlisted men, most of them from the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The augmentation troops reinforce the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, our permanent support troops stationed at West Point.

One of the highlights of the Buckner program is the week of Recondo training. RECONDO—an acronym for Reconnaissance and Commando—is a week long exercise in combatives, mountaineering, expedient stream crossing, and survival techniques, climaxed by a two-day extended patrol. In addition, three tactical speed marches, a 72-foot rappelling exercise, the slide-for-life, and a confidence walk are the final requirements for the hard-earned, coveted Recondo patch.

Prior to Recondo the cadets attend Infantry Week where they learn the duties and responsibilities of a rifle squad leader, and become familiar with the duties of the rifle platoon leader. In addition to the squad and platoon tactics and patrolling, the cadet plans and executes an airmobile assault.

One of the first blocks of instruction the new Yearlings receive at Camp Buckner is 23 hours of Land Navigation. This training utilizes the sport of orienteering as the training vehicle. Introduced to Camp Buckner by Major Ted Stroup, orienteering is a European sport that requires the cadet to navigate cross-country against time using map, compass, and the terrain in search of control markers. Besides teaching the cadet to land navigate more effectively, orienteering develops his physical fitness, self-confidence, and mental acuity. In this aspect, OMI is pioneering a new technique in the training of troops in land navigation in the U.S. Army. This pioneering effort has resulted in the genesis of this sport in over 100 universities through ROTC and the adoption by the Continental Army Command of OMI's lesson plans for the introduction of orienteering for land navigation training in several ROTC summer camps.

Third Classmen also learn to build bridges, fire demolitions, lay mines, and rig lines to move heavy equipment during their Engineer training. Signal training acquaints them with radios and other communication equipment used at the company level. Air Defense Artillery training introduces cadets to the threat of enemy air attacks and allows them "hands-on" training with the air defense weapons found in the division, such as the Chaparral and the Vulcan weapons. Each cadet company fires approximately 600 rounds in field artillery service practice, with cadets successively manning the 105mm howitzers, plotting the fire, and acting as forward observers.

At Fort Knox they learn the fundamentals of Armor and Armored Cavalry. They receive additional training in vehicular radios, mortars, the .45 Cal pistol, and tank weapons firing. This week is capped by armored cavalry and tank field training exercises and a night demonstration of a tank-mech infantry team in the attack.

Summer training at Buckner is rugged, but social and recreational activities are also stressed. We feel that this provides an excellent transition from plebe to upper-classman. It also fits in well with the activities of the Second Class summer which are oriented toward active participation with the Regular Army.

Third Class Academic Year is traditionally associated with the cadet "slump." The motivational aspects of the Plebe System are gone, academics are heavy, leadership responsibility and rewards are somewhat limited. The Yearling also knows that at the start of Second Class academics he incurs an active service obligation. This all causes some serious soul searching to take place during the Third Class year. Recognizing this situation, we instituted a service orientation course in 1968 for the purpose of providing the Third Classmen with an insight into the substance and challenges of a career in the U.S. Army. The course is motivational in nature and is ungraded in order to create a relaxed classroom atmosphere conducive to maximizing cadet participation. In this course we introduce the cadet to various aspects of career development. We also focus in on subject areas which we feel need emphasis—an example of this might be steps to enhance the image of Ranger Training. The highlight of this short course is when the instructors' wives come in the classroom to discuss family life in the Army and answer the cadets' many questions.

Also during this year the cadet's military science course requires him to apply the principles and fundamentals of command and staff. The Command Functions course is designed to show cadets how the Army ROAD division is organized and equipped to support the operations of platoons, companies, battalions, and brigades in combat. This prepares them for Army Orientation Training (AOT) which takes place during Second Class summer.

Following a month's leave, Second Classmen are placed as platoon leaders in Regular Army units for first-hand experience

in the duties they will perform after graduation. In addition, cadets of the Second Class take a six-day trip visiting the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

This year, for the first time, a duty-time airborne program has been approved for Second Classmen. This is a motivational program intended to build pride and confidence in the cadet. We expect this experience, coupled with AOT and branch orientation trips, to increase significantly the cadets' knowledge and perspective of the Army. It will also enable them to perform more effectively their duties in the cadet chain of command.

The overwhelming response to airborne training by the Class of 1973 is indicative of the spirited acceptance of and keen interest in this new program. It is another milestone in the Academy's constant endeavor to improve military instruction. Ninety-three per cent of the Second Classmen have volunteered for this summer's airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. They will participate in two equal groups: 17 July-5 August 1971 and 7-26 August 1971. Each of these groups will constitute an airborne class which CONARC has designated will be entirely USMA cadet classes. CONARC has allocated 500 spaces in the airborne course for use by USMA during each period.

Although we do not contend that airborne training is an essential military skill for every officer in today's Army, it is a motivational and confidence building experience which gives our cadets a deep feeling of personal accomplishment when earning jump wings. Moreover, it is a way of getting cadets even more enthusiastic about a military career. With AOT and airborne training behind them, Second Classmen begin to view Army life with renewed enthusiasm. This is a critical period since the cadet incurs a military service obligation once he starts Second Class academics.

In the third academic year, we continue our transitional training program for cadets. The military science program advances to the maneuver battalion level in a semester course on combined arms operations. This is followed by a half-semester course on airmobile and airborne operations, river crossings, and combat in built-up areas. We consider the combined arms operations course the real core of our military science instruction.

With the end of June Week, the new First Class departs on a trip to Forts Benning, Bliss, Knox, and Sill. During this two and one-half week trip, First Classmen receive training in Infantry, Artillery, Armor, and Air Defense.

The purpose of this trip is to give First Classmen a close look at each of the combat arms, and at a few of the Army's major installations. The training they get at these Centers cannot be duplicated elsewhere, and it helps cadets make more meaningful branch selections during their final year at West Point.

The First Class summer period also takes in a month's leave, and duties at

either Camp Buckner leading the Third Class or in New Cadet Barracks with the newly-arrived Plebes.

In the final academic year, First Classmen receive a full semester course on military leadership, which completes their formal instruction in that subject. The practical side of leadership development continues, with each cadet serving in a chain of command position for at least three months of the academic year.

In First Class military science the cadet turns his attention to current world problems and addresses the Army's third major mission (task) in the Stability Operations Course. My Course Director, Major Bill Stockman, has done a fine job of keeping the course current in this rather controversial subject area, and spends much of the summer period visiting Department of State, USAID, The Foreign Service Institute, DOD, CDC for Strategic and Stability Operations, and other interested agencies. The British Army has detailed Major Michael Hague from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst to instruct in Stability Operations. During this course, the First Classmen examine a wide variety of situations requiring the use of U.S. Army resources as part of Internal Defense and Development Assistance Operations. The emphasis in the course is on the "nitty gritty" understanding of those tactics and techniques relevant to the company level commander or advisor in a counter guerrilla environment. This past year, the capstone of the course was a fine lecture presentation by Colonel Jack McCuen who is Director of Course 4 and Internal Defense and Development Studies at the Army War College.

The four-year Military Training Program at USMA, of which the academic year military science courses are an integral part, provides cadets an elementary and broad exposure to the training, tactics, and techniques of the profession of arms. We believe it serves as a solid foundation for more detailed examination of the subjects taught at branch basic courses, and fulfills our obligation to give cadets the best possible training and education for a career in the military service.

Our entire curriculum of military education and training is constantly studied with a progressive and open mind. When reasoned judgment demands it, we are quick to change or up-date our military training which, at West Point, should be as flawless as we can make it. It must be realistic and satisfying and, wherever possible, designed to spur the motivation of all cadets.

We believe our four-year Military Program at the Military Academy provides a strong and lasting framework on which graduates can continue to build their individual and professional skills as Army officers.



Whistler in Cadet Gray

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the requirement to submit a doctor's certificate justifying his leave for reasons of

health. It was written from his mother's home in Scarsdale, New York, and was dated July 7, 1853. (Mrs. Whistler had moved to Scarsdale from Pomfret, Connecticut, to be closer to her sons, James at West Point and William, who was about to enter Columbia College in New York City.) The letter reveals that Whistler was in somewhat of a quandary regarding the proper form he should use in submitting a doctor's certificate to account for his absence from the Post. It implies that he was highly perturbed because he had not received a letter from the Adjutant General explaining the course of action he should take in submitting the certificate. Whistler emphasized strongly that he could not understand how a note directed to Scarsdale, New York, could possibly miscarry.

Whistler finally submitted the certificate to Colonel Lee on July 20, 1853. It stated that a Dr. Camman had thoroughly examined Whistler and, having diagnosed his disease as Endocarditis, urged the utmost caution to prevent a recurrence of its acute symptoms. Dr. Camman also remarked that exposure or imprudence would frequently cause the cardiac condition to re-appear with increased violence.

Whistler remained on convalescent leave until the 28th of August, when he resumed his cadet career. However, after a short time he had again run afoul of the disciplinary system at West Point. His demerits continued to rise at a rapid rate. At the same time, he began to encounter difficulty in his Chemistry course. After being termed deficient in Chemistry, Whistler is reported to have said, "Had silicon been a gas, I would have been a major general."

In less than a year after his return from sick leave, Whistler's cadetship was ended. However, despite his official discharge, Whistler tried to complete his West Point career. He submitted an application for re-admission to General Joseph G. Totten, the Chief Engineer of the Army, who had control over administration of the Military Academy. General Totten, in turn, forwarded the application to Colonel Robert E. Lee who, in a most profound manner, pointed out that he could do nothing more on Whistler's behalf. The Superintendent summarized Whistler's cadet career by saying: "I can only regret that one so capable of doing well should so have neglected himself and must now suffer the penalty."

Whistler had exceeded the authorized number of demerits administered for infractions of military discipline. He was unable to adhere to the established standards for cadet life and discipline at West Point, and fell victim to the demerit system. The term "Conduct" has always been the official title of this system, and even today is the method used in evaluating a cadet's performance of routine duties.

His three years as a cadet at the Military Academy could be considered by some as an insignificant phase of

Whistler's life. The renowned artist, however, always regarded it as a very meaningful part of his life. He never forgot that he had once been a member of the Corps of Cadets. An inscription on the title page of a book which he presented to the United States Military Academy Library reads: "From An Old Cadet, Whose Pride is to Remember His West Point Days."

After leaving the Military Academy, Whistler was somewhat unsettled. Eventually, he accepted a position as draftsman with the Coast Survey in Washington, D.C., and served in that capacity for one year. He soon realized, however, that the only way he could achieve true happiness in life was to devote himself completely to art. His decision proved to be wise and rewarding. His great works received notable recognition, but not before many bitter struggles with art critics and his own countrymen.

After gaining fame, it was apparently for this reason that he wanted revenge against the critics and everyone who had scorned him earlier. He achieved it by conveying the impression that he was abnormally conceited. This is best illustrated by the following anecdote which took place later in his life at a time that saw his undisputed genius preserved on canvas.

One morning, a pupil in his art class greeted him by saying: "Oh, Mr. Whistler, coming in on the train this morning the countryside was shrouded with a beautiful soft haze; and everywhere I looked I seemed to see in the landscape one of your charming paintings."

"Yes, yes," said Whistler, with exaggerated pomposity, "Nature's creeping up! She's creeping up!"

Whistler's words also tell us there was not a hint of doubt in his mind or heart that he had found his true station in life, and he fulfilled it to the heights of his abilities.

When he came to West Point, it appeared that he was destined to be a soldier. But, aspiration and inner God-given talents led him, instead, to become one of the world's most acclaimed artists. His works will live through the ages—and the Army's loss, in this case, was the entire world's gain.



"Boots and Saddles"

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Finally, upperclassmen get a chance to hone their command and instructional skills by acting as teachers and supervisors of the underclassmen under their charge.

The Club is currently doing well, but it still requires the support of friends. In particular, we badly need good saddles, bridles, and model 1911 (straight) cavalry sabres. Saddles and bridles are quite expensive, far beyond the reach of our limited budget. So far, the cadets have managed to scrape by on borrowed tack,

but much of it is not of the quality they would like. The sabres used for drills and the June Week demonstration are on loan from the USMA Museum. Although the museum director has been generous in aiding the Club, he cannot provide enough for the entire team; furthermore, we would like to be independent if we can. Anyone interested in donating money, tack or sabres to the Cadet Riding Club should contact the author, Colonel James L. Morrison Jr., Department of History, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996.

The Club officers for the present academic year include Ted Hoffman ('71), President; Jack Ogren ('71), Vice-president; Mike Schulte ('73), Secretary-Custodian; and Mike Kobbe ('72), Training Officer. Colonel James L. Morrison Jr., Department of History, and Captain Charles T. Schmitt, Office of the Dean, are the Officer in Charge and Assistant Officer in Charge, respectively. Lieutenant Colonel Bob Ballagh (Ret.) is the club riding instructor and team coach.

The recruiting posters once promised, "Join the Cavalry, and have a courageous friend." The Cavalry has gone, but the courageous friend is still here.



Down The Field

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humbling such schools as Harvard, Manhattan, St. John's, Penn State and Navy. The only teams with an edge over the Cadets were Cornell and Princeton, each home a winner by identical 59-50 scores. There were record performances as well. Sprinter Tony Dedmond set a Field House mark with a 6.1 clocking in the dual with Cornell, and later came back to claim first place in the 60-yard dash in the IC4A competition.

Team captain Kevin James set the pace against Navy with a record vault in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 16 feet one-quarter inch. He had plenty of support against the rival Middies as ARMY rolled to a decisive 69-40 victory, its 11th in 12 outings with the men from Annapolis.

Others, while not record-setters, are worthy of recognition. Credit should therefore go to Cort Bivens, 600; Bob Curran, mile and two mile; Bill Diehl, 35-pound weight; Kevin Flanagan, 60 and mile relay; Steve Frolich, high jump; Tom Marks, pole vault; Gary Padberg, long jump; Bill Shuff, 35-pound weight and Dennis Tone, 1000.

WRESTLING (9-5)—The ARMY wrestlers went home for the Christmas break all even at two wins and two losses. They suffered another defeat the first week back from the holidays, but in the final nine meets they were to lose only twice more. Added up, that equals a final 9-5 record.

Following that third setback—to powerful Ohio University—the matmen got hot. They first thumped Maryland, then

took Princeton, Buffalo, Franklin & Marshall, Syracuse, NYU and Springfield in that order. The string of seven straight was snapped by Lehigh, 18-14, as the Engineers rallied in the last three bouts, and was followed by a 25-8 loss to Navy in the season's grand finale.

In the EIWA championship tournament at Annapolis, ARMY finished a strong fourth among the 16 participating schools. Team captain Bill James finished second at 142 pounds to show the way, while Jerry Hamilton (118), Ray Ritacco (177), Sandy Federico (190) and heavyweight Dale Morgan each claimed a third. Yearling Mark Grunseth (167) also got a piece of the prizes with a fourth place.

The NCAA held a qualifying tournament for the first time ever, and five individuals earned the right to compete for championship honors at Auburn. Here lightweight Larry Baltezare (118) reached the finals, only to bow to Navy's Tom Schuler. Others qualifying were Jim McArdle at 126, James at 134, Ritacco at 177 and Morgan at heavyweight.

While at Auburn, James was the lone ARMY representative placing, notching a sixth to garner all-America honors. With only one First Classman departing through graduation, the forecast for 1971-72 is most favorable.

Basketball Coaching Change

The Military Academy lost a basketball coach on Saturday, March 27, when it was announced that Bob Knight had accepted the head job at Indiana University. It named a successor on Monday, April 19, when it reached into the ranks at Villanova to tab Dan Dougherty as the 21st man to hold the coaching reins at West Point.

Dougherty, 35, was a top assistant to Jack Kraft at Villanova the past five years. His selection as the new ARMY coach was made public during a press conference at the WPAM, where he indicated a strong possibility the ARMY team of 1971-72 would put more emphasis on "zone defense and a run-and-shoot offense." This would be in strong contradiction to the style of play used by Bob Knight during his tenure at West Point.

A 1957 graduate of St. Joseph's, Dougherty began his coaching career in 1959 at St. Pius X in Pottstown, Pa. The school had never won more than eight games in a single season prior to then, but during Dougherty's first year there they compiled a 25-4 record and were runnerup for the state championship.

Dougherty departed St. Pius X in 1961 for a position at Malvern Prep, succeeding Jack Kraft whom he was later to join at Villanova. During his five years at Malvern, his teams won 73 games while losing only 30.

In 1966 Dougherty moved into the collegiate ranks as an assistant and freshman coach under Kraft at Villanova. Two years ago he shed the duties as freshman mentor to devote full-time duties to serving as the chief varsity assistant. As fresh-

man coach, the Villanova frosh were 36-18 under his guidance, while this year the varsity club reached the NCAA championship finals where they were defeated by defending champion UCLA.

Knight Leaves Legend

Bob Knight had to make several important decisions during his six-year stay at the Military Academy, but none more important than the one he made to leave it.

That decision, which he terms "the toughest of my life," brought to an end one of the outstanding coaching legends in the annals of sport at the Military Academy. With that decision—namely, to accept the head basketball post at Indiana University—Bob Knight closed the book on a brilliant ARMY career that has yet known no equal.

Under his tactful guidance, ARMY teams of the past six years reached new heights in rising to positions of high national prominence. He, much more than anyone else, was the key to that surge. His fiery, dynamic personality, coupled with a keen mind for the values of disciplined basketball, helped the Cadets to national recognition.

Chuck Daly, at present the basketball coach at Boston College, perhaps put it best when he said, "Bobby Knight has had a greater impact on basketball than any college coach in the last five years." His court philosophy today is in solid evidence in high schools and colleges throughout the country.

Defense was his selling point here, and he made it pay off in winning dividends. Three times, from 1968 through 1970, ARMY led the entire nation in team defense, thereby becoming only the second school in NCAA basketball history ever to accomplish that feat. He wasn't off the mark by too much the other three years, either, placing eighth, third and then second this past season.

While he jokingly refers to his offense as equal to "watching paint dry," he still got maximum mileage there, too. He made do with what material was available, and the results more often than not left very little to the imagination. Head coaches at South Carolina, San Francisco, Illinois, Cincinnati, Wyoming and Vanderbilt all can explain just how productive was the ARMY offense.

His career record shows 102 victories against but 50 defeats, putting him second on the all-time ARMY list for most wins. Against arch-rival Navy, he finished a perfect 6-and-0, climaxing that statistic with a reverberating 64-50 decision over the Midshipmen this winter. The win was doubly sweet, for it provided him with his 100th career victory at the time.

Four times in the six-year stretch ARMY was invited to play in the National Invitation Tournament. Three of those times the Cadets battled their way to the semi-finals, finishing fourth twice and third once. In placing third last year, thanks to a 75-68 victory over LSU, two members of the ARMY team—Jim Oxley

and Mike Gyovai—were named to the all-NIT first squad.

Bob Knight played his college ball at Ohio State, and has always had a strong desire to return to the Big Ten. His wish came true when he accepted the Indiana pact, inheriting a team that will return nine players from a 17-7 club.

His reputation as a coach grew with his tenure here. He had opportunities to take positions at several universities, as well as a firm offer from the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association, but refused all of them. Basketball to Bob Knight is a challenge, and one he devotes 24 hours of every day to.

"We in the ARMY Athletic Association are extremely proud of the job Bob Knight has done here the past six years in building a solid basketball program, a program that has put us into the national limelight," remarked Col. Gus Dielens, Jr., director of athletics. "We are very sorry to see him go, but wish him the best knowing he will do an outstanding job wherever he is."

1971-72 Captains Named

Captains for the 11 winter sports who will compete during the 1971-72 season were announced recently. Following is a listing of those individuals so honored. Basketball—Ed Mueller of Lima, Ohio. Fencing—Jim Lyon of Riverside, Calif. Gymnastics—Ted Leger of Omaha, Neb. Hockey—Geoff Champion of Maple Plain, Minn.

Pistol—Jim Ritter of Riverside, Calif. Rifle—Bob Strong of Alexandria, Va. Skiing—Steve Main of Alameda, Calif. Squash—Bill James of Stockton, Calif. Swimming—John Ferguson of Burbank, Calif.

Track—Tony Dedmond of Pasco, Wash. Wrestling—Larry Baltezare of Chicago, Ill.

Spring Squads Active

The winter season had barely ended when five spring teams launched a campaign of their own. Baseball and lacrosse both began schedules on March 27, and tennis, golf and track followed close behind.

A snowstorm the second week in April forced cancellation of the track debut with Yale. As a result, the cindermen of coach Carleton Crowell have had but one dual meet through May 1, that a 97-57 loss to Harvard. Relays—namely, the Queens and Penn Relays—occupied the rest of the time.

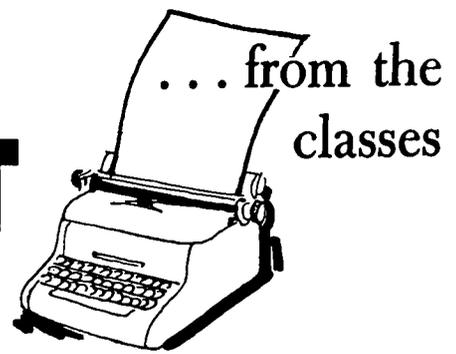
The Cadets placed second as a team in the Queens Relays but had an individual champion in Bill Diehl, who won the hammer throw with a toss of 194 feet 7 inches. Other results had John Buckowsky second in the javelin, Tom Marks third in both the high jump and pole vault, Bill Jones third in the triple jump and Larry Socea fifth in the discus.

Diehl improved upon his distance at the Penn Relays, getting off a heave of 196 feet 7 inches to finish second there.

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REPORT



'03

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Hazel Lynn, wife of our senior surviving member Clark Lynn, had been ill for a long time. I regret to have to report that she is no longer with us. An impressive service for her was conducted by GEN Luther D. Miller, former Chief of Army Chaplains and an old friend, at Gawlers Chapel and her graveside in Arlington cemetery on 25 Jan. The day after the funeral Clark flew to Okla. with his son COL Clark Lynn Jr. (USMA '34) and his daughter-in-law and is in a nursing home close to his son's residence in Lawton, Okla. His address is c/o COL Clark Lynn Jr., 216 Mimosa Lane, Lawton, Okla. 73501. Clark is quite well and gets around with the aid of a walker.

Also it is necessary to report that Jane Desloge Brown, widow of our Levi G. Brown died on 20 Jan. in St. Louis where she had lived since Levi's death there in 1962. Her terminal illness was short and fortunately her sons and daughters gathered with her in time to see her while she was able to recognize them and talk to them a little. She was buried in Jefferson Bks. Nat. Cemetery. She is survived by four sons, three daughters and 30 grandchildren. Two sons graduated from WP, viz COL Desloge Brown '38, Corps of Engrs retired after making a distinguished record, and COL Levi G. Brown '46, Corps of Engrs now director of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Miss.

Bobby Howze keeps in touch with us by telephone. He is doing fine. Maybe has slowed down a little. Albert Gilmor is back in his N.Y. apt. with no definite plans reported.

The intellectual member of our Class Lewis Turtle, a distinguished teacher and Prof of Math and Maida are enjoying life in San Antonio. Lewis loves opera and they attend the San Antonio symphony concerts and dinners for graduates of WP. They keep extremely busy.

Clifford Jones reports that maybe old age is finally catching up on him a little. That is hard to believe! He and Mary drove up to WP last Oct. for the WP-Tenn. game. They are spending the winter in Miami, Fla., at 3900 Hardie Ave.

John Franklin reported from Morristown, Tenn., that he is feeling his age but still getting around. He sends best wishes to those left of our Class. Jake Wuest reports from Orlando, Fla., that he feels fortunate over his good health. He spent three months in Germany returning last Oct.

Denise Schley is socially active in D.C., entertaining mostly at the Chevy Chase Club.

Our Association membership of 20,331 represents over 97% 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

Also, she is consultant for the care of the grounds of the D.C. Home for the Incurables. She maintains a beautiful garden in rear of her own home. Whenever there is a garden tour her garden is one of those on exhibition. She drives her own car. She took the Swedish-American Lines tour to the North Cape on M.S. Kungsholm last fall. To name all the ports visited would fill a book. The longest stops were at North Cape, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Leningrad, Hamburg, and Amsterdam. Recently Florence Farnum visited her from her home in Cumberland Foreside, Maine. Puss Farnum is not very well.

Tess Milton, Johnny Milton's widow, returned from her trip to Europe on 15 Nov. 70. She spent a week in Majorca on her way to Brussels. Her son, Theodore Ross Milton (USMA '40) a LTG in the AF, is Dpty chairman of the mil committee of NATO and has Qtrs. in Brussels. Tess had a splendid time there. On the way back she had a few days in London.

Mrs. Frank Shaffer Besson (Jean Sharp Besson) widow of Frank Shaffer Besson (USMA '09) Corps of Engrs, and your Scribe were married on 23 Jan. 1971. She gave up her apt. at the Army distaff hall and he his apt. at 2500 Q St. NW. They are now settled in an apartment at 3901 Conn. Ave. NW., Washington, D.C. 20008.

'07

COL John S. Sullivan
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Enrique White sends a clipping from the "San Antonio Express" headed: Man in the News—GEN John Hill Jr. '46. It is a complimentary article from the "New York Times" News Service. John Hill had lunch with our group a couple of times, the guest of Enrique. He is serving again in RVN—a soldier's soldier. Many thanks for the clipping, Enrique.

Founders Day Dinner will be held at Bolling AFB on 12 Mar. The speaker will

be MG William A. Knowlton, Jan. '43, Superintendent, USMA.

Oliver Wood left the middle of Feb. for a six weeks stay in Sarasota. His younger brother Roy joined him. Oliver goes to his home in Ft. Smith, Ark., for two weeks after Sarasota and then to his D.C. home at the Kennedy-Warren.

Jesse Drain left in Mar. for a two-week visit with his granddaughter and family in S. C. Enrique White went to San Antonio in Nov. to visit his son, Charles Jr. '34 and a joint birthday celebration with him. He entered Brook Gen Hosp and from there he went to a nursing home. His address is MG Charles H. White, Morningside Manor, 602 Babcock Rd., San Antonio, Tex. 78201. His son sees him almost daily. He is getting along well but is on a rigid diet. His change of address is a hard jolt for our luncheon group. He was responsible for enlarging our group to include Arthur Lane, '05, Earl McFarland, '06, Glen Edgerton, '08, Jake Devers and Claude Thummel, '09, and he invited B. O. Lewis and P. D. Uhl, '10, to join us. In addition he brought in a fine retired officer, Fay Brabson, who did not attend the Academy. His interest in the group continues. He has written from his new home a paper to the members on how he thinks the future should be handled. Monthly, each member received from him a postcard reminding us of the next luncheon date. Very helpful and much appreciated. We shall miss him a great deal but hope that from time to time he will come up and join us.

He writes that Ray Hill is in the same nursing home. Ray reminded him of the cadet classic "What is leather?" by reciting it without a flaw. When Bob Arthur left us we lost not only an outstanding officer but a man outstanding in other categories. He was in the greatest battle of WWI and came out with a distinguished record. As editor of the "Coast Artillery Journal," author or whatnot, he was tops. Living in New Orleans after retirement he was a very popular member of the prestigious Boston Club. The sympathy of the Class went to the members of his family.

Most of the time, like Epictetus, I consider that this world is the best of places in which to live. At least, I am not one of those who are hankering for interplanetary space travel. I like it here, Sandy Chilton.

"Wings and other Poems," by Anne B. Marley, widow of Jim, Poet Laureate emeritus of Texas, has just been published. Anne lives at 504B Bellevue Place, Austin, Tex. 78705. Congratulations Anne on the excellence of your work and congratulations on still being active.

The late Adlai Stevenson, father of the new senator from Illinois, referring to evangelists said, "I think Paul is appealing and Peale is appalling."

'10

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1910: "Fritz" Strong, Oldest Grad, 1971 Founders Day, West Point Society of Michigan.

Due to the greatly reduced number of 1910ers now in D.C., our regular 1910 Class Luncheons held on the second Wed. of each month for many years have had to be discontinued. If out-of-town 1910ers will advise us in advance of their D.C. trips, we will endeavor to arrange a special "1910" luncheon in their honor where we all can have a good visit.

Esther Polk who has lived in an Apt. House in D.C., for so many years recently accepted the kind invitation of her daughter and husband to make her future home with them in the country. Esther is now ensconced in a first floor apt. in their large home and is really enjoying country life in Va. very much. Her new address is Mrs. Harding Polk, c/o COL A. H. Wilson Jr. Ret., Twin Orchards, Free Union, Va. 22940. I am sure she would love to hear from old friends.

Esther's son and our Godson of the Class of 1910, GEN James H. Polk, C in C USAR-EUR is returning to the US this spring upon completion of his tour of duty in Europe.

Last Mar., Peggy Strong Richardson and her husband Bill stopped off in Washington for a couple of days while en route to Fla. by car for a little vacation. Peggy reported that her father Fritz Strong was fine and still living in his home in Orchard Lake, Mich. Kay and I organized a luncheon party at the A-N Club including our son LTC Burton O. Lewis Jr. Ret. and his wife Dotty. We were all delighted to see them and wished them Godspeed as they resumed their travel south shortly after lunch.

Except for a quick trip to Fla. Gwladys Leonard has been home in D.C. since her return from the North Cape Cruise last summer. Gwladys also enjoys traveling by train and has been considering a trip west via Canadian Railway from Ottawa thru the Canadian Rockies and around Lake Louise to Vancouver. At this writing her plans had not been finalized.

Pappy Selleck lives comfortably at his Retirement Home in Bethesda, Md. He occasionally goes out for social gatherings with family and friends. Mostly, I believe, he

enjoys receiving cards and letters from old friends. He has assistance in answering his mail so if you write him you will get a reply.

'11

BG Harold F. Nichols
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On 24 Jan. 65 Reunion notices went out to classmates and Class widows. To this date, 10 Mar., six classmates, five wives and one widow are in the yes column; there are 17 no's and 41 no replies.

Word was received yesterday from Jim Burt of the death on Fri., 5 Mar., of another 1911 Old Timer, Alfred J. Betcher, affectionately known as "Sis" and long remembered for his famous rollicking song, "My Irene." Services were held on the 8th.

Fred Dillman, who cannot attend the Reunion, says that he loves the view north from Battle Monument but thinks it is the only thing at WP which has not been changed. Many may agree, but he should be there next June and see the magnificence of the modern WP.

Jack Kunneke from his Old Kentucky Home regrets not being with us in June but says the trip is too much for another Old Timer. We do have to take note that all living 1911 classmates are now over 81. Oliver McCleary, a long time Carmel, Calif., resident, maintains his home, raises fruit and vegetables, keeps in touch with the stock market, and occasionally fills an inside straight.

Dexter Rumsey, ex-1910, in Encinitas in So. Calif., is slowly recovering from a broken hip and femur, but is as chatty as ever. Gerry Stanton after somewhat permanently settling in Oakland was in Feb. on another cruise, this one to So. America and Africa.

Among those who regret missing the Reunion are Polly Blunt, Marjorie Walker, Gertrude Booton, Alice Rader and others; also John Hatch who cannot be present because of Helen's health.

After nearly 14 years north of the Golden Gate, your Scribe and his Gerta are, since 24 Feb., ensconced in a San Francisco apt. overlooking the Bay and Nob and Russian Hills.

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COL John H. Carruth
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A Christmas card from Pilar Lim came in too late to be included as news in my last Class Letter. She is in good health and still carrying on her duties as a U. Pres. in Manila. When she wrote, she and one of her daughters had just finished a round-the-world trip. The primary purpose was for her to attend an International Conference of U. Pres. in Montreal; but from there they went to Boston, N.Y., Paris, the Chateau region of France, Normandy and Brittany, Munich, the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau, W. Germany, Yugoslavia, Rome, Athens and Iran; thence back to Manila to resume her active duties. Pilar is a remarkable and very fine lady, and the Class is proud of her.

Earl and I have greatly enjoyed visits from our two daughters who live in Calif. The first was from our oldest, "Bonnie" (Mrs. W. R. McCutchen) and she was able to stay 10 days. The most recent was our youngest "Dot" (Mrs. Ralph Potter) and due to her

duties she could stay only six days—but the weather was clear and beautiful, and we enjoyed every minute of the stay.

We are enjoying Louise Byrom, who has just returned from Guadalajara and Tampico. She has leased an apartment here for a few months, and we are hoping she will stay longer.

Ike Gill was in Brooke Army Hosp. for a serious operation, and Patsy Richardson, his daughter, who lives in Conn., came down to be with him. He is at home now, and has a very competent practical nurse to look after him. He is fortunate that a number of Lillian's relatives live here, and they have been very helpful to him.

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of our Classmate Jens Doe, on 24 Feb. I am much indebted to Bill and Mary Ryan who have kept me informed by a telephone call from Mary, and a letter from Bill. Unfortunately, when Jens died, Betty was in the Palo Alto Hosp., recovering from an open heart operation and their daughter Camilla was with her. They both returned by ambulance to the home in Carmel the day before a memorial service for Jens on 1 Mar. Betty is still seriously ill under nurse's care. Camilla went up to WP for the mil. rites and interment in the WP Cemetery on 3 Mar. Charlie Cross was of great assistance to Camilla, and the arrangements made by the WP authorities were complete in every way. COL and Mrs. Dick (Lucy Dick is Charlie's daughter), had Camilla for lunch and dinner at their quarters. Whitten could not attend the funeral because of the flu, but he and Helen Hogan sent messages to Camilla by Charlie and Ella Cross.

'15

BG Hume Peabody
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LAST ROLL CALL: Ray Marsh died 8 Feb. slightly over three months after his wife Miriam had passed on. Services were held at Christ Church, La Plata, Md., with burial at Kingston, N.Y. The Class was represented at the church service by Marguerite Gilkeson and the Evans. The Class extends its sympathy to Ray Jr. and daughter Elizabeth.

TIME MARCHES ON: Let it be known that during Feb. the Four Score Club (Avent, Balsam, Bank, Cochran, Ellis, Gerhardt, Gibson, Leonard, McDermott, McNair, Meneely, Ritchel, Strong, Summers, Tate, Taylor and White) added neophytes Herrick, Wallington and Woodruff. Ere '72 rolls 'round eight more are scheduled to "jine up."

DISTAFF DOINGS: The Feb. Class Luncheon was well attended—Distaffers Atkins, Benedict, Bragdon, Sherburne and Wallace being joined by Townies Davison and Gilkeson. Dorothy Benedict, who tripped to Fla. and Tex. to visit family, returned to D.C. in time for D.C.'s worst snow storm plus the news that just-visited Tex. BG Harrison Lobdell had been transferred to the Pentagon. Son Calvert P. has been transferred from the Pent. to Bragg and grandson LT Harrison Lobdell Jr. is chaperoning a rifle platoon in RVN. Margaret Mueller keeps busy with Chapter and State DAR work. Son P.J. Jr. and COL W.T. Parker (son of Paul '16) are back from RVN and will bide a bit at the Pent. Florence Wallace's granddaughter Helen Ashton was married last June to Marine LT Philip L. Tedder and come summer

hopes to join him for two months in Okinawa. Congratulations to **Ronnie Bragdon's** daughter Mrs. Robert McCormick, who recently received the B&P Women's Club "Woman of Achievement" Award for success as director-owner of outstanding nursery school conducted in her McLean home.

QUAKERS: (Calif. Branch) An Immediate Action epistle to Roy Watson brought prompt reassurance of the well being of the Bradleys, May Howell, the Summers and the Watsons. No damage but a few shaky feelings. The Apr. D.C. DAR Convention will give the Watsons a chance to swap news with the D.C. gang.

HERE AND THERE: Recently returned from visiting her daughter in Calif. **Bea Boye** reports a most enjoyable stopover in Tucson where she visited **Dora Small**, **Frances Brown**, and the **Strongs** and saw many other Service friends. Chief Swamp Rat **Cochran** paged fellow Rats for news with very meager results: the **Robinsons** were resting up after a busy holiday season; **Ned Zundel** had a good citrus crop; **Dutch Gerhardt**, no answer. **John Henry** and **Mary Welby** were well and enjoying visits from **John Jr.** whenever business brought him to **Homestead AFB**. **Cliff Jones** and daughter have San Antonio apts. not far from the **Woodruffs**. **Woody** (who likens post-holidays to the Gloom Period) is trying to locate a chess opponent worthy of **Cliff's** skill. **Jake Meneely** allows as how **Pinehurst's** climate is a vast improvement over Albany winters. What with a long daily walk, bridge and "other attractions" his "miseries" seem greatly lessened. **Mike Summers** has no fond memories of 1970 with its recurring flu for both and a broken pelvis for **Beryl**. We are glad to hear that now things are much improved and remember, **Mike**, 1971 is a whole new ball game.

MARCO POLO REPORTS: **Det** and **Laura Ellis** left D.C. in Jan. on a semi-annual trek through the Carolinas and Fla. From **Det** comes two interim reports: In **Fayetteville** they found **Therese** and **Doc White** "in the pink." Stopped in **Aiken** to visit **Phil McNair** who golfs "twice a day" (Sic. Give you odds it should be "twice a week") and is piping a Spring trip to Europe. In **Brooksville, Fla.**, saw Mrs. **Paul Parker**, widow of **Paul '16** and **MIL** of the **Muellers' Betsy**. Found the **Cochrans** fine and spent an hour with **Betty Thompson** in **Clearwater**. In **Tampa** talked to **Ruth Gerhardt** but missed **Dutch** who had gone to bring a granddaughter for the weekend. In **Kendall** saw **Nellie McKenzie** who lives near two daughters and grandchildren. Found **Gibby** and **Mary Gibson** pert and chipper and making light of infirmities. Lunched with **Elisa MacDonald** and **Helen Howard** in **Elisa's** apartment and next day saw **Cecelia Hanley** and also her daughter **Cecile** and youngest granddaughter who had dropped in from nearby home. **Tom III** (COL USAF Ret.) and wife also live there. Youngest son **Dexter**, a Jesuit priest, is President of **Scranton U.**!! Were sorry to have missed the **Bradenton** area (**Robinsons** and **Ned Zundel**). Back in S.C. they were visiting their many relatives and had lunched with **Great Grandma Superior Laura Brownell**. Hoped to see the **Moales** and **Helen Wehman** soon. Expected to return to D.C. end of Mar.

STATUS QUO, SO. MD.—A British philosopher once said, "There is no fun in having nothing to do. The fun is in having lots to do and not doing it." Boy, am I having fun!! **Hasta La Vista.**



1916: Our Class Cup

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We are especially honored in these Class Notes to have a photograph of our Class Cup, courtesy of **Marquenita** and **Dick Levy**. This is particularly timely since I am writing this on about the birthday (11 Mar.) of our Class **Godson**, young **Richard Levy** (USMA '41). **Marquenita** and **Dick** plan to present the Cup to the WP Museum.

I am sorry to have to announce to you the death of our **Ham Maguire**. He had been in ill health for a year or more, had a severe heart attack on 3 Feb., and was taken to **Georgetown Hosp.** He passed away there on 20 Feb. and was buried on 23 Feb. **Calvin DeWitt**, **Bob Walsh**, **Brig Bliss** and **Fay Prickett** were honorary pallbearers. We all join in sending sympathy to **Anne** and her family.

Another note of sadness for us. **Margaret (Max) Kuhn**, our **Parker's** widow, died at her home on 18 Jan. She had been seriously ill for some time. We remember her as **Max Normoyle**, one of the cadet girls of our time, daughter of **COL James Normoyle** (USMA 1889). We send our sympathy, also, to the **Kuhn** family.

1916ers were well represented at the mixed party of the WP Soc. of the D.C. on 15 Jan. Present were the **Walshes**, **Scotts**, **Gallaghers**, **DeWitts**, **Pricketts**, and **Bobby O'Hare**.

Stan Scott has been in the hosp. at **Ft. Belvoir** with a bout with arthritis. We hope you beat it, **Stan**. **Tom Martin** did! The latest news before our deadline of 15 Mar. is that **Stan** was home and progressing satisfactorily.

And speaking of **Tom Martin**! I learned from **Babe Weyand** that **Tom** had published a book of cartoons, entitled "Three of a Kind." Upon my inquiry, **Tom** acknowledged the project and said it was about his characters, **Old Jack**, **Jenny** (a burro), and a pig. **Tom** says he has other series in progress. He says he hopes he'll be discovered someday—like **Grandma Moses**!

Tom says his oldest son **Doctor** (Ph.D.) **Tom** had a serious heart attack but came out of it O.K.; and that **COL Samuel Martin** (USMA '46) has reported for duty as defense attaché in **Jordan**.

Marie and **Babe Weyand** wrote from Tucson where they spent the winter that the sun there did **Babe** a lot of good. **Anita Berry** wrote from **Santa Barbara, Calif.**, that she had sold her home there and had moved into a duplex where her address will be 3741 **Mari-**

ana Way, **Santa Barbara, Calif.** 93105. A card to **Fay Prickett** from **John Abernathy** says that he has retired from his law practice and that his wife **Helen** and he enjoy a quiet life on their farm near **Pulaski, Tenn.**

Dwight Johns "hitch-hiked" (courtesy USAF) to **Washington** and **Norfolk** for the annual **MacArthur** Group gathering in Jan. On 26 Jan., **GEN MacArthur's** birthday, the Group met at the Memorial in **Norfolk** for memorial exercises. These were followed by an official luncheon by the **City of Norfolk** and the **MacArthur Memorial Foundation**, at which the **Asst. Postmaster General** announced a **MacArthur** stamp with first-day cancellation. The Group returned to **Washington** for their annual dinner at **Ft. McNair** that evening.

While in **Washington** **Dwight** visited the **Rufsvolds** (daughter **Liz** and husband **USMA '46**). He also enjoyed a Class luncheon at the **A-N Club**. All classmates were present except **Dick Levy**, who was not well enough to attend, and **Ferdie Gallagher**, who was away—in **Florida**.

Marian and **Holland Robb** will be with us for our 55th assembly and then will take off for a summer in Europe, visiting **Ireland**, briefly **France**, and **Switzerland**. **Holland** says that **Sun City, Ariz.**, gets pretty hot in the summer!

Tom Finley made a 10-day visit to **Ft. Leavenworth** last winter, visiting his daughter **Rennie** and family (**COL Gordon Rogers USMA '57**). While at **Ft. Leavenworth** **Tom** went over to the cemetery and paused for a moment at the simple grave of our well loved classmate, **Jim Crane**. (**Tom's** words, not mine.)

Blanche and **Roland Shugg** are proud of their young grandson, **George Cushman**. He will graduate from the **U. of Fla.** in June and complete his **ROTC** course then. He has been advised that he has been selected as a distinguished military graduate (**DMG**) and that he will be commissioned a **2LT**, **Corps of Engrs, U.S. Army**. He will then report to **Ft. Belvoir, Va.**, for duty at the **Engr. School**.

Elizabeth and **Dick Birmingham** spent the winter at **Clearwater, Fla.**, and returned to their Pa. home about mid-Apr. While in Fla. they saw the **Mummas** at **Clearwater Beach**. **Dick** reported that **Harlan Mumma** had been very sick but by Mar. was home from the hospital and showing signs of his old spirit and bounce with which we are all familiar.

Helen and **Woody Woodward** took off for **Hawaii** in Feb., where we know they had a wonderful time. They returned home early in Mar.

Another sad note in our news is that **Buddy Guyer Towne** died in Fla. in early Mar. One of her sons, **James T. Guyer** (USMA '51) lives in **Tampa, Fla.**

Delp Styer keeps in shape by playing 18 holes of golf three times a week on the **Coronado (Calif.)** golf course. He did not divulge his scores, nor mention whether or not he used a cart!

Caroline and **Murph Irvine** drove to **Laguna Beach** from their home in **Coronado** early in Mar. to visit son **Thomas** (USNA), who is an electronics engineer with **Litton Industries**.

I have not heard of any new great-grandchildren recently; nor of any more golden wedding celebrations. Please keep me advised.

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On Mon. 8 Mar. our classmate and friend John M. Devine died at his home in Leesburg, Va. During WWII John attained the rank of MG, commanding the 8th Armd Div in action in France and Germany, and after the war commanded the 9th Div and the 1st Cav Div. In 1946 he was honored by being chosen to command the Universal Mil. Tng. Unit at Ft. Knox, Ky. From 1950 to 1952 he served in the Office of the Secy of Def. After retiring he served eight years as Commandant of Cadets at V.P.I. John's wife Nancy, sister of Rudy Whitelegg, (Aug. '17), died in 1953. He is survived by two sons J. Austin Devine of Taipei, Formosa, and Donald W. Devine of Leesburg, Va.; and by two daughters Mrs. Ruth D. Finlay of San Juan, P.R., and Mrs. Dorothy W. Wurster of Los Angeles, Calif.; and by 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. At the Funeral Mass. at St. John's Catholic Church in Leesburg on 11 Mar., our Class was represented by Jack Jackson. Graveside services were conducted at WP on 12 Mar. The Class has made a contribution to the WP Fund in John's memory.

From the West Coast Jack Code reports that Spec and Evelyn Irwin's older son Bill, now a MAJ, USMC, has been detailed to take graduate studies at Mich. State. Louis and Elf Martin's son, LTC Stewart Martin '49, came home in Mar. on R&R to visit his family at Stewart AFB; and their daughter Nancy, wife of COL R. T. Bull, came home from Seoul, Korea, for a brief visit. Earlier Nancy had escorted eight Korean orphans to Oreg. and N.Y. Nancy's son ILT Thomas M. Bull, Citadel '69, married Miss Cheryl Echols and went to Ft. Greely, Alaska. Marge Young has moved, and her new address is 212 Eaton Road, San Mateo, Calif. 94402. Whitcomb was busy in Mar. showing his son John C. Whitcomb Jr. the beauties of northern Calif. And the "Sons of '17" in the San Francisco Bay area are indebted to Whit for volunteering to host the 20 Apr. luncheon on the patio roof garden of his apt. house, the glamorous De Sabla. He expected his guests to be the Codes, Haydens, Irwins, Kilburns, the Wahls and Miss Wahl, Alex Campbell, Ida Brown, Sally Coulter, Helen Daugherty, Marion Keiser and Marge Young. Link Daniels prefers the oil slicks of Santa Barbara to the coal dust of Pa., so has returned to Calif., where he and Jean may be found at 2727 Miradero Dr., Apt. 213, Santa Barbara 93105.

On 8 Jan. Love Mullins and Jack Code joined Mark Clark at a reception given by the Battle Monuments Commission, of which Mark is Chairman. Jack wrote, "We had the opportunity of meeting the lovely Mary Clark, and she tells us that she intends to be with us at our 55th Reunion."

And here in the East a card arrived from Louis and Helen Ford, on a Caribbean cruise aboard the S.S. Raffaello. They said, "This is a terrific trip—you should try it." And Pete and Elizabeth Slaughter plan to do just that—take the same cruise on the next voyage of the Raffaello. Pete is much better and plans to come to our 20 Apr. luncheon.

On 15 Jan. Jack and Jean Stewart were joined by their sons and daughters-in-law, LTC and Mrs. Keith MacArthur Stewart, Ret.,

and COL and Mrs. John Allen Stewart Jr. to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Dorothy Beurket writes that she spent four months up north last summer. Her granddaughter was married in Aug.

A card from George and Mary Wooley says, "Our Bob received a mighty fine Christmas present. The Board of Directors elected him Pres. of Teledyne Sprague Engineering Co. of Gardena, Calif." Bob loves his beautiful home in Scottsdale, Ariz., so he commutes by air to Los Angeles Mon. and back home Fri.

Jack and Jean Stewart have moved and now live at 1300 Porto Fino Dr., 303 Sailfish Apt., Siesta Harbour, Fla. 33581.

On a card written in Charleston, S.C., in Feb. Jack Nygaard says, "Here for a visit with Wayne Clark. He recently returned from the Far East, including RVN, at the request of the President. Sullivan is ill in the Charleston Navy Yard Hosp."

Kewp Yuill writes, "I am finding that the longer you count when down, the longer it takes to get up. But we both are coming up from the down, with the help of a son and a daughter and their helpmates. I am writing Bill Heavey for a luncheon reservation for 20 Apr. Spent the last two flat on my back."

Lawrence and Dorothy Mitchell write that their family is still growing. A new great-granddaughter arrived in Bogota, Columbia, but is now established in Honduras with her parents, Stephen and Libba Luther. Then in Sept. Barbara and Dick adopted a baby boy, John Collamore Kirchner.

Again this year Dan and Millie Noce have invited the Class to a barbecue picnic at their beautiful farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The date is 20 May.

In Feb. Jack Jackson and his granddaughter Nancy Altman flew to Tallahassee, Fla., to attend the wedding of Jack's oldest granddaughter, Barbara Jeannette Jackson, and Mr. Raymond Petniunas. The newlyweds are now in Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Petniunas is an engr with the power and light company.

Kewp Yuill received a letter in Feb. from Henry Hutchings III telling of the death of Betty on 18 Jan. She died in her sleep.

This winter Ira Crump had a very serious aorta operation. Now, in Mar., he is making good progress toward full recovery.

Louis Ford has appointed a committee for our 55th Reunion in '72; Noce, Chairman; Heavey, Treas.; Hayden, Irving and Stewart.

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The first quarter of 1971 was hard on our Class. Glen Anderson had been in poor health for some time; you may remember that he left the hospital to be with Grace in her final illness in the fall of 1969. He went to Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach on 22 Dec. and died on the 27th. The funeral was at Port Orange, Fla. Our sympathy goes to his sister, Mrs. Helen A. Follansbee.

Delly (Rudolph Delehanty) had been staying close to home since sometime after our 45th Reunion where we enjoyed his company so greatly. He had a brief illness and passed away on 30 Dec. in Beaumont Gen Hosp. We grieve with his widow Mildred

and regret that we could not have seen more of them in these later years.

Dad Riley who had been in the pink, riding horses and dealing in real estate, was suddenly stricken and died only a few days later. The funeral and interment, on 25 Jan., were in Leesburg, Va., where he had made his home. Ely, Hasbrouck, Reeder and Rising were honorary pallbearers. Our sympathy goes to his family in this sudden and unexpected loss.

Finally, word reached your Scribe that Tracy Dickson, who was wintering in Ariz., had suffered a massive stroke. But Tracy was not to be put down so easily. After treatment in Ariz. he was flown home and after a stay in a nursing home, was to return to his own home today (13 Mar.). What good news this is, Tracy!

Lew and Elaine Griffith have left us to find a new home in Austin, Tex. While they are house hunting, their address is Box 5271, Zip 78703. Emily Bingham on 1 Apr. entered Vinson Hall, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Va. 22101. Her reasons for spurning Distaff House and joining the Navy might be that Vinson Hall sports a bar and also is operated co-ed. Doc Faust has not yet settled down but may be reached through his son, Francis Faust, 23 Highland Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222.

Space here is too limited to mention all of the classmates and widows of whom your Scribe has word. Suffice it to say that, like the Captain of the Pinafore, they all seem to be in "reasonable health." Most are afflicted by itchy feet. Biff and Elizabeth Jones scampered over to Europe for three weeks in Apr. to visit Barbara et al. Anne Counts and her daughter, Anne Minor, plan to view the North Cape from a Swedish American liner. Jack and Florence Johnson did Polynesia—Jack is very high on the islands and the younger wahines. Ed Leavey, our only candidate for rivalry with Dr. Livingston, had to defer until fall a trip "around the European area with African and Australian overtones." Ruth caused the delay by succumbing to a virus that required hospitalization and a substantial period for recuperation. Jimmy Hea, a domestic traveler, will set out with the advent of good weather and do 8,500 miles visiting their scattered offspring.

Froggy Reed doesn't have to travel: he has invented ways of sending his camellias long distances to act as a blooming surrogate for him. Margaret Bellinger continues to paint lovely and saleable pictures while doing all sorts of good works and keeping Jack's morale up. The Whiteleggs stay home because they are snowbound and too occupied with local good works to travel.

Selah until the next issue of ASSEMBLY.

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It is with great sorrow that your Scribe reports the death of Veron Timothy, wife of Pat Timothy. Veron passed away in her sleep 6 Dec. 1970. It was a great shock to Pat and the family as it was so unexpected. Veron had several major operations a number of years ago but appeared to have completely recovered. Pat sold their lovely home in the Garden District and now lives in the Carol Apts. His address is P.H.T., 2100 St.

Charles Ave., Apt 11-E, New Orleans, La. 70140. Veron will be deeply missed by her many friends and has created a complete void in the lives of Pat, his two sons, their wives and the grandchildren.

Upon receipt of his birthday card from June '18, Louis Nuttman promptly sent his "Greetings from the Class of 1895 to the Class of June 1918." Your Scribe, who has passed his 77th birthday, was just toddling when GEN Nuttman graduated. Makes June '18 feel real proud of Louis' greetings to the Class.

The Axelsons shook off the earthquake as something old Army folks who had served in the Far East took in stride. Scip says he'd take earthquakes any day in preference to blizzards, tornadoes and hurricanes. They attended the WP Soc. dinner on 18 Mar. at San Diego as usual.

Both Bill Barriger and Phil Gallagher reported that Freddie Kimble is in another Rest Home in the Alexandria area. His affairs, including his address, are handled through his lawyers Dillon & Dillon of D.C. I have sent the data to Growley.

Mary Barth spent Xmas with son Jack and family and was with Peg for New Year's, but caught a touch of pneumonia and spent a week at the hosp. at Ft. Belvoir, plus nine more days at Ft. Leavenworth hosp. on her return home. She is back to normal chores again in spite of an unusual amount of snow. But, as she wrote, since she was brought up in Mass. snow storms around Ft. Leavenworth and Kans. she can take in her stride. Your Scribe also recalls blizzards in Kans. and Mo. because when he was on the faculty at C&GSC he used to drive five nights a week to Law School at K.C., Mo.—50 mi. round trip.

"Present, but finding it rather difficult to grow old gracefully," report Ellie and John Bethel. They also enjoy the Class Letters.

From sunny Naples, Fla., the Caseys report much fine weather, swimming, fishing and golf. Daughter Pat and Frank Clay on a short leave were among their flow of visitors. Pat attended the annual SW. Pac. Reunion at Norfolk, and knowing your Scribe's philatelic interests sent him a MacArthur first day cover issued 26 Jan. on the General's birthday.

Outside of tornadoes and the usual hot weather, Squire Foster likes Julia's Ala. and his La. real well. The hot weather is solved by their air conditioned house, and they take to cover when the tornadoes come along which, says Squire, is much better than freezing up north.

The Gallaghers believe in looking ahead. After a wonderful holiday season on Mallorca, they plan a month on Mederia (Funchal) in mid-July and Aug. and at Cuernavaca, Mex., next Xmas. Phil figures that as long as they are ambulatory they should keep on the move—at least until fourth echelon maintenance is required.

Frances George serves as the DAR representative on the Concord Vets Council. Her work with veterans dates back to 1922 when she was an occupational therapist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in D.C. As a former Regent of the Concord chapter of the DAR and as an official of the N.H. State DAR and the Red Cross, Frances continued her work with veterans and is still active in veteran affairs.

After leaving England and visiting Jack's two sons and six grandchildren, the Grants toured Canada from west to east. Down Maine and on to Conn. they came to rest

at Sharon, and can now be reached there on So. Main St.

Mike Grenata's son-in-law, COL Kenneth McIntyre, the CO of the 45th Engr Gp in RVN was in charge of the Engr planning of the operations to the border of Laos. The Grenatas report about themselves, "busy as usual."

Charlie Hoffman reported on the Class luncheon at the A-N Club, downtown D.C. which meets the third Thurs. of each month. The 21 Jan. luncheon included the wives and widows living in the D.C.-Md.-Va. area. Those present as guests were Louise Bishop, Louise Dean, Helen Newman, Marian Ross, Fran Sturgis Walsh and Bob Walsh (Class of '16). Mike Grenata, Charlie Hoffman, Daddy Holt, Bud Miley and their wives, with the exception of Fenie Miley who was unable to attend, acted as hosts. The affair was very enjoyable. Daddy Holt and Bud Miley handled the arrangements with Charlie acting as reporter.

One of the fine nostalgic memories your Scribe has of living in D.C. was a wonderful comradeship of those of June '18 who attended the luncheons. I was then a member of the old Class exec. comm. headed by Sammy Sturgis with Bill Barriger the Scribe, Tom Kern the Treas., and Heinie Baish the Secy.

Daddy Holt and Mary Mason were in Charleston, S.C., recently and while there saw Laura and Eddie Sibert and Elsie and Clarry Townsley. Daddy also reported on the Class luncheon for classmates, wives and widows.

After 1 June the Hurts will move into a smaller, but just the right size house, all electric and just one year old. Paul complains that they have been a bit short on snow this year, but the one fairly heavy one was beautiful. The Hurts' new address will be in our next Class Letter.

After cleaning up income tax chores, Alice Kramer flew to Belgium in mid-Apr. on one of those three-week package deals, and then spent a week in D.C. before returning home. Son Bunny received a promotion to Marketing Mgr. and is working harder than ever, so Mom only gets to see him once a month with phone chats in between.

To combat my Class Letter word descriptions of the joys of living in N.H., Dick McKee sent me a news clip of the sunshine view of Santa Monica Pier and then followed it up with a full description of the joys of living in Calif. including its year-round golf, or almost wrote Dick. True, if you can see your ball through the smog, or leap the earthquake cracks, or get to the golf club within a week on the overcrowded highways, etc. To each his own, and thanks be that we all don't want to live in the same place. Thus, in the end, nature keeps her balance.

A lovely letter from Hattie Mesick in a similar tone as above, extolling the beauties of Natchez, Miss. Pilgrimage in early Spring of its famous houses. Hattie will receive at Routhland, built in 1817. I know that they are all beautiful as I visited the area quite often when in charge of dredging on the Lower Miss. River. However, I still prefer the north country and, incidentally, the core of our home at Woodley Acres was built in 1814. Hattie's son Hillary will be married on his 21st birthday 12 June at Gulfport, Miss., to Margaret Hayne Hamilton. They are both chemistry majors at Millsap College, Miss.

Raining like the dickens on New Year's

Eve so no golf for Harry Mewshaw, and as Harry said, the Road to H--- being paved with good intentions, he saw the Class Letter and noted the deadline. Didn't make it, but here it is. The Mewshaws spent the holiday season with daughters Sally and June and their families at Hayfield and The Plains, Va. Talked with Bill Barriger over the phone which accounts for my report on the Mewshaws via Bill that all goes well with them. Bud Miley also sent word of the Jan. Class luncheon. "A really enjoyable event," he wrote.

Tex Mussil wrote an enthusiastic note about our Class Letter stating that it helps to roll back the ever pressing years. It is the kind of stimulant that we all need from time to time. And in furtherance of that stimulant wrote "Grace and I still have a bit of the spark of youth left in us." So come May they plan on going down the Colo. River in a raft from Lake Powell to Lake Mead shooting over 100 rapids en route. They hope to bring back some movies to show us at Reunion in '73.

From Mombasa, Kenya aboard the around the world MS Kungsholm via Bill Barriger and Crowley Gruhn, comes a letter from Murray Neilson telling of an interlude in their 94-day cruise around the world. Murray flew from Capetown to Pretoria, Johannesburg, Kruger Nat'l Park (a 7,500 sq. mi. game reserve) and on to Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River between Rhodesia and Zambia. He then rejoined Sara on the ship at Durban. Murray flew back and forth over the Falls (which are twice as high as Niagara and nearly twice as long) in a small plane, observing 50 million gals. of water per min. plunge over a 350 ft. cliff of black basalt 1½ mi. long. Murray has still more exciting trips planned for India and Japan, plus a side trip to Bali. And not long ago he recovered from a heart attack. But as Murray wrote "recovered without recurrence or complications."

Growley is going to check what '16 does about their 55th Reunion, although he does not plan to ask for the Class consensus on program until next year.

Tom Nixon prefers more rain than snow as he'd rather pump out his cellar than shovel snow at his age. Son Henry and Barbara Jean Hanson were married 31 Jan. in the Gettysburg College Chapel. The wedding was followed by a reception at Dr. Hanson's home on the college campus. Henry is now employed as an interior decorator. Aimee and Tom plan a trip to France this summer to visit her family.

Peace and contentment is Bob Offley's theme song while sitting in their lanai in his shirt sleeves, sipping his rum and coke, soaking up the warm sun on his back while watching the gentle lapping of the ocean waves on the white sandy beach below, and inhaling the sweet fragrance of tropical flowers. All this time wondering if your Scribe and his Eskimo pals are munching on whale blubber while lounging in our warm igloos as the frigid storm rages outside. What happened to the oil slicks that covered the blue ocean and white sandy beach; or the smog that shut out the blue sky and sunshine and fragrant aroma of the flowers; or that bumper to bumper traffic with its attending litter, gas pollution and noise; or the paper thick houses that fold up on slight tremors. Bob found he was not deriving the full benefit furnished by passing bikini-clad damsels. Cataracts was the diagnosis very skillfully

removed by a brief period at the Naval Hosp. Vision now A-1.

Ten days at Palm Springs, which included Bob Hope's Desert Classic Golf Tournament and cocktails at Frank Sinatra's Country Club, was on Mildred Pichel's program early in Feb. Mildred's roses are popping as well as the lilies and camellias. We have to wait a bit longer at Woodley Acres but we love the fragrance of lilacs, plum and crabapple blossoms and the delicate coloring of spring flowers.

Bee Rundell wrote that Earle loves the warm sunshine at poolside at their apt. in Daytona Beach. Bee used to help gather sap from their maple grove in Dutchess County about this time of year.

Four years at Ithaca, N.Y., in their younger days wrote Eddie Sibert, puts the stamp of approval on the beauties of a northern winter, but the penetrating cold does not. Thus, they winter in Charleston but still summer in New England. The Siberts' grandson has enlisted in the Regular Army hoping to enter the USMA Prep School at Belvoir. He is taking basic training at Ft. Jackson. Eddie mentioned their pleasant visit with Mary Mason and Daddy Holt, who, he wrote, are looking very much untouched by the inroads of time. The end of Apr. will see the Siberts back at Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Tommy Tompkins' back is improving. He and Nonie left for their Fla. home in mid-Jan. Son Charles enlisted in the Army and is now attending a school for Medics in San Antonio. The Tompkins will remain in Fla. till May and then return to Vt.

Spain, Italy, France and England were covered in the 10½ weeks abroad by Bunny and Chesty Ward. Getting more and more expensive and so many American hotels and motels being built you hardly know you left home. Our last grand tour and glad to get back to Conn. Saw the Caseys en route back to Fla. and see the Clays from time to time reported Bunny.

As your Scribe closes this column he glances over the five foot snow banks that line our driveway at Woodley Acres and sees the sun shining brilliantly over the entire snow clad meadows and edges of the woodlands. It is not cold, but enjoyably warm. The temperature is 46°, higher than in Boston or NYC. Spring is just around the corner, touching the sleeping good earth. Soon the sweet smell of growing things and the pungent aroma of the good earth will be blended with the fresh clean air and warm sunshine, and it will be lilac time in the North Country of the Lorences. AM and I wish you continued good health and the joys of our reawakening spring season.

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The highlight of our Class Notes this issue is the marriage of our Caboosie, Mary Anne Chorpeneing to Mr. Thomas Monte Aiello on 13 Feb. The double ring ceremony was celebrated at a high noon nuptial high mass at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Deland, Fla., followed by a reception and champagne lunch at the Officers Club at Orlando. Among a long list of guests mentioned in the press were the Peckhams, Lees, Canan and Betty Snow. Both the father and mother are re-

ported to have survived and are slowly getting back to normal.

Both Marie and Art Pulsifer have been under the weather this winter, she with arteriosclerosis and he with pernicious anemia. However, both are scheduled for complete check-ups at Ft. Benning, so we hope that by the time you read this both will be marked duty and ready to enjoy the spring. Art points out that his older brother, George '15, Art himself Nov. '18, and his younger brother, Ralph '24, all entered the Academy on presidential appointments and are the only three brothers who entered on presidentials and all graduated.

Corp has heard from Bess Lovett who reports no definite plans as yet. Lois Niles reports that she has remarried and is now Mrs. Claude G. Hunter, living at 300 East Harvard Ave., Orlando, Fla. Mark Boatner, from his plantation in La., says he is doing the usual garrison duties. Howard Cocke is reported to be interested in copper and gold mines in Mexico. The Fonvielles visited their son, John Jr. in Mexico during the late winter. Kit and Grace Baker were in McAllen, Tex., during the winter and had a very pleasant evening with the Freemans. The Bakers had been travelling in Mexico and along the border and planned to visit Kit's old home in La. on their way home.

Bernice Keasler has built a new room on her house to accommodate her rug making classes. Nancy McCone keeps busy painting. She has sold a number of her pictures. Nancy recently had a birthday. Fred Pearson says that she is the same age as Jack Benny—39—however I am told that she is 29. She likes San Antonio and has signed a new lease on her place. Vivian Sawtelle writes of three generations of Don Sawtelles. She had planned to visit Don Jr. at WP but hurricane Celia forced a change of plans. The Trichels escaped the Mich. winter by visiting Ariz. during the winter.

Fred Sherrill got a splendid compliment recently. I quote extracts from the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of J.G. Boswell Co. 7 Oct. '70: "With the retirement of Fred G. Sherrill from the Board of Directors today we wish to express our appreciation for his many years of devotion and loyal service to this company. His career with the J. G. Boswell Company started on September 17, 1927 when he joined the firm as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. He has been a member of this Board since October 30, 1937. During his association of 43 years his participation in and influence on policy decisions and administration have had a most important bearing on bringing this company from a small cotton merchandising firm in the 1920's to a position of prominence in the agricultural economy of this nation equalled by none. One of the cherished assets of this company today is its recognition in the business community as a firm to be respected for its basic integrity. The elements of such integrity can be attributed in part to the early imprint of COL Sherrill's influence on all phases of the Company's business. It is for these and countless other reasons we express our appreciation today for the long and devoted service of this man who, like the fine soldier he is, brought to this company and instilled in its organization and its people that indomitable soldier's creed: 'Here is where my loyalty belongs, and here shall I stand or fall.' COL Sherrill, thank you!"

The Carrolls spent Christmas in Albuquer-

que with their daughter, Mary Ellen Nelson and her family. COL Nelson '48 retired on 31 Dec. at Sandia AFB with the Carrolls witnessing the ceremony. Their son James '54, a LTC USAR, was recently promoted to Asst to the VP, Operations, of the Continental Telephone Co. in St. Louis. The Gorlinskis attended the Bob Hope Golf Classic at Palm Springs, returning to Sacramento via Las Vegas "broke, tired, but happy." Their son Charles '56, LTC Sig Corps, got his Master's Degree from George Washington U. and expects to return to RVN.

Murry Carter writes, "The news letters always give a lift to my morale. I had a wonderful trip to Alaska in Oct." Six of her eight grandchildren spent Christmas with her. Murry keeps busy with flower arranging projects, writing publicity for two groups, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Riverside Women's Club and Pres. of the Church Guild. The Kendall's son-in-law Raymond Miller '45 was recently promoted to BG.

Marion Stokes, who spent Christmas with her family in San Francisco, reports on her son John back from RVN and assigned to Ft. Rucker pending attendance at C&GSC, Ft. Leavenworth. Ramona Hughes told Johnnie she would like a gold thimble as a gift on their 50th anniversary. John searched San Francisco without success. Tiffany's made him one on special order.

Shaler reported on the enjoyable "mini reunion" given as a luncheon by Eddie and Alice Pope at Lake San Marcus. Gildart, at Eddie's request, made a detailed report. On 25 Feb. the Popes hosted a luncheon of "good food, prefaced by suitable preliminaries" at Quails Inn, after which all adjourned to the Popes' new home, outstanding in its situation and comforts. Present were the Dickeys, Gildarts, Goerzs, Locks, Mendenhalls, Morrisons, Rianis and Shalers. The Pintos were expected but were unable to come.

Ramsey reports feeling pretty chipper and that with Harriet, who is now recovered, they maintain a daily routine, weather and earthquakes permitting. Gillespie is still busy teaching in high school while Esther keeps occupied with her stamp collecting on which she holds class one day a week while reading, TV, and bridge fill in all spare time.

Spread over some 600 miles it is difficult for Calif. classmates to get together, but Fred Butler has a solution. He let Shaler and Dickey know when he would be in their vicinity and suggested "no-host" luncheons, with the result that at Laguna Beach the Butlers enjoyed the company of the Shalers, Gildarts, Mendenhalls, and at La Jolla the Dickeys, Pintos, Rianis and Locks. Taking Fred's idea, A. Miller let the classmates in the Carmel area know when he was to drive Ruth to a DAR meeting, which resulted in Jack Winn hosting a most enjoyable luncheon for Bowman, Dietrick and Miller. After a thorough checkup the doctors reported Goerz' heart condition stabilized and otherwise everything normal.

Bill Blair is circulating in his area GEN Wilbur's "George Washington," which is getting a very enthusiastic reception. Many classmates are buying copies for children and grandchildren. Mrs. John (Sarah Jones) Pence writes that John's mother's name was Lydia Ball; GEN Washington's mother was Martha Ball. Sarah is not sure of the generations involved but sure that one of Lydia Ball's progenitors was Martha Ball's father's

brother. Sarah has sent Class pins to each of her children and has hers in an oval gold frame backed by black velvet on her TV. Her grandson, John Pence, who served two years in the Navy, is at Gunnison College studying law.

Charlie Bathurst, at 75 prematurely gray, talked recently to John K. Buchanan who is now living at 5107 N. 24 Ave., Phoenix. Frank Huston is moving into an apt. at 5528 E. Pima St., Tucson. After a mild stroke last July followed by sciatica he feels that he must give up gardening and other duties involved in a big place. He is giving his house to his daughter.

Lawrence Bixby who has been a prolific author of articles appearing in "Harpers," "The Science of the Mind" and other magazines, some appearing in translations in France, is now concentrating on writing a book. Lee Gray has been on his annual visit to Hawaii, living in the same room at the Moana with the view of Diamond Head and Waikiki, seeing old friends, walking and swimming. Percy Banister is still continuously involved with a chess game by mail with a friend in N.Y.

Milton Hatch died 6 Mar. Funeral services were held in his own church in Bradenton, Fla. He was buried with military honors at Arlington on 11 Mar. All of the Washington group of the Class as well as his family were present.

Jess and Mimi Norman drove out from McLean on 13 Mar. to join Ethel and Bryan Conrad at the Blue Ridge Hunt Point-to-Point races. Bryan says that \$67 worth of liquor was consumed, but he doesn't think Jess drank it all as there were other guests. Bryan couldn't help in that department until the races were over as he was one of the judges.

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Count Wilson reports from San Francisco that Linc and Elsie Dillaway, of Pebble Beach, Calif., recently visited their son in Los Angeles, and also visited Roly and Emily McNamee in Laguna Hills, where they are enjoying their new Rossmoor home; they have seven grandchildren living in the nearby area. Count also wrote that Clarence Kanaga, of Mission Viejo, and Al Moore, of San Jose, have been in ill health—our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Count sees Jack Vance occasionally, but reported no news there.

Ike Lawrence, who is slowly recovering from surgery in Oct., wrote that he hoped to attend the local Founders Day dinner on 16 Mar. Al and Dade Wedemeyer had visited Ike and Margie in Sarasota in Dec. while on their way to spend Christmas with their son Bob in Galveston. Herb and Anabel Jones, too, on a quick trip after visiting the Fla. Keys, had visited the Lawrences; they also visited Harris and Gretchen Scherer in their new home, complete with swimming pool, at Sarasota. Al, Herb, and Ike were Cadet roommates some 50 years ago.

Hal and Mary Rex have been spending the winter south of the border. After visiting briefly in Yucatan and Guatamala City, they had reached San Jose, Costa Rica, by 23 Feb. There they found the climate at an elevation of 4,000 ft. delightful and were enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of that

city. Fred and Betty Drury, of Washington Creek, Calif., visited their son, Dick (USMA '50, COL USAF), in the D.C. area late last fall, but were too busy with family affairs to see any of our classmates. Betty was planning to visit their son, Fred Jr. in the Philippines this spring.

Chic Noble reports from San Antonio that Bob and Rhoda Springer took a trip to Mexico with their family, and Bob and Whitey Gard gave a couple of parties at the Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club, with all the local classmates in attendance. We were sorry to learn that Elsie Noble had been laid up with a bad case of arthritis, but hope she is better now.

For many years, the D.C. group has joined with the other classes which graduated in 1918 for luncheon on the second Wed. of each month at the A-N Club. In Feb., they changed the meeting place to the Officers Club at Ft. McNair (NWC); a decision will be made later whether this change will be permanent. All classmates who visit the D.C. area are urged to join us at these informal luncheons (there are no speeches or formalities); when you do so, you should notify Al Wedemeyer or Dick Ovenshine as early as practicable in order that a place will be provided.

Horace Speed spent four weeks in Walter Reed Hosp. in mid-winter, but is home now. He has suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years, but is now finding some help from a new drug. Dotty Wilson (Leroy's widow) has given up her winter-time position at Norwich U., Vt., and is now living at her and Leroy's old home, 4713 Yuma St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20016. Their older son, Bob (No. 4 in his class, USMA '50) was recently appointed a permanent Prof. in the Dept of Mech at WP. Our congratulations to him and Dotty.

The Founders Day dinner for the D.C. area was held at the Bolling AFB Officers Club on 12 Mar. Of the 25 classmates living in the area, Bob Crichlow, Bud Ferenbaugh, Les Flory, Al Gruenther, Herb Jones, Doc Martin, and Dick Ovenshine attended—a pretty low batting average! On the other hand, 17 classmates attended the Class luncheon on 10 Mar. Logan Shutt came to that affair from Fallston, Md., 70 miles away.

We regret to report that Gus Shea died on 14 Feb. 71; emphysema, from which he had suffered for years, was probably the indirect cause. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, living in Orlando, Fla., to whom we give our heartfelt sympathy. It is also our sad duty to report that Kitty Olson, Swede's widow, died on 6 Feb. 71 and was buried in her native Columbus, Ga., where her son, Kenneth Jr. lives. Kitty had been living in Army Distaff Hall in Washington, and will be missed by her many friends in the Washington area. A note to the Class from her family said: "Thank you for all courtesies extended Mrs. Olsen—especially while she was a resident of Washington. We are grateful."

'20

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George Bare has properly called my attention to serious errors in my Class Notes in the Winter '71 ASSEMBLY, to wit: that DOD finally declared his son Bill (CPT USAF) KIA after holding him MIA over RVN since 1967;



1920: At Bristol Bay, salmon capital of the world, John Reiersen with 46 lb. king salmon, third largest caught in Nak Nek River (SW Alaska) during 1967 season. It took about one minute a pound to land using a 10 1/2' Norwegian split cane rod, a Mitchell spinning reel and cherry bobber.

and that his daughter Helen's husband was a Prof. at the U. of Oreg. I've apologized to George and assured him that it was highly unintentional on my part and on the part of my source of information. To make belated amends, here's a brief from George's letter to me: It's not true that there's been a change in George Bare's son Bill's status, as incorrectly reported in the Winter '71 ASSEMBLY. He's still MIA over RVN since 29 July 1967. The Bares returned to Tacoma on 20 Mar. On their way home from visits in Ohio they stopped at Fort Sill to visit son Pete (MAJ George Peter Bare '60) and family. They were just in time for George to attend the Founders Day Dinner there, at which he made the speech as Senior Grad present. They also visited daughter Helen at Eugene, Oreg., where she had resigned as Prof. of Languages at U. of Oreg. to devote full time to her three growing boys and successful lawyer husband. Currently both George and Mildred are recovering from a severe bout of Asiatic Flu which they had picked up on the way.

Sadly we heard that Higgie Higgins and Tom Whitehead have passed on.

Higgie was recovering from a heart attack some time ago and complained only of pills, tests and the impaired vision which kept him from driving a car. Not up to making our 50th Reunion he and Lois had enjoyed it vicariously through the Bob Kreuters and Eddie McGaws. He had ever lived life to the full. As Bill Bartlett put it, "He had a big bridge building group . . . rapidly replaced Baileys and pontoon bridges with road and RR bridges" (even over the Rhine) "to keep the supply lines for Patton's Third Army open back to Antwerp—and from Linz that is a supply line! . . . all that planning and ordering of supplies . . . and enough food for my 120,000 PW's at Regensburg on 6 May. . . We lost our fine



1920: At the Del Safari Club Golf Course. Left to right: Red Blaik; Navy file Ken Ferrer (Pres., Palm Springs, Calif. Council of the Navy League) holding suitable sign; Lem Lemnitzer; and H. O. Sand.

guitar player . . . We'll always remember the happy song-fests he led with such vim and vitality." He died peacefully 17 Jan. in his garden that he loved so well.

Tom Whitehead's early Cav service came in good stead when the QMG needed him for its remount activities. Early in WWII he gained experience in OQMG for later outstanding service on the supply staff of Adm. Nimitz, CincPacFleet & POA. Louise and Alex George first brought news of his worsening condition on their return from a Xmas visit in Tex. He had been bravely battling cancer for over a year with much round-the-clock nursing care. The end came quietly on 20 Feb. He was buried at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Honoring him there were O. R. Johnston, McCullough, Perwein, Pierson (a pallbearer), Singer and Mollie Williams.

We shall miss Higgle and Tom. Our deepest sympathies go to Lois and Mary and their loved ones in their bereavement.

On p. 38 of the Fall 1970 ASSEMBLY the first two names in the list of sons of Grads in the current Plebe Class are Frank N. Roberts Jr. and Benjamin G. Withers. The first was mentioned in a previous ASSEMBLY; but did you know that the second is also our Class godson? He is Kay Burns' youngest by her first husband and is a distant relative of our Bill Withers.

Elleane Nye spent Xmas at Columbus, Ga., with daughter Elleane (wife of COL George D. Rehkopf '42) and family. She plans to sell her Pa. home and move to Ga.

Dorothy and Joe Dillon took so long to return from their Xmas visit in Calif. that a certain three-star classmate, who wouldn't be named, falsely accused them of trying to join the American Mil Drop-Out Assn in Sweden.

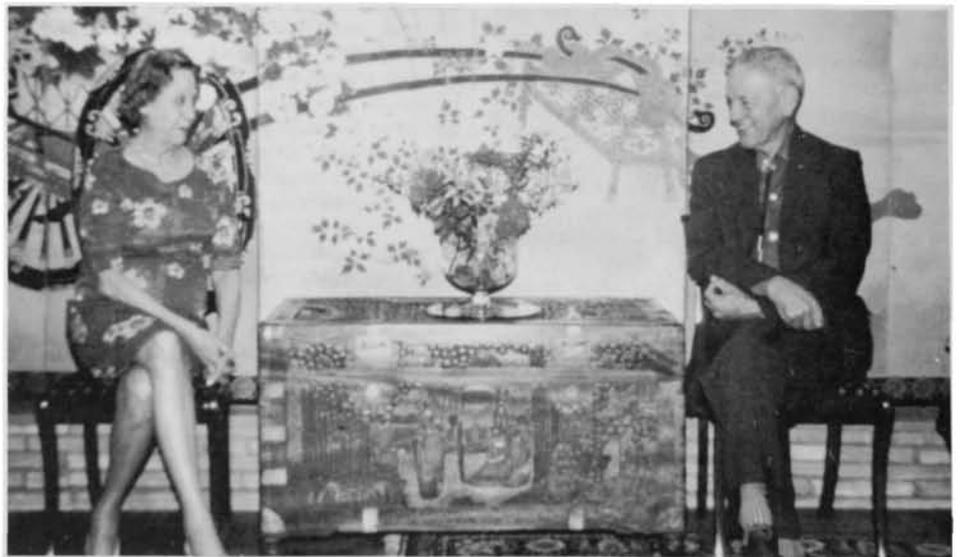
Joe and Terry Tully basked part of the winter with friends in Fla. and Jamaica. They saw the Russ Eastmans in Miami and planned to attend Founders Day at St. Petersburg.

Marie and Clovis Byers left in Feb. for

two months with relatives and friends in Fla., Tex. and Calif. John Reierson is pining for another go at mammoth Alaska salmon.

Mary and Gus Vogel spent Thanksgiving with one of their three sons and his family at Salt Lake City where he's a neuro-surgeon at the VA Hosp. (By chance he briefly attended your Scribe's brother-in-law, BG Wm. R. Woodward '16, there last Sept.). They continued from there to relatives in Nev. and Calif., returning home to Va. by Xmas for Gus's responsibilities as VP in Charge of Camp Followers for Mary's Woman's Club.

Leland Smith wrote about Frank Henning's delightful luncheon at the new Holiday Inn, Lido Beach, Sarasota, Fla., on 2 Feb. honoring Anne and Frank Farrell who were house guests of Gretchen and Harris Scherer '19. Among those present, besides Myra and Leland, were Dan Daniel, Cookie DeGraaf, Peanuts and Charlie Ivins, Anne and Loper Lowry, John McNulty, Eloise (R.O.) Smith, Connie and Foxy Sturman, and Priscilla and Van VanSickler.



1920: Bunky and Bill Withers at their Kerrville, Tex. home.

From Millard Pierson came word of Gina and Sid Hinds' cocktail party at the Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club. Guests included Johnny (O.R.) Johnston, Maurine and Al Perwein, Phyllis and Millard Pierson, and Nena and Dick Singer. The Hinds were on their way home from wintering in Hawaii and Calif. In their windings, they saw Charlie Adams, Nell and Zuke Amazeen, Nene and Jim Culleton, Emily and Pete Howard, Dottie and Eddie Plank, Mildred and Herb Reuter, Grace and Frank Searcy, Cecile and Rhu Taylor, and Angell and Mollie Williams in addition to those at their FSH cocktail party. They reported most were in tolerable health except for Perwein's sore pitching arm. While in Hawaii they had also shooed Alma and Jack Goff toward New Zealand, Australia, Japan and thereabouts. They returned to the D.C. fold in time for Sid to make the Mar. Class luncheon. There he bragged of managing to precede by one day the Kilauea volcanic eruption, the L.A. earthquake, the Miss. tornado and the N.C. twister—quite a wake for one man to be leaving behind him. We fervently pray you got it out of your system, Sid.

Bill Bartlett said that Mac McCullough visited them, the Pete Howards and Eddie Planks after sojourning with friends in Hilo, Hawaii; that the Zuke Amazeens were moving to a new apt. near Moffitt Field; and that Betty and Bob Kreuter were visiting friends, in Thailand and Laos(!) Yes, LAOS! He even confirmed it with a card from B&B post-marked 28 Feb. from Vientiane which said, " . . . this city of 100,000 . . . seems unworried about war . . . the men are being pressed into service and martial law . . . declared. We flew MAC 707 jet from Travis to Bangkok touching Japan, P.I. & Saigon. Plan to see some of India, Taipei and P.I. next." The McGaws and Farrells (via Lowrys) had also heard from them.

Bill Bartlett also wrote that his correspondence was heavy since publishing his book, "Aunt and the Soldier Boys," jointly with first cousin, Mrs. Robert McFadden. He's presenting it to the WP Library. It's about a Cross Creek Village, Pa., family of eight children, five boys and three girls, orphaned in 1856 when the oldest boy was 18 and the youngest one and a half. The four older boys volunteered for the Union Army in the Civil War; two were KIA and one died of disease. The book chronicles their letters, mostly to their Aunt Ellen who mothered



1920: San Antonio barbecue. Left to right: Ruth Bartlett, host Dick Singer, Emily White (Ruth's sister and wife of BG Charles H. White Jr. '34), Dick's sister, Bill Bartlett and hostess Nena Singer.

them after their parents were gone. These unfold a revealing story of that War and its rawness in that time when the soldier's training, his weapons and the equipment for his creature needs were far from what they are now; yet nothing could match his high patriotism in ties with home nor the God-fearing spirit with which he met the test of battle. Truly a book for every American today.

Only one of the children, Mary Margaret Graham, survived to have a family of her own. She is Bill's grandmother; his book is aimed at preserving for her descendants their precious heritage. After the War she married Bill's grandfather, Sgt William Lewis Bartlett, who was badly wounded at Chickamauga. Their six children lived to ripe old age. The book's appendices trace Bill's lineage to four members of the Mayflower and to Pilgrim Robert Bartlett. They also show that Ruth's father, COL Hamilton Allen Smith (USMA 1893), was killed at Soissons in WWI; that older son Pvt. Bill Jr. was killed in an accident in Belgium in WWII; and that younger son Hamilton Allen Smith served as 1LT, CE in Korea.

Rosalie and George Doolittle highlighted to Anne and Charles Holle their 1970 peregrinations. These included: a drive through Mexico to sightsee and golf at Guadalajara, Puerta Vallarta, Mazatlan and Guaymas; a visit to daughter Jeannette Ingram and family in Calif. and return home in May for Rosalie's FLORCADE garden preparations. (It took some 12 yrs. of perseverance for her green thumb to produce a flower paradise in N. Mex.'s sands and then the idea caught on like wildfire—I wish my failing memory could recall more of her story to Elton and me at the 50th Reunion.) After taking in our 50th they tripped to Ireland and Scotland with golf at the famous and original St. Andrews course. Then came visits to Rosalie's brother and wife, Schell and Frannie Fury, in St. Louis, Mo.; to son Jimmy's children, now freshmen at Colo. State; to George's Board meeting in Denver; to oldest grandson Don Ingram's graduation from Stanford; and to the American Rose Society meeting at Kans. City in Oct. After Xmas they went to Hawaii where daughter Jeannette and son George's wife Nickie joined them.

Bugs Raymond's severe surgery last fall progressed so well that he was sent home to Mildred's care. But not for long. On 11 Dec. it was Mildred's turn for numerous tests at



1920: Barbecue host Dick Singer with Bill Bartlett's shoe shine supervising.

Walter Reed. These revealed the need for a major operation. However, it was delayed till 10 Mar.; a broken hip from a bad fall on Xmas day had intervened. Our best wishes to you, Mildred, for a speedy recovery. (By chance the broken hip was to have been set by Dr. Tom Travis, Madeline's and Bigun's young'un, but he begged off from operating on "Aunt" Mildred, the Raymonds had known him well through the years since birth). Bugs has been a welcome though reluctant guest at the D.C. monthly Class luncheons; he had hoped long since to return home with Mildred and cease "buying" the motel near WR. While there they were able to see more of daughter Mary Jane (wife of LTC J. R. Walpole) and her family at nearby Falls Church, Va.

Also trickling briefly through WR for treatment or operation were George Rehm, Robby Robinson, Jim Stratton and Bigun Travis (not so briefly—two months), as well as Marie Byers (for a painful second degree burn). Clarence Clendenen mentioned brief hospital stay in Jan.—nothing serious, he said. And Millard Pierson wrote that Jimmy Walker is confined to a wheel chair at home from a massive stroke about a year ago.

Helen and George Honnen have moved to a Shangri-la at 1722 Atlantic Ave., Sullivans Id., S.C. 29482. In his usual good spirits George wrote of "a house on old Revolutionary Ft. Moultrie—no pollution, no traffic, no noise other than the chirping of thousands of birds, no cocktail parties, no nothing but lots of good fish, shrimp & crabs (all without cholesterol)... appreciated the many Xmas cards from the Class . . . didn't

send any but rather gave the money to welfare in the hope they would have enough left over to give us a few days at the Waldorf."

Since his retmt on 1 Sept. 69 Lem Lemnitzer has made 72 public speeches emphasizing NATO. Through the efforts of Fritz and Jean Cross he spoke on 28 Jan. at the Annual Dinner of the Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. On 3 Feb. he lectured all the Inf School Adv Classes at Ft. Benning and had a good visit with Jeff Box. And on 11 Feb. he addressed the Dinner Meeting of the Palm Springs (Calif.) Council of the Navy League during the special occasion of the Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic there. Peggy and H.O. Sand attended. Next day he enjoyed a visit with Merle and Red Blaik at their Palm Desert Home and golf at the Del Safari Club with Red and H.O.

1920 is perhaps unique in having two who made the Who's Who. You'll find Lem Lemnitzer and Ed Harwood in the 1971 "Who's Who in America" as well as in the "International Yearbook" and "The Statesmen's Who's Who." We're quite familiar with Lem's excuses for being there but perhaps not Ed's. As early as 1923 he began publishing articles on economics. But it was in 1932-33, in the trough of the Great Depression when no economists could agree on anything, that he gained attention with his book, "Cause and Control of the Business Cycle" and the booklet, "What Will Devaluation Mean To You?" With a shoestring plus \$200 and a few ardent followers he founded his American Institute for Economic Research dedicated "to advancing the welfare of the American people." Progress was painfully slow; "Economics as a science is in swaddling clothes," Ed told moneyed backers who longed for quick solutions. Today, still refusing wealthy partisan and foundation support, the Inst. has expanded through sales of many timely publications and the \$35 annual dues of some 10,000 sustaining members for an annual take of over \$1 million. This has made possible the establishment of one- and two-year Fellowships in Residence training at the Inst. for promising students; and, in recent years, the establishment of a Progress Foundation based in Switzerland and aimed at furthering Western civilization. Ed's citations in Who's Who include: Director and Trustee of the Inst. he founded; Member, Behavioral Research Council for Scientific Inquiry into Problems of Men in Society; Treas., Behavioral Research Council; Trustee, Progress Foundation, Henry George School of Social Science; Dir., Economic Education League; Member, Economists National Committee on Monetary Policy; and Treas. and Trustee, Amer. Inst. Counselors, Inc. (an offshoot from the original Inst. created for the purpose of divorcing its "think tank" research from its own money activities).

On 6 Mar., AOG VP Charles Holle attended a special meeting of the AOG Exec. Bd. at West Point.

Army Distaff Hall Board Pres. Frank Farrell doesn't believe the "Washington Post's" announcement, about 13 Feb., of the death of the last Civil War widow. He knows there's one still living at the Hall.

On 15 Jan. the WP Soc. of D.C. held its quarterly dinner meeting at Ft. Myer's Patton Hall. Spaceman Frank Borman '50, as guest speaker, vividly portrayed his experiences and the greater joys of Planet Earth from Planet Moon's vantage point. Attending were

the Burns, Byers, Casgrains, Farrells, Holles, John Mitchells, Samouces and Strattons.

On 12 Mar. the D.C. Area Grads gathered for Founders Day at the Bolling AFB Officers Club. Following a sumptuous banquet they heard Cadet Bde Cmdr Pyrzs '71 stoutly defend the time-honored premise that the Corps hasn't gone to Hell. The guest speaker, MG Knowlton Jan. '43, now winding up his plebe year as Supe, enthusiastically brought the Grads up to date on how our Alma Mater's ideals of Duty, Honor, Country are being preserved by the largest Corps in history while it and the USMA S&F roll with the punches to meet the challenges of the Space Age knowledge explosion and the throes of our country's social unrest. Present were Burns, Casgrain, Cassidy, Farrell, Fisher, Hinds, Holle, John Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Rehm, Routheau, Samouce and Stratton.

In closing, fellows, please bring me up on all the Golden Wedding Anniversaries already celebrated and keep me posted on those in the future when they happen. (In my ignorance I can only be sure of the Dixons' and the Morelands'. Irene and Freddy claim their Dorothy was born before Helen's and Johnny's John W. Jr.) And don't wait to break a classmate's leg or yours to write in about anything—with pictures, yet.

'21-'22

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The Oriole Winter Reunion got off with a bang on 4 Mar. with a cocktail party at Johnny Johnson's beautiful home in Miami Beach. Murphy almost wrecked the place when he stumbled over the head of a lion skin rug, one of Johnny's prize hunting trophies. Being the initial get-together there was the usual "Gee I am glad to see you again after all these years." Johnny and Edna then hosted a dinner party followed by a dance at the La Gorce Country Club. (By the way, the La Gorce golf course is in Johnny's back yard. Convenient, eh?) The Johnsons do a whale of a job in entertaining and every one enjoyed the evening tremendously. And a word about the ladies, they haven't lost any of the old-trip-the-light-fantastic since cadet days.

The next evening, 5 Mar., the cocktail party was at Frank and Clare Crary's beautiful home in Boca Raton. The exceptionally fine weather permitted this party to be held



1921-22: Left to right: Clare Crary, Hebe Ficklen, Lucile Anderson, Dorothy Kyle, Beverly Kane, Helen Taylor, Edna Johnson, Irene Douglass, Dorothy Spalding, Meps Smith, Marge Lawton, Virginia Klein, Helen O'Connell, Monna Tyler, Hazel Haas.

in the Crary screened-in patio and swimming pool. The group pictures on this page were taken in the patio. Many thanks from all of us for a delightful party. After the cocktail party Andy and Lucile Anderson invited everyone to their club (The Deerfield Beach Country Club) for dinner. After the usual toasts and a savory dinner each classmate was called on by Andy to say a few thousand well chosen words of one syllable about his activities during the past year or two. Probably the highlight of the speaking was when Bob Douglass introduced his bride, Irene whom he married just three days previously. But more about that later. A round of thanks to Andy and Lucile for their kindness and generosity was expressed by all. The Andersons and the Johnsons did a magnificent job and we who were present appreciate it.

Those present for the winter reunion were: Andy and Lucile Anderson, Frank and Clare Crary, Bob and Irene Douglass, Holmes and Hebe Ficklen, Harry and Hazel Haas, Johnny and Edna Johnson, Bev Kane, Art and Ginny Klein, Bill and Dorothy Kyle, Bill and Marge Lawton, Bob and May Murphy, Meps Smith, Dot Spalding, Pat and Mary Strong, Helen Taylor and Monna Tyler.

It seems like these Oriole winter reunions get more enjoyable each year. This year Helen Taylor came the farthest (Palo Alto, Calif.) to attend the festivities. Bob Douglass came from Heber Springs, Ark., by way of Memphis, Tenn., where he stopped off to-marry-the-gal. Bob's wife is most charming and she joined in with us as though she had been a

member of the Class since cadet days. Bob is most fortunate and on behalf of the Class I extend to Bob and Irene our sincere congratulations upon their marriage and best wishes for a very happy life together.

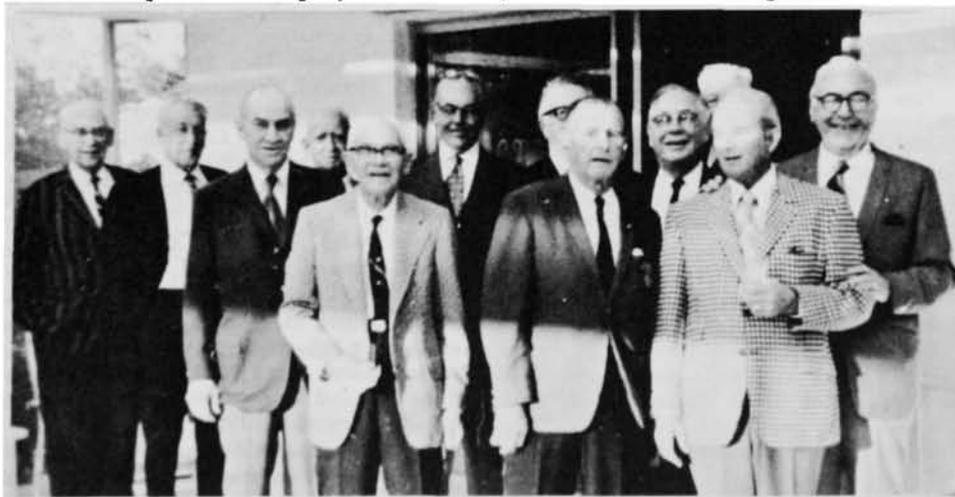
With the 50th Anniversary of our graduation only a year away considerable discussion was given to the event at the winter reunion. Art Klein has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Arrangements and in his speech to the gathering he said that he would welcome suggestions as to what we wanted to do at our 50th. So if you have any suggestion please write to Art. He probably will not find it possible to carry out everyone's wishes, but he will surely give your thoughts and ideas serious consideration before placing them in the permanent file. By way of saving a six cent stamp here are a few suggestions: 1. Dedicate the Class Memorial and present it formally to the Academy. 2. A picnic at Round Pond. 3. A cocktail party (at the 45th it was at Jordan Bassett's scenic house overlooking the Hudson River.) 4. A banquet and election of officers with plenty of time beforehand for nominations, election rallies etc. 5. To repeat Bev Kane's idea—a commemorative souvenir of some kind. 6. Oriole campaign hats and arm bands. 7. A book of biographies of all classmates as mentioned in the notes in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY.

Getting back to the winter reunion, all you guys and gals that missed this past one will not be able to attend one next year because there will not be any. Johnny and Andy feel that one reunion a year is enough. As much as we will miss the winter get-together we agree with them.

Fritz Lee underwent surgery on 24 Feb. As of this date, 15 Mar., I haven't heard from Fritz directly, but Bill Lawton reports the operation was a success and Fritz is recuperating at home. Our best wishes to you, Fritz for a speedy recovery.

As a result of my bulletin of 1 Mar., I have received 41 replies which is a little less than half of the 91 sent out. So if you have not sent in yours please do so promptly. In the next issue of this magazine I hope to be able to state how many will attend the 50th.

Cort Schuyler finally decided to hang-up-gloves. He retired from service in the N.Y. State Govt. at Albany, N.Y., in early Feb. The Schuylers expect to continue to live in the Albany area where they have made many warm friends and besides it isn't far from WP. They propose to do a bit of traveling



1921-22: Left to right: Bill Lawton, Art Klein, Bob Douglass, Bob Murphy, Andy Anderson, Bill Kyle, Jim O'Connell, Holmes Ficklen, Frank Crary, Pat Strong, Johnny Johnson, Harry Haas.



1921-22: Seated: Dorothy Spalding; standing, left to right: Hazel Haas, Bev Kane, Meps Smith, Helen Taylor.

as the spirit moves them. The spirit moved them fast because they took off on 15 Feb. for a three weeks visit with their daughter, her husband (COL E. S. Saxby, USMA '45) and four grandchildren in P. R. After all these years of activity Cort has well earned a leisurely life of rest and relaxation. Lots of luck to you both, Cort and Wy.

Benny Chidlaw really hadn't intended to go salmon fishing again this year up Alaska way, at least not until he received a call from his fishing companion and guide. Benny tried to pull the old three score years and 10 and gimpy knee gag on the guide but he countered with, "Hells bells, GEN, I'll carry you out to the boat Piggy-Back if necessary." So Benny supposed that he would try to win that \$20,000.00 prize money once more before the ole rockin' chair gets him.

Wes Yale complains that his golf handicap dropped from nine to 14 in a span of eight weeks because he was unable to solve the problems of soaking fairways and oddly breaking greens. He should complain, my game dropped from nine to 14 on the first hole. Wes visited Hawaii in time for the Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament. The Slaton Millers planned a trip to Europe last spring. How about telling us about it?

The Mark McClures spent some time near Lake Wales, Fla., in Feb. but could not coordinate that with the winter reunion. Mark is Treasurer of the Army Relief Society and he had to get back to D.C. in time to balance the books of the Society



1921-22: The bride and groom: Bob and Irene Douglass. Others in the picture left to right are: Dorothy Kyle, Edna Johnson, May Murphy, Hazel Haas and Dot Spalding.

and get out a financial statement by 28 Feb., the end of the fiscal year. Sorry Mark and Evelyn, we missed you.

PD and Bea Lynch got as far south as Ft. Myers last Christmas holidays and then headed north to Athens, Ga., to visit their son who is teaching at the U. of Ga. On the way back home they were stranded in Vicksburg, Miss., and had to wait out a storm. However, by a "forced march" they arrived back in Austin, Tex., in time to prevent being charged with AWOL. By the time you read this PD will have retired from the faculty of the U. of Tex.

Harold Conway wrote me that most of his activities had been covered in previous issues of this magazine. A more recent event of note is that his step-son is going for his Ph.D. in music at the U. of W. Va. He is a composer and recently received some rave publicity in the D.C. papers on the rendition of one of his pieces given by the Faculty Orchestra at Catholic U. Harold and Margaret made a trip last Mar. to visit some relatives in Blackfoot, Idaho and Phoenix, Ariz.

Art and Ginny Klein stayed at the Haases on their way south to the winter reunion. Ham and Katherine Meyer visited Joe and Georgie Grant in Salinas, Calif., and found



1921-22: Pat Strong

them being well taken care of in a private home. Ham wrote that he regretted that he could not reschedule his activities to attend the winter reunion.

Shelley and Irma Gibson were out of D.C. most of last winter and will probably be in Ariz. or Calif. I imagine that means they plan to move to one state or the other some time in the near future. Shelley says he has no more aches and pains than the rest of us. "He is doing just fine."

Eddie Clark planned a trip to the coast stopping in San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco and Salinas. He hoped to see the Henseys and Grants. On his return he thought he might spend a few days in Fla. along about the middle of Mar. Well here it is the 15th of Mar. and no Eddie yet.

On 25 June 1970 Johnny Johnson started on his trip around the world. His first stop was in Scotland where, for the fourth time, he took part in the International Seniors Golf Tournament. Representatives from 16 different countries were present. The minimum age is 55. Johnny didn't say how he made out. The next stop was London and then on to Paris and the Folies Bergere. Claiming impaired hearing he was able to get a down front center seat for the Folies. From Paris on to Istanbul, Troy, Ephesus, Izmir, Bursa and other ancient cities and spent considerable time in all of them. Beirut, Karadin and

Srinagar, Kashmir followed in that order. Srinagar is in the Himalayan Mts. in Northern India. He then proceeded to Kabul, Afghanistan and Delhi, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo where Edna met him. They then traveled together to Hong Kong; Sidney and Melbourne, Australia; Christchurch, New Zealand; Tahiti, Honolulu; San Francisco; Corpus Christi and home. They covered over 35,000 miles. I could not possibly cover all his experiences in these notes. He has done an excellent job of describing people, scenery, food and living conditions in a 19-page typewritten narrative. I would suggest that you write to Johnny and ask him for a copy of his "1970 Trip Round the World."

Pat Strong sailed his boat down the coast last Mar. and docked at Jacksonville. He invited Hazel and me to join him in a sail down the Fla. Coast (weather permitting) to Melbourne. It was my "luck" to have to attend a WP Founders Day Dinner and therefore could not accept Pat's kind and most desirable invitation. He did, however, give me a rain check. Sorry Pat.

Way back last Christmas I received a card from Steve Stephens in which he wrote that he would send me a letter some time during Christmas week. Here it is the middle of Mar. and still no letter. How about it Steve? I, at least, received a card from Steve which is more than I can say for McLallen who never answered any inquiries—no wife's name, no telephone number, no letters, no nuthin'. If anyone gets near Ft. Smith, Ark., build a fire under Mac.

Since Pat Strong can hardly be seen in the group picture here is one of Pat all by himself.

The Class memorial fund total has not changed, it stands at \$6,127.00 (\$6,076.00 cash and \$51.00 pledges).

'23

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The annual business meeting of the D.C. Group was attended by 17 classmates. The Chairman, Kehm, and Secy., O'Reilly, commented on the activities of the past year. Adams, the Treas., presented the financial report. It shows that our net worth at the end of 1970 was \$1,790.96. Almost \$1,480.00 of this is in a savings account. The year's income of \$170.00 included \$20.00 in donations, \$82.00 from the 47½ "Rock Festival" and \$68.00 interest. Expenditures totalled \$81.00 including \$49.00 for flowers and memorial donations and \$32.00 for printing and mailing. This is one of the few years we have had a gain when there was not a fund drive. Adams pointed out that our assets gained 5.23 per cent while the Standard and Poor Index gained only 0.02 per cent in the same period. His prospectus has not been cleared by the SEC and hence is not to be considered a sales pitch but it does appear that the 1923 Class Fund might be a good "investment."

We discussed a letter from the USMA Library which informed us that it has received unsolicited contributions for a memorial to Bill Morton. They asked that we consider bringing this to the attention of the Class. This notice indicates our decision to do so. Individuals desiring to contribute should make checks payable to USMA LIBRARY FUND with the notation, Morton Memorial, at the

foot of the check and mail them to Librarian, USMA Library, West Point, N.Y. 10996. The nature of the memorial will be decided at a later date.

The Group then elected **Biddle** to be Exec Chairman, **D'Espinosa** to be Secy, **Adams** as Treas, and agreed that **Kehm** should continue as Scribe.

After **Biddle** assumed the chair he moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and appointed **Timberman**, **Towle** and **Kehm** to the Exec. Comte. A Coed party for May was confirmed with **Timberman** as "section marcher." After that luncheons will be suspended until Fall. They are scheduled for 15 Sept., 17 Nov. and 16 Feb. at Ft. Myer. In the other months we will meet with the local WP Soc. Mark these dates on your calendar and let any of the local group know when you are in this area to reconfirm date and place.

Biddle then invited comments from those around the table. **Carnes** told us his son, **Jim**, (our Class Godson) now working for Bendix is also playing the organ at a beer stube in Ann Arbor. He makes business trips to D.C. from time to time. We are hoping that one of those will be at the time of a luncheon so we can have him play for us. During his trip to the West Coast, **Jim Fry** confirmed that **Harmony's** morale is as bubbling as ever and that he is still hard at work trying to make "expert" as a grandpa. **Jim** also says his book, "Combat Soldier," is doing well and that he is seeking a publisher for another he is finishing up. **Sweany** reported that he and **Laura** had a brief but enjoyable visit to their ancestral land, England. The **Sweanys** continue active in support of St. Michael's House in a poverty stricken area of Ponce, P.R. They began this work when they were stationed there before **Ken** retired, and have built up wide support for it here in the U.S. **Stodter** says he is still busy in historical research as a part-time occupation. **Kehm** reported that he and **Dorothy** visited the **Salsmans** who have sold their Rehobeth residence and acquired one in Boca Raton where they will spend the winters. They are keeping their place at Leisure World outside of Washington for the summers. The **Al Johnsons** came from Lauderdale for dinner while we were there. They are already speaking enthusiastically about the 50th. In the course of our trip we visited **Bill** and **Martine Lucas** and found them nicely settled at **Sullivan's Island** and as enthusiastic as ever about Charleston. You couldn't find nicer nor more knowledgeable people to show you that fine city. At **Maitland** we stayed with the **Weikerts** and found them in good shape and busy doing things for their grandchildren and friends. In anticipation of a visit to the **Chambers** at **Largo, Fla.**, who were to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary the next day, they were wiring the house for an electronic defense against burglars. In Atlanta we met with the **Albrechts**, now settled in their attractive new home. **Duke** is tapering off his consultant work but **Jane** is still under full steam on real estate. We made a community telephone call to **Burnett**. He sounded hearty and in good spirits but told us that the flesh was weak as far as getting around was concerned. During a good-bye breakfast with the **Workmans** in their pleasant home on the edge of Atlanta we learned that **Henry** is using some of his spare time to go over memorabilia of his grandfather's service in the Civil War with a view to adding to those already at

WP. The Group was happily surprised to have **Osborne** present after long absence due to illness. **Ted** is enthusiastic about the care he got at **Walter Reed**. He urged us all not to panic if cancer is mentioned when we are ill. He is fit and raring to go! **Biddle** reported that he and **Madelin** had a wonderful skiing vacation at **Davos**, one of the finer Swiss skiing resorts. Some of us wanted to know if **Bill** wasn't taking a bit of a chance with "Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones." After the skiing the **Biddles** went to Ireland where **Madelin's** sister is now living.

TID BITS

Enderton reports that the **Pinky Palmers** and **Mike Buckleys** had lunch with them recently and that **Mike** is fully retired from teaching but like the rest of us, fully occupied with the things friend wife finds for him to do.

We didn't know that '23 had a representative at the Fall Homecoming until our attention was invited to page four of the Fall ASSEMBLY where you will find the smiling puss of **Tredennick** in the fifth row of the Old Grads column.

After going thru a Jan. with 17 days below zero weather, the **Wendell Johnsons** have gotten their new home in the shape they wanted and sealed it against winter, and taken off to Mexico. They will return, after a visit with son **Jerry** in Houston, in time for **Wendell** to attend our April luncheon. They report that **Woppie White's** widow **Jan** worked full time for the United Givers Fund through a large part of the winter.

Budge Smith's widow **Sydney** is busy cataloguing the 1812 documents in their Sackets Harbor home and plans to give some of them to the WP Library. **Budge's** sister **Dorothy Smith** moved to Sackets just in time to spend one of its coldest winters.

The **Galloways** have given up their apt. here. Their permanent address now is: Mountain Lake, Lake Wales, Fla. 33853. They expect to spend some time in D.C. each year. **Gus Moody** is also leaving this area for Fla. By the time you see this his address will be: 3551 Harbor City Blvd., Eau Gallie, Fla. 32935. The **Salsmans'** Fla. address is: San Remo Apartment, 2871 N. Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, Fla. 33432.

We were unable to get in touch with **H.J.P. Harding** when we were in Atlanta. We learned later that he had quite a spell of illness through the summer and fall and had gone to Columbus to be near his grandchildren and in a warm climate. He was under instructions to "take it easy" and was complying.

The marriage of the **Biddle's** daughter **Edith Harmon** to **John Mercer Pinney**, LT USN, is planned for 27 Mar. in Georgetown, D.C. The **Damon Gunns** returned from a trip around South America early in Mar. and are enthusiastic over the experience.

The **Pierces** carried out the game plan for their post-47½ Reunion-trip to Europe. They visited their son **Bill** in Germany, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Switzerland and linked up with Australian friends they met "down under" a few years ago for a trip down the Rhine and then stopped in Ohio with **Mary's** relatives before going home to Calif.

Duke Albrecht will spend several days in Mar. in D.C. attending a meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. **George Heaney** sent in a "Boner's Ark" cartoon in which one character asks another the year model of arks that are being called in for examination of "stress in the keel." The reply

he gets is, "1923!" How's the stress in your keel?

The **Barrolls** are on a Mediterranean cruise. From their stop in Venice **Larry** wrote, "as for the Italian food—enough said. I'm gaining rapidly but in such a good cause."

"**Red**" **Smith** reports; "We're living a quiet, interesting and healthy life in our 60' by 20' mobile home on our own lot in a 400 acre beauty spot nestling at the base of the Tucson Mts. high above Tucson. We bicycle, golf, swim and hike daily—enjoying life to the fullest. About ASSEMBLY—more magazines would swamp me—have some over a year old I haven't even opened."

Biddle, Fry, Gunn, Kehm, J. C. King, Timberman, Towle, and J. Smith were the '23 contingent at the Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB on 12 Mar. The music by the Army Band Chorus and the AF Strolling Strings was superb. If you have a chance to get them for a meeting, do so by all means. The comments of the First Captain Cadet **Pyrz**, were inspiring and the talk by the Supe on the academic and customs changes at WP and on the conduct of one cadet were enlightening, convincing and unusually well presented.

Fritz Breidster sends you his best wishes and asks that you help **J. C. King** and him on achieving a goal of 100 attendance at our 50th. In the meantime keep in mind that this column depends primarily on the dope you send in.

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On 9 June 1971 the Class of 1924 will present a scroll to Cadet **Charles Moore**, son of **COL Dennis M. Moore** (deceased) and **Mrs. Moore**. The presentation will be made on behalf of the Class by **BG Herbert D. Vogel** in the vicinity of **Thayer Monument** immediately after the Alumni Review.

Harvey Dillard, member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, delivered the first lecture in the "Forum Series" at the U. of Cincinnati College of Law last fall. **Walter French** writes that "like **Ralph Glasgow**, I received my '50 year club' certificate last February (1970)," but from **Kappa Sigma**.

Jack Hitchings and his wife were caught in a violent easterly "Levanter" storm while sailing back to **Tarragona** from **Cambrils** on their boat and "took a knockdown" but made it home safely. They spent Christmas in **Madrid**.

Em Itchner is going through the licensing process with the AEC for the Trojan Nuclear Plant on the Columbia River. The environmentalists call the Plant "Itchner's Fish Fry."

Les Simon is still on the Scientific Advisory Panel and on the Army Laboratory Review Board. He is also writing a paper for the next meeting of the American Society for Quality Control in Chicago.

Betty and **Harry Van Wyk** had a fine time at the WP Alumni meeting in Monterey last fall but mostly she wrote about how beautiful the **Sam Fishers'** place is.

Charlie Meehan is still teaching math at Grove City College. Daughter **Diana** and her family are in the C.Z. where her husband, **MAJ William J. Bolt** is in the 193d Inf Bde. The **Woltersdorfs** sped through D.C. last

fall en route to New England but spent an enjoyable evening with Hash and Lo Vogel.

Doper Wells sent in a poem written by his wife Helene about our graduation way back when; wish we had space to publish it. As usual the Tommy Ryans are "hibernating in Florida." Pat and Marion Pasolli ascended the Gateway Arch in St. Louis on a trip to Edwardsville, Ill., but haven't been qualified as astronauts yet.

Wally Wallace writes that their seven-year-old grandson suffered a polio-like disease about five years ago that left him seriously handicapped. After many operations, though he is still on crutches, he will be completely well in time.

Dan and Margaret Healy checked in with Zero and Betty Wilson while visiting their children in Houston. Later they will tour S. La. and see Tom and Lucie Holmes.

For those who like peace and quiet, Bradenton is the place according to George Crosby. The J. D. Scotts and the Crosbys spent a few days last winter collecting sea-shells on Captive and Sanibel Islands, hoping to find clams and oysters "on the half-shell ready to eat."

Vern and Rose Stevens had a delightful trip to the Scandinavian countries last summer. The countryside and the fjords were beautiful but "you should see the hippies in the capital cities!"

With their son Donald at Franklin Pierce College and their daughter Elizabeth at Sullins, Bob and Florence Dewey took off last fall for a wonderful cruise in the sunny Adriatic. Bill and Marion Triplet were in Athens last fall and were disappointed to find a Greek general in Charlie Booth's place at the waterworks.

Art and Alice Grimm are back at Pompano Beach for their seventh consecutive winter-spring, with time out for a flight to Calif. to visit Art Jr. and family over the holidays.

Ken Decker established a base of operations in Papeete, Tahiti, last Nov. and spent the next four weeks cruising and flying in the South Pacific. He decided he had better leave before going completely native and at last report was in British Columbia.

George and Kitty Finnegan had dinner with Ken and Melba Strother last Nov. while in Los Angeles on business and stayed over to spend the holidays with their children and grandchildren. The Dick Stephens' 1971 travel plans include a few weeks in Honolulu in Feb. and the month of Mar. in Mazatlan, Mexico. Home base is now Pacific Grove.

Windsor and Marie Davis are delighted with condominium-apt. living in Fla., fishing off their dock and playing golf in always gorgeous weather—"Thanks, but we won't be back in D.C." Howie and Henri Ker, other recent refugees from our Capital, are happy in Winter Park in a large house with a 16x36-foot heated and screened swimming pool. Cindy and her three children are with them.

Monk and Sue Mitchell have deserted Ark. and are "dickering" for a house in Fla. If the deal falls through, they plan to remain in San Antonio. Son Steve and his wife are in Ethiopia where he is on duty with the ASA after a year in RVN, but the other children are within visiting distance, Fla., Ark., and Hawaii.

The big news from the Les Skinners was that their son was scheduled to return from his second RVN tour in Jan., and that a granddaughter will be married in Apr. Helen France tells us that hers and Ewing's grand-son, Samuel William France (son of Samuel

E.H., '46) is a Plebe at our Alma Mater and she "hopefully invites" us all to attend his graduation in '74—our 50th Reunion.

It was good to hear from Jim and Jacqueline Loomer from Leisure World Laguna Hills, where Pete Day and Bob Ellsworth also live. The Loomes' hobby is raising and showing prize Burmese and Balinese cats since their five children are widely spread out: one son is a COL of Arty in the Pentagon, another an engr with the City of Los Angeles, and another a Christian Brother studying in Europe; one daughter is married to an AF officer, and the other is an actress in New York.

Larry and Lucile Adams are busier now than when he was "gainfully employed," though Lucile's "free-going style" is hampered by arthritis. Larry has given up smoking after 55 years of "addiction" and is trying not to be obnoxious about his strength of character.

The Tom Allens' third great-grandchild is expected next May and Tom challenges Dan Healy to top that. Tom is keeping in shape for the event by running a three-quarter mile loop every month in seven to eight minutes. The Kuniholms spent last summer in Scandinavia and took a North Cape cruise that also touched the Faroes and Rejhyvak where he was Consul in the early WWII years. They planned to see the Samouces in London during Christmas.

Marcus Stokes and Kes Kessinger are working hard on the San Antonio MIRCOCOM project and would like to hear from anyone interested. Peyton and Esther McLamb spent eight days in the Los Angeles area, seeing Ken and Melba Strother and Walter and Dorothy Buck and having telephone visits with Fritz French at La Selva Beach and Helen (Mrs. John Archer) Stewart at Long Beach.

Jim Willis's son, James S. Jr. who was our excellent Class aide at our 45th Reunion, has been appointed a permanent assoc. prof. of Physics at WP after returning from a tour in RVN last summer. On a visit to the Academy last fall Jim met George Young, whose son is an instructor. Jim reports that the George Smythe collection is now available for researchers, near the Mickey Marcus collection and some of Charlie Stevenson's papers.

Earl Scott had a cataract operation last spring and his sight is improving though he can't drive a car. Mabel is also on the mend and has gained back some of the pounds she lost. The whole Scott clan, all 10 of them, celebrated the Scotts' 44th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

Jim and Eleanor McGraw sold their home in El Paso and bought a 32-foot trailer and a three-quarter ton truck and have been seeing the USA for the past 18 months. Jim's hobby is amateur radio and he has one in the trailer and one in the truck.

Catherine Raguse wrote they were expecting the Bundys and their five children for the holidays and the McCrosbys in Jan. for the launching of Apollo 14. Cita is in Denver until her husband returns from Thailand.

Benny Leonard was in the hospital last year "enjoying a heart attack," but is greatly improved and "operating on about five and a half out of six cylinders." He retired after 15 years with the United Services Automobile Ass'n and was about to begin a third career in social work when slowed down.

Charlie and Hazel Van Way can't say enough good things about their tour in Thailand, where Van helped to establish a private

business school through the Internat'l Exec. Service Corps. The Van Ways spent the holidays in Nashville with their son and his family.

Stub Stubblebine reports that he and Mildred saw George Pence the middle of Jan. and that "he is recovering nicely from a rather serious operation." There are seven members and two ex-'24 within a 10-mile radius of Bellaire and two more in St. Petersburg. Stub plans to be in D.C. for our Apr. luncheon.

On 14 Feb. Charlie Stevenson was presented with the Diocesan DSC by the Bishop of Long Island for his services to St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, and the Diocese. Their ninth grandchild arrived in Feb.

Harry and Jenny Bertsch are still "house-sitting," from Fla. to Calif. In El Paso the Bob Millers threw a Mexican Brunch for them, attended also by the Larry Adams, Gus Dugans, Bill Reardons, Pete Shunks, and Mrs. Tommy Thompson. In Las Vegas the Raymonds, Bragans, and Goodmans joined the Bertsches for "a couple days of casino-hopping."

The Alamo Chapter elected the following officers at its annual dinner at the Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club on 18 Feb.: Jags Eyerly, pres.; Bob Harper, VP; Joe Massaro, secy-treas. Present were Hayden and Dorothy Boatner, the Eyerlys, Marcus and Agnes Stokes, the Massaros, McSlug and Jane McHugh, Jessie and Fran Traywick, Red and Irma Wrockloff, Bob and Taggy Cullen, Dave and Peg Bradford 1925, Howard Kessinger, Chick Darling, Winnie Ramsey, Hannah Hawkins, Harriet Wells, Maria de la Rosa, Maude Ives, Margaret Hames, Mary Bicher, and Jan Jennings.

A letter sent direct to Dave Page in Australia just might result in a copy of the recipe for the "Florence Kling Harding Memorial Whimsy," concocted by Dave, Charlie Van Way, and Charlie Landon in the cold winter of 1944 at Verdun.

'25

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Founders Day coming up throughout the land (also St. Patrick's) but we cannot hold the Press for reports as WP must have the news before the middle of Mar.

The Bennie Bennetts expected in anytime although their scheduled return, from months on the continent, forecast arrival in Philadelphia in May.

The Bea (H) Helmicks lingered with son John in Mexico City and haven't reported on their trip in general. In the meantime our son-in-law on an annual business trip to Central America, contacted Julia Mulligan and learned that the Mulligan son Larry had gone to NYC and had become a Stock Broker there. Julia is living next door to one of her three daughters and seems very happy there (the vicinity of her girlhood home).

No late news from Florence and Joe Clelands whom we assume are still in their suburban Va. home awaiting a final disposition on their property so that they can resume residence in Spain. Martha and Ed McLaughlin in a similar position, awaiting disposition of their suburban Jacksonville, Fla., estate.

The Haskells sold their D.C. home in Jan. and are now settled in Brussels. They reported a successful and pleasant six weeks in the USA and now contemplate a trip on a Nor-



1925: Fox Room, Ft. Bliss Officers Open Mess luncheon honoring GEN Bruce E. Clarke, USA (Ret.), host Chris P. Fox, Vice President, State National Bank of El Paso. Left to right: BG A. M. "Red" Willing, USA (Ret.), COL Leif Neprud, USA (Ret.), GEN Clarke, MG William H. Nutter, USA (Ret.), MAJ Richard T. Clark.

wegian ship as Paulette suffers ear trouble via plane travel. Just days too late for the last ASSEMBLY Cathy and Red Long reported the passing of Dell Hall in Santa Monica and also that interment would be along with Red's in Honolulu. The Halls had dined with the Gillmores twice in Monterey during the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the city by the Spanish. They took some very nice pictures of the colorful Spanish costumes, enjoyed the Marimba bands and also the Church Services (in Spanish which Red boasted he could understand!).

The Longs spent Thanksgiving with daughter Myra and family (five children). Made the trip by air as Red just out of four weeks in Letterman. They secured a rented car at the Tuscan Airport—enjoyed some 540 miles of driving around during the week without ill effects. Wonderful weather while visiting but in a rain-storm coming home to find no heat and no lights in the house. The situation was speedily and happily corrected and their letter continued to report their having Ruth & Alec Sewall and Genevieve and Johnnie Johnson for Christmas dinner. Shortly after these guests departed the lights went out again—this time for two hours. Their next door neighbor (dining a trifle later) had a large family dinner in progress—the Longs helped out by loaning an abundance of candles and two candelabra (this like the old neighborly "loaning" on Army Posts!).

Red has already placed a sizeable sum in the WP Fund, earmarked for the Class of '25's prospective 50th Reunion Memorial. That puts us all on the spot—so let's start thinking (and saving) for what we may do for our Alma Mater come '75. So!

Recently (late Feb.) the Longs attended an illustrated lecture by Mrs. Simon Bolivar Buckner (who lives near them) on Jordan and the Holy Land. Also present an old friend: David D. Barrett who appeared in a recent wonderful book "Stillwell and the American Experience in China." A lot of old Tacs (Infantrymen) featured. By B. Tuckman and Macmillan published.

Cathy and Red off to the South Seas in Apr. via Air France from Los Angeles. Landings at Papeete—cruise to Society Islands and Tuamatic Archipelago, back to Papeete for four days—then Disneyland and home.

Audray and Duke Gardner wrote from Yucatan of driving down the West Coast of Mexico, around the City to Vera Cruz, then on down south to study the Mayan archeological ruins. The weather almost too hot for the necessary walking. Their trip logging about 6,600 miles in six weeks time.

George Grayeb felt isolated in his first D.C. area apt. even though it was not too far from the junior Grayeb household. He finally gave up and is now reported in the downtown A-N Club. Likewise Carl Holcomb thought he had an ideal location but has reported a new address (but made no acceptable explanation for the change).

We received a very nice letter from Nora and Russ Finn who were here for weeks and months during the critical illness of their only Patty. They stayed with Ruth and Earl Barnes for several days after Patty's funeral. We hear that the Finns plan a tour of the larger Parks in the West, meanwhile the Barnes are visiting down South (Earl to attend Founders Day Dinner at Maxwell AFB).

Don Dunford survived several short sieges in Walter Reed but when we last called he was out walking for exercise. Walter Bryte is having quite a lengthy stay in the Georgetown Hosp. but his doctor reported that Walter is finally on the way back to normal. Jud Smith was promoted to the top of our current "Worthy Citizen List" for his contribution in forwarding some 1,093 POW letters. This report after we claimed credit for an even 1,000 (some 15 per cent through organizations) but Jud raised us by 93 simply by putting it through his church (in which he must be, at least, a Deacon!). Jud, who was making plastic cadet figures at Ft. Russel back in 1927 has since become a producer of three-dimensional battlefield maps (now wants a copy of the old "Gettysburg-Antietam" editions). Further, he wants a "6th

Inf Coat-of-Arms" to complete the face of a Clock which uses Inf Regt'l insignia in lieu of numbers. We thought of sending him one we have from the 365th Inf but doubt if Jud can work up to a yearly calendar clock!

Jane and Jerry Galloway finally in their Annandale home—on their arrival this area their daughter-in-law quite ill and they helped both families while Mrs. G. Jr. in the hospital.

In addition to the passing of Patty Finn we are also so sorry to report the passing of the Ordway daughter Clair. Both Patty and Clair interments in the Arlington Cemetery. Latest word from Bill Nutter states they are still searching for that ideal home in the El Paso area. While Bessie and Bruce Clarke were visiting there, a luncheon produced a picture of: Red Willing, Neprud, Bruce, Bill and R.T. Clark. They each and all looked healthy and prosperous despite some reports to the contrary. (We assume they were renting newly pressed suits for or from the photographer). A copy goes to the ASSEMBLY but may end up in the "Wanted" Post Office posters. After this maverick luncheon Bessie and Bruce had a visit with Betty Westphalinger and Eleanor Evans.

Gladys and I enjoyed talking with Mary (Tulley) Grayeb (Jr.) over at Myer a few days ago. There is always something exciting about everything connected with the T's!

Colby Myers writes that Olive and he are still looking forward to a trip East either in the spring or summer. He feels that our report of his illness was somewhat exaggerated. Actually Colby has had hic-ups since Sept. 1967—all the time. He has consulted both Service and Civilian doctors—had innumerable tests and a trunk full of medicine. Asking one doctor if he ever had a case like this the reply: "No—none so persistent—but a Pope had the hic-ups for three years." Since Colby has been a consistent sufferer for three and a half years he now heads our rapidly increasing list of: "Famous Classmates"! (i.e. the champ).

Charles Mason indicates that all is well with him in Charleston but didn't mention seeing any classmates recently. We call your attention to the article in the Jan. "Readers Digest" re Harry Emerson Fosdick by Nardi Reeder Campion.

The Bowers' daughter Maris spent two weeks with her father, "Hivey," at the Lake AFB hospital in Glendale, Ariz. Hivey has been there since Oct. and finally registering some improvement. Mrs. Bowers (Nancy) passed away 10 Jan.

Kryl Leighton-Foxford de Gravelines pens a neatly written letter (in English, of the seven languages he is supposed to know) to the effect that he still enjoys his position at the U. of S.C. and expects to continue indefinitely. Pop Harrold cancelled his annual trek to Panama at Christmas time as daughter Sally and family (all seven) will make him an extended visit next summer. In an earlier letter the Gardners included a post card view of a swanky hotel in Maine (the Dunelawn) which boasts an ocean view from every room. Said one has to sleep several nights in a motor home to afford a stop there.

Dave Bradford says they are happy to have fly-boy son Bill back in the US after some 175 missions from Tonkin Gulf area. Peg recovered from a hosp. job and went hunting with Dave (deer and mt. sheep). Reported that Martha Boll gave a lovely party at the Ft. Sam Club and mentioned the Pepsos, Sue Heacock, Grace Larter, Ruth Smith, Aggie and Porter Kidwell and others.

Dottis Pheris had a wonderful year—(1) what with the inauguration of the first Republican Governor of Va. in 68 years, (2) followed by a beautiful ceremony in the D.C. Cathedral and then (3) a visit with Long Island friends. A trip to Greece with three other widows in the summer. A cruise on a deluxe Greek ship to many islands, then Turkey (Istanbul), Italy, Pompeii, Naples, Rome, Capri and home via 747. Bazaars, House Tours and Church affairs in the fall. Then Fredericksburg, D.C., State Dept. U.N. and then back to see son's new home in Fla. Later to Conn. and daughter's home and family. She seemed so happy with it all.

Mike DeArmond enjoyed having a visit from Marge and Johnny Roosma who were spending a couple of weeks visiting Siesta Key. To his invitation to check-in on our next Fla. trip—we might just do that.

Robbie Robertson spent a month in southern Fla. and checked our monthly luncheon date immediately upon his arrival back at Bolling AFB. We had hoped to meet Robbie and several other out-of-town classmates at the Founders Dinner here. Red Reeder sent some interesting remarks re the publishing house.

Wiley Moore writes from the Naval Hosp at San Diego where he is just completing a six weeks therapy and hopes to return to Laguna Hills soon. The Moores travel a lot—New England and the East last fall and also in the NW before. His trips in between two operations in civilian hospitals and a third one this Jan. (where he is now)—all these for a malignant tumor. He rates the Navy facilities as tops and very pleased with the service—unfortunately he doesn't need visitors as he can't communicate at present.

Dorothy and Link Linkswiler spent a couple of weeks in the old hometown (in La.) and have been home soaking up sunshine and tending the lawn and shrubbery since. Weather perfect—no frost on their strip of land between the Ocean and the Indian River. He has accommodations for six guests on 10 minutes notice and would he be shocked if we come with in-laws! Their WP dinner will be at Patrick AFB—currently considering a trip to Johannesburg but must make arrangements for the dog and cat first.

Please keep those cards and letters coming!

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The BIG news, of course, cannot be reported at this deadline (15 Mar.) because it has not yet happened—all about the 45th Reunion, 2-5 June, for which the planning is now substantially complete under the able direction of Chairman Rod Smith and his Committee! Bulletin No. 3, just received by me, is a masterpiece, and should stimulate a record-breaking turnout for such an event. I hope we can have a full report of the actual events for the next issue, and will count on a lot of assistance from the attendees on the spot to make sure that very few worthwhile happenings are missed!

A hold-over item which should be of Class interest concerns Marjorie Conzelman Davis, wife of the Governor of Vt., and her family activities. There are two Conzelman children, LTC Peter '53, a bn cmdr now stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Patricia (home not reported), both of whom are married and



1926: Governor and Mrs. Deane C. Davis

have "numerous" grandchildren! The Gov. is Deane C. Davis, a prominent leader and close friend of President Nixon. The report, received thru a roundabout channel, included the note that there is a road at Ft. Baker, Calif., named for "Conz"—it is high in the hills overlooking San Francisco Bay. The pictures herewith are worth more than any words in making this report complete.

Spud Murphy's always interesting "Calif." report includes an item about Ken McNaughton and a serious hunting accident he had not too long ago on Hunter-Liggett Reservation. Apparently he had a bad fall, was knocked unconscious for five hours or so, lost a great deal of blood and had a truly frightening experience. Better take it a bit easier, Ken! The McNaughtons together with son Grant, an AF surgeon now in residency at Madigan Gen Hosp, his wife and three sons, spent a fine Xmas holiday with their daughter and family down in Claremont, Calif.—Also included was the story of a memorable trip recently by Harry and Elizabeth Grizzard, which took them to Fla., N.Y., Germany, back to Boston, WP, Fla. again, and then home, which by coincidence is also Claremont, Calif. Their first-hand report follows: "While in Germany visiting children and grandchildren at Bad Kreuznach, we took a seven-week tour of the country in our new Volvo bought in Frankfurt. Germany is beautiful, prosperous and full of traffic. Food, beer and wine were excellent for the taste but very bad for the waist lines! The grandchildren are growing up fast—Stan is now 15, Terry 13 and Katie 10—and all are great. While there, Sandy received orders for his second tour in RVN as a bn cmdr in the 1st Cav Div. Hatsie and the youngsters are now in their home in Springfield, Va., for the duration etc. etc." The Nurses are delighted that son LTC Huck '55 is now stationed at nearby Ft. Ord, and that he, Ann and the four grandchildren will be close at hand for awhile. Other items in Spud's notes will await the next issue. Thanks Spud.

Another report from those not heard from in a long time came to me from Jim Wheaton and wife Helen, who are now residing in, and restoring, an old Civil War mansion at

1015 S. Fifth St., Leavenworth, Kans. 66408. This is their fourth restoration job, and apparently each one is harder than the last! Their son LTC Bob '55 is stationed at Leavenworth now, while son LTC Jim Jr. '50 is back in RVN for his third tour, this time as a combat cmdr in the Americal Div. Sez Jim: "About our only claim to fame is that our eldest grandson James M. is now a Yearling in the class of '73. The young man is part of a military dynasty, since he has two grandfathers, Rudolph '20 and me '26; a great-uncle Andrews, R.C. '24, an uncle Robert L. '55, and of course his dad Jim Jr. '50. Poor young fellow—he has much to live down! We hope to return to Cornwall-on-Hudson in a year or so, after completing our restoration project and the reassignment of Bob and family." That was quite a report, Jim—thanks so much!

That's it for now, folks—see you 2-5 June, for the 45th! Anky.

NECROLOGY: Died recently, Horace M. Daniels, 2031 Rossmoor Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. None of the details available at this time.

'27

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To start off the column for the Spring ASSEMBLY, we have from George Martin, Sarasota, Fla., a fine, informative letter. You have already noted the fine pictures which illuminate it. As George put it, "I had been considering just what news I might send on to you when events caught up with me." To summarize, while George was pondering, the phone rang, and it was our Ray Bell, of whom more follows immediately, heading back to Cornwall, called from nearby Henri Luebbemann's. The next day Ray came to lunch with the Martins, who also had in Spike and Helen Webb. Then, as a complete surprise, Parmer and Ani Edwards dropped in. The Edwardses, only "putting mileage on a new car and exploring the area," had stopped at the Martin's apt. complex and, then learning of the Martin's presence therein, had come up. Of the pictures, note the one of the happy foursome, evidencing but slightly what George refers to as "some snow on the mountains," and the other appealing one of happy Joe and George.

Then Ray Bell, introduced above and already noted photographically, came through just before deadline with a summary of his interesting activities for about two months of early '71. As he well put it, "The gypsy has returned!" On 24 Jan. he had been the brief guest of Dot and Ralph Zwicker, Lake Barcroft, Va., where Katherine and Bob Lowe and Lucile and Jerry Lillard had a brisk afternoon opportunity to learn in part of his safari plans for South Africa. Well, he made it! In his letter Ray stated in part, "It was a marvelous experience, and I heartily recommend South Africa to anyone who wishes to learn at first hand of their problems." He then commented strongly and at considerable length on the sincerity of purpose of the people and on their welcome freedom from many annoyances and difficulties which plague other well-known nations. This summarizing sentence does not do justice to Ray's considered opinions, but space and editorial admonition must curtail them.

Then Ray turned to as full a coverage of



1927: The Martins, Joe and George.

Class news as the Scribe has enjoyed in many a moon! It too must be somewhat abridged. En route south from Washington, Ray talked with the Mike Peggs at their new Myrtle Beach home, "busy getting settled." Then at Canaveral, before the blast-off of Apollo 14—to which he thrilled!—he stayed a couple of nights with Hal Jordan. He also visited Helen and Harry McKinney at Lake Wales, and got into contact with Fred Day in Tampa, where the Days are "in fine fettle." He called, but did not see, Scoon Gardner, as he also unfortunately missed seeing Chester Dunham. Presented with the Martins' report above were Ray's contacts in Sarasota, as again the photo attests. Ray pays this over-all tribute to Florida's environment: "Everyone I met was very enthusiastic about their retirement in the warm sunshine." Then, heading North, passing through Fayetteville, he "said hello to the Stu Woods, who had been very busy with guests and were looking forward to a trip South later in Mar." So this sketchily covers the round-up of Bell on the road! Let him be a stimulus to all of our Class travelers!

Now to current events more formal! Unfortunately for national coverage, the reports of the various ceremonies for the 169th Founders Day could not meet the deadline for this issue, except, of course, for the local D.C. Soc. This year's D.C. affair, on Fri., 12 Mar., was held at Bolling AFB in its now impressively expanded club. Bill Baumer, '33, was the toastmaster for a fine and inspiring evening. The tone was early set in good part by the sharp color guard of the 3d Inf Regt from Ft. Myer, and pleasantly sustained during the dinner by the USAF "Strolling Strings" and after dinner by the rollicking US Army Chorus, whose "Mountain Battery," as well as other of their reminiscent selections, always seems to set things up for the speakers.

The Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award—given annually for outstanding service to the ideals of West Point—was given this year to Val Heiberg, '26, who well deserves it for his long service at and devoted accomplishments for the Academy and its objectives.

The remarks of the First Captain Cadet Thomas A. Pyrz '71, were especially well selected and well delivered. None could recall having enjoyed a more effective and impressive Corps summary from a previous cadet speaker. He got over to every listener

that fine motto of his class: "Professionally done by '71!"—and his chosen FA branch is certainly gaining an officer of stature and promise.

It remained for the Supe to establish the climax of the evening. In a thorough, searching, deeply inquiring presentation, GEN Knowlton went into what has happened and is happening at WP, academically and militarily. He explained the appropriateness of the greatly broadened and challenging academic program of some 137 electives and of the reasons behind the changes that affect the "Plebe system." In summary he emphasized that "the Plebes still think their lives are unbelievably hard." Knowlton asserted most convincingly the Academy's objective of providing the cadet of this modern, and difficult, age with "four years of transition, growth, and maturity." The concensus of opinion of those present seemed to be that the Supe and the First Captain had done an exceptionally splendid job of reassuring the D.C. old grads that the Corps "has not."

Frolicking and pondering from '27 were Collins, Zwicker, Burgess, Pence, Matthews, Thiebaut, Bixel, Sterling, Miller, Lowe, and Lillard.

Willis Matthews had just returned to the D.C. area in time for the 169th Founders Day. Leaving about mid-Dec., he and Jean had been about two months on the road toward the Southwest and Old Mexico. On their way down they had dinner with Howell Jordan at Coca Beach, Fla. Then in San Antonio, in a temporary apt., they saw many old friends of many years. Included was a visit or two with our Carrie Meloy, who resides pleasantly "in her lovely home." After a couple of weeks at San Antone, they proceeded to Guadalajara for a couple of more weeks, then back to San Antone for a few more and the inevitable return to D.C. Just two gypsies who had escaped much of D.C.'s relatively mild winter!

Although the reason was unknown that evening, the absence of Father Mariner Cecil Gregory Smith, ex-'27, who had frequently given the invocation for Founders Day dinners, was noted by the Class representatives. Subsequently it became known that he had died at North Providence, R.I., on 11 Mar. Father Smith served as a chaplain in WWII and was retired as a COL, USAR, in 1965. He was a loyally religious West Pointer.

This Jan. the WP Soc. of D.C. started something new for the area. Instead of its quarterly stag luncheon, the night of 15 Jan., at Ft. Myer, was set aside for a dinner for graduates and wives. The turnout was large, pushing the capacity of Patton Hall, and an enjoyable evening ensued. The AF "Good Timers" provided the music. The principal guests were COL and Mrs. Frank Borman.



1927: At Sarasota, left to right: Webb, Edwards, Bell, Martin.

That great astronaut of '50 talked interestingly to accompany and explain his own wonderful film of his great trip to the moon. In every sense of the word, this first such "co-ed" dinner was voted a huge success by all present, certainly including those from '27: Woody and Jean Burgess, Jack Sterling and Carolyn Larsen, Mac and Jean Miller, Bix and Ev Bixel, Ralph and Dot Zwicker, Bill and Bert Pence, Jimmy and Marian Collins, and Jerry and Lucile Lillard. A good precedent has been established.

In a fine "first letter to our Scribe," as he termed it, our Dike Deichelmann recently forwarded a most interesting report, principally concerning a matter of great seriousness for all West Pointers and for all good Americans. As reported in ASSEMBLY shortly after the event, Dike and Louise have had their oldest son, CPT Samuel, USAF, Missing In Action in RVN since 6 Sept. '68. Understandably, the Deichelmanns have been most active in a local group, descriptively termed "The Forgotten Americans," of the Natl. League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in SE Asia. As Dike explained, "Among other things we had a special stamp printed honoring the POW's and MIA's." This is the large six-cent stamp which all of us have doubtless seen and used of late, coming in the pair dedicated to the U.S. Servicemen and to the Disabled American Veterans. To introduce these stamps, an impressive commemorative ceremony was held at Montgomery, Ala., 24 Nov. 70, with Postmaster General W.M. Blount making the principal address and presenting the initial albums. Dike presided. Thus these two striking U.S. stamps were formally introduced.

The many hopeful projects of this Natl. League of Families require funds, and there is a fine and interesting way in which we all can assist. Dike's local group is selling a packet of particular interest to stamp collectors, one which will increase in value over the years, since it is a limited issue. The packet contains a first-day-of-issue cover, a program containing a first-day cancelled stamp, and a pamphlet also containing a cancelled first-day stamp. The pamphlet is an attractive, moving, and instructive one, explaining how we may assist the families of the missing and the captured, helping them "to insure the human rights of their husbands, fathers, and sons who are prisoners in North Vietnam." One of these fine packets can be yours for a check for \$3.00 to Forgotten Americans, P.O. Box 11256, Montgomery, Ala. 36111. Come, '27, and all other classes who read this, let's give this deserving group this further evidence of our support!

In aside comments, Dike regretted that he is somewhat off the beaten path for classmates, except for occasionally seeing Ty Cobb of Birmingham. But he and Louise are hoping to see Ruth and Chubby Roth again when those Californians come East to see their newest grandson.

A welcome visitor to the D.C. area in early Mar. was Greta Doan now residing in West Germany, returning to visit with Ev and Bix Bixel and to see her many friends made in the area when she and Chubby were residing in nearby Md. All were glad to see her!

Good old, spirited Wink Ehrgott, full of more zip than a zipper, with several years of experience, advised the Scribe and others some time ago to "stop crumbling to pieces," and further counseled that we all should dive generously into Soya Lecithin, Safflower

oil, Wheat germ, Black Strap Molasses, and Honey. Further, Wink, as an eight-mile daily jogger, urges us to take to the road! He wants us all to prepare, doubtless, for that 50th, 60th, 70th, or miraculous 80th Reunion, now while we can. And it is even time to think of the 45th, which is really one that is close at hand!

Just as time for deadline for this issue of ASSEMBLY arrived, after the other items above had been in fact prepared for the post, came the saddest finale of all. It is last only because of its lateness and the desire to place it in the position of greatest emotional emphasis. We must announce to '27 the death of our much beloved and respected Frederic J. Brown Jr. after a long illness, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, on Sat., 13 Mar. He leaves his beloved Kay and his son LTC Frederic J. Brown 3d '56, and three granddaughters. To them goes the deepest sympathy and condolence of the Class of '27. Interment was in Arlington Natl. Cemetery on 17 Mar., with his many friends and classmates present.

Ted was a great cadet and officer, none better in the FA or the Army, and a strong supporter of the Academy and its ideals. He will always be remembered by all of '27, especially those who knew and served with him in many assignments around the world. The Long Gray Line has gained another stalwart.

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Despite a consistent exodus during the winter months, most of the D.C. group have been quite busy. On 15 Jan. the WP Soc. of D.C. held its first ladies dinner at Ft. Myer in lieu of the normal stag luncheon. In attendance were the Raymonds, the Daus, the Haskells, the Tottens, the Lanes, the Bredens, the Gavans, the Seemans, the Walters, the Crallés, the Smiths, the Billingsleys and Betty Daley. The Daus were in town on business from N.Y.

On 23 Feb. the Class held its spring dinner at the Officers Club, Naval Gun Factory. Present were the Gavans, the Billingsleys, the Sirmyers, the Tates, the O'Donnells, the Bredens, the Lanes, the Haskells, the Seemans, the Uphams, the Cummings, the Crallés, the Maxwells, the Raymonds, the McNamars, the Walters, the Butchers, Bryant Boatner, Anne Fritsche, Betty Daley, Jo Wyman, Betty Samford and Natalie Brentnall.

At the Founders Day Dinner 12 Mar. at Bolling AFB the Class was represented by Crallé, Lane, Upham, Walter, Boatner, Haskell, Butchers, Totten, Gavan, Sirmyer, Billingsley and Oakes. Also attending were two Class sons, John Grinstead Jr. '56 and Tony Nadal 2nd '58. The latter is currently a student at the Marine C&GS at Quantico, Va. Incidentally, Samuel L. Myers Jr. '58 is scheduled to attend the same course next year. Jeannette and Paul Breden have given up their residence in D.C. and have moved to the west coast of Fla. We in D.C. will miss them.

Ruth and Ralph Butchers enjoyed seeing the Blairs and the Warrens during their extensive tour of Mexico. Sue and George Mundy are still in Spain. Marge and Skip Seeman are enjoying Fla. sunshine for a couple of weeks. Kitty and Ned Sirmeyer are planning a trip to Paris in the near future.

Myrtle and Bill Billingsley spent a week see-

ing New Orleans. Dunc Somerville reports: "Dimny and I have just returned from an extended trip we took with Legare and Cornelia Tarrant. We had a week of golf at Dorado Beach, P.R., a cruise through the Windward and Leeward Islands, a few days in Fla. afterwards with a stop for golf at Hilton Head. Walt and Martha Staley took us around St. Croix, including their lovely home. Both look fine. Called Ramon Nadal in San Juan and had a long talk, but didn't see him as he had a dinner engagement. All in all a very pleasant vacation and a respite from our severe winter."

June 1971 will, in all probability, see the graduation of the last Class Son, Patrick Reynolds Donald. Arrangements have been made for Dave Traub to make the Class presentation during June Week.

Doug Ludlam has been transferred from Walter Reed to V.A. Hospital at Perry Point, Md., where his condition remains serious. Jack Oakes has apparently recovered after a stay at Walter Reed.

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Honors and Distinctions. Weary Wilson has been appointed to the Secy of the Army's USMA Planning Advisory Board, which will advise on construction projects at WP and will take Weary to WP from time to time. In Jan. Weary and Jeanne journeyed from Mobile to Los Angeles, where Weary received the Golden Beaver Award for Engr from the Beavers, a West Coast construction industry organization. Weary and Jeanne have their youngest son Fred's wife and baby daughter—not yet seen by the father—living with them while Fred is in RVN with a tank unit of the 101st Div. Daughter Margaret and her husband, now out of the Army, are living in Mobile while the young man gets his degree from the U. of S. Ala. The Wilsons have had frequent visits with their other daughter and family in Spartanburg, S.C., and with son Walter K. III '60, and family at Leavenworth, where he is a student.

From the D.C. Gp. Abe Lincoln continues in his key position as Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the Exec. Offices of the President and as a member of the



1929: Paul W. Thompson, President of the Association of Graduates, guest speaker for Founders Day 1971, West Point Society of Michigan.

National Security Council. Abe's picture, in a typically quizzical pose, made the front page of the "Washington Post" at the time of the change in oil import quotas announced by Abe, and he and his office have been very much involved in the aftermath of the Los Angeles earthquake, as they are in all natural disasters.

After a brief stay here to finish his work with COMSAT, Don Graul has joined Maggie in their new location in Albuquerque. For nearly eight years, since his retirement brought him here in '63, Don has been a valued member of the Class Coord Comte. The Comte greatly regrets his departure and expresses its thanks and appreciation for his effective membership and for the pleasure of his company at our deliberations.

Nick and Jackie Nichols fled to Fla. for a while to escape our Jan. cold weather. Freddie and Win Chaffee plan to visit son Fred Jr. and family in Tucson in the early spring. Fred Jr., a civilian again, is now the Dir. of the Smithsonian Inst. Astrophysical Observatory on Mt. Hopkins, out from Tucson, which he spent the last two years building.

Jupe and Judy Lindsey were looking forward to having daughter Anne Pearson, husband Hal, a TV commercial producer, and four grandchildren with them for the Easter holidays and the first family reunion with son Bobby, MAJ '56, and his family now stationed at Ft. Meade from RVN.

Last Roll Call. Merle Russell Thompson died at Winchester, Va., on 11 Mar. Merle had had a mild stroke from which he was making a good recovery when he suffered a massive heart attack. At the funeral services in the Episcopal Church, Winchester, of which Merle was a vestryman, the large attendance testified to the position of Merle and Ella in the community. When Merle retired as business manager of Converse College in Spartanburg a few years ago he and Ella bought a historic place outside of Winchester and made that their permanent home. Present at the services were Paul Elias, Wayland and Marion Parr, Jack and Allie Seward, Jupe Lindsey, and Bill Thompson. Interment was in Culpeper National Cemetery. The Class extends its sympathy and condolences to the children and to Ella Thompson, whose address is Route 1, Middletown, Va. 22645.

The Class shares the grief of Alice Nesbitt in the death of her and John's daughter, Ann Nesbitt Geyer, Mrs. Walter J. Geyer, of cancer at Montgomery General Hospital, Md., on 16 Mar. We extend our sympathy and condolences to the Geyer and Nesbitt families. Alice's address is Mrs. John S. Nesbitt, 3812 Woodbine St., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015.

The Class extends its sympathy and condolences to Jim and Doris Hannigan on the sudden death of Jim's mother Mrs. Everett L. Upson, here in D.C. in late Feb. Mrs. Upson had lived at the Army Distaff Hall for some years, following the death of COL Upson. Jim and Doris flew here from Bryan, Tex., for the funeral services and interment in Arlington. The Hannigans' younger son Tom '70 is stationed at Belvoir before going to Germany for duty. Their older son Skeet, James R., '63, recently returned from RVN, has resigned from the Army to enter private business. Jim's address in Bryan is 918 Park Lane, 77803.

Sick and Well List. Dot Lynch has been at Walter Reed for very serious major surgery and returned to Columbus, Ga., with George

in late Jan. The Class sends all best wishes for a good recovery.

From Florida. A few issues ago, when we reported Jim and Lois Stephenson's visit from Bradenton to their son and family in Hillsborough, Calif., we didn't know that this was part of a three-month, 1,300 mile trip—Western National Parks, British Columbia, children and grandchildren—by the Stephensons in their new Travel Trailer, a mode of transportation new to them and which they are now enthusiastic boosters of. (A preposition is a bad thing to end a sentence with. "This is the sort of errant pedantry up with which I will not put." Unquote. Winston Churchill.)

Jim Stephenson writes Jupe Lindsey that he and Lois are now complete converts to trailer travel. Furthermore, says Jim, "We are 'self-contained,' a sort of sacred term that travel trailer owners use one to another, but withhold from Joe-citizen. I'll forego the unwritten law to divulge that 'self-contained' means all the conveniences—shower, commode, stove, oven, running hot and cold water, lights, heating, refrigerator, what else?"

During the last year Jim has turned his talents to fiction writing and has had 11 stories published in the "Bradenton Herald" Sunday Magazine. He hasn't tried a national market yet, but from the sample he sent with his letter—a fine "short-short"—he should.

Lois Stephenson was laid up with a bad back most of the fall and winter, but after an air-evac to the Lackland AFB hospital and treatment there, she's now on the mend. And none too soon, says Jim, for it was the longest hitch of K.P. he's ever served. "I'm just now losing my dish-pan hands."

From the S.F. Bay Area Gp. (Courtesy of Johnny Theimer). Brownlee, Carey, Coolidge, A.B. Cooper, Freeman, Hail, Heidland, McKenzie, Theimer, and Williamson greeted 1971 at lunch at the Presidio. Paul Freeman's move to Carmel was toasted. (He still knows how to get things done. He returned to the Bay Area for a few days just after they moved, leaving the settling to Mary Anne.) Larry Brownlee attended the luncheon with his right arm in a cast, having suffered a strange accident during a fencing match, when his upper right arm incurred a break just below where a biopsy had been taken.

Tiny and Caroline Jark were through S.F. on their way back from the South Pacific and Hawaii. A golf match ensued, with these results, according to Theimer: "Tiny was looking for that nickel he lost last year. This year he dropped two francs, three centimes, and two sou left over from Tahiti and 20 centavos (Mex) he said he'd won from Billy Greear before he left San Antonio."

'30

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As everyone knows, this column is oriented to friendly chit-chat—gossip, if you will—about the members of "The Gang." It is not supposed to be a forum for taking a stand or stating a position on serious subjects, especially those of a military, political or sociological nature. Nevertheless, in these troubled times, when a sort of national disorientation seems to beset a large proportion of the American people, it seems appropriate to comment on a couple of matters that have come to my attention in recent months.

First, let me recommend as required reading Ham Howze's most excellent article in the Jan. issue of "Army" Magazine, entitled "Military Discipline and National Security." He tackles a most disagreeable subject—the kind that many would like to "sweep under the rug"—in his customary forthright, lucid and tough-minded manner and provides a focus of intelligent thought to which all of us, in some measure, can contribute. Few of us can match Ham's special blend of intelligence, experience and eloquence. But all of us can read, think, talk and write; and none of us, I should hope, is so old or tired as to be indifferent to some of the disturbingly divisive influences that now affect our lives, both as retired military persons and as ordinary citizens. At risk of sounding presumptuous, I think all of us can and should "sound off" more often and more positively on behalf of the simple verities to which, by and large, we have dedicated the major part of our lives. (Refer again to the last issue of these notes, which quoted Hank Royall in an excellent example of what we, as individuals, can do to help reverse undesirable trends.)

Related to this is a personal experience. I would not presume to relate it except that I am convinced it has been shared, in one form or another, by many of us. At a small dinner party in Palm Beach I had a long conversation with a retired business man, a perceptive individual whom I have known for several years and who is keenly interested in the military posture of our country. We were discussing Ham's article, which he had read, when he suddenly popped the direct question: "Do you think that today's WP graduate, faced with open insubordination, would risk his life rather than compromise his standards of military discipline?" My first reaction was to take refuge in that favorite bromide of the Service School instructor, "Now that's a very good question. Any other questions?" But you don't play games with that sort of man. And you don't play games with that sort of question when you know it is a sincere effort to solicit an informed opinion. After some long moments of fairly soul-searching mental exercise I gave him a definite "yes."

There is a sequel to this. Understandably, I had certain private misgivings, during the weeks that followed, as to whether my answer was based on mere wishful thinking. Yet I kept coming back to the fact that I did believe what I said—I had to believe it. But the question was still nagging at a corner of my mind when 15 of our local group, attending the Founders Day Dinner at Bolling AFB, were privileged to hear the comments of the First Captain, Cadet Thomas Pyrz '71 and the principal address by the Supe, MG "Bill" Knowlton Jan. '43. The First Captain made a top-flight impression—handsome, soldierly, poised, his seriousness amusingly leavened with good cadet humor, and ending his remarks by telling us the motto of his class: "Professionally Done By Seventy-One." Then we listened to one of the finest accounts of the current state of WP that I have ever heard. It was the consensus of our group—shared by all those present, I am sure—that the present Supe is an exceptionally intelligent, forceful and eloquent man. It was in informal chat with him after dinner that I found an opportunity to tell him about my Palm Beach conversation. And I was profoundly relieved when he said, first, "That's a tough question." And then, "But the answer is 'Yes.'"

If the foregoing has seemed inappropriate, tedious or overly personal, I apologize. I can only plead that I felt I had to say it.

So enough of that. Those present at the D.C. Area edition of the Founders Day Dinner were Ben Beasley, Ray Brisach, Bill Carter, Alva Fitch, Bill (W.H.) Harris, Clem Hurd, Max Janairo, Pete King, Pappy Lewis, Ned Moore, Cayce Odom, Sandy Stone, Tom Stoughton, Al Watson and Bob Wood. Brisach has managed a pleasant change of venue in his real estate activities; still working for the same outfit, he has adroitly arranged to transfer his job from the farthest north suburb of D.C. to the farthest south, i.e., Vienna, Va., just six blocks from his home, thus saving himself some two hours of commuting time each day. Alva Fitch, as a military writer for the Kiplinger people, has somehow got himself involved in the subject of Iberian imports, which seems to necessitate periodic trips to Europe. On a recent one, he managed a fishing weekend in Bavaria and caught a three and a half pound, 18-inch brown trout in a stream near Ulm. Clem Hurd, still doing useful things for the State Department, had a winter trip to Manila—something to do with the eventual return of Okinawa to the Japanese. Max Janairo was also planning a trip to Manila; we decided he was going back to dig up the family silver that was buried before WWII. Al Watson confided that he will retire from his job as Governor of the Soldiers Home at the end of Oct. and will install himself and Anne in their new house at Sea Island, Ga. Sid Wooten would normally have been present, since he never misses a WP formation in D.C., but he and Mary were on a trip to Australia.

Also note a loss to our D.C. contingent: Roy and Alice Lindquist have forsaken us for warmer climes and can now be found at: 5108 Brittany Drive South, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33715.

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This will be a very short column for two reasons. First the deadline is only two months after the previous column and second I don't have much news that is au courant, or that wouldn't be passé by June. Note the reversion to my old French days.

There is, unfortunately, some sad news to report. Alice Rothrock's mother Mrs. Cook whom many of you knew, died 7 Feb. and was buried in Arlington. Curt Herrick died at Tripler Gen. Hosp. on 9 Feb. and was buried at Arlington on 12 Feb. with several of the Class present. As requested by the family a donation was made to the American Cancer Soc. I had heard about the first of Feb. that Curt was ill, but his death came as a shock as I am sure it will to all of you.

Presumably by the time this is in your hands, our 40th will be over, like "hang," but I am sure it will be a success and now we must start thinking about the 45th. Details on the 40th will go out in a separate letter and in the next column. I do have some news to impart, so here goes. About a week ago (this column is being written about the tenth of Mar.) my phone rang and when I had awakened enough to see the figures on the clock, I made out five past midnight. Johnny Leary was phoning from Ariz. where it was only 10 P.M. After proper identification had

been exchanged, Johnny said, "Guess who is with me?" or words to that effect. Most of you won't need all three guesses to answer that question. You are correct if you came up with the magic word, Deac. I won't (can't) repeat all of the conversation, but suffice it to say that Deac will be at the Reunion in his trailer and with his "epic."

Shorty and Alice Rothrock sent in the news that they have purchased a trailer (Streamline 29, if that means anything to anybody) and soon will start trail-mobiling around the country after picking up the trailer in Calif. To paraphrase an old statement, "Where will this all end?" I wouldn't be surprised if Deac and Shorty were to meet in some out-of-the-way place, like East Bicycle, or Heaven forbid, in some classmate's yard. The peripatetic Bob Johnston has passed on his itchy feet to others, and I have a report that he, Julian and Lois Chappell and J.M. and Alice Brown spent some time this winter in Mexico after which Bob went to Central America on his own, traveling by bus as I just learned from a card from Bob from El Salvador.

If I haven't mentioned it before, I will now. Jack Gordon is being married about the first of Apr. in San Antonio. Jack and bride will be at the Reunion. Rags Ragland reports that Bill Chandler having retired has now built himself a darkroom and is taking and developing pictures like mad, and also is taking a course in professional photography. As proof (no pun intended) Rags sent along a picture of the happy Ragland couple, courtesy of Bill. And shortly thereafter there arrived a picture of the Chandlers of the same professional quality. Jim King also sent along a picture. He noted playing golf with Johnny McGee the first part of Jan., seeing Tom and Ruth Marnane and talking on the phone with Hector Truly—at a reasonable time of the day I hope. All the above doing well, except Hector who is having a bit of trouble following a bout with food poisoning this past summer. Jerry and Helen Rodenhauer regret that they will be unable to attend the Reunion, but Jerry expects to be undergoing a 61-year check and faces the possibility of a couple of minor repairs at about that time. Dutch and Dee Spangler were in San Antonio in Nov. and attended an ROA dinner and saw John and Mary Anne McGee.

Hugh and Kay Harris plan to attend the Reunion in their travel caravan (another one) and then will continue on to Canada, probably to Nova Scotia for Hugh to do some salmon fishing and then on to Alaska. They expect to be gone for two months, which seems to me to be quite a bit of traveling for that length of time. If this keeps up, there won't be anybody home for anybody else to come and call on. I hope nobody tells Gus Heiss, but every once in awhile he gets an attack of conscience and sends in his dues. He is now two years ahead and the best part of it is that I keep forgetting to tell him the truth. I had a nice note from Doc Welsh who plans to attend the Reunion. He figures if he doesn't get to this one, he might have to come to the next one on a litter. I know we will all be glad to see Doc. I had a long letter from Fred Redden bringing us up to date on the health and well-being of the Redden family, which are now well after a couple of stays and an operation or so. Fred and Onea (I hope that is correct, it is the best that I can get from his writing) have a power boat and take great delight in water skiing and as the years go by, fishing.

I told you it would be a short column and,

by golly it is. I hope and expect that the one in June will be much longer and more newsy.

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For the past two months Bill Davidson has been in W. Palm Beach disposing of some property, thereby neatly cancelling Washington's worst weather by Florida's best, so this is being written by your friendly fall guy, Class Secy Ken Zitzman. Faithful Dossi sent me some raw news (don't take that too literally) which they had collected to add to mine, so I'll combine their wheat with my chaff and let the public be damned.

Dossi herself drove to Fla. with her sis-in-law for two wks. but just missed seeing the Powers because Bill was in Tallahassee and Lil was housemother to her visiting dau-in-law and four lively grandchildren. Dossi did get back to D.C. in time to greet Mary Coutts, fresh from Frisco, and get news of the latest addition. Lou and Mary, who became instant grandparents a yr. ago when their widowed young dau. Kathy married Army MAJ John Murphy, made it the hard way this time when Ian H. arrived. Appropriately enough, it was Valentine's Day—"some box of candy" said Mary who was here for the launching. By the time this appears, Lou will have retired as head of the San Francisco Retail Dry Goods Ass'n (for reasons best known to himself, he choose April Fool's Day to do it) and come East with Mary, we hope to stay.

While Luke Morris makes the nation's railroads run (he does?), his family makes news. Joslin, as well as Claire Jamison had tea at the White House for Ikebana International during the visit of a Japanese VIP. Son Jay, a real comer, is Pres. of the Md. Young Republicans, Chmn. of the Citizens for the Charter of Prince Georges County and was recently appointed Admin. Asst. to the P.G. County Exec.

The above is a good batch of news considering that the Davidsons have been away so much of the quarter.

High point here was the annual Founders Day Dinner at the Bolling AFB Officers Club where about 500 grads heard the Supe give one of the most inspiring talks about USMA we've ever heard. Many of us served back at the old Rockpile as instructors and tacs when Bill Knowlton was a cadet, and speaking for one, it gives you an odd feeling of inevitability to see a standout cadet, whom you saw later as a junior officer, then as a fellow charter member of SHAPE under GEN Eisenhower, running USMA now. It's in good hands.

'32 filled a table, and it was nice to spend some time with those whose schedules prevent their attending the monthly luncheons. Not to be outdone, three of our girls, Fran Pugh, Nora Gerhardt and Pat Zitzman, a snappy looking trio as three of your classmates will testify, had their own dinner at another Officers Club. While gabbing over a cocktail in the lounge beforehand, a pleasant mannered guy broke off from his own group and after explaining that he and his two friends were all civilians, asked if they could join for a drink and chat. Our gals said they already had plenty to chat about (don't they always?) and went in to dinner. Time passes on, and you tend to get smug about these

things, but somehow, I don't think I'd risk any of the three within a mile of Flirtation Walk.

Bill Powers coordinated one of his regular visits as a special consultant to the JFK Performing Arts Center with a Class luncheon and greeted the mob. After some time in Walter Reed, Chuck Anderson is staying here, dividing his time between his two daughters, Kay (Mrs. M.H. Waterbury) and Pat (Mrs. E.A. Martin). Write him at 11324 Myrtle Lane, Reston, Va. 22070.

Frank Besson is again a big wheel in railroads as one of the organizers of RAILPAC whose mission is no less than reorganizing the inter-city rail passenger service of the entire USA. Bill Culp, who once said "College Presidents never die, they just lose their faculties," will soon become Dean Emeritus, U. of Cincinnati. Frank and Claire Jamison gave a cozy dinner party for eight at which by popular demand of the ladies, Joe Kelly told the jokes that usually must be confined to the stag luncheons.

Ordinarily I hesitate to mention myself in this column but on the basis that the six-weeks auto trip Pat and I took to Tex. and Mexico might be useful to someone interested in going that route, shall include it. Besides, it establishes our b-ache for not sending out Xmas cards last year.

Spent eight days in Austin with our daughter Kay, husband Earl J. Nesbitt, an AF jr. and thriving architect, and the four grandchildren. Left our two dachshunds with them and drove to San Antonio for New Year's. Had lunch with Dick and Helen Coiner at their U Club and over the martinis, Dick and I shared Benny Webster's Xmas present (dried octopus canapes) while the girls turned a fetching green. The Coiners are in a large new apt. on the edge of Brackenridge Pk. and have acquired a truly fine art collection in their home.

From there, spent three wks. driving along the Gulf coast to the far end of the Yucatan Peninsula, across to the Pacific and back mostly by a different route. Good roads, hotels averaged \$10, excellent meals \$2, gas same as US. In almost 4,000 miles in Mexico we visited every major pyramid site as well as some other archeological sites, museums and saw native craftsmen at their trade. An impressive way to soak up 4,000 yrs. of history of a major country.

The Big Umpire in the sky made a bad call again, and by one of life's bitter ironies, Gerry Epley's telegram saying Russ Nelson had died of lung cancer in South Laguna, Calif., arrived not long after a cheery note from Russ himself saying "I've won the first round." Several classmates attended the services there; interment was at WP. At the request of Russ' widow, '32 made a donation in his memory to the Camp Pendleton Naval Hosp where she has done so much herself as a Red Cross volunteer and where she was a patient when Russ died.

A long letter from Al Clark indicates that the missionary zeal still grips him. He gave up his job as Pres. of the Phila. Port Corp., sold his house and his boat on the Chesapeake, and with Kay, has moved to Dacca, East Pakistan. Al previously spent five yrs. in West Pakistan working on water resources development, and this work is similar but vastly more complex. It is directly concerned with the deficiencies which resulted in the death of over 100,000 there in the cyclone that hit the country late last yr. Accordingly, Al girded up his loins (in his own words it was

a double, double hernia operation) and went there in Jan. And in case you think Al and Kay are seeking the plush life, I've worked in Dacca and the surrounding country, and it isn't Paris, France, where I also spent some time, or even Paris, Tex.

His letter peaked my pique regarding our still changing roster, and I reviewed our address list again. We're all over the USA of course, as well as Canada, Mexico, and the C.Z. Going west from the West Coast, we're in Hawaii, Taiwan, Thailand, and E. Pakistan. From there to Lebanon, Germany, Spain, England, to Tom Harvey who spends one-half yr. each in the Bahamas and Canada; then to Bruce McLane who lives the yr. round in Ontario, and we're back where we started.

Maybe I'm just a wishful, wistful old Secretary, but I dream of what this column could be if I got just one letter from each place during the coming year. Don't knock yourselves out, pals, just do your best. As ever, Ken Zitzman.

'33

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Dave Gibbs sent this picture of Chappie which appeared in the "Colo. Springs Sun" with a story of the Mayor's Civic Advisory Committee, which Chappie heads. "He seems quite busy on the no-pay jobs. We haven't seen them or the Cal Smiths—our fault, but we don't have our house settled and they live 20 miles away. We're still happy with our selection of this development (Woodmoor); the golf course is good and the club likewise. Nothing is final, however; we are here largely because of our soph. Paul, who presently has his leg in a cast as a result of skiing. Betty and I leave, with trailer, 1 Mar., for Guaymas, Mexico, and on the way we'll see the Rick (R.J.) Meyers in Tucson." At the '33 cocktail party at Myer on 30 Jan., 50 of us agreed that this should become an annual affair. The next whing-ding will be to repeat last year's tres bon C&O Canal barge trip, on 27 May. Jim Skinner (333 East 53d St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022), after retiring in '59, "—spent six years at Columbia—picked up my union card (Ph.D.) in archeology-anthropology. I then taught at Syracuse U. for several years and now at Hunter College. At the same time, I've been on expeditions to the Middle East and have done field work on my own in Europe, Peru, and Mexico—its all been a lot of fun." Jim plans to retire from teaching after this year and may move with his wife, whom he married a couple of years ago, to Paris. In response to my Common Cause letter, Vic King replied "At my age, I don't mind dreaming a few 'impossible dreams.'" Bing and Bimby Downing took "—a three-week trip to the Caribbean during which we made an island-hopping tour. We recommend Barbados and St. Lucia for a real 'sun vacation.'" Joe and Marjorie Crawford went to Berkeley to visit their dau. and plan their usual trip to Kans. this summer. In Calif., they saw Fran and Anslee Hill. President and Ethel Kaiser escape some of the cold weather to visit Gordon and Puddy Bartlett in Fla. Mo is coaching a group of Marine Corps "brats" at Quantico, two of whom were on a team that beat the Russians. Harpo Chase, who received his M.A. in Management from GWU, is moving to Melbourne, Fla. Johnny



1933: MG Ethan Allen Chapman

Cleveland recently visited the Scotts in Miami. He is completely retired now "and enjoying it." Doug and Mich Gilbert (703-347-7946), near Warrenton, were quite snowed-in for three days. Mich took a three-week trip to Hong Kong and Tokyo on a Braniff plane, arranged by Doug Jr. who flies for that outfit.

Until 1 Apr., Bus Evans is the acting Pres. of the National Center for Solid Waste Disposal; then he and Virginia will leave their temporary quarters in the Shoreham and move to the home they have purchased at Petersburg, Va. Jean Engler, who is still with the American Ord Assn., and Lessie have moved to 4771 N. 33d St., Arlington, Va. 22207 (703-536-6546) where Michael will be nearer his high school. Fran and her husband are in Hong Kong where he is AF Attaché. Oldest son, Jean (USMA '59), who was discharged because of physical disability, continues with Brown Engr. in Huntsville. Very active Al Welling and Nancy "—have some diversion like two nights a week of badminton, Saturdays devoted to ice skating or golf on a snow-covered course, and skiing on Sundays." Leo and Allyn Heintz' dau. Allyn, and her husband LT Earls (CE) are here. He recently returned from RVN and is on duty with the AEC in Germantown. Jack Schmelzer writes that he "taught Federal government at Cumberland County College last summer." Bill Blandford continues with Teledyne Corp.; Ann keeps up her help with the ARC; Barbara is with the American Council on Education; Lynn



1933: Cam Longley, Club President, Northern Utah Shrine Club, 1970.

teaches ballet at Slippery Rock School; and son Bill is about to complete his jr. yr. at the U. of Wis.

Billy Clarke's Betty died at Belvoir after too long suffering. Many classmates were at her funeral at Arlington, four of whom acted as honorary pallbearers. Their two daughters and son joined Billy for awhile; Lindy's mother-in-law flew to Caracas to baby sit; husband Mickey is there with GM; son Bill continues his work in the House Office Building, making sound tapes for MCs; dau. Betty and her three live in Richmond. Billy says he's making progress in learning the use and care of ice boxes and washing machines.

Chuck Dunn writes: "Dana Lee's husband, Harry, oversees the nuclear sub "Sam Rayburn" in Portsmouth, N.H., where so far they've had six feet of snow. We made the ARMY-Va. game last Oct., where we saw the Blandfords, Gees, Ryans, and Carvers. Got my first deer (the four-legged type) during our return from the game—a 200#, 10 pointer. We had an argument over the right of way and the deer lost—but I don't recommend this as a sport. Come Apr. I complete my first year of art (acrylics, not oils). Don't expect to make money, but that is not the name of the game." Bob Meals and Fran Hill occasionally join-up to replace divots in the Monterey area.

Emory Hackman has written his own obituary, "for future use," and recommends such action for us all. Son Emory Jr. (CPT MI) is in a DA school here, and his dad and Diddy hope he'll be stationed in this area when he completes it. Charley and Barbara Carver's Allen (USMA '64) is in the second year of a three-year course at the U. of Va. for a law degree. Dau. Barbara and son-in-law Bill Schneider live near Ft. Hood, where he is G3 of the good old 1st Armd Div Arty. Ned and Gladys Gee went to Germany in Dec. to visit dau. Jane and husband, stationed at Butzbach; Kaky and husband are at Carlisle, where he attends the AWC. Jimmy Polk retires 31 Mar.; he and Joey will move to their home at 4355 Lowell St., D.C. 20016. Ben Harrell also joins us "old fuds" at the same time. Only Russ Broshous has never retired—Bert Sparrow and Ned Gee are on active duty, but they have been recalled.

Hal and Jean Richey (5335 Parker Ave., Victoria, B.C., Canada) moved north in '68. "We like the pace of living here, the scenery, and the people. Five of our boys are with us, three in college and two in high school. The boys and I enjoy the hunting and fishing." Tom and Miss Atha Moorman "—moved from the palatial supe's quarters to a rented house in Colo. Springs. The other day we bought one in the Broadmoor area and will make our last move in May. Over the last five years we grew to like the mountains and particularly the people and have decided to live here permanently. Our Maggie is married to an AF MAJ and they are at Langley. Allyn and her lawyer-husband live in Menlo Park. AF CPT Tom is at Westover. And Bobby is a soph. at the U. of N. Colo. Come to Colo. where visibility of less than 100 miles is termed 'restricted.'" Tom has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Golden Cycle Corp. and is an officer of the USAFA Foundation.

Bob Blanchard says "You can now call me Rapid Robert—just now answering your card of last summer. During the past six weeks I learned the inner workings of a

hospital—all turned out OK. Bill Due didn't fare so well but has recovered 100%. Son Bob is at Ft. Huachuca, back from a second tour in RVN. Have seen Johnny Breit, who looks great. Billy Harris is working hard on getting a retirement community started here since the Distaff Foundation refused to put one in SA." A letter from Hal Maddux writes: "—there have been some important changes in the family. Mary passed away three years ago after a long illness. I'm now remarried and about to retire for the third and last time. After 1 July my address will be: Placida, Fla.—a little fishing village on the west coast. Spencer (USMA '59) has resigned and is a pilot for Delta. He lives in Atlanta and has two candidates for the Corps. Roger is still in the AF, but his time is almost up; he also has two potential plebes. I suspect the chances of having a much wanted granddaughter are gone."

Herewith is a picture of the Pres. of the Northern Utah Shrine Club. Cam Longley says that he "has been stuck with this job and doesn't have enough time to compete with Mo Kaiser on an international basis. I'm still taking lessons for a flight instructor rating, which I should get before Xmas. We, hopefully, will make a trip to Europe this year." Doug and Lill Cairns were with us for a week in Jan. on their way from New Zealand to Calif. via WP. He is real hip on hanging doors, and she cooks up a mean oriental dish—wonderful guests! Hap Tubbs is "—still kicking along OK. Took a trip to the mainland and visited Tom in Atlanta. Sue is in Chicago; Pat is at Leavenworth where her husband is a student; and Bill is back OK from RVN and finishing his enlistment at Ft. Riley. I've just finished a yr. as Ed. of the Hawaii Rehabilitation Assn. newsletter. Molly works with Eddie Doleman in the Heart Assn. Aloha!"

From wintry Sun Valley, Posie Neely writes: "We are planning to try the space-available bit to Spain and maybe Germany. We'll be 'bed musing' along the way—. Bob wants to look at a horse in Dallas; since he has quit the real estate game, he needs something to help his restlessness. We had (guests) for three days when they evacuated because of avalanche danger. I have the boys' labradors almost every day—other people get grandchildren, but I just get to take care of dogs." Dorothy and Johnny Johnson are moving to Valley Forge into a house built in 1740 by one of George Washington's deputies. Johnny is the new Pres. of Freedoms Foundation there. Bill Ryan speaks for '33 when he says that a commander's efficiency is measured by his ability to establish a fighting organization rather than a social system. Babs Scoville works for The Hospitality and Information Service and also volunteers to take groups on tours of the National Gallery of Art. Dodd Starbird retires on 31 Mar. His and Evelyn's home will be at 7208 Regent Drive in Alexandria. Catherine married lawyer Morris Ward on 6 Mar.; Edward is a MAJ on his second tour in RVN; Susan is married to IBM's Mr. Selfridge. Johnny and Dorothea Lane flew, from Dulles, to P.R. for a couple of weeks; they stayed at the Navy guest house (\$6 per day, \$129 each round trip); rented a car and toured the island. Johnny recommends it as an answer to "old age fatigue." Bob Turner says: "Nothing to report except the bombing of the capitol and the inevitability of higher taxes." The AF reports Wally Thinnes' address is: Petronell NR 1, Niederoster-

ich, Austria 24040. I sent Bruce Scott some poop on polo, and he answered: "I haven't played since just before WWII (but he certainly remembers). Johnny Cleveland and Pick Vidal, with Sally, stopped by.—While Pick and I were talking their plane left, so he and Sally spent the night with us. They are looking for a house near Patrick AFB to move into—soon." At this year's Founders Day Dinner at Bolling, 365 grads (including 17 of us) heard the Supe give an unusually excellent address telling how and why the Corps "has not."

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Our Scribe, Pee Wee Fellenz, departed the D.C. metropolitan area and left me with the notes to complete. Pee Wee and Mary now live at 614 N Pacific Ave., Ocean City, Md. 21842.

With deep regret we report the death of Jack Donoghue on 12 Feb. '71 of throat cancer. He had been living in Hudson, Mass., with his daughter Deirdre Ann and her husband David W. Boldt. His son, John H. Donoghue II, also survives. Jack had written about his terminal cancer, and he accepted his fate like the good soldier he was. On 2 Feb. '71, just 10 days before he died, Jack wrote: "The Army has finally gotten around to setting up my retired pay, so I'm taking care of two items—1. Dues (sadly in arrears) 2. Supe's Fund (\$34 for '34) mailed direct to Alumni Fund USMA." (Jack had just recently become eligible for retired pay as COL AUS). A memorial service was held at St. John's Church, Georgetown, D.C., on 18 Feb. Following the service Jack's ashes were placed in the Columbarium next to those of his late wife Althea. Nine classmates, two with their wives, attended the service. The Class sent a contribution in Jack's memory to the American Cancer Soc.

John Kromer, who resigned following graduation to enter the Episcopal ministry, learned of Jack Donoghue's illness and visited him. It was the first time they had seen each other since 1934. During WWII Kromer was a Chaplain with the 1148 Engr Cmbt Gp. His assignments with the Episcopal Church have been in the New England area. John has a wife Ginnie and four sons. His new address is: The Reverend John S. Kromer, 161 Bradford Road, Watertown, Mass. 02172.

Cy Betts retired 31 Dec. '70, his last as-



1934: Henry and Juliette Hester

signment being Chief of R&D, DA. On 3 Dec. '70, he was presented with an award from the AEC by Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Chmn. At his retirement ceremony in the Pentagon, Westmoreland, '36 presented him with the DSM. A party was held for the Betts' in honor of their retirement at the Ft. Belvoir Officers Club. A number of classmates and their wives and many other friends attended. Cy has just been confirmed to be VP of Planning for SW Research Inst. Cy and Pat will live in their new home at 6414 Viewpoint, San Antonio, Tex. 78229.

Jack Seaman retired 28 Feb. '71 from his job of CG, First U.S. Army. A ret. ceremony was held at Ft. George C. Meade, Md., with Westmoreland '36, presenting Jack with the third OLC to the DSM. Mary was presented with a bouquet of roses. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Officers Club. Approximately 10 classmates and their wives attended along with the Seamans' many other friends. Jack and Mary now reside at 1729 Fernham Drive, Crofton, Md. 21113.

During June Week '70, with Jack Renfro doing the honors, the Class presented silver trays to Class Sons Peter B. Spivy and William A. Fogg Jr., both Class of '70. Bill Fogg Sr., Ex-'34, who rejoined the Class at our 35th Reunion in '69, recently wrote to all of us: "My oldest son Bill Jr. '70 has completed Airborne and Ranger training and will soon be on his way to the 4th Armd Div in Germany. I want you to know how wonderful it was for '34 to have presented Bill with the Class Son gift. It is, of course, something he never expected but, by the same token, it is all the more cherished as a very real reminder that the 'Long Gray Line' is much more than an oft-repeated phrase. To me as a non-graduate, the Class Son gift is tangible evidence, if any were needed, of the depth and sincerity of the spirit of '34. My heartfelt thanks to the Class." Bill Fogg Sr. is now a COL AUS Ret. He is an active member of the Class and of the WP Soc. of Columbus, Ohio. We are glad to have you back with us Bill.

Charlotte and Harry Hubbard were in D.C. over Xmas visiting their son Harry Jr. and family. Harry Jr. is a MAJ in DCSOPS and is a fine looking officer. Johnny and Francie Stevens had the Hubbards and Pee Wee and Mary Fellenz over for drinks during the holiday period. Pee Wee says Charlotte and Harry both looked wonderful and are extremely happy ranching in El Paso.

Johnny Diefendorf says that he doesn't see many classmates but did see Pete Ward at a WP Soc. meeting. Johnny lives in Williamsburg, Va.

Dorothy and Ken Cunin are spending the winter in San Antonio but will be back home in Ohio in Apr.

Tom Crystal just finished a third series of radiation therapy under Sanford Medical Center's Linear Accelerator. He hopes to get well and strong again soon, and we all hope so too. Tom is still teaching his college classes and loves it. Keep fighting, Tom!

Trav and Liz Petty were recent house-guests of the Edsons. Trav attended the Feb. Class luncheon at the A-N Country Club in Arlington, Va., along with nine D.C. area classmates.

Bill Wise insists that we are missing a lot by not coming to colorful Colo.

Gerry and Kay Higgins are high in their mountain shack at Salmon, Idaho. At 6,000 feet with no telephone, TV, or Interstates

around they guarantee good fishing and sleeping.

Another note from the West. Sue Smoller says: "If you know of anyone who would like a free home for a couple of months this summer in Colo., do let me know as I'd like to go to Europe. If there is a 'taker' they would pay utilities and care for my dog." Sue's address is: Mrs. J. F. Smoller, 23 Oak Ave., Colo. Springs, Colo. 80906.

Ace Brookhart has been having a bout with the cancer doctors at Walter Reed and has been taking radiation therapy in the private area for several weeks. During his free time he attended the Class luncheon and Seaman's retirement ceremony. Having completed his current therapy, he has returned home to Kathleen at Carlisle, Pa., but will return to Walter Reed in a few months for further checkup.

Dud Wilmeth is planning another trip to the USSR and urges interested classmates to write to him for details. Dud says he hasn't seen a classmate in many moons. He lives at 8501 Heron Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. 76108.

It was announced in the "Detroit News" that the Detroit area has its first transportation czar. Named to the post is Tom Lipscomb. Tom will be Gen. Mgr. of Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA). Tom was selected from among more than 200 applicants for the job. He has been Exec. Dir. of the Delaware River Port Authority and Pres. of the Port Authority Transit Corp. (PATCO), both Phila. area agencies.

Russ Volckmann is keeping busy in Morrison, Ill. "driving" his corporation. Harry Lardin suggests that some of his Mainland classmates come to Hawaii. Perhaps we could charter a ship or plane and have a reunion there. Hector McKinnon says we have six classmates residing in the greater Atlanta area, but they are so widely scattered they seldom meet. Living in the area are the Andrews, Cunninghams, Hesters, Paul Turners, McCrarys, and the McKinnons.

Rip Winkle says he has two sons, Class of '80 and '84, that keep him young. Jean Jenna visited her parents, COL and Mrs. John Sullivan '07, in D.C., over the Xmas holidays. Dale Huber hopes to retire to a beach area in four years. He and Stilson Smith get together every year during the Easter holidays. Jabo and Virgie Jablonsky expect to stay in Iran until the end of '72. Jabo is Gen. Mgr. of GNPS Consortium which is building a telecom system for the government of Iran. Dede and Evelyn Simenson reported that they were going to Boston in Mar. for the wedding of their younger daughter Jeanne. Jeanne and Bob Finkenaur announced that their daughter Jeanne Marie is engaged to marry Allen Jeffrey Rock, Cadet Regtl. CO, 4th Regt, USCC, in June '71.

The Gary Halls, '32, gave a party for Hal and Faith Edson during their recent trip to Fla. At the party were the Hillyards, Northams, Snees, and Yarbroughs. Gale Hall is O.P. Robinson's sister.

Perry Griffith has been writing articles for magazines and newspapers as a hobby. He is Asst. to the Pres. of Analog Technology Corp. in Pasadena. The Griffiths' daughter is married to an AF MAJ who has flown three combat tours in RVN. The Griffiths' son is a Marine 1LT who served a combat tour in RVN as a platoon cmdr.

Joe Miller lives in Whittier, is a Ph.D. and is head of North American Rockwell's Nuc. Div. The Griffiths see the Millers every few

months, and Perry says Joe looks as young as he did in '34. If true, that's a good trick, Joe.

Just in is a nice note from Fern Huffsmith acknowledging with grateful appreciation the Class contribution to the Heart Fund in memory of Vic. Fern still lives at Star Rt., Box 476, Loveland, Colo. 80537.

Your new Scribe will be announced in the next issue of ASSEMBLY. Don't forget to keep him posted on Class News.

'35

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Franklin B. "Brick" Reynold died of a liver ailment at Beebe Hospital in Lewes Del. on 17 Feb. '71. We here in D.C. had not seen much of Brick since he moved to Rehoboth in '69.

LTC Hugh Exton had a bout with hepatitis during the winter but is back at duty now.

LTC Harry Critz retired 1 Mar. from his command of Fourth Army, and it is understood that LTC Phil Mock commanding Fifth Army, MG Hart Caughey, his dpty, and MG Bud Russ of Fourth Army will all be retired by the time you read this. Also MG Autrey Maroun is scheduled to retire 1 Apr. '71. After this spate of retirements we will have only six classmates still on active duty—Haines, Throckmorton, Lemley, Exton, Eckhardt, and Twitchell—and that number will be further reduced later this yr. when Ham Twitchell retires.

Ralph Haines reports that he saw Phil Mock at a change of command ceremony at Ft. Carson last winter and also local representatives of the Colo. Springs area, Kenny Curtis and Jim Wilson, at the reception afterward.

Those of you who see "Sunset" magazine have seen pictures of the beautiful garden and courtyard of COL and Mrs. David B. Stone of Tucson featured in a recent issue. Dave is a member of the state legislature in Ariz.

Fred and Rusty Hall are in Switzerland for a yr. while Fred heads a group of students from his University. They will return to Deland, Fla. in the summer.

Richard Thayer, son of Hank and Arline Thayer, was a lawyer with the Internal Revenue in the D.C. area for several yrs., but now has gone into private practice with an office in Deerfield Beach, Fla. He makes his home in Boca Raton. Last 12 Feb. he came back to D.C., married Judith Anne Wimmer, and took her to Boca Raton too.

Last 20 Feb. Bernie and Harriett Waterman gave a lovely party to introduce Brad Waterman's fiance, Susan Smith.

That wedding mentioned as impending in the last issue came off. Joe Weichmann and Jean Mitchell were married on 6 Feb. Latest word is that they are considering taking up residence in the area near WP, possibly for sentimental reasons since that is where they met during the Reunion last yr.

Freddie Bidgood, MAJ, CE, son of Clarence and Isabel Bidgood, is now assigned as Protocol O at WP.

For the past several yrs. a celebration has been held at WP in memory of the graduates of 100 yrs. before. The descendants of those graduates gather for a ceremony and dinner. This year Arthur Fickel has assumed the job of organizing and coordinating this affair since one of his ancestors was in the Class of 1871.

Jack Davis, who is Dir. of Pers. at Grant Hosp. in Columbus, Ohio, reports that Bob and Betty Strauss are in fine shape. Jack and his wife Claire took a trip to Fla. last winter and went for a two-wk. cruise visiting ports around the Caribbean including the Bahamas, St. Thomas, Martinique, Caracas, Panama, etc. He says it was a wonderful vacation. They also visited Gene and Marge Walter in Fort Lauderdale, and the Bristors in Gainesville. I don't understand how Jack manages so much time away from the store, but he says he is planning to take Claire to Spain in Sept. to see the Murcia Fiesta. Ole!

'36

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At this moment Gordon Austin is making with avidity and diligence to produce the best 35th Reunion that '36 has ever had. Although you probably won't be reading this until we are all there (WP), we're hoping Gordon's present fine guesstimate of attendees is 51 Classmates! To further distinguish this memorable event, three of our sons will be graduating at USMA—John T. Beard, Richard A. Kelly, and John H. Chiles Jr. This yr. the US Naval Academy is honored by having a son of '36 graduate also. He is Donald Mikkelsen. This brings to mind that among all the other firsts that it has been our Great Westy's to achieve, he presented sons' gifts in '62 as Supe not only to WP, but also to the Naval Academy.

Heard from the Beards right after New Year's. Sally had an operation before Xmas. A lot of the family will be at Reunion to see John graduate. Skip still teaches at Brevard. Jack Chiles was thru Atlanta in Feb., and we met briefly at airport. He was checking on the construction of their new home at Lady Island, S.C., where six other classmates have bought property. Jack said Dave Chaffin was there in Jan. and might be "joining up." A nice letter from Ted Clifton inclosing the attached picture of the unusual foursome at Burning Tree indicates that the '71 Golf Championship for 36ers is beginning to loom highly competitive. Gil Dorland and Randy Dickens have already announced their keen interest in a challenge from Ted, Westy, Bruce, and Ike. One thing sure is that the hosts at Whispering Pines, N.C., are all ready for the weekend of 9-10 Oct. '71. Gil further announced that his son MAJ John is in the TAC Dept at USMA and hopes to visit with at least some of us at Reunion. George Finley is a graphic instructor at N.C. State in Raleigh. He was with Randy Dickens last summer planning on the golf tournament. The reason for this stale news is that your Scribe has had George with a Miami address erroneously for several years.

It's slightly disgusting that this column has come to the stage where our decaying and geriatric symptoms are news. Nevertheless, with sympathy it is reported that Dick Carmichael and Jack Daly have recently both had "tail pipe deals" (as Hap Dalton describes this type of surgery). Both illustrious Classmates are reported back in shape. After being in Atlanta over a year, the Evans—with Gages—decided to see some of the tourist attractions. We did, but it was the worst weathered nite in this city in a long time. Betty and Ollie Haywood wrote more about their trip to the Orient. They were



1936: "Challenging!" Ted, Westy, Bruce and Ike.

in Hong Kong when the Michaelis' were; saw Julie Abrams in Bangkok and Abe in Saigon. The Hesses are planning well ahead to assure that they have a great 35th Reunion. They have a very proper '36 Spirit. Because of his continuing interest in WP affairs, the Class nominated Jim Illig as a VP to the Alumni Assn. His term of service is not currently known. Bill Shuler and I heard from Jim Landrum several times regarding the un-uniformity of addresses, etc. in the USMA REGISTER and Class '36 files. For others who've noticed this, I think one reason is that an individual may notify one office, but not the other. And please don't think the offices of REGISTER and '36 HQ exchange correspondence!

Virginia Persons wrote from San Rafael, Calif. She and Pete have a lot of yard work to do on their house which they've rented for 15 years. They saw Warfields in Tex. last yr. Have also visited with Ace and Jean Miller's children who say the old folks are moving to Monterey Peninsula. Virginia sees Buynskis often in San Francisco. Bill Shuler has continued keeping the Class organized and in touch with his very well attended monthly luncheons. He says Bruce has been ailing. Haneke has resigned from his Med. College of Va. job. Deadeye Dickson is a consultant with the Dept. of Trans. George Childs is moving to Laurel, Del. Bill and I received a new address from Sandy McCorkle—1350 Ala Moana, Apt. 1102, Honolulu 96814. Snyder came to Atlanta in Feb., and we had our usual very enjoyable lunch and discussed '36 affairs and classmates. Jack Kelly continues to work and develop his Security business. He's hired several people, made a number of sales, and unfortunately has put a kink in his neck and contracted flu (I think, from over work). Ed Wallnau has written several times. He's planning to be at 35th. Torrey and Katz visited him in Fla., late Dec.

See ya in June!

A phone call from Lois Kieffer got these notes back on the typewriter. She has been in Atlanta a few days visiting Mary Lee Griffith Chrietzberg. She reported that big Pete will probably continue on as college pres. about five more years, then they'll

move to a home they already own near Ft. Belvoir. Little Pete is stationed at Ft. Hood. Mary Lee is looking for a new home in north Atlanta. Son, Stephen Griffith, graduates from The Citadel this June.

'37

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It is a beautiful sunny spring day this Sun. in early Mar. as I sit down to put the final touches to the Spring edition of the Class notes. Ann and I have just returned from a two-week trip to Fla., where we enjoyed an early spring, toured both the west and east coasts of that Sunshine state, and saw many friends. We had a good but much too short visit with "Chief" and Claudine Evans in Jacksonville, talked to Bob and Jean Palmer and Dick Barden, and picked up a bit of news on some other classmates.

"Chief" is with the Fla. Canal Authority and has been caught between the business and conservational interests in that area. He and Claudine have joined several local activities and apparently are really enjoying living in that part of Fla. "Chief" was tied up with a meeting the evening we were there, so Claudine took us to dinner at the lovely Fla. Yacht Club, and "Chief" joined us later. Their principal activities at the moment are centered around their four grandchildren, two of whom are residing with them while their daughter flies to Bangkok to be with her husband on leave. "Chief" reports that "Solly" Sollohub is still with the Fla. Board of Conservation in Tallahassee while Jack Van Vliet, Kelsie Reaves, and Chuck Pfeffer are in the Clearwater area. I wish it had been possible to get in touch with all of them. Maybe this comment will generate a note from them. Bob and Jean Palmer have a lovely home on one of the big inland lakes near Orlando, and from all reports they are enjoying life but also working hard too. Bob is working for Howard Needles, an engr. consulting firm, while Jean is attending college to get her degree in psychology. Bob's son is teaching chem. at WP. Dick Barden is teaching math. at one of the local high schools in the Orlando area and apparently enjoying the lighter things in life as well.

Just after the New Year I received a good note from Charlie Stark, down Mexico way. He had seen Mort and June Magoffin out in Calif. in early Dec. and reports that June is as lovely as ever, and Mort had some of his usual accurate but caustic comments on the world situation. They are a great couple, and I regret they live so far from D.C. Charlie also commented that people frequently write him for information about Mexico, in general, and his particular area. He urges that they take advantage of the excellent poopsheets which are available upon request from the American Consulate General, Monterey N L, Mexico, or from the American Embassy, Mexico 5 D F, Mexico. Charlie also explained that one reason we couldn't reach Bill Chenoweth, when Ann and I were travelling in Mexico last June, was that Bill apparently left that area about



1937: West Point Class of 1937, photographed at the Pentagon. Left to right: LTG Alexander D. Surlles, C/S, USEUCOM; LTG Albert O. Connor, CG, Third Army; LTG John J. Tolson III, CG, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.; MG Chester L. Johnson, COMUSARSO; LTG Frederick J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers, USA; and LTG George V. Underwood, CG, USARADCOM.

six or seven years ago. Since Saltillo is the last address the AOG has for Bill, if anyone has his current address, please let me know. Charlie still hears from Roy Mapes every now and then. Roy is presently in Houston, Tex., and Charlie has his address.

Through the courtesy of Sally Sciple, wife of Carl Sciple Class of '32 I recently received a newspaper picture of "Sally" Salientes. The picture although not suitable for reprinting, shows "Sally" and his wife greeting some VIPs at Corregidor. "Sally" is Under Sec of Def for the Philippine Government. As I mentioned in my last notes, Bill and Marge Bailey returned in late Nov. from a six-week trip to Japan. Ann and I had dinner with Bill and Marge recently, and they both look fine. Bill must still take it easy but his recovery from a very serious illness of last year has been remarkable. I also talked with Dave Parker this morning. Dave is in Walter Reed where he has been recovering from his auto accident of last fall. He reports that he can now put 25 lbs. of pressure on the leg that was so badly broken and can also move about some with the use of crutches. He hopes to get home to Mette in Apr.

A Xmas time note from Randy and Marge Hines gives their present address as 1 Greenhill, Charleston, S.C. Randy is teaching chem, math, and physics at a local high school and also taking a math. night course. Randy reports that Perry Eubank is located in nearby Summerville and Finn Unger has moved into a new home at Beech Mountain near Banner Elk, N.C. Baker and Pat Steely also wrote from Salem, Oreg., that Pat is teaching blind-deaf children in a pioneering project while Baker is budget officer and analyst with state education. They had a recent note from Ginny Ressegieu who indicated she planned to settle in Calif. soon.

Finally, Freddy Clarke's secy sent along this excellent photograph of some of our more distinguished Army classmates taken at the 1970 Army Commanders' Conference last Dec. As you may have heard, Jack Tolson has also gained considerable fame for his pioneer work in dealing with the drug problem. I understand, although I can't confirm it, that Chester Johnson has received orders to Tex. I know they will miss him in Panama as everyone there was fond of Mollie and Chester.

'38

BG William K. Skaer
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Your Scribe just returned from a short trip south of the border where he found that two classmates are currently enjoying the charms of delightful Mexico. Jeff Irvin and Bobbie are still living in the Lomas Barillaco area of Mexico City at an altitude that almost gets them out of the city's smog. Jeff who is Defense Attaché won't be there much longer with his retirement scheduled for the end of Oct.; so he says that if any of you folks are planning to pay him a Mexican visit, you had better get moving.

Jeff said that Nev Howell had decided that life in San Francisco was too rugged, so Nev had moved too, and built a house in "the Village in the Sun" Ajijic on Lake Chapala in the State of Jalisco. Just a few miles south of Guadalajara, Nev and Lenore have joined many other U.S. military retirees living in the area and would, I'm sure, be happy to answer questions about their new home. Their

address is Apartado Postal 91, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

On the subject of retirements, Andy Anderson, Ken Wickham, and John Finn retired at the end of Mar. Andy and Gene were planning to sell their house on Ft. Scott Dr. in So. Arlington and head for Naples, Fla., where they already own a waterfront home. Their plans were to build another in Naples exactly the way they wanted it. Ken and Helen Wickham also contemplated leaving the D.C. area after Ken's retirement. Their objective was to become Calif. residents in Palo Alto or Menlo Park.

John Tillson, Ben Sternberg, and Ward Ryan also have '71 retirement dates; John at the end of Apr., Ben the end of May, and Ward the end of Nov. Your Scribe has no information yet on their plans for the future. Not many of '38 will be on active duty after this year, but those who are still around are still being moved. Claire Hutchin left his job as CG, V Corps to take up residence at Ft. Meade as boss of the First Army. Meanwhile Ken Mearns moved from Chief of MAAG in Germany to CG of V Corps with a welcome promotion to LTC. Art Collins was due to pass through D.C. in the spring, pick up Nim and head for Germany to be No. 2 man in USAREUR.

The news from the retired element of '38 seems to be drying up. But we do have a few vignettes. Bob Erlenbush in Port Charlotte, Fla., is building houses from sun-up to sun-down. Carter Duncan has taken up residence in Redwood City, Calif. (1756 Broadway) and wrote that part of his family had recently dropped in to see Tony and Dimps Chanco in Manila. Ted and Elizabeth Sawyer, currently residing in San Antonio, have become fruit growers in the Rio Grande Valley where they purchased a grapefruit orchard. Good luck. But they had better mind the competition with J.B. and Pat Coleman hard at the same business in Fla.

Founders Day Dinner in D.C. was held this year at Bolling AFB and saw a goodly representation from '38: Des Brown, Skip Bixby, Bert Harrison, Al Hulse, Gene Kelsey, Ed Lahti, Mo Lemon, Ken Skaer, Bill Smith, Jim Taylor, and Jesse Thomas.

We were all saddened by the death of G. G. O'Connor soon after assuming command of Fourth Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Our deepest condolences go out to his family.

Don't forget to keep your Scribe advised of what's going on, and send me some pictures.

'39

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While in Monterey, Calif. just before Xmas, Charlie Duke and your Scribe visited Pat Mulcahy in his beautiful Carmel home. Pat reports other lucky '39ers in the area: Phil Davidson (CG Ord), Swede Larsen (CG Sixth Army), Bill Looney, John Pavick, and Matt Smith. Pat's working on another degree. At the Feb. Class luncheon in the Pentagon, Walt Brinker, just retired, was in from San Antonio and is now with United Services Auto Assoc. to spearhead a mutual fund endeavor. Good luck, Walt.

For our annual D.C. area mixed golf and grill mark your calendars for 5 June. Bob Ploger will play host at Ft. Belvoir, and any out-of-towners or others not getting the word, please phone Ed Hamilton if you can

make it. Ed's at (703) CL6-2433. Chet Lennhof (Springfield, Va.) reports seeing Anne and Jack Habecker in Cucamonga, Calif. Jack is a banker, and they live opposite a golf course—rough. Zethrens and Holsteins are reported living nearby.

At ARMY-Navy basketball game at Annapolis on 27 Feb., Jay and Natalie Dawley, Ed and Grace Hamilton, Matt and Barbara Legler (down from Larchmont, N.Y.), Bernie and Phyllis Teeters, and Bill and Kay Bailey cheered ARMY to victory—of course. The D.C. area annual dinner dance at Arlington Hall drew quite a crowd on 6 Mar. Present for the festivities were P.J. and Perdiem Long, Harry and Jane McClellan, Al and Ruth Ginder, Jim Green, Bill and Kay Bailey, Ed and Pat Smith, Jay and Natalie Dawley, Carl Buechner with Sally Botsai, Buzz and Dottie Chapman, Dutch and Barbara Kerwin, Ed and Grace Hamilton, Art and Mary Allen, Dick and Adelaide Cleverly, Dick and Jean Morrison, Jack and Mary Alice Myers, Bernie and Phyllis Teeters, Scott and Jan Kurtz, Bob and Marguerite Ploger, Linc and Rosalind Simon, Bill and Lydia Preston, and Chuck and Helen Parsons. A good time was had by all!

Congratulations to both Mike Davidson and Frank Mildren on their recent nominations to their fourth stars. Freddie Boye reports seeing Walt Vann who was in the Pentagon briefly from USEUCOM. If you have address of any of following classmates, please notify ASSEMBLY since their mail from WP has been returned: Beckedorff, J.H. Frost, Rufus Holloway, S.R. Johnson, Hugh Caldwell, Art Reed, S.W. Fitzgerald, John Brearley, P.W. Long, Clough, John Watt, D.A. Nolan, Carl Lentz, W. Herron, St. Clair, Tilden Wright, Len Palmer, Bess, W.C. Stone, Walt Grant, Ned Glenn, John Kelly, Ed Schmid, McKeever, and Bill Reilly.

Send notes and pictures, please.

'40

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"And the voice of the turtle shall be heard in the land." The ice is breaking up on the Hudson and while once in a while it snows on croci (crocuses), by the time this is read, it will be nigh on to June week and our 31st reunion. Who is coming? Look me up.

If any of you paused long enough to read



1940: Chuck Noble, Professional Engineer



1940: Class of 1940, Washington, D. C.

the words in this column last issue, you will have noticed that we picked up a four-star general in our ranks. Now we can count Dave Parker as the new governor of the Panama Canal Zone. As a hometown boy, I welcome the appointment, wish Dave and Betty well, and suggest that when he appoints cadets to USMA, he concentrates on those who can swim AND do Calculus.

Eddie Noble writes that Chuck is now the CG USAECV APO SF 96491. Eddie stays in Heidelberg with her son Steve during Chuck's 18-month hiatus. She sees the Penneys a great deal. Howard is the Engr for USAEEUR, and Midge was selected as best hostess of the year. Chuck also has the title of Professional Engineer. Frank Meszar living after retirement at 305 E 63d St., Savannah, Ga. 31405.

Bill Francisco living at 1508 B Antionette (don't change that spelling) Ave., Charlottesville, Va. 22903. Bill figured his putting was not good enough for going on the tour, so he summoned up nerve to apply for admission to the Law School at the Univ. of Va. He was accepted in the middle of the year which shows the temerity of some institutions and also indicates how good a lawyer Bill really is. Law was the choice after he tried the "old head" on the "new math" which, according to "Peanuts," does not jibe. He even read a book written by Professor Otis Ulm and worked up through the sixth grade until law won out.

Pat and Martha England are in Clearwater. Steve Morrissey is not the Black Steve of yore, but lives on the intercoastal waterway, teaches English, and plays the futures market. Spangler left the Tampa area to go northeast (not so very) to the St. John's River; Walt Winton is about; and Walt Gunster is hiding in some bank vault. Bill's son went back for second tour in RVN and second son is driving F-4's and should be there now. Francisco's daughter graduated from Hollins College in Roanoke this spring. Pat Merchant reported to be the ultra-conservative in residence in Albemarle County, Va. Hi-balitos are available at Casa Francisco.

We are privileged to print a picture of a group of dapper young men posing as members of the Class of 1940 at a recent party given at the Hotel Madison in D.C. by MG Wendell Sell in honor of Hank Miley's four stars. Wendell, who picked up the check, is the smiling one.

Being fresh out of Eagle scouts and station-



1940: Dave Parker '40, Governor, Panama Canal Zone

to-station moves, I thought it might be fitting to close this all with a bit of nostalgia. Phil and Zero said it in the "Pointer" dated 18 Nov. 1938 in their famous column "Off Limits."

Best Drag of the Week. "... we offer this week's prize for the Best Drag of the Week to the femme standing in front of the Mess Hall about 8:00 p.m. Sat. She wore a white hoop skirt, a scarlet evening wrap with a white fur neck piece. A large ostrich feather curled regally over her beautiful golden locks. Sorry we don't know her name or who was dragging her but she was plenty pro. Our hats off to both of you."

This is a far cry from Hot Pants.

'41

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By the time you read this the mighty 30-year veterans of '41, together with the world's most beautiful and gracious camp followers, will be converging on target Alpha. We will feel that special feeling as the Plain hoves into view, and our hearts will be gladdened to see that the reconstruction phase is almost completed, and, as promised by Jim

Lampert, the inspiring view of the Chapel and the front rank of Barracks remains unchanged.

Jim Laney and his hard working committee continue to predict a record turn out, and with each Class Area Commander pushing and Charlie Schilling and Bob Samz pulling, the program predicts that 150 stalwarts will fall-in in front of Cullum on 3 June. That's got to be a record—plus!!

2 June is check-in day—that evening the Class dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn. The bar (dutch) opens at 1830—dinner will be served at 2000. Comasters-of-ceremonies Andrus & Christensen—speeches: min; reminiscences: max. Music: Miller & Dorsey courtesy Thompson AG.

3 June—1030 Class picture at Trophy Point: Just-one-more Charlie. 1100—Alumni Parade followed by Class memorial services at the Kelleher-Jobes Monument. Memorial Service: Peddie assisted by classmates who will say words in behalf of each of our comrades who has joined the Long Gray Line since our last Reunion: Felchlin, Sharkey, Tyler, Moody, Harding, Stigers, Cummings, Freese, Stillson, Kercheval, Graham, and Moyer. Evening Party: '41 style. Post-dinner maneuvers—awkward squad—section marcher: Mul-lane.

4 June—Class picnic at Golf Club. Uniform: ponchos in Howitzer boxes. Agenda: BS Booze BS Chow BS Topic A BS Booze - BS. Note: There is talk of a business meeting, but the great silents are holding out for a three-day ecological refurbishment of soul and spirit—leaving the dreary world's problems off the agenda.

We can anticipate that we'll have the best time ever, thanks to Jim and his well-organized committee of Herb Stern, Joe Canella, Brad Smith, Joe Reed, Pete Tanous, Sam McGruder, Jack Millikin, Chuck Schilling, and Bob Samz.

The Class salutes our newest LTG, Bill Gribble. After many years of setting the pace on the scientific side of the house, Bill has become the fifth '41er to earn that elusive third star. Hats Off to the DA's new DC/S R&D!

Another high spot at June Week will be our salute to the graduating sons. Mike Greene, Jr. will graduate from USNA and be commissioned in the Marine Corps and John S. Brown will follow in father Horace's footsteps.

The only other make list published recently was the new Class officers. Burnside Huffman is our pres.; Jim Laney, VP; Herb Stern, secy; Andy Anderson, treas.; Yours truly, ex. secy; Chuck Schilling, USMA member; Howdy Clark, non-active member.

The Xmas letter was pretty much a flop in spite of the valiant efforts of the D.C. chapter to save it. The Class Area Commanders did their best despite a poorly prepared ops order. The fault was mine. No excuses sirs! It will not happen again.

The mail bag is skimpy, but we still have the Autovon. Have chatted with Pete Tanous, who reports a booming "used tank" business in the Middle East. Jack Christensen is busy with his airline. Bill Gurnee survived the earthquake, and even the hot jet streams in his pool still work. Arnie Phillips reports a quick trip to D.C., enabling him to make the last Class luncheon where 22 guys showed up. Later that evening he had dinner with John and Patti Locke at their quarters at Bolling. Arnie said he was the only '41er at the St. Louis Founders Day, Arnold Torgerson couldn't make it, and that the Supe—Bill Knowl-



1941: Joe Reed, Walt Woolwine, Wendy Knowles, Larry Greene, Harry Besancon, Hal Tidmarsh, Hugh Foster—assembled at Woolwine's "hooch" in honor of Joe Reed.

ton gave an outstanding speech. Wally Lauterbach is busy putting his second orchard in while Doris is packing to return to Anchorage for a bridge tournament. Jeff is a ski instructor. Wally reported that Stan Hutson is in the vicinity, living on a lake in a very remote area. George McIntyre reported a sparse turnout for Founders Day at Carson. Ben Spiller was MC and did a great job; Mal Troup was the only other '41er present as George got clobbered with the one-day flu. Bucky Curtis reported Pooge at a meeting, but Bud Thompson (20 miles away) said he'd see Pooge next day at the SSFBABCTODS along with Stan Ramey, Lou Elder, and Walt Mullane. Charlie Schilling reported all in readiness at WP.

The Army Home Town News Center reported that Lloyd Salisbury received the MSM during a recent ceremony at the Presidio of San Francisco, where he is DCS Intell. He received the award for his service as Defense Attaché to the Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Niger, and Upper Volta.

From Walt Woolwine—the action shot at his "hooch" in honor of Joe Reed's visit. See cut: Joe Reed, Walt Woolwine, Wendy Knowles, Larry Greene, Harry Besancon, Hal Tidmarsh, and Hugh Foster. Mike Greene and Roy Atteberry (with orders to Dix) were unable to make it.

Poopic Ellis writes that his daughter presented them with a beautiful granddaughter Sonia Jean Withos. And on 12 Mar., Harry III completed his Ph.D. in Pharmacology and goes into the Army for two years. He is a CPT in the Med Serv Corps. "Les Bailey and I are scheduled to graduate with a Master's in Teaching Math. Bob Edger is at Redstone and expects to retire this summer. Bob Coakley is living at Va. Beach."

Wray White writes that he and John C.H. Lee are the committee for the Monte Carlo night of the WP Soc. of Cincinnati. "Games galore."

The U.S. Ski Team Fund, over which I am supposed to preside, got a nice shot-in-the-bank balance by Bill Hoge, who reported in from 300 Maryland Ave., Pullman, Wash. 99163, with the comment, "We have a few skiers around here, I occasionally clutter up a slope and drink a little vino myself." Bill

is teaching at Wash. State and reported that one of Ernie Whitaker's five boys is on his campus. Al Hayduk wrote a long and much appreciated letter on fund raising. And now that I am on the subject, let the record show that the U.S. National Ski Team put together a banner season. Our great young athletes, particularly the Cochran sisters, have the Europeans talking to themselves. Next year: Sapporol

In spite of a highly coordinated effort to get Bill and Nancy Vaughan to the Reunion, a long letter to Pete Tanous explains that it is simply not possible, what with a retirement, a move into an apartment in Munich and a heavy slug in German Language school for them both. We will miss them. But Willy and Rumbo will be in our thoughts as we fall in front of Cullum to pay our respects to the Corps.

Yea Reunion!

'42

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The gloom period must have you all in its spell, for as my 15 Mar. deadline descends, the pipeline is dry. Box 1142 is draped in crepel

The Class election in Jan. provided the excuse for a bisexual get-together at the Arlington Hall Club. After the vicious out-fighting and heart-rending pleas for rejection, the mantle descended on Ray Murphy. Bill Harrell is his trusty left arm, G. Foster is most noble Secy, G. Hesselbacher continues to accept and expend monies, and this column remains in the same illiterate hands. Appointments are being rendered right and center in preparation for the June '72 festivities. Your prompt response to communications—especially regarding the Thirty Year Book and MONEY—is indispensable. Get out your white hat from '67 and be a good guy! And while you're wearing the image, send your Project '72 contribution along. It needs a 250 per cent transfusion as of now. Nuff said?

Official pronouncements include orders for

Doc Charbonneau to Ft. Stewart (and if Spanish with a Brooklyn accent was something else, wait'll you get to Georgia, m'lud). Andy Low's retirement in Mar., and also Paul Cerar's after much waiting to get the doctor's ok.

We were saddened to have news of Pat Timothy's mother's death but gratified to have the chance to renew acquaintance with his father and lend a helping hand.

The economy has been playing games with some of our old soldiers. Jim Cockrell has landed with Vertex Corp., analyzing systems, and Don Deffke is back on a payroll—but whose I don't know! Joe Schmidt has found that when Chrysler loses a bundle, somebody pays. The family thinks it a great excuse to search for a way to rejoin the D.C. contingent! Howard Slaton is now in the local real estate business, competing with Bobbie Raymond and Mary Barnes. If you think he's prettier than they, give him the business. (Sorry, Howie!) Bill Harrell had no time to collect unemployment compensation before he associated with MICOM Systems Corp. out in Rockville.

The tremendous Post Office building program has Jim Josendale and Carl Ulsaker smiling, but Dan Raymond must be stunned by the load it will put on his people. Proves the old saw, "Do unto others before they . . ."

Because of poor timing on my trips, I missed a call from Jeff Davis, a dinner with Bill Crosson, and a visit with Alma and Tim Hanley.

The Ray Murphys and John Sheffey had a ski trip in Jan. John's conscience bothered him so that he then took Shirley to Fla. and included a visit with the Zimmermans.

Received the happy news that Dale Jordan is now Mrs. Phil Bramble with nothing to do but raise four boys aged 8, 10, 12, and 14. Don't they say that you never congratulate the bride? In this case, I can see why!

ARMY-Navy basketball at Annapolis attracted the Boltons, Cutlers, Fosters, Kesters, Markses, and Ray Murphys. Even a 20 minute blackout couldn't help the Middies overcome that quality of support!

Young Bill Gernert has brought his Master's Degree to the Pentagon to work in the AF's drug abuse program and recently opened



1942: On 1 March 1971, MG Jack Barnes, USMA '42, had the stars of his new rank pinned on by wife Mary and his father, COL (Ret.) Elmer E. Barnes, USMA Nov. '18, in the office of the Chief of Research and Development, LTG Bill Gribble, USMA '41, whose "old" stars were used in the ceremony.

his River House pad to the inspection of the older generation. Very stimulating—intellectually. I. R. Obenchain III took himself an Ala. bride in mid-Mar. And either Ink Gates has flipped his wig, or I've been terribly insulted. He has let Pam move into our apt. building!

And speaking of the Young, Betty has reported herself in Indianapolis near her folks while Rip does his thing over there in Clay country.

Ted and Jo Michel are now residents of Cornwall. He is USAA's man on the spot for WP (boy would be a more appropriate word, in terms of appearance), and the first effect of the appointment will be on the building trade as USAA erects an office building outside the gate, and the Michels erect a home on their lot in Cornwall. Great to see them both, but they sure can create an abundance of mornings-after!

Spent a happy weekend with the Horridges and found Dick enthusiastically jumping into the planning of our 30-Year Book. We all drank to it at least several times! Shelley is making wedding plans, and Richard is busy being a teenager.

Founders Day in D.C. was the usual good show. However, a member of the Army Chorus commented that it was a much more sober crowd than usual. Let me reassure you that Allin, Bolton, Bob Clagett, Foster, Hanst, Mizell, Ray Murphy, Raymond, Sheffey, Ulsaker, Vogel, and Watson categorically deny any such canard. For the third year in a row the '42 table was lost in the shuffle, enabling us to spread charm and good will to needier groups and eliminating management's problems in controlling us! The Supe and his aide, John Waters, were on their way to Lauderdale where Bob Rawls had them lined up for golf, tennis, and #1 accommodations—natch!

Please start your count-down for June '71 NOW. Only three more chances for me to nag, so get your PROJECT '72 contribution in the mail, start training for a three-day Happy Hour and see your banker for a line of credit.

JAN
'43

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Although we're now well past our 28th June-in-January anniversary, I did promise in our last column to provide some insight into what transpired at the celebrations here and there. In the D.C. area, some 39 members of the clan and/or their wives turned out for the gala celebration planned and produced by hustling George Rebh and his boisterous party committee (Jean Rebh, Ces and Jack Wood, Nancy and Harry Pritchett, Alice and Jim Frankosky, Bob Fiss and Betty Lou Sampson, and Boots and your Scribe).

In addition to the members of the party committee (who had already made a party of each planning session), those present to enjoy the festivities of the evening were Kay Armstrong (with Dee in RVN as CG of the III Corps Adv GP), the Bob Badens, Johnnie Baers, Dick Batsons, Joe Benson (who drove down from Phila. alone because Nancy was fighting one of those winter viruses), Wendall Bevans, Doug Blues, Bob Burlins, Jim M. Cobbs, T. Q. Donaldsons, the Ben Edwards, Bill Fritzes, Charlie Heltzels, Walt Hogrefes, Bill Henrys, Frank Kajencki, the Sam Kar-



Jan. '43: Upon his departure from CDEC for MACV, Tim Brown receives the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit from Jack Norton (USMA 1941), CG of the U. S. Army Combat Developments Command.

ricks, Jane Meyer (with Stew in RVN as CG of the XXIV Corps Arty), Art Marstons, Bill Neales (from Carlisle Barracks), Johnnie Norrises, Em Princes, Don Powells, Bill Pietsches, Johnnie Raaens, the Elvy Roberts, the Darrie Richards, Johnnie Rosses, the Bill Starnes (who came all the way from Cincinnati, where Bill is the Div Engr), Buck Stahle (who just happened to be passing through the D.C. area), the Adrian St. Johns, Tote Talbotts, Don Thompsons (who, with Don working for the FAA, are now residents of the D.C. area), and the Charlie Wirts. Coincidentally, of course, our June-January celebration also marked the wedding anniversaries of some of those present; to wit, Robin and Bob Baden, Shirley and Doug Blue, Alice and Jim Frankosky, Connie and Bill Fritz, Penny and Adrian St. John, Mary Dee and Bill Starnes, and Dawn and Don Thompson. With George Rebh as our fast-talking MC for the evening, we were enchanted by the stereophonic AF Strolling Strings, inspired by the resonant harmony of the Army Chorus, and entertained by our own Huntley-Brinkley combination, Jack Wood and Harry Pritchett, who narrated *This is your Life*, USMA Class of January 1943 with photographs provided by that erstwhile "Howitzer" photographer, George Rebh himself. George also provided a suitable finale for the evening's entertainment by presenting extracts from selected biographical sketches in our graduation "Howitzer" (and it was a bit difficult to recognize the latterday Elvy Roberts, Tote Talbott, and Adrian St. John from the sketches) and by reading some humorous, some serious, messages addressed to the occasion by classmates around the world, to include: Tom Mesereau (Pres. of WRG Enterprises, Inc., a subsidiary of W. R. Grace & Co.), Tim Brown (until recently CG of CDEC; now with MACV in Saigon), Fly Flanagan (who recently departed Ft. Bragg to become CG of the 1st Inf Div at Ft. Riley), Flip Fenili (Mr. NSA in Europe), B-Ball Herrington at Hq USAFE (IN) in Wiesbaden, Stew Meyer (in behalf of Ted Seith, Bob Cook, Ray Ruyffelaere, Ernie Raulin, Dee Armstrong, Don Wilbourn, Danny Bogan, Rex Dettre, Fred Ladd and the Dragon Lady who constitute our SEA contingent), Bob McDermott (who TWXd: have trombone, do entertain, will travel, was invited, without

trombone, won't come), Bill Knowlton (who is holding the Mecca on course during a rather traumatic period), Ace Elliott (who sent a thoroughly hilarious piece of fluff from the local gasthaus in Heidelberg), Ted Ardery (who claimed that the planning of their 28th Reunion in Heidelberg took approximately five minutes over a glass of gluehwein), and Virginia Hensel (whose husband Bill is working as a civilian in RVN). Thanks to all who participated and contributed, the evening was one to long remember.

Meanwhile, on the 19th of Jan. itself, the D.C. contingent of the Class met in the Sec of the Army's Mess for lunch which, among other things, involved the election of a new slate of Class Officers for 1971 and a rabble-rousing address by George Rebh in the interests of our celebration of our 28th anniversary on 24 Jan. Those present for the luncheon included: Bob Baden, Johnnie Baer, Dick Batson, Wendall Bevan, Ed Bielecki, Doug Blue, Bob Burlin, Jim (M) Cobb, Clarence Davenport, T. Q. Donaldson (who moved from the Sec JCS to the Office of the Ch of Res Comp as General Peers' Exec), Ben Edwards, Bill Fritz, Walt Hogrefe (who recently returned from RVN to join OPO), Bill Hume, Frank Kajencki, Sam Karrick, Jim Moore, Sid Peterman (who was on two weeks of active duty with the Dir of Selective Service), Bill Pietsch, Harry Pritchett, EM Prince, Johnnie Raaen, George Rebh, Elvy Roberts, Jack Russell, Jim Schofield, Adrian St. John (newly arrived in OJCS), Tote Talbott, Don Thompson, Jack Wood, Charlie Wirt, and your Scribe. As you already know, our slate of Class Officers for 1971 includes Tote Talbott as Pres., Bob Fiss as VP, Bob Baden as Secy, and Don Thompson as Treas.

Elsewhere (and we do need more news of what's going on out there), Fly Flanagan obtained his Army aviator's wings at Ft. Rucker prior to his transfer from Ft. Bragg to Ft. Riley. Out in Ohio, Governor John Gilligan named Dana Stewart as head of the Ohio NG. Dana was the commander of the 107th Armd Cav and was very much involved in handling some of the civil disturbances in Ohio last yr. From Rehoboth, Del., Jim Richardson (who's with New Castle County Engrs) complains that none of the clan seems to know that he's only a block-and-a-half from the ocean and has a swinging bar when the sun drops below the yardarm.

Rice flew and champagne flowed on 20 Feb. when Margaret and Charlie Heltzel's dau. Sandra Leigh married Thomas Phelps in the old Falls Church, Va. And so it goes for another edition of the ASSEMBLY. I'll bet no one knows that George Rebh is moonlighting from his job as 28th anniversary party chmn to build new U.S. post office buildings and that Bob Fiss is retiring from the Service to open a new office for Bob McDermott's USAA right here in D.C. Let's hear what you're doing this summer.

As a final note, Bill Knowlton reports that he saw several classmates on his recent Founders Day speaking junket (seven speeches in nine days). In Orlando he saw Millie and Swede Lundberg, as well as Joe Dover who is a big wheel in the Fla. Jr. High School System. At the St. Petersburg talk he saw Hank Saylor and his bride, as well as George Kinney who came stag. Hank Saylor is a State Senator from that area and obviously loved by the local gentry. George Kinney retired from the AF and has settled in that part of Fla.

At Ft. Sam Houston the Class group included Bob McDermott (who introduced the

Superintendent with derogatory references to the driving records of his children), Mitch Goldenthal who is in the Signal business at Fourth Army, Jack Daye (who works for USAA).

And at the first speech in D.C. the head table included Frank Kajencki and Bob Kurtz—Frank to cover the PIO problems and Bob to bail us out with his invocation. There were others encountered on the way down, but their names have been lost in the shuffle of returning work at our Highland home.

JUN
'43

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June '43: Jock Barickman and Ned Burr standing parallel at the bar after skiing parallel on the slopes at Mad River Glen in Vermont where the two families shared Christmas in Jock and Terry's beautiful chalet.

The contingent here in D.C. had a get-together at Ft. McNair on 15 Mar. in celebration of Founders Day. Bill and Dickie Greenwalt and Dave and Mary Davenport were hosts. It was a good turnout diluted somewhat by other Founders Day celebrations. The following people attended: Mary and Dave Davenport, Hank Schroeder, Clare and Jane Farley, Dave and Jean Chase, Walt and Iyllis Hutchin, Rolo and Janet Brandt, Jim and Helen Phillips, Jack Butterfield, Les and Betty Hardy, Bernie and Anne Rogers, Milt and Liz Steinbring, Bill and Nancy Malone, Nick and Cynthia Parker, Clarke and Bettie Baldwin, Bob and Elinor Mathe, Al and Bobbi Gullion, Al and Betty Metts, Jim and Dottie Lothrop, Bud and Nancy Rundlell, Bill and Marion Moore, Mac and Lois McGregor, Charley and Betty Benson, Hank and Evelyn Morgan, Howard Wickert, Gordon Schraeder, Paul and Rinda Atkinson, Bill and Cecile Cover, Ed and Rita O'Connor, Deke and Betty Anne Childs, Bill and Dickie Greenwalt, Steve and Edith Gordy, Nan Bucher, Harry Heinzelman, Bev McCanna, Marge Bowley, Don and Lee Spiece, and Cam Stevens. While I didn't get a chance to talk to everyone there, I did get the following news items. John Bowley, now Deputy C/S, MACV, Saigon, spent another honeymoon with Marge in Hawaii prior to proceeding to his new job. Marge plans to move to the Philippines this summer. Young John will accompany her there during his summer vacation from Stetson. Before Marge leaves, she will visit her daughter Robin in Boston. She is looking forward to being closer to John during his SEA tour. Nan Bucher's son, Boone, is being married on 12 Apr. to Wendi Cornwell. The wedding will take place at the Church of the Nativity, and the reception will be at Andrews AFB.

Tid Watkins has left Randolph and is, also, in Saigon as Chief of the Air Sec of the MAAG there. Kathleen is staying in Tex. during Tid's tour. I visited Tid and Kathleen, Kit and Penny Carson before Tid left, and they report all their troops in fine shape.

The AF announced the following classmates for nomination to permanent MG: Dick Shaefer, Ed O'Connor, Jim Keck, Bill Snavely, Dale Sweat, and Ernie Cragg. At the same time the AF announced the nominations of Tid Watkins and Tim Ireland to temporary MG. The statistics on GEN officers in the Class are now: 1-LTG, 20-MG, and 20-BG. Our congratulations to all the AF classmates who were promoted on this last list.

Betty Anne and I had lunch with Tim and Frannie Ireland while they were on leave prior to their move from McGuire to

Scott. Tim will be Dpty C/S, Opns, MAC. Dale Sweat has left Wiesbaden, and he and Bettye are now at Ramstein, Germany, where Dale is CO of 17th AF. I hear from him quite often, and he is really enjoying his new job. Rog and Ann Kullman are still at Colo. Springs in NORAD, but Rog has changed jobs from Plans to Int for NORAD.

Ron Cullen, who has been collecting tidbits from the midwest, reports that Al Shipstead is still holding forth as Dir., Mich. Economic Opportunity Office, Mich. State Dept. of Labor. Daughter Susan, Mrs. Donald L. Pelletier (USMA '66), has two girls. Al Jr. is a sr. at Wayne State U., and Patrick is a sr. at Harvard U. Ron, also, reported that Jim Lothrop is the Dir. of Engr., The Reeves Hoffman Div. of The Dynamics Corp. of America in Carlisle, Pa. Jim reports that he and Dottie are rattling around in their new home as their older daughter is married and living in Dallas, and their younger daughter is a jr. at the U. of Ala.

Dave Schwartz, the western Class rep for ASSEMBLY reports that Gus Brill is Dir. of the Camden Community Hosp., 2 Bisbee Street, Camden, Maine 04843. Fred Proctor is Treas. of USMA and is the only classmate now stationed at WP. Bill and Miriam Roos made a trip to the East Coast for Bill Jr.'s graduation from Rutgers. Subsequent to this trip, they went to Hawaii where they had a very enjoyable reunion with Hank and Betty Romanek. Dave and Juanita are still living in West Covina, Calif. 91790. Thanks for the dope on these people, Dave.

Ned and Nikki Burr spent Xmas with the Barickmans—see photo. Had a note from Jess Fishback—rather than paraphrase, I will quote below. "In Oct. on a trip to Kwajalein Atoll, I stopped over in Hawaii with Dave and Audrey Chamberlain. I tried to look up Art Van Schoick on his houseboat, but only his cat was at home. I also missed Cathy Falck who is residing there while Bill does his bit in RVN. Hank and Betty Romanek were also away on a junket to Japan and to Korea where I understand

they visited Trev and Helen Sawyer. I missed the Coffmans on R&R; a Xmas card from Caroline indicated Howie would be Dpty Div Engr in Dallas in Jan. after his return from RVN. My son John has his pad in Belle Haven Towers in Alexandria. Before he came home for Xmas, he participated in a party given by Clark and Betty Baldwin for their girls. Plebe Jim is doing quite well for a kid fresh out of high school. With John in Alex., Jim at WP, and Jeff here with us at Redstone, three of our six children currently reside where they were born, kind of unusual for an Army family. John Bell will be at Redstone Arsenal Soc. of Mil. Engrs. to tell some of his recent experiences as Nashville Dist Engr." Thanks for the interesting letter, Jesse.

Bill Cover heard from Bill and Beanie Peak. Bill Peak says he hasn't seen too many classmates in Budapest where he is Defense Attaché. They plan to return in June of this year. Bob Sonsteli reports from Fla. that he had lunch with John Brier who is National Accounts Mgr. for Lykes Pasco Packing Co. in Dade City, Fla. Bill and Maggie Ray were in Miami for the Super Bowl. Bob saw Rip and Ginny Collins on their way to Ethiopia. Dale and Helen McGee leave D.C., and Dale will be Sr. Adv. to the Fla. NG in St. Augustine. Wendell and Sue Van Auken are enjoying life at Gainesville where Van is finishing up his work on a Ph.D. Bob also reports that he and Val continue to enjoy life in Miami and are always ready to see any of the Class who pass through there.

Fran and Bud Bolling have left D.C. for Ft. Lewis. Their address is Quarters #1, Ft. Lewis, Wash. 98433. Had a note from Craig Teller, and he and Elizabeth are enjoying retirement in Williamsburg, Va. If I get a chance, Craig, I will take you up on the fishing invitation.

Bill and Nancy Malone opened their own Real Estate Co. here in D.C. They had a grand opening and invited almost all of the classmates to attend. We all had a great time and wish them well in their new endeavor.

Bob Plett retired here on 31 Dec. and is working with the Office of Emergency Planning. His home address remains the same. Jim Bower retired in Dallas, Tex., and is with a construction firm there. He and Irma live at 3234 Altman Drive, Dallas, Tex. 75229. I really enjoyed hearing from Jim as I had lost track of him for about a year.

Remember—if you have any news on the Class, you can report it to any one of the following: Dave Schwartz, Bob Sonsteli, Ron Cullen, Les Hardy, or myself. If anyone has any Class pictures from June Week, send them to me, and we will get them in the Fall issue. CHEERS!

'44

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The New Year began with a welcome holiday card from John and Dotty Moore at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. I am looking forward to seeing them there on an early trip. Both have been rendering outstanding public service to church organizations in the Marianas, and I look forward to an up-date on their activities.

COL J. J. Nealon was buried at Arlington Cemetery on 11 Jan., a cold, gray day with

vestiges remaining of the big snow storm of New Year's Day. Ivan **Nealon**, my plebe-year roommate in old "A" Company, looked tall, handsome and unlined as ever; Rene is still the beauty she has always been. Jim **Connell** and I broke away from the office long enough to attend the ceremony, regretting we had little time to visit with Ivan and Rene, who took off for San Francisco immediately afterwards.

Jim **Connell**, John **Donaldson**, Mac **McKeever**, George **Brown**, Boodler **Richards**, and I work within a 100-ft. circle (around in which we go) in J5 of the Joint Staff. Armond **DiSilvio** is still holding forth in the National Military Command Center as is Winston **Anderson**, Bob **Morrison** is in OSD/A, John **Hanley** is in J4, Mike **Micklewait** is in DDR&E. All of us seem to be surviving the rigors of D.C. and Fort Fumble.

John **Donaldson** saw Bob **Pearce** and family recently; they were en route to a new assignment in Okinawa from Europe. When I get the specific assignment (perhaps from Bob?), I'll post it on this B-board.

22 Jan.—the AF announced the nomination of Bob **Ginsburgh** and Lee **Smith** for promotion to temporary MC and Gene **Steffes** for promotion to the permanent grade of BG.

A letter from Don **Carter** brought welcome news: "The Carters are pleasantly ensconced here in Brussels, which is every day turning out to be more and more a cross-roads. Our Thanksgiving was brightened by the arrival of Jack and Bea **Peterson** and son **Woodie** from Stuttgart. They spent a long weekend with us, and all of them and all of us and all of John and Barbara **Eisenhower's** tribes enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner at the Embassy. Later this month (Jan.) we Carters expect to pop in on Jack and Bea on our way en route to a ski week at Garmisch.

"December saw the arrival of Mac **McKeever** to keep the NATO Ministerials in line. The first of the year brought Phil and Kathleen **McAuliffe** to SHAPE—just 40 short miles away—and recent DA orders announce that George and Barbara **Brown** are soon to join them there. So y'all come. We Carters and the **McAuliffes** will understand if you don't want to talk about your 747 flight to Europe; but come anyway!"

A fine color slide of **Eisenhower**, **Carter**, and **Peterson** accompanied; unfortunately, it won't reproduce.

Your Scribe has learned he is scheduled to go to SHAPE Hq in May for SHAPEX. That gives me hope I may be able to see the growing '44 contingent in Belgium while there.

Ralph **Sciolla** was in town on TDY from Vicenza, Italy, where he is stationed with Hq, SETAF.

I have travelled all over Northern Italy summer and winter (skiing). It's understandable why Ralph didn't tarry here before returning to Vicenza.

On 11 Feb. '44 wives held a luncheon at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. Audrey reports those present included Harriet **Black**, Barbara **Brown**, Marcie **Campbell**, Gretl **Donaldson**, Nancy **Graves**, Loretta **Hanley**, Sally **Morrison**, Mary **O'Brien**, Joyce **Ott**, Ruth **Pugh** and Ginette **Patch**. Also attending were Betty **Staser**, Annette **Sullivan**, Ann **Tkacik**, and Louise **Vitullo**.

Barbara and George **Brown** are scheduled to go to SHAPE Hq in the summer. George has just undergone a serious operation in the last few days. However, the prognosis is



1944: 1971 Founders Day—West Point Society of Michigan. Seated, left to right: Ginnie Rogers, Becky Tuttle, Sugar Aldrich. Standing, left to right: Harry Rogers, George Tuttle, Ed Aldrich.

reportedly good; we hope that this won't affect his planned move. I understand Jim **Campbell**, now with Cornell Lab's D.C. office, may be moving soon. We'll report.

Ollie **Patton** checks in from Teheran, having turned up there in lieu of the SHAPE destination earlier announced in the 1970 REGISTER. Seems the computer coughed. Ollie sez: "Annie, Sarah (last one still on the ration return) and I are in Teheran. Shelby is in Hawaii, Beirne in Chapel Hill at U. of N.C., Ellen at Northfield in Mass., and young Anne in Geneva (Suisse) in the Grande Theatre du Geneve Ballet Cie." Now there's a spread out family for ya!

Griff **Callahan** reports from Georgia Tech: "I retired in July '69. Annette and I flew to Atlanta, bought a house in North Atlanta (Sandy Springs) only 15 minutes from Dobbins—35 min. from Ft. McPherson—and I was appointed Prof. in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering on 1 Sept. and began teaching two courses right away. For the first year or so I really worked getting each in the swing. Now we are all settled—I teach one undergraduate and one graduate course—starting a research pro-



1944: Harry Rogers III, President, West Point Society of Michigan—Founders Day 1971.

gram in the applications of systems engineering to agriculture—and made a few ROTC Enrichment speeches at U. of Ga., U. of Tenn., and Emory. Carl **Peterson** is PMS (Army) at U. of Ga., and Paris '43 is AF PMS. They turned out over 700 cadets!

"Don't know of any '44s in Atlanta—but lots of other alumni—so if any of the Class drop through Atlanta let me know. Our son Les is 20 and a jr. at the U. of Pa., Susan (23) finished the U. of Md. just as we retired—and now flies with TWA on the international 747s out of JFK. With the cutbacks in the airlines—she's been flying domestic the last couple months from New York to LA, SF, and Denver. I highly recommend a hostess daughter—Annette and I flew to London, Paris, Rome, Madrid in Sept., and Annette just got back from Frankfurt and Athens. Sample fares \$89 round trip NYC—Rome, \$198 round the world! Space available—but we've hit first class 747 twice!" Griff's home address is 7105 Ducourtney Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30328.

Hank **Francis** (H. Minton to the business world) very kindly sent a copy of the AVCO Financial Services house organ which contained a picture spread and word sketch of Francis' interesting undertakings. Hank is now VP of AVCO's Printing and Publishing Division. "My Division is part of a group of companies of the AVCO conglomerate headed up by Jim **Dempsey**, Class of Jan '43, to whom I report. In addition to the plant in Boston, I have plants in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Wilmington, Mass. We are essentially Graphic Arts printers and are looking for a kind of promotional, advertising public relations' publications which require prestige printing."

The AVCO house organ reports Hank as "an unconventional dresser ("business suits are like uniforms") but a traditionalist when it comes to bus. admin. He holds a Master's degree in Comptrollership from Syracuse U. where he graduated with honors in '60. A one-time LTC in the US Army, Francis served on an operational analysis team in RVN during the early stages of the war there. He left the Army in '65 to accept key staff positions in the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and later in the Office of the Postmaster General. Prior to joining

AVCO, Francis was for three years exec. dir. and VP of the Richmond Organization, an international combine of over 40 corporations engaged in music publishing, recording, and musical-comedy production." Accompanying color printing samples of AVCO Roxbury certainly are complimentary to the talents and techniques of Francis and his associates. I regret the magazine picture can't be reproduced for it presents some sortorial swing-leather pull-over vest and white turtle-neck, just what I could use at Fort Fumble. Congratulations, Hank; keep up the good work!

Yesterday, one day short of the Ides of March, the "Washington Sunday Star" reported to this sleepy reader that on 1 May, when the Army Engrs hold their traditional Castle Ball and rap session of Div Engrs, BG and Mrs. Ernest Graves will have as their house guests BG and Mrs. Frank Camm (Jan '43) of the San Francisco Div. I wonder if Bev Snow, CINCUSARPAC's Engr., will be there.

Your Scribe has been able to get out of town some lately. Went to speak at a U. of Colo. AF ROTC Dining-In on 11 Feb. Called *Dela Mater* in Denver, but he was out. Used the opportunity to visit our daughter Lynn who is a soph. at U.C. Our older daughter came up from Atlanta and after gathering three other girls who are sorority sisters (Pi Phi) and children of friends, I got them into a station wagon at 0600 and on the road to Vail for a day's skiing. Going up the lifts I carried in an old Hong Kong cardboard suitcase four bottles German wine, three great loaves of French bread, a yard of Italian salami, and a kilo of Edam cheese. Took plenty of kidding from other skiers en route, but the six of us, plus five ravenous boyfriends who materialized, ate a skiers' lunch atop Vail (11,250'), sang crazy songs, and after lunch "bombed the hill" with reckless abandon. We tried the best slopes and came out whole and tired. Then drove back to Boulder. Great fun.

On 25 Feb. en route Australia and New Zealand, I stopped in Honolulu where I was met at the airport gate by Roy and Sylvia Bahls, a beautiful Hawaii lei and a kiss on both cheeks, Island fashion.

Interspersed with business were two fine evenings with the Bahls. One evening, Tom Mahoney joined us for a Mongolian barbecue under the palm trees. Tom, retired and a broker in Honolulu, is a master yachtsman, bachelor about town, and cracking good company. Certainly enjoyed renewing old times. We had hoped Dave Silver, PMS at U. of Hawaii, might join us. However, Dave was busy supervising the burning of the ROTC building at the U. of H. and all the formalities which follow. "Bloody nuisance!" Regretfully, Moores and Werners were out of town.

Next day I was given a delightful tour of the west end of Oahu to include lunch at Makaha Valley. In all my trips to Oahu I have never toured the island beyond Hickam -Hq CINCPAC-Honolulu circuit. Thanks to the Bahls, my Oahu horizons are pushed back. That night we dined at the Cannon Club, which perches on the steep north slope of Diamond Head. Gorgeous view. Thanks, Roy and Sylvia, for re-doing my image of Hawaii. We expect the Bahls through D.C. on St. Patrick's Day en route to their daughter's graduation from Radford College, Va. Roy is the image of health; aside from looks, the performance is impressive. He has

put together a team of AF tennis players which has taken the measure of the best in Hawaiian college tennis. Guess he has to do something to look as young as Sylvia.

It is reported that Tom Tarpley has taken command of the 101st Abn Div in RVN, relieving Jack Hennessey who has assumed command of Ft. Leavenworth and C&GSC. So two more key Army slots go to '44.

Bob Daly, having retired, is now associated with the No. Va. Community College in Annandale, Va. Jim O'Brien is in the Office of the Army Undersecretary.

We wish to offer our sympathy to Dusty Rivers whose father died in late Feb.

The "hard news" of the '44 is pretty sparse. It's no reflection on the people mentioned herein to say that this column is rather thin gruel. I would prefer to avoid inflation, would rather inform than try to entertain. But to do so requires the currency of this column to be based on the cold cash of news. Having put those metaphors in a mixmaster, I can only offer to try to serve up our gleanings in the absence of your gifts of information.

For the last issue, which I have not yet received, the Class committee authorized me to put forward the essentials of a plan to produce a 30-year book—which boils down to this: if you, as a family or individual, wish to have a 30-year book in 1974, cash is required not later than 1 July 71. Based on cash received by that time, the decision to go-ahead or not will be announced in the Fall issue of ASSEMBLY in this column. Lord knows each has many demands on his resources; so if you do not want a 30-year book—not to worry and no hard feelings! Those who would put it together have much else to do.

At Founders Day Dinner at Bolling AFB on 12 Mar. Jim Connell, John Donaldson, Chuck Czapar, Kern Pitts and Alex Maish represented the Class. Kern, who has just returned from duty as Army Attaché in South Africa, is preparing to leave for Pakistan for the same job there. Dave and Polly Henderson were at our house for a long-deferred dinner involving other commitments. Jack Vitullo was absent, having just burned down his quarters at Belvoir. So far I haven't learned where Jack has moved the still.

Let us hear, heah?

'45

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Just returned from Crabtown where ARMY hung it on Navy in basketball for the eighth yr. in a row. Things haven't changed much along the Severn—the mid announcer still interrupts the main attraction to chant forth score of other events—i.e., Ping-Pong (Navy 104-ARMY 7), Boat Drill (Navy 14-ARMY 13), etc. At the Club following the game it was another story, an Army team captained by Hank Hughes defeated Beefeaters 4 to 0. I might add that this marks our sixth straight win over the boys in those outlandish costumes.

SOCIAL EVENTS. The annual Washington's Birthday brunch at Ft. Belvoir was a rousing success. One hundred and eight (108) of the D.C. area group spent the better part of the day talking of "them was the good old days" either at the upstairs assembly room or the downstairs bar. Jim Hunt and Jim Elkey are to be commended for a fine



1945: Joseph F. McCaddon, RCA's Division Vice President for Aviation Equipment.

show. The Founders Day dinner (D.C. Soc.) was held at Bolling AFB on 12 Mar. The Supe and First Captain assured us all that USMA has not gone Mod. 45er's in attendance were Jim O'Brien, Hank Hughes, Hap Macintire, George Daoust, Dick Chidlaw, Bob Herron and your Scribe. Hap's son David has received word that he will join the Class of '75 in July. Jim O'Brien informs me that he still has 20 or so copies of the 20-yr. book. Anyone wishing to obtain one or more, please make a small donation to the Memorial Fund and write directly to Jim at 4349 N. 40th St., Arlington, Va. 22207.

ODDS AND ENDS. Slade Nash has moved to town from Tyndall AFB to become Vice Dir of the Def Comm Planning Gp at the Naval Observatory. Joe McDonough has left his Dpty Dir's slot at the NMCC for a key job in RVN. Hal Moore moved from CG 7th Inf Div, Korea, to CG U.S. Army Training Center, Ft. Ord. Hawk Wood reported in from Stuttgart where he will spend another year as the Chief of Command-Control Opns at EUCOM's biggest Computer Center. Toby Gandy has assumed new duties as Vice CO, Space & Missile Test Center at Vandenberg AFB. Tom Devlin has now set up shop as Boeing's marketing man in the D.C. area. Larry Jones and Zoot Johnson have arrived at CONARC where they add the general's touch to ODCSOPS and ODCSLOG. Bill Vinson has returned to familiar climes at Army OCRD where he holds forth as Dir of Missiles and Space. Dick Haley attended Ed Gudgel's star pinning at a recent Pentagon ceremony. Ed is now aboard as the CO of CDC's Combat Support Group at Ft. Belvoir. Jim Herbert departed the Joint Staff in mid-Apr. (SACSA) to become Sr. Adv in the Mekong Delta.

Bill Lilley is now the Pres. of the Ironside Corp. in Arlington, Va. Joe McCaddon has left Collins Radio Corp. to join RCA Corp. as div. VP of the Aviation Equipment Dept. (see photo). Marty Brewer dispatched a great piece of news of the Albuquerque area from his base at Kirtland. Bud Avery is the Vice CO of the AF Weapons Lab (Kirtland's largest tenant). Chuck Moran is the Lab's Assistant for Systems Support. Bill Blessley is Dpty CO of the 4900th Flight Test Group while Earl Thompson commands the 758th Test Gp at Holloman AFB at nearby Alamogordo. Ernie Davis heads up the Office of Research Analyses for AFSC at Holloman. Bill McGlynn is with the Nuc Weapons Dev Cmd, HQ Field

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Command (DASA) at Sandia Base. Mel Price is also there with the Sandia Corp. Jim Christianson is at the White Sands Missile Range.

Dick West is deeply involved in construction of the Cochiti Dam in his capacity as Dist Engr (office in Albuquerque). Marty Brewer is Pres. of the WP Soc. of Albuquerque and offers to help USMA candidates in the N. Mex. area. Arch Patterson has assumed duties as Dir. for Curriculum of the AF C&SC, Maxwell AFB. Larry Jones' father (Biff) informed me at the local Founders Day Dinner that Larry and Janice were visiting Ed and Shirley Saxbe in sunny P.R. where Ed commands our Army forces.

Congratulations are in order to Rock Brett for having made the latest AF two-star list. Rock still heads up the DOD Middle East Task Force. George Bush was in town for a recent conference and reports that all is well in St. Louis where he commands the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Command. Kitch Josey suffered a heart attack in mid-Feb. and was reported in very good condition at the Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N.C. at the time of this writing. We wish him a speedy recovery, and I'm sure he would like to hear from his many friends. Mail to Scotland Neck, N.C., will reach him at home. If my memory serves me right, it should be June when you are reading these notes and six sons of 45er's have or are about to have joined the Long Gray Line.

Congratulations go out to Archibald V. Arnold III (A. V. Arnold, Jr.), Paul Drake (H. Drake), Donald E. Fowler II (D. E. Fowler) Robert K. Holcombe (W. H. Holcombe, Jr.), William D. Raymond, Jr. (N. D. Raymond), William H. Wier (W. B. Wier, Jr.). The Trumbull Times featured our own Bob St. Onge on 14 Jan., citing Bob for his work in helping worthy Conn. athletes. That's about all for now--please drop me a line so we can have a larger spread in the Summer issue.

'46

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I expect next issue we'll make up for what's not here. Of course, I speak of then being able to report on the activities of OUR BIG 25th REUNION. There is no way to stop time--it's here! You've gotten all the poop by now--so see you at WP.

Here's a grand welcome to our new Assoc Editor Phil Farris, who joins Bob Lamb, the Secy of the Assn. up at WP. The Class is now really on the spot when it comes to what's in ASSEMBLY. I know Phil will do an excellent job, and I wish him well from the Class.

It's great to be able to announce another selectee for promotion to BG in the name of Buck Buckingham, an AF COL. He is presently assigned at the Pentagon in the office of the USAF Dpty C/S for R&D, where he is an assistant for requirements, development and acquisition programming. Buck has been at USAF Hq since 1966. The Buckinghams, who have five children, presently reside at 3520 King Arthur Rd., Annandale, Va. A married daughter, Peggy Barrowclough, resides in Calif., and their eldest son Jay is a soph. at VPI.

Extracted from the "New York Times" of 16 Feb. '71 an article about John Hill titled "Unstarchy US General in Vietnam." John is in command of 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div and



1946: 46ers get together on Founders Day in Dearborn, Michigan. Shown are: the Andersons; Mussers; Walterhouses; Kelleys; Moriarty and McDonald.

at the time was essentially responsible for "protecting the people providing logistical support" for the South Vietnamese drive into Laos. His jump command post was located north of Khesanh base. The article was very complimentary, and highlights the low key approach of "Crow" Hill. I'm sure he's changed little in his personality since old C-2 days. To quote the article once more-- "A typical comment from a young aide: 'The general is no starch man, you only have to iron his fatigues, you don't have to starch them'."

The LM has been presented to Ted Zeh for his contribution towards execution and maintenance of an integrated military service Defense Supply Agency procurement and production program. The medal was earned for service as AF staff representative and chief of procurement and production while assigned to the Office of the DOD Project Manager for Mobile Electric Power from July '67 to Aug. '70. Ted is presently at the Pentagon as a div. chief under the USAF Dpty C/S for systems and logistics. Ted and Patricia with their daughters Nancy 14 and Susan 10 reside at 5603 Mark Drive, Camp Springs, Md. Ted has an M.S. in Industrial Engr. earned at Stanford. As a member of SAC he has flown B-29's, B-36's and B-47's.

A recent returnee from RVN is Si Hunt who has completed his tour as commander of AF Advisory Team 5 which supports the VNAF improvement and modernization program. He should now be at R&D, Hq USAF. Si and Susanne have two children Sara 19 and Thomas 15. He possesses a Master's in Pol Sci from Geo. Wash. U.

John Doolittle is Dir of Plans and Programs for the 16th AF and is assigned at Torrejon AB, Spain. John, an AF COL, has completed a tour in RVN and Korea. I note where both he and Hunt are graduates of Culver (Ind.) Mil Academy.

Keith Zimmermann has been appointed a corporate VP of Olin Corp. and Gen. Mgr. of its Energy Systems Div. The div. produces, among other things, solid propellants, jet aircraft starter cartridges, smokeless propellant and safety flares, as well as "Safe T Flate" air inflation systems for passenger protection in vehicles. He will headquarter in East Alton, Ill. and will be responsible for also managing three Government-owned company operated plants in Ala., Wis., and Ind. Keith joined Olin in 1956 and had been a div. VP of Olin Aluminum.

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Once again it's time to pass the word. In the congratulations department this issue: John Gerrity and Jack Faith for LM and Dick McClure for his sixth and seventh AM's in SEA. As reported last issue, Jack Faith has moved to Ft. Hood. John received his award in Dec. as he turned over the 11th Armd Cav in RVN. Dick McClure is now Chief of Quality Control and Eval. for the 68th Bomb Wing, SAC, Tinker AFB. John Culin recently returned from RVN, now Asst Dir of Plans, ODCSOPS, HQ, DA. George Haugen recently moved to Ft. Huachuca as Dir of Facilities Engr. Understand this was a real short-notice move, George. The Army R&D Newsmagazine reports Henry Hill as new Dpty for Communications-Electronic Systems at Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth.

A note from June Burner reports Jean in his second yr. as PMS at Mich. State U. Apparently Jean and Dick Steinborn did such a good job at ROTC Summer Camp at Ft. Riley last summer that they get to go back and do it again this year. Congratulations? Incidentally, Dick is PMS at Rose Polytech in Terre Haute. Jean also reports oldest daughter Leslie is a junior at Mich. State and Cindy, a high school sr., will enter U. of Mich. in the fall.

Jane Mastin contributed the following: Gossetts retired in San Diego where Goose is back to school for a Ph.D.; Tom Perkins on the S&F at Leavenworth and Gibby teaching school in town; Lou Rachmeler, Dpty CG at Huntsville; George Lynn, Dpty CO at Edgewood Arsenal; Dick Allen now with the Hanes Corp. in Chicago. New address for Dick is 1901 Strenger Lane, Deerfield, Ill. Norm Salisbury at Ft. Hood, and Jim Johnson commanding the 34th Engr Gp in the Delta. Kay has stayed in Winwood, Pa., outside of Phila.

I'd like to stop here to thank the wives for their contributions. Keep up the good work. Speaking of wives, I'd like to quote from a note that Tom Benson is circulating: "Harry Kain is trying to get the big 25th Reunion going for 1972. Since you guys are all too busy to get with it now, tell your wives to start planning for the big Reunion, and to get in touch with Dixie Kain, 6238 Kellogg Drive, McLean, Va. 22101.

And speaking of the 25th, Charlie Shields is putting a 25-year book together and is interested in data, pictures, anecdotes, etc. If you want to be included in the book, get your poop to Charlie at 6000 Bedford Lane, Clinton, Md. 20725.

A note from Raúl Roca announces he is now Bus. Mgr. for Ransom A.B. Dick in Mexico City; address is Avenue Cuauhtémoc No. 533, Mexico 12 D.F.

The Class gathered 27 strong in the Pentagon this week for one of its irregular luncheons. Present were: Joe D. Johnston, Harry Kain, John Miller, Dick McAdoo, Bob Baer, Pete Boerger, Sam Starobin, Bill Carpenter, Ed Greene, Bill Conger, Herb Pinkerton, Mike Bellovin, Wally Nickel, George Maloney, Wayne Hauck, Brent Scowcroft, Todd Mallett, Dick Rantz, Bill Reckmeyer, George Harrington, K. C. Kaericher, Bill Kuykendall, Tom Benson, Bob Montague, Buster Little, Don Dexter, and myself.

Notes gleaned from the luncheon: Mike Dunham now at AFSC, Andrews AFB; Brent Scowcroft in Office of the Dir of the Joint Staff; Ted Spiker now Dir of Tech Services at U. of Del. The Spikers now have two children, age 2 and 4 and No. 3 on the way, due this fall. Herb Pinkerton, just back from Korea, now in Long Range Plans, J5, OJCS; John Piepenbrink with Ford Motor Co., Mexico City, Mexico. John and Raúl can have their own Class Reunion down there. Bob Lilley now Chief, AF Adv Team No. 3, RVN. And since no column would be complete without an item on the Reckmeyer clan—oldest daughter Bettysy is engaged to Cadet Roy Crawford, USMA '72.

Since the last column, I can report very pleasant visits with Bill and Annabelle Smith in Boston, and Don and Mary Burton in San Antonio. As reported last issue, Don is with Southwest Research Inst. in San Antonio. Bill is with RCA and can be found at 77 Pond Avenue, Brookline, Mass. 02146.

A last item shows how our classmates continue to get educated. I recently had occasion to give the R&D briefing at the orientation for officers going to Adv Management training at Pitt. and Harvard. Included in the audience were Bill Webb, Bob Koch, John Culin, Howie Sargent, and George Bland. After all these years, Bill Webb finally had to sit still and listen to me.

The time has come again when I've run out of notes and scraps, so I'll close till next issue with the usual—keep the news coming.

'48

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Gloom Period was dispelled, at least in part, this yr. by a really swinging party at Bolling AFB Club. Arriving guests were pelted with rain; and proceeded to dampen their insides soon after. All told there were about 110 eating, drinking, and swapping stories.

Jim and Pickle Barnett came from Governor's Island, N.Y. Son Clay is an outstanding grade schooler, taking after both parents.

Novella Whitehead survived Nancy's wedding with ease, and graced the party alone. Ennis had to go out of town on business (I would judge to float a loan for the bills; I can attest to how our lovely ladies can do up a wedding splendidly). Jerrie Jones and Bev Hall were comparing their respective styles of painting, while Tom and Jim re-

fought the battle of Ft. Belvoir. Jerrie recently showed two paintings in the Vienna Art Show at Tyson's Corner, and I don't see why she didn't carry off first and second prizes. Incidentally, one teenage boy had four of his rather unusual works on display, each priced between \$1,000 and \$1,250! Average price overall in the show was, I would judge, about \$50.

Our two Dept of Trans couples, John and Betsy Edwards and Lila and Pete Shively, provided proof that our highways will be made safer under their direction. John's brother-in-law Warren Graves was in town in Jan., as reported earlier, but I had an opportunity to chat with him. His Saudi Arabian oil job came to an end, and he was aiming for an overseas assignment in Saigon with a construction firm. SEA classmates, please copy.

Bob Cushing, now VP of Sternburg and Swiskow, left his Park Ave. pad and joined the group. For those who recall crewcut Cush, I must report he now has stylishly long locks.

Joe and Ginny Meyer did get into the Rose Bowl game. They also managed to have a great reunion with Bill and Patt Byers, Bill and Donna Cook, Chuck and Betty Crouch, and Emmy and Nelson French. Joe also gave me Saul Resnick's address, 4335 Gloster Road, Dallas 75220.

Merle and Joyce Sheffield and Jack and Marie Capps came down from WP. I would imagine that they tied the party in with Navy Weekend at Annapolis. I was sorry to hear that both Jerry and Marge Medsger had been having bouts with the hospital. I trust that they are back in good health at this writing. Lyle and Helen Walter are departing this summer, although destination is not yet set.

It was a real pleasure to have Louise Shuster come down from N.J. She hasn't changed a bit from when we last saw her at Stewart AFB Club the last night of the 10th Reunion—which is more than I can say for myself.

Phil Day was explaining the new volunteer Army to all who would listen. As the man in ODCSPER for this effort, he has a real program to handle. Jack and Therese Kean are back in circulation now that he has returned from the wars.

Jack and Audrey Kastris were doubly bubbly that evening celebrating his latest success with Honeywell. Congratulations. Bob and Jerrie Whitfield were warmly welcomed by all. Life in N.Y. agrees with them.

Russ and Ducky Ball promised that next year the game would be better. From all reports, their party was a success anyway.

With great pleasure I report that Ed Kritzer was recently married. His wife Peg is an Army brat (her father and Bill Burrow's were stationed together way back when, and the two offspring knew each other when tots), and most charming and interesting. They now live at 6012 Overlea Road, Wash. D.C. 20016 (actually in Sumner, Md.) Ed took Peg's son, who is a soph. at Sewanee Military, to WP for a little shot in the arm. He need not have bothered, since the lad is already shot. Ed is busily engaged at the Dept of Commerce.

For the first time since graduation I saw Don and Mae Kipfer. Another "Dorian Grey." With three sons each a year apart, they are in a dead heat with the Lou Schalks for the most kids in college at one time. They have joined the "affluent needy."

Les Carter commuted from Carlisle to join Ginny for the party. I guess it beats

moving all the household goods twice in about one yr. Tom and Smocki Hoffman were anticipating son Mike's graduation from Highland Falls High so that the family can reside in one place instead of two. Tim is burning up the course at USMA like his father did. Carl Schmidt came from Baltimore, but told me that his efforts to round up the rest of the crew there—Dick Stein and Randy Bieme—came to naught. Maybe next time.

Ash and Marian Foote report that Ft. Meade life in large quarters cannot be beat. Tater, the youngest, has the household in his complete control. Monk and Mary Virginia Doty never miss this party. Monk's clever information interchange sheet, "The Termite," has gone into hibernation, but he promises rejuvenation when he has the time. In the interim, he is very interested in what your problems are if you work for the government at any level—he'll tell you his to see if you can assist him.

Berryville's leading apple grower, Joe Dorsey, was pried out of the orchards by Massie. Do people grow to look like their work? Joe has apple cheeks, and I'm beginning to resemble a welfare case.

In conversation with Walt and Peg Schlotterbeck, Eloise discovered that Peg's parents lived in Hazelwood, N.C., right where my bride is from. Small world. Glenn and Kit Wilhide were most happy to tell me that Chip has recovered from his accident and is back hitting the books, et al.

A clip from the 11 Jan. paper told of Sid Berry's taking over the 101st Abn Div from MG Hennessey upon the latter's rotation. Great going, Sid. Steve Griffith sends greeting from Frankfurt where he is G5 for V Corps. He has seen Tom Bowen (C/S V Corps), Lake Churchill (Darmstadt), Dave McNeely (Bamberg), Jack Doody (Augsburg), and Fred Tibbetts (Vilseck). Steve Jr. and Joe have scholarships at Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, R.I., and have the distinction of achieving Eagle Scout. My warmest congratulations to both. In addition, Steve got a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship. The other five children are all in school at Frankfurt, except for young Susan, who has a year to go before matriculating. They are lodged in an old, nine bedroom house, complete with air raid shelter and a zinc-lined fur closet. They have plenty of room for guests.

Willard and Dusty Scott lost one from the nest when Mary Francis was married to a young LT at Ft. Belvoir in Jan.

As a closer, a short poem heard on the radio last Fall: Where is the boy of yesteryear, who borrowed his dad's best tie? Now he borrows his mother's beads. I'll take the days gone by!

Come see us. We, too, have lots of room.

'49

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It's always a pleasure to begin this column with another note of congratulations—once again to Indiana's pride Bob Pursley, our first two-star general. Bob was nominated on the list published in Feb. and, needless to say, was the jr. nominee.

Another first, a son and daughter of the Class will be married in June. Mark Marder son of Margaret and Gene Marder will marry Mary Chandler daughter of Jane and John



1949: MG Blanchard presents colors to Bob Nulsen.

Chandler. Both the bride and groom to be are students at Cornell U.

We're marrying them off at one end and still having children at the other. Newest arrivals were to Dick and Alliene Toth down in Orlando, Fla. and Harry and Ann Griffith in Mobile, Ala.; must be the southern water. Dick is with the Martin Co., and Harry is Dist Engr in Mobile.

A letter from Bob Nulsen enclosing a picture of his change of command ceremony at Bragg last Sept. Bob is CO, 1st Bde, 82d Abn Div. Other 49ers in the Bragg area were Willy Bounds, Dpty G1 XVIII Abn Corps and Ross Johnson, Information Officer for the XVIII Corps.

Frank Barnes received the LM for service at Hq USAF as Chief of Civil Engr programs. Frank is now at Langley AFB as DCS/Engr Hq TAC.

Several news items on BO Callaway who has been appointed Civilian Aide for the Third Army Area by Sec. of the Army Resor. BO also made "The Washington Post" when he presented Pres. Nixon with a gavel and sounding board made from an oak beam salvaged at Valley Forge where BO is Chairman of the Freedoms Foundations. The article mentions that BO is "considering" running for the late Senator Russell's seat in 1972. Also mentioned was the Callaway's newly acquired ski resort at Crested Butte, Colo., which is taking up much of BO's time.

On a recent trip to the West Coast, the writer had dinner with Avis and Mike McNamee in Los Angeles and picked up some column information. Larry Ogden is due back from Hawaii this summer and will attend AWC at Carlisle next yr. Frank Brock has started his own firm known as "Silvaflex" which provides flexible tubing to the aircraft industry. Al Goering is still in the L.A. area, ditto for the Trautvetters. Dick Rumney is out at SAMSO as head of R&D.

In the D.C. area, Bob Swantz headed up a Valentine Dance held at Bolling AFB with about 60 49ers in attendance. The weather was atrocious, but the party was excellent, even drew the Hugh Kinneys down from Phila.

Walt Milliken led a contingent down to Annapolis to watch ARMY continue to dominate Navy in basketball. John VanderVoort continues to host excellent Class luncheons with the next one due on 9 June at the Pentagon.

Basil Pafe and Charley Anderson have completed their tours at the Harvard Bus. School and are back at work in the Pentagon

—Basil in Plans and Charley in DOD Legislative Liaison.

Pat and Billie Vollmer just received word that their son Clay will enter WP with the Class of '75 next July.

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Spring is almost upon us, but since this won't reach you til June, when many of you will be moving, how about sending me a change of address card to let me know where you are.

Thanks to Terry Connell '58 I received the word that our own Eddie Ramos was promoted to BG in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, in Dec. '70. Eddie received his star at the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the AFP. To quote the newspaper clipping, "Of the new one star officers, attention was riveted during the rites on Ramos, generally regarded as one of the brilliant officers in the AFP." Congratulations, Eddie; we're really proud of you.

Frank Borman was named Senior VP-Operations group for Eastern Airlines in Dec. '70. He will be responsible for the Engineering and Maintenance, Flight Operations and Operational Coordination division of the airline. Congratulations are in order for Frank—and to Eastern for getting him on their team. In Jan. Frank spoke to the WP Soc. of D.C. at the Ft. Myer Officers Club, and a good number of us from '50 sat together for the interesting and entertaining talk which Frank gave. Those present: Bolducs, Camerons (Steve), Ebners, Fooshes, Genuarios, Grosecloses, Howes, Palmers, Romaneskis and Warners—plus Pookie Crittenberger, Seymour Fishbein (who was in charge of the whole affair), Chuck Newcomb, Dave Pettit, and Bud Blanchard with his son Geoff. LTC Crittenberger, '13, Jack's dad, joined us for a while during the cocktail hour. It was great to have a chance to visit with Frank and Sue after dinner; he has already moved to Miami, and will fly about 50 hours a month as part of his job with Eastern. Sue will remain in Houston for the time being, where Edwin is in school. Sounds as if civilian life is as hard on families as the service.



1950: Eddie Ramos—First of '50 to wear a star.



1950: COL and Mrs. Frank Borman (center) with BG and Mrs. Elvin R. Heiberg enjoy the cocktail hour preceding the West Point Society dinner at Fort Myer, Va., 15 Jan. The Apollo 8 astronaut, addressing almost 400 West Point colleagues and wives, outlined the growth of the space program, to include the Apollo 8 trail blazing voyage to the moon in Dec. 1968.

In Feb. my job took me to the AWC for a couple of days. Joe Griffin very nicely got together the available classmates for lunch: Nel Thompson, Reed Davis, Bob Wilson, Dave Meredith, Dean Schnoor, Chuck Osterdorf and John McCleary. I'm not sure we got much eating done, but it was mighty nice to visit. Had a good talk with Phil Bolte, who claimed he was on leave (as he worked his way through the papers on his desk); he looked as though he had just come back from Fla., but said it was just the skiing at Round Top that gave him the tan. Win Skelton caught me in the office just before he left, and I saw Bill Steinberg, who was trying to get the lay of the land for his yr. at the school with the next class. Also had a short visit with Martha Morrison, (Bob was away on a class trip), Peg Wilson and Anne Byrd Meredith. Everyone there seems to be enjoying the academic and social life of Carlisle, plus the fringe benefits of living on a small post.

Heard from Rissa Brandes that she and Bill are thriving at Ft. Leonard Wood where Bill has had a Tng Bde; she mentioned that Tug Greer will be there until June, but didn't say where he will be going. That month, also, the Brandeses will be moving to Nashville where Bill will be Dist Engr. While I'm mentioning CE assignments, Marv Rees will be going from D.C. to Vicksburg, Miss.; Bill Read from RVN to Tulsa, Okla.; and Dick Hunt from D.C. to La.—all for Dist Engr jobs.

A recent note from Ed Batchelor advised that he will be leaving Omaha in June to go to Siam. He will be Chief of Int, 307 Strat Wing, U Tapao. Bucky Cronin and Ted York will be staying on in SAC Plans at Offutt.

A letter from Terry Parsons came in Jan. just before he finished his tour in RVN, telling me he was coming back here to be Chief, Supply and Maint Div, DCSLOG, Hq MDW. Saw Bunty McFarland at a party in Feb.; she was visiting the Singers—Andy and Bunty are stationed at the DLI in Monterey, Calif. A friend gave me Tom Fife's current address as 2306 Camas Ave., Richland, Wash. 99352; how about some news of your new life in retirement, Tom? Hunter Passmore has retired; his address is 112 Woodhaven Park Apts., Storrs, Conn. 06268; Hunt is attending the U. of Conn. Bob and Gwyn Groseclose left the D.C. area

in Mar. for Bitburg, Germany; Mike and Pat DeArmond, Don and Elsie Payne are also there. Bennie Davis is working with John Wickham in the Chairman's Staff Group.

Sid Steele is the new Chairman for the '50 group in the D.C. area. Newcomers here, not reported since the Sept. '70 deadline, are: Darlands, Ebners, Ewans, Freedmans, Hannas, Holts, McCauleys, Murphys (Ken), Risings, Wegners and Wroughs.

News from RVN: Wally Nutting had the 11th ACR deactivated under him, is going up to be Dpty Bde Comdr, 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech). Rufe Smith is taking over the 198th LIB, Americal Div in Mar. Fred Hamlin leaves D.C. in Apr. to go to Hq MACV, but hopes to get out in the field soon. Al Fern, CO of the 12th Cmbt Avn Gp was presented with honorary aviator wings of the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force in a ceremony at Bearcat in Feb.; aircraft of the 12th CAG provide aerial support and training to the Thai forces.

Betty Jones is doing beautifully since her auto accident just before Xmas. In spite of a cast from just under her arms to down over the knee of one leg, she has become proficient at being able to get onto and off of her electric bed, and can even walk up a few steps into the kitchen from the family room. You can't keep the good guys down, Betty! She goes to Walter Reed the end of Mar. for another evaluation, and in the meantime has been fortunate enough to have her mother able to stay and help keep family life going. Mrs. Lenhardt sees that Briggs stays well fed, and Howard (13) and Kathy (11) as well. COL Lenhardt probably is making the greatest sacrifice, but we say it's in a good cause.

Had a birth announcement from Lorette and Arthur McGee, sent down by the AOG, but without an address, and I can't remember where they're living. They had a 5 lb. 15 oz. girl Norene Marie on 27 Dec. '70. This brings their total to six, for they have two boys and three other girls.

Carm and Barb Milia have started putting together a Class Committee to run the 1971-72 Army-Navy-AF Cotillion. This series of four dances provides an opportunity for the service juniors in the D.C. Area to meet old friends and to make new ones. Traditionally the Cotillion is sponsored consecutively by the classes from the Military and Naval Academies. Our Class turn comes on the 25th Anniversary of the Cotillion. So far, the following comprise the committee: Laurie and Jean Eek, Chuck and Betty Newcombe, Bill and Betty Curry, and Pookie Crittenger. If you'd like to help, give any of the above a call.

That's all the news for this time. Hope the column will be longer next time—write!

'51

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With great regret I must announce the untimely death of Dick Guidroz, killed in mid-Feb. in a flying accident while instructing in an F-4. Dick was a squadron commander at Davis Monthan; the accident occurred near there. Our most sincere condolences to Jackie and the children.

The 20th Reunion for Black '51 is almost upon us! A tentative schedule of events follows:



1951: Astronaut Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., center, became a Knight of St. Patrick, *summa cum laude*, and also received an honor medal for distinguished service in engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia during the College of Engineering St. Pat's Week observance. Aldrin, moon-walker who holds the record for flight outside the spacecraft, was speaker at a dinner meeting 20 March that concluded annual observance of St. Pat's Week, an annual celebration at UMC where it was "discovered" in 1904 that St. Patrick was an engineer. Aldrin is shown as he was escorted by two UMC students to the platform where he kow-towed and kissed the blarney stone as he was elevated to knighthood through a shoulder-tap administered by St. Patrick.

Fri, 22 Oct.: Alumni registration starts at noon, and '51 will follow that with a cocktail party.

Sat., 23 Oct.: Class business meeting: Alumni review; Alumni luncheon, ARMY vs. Va., and the Alumni dinner dance at Washington Hall.

Sun., 24 Oct.: Religious services followed by a Class brunch.

If you have further questions contact Al Costanzo at 900 North Jacksonville St., Arlington, Va. 22205.

Dave Abshire remains up to his ears as Asst Secy of State for Congressional Affairs—Indochina keeps all of us busy. Buzz Aldrin is leaving the space program to become Com of the test pilot school at Edwards AFB. Lauren and Jean Ashley are now with AMC in the Main Battle Tank Engineering Agency in Warren, Mich. Before that Lauren had a room adjacent to the old roommate, Cec Nist at MACV; he reports Dick Szymczyk is a Div. Chief in MACV J2, and Don Van Matre is the Dep CO of ARPA. Ted Atkeson has left the State Dept to assume command of the 109th MI Gp at Meade. He and Sally are continuing to live in Alexandria—a real computer.

Bud and Bette Bacon have finished up at the NWC as a student, and apparently will remain on with the staff. Bud reports having seen Joe Sites at NWC on TDY, and that Sandy Vandenberg has assumed command of the wing at Randolph. John and Ann Ballard are joining the D.C. crew this summer; John's for ICAF this fall. Phil and Susan Barth checked in from the Midwest—looking forward to the 20th. Cappy and Florence Bernstein will also be at the 20th; they report seeing Chuck Satuloff and Al Lichtenberg, who will also be at the gala event. Dave Betts is now your Consul in Paris; his family joins him this summer; but with Joe LaFleur the atomic energy rep at the embassy, Gus Villaret as the Army Attaché, and Bill and Audrey Malouche at the French War College he's not really

alone. Jim Bick is still in Toledo, but reports the arrival of Bitsy Beth on 24 July '68—just to keep the records straight. That makes five; welcome to the club. Dave Bills retired 31 Dec, and he and Dany are living in Newport News, where Dave is the Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection. Dave noted that Bob Vincent is still with the Engr Office in Norfolk, and that he had seen Guy Jester at the Va. game last fall.

Jim Boatner is still firmly attached to the desk outside Mr. Packard's door, and reports that Shy Meyer is off to Bragg to be ADC of the 82d. Shy will be saying farewell to Joe Fant, who has the 82d Div Arty, but is due to depart this summer. '51 will be well represented since Ed Partain will give up the 82d Spt Comd to be the Div C/S. John and Priscilla Brown checked in from Bellevue, Wash., where John's with Boeing.

Chuck and Jackie Canham will depart WP this summer for the Naval War College. Chuck reports he has learned to ski—another first since the loss of a leg—and also that John Daigh is retiring from USMA this June. Jerry Carlson is finishing ICAF, and will probably be J3 in the Joint Staff by the time this is published. Dave Carroll is now with USAASO at Cameron Station; he and Jane are still at the same address in Fairfax. Lew Casbon is at MACV, leaving Marilyn and the children at Colo. Springs, and—although Lew would never report it himself—he received the MSM on his departure from the job as Compt of the ADC. Andy and Isabel Chacon are still here in the D.C. area; Andy's the EEO Programs Advisor in the Office of the Gen. Mgr. of the AEC, and waving farewell to daughter Dolores, who is off to Vassar this year.

Bud and Irene Conti are at Satellite Beach, Fla., where Bud's the CO of the Titan IIC Div of the 6555th Test Gp at Cape Kennedy. Sandy and Jo Cortner are at Leavenworth—one of those big houses—where Sandy is Chief of the Corps and Army Sec, of the Dept of

Larger units. Sandy reports that Tom Foster is on the S&F and Wayne Miller in the Combined Arms Group. He departs the bliss of Leavenworth for Carlisle and the AWC this summer. Paul Coughlin departed ODCSOPS last Feb. for RVN, where he's in the Phoenix program. Joe and Jo Ann Danforth are in England, where he's with the 81st Tac Ftr Wing. They report seeing Paul Miller in London, and that Desi desIslets is now Dpty Base CO at Hahn AB, Germany. Buck and Pat Farrington are permanently settled in Incline Village, Nev.; Buck's with Harding, Miller, Lawson & Associates in Reno.

Good news from Buck and Pat Harris: twin boys, born on 27 Jan. and named William and Robert; Buck managed to be away with the 1st Cav, which may have lessened the shock.

Harry and Nancy Jackson reported in from Charleston, W. Va., where Harry's in private practice as an M.D. Bill Louisell is the Dpty for Maneuver of the remaining Bde of the First Cav, leaving Ann with Dell Bradley in their real estate business in Springfield. Bill and Audrey Malouche checked in from Paris, and noted having seen, in addition to the '51 crew listed earlier, Brant Tennant and Andy Remson. Brant is planning retirement, and Andy, on graduation from the French War College, will be off to ODCSOPS of USAREUR. Ed and Dottie Markham will be departing Hawaii this summer, but dropped a note to report another first for '51: Joe and Cecil Clemons, and son Mike (16), and brother-in-law Pete Russell completed a trans-Pacific voyage in a 44-foot yawl, arriving in Honolulu on 4 Feb.

Chuck and Bonnie McLean retired on 28 Feb., following a tour with OCRD. Chuck was awarded the MSM in addition to his LM on their departure for Minn., where Chuck will be with MAPCO. Wayne Miller has also been awarded the MSM for his service as CO of the 7th Bn, 2d Arty in Korea. A third award of the MSM was to Bill Monsofs for duty in Germany; Bill is now Dpty Ch of the Svcs Div of DCSLOG in RVN.

George Psihas checked in to note that he's looking forward to seeing all at the 20th. Phil and Wanda Claire Sheridan are at Loring AFB with SAC; Phil's DOI with the 42d Bomb Wing. Maine's minus 330 came as a shock after Phil's previous tour at Tan Son Nhut. Stan and Ruth Sheridan finished ICAF last summer, and after a short tour with the J/S Stan was tapped to be Proj Mgr for the M60 tank in Mar. Frank and Anne Sisson are now settled in Short Hills, N.J., following retirement. Frank's with the Amerace Esna Corp.

Finally, Danny Wardrop received the MSM at the AWC for his outstanding job as CO of the Fourth Air Def Tng Bn and CO of the Air Def Tng Bde at Bliss. That's all the poop—the shorter column results from fewer letters from you—come on! Drop me a note or phone the news in!

'52

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The news is somewhat slim this quarter, but a few items have come in. Bob Haras continues to receive answers to his Reunion Letter. Among them was a thoughtful note from Don Swygert who gives his address as Alexandria, Va. Ernie Condina also included a personal note with his response. He reports

that he is still a student and is now working on an M.A. in Pol Sci at Shippenburg State College. Ernie has completed the courses and is presently doing his thesis. A long letter with some very challenging suggestions arrived from Dick Baker (Malvern, Pa.). Dick would like to see the Class establish a substantial fund that would be available for a number of purposes: to assist children of deceased classmates in education, special medical or dental expenses, business starts, etc.; to seek release of classmates held captive (Dick reminds us that Ken Simonet was reported a POW by Hanoi on 18 Jan. 68); to assist disabled classmates; and to help widows, parents, or others who have had extensive influence on the lives of deceased Class members. Although the expenditure is somewhat more than the consensus so far indicates the Class has in mind, Bob and the Committee will give the concept full consideration.

Attached to Dick's letter was a page of brief items on classmates, which I particularly appreciated. John and Nan Baldner have arrived at Edwards AFB where John is assigned to Flight Testing. John and Mary Olson are now located 40 minutes from downtown Boston in Westford, Mass.; they already have plans to make the 20th Reunion. Jim and Dixie Aldredge are living in Atlanta, Ga., where Jim is in the hardware business. Mal and Carol Craig and their five youngsters recently moved to Scottsdale, Ariz. Dick has also been in touch with Margaret Loeschner (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Mrs. Bobbie (Good) Stillwell (Mission Viejo, Calif.), and Bob and Christina King (D.C.).

Word from the USAF Home Town News Center that Marc Oliphant has arrived for duty at Ent AFB, Colo. He is an air opns. officer in a unit of the Aerospace Def Cmd after having completed a tour at Bien Hoa AB, VN. Marc holds the aeronautical rating of Cmd Pilot and has more than 21 yrs. of service.

From the Army Home Town News Center: Doug Slingerland recently was awarded the LM at Ft. Leavenworth for his work in RVN. He adds the LM to a BSM, an ACM, and a Joint Serv. CM. He is presently serving as Project Chief in the Doctrine Studies Directorate, Div. C, Inst. of Comb. Arms and Spt. Doug has an M.S. (1967) from the U. of Ariz. at Tucson. Charlotte is with him at Ft. Leavenworth.

Several classmates have visited USMA recently. CV Jackson stopped by for the first time in 17 yrs. for, as he puts it, my periodic "17 yr. visit." He lives in Lima, Ohio, where he works for an engineering firm. With CV was his son, a 200 lb all-state fullback, who is shopping around in the Ivy League area for a school. Why not your Alma Mater, CV? Let's exert some parental influence. Don Pafford was here in mid-Jan. to conduct a manpower survey. He intuitively timed his visit with our monthly Class luncheon so we were able to enjoy his company. Paul Brown dropped in (almost literally) on 9 Feb. when bad weather forced his helicopter down en route to Ft. Devens. Speed and Sallie Hulley took him in. After supper there was an informal gathering that included Bob Haras, Charlie and Connie Watkins, and Meredith Garver. Betsy Stevens and son Wyatt stopped by en route to D.C. where he plans on spending his spring vacation with his parents. Fred, minding his computers at the Army Opns Ctr in the Pentagon, was unable to accompany Betsy to fetch Wyatt from his Conn. prep school.

Betsy reports that Mars and Sandy (her sister) Earle have returned from Hawaii and are back at Ft. Bliss where Mars is with the Air Def Agency.

Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting at WP, 12 Feb. 71. Present were Bob Haras, Jerry Brisman, and myself. Bob turned over \$143.00 (donations to date for Washington Hall flag) to Jerry for deposit. Because the flag costs \$150.00, \$7.00 will be withdrawn from the Class account and a check made out to the Hudson Valley Chapter of the WP Soc. Jerry was authorized to pay Bob \$35.00 for the mailing expenses involved with the Reunion Letter. There is a feeling on the part of many that the authorization for funeral wreaths should be increased from the present \$15.00. Jerry will check further into the matter. The fact that the Class Constitution requires the election of a Pres. every 10 yrs. indicates that we are somewhat overdue. It was decided that an election should be held to coincide with the 20th Reunion. Many Classes have special mementoes to commemorate their reunions; in particular, sets of glasses with the crest and an inscription seem elegant and are reasonable. We recommend that the committee for the 25th Reunion look into the possibility.

The classmates here at WP have been a particularly close group this year, largely because of an active social program organized by Bob Ackerson and Charlie Watkins. Besides our monthly luncheons, which are on occasion coed, we have had lively gatherings at the Club for Happy Hour twice recently. There was a successful "Wine and Cheese" party in Feb. The latest function was a Pre-Hundredth Night Show party at Bob and Barbi Ackerson's that turned out so well that some didn't bother to go to the show; those that did returned to the party afterwards. The gang was pretty much all aboard for the Founders Day Dinner on 10 Mar. The highlight of the evening at the '52 table was a very serious, if at times explosive debate, on the proper MP-cadet relationships at USMA. Bob Haras and Speed Hulley were the two principals; Gene Lane, who found himself seated between the two, was only partially successful as moderator. At one point Speed reminded Bob that most of his MPs are college graduates, a statement that Bob could hardly make for his cadets. At another point the two were on their way over to COL Tallman, the Dpty Com, for an interpretation of regulations before we managed to stop them. And so it went. We were happy to have Don Fiser, the Post Sig Off and an Associate Classmate, with us, but I fear the proceedings may have been puzzling to him.

The next column will be my last, and I would like to wind things up right. Please—some news!

'53

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No significant '53 activity in the D.C. area from 1 Dec. to 28 Feb., everyone just doing their thing. A few items in the mail bag: First, our congrats to Dick and Jane Miller who welcomed their fifth daughter in Jan. at Carlisle Barracks. Abbie McLennan writes from Leavenworth, Kans., that Stu was home on leave from Nam and will be reporting to Ft. Ord in June. Cliff Landry was in recently, on leave from Saigon. I hear he threw a rock at the athletic center



1953: Al Grum, new Associate Professor of Mechanics, USMA.

in the Pentagon in memory of Plebe days. Walt Parker is at Nha Trang and Jim Bowen is having it hard in a villa in Dalat (advisor to USMA—Far East). Don Shaw is commanding an Arty bn in I Corps and will be returning to the Pentagon in May.

Checking the area a bit, in DOD are Bob Breckenridge (ISA) and Bob Joyce (Systems Analysis). Over on the Air Staff are Joe Brown, Clay Jackson and Jack Yale (just back from RVN). Bill Sifford is with the Dir of Mil Spt (used to be Civil Disturbance 'til Bill got there).

For those who want to start all over Wally Noll is on the USMA desk in DCSPER while Mike Cousland is running the Prep School at Belvoir. New to Belvoir, by the by, is Larry Davis joining Bill Bauman, already there. Curt Brewer passed through Belvoir recently getting OR/SA smarts before returning to Ft. Bliss.

Once again, group, this is based on rumor and concourse spottings, so . . .

Thanks, Rolfe. Add in the D.C. area Al and Pat Lindholm living on the Bull Run at Manassas. Also, Don Ramsay recently was awarded the LM (second OLC) for service as CO, 35th Engr Gp, 18th Engr Bde, RVN. Don leaves his present job as Chief of the Construction Engineering Div of the Dept of Engineering and Military Science at the Engr School for the AWC in Aug.

Left off the War College list from the last article were Tony DeLuca and Wally Noll. Tony goes to Carlisle and Wally to Maxwell.



1953: Herman L. Gilster receives the BSM.

WP news includes the annual winter party, held 19 Mar. at John and Rita Tower's place. Present were Associates Pat and Joan Dionne, Harry and Mamie Hannaway, Gene and Ace Hose, Enrique and Yolanda Kortright, John and Gerry McCauley, Dave and Dot Mets, Pete and Connie Patterson, Don and Peg Rocke, Bruce and Silva Smith and Bruce and Charlotte Williams. Bob and Harriett Ayers, Bob and Kathie Carter, Tony and Kathy DeLuca, Bill and Adrienne Hilley and Felix and Eleanore Liveoak completed the guest roster. Felix and Eleanore Liveoak are recent arrivals at WP. Felix is assigned as the Dpty Dir of Institutional Research, USMA.

Future assignments to WP include the return of Al and Marcella Biggerstaff and Al Grum. Al and Marcella are at Cornell where Al is getting his Ph.D. in preparation for duties as a permanent Assoc. Prof with Dept of ES&GS. Al Grum has recently been selected as a permanent Assoc. Prof in the Dept of Mech. He will acquire a Ph.D. prior to assuming his duties at WP. The two Als make up our permanent Class representation at WP.

Class AF news includes awards to Herm Gilster and Dick Remers. Herm received the BSM at Ton Son Nhut AB, RVN, and Dick was presented the third and fourth awards of the AM for operations in Thailand.



1953: Richard T. Remers receives the 3d and 4th awards of the AM.

News bits include Lee Gray of North American Rockwell heading up a space shuttle project and coming to WP to lecture the Faculty and cadets of ES&GS. Dick Cordill with wife and five children (all sons) in Osceola, Ind., and getting son number one ready for WP candidacy.

This is the last Rolfe and Rocky show. We have enjoyed it, and we wish to express our appreciation to the contributors of the Class column. Rolfe is heading West for SEA while Rocky moves East for West Africa. You may wish to contact the new Scribe with news, so please send it to Norm Delbridge, 11170 Forest Edge Drive, Reston, Va. 22070. Announcement of the appointment of the new Scribe will be in the coming issue. From both of us to all of you—best wishes and good luck.

'54

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I regret that I must start out this column with some bad news. Shelley Burnett is missing in action in Laos, after his command helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire. At the time of the action, Shelley was commanding



1954: Sandy Samouce receives the Legion of Merit from COL Gudgel.

a Bn near Khesanh and attempting to get his units moving. I only hope I can later report his safe return.

Elsewhere in RVN, Sandy Samouce received the LM for his outstanding performance in his prior assignment in the War Plans Division, DCSOPS. Sandy is now Fire Support Coordinator for the II Field Force VN Arty.

Also in SEA Sam Fields received the AM in ceremonies at Udorn Royal Thai AFB. Sam is an air operations officer at Udorn. Gene Breeding was in the news from RVN as Cmdr of the 1st Sq, 1st Cav, Americal Div. I also hear Bob Cottle has become Div Arty Cmdr in the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile).

Back here in the States we've had a lot of Class festivities. The D.C. contingent had a fine turnout for a party at the Army-Navy Country Club 19 Feb. Over 100 husbands and wives were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the affair thanks to the organized efforts of John Gilboux.

Joe and Dee Gerda appeared to be the most exuberant—Joe having returned from RVN three days earlier. We were also lucky to have Nancy Hampton and Caroline Chesbro in attendance while Wade and Jack were in RVN. I understand Wade is co, 1st Bn, 501st Inf, 2d Bde 101st Abn Div.

Other news picked up at the party had Lowell Toreson on his way to Europe and Chuck Luce on his way to RVN. Already departed were Dick Renfro to Ft. Hood (project MASTERS), Dale Vesser to 2d Bn (Ambl), 7th Cav, 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div and Wes Gheen to Ft. Riley, Kans. where he is co 1st Bn, 2d Inf, 1st Inf Div. Rumor has it that Jack Logan is on his way to Fifth Army and I hear the job of PMS&T at the U. of Colo. Also out West is Jack Lochner at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Some new D.C. faces I saw were Stan and Betsy Beck, Jim and Betty Kirwin, and Bill and Isa McGuire. Although not at the party, I understand that Jack Galvin is in the area with CDC and George Stenehjem is at OCRD.

Jack and Carol Krause didn't make the party either, they were home celebrating the arrival of a new baby girl a week earlier. Congratulations!

Dion and Jenny Johnson were on hand. Di is with ACDA but finds time to go to American U. plus put out a class roster for the D.C. area. If you're in the area call Di at 946-8627 and get on the list. He promises that all information will be held confidential and no dossiers will be prepared. He is automating his system though, something about a computer data bank! Also at this time I'd like to clear up the rumor that Red Kavanaugh

is doing undercover work in Army Intelligence. Those sideburns just make him look like a civilian! He's still at AMC.

In addition to the D.C. party there was another Class get-together at WP on 13 Mar. at the Storm King Arms. Don Newnham was the principal organizer and set a new high for cost-effective get-togethers. Not only was the buffet abundant and inexpensive but we all retired to Woody Woodbury's house where we drank all his booze.

In addition to the local Academy types, we had on hand Len Fuller on temporary assignment from Ft. Leavenworth plus George McMillan and his wife who came down from Cornwall.

The WP group will attrit down to approximately five classmates come this summer. Jim Hays, Tom Healy, and Max Janairo are heading for the AWC and Jim Ransone, Jim Ryan and Woody Woodbury are going to RVN. Chuck Miller is on his way to Ft. Hood.

Max Janairo will be replaced by Ed Keiser and Jack Sulik will replace Jim Hays. What an exercise in command and control! The only persons untouched by all this will be Don Newnham, Quay Snyder, and Lloyd Matthews.

We're not too far away from the Apollo 15 launch on 26 July. Keep your eyes alert as Dave Scott might produce a '54 spectacular although he promises no golf clubs on the moon. Would you believe the hundred yard free style?

Also much in the news has been Andy Maloney. He was named in Feb. to head a new section in the U. S. Attorney's office in NYC as Chief Federal Prosecutor of narcotics crimes. Andy joined the U. S. Attorney's office in 1962 after graduating from Fordham Law School and, as Asst U. S. Attorney, has prosecuted cases involving labor racketeering, tax evasion, securities frauds, and gambling. I hope he remembers me!

I'll end on the fact that it's time to draft new Class officers. Jack Krause is leaving the D.C. area in a few weeks and John Gilboux will be gone by the end of the summer. I've been gone ever since I assumed the duties!

The general consensus seems to be for a continuation of the policy of keeping the Class Officers in the D.C. area. Dick Ziegler will become Class Pres, Paul Jenkins, Treas and Joe Bahin, Secy. They will assume their duties 1 Sept. 1971 formally, but I understand Paul is already receiving the dunning notices from the bank.

'55

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Lots of news to pass on from various sources, particularly from the D.C. area.

Had a fine letter from John Sloan. He and Ruth announce the arrival of a son born in Munich. Congratulations to Ruth and John who now have four. They are with the USA Russian Institute, APO NY 09053 and are en route this summer to D.C. where John will work for DIA. They are looking for a house. Hopefully, this article will not be too late if someone can help in this regard. Congratulations to John Poirier who was decorated with the MSM recently. Shirley and John are at Hickam. Anne and Bob Nourse have been at Norfolk where Bob graduated from the AFSC on 15 Jan. 71. Ellanor and



1955: Left to right: Dick Auer, Quent and Anna Bates, Dick Bean at Vail, Colo.

Dick Hoeferkamp are at Leavenworth. Dick has received the MSM for his tour as a Bn CO of a Training Bn at Bragg. Congratulations, Dick. And now, the D.C. area news.

Marly Carpenter is in Springfield, Va. while Bob is in Quang Tri, VN. Bob is commanding the 14th Eng Bn. Vince Warner has orders to Europe and will leave about 15 Aug. Bob Camp has arrived at CDC, Belvoir. No word on exactly what he is doing. His arrival is very recent. Bill McCulla and Joan are recent arrivals in D.C. Bill will be with DCSLOG. They have arrived from the AFSC, Norfolk. Phil Enslow has a new job in the D.C. area with the Ofc of Telecommun. Policy, Ex Ofc of the President. Frank and Betty Donald departed the D.C. area to Craig AFB, Ala. They, with Carl and Marcia Cathey, escaped from the D.C. area recently for a weekend in Bermuda. Frank was a real mainstay with respect to Class activities. Our thanks and best to him and Betty. Roy and Sandra Lynn are scheduled to leave D.C. this summer. Roy is headed for Wright Pat where he will be assigned to the Life Support System Program Office. Bill and Jane Hadly have orders to Riley in Jun '71. In mid-Feb. Dick Bean was in Denver to speak to business organizations and publicize some DOD retirement programs. Dick visited with Dick and Cini Auer. Dick was talked into a bachelor weekend at Vail for skiing where the two Dicks met Quent and Anna Bates. Bean reports that Dick and Quent are doing well; Dick as a Pres. of a dept store and Quent as an elevator designer. Don Poorman reports that he will be attending the 71-72 session at the AirWC Maxwell. George Monahan is also to go to the AirWC in the same class with Don. Bob Stanley has received his M.B.A. from Geo. Wash. U. in Feb. Nina reports that Dan Malone and family are returning from Moscow in May. Rosie Cohan is now a lawyer in Berkeley. Skip Massey is on his way to Panama. Bob Stanley is now in the Pentagon with the Army's R&D office. In fact, Bob and I are in the same office.

Mike Brown has orders for a cmd assignment (place undetermined), summer '71. Jim Ryan has been asgd as XO, Dir of Plans and Programs, Ofc of the Asst CofSA, Comm and Elec. Jim has been with DCSPER. The couple in the area flying on a cloud these days are the Zaborowskis; Jane and Ed are going to Key West in May where Ed will command a Hawk battalion. They are "eagerly looking forward to Key West."

Dick and Sally Bean are expecting orders this summer. Dave Hufnagel reports that Dan and Donna Ludwig are at Riley and have a new son, Dwight. Congratulations. Jill Wiegand reports that Bob is going to Carlisle this summer to the AWC. Roy Dunaway is in RVN with 101st as the 3d Bde XO. Don Hilbert has a bn with the 101st. Chickie is in N.J. with children. Jo and Jim Fleeger are at Carson where Jim has a bn. Bob Joseph is at Hood where Bob is a bde XO. Jim and Mary Devereaux had their ninth child which was their eighth girl this past summer. Jim is with IBM. Congratulations!!!

Raymonds at Riley. Skip and Marty McDonald, C&GSC Leavenworth. John Martling has a bn with 101st. Eli staying in a small town just outside Denver. Jerry and Dottie Crancer are at Ft. Monroe. Ann and Ray Gunderson are at Benning where Ray is SGS of Inf Center. Charlie Johnson is Bn CO in RVN. Brownie is at Sandia Base, N.M. Don and Carole Buchwald are still at Leavenworth. Jeanne & Wayne Smith are in the Philippines and RVN respectively, as are the Chikallas, under the same province advisor program. Jesse Chikalla has written that they would trade six palm trees for one bucket of N.Y. snow. Rex and Ann Perkins are also in the same province advisor program. Ann is at Clark where Jeanne Smith is also. Al and Sally Oppel are also at Clark.

Ron Rule is still in Pentagon but expects orders. Ted and Nancy Bishop go to Carlisle where Ted will attend the AWC. Bill and Linda Roth are off to Maxwell this summer, to school. Sue (and Tom) Weaver expecting in Apr. Mary Andrews reports that the Dinwiddies go to Hawaii in Apr; and, Pheiffs in Germany. Pam Trobaugh reports Ed will return from RVN in Apr; Ed will attend U. of Okla. grad school extension course in D.C. John Steakley in RVN and Cindy and children in Hawaii at Schofield. Marlene Martin at Stewart Field with children while Paul is in Thailand. Barbara and Perry Boyd had first child recently; a girl, congratulations. Passafumes are back in the D.C. area again. Linda reports: Joan and Ken Ginter came through D.C. en route to Panama; Carrol and Bill Sietman are enjoying Hawaii for three year period where Bill is Post Engr at Shafter.

Jim Fiscus, OCRD, DA, reports: Dave and Toni Maurer are enjoying life in Germany. Dave is working at the Embassy in Bonn; Jim and Nan Strickland write that they are also enjoying Germany and 12 yrs. in the country have not made that much difference. Jim is with the Civil Engr Div, USEUCOM; and Dan and Maggi Dugan are at Moffet Field, Calif. where Dan is working at the Army Aero Research Lab. Lee McKinney, OCE, DA, reports that Bill Edwards departed OCE in Feb. and is now in RVN.

I finish up the Class news with a note from Dave and Betty Polly whom I saw at the Class Reunion. Dave is currently a program mgr. for Dynell Electronics, a small and growing company on Long Island. Dave is working as a design Engr on some programs for the Navy. The Pollys live in East Northport, N.Y.

This sums up the news for the past quarter. Responses and information have been outstanding. Keep up the good work. We expect to have a lot of shifts personnelwise in the D.C. area during the next six months, so there will be considerable updating through the summer. I'll close for now.



1956: ARMY-Navy Game gathering—Fort Leavenworth. Left to right, front row on floor: Toby Fisch, Don Little, Carol Little, Don Fisch; second row, on floor: Mona McAniff, Barbara Woods, Eleanor Rundgren and Dick Crews; third row, seated: Jim and Billie Paradise, Barbara Huff, George Woods, Jerry Huff, Peggy and Bucky Harris, and Mary Crews; fourth row, standing: Rae Adams, Tom McAniff, Dick Adams, and Walt Rundgren.

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I recognize that Charlie Sarkiss' passing was reported by John Liwski in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY; however, additional information regarding his Memorial Service was thoughtfully provided by Gary Sidler, and I want to share it with all of you. According to Gary, the service was relatively brief but was quite moving and extremely well attended. His obituary, presented by COL Lawrence L. Mowery, Dir, Bde and Bn Opns Dept, USAIS, included several moving and personal remarks, and Gary reports that Charlie's fellow officers in the Inf School praised him in the most commendable terms. I think Gary summed it all up best by concluding that he would be more than pleased if others praised him upon his departure as they praised Charlie. Charlie is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and three children: Charles, Jr.; Julie; and Joani.

Gary also reported that his Bn at Benning was inactivated on 15 Mar '71, and his next assignment may be in the D.C. area. He provided a picture of his change of command ceremony in June 1970. Gary speculated it may be unique in that Don Morelli was the

reviewing officer, and this might have been the first time that two '56ers have been in that particular situation.

George Woods came through as I knew he would with a group snapshot of a Class get together at Ft. Leavenworth for the last ARMY-Navy game. Those who were unable to attend (and therefore are not named by the photo caption) are Whit and Karen Coats, Gerry and Margaret Crouter, Bill and Audrey Hooker, Randy and Ann Parker, Farrell and Nancy Patrick and Wally and Toby Urbach. George also reported seeing Tom Weinstein during a TDY trip to Leavenworth from Holabird. Tom made it just in time for Bucky Harris' silver leaf party.

Carolyn Cannon was quite excited about her trip in Mar. to visit Ray. She was to meet him in Bangkok and they were to spend a few days in Saigon also. Ray has been flying the O1 while stationed in the Mekong Delta at Bac Lieu. Meanwhile, Carolyn and the girls have been residing in Jacksonville, Fla. Ray expects to return to the States this Oct.

I was pleased to hear from MG Charles G. Stevenson concerning the latest achievements of his son and our classmate, John. John has been quite active with the WP Society of North Tex., and was elected Pres. of that society for 1971. In addition, two fine football prospects from the Dallas area will enter WP next year due to John's efforts.

Sam and Martha Lemmon are residing in the Atlanta area where Sam is a stockbroker. There are several '56ers in Atlanta right now. Ben and Becca Tindall, Jim and Sue Waldeck and Harold and Armen Marvin have been at Ga. Tech for several terms. This past summer, Tony and Bonnie Ortner joined them. They've all gotten together several times during the past months, the latest event reported being a great Christmas party at the Waldeck home.

Ray Lindquist, his wife, Sara, and their children: Teresa 11, Karen nine, and Mary Leigh five, are residing in San Antonio. Ray has recently assumed duties

in the tng div of the Reserve Forces office at Fourth Army Hq, Ft. Sam Houston. We also received news from the San Antonio area that Jerry Werbel, a personnel officer at Randolph AFB has been promoted to LTC. Walt Sager, Fred Dent, and Tom Cody are attending the AirC&SC at Maxwell AFB.

Harry Kotellos has been assigned to a unit of the AFS Cmd at W-P as a systems project management officer. Ken Lang is currently serving as a transport pilot with the Military Airlift Cmd at McGuire.

There is nothing particularly momentous to report from here, so I will leave a little more room this time for John Liwski to fill you in on the East Coast situation.

WEST POINT—OK troops, hang on to your hats—Bill Schrage, head of the Candidate Advisory Services Div of the USMA Admissions Office, has announced that, in all likelihood, the first "Class Son" will enter the Corps this summer. He is William Forrest Crain, Wally and Betse's adopted oldest son. As of now (1 Apr.) Forrest has met all the requirements, passed all the tests, and has only to indicate his acceptance of the offer of admission in order to insure his membership in the Class of '75. Rest assured—he'll be in good hands.

Now smooth down your grey hairs (if you still have any), adjust your bifocals, put your dentures back in place, and read on if you dare, because the next item is going to further confirm our status as members of the "older" generation. Bob Bacon has asked me to announce that plans are under way to celebrate the Class' 15th anniversary in conjunction with the 1971 Homecoming football game on 23 Oct. (vs Virginia). Things are still formative at the moment, but '56 has second priority on the use of USMA facilities that weekend and by the time you read this, a flyer containing additional information should be in the mails. Bob was unanimously elected Reunion Chmn by Tom Griffin, this year's Class group Pres., so make your plans now to attend.

Sandra and Bill Haponski (Dept of Engl) recently unveiled a future ice skating champion when daughter Maura, 13, put on a solo



1956: Ginger and Pat Haley



1956: Gary Sidler and Don Morelli at Change of Command ceremony at Fort Benning.

performance at WP's annual ice show, which featured a number of the nation's leading skaters. The Haponksi family will also undergo a significant expansion this Easter with the adoption of Richard, 10, and Genny, 9.

I received a most pleasant surprise about a month ago when Pat Haley, next door neighbor until last summer, walked into my office in the Administration Building before returning to RVN at the end of a two-week leave with his family at Stewart Field. At the time Pat was serving as an advisor to the ARVN in the Highlands, but more recent word from wife Ginger is that he is now back in Nha Trang. Not two weeks later, the Stroziers and the Liwskis encountered Gene and Ginny Lynch in a nearby restaurant. Gene was also home from RVN on leave; in this case, however, sadly occasioned by the death of Ginny's father in Pa.

One final note before I'm turned off forever—Bobbi and I depart WP this summer in favor of C&GSC at Ft. Leavenworth (along with the Redhairs, Sharers, and Gleasons), and Joe Carraway has agreed to take over responsibility for preparing the WP portion of this column. Joe is a prominent member of the Dept of Engl so we can undoubtedly expect our future reading to be on a much higher level than that experienced for the past two years. My sincere thanks to Stan Wilker and all of you who have helped make this such an interesting and pleasant task.

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Mrs. Carl C. Chandler, mother of Len Hanawald, sent the Class a very gracious letter a few weeks ago informing us that her search for a suitable memorial for Len has been fruitful. An Academy level award, known as the Len M. Hanawald Award, has been established in perpetuity to recognize the Dpty Bde Cmdr of the Corps each year. The first award will be made at the Awards Day Ceremony during June Week of this year. Bruce Turnbull, of the Admissions Office, will be a member of the Committee administering the award. In response to the inquiries from classmates, Mrs. Chandler informs us that friends and classmates who wish to remember Len in a permanent way may contribute to the Award Fund. Contributions should be addressed to: West Point Fund, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Donations should be annotated "for the Len M. Hanawald Memorial Award Fund," and should be made out to "The West Point Fund." I am sure that the Class will agree that such a living memorial is a fine and appropriate way to remember Len.

A recent notice shows that Bill Wright (see photo) has been appointed VP and Natl. Mgr. of a firm called Health Service Systems. HSS is planning a series of health care test centers across the country based upon the success of their unit in NYC's Borough of Queens. The center, a multi-phase examination and test facility utilizing such modern techniques as computer diagnostic referral systems, is helping to relieve the tremendous load on physicians thus increasing the number of patients an individual doctor can handle during any one day.

Again this issue, the AF segment of the Class has done well. Stan Jensen (see photo)



1957: C&GSC Group

received the MSM for outstanding service as IO for the First Composite Wing at Andrews AFB, Md. Stan is now serving in the Off. of Security Review at the Pentagon. Craig Smyser also drew notice recently when BC King awarded him the Air CM at Los Angeles AFS, Calif. Craig (see photo) was cited for meritorious service as a project officer with SAMSO, Los Angeles; his new assignment will take him to Edwards AFB, Calif.

The AFSC is beginning to take on the ap-

pearance of a reunion center for the Class: Arlyn Madsen (see photo), Bill Friend, and Mike Ilsemann all graduated on 15 Jan. and will be replaced by Bob Merrick, John Wilkinson, and Owen McIntyre. Arlyn came to AFSC from the USA Strat and Tac Gp in Bethesda, Md. Bill was stationed at Ft. Knox, while Mike had just returned from Germany. Unfortunately, I have no news on future assignments for them.

Giles Harlow writes from USAFA that he, Mike Keating, and Dick White will all attend



1957: Stan Jensen prior to receiving MSM.

the War College in June, 1972. (Moon Mullins will apparently start this June.) Bob Gadd dropped by in Feb. on the exchange trip and stayed with the Summers. Many thanks to Giles for the roster which he sent to Bill Seely which indicates, among other things, that Jack Ellington is in Boulder, Colo., working for a firm called Ball Brothers, Inc., and that Les Tate now resides in the Denver area. Giles' roster also indicates that Ben Waller and Bob Markham are stationed in SEA.

Darold Erickson reports from Saigon that he has moved from USARV to MACV where he is an economic advisor and analyst to COMUSMACV. I received a delightful letter from Ray Ketchum a while back; Ray reports to ODCSOPS on 15 Mar. after an extended tour with the 1st Armd Div at Ft. Hood. Ray was fortunate in commanding the 57th Sig Bn for 18 months, but he states that outside of Buel Rose (Div Asst G2) and Gerry Galloway (from STANO, checking on Project MASTER) he did not encounter many classmates. Included in Ray's letter was a



1957: Bill Wright, VP and National Manager of Health Service Systems.

clipping from a Fla. newspaper which features Russ Ramsey in his new role of Alachua County Coordinator of Social Adjustment Education. The article was full of praise for Russ' efforts in easing the problems of those high school students who are having social adjustment difficulties in their regular public high schools. Russ' program at the Mountain Top School is an innovative one and apparently has had great success.

Alex Vardamis, that aging but tireless worker in the vineyards of correspondence, included a three-part panoramic photo (which see), taken by Joe Beben, of the entire group at Leavenworth. Alex also listed all the new assignments of the C&GSC graduating group: Jim Cortez, Dick Dean, Tom Garigan, John Hocker and Alex himself have all been assigned to USARV. MACV will receive Bobby Christy and Jack Cooper. Joe Beben will join the USA Construction Agency in Okinawa, while Gerry McCall and Glen Rhoades drew Korea for their next stop. John Burt moves to USAREUR at the same time that Bill Davies will join the Army Element of PACOM in Hawaii. Bill Murphy and Norm Vaughn are headed for Thailand via the Language school route. Gordon Rogers and Don Press are remaining at Leavenworth on the C&GSC staff and faculty. Those going to graduate school include: Don Cline (U. of Mo., Kansas City), Hawk Conrad (Stephen's Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J.), Wade Shaddock



1957: Craig Smyser receiving AFCOM from BG King.

(U. of Kans., Lawrence, Kans.), and Clarence Wittman (U. of Kans.—Business Admin.). D.C. will absorb Mike Houser (DA, Office of the IC), Frank Mastro (USDIA), Tony Miklinski (ACSFOR), and Dave Smith (R&D, DA—electronics portion of the Safeguard Systems Office). Jack Crater has been assigned to the Army element of NORAD at Colorado Springs; Andy Johnson moves to Twin Cities Ammunition Plant in Minn. Jim Kaiser reports to CINCLANT at Norfolk, Va. Ed Szvetez will join Project MASTER group at Ft. Hood, Tex., while Chuck Raymond has orders to the Avn Systems Cmd (R&D) at St. Louis. Ken Simila's new assignment takes him to Ft. Belvoir (Nuclear Wpns Surety Group). For some unexplained reason, Ed Wilhelm had not received orders by the deadline for this article; I'll try to follow up on this in a subsequent issue. For all the rest of you heroes who are moving on this summer, drop a line and let us know what the future holds for you.

As concerns the group here at WP, we were all deeply shocked when Pete Kahler, a very personable and popular associate, passed away recently. Pete was assigned as the Adj of the USMA Hospital. The Class



1957: Arlyn Madsen: Recent AFSC Graduate

held a Memorial Service for Pete in the Post Chapel on 21 Jan.

Orders continue to arrive for some of the old guard here; Ralph Luther, Vel Varner and Ed Hildreth are all assigned to USARV. Vel goes to RVN as command recommended—he is scheduled to command a bn there. Frank Redd reports that he will be flying OV-10's in RVN this year. Wally Summers, Sid Britt and Jim Newsom have all been extended for another year. Wally will remain in SoSci Dept, while Sid continues in the Hist Dept. Jim Newsom will leave the Dept of ES&GS to join the Expansion Committee. Dick Morton is moving to 18th Abn Corps at Ft. Bragg this summer. Finally, we are also losing a wonderful group of associates. Jack Hartke (Engl) will attend AFSC in Jan.; George Gonsalves (MP&L) has orders to USARV; Walt Sanders (Tac) knows that he will receive another CONUS tour, but as yet he doesn't have specific assignment instructions. Incidentally, it is noted with a certain amount of relief that Frank and Myrna Redd finally broke their string with the birth of a beautiful daughter, Kristen, born on 28 Feb., after they had produced four successive sons!

I expect that there will be a good deal of personnel turbulence in the days to come, and I will try to keep you posted. In the meantime, good luck and have a nice summer.

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Sylvia Degen and Joanne Bauer have written to express their appreciation for the response of the Class to Bob's death in RVN and Hugh's death in the Congo. "The children and I," writes Sylvia, "should very much like to thank the Class of 1958 for the floral wreath and all the kindnesses extended to us. . . . My only wish is that at one of your next get-togethers you raise a glass to one of the finest in '58—Bob Degen." Joanne said: "Please convey my appreciation to all the Class members who were so kind. . . . It means so much to know how much you all care. . . . We did leave him in good hands."

Based on letters and comments I have received during the past few months, I get



1958: Chuck and Patty Toftoy, Harriet and OK Hill, and Rosalie and Jerry Hoblit—near the end of the AFSC course in Jan. 1971.



1958: Nels Conner received the MSM in Dec. 1970 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., for exceptionally meritorious service as Project Officer in the Office of Doctrine Development, Literature and Plans.



1958: West Point Society of Michigan, Founders Day 1971. Left to right: Eddie Adair, Jan Adair, and Paul Klempnow at the Dearborn Country Club.

the feeling that there exists among the members of the Class a desire to do something tangible in memory of our deceased classmates. Two actions emerge as representative: one, a memorial or memorial fund of some kind, in the name of each deceased classmate; the other, a general memorial for all deceased classmates, most often proposed as an educational fund of some kind. Bin Barta has aptly noted that any such memorial, be it specific or general, will involve money. He proposes a contribution from each classmate and has already sent a check for \$80 (his Jan. pay raise). Jack Bradshaw, Class pres. (166 North Columbus St., Arlington, Va. 22203), has various plans under consideration and would appreciate your comments concerning both a memorial for deceased classmates and the means of establishing and administering such a fund.

About 40 classmates in the D.C. area attended a luncheon on 5 Mar. at which GEN Westmoreland addressed the Class and answered questions for about an hr. Subjects incl. the volunteer army and the current situation in SEA; all agreed that it was a most interesting and stimulating affair.

News of orders is beginning to filter out (and down) as we go to press (Mar.); although many individuals have received only tentative orders at this time, subject to change, we will go with what we have.

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY: Fred Kulik and Hugh Trumbull both depart C&GSC for D.C. this summer, Fred to the Safeguard system and Hugh to OCRD. John Sutherland is in J3, MACV, and is due to return to CONUS this summer. Bruce Hamilton departs the Dept of Physics, USMA, for RVN in July.

ARMOR: Tom and Emily Carpenter announce the birth of their third child ("finally a girl"), Caroline Babb, born 4 Feb. They are now living at 9817 Bronte Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22030. Jack Eliot departs the Dept of Mech at USMA for USARV this summer; Ann will live in Fla. for the yr. Mike Mahler is in a "policy" branch of DCSPER, USAREUR, in Heidelberg, Germany (ODCSPER [MPD], HQ USAREUR, Seventh Army, APO NY 09403). In addition to being a DCSPER briefer, as an additional duty, Mike also re-

ports that he and Ellie have managed to take a few short leaves to England, Scandinavia, Austria, and Switzerland. Don Martin is in the Dept of Command at Leavenworth and has been a great help in getting word from there. He and Karen are living at 319-4 Pope Ave, Leavenworth, Kans. 66027. Lyn Shrader departs C&GSC for OCRD in D.C. this summer. Jerry Schurtz is going to Ariz. State U. at Tempe, Ariz., in June to work on an ORSA degree.

CHEMICAL CORPS: Jim Ramsden has departed the ranks of the FA for Chemical Corps. He departs C&GSC for the CDC (CBR) Agency at Ft. McClellan, Ala., this summer.

ENGINEERS: Bob Giuliano has submitted his resignation and expects to be released with med. disability in June. He has received a fellowship, under the auspices of the American Bar Assn and the Ford Foundation, to the Inst. for Court Management at Aspen, Colo., to be followed by an internship writing a study of a court district, hopefully on the East Coast. Bob and Joy plan to settle on the East Coast after the internship is completed. OK Hill finished the AFSC at Norfolk in Jan., is in the Federal Service Inst., in D.C. and is scheduled for an RVN tour in July with MACV. Terry Howard is now assigned as an instructor in atomic demolition munitions at the Engr School at Ft. Belvoir. He has the additional duty of Asst WP candidate advisory officer of the Post. He and Jackie are living at Qtrs. 429A Rossell Loop, Ft. Belvoir, Va. 22060. (see picture). Bill Parks returned to D.C. from RVN for a short leave the last part of Jan. and had it extended on an emergency basis when Mary Jane was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy three days before Bill's scheduled departure. Mary Jane is fine and Bill is now back in the Delta as S3, 34th Engr Bn (HHC, 34th Engr Bn, APO SF 96215). They are building a 61 kilometer road so Bill is travelling and working out of doors quite a bit. He plans to go to Hawaii for R&R in May and to return to CONUS in July. Pete Groh leaves the Dept of ES&GS at USMA this summer for C&GSC. Bill Cooper, Bob Julian, and Jim Hall all leave Leavenworth this summer—Bill for D.C. (assignment unknown), Bob for the British Staff College, and Jim for the Dean's Office at WP.

FIELD ARTILLERY: Mike Daley and Corky Henninger both depart C&GSC for graduate school this summer—Mike to Tulane U. in New Orleans to work on his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics, and Corky to the U. of Mo. in Kansas City for work in Hist. Jack Burke will be staying on at Leavenworth and will be working in CDC as of this summer. Buck Griffin departs C&GSC for WP this summer, and AG here says he's tentatively scheduled for the 2d Avn Det. Bob Tredway is slated for Project MASSTER at Ft. Hood from C&GSC. Jack and Lynne Bradshaw proudly report the birth of their third son, Brian Davis, on 2 Feb. Buz Bruzina is at the District Senior Advisor Course in D.C. and is scheduled to go to RVN this summer. You may or may not remember the article in the Spring 1969 issue two yrs. ago (WP Glee Club: Ambassadors of Good Will), but it was written by Bob Finkenaure, who is now OIC of the Glee Club. Under Bob's guidance they have increased their ambassadorial travels—to San Antonio, Ft. Hood, and El Paso, Tex., in Feb.; to New Orleans in Mar.; and to Colo., Calif., and Nev. in Apr. A fine showing for the school and for Bob. Charlie Glover arrived in RVN in Jan. and was



1958: "Beholding the bright countenance of truth in the quiet and still air of delightful studies."



1958: "The man who smokes, thinks like a sage and acts like a Samaritan."



1958: "With pipe and book at close of day, Oh, what is sweeter?"

last heard from in the Hist sect of SJS, MACV, in Saigon. Don Williams is in J2 MACV, Strategic Research, working for an AF COL (Hq, MACV[J2,SRA], APO SF 96222). Many thanks, Don, for the news from RVN. Wick Zimmer is also in Saigon, in the Studies and Observation Group, and is due to return to CONUS in Nov. '71. Jim Kernan

is leaving the Dept of Chem, USMA, for RVN this summer.

INFANTRY: Nels Conner received the MSM at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., for exceptionally meritorious service as Project Officer in the Office of Doctrine Development, Literature and Plans (see picture). Palmer McGrew is at the DLI, Monterey, in the FAST program. He is scheduled to go to the U. of Kans. for Master's work in Russian studies. Butch Ordway is in the D.C. area, reportedly enrolled in Geo. Wash. U. studying coeds at close range. John Herren is working in DCSOPS, DA. He and Sally are living off Mass. Ave. in the D.C. area near Glenn Echo. Chuck Toftoy finished AFSC on 15 Jan. and has been assigned to USA Elm Ofc JCS; his address in D.C. is 5418 Mersea Ct, Burke, Va. 22015 (see picture). John George has finished graduate school and is headed for RVN this summer, to be followed by a tour in the Office of MP&L at WP starting in the summer of '72. George Lawton was awarded the MSM at C&GSC for exceptionally meritorious service during his last assignment as Co Tac Off and S1/S4 2d Regt, Dept of Tac, USMA, and as S4 Camp Buckner. George is scheduled to go to the U. of Rochester for a Defense Systems Analysis course this summer. Joe Schwar is also slated for the Defense Systems Analysis course at Rochester when he leaves C&GSC. Other departures from C&GSC: Doug Detlie to USARL Hq; Fred Goodenough to USAREUR, Germany; Ed Jasaitis to Kans. State U. for the bootstrap program; and Dick Kittelson to MACV. Phil Pryor returned from RVN to Hawaii in Mar. after some 19 months in country. Phil was a Bde Adv to an Abn Bde of the ARVN Abn Div for 12 months and commanded the 2/12 Cav Bn for seven months—"a most rewarding and eye-opening tour." Phil and Sally will be living at 1564 Hooli Circle, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782 until this summer, when he plans to move closer to the U. of Hawaii, where he will be studying for his M.B.A. until Jun '72. They ask anyone coming through Hawaii to give them a call. Wes Loffert is bootstrapping for his M.A. at Geo. Wash. U. He is scheduled to go to RVN this summer. Frank Franks will depart the D.C. area, where he has been working in the office of the asst vice C/S, Army, for Project MASSTER at Ft. Hood this summer.

MILITARY POLICE: Our one lone MP, Bob Donovan, leaves Leavenworth, where he has been in the Dept of Larger Unit Operations, for the PM Office at WP this summer. Bob has been an excellent correspondent from Leavenworth and I hate to lose him; but the column's loss will be WP traffic's gain.

ORDNANCE: John Palmer has been selected for a Permanent Assoc Prof slot in the Dept of Engr at WP. John, who has been commanding the 705th Maint Bn of the 5th Mech Div at Ft. Carson, will head for graduate school in the summer of '71 to finish his Ph.D. and report to USMA summer '73. Gene Wentworth received the BSM in RVN for meritorious service while assigned as Asst C/S, Supply, with the USA Spt Cmd, Long Binh. Vic Gongola is assigned to the Post Engr Sec at Ft. Leavenworth.

SIGNAL CORPS: Jack Peters and Lou Gennaro both depart C&GSC for graduate school this summer—Jack to Kans. State U. and Lou to Northeastern U. in Boston. Ken Herberger is reported in the Data Systems Command at Ft. Hood.

TRANSPORTATION CORPS: Ron Anderson departs C&GSC for USARV this summer.



1958: "The bed comprehends our whole life, for we were born in it, we live in it, and we shall die in it."



1958: "Come, you and I must walk a turn together."



1958: "Great boldness is seldom without some absurdity."

U.S. AIR FORCE: Toby Kevin has returned from RVN, where he was Air LnO for the 198th Inf Bde (near Chu Lai). He is now in the Pentagon with the Dpty C/S for R&D, Hq USAF. Bob Kirtley received two awards of the DFC for extraordinary achievement on special missions and for braving accurate

antiaircraft fire to silence enemy gun positions while assigned at Ubon Royal Thai AFB during a combat tour in SEA. Bob is now a programming engineer with AF Systems Command at Eglin AFB, Fla. Tom Conti received the MSM at Andrews AFB, Md., for distinguished service as a management engineering staff officer in the Directorate of Manpower and Organization at Hq, Office of Aerospace Research, Arlington, Va. He is now with Hq, USAF Systems Command, Andrews AFB. Jerry Hoblit and Bob Durkin finished AFSC 15 Jan. and have both been assigned to the Pentagon—Jerry to the Office of the Dpty C/S for R&D, Bob to the Air Staff. Walt Barnes is at Tinker AFB, Okla., in the AF Log Cmd. Bill Bicher is at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N.M. Chuck Cabell is reported to be a test director with the Space Test Facility at Sunnyvale, Calif.

CIVILIAN: John Deely has been in Hq USA Security Agency in D.C. and is going to RVN in April.

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Well, '59ers, you got lucky. Your new correspondent can not only write colorful prose but his ski outfits have been burning up the WP slope. Picture a man with a moustache in a red sweat suit type affair with a llama vest, a black bowler hat, and more than likely schussing on only one ski—and you have Jerry Jervell. Jerry will assume full editorial prerogatives with the summer issue. Future correspondence for the ASSEMBLY should be directed to: MAJ B. L. Jervell, Dept. of SoSci, USMA, West Point, N. Y. 10996.

By the time you read this, Nancy and I will be en route to a new residence at Ft. Leavenworth. Eight '59ers from here will join the C&GSC group this summer: Art Bair, Dave Gray, Bill Lehrfeld, John Moelering, Jack Neal, Jack Smith, and Jim Walsh. John Simpson could have gone but chose to defer it for a yr. in order to join the staff of the Office of Emerg. Preparedness this summer. COL Lincoln heads the group which reports directly to the President. John will probably be working on our Oil Import Policy.

John indicates that Pete Dawkins has just joined GEN Forsyth's staff—working on the



1959: Rod Ferguson graduating from AFSC in Jan.



1959: Lou Sullenberger rec'd the VN Air Gallantry Medal with Silver Wing at Da Nang.

Modern All-Volunteer Army concepts. Carl Groth, presently in C&GSC, will be joining the SoSci Dept in July.

Tony Pokorny returned in Feb. from Binh Tuy Province where he commanded the 1st Bn, 21st Arty in the 1st Cav Div. In addition to his three organic firing btrys Tony had four GS btrys and a Navy destroyer working for him. Don Kendall was the Mat Officer (S3) of the 27th Maint Bn, 1st Cav and spent part of his time fixing Tony's "busted guns." I received a news clipping from the San Antonio Express which indicated that Larry Minnich also spent part of last year as a Bn CO-1st Bn of the Americal Div's 14th Arty near Chu Lai.

The list of Bn CO's is growing. Bruce Williams, in addition to spending time as S3, XO, and Dist Senior Advisor, commanded an Arty Bn in Dong Ha. He and Micki are presently at Ft. Lewis but will be moving on to Leavenworth this summer.

Noting a lack of coverage from the European front Dave Carrier writes "There are three '59ers here in Neu Ulm, Germany—Whit George, Brooks Sisson and myself. We are all in the 1st Bn, 81st Arty (Pershing). My wife, Gladys, and I would like to announce the arrival of a second son, Roger Dale, born 21 Sept. 70."

Dave Cotts, who administered the ratification of our new Constitution, reports that as of this date over 300 favorable responses to the Constitution have been received. It has been suggested that at least some of the money in the treasury be invested and managed gratis by a group of classmates trained in these matters. This is under advisement as is the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund.

Andy Kuschner is getting married 12 June to Jan Matthews in Southfield, Mich. Gerry Stadler heard via the grapevine from Don Eckelbarger (at Arty OPO) that John and Marti Harrell are alive and well in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is believed that he's with an engineering firm. Also, it is rumored that Doug Campbell will be settling in Atlanta soon.

The McCracken clan will leave WP this summer. After three yrs. in ES&GS teaching geography, Emmett is going to RVN with a week's stopover at Ft. Benning. Teddy and

the three boys will return to her home in Farmville, N.C. for the year. This is a short distance east of I-95 and she would welcome seeing any classmates and friends who may be passing through N.C. Rich Skowronek will also be heading for RVN this June.

Tex Turner stays pretty close to home these days but got out to Aspen, Colo. for some skiing this winter. He recommends it to all going that way!

I journeyed with the Army track team to the Heptagonal Games at Cornell in Feb. Big Ed Bagdonas' toss of 64 ft in '59 still stands as the Games record in the 35 lb weight throw.

Home Town News Releases indicate: Bob Cyr recently assumed cmd of the 268th Avn Bn's 180th Avn Co near Tuy Hoa; Larry Ross is Chief, Maint Br, Project MASTER, Ft. Hood; Ray Fisher recently was assigned as XO of the 122nd Avn Co near Hanau, Ger; and Frank Besson is XO with the 159th Trans Bn near Cat Lai, VN.

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to these notes over the past two years.

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Vince Tallarico retired last month. Cleaning out his desk, he came across one of those "Things to do Today" pads and was reminded of a long standing project of his to get the books straightened out on the Ring Hop Banquets and Dance for the Classes of 1960 and 1963. It appears that USCC had incorrectly assumed, for both Classes, that everyone was dragging to the affair.

Accordingly, the corsages and other decorations were pro-rated uniformly throughout the Class. Vince states that the first time he was advised that he had erred was when he got a note from Charlie Otstott who was in Ranger School at the time. Charlie stated that during a break in the training, several of our classmates were standing around talking about the good old days when one of the fellows who was a hop mgr. brought up this topic about how the costs were pro-rated. Charlie thought it unfair since he hadn't been dragging, and asked if anyone



1960: Fred Bidgood upon assuming duties as Protocol Officer, USMA.



1960: USARV Main Officers Club. Left to right: Hank Drewfs, Joe Naftzinger, Norm Kuklinski, John Gulla.



1960: Pat Holland at graduation from AFSC, Norfolk, Va.



1960: The Fountain

else was in the same category. While no one there allowed as how he was, Charlie was sure there must be others; hence, his note to Vince. Vince promptly forgot to follow through and wasn't reminded of the oversight until a guy from the Class of 1963, John Ellerson came to see him with some problem. Ellerson brought his fixed acct. statement with him so Vince closed the case and it wasn't until his preparation for retirement that he found Charlie's note. So, would any of you who didn't drag to the Ring Hop please contact me directly so I can get you a refund and let Vince Tallarico get on with enjoying his retirement.

Fred Bidgood was assigned recently to the SGS at WP as Protocol Officer. Fred's many friends were, of course, happy for him in winning this assignment. A few malcontents who were not offered the job were heard to remark that his assignment to Protocol Officer must signal the Army's unshakable faith in the principle of OJT.

Mel Hayes is serving at Ent AFB, Colo.

as a manpower management officer with Aerospace Def Cmd.

Larry Reber is with the 1st USAROTC at RPI in Troy, N. Y.

Sam Endy chose a novel way to beat gloom period by marrying Elionora Farcia-Royola at WP last Jan.

Hank Maloney, on his third tour in RVN, is Chief, Avionics Br, Log Div, Hq USARV (RVN). Carole and the children are across the river from WP in Putnam Valley.

Hank Drewfs followed a three-year tour with the British in London with a second tour in RVN as Chief, Current Analysis/Special Int Sec, Hq USARV. Sharon and the three children live in San Diego, Calif. Hank, and Joe Naftzinger, also MI, prepared a report receiving wide circulation showing that the New Volunteer Army was the NVA.

John Gulla picked up a Master's in OR/SA from the Nav PCS in Monterey prior to his assignment to DCSOPS-Plans at Hq USARV. His wife Jackie and the twins, Kim (7) and John Arthur (4), are living in Attlebon Falls, Mass. John reports seeing Frank Calverase (Force Devl), Norm Kuklinski (USARV Engr) and Bill Murphy (DCSLOG) in this area.

Tom Sinclair was selected for the British War College.

Jack Misura is a plans officer at Hq MACV in Plans, Policy and Programs Directorate



1960: 1971 Founders Day, West Point Society of Michigan. Seated, left to right: Jean Carnaghi, Gwen Judson, and Rosemary York. Standing, left to right: Dick Carnaghi, Art Judson, and Grant Schaefer.



1960: Mel Hayes receiving the DFC and AIR Medals from MG Dickman.

of CORDS. Joe O'Keefe is with him at CORDS and Dave Wilkie is with CORDS at Nha Trang. Jack reports seeing Ed Garton (Tng Dir), Will Adams (JAGC), Chip Fenton (Tng Dir), Buck Brady (Dir, R&R) and Jim McCullom (en route to Ft. Bragg). Jack also saw Bill Chase at the ADP Plans and OPS officer course at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Jack's wife Karen and their two children, Todd (4) and Christine (1½) are waiting out the year in Uxbridge, Mass.

Since my last article, which mentioned the Class fountain, was published, I've fielded many inquiries regarding it. Because of its very modest design and the chance that you would miss it if you came back for June Week, Charlie suggested that we print a picture of it in this issue.

Accordingly

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1961: The Heibergs of West Point with COL J. H. Voegtly (left), CO, USMA Hospital.

Since the last ASSEMBLY, I have received new orders which will take me to Cambodia as an Asst Army Attaché, with a reporting date of 1 May. I don't know who the Scribe will be as of this time, but if you continue to drop me notes at the above address, Ginny will pass them on to the new man. She's going to remain in our present quarters for the next couple of months.

In my last article, I evidently poked a little too much fun at the Establishment, for I was rather heavily censored. This left things kind of disjointed and hanging, so if any of you want to know what I really said, just drop me a line. That bit of literary lobectomy does prompt me to say that if, in the course of the past two years, I've wounded someone's feelings. I'm truly sorry. I've tried to make you smile a little, and all jibs were meant to be gentle.

This great picture of Mike Urette followed the news of his new job as Asst VP of Marine Bank and Trust Co., Tampa, Fla.

The Heibergs are featured because all of them: Louisa, Bill, and the two boys, William Jr and James Frazer, were born here at WP. Judging by that sly smile on Bill's face, this isn't the end of the story.

In our last picture, Walt Claassen is trotting out an amusing anecdote from last Sept.'s Reader's Digest, and parading it in front of an unidentified transient. Walt, as OIC of KDET, got three hours of exclusive taped interviews with members of the Bob Hope Christmas Show. Walt said that the Goldiggers were nice girls, which coincides exactly with what the cadets had to say: "Man! They're NICE!!"

Some wonderful news: Jay Olejniczak is engaged to marry Miss Sylvia Ann Graham, a Navy Junior. Jay made the announcement



1961: Walt Claassen with Bob Hope.

at a Class party held here last month, and as he stepped away from the mike, he was overheard to have murmured, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." What kind of an attitude is that for a member of USMA S&F? The wedding is to be held the evening of 11 June at Foundry Methodist Church in D.C., with a reception following at the Reston, Va. Country Club.

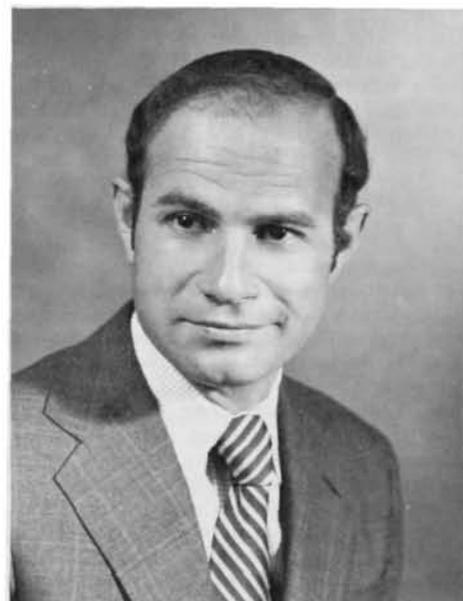
Ed Jones married last Fall, just a year after graduating from Harvard Business School. Ed is working in the tax dept. of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, & Co., in Denver, Colo., as a CPA. His new bride, Jerry, is also a CPA. She's a U. of Tex. graduate. This leaves Bruce Kovac as I-2's only remaining bachelor.

At the A-N Track meet last month, there was a mod civilian performing some incredible gyrations in front of the high jump. A couple of us wandered over; Bruce Holmberg in his role of Super-TAC, Bob Rosenkranz to see whether there are any academic applications of body English, and me. There, behind that wide silk tie and pastel striped shirt, was Gene LaBorne, Bell Telephone's newest and hottest executive. He and Nancy are living across the river in Wappingers Falls. Others who are planning to go civilian soon are Jim Stokes, Henry Lilienthal, and Brian Schultz. Another man in permanent mufti, Dave White, is program manager with THIOKOL Chemical Corp. in Elkton, Md. Linda is still operating her dress shop, and they are living in Chesapeake Bay with their Children, Dawn 8, Hali 5, and Christopher 3.

Deac Lancaster became a Doctor of Science last Fall, having earned his degree in elect. engr. from N. Mex. State U. He's to be officially recognized during commencement exercises at Las Cruces on 15 May.

Bruce Heron should now be back from Kassel, W. Germany, where he, Lilo, and their two boys, Mark and Ralph, were to have spent about four months, while Bruce worked with the German Army on modifications to an FMC-built armored personnel carrier. Bruce is a design engr. in the Ord Div of FMC at San Jose, Calif. Bruce is going to school part time at the U. of Santa Clara, working towards a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Sam and Nancy Enfield are in New Orleans, where Sam is studying at Tulane (expects to finish in June '72). Chuck and Rose-



1961: Mike Urette

mary Westpheling are in Durham, N.C. where Chuck counts on finishing his M.A. this Spring.

Burke and Valerie Mucho are now at Grissom AFB, Ind., following his return from RVN. The Mucho's had spent the previous five years at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

From RVN, Mike Eggleston was recently awarded the Vietnamese Technical Service Medal. Mike is XO of the 43d Sig Bn near Pleiku. Gabe Gabriel is now at Khe Sanh as S2, 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech). Bob Hamilton and Chuck Heiman visited him at Quang Tri last Dec. Gabe spent 10 days home in Jan., and while there, ran into Herc Hodges at the Humane Society. Gabe was there looking for a new family cat. Herc, on the other hand, with his flair for the extraordinary, was inquiring about mice to feed to an owl he had wounded.

Steve Denny is XO of the Duster Bn in I Corps, stationed in Da Nang. Howie DeWitt is the 23d Div LNO to XXIV Corps in Da Nang.

Warren Shull ran down all AF files in our Class for me following publication of their Major's list. This was the first time our Class had been considered, and only Ed Barry was

fortunate enough to be picked up in the secondary zone two years ago. Warren was able to get a line on just about everybody except Baker, Coyne, Pollard, and Yancey. The civilians among those originally commissioned AF are: Anderson, Bais, Barrick, Bilodeau, Bitner, Boys, Bunton, Cameron, Chase, Gaskins, Gilliam, Hokins, Jones, Knoblock, Madsen, Montgomery, Russell, Seibel, Smith, Stanley, Strauss, Thompson, and Webster. Those to be promoted are: Bartholomew, Bounds, both David and Joseph Brooks, Cullen, Dreesbach, Glidden, Green, Jones, Mackie, McConnell, Miller, Mucho, Neutzling, Noble, Plodinec, Scivoletto, Seidl, Shamblee, Shull, Siegenthaler, Sommercamp, Watson, Wimmer, Wright, and Yavis.

Since this is my last article, I want to reiterate what a pleasure it has been for me to have had the chance to get to know some of you better. Through the job as Scribe, I've had a chance to see some classmates really go all out to give 1961 some cohesiveness and heart. Among those: Heiberg, who worked so long as Scribe; followed by Nicholson, who not only did the Scribe work but got our constitution finished; Hyde, who literally carried us through the "social season" last year; Williamson, who never fails to drop me a note on who he has seen; and Hale who is working so hard to publicize our 10th Reunion. I know I've slighted a lot of people by omission, but I wouldn't want to step away from this job without expressing our collective thanks to these folks.

Mike and Rita Hale gave me a working list of those who should be here for our 10th. USMA S&F who were presently here and will still be here: Barbour, Bender, Blanda, Boylan, Bruner, Busdiecker, Cairns, Claassen, Clough, Connolly, Covington, Cullum, Custer, Dillard, Dyer, Ekman, Evetts, Garretson, Glass, Graves, Hale, Harden, Harmon, Heimdahl, Hoy, Jackson, Kee, Kenny, Kewley, Legge, Mace, Magness, McGinnis, Mercer, Miller (David L. and Donn), Olejniczak, Rittgers, Roberts, Rosenkranz, Rousseau, Royce, Sawtelle, Schell, Schultz, Shearer, Solomon, Sykes, Tedrick, Trinkle, Tyler, Vanderbush, Votaw, Wagner, Wanner, Welsh, Williams, and Zimmerman. New additions to the USMA Staff and Faculty (coming this summer): Charles Armstrong, Cargile, Dluzyn, Gabriel, Garens, Hyde, Landry, Leland, Lionetti, Lockey, Loram, Mallory (Glynn & Phil), Nitkowski, Sciple, Seckinger, Swain, Vander Els, Vay, and Westpheling. Out of towners who are coming to Homecoming include: Angststadt, Anselm, Barry, Bazan, Blesse, Boeve, Brady, Bunton, Carroll, Chase, Cook, Cornelius, Dorr, Egan, Eielson, Fischer, Ganderson, Gibson, Gilmore, Gleichenhau, Hallenbeck, Hannon, Hillier, Hricz, Ligon, Madsen, Matson, McCann, McNear, Pearl, Randolph, Richards, Shaffer, Shull, Skillman, Silverman, Steege, Stork, Strauss, Teal, White, Wildermuth, Woodward, and Zaldo.

Baby News: Only girls this time—Virginia Cameron to Edi and Jim Altmeyer on 18 Dec; Kerry Lee to Sand and Johnny Eielson, born 20 Feb; and Heather Kesley to Ginna and Joe Fishburne on 15 Jan.

That's it. Best of luck to you all. Hope this hasn't been too dull, but my thoughts are miles away. Many things to do, including remembering that Khmer is a people and not an expression. How does one handle that with Cambodians? Draw near, Khmer? Sounds a bit pretentious.

'62

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With this issue, I have now been able to locate 32 of our long lost classmates. But that still leaves about 90 unreported on during the last two years. So give me a hand and write! Thanks to replies to the Educational Fund, I have a fair amount of poop to pass out.

A-1. Jan Molvar has been located in sunny Calif. He is with the AF working at the SAMSO, Los Angeles. Pete Siedzick works for Eastman Kodak in Rochester and is going to night school at RPI where he hopes to pick up his M.B.A.

B-1. Roy and Harriet Wallace sent a note to say that they are adopting their first child, a daughter, Lisa Ann. Roy is with the 32d AADCOCM in Kaiserslautern Germany. He leaves in Sept. for an another tour of RVN as an advisor. Roy tells me Matt Whelton is in Tex. for his degree, not Okla. as I previously reported. Where are you? Roy also helped locate another long lost "Can-Doer" in the person of J. Kieffer who is at DA and was recently married. It seems that J. is also on his way to RVN this year. Maybe we should have a mini-reunion there during Homecoming. Bob Martin has landed a job in Korea which will allow him to complete his Ph.D. dissertation. He will go there after attending AFSC this year. Barry Butzer should get the Royal Order of Assistant Scribe for his help. He again has written a long note about classmates he has seen. He too will be returning across the waters this summer for a second go around. He hopes to see the WooPoo contingent of "CanDoers" on his way. Chris Stanat is presently employed as a Mechanical Engr in D.C. Lynne Crabtree has remarried and is now Mrs. David Huck of Manhattan, N.Y.

C-1. Dick and Barbara Kent are living in Alexandria, Va. while Dick is attending Geo. Wash. U. for a degree in Psychology. Karl Henn is still a bachelor with the Engr Dept at USMA but I have heard faint rumblings of marriage. Is it true, Karl? Joe Wojcik is still with Johnson & Johnson as a buyer. He and Suzanne call Edison, N.J. home.

D-1. Don and MaryLou Karrer are at USMA where he is kept busy by the Expansion Planning and Control Off. He has located two long lost company mates. Tom Kilmartin is employed as an equip. mgr. for a large construction co. near Philly. Pete Oldfield is his near neighbor in Phoenixville, Pa. Pete has retired and is working for UNIVAC in nearby Philly. Bob Bauman remains a bachelor and is painting the town of Racine, Wis. red where he is employed as an atty. for a law firm. Nick Hurst and Bill Thomas have been uncovered at C&GSC at Leavenworth.

E-1. John and Edith Porter are in Germany, near Budingon, where John is with the 361 Arty, part of the 3d Armd Div. Apparently his Bn passed a recent field test with flying colors. Good job, John. Russ and Barb Broshous added to their family with the birth of Suzanne Louise last Dec. Russ will leave this summer for C&GSC. Chris Robbins is alive and well in Germany. He is an AGI team chief in V Corps.

F-1. Steve and Marion Sperman reside in Bronx, N.Y. Steve has turned from stock broking to a job as an Asst Traffic Supervisor for the NY Telephone Co. How's Ma Bell treating you, Steve? Ron Witzel is now

with the FBI as a special agent. He and Liesel are living in Springfield, Va., but soon will move to Charlotte, N.C. After a year there he hopes to be assigned to Fla. (wouldn't we all?) It seems the FBI moves as often as the Army. Skip Campbell is the S3 of a Const Bn in RVN. Pat and their three offspring are in Iowa eagerly awaiting his return. Buck Lair became part of Pres. Nixon's withdrawal plan and returned from RVN in Feb. He has just reported to the Dept of Hist at USMA for instructor duty. Buck and Sue are living in Newburgh while awaiting quarters.

G-1. Wayne Willis is presently attending the U. of Va. but will be departing this summer. Dick Barry has been located in Pittsburgh where he helps keep IBM #1. Erik Johnsson is the second long lost G1 file to be located. He is a consultant for Health Systems with Westinghouse. He and Joyce and four progeny call Murrysville, Pa. their home. Brian McKinley tells me that Pete Hameister has been selected to the Surgeon Gen Program which will allow him to attend four years of Med School at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland starting in Sept. Apparently he needed many waivers as to age, time in service, etc., but was outstanding enough to qualify anyway. Naturally Uncle Sam will get back one year for every one he spends at CWR. Jim Krause reports that "CanDoers" are scarce in Japan but he will soon be surrounded by them in the next Leavenworth class. Butch Darrell reports from Germany that all is well. He says that he and Chris Robbins are forever being mixed up and confused for one another. "Mirror mirror on the wall..." Butch and Tina make their home in Frankfurt and invite any classmates to drop in and say "Hi." Apparently Ilse and Fred Hillyard took them up on it and stopped off on their way to Copenhagen to visit Ilse's folks.

H-1. Mike Currin has returned to his job in Dearborn, Mich. after Chrysler put him through graduate school. Ivan Waggoner is a co cmdr at Long Thanh, VN, and reports that "we are still giving them h-1 over here." Keep up the good work, Ivan. Dave Noake will be joining the ever growing contingent of '62 in RVN next summer. Bob and Sue Brogi slipped a new tax deduction in just under the wire. Little Noel was born just before the end of the yr. Art and Dagmar Lougren are justifiably proud of their new joint effort, Douglas Kraig, born last 21 May.

I-1. Dave Jones has been found buried beneath his law books as Dpty SJA in V Corps, Germany. Stan Whitmore is a student in Geography at the U. of Syracuse. Frank Westfall is working for GE in Valley Forge, Pa. Frank and Judy now call Audubon, Pa. their home. Mike O'Brien is a Ruff-Puff advisor in RVN with team #19. Christine and their two children are awaiting his return in Newburgh, N.Y.

K-1. Will McRae, my old Ranger buddy, is finishing up his M.D. from U. of Fla. After he graduates, he and Rosalyn and their two boys will move to Fitzsimons Gen Hosp for his internship. Eventually he plans to go into Family Practice or ENT. I think we could keep him busy with all of our ankle-biters. Sam Wasaff writes encouraging news from C&GSC in Leavenworth. After two girls, he and Kay found the right formula and gave birth to a boy, Steven Kennett, last Apr. Bob Phillips is at Ohio State U. where he will be picking up a Ph.D. in Org. Behavior. Following that, he and Bonne will



1962: Party at Leavenworth in the Borrello's home during the Christmas season. First row: Mary Jo Reimer, Kitty Borrello, Ginny Rumph, Sherry Maul, Marsh Johnson. Second row: Jeanette Robb, Lynne Carnes, Marilyn Handy, Nancy, Don Babb. Third row: George Carnes, George Handy, Al Robb, Ron Borrello, Chuck Dorning, Ed Rowe, Bob Rumph, Denny Reimer.

be coming back to the "Rock" to the MP&L Dept.

L-1. Al Rushatz is back in RVN for the second time, this time flying choppers. Lynda is back home in Allentown with the three kids to include the latest addition, Tasha. Bob Tarbet is studying to become a member of the cloth. He and Beverly reside in Austin, Tex., where Bob pursues his studies at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.

M-1. Don Snider is the S3 of the 1st Bde of the 1st Air Cav Div in RVN. He came back to visit Caroline and his two girls, including one born last Dec. whom he had not yet seen. He will become part of the great withdrawal in July. Bill Swartz has been found folded, spindled but not mutilated at Bradford Computer and Systems as a systems analyst. Bill is still a bachelor struggling to become an actor at the Alice Theatre off Broadway.

A-2. Dick James is on his way to... you guessed it, RVN. Sound familiar? Judy will wait at Stewart Airport, near WooPoo. Barry Thomas is now a senior inst in Ldrshp Dept of the USAIS at Benning. He just finished getting an M.A. in OR/SA at U. of Ala. Pat just presented him their second daughter, Susan, born last Aug.

B-2. Don Burns is struggling through his second year at Harvard Law School, ably assisted by his new wife, Katy. Not much more from this corner. What's wrong with you runts? (Get it?)

C-2. Two C-2 files who have been unaccounted for have been located at last. Will Worthington is an Asst Bde S3 at Bien Hoa in RVN. Sam Steele is in Germany with the 32d AADCOCOM as the G2. Apparently he was selected to his job over several more senior officers. Stu Sherard will be leaving WooPoo this summer to join the growing contingent of "CanDoers" at C&GSC. Don Babb is going to school in Kansas City after being retired for 100% disability due to loss of both legs in RVN. He is working on his law degree at U. of Mo.

D-2 Al Wilhelm has now departed for Taiwan after finishing his studies at U. of Mich. He is in the FAST Chinese program. Three D-2 types will soon be added

to the S&F at the "Rock." Bernie Martin and his new wife Connie have already arrived and are settling at nearby Stewart. Bernie was here only a short time before he actually began teaching. Rog Franke, still retaining his bachelor status, is headed for the Dept of ES&GS this summer after completing his M.S. in Mech Engr from U.S.C. Jim & Judie Blundell will join MP&L in Aug. after Jim picks up an M.A. in International Affairs and does some Ph.D. work at U. of Pitt. Ron Borello wrote from Leavenworth about a party for classmates in the area. A picture with the column shows some of the attendees. Apparently Marsh Johnson the photographer, was late and had camera trouble so not everyone was photographed. Ron reports that 21 classmates are at C&GSC. Due to their lack of seniority, they are scattered to the four winds in all kinds of housing. Everyone should have gotten their new assignments by the time this is published. Ron also located some missing persons. Tom Slaggie is a civ working in Winona, Minn. Sam Meyer has remarried and is living in Winston-Salem, N.C. Larry Crane calls Glen Rock, N.J. his home while John Ferguson hails from Newark, Del. Tom, Sam, Larry, and John have all joined the civilian ranks. Ron says that he will be glad to answer any questions about C&GSC for any "CanDoer" who has been assigned there.

E-2. Tom Middaugh writes from Ann Arbor that he and Dee Dee are on their way to ES&GS here at the "Rock" in July. They will be expecting an addition to the family shortly after their arrival. Tom is finishing his M.S. in Mech Engr. JJ Kelly is at Sandia Base, N.M. as an instructor in Nuc Wpns School. He and Kaye are the only '62 files around for miles. Rusty Wilkerson writes from his "hot-wet" environment in Panama that he would be glad to supply info on the area to anyone contemplating a move South. Len Henderson extends an invitation to all classmates to visit Joan and him in Newburgh, N.Y. Two E-2 files broke their silence with letters to the Scribe. Wayne Parker is working in the field of Wpns Dev at Ft. Benning. He reports that lack of funds has hurt the R&D effort at USAIS. He and Tatjana are residing on post with their two

children. Craig Richardson is a Senior RF/PF of the province of SongBe. He used to be DSA but got "bumped" when the 18-month DSA program came into effect. He reports that Kevin Renaghan is in Boston working now for a computer company whose headquarters are in Dallas. Craig saw Kevin and Marilyn in January when he came home from RVN on his two-week leave to visit his wife, Janice. Frank and Betty Scharpf added a boy to their family last Oct. with the birth of Matthew. Frank is teaching cadets about the Soviet Union while residing in Stony Lonesome.

F-2. As you may have gathered, your friendly Scribe is on orders to USARV in July. (I'll do anything to get out of being the Scribe!) Genie and my two boys will await my return in sunny Phoenix, Ariz. Jack Evans is still maintaining his bachelorhood while a student at C&GSC. Flash! Dick Randazzo may actually have to leave Calif. He is currently with Space & Msl Sys Org in L.A. while he and Rita and three children reside in Carson, Calif. But he expects to go to D.C. in '73 or '74. I wonder if he will be able to survive? Tony Guenther is supposed to be joining Dick at SAMSO this summer. Tony is now in Fla. (Patrick AFB) testing in the Atlas/Agema program. How about those AF types? It seems they are either in Calif. or Fla. all the time. I guess the AF has to do something to compensate for slow promotions. Don Perdew is getting his M.S. in Geology from U.S.C. After finishing summer school this year, he will head for the Dept of ES&GS at USMA. Mike and Barbara Jones have another daughter, Jennifer, born last Dec. Knuckles and Mary Jo Curren also added a daughter, Catherine, upstaging Mike and Barbara by one day.

G-2. Dick Sklar has been heard from at last. He has spent the last two years in RVN where he has had several good jobs with MACV. He will leave in July en route to C&GSC. Dick is another '62 file not yet cornered by the fairer sex. Rufus Crow is an industrial engr with Kodak in Rochester. He and Judy welcome all classmates to drop by and say hello. Charlie Bernitt is another "CanDoer" with Kodak in Rochester. Wayne and Linda Downing dropped in to see Butch Darrell in Germany. Butch reports that Wayne looked very mod with sideburns and moustache. Wayne is currently in grad school at Tulane.

H-2. Charlie Shaw has changed jobs to a Div Chief with the Command Maint Dept at USAIS in Benning. He and Rosa Lee are wondering where the other '62 Inf types are (besides Barry Thomas and Wayne Parker who are also there). Jim Worthington is a "struggling student" at the home of the Jim Plunkett and Co. Jim is one of the few remaining bachelors of the Class. Bill Cauthen leaves C&GSC this summer for the U. of Ala. to pick up an M.A. in PR. Dennis and Barbara Benchoff had the distinction of the first baby born at West Point in 1971. Peter Nels was born shortly after midnight on 1 Jan. Mike Bartelme has been seen at the U. of Ala. Any truth to the rumor, Mike?

I-2. Joe Gross (Tac of Co F-1) is sporting a new cast on his hand. Don't know how he got it, but I'll bet a company of cadets are chuckling over it. John Easterbrook is currently with our contingent at C&GSC. Dale Smith, a civ, is a Mgr of Marketing in sales with a company in Ind. Dale and Sharon call Scottsburg, Ind. their home. Geoff Withers is being reassigned from his job of Tac ("B-4, that's my bag") to USCC staff with

CAO. Geoff and Leslie are among the original inhabitants of Stony Lonesome.

K-2. Phil Galanti is now married and has returned from RVN. His new job is with the ROTC staff at Rose Poly in Ind. Bill White, a civ, has joined IBM as a computer marketing rep. He, Karen and their two boys live in Palatine, Ill. Bob DeVries graduated with honors from Geo. Wash. U. in D.C. and has hung out his shingle as a lawyer in Reno, Nev. He and Nancy live near Lake Tahoe and welcome any classmates in the area to visit. Gambling anyone? Chuck Dominy is leaving C&GSC for D.C. for a job with the Asst Chief of Engr Off. He and Mary also extend a welcome for anyone in the D.C. area to visit them.

L-2. Dean Learish is a civ working as a plant engr for Harbison-Walker in Mo. Dave Windom is the S3 of the 1/5 Cav in RVN, and is due home next summer. Jim Dodd is a Co Cmdr with USACAF at Ft Myer, Va. He, Doris and the two boys hail from Alexandria. Jim Spurlock is a civ attending law school at Wash. & Lee U. in Lexington, Va. He will graduate next year and might return to active duty. Doug Morgan is now on his way to USMA to work in ES&GS. He and Donna are slated to arrive in Apr. Gary Sharp still has a place to stay for anyone in the vicinity of Sacramento, Calif., skiing at Squaw Valley or vacationing at Lake Tahoe.

M-2. Mac Howard is at U. of Va. in the throes of a tough decision. Apparently he cannot decide whether to transfer to JAG and become the JAG, stay in the Inf and become the CofS or get out and become a millionaire. Tough decision, isn't it? Fred Sheaffer now with MI, is struggling through the maze of the Pentagon as an Int Staff Officer. Fred was married in '69, has one baby daughter, Marcella, and is alive and well (with Alyce and daughter) in Reston, Va. Ken Pakula has been found trying to remember "three up and one back," or something like that, at C&GSC. Jim McKay added another class daughter in Dec. with the birth of Michelle Marie. Bill Dieal's mother bought him a ticket in the N.Y. state lottery and he promptly won fourth prize of \$25,000. That ought to help him enjoy life as Assistant Attaché in Brazil.

MG Knowlton has cleared up the question as to who from '62 accompanied the Armd column into Berlin. Ruf Crow and John Dargle were the only "CanDoers" present in that famous action.

That's all the poop for now. Don't forget your contributions to the Educational Fund. Don't forget your contributions to the Class Scribe, either; he needs all the letters he can get.

'63

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In case you haven't noticed, there is a new name at the head of the column; those of our Class here at WP decided to give Pat Stevens a break and put me to work. I'm sure you all join with me in congratulating Pat on the fine job he did as our Scribe—just now I'm beginning to appreciate the work he did do! Pat is smart, too. He figured if he deliberately left my name out of the column for three straight years that sooner or later I'd take the job over just to give you news of the family! So here it comes...



1963: Ed and Linda Carns, after Ed had been "promoted" by his mother-in-law.

Dean and Karen Dowling write from the Engl Dept news of their year-old son, Keith, just born on 14 Jan. 1970. Karen says she feels fine. All joking aside, we attended a '63 party at the golf clubhouse on 5 Mar. which brought many of our classmates together. Mike and Nan Allen tell me that Mike will be on the way to RVN this summer, and Jerry and Sharon Harrison talked about their new addition, Carolyn Angeline, born on 2 Oct. 1970. Jerry's thinking of retiring on Sharon's poker winnings, but we think he needs at least one tour as Chief of Staff first.

Other class members at the party were Max and Pam Barron (Physics), Bill and Sue Boice (Engr), Tom and Ginny Brennan (MP&L), Bob and Donna Bruce (Elec Engr), Frank and Barbara Cardile (Mech), Gary and Pam Coe (Math), Alden and Carol Cunningham (Spanish), Nick and Bettye DeMaret (French), John and Harriet Dorland (Tac), Bob and Julie Foley (Tac), Al and Bonnie Genetti (Math), Len and Beth Gregor (Math), Lionel and Trina Ingram (SoSci), Dave and Judi Jackson (Physics), Mike Keaveney (Tac), Bruce and Dottie Miller (Chem), Dave and Judy Sallee (Elec Engr), Bob and Ada Sloane (OPE), Pat Stevens (Dean), Pat and Juanita Tate (Mech), Ed and Marty Tezak (Mech), Dan and Anne Wilson (Tac), Will and Barbara Wilson (MP&L), Tim and Lynne Young (Chem), and Bob and Sandra Zelle (Tac). Kay Keaveney, awaiting a new addition to the family, was a little under the weather and unable to make the party, as was Hank Morris (Admissions).

But joining us for the first time were Art and Pat Ryan, Denny and Faye Leach, and JB and Georgia Wheeler. Art arrived in Dec.



1963: Andy Gothreau picks up the Bronze Star in RVN.

to join the Engr Dept; Denny is with the OPE, and JB is snowbirding with DCS/P&A prior to attending C&GSC toward the end of June. Also on orders to C&GSC are Curt Esposito, Jeff Ellerson, Phil Mock, and Pat Tate; Homer Holland is listed for the upcoming AFSC. Congratulations to you all from '63, but you surely are making the Class feel old!

Not at the Mar. party, but also here at WP, are Gordie and Dorothy Arbogast (Elec Engr), Clark and Nona Ballard (Physics), Bob and Peggy Donovan (Physics), Bob and Joan Gallagher (SoSci), Ken and Briane Hollander (Tac), Woody and Bea Hotman (Physics), Tom and Judy Karr (OMI), Dale and Linda Means (Math), Harry and Janet Nelson (Hist), Jerry and Kris Orlicki (Physics), Bob O'Toole (ES&GS), Bob and Diane Palmer (Chem), Mike and Lee Patten (ES&GS), Bill and Pauline Robinson (ES&GS), Jim and Heather Ruth (SoSci), Fred and Pat Schaum (MP&L), Andy and Gail Seidel (Math), Glenn Smith (ES&GS), Bob and Anne-Marie Steele (Physics), Lou and Bambi Sturbois (Engl), and Bob Vogel (Engl).

Tim and Jean Grogan are on their way to the Engl Dept from Columbia U. this summer, and George and Mary DeGraff stopped in for the Mar. party from RPI. Jack and Susie Davis are also in the academic community at the U. of Pa., as are Don and Diane Conrad, Tom and Sue Wilson, and Bob and Kit Wood at Ga. Tech. Ward and Mary Jane Lutz are on tap for the Math Dept here in June—they will be leaving RPI—and Dick and Dee James are at Ft. Benning where Dick is working with the Inf Board. John and Harriet Dorland, who had their second son, Howard, on 15 Dec., tell me that Jerry and Sashi Nakashima are in Okinawa and that Jan Senecal is at USMA Prep School. John also recently received a phone call from Larry Anderson; Larry is in the Comptroller's Office at ARADCOM Headquarters in Colorado Springs.

George and Christie Hamilton keep in touch; George is working in NYC following his degree in nuclear engineering from MIT. Also in the WP area are Lou and Bradley Sill (NYC) and Jim and Jo Ann Doherty (Garden City). Joe and Kathy Almaguer moved to Newburgh last Fall so Joe, on the "outside" now, could study dentistry at NYU.

Jeff and Heidi Dalia gave a party on 28 Feb. at which Jay Westermeier, Norm Betaque, and Leo Virant were present. Jay is working for the Chief of Staff (THE Chief of Staff), and Norm is on his way from Sig Corps OPO to RVN. Jeff also left for RVN on 1 Mar. following the Dist Senior Advisor course in D.C.; he and Heidi have a 19 month old girl. Dick and Sandy Scharf visited WP in Dec. They have one daughter, Christina, born 24 July, and Dick is also heading back to RVN. Sandy will be staying in Harrisburg, Pa. while Dick is winning the war. Also in the new baby dept are Gordie and Dorthy Arbogast with daughter Christina born on 19 Dec., and Bill and Sue Boice, adding Brent to their family on 29 July. Karin Bivens announced the birth of a new son Mark Standley (6 lbs, 13½ ozs), born 16 Feb.; she says Mark's eating habits closely resemble those of Rodg!

Lynn and Al Scott will be joining the Engr Dept in June, and Kathleen and Larry Dapra are at Maxwell AFB, Ala., where Larry is finishing the Air University's Squadron Officer School. Good news comes from Ed and Linda Carns: Ed has been accepted into the Surgeon General's program and



1963: Get-together in D. C.—from left rear, Jay Westermeier and date, Hank Morris, Homer and Penny Holland, Frank Hall and date. In front: Joanie and Dewey Lafond, Claire and Mike Vopatek, Janet and Jay McClatchey.

medical school at Bellevue—if any of you need a surgeon, Ed will be your man in about two years! And Ed and Mickey Rowan stopped by WP for a new twist to the “second honeymoon game.” They got “married” again at the West Point chapel! Ed is (where else?) at the JFK Special Warfare Center at Ft. Bragg.

Surprisingly little poop is coming to me out of the Far East, but I do know that Dave Whidden is on his second tour there while Sara, son and daughter are staying with Sara’s folks in Phenix City, Ala. Wonder if number three child arrived as expected in May? Also in RVN are John Morgan, Andy Gothreau, and Ron Steinig, the latter two with 11 FF Arty. John is a Bn Advisor to the Ranger Border Bn in Katum, and his wife, Dee, is in Anniston, Ala. with son, Jim (1 year), and daughter, Kathy (5 years). John is due back in Oct. Pam Gothreau is in Lawton, Okla.

Because Tom is too busy studying in Business School, Martha Casey took over the writing chores to let us know all is well in Calif. with her, Tom, Susan, and Kelly. And from Harvard comes word from Tim Sanchez that he, Buz Rolfe (Business School) and Frank Gibbs (Law School) are all alive, well and killing each other in handball. Bill Nugent was appointed Special Assistant to the Mayor of Detroit in Jan., and he’s operating out of an office in D.C.

Finally, from Bob Scheidig in Monterey comes a wealth of information, most of it generated by a Class luncheon Bob organized out there in Feb. Bob will be at the Naval Post Graduate School until Mar., 1972 working on his degree in Operations Analysis, and he writes of Jack Wilson’s marriage to Jennifer Ann Dahlby (CPT, USA) in St. Paul, Minn. on 9 Jan. Also at NPGS are Steve Silvasy, Tom Carney, Ivan Farris, Jack Silvey, Howie Guilhaus, Gary Hall, and George Scherrer, everyone working on degrees in Operations Research except Ivan, who is in Nuclear Physics. Gary and George are both on the way to RVN, Gary to USARV and George to MACV. George has two sons in the family and expected another addition in Mar. Jack has one son, David (2 years),

and one unknown due in May. Howie was married in Dec. 1969 and has one daughter. Joe Jaworowski is at the DLI studying Chinese prior to assignment as an instructor here at WP.

And that’s all there is, folks! Keep the news coming in; at the time this column was going to press we had 53 of our classmates assigned to WP. Add on 24 associates, and you can see we are building up quite an organization . . . more of ’63 are being assigned here each day. Stop in and get the VIP treatment if you are ever in the area—if you can’t make it, please write. SWOAWD, BYSOSHB. If you recognize those letters, let me hear from you; if you don’t, write and I’ll code it for you.

'64

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Greetings to all from our “rock-bound highland . . .” Since this is my first column I thought I would express everyone’s thanks to Dick Chilcoat for the great job he has done. The amount of information contained in the column has steadily grown under his able handling and wit.

I’ll make the same plea which he has been making, please keep in touch. Even a postcard from a bar in Venezuela saying you are alive and well would be appreciated. Dick is in RVN now and Dixie, his wife, has been forwarding all correspondence relating to the column, so I do have some material to put in this one.

Chilcoat mentioned the work being done here as far as a Class Constitution and By-Laws. The 20 of us at WP had an election last fall to set an organization for the activities here. We elected as Chmn; Mike Amrine; Vice Chmn, Art Kelly; Recorder, Bill Reynolds; Comptroller, Jim Harding; and two Social Chmn, Mike Cook and Dennis Culp. We also elected a Social Chmn for associate members (non-Academy grads of the ’64 year group). After the election, Mike con-

tacted Dick Chilcoat who suggested that we draw up a Class Constitution to deal with the activities of the Class as a whole. He said it would be beneficial to set up, in the Constitution, a Class Hq, with a Hq Committee to handle some of the more mundane affairs and coordinate with the permanent Class Committee. As of this date (middle of March) we have finished the Constitution and By-Laws and, after the Class Committee has seen them, they will be mailed to each member of the Class for approval. You can expect them sometime around June. Since we are using the AOG mailing list, I would ask you to keep them informed of your address. Also, it would help if you see classmates who have not kept up with AOG to have those classmates send their address to me or to the Association. Since the whole Hq idea is in the Constitution and By-Laws, I’ll not say anything more about it in this column. If you have any questions, contact Amrine or me. The Class Committee remains unchanged and will continue to function as the authority for the Class. Actually then, the whole Hq thing is really an implementing device for Class affairs. We also plan to use the spring edition of the ASSEMBLY for an annual financial report, since the Class does have a fund. This report will appear next year for the first time. Enough about that for now.

As Dick mentioned in the last issue, the ranks of people here at WP should more than double this summer. Any of you who are coming and who get this in time, please feel free to contact those of us already here for anything you need. The tour is really enjoyable and something to look forward to.

The stork has been busy here at WP (some say it’s the water, but I suspect other reasons). New arrivals include Michelle Amrine, Christy Brown (Charlie and Pam are living in Highland Falls; he is a pilot for United Air Lines), Jennifer Lind, Eric Nowak and Nicole Yankoupe. I know of no others with new arrivals although several classmates are expecting. Please include me on your birth announcement list in the future.

I have a letter from the Larry Bramletts. They are at the U. of Pitt. along with the Tom Cunninghams (see photo). Gary and Peggy Cecchine arrived here from Pittsburgh in Jan. He is in Engr. Kathie Bramlett also writes that Owen and Mary Jane Spannaus have moved to Wis. They are out of the Army.

Mike Leonard is working for the Bureau of the Budget in D.C. Doug Bennett is out and living near D.C. Roy Jones is also out



1964: Mike Wikan, Youngest Grad, 1971 Founders Day, West Point Society of Michigan.



1964: Gary and Peggy Cecchine, Tom Cunninghams, and Kathie and Larry Bramlett.

and in the D.C. area. Mike and Roy are still bachelors as is our Class Treas., Jim Gantsoudes, who finishes at Harvard Business this June. Good idea to have a Treas. with an M.B.A. from Harvard.

Ken and Ginny Ordway sent a Christmas card with photo enclosed. Ken is working for Phelps Dodge Comm and they have five children.

Ran into Russ Pells in Thayer Hall one day. He was up for a visit and should be in RVN now. Also saw Tony Janairo at church in Jan. He was visiting his brother who is stationed here. Art Lozeau is studying French in Paris and should arrive here this summer. Jim Cornell is at MIT and also arrives this June. Jay and Peggy Cope are at Duke. He is studying Mil Hist. Frank Collins is in RVN for his second tour. Nick Nichols is at Fort Myer. Joe Mastriani is working for N.Y. Tel in NYC and is still a bachelor.

Received a letter from Steve Draper; he is at Ga. Tech, as is Terry Covington, Jim Adams, Mel Case, Sam Burney, Dan Evans, J. B. Holeman and Dave Roessler. Bill Guthrie is out, last assignment ROTC at Ga. Tech. Which brings me to a clarification of something in last issue. Class resignation rate is 27.6 per cent of those commissioned in the Army. This is a little below the 29 per cent rate average for the Classes of 1950-1965.

I have some decorations to announce. John Speedy received his fifth BSM in RVN. Bob Tetu received his second BSM and his 16th AM in RVN. Bruce McKinley received the CM in RVN. Congratulations!

Woody Rogers is now a flight surgeon at Bittburg AFB in Germany, his father writes. Pogue Reed is teaching my brother (Class of '70) at the Arty Basic Course at Ft. Sill and has promised a letter, but that will be for the next issue.

Received a copy of Jack Bergen's "Kappa Dos Diary" just as I was about to turn this in for the deadline. So I'll include that and some news about Founder's Day at WP U.

Some more births (by and large—we are a prolific bunch), John Arrington Jr.; Jared Michlik and Andrew Wade. The Arringtons

are at Ft. Bragg where John is getting in some more good command time. Michliks are at U. of Ill. and are coming up here in June. The Jack Bergens are at Ind. U.; he is wearing blue jeans and long hair and comes up this summer to teach Engl. Seems as if Bergen, Michlik and a bunch of others got together and arrived at the conclusion that their activities still contain a general lack of sobriety. The Wades are at the Trans School where Dave is teaching. Sal Culosi is at the Pentagon and teaching Math at U. of Md. He wants to go back to the old sod (concrete) of Mayor Lindsay's Fun City, but Bergen and I (both expatriates) agree that is not the place to live permanently.

George Hillard is at U. of N.C. studying Engl before coming up here.

Dan Klunk is in RVN helping to run the radio station in Saigon. He lately acquired a 1952 MG TD (nice!) but Clare has put it "up on blocks" until he returns. Probably a lot of wisdom in that as I can't picture her with grease up to the elbows, one of the hazards of driving a sports car.

Gary LaVoy is out of the Army and working on his M.B.A. at Stanford.

Bill Landgraf is back in RVN helping to wind it down. Randy Kunkel says he is in grad school and enjoying the single life.



1964: The Ordways

He was in Baltimore for the holidays but that is all the info available.

Geff Moakley is getting his Master's at Tulane and has a bachelor pad in New Orleans. Tough life for a bachelor!

Ernie Oerlein is finishing a tour in RVN. Ginger had an emergency operation in Dec. but as far as I can tell everything is O.K. now.

Ron Smith is at Eglin AFB after a stint at MIT. He is a Section Chief in the Space Systems Office.

Leo Spinelli is keeping the USAFA tightened up. He is still a bachelor and extends a welcome to anyone who is in the area.

Buddy and Gwen Kelton are at the U. of Ariz. Buddy is coming to WP in June '72 to teach Engl.

Dick Tiplady is on the AF early promotion list to MAJ. As you know, the AF is a little slower rank-wise than the Army (but we're catching up) so congratulations are in order.

Founders Day dinner was in the Officers' Mess rather than the Cadet Mess this year. What with night school etc. only eight of us were there. Nowak and Frazer got into a big discussion about the football recruiting problems and I would say that we all consumed plenty of things besides the dinner. It was a good evening and I am only just out of the dog-house.

That's it for this issue. Keep in touch, gang. This thing can only keep flying if you furnish the gas. Best to all.

'65

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Since the mail bag is empty, I considered including a few pages on a fascinating subject—the development of the German economy in the 19th Century; but I lost my notes. So this short column will have to suffice.

Jim Berry came to my attention, thanks to a hometown news release. He is now at Ft. Meade and was recently awarded the CM for doing a good job with the 35th Arty Bde. From the same reliable source: Dick Tragemann received his fourth award of the BSM, for work with the 11th Armd Cav Regt. I guess Dick is still in the Nam. The Class joins me in congratulating Buddy Bucha. Bud was picked by the Chamber of Commerce Jaycees as one of the 10 Outstanding Young Men for 1970.

The hottest item is that Ron Floto seems to be the first man in the class to receive stars! Harvard Business School, and not DA, gave them to him for academic excellence; Ron is in his second year there. Steve Morrissey is also at Harvard and writes that the Class is represented by Alex Alexander, Bruce Gailey, Tom Barron, Dave de Moulpied, Steve Ellenbogen, Ed Klink, Pete Linn, Jim Talbot and Rick Sullivan.

George Seaworth has put in a claim for a Class record. He claims to have the longest extant POV, even though his graduation auto is only running on three cylinders.

I finally found Dick Smoak after he disappeared from conversation in June 1965. Dick is at the U. of Fla. for law school. He says the weather is very distracting.

Army Times listed Jerry Madden under separations.

Starting this June, there should be an Hegira by members of the Class mission—to join the WP S&F. Bruce and Sue Clarke are leaving L.A. for the hot summers and cold

winters on the Hudson. Bruce saw Duncan Mac Vicar during the Christmas holidays. Dunc is at Livermore Lab at Berkeley. Chuck Moseley was still there. Bruce also saw Toby, Muriel and Holly Jane (2) Halvorson at Boulder, Colo. Toby is getting an M.B.A. before returning to the Tac Dept. Toby said Mike Lapolla returned to uniform after a nine-month break in service.

I heard from Bob Doughty that Mike Abbott is at Ft. Lewis. And that's all I heard this time.

'66

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Greeting fellow classmates. Currently, plans for the five year Reunion are being made by Paul Mlakar and Sam Champi. If you are interested and need the word, write Sam at 4174 Sluga Drive, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550.

Ex-classmate Bill Sevilla finally checked in. He reported being married with two children and working as Secy of the Embassy of Nicaragua. Bill says he has a Master's in Urbanology and is hoping to begin work in Managua, Nicaragua.

Dick Kline wrote a nice letter on the Ft. Bliss group. Dick, Diane, and son Kevin recently finished the ADA career course and are headed for the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, Calif. Dick reports that Mike Brennan, Tim Timm, Rick Thoden, and Doug Sims are presently in the ADA career course and that Hank Nemeec and Mark Tumas are in the NBC course. Mike Kimel is with the ADA acad. dept. Dick further wrote that Bob Huston was at Purdue for a Master's in Nuclear Physics, Gary Stewart was at the U. of Tex. at El Paso, and Mike Higgins was now a civilian with ATT in Kansas City.

George Crocker wrote from RVN saying he is a senior advisor to the Fourth ARVN Ranger Bn based at Can Tho. George says Fred Barnes is advisor to the National Ranger Trng Center, Dick Wolak is CO of an Engr Co around Can Tho, Mike Smith is a log adv to IV Corps, and John Bohuslar is XO, 335th Radio Research Co in Can Tho.

Other classmates reportedly in RVN include Colin Bludau, Morris Faber, and Bill Pier.

Most of the contributors are in graduate school. They are as follows: Marcia and Art Bonifas—Syracuse U., Linda and Bill O'Connor—Tulane, Linda and John Kehres—U. of Tex., Janice and Piers Wood—U. of Wis., Sherry and Bob Turner—U. of Mich., Lorraine and Kelly Horst—RPI, Donna and Larry Faust—Georgia Tech, Peggy and Jim Kriebel—Purdue, Susan and Bill Harvey—Georgia Tech, Joe and Diane Calek—Stanford, Mark Potter—Stanford, Barbara and Mike Oshel—U. of Kans.—"Goats have faith," Bob Hicks—Tulane, Steve Hanau—Stanford, Bob Seger—Tulane, Larry Hinkle—U. of Ill., Jerry Dixon—U. of Wis., Rosemary and Bernard Reilly—Brown U., Heather, Patrick, and Rock Salt—U. of Colo., Barbara and Pat Doogan—U. of Louisville, Kathleen, Jennifer, and Walt Piskun—U. of Hawaii, Ken Carlson—Princeton, Russ Jenna—U. of Iowa, Lynn Wilson—Emory Medical School, Frank Cosentino—Rutgers, and Bonnie and Rick Darby—U. of Minn.

PMS positions are held by Marjorie and Joel Gartenberg—U. of Nev., Georgette and Juel Droubay—also U. of Nev., and Paul Roggenkamp—UCLA. Other instructors include: Bob Thompson—USMA, Barbara and Michael Wynne—USFA, Terri and Dany

Crawford—USNA, Sam Champi, Kathy and Paul Mlakar—USMA, and Kathy and Steve Williams—MI at Ft. Holabird.

Currently attending the Inf Career Course are Bob Albright, Steve Berry, Bob Fazen, Terry Stull, and John Geiger.

Recently graduated from the FAOAC are Charles Williams, Gary Coggins, and John Strapac. Frank Callahan is now in the course.

Rumors have it that Ron Stenstrom is a BC at Ft. Carson, Sue and Ron Bashant are with Military Airlift at Travis, George Norton is in Korea, Matt DiFiore is at Ft. Eustis, Gene Canavan is a Bn XO at Ft. Campbell, Mike Brown is in flight school, Doug Laipple is Aide to CG Recruiting Cmd, and Pat and Steve Brown are with the Allison Div of Gen Motors.

Congratulations to Pamela Jane Morris and Jouni Keravuori who were married last Dec., and to Connie Parker (son-Art Parker IV) who married Larry Budge, USMA '61.

Please keep the mail and pictures coming. Thank you.

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Our Class seems to be well represented in grad schools and in the career courses throughout the country—which answers for the lack of correspondence for this article.

At the recent Founders Day dinner here in New Orleans, our Class held the anchor position, with Harry Hoskins delivering the speech as the youngest grad. Those present at the '67 table, aside from LaVon and me, were Lee and Diane Murfee, and Harry and Maureen Hoskins. If you are wondering, ladies were invited to the celebration. Lee and Diane were married in July '69 at Bethesda, Md. Presently Lee is working towards his Master's in ORSA engr at Tulane, having returned from Nam in Aug. as CO of the 577th Engr Const Bn. Jim Weller is also in ORSA engr at Tulane, arriving here in Feb. after completing the Inf Career Crse. He and Cynthia had a baby girl, Lindsey Catherine, 9 Feb. at Ft. Benning. Harry and Maureen were married in Aug. '69. They are both second year law students here in New Orleans at Loyola U.

Bob and Vicky Griffin had a son, Daniel Scott, 15 Dec. They are in Ga. where Bob is studying med. at Emory U. Jerry and Joyce Hines had a second daughter, Janis Lea, 21 Dec. in San Antonio.

Dean Kunihiro and Jim Tankovich are working on their Master's in Physics at the Naval Post Graduate School. Randy Condos is also there in ORSA engr. John Murrell is CO of Ft. Ord's Med Hold Co. Also at Ord is Chuck Horwath.

George and Margie Kolesar are at Ft. Bliss where George is attending the ADA Adv Crse. With him are Jim Allen, Dick Black, Tony Cortese, Bill Lynn, Ed Moore, and Mike Nii. Ken Bush and Scotty MacFarlane are stationed at Bliss while Dick Platt is at White Sands.

Rich and Jance Anastasi are residing in Lawton, where Rich is with B Btry of Ft. Sill's Staff and Faculty Bn. Gary Chambers is in the Engr Adv Crse. Tony Nida and Joe Dietzel are assigned to Engr units at Ft. Benning. Ace and Margie Clark recently returned from Ger to Ft. Benning where Ace is attending the Inf Career Crse. An incomplete list of those also attending includes George Dials, John Gale, Bill Genser, Terry

McMahan, Rich Kiper, Paul Kern, Joe Terry, Ed Smith, Jim Vance, Jim Roberts and Mike Neuman.

RVN: Dan Wells is in the Delta cmdg D/69 Engr Bn. Bill Brigadier has Hq Co of the 1st Air Cav Div's Spt Cmd near Bien Hoa. Bill Pennington is also with the Cav. Dave Tye is with the 101st.

GER: Mike and Anita Cox have been sightseers in the Hanau area around Mike's duties and his training trips to Graf with the 1/32 Arty. From their description of Nuremburg, if any of you have the opportunity to visit, it would be well worth your time to do so.

Until next time.

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Most of the news this time comes from RVN, and fortunately this time I can start without bad news. By Shields' wife Marcia wrote in Jan. to say that By is with the 1/5 Inf in RVN as S3 (Air) and he is near Mike McClary who has a co. I heard from Ron Warmcke in Feb. He has a co. in the 173d Bde. He also said that Will Rorie had another co. in the bde and that Randy Allen was CO of E/17 Cav with the 173d. Ron said that everybody was busy in his area. Mike Fellows' wife Becky wrote from the Philippines to say that Mike was still with the 65th Engr Bn and that she had presented him with a son just before Christmas. Congratulations! I also heard from Chuck Mackall in Feb.; he was in Song Be with the 1st Cav there, along with Jerry Cobb, Fred Shahid, Jerry Hansen, Vic Farugia and Marv Wooten. George Ziots is also there with II FFV. Chuck, who was "short" and bound for Ft. Carson when he wrote, had also heard from Rick Cliff in the 101st; Bill Raines, the brand new father of a baby girl, Jean Elizabeth; and Jerry Holderness who was bound for Germany from RVN. I got a letter from Jerry Cobb in Mar. giving me more news from the 1st Cav. Jerry mentioned that Mike MacLaren was commanding a btry, Bruce Parry was still in RVN after 22 mos., Keith Merritt and Gordy Tillery were both with Arty units in the 1st Cav and Chuck Mahan was CO of a Trans Co in the area. Jerry said that his family now included a boy, Michael and a girl, Jennifer. Bits and pieces about people in RVN include Bob Alexander with the 173d, Larry Fulton with the 170th Assault Hel Co, Tom Stites, Howard McElroy and Malcolm Murray all now in RVN somewhere, Joe Cinquino back with the 1/22 Inf after being medevaced, and Don Jones back for a second tour. Decorations and awards include a SS and four BSM's for Norm Kulpa with the 11th ACR, a BSM each for Steve Ader and Abe Eustice also with the 11th ACR, a BSM for Jim Carman in the 39th Sig Bn, an ACM for John Morris with the 84th Engr Bn, and an ACM for Phil Samuel in the 1st Cav. That's about it for RVN; everybody over there keep your heads down.

News from Europe includes a letter from Rich Keller's wife Kathie who wrote from Germany to announce the arrival of their son Michael in Apr. '70 and to say that Rich was in the 34th Sig Bn, Ludwigsburg. She also mentioned that Lee and Judy Norton were also in Germany with the 693d Engr Bn. Jim Harter has an Arty Btry in the 56th Arty; Frank Nader has a Spt Co in the 3d Div;

Joe McCaffrey is with the 41st Arty in the 3d Div; and Eddie and Martha Fryer are somewhere in northern Germany.

Mary Lou Cobey sent me another letter to start the news from CONUS. Elwood is now in RVN while she and their son Alex stay in Md. She said that Jim Bevans was in flight school there and Ollie Johnson and Joel Pigott had left for RVN. Bob Gora is at Ft. Eustis. John Thomassy is at the Chem career course at Ft. McClellan and Keith Harrelson seems to be recovering satisfactorily from his wound. In Feb. I received a note from Angeline and Bill Williams to announce their son, Colin Harrington, born in Mar. '70. They sent an earlier note, and I can't account for the omission of an announcement in the Fall '70 ASSEMBLY, but I hope this rectifies things. Rich Rhoades' wife Mary wrote from Ft. Carson to announce their second child, Katherine Nelson. She sent me news from Colo.; Art Torres, Jack Meyer and Charlie Lieb are all at Carson. George and Pat Williams are at the Career Course at Ft. Knox, as are Andy and Alice Stratton. Mary also mentioned that Steve and Helen Bowman had a son, Scott Thomas, in Jan. '71 and Claude and Tina Johnson are now at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Neil and Diane Lark wrote in Mar. from Ft. Bragg. They had been at Benjamin Harrison earlier and had seen or heard of Niel Cowperthwaite, Joe Dooley, Chuck Steel and Pete Paulson. At Bragg along with Neil are Jim and Kay Adams and son Michael, Dick and Charmaine Kent, Monty Anderson, Bill and Suzanne Nash (I goofed earlier and said they were at Benning) and John Frinak. Les Krohnfeldt and Russ Houck were then expected at Bragg in the future. Neil also said that Larry Fulton was a flight instructor at Hunter AAF, Joe Finley was expecting a medical discharge in Feb. and was thinking about Law or Medical School. Hugo Croft was due at Ft. Belvoir for the career course and Pat Strong, who got a disability discharge at graduation is now working for the N.C. Highway Commission. Bits and pieces include Bruce Erion, Eric Kunz, John Wing, Lou Pierce, Gary Halstead, Mike Murphy, Pat Moe, Hank Greenberg, Jim Bevans and myself all here at Ft. Rucker for the moment. That's about it; I'll see you-all again in another three months—everybody take care.

P.S. Flash! My wife Pat just had a baby girl, Allison Kathryn. Write to Ft. Rucker for cigars!

'69

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Until three days ago, I thought that I would be able to begin this column on a somewhat brighter note than the last two, but then I received the tragic news that Art Nabben and Pick King had been killed in action here in RVN. On behalf of the entire Class, I offer our heartfelt condolences and sincerest prayers to their families and loved ones. Our Class and Country both have lost true friends.

Many members of the Class are in transit at this time, particularly those in RVN. On orders to Germany are Harry Dolton, Bob Glacel, Tom Rogers, Dale Straw, and Steve White. Jim Potter is leaving the 101st for Ft. Sill, and reports that Tom Brennan left shortly before him. Bill DuVall has left Thailand en route to Alaska. There is a

small segment of the Class that has decided to extend over here, and this group includes Joe Cornelison, Jack Gloriod, Glen Hirabayashi, Dave Hayes, Lew Killian, and your Scribe.

Also on the move were Ralph Antigliere and Jim Foss, heading to Flight School, Bill Leppig en route to RVN with the Marines, and Bill Slenker who had a job coaching tennis at USAFA lined up. Those with orders to RVN included Bill Burke, Bob Haines, Tom Hayes, and Mike Landrum.

Letters from Wally Ballenberger, Terry Bresnick, KC Brown, Bill Groening, Denny Helsel, Jim Hillebrand, Mike Ludlow, John Lucas, Moon Mullen, Jim McDonough, Randy Peters, BG Smith, and Walt Strother helped to locate quite a few members of the Class here in RVN. New names in this group include Robin Cababa, Bob Harper, H. Lobdell, Steve Metcalf, and Jim Smith (101st), Dave Byars, Dick Anshus, Pete Heesch, Randy Jarmon, Jim Johnson, and George Lynn (Americal), Chuck Karwan, Jim Johnston, Bo Moore, Mike Nardotti, Max Terrien, and Dan Tigges (1st Cav), Randy Wilson (173d), Mike Fisher (IFV), Glen Ferraro and Mike Swaim (1st Sig Bde), and in separate units, Skip Babcock, Tom Fagan, John Greathouse, Dana Johnston, and Ed O'Connell. Wally Ballenberger wrote that he was working out of Saigon with MACV, and teaching Engl to the ranking Vietnamese general in the area. I'm sure Wally got the general to lay down some money on the Frazier-Clay bout. John Lucas mentioned in his letter that he and Carol Marie had a young son born on 30 Jan. who, John claims, "can lick Jim McDonough's kid anytime!" If the two offspring take after their fathers, it could be quite a match. Jim, by the way, is now the aide to the CG of the 173d Abn after doing an outstanding job in the field as a rifle platoon leader. Also holding down aide slots over here are Gary Fahl and Andy Wielkoszewski. Walt Strother wrote that he had taken over his Co after three days in the field, and that he, like most of the Infantrymen here, was slated for a rear job in the near future.

New arrivals have greeted many couples; included in this group were Dennis (Dennis and Mary Lou) Hitzeman, Kristin Michele (Jim and Lois) Johnson, Michelle (Dave and Pam) Metzler and Margaret Frances (Tim and Suzanne) Slack. Also expecting new additions to their families were Terry and Faye Bresnick, John and Nancy Hesson, Howard and Sue Hoege, Kenny and Linda Johnson, Bill and Jill Jones, Tony and Sue Singer, and Mark and Buff Waple.

Reports of new marriages were few, but those that reached me had Jed Cantlay, Joe Gelineau, and Jim Taylor taking the vows. Congratulations to all the newlyweds.

The going thing in Germany seemed to be the variety of courses (and the ski slopes) available in Oberammergau. Chip Curl, Doug Jeffrey, Bob Riddell, and Rich West were among those exerting themselves at these classes. Letters from Ron Hudak, Larry Kleinsteiber, Rick Frykman, and Rog Loder reported that the Army is getting work out of some of our Germany-based classmates. Included in this group was Kenny Johnson, who had just been named an aide to the 8th Div CG.

Stateside letters from Mike Landrum, Steve Hammond, and Bill Vanaskie provided most of the information from the homeland. Steve Traynor was reported holding down an aide's slot at Ft. Carson, while Bill

Barnett and Dennie Haydon were both doing well at the Harvard School of Business. Bill had just been named a George F. Baker scholar for ranking in the top five per cent of his second year class. Also in graduate school were Jim McCall, Bob Nechin, and Carl Ozimek.

Letters from Ken and Linda Bevis, Lew Levy, and Bill Ward said that the Class was doing well in Alaska, even at 50° below zero! Bill asked me to pass the following quote on to Terry Freeman: "It is in and among the buildings that I live and work and have my being." Sounds like 1° English to me.

I'll close this entry with a request to all members of the Class: mail has been tremendous, but there has been a marked absence of pictures and snapshots sent to me. Next time you get a small Class group together, get out the Instamatic and snap a photo for the ASSEMBLY. I'm sure everyone would like to see how you are doing also.

Till next time, then, have a good Spring and Summer. God Bless to all in '69.

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Once again our Class report begins on a very sad note. Ken Gillihan died in Ranger School while jumping into Fla. in very high winds. Lew Boyer died in a car-truck accident while traveling home. Our prayers and condolences go out to Ken's and Lew's family and loved ones.

The ranks of our Class are swelling with many new female additions. Christmas weddings included those of Ron and Pam Spears, Chuck and Patricia Morris, Pete and Celeste Billia, John and Carolyn Lewis, Phil and Margie Doleac. Jerry Ryan married Bill Addy's sister, Vicki. Other classmates who were involved in Christmas weddings are Mike Taylor, Bob Ginn, Frank Montieth, Larry Brown, and Pat Dunphy. Jerry Wood, Paul Passaro, Jeff Troxell, John Veenstra, Tom Page, John Shull, Larry Diekema and Bill Conard were wed in the Spring. Chet and Norma Ernst were married in Feb. Bill Bowden wrote that he and Bill Johnson were present as the former "rock" Ernst took the vows.

Many more of our classmates are now engaged. They are Bill Cater, Don DeCort, Ed Diesto, Phil Terry, Steve Starner, Bill Bishop, Al Fenty, Mike Schneider, Keith Jarrett, John Boslego, Ross Williams, Vic Ross and Vin Reilly.

Joe and Martha Reeder, Gene and Nancy Studer, Pat and Mary Sculley, Paul and Paulette Cunningham are expecting this Spring. Wally and Mimi Kaine and Joe and JoEllen Neuman are expecting this summer.

We have seen many of our classmates here at Baumholder, Germany, this spring including Mike and Maxine Grove, Chuck and Maryann Schafer, Wit and Nancy Wise, Art and Jackie Alden, Steve and Peggy Roberts, Don and Betsy Blakeslee, Frank and Holly Basta, Ross Williams, Vic Ross, Jerry Wood and Nick Sebastian. We have also seen Rich Rutledge, Rolf Knoll, Dave Smith, Fred Zilian and R. G. Thomas while they were in Baumholder training with the 509th. All those just mentioned, Jean and I extend our greetings to the rest of our Class from "Little America."

Kevin Connolly writes from Ft. Bragg saying that he, Doug Drake and John Beasley are living together. Kevin said that Ranger Seven was tough. They found out that Boiling Creek is not even luke-warm. He said to announce that RFC reports that David Payton is alive and well and living in Holly. The Ranger Seven boys should understand that. Lynn Moore says he is thankful for Ranger because the Beast Barracks stories were beginning to get old.

We received a letter from Dave Brown at Ft. Sill. Dave writes that Ted Bennett, Dick Wennerberg and Steve Schwaderer are all enthusiastic about the FA Basic Course. In fact, they refuse to miss a word of instruction. Pete Spivy and Mo Larsen fired at a few unauthorized clay pigeons at Ft. Sill. Bob

Brand bagged his second deer of the year with his XKE while traveling through Miss. Jackie King, Ray Cossette and Jerry Sidio visited Dave on their way to Ft. Carson. Dave also saw Clint Ancker who was headed toward Ft. Lewis, and Jim Riley who was going to Ft. Riley. Steve Wood graduated from Naval Supply School in Athens, Ga. and is now at Norfolk, Va.

Terry Young writes that Ranger 501 had experienced bad weather. Terry and Connie arrived in Germany on 10 Mar. John Cogbill graduated first in Ranger 501. Other honor graduates were Chet Richardson, Bob Thomas, Boon Bartholomees, and Bill Hagan. Jim Maury was an honor grad in Ranger 6-71. Mike Gyovai did an excellent job as co cmdr in Ranger 7-71. Roger Rains had the

highest grade average in his FAOBC before Christmas. Jim Oxley is now spending his time as a LT by playing for the Army basketball team and John Roberts is playing on the Army hockey team.

Gerry Minor reports that our Zoomies are doing well in flight school. They include Gerry, Dave Stainback, Buzz Shiely, Gary Wimberly, Jim Avery and Mike Minor. Another Zoomie, Greg Webb, wrote that all is well at Lackland AFB. In fact, Greg is the official escort for this year's Miss Lackland. Greg says that Tom Mathews is the aide for MG Orr of the Medical Service Corps.

Send your interesting pictures and keep up the letters so we can include all of the Class news.

Down The Field

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Bill Shuff won the college hammer event, while Dean Wade and Jones were third in the college javelin and triple jump respectively.

Most of the headlines through the first month of the season were authored by the lacrosse team. With eight games under their belts through May 1, the stickmen were sporting a fine 7-1 record, the only setback coming against the Mount Washington Club. Collegiate victories were achieved over the likes of Yale, Rutgers, Princeton, Hofstra, Johns Hopkins and Maryland.

The brightest win has to be the 16-7 walloping of Maryland, at the time ranked second nationally by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. At one point during the third period the Cadets led 8-7, but eight straight goals sealed the verdict.

All-America attackman Tom Cafaro, with seven-goal efforts against both Rutgers and Johns Hopkins, leads the club in scoring and seems certain to set Academy records before the season is over. Excellent scoring support has come from Rich Enners, Russ Bolling and Dave Coughlin, while goalie Greg Doepke has been outstanding in the nets.

For the first time ever, the NCAA has announced a championship playoff series this year. Eight teams will fill the brackets, and by all indications, ARMY definitely will be one of the eight. The fine record to date has assured that.

The only other team with a winning record through May Day is golf, perched atop a 7-4 standard heading into the Eastern tournament scheduled for May 8 at Yale. Team losses have been suffered against Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Princeton and Cornell, with three of those coming on the opponent's course.

On the plus side, victories were recorded over Rider, Lehigh, Colgate, Fordham, Boston College, Manhattan and Columbia. Individually, captain Chuck Swanack, Arch Arnold and yearlings Gordon Jaehne and Al Andrews have been the most consistent.

The Cadet baseball team, with but two lettermen playing regularly, are 8-11

with eight games remaining on the calendar. Veteran righthander Bill Lord was forced to carry the pitching burden during the early games, but yearlings Barney Oakes and Ron Petricka have looked good and are now in positions to share the chores.

At one stage of the season the diamondmen were bogged down in a 5-11 slump, but a single game win over Pennsylvania and a doubleheader sweep of arch-rival Navy has turned the tide some. The stick work is coming around, too, with captain Tom Pyrz and outfielder Don Knight showing the top averages. Others who have made solid contributions include

Lou Bartok, Gary Newsom, Steve Etheridge and Gary Mirzoian.

Tennis likewise has had some trouble getting started, and is 3-6 following play during the first month of the season. Captain Jack Stevenson, Ray Federici and Dick Fate are the only lettermen returning from last year's squad, creating some rebuilding duties for first-year coach Ron Holmberg.

Federici, a Second Classman playing out of the No. 2 singles spot, boasts the top record with a 7-2 mark. Fate is close behind at 6-3, but they are the only ones with a won-lost record above the .500 level.

ASSEMBLY to Begin West Point Society Column

With the Summer '71 issue, ASSEMBLY will begin a special column of West Point Society news and events. It will be called "West Point Society News" and be devoted entirely to items of interest received from all West Point Societies.

Societies are encouraged to send news of events and individual members to the Editor of ASSEMBLY at any time. No deadline will be set on receipt of information. However, material received and accepted for publication will be carried, as appropriate, in the issue that follows these deadlines: Winter—15 January; Spring—15 April; Summer—15 July; Fall—15 October.

Photos will also be published in the "West Point Society News" column. Send all material to: Editor, ASSEMBLY Magazine, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

Register of Graduates Still Available

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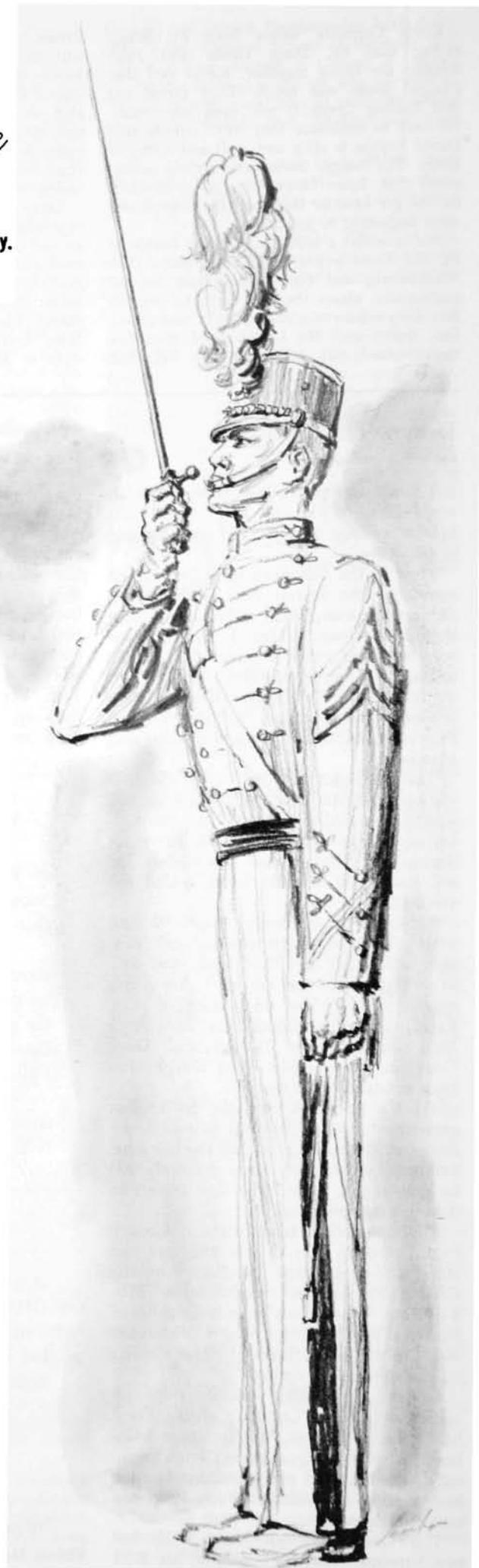
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We, sons of today, we salute you — You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



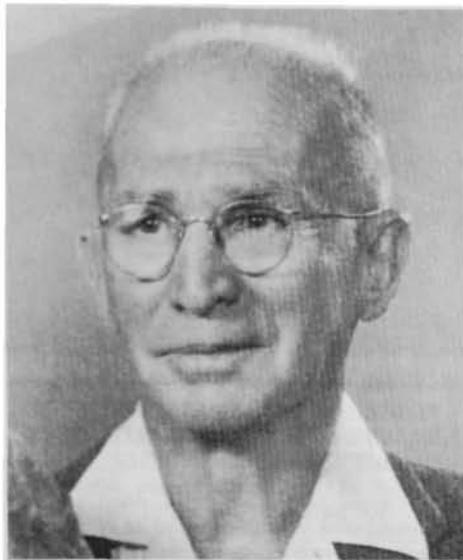
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Robert W Clark Jr.

NO. 4973 CLASS OF 1911

Died 7 July 1970 at Sarasota, Florida, aged 83 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



ROBERT W CLARK JR.

IN EARLY JULY, Bob just went to sleep, the most wonderful way to go. There is "a time to be born and a time to die."

Robert W Clark Jr., only the initial, was born in Dunbar in southwestern Pennsylvania on 17 May 1887, of English and German parentage, his father being a physician. His early schooling was in local grade schools and at the Pittsburgh High School.

His military career began on 15 June 1907 when, with 150 other lads, he entered the Military Academy at West Point, where followed for him four most satisfying years and where developed friendships that endured the rest of his life. On being graduated, on 13 June 1911, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. Early service was at Fort Monroe in Virginia and at Fort Wadsworth in New York Harbor.

While on duty at the latter post, he was married in Ossining, New York, 17 September 1912, to Ruth Louise Secor whom he had met at Fort Monroe the previous year. Assisting at the wedding were his classmates, former roommate Paul Reinecke, Hub Stanton and Jimmie Crawford.

In following years, there was service at Fort Ruger at Diamond Head in Hawaii and at Fort Baker north of the Golden Gate in California. In June 1918, he was transferred to the Field Artillery and for duty at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. Shortly afterward, he was at Camp Meade in Maryland en route to France, where he was landed at Camp Lathus in August. There followed duty at La Cour-tine Firing School and, on 16 October, promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

After the Armistice, there was duty in succession at Wiseppe, Mersh, Luxembourg, Gondrecourt, Chatillon-sur-Seine, Nantes and St. Nazaire. In April 1919, he went to Brest and from there was returned home, landing at New York on 11 June 1919.

In July, he was ordered to Key West Barracks in Florida, arriving on the 19th and continuing on duty there until his retire-

ment, 30 August 1922. The family then settled in Arcadia, in south central Florida, later, in 1924, moving to Sarasota. In December 1940, Bob was recalled to active duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Florida Military Academy in St. Petersburg, where he moved his family until his re-retirement in November 1941. They then returned to Sarasota for many more happy years.

Bob's civil life was varied and interesting. He tried citrus growing but found that a rich man's pastime. He worked as construction engineer on the Gandy Bridge in Tampa and did surveying in the Sarasota area. For a period he was a land salesman and then a real estate broker. During some seasons he was statistician at vegetable packing houses.

He enjoyed sports and, to some extent, routine gardening where he said that pulling weeds gave him time to think. His real hobby, however, was the growing of orchids, roses and papayas.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Secor Clark; by two daughters, Marilou Swearingen in Gainesville, and Nan Clark Foster in Cocoa Beach; by two sons, Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Clark, Ret., Coast Artillery Corps, USMA June '43, in El Paso Texas, and Lieutenant Colonel John Scott Clark, Ret., Field Artillery, in La Palma, California; and by twenty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

—Ruth Secor Clark

Harrison Brand Jr.

NO. 5218 CLASS OF 1914

Died 7 October 1970 in Washington, D.C., aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HARRISON BRAND JR. was born in Iliou, New York, 24 August 1891, the son of Harrison Brand Sr. and Marian Eaton Brand. He died at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 7 October 1970. He is survived by his widow, Emily H. Brand, and a son, Harrison Brand III.

Entering West Point in March 1910, he soon impressed his classmates, and also Captain Koehler, Master of the Sword and principal gymnasium instructor, with his aptitude



HARRISON BRAND JR.

and ability on the horizontal bar, parallel bars and other gymnasium equipment. His talent for gymnastics, together with his spare frame and notable physical activity, soon won for him the nickname Skimp, and he was ever after known to his classmates and host of other friends as Skimp Brand.

But far from being proficient only in physical and gymnastic activities, Skimp was also aware of the writing-on-the-wall concerning academic standing. In those pre-World War I days of branch promotion, he was quick to note that his own instructor in plebe math was a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry who had graduated from West Point in 1903, while some instructors of upperclassmen were Captains of Engineers who had graduated in 1905.

So to his athletic and gymnastic prowess, Skimp added a measure of respect for academic attainment. He became a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in June 1914, a First Lieutenant in February 1915, Captain and then temporary Major in 1917, and Lieutenant Colonel in 1918.

But by 1919 we had fought the war to end wars and make the world safe for democracy. So Skimp resigned from the service in December 1919. He was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the Corps of Engineers Reserve in 1920, promoted to Colonel in 1932, and transferred to inactive Reserve status in 1942 because of a physical disability. He was placed on the Army of the United States Retired List in 1951.

Following his active military service he became associated with a Los Angeles law firm in 1920, and simultaneously began the study of business law and accountancy at night school. He began a federal tax practice in Washington, D.C., in 1923. Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1925, he continued the practice of law in the District until 1937, except for a two-year period, 1927-1929, during which he was a member of the District of Columbia Public Utilities Commission. In 1937 he was named Chief, Supply Section, Operations Division of Works Progress Administration for the City of New York, and later Assistant to the Chief Engineer, National Office in Washington. In 1939 he joined the Washington Board of Trade as Executive Secretary and remained in that capacity until joining the Aerospace Industries Association as Secretary-Treasurer in 1941.

When he retired after twenty years of service with the Aerospace Industries Association, he was awarded on 9 June 1961 a Citation expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Association for his long and faithful service, and for his many accomplishments with particular reference to the financial and budgetary affairs of the Association.

The Society of American Military Engineers awarded Colonel Brand a Gold Medal, a Certificate of Merit, and a Life Membership for Distinguished Service.

Skimp Brand has always had the admiration and respect of his classmates for his many accomplishments both in and out of the military service. He has won the affection of those of us who have survived in later years by his untiring efforts to keep us united and keep up our class spirit. For many years he served as a rallying point for classmates living in or near Washington, and for those visiting in the area. In 1969, at its fifty-fifth Reunion, the Class expressed its appreciation and affection by making Skimp Vice-president.

Harold Francis Loomis

NO. 5255 CLASS OF 1914

Died 21 October 1970 in Washington, D.C.,
 aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



HAROLD FRANCIS LOOMIS

TO HIS CLASSMATES, Harold Francis Loomis was known as "Loomy" ("Loomie"). His was the kind of personality that appeals to everyone. Perhaps no words could better describe this quality in him than does the appraisal appearing under his photograph in the 1914 HOWITZER. As this appraisal was written by a classmate, it seems fitting to quote it in its entirety:

"'Loomy' isn't an athletic star and he is one of the Com's own. These two facts alone make it hard to explain just why 'Loomy' is so generally popular. He possesses what some call magnetism, but others claim it's just temperament or disposition. With a sense of humor which has never failed to appreciate the funny side of even a West Point grind and a wit which has been quick at repartee, but which has never left a poisoned sting and with a smiling good humor for all, he has taken life as he found it with an enviable *savoir faire*. In closing we might add that Co. 'C' brags of its efficient Captain, but nobody knows just why he never ties up anything, he was simply made that way."

All down the years, "Loomy's" quick wit, dry humor, and realistic reaction to whatever transpired won him admiration, good will, and friendship everywhere.

Of his several important assignments when a Colonel and later as a Brigadier General it is probable that the one that had the greatest impact on events of historic significance was his assignment as Chief of the Rearmament Division (French) in the Eisenhower Headquarters (SHAEP) in North Africa. In 1943 and 1944 there was doubt in high places that the Free French Forces would prove reliable. Consequently there was opposition to rearming them with other than World War I weapons. By persistent but ever tactful appeals to reason, General Loomis gradually overcame much of this prejudice and finally succeeded in obtaining more modern weapons for the French. The ensuing successes of the French Army in Italy amply justified General

Loomis' contention that that army could be trusted and should be armed with weapons as modern as those of the enemy it fought. General Loomis well merited the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him for this service.

General Loomis is survived by his widow, "Bessie" (née Elizabeth Kimberly). They were married in September 1915. No progeny. Mrs. Loomis continues to reside at their home at 1687 34th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.

—E.V. '14

Gabriel Thornton Mackenzie

EX-CADET OF 1915

Died 12 January 1970 in Baptist Hospital,
 Miami, Florida, aged 77 years.

Interment: Miami Memorial Park Cemetery,
 Miami, Florida

A NATIVE OF MARYLAND, Gabriel Thornton Mackenzie was educated at West Point, St. John's College, and the University of Maryland, and held Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. His initial service was on the Mexican border under General Pershing until ordered overseas as a Captain with the 18th Infantry, 1st Division in World War I. He participated in the five American battles until gassed in the Argonne.

Between World Wars I and II he graduated from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. He served at various colleges as Professor of Military Science and Tactics and at army posts in the U.S. and the Philippines, part of the time as Inspector General. Colonel Mackenzie was appointed to the War College, but Pearl Harbor caused a change in assignment to Inspector General of the II Corps which experienced action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was then reassigned as Inspector General of the Fifteenth Army which invaded France and Germany where he remained until the termination of hostilities. His last active duty was six years re-establishing the ROTC at the University of Kentucky.

Colonel Mackenzie was retired for physical disability in 1951, returning to his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, later moving with his family to Miami, Florida.



GABRIEL THORNTON MACKENZIE

His decorations included the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Mexican Border Medal, American Defense Medal, World War I with five battle stars, the European-African Medal with initial landing arc and five battle stars, the American Occupation Medal, the Italian Cross of Valor, and he wore the World War I French Fourragere given to the 1st Division.

He is survived by his wife Nellie; two daughters, Beverly M. White, and Anita M. Wolfe; ten grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

Frederic William Boye

NO. 5462 CLASS OF 1915

Died 6 October 1970 in Washington, D.C.,
 aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
 Arlington, Virginia

"THERE IS NO EXCELLENCE OF
 BEAUTY THAT HATH NOT SOME
 QUALITY OF GREATNESS."

MANY EONS AGO, when men stood tall and the world was young, a group of starry-eyed expectant youngsters presented themselves at the sally ports of the Military Academy and unabashedly requested asylum. Ah youth! Little could their naiveté and trust forsee the path ahead—the grandeur and the humility; the agony and the glory! Let us only say that theirs was a job well done—by Duty well performed; by Honor untarnished; for a Country which was their all and for which some were to give their all. For those who have already joined the Long Gray Line, let us, the living, chant a solemn requiescat and let the harmony in our hearts be the antiphon.

One of the bright young men who shared this syndicated assurance of the future was a tall rangy fellow from New York whose name, we learned, was Frederic W. Boye. He was an amiable chap, warm and friendly with a ready smile for us all. We liked him at once and dubbed him "Freddie," a sobriquet which clung to him throughout his career. Because of his amiability, or possibly because of a resigned inner fortitude, Freddie survived Beast Barracks and Plebe Camp, and eventually took his place as a true member of the Corps which he was destined to serve with such outstanding distinction. We say "outstanding" deliberately for here was a leader, a counsellor, a friend, and a conspicuous athlete who excelled in football, boxing, and basketball, serving as Captain of the basketball team in his First Class year. In off-duty hours, he was frequently known to help those of lesser scholastic attainment, a factor which cost him "tenths" but which imbued him with a deep sense of personal satisfaction so characteristic of the man. Yet, though he may have dwelt upon the dead gods of Greece and Rome, he could not foresee the dying gods of the modern world.

Upon graduation, Freddie chose the Cavalry and it once was said of him that he was more at home in the saddle than at his own fireside. This situation was remedied, however, by a fortuitous circumstance, the most auspicious and discerning act of his career, when he was married to Miss Beatrice Wentworth of Lakewood, New Jersey. To her must go much of the credit for the success of his later achievement—as a commander, as a



FREDERIC WILLIAM BOYE

staff officer and always the warm, jovial, humorous, fun-loving Cavalryman. Their service together extended through the rigors of the Mexican Expedition, training for World War I in Massachusetts, ROTC at the University of North Carolina, the Cavalry School at Fort Riley and the Command and General Staff School with Ike Eisenhower and other classmates. A son and daughter had joined the family in 1916 and 1919. Later Bea and Freddie returned to West Point in command of the Cavalry Detachment. Commands and promotions continued to World War II which found him again at Fort Bliss commanding the 12th Cavalry.

Freddie's outstanding service in the China, Burma, India Theatre, as principal advisor for a Chinese Army Group Commander, was the ultimate test of his leadership, personality and understanding. His promotion to General Officer and numerous Chinese decorations attest to his success.

Freddie's active military service ended at Fort Knox in 1950. He truly earned the Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit for his over 35 years of service.

In his civilian capacity, he was for ten years Executive Vice-president and Treasurer of the U.S. Equestrian Team which trained for the Olympic Games in 1952, 1956, and 1960; as well as the Pan-American Games in 1961. Other honors included Presidency of the Warrenton, Virginia, Rotary Club, and membership on the Board of the Warrenton Library. Significantly, he was President of his Class at the Academy and served successively for 20 years as its alumni President. Truly a lovable and outstanding man!

Yet we find it impossible to dissect (or even understand) the dichotomy of a character whose every approach to a given task evidenced an heroic and intelligent acumen. For Freddie possessed a soldierly genius to define and direct the responsibilities devolving upon him; as well as a moving radiance of spirit extending a broad and sympathetic understanding of the foibles of others. He believed that we cannot hope to divine the purposes of our Creator without an appreciation of the unperceived majesty of the common man, a thought which is corollary to the belief that absolution lies at the end of the path to repentance. Man cannot plumb the depths of his own being, nor is it given him to plumb the depths of others. The perimeter of the world will not suffice our

ineptitude; the perimeter of heaven alone provides the tabernacle for our ultimate spiritual attainment.

So, in the deep monody which pervades us today, as the velvet wings of night close mercifully about us, faith surges from the heavens like the slow-ranging billows of the eternal sea, since faith is the covert constant of all our prayers. If we doubt this, let us but step outdoors some clear quiet evening and gaze upward to the ancient glory of the stars which have shone with unbroken tranquility through the years—large stars, and lesser stars, and still lesser ones, until infinity seems pressing upon us and we are appalled at our incapacity to approach or understand the infinite. Not even was understanding vouchsafed to three wise and ancient travelers who pursued a common destiny, seeking to fathom the mystery of a single guiding star.

As we come back, then, to this cosmic realm we call life, to the shifting realm of combat and struggle; of meditation and regret; of sorrow and happiness; and even of shame; let us return with Freddie to the days of our youth, however slow we might once have been in our penetration into the cosmic universe. For the memory of youth, by whatever circumstance it may be recalled, is a renewal which attests that the mere process of dying does not demand the metamorphosis of the soul.

To Freddie: a poignant farewell; to Beatrice: our love and our prayers that she may have the strength and placidity to comfort her in a dark hour.

*"Leaf after leaf drops off, flower after flower,
Some in the chill, some in the warmer hour;
Alive they flourish and alive they fall,
And Earth who nourished them receives
them all.*

*Should we, her wiser sons, be less content
To sink into her lap when life is spent?"*

—J.E.H. '15

Notley Young DuHamel

NO. 5488 CLASS OF 1916

Died 23 October 1970 in Putnam Memorial Hospital, Bennington, Vermont, aged 75 years.

Interment: St. John's Catholic Cemetery, North Bennington, Vermont

NOTLEY WAS BORN in Washington, D.C., on 18 May 1895, son of James F. DuHamel and Lola L. (Young) DuHamel. His family moved to Bensonhurst, New York, when he was in high school and he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from that state. He was the fifth generation of his family to serve in the United States Army. His grandfather, Notley Young, was one of the original proprietors in the Capital.

As a cadet member of 1916, Notley soon earned the respect of his classmates by showing his ability to survive the tender attentions of the Beast detail. Being naturally an orderly individual he had smooth sailing with the Tactical Department. He was a sincere individual of high moral character, religious, and one who could be depended upon when needed. Notley was intelligent and studious as evidenced by his graduating high in his class into the Engineer Corps. As fate would have it his promising career in the Army was shortened when he had to be retired for physical disability because of severe deafness.

Notley's first assignment upon his gradu-



NOTLEY YOUNG DUHAMEL

ation was with troops in the Philippines. After his return, he served as ROTC Officer at Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh. The next year he went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was married in 1923 to Mab Barber of Bennington, Vermont. Subsequent assignments were at Forts Mott, DuPont and Hancock. In 1927 he went to Charleston, South Carolina, for river and harbor duty. While there, a civilian company planned to build a bridge at the mouth of the Cooper River. Notley, realizing that it would both block navigation and be a traffic bottleneck, disapproved these plans. After some bitter recrimination from the company and from the people of Charleston who were afraid that they would not get any bridge, the Division Engineer upheld Notley, the bridge was relocated, and Notley received much appreciation from the people in that area.

In 1932 he went to Washington, D.C., to the Army Industrial College, and then was assigned to Fort Schuyler to command the 29th Engineer Topographical Battalion. The following year the Battalion was moved to Port Angeles to map the Olympic Peninsula. From 1935 to 1939 he was an instructor at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir.

His next, and last, assignment was as District Engineer at Cleveland. During that time his article on "Great Lakes Ports and Waterways" was published in the *Military Engineer* (March 1941). The Division Engineer, Colonel R. G. Powell, said this of him: "Colonel DuHamel is an able and efficient executive of the Great Lakes Division and has shown a distinct aptitude for administrative work. His reports of field inspection have indicated excellent knowledge of River and Harbor work, Flood Control, and Air Port Construction."

After Notley was retired for deafness in 1942, he worked for several years in Washington, D.C. with the Associated General Contractors of America.

Since 1945, he and his wife have made their home in Bennington, Vermont. His keen mind, profound knowledge of history and his strong convictions made him a stimulating addition to the community. He was a dedicated Catholic and gave unstintingly of his time and resources to his church there.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Mab D. Cockrell; a son, N. Y. DuHamel Jr.; and nine grandchildren. His two surviving sisters are Lola Lamar Burton of Washing-

ton, D.C.; and Joanne Newgarden of San Antonio, Texas, wife of George Newgarden, also Class of 1916 and Notley's roommate.

He was an honor to the two institutions which made him what he was—his church and the United States Military Academy. He rests in peace.

—His wife M.B.D.
—His roommate G.J.N.

Forrest Clifford Shaffer

NO. 5776 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 31 July 1970 in Amherst, Massachusetts, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



FORREST CLIFFORD SHAFFER

BORN IN 1894 near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Forrest Clifford Shaffer soon developed the hair that made him known as "Red" the rest of his life. He was a studious, hard-working country boy who claimed that at one time he was paid twenty-five cents for a ten-hour day. Ambition led him to seek an appointment to the Point and after one unsuccessful try, he entered.

At the Academy his beautiful tenor voice earned early recognition when he sang in the shower during Beast Barracks. He was soon performing on Color Line, in the choir, and in our class quartet. "Red" was an excellent student and never an area bird.

On graduation leave, he married Edith Cover who was also from Johnstown. "Red" left for France in March 1918 and, commanding a 155-mm battery, participated in the Second Mame, the Mame-Aisne and the Meuse-Argonne. Their daughter, Esther, was born while he was in France.

Soon after the war, "Red" decided to make the Ordnance his career. Among his assignments was a year with American industry where he gathered information and experience that was of continuous benefit to the Army thereafter. By 1940, he was a Colonel, head of the New Facilities Section, Office Chief of Ordnance. His outstanding accomplishment was planning and executing the expansion of production of small arms and ammunition therefor. His success is attested by our never having experienced shortage in the supply of these items.

He commanded Erie Proving Ground for a few months, then was recalled to carry on a project he had begun earlier—overseas installation of plants for manufacture of cans and drums for oil and gasoline. The work took him all over the combat areas, checking sites for plants and advising contractors at the sites. Few of those who fought with the aid of canned gasoline realized the planning and effort that lay behind its regular supply.

After the war, "Red" found the inevitable period of constriction in the Army tiresome. He retired at his own request and joined the Underwood Corporation in Hartford, Connecticut, where he became chief engineer of the factory. Later he came to Washington as special representative of the firm. He spent a year in Norway working on a project in a Norwegian arsenal. In Washington, Edith and "Red" had settled on Langdrum Lane in Chevy Chase and there they remained after he retired from Underwood.

"Red" suffered a stroke in 1962 and never completely recovered from it. His life thenceforth was downhill and often painful. Yet he wrote in 1963, "I have no aches and pains to record. . . . At present I am recovering from a stroke suffered last December." Finally he passed on at Amherst, Massachusetts, where he had been near his daughter. It is sad that so fine a man, always active and previously blessed with health, should have had to spend his last years in a decline.

"Red" was justly proud of his family. Esther married Colonel Stoddard, USAF, now retired, and has four lovely, brilliant children. A son, Forrest Clifford Jr., was born in 1922 but died in an unfortunate accident in 1937. Sara Ellen, their younger daughter, now Mrs. John King, has two fine youngsters. All the grandchildren show a reddish tinge in their hair. May Edith find comfort in this fine family.

William Victor Hesp

NO. 6078 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 26 March 1970 in Claremont, California, aged 72 years.

Interment: Hermosa Cemetery, Colton, California

WHEN, IN THE LENGTH OF DAYS, retirement came gradually to the members of November 1918, numbers of them gravitated to the warm latitudes of Southern California, where they were warmly welcomed by one of the region's "old settlers," their well loved classmate of yesteryear, Vic Hesp. Vic, a resident of the environs of Los Angeles since a few years after graduation, was able to explain to newcomers the vagaries of the smog and the freeways, and the ploys and whereabouts of long lost friends. Vic had dug himself in with long residence, and the blank file resulting from our loss of his genial personality is correspondingly great and hard to fill.

William Victor Hesp was born 25 April 1897 in Bradford, Yorkshire, England. With his parents he came to Maine in 1913, was graduated from Kennebunk High School, and entered the United States Military Academy in 1916 as an appointee from the National Guard. Tenths came easily to Vic and he quickly landed in the upper sections, securing for himself a position in the top fourth of the class, where graduation found him, two and a half years later. He selected the Engineer Corps and his high class rank earned for him his choice without difficulty.



WILLIAM VICTOR HESP

Vic served at Camp Humphreys, Camp Dodge, Camp Lewis and Fort Bliss, but in 1924 some considerations pertaining to his health impelled him to seek separation from the service, and he was honorably discharged 24 June 1924. He taught for several years, first at Page Military Academy, Los Angeles; later at Army and Navy Academy, Carlsbad, California, and at California Preparatory School at Ojai, California. In 1948 he joined the California State Division of Highways as Assistant Engineer, continuing in this capacity until 1964 when he suffered a partially disabling stroke.

In 1936 Vic was married to Frances St. John who survives him, living at 753 West Bonita Street, Claremont, California. Vic and Frances have one daughter, Kathleen Grace Baird, and two granddaughters, Victoria Linn and Karen Elizabeth Baird. Vic fought a gallant counterattack against his serious illness and he was rewarded with considerable success. He even considered gratifying his heartfelt wish to join with his classmates in the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary of graduation, but the odds against him were too great and in the end he was forced to forego that pleasure. He cherished a deep and abiding love for his Alma Mater and an affection for his classmates that grew even stronger during his long illness.

To his wife and family who witnessed the fortitude with which he strove to overcome the handicaps of his disability, he was always the brave soldier who fulfilled the most exacting requirements of his early training.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more . . . pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4

—Gildart, November '18

Waldemar Sven Broberg

NO. 6354 CLASS OF 1919

Died 31 May 1970 in Altadena, California, aged 74 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

REGARDLESS OF WHEN OR WHERE you met him, he was always known as Gus Broberg, and it would be difficult to find anyone who ever knew Gus that does not remember him. His dynamic and forceful personality won



WALDEMAR SVEN BROBERG

him the respect and admiration of his associates and left a lasting impression on an exceptionally large group of friends in both Army and civilian circles.

Waldemar Sven Broberg was born on 6 May 1896 in Sweden. His father was a career Army Officer and upon termination of his military service he entered the hydroelectric construction field. Following his father's death, Gus moved from Sweden to Melrose, Massachusetts, at the age of eleven when his mother emigrated to the United States. His two older brothers and sister had previously come over to this country and were then settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

He entered the Melrose High School in 1911 from which he graduated in 1914. Concurrently with his high school years he worked as a night rewrite man on the graveyard shift of the *Boston Globe*. In some ways these must have been four rather grueling years for him since the long work days would often allow him to sleep "only now and then." However, throughout his subsequent life Gus would light up with enthusiasm and satisfaction when he would recall some of his experiences as a cub on the reporting staff of the *Boston Globe*. And well he should because his associations and experiences on that job added tangibly to his educational background and also to the development of many of his latent talents and abilities that later contributed to his military and business life.

Upon graduation from the Melrose High School, he received a scholarship award and was enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study architecture. Shortly after receiving that scholarship he was nominated as a competitive candidate for an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He came out second in the competition and did not receive the appointment. The following year he was nominated as a competitive candidate for West Point, received the appointment to the Military Academy from Massachusetts, and graduated in the present Class of 1919. He was subsequently assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps. Thereafter he received timely assignments to appropriate Service Schools.

Gus loved life and people coupled with an unselfish devotion to helping others. He

maintained a very wide circle of friends and always appeared to be currently informed on the favorable happenings that had occurred in the life of each individual. Counseling young men starting on a military career was most ably done by Gus, and his accomplishments in this field won him the respect and admiration of many who sought his advice.

Gus was an outstanding man of many talents and accomplishments. His impeccable military bearing and dignity made a lasting impression on acquaintances and friends. He was very conscientious about his performance of duty, and his intense loyalty to West Point and the Army was admired by his associates.

His sophisticated appraisal of people and resulting dramatic presentations on their activities and accomplishments was one of his most notable characteristics. He always assumed the approach of the suave gentleman who did not resort to either ridicule or malicious belittling. The training in news reporting made him sensitive to professional techniques frequently employed to attract attention and impress listeners. The newspaper training also taught him more about party politics than most of us learn throughout our entire lives. Working with reporters proficient in the field of politics developed in him an awareness and comprehension on the thinking and methods of successful politicians. This understanding of politics later proved to be of significant value to him during the many years he was assigned on District Ordnance work.

Gus was an accomplished artist endowed with a high level of creative ability in both the fine and the useful arts. He studied at the Museum Art School in Boston, and later studied under Charles Chapman, a National Academician, in Englewood, New Jersey.

In the fine arts his aptitude was most evident in his pencil, pen and ink drawings, and it was also apparent in his work with the crayon and brush. His most noteworthy work in this field was landscapes, and he could have also qualified as a professional in caricature. However, his commendable work in the fine arts was always considered by him to be only a relaxation when compared with his over-riding interest in the useful arts, especially architectural design.

Shortly after World War II he designed and supervised the building of his home in Altadena. Later, reverting to the fine arts, he concentrated on the landscape architecture and almost singlehandedly produced an outstanding garden to complement his house and plot and completed a beautiful retirement home—even by California standards. The delightful hospitality of the Brobergs in their Altadena home has been enjoyed by many of their friends when visiting the West Coast area.

Gus had an interesting and varied career including a succession of assignments of increasing responsibility during his military service: 1919 Completed post-graduate work at USMA with the class now identified as the Class of 1919, and Observer—European Battlefield Trip through France, Germany and Belgium; 1920 Student—Basic Officers Course, Coast Artillery School; 1921-1924 Panama Canal Zone (Transferred to Ordnance); 1924-1926 Student—Ordnance School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Watertown Arsenal; 1926-1928 Shop Officer—Rock Island Arsenal; 1928-1932 Instructor—

Ordnance & Gunnery, USMA; 1932-1936 Deputy Chief—New York Ordnance District; 1936-1937 Student—Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C.; 1937-1939 Works Manager—Rock Island Arsenal; 1939-1941 Chief—Philadelphia Ordnance District; 1941-1942 Chief—Springfield Ordnance District; 1943-1944 Assistant Army Ordnance Officer—6th Army Southwest Pacific Theatre; 1944-1945 Deputy Chief of Staff & Director of Distribution, Southwest Pacific Area; 1946-1947 Chief—San Francisco Ordnance District; 1947-1954 Chief—Los Angeles Ordnance District; 1954 Retired.

Approximately half of his total years of commissioned service was in the field of industrial procurement under the management of the Ordnance District organization. At the time of his first assignment in procurement planning the embryonic district operation had advanced little beyond the conceptual stage. Gus turned in an exemplary performance in the development of sound management principles and operating procedures for the Ordnance Procurement Districts.

The next important phase in the development of the district system was the prewar educational order program that was set up to test the functioning of the overall operation. This program was initiated and managed by the Philadelphia District when he was Chief of that district.

Gus remained in industrial procurement for the next four years, first as Chief of the Philadelphia District, then as Chief of the Springfield District.

He was then moved from procurement to training as Chief of Staff, Ordnance Training Center, Santa Anita. In 1943 he was assigned to the Southwest Pacific Theatre, initially as Director of Distribution and then as Deputy Chief of Staff, Services of Supply, Southwest and Western Pacific Theatre. All operations in Australia and New Guinea were closed out during this period.

When he returned from the Pacific area to California in 1946, he was made Chief, San Francisco Ordnance District. The following year he established the new Los Angeles Ordnance District Office and served as Chief of that District from 1947 until his retirement from active service in 1954. A substantial portion of the projects in the Army Guided Missile Program had been assigned to facilities located in the Pacific Southwest area and were subsequently administered by the newly formed Los Angeles District. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, and several large aircraft and other important industrial companies in that area had Research and Development contracts and production orders on active programs. Among these programs were: NIKE, CORPORAL, SERGEANT, AEROBEE, LO-KI and DART.

Following a successful and satisfying military career, upon retirement he established and operated a business as an industrial consultant which he continued until his death.

In 1920 he married Marjorie Culbertson Smith who survives him and lives in Altadena, California. He is survived by a son and a daughter, Ronald Harrington, a graduate of the University of Southern California who is now an industrial engineer, and Marjorie Janice a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and now the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Martin Stuk, USAF.

It can truthfully be said that he was a true friend and we all mourn his passing.

Wilbur Sturtevant Nye

NO. 6736 CLASS OF 1920

Died 2 June 1970 at his home at
Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania,
aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



WILBUR STURTEVANT NYE

WILBUR STURTEVANT NYE's departure from this life coincided tragically with his Class's Fiftieth Reunion, which he hoped and planned to attend. With his passing the Class of 1920 lost one of its most illustrious and noteworthy members, a man who had had a distinguished career on two different fields; he was a keen soldier and artilleryman and an eminent editor, writer and historian, a recognized authority on the Civil War and Western Frontier. Each of his activities would fill the whole lifetime of an ordinary man.

Quinch, as he was known to his intimate friends, was born in Ohio in 1898; when he was a small boy his family moved to Covina, California, where he attended the public schools. Upon graduation from high school he entered Pomona College, at Claremont, California, but toward the end of his freshman year, in 1917, he enlisted in the Ambulance Corps, along with numerous other college students. In 1918 he was appointed to West Point from the Army. The Class that entered in 1918 became the Class of 1920, and its members, within a few days after graduation, were given practically free choice of their branch of the Service. Quinch immediately selected the Field Artillery, his first choice.

As a junior Field Artillery Officer, Quinch served at various posts, including Fort Lewis, Fort (then Camp) Knox, in Hawaii, and of course at Fort Sill. In 1931 he was assigned to take a special course in advanced physics at the University of Pennsylvania.

While stationed at Fort Bragg in the late 1920's Quinch began to lay the foundation for his later career when he wrote a pamphlet on the Carolina Scots and a history of Fort Bragg. The foundation was completed when in 1937, at Fort Sill, he wrote *Carbine and Lance: A History of Fort Sill*. Published by the University of Oklahoma Press, the book is still in print more than thirty years after its first appearance, and it has had three editions and seven printings. The publication of *Carbine and Lance* led directly to his appointment as editor of the *Field Artillery*

Journal, with additional duties in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery.

During World War II Quinch commanded the 173d Field Artillery Group of the XV Corps, for which he received five battle stars, the Legion of Merit, the Commendation Medal and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. After the war he was G3 of the Berlin command for some time, after which he had a tour of duty in the Pentagon. After the Pentagon he returned to Europe, this time as Chief of the Historical Section at United States Army Headquarters. He was on this fascinating duty for several years, during which he interviewed and became acquainted with most of the surviving higher German generals, including Guderian, Halder and Kesselring.

Quinch retired in 1954 and devoted the rest of his life to his second profession, for which, consciously or unconsciously, he had been preparing himself for years. He became associated with the Stackpole Press, the well known publishers of military and historical works at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1963 he was named managing editor of *Civil War Times Illustrated*. In 1966 he helped establish and became managing editor of *American History Illustrated*. In addition to editing these two important historical journals, Quinch also edited over forty books published by Stackpole, as well as finding time to write seven more books and magazine articles too numerous to mention here. His last book, *Plains Indian Raiders—The Final Phases of Warfare from the Arkansas to the Red River*, was published in 1968 by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Quinch was a conscientious and careful editor who really enjoyed reading and commenting on manuscripts. One of the owners of the two journals, who was also Quinch's editorial assistant, was, at first, a bit awed by his innate military dignity, but quickly discovered that he had an equally innate kindness and genuine interest in everyone about him. His assistants discovered, too, his wonderful sense of humor, a quality which is clearly revealed in his photograph. He was a hard worker, taking manuscripts home with him and often rising at four o'clock in the morning to make notes for the day's discussions and conferences.

Quinch was an acknowledged authority on the Plains Indians and on the Civil War. He was an exact cartographer, personally reconnoitering the battlefields about which he wrote so that his maps would be accurate—and he discovered many inaccuracies in the supposedly authentic maps drawn during the war. He had an eye for country; on one occasion he and Mr. Robert Fowler, of the staff of *Civil War Times Illustrated*, were looking for the forts that had protected a Union supply base in Northern Virginia. Quinch remarked: "If I were fortifying this area, I would build a fort over there, another on that hill, and another covering that road." A struggle through the brambles quickly revealed the remains of the forts.

Quinch's researches among the Kiowa Indians, about whom he wrote two books, brought him an accomplishment rare in the twentieth century—he became proficient in the sign language of the Plains Indians so that he was able to converse with them without the intervention of an interpreter. And the Kiowas gave him an unusual honor; he was made an honorary medicine man of the tribe with the name Hain-Tuh-Kee. This is a name of great respect, meaning "Story Teller," and was accorded to those tribal elders who were history and traditions of the tribe.

Quinch's personal philosophy of life was soldierly, simple and direct: "The Christian religion is my philosophy: it contains everything that is needed for proper conduct by individuals and societies."

Quinch passed away quietly in his sleep. He is survived by his wife, Elleane, his daughter, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Class of 1920 has passed its half-century mark. Its ranks are becoming thinner day by day. Those of us who still survive and who knew and admired Wilbur Nye realize keenly that we have lost one of our most illustrious classmates who exemplified in himself the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country.

—C. C. Clendenen

John Thomas Lynch

NO. 6781 CLASS OF 1920

Died 8 January 1969 in the U.S. Army
Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico,
aged 71 years.

Interment: San Juan Military Cemetery, Puerto Rico

JOHN THOMAS LYNCH, son of Thomas and Joanna S. Lynch, was born in Canton, Massachusetts, 23 February 1897. When he arrived at West Point his classmates promptly dubbed him "Red" because of his fiery red hair and the nickname stuck with him all thru his service.

Upon graduation in 1920, "Red" was one of the sixty-seven in his Class who went directly to Fort Benning, Georgia, for an intensive course in Infantry tactics and the effective use of all Infantry weapons available at the close of World War I. While this included the basics of the light and heavy tanks it included particularly the rifle, pistol and automatic rifle. "Red" was one of the seventy-one officers (four others had been attached to us after arrival), who, under the personal tutelage of the famous "Sandy McNab and Whittemore" team of rifle instructors, established a world's record for group rifle firing at Benning in 1921.

After completing the Infantry Course at Benning, "Red" followed the normal pattern of Regular Army officers of those days by serving tours with the 53d Infantry at Fort D.A. Russell, Wyoming, the 27th Infantry



JOHN THOMAS LYNCH

ASSEMBLY

in Hawaii and the 18th Infantry in Fort Schuyler, New York. In 1928 he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. His first assignment was as Transport Quartermaster on the Army Transport "CHATEAU THIERRY," home base at Brooklyn, New York from which for the next year he traveled to the various overseas stations where U.S. troops were stationed. In August of 1928 John married Julia M. Poillon, granddaughter of Richard H. Poillon, USMA 1871. Then followed one year as a student at Quartermaster School in Philadelphia, six years as assistant Quartermaster at Plattsburgh Barracks followed by an assignment to Harvard School of Business at Cambridge and then a year as Quartermaster at Fort Holabird, Maryland. In 1939 "Red" was sent to Puerto Rico to organize a commissary system to meet the expanding needs of that area as we moved into the World War II era.

In 1943 and 1944, John was in charge of the training of Quartermaster battalions and regiments at Fort Lee and Fort Devens for use in the large scale operations in Europe in 1944 and 1945. In 1945 he went to Europe and commanded the 522d Quartermaster Group. Later he was assigned to the Graves Registration Service in Paris.

John returned to the U.S. in 1948 and after two years at the Richmond, Virginia, Depot, returned to London in 1950 as a member of the U.S. Military Advisory Group to the newly established Western Union Group of Nations—a forerunner of SHAPE. From London John went to Stuttgart as Quartermaster for the Seventh Army and later took over command of the large Quartermaster Depot at Metz—from which post he retired in 1952.

In addition to the usual combat theatre medals, John received, directly from General Germaine Jousse in 1947, the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier), for services and assistance to the French forces in the 1945-46 period.

Upon retirement John and Julia took up residence in Paoli, Pennsylvania. He completed a college conducted realty course, secured his brokerage commission and went into the real estate business. He was honored by the Realtors Association as one of the leading Realtors of the area in 1958.

In 1963 John and Julia moved back to Puerto Rico where he could "fully" retire and enjoy the much milder climate. John's health began to fail noticeably in 1967. After a two-year battle with emphysema and a heart condition, John died on 8 January 1969. He was buried in the San Juan Military Cemetery. Julia and their daughter Jacqueline now live at 102 San Jose, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901.

Despite his fiery red hair and Irish temperament, John was quiet, unassuming and always friendly. He served our country faithfully over a thirty-two year span, wherever he was sent, literally on land or sea. He brought our god-son up in the finest Army tradition to "Don the Army Blue." (Richard T. Lynch, Class of 1958 United States Military Academy—Killed-in-action Vietnam in 1963.) It is important that his wife Julia and his daughter "Jackie" know that John served his country well, that he personified the best traditions of the military service, that he knew, understood, and lived by the West Point code of "DUTY-HONOR-COUNTRY." And now that his course on earth has been run, his classmates and friends all say "Well done Red. Be thou at Peace."

—T.J.T.

John Elmer Freeman

NO. 6818 CLASS OF 1921

Died 16 December 1969 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 70 years.

Interment: Hartselle City Cemetery, Hartselle, Alabama



JOHN ELMER FREEMAN

JOHN FREEMAN WAS KNOWN as "Chief" at West Point, where he entered in 1918 and was graduated in 1921. He was born on 28 November 1899 in Danville, Alabama, and moved to nearby Hartselle in 1912.

After his West Point years, John worked in New York City at Chemical National Bank while studying business and banking at Columbia University. He managed the First National Bank of Hartselle during the late 1920s and in the early days of the Depression he served as receiver for two banks in Birmingham. John and Mary Paul Barclift of Hartselle were married 25 June 1932 in Birmingham.

In November 1933 he assumed duties with the newly formed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C., as Review Examiner, subsequently becoming a Chief Review Examiner.

John remained in the Army Reserve and was called into service in February 1942. His wartime duty was in the Army Air Corps in which he served for two years in Trinidad and two years at various air fields in the United States.

He later retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1962 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following World War II he was with the FDIC in Washington until June 1948, when he was assigned as Chief Supervising Examiner for the Fifth District. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, John was in charge of FDIC activities for Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. He retired from government service in 1962 and spent his time reading, traveling, and working at his favorite hobby, gardening. Prior to this time, many of his colleagues, both military and civilian, will remember him for his skill at both poker and gin rummy. He will be remembered, too, for his even, calm disposition and receptiveness to another person's opinion and viewpoint.

He is greatly missed, not only by his immediate family, but by his many friends who admired, respected, and held him in great esteem and affection.

John is survived by Mary Paul, his wife for 37 years, and by his two sons, John P. Freeman, of Columbus, Ohio, who recently received a Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry at Ohio State University, and Allen B. Freeman, an editor with the Atlanta Journal. Mary Paul now lives in Hartselle, Alabama, at 1200 Huntingdon Road, 35640.

—W.G. Loeffler

George Arthur Taylor

NO. 6925 CLASS OF 1922

Died 3 December 1969 in Palo Alto, California, aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

GEORGE ARTHUR TAYLOR, the fourth of five sons, was born in Flat Rock, Illinois, on 14 February 1899. When he was five, the family moved to Pryor, Oklahoma, where he graduated from the Pryor High School in 1916 where he was a straight A student. He attended the University of Illinois from June 1917 to November 1918 when he left to enter West Point—graduating on 13 June 1922. His West Point classmates soon observed in George those sterling qualities which in later years were to make him a great battle commander. Patience, persistence, sincerity, calmness, kindness, and thoroughness were among his outstanding traits. He tried to obtain every detail of any subject that caught his interest. His classmates particularly enjoyed being in his class sections. He would at times courteously, persistently, and patiently question the instructor regarding a subject. Sometimes this took up quite a bit of time in the class, much to the satisfaction of other cadets present, because this shortened the time the others had to recite. The points George brought up were of interest to us and we also had the pleasure occasionally of seeing George get the instructor on unfamiliar ground where he was unable to answer some of the questions.

In July 1924 George married Jean Graham. They had one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Jean, born 16 May 1929, and she survives—living in San Jose, California, with her two sons. George's first wife died 23 December 1937 at Fort Leavenworth where he was attending the Command and General Staff School. As a young officer George had various assignments in the Philippines, Hawaii, the Infantry School at Fort Benning and other posts. On 29 May 1941 he was sent to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he received amphibious landing training, and as a result was later considered an authority on such landing operations. In August 1942 he left New York as a civilian on a U.S. State Department passport for Foynes, Ireland, and thence to London, England, as amphibious expert. In London he was attached to the Navy under Admiral Bennett as a liaison officer. He sailed to North Africa and landed with a naval party at Arzew, east of Oran. He left the Navy in February 1943 to take command of the 26th Infantry Regiment of the great 1st Division. He saw his first combat at Bon Arada, and opposed Rommel's Afrika Korps at Kasserine Pass over rugged terrain and with bitter fighting. In early April 1943 he took command of the 16th Infantry Regiment

of the 1st Division and led them through the remainder of the African Campaign which ended at Mateur, Tunisia on 3 May 1943. In March 1943 he was wounded at El Guettar when six German ME 109 planes hit his Command Post. He returned to an assembly area near Oran for further training of his regiment preparing for the invasion of Sicily on 10 July 1943. His battle record in Africa and almost continuous battle actions to the end of the war in Europe in May 1945 caused his classmate General Maxwell D. Taylor to write later, "I have always viewed him as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 1922 who established a combat war record which few have equalled."

He landed with his regiment east of Gela, Sicily, to carry the brunt of the invasion. A desperate campaign followed facing the Hermann Goering Panzer Division. It was rifle-men fighting tanks. George gave the order, "Under no circumstances will anyone pull back. Take cover from tanks, but don't let anything else get through. An artillery company is on its way. Give orders for everyone to hold positions." The final result was victory—a decisive factor in the Sicilian invasion.

In late 1943 George and his regiment landed in England in preparation for "D" Day. The following from a California newspaper describes the action at Omaha Beach on "D" Day. "The day twenty-five years ago 6 June 1944 was D-Day in Normandy, France. Taylor and his regiment were the pride of the 1st Division, veterans of landings in Africa and Sicily. But they must have been sickened by what they saw as they approached the beach. There were cliffs over one hundred feet high topped with German machine guns and artillery raining fire on them. The rocket and bomb attacks intended to soften German resistance had completely missed the beaches. The Air Force had dropped 13,000 bombs so far behind the defenses that the Germans did not even know they had been bombed. There were no craters on the beaches. The tanks that were to have protected them did not make the beach. Many of the Americans were landed in the wrong areas. Others were cut down before they reached the beaches. To the survivors huddling behind obstacles on the beach the battle seemed out of control, and lost. Taylor's boat was the second one to land on the beach. He and those of his men who made it ashore jammed up on the gravel beach in a confusion of disorganized units, no longer with junior officers, and lacking any desire to push through the enemy barbed wire and mine fields. Colonel Taylor endeavored personally to order the mob before him forward through the gaps. But those GIs were not accustomed to getting orders direct from Colonels. Orders from Sergeants, yes; to those they had learned by hard experience to react automatically. But as for orders from Colonels, the men were too numbed by what they had gone through already to absorb any such radically new ideas—they only stared dumbly at him and squeezed a little harder against the gravel. They weren't moving. Taylor was no man to accept disaster simply because it seemed inevitable. Grabbing the nearest sergeant, he roared out to him and to all the panic-stricken GIs clinging to the gravel near him: 'Two kinds of people are staying on this beach—the dead and those who are going to die! Now let's get the hell out of here.' And ordering that sergeant to collect a sizable squad, regardless of what unit either he or they belonged to, and start across the road, he now got action. Soon every non-com, lead-



GEORGE ARTHUR TAYLOR

ing men he had never seen before, was on his way through the wire to the bluffs. The tying up of the 16th Infantry on the beach was loosening. Taylor won the Distinguished Service Cross—the Army's second highest decoration—that day, his men the Distinguished Unit Citation. The next month George was promoted to Brigadier General and sent to the 4th Division as Assistant Division Commander to Major General R. O. Barton. This took him through central France, and he was the first American general to enter Paris after it was liberated. He received, on being transferred 6 October 1944 back to the 1st Division as Assistant Division Commander, a letter of commendation from General Barton for his ability and keen judgment in leading troops in combat. Further combat duty with the 1st Division took him through the Mons and Aachen Campaigns as well as the Ardennes and the Battle of the Bulge. After these came the battles for Bonn, Germany, the Remagen Bridgehead, and the final battles of the Harz Mountains and in Czechoslovakia. His last battle achievement was in receiving the surrender in Czechoslovakia shortly before the end of the European War in May 1945, of 70,000 German troops under the command of Lieutenant General Fritz Benicke near Elbogán. General Benicke wished to have the surrender document read 'Elbogán, Sudetenland,' but George refused, saying, 'There is no Sudetenland, you are in Czechoslovakia.' They also offered a Nazi salute which he refused to acknowledge." There is a picture of this surrender scene in the California newspaper.

From there George went with the 1st Division to Nuremberg, Germany, for occupation duty. His first leave in three years of twenty-one days came on 20 August 1945 when he went to Washington, D.C., to carry out instructions of Major General Clift Andrus. From Washington he went to Birmingham, Alabama, and was to have returned to Europe. He became ill there and was taken to Borden General Hospital at Chickasha, Oklahoma. It was then discovered that the wounds suffered in combat at El Guettar when his command post was strafed by six ME 109s, and also at Landrecies, France, in September 1944 were serious enough to place him in the hospital. After a long hospital stay he was retired from active service for disabilities on 31 October 1946. Moving to Palo Alto, California, in early 1948 George became active in civic and military affairs.

On 26 June 1958 he married Helen Oliver Hubbard at the Presidio Chapel of San Francisco. She survives him and lives at Palo Alto. On 7 and 12 March 1960 George suffered massive strokes, and, after being treated at Letterman Army Hospital, returned home for three years, when it became necessary to enter the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto where he passed on on 3 December 1969. George was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

He was reticent and quiet with a droll sense of humor. He was a strong character with an awareness of others and a keen understanding of life and its problems. He could be firm, but was always a gallant, gentle man with quiet humility. He was a serene, stable person who lived up to the high ideals of West Point, and of his beloved 1st Division whose motto was, "No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great. Duty first."

He was laid to rest at West Point where Father Lawrence E. Berry, who had served with him at Fort Jay, and later in the African and Sicilian campaigns and also at Omaha Beach, gave a eulogy which moved deeply all present. Part of the eulogy follows—"when he returned to us in combat, we discovered another characteristic, that we knew not of, his void of ambition and his complete calmness under fire. He had no minstrel to sing his praises. No bard to immortalize his deeds. His sole concern was the efficiency of his command. Others used the fruit of his talents to promote their fame. When word came down, prematurely as usual, of the fall of Tunis, he called and told me to get into the city, visit all the hospitals, find out the number of our wounded, and to bring back all those capable of being moved. I was there ahead of the Eighth Army, and didn't like it too well, and so reported on my return. His reply was 'That's what we are here for. To take care of our own. We can do it better than they can.' The only time he raised his voice was when German tanks overran our position in Sicily. His command was, 'Stay right where you are.' The rest is history." A great many accolades were received and we have room for only two. General Clift Andrus said, "a great leader of men—a legend in his own time." Major General Kenneth G. Wickham, "General Taylor was a most capable officer who possessed outstanding ability as a leader. . . . The decorations and awards bestowed on him attest to his loyalty, devotion to duty, and courage." He served in battles and campaigns in Tunisia, Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He had nineteen decorations and citations from the United States and foreign countries including the Distinguished Service Cross and eight Bronze Battle Stars. We say adieu to this great soldier who served his country well, and enriched the lives of all who knew him.

—Rupert H. Johnson

Harry Lang Scheetz

NO. 7188 CLASS OF 1923

Died 26 April 1970 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, aged 68 years.

Interment: Oakland Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

HARRY LANG SCHEETZ was born on 7 May 1901, in the Frankford suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended local schools and entered West Point in June of 1919.



HARRY LANG SCHEETZ

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 17th Infantry with station at Fort Omaha, Nebraska. Scheetz was not there very long before his company commander "went over the hill," and he found himself in command as a Second Lieutenant.

Harry's Regular Army service was abruptly terminated in 1924 upon the death of his father, which caused exceptional family hardship for his mother and two sisters, and led to his resignation from the Regular Army. He returned home and engaged in selling cotton yarn to makers of carpets.

Harry saw Reserve and National Guard service over the next several years in the Infantry, Artillery, Corps of Engineers and Ordnance Department.

During World War II he reentered the Service and was assigned as Adjutant, and second in command of Frankford Arsenal, right in his home town. This was duty that Harry felt he could be useful in and he served faithfully at it. He remained there for the duration of the war but the long grind and responsibilities of his office wore him down. He was retired for physical disability in 1946. Frankford manufactured small arms and artillery ammunition, and fire control instruments, employing 21,000 persons in three eight-hour shifts, seven days a week.

After the war, he opened a real estate and insurance business in a booming area in Buck's County, Pennsylvania. The business was quite successful.

Harry remained a bachelor all his life, although he came close to being married on several occasions. At one time he built a fine home in a beautiful rural setting for his then intended bride. But it was not to be.

Harry's interests and avocations were many. High on the list was choral and barber shop music. For all four years, he sang in his rich baritone voice in the West Point Chapel Choir. Later, Harry's voice became well-known in the Philadelphia area when he sang in a quartet that was the delight of West Point gatherings. In pursuit of his hobby of collecting and restoring antique automobiles, he captured many prizes at antique car displays. Gardening was also of great interest to him.

Throughout his life Harry was a sincere and loyal member of his church, and devoted much of his time to church activities. Throughout his life he remained a member of the same church, Hermon Presbyterian,

Frankford, Pennsylvania, which he joined early in his youth.

His sports consisted of golf, swimming, fishing and trap shooting.

Harry was a staunch and loyal supporter of West Point and active and effective in affairs of the Class of 1923.

Although Harry never married he gave a lifetime of care and attention to his mother and two sisters, Eleanor and Dorothy. He rejoiced to meet old friends and acquaintances and was ever present at Army football games, at reunions, and at graduate group meetings. It was at such affairs that I saw him most often, frequently planning to be present together. Our last meeting was at West Point in the fall of 1969. His pleasant smiling face will be missed and those who knew him best are saddened by his passing on.

-A Classmate
and

T.L. Waters, Class of 1919

James Clarke Carter

NO. 7196 CLASS OF 1923

Died 20 November 1969 in Spring Valley, California, aged 69 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery,
San Diego, California

TO PARAPHRASE THE POET MILTON, They also serve whose lives touch many others with a quiet helping hand. Their monuments are in the hearts and grateful recollections of friends and family, classmates and duty associates.

JAMES CLARKE CARTER—"Jimmie" to his friends—was such a man.

The red-headed Pennsylvanian from Pottsville was the youngest of four brothers and a sister. In the summer of 1919 Beast Barracks, followed by "K" Company, were rough assignments. But he learned to control his temper, best the Academic Departments by hard work, and appreciate his highly individualistic classmates in "K" Company. That rabble became famous for their "money-in-the-bank" yell, while collecting "inter-murder" championship cups. Jimmie was the gang's Quiet Man with his ready smile, dry wit, and fingertip control of gallons of statistics on quills and slugs and birthdays.



JAMES CLARKE CARTER

He was never favored by the Tactical Department, so wore no chevrons. And academics continued bothersome until his final classes. A classmate writes, "We studied in the sinks after taps and before reveille, often side by side; and when we graduated we should have received an extra award as 'Sink-Mate-Class-Mates.'"

Equitation was Jimmie's *bête noire*. He never really mastered the horses, but he never quit trying. Another classmate puts it, "He had 'guts'—triumph of mind over body. As I recall his older brother was a cadet and injured by a fall from a horse in the riding hall, subsequently dying from the injury. Naturally Jimmie was scared, to say the least, about riding... The mental torment he must have suffered!"

Yet he endured with a purposefulness that became his hallmark. The Quiet Man was determined to the point of obstinacy to "shine under adversity," as the Commandant had put it. In later life many people came to appreciate Jimmie's unwavering tenacity and dependability.

Bachelor junior lieutenants of Infantry were a dime a dozen in the Roaring Twenties. Grizzled senior lieutenants and captains brought them up in various ways, on geographically diverse but otherwise routine peacetime assignments. Jimmie broke no records in this kind of existence. He seemed content to be a good junior officer, well thought of by, and on good terms with, most people, yet quite self-sufficient.

Edna Sherman changed all that. In the Philippines in 1937 she and Jimmie proved that opposites attract, and that you can arrange your own informal marriage by a civilian priest, regardless of what formal ceremonies others may plan.

A lively Medical Corps "Army Brat" with ideas of her own, Edna brought her husband a breeziness and dash that was a good tonic, eventually arousing him to greater activity. She radically changed his life pattern.

Two children were born to the Carters: Roberta in 1938, and William (Bill) in 1942. There were some happy growing up years. But soon it became evident that Bill was a delicate youngster, with health problems that would plague him forever. Then the eight-year-old daughter died suddenly. Only the parents' courage, strong religious faith and family loyalty sustained them under these blows.

In 1942 Jimmie transferred to the Finance Department, where his ordered, statistical mind found its niche. Particularly in World War II, when he served in North Africa and Italy in 1944-45, Jimmie was at his professional best. He won the Bronze Star Medal and other awards. Those who worked with or for him respected his abilities; and while few knew him intimately, he drew loyal support and cooperation from all ranks.

After World War II came key Finance assignments at high headquarters. One such was in 1946-49 at Air Materiel Command in Dayton, Ohio, where funds totaling scores of millions were efficiently administered by Colonel Carter. There followed another important tour at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1949-51.

In 1951 Jimmie went to Europe as VII Corps Finance Officer. A week after he reported he was disabled at Stuttgart, Germany, by a stroke, invalided back to Walter Reed General Hospital, and retired for disability in 1952.

The Carters settled then in Spring Valley, California, on the southeastern outskirts of

San Diego. In a modest home featured by an informal garden often visited by small-fry wildlife, Edna dedicated herself to rehabilitating her husband. She ruled out a wheelchair existence, and instead challenged and pushed him into orchid raising and general gardening, kept up their church contacts, and took care of Bill's many problems.

Although his physical activities were limited Jimmie stayed mentally alert, and was well informed on many subjects. He retained his strong convictions and independent attitude; but his stroke-produced irritability gave way to a marked tolerance of others. This included his family when they filled the house to overflowing with pedigreed cats, some of which they entered in shows with considerable success.

Edna's devoted care mellowed Jimmie. Flashes of dry humor shone through the Quiet Man's remarks. Once he said of their marriage, "It may have had its ups and downs, but it never has been dull." In turn Edna says Jimmie was such a good husband she really couldn't fault him on anything. And Jimmie knew that it was Edna's insistence on his doing things that kept him going physically and mentally for seventeen years.

The end came for JAMES CLARKE CARTER when two strokes occurred in October 1969. From them he never recovered. He seemed to slip away, almost as if he knew the sands of Time had run out for him.

Edna and Bill carry on. Bill's brilliant mind gives way sometimes to his physical problems, so that Edna's existence is still one of service to her family, in Jimmie's memory.

Jimmie lies on a westerly slope high on Point Loma, facing the setting sun over the Pacific. It was his wish to be buried there, among thousands of others who, like the Quiet Man, had died as a result of service to their country.

"They also serve..."

—Deke Stone '33

Cary Brown Hutchinson

NO. 7369 CLASS OF 1924

Died 2 February 1970 in Fort Bliss, Texas, aged 68 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

A HEADSTONE in the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss, Texas, marks the final bivouac of Cary B. Hutchinson.

Tennessee
Colonel
U S Army
World War II
Korea
June 27, 1901
Feb 2, 1970
LM w/OLC-BSM

Hutch was born in Tilytoby, Mississippi. Several years later his parents, Donie Brown and William Talcot Hutchinson, moved the family to Halls, Tennessee, which was henceforth "home" to Hutch. After attending Halls' schools, he topped off his pre-United States Military Academy schooling by attending West Point-Annapolis Coaching School at Columbia, Missouri.

Entering West Point 1 July 1920, he adapted smoothly and quickly and endeared himself to his classmates and his associates through his pleasant personality, big-hearted-



CARY BROWN HUTCHINSON

ness and good nature, always a welcome addition to any group with his charm, wit, and musical southern drawl. He took academics easily, without danger to the "engineers" or fear of the "goats," always standing in the upper third of his class. His HOWITZER biography indicates a preference for the Artillery or Signal Corps, but a classmate from Texas with a yen for horses and a love of the wide open spaces had little trouble in persuading Hutch that the Cavalry was for him and he was for the Cavalry.

Hutch reported to the 1st Cavalry Regiment at Marfa, Texas, in 1924, where over a span of 18 years he experienced the happiest, most satisfying period of his career. It was here that he married Penelope Snyder and began a closely knit family group that grew to the grand total of four with the addition of Cary Jr. and a daughter Penelope.

Hutch always served on stations with Cavalry Troops and had his favorite polo ponies close at hand. It was during these years, involved with Cavalry duties, horse shows, and polo games, that he made lasting friends and his basic splendid traits of character matured and were reflected in all his actions.

Emulated by many, admired by all.

There is little wonder that, when like all cavalymen, he was unhorsed, Hutch's rare qualities and capabilities soon were recognized and rewarded by successive assignments to increasingly important and responsible positions of staff and command in the field of logistics. First as Executive Officer, then as Commanding Officer, of a base section in Australia; next as Commanding Officer of Base A, Milne Bay, New Guinea, where, in command of approximately 30,000 troops, he developed the base from scratch and was charged with the logistical support of General Kruger's Sixth Army.

Due to his outstanding performance at Milne Bay and being considered, in the words of his Commanding General, "One of the most versatile, gifted and efficient officers I have ever known." Hutch was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff in the United States Army Services and Supply, Southwest Pacific Area, a position he held from 1943 to 1945. It was during this period of island hopping operations from Australia to Manila and Japan that Hutch enhanced his reputation as an exceptional logistician. His Commanding General stated: "Never before has a

logistical organization been confronted with such problems or beset with so many difficulties in the fulfillment of its task. Yet all problems were solved, all difficulties overcome, and all tasks completed and on time. You have played a major role with honor and distinction."

Following World War II, with his wide reputation as an eminent logistician established, Hutch served five years in the G4 Section, Department of the Army, and his last tour of active duty was in Headquarters, Communications Zone, Orleans, France, where during his last year, he was Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander. Hutch retired in 1954 and soon embarked on a new career, serving as Team Writer, Administrative Officer and finally as Director of the Foreign Area Studies Division at American University, Washington, D.C.

Retiring again in 1964, Neppy and Hutch returned to West Texas, 5021 Timberwolf Drive, El Paso.

All who really knew him salute a great soldier, devoted husband, kind and understanding father, and a true friend, whose character and deeds have added luster to the Long Gray Line.

—H.W.J.

George Almond Ford

NO. 7519 CLASS OF 1924

Killed in action 4 January 1945 in Maritim Alps, France, aged 42 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WE FIRST KNEW GEORGE as a Plebe at the Academy. He was a capable and good looking youngster and had great charm for the ladies, although he was not a definite hopoid. Like most other native Virginians, he was determined in his opinions but courteous and gentlemanly in stating them. He loved to read and that interest probably prevented him from standing higher in his Class. However, he was a good student and mentally alert. Being physically strong and naturally athletic, he had no trouble making the lacrosse squad. His perseverance and determination were demonstrated in that rough sport when he, as a member of the second team, took



GEORGE ALMOND FORD

ASSEMBLY

his daily beating in scrimmage with the first team, but he never complained and always fought hard.

George was an active person and wanted to be where the action was. For that reason his first commissioned assignment was in the Air Service. As one of the large contingent from our Class, he reported at Brooks Field, Texas, in the fall of 1924 after graduation leave. He successfully completed the Primary Flying School but, like many others, did not make it through the advanced course. In June 1925 he transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, a decision which was probably influenced by the peacetime attraction of that branch for a family man. George had been married to Dorothy Pettus on 10 July 1924.

His eighteen years of service in the Coast Artillery included experience in practically every available type of staff and command assignment for a line officer. Besides duty at Fort Monroe, Fort Eustis, Fort McClellan, Fort Crockett, Fort Adams, Fort Hancock, Key West Barracks and Camp Pendleton in the continental United States, he served overseas at Corregidor from 1928 to 1931 and in Panama from 1936 to 1939. During the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps, George served as the youngest District Commander in the State of Texas. He was one of the first in our Class to be promoted to Colonel, receiving his eagles in July 1942 when he commanded the 10th Coast Artillery at Fort Adams, and later the 46th Coast Artillery at Camp Pendleton.

While his wartime service in the Coast Artillery was excellent and of importance to the nation, George was not satisfied. In 1943 he found himself in the same situation as other Colonels of the Coast Artillery who became surplus when their units were deactivated after the enemy threat to the continental United States had subsided.

In the summer of 1943 he transferred to the Transportation Corps and was assigned to the Boston Port of Embarkation as Deputy Port Commander. He held this position of responsibility until the following spring when he was presented with the choice of promotion to Brigadier General and staying at Boston, or of assignment to a Transportation Corps position in the European Theatre. Characteristically, George chose the overseas duty and departed for England on 3 May 1944. During the next six months he participated in the Normandy campaign and later in the Northern France and Rhineland campaigns.

Intent on more active combat service, George again sought and obtained transfer, this time to the Queen of Battles, with command of the 65th Infantry. This was a separate regiment attached to the 44th Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade and stationed on the front line near the town of Peira Cava in the French Maritime Alps. The regiment held a sector extending from Roquebilliere to Mt. Grosso along the Franco-Italian border. The mission of the regiment was to protect the right flank of the 6th Army Group and conduct "vigorous patrolling."

On the afternoon of 4 January 1945, George led a reconnaissance patrol toward an enemy position from which fire had been received by his troops. The day was cold and foggy. At 1410 hours, the patrol came under heavy fire from machine guns, mortars and grenades. One enlisted man was killed and four others, including, George, were wounded. Being outgunned, George ordered the remainder of the patrol to retire, but he stayed. A rescue patrol was sent from the regiment but was

repulsed and met with no success. George was initially reported wounded and missing, but later his death was confirmed. He was succeeded in the command of his regiment by our classmate, Lieutenant Colonel Virgil R. Miller.

Besides his widow, George was survived by his son, George Almond Jr., and two daughters, Mary Katherine and Ann Childress. At the time of this writing there are thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. George was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart (posthumous). He is buried at West Point.

George's service was marked by a determination to apply his best efforts in whatever responsibility was given him. He was moved by an aggressive spirit which caused him ever to seek a more active assignment. It was only natural that he should expose himself to the same dangers that faced his men. His utter fearlessness and high sense of principle and devotion to duty led to his death and to the Army's loss of a fine combat leader. His memory is secure among the most honored of the Long Gray Line who died in battle.

—His classmates

Thomas Ferguson Wall

NO. 8974 CLASS OF 1930

Died 14 May 1970 in Boynton Beach, Florida, aged 66 years.

Interment: Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, Michigan

IT WAS THE NIGHT of 14 May 1970, and I was seated in my favorite chair viewing the Jim Nabors TV show when I heard a knock at the door. When I answered it, the following telegram was handed to me: "Ferg passed away today after a serious operation and a long hard fight. Funeral services at the Scobee-Ireland-Potter Funeral Home, Delray Beach, and Jennings Funeral Home, Owosso, Michigan. Instead of flowers, donations to Bethesda Hospital, Boynton Beach, would be appreciated." The telegram was from Ferg's beloved wife, Marion. Thomas Ferguson Wall, the apparently indestructible old Combat Infantryman, was dead.

The shock was more poignant since we



THOMAS FERGUSON WALL

had corresponded earlier about living in barracks for our Fortieth Reunion later that month. For a number of years we had not waited for our scheduled Class Reunions but had returned to West Point each June Week, always living in barracks, to keep alive in our minds those treasured Cadet days when the tradition of "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY" was being instilled in us.

On the wall behind my chair hangs a mural of West Point, taken in 1965, showing old South Barracks still intact. As I looked at it with Marion's telegram in my hand, I was transported back through time to 1925, when Ferg and I first entered West Point as Plebes under the "Iron Regime" of Major General Fred W. Sladen, who was Superintendent at the time. We both spent our whole Cadet careers in South Barracks—Ferg in "D" Company and I in "B." We also each lost an academic battle, but won the campaign by graduating in 1930.

Ferg's will to win, disclosed in academics, showed up again in the supreme test of war. There, in spite of incredibly adverse circumstances, he exhibited the persistent combativeness of the true Infantryman.

Ferg (or "Jack," as some called him) was born 21 December 1903 in Owosso, Michigan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wall. He graduated from Owosso High School and Marion Institute in Marion, Alabama. He joined the Michigan National Guard, from which he was appointed to West Point. Having learned the rudiments of an Infantryman—expert with rifle and pistol at the Academy and on the pistol team his last three years there—he chose the Infantry as his branch upon graduating.

There were the usual peacetime duty assignments, including a tour in the Philippines, which I remember well. Ferg was with the 31st Infantry in Manila at the same time that I was on duty with the 45th Infantry (Philippine Scouts) at Fort William McKinley, a few miles up the Pasig River from Manila. This was before the Pearl Harbor disaster catapulted us into World War II.

Being a true Infantryman, Ferg sought combat. He served with honor and distinction in the Pacific and Southwest Pacific Theatres, as a Battalion Commander and then Executive Officer of the 130th Infantry, 33d Division; as a Battalion Commander, 1st Infantry, 6th Division; and as a Battalion Commander and then Executive Officer of the 128th Infantry, 32d Division. In recognition of meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and two Bronze Star Medals. In 1945 he was assigned as Assistant Executive Officer of the G2 Section of AFPAC.

After VJ-Day he was ordered to General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo to serve under General Willoughby in the G2 Section as Commanding Officer of the Translator and Interpreter Service. For his handling of this difficult assignment he was commended by General MacArthur.

From the excitement of combat and the strenuous aftermath in occupied Japan Ferg went to Kent State University as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Student riots were not permitted in those days! After three years of this cloistered campus life he retired in 1950.

For the next ten years he made a success in civilian life as a Plastics Engineer for the Ionia Manufacturing Company, Ionia, Michigan, and later as President of the Intratherm Plastics Company of Cleveland. After retiring from this business career, he and his wife,

the former Marion Louise Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Bentley of Owosso, lived in New York City and Florida. But it seemed to me that they spent most of their time traveling. Almost any time I could expect a facetious card from Tahiti or some other faraway place. They traveled a total of some 150,000 miles, principally on trips to the Far East on the "M. S. KUNGSOLM." Ferg interested himself in the welfare of displaced persons, especially children in South Korea and Hong Kong.

Ferg was a member of the New York Athletic Club and the Army-Navy Club in Washington. He is survived by his wife Marion, a son, Court P. Bentley, and a brother, Vincent C. Wall Jr., who is a Professor at Wayne State University in Detroit.

In our frequent June Week visits at West Point, Ferg and I used to sit up in barracks until the wee hours of the morning discussing many things, including, religion, war and peace. In my opinion, he was a Christian soldier. In great adversity he was not afraid to stand up and be counted, albeit shunning ostentation. He would "choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong" and would "never be content with a half truth when the whole can be won." He ever strove "to keep the honor of The Corps untarnished and unsoiled."

The last time Ferg and I marched together in the Long Gray Line on Alumni Day at West Point was in 1968. We had rooms in old North Barracks that June Week. Following one of our many long discussions we emerged from the north sally port to find the long line of graduates already moving toward Thayer Monument. The United States Military Academy Band was playing as we marched in step across The Plain to take our places in line with our Class, which by the time we joined it had reached the tennis courts on Thayer Road. The Long Gray Line is continuously moving, and now that Ferg has marched into the mystic beyond with those heroes of yore, the Class of 1930 has a noble intercessor with the "Great Friend and Master of men."

When "Stonewall" Jackson, a Christian soldier of the Class of 1846, lay dying after the battle of Chancellorsville, his last words were, "Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees." Another great Christian soldier, Douglas MacArthur of the Class of 1903, said in his farewell address to the Corps of Cadets in May of 1962, "Today marks my final roll call with you, but I want you to know that when I cross the river my last conscious thoughts will be of The Corps, and The Corps, and The Corps."

On the night of 14 May 1970, while telescoping my memories of forty-five years into a few minutes, and with Marion's telegram still in my hand, I became aware that the Jim Nabors TV show was ending and he was singing one of my favorite gospel hymns, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." It seemed to me that in some mysterious way Jim Nabors knew that this was a special occasion. Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, the Cadet Chapel Organist and Choirmaster in our day, probably would have wanted Nabors to mute the volume and hide his emotion; but to me it was a superb performance. In a voice suited to a Gothic cathedral or a redwood grove, he sang:

When the shadows appear
And the night draweth near
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand.

Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

I think it was a suitable requiem for a Christian combat soldier, Thomas Ferguson Wall, Class of 1930.

—Hank Royall
A Classmate

Russell Manly Nelson

NO. 9343 CLASS OF 1932

Died 22 January 1971 in Camp Pendleton, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



RUSSELL MANLY NELSON

RUSSELL MANLY NELSON—born 27 August 1909 in Wisconsin. Died 22 January 1971 in California. He entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, in 1928 and graduated in the top ten per cent of the 262 members of his Class in June 1932—full proof of the keen brilliance of his mind. He was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, strong and quick to learn with a natural aptitude for mathematics and a background of STEADFAST PURPOSE. He suited West Point and West Point suited him.

His classmates remember his Cadet days with warm regard—playing football (six feet two inches—one hundred seventy-five pounds), harmonizing in impromptu barber shop quartets, playing piano by ear, tutoring the "goats" in mathematics (those at the bottom of the Class)—but most of all for an ever-present twinkle in his eyes and the upturned corners of his mouth. Russ was no cherub—but every second that his eyes were open he looked like one. It was that irrepressible twinkle and upturned mouth.

Stationed at Fort Totten (near Flushing), Long Island, New York, in 1933, he married Margaret Manning—Peg—of Toronto, Canada. "Whither thou goest, there shall I go, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health..." There was a beautiful match.

There followed tours of duty in Hawaii; Fort Monroe, Virginia, as instructor at the Antiaircraft School; Wilmington, North Carolina, G3 Section (Plans and Training Section); Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command, Richmond, Virginia; Commander of the 70th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion in the Philippines, 1944, 1945; Staff Duty, Headquarters, Eighth

Army, Japan, 1947; Commander, 77th Antiaircraft Battalion, Los Angeles, 1953, 1954; and Joint United States Military Advisory Mission to Turkey (Ankara), 1959-1961. The authorities wouldn't let Peg go with him to the Philippines until after the Armistice but she joined him in Japan, learned a bit of Japanese, and a bit of Turkish in Ankara—her vigorous abilities as homemaker, mother, hostess and partner added much to Russ' career.

Russ retired in 1962 with thirty-four years continuous service—the Bronze Star Medal (Gallantry in Action), and many campaign and commendation ribbons. They settled in South Laguna, California. Russ attained a Master's Degree in Mathematics after two years at Chapman College, while Peg attained the same in Ladies Amateur Golf. Russ taught school and took additional courses in Computer Programming.

Last year, for the first time in his life, Russ was stricken with a serious illness. Despite the most advanced and expert treatment and care, he was called to join THE LONG GRAY LINE.

He is survived by: his wife—Mrs. Margaret M. Nelson of South Laguna, California; his daughters, Beverly—Mrs. John Winther of Vancouver, Washington, and Toni—Mrs. Daniel P. Brennand of Boulder, Colorado; four grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Nellie Nelson, Miami, Florida; his brothers, Dale H. Nelson, Purchase, New York, and Rowland Nelson, Waukesha, Wisconsin; his sister, Mrs. Laverne Cole of Miami, Florida; and last but not at all least, his loving, devoted, and loyal mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Yates, of Victoria, British Columbia, and Laguna Beach, California—truly a GRANDE DAME and tower of strength. Then there were Peedee and Gigi—members of the family called "Man's Best Friend," also very much members of Russ' immediate family for the past ten years.

Russ was strong and he was good and he was steadfast of purpose. Never presumptuous, he scorned heroics and delighted in solving a problem with mathematical analysis. Not that he was cold—NEVER. But his big warm heart and the irrepressible twinkle in his eye added those ingredients of understanding, forgiveness, and compassion, so necessary to a computerized solution.

Russ was a good teacher—if a pupil failed to grasp one approach to a problem, Russ would use his memory bank to come up with a different approach—one within the ken of his pupil—always with a pleasantry—never with a downer or disparagement toward the pupil. And his STEADFAST PURPOSE (spell it intransigence, perseverance, stubbornness, if you wish) succeeded where others failed.

Russ would delight in arguing a philosophical or sociological point—forward, backwards and sideways—really "Kick It Around." We enjoyed perhaps even more, our silences of contemplation and relaxed ease sailing—away from telephones or distracting interruptions. We COMMUNICATED whether arguing or silent or having "BEER CALL" (the "Happy Hour"). We knew we held to Kipling's poem "If," which, with apologies for an old man's increasingly hazy memory, ran something like this:

"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs,
If you can treat those two imposters—
SUCCESS AND FAILURE—just alike
but raise your head again to climb the stairs,

You are a Man, my son, you are a Man." Russ' middle name "MANLY" proved to be well-chosen. Russ, like all West Pointers, abhorred the horrible destruction of war but dedicated his STEADFAST PURPOSE to preventing violent destruction and waste. He sought not heroism—but became a hero by devotion to DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

—C.M. Mendenhall II, Nov. '18

Wilford Edward Harry Voehl

NO. 9965 CLASS OF 1934

Died 25 July 1970 at Ada, Oklahoma, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



WILFORD EDWARD HARRY VOEHL

WILFORD WAS A "NEW YORKER," brought up in Queens. As a youth, he very much wanted to be a part of the Military Academy so close to his home. He attended Stevens Institute of Technology while waiting for his appointment, and was well prepared for the academic side of West Point. His words "It's a breeze" were infuriating to his roommate struggling with the famous grade system. But his able coaching helped his roommate through many a struggle during the three years we were together.

Bill was a serious student, a good athlete (Lacrosse and Hockey), and was K Company's First Sergeant as a First Classman.

He was commissioned in the Coast Artillery in 1934 and we met again 1937-39 in Hawaii. Bill and Carolyn were stationed at Fort Ruger. Bill Jr. was born there. The arrival of Valerie later was calendared by the annual Christmas card. News was sparse during the war years, after which Bill was stationed at California State Polytechnical College as Professor of Military Science. His enthusiasm for the ROTC program and the academic programs of the college meant so much to him. Indeed, he influenced others to work with the ROTC program, also.

Salve and I were delighted when Bill arrived for a tour in the Office of the Inspector General, Washington, D.C. He was an ardent socialite, attending all Class parties and reunions during informal visits. He loved to garden away the frustrations of trips he had to make and was happy to share Saturday supper or Sunday "brunch" with many class-

mates. Nowhere have we known anyone so earnest yet so jovial, so willing to do his very best. On the job it was always "Duty, Honor, Country." Bill was proud to share his retirement parade with five of his classmates at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 1964.

True to his own prophecy in the Class Thirty-Year Reunion book, he said, "I hope to retire before rehirement in the Southwest." Bill joined Carolyn in Davis, Oklahoma, as soon as his duties were finished.

In the six years in Oklahoma, Bill made a real contribution to the Davis community welfare. He was president of Kiwanis Club and an officer in the Sequoyah Carpet Company's Organization, among many other successful activities.

He refused to accept infirmities although he respected his doctor's orders. His first heart ailment slowed him down a little. Later, the irony of a successful operation, but other complications proved too much for his heart. His death was sudden and quite a shock to his family and many friends in Davis, Oklahoma.

We know that Valerie is the one to carry on his love of academics. She is an excellent student with top grades in Medical School. Bill Jr. is his roving counterpart in Civil Service stationed in Germany. Carolyn has our sincere sympathy in missing him. We know a little of her sorrow.

Bill was always ready to lend a helping hand, always willing to do more than his share. And he was always a bit more capable than others. His endeavors and ambitions were constant through his faithful years not only as a fine soldier, a loving father, but also as a true friend. That was Bill Voehl!

—G.H.G.

Henry Merritt Fletcher Jr.

NO. 13617 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 3 October 1969 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 48 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HENRY MERRITT FLETCHER JR. was born in Jackson, Georgia, in April 1921. Hank Fletcher died of pneumonia at Dewitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on 3 October 1969 after having just retired in September 1969. Shortly after his untimely death, Hank's loving daughter Becky wrote the following eulogy:

"Remembering first that we loved him—Mother, Henry III, Becky, and Jim. Mother loved him because he was a good father and always her loving husband. Henry III loved him because he taught him the ways of being a man. Becky loved him because he made her feel like 'Dad's girl.' Jim loved him because in his Dad he found his best buddy.

"Secondly, remembering the tales of West Point days, Korea, sporting through the woods with a rifle, smiles while holding a fishing pole, and the words, 'guess where the Fletcher family is moving to next?' New houses, new friends, new jobs, new responsibilities. Our dad... striving to teach us that we speak, do, and think what we please because of our heritage—a heritage gained through men like our Dad. Carrying with him always a sense of pride in service to his country, to his family, to his friends... We miss him."

This touching expression of love aptly



HENRY MERRITT FLETCHER JR.

serves as the reaction not only of his family, but also of his friends and classmates who "...loved him and...miss him."

Hank was the son of Judge and Mrs. Henry Merritt Fletcher. After his boyhood and an outstanding school record in Georgia, Hank began his military career with entrance to West Point on 1 July 1940. Upon graduation his first commissioned duty assignments were in training and as an instructor pilot. He performed these tasks at Spence, Matagorda, Tallahassee, and Venice, Florida. In March 1944 he married his beloved Becky, the former Rebecca Cook of Orangeburg, South Carolina. In the latter part of 1944 he was assigned to Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima where he took part in the last year of hard fighting of World War II in the Pacific.

During the next few years he and Becky were blessed with their wonderful children: Henry III, born June 1945; Rebecca Arden (Becky), born in 1947, and James Oliver at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, 17 March 1955. These blessed events in the lives of Hank and Becky took place while he was volunteering in response to our country's need for fighter pilots. Truly he was one of our generation's great combat fighter pilots and also, more importantly, one of his country's great Air Force leaders.

During the Korean Conflict his 475th Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, was the first to engage the "enemy" in aerial combat over North and South Korea. From Itazuki, Japan, he led his Squadron into combat in the absence of any official declaration of war or any clear combative guidance. He made his own. He advised his young pilots as follows: "If we see any enemy aircraft, we shoot 'em down." For his gallantry, which included hundreds of combat hours, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, four Battle Stars, and he was accorded the respect and admiration of the entire United States Air Force.

Between wars, Hank became one of the Air Force's leading authorities in the intricate fields of Procurement and Production, Research and Development, and Systems Management. Before and after receiving his Master of Science Degree from Stanford University in June of 1947, he held positions of great responsibility as Weapon System Manager for such programs as the F-80, F-86, F-94, F-100, F-102, and the F-104: our very first jet fighters and the so-called "Century Series"

Fighters. His individual effort, dedication to his assignment, professional capability and outstanding talents as a manager, contributed directly to the successful development and deployment of these weapon systems.

Following his outstanding service to the country in the Korean War, he attended the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. While there he did much individually to promote understanding and respect between the Army and the Air Force. Once again, he and Becky made life-long friends.

By now Hank's abilities were very widely recognized in senior Air Force circles: his abilities as a Weapon System Manager; as a pioneer in the current day practices used in the fields of Research and Development, Test and Production; as a fighter pilot who could and did fly with the world's best; as a man who could flight test the design of the very weapon system he was managing. As a result of these outstanding abilities Hank was then assigned to duty in the country's Space Program. In his own inimitable way he again expertly managed most of the nation's important military space programs between 1960-1965.

As one would expect, Hank's talents, qualities, and reputation had now grown to such proportions that the Department of Defense asked for, and obtained, his services. He remained with them until the time of his hospitalization and death.

The life of Hank Fletcher was a life devoted to service in defense of his country. In recognition of his heroism and dedication he received the following decorations and awards: Distinguished Flying Cross; Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; American Defense Service Medal; African Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with two Bronze Stars); World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal (World War II); National Defense Medal; Korean Service Medal (with two Bronze Stars); Air Force Longevity Ribbon (with three Oak Leaf Clusters); Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; and the United States Service Medal.

Hank Fletcher is immortalized in the memories of his wife, Rebecca; his son Henry III, who attended the University of Maryland; his daughter Rebecca, a graduate of Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, and now Mrs. M. B. Parris Jr.; and his son James, a High School student in Mount Vernon, Virginia, where Becky has continued to maintain her home.

Carroll Edward Adams Jr.

NO. 14524 CLASS OF 1945

Died 12 May 1970 in Vietnam,
aged 46 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IN THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, Massachusetts, two miles from its eastern boundary where the East OxBow Road meets Route Two (Mohawk Trail), the East OxBow Road divides into two branches forming a triangular grass plot with Route Two. Less than one hundred feet from this grass plot stands the two hundred year old ancestral home of the late Brigadier General Hap Adams. It was in this home and on these eight acres that Hap spent the first nineteen



CARROLL EDWARD ADAMS JR.

years of his life on this earth, starting with the first day after school closed in June until the first day before school opened in September. It was here that he played and worked—he planted the garden, mowed the grass, trimmed the trees and bushes, chopped wood for the stoves, and performed the routine chores incident to the operation of a two hundred year old farm house. In adult life he returned for short or long visits whenever his military duties permitted. It became part of him and he, very definitely, became part of it.

One damp and drizzly day in 1968, during one of his visits, he donned his Army fatigues and sneakers, armed himself with pruning shears, pruning saw, shovel and wheelbarrow, and proceeded to remove some dead branches and drag them away. Then he located five seedling maples, dug them up with a generous root ball, and transplanted them into the triangular grass plot known in our family as "The Common." When his father asked him, "Why five?", he replied that he counted on at least one of them surviving. Then, in years to come, he could sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, look at the tree and remember, "I planted that tree years ago."

Now, like the little toy dog in the poem by Eugene Field, the maples stand there, sturdy and staunch, awaiting the touch of his hand and the smile on his face. But they, like the little toy dog, will wait in vain. Hap was killed in Vietnam on 12 May 1970 when his helicopter was shot down by hostile fire.

Now, by act of the General Court of Massachusetts, the grass plot will be formally designated the "General Hap Adams Memorial" and Hap's trees will be protected so that from his very special place in eternity, he may observe this spot dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of his earthly accomplishments. And, while Hap will never view this memorial from his rocking chair on the front porch, it will stand there forever, for passers-by to see and remember that Hap gave his life in the service of his country.

Hap went where his government directed him to go. He did what his superiors expected of him and always gave that extra effort that brave, noble, dedicated men are capable of giving under the pressure of duty. In recognition of his services he was awarded two Legion of Merit Medals, three Army

Commendation Medals, one Air Force Commendation Medal, three Air Medals, and a very final Purple Heart Medal. His service awards include Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal (Germany), two National Defense Service Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal, plus a Parachutist Badge. In his honor his former headquarters in Vietnam was renamed "Camp Adams." A monument in his memory has been erected by the personnel of the Norfolk Engineer District on the grounds of old Fort Norfolk, Virginia, his last command before departing for Vietnam. They also renamed the District Engineer Patrol Boat the "ADAMS." A eulogy was printed in the Congressional Record, a rare tribute. A memorial window is installed in his church—St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Norfolk.

Hap is survived by his wife, Doody (Dorothy Ronne); four children—Captain Robert Allan Adams (USMA 1968), Ronne (Mrs. Robert Israel), Cadet Jonathan Peter Adams (Class of 1974), and William French Adams at home; his father and mother (Colonel and Mrs. Carroll E. Adams of Charlemont, Massachusetts); a brother, Colonel Henry C. Adams, United States Army Reserve; and a first cousin, Colonel Ranald T. Adams Jr., USMA 1946, United States Air Force.

Hap Adams was an exceptional and devoted son, brother, husband, father, soldier and public servant. His like will rarely, if ever, be seen again.

—Written by his father,
Colonel Carroll E. Adams

George Livingston Miller

NO. 15408 CLASS OF 1946

Died 6 December 1969 in Vietnam,
aged 44 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WHEN HE REPORTED into the Academy on 1 July 1943 as a fresh-faced seventeen-year-old, George Miller had already demonstrated the traits which would mark his subsequent military career. He had, for instance, proven his intellectual brilliance by graduating first in his high school class in Ambler, Pennsylvania; he had demonstrated his sensitivity and artistic abilities by playing major roles in his high school band, orchestra, choir and dramatic society. His warmth and essential humanism were clear from the many friendships he had formed; his determination was evidenced by his having lettered as a distance runner despite the fact that he had no particular talent as a trackman.

It was a case of "love at first sight" between George and the military. Despite the rigors of plebe year and the moments of despair to which they gave rise, he always smiled—sometimes wearily—and challenged the system to try him further. George tackled life at West Point with characteristic zest and relish, establishing early the pattern of excellence that carried him through to graduation with eminent success. Along the way, he applied himself with equal diligence to helping deficient classmates, spending brief hours at home and with Nancy Brady, becoming a member of A-squad fencing, riding, singing in the choir and glee club, and enjoying and enhancing those one-of-a-kind relationships which develop only in the face of



GEORGE LIVINGSTON MILLER

common adversity. With indispensable help from home, "G" hosted boodle fights beyond belief, and many a baked chicken entered the First Division tower never to be seen again.

George was a model cadet from both the "Tac's" and the "P's" viewpoints. His typical monthly demerit record, even as a Plebe, showed two or three trivial infractions totaling four or five demerits altogether. The most serious offense in his cadet career was "studying in the hall" at 2345 hours. As suggested by the demerit entry, George was a serious student. He graduated 122 in a class of 875, particularly excelling in such professional subjects as ordnance and tactics.

George and Nancy began their very special marriage on 22 June 1948, and it became increasingly special in 1955, 1956, and 1962 with the arrival of Roy, Edward, and Martha, in that order. Always strongly family-oriented—perhaps as a consequence of the deep affection and respect which he felt as an only child for his own mother and father—George especially prized assignments which let him spend time with Nancy and the children.

As the marriage and the children grew, so did George's career in the variety of troop and staff assignments to be expected of a brilliant young Armor officer. His military file reflects outstanding performance of these successive duties; it could hardly do justice to the strong impressions, left on contemporaries and superiors alike, of a warm and sensitive human being, balanced in his judgments, and uncommonly dedicated to the ideals of service.

Among his favorite assignments, for he loved the place, was a tour at West Point, with the Department of English, upon the completion of a Master's Degree at the University of Pennsylvania. There, in the cadet section rooms and in instructor conferences, an uncompromising regard for truth and a deep concern for man melded with his lifelong adherence to the precepts of the cadet motto. Those who knew him at that time noted a remarkable balance of exceptional intellect and compassion for his fellow man.

A cavalryman at heart (he had even enjoyed riding instruction as a cadet, to the despair of his classmates!), George thrived on and invariably succeeded in troop assignments—particularly in Germany where he served twice. He especially enjoyed commanding the 4th Squadron of the 7th Cavalry in Korea in 1965-66, just after atten-

dance at the Army War College. His principal forte, however, was in senior staff positions with Department of the Army, the Office of the Secretary of the Army, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. There his precision, energy, and lucidity—combined with professional knowledge—made him the very model of a modern major staffer.

George's final assignment was as the Senior Advisor to the 24th Special Tactical Zone in Vietnam. He was accompanying his advisee, the Commanding Officer of the 24th Special Tactical Zone, in a tour of the combat area, when their helicopter was shot down by hostile fire.

George left us all enriched by the experience of having known him. May his legacy as comrade, husband, and father continue to inspire in us the same high ideals of service which he so consistently exemplified in his own life.

Keith Eugene Sickafoose

NO. 16876 CLASS OF 1949

Died 11 January 1969 in William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, aged 44 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

KEITH EUGENE SICKAFOOSE was born 3 December 1924 in Huntington County, Indiana, the firstborn of Donald and Ruth Sickafoose. He attended public school in Ligonier, Indiana, and studied Engineering for a term at Purdue University. In April 1943, four months after his eighteenth birthday, he was inducted into the Army Air Force at Camp Perry, Ohio.

In December 1944, Private First Class Sickafoose, then an Army Airways Communication Systems specialist, was returned from the Panama Canal Zone to enter the United States Military Academy Preparatory program at Lafayette College. He was subsequently transferred to the United States Military Academy Prep detachment at Amherst College and was discharged from the Army to accept an Indiana appointment to the United States Military Academy in July 1945.

Keith's prior educational background, the maturity that he had gained in over two years of service, and his natural aptitude as



KEITH EUGENE SICKAFOOSE

a student made him a favorite of the academic department and his less talented classmates. A member of Company B-1 for all four years, Keith was elected company Honor Representative during Second and First Class Years. He was a fierce competitor on C and B squad lacrosse teams and sang with the Cadet Chapel Choir for four years.

Keith was commissioned in the Field Artillery upon graduation in June 1949. In Spring 1950, based upon his standing at the Ground General School, Air Defense and Field Artillery Basic Officer courses, Keith opted for an initial troop assignment in Germany. The Korean War started about the same time that he received orders for Germany so Keith journeyed to Washington to have his orders changed to Korea. He served as forward observer, reconnaissance officer, liaison officer with an infantry battalion, and battalion S2 in the 57th Field Artillery Battalion supporting the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. He returned from Korea a Captain in December 1951 and assumed command of Headquarters Battery, 91st Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Ford Hood, Texas.

He married Betty Jean Stage Hoffman, a hometown girl, at Ligonier, Indiana, on 8 June 1952. In September Keith, Betty, and his nine-year-old stepson, Mike, moved to West Point where Keith was assigned as a Mathematics instructor. Munro Allen, named in honor of classmate Munro Magruder who was killed in action in Korea, and Keith Eugene II were born at the Academy in July 1953 and December 1954, respectively.

During his three year tour as an instructor the quiet competence that Keith had displayed as a cadet was recognized by General Bessell who identified him as "a superior instructor with the special ability to teach students of lower aptitude—due in part to his ability to see the student's point of view and guide it in the right direction." General Bessell further praised his "great judgment, common sense and maturity" and stated that Keith was "an officer to whom you can entrust with confidence any difficult, detailed job—meticulous and thorough, takes full responsibility."

Upon completion of the Artillery Officer Advance Course in 1956 Keith returned to an early love: Engineering. He was assigned to the University of Southern California for graduate study in June 1956, and was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1958. Nancy Ellen was born a month after the family arrived at Anaheim, California.

Keith was next assigned to the Air Defense Board at Fort Bliss, Texas, as test officer for the HAWK missile system user service tests. For three years he worked in many phases of HAWK test and development, and was appointed Chief of the Air Defense Board's HAWK Test Branch. Elizabeth Ann was born at El Paso in July 1959 and Keith was promoted to Major in January 1960. He departed the Air Defense Board, bound for Leavenworth and the regular Command and General Staff College course in July 1961.

Upon completion of Leavenworth the family again headed for California to allow Keith to attend the Army Language School at Monterey. There he learned French preparatory to assignment in December 1962 as a staff officer in the USAREUR Special Weapons Liaison Group to Headquarters LANDCENT and Headquarters AFCENT. Keith rose to be Chief of the Liaison Group and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in January 1964. He departed Fontainebleau bound for

command of 6th Missile Battalion, 517th Artillery, in September 1964. The Missile Battalion was a HAWK battalion deployed in NATO Air Defense. The battalion headquarters was in Giessen, Germany, with the firing batteries widely dispersed. Despite rapid turnover and widespread inexperience of his key officers and noncommissioned officers, Keith was able to draw on his own detailed knowledge of the HAWK System and his considerable talent as a troop leader to produce a top-notch battalion. Both he and Betty were very active in United States and German community projects, Keith serving as committee chairman of the Boy Scouts, active member of the German-American Club, and as President of the Giessen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The pride and enthusiasm that Keith displayed when discussing the accomplishments of this battalion, clearly identify this as his favorite assignment.

In February 1966, the family moved to Fort Leavenworth where Keith was assigned to the Combat Development Command's Combat Arms Group. First as a project officer and later as Chief of the Group's Contract Support Branch, Keith supervised the planning and evaluation of all requests for scientific and technical support for the group and its six subordinate agencies. In addition, he acted as the headquarters staff officer on all matters pertaining to computer model simulations used in support of Combat Arms Group studies. In July 1968, Keith was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Headquarters, Department of the Army, where he served as Chief, Low Altitude Systems Branch, Air Defense and Missile Division. He was promoted to Colonel on 9 October and was retired on 22 November 1968 for physical disability. General Betts, Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army, while awarding Keith the Legion of Merit at his retirement ceremony, mourned the loss of a man perfectly groomed for important tasks in Research and Development.

After severe illness in Walter Reed and Fitzsimons General Hospitals, Keith succumbed to cancer on 11 January 1969, the day after his arrival at William Beaumont General Hospital. He never saw the retirement home that he and Betty were building in El Paso.

Keith was a loyal friend, a devoted husband and father and a dedicated and talented soldier. All who knew him benefited from the experience. He exuded a quiet confidence and competence that brought forth the best in others and he had charm and wit that enlivened all contacts. Though he amassed no more material possessions in this world than other Army officers, Keith died a wealthy man—wealthy in character and wealthy in the esteem of his family and friends. Those of us who knew him well shall continue to miss him.

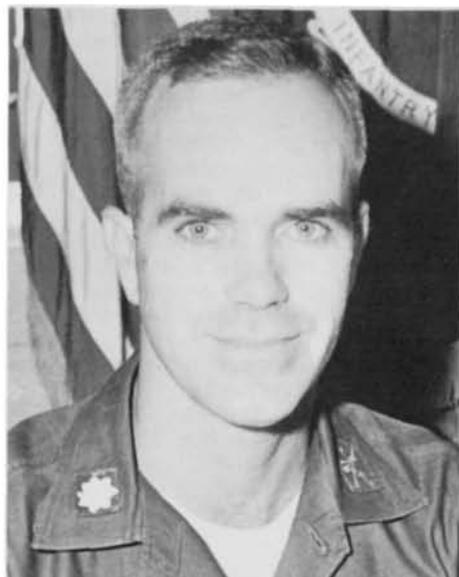
Dale Eugene Jenne

NO. 20022 CLASS OF 1954

Died 12 February 1969 in the Panama Canal Zone, aged 37 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DALE EUGENE JENNE had a promising career cut short on 12 February 1969 in the Panama Canal Zone when the single engine of the plane in which



DALE EUGENE JENNE

he was riding failed and the plane crashed into Gatun Lake. Although all four men aboard were able to get out safely, Dale was the only man able to bring out a life-saving cushion which he gave to a fellow officer who could not swim. All three of the other men reached safety. In spite of his excellent swimming ability, Dale drowned as a result of back injuries received in the plane crash. For this act of unselfish heroism he was awarded the Soldier's Medal. Apache Field at Fort Davis, Panama Canal Zone, was renamed in his honor in a beautiful and touching ceremony held 12 January 1970.

Dale's Army assignments since graduation from West Point in June 1954 include the Infantry School at Fort Benning, both as student and cadre, the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, the Chinese Cantonese language course at the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, and 1st Special Forces on Okinawa. On Okinawa, he also worked as G3 and was Aide-de-Camp to General Albert Watson III, the High Commissioner of the Ryukyus. He served in Vietnam IV Corps as District Advisor at Vinh Long where he received the Legion of Merit, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was killed while commander of the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry, 193d Brigade at Fort Davis, Panama Canal Zone.

Dale's life wasn't simple and a few words won't tell his story, but there are many things that are important. He was very military in his thoughts and actions and organizing was one of Dale's many strong points. It gave him the appearance of never having too much to do. In his mind all duties and pleasures fell easily into place. The more there was to do, the better organized he became. He could concentrate completely on his interest of the moment seeming to have no other concerns (even when that interest was tumbling on the rug with his sons or chasing one through the house in fun).

Dale was patient, quiet and deliberate in all his actions. His seemingly slow pace gave him great reserve. He was always alert and his ability to listen and truly hear and understand was of great benefit to him. His calm and quiet hid a restlessness within himself. He was constantly questioning and barely completed his projects before he was re-doing them in a different way. His searching

mind and thorough dedication to detail made him a harsh critic of himself. While hard on himself, he was patient with human weaknesses and felt confident most people gave of their best efforts as he always did. In this way he inspired excellence.

Dale's special brand of humor that could sting as well as soothe was Dale Jenne to all who knew him. His death left a void that can never be filled. The memory of his own unique creative twist to life often gets me through a trying day. We miss Dale terribly. He was always a true champion to the ideals of the Corps and taught the meaning of Duty, Honor, Country through his actions. To his four sons I can't say more than, "Go live your life as well and be as much of a man as your father was."

—Patricia H. Jenne
his wife of 14½ years

James Helfrich Cronin

NO. 20059 CLASS OF 1954

Died 3 February 1970 in Little Rock, Arkansas, aged 40 years.

Interment: Forest Hills Memorial Park,
Little Rock, Arkansas

JAMES HELFRICH CRONIN was born on 30 September 1929 in East Orange, New Jersey. His family moved to south Florida when he was four and Jim grew up in Miami, Florida.

As a boy Jim was active in scouting and had an interest in all sports through high school. As a teenager he spent his summers in Maine where he grew to love the out-of-doors and found a lifelong interest in fresh water fishing.

After graduation from high school at Miami High in Miami, Florida, Jim attended Virginia Military Institute for two years. As a Brother Rat, Jim's special interest was the Virginia Military Institute Glee Club. Nationally known, they traveled most of the East and made several recordings.

Jimmy loved West Point and was proud of belonging to the Corps. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Air Force. Flight training followed, starting at Hondo, Texas, and ending with his assignment to a B-47 crew at Little Rock Air Force Base. He served with the 544th Bombing Squadron from 1955



JAMES HELFRICH CRONIN

ASSEMBLY

until 1961. Temporary duty was the order of the day and Jim was airborne or on alert most of this tour.

He did find time to court and marry a wonderful girl in Little Rock. Sara Strange and her daughter Laurie became Jim's family on 4 July 1957. Jim remained at Little Rock for two more years as Staff Planner for the 384th Bomb Wing.

In 1963 he began a three-year tour on the Staff of the Second Air Force. He supervised preparation of war and training operations and as an inspector and briefing officer for the fourteen bases within the Second Air Force Complex. For this service he received the Air Force Commendation Medal. In 1966 Major Cronin was selected for the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama.

After graduation he went through transition to the C-130 Aircraft and was involved in the airlift operation in Southeast Asia and Vietnam with the 772d Tactical Squadron.

Upon return from Southeast Asia he was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base until he left the Service in April of 1969.

Jim, Sara, and Laurie settled in Little Rock and Jim was beginning to establish himself in the Life Insurance Business when he died suddenly of pneumonia on 3 February 1970.

My brother Jim lived faithfully by the timeless motto of West Point, "Duty, Honor, Country" and I'm sure he has assumed his place in the Long Gray Line which "stretches through the years of a century told." Jim—until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

—John W. Cronin
Captain, USNR

James Hunter Shotwell

NO. 24843 CLASS OF 1963

Died 25 May 1968 in Vietnam,
aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JAMES HUNTER SHOTWELL was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, 13 September 1940. He grew up in Beverly Farms on Boston's North Shore with his parents, his sister and two brothers. Hunter, as he was known to his family and friends, prepared for college at Saint Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, where his great love for hockey began. While he never played "First String" at Saint Paul's School, he did receive the Campbell Hockey Medal for doing the most for the sport. Athletics were an important part of his life, always. Beginning with the Little League, he participated in all sports, and although until he reached West Point he never played on a Varsity Squad, his enthusiasm never flagged.

It was soon after his father died that Hunter made his decision to go to West Point. This was no surprise as he was proud of his Army background. His great-great-grandfather, Captain John Drum, was killed at San Juan Hill. His great-uncle, Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, served in both World Wars, and his uncle, Colonel James Hunter Drum, United States Army Retired, Class of '37, was wounded during the Second World War. All were career officers.

Hunter took and passed the Academy exams in 1958 and received an appointment.



JAMES HUNTER SHOTWELL

However, he went to Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for one year before entering the Academy because he was not eighteen. At Colby he played hockey. Finally, in July 1959 he joined The Long Gray Line. To quote from the HOWITZER: "Out of Boston came the 'Dapper' J. Hunter Shotwell to enter the Class of '63. In one hand he had a hockey stick, in the other a lacrosse stick, and with these he left his mark on the athletic fields of West Point. As for his achievements in academics, his slide rule will testify to his every grade." While he did not make any honors he did graduate with his Class. One of his Commanding Officers remarked after, "There has never been any doubt that Shotwell would make a fine officer if he got his commission."

His first post was Fort Carson, after completing Jump and Ranger Schools at Fort Benning. In February 1965 he married Jean Barker of Fairfield, Connecticut. In July of the same year he went to Vietnam to serve as military adviser to South Vietnamese troops. His son, James Hunter Shotwell Jr. was born while he was overseas. Returning to the United States in 1966 after a year in the jungles of Vietnam, with the rank of Captain, he was assigned to the 82d Airborne at Fort Bragg where he and his family were stationed for fifteen months. Early in 1968 he was ordered to Vietnam for a second tour. This time to command a company of the 52d Battalion, 198th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division. Captain Shotwell was killed by enemy fire 25 May 1968 while leading his men in action near Da Nang. He was buried with full military honors at West Point, at the age of twenty-seven. He would not want his citations mentioned here. He said "Every soldier who performs his duty in the face of the enemy deserves a medal. They are all brave men and I do not believe in singling out a few." His second son, David Barker Shotwell, was born after his death.

Hunter will be remembered by his family and his friends for his high principles and sincerity, for his dedication and loyalty to his country, and to the men he led. A letter from one of his boyhood friends says: "I will remember Hunter as an example of all that is right in America, and pray that his sacrifice was not in vain."

—Jean B. Shotwell
—Charlotte D. Shotwell

Robert James Walters

NO. 24985 CLASS OF 1964

Died 27 June 1970 in Vietnam,
aged 28 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT JAMES WALTERS died in an airplane accident at Dak Het, Vietnam, 27 June 1970. At the time of his death he was inspecting engineer projects at remote Special Forces sites in North Central Vietnam. The plane in which he was a passenger overshot the strip and crashed while attempting to land.

Bob, as he was known to his family and many friends, was an "Army Brat" in the traditional sense. Born in Santa Monica, California, 18 August 1941, Bob's early childhood included the usual amenities and nomadic existence of the average Army family. He graduated from Francis Hammond High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He was an honor student, Eagle Scout and sports editor of the High School yearbook. He was popular among his Class, having many friends.

Bob's heritage as a professional soldier had traditional ties to West Point, with a grandfather, father, brother, and two uncles West Pointers, and, like Bob, career soldiers, with a combined service of 133 years. Bob's grandfather graduated in 1908, later to become the oldest survivor of Bataan on the Death March.

While at West Point, to quote one of his classmates, Bob was true in his efforts and stubborn in his ideals. He knew academic "stardom" as well as fellowship among his classmates. He was on the Honor Committee, Lacrosse team, Debate council, and a parachutist. During the summer of his Second Class Year, he was in Ethiopia, one of three cadets to take part in "Operations Crossroads," a Peace Corps type, privately sponsored program in which some seventy-two colleges and universities participated. Immediately following graduation from West Point, Bob spent the first month of his graduation leave on the "Eagle" with the Coast Guard Academy Cadets on their annual training cruise. Bob was sincere and deeply religious. He served as an acolyte in the Episcopal Church as a boy; won a God and Country Award as a Boy Scout, was a mem-



ROBERT JAMES WALTERS

ber of the West Point Cadet Chapel Choir, and the first lay reader licensed in the Episcopal Church in Okinawa. Bob has never wavered in his ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country."

His classmates and friends have offered to compose a eulogy to our son, which we greatly appreciate; the following excerpts from them seem appropriate.

Mike Willingham, former high school classmate with the Peace Corps in Peru, writes: "Intangible factors that make me look at whatever I do with a more honest eye and perhaps work harder, hopefully a bit better because of Bob—he had an honest eye and liked hard work. So it is that he is in all people he knew and loved and even in those who will never be able to explain it to you. It is kind of like having him near, looking over my shoulder and helping me along. So his loss I feel, but the pleasure of knowing him and perhaps of keeping part of his spark alive, that will never leave me."

Pete Elson, West Point classmate, writes: "Bob's strong character and magnetic personality gives us all strength to carry on as he would want us to. Our getting together at various places always raised my spirits. On his last R&R we enjoyed talking about old times and mutual experiences at the Point, Ranger and Jump Schools. Bob's 'all the way-airborne spirit' was always present in his speech and manner. We rededicated ourselves to serve to the best of our abilities as long as possible. For Bob's sake, I will continue to do just that."

Jack Grubbs, West Point classmate, writes: "We served almost four years together on Okinawa and in Vietnam with the 173d Airborne Brigade and later with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. . . . Bob gave outstanding combat engineer support to the 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry in Okinawa following Airborne and Ranger Training. In May 1965 the 173d was deployed to Vietnam as the first Army combat unit to enter the war. Bob was given the mission of preparing the company perimeter for the arrival of the remainder of the company. Being in the advance party, he held the 'dubious' honor of being one of the first, if not the first, of our Class to arrive in Vietnam. Throughout his tour, he rendered outstanding combat engineer support to the entire brigade, including demolition and mine clearing missions, building fortifications and construction of the brigade base camp. An example of his performance was summed up in the commander's *combat notes on brigade operations in the famous 'Iron Triangle'*:

"The Engineers had the mission of running the water point just outside the brigade perimeter. Although harrassed on four separate occasions by VC rifle fire, grenades, and mortars, this group under Lieutenant Walters continued to function both day and night without complaint or requests for assistance. A job well done."

"On numerous occasions, Bob's platoon was reorganized as infantry and he led his men into War Zone D, the Plain of Reeds, and Ho Bo Woods.

"Bob returned from Vietnam and was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division's 307th Engineer Battalion. He qualified as a Jump Master and was awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge. He volunteered for Special Forces and was assigned to the 539th Engineer Detachment in Okinawa. Bob wrote several times and told of being happy in his work, so much so that at the conclusion of his tour, which included duty in Korea as

well as Okinawa, he volunteered for return to Vietnam. He was given command of the 87th Engineer Company, 199th Light Infantry Brigade. Again he wrote expressing pride in his unit with its multitude of missions.

"Throughout all the time we served together, Bob was a wonderful and true friend. He visited with us often. To my children, a visit from 'Uncle Bob' was a big event at our house. Our comradeship, from the serious moments in Vietnam to the enjoyable capers in the States, will always be a cherished memory."

Bob's service awards included the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Senior Parachutist Badge. Perhaps his most treasured achievement was commanding the company to win the coveted Itschner Award as the outstanding engineer company in the Army.

Bob was a man, a soldier, and a devoted son with warmest concern for his family and a host of friends. Nothing was too remote nor too difficult; his response was always a conscientious effort in true spirit of willingness to help. We would be remiss to merely say, "Thank you, Bob, well done, good and faithful son." Somehow, by the grace of God, we must be worthy of the freedom and the way of life he fought and died for.

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

—Tennyson

William Forssell Ericson II

NO. 27625 CLASS OF 1968

Died 15 July 1969 in Vietnam,
aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WILLIAM FORSSELL ERICSON II was born in New York City on 23 February 1944, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Ericson. He was named for his father's brother, a US Marine Corps fighter pilot who had been killed five months before Bill's birth. Bill was killed in action in Vietnam on 15 July 1969.

We tend to eulogize those who have left us, and that is as it should be. But this is not a eulogy. Bill Ericson will never leave us.

Perhaps that can be defined as a trite phrase when used in the context that the man will live in the hearts of those who loved him—and so very many people loved Bill. Yes, Bill will live in a host of hearts, but, more important, he will live in the minds of everybody who ever knew him because of the profound effect his mere presence exerted on them. He will live in the professional consciousness of his classmates and of all those who had the privilege of serving with him. To some he was an inspiration; to all he was the epitome of the complete soldier.

"I am a soldier." That was Bill's creed, his belief, his ambition, his all-consuming passion. He loved the Army, he believed in it, and he knew it better than any of us. Bill's wife Clare can testify to that. He



WILLIAM FORSSELL ERICSON II

loved his wife, he loved his family, he loved life itself—but the Army came first!

No man who knew Bill will ever hear the word "soldier" without thinking of him. He lives each time the word is spoken or written. Bill was an enlisted man, a Non-commissioned Officer, a cadet, an officer, a rifleman, a senior paratrooper, a pathfinder, a jungle expert, and a Combat Infantryman. He did not want to be "known" as any of these—just as a "soldier." Bill had professional respect for rank, be it Specialist Fourth Class or Five Star General, but he had true respect for a military man only if he believed the man deserved the appellation "soldier."

One illustration of his sincerity occurred in July 1967, on the first day of New Cadet Barracks when Bill was serving as "King of Beasts." He was conversing with Sergeant Major Dobel of the Big Red One in a sally port off Central Area (both now retired), and a Columbia Broadcasting System television crew was waiting for him. A member of his cadre came over to remind him of that fact. Bill chewed him out saying, "Tell them to wait! Can't you see I'm talking to a soldier!?"

Bill will never leave West Point either, and this is not in reference to the fact that his physical remains are buried there, nor that his class ring has been installed in the library collection as the representative one for the Class of 1968. He has left, as Colonel Charles Simpson so aptly expressed it, a number of "legacies."

Tradition, to Bill Ericson, was a sacred thing, but that did not foreclose the possibility for innovation. He was instrumental in establishing new traditions. He was one of the founders of the Military Affairs Club and served as its Vice President.

During his second year at the Academy, Bill recognized that his fellow classmates were distributed throughout the Corps, making it difficult to know them. He also learned that virtually all who made it through the first two years would graduate and be his contemporaries throughout his career. He wanted to know more about them. So, almost singlehandedly, as a project of his Ring and Crest Committee, he put together the "MUSTER" which can best be described as an interim yearbook. An immediate success, all copies were "gobbled up" by his classmates, the faculty, and others at the Academy.

Bill Ericson will never leave the 4th Regiment of the Corps. The regiment came into existence during Bill's Plebe Year. By the time he became a "Firstie" and its Cadet Commander, it was "pure." All transferees from other regiments were gone. With the guidance of his Army counterpart, Colonel Simpson, Bill somehow managed to shape the regiment into an overall cohesive unit which seemed to have a knack for excelling in everything from sports to academics. He gave them a motto "Strict, Tough, Military, Proud." He designed a patch which every member of the regiment bought, and most wore on their bathrobes and other informal wear. Members of the 4th had a large rendering made of the patch and erected it on the exterior of a building in the regimental area. It stands there today. Bill Ericson stands there. The very first patch received from the manufacturer was presented to Command Sergeant Major Alfred Kaczmarek, and today it is displayed, framed with a golden plaque, on the wall of his office, just outside that of the Superintendent.

Colonel William Webb, currently commanding the 4th, said, "I heard about Bill before coming to the Academy. I wish I had known him. The 4th will always be Bill Ericson's regiment."

When it was learned that Bill was to be buried at West Point, the cadets of the 4th Regiment on duty at New Cadet Barracks asked if they might form an honor guard. They did, and a large contingent of them, on their own time, led the procession from the Catholic Chapel to the cemetery. They placed a wreath on the grave. Bill had not left them.

Bill Ericson will live through future editions of the HOWITZER. As Editor-in-Chief, his skill of coordination, understanding of others' talents, and his own very substantial imagination and creativity resulted in the 1968 HOWITZER being one of the finest ever to come to print. Here again, Bill enhanced tradition. To my knowledge, ours was the first yearbook to take the Class from Beast Barracks through graduation, even to weddings.

Bill Ericson will live through the annals of West Point's athletic records. He fought in the finals for the open boxing championship four times, and won it twice. Upon entering the Academy, Bill devoured *Bugle Notes* and set himself the goal of winning the Colonel David Marcus Memorial Award given at graduation to the outstanding boxer in the class. It was presented to Bill at the Awards Ceremony in 1968 by Major General Charles Stevenson (Ret.) with whom Bill became close friends.

It is not too difficult to do statistical research on Bill Ericson. He had the mark of greatness upon him even before he entered West Point. Wherever he went, whatever he did, he left an indelible stamp. We can determine to some degree, what he was. We can approximate what he did. Only future generations can supply the complete answer to that. But it is vital to us in the military to attempt to learn what makes a man a "soldier" of Bill Ericson's caliber, to learn to recognize such a man in the embryo stage. Possibly there will never be another "Bill Ericson"—"probably" is a better word—but we must try.

I was, I think, close to Bill through the Belvoir Preparatory School and at West Point. I was inspired. I marveled. Sometimes I wondered. But I did not make a serious attempt to analyze this unique man until the day I knew I would never see him

again. I feel I have a good idea as to what he was—but not the "why." Maybe the answer lies in his background, or at least a clue to it.

Bill, although he was not an Army brat, did hear "Army talk" in his formative years. The first house he lived in was on post at Fort Totten, New York, where his father was stationed following service with the 10th Mountain Division; but the family returned to civilian life when he was two years old. They lived on Staten Island, New York, and Long Island until Bill was twelve. They then moved to a lakeside home in Connecticut where they stayed for a year prior to buying the property in semi-rural Roxbury, Connecticut, where his parents still live.

Bill became an expert fisherman when he wasn't much older than a toddler; and shortly after he was big enough to hold a rifle he had few peers as a hunter. His passion for these sports, and passion it was, continued throughout his abbreviated life.

In high school he lettered in baseball, basketball, and soccer. If the school had had a football team, there can be little doubt the sport would have gained one of its greatest players.

Shortly before his graduation, while he and his parents were trying to decide which college he would attend, Bill announced that he was going to defer his college education and enlist in the Airborne. Those who knew Bill will appreciate that he did a lot of "asking," but more often he would reach a decision by himself and "announce." It was learned only much later that he was considering a career in the military and wanted to explore it from the ground up. He did just that.

Immediately after graduating from high school in 1961, Bill reported to Fort Dix, New Jersey, for his basic and advanced infantry training. He completed the last Jump School Course given at Fort Bragg, getting his wings on 8 December 1961. Bill then joined the 504th Infantry of the 82d Airborne Division where he stayed until he entered the U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir.

It was with the 504th, "Devils in Baggy Pants," that Bill received his first experience with soldiering. He participated in several major maneuvers in the South. He logged more than a score of jumps, only two or three were "administrative" or "pay jumps." All the rest were tactical.

At the time of the Cuban missile crisis, Bill was chuted up and combat equipped, standing at the door of an aircraft with its engines running. He later learned their mission was to drop on the Soviet missile sites and secure them.

Bill was with the troops sent to Oxford, Mississippi, during the school crisis. He experienced Army duty in virtually all its varied forms. His outfit went to Puerto Rico where they staged an airborne "attack" on the 10th Infantry in Panama. The DZ was just off the shores of shark-infested waters. Two planes led the formation. Standing in the door of one was the Commanding General of the 82d. Standing in the door of the other was Bill Ericson who volunteered for the spot. Why? "It was scary."

Bill had decided on a career in the Army—a career, not a "job." He knew he could influence the Army only by becoming one of its leaders. To him, that meant going to the Academy. Despite the limited time available to a paratrooper in the 82d, Bill, in the typical Ericson style we came to regard as

routine, managed to climb the mountain of red tape involved, excel in the competitive examinations, and secure for himself an appointment to the US Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. That was where I first met Bill. Looking back, it is no surprise that Bill "wound up" with the top slot, commandwise. Of course, he left his now traditional mark on the school, and they called on him for advice many times during his four years at the Academy.

Bill won one of twenty-four, I believe it was, Regular Army appointments to the Academy. Frequently during our four years at the Military Academy we were asked, "Where are you from?" Some would answer Florida, or California, or Idaho, or Tennessee. Bill Ericson would say, "I'm from the United States Army." He considered himself to be a representative of the Army at West Point, and felt that everything he did, or didn't do, reflected on the Army he loved so much. He was right.

All of us entered the Academy with in-trepidity. Bill, too. But his was unique. While many of us were suffering the miseries of Beast Barracks, Bill was writing home with delight over how "military" he found the Academy to be. He literally loathed the prospect of going "to school" and leaving his beloved Army. And, frankly, it took him some time to get over it. But, when it got to him, and it did, he became more "West Point" than few of us will ever be.

Yet, at least twice during his years at the Point he seriously considered resigning to volunteer for duty in Vietnam. Only the wisdom of top Noncommissioned Officers, whom he respected, prevented that action. All of us benefitted from their counsel.

As if a guiding hand was steering his illustrious career, in his Yearling Year Bill met Clare Conlan, a lovely blonde from Long Island. She was representing the Balfour Company, and Bill was Chairman of the Ring and Crest Committee. Clare managed to penetrate his rough, military exterior and provide just the contrast he needed to help him through some very difficult cadet days. They were made for each other, these two people, man and woman, both of whom loved West Point, and soon they were engaged. Few couples have shared the West Point experience in as much depth, and with as much satisfaction on both sides, as did Bill and Clare.

"I am a soldier." I have digressed, or have I? During his summer leave in 1966, Bill Ericson spent his time at the Army's School of the Americas at Fort Gulick in the Canal Zone earning his Jungle Expert Badge. In his Plebe Year Bill enrolled in the Special Warfare School to take the Special Forces Extension Course. Somehow he completed it. In January of 1967, he was summoned to Colonel Schroeder's office and presented with his graduate diploma—the first cadet ever to apply for or complete the course.

It would be impossible to tell the story of Bill Ericson without leaving something out. Maybe little things, but significant. For example, Bill was "establishment" at West Point—his "white sidewall" hairdo, "Strict, Tough, Military, Proud," Army all the way—and only his classmates can know the rest. Yet, in our 100th Night Show, Bill played himself, six-striper and all. He put on a wig and grass skirt and did his best to wiggle his hips to hard rock. He was a man.

On 9 June 1968, Second Lieutenant William F. Ericson II and Clare Conlan were married in the Chapel of the Most Holy

Trinity at West Point. They posed for pictures at Trophy Point after passing through the arch of crossed sabers. They held hands while cutting the cake with Bill's saber at their reception in the Officer's Club. Then they departed for a honeymoon in the Bahamas where they angled for bonefish, lost and won money in the casinos, and just plain honeymooned.

Returning from the islands, Bill and Clare moved into his family home in Connecticut. (His parents were living in their New York apartment.) While in Connecticut, they invited me, my wife, and a few other classmates plus Taylor Publishing representatives, and en masse, we put the finishing touches on the 1968 HOWITZER.

Bill resumed his around-the-clock way of life—up at dawn, on the go until bedtime. He made a fisherman, or fisherwoman, of Clare; and, as you might expect, set himself still another herculean task—that of completely rebuilding a 1930 Model A Ford four-door sedan. Not finished when his leave was over, Bill took the car to Bragg, worked on it during his "spare" time, and had the satisfaction of seeing it become a veritable jewel before he left for Vietnam.

Bill Ericson did not believe in "waiting to live." Wherever he went, he took with him his wife Clare and their Siberian Huskie, Velvet. They lugged all their substantial possessions and set up their home—at Benning during branch school, and during Ranger School (which even Bill described as challenging) though he did not get home very often. They moved back and forth from Fort Benning to Fort Bragg where Bill successfully completed Jumpmaster School, earning his Senior Paratrooper Wings.

Bill was determined to complete every school open to an Airborne soldier, and he made it. On 17 April 1969, he was presented with his diploma certifying completion of the Pathfinder Course at Fort Benning.

His pre-Vietnam assignment, which he secured for himself through persistent and diligent efforts, was that of Pathfinder Officer of the 82d Airborne Division. Again, he showed the way. Even the camp newspaper reported the innovations he made in the training and use of his detachment.

Originally scheduled to leave for Vietnam on 15 July 1969, the day he was killed, Bill volunteered to leave early, and departed on 15 May 1969. Immediately upon arrival, he set out to get the assignment he wanted. He was offered a Pathfinder slot with the 101st,

but turned it down saying, "I don't give a damn for the extra pay! This is my one opportunity to command an Infantry Platoon, and I don't want to miss it. I want that job with the 173d or the Big Red One." He was assigned as Platoon Leader with Company A, 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade.

Like all combat-oriented soldiers, Bill felt frustrated with pacification missions. But he did his job, and did it well. On 14 July 1969, the day before his death, Bill wrote, "Our old AO is pacified. As I left the valley it was memorable to look across those beautiful rice paddies with their quaint unique farmers and characteristic water buffalo and note the development of the area in the few short months that we were operating in it. There is little or no fear that the VC will steal the rice and use the farmers for forced labor or recruitment into the VC force. The Vietnamese Army is now in force and can provide the security we won for them.

"Now—it's combat assault time. The entire company is back at LZ Uplift preparing for an aerial combat assault into an area known as the Crescent Valley."

As if under compulsion, Bill wrote several letters in the three or four days preceding his death on 15 July 1969. They detailed his comprehension of the necessity of his unit's action to support a mechanized infantry outfit unable to defend itself because of immobility in terrain requiring aggressive action by foot-soldiers to combat the enemy.

The following citation which accompanied one of his awards describes how he died: "ERICSON, WILLIAM F. II 041-36-6274 FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army, Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate)

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date Action: 15 July 1969

Theatre: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in Action: First Lieutenant Ericson distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 15 July 1969, while serving as platoon leader with the 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne) 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate.) On that day at approximately 2035 hours, the platoon's night position was attacked by a Viet Cong force of unknown size. Lieutenant Ericson, the first to detect the enemy movement, gave the alarm causing the enemy to prematurely initiate the

assault. His quick thinking and actions saved members of his platoon from being seriously wounded. Immediately after the assault, Lieutenant Ericson personally led a patrol out to locate the elusive enemy force. After traveling approximately one hundred meters, his patrol came under attack. This time Lieutenant Ericson charged the enemy position alone. While performing this courageous act, he was fatally wounded. Lieutenant Ericson's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army. Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of USARV Regulation 672-1 and AR 672-5-1."

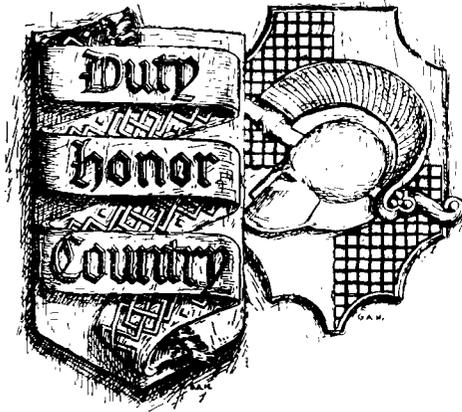
Bill's other decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Wings, Pathfinder Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. They were presented to Clare during a ceremony at West Point arranged by the 4th Regiment. It was attended by a large group of Academy personnel of all ranks, and by many friends and relatives.

Bill's classmate, Bob Stroud, acted as Clare's official escort at Bill's funeral. He arrived at Long Island wearing the uniform of the 82d. It must be more than coincidence that he was assigned to Bill's old outfit, the 504th, which was stationed at West Point for summer training. When the funeral procession reached the Academy, Bob phoned his unit, and during the interment ceremony the colors of the 504th were posted at the graveside.

Yes, Bill Ericson will never leave West Point. His 4th Regiment was the last to leave the Plain during reviews. Bill instituted the practice of moving, with his staff, to the grass between the sidewalk and the curb in front of the Superintendent's quarters and reviewing his regiment as they marched to the "lost fifties." Bill was always the last Cadet to leave the parade area. At a review in May of 1970, Bill's family saw the current Cadet Commander of the 4th Regiment move his staff to the side and review the regiment as it left the Plain. Only this time the reviewing party placed itself opposite the new statue of General MacArthur who, like Bill, lived by the motto, "I am a soldier."

May there be other men like them.

—Horst G. Sperber



Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Winter 1971 ASSEMBLY.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Richard H. Jordan	Ex-1901	30 January 1971	Washington, D.C.
Albert Gilmor	1903	24 February 1971	New York, New York
Kinzie B. Edmunds	1904	17 December 1968	San Antonio, Texas
Charles H. White	1907	9 April 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Frederick A. Mountford	1909	20 March 1971	Washington, D.C.
Alfred J. Betcher	1911	5 March 1971	Canajoharie, New York
William H.H. Morris Jr.	1911	30 March 1971	Washington, D.C.
Harry J. Malony	1912	23 March 1971	Washington, D.C.
Lewis K. Underhill	1913	25 February 1971	Berkeley, California
Jens A. Doe	1914	24 February 1971	Carmel, California
George Pulsifer Jr.	1915	15 December 1970	San Diego, California
Hamilton E. Maguire	1916	20 February 1971	Washington, D.C.
John M. Devine	Apr 1917	8 March 1971	Leesburg, Virginia
William K. Kolb	Aug 1917	24 April 1971	Appleton, Wisconsin
Charles R. Bathurst	Nov 1918	16 April 1971	Scottsdale, Arizona
Melton A. Hatch	Nov 1918	6 March 1971	Sarasota, Florida
Richard R. Spring	Nov 1918	26 January 1966	West Palm Beach, Florida
Bryan S. Halter	1919	20 March 1971	Castro Valley, California
Augustine F. Shea	1919	11 February 1971	Orlando, Florida
Thomas E. Whitehead	1920	20 February 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Charles O. Moody	1923	5 May 1971	Falls Church, Virginia
Walter A. Buck	1924	12 March 1971	San Pedro, California
Roy D. Reynolds	1924	8 March 1971	Arlington, Virginia
Frederic J. Brown	1927	13 March 1971	Washington, D.C.
Cecil G. Smith	Ex-1927	10 March 1971	Providence, Rhode Island
Merle R. Thompson	1929	11 March 1971	Winchester, Virginia
William D. Eckert	1930	16 April 1971	Freeport, Bermuda
Albert F. Cassevant	1931	14 April 1971	Pebble Beach, California
Curtis J. Herrick	1931	9 February 1971	Honolulu, Hawaii
James M. Churchill Jr.	1932	9 April 1971	Martinsburg, West Virginia
William G. Bartlett	1933	16 April 1971	Orlando, Florida
John H. Donoghue	1934	12 February 1971	Hudson, Massachusetts
Alfred Ashman	1935	15 April 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Franklin B. Reybold	1935	17 February 1971	Lewis, Delaware
George C. Abert	1938	11 July 1970	Winter Park, Florida
Ralph B. Lister	1938	25 April 1971	Buffalo, New York
George G. O'Connor	1938	24 March 1971	San Antonio, Texas
Lawrence C. Sheetz	1940	16 April 1971	Washington, D.C.
John H. Zott Jr.	1941	21 February 1971	Elmont, Long Island
Donald R. Bonwell	1949	22 April 1971	near Clifton, New Jersey
Richard P. Guidroz	1951	17 February 1971	near Wilcox, Arizona
David F. Nidever	1958	30 March 1971	Vietnam
Frank J. Schap Jr.	1966	February 1968	Vietnam
George C. Bass	1969	6 March 1971	Vietnam
Thomas A. Dellwo	1969	15 March 1971	Vietnam
Thomas P.B. King	1969	7 February 1971	Vietnam
Carl B. McGee	1969	28 March 1971	Vietnam
Paul C. Sawtelle	1969	16 April 1971	Vietnam
Joseph A. Silva	1969	26 September 1970	Vietnam
Lewis L. Boyer	1970	11 March 1971	near Perry, Missouri
Kennard E. Gillihan	1970	29 January 1971	Pensacola, Florida



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