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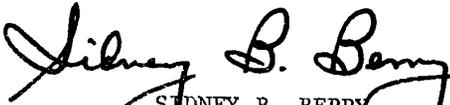
This issue of the ASSEMBLY goes to press as I complete six months as Superintendent, and it will reach you as we celebrate the 173d Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy. Thus, this seems to me an appropriate time to share with you some personal observations and perceptions of the Military Academy.

After these six months as Superintendent, I find that:

- The Military Academy is fundamentally a sound, healthy, thriving institution which is probably stronger now than at any other time in its long history.
- The Corps of Cadets consists of able, intelligent, high-principled young men whose potential for service to country and fellow-citizens is virtually unlimited.
- The Military Academy offers the opportunity for an excellent education, and its philosophy of providing a broad general undergraduate education taught by a predominantly military faculty is the proper way for West Point to develop exemplary Army officers.
- West Point's physical education and athletic program is strong, vigorous, and forward-looking. The heart of the program is four years of physical training and intramural athletics. Intercollegiate athletics, in which about one-third of cadets participate, remain essential to the program. We are dedicated to excellence in all parts of the program and to winning in competitive athletics. Our win-loss record will take time to improve, but improvement is in the making.
- The military training program, which continues to be concentrated in the summers, is sound and progressive. New Cadets learn cadetship and basic military skills. Third Classmen learn military field skills and small unit operations. Second Classmen spend at least four weeks as troop leaders with active Army units or training centers and acquire, in addition to that firsthand experience, military specialty training in parachuting, flying, Ranger operations, jungle and northern warfare. First Classmen lead and train Fourth and Third Classmen during summer training and the entire Corps of Cadets during the following academic year.
- Character, moral, and ethical training permeates the cadet experience. The focus is on developing an Army officer with strength and toughness of character and rocklike integrity. The principles of Duty, Honor, Service to Country continue to be bedrock ideals of West Point.
- Leadership training at West Point develops and graduates Army officers who are effective soldier-leaders. The Military Academy measures its leadership philosophy and techniques by standards of what has proved logical, sensible, and effective with American soldiers in the field Army.
- The Class of 1975 has demonstrated high standards of morale, discipline, and performance and will take into the field Army this summer a high order of junior officer leadership. The Class of 1976 gives every indication of following that example when it succeeds to the leadership of the Corps in June 1975.

There is always room for strengthening and improving the Military Academy and its product, and this is the duty and responsibility of all of us associated with the institution. In working to do so, we build on a sound foundation to meet the challenge of retaining the best of the past and bringing about constructive change without harm to the essential strength and spirit of West Point.

Sincerely,


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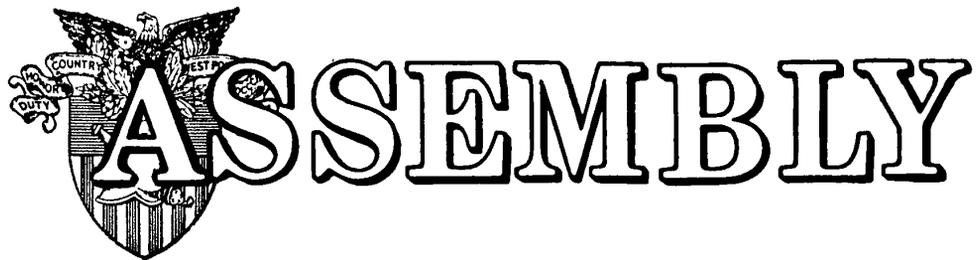
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About our back cover . . .

General Nicholas dedicates this poem to the fiftieth reunion of the Class of 1925 and of other classes that lived through the same era of spectacular advances in science.

The achievements alluded to in the poem resulted largely from research connected with development of weapons and of medical treatment for the armed forces. The fields of science and mathematics referred to are generally characteristic of the USMA curriculum.

During his forty-two years as an officer, General Nicholas served in field artillery, military intelligence, War Department General Staff, Central Intelligence, and the Faculty of the Military Academy. He was Head of the Department of Mathematics, USMA, at the time of his retirement in 1967.

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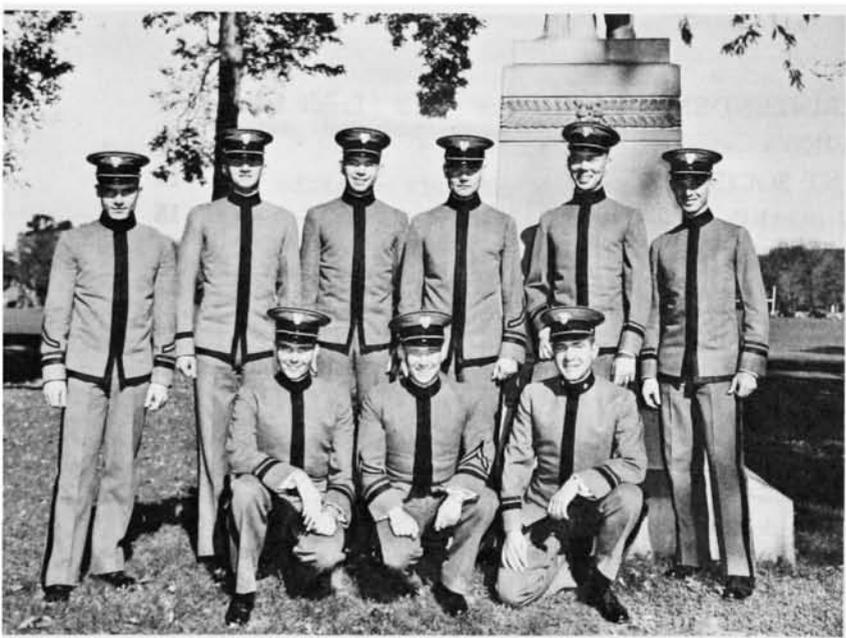
A Brief History of USMAPS

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Cadets who attended West Point Prep School, Fort Snelling, Minnesota (L-R, kneeling): Burr, Jan '43; Curtis, Jan '43; Wehrle, Jan '43; (L-R, standing): Catlin, Jan '43; Salzer, '44; Peak, Jun '43; Dixon, Jan '43; Moe, Jun '43; Cadwallader, Jan '43.



West Point Prep School, Class of 1934-35 at Fort Scott, California.



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INTRODUCTION

This article is the first of a two part digest history of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. The article consists of excerpts of a much longer history which is based on letters of USMAPS alumni, interviews with present and former faculty members of the school and copies of early school regulations. It is by no means final and complete. Elisions indicate deleted portions of the original text. Anyone who has further information, documents, records, reports and anecdotes about the Prep School is encouraged to write to the Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

Since 1918, the Army has given selected members of the Armed Forces the opportunity to enter West Point through a Prep program that was formalized in 1946 as the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS). This school assists soldiers on active duty to prepare and qualify academically, physically, and militarily for appointment to West Point.^{***} The evolution of USMAPS, from its beginnings during World War I to the present, is a diverse and interesting addition to the history of the Military Academy. A summary history of this development will only hint at the amount of effort and trial and error that paved the way for the present Prep School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

PHASE I: WORLD WAR I

The origins of the Prep School concept can be traced to the Act of May 4, 1916 which authorized the President to appoint enlisted men as Cadets at the United States Military Academy. From this act, the Army derived the mission of preparing selected soldiers scholastically for the Academy, and established informal schools

Headquarters, II Corps Area, West Point Prep School, 1936-37, Camp Dix, New Jersey.



Graduates are encouraged to make this information available to interested applicants.

USMAPS ADMISSION

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant for the Preparatory School must meet the minimum requirements for nomination to the Military Academy before he can be accepted at USMAPS.

To be eligible for consideration an applicant must be:

A citizen of the United States.

Of good moral character.

At least 17 and not more than 22 years old on 1 July of the year he plans to enter West Point.

Unmarried and not previously married.

A high school graduate (Recommended four years English and three years Mathematics) or GED.

Medically qualified.

throughout the Army. During World War I such a school was begun in the European theater under the direction of General John J. Pershing. Notices were published in several Armed Forces newspapers and bulletins instructing those desiring to take the West Point entrance exam to contact their company commanders. The requirements were as follows: high school graduate, unmarried, between the ages of 17 and 22, and in the Army.

Applications came in from the front lines, some probably from soldiers who saw the program merely as a chance to get away from the war. Some of the applicants were sent to Coblenz in Germany while others went to Beaune or Langres in France. These three facilities were hastily set up to handle the program and were administered rather informally by officers who were recent graduates of West Point.***

In general, the program involved an intensive review of high school subjects over a period of about a month with applicants arriving at irregular intervals. Classes were conducted by teachers from both the military and the YMCA who built their lesson plans around the USMA entrance exams of several previous years. Emphasis was given to English, Mathematics, and history. The students were housed in barracks such as the *caserne* of the French Army within the old walled city of Langres.*** Corporal Harold Townsend—who later became LTC Townsend and, upon retirement, taught math in the Prep School at Fort Belvoir—was accepted for the Beaune school in the winter of 1918. He was surprised to find that his class would occupy newly completed barracks at the outpost, a unique luxury at that time. His class was made up of "fighting men," but after the Armistice they generally fought each other over gifts of girls and wines given in friendship by the French villagers. Mr. Townsend remembers that the Cadet Candidates ate canned tomatoes and corned beef along with hard tack as a regular diet and rolled their own cigarettes after chow. They wore hobnail boots which clattered like heavy horses' hoofs, wrap leggings which always seemed to unravel at reveille, and stiff high collars which forced the students to keep their chins up simply to avoid choking.

The final exams of the program included an inspection of the American part of the Langres Garrison by General Pershing; the General eliminated some whose uniforms and appearance he did not think were suitable for West Point standards. Major General George Honnen (USMA '20) recalls that he crammed for the final

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SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must be in an active duty status prior to entry into the Preparatory School.

All Regular Army and other selected applicants on active duty must attend USMAPS, in order to compete for a Secretary of the Army Nomination.

Reservists may enter on active duty for a period of two years in order to attend USMAPS provided advance authority is obtained from USMA Branch, DA.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The enlisted member must have enough time remaining under his enlisted contract to assure active duty through July of the year following enrollment at the Preparatory School. Should an extension be necessary to cover this period, it will be accomplished prior to reporting to USMAPS.

ACTIVE ARMY AND ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT APPLICANTS ON DUTY WITH ACTIVE ARMY

Application format is prescribed in AR 351-12.

The application, an indorsement by Commanding Officer, a true copy of last medical examination, SCAT form II A taken at Post Education Center, and all secondary school transcripts (and college, if any) should be forwarded to Commandant, USMAPS, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

NOT ON DUTY WITH ACTIVE ARMY

The applicant should apply by letter to USMA Branch, Department of the Army, ATTN: DAPC-PAP-M, 200 Stovall St, Alexandria, VA 22332.

OTHER APPLICANTS

Civilians interested in attending USMAPS must first apply for admission to the United States Military Academy, indicating their desire to attend USMAPS if not selected for direct admission to West Point.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

See the following individuals located at most posts and stations:

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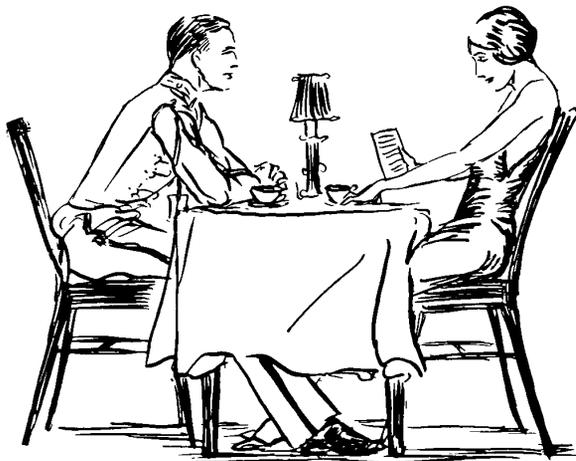
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The Woman Pays



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SKETCHBOOK

AUTHOR'S NOTE: From our forthcoming book *West Point Sketch Book*, about the traditional, nostalgic, humorous side of cadet life, we offer another chapter for ASSEMBLY readers, this one focusing on the femmes of West Point. Our "Introduction" and chapter on Army-Navy rivalry appeared in the December issue of ASSEMBLY. We continue to invite your comments and suggestions, and we encourage you to send us any fascinating or funny anecdotes about cadet life which you are willing to share with the rest of the Long Gray Line. Correspondence should be addressed to West Point Sketch Book, Department of English, USMA.

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How Are They All?

"How are they all?" This burning question has risen from thousands of upper-class hearts, pleading pathetically for a reassuring answer. Alas, there is but the one, standard answer, and Mr. Ducrot knows it all too well: "Sir, they're all fickle but one—and she's damned indifferent!"

This just about covers his attitude toward the constancy of his opposite number in the battle of sexes. Too many years of disillusionment have been his to warrant a more optimistic evaluation—too many busted high school romances, too many wasted "A" pins and miniatures, too many broken-hearted hours musing over the scented letter that inevitably concludes: "I know you will be happy with me. . . . Can't we always be friends?"

Mr. Ducrot loves all women, especially the young and beautiful ones, with all the enthusiastic, bright-eyed hope of youth everywhere, but he has learned through bitter experience not to trust them much farther than he could throw the reveille gun. His caution is mostly their fault, though perhaps it is asking too much of any attractive young thing to immolate herself for the four years of a cadet's incarceration. It certainly isn't human nature. For that matter, Mr. Ducrot consoles himself, how many gun-molls waited faithfully for their boyfriends to get out of that other graystone prison that used to be just down the river at Ossining? No, he soon realizes how hopeless it is to match the appeal of bell-buttons and martial music against Johnny-on-the-spot, that damned "Cit with a car."

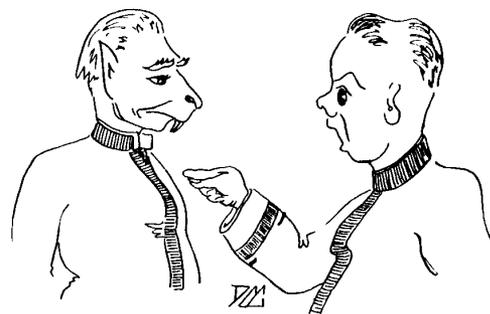
Mr. Ducrot enters upon his "stretch" with his sweetheart's soft kiss still warm upon his lips and her picture occupying the place of honor upon his locker shelf. She helps perhaps more than she ever realizes to bolster her young knight's flagging determination during those first tough months. Between the two of them they practically subsidize the United States Postal System for a while. Eventually, however, Ducrot enters his personal Cold War which ends, almost predictable, in his total defeat. Statistics give the lovers a year.

So, forlorn and disconsolate, Yearling

Ducrot looks across the mess table at Plebe Ducrot, whose gaze is riveted modestly on his plate, and asks the old pathetic question. Cow Ducrot nods appreciatively at the unvarying answer, while Firstie Ducrot only grins in worldly-wise disillusionment and fantasizes about that blonde chorine he met last weekend. Except for rare cases of adventurous forays the Corps of Cadets has taken its fun where it found it—at the Point.

Fortunately Ducrot's source of supply is fairly abundant and close at hand. Lots of young women live within commuting distance, and pretty ones too, some as pretty as they are, say, in Texas. The majority of the nation's female seminaries and colleges have always been in the vicinity. The way these sororities have felt about Mr. Ducrot's place was illustrated by the following gay-ninety advertisement from one so-called finishing school in New York: "Our girls are admitted to West Point hops!" The gates have always stood open.

As the 25 Oct 1940 *Pointer* put it, "People's tastes change with the years. When they are small, girls love dolls and little boys have a yen for soldiers. Later on. . ." Quite true. Moreover, it is said, Mr. Ducrot's taste in "dolls" fluctuates with the number of service stripes on his sleeve. Suffering from the culture shock and severe celibacy of his sudden plebeian predicament, Fourth Classman Ducrot is prone to regard fair exotica too liberally, albeit ingenuously, and might assess a visiting femme to be 2.7. Pompously exuberant at his metamorphosis to upper-classman and suffering perhaps from delusions of grandeur, Yearling Ducrot is likely to be too finicky and hypercritical of the same femme and might render an estimate of 1.9. Cow Ducrot is over the half-way hump, seasoned by experience, unequivocally in the most stable disposition of his cadet career, and most reliably calibrated in his evaluations. He might give the femme a 2.3. Firstie Ducrot, however, is unpredictable, even potentially volatile. He is fraught with frustration and animated with anticipation: June will come soon! His aplomb is AWOL: his stability is suspect; he is off the charts! He sees the plebe's 2.8,



"Abercrombie you've seemed to change since meeting my O. A. O."

1941 POINTER

the yearling's 1.9, the cow's 2.3, and he says, "MARRY ME!"**

Dragging at West Point has always entailed sharing in its Spartan existence. In days gone by—before women's lib—dragging achieved a relative uniqueness in the collegiate circuit in that it literally required that the woman pay. Until mid-20th century, Mr. Ducrot was permitted no spending money at all, and until the 1960's his cash allowance for such luxuries as sodas, cigarettes, and sweethearts was a mere pittance. The lucky drag, therefore, paid her own way to West Point and back; defrayed her room, board and taxi fares while at the academy; and traditionally treated her gray gallant to a meal at the hotel.

A Prayer of Thanks

West Point seemed so impossible,
and I was feeling low—
Oh, thank you, Lord, for helping me
to save enough to go!
It was lovely at the Thayer—
we dined—he let me pay—
You knew I wouldn't have breakfast,
Lord, or dinner that next day.
The hop was really loads of fun—
I think that Cullum's grand—
But tell me, Lord—there's just one
thing I don't quite understand.
Conventions never bothered me;—
You know I'm not a prude—
But, taxicabs, the Thayer— the train-
fare and the food!
And traveling all that distance
just for two days—maybe one day—
While the most he does is take
you to the Boodlers for a sundae.
And the thing that gives the
whole affair a really lousy flavor

**Apologies to the ladies for the chauvinistic cadet rating system here described. It should never be taken too seriously for it is merely a frivolous application of academic jargon which, preposterously presupposes a standardization of personal tastes, interests and attractions. It should be noted that habitually and historically Mr. Ducrot never entertains the thought of subjecting *himself* to the grading system. . . . outside of the classroom. Bear with us Femmes: you'll have your innings yet!

Is the way he takes the
attitude he's doing *you* a favor!
Yes, thank you for permitting
me to mingle with such men—
And thank you, Lord, for teaching
me—I won't do *that* again.

—Shirley Klein.

The Pointer, 27 Jan 1939

To balance these inroads into his drag's pocketbook and her patience, Mr. Ducrot graciously has furnished some of the finest hiking, sports, dancing and masculine hospitality in America, as well as enchanting views of famous Flirtation Walk along the historic shoreline of the Hudson. There in the wooded beauty of a lane "too wide for one; too narrow

for three" Cupid's arrows fly with true abandon, and Mr. Ducrot shows his fidelity to the ancient maxim that "If you can't be with the one you love, then love the one you be with." The drag is permitted to absorb large doses of uniforms, military atmosphere, beautiful scenery, and incomprehensible cadet slang. She walks a lot and waits a lot and, ironically, seems almost as subject to West Point's military regimen as is her escort. She can never understand why a drum beat or bugle call takes priority over her charming company, and she resents being dropped like a hot potato at the clanging of some distant bell. On top of it all, her cadet has the

audacity to call her "a drag!" What she only begins to realize after long association is that she is being permitted to step within the gates of a very masculine institution, where even Helen or Cleopatra would have had to play second fiddle to the bugler.

In fairness to the ladies as well as to deflate Ducrot to his proper dimensions in the reader's estimation, the following "Definition of a Kaydet" written by a wise and literate femme is here reprinted from a *Pointer*, vintage 1950:

West Point men are what women marry. They have two hands, two feet and some of them, two lines—but never more than one dollar and one idea at

A Lesson Learned

I came to the Point a wide-eyed child;
I came as an ingenue,
But, cold gray walls on the Hudson high,
I learned about soldiers from you.

I thought that Kaydets were just too divine,
Little gods in gray;
But I found them conceited—and oh, that line!
In spite of what "they" say.

Just a stuffed uniform with a tarbucket on,
Brass buttons going by,
Perhaps a supercilious smile
To cause a maiden sigh.

Every word that I've said is true,
All of that, and more;
However, in parting, I must confess that
I lost my heart to the Corps.

—ANONYMOUS JAN '39 POINTER



WATCH THE DRESS ON THE RIGHT



"I can't really turn him down—He's calling collect."

It isn't the rock,
And it isn't Flirtation,
It isn't the spell of a nice situation,
It isn't the fact that you're on a vacation—
No Sir, It's the Femme.

It isn't the boodle
You've hid in your bedroom,
It isn't the hearth of the silver and red room
It isn't the warmth of that neat head-to-head room—
No Sir, It's the Femme.

It isn't the whisper of some lovely June night,
It isn't the rapture of stars and of moonlight,
It isn't the O.C. instructs you to spoon right—
No Sir, It's the Femme.

It isn't the Tac, who will soothe all your qualms,
And it isn't the Supe who succumbs to your charms,
It isn't the Bugler who calls you to arms,
No Sir, It's the Femme.

It's not to uphold the traditions of yore,
And it isn't your health that you really work for,
It's the one and the only, the girl you adore—
YES SIR, It's the Femme.

—MARIE KELLY JAN '39 POINTER

1922 HOWITZER

the same time. . . Generally speaking they may eventually be divided into three classes: bachelors, husbands, and widowers. Right now they are all bachelors, defined as an eligible mass of obstinacy surrounded by suspicion. As eventual husbands, kaydets may further be classified as prizes, surprises, and consolation prizes.

Making a husband out of a kaydet is one of the highest forms of plastic art known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope, and charity—and mostly hope! It is a psychological marvel that a small, tender, sweet-scented thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big, awkward, stubble-chinned, tobacco-and-bay rum-scented thing like a kaydet, even if he does have a uniform.

If you flatter him, you scare him to death; if you don't, you bore him. If you let him make love to you, you're a soiree; if you don't you're a cold jug. If you believe him in everything, he thinks you're gross; if you argue with him, he's afraid something's cooking. . . If you wear bright colors, use rouge, and wear startling hats, he hesitates to take you out; but if you wear a little, mousy beret and a tailored suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at some female in bright colors, rouge, and a startling hat. If you're silly, he longs for a brain trust; if you're intellectual, he wants a fluff.

Kaydets are like worms: they crawl along, wiggle around for a while, and finally some chicken gets them we hope!

A Chick

As might be expected by any serious student of life, the femmes have consistently held their own in this battle of the sexes. Once, for instance, Mr. Ducrot was stood up by a young lady from a famous women's college just upriver. To get even he persuaded no less than twenty of his pals to write her asking for dates! To each letter the lady replied politely, declining the honor but suggesting one of her college girl-friends as a substitute. To the offer from West Point's heavyweight wrestling champ, she suggested her roommate, who weighed in at 180 and was a member of their groan-and grunt team—the two of them surely would have much in common. Another cadet letter, written in Polish, was promptly answered in faultless Norwegian! That's what you get for tangling with those educated females.

No mention of these two famous institutions is complete without inclusion of a probably apocryphal legend told even today at both colleges. As far back as the 1870's there is mention in West Point memoirs of visits from its distinguished sister academy, of whole boatloads of femmes en route downstream to visit Grant's Tomb and happily including West Point in their search for culture. These visitations, however, were invariably too closely chaperoned to permit anybody much fun. From time to time the visits were repaid by enterprising intrepid, and,

THE 1911 HOWITZER



Iris Sistablea.

(Cadete Flamea)

Cullumea Balconis Family

Delicata Varia. Shy, generally cultivated for four years, and at times thrives upon replanting. A reliable bloomer all the year around, only to magnificence after nightfall, between the hours of eight and ten-thirty P. M. No relation to the *Wall Flower*. Young gardeners should be cautioned against a rank imitation, a little better than a weed, known as *Dragformea-Peacherino*, which, if plucked, is apt to impart a sharp, stinging sensation.

of course, unchaperoned cadets. A certain occasion finally prompted the President of this other institution, a very prim and proper lady, to pay an official call on the Superintendent of the Military Academy, a very rough and ready soldier who had spent most of his distinguished career chasing Indians out west. According to legend, Madame President was received with all respect and courtesy in the Supe's office and hesitatingly came to the purpose of her visit. It seemed that one of the Colonel's cadets had been a recent guest at her school, and now one of her young ladies was . . . in a delicate condition. What was the Colonel going to do about that? Rising from behind his desk and bowing deeply, the doughty Indian fighter twirled his formidable mustachios. He regretted exceedingly the young lady's . . . discomfiture, but he assured Madame President that so long as her girls were willing, so were his boys!

In more recent years, the women from upriver have continued to visit the corps but not always with sweet intentions. One group in the late 1960's was determined to disrupt a parade and otherwise harass Mr. Ducrot, the war-monger. Rumors were rife: the girls were all going to arrive in nothing but overcoats and, at the appropriate time, STREAK the parade! The T.D. came up with a plan to stop such shenanigans while the corps of cadets, perhaps for the first time in Academy history, refused to pray for rain. Parade time and the girls arrived! The T.D. was warned, the corps was anxious, and battalion ranks were full. Attention! Adjutant's Call! March On! And Mr. Ducrot stepped off, but . . . the girls didn't streak. Instead, they tried to give Mr. Ducrot flowers as he marched by, that is until one B-squad football player turned the pivot, leaned toward one of the young women and ate her bouquet in one bite. Dumbfounded, the lady looked down at the lonely flower stems and then broke into laughter. After parade many of these

young ladies enjoyed a tour of Flirty, and at least one has since foresworn anti-military protests—they simply don't become an army wife!

Mr. Ducrot more often has occasion to fear his femme's uncontrollable tongue than her well controlled virtue. His girlfriend's garrulousness has too often gotten Mr. Ducrot into trouble. For example, once during the 19th-century at an officers' dance given at Cranston's, the big summer hotel on the river's edge in Highland Falls, now Ladycliff College, an upper-class cadet crashed the party in an officer's uniform and was having a wonderful time until his drag waxed loquacious. While dancing with another partner she shot off her rosebud mouth about how her cadet escort's escapade was such a good joke on the T.D. As chance would have it, however, her dancing partner was a member of that august organization; in fact he was Mr. Ducrot's own tac! The lieutenant promptly excused himself, got his carriage, and drove back to camp, not sparing his horse. Immediately he inspected for the erring cadet, but, to his confusion, he found Mr. Ducrot snoring away most convincingly on his cot. Mr. Ducrot had somehow discovered his drag's tactless blunder and had simply ridden the tailboard of his tac's buggy back to camp. What is more he had the audacity to ride it back again to Cranston's, where he finished the dance . . . with two other girls!

Another Kaydet had occasion to rue the female lack of discretion some fifty years after the preceding incident. No less a personage than the King of Beasts was this later victim. He had arranged a late date with his femme, feeling secure from after-taps inspection because of his position on the Beast detail. But the femme told a girl friend who told an officer who told the Supe who ordered a checkup . . . and thenceforth the cadet pounded the pavement of Central Area until he gradu-

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West Point FUND Committee

THE West Point Fund Committee's fund raising report for 1974 shows an overall gain in donated funds over 1973. A break-out for the two years is as follows:

	1974	1973
West Point Fund	\$360,678	\$353,338
Association of Graduates	* 30,400	38,300
Undesignated	** 32,700	14,600
	<u>\$423,778</u>	<u>\$406,238</u>

*Does not include 2500 shares of non-negotiable stock valued at \$10.00 per share.

**Donors specified no particular use for gifts

A detailed examination of the figures for the two years reveals a shift in emphasis on the part of the donors in general. Within the totals for the West Point Fund for instance, there was a decrease of about 11% in unrestricted contributions which was offset by a sharp increase in giving for specified purposes, including class gifts to the Academy. There was also a continuing decrease in dollars specified for the AOG, perhaps attributed to the increase in giving for class gifts. Memorial giving (tax-exempt as with other types) continues to attract a great many donors and is an excellent way of paying tribute to a deceased friend or relative while at the same time benefiting West Point. The more than 100% increase in undesignated gifts was probably the result of a general donor wish to provide flexibility in the use of contributed funds (undesignated contributions are utilized to underwrite needs of both the WPF and the AOG).

Again in 1974, the Alumni body was generous in supporting West Point with a total overall contribution of \$287,894.79. A break-out by classes follows:

CLASS	AMOUNT	% DONATING	
		1974	1973
1899	\$ 50.00	50%	100%
1902	25.00	50%	100%
1905	550.00	40%	33%
1906	70.00	100%	100%
1907	115.00	60%	42%
1908	15.00	20%	42%
1909	415.00	44%	77%
1910	80.00	38%	30%
1911	214.00	80%	100%
1912	5.00	6%	17%
1913	125.00	29%	38%
1914	115.00	16%	18%
1915	685.00	49%	38%
1916	1,000.00	60%	42%
Apr 1917	654.00	46%	25%
Aug 1917	565.00	33%	16%
Jun 1918	2,450.00	40%	40%
Nov 1918	3,904.00	44%	28%
1919	2,455.00	39%	34%
1920	1,317.00	41%	29%
1921	520.00	42%	25%
1922	4,027.00	42%	25%
1923	1,362.50	36%	80%
1924	9,175.00	43%	30%
1925	9,810.00	100%	30%
1926	3,190.00	100%	94%
1927	920.00	44%	26%
1928	2,446.50	25%	54%
1929	6,484.29	59%	68%
1930	7,384.69	35%	57%
1931	11,617.70	98%	99%
1932	2,006.00	28%	67%
1933	5,314.80	50%	78%
1934	752.50	24%	16%
1935	554.00	28%	15%
1936	2,630.00	23%	18%

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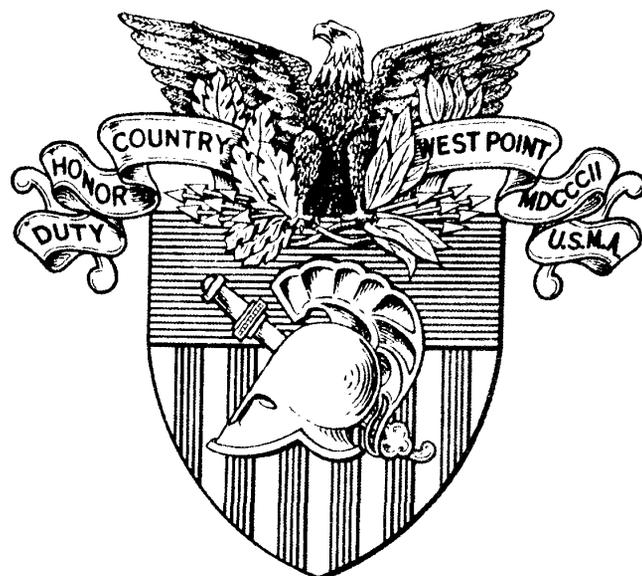
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Report 1974



CLASS	AMOUNT	% DONATING	
		1974	1973
1937	\$ 6,421.95	49%	37%
1938	8,917.82	64%	32%
1939	7,046.00	49%	21%
1940	3,238.50	24%	14%
1941	1,130.00	25%	13%
1942	1,285.00	20%	6%
Jan 1943	950.00	16%	10%
Jun 1943	1,274.00	15%	17%
1944	9,755.00	33%	55%
1945	4,416.00	12%	10%
1946	2,947.20	14%	11%
1947	18,445.06	51%	63%
1948	7,758.19	22%	71%
1949	29,455.09	24%	18%
1950	7,808.50	37%	10%
1951	2,780.50	12%	15%
1952	10,738.50	27%	21%
1953	1,062.00	10%	6%
1954	29,367.00	11%	8%
1955	1,080.00	9%	10%
1956	3,811.00	9%	9%
1957	1,114.50	12%	10%
1958	1,661.50	11%	10%
1959	921.00	12%	8%
1960	26,336.00*	9%	7%
1961	575.00	8%	10%
1962	634.00	8%	7%
1963	780.50	10%	9%
1964	1,777.00	14%	11%
1965	1,022.00	10%	11%
1966	1,015.50	10%	8%
1967	940.50	13%	11%
1968	1,114.00	12%	10%
1969	1,576.00	14%	12%
1970	1,758.00	14%	6%
1971	1,397.50	15%	8%
1972	1,056.50	10%	6%
1973	1,067.00	9%	3%
1974	457.00	6%	—

*Includes 2500 shares of non-negotiable stock valued at \$10 per share.

An encouraging sign was the continuing upward trend in the participation of individual Alumni. In 1974, 20% participated, an increase of two points over 1973 and three points above the national average of 17%.

The number of class fund accounts within the West Point Fund increased by five during 1974. These class fund

accounts, to which interest earned is added annually, have made, and are continuing to make possible the realization of many valuable gifts to the Academy. In 1974 the following class projects were completed or in progress:

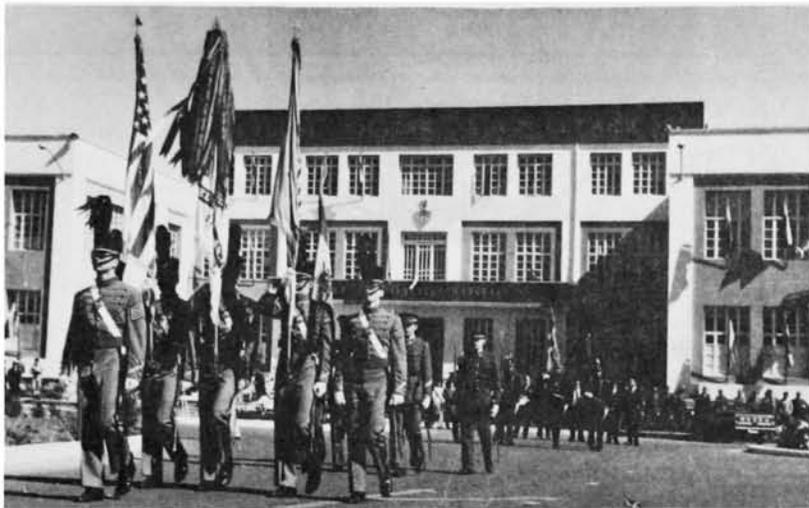
- 1923 Library restorations and Eisenhower Hall musical instruments.
- 1924 Fellowship Room in Cadet Chapel.
- 1925 Geophysical moon globe.
- 1926 Pershing Room (Cullum Hall) refurbishing.
- 1932 Skeet and Trap Range additions.
- 1944 Stained glass windows in Washington Hall.
- 1947 Recreation facility in West Shore RR Station.
- 1949 "1949 Cabin" at Delafield Pond.
- 1950 Thayer Book Collection rehabilitation.
- 1952 Fort Putnam cannon.

Of special interest in the category of Academy projects was the initiation of work on establishing a dining-in facility within the Cadet Mess in Washington Hall. This extensive project, which has been undertaken through the generosity of an individual Alumnus, will be covered in detail in the June ASSEMBLY. Apart from the class projects listed above, funds generated from contributions were also used in support of the cadet extracurricular activity program (clubs, musical groups, theater); and other programs such as library acquisitions and restorations, admissions support, summer internships.

Contributions from friends of West Point during 1974 totaled \$90,000, up 46% over last year's figure. Included in this amount were grants of \$27,000 from the Exxon Education Foundation for an academic support project and \$17,100 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a bicentennial historical seminar.

The Committee takes great pleasure in expressing the gratitude of the Academy and the Association for the interest and generosity of all contributors in 1974. Those who have not been able to contribute or who feel they could increase their support are reminded that a deferred giving arrangement, with its inherent tax advantages, might accommodate them. A variety of plans exists (trusts, bequests, insurance policies), one or more of which could be tailored to suit each individual's financial situation. For assistance in this regard or any other aspect of donative support, please contact the Director of Development, AOG, West Point, New York 10996 (Tel: 914-446-5773).

ECUADORIAN MILITARY ACADEMY CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY



USMA Color Guard in front of Ecuadorian Military Academy.



Cadets from countries invited to 75th anniversary celebration of Ecuadorian Military Academy.

FROM 6 December to 13 December 1974, MG and Mrs. Sidney B. Berry, MAJ John F. Murray and Cadet First-classmen John D. Brandt, William C. David, Patrick J. Dolan, Dale A. Dvorak, Corydon M. Loomis and Michael A. Vane were guests of the "Eloy Alfaro" Military Academy of Ecuador. This delegation from West Point, along with military academy delegations from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain and Venezuela, was invited to participate in the event packed week commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Military Academy of Ecuador, named after the former Army General and President of the Republic, Eloy Alfaro. Each delegation in attendance consisted of the country's military academy superintendent

or his representative, his wife and aide de camp and a cadet color guard.

The West Point delegation departed New York the evening of 5 December and arrived in Quito at 0900 the following morning. This Ecuadorian capital, a growing city of over 600,000, is nestled in the Andes Mountains at an altitude of 9,300 feet. Since the group had just left the cold New York weather the warm rays of sunshine were quite welcome in the Land of the Eternal Spring, as Quito is called. But that was not the only welcome, for within a few minutes the West Point party was met by BG Alejandro Solis, Superintendent of the Ecuadorian Military Academy, and his cadet honor guard and band. Also present were United States Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Brews-

ter, the Deputy Chief of Mission, B.R. Hemenway and Mrs. Hemenway, COL Stanley P. Converse, the Defense Attaché, and Mrs. Converse, along with Mrs. Solis and several other Ecuadorian Army officers and their wives. This sincere demonstration of hospitality was a harbinger of what was to follow during the week. After a briefing at the American Embassy, GEN and Mrs. Berry and MAJ Murray retired to the Quito Intercontinental Hotel and the six cadets to their bunks at the academy where they would share a large room with the cadets of other delegations.

The "Eloy Alfaro" Military Academy, located in downtown Quito, has about seven hundred cadets enrolled in a six
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MG Berry, Superintendent USMA, and BG Solis, Superintendent Ecuadorian MA, with aides.



USMA Cadets with Ecuadorian MA escorts.



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View of West Point from Fort Putnam

by CHARLES R. ECKART and DOUGLAS H. STARR

IN 1864 Robert W. Weir painted his "View of the Hudson from West Point," and that now-familiar oil painting was, incredibly, to become the last significant oil landscape of West Point to be painted for over 100 years! This lack of a modern West Point landscape had been of increasing concern, yet in spite of the sweeping physical changes to the Academy, particularly in recent years, it was not until early 1973 that a generous grant from the West Point Fund made possible the end of this long gap in the artistic records of the Academy. As a continuation of its Visiting Artist Program, the Cadet Fine Arts Forum commissioned Mr. Alan Price to paint a contemporary West Point scene.

The paintings of Alan Price have been described as "remarkably accurate accounts of things seen," but anyone aware of the magic of the landscape surrounding West Point will realize that a more sensitive description of Mr. Price's work suggests his unique qualification for the task of capturing that magic. In Price, "subject-matter is obviously of great im-

portance, yet it is rather more the mood of the place, the atmosphere surrounding things that dominates."

Mr. Price was born in 1926, served in the British Signal Corps for four years and, interestingly, did not formally begin his art education until after World War II. After six years of study including three years at the Royal College of Art in London, Mr. Price came to New York, where he designed the West Point punchbowl for Wedgwood in the series commissioned by the Association of Graduates. In 1956 Mr. Price returned to England to paint and, while there, to participate in a number of group exhibitions. The year 1958 saw Mr. Price return to America to settle on Long Island where he has since remained. Mr. Price has exhibited his work in England in such noteworthy locations as the Royal Academy of Art, London Group, Leeds Art Gallery, Bradford Art Gallery and Leamington Art Gallery. He has also exhibited at the National Academy of Design and Allied Artists of America and has had five one-man shows at the Ken-

edy Galleries in New York. Among his numerous awards are the Gold Medal, Pottery Design, Royal College of Art, 1953; the Saltus Gold Medal, National Academy of Design, 1965; the Percy A. Leason Prize, Allied Artists of America, 1970; and the Award of Distinction, Mainstream of each of the years 1971, 1972, and 1973.

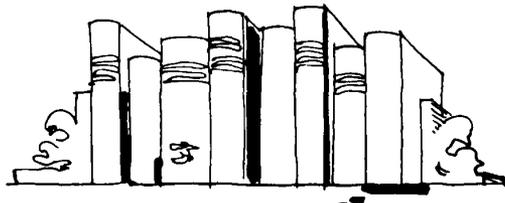
After graciously accepting the challenge of creating West Point's first landscape in over one-hundred years, Mr. Price visited West Point several times, carefully viewing West Point in various shades and shadows from all of the surrounding vantage points in order to seek out the right combination of view and angle, tone and texture, for an accurate, yet sensitive rendering of mood and atmosphere. This search for perfection led Mr. Price to pre-veille and post-supper wanderings in the hills above West Point, tireless treks across and up and down the river, and into gentle but unmistakably impassioned discussions of his work with cadets and faculty. On

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"View of West Point
from
Fort Putnam"
—Alan Price



Book



Reviews

IVORY FORTRESS: A PSYCHIATRIST LOOKS AT WEST POINT

By Richard C. U'Ren, M.D. Bobbs-Merrill, 1974. 160 pages. \$6.95.

SCHOOL FOR SOLDIERS: WEST POINT AND THE PROFESSION OF ARMS

By Joseph Ellis and Robert Moore. Oxford University Press, 1974. 291 pages. \$9.95.

Reviewed by Colonel Lloyd J. Matthews '54, Associate Professor of English, USMA.

The American penchant for self-reproach is seldom more visible than in the outpouring of contemporary preachments aimed at fixing blame for the Vietnam debacle as well as many national ills loosely associated with that experience. Several works of this genre have attacked the Army's leadership in general; others, notably Bruce K. Galloway and Robert B. Johnson's splenetic *West Point: America's Power Fraternity* (1973), narrow their focus to the U.S. Military Academy itself, finding here the germ that ultimately diseases the entire national defense effort. Sharers of Galloway and Johnson's view will welcome the recent appearance of two additions to the literature—*School for Soldiers*, by two former Academy faculty members, and *Ivory Fortress*, by a former chief of psychiatry at the USMA Hospital.

Completing his residency in psychiatry at Stanford in 1970, Dr. U'Ren, author of *Ivory Fortress*, received all of his medical training during the Vietnam War years; and it becomes clear that the war played a major role in shaping his negative attitudes toward the profession of arms. His appearance at the USMA Hospital in 1970 to treat the psychiatric disorders of cadets preparing to fight in that same war becomes therefore something of an irony. Dr. U'Ren's Preface is useful for the light it sheds on both his aims in the book and his limitations in realizing those aims: "I was a civilian who was drafted for a short time [two years, 1970–1972, all at USMA] as a doctor with the somewhat gratuitous rank of major. I can therefore lay no claim to being an expert in the realities of military life." But he is not inhibited by his inexperience, for we learn that the "book is by no means confined to [his] psychiatric observations about the Academy. Instead, [he has] attempted to look at the entire Academy and assess how and whether it carries out its mission, where it succeeds and where it fails..." His declared motive in writing the book is to restore a balanced perspective to the literature about West Point: "There is no end to the number of adulatory books about the Point, but I was struck by the

absence of any work that describes Academy life realistically."

But the reader who settles back in anticipation of a balanced, objective analysis of West Point will be disappointed; the finished product is instead a querulous, carping book pervaded by an undisguised distaste for things military. In form, the book resembles critical analysis, but in spirit it is largely exposé. From a variety of sources—sessions with cadet psychiatric patients, conversations at social gatherings, Academy research reports, and out-of-office interviews with cadets and officers—Dr. U'Ren has collected piles of data which he organizes under descriptive chapter headings such as the West Point candidate, Beast Barracks, West Point education, ethics and honor, West Pointers and women, etc. The data has the appearance of having been culled carefully to remove evidence that could cast a favorable light. The rigorously one-sided selection of material, with its resultant distortion, will be evident to a fair-minded person acquainted with the Academy. At rare moments, seemingly recognizing the bias he has imposed on his material, Dr. U'Ren makes gestures in the direction of restoring balance. For example, after belaboring the psychologically injurious implications of the Academy's discipline and regimentation, he concedes that "the true incidence of mental illness is lower at West Point than in civilian colleges." After faulting the Academy for inculcating a warped sense of values that prejudice healthy male-female relations, he allows "that West Point marriages are in fact more durable than civilian marriages." After criticizing the barbarities of Beast Barracks, he admits that the new cadets' summer training "accomplishes its goals [of military indoctrination] beyond doubt." Such concessions, however, are so hedged and qualified as to negate the favorable impression they might otherwise convey; and the author's consistently disapproving tone therefore remains unchanged.

There is much more to question in Dr. U'Ren's manner of argument and his gathering of material. We are treated, for example, to graphic tidbits from lurid cadet cases of transvestism and exhibitionism. Cocktail party gossip is a favorite source of information ("I tried to make at least brief notes after almost every conversation I had with cadets and officers at social gatherings..."). In eliciting opinions, he is drawn to the disgruntled and alienated officer or cadet; his perspective of Academy personnel as a group is warped by his daily professional exposure to the emotionally disturbed among them; and his favorite authorities are those writers who have savaged the Military

Academy publicly. He frequently leaps to broad, damning generalizations upon the basis of single opinions or instances. Despite his psychiatric training, he has a bent for imposing stereotypes (in complaining, for example, of "that peculiar certainty army people show").

The weakest part of the book is the last, where he extrapolates from his observations in the psychiatric clinic at West Point to a diagnosis of the ills of the national defense establishment, ills loosely attributed to what Dr. U'Ren sees as the mutual exclusiveness of discipline and integrity. General Earl G. Wheeler, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, becomes in his view a moral pygmy for his response to a Congressional committee's hypothetical questions on the vexed subject of falsified bombing records in Cambodia. The full expanse of Dr. U'Ren's arraignment becomes apparent in one of his conclusions: "Although West Point can hardly be held responsible for all the problems of the army, the fact remains that West Pointers do control the army. The malaise which afflicts it today no doubt owes a great deal to its West Point core." In presuming to speak authoritatively on problems of leadership and policy at the highest military levels, problems with which on the basis of any reasonable criterion—training, experience, temperament—he is unequipped to deal, Dr. U'Ren discounts his work to the extent that it cannot be seriously credited. It is true that the book's energetic voyeurism generates occasional moments of interest, but as a basis for action it offers little of consequence.

Of the two books, *Ivory Fortress* and *School for Soldiers*, the later is the more estimable, though more troubling. Its authors, Joseph Ellis and Robert Moore, were young academics brought into the Army in 1968–69 without previous active-duty military experience to buttress a West Point faculty under strain owing to the exodus of Regular Army instructors to Vietnam. Ellis served first in the Social Sciences Department, later in History; Moore taught English. Neither was a military careerist, and both have since resumed teaching jobs in civilian colleges. As undergraduate matriculants during the troubled Vietnam War years, and later as affiliates of Eastern academe, Moore-Ellis can be broadly characterized as suspicious of authoritarian institutions. This is not to say that a reader ideologically disposed otherwise should dismiss the book out of hand—far from it—but it is just as well to understand at the outset that in the authors' encounter with USMA as an institution of learning we are witness to a fundamental collision of values.

"The purpose of this book," as stated by the authors, "is to describe and analyze the operation of the United States Military Academy at West Point. . . ." The simple truth, however, is that the work is not confined to description and analysis; on the contrary, it is judgmental and prescriptive, bristling with both implicit and explicit comment on perceived disparities between what West Point does and what an educational institution ideally ought to do. Furthermore, despite the fact that no thesis is acknowledged, the book's material is carefully shaped to body forth a governing idea, roughly statable as follows: it is questionable whether the Academy's concurrent missions of providing a liberal education leading to a baccalaureate degree and conducting military training leading to a Regular Army commission are compatible; that is, it is doubtful whether a true liberal education can occur within a teaching establishment formed as a military organization, with its insistence upon regimented living, coercive authority, and high priorities on military training.

Though the authors claim to present a "balanced account," their approach is tendentious in the extreme, revealing an insistent urge to deflate or explain away aspects of the Academy in which graduates have traditionally taken pride. To accomplish this end, Moore-Ellis employ the yes-but technique, whereby in response to an Academy claim—that West Point, for example, is the fourth highest producer of Rhodes Scholars among American colleges, they reply, Yes-but, "Rhodes Scholars are selected from eight geographical districts and the Academy's national representation gives it a considerable advantage over most other schools. . . ." A large part of the work is patterned upon this debunking technique, so that by book's end precious few of the bases for West Point's distinguished reputation remain unchallenged.

Their *betes noires* consist of familiar complaints and allegations: the brutality of Beast Barracks; the austere, cloistered, over-regimented life; the heavy emphasis upon discipline and competition; the infringements of military duties and training upon academic study time; an academic program that equates to a system to be "beaten" or survived rather than an opportunity to be seized; lack of time on the part of the cadet for contemplation; a faculty composed of RA officers instead of civilian academics, with a resultant lack of teaching credentials and pedagogic commitment; the administrative preoccupations of permanent professors; the archaism of the Cadet Honor System; the expense of running the Academy, etc. Some of the authors' complaints are, or were at one time, justified; and necessary adjustments, several of which are in process today, were initiated long before Moore-Ellis came upon the scene. Other of the proposals they resurrect, having earlier received exhaustive and recurrent study by both Academy and outside authorities, were determined to be inconsonant with the Academy's broad goals of

producing officers who can adapt to a variety of military duties and who in combat can accomplish assigned missions.

Moore-Ellis' quarrel with the West Point education can best and most briefly be depicted by a simplified contrast between their perceptions of what an Academy education actually produces, and what it should produce. The last two items on each of the lists deal with educational means rather than results.

Actual (according to Moore-Ellis)

Training; indoctrination; socialization.

Intellectual apathy; uncritical acceptance of prescribed indoctrination and received opinion.

Intellectual narrowness; emphasis on fact and formulaic problem-solving.

Discipline; subservience to authority; willingness to carry out orders; consequent vulnerability to compromise of integrity.

Allegiance to Duty, Honor, Country.

Mathematics-Engineering bias.

Areas of concentration (permitting 6 or 7 electives).

Prescribed core curriculum.

Desirable (according to Moore-Ellis)

Liberal education.

Intellectual curiosity; capacity for independent, creative, critical thought.

Intellectual breadth; emphasis on the "big picture," with appreciation of the complexity of problems.

Willingness to question, criticize, and resist authority; consequent safeguard against immoral orders or policies.

Ethical autonomy.

Humanities-Social Science bias.

Majors; specialization.

Movement toward self-styled curriculum.

Not only do the authors simply deny that an Academy education promotes intellectual curiosity and a capacity for critical thinking, they allege further that the Academic Board opposes and intentionally discourages the promotion of such traits: "In the view of Academic Board members, the course work required for all cadets is not and should not be structured to emphasize the development of intellectual curiosity. . . . For they believe that the kind of academic environment in which a free exchange of ideas can flourish would undermine the military 'qualities and attributes essential to his [the cadet's] progressive and continuing development as an officer in the Regular Army.'" The foregoing is indeed a disturbing charge. Though this reviewer cannot speak for individuals, on the basis of experience and conversations with senior members of the tenured faculty, I would judge the truth to be other-

wise, namely, that the prevailing view by a wide margin is strongly in favor of promoting exactly those qualities of intellectual vigor and probing, critical thought that Moore-Ellis themselves prize so highly.

With respect to their partiality for undergraduate specialization based upon a system of majors and for a self-styled curriculum in which the cadets would fashion their own educational programs, it may well be that the authors are at odds with themselves. For it is recognized that the principle of undergraduate specialization is inherently in conflict with the notion of a broad liberal education, which the authors also insist upon. Furthermore, in seeming to prefer self-styled education (a fad emerging in the 1960's), whereby students may at will denude their programs of such "irrelevancies" as English and literature, foreign languages, and history, Moore-Ellis would effectively erode that same liberal education they so warmly espouse. Dr. Ernest Boyer, Chancellor of the State University of New York, writing in the *New York Times* of 15 January 1975, perceives a growing rejection by students and faculty alike of the present aimless drift in American education. He recommends the re-establishment of a broad core of prescribed courses to serve as the basis for a new liberal education.

West Point, one of America's most conspicuous institutions, is also one of its most studied. A glance at a few of the studies devoted to it reveals that the views of Moore-Ellis are not universally shared by disinterested authorities. The most recent study, which Moore-Ellis find uncongenial to their thesis, is the report of the 1972 Curriculum Review Board, headed by Frederick R. Kappel, then President of AT&T. This Board, though suggesting certain reforms that the Academy has since acted upon, strongly endorsed the quality of the faculty and the relevance of the curriculum to mission. An independent and widely respected series of studies that Moore-Ellis fail to cite—an astonishing omission—is that of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the accrediting association for colleges in West Point's region. The conclusions of the distinguished civilian educators who have conducted the accreditation inspections are totally at variance with the conclusions of Moore-Ellis. In 1949, the year in which accreditation was first granted to the Academy, the inspectors were "unanimous in their belief that the Academy at West Point is doing a superb job in its attempts to achieve the purpose for which it exists." The letter of transmittal for the inspection report of 1959 concludes "that the teaching and the learning process at USMA is indeed, a central engagement and one of marked quality. . . . Even in an Association devoted to the pursuit and interpretation of excellence, there is only so much room at the top; this space is reserved for a few, including, in the Commission's judgment, the USMA." The latest of these decennial

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news from the SOCIETIES

West Point Society of Rochester

Between weather watches, we in the West Point Society of Rochester have been real busy.

John Neiger '61 set up recruiting parties on 29 October and 26 December, both of which were very well attended by local high schoolers and their parents. The efforts of John and his fellow USAR Liaison Officer, Duncan O'Dwyer, with assistance from Society members have turned on intensive interest in the Academy throughout Midwestern New York.

The December gathering was enlivened by area Cadets home on Christmas leave. Each gave his view of life at West Point today, and then each broke off to rap with a small group of applicants. Virtually all of the student guests at the December party had their nominations and were well along with their processing. We expect to have quite an area contingent in all four classes come July, with the present Cadets having done an outstanding job of helping to recruit the new plebes. We'll soon be planning for our year's third party to be in late spring to get ready for the next future class.

Founders Day will be celebrated in Rochester on Saturday, 15 March. We hope that all in the area will join us. If you are in these parts and not yet in touch with us, please get on our mailing list by contacting our Secretary, Ken Woltz '66, at 70 Country Corner Lane, Freeport, NY 14450 or call Ken at (716) 223-1959.

West Point Society of Chicago and West Point Parents Club of Illinois

One hundred and eighteen members attended the December meeting of the West Point Parents Club of Illinois at the Holiday Inn, Morris, Illinois. The featured speaker was Major Robert Nelson (Ret.) who directs the ROTC program in the three Joliet, Illinois high schools. Major Nelson had phoned the Academy early that week so was able to present up-to-date information on the alternatives graduating cadets have, not only immediately after graduation, but during their military careers as well. Parents of cadets want to know what opportunities are available for cadets after graduation.

A West Point Parents Club of Illinois Honorary Lifetime Member certificate has been developed and will be presented to several individuals from the state of Illinois who have been instrumental in supporting West Point or helping prospective cadets enter the Academy. A committee of the club will determine the names of the individuals who will be honored.

Several of our members met with the West Point Society of Chicago, at the

Nordic Hills Country Club, to view the Army vs. Navy game. Although the outcome was not as desired, everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

The next meeting of the Parents Club will be held at the Holiday Inn, Morris, Illinois, on 9 March 1975. The program will really be two programs planned to help 1) Plebe (Freshman) parents who plan to attend Plebe Parents Weekend and 2) "Firstie" (Senior) parents who plan to attend graduation in June. In one room movies of previous Plebe Parents Weekends will be viewed with a panel discussing arrangements parents should plan to make the weekend more enjoyable. In another room movies of previous June Week or graduation activities will be shown with a panel discussing arrangements that should be made for graduation week. These meetings will be extremely helpful to these two groups and will be informative to those parents who will be attending in the future.

West Point Society of South Texas

The hub of our Society is located in San Antonio, Texas. This city with its retired contingent, accounts, in part, for our large and distinguished membership. We boast representatives ranging from the Class of '05 (Walter Prosser) to the very recent classes (We even have a few Aggies!). The Society President is K.F. Zitzman '32 and the Board of Governors includes the following: D.C. Polhamus '38 (Vice-President), J.S. Douglas '44 (Treasurer), R.J. Rogers '51 (Secretary), F.B. Cummings '63 (Publicity), H.D. McHugh '24, C.G. Nelson '27, R.M. Stillman '35, E.Y. Burton '37, T.I. Sawyer '38, S.T. Smith '40, E.D. Davis '53, S.B. Sovern '53.

The Society has centralized the recruiting efforts in the area for qualified candidates to the Academy. Chester L. Johnson '37 was elected as chairman of the Admissions Committee. His committee is actively engaged in identifying promising young men for West Point. Prior to the formation of the Admissions Committee, the recruiting effort in our area was somewhat divergent with various personnel recruiting for different categories of candidates. Under General Johnson's direction, these efforts will be brought together.

Mrs. Lewis Turtle ('03), wife of the recently deceased oldest grad, contacted our Society for assistance. COL Turtle had asked that his library be given to the Academy but this would involve a fairly detailed inventory prior to the donation. This was beyond Mrs. Turtle's capabilities due to the size of the proposed gift. The

Society hired an individual for this job and the Academy is certain to benefit from COL Turtle's gift.

On the social side, the Society hosted a Texas style Bar-B-Q on 4 October. This annual event continues to grow in popularity with attendance breaking the 200 mark last year. For the past three years the event has been held at MacArthur Park.

Founders Day continues to be the major "drawing card" each year. This stag affair fills the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club ballroom. Annual membership is usually solicited at the Founders Day dinner; however, those graduates or friends who desire to join may do so by contacting the Society Secretary (COL R. Joe Rogers) at 221-3913 or writing the Society (Headquarters, Fifth US Army, ATTN: AFKB-PO, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234).

West Point Society of Los Angeles

Our Military Ball turned out beyond the most optimistic expectations and so well that we could write a book on it. Everybody there commented in the highest superlatives and we can only conclude that ours was probably the best Military Ball in this area in years, and that includes the \$100.00 plate ones. Hope we can do as well next year.

For those of you who weren't there, our evening in a nutshell included... the super-beautiful and elegant decorations and setting by Tom Sharp and his committee, reception and program music by the great Fort MacArthur Band, dance music by the incomparable Time Machine, the finest gourmet dinner, a receiving line that permitted everyone there to meet our guest of honor, special honors to our Army Flag and the National Colors, toasts, very short speeches, congratulatory messages from President Ford, Governor Reagan, heads of state from many countries represented by their Consuls General, a resolution of the State Legislature, and lots of camaraderie. For all this, we can thank our great graduate, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, for providing the inspiration and the rallying point that made such a memorable occasion possible.

One of the facets of the Career Development Committee is providing advice on jobs for those West Point graduates leaving the service. Files will be prepared on job openings. University Job Placement Offices will be checked. Since college and university offices have placement centers, a job applicant would do well to enroll in a college and have himself placed on the college job placement list. Extra schooling will probably be required for most West Point graduates leaving the service. It would be appreciated if all West Pointers in the Southern California area would notify the chairman, LTC James L. McCrorey, of jobs available. He can be reached by writing 2565 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711 or by phoning (714) 624-0747 in the evening.

During the last few years, the Cadet
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Bulletin Board

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

the June issue by — 30 March 75

the September issue by — 30 June 75

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.

Commitment to Action

The cadets were unusually subdued as the Army bus made its way back to the Academy that late Sunday afternoon last December. Just four hours earlier these twenty-five exuberant young men with Christmas leave very much in their thoughts and conversations had arrived at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Hospital in Montrose, NY to visit mentally disturbed Vietnam war veterans. Concerned that the experience may have been too depressing, the Officer-in-Charge struck up a conversation with a Second Classman who was staring out the window of the bus and asked, "why so quiet?" "Sir, I was thinking about those people we just visited. It certainly brings home the responsibility I will face after graduation. I guess I've got a lot of work to do."

This ingenuous reflection of a newly achieved level of maturity clearly expresses the developmental value of the Social Actions Program. Effective army leaders need an understanding of the full range of people problems; they also need to know and to feel a kinship with the society from which soldiers come and to which soldiers must return. This extracurricular program offers a unique opportunity for

Cadet Steve Parrish takes Charly out for a walk Sunday during his weekly visit to retarded units at Letchworth Village.



leadership development and it also provides an excellent means for cadets to express the altruism for which their generation is noted.

In the past USMA has been accused of fostering elitism and separatism; cadets live and learn in a relatively sterile environment, the people with whom they come in contact are, for the most part physically and psychologically healthy. The extent of cadet participation in social actions projects clearly counters this charge. And although the faculty of the Office of Military Leadership under COL Harry A. Buckley has fostered and encouraged this activity, the impetus for its initial structure and subsequent expansion has come from cadets. They make the contacts, they handle the arrangements and they give their time and talent.

The Social Actions Program grew from initial contacts with Warwick State Training School for Boys and the Phoenix House Drug Rehabilitation organization, made under the auspices of the yearling psychology course. In the winter of 1973 the program became a recognized component of the very active Cadet Behavioral Science Club, under Captain Frederick W. Timmerman Jr. of the Office of Military Leadership. Its most successful continuing contact has been with Letchworth Village, a state institution for the mentally retarded located at Thiells, NY. Cadets have been making school-year Saturday and Sunday afternoon visits to Letchworth Village for two years. The Director of this large state institution credits cadets with greatly aiding in the enlightened transition of Letchworth from a custodial to a teaching orientation and the ensuing establishment of a more open interface with society. In the Director's words the skeptics saw relatively untrained happy, healthy cadets associate week after week with residents of all ages and degrees of retardation; and in many cases develop supportive relationships that often led to a degree of adjustment and learning on the part of the residents.

In the fall of 1973 cadets received permission to expand the program to include the Franklin D. Roosevelt Hospital. More recently contact has been established with the Veterans' Hospital at Castle Point, NY and an initial visit has been made to the Goshen Center for Boys, a maximum security reform school located in Goshen, NY.

There are no bounds to the pride that members of the USMA Office of Military Leadership have in the work of the participating cadets. These young men selflessly volunteering their limited free time and eschewing recognition, have been of invaluable assistance to the institutions where they work.

At a time when some have questioned the commitment of the younger generation, cadet efforts in the Social Actions Program give evidence of deep involvement by our cadets in human and social problems. The Army and our nation will be better served by these future leaders because of this involvement.

Thayer Award to be Presented in Fall

In 1975 Thayer Award will be presented in the early fall rather than in the spring, as in previous years. It is expected that the change of date for the presentation will enhance the significance of the award ceremony and will provide more time for planning by the USMA and AOG staffs. It is expected that an announcement of the name of the 1975 award recipient will be made in late spring.

Founders Day 1975

The following is a partial listing as of 20 January of the Founders Day gatherings for 1975. Graduates should be able, from this extensive listing, to find at least one location they can reach for this occasion. For more information see those in charge of individual gatherings. All groups, whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report in photos and print the highlights of their gatherings to ASSEMBLY prior to 30 March 1975. The Superintendent USMA is scheduled to speak at locations below marked with an asterisk (*).

Date	Place
March 1	Berlin, Germany; Nurnberg, Germany.
March 7	Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.
March 8	West Point Society of Michigan (Detroit).
March 10	Hunter AFB, Georgia.
March 12	West Point Society of North Texas (Dallas).
March 13	West Point Society of Florida West Coast (St. Petersburg); Patrick AFB, Florida; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Tampa, Florida(*).

- March 14 Ft. Jackson, South Carolina (*); Yongsan, Korea; Washington, D.C.; Ft. Carson, Colorado; Vandenberg AFB, California; Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.
- March 15 Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Cayey, Puerto Rico; Managua, Nicaragua; Charleston, South Carolina; Ft. Benning, Georgia (*); Ft. Lewis, Washington; Tokyo, Japan; Heidelberg, Germany; London, England; Ft. Ord, California; West Point Society of West North Carolina; Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; Bedford, Massachusetts; Ft. Amador, Canal Zone; Caracas, Venezuela; Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Bangkok, Thailand; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; West Point Society of St. Louis, Missouri; West Point Society of Rochester, NY.
- March 16 Tehran, Iran; West Point Society of Indiana (Indianapolis); HQEUCOM, Germany.
- March 17 Ft. Monroe, Virginia; Ft. Polk, Louisiana (*); Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.
- March 18 Ft. Riley, Kansas (*).
- March 20 USMA, West Point, NY.
- March 21 Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Ft. Rucker, Alabama; Naples, Italy; SHAPE, Belgium; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Ft. Richardson, Alaska.
- March 22 San Diego, California; Republic of China (Taiwan).
- March 29 Kinshasa, Zaire.

Homecoming 1975

Homecoming weekend 1975 is scheduled for Friday 17 October through Sunday 19 October. Classes electing to have reunions on this weekend include '55, '60 and '70. Tentative schedule follows:

Friday, 17 October 1975

- 1200 Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullman Hall (Pershing Room)
- 1530 150-lb. Football vs. Rutgers, Shea Stadium
- 1530 Plebe Football vs. Villanova, Daley Field
- 1530 J.V. Football vs. Montclair State, Howze Field
- 1600 Cross Country vs. NYU, Lehigh and Rutgers
- 1600 Varsity Soccer vs. Syracuse, Clinton Field
- 1700 Reunion Class Picnics, Dinners, and Social Activities
- 1900 Jewish Services, Room 420, Bartlett Hall
- 2000 Alumni Headquarters Closes

Saturday, 18 October 1975

- 0800 Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullman Hall (Pershing Room)
- 0845 AOG Board of Trustees Meeting
- 0900 Open House at the following:
Designated Cadet Baracks
USMA Library
West Point Museum
Selected Academic Departments

- 0900- Multi-Media Presentation "Education for Leadership," Thayer Hall, Room 104
- 0930- Multi-Media Presentation "Duty, Honor, Country; This is West Point," Thayer Hall, Room 104
- 1000 Assembly for March to Thayer Monument, Jefferson Rd***
- 1040 Alumni March to Thayer Monument***
- 1050 Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument****
- 1100 Alumni Review, The Plain***
- 1115 Alumni Buffet Lunch, WPAM**
- 1200 Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon, Cadet Chapel
- 1300 Football, Army vs. Pittsburgh, Michie Stadium**
- 1330 Reunion Class and Individual Alumni Social Activities
- 1700 Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel (Fulfills obligation for Sunday Mass)
- 1715 Alumni pre-Dinner Social Hour, Washington Hall
- 1900 Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 2000 Alumni Cocktail Buffet and Superintendent's Reception, Washington Hall (Dress-Civilian Informal)
- 2200 Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall

Sunday, 19 October 1975

- 0800 Alumni Headquarters Opens
- 0800, 0900, 1030, 1200, 1730 Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1030 Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel
- 1100 Reunion Class Brunches
- 1200 Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1215 Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon, Cadet Chapel
- 2000 USMA Band Concert, Eisenhower Hall
- * Conducted in Eisenhower Hall Auditorium in event of inclement weather.
 - ** Admission by ticket.
 - *** Cancelled in event of inclement weather.
 - **** Alumni wives and dependents to be seated by 1050.

Titus Memorabilia Presented to USMA

Four United States Military Academy cadets, W. Robert Aultman, George Blackburn, Joseph Barget and Steve Fruscella,

returned from summer troop training in Hawaii with the First Battalion, 14th Infantry, "Golden Dragoons" with the personal diary and memorabilia of Calvin P. Titus (USMA 1905). Titus, as an Army bugler with the 14th Infantry, earned the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Boxer Rebellion (1900-1901) when he scaled the city walls of Peking making possible the victory over the Chinese Rebels. President Theodore Roosevelt awarded the Medal of Honor to Cadet Titus at West Point in 1902.

SCUSA XXVI Examines Global Interdependence

More than 200 students representing nearly 100 colleges participated in the 26th annual Student Conference on United States Affairs conducted at the United States Military Academy in November.

The general topic of SCUSA XXVI was "The Realities of Global Interdependence." Three days of student discussion groups were highlighted by a keynote address, a banquet address, and a plenary panel of topical experts.

The keynote address was delivered by Professor Richard N. Gardner, of Columbia University. Dr. Gardner is a former Rhodes Scholar, a former Assistant Deputy Secretary of State, and is presently a consultant to the United Nations Environmental Program.

"People are getting tired of prophecies of gloom," Dr. Gardner said, "but that's the way the picture is. We are on a collision course with the future."

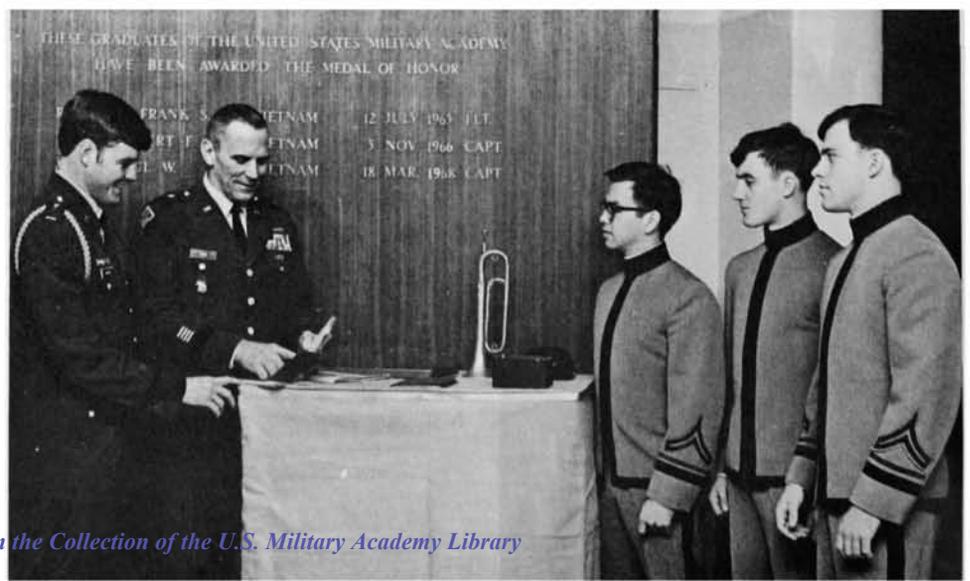
He underscored runaway population growth as the most immediate and imminent of environmental dangers but cited wastes of food and energy resources as well. "We use fertilizer to grow lawns instead of to grow food."

Dr. Gardner called for the creation of an international "Earth Watch" to enforce international environmental cooperation via a "mutual survival pact."

"So far we have done a lot of talking—but not much more."

The banquet address was delivered by James P. Grant, president of the Overseas Development Council. Mr. Grant is a former director of U.S. aid programs in

BG Philip R. Feir, Cmndt of Cadets, accepts for USMA Titus Memorabilia from LT Charles Drubney, 14th Inf, as cadets look on.



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Student Discussion Group—SCUSA XXVI

Turkey and is a former Assistant Deputy Secretary of State.

The plenary panel was moderated by Amos Jordan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, and included Richard C. Holbrooke, Managing Editor of *Foreign Policy*, Woulter Tims, director of economic analysis for the World Bank; and Professor Gardner.

The annual conference has been conducted at the Academy since 1949. That year, cadets of the West Point Debate Council and Forum desired and decided to discuss national security issues with some of their collegiate contemporaries without the restraints of a formal debate. It has become the oldest and the most distinguished collegiate conference on contemporary foreign affairs.

The objective of SCUSA is to gather together future military and civilian leaders for an examination and discussion of selective areas of American foreign policy. Aside from the opportunity the students are given to exchange opinions and ideas, SCUSA attempts to develop in its participants an appreciation of the complex nature of the policy-making process.

Cadet participation in the conference is substantial. Cadet chairman this year was Dan Hitchcock. His vice-chairmen were Cadets Lance Jordan, Steve Guthrie and Larry Baker.

Colonel Lee D. Olvey, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, was the overall coordinator of SCUSA XXVI. Captain James Gardner, of the Department of Social Sciences, was the executive secretary and chief cadet advisor.

New Development Officer for AOG Staff

The President of the Association of Graduates, Charles E. Saltzman '25, announces the appointment of Richard L. Gruenther '46 as Director of Development on the Association staff to succeed Stephen O. Fuqua, Jr. '33 who resigned as of 1 March 1975.

As its first incumbent, Fuqua had occupied the position since October of 1972 shortly after its creation under a reorganization of functions. Along with his duties on the AOG staff, Fuqua served as Secre-

tary of the West Point Fund Committee during two years of successful fund raising activities under Chairman James M. Gavin '29 and E. Douglas Kenna '45. Fuqua will remain on the Committee as a regular member and he and his family will continue residence in the area as part of the West Point Community.

Gruenther comes to his new position following more than twenty-eight years of commissioned service during which he fulfilled many responsible command and staff assignments. Just prior to joining the AOG staff, he was a deputy director in the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe in charge of managing Army Schools and Training Centers. Gruenther holds a Master of Science Degree from



COL Richard L. Gruenther, USA (Ret), USMA '46, new AOG Director of Development.

Springfield College and is a graduate of the National War College.

Apart from his cadetship, the fortunes of the military service have provided Gruenther with many other opportunities to know West Point. His father was a member of the faculty on three occasions during the thirties. Following graduation Colonel Gruenther served here a total of eight years during three tours of duty. His latest tour was on the Commandant's staff as Director of Military Instruction from 1969 to 1973.

The Gruenther family is currently living in Hampton, Virginia but will take up residence in the West Point vicinity in June upon the completion of the children's school year.

Cadet Glee Club

As the Cadet Glee Club prepares for its '75 concert season, a new feeling of enthusiasm is especially apparent with the approach of the bicentennials of the Army and nation. Perhaps the best description of the Cadet Glee Club can be found in its motto: "No fun without music; no music without fun." The Glee Club is unique among the many cadet activities and functions in its ability to bring large American audiences into direct contact with members of the Corps of Cadets under circumstances where they not only see cadets perform, but frequently have the opportunity to meet and associate with them on an individual basis. Also, no other academy activity so favorably presents the easy camaraderie and the lighter traditional side of West Point's otherwise necessarily regimented and disciplined environment.

Due to the Cadet's heavy academic load, most of the Club's trips are restricted to weekends. However, during Spring Leave, the Club has the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the nation. As an extra-curricular activity of the Academy, travel and lodging expenses must be borne by the concert sponsors. Staying in homes defrays some of the costs, and gives the host families a means of learning about the Academy from the visiting cadets.

A Glee Club program is about two hours long and features a full range of music from a musical history of the Armed Forces to contemporary ballads. In recent years the Glee Club has performed all across the nation and on national television.

So that graduates and friends can take advantage of appearances of the Glee Club in their areas of the country, we present the Glee Club Away Schedule for the remainder of the year:

Date	Place
8-9 March	Wayne High School, Wayne, New Jersey
22 March	Arkansas State Auditorium, Jonesboro, Arkansas
24 March	Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
25 March	Longview High School, Longview, Texas
27 March	Civic Center, Lake Charles, Louisiana
28 March	North Reddington Beach Bath Club, St. Petersburg, Florida
29 March	Rockhill, South Carolina
30 March	Columbia City Civic Center, Fayetteville, North Carolina
18-21 April	San Antonio, Texas
25-27 April	Williamsport and Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
2-4 May	Ft. Belvoir, Virginia

Law and Medical School Programs Available to USMA Graduates

1. Following is a description of current Law and Medical School programs available to USMA graduates within the statutory five-year obligated service period required of our graduates.

2. LAW SCHOOL:

a. An excess leave program permits a limited number of commissioned officers (35 per year) to gain a legal education at their own expense without pay and allowances. Applicants must have not less than two or more than six years active service at the beginning of the academic year for which application is made. Gaining admission to a school of law is the applicant's responsibility. Obligated service for this program is on a two-for-one basis and may run concurrently with USMA graduates obligated service requirement. (Reference AR 601-114)

b. A fully funded program was initiated in 1974 wherein 25 officers per year are authorized to attend law school at government expense. Eligibility requirements are the same as for the excess leave program. Selection of applicants is made by TJAG. Obligated service at completion of law school is also two-for-one, but it is *in addition* to any other obligated service.

3. MEDICAL SCHOOL: There are two programs now available for government-sponsored medical school attendance for graduates. Gaining admission to a medical school under any of the programs is the individual's responsibility. Comparison of service obligation is shown in paragraph 3c below.

a. 1% Immediate Attendance Program: This program commenced with the Class of 1971 and will terminate with the Class of 1977. It authorizes up to 1% of each graduating class who are commissioned in the Army to start medical school immediately after graduation. Selection is made based on applicant's seventh term GOM who have been accepted by a medical school by the date of branch drawing (11 February 1975 for Class of 1975) (AR 601-112). The 1% program provides the only current opportunity for medical school attendance prior to completion of two years active service.

b. (HR2) The Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act established a Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. The University will be located near Washington, D.C., and will train individuals in all health sciences. The law requires that it must graduate a minimum annual medical school class of 100 by 1982. Student selection procedures will be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Students will be commissioned and serve on active duty in the pay grade of O-1 while in school.

c. Obligated service requirements for USMA graduates who attend medical school at government expense.

(1) AR 601-112 (1% Program)

*G+ 0 Enter Medical School

G+ 4 Medical School (4)

G+ 5 Intern (1)

G+ 8 Residency (3) (Payback of up to three years of USMA obligation is authorized during residency)

G+15 Payback for Medical School (7)

G+17 USMA Payback (2) with one year residency program

G+ 0 Enter Medical School

G+ 4 Medical School (4)

G+ 5 Intern (1)

G+ 6 Residency (1) (also one year USMA payback)

G+13 Payback for Medical School (7)

G+17 USMA Payback (4)

(2) HR2 Uniformed Services U. of Health Sciences

G+ 2 Active Service (2)

G+ 6 Medical School (4)

G+ 7 Intern (1)

G+10 Residency (3) (up to three years concurrent USMA payback)

G+17 Medical School Payback (7)

*G—Graduation from USMA

Candidate Status—Class of 1979

Candidate file evaluations have begun and the first Admissions Committee meeting has been completed for the Class of 1979. A comparison of the new class with that of 1978 shows:

	Class of 1979 (as of 15 Jan 75)	Class of 1978 (as of 15 Jan 74)
Files started	8,874	8,752
Nominations Received	2,746	2,765
Offered Admission	123	111

Name for New West Point Hospital

The new hospital currently under construction at West Point will be named in memory of the late Colonel William Lorden Keller.

COL Keller, an internationally known surgeon, was a writer and inventor of surgical equipment and procedures as well as a founder of the American Board of Surgery. He served on the Surgical Service of the Military Academy hospital from 1910 to 1914.

The new four-story hospital, to be completed in the Spring of 1978, will replace the present hospital which was completed in 1923. Construction of the \$13 million facility began in August. The new hospital will have a 65-bed capacity and accommodate 24 major functions.

Foreign Exchange Students Visit Point, Relate Views of U.S. and of USMA

Future American military leaders and 26 students from 24 countries sang songs of peace in the terrace room of the Hotel Thayer to close the formal activities of the annual American Field Service weekend at West Point.

American Field Service (AFS) is a non-

profit organization which sponsors scholarships through a foreign exchange program by bringing high school students from all over the world for a year's stay with an American family.

Funds for the scholarships are provided by various sources including the local high school AFS chapters which raise approximately \$800 for each AFS student in the school. The students do have to pay part of their travel expenses. Applicants and the American families where they will live are carefully screened.

Each year AFS students living in the West Point area come for a visit to the Military Academy and to meet and exchange ideas with cadets. In addition, the students and their American "brothers and sisters" stay with West Point families giving them further opportunity to view life among the American military which is so often maligned abroad.

Ratus Bleisch from Switzerland is probably typical of students from Europe.

He is one of 94 Swiss students in the U.S. and was chosen from approximately 1,000 applicants. His father edits a newspaper in a village near Lucerne and operates a printing plant. Ratus wants to be a journalist. His command of English is good. At home he would be studying five languages as well as seven other subjects.

Ratus finds American schools much easier than Swiss schools and is most surprised by the difference in the two school systems. American schools are "easier because of the teachers," he says. American teachers have "no power" and there is little discipline and respect. In Switzerland students "pay attention."

For Gehan Amartunga of Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, the way of living in the U.S. is very different from his country, and he doesn't feel he can say if one or the other is better.

In Sri Lanka, which means "resplendent island," the way of life is more relaxed and there is more time to reflect, he says. At the same time in the U.S. there is more information available, and one can learn more. Gehan is impressed by the material and technological advancement of the United States. He also finds Americans very friendly.

Gehan is one of ten Sri Lankan AFS students living in the U.S. this year. He was chosen from approximately 4,500 applicants.

He, too, has an excellent command of English having lived as a young boy in Great Britain, and he, too, finds American schools easier but views the system of studying more subjects in less depth better for overall background knowledge. Because Sri Lanka is a developing nation, he explained, students begin to specialize earlier, at about age 14, and are prepared to practice professions such as engineering and medicine by the time they are 23 or 24. Gehan is interested in engineering and the subjects that he would be studying at home reflect his specialty. There would be physics, chemistry, applied and pure mathematics.

Another big difference that Gehan sees between American and Sri Lankan schools is in extracurricular activities. There is not so much emphasis on sports in his country, but there is opportunity to explore other areas through clubs such as debate, photography, math and yoga clubs.

Ratus, who enjoys skiing, likes all the athletic opportunities offered at his U.S. high school.

As for ideas about the American military and West Point, Ratus really had none. His only impression of the U.S. Army was from what he's read in the press, and that was not particularly favorable. He liked, however, what he saw during his visit here.

Gehan, on the other hand, had gotten the impression from Vietnam that Americans in general are a very domineering type of power. This was a misconception, he says. He's found most Americans were against Vietnam and that the situation there was just one of those things that happens in history and has happened before.

As for ideas about West Point he had received a stereotyped impression from friends in his American home of an inhuman, inflexible marionette which he did not find to be true at all. He views the Academy as offering good academic training and the discipline good for those "who are willing to take it."

Ratus and Gehan agreed that "America is a very beautiful country, but the progress is out of control, and it is becoming very impersonal, too mechanized."

Both expressed their initial shock at how much influence television has on the American people, and they don't view the influence as particularly good.

In Switzerland television is aired only a few hours a day, and in Sri Lanka there is no television.

The AFS week-end at West Point is directed by cadets with the aid of COL and Mrs. John Garver who head the local AFS chapter. The events included dinner with their host family, a film view and discussion of the Military Academy, its program and objectives, a tour of the Academy, and a pot luck supper with the cadets and their host family with the visitors entertaining their hosts with native songs and dances afterward. (Reprinted with permission from the *Cornwall Local*).

Electronic Calculators Come to West Point

Effective 1 Jan 75, a pocket-sized electronic calculator will be authorized for use by cadets on graded work and will be issued at the start of the academic year to the Plebe class. This calculator is to be specialized and must perform a myriad of functions; therefore, do not encourage candidates to purchase a calculator prior to admission.

A study conducted by the Academic Board concluded that the electronic calculator is an effective and efficient tool, and that it could replace the slide rule and desk calculator as the basic computing device. The study further indicated that the use of electronic calculators will serve

to increase the effectiveness of classroom instruction, particularly in the mathematics-science-engineering subjects.

Notice—Were You There?

Author writing book wishes to obtain all possible information pertaining to Pancho Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico, in 1916. He is especially interested in making contact with persons connected immediately before or at the time of the raid with the General Staff or army units stationed along the Mexican border, particularly those who were in El Paso, Columbus, or at posts in Arizona. He is trying also to reach officers involved in or with knowledge of subsequent inquiry that absolved COL Herbert J. Slocum, 13th Cavalry, of culpability. In addition, he would appreciate leads to papers of deceased persons who had any such connections or involvements. Write James Caleb Beach, 86 Cobb Lane, Tarrytown, New York 10591, or telephone (collect) 914-631-4551.

USMA PAO Asks Your Help

The USMA Public Affairs Office is prepared to send feature material and photographs to newspapers in your area if there is a reasonable chance that the newspaper will publish the feature. You can help by calling this service to the attention of local editors or even by acting as the middleman. The publicity accruing from these features should prove a valuable asset. The PAO has recently dispatched features about cadets from Clifton Forge, VA; Huntsville, AL; Rockland County, NY; Sullivan County, NY; Paris, TX; and Kansas City, KS, as a result of contacts made by friends of the Military Academy. If you have not taken advantage of this service you should. Advise the editor that a lead time of four weeks may be necessary. Contact: Public Affairs Office, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996, Telephone (914) 938-3614.

In addition, the Public Affairs Office is in need of "feedback" concerning West Point articles that appear in your local papers. You can help by forwarding any article you see to the Public Affairs Office.

Cadet Captain Dorian T. Anderson, USMA '78

Two aspects of Cadet Captain Dorian T. Anderson's life at the U.S. Military Academy are unique. First, he is the Regimental Commander of one of the four Cadet Regiments. Second, he is the first black man ever to hold this important leadership position.

Anderson, a 21-year-old native of Brazil, Indiana, is a First Classman and as Regimental Commander is responsible for the leadership of 1,000 Cadets. He speaks of the Academy as a great opportunity for himself and for other young blacks who are interested in attending West Point. He cautions, however, "it isn't going to be easy, you will be treated as a Cadet first."



A halfback on the Army Lightweight Football team (158-lbs. or less), Dorian led the team in scoring with 62 points, and rushing with 435 yards, for the six-game season. The team has won 20 straight games and gained five consecutive Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles. Dorian has also lettered in wrestling and is active in the Cadet Rugby Club and Behavioral Science Club.

Notice—Position Vacancy at USMAPS

The position of Dean, USMA Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, will become vacant in July 1975. This is a GS-13 Civil Service position, in the excepted category. Dual compensation rules apply for Regular Army Retired personnel.

Interested applicants should send resumé to Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

TROA Publishes "Help Your Widow While She's Still Your Wife" Guide

A 32-page guide containing detailed information about survivor benefits and steps to be taken by a military wife in event of emergency or the death of her husband has just been published by The Retired Officers Association (TROA).

To be completed by the husband, "Help Your Widow While She's Still Your Wife" includes preprinted forms for detailing all personal affairs—location of military records; financial affairs; insurance coverage; and much other information necessary to have immediately at hand when the emotional stress on the family is the greatest.

"We know that preparing for one's eventual death is an unpleasant but very necessary task," said TROA president, retired GEN Barksdale Hamlett, "but hardly a week goes by that we don't receive a call from a distraught widow seeking help because her husband had not informed her of her entitlements or left his records in order, or even told her who to notify in the event of his death.

"We hope this record, prepared in advance by the husband, will be of value to many thousands of wives when they need help the most—when they become widows."

The guide was published as a special supplement in the August issue of TROA's magazine, THE RETIRED OFFICER.

Active duty and retired personnel not members of TROA can get a copy of "Help Your Widow," by writing to: The Retired Officers Association, Personal Affairs Department, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.



Shako Returns Home

This 1815 cadet shako plate, the original "fried egg" device worn on full dress caps, was recently donated to the Museum. It is the only known plate to have survived the years, having been a part of the extensive collection of American militaria belonging to Waverly P. Lewis, who wished the plate to be returned to the Academy upon his death.

Though the lettering on the plate shows a lack of planning, the item is a much valued addition to the Museum.

Your Cullum File Needs Help

Not all graduates know that the Association maintains in its Cullum files a folder on every one of our graduates. Some of these folders are rich in information about the individual, others are barren. A graduate student from Colorado recently found our file on General Charles King, Class of 1866, a rewarding source for his doctoral studies; a lady, writing on Jeb Stuart, Class of 1854, was pleased to find a letter in which Stuart described his early service in some detail; genealogists have been able to trace descendants from leads gleaned from the Cullum files; and friends and admirers of West Point and West Pointers are constantly seeking information on deceased graduates.

Frequently the researcher finds gems of information from old newspaper clippings or magazine articles that have found their way into an individual's file. Clipping services have been used over the years, but they have never been discriminating enough to warrant the expense involved.

This, then, is a request for clippings, on yourself primarily, but on other graduates if the spirit moves you. Modesty is not a factor here.

No collection anywhere can compare with the Association's Cullum file as a prime source of information on most of our graduates. You can help to keep it so, by adding to your own and other's folders.

The Fourth Class System

The following factual listing of the objectives and recent changes in the Fourth Class System has been prepared by the Tactical Department as background data for Founders Day speakers. It is presented here because of the obvious interest of all graduates in the reorientation of that system:

The objectives of the Fourth Class System are:

a. To develop the qualities of character and self-discipline required of a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy.

b. To prepare the individual for acceptance and recognition as a member of the Corps of Cadets by teaching him the customs, traditions, and heritage of the U.S. Military Academy.

c. To identify those cadets who cannot function under controlled stress or who cannot otherwise meet the standards of the military profession.

d. To provide a practical system for the efficient administration and functioning of the Corps of Cadets while providing maximum leadership opportunities for the upper three classes.

e. To contribute to the socialization of the individual into the military profession.

The Fourth Class System is an institutional system operated by cadets and closely monitored by the Commandant. It contains artificially generated, stressful situations which facilitate meeting the objectives of the system.

Changes that have taken place in the thrust of the Fourth Class System in recent years include:

a. Elimination of the brace.

b. Annual publication of a single document specifying the requirements and limitations of the system.

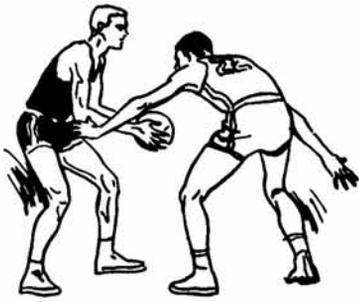
c. Focus on those characteristics in New Cadet Training essential for developing future soldier-leaders. Emphasis is on professionalism and development. It is as difficult and stressful as ever with emphasis on "soldier" and "field" type training.

d. Emphasis on decorum and dining etiquette in the Mess Hall rather than a stressful atmosphere.

e. Reduction and consolidation of knowledge required of Fourth Classmen to reflect more meaningful and useful information.

f. Increased emphasis on attendance at all varsity athletic events to provide exposure to a variety of sports as well as support for the varsity squads and to build a greater feeling of esprit-de-corps among the fourth class.

g. Progressive phasing of all aspects of the Fourth Class System to allow the fourth classmen to identify stages of accomplishment, thereby increasing both motivation and morale.



down the field...

FIRST a quick wrap up of the fall sports then a look at Army winter sports results.

FOOTBALL (3-8)

After squeaking past Holy Cross Army suffered its sixth reversal to bowl-bound Vanderbilt on 2 November by 38-14 score. For the sixth time this year Army scored 14 points in a single contest. Plebe Leamon Hall made his varsity debut an auspicious and exciting one in this game by coming off the bench late in the third quarter to guide the cadets to an immediate touchdown. Overall he completed 9 of 19 pass attempts and personally accounted for 107 of Army's 261 total offense yards. Several of his passes were on target but were dropped by his receivers. Hardy also put the cadets on the scoreboard with a 94 yard kickoff return.

Army got a game winning field goal in the final minute of play to pull a victory over Air Force out of the fire. Reserve kicker Mike Marquez, dressing for the initial time this fall, made good on a 33 yard attempt with 17 seconds remaining to lift the cadets to an emotion filled victory over Air Force 17-16. His field goal climaxed an Army march which was led by the passing of Plebe Leamon Hall and covered 64 yards in the closing minutes of play. Hardy rushed for a season high of 117 yards in 15 carries. He had a clutch 22 yard dash to set up Army's first score

then galloped 42 yards to the Falcon 3 yard line to set up the second TD early in the fourth quarter. Gillogly engineered two long touchdown drives and scored once himself on a sneak from a yard out. Baker and Smith starred on defense and were credited with 23 tackles between them.

The Army offense cranked up 42 points on the scoreboard in its 10th game of the 74 season—this one against North Carolina—and yet suffered a 56-42 loss to another bowl bound team (the Tar Heels went to the Sun Bowl), one of four opponents on Army's 1974 schedule to appear in bowl games. Gillogly, playing perhaps his finest game of the season rushed for 99 yards, scored two touchdowns, added one two-point conversion, and completed three of six passes. Hardy established a record for yardage on kick-off returns by returning 3 for 40 yards.

The Army football team closed its 1974 season, as we all know, with a disappointing 19-0 loss to Navy.

A final note for 1974—Two Army linemen, seniors Neil Begley and Rick Conniff, were named to the all-Eastern College Athletic Conference Division I football team.

Begley, of East Northport, was selected as an interior offensive lineman. The 6-foot-5, 240-pound lineman has been a bright spot for Army during the past three years. Not only did he play well, but he proved to be extremely versatile.

In addition the ECAC honors, Begley was selected to all-East football teams selected by both United Press International and the New York Times as an offensive guard. He also was chosen to play in the East-West Shrine football game. Conniff, a 6-foot-3, 210-pounder from Winter Park, FL, was named to the ECAC team as a defensive lineman. A two-year letterman, Conniff has played three positions on Army's defensive line.

So much for a disappointing 1974 season. What about 1975?

First the new captains. Defensive back Al Staerkel and quarterback Scott Gillogly were named co-captains of Army's 1975 football team.

The selection of Staerkel and Gillogly marks the second time in the last three years co-captains have been elected. Ward and Whitman served as co-captains of Army's 1973 team.

Staerkel, from Enid, OK, is one of Army's most experienced defensive backs. He has lettered two years in football since coming to West Point. During that time he has intercepted five passes and has been one of the team leaders in tackles.

Gillogly, from East Aurora, NY, has earned two varsity letters in football. As a sophomore he lettered as a defensive safety and this past fall he handled the quarterbacking chores for coach Homer Smith's Wishbone offense.

Next the new schedule for '75.

Holy Cross has been added to Army's



Trujillo, winner again, in meet with Manhattan.



Triangular track meet—Army, Connecticut, Colgate.



Army-La Salle

1975 football schedule. The cadets will open the season against the Crusaders on 13 Sept at Michie Stadium, thereby increasing their schedule to 11 games.

Future Army schedules will also include 11 games, which is in line with other major colleges and universities throughout the nation.

The addition of Holy Cross also necessitated a change in the playing sites for the Army-Stanford games scheduled in 1975 and 1976. Army will travel to Stanford on 4 Oct this year, a game originally scheduled for Michie Stadium. Stanford will journey to West Point in 1976.

Army and Holy Cross will be meeting for the 10th time in a series which began in 1914. The Cadets hold the edge with seven victories against one loss and one tie. The two teams have met for the past three years and each of those games was decided by a touchdown or less.

The complete 1975 schedule: SEPT 13—Holy Cross, home; 20—Lehigh, home; 27—Villanova, home. OCT 4—Stanford, away; 11—Duke, home; 18—Pittsburgh, home; 25—Penn State, away. NOV 1—Air Force, away; 8—Boston College, home; 15—Vanderbilt, away; 29—Navy, at Philadelphia.

Now the prospects for 1975.

Coach Homer Smith is basing his hopes for a winning season in 1975 on improved recruiting, better conditioning and an altered strategy.

With just nine First Classmen departing from the squad, Coach Smith will have a solid nucleus around which to build the 1975 team. He will have an experienced player in every position. He could use outstanding line material—say someone over six feet, about 240 pounds, who can run the 40 in 4.6, and bench press up to 450. Can you help?

Re better conditioning. Coach Smith has a memo for his players when they begin their conditioning program. This outlines his goals for them in '75 and suggests some real application by pointing out examples of some who have become outstanding players by conditioning themselves.

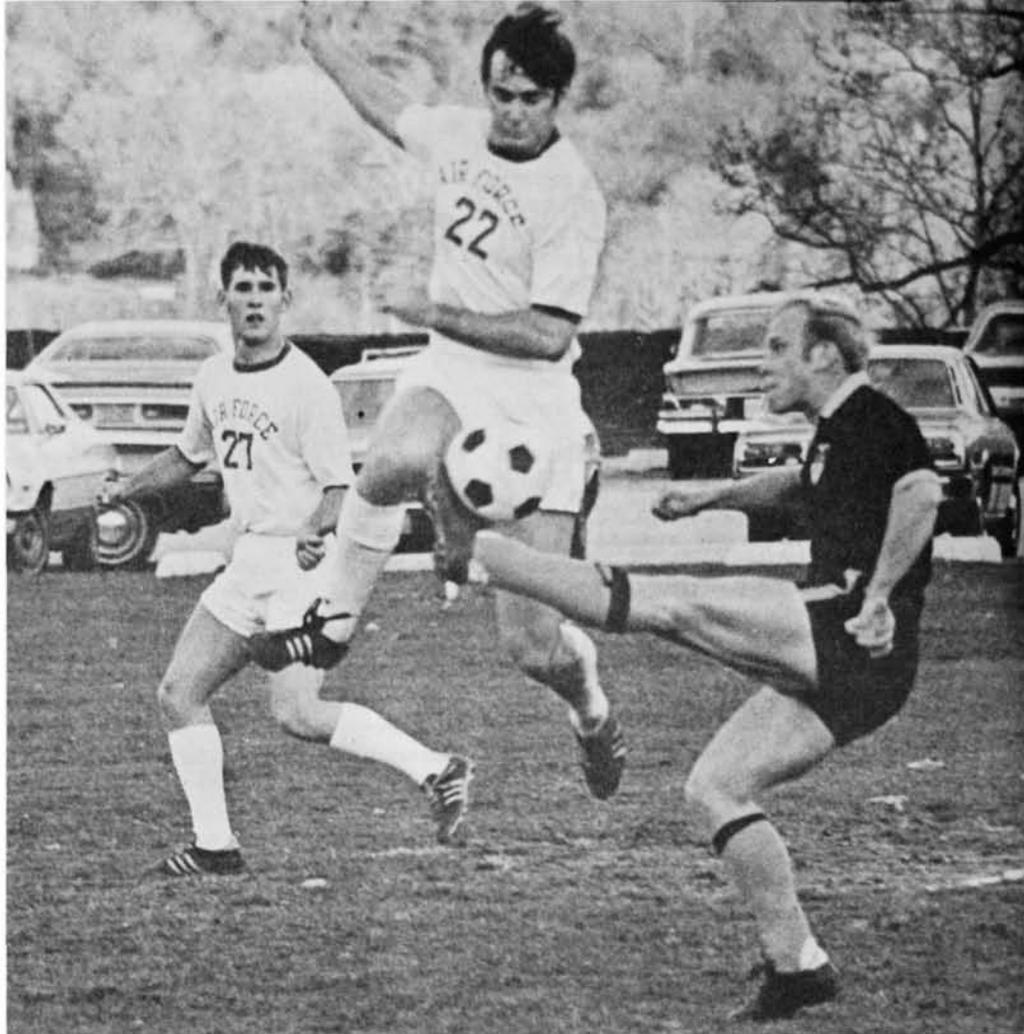
As for strategy Coach Smith will vary his attack. He says the team will not play the wishbone offense in as pure a form as last year. He wants an offense which will accommodate his passer—Hall—as well as Gillogly, the regular wishbone quarterback. He will use at times a slotback formation. He said the team will be throwing the ball more.

In short, Homer Smith says he will prepare for the next season so thoroughly that things which happened last season can't possibly happen again.

SOCCKER (7-3-2)

After a loss to Colgate, 4-1, Army booters played one of their best games beating Air Force 3-1. Team captain Nelson scored twice in the contest giving him a total of 13 goals for the season. The cadets outshot the Falcons by more than a two-to-one margin.

After a loss to West Chester State 2-1 the Army soccer team ended a long jinx



Team captain Randy Nelson goes for broke against Air Force.

against Navy. For coach Joe Palone and his Army soccer team it was long in coming—a victory over Navy. The cadets had not beaten the Middies during the regular season since 1958. But team captain Randy Nelson booted in two goals to lead Army to a 2-1 decision over Navy. The two goals gave Nelson 15 for the year and he was the team leader in scoring.

The Soccer team failed to receive a bid to the NCAA soccer tournament for only the second time in the last 12 years. The long sought victory over Navy made up for some of that disappointment.

Army's 1974 Soccer captain, Randy Nelson, highlighted an outstanding four-year soccer career at West Point by being named to the first team of the 1974 All-New York State Area Soccer Team for the fourth year in a row. Nelson was also selected an all-America honorable mention by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

Nelson has a four-year total of 37 goals and 19 assists. Fifteen of these goals were scored this season along with seven assists. "This was by far Randy's best season playing under me," commented head soccer coach Joe Palone.

Army's 1975 Soccer team captain won't be found among the Cadets list of scoring leaders, but if statistics were kept for aggressiveness and hustle, Rick Morales (Dix Hills, NY) would certainly rank at the top of the list.

Next year's team captain has been a standout performer at fullback, a defensive position, for two seasons in which he lettered. His biggest attribute has been the steadying influence he has had on the Cadet defense. Coach Joe Palone knows how Morales is able to get his difficult job done. "Rick is simply a hard-nosed, aggressive soccer player," says the Cadet coach.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOOTBALL (6-0)

Army's lightweight football team extended its winning streak to 20 games and wrapped up its fifth straight Eastern College Athletic Conference title by dumping Navy, 28-12.

In beating the Midshipmen for the fifth straight season, Army closed out with a 6-0 record and extended its lead in the series to 11-7. The Cadets haven't been beaten since the 1971 season.

Army, with halfback Dorian Anderson scoring two touchdowns, opened a 21-0 halftime lead and was on top 28-0 before Navy scored its first touchdown late in the third quarter.

The Army 150-pound team dominated the all-League selections announced by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Coach Eric Tipton's 150-pounders had seven players named to the all-League team. Four Army players were named to the all-League defensive unit while three made the offensive team.

All-League selections on defense in-



Harrison in action against Lowell Tech.

cluded Army team captain and linebacker Gruskowski, tackle Lewis, end Horn and Adams who was selected as a defensive back and a kicking specialist.

The all-League offensive choices included halfback Anderson, tackle Lane, and guard Kolar.

Bruce Weyrick, a linebacker and two-year letterman, has been named team captain of Army's powerful 150-pound football team. Weyrick, a native of Fairfax, VA, has been a standout performer on a defensive unit which this fall limited its opponents to just 45 points in six games.

CROSS COUNTRY (6-6)

Army closed out one of its most frustrating cross-country seasons in history bowing to arch-rival Navy, 20-43.

Trujillo, a bright spot for the Cadets all season, averted a shutout score by placing first for Army in 24:59. Trujillo's victory was his ninth in as many races this year. Despite Trujillo's efforts, the loss to Navy dropped the Cadets to a 6-6 record, the worst mark turned in by an Army team since 1957.

Trujillo ended perhaps the finest individual cross country effort in Army history. Trujillo was unbeaten during the regular season, setting course records at West Point and Rutgers. He also finished first in the Heptagonal Championships with a time of 24:34, less than three seconds off the meet record. He then went on to win the prestigious IC4A cross country championship with a time of 24:20.8 to whip Randy Thomas of Massachusetts by nearly 100 yards. It marked only the second time in history that a cadet has won the IC4A meet. Richard Shea was the only other Army runner to win at the IC4A, and he did it three times, 1949-51.

Plebe Curt Alitz also turned in an exceptional year during his first experience in collegiate competition. Alitz finished no worse than fourth during head-to-head competition, finished second in the Heps and 11th in the IC4A meet. He was the second freshman to cross the finish line in the IC4A meet.

After the outstanding season Dennis Trujillo had for the Army cross country team this fall, it came as no surprise when his running mates named him to captain next year's squad.

Trujillo actually worked in that capacity this season when departing captain Norm Reinhardt was unable to compete during most of the year because of a knee injury.

The young Cadet squad looked towards Trujillo for leadership, and the personable junior from Pueblo, CO, responded with the most outstanding year ever recorded by an Army harrier.

Coach Carleton Crowell has run out of superlatives to describe his feeling towards Trujillo as both a runner and person. "Denny is undoubtedly the best cross country runner I have ever coached," said Coach Crowell.

HOCKEY (8-6)

Army has two Hockey teams—one before Christmas and one after. The one before appeared to be floundering with a record of 2 wins and 5 losses, winning from New Haven and Elmira but losing to Amherst, Massachusetts, Lowell Tech, Oswego State and Elmira. After Christmas the other team took over and won from St. Nick's, Holy Cross, Merrimack, St. Anselm's, Williams, and North Adams State, losing only to Yale. The Army team now takes aim at solidifying its position as a playoff contender in Division II of the Eastern College Athletic Conference where it has a 6-4 mark.

The Cadets reached a turning point against Merrimack—an odds on favorite to capture the Division II crown with a record of 11 victories in their first 14 games. Army put its game together for the very first time this season against Merrimack, mixing aggressive defense, superlative goal-tending and clutch work on offense to pull out the victory 4-1. Despite being outshot by a wide margin, the Cadets simply harassed Merrimack with tough forechecking and backchecking to upset their consistency on offense. In addition, Army goalie Garver put together

his best night of the season, turning back 41 shots.

Against St. Anselm's, another contender in Division II, Army jumped to a 4-0 lead and had things pretty much under control, leading 7-2 at the end of two periods, finally winning 7-4.

"The puck bounced our way for a change against St. Anselm's," said Coach Riley. "And the nice part about it was that we got scoring from Birmingham, Healy and Burns. When we get scoring from some of our other lines it takes the pressure off our red line of Clark, Reynolds and Rost. We have the potential to score a lot of goals, but we haven't."

Seniors George Reynolds and George Clark gained all-Star recognition in Division II of the Eastern College Athletic Conference for their performances.

Reynolds, a wing from Newton, MA, was named "Player of the Week" in Division II for his eight-goal, two assist effort in three games. The Army senior, who shattered his kneecap as a sophomore, has bounced back this year to play the best hockey of his career.

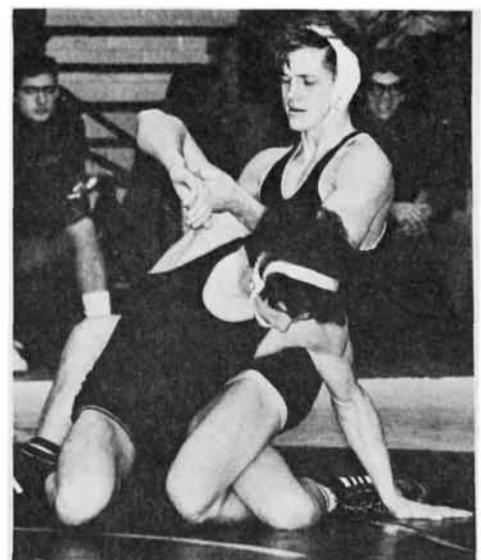
Reynolds scored both goals in Army's 9-2 loss to Yale, tallied four times against Williams College in an 8-2 win and added two more goals in a 10-4 decision over North Adams. He now has scored 15 goals this season, the second best mark on the team and just two goals shy of his total last year.

Clark, an all-America wing from Winnetka, IL, scored two goals and piled up 11 assists to earn the ECAC all-Star nod. Army's leading scorer for the past two years, Clark has already tallied 20 goals and added 16 assists. He is also just eight points shy of eclipsing Army's career scoring record of 229 points, set by Dave Merhar, a graduate of the class of 1969.

BASKETBALL (1-15)

The Army basketball team of 1973-74, which managed but six victories in 24 con-

One match in Army-Hofstra-Kent State meet.



Inside center Ed Borman struggles to gain yardage during Army-Rutgers game

tests, lacked the type of player who could reach double figures in both scoring and rebounding. In fact, when the long season drew to a close, the top scorer had averaged just 9.6 points per game and the top rebounder but six rebounds per outing.

Such should not have been the case this winter. At least, head coach Dan Dougherty was confident it wouldn't be, and all because of the presence of one newcomer to the Cadet varsity. That player is 6-5 forward Gary Winton, a Plebe out of Somerville, AL, who comes to the Military Academy by way of the USMA Prep School at Ft. Belvoir.

Coach Dougherty knew of Gary's abilities long before his arrival at West Point. He enjoyed a superb high school career at Brewer, where he was named to every conceivable all-star team possible. He still holds school records for single-game point production with 48, and season and career standards for scoring and rebounding.

All that Winton did in that opening game with LaSalle was score 19 points, pull down 17 rebounds and block five shots. He was a chief contributor to a second-half Army rally which saw the Cadets erase an 18-point deficit, only to bow in the closing seconds, 76-71. The game was tighter than the final margin, as the Explorers completed a three-point play at the buzzer.

Coach Dougherty was right about Plebe Winton but something must have happened to the remainder of the Army basketball team when we consider its dismal record at press time.

After LaSalle followed losses to Upsala 54-52, Syracuse 95-59, Northeastern 77-74, Utah 109-84, Weber State 70-59, Niagara 72-63, New Mexico 95-65, Illinois 79-70, Kings College 81-70, Lafayette 79-77, Buffalo 70-68, Fordham 75-67, Manhattan 81-69, and St. Joseph's 69-54. The only win registered was over Scranton by 65-61.

Cadet Leal and parachute team present the "Gavin Gavel" to MG Berry, Supt USMA.



WRESTLING (4-6)

The Army wrestling team, plagued by illness and injury during the month of December, managed just one victory in its first six dual meets. The new year brought new hope, however, and the Cadet grapplers found themselves in an excellent position to even the season record.

The lone December victory came over Duke in the very first outing, and was followed by setbacks at the hands of Princeton, Yale, Syracuse, Hofstra and Kent State. Since the holiday break, however, the cadets have defeated Seton Hall (44-3), Massachusetts Maritime (30-7) and Rutgers (19-18), but lost to Springfield (7-30).

However the injury bug returned and figures to weaken the depth structure considerably, also dimming Army's hopes of evening the score.

SQUASH (6-2)

Getting balls into action after a long midseason break the Army Squash team, with victories over Stevens Institute,

Franklin and Marshall, Fordham, and MIT and a loss to Harvard, garnered a two-game winning streak in the new year. It claimed victories over Stonybrook and Trinity College but lost to undefeated Pennsylvania (0-9).

Cadet Huscher has compiled the best record so far playing at the No. 6 position winning six of eight matches.

SWIMMING (5-4)

Army's swimming team opened its season in style with a one-sided victory over Rutgers 80-33, but lost next to powerful Harvard (37-76) and East Carolina (51-62) after a win over Brown (80-33). The team started the new year with a loss to Bucknell (45-68) then posted a decisive double win over Connecticut (86-27) and Colgate (73-40), and a split with Syracuse (68-45) and undefeated Villanova (48-65).

Coach Ryan is getting his best efforts from Kanamine whose best event is the 200 yard freestyle and from Bosse in the individual medley.

INDOOR TRACK (7-2)

Coach Carleton Crowell's surprising Army indoor track team attempted to continue its winning ways against powerful Penn State but dropped a 52-75 decision to the Nittany Lions and also dropped its record to 7 and 2. Before this setback the Army squad had among its victories an impressive triumph in a quadrangular meeting with Pennsylvania, Georgetown and St. John's, which boosted their season record to 7-1 with only a close defeat against Manhattan.

The Cadets have already surpassed last year's total of five wins in 10 outings, and have exceeded Coach Crowell's expectations for this stage of the season.

The highlight of the season so far was Army's upset win over Harvard 60-58. "This is the most exciting track meet we've ever had," Cadet Coach Carleton Crowell said. "I like to beat them (Harvard) as much as I do Navy."

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ASSEMBLY



USMA SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time-PM	Date	Opponent	Time-PM
VARSITY BASEBALL					
Apr 7	Seton Hall	3:30	Apr 5	Rutgers (A)	2:00
8	St. John's	3:30	12	Hofstra	2:15
11	Colgate (A)	3:00	16	Princeton	4:00
12	*Cornell (A)	1:30	19	Air Force (A)	1:00
	(doubleheader)		23	Yale	4:00
15	CCNY	3:30	May 3	Johns Hopkins	2:15
18	*Columbia (A)	3:00	10	Maryland (A)	2:30
19	*Pennsylvania (A)	12:30	17	Long Island AC Lacrosse Club	2:15
23	Villanova	3:30	24	New York Lacrosse Club	2:15
25	*Dartmouth	3:30	June 1	Navy (A)	2:00
26	*Harvard	1:30			
	(doubleheader)				
29	Fordham	3:30			
May 2	*Navy	3:30			
3	*Princeton	1:30			
	(doubleheader)				
5	New York Mets	3:00			
9	*Brown (A)	1:00			
	(doubleheader)				
10	*Yale (A)	2:00			
12	Rutgers	3:30			
15	Manhattan	3:30			
17	Southern Connecticut	2:30			
24	John Jay College	2:30			
31	**Navy	2:00			
Coach: Mr. Eric Tipton					
Officer Representative: CPT D. R. Haydon					
Captain: Cadet Brent Clark					
*League Games					
**Special Ticket required					
PLEBE BASEBALL					
Apr 5	Columbia	2:30	Apr 5	Suffolk County Comm Coll	2:15
8	St. John's	3:30	12	Albany State	2:15
9	Hotchkiss School	3:30	19	Cornell (A)	4:30
12	Saugus High School	2:30	23	Farmingdale State	4:00
16	Rockland Community College	3:30	26	Morris County Coll	2:00
19	Montclair State (A)	1:00	May 3	Brown	2:15
23	Choate School	3:30	10	Rutgers	2:15
26	Albany State	2:30	14	Hotchkiss School	4:00
30	Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School	3:30	17	Princeton	2:15
May 3	Princeton	2:30			
7	CCNY	3:30			
9	St. Rose High School	3:30			
10	Bridgeport	2:30			
12	Rutgers	3:30			
15	Manhattan	3:30			
17	Newburyport High School	2:30			
24	New Britain High School	2:30			
Coach: Mr. Ron Holmberg					
Officer Representative: MAJ D. J. Voss					
Captain: Cadet Jim Armstrong					
VARSITY TENNIS					
Apr 12	Cornell (A)	2:00	Apr 12	Columbia (A)	2:00
18	Columbia (A)	2:00	19	Pennsylvania (A)	2:00
19	Pennsylvania (A)	2:00	21	Colgate	3:45
21	Colgate	3:45	23	East Stroudsburg	3:45
23	East Stroudsburg	3:45	25	Dartmouth	3:45
25	Dartmouth	3:45	26	Harvard	1:30
26	Harvard	1:30	29	Fordham	3:45
29	Fordham	3:45	May 3	Princeton	1:30
May 3	Princeton	1:30	6	Swarthmore	3:45
6	Swarthmore	3:45	9	Brown (A)	3:00
9	Brown (A)	3:00	10	Yale (A)	2:00
10	Yale (A)	2:00	14	Williams	3:45
14	Williams	3:45	16	Bucknell (A)	3:00
16	Bucknell (A)	3:00	17	Penn State (A)	2:00
17	Penn State (A)	2:00	31	Navy	9:00 AM
31	Navy	9:00 AM			
Coach: Mr. Ron Holmberg					
Officer Representative: MAJ D. J. Voss					
Captain: Cadet Jim Armstrong					
JV/PLEBE TENNIS					
Apr 18	Columbia	3:45	Apr 18	Columbia	3:45
19	Nassau Comm Coll	1:30	19	Nassau Comm Coll	1:30
26	Rutgers (A)	1:00	26	Rutgers (A)	1:00
30	Hotchkiss School	3:45	30	Hotchkiss School	3:45
May 3	Princeton	1:30	May 3	Princeton	1:30
7	Lawrenceville School	3:45	7	Lawrenceville School	3:45
10	Fordham Prep	1:30	10	Fordham Prep	1:30
VARSITY OUTDOOR TRACK					
Apr 5	Princeton	1:30	Apr 5	Princeton	1:30
12	Triangular-Columbia	1:30	12	Triangular-Columbia	1:30
	Yale			Yale	
19	Pennsylvania (A)	12 Noon	19	Pennsylvania (A)	12 Noon
26	Penn Relays (A)		26	Penn Relays (A)	
May 3	Manhattan	1:30	May 3	Manhattan	1:30
10	Heptagonals		10	Heptagonals	
17	Harvard (A)	12:30	17	Harvard (A)	12:30
31	Navy (A)	2:00	31	Navy (A)	2:00
Coach: Mr. Carl Crowell					
Officer Representative: CPT J. E. Ferguson					
Captain: Cadet Jack Craven					
JV/PLEBE OUTDOOR TRACK					
Apr 5	Princeton	1:30	Apr 5	Princeton	1:30
9	Suffolk County Comm Coll	3:30	9	Suffolk County Comm Coll	3:30
12	Triangular-Columbia	1:30	12	Triangular-Columbia	1:30
	Yale			Yale	
19	Farmingdale State	1:30	19	Farmingdale State	1:30
23	Nassau Comm Coll	3:30	23	Nassau Comm Coll	3:30
May 3	Manhattan	1:30	May 3	Manhattan	1:30
(A) Away Games					
VARSITY LACROSSE					
JV/PLEBE LACROSSE					
VARSITY GOLF					
Apr 5	Triangular-Rutgers (A)	12:30	Apr 5	Triangular-Rutgers (A)	12:30
	Pennsylvania			Pennsylvania	
12	Triangular-Manhattan	1:30	12	Princeton	2:00
	Princeton		19	Quadrangular-Middlesex Cty Coll	2:00
18	Boston College (A)	1:00		Ocean Cty Coll	
19	Connecticut (A)	1:00		Somerset Cty Coll	
26	Quadrangular-Columbia	1:30			
	Cornell				
	Villanova				
May 3-4	EIGL (A)		May 3	Hotchkiss School	2:00
10	Triangular-Penn State (A)	1:00	10	Nassau Community College	2:00
	Colgate				
17	Triangular-Fordham	1:30			
	USMMA				
31	Navy	10:00 AM			
Coach: Mr. John Fox					
Officer Representative: LTC E. I. Hickey, Jr.					
Captain: Cadet Greg Stone					

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exams at Langres using books purchased by a Chaplain in Paris at the special request of the C.O. General Honnen studied these texts in the C.O.'s dugout by candlelight since it was the only place not blacked out.

Remembering several lighter moments of this hasty ordeal, Mr. E. Hoffman Price (USMA '23) notes that on the history exam "What I knew about Gustavus Adolphus . . . could be written on a small page with a shaving brush dipped in asphalt paint." There was also a verbal exam which required answers to rather personal questions. Asked "What do you smoke and what do you drink?" the mischievous students diligently answered, "Anything and everything." Those who survived this test were, in general, the students with enough "savvey . . . to come in out of the rain, PROVIDED that a bugler sounded a call. . . ."*** But in a more serious note, Mr. Price admits that the "Prep School was good." He concludes that if the present school "lacks the color of A.E.F.U., it no doubt makes up with efficiency." The labor involved in bringing young enlistees into the great tradition of West Point is, according to Mr. Price, "fine work."

Following the thorough battery of final exams, those who had been accepted—about one-tenth of the original number of applicants—were ordered to report to West Point. Prior to departure, the troops were addressed by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker and General Pershing—but little was heard since the troops wanted to get back to American soil!

Mr. Townsend recalls that General Pershing said that while the soldiers had just finished the "war to end all wars" and the war "to save democracy," they should nevertheless keep themselves physically and mentally ready—since there would be another war.*** When the new students arrived at West Point, a Cavalry escort met their train, an event which gave them a great sense of pride; however, they soon discovered that the honors were not for them but for the Chief of Staff who was giving the graduation address. The young men trudged up the hill and saw their first view of the Point just as the Corps of Cadets was passing in review.*** The new arrivals were given Honorable Discharges signed by Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur and then were sworn in as new Cadets. Following that, they were granted a three-week furlough prior to meeting the challenge of West Point.

In these early recollections can be found the very informal origins of the Prep School. The program was a rather primitive make-shift wartime attempt to bring new blood into the officer corps by encouraging experienced and enthusiastic enlistees to join the Long Gray Line.

PHASE II: THE CORPS AREAS

The haphazard approach to the prep program continued after World War I.

Prep schools were established in each Army Corps area beginning in 1920 and operated at various times until 1943. Replacing the wartime European schools, the new prep schools ranged from Fort Devens, Massachusetts, to the Presidio of San Francisco in California, and from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; there were also overseas programs at Corozal in the Panama Canal Zone, Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, and Fort McKinley in the Philippines. The schools accepted eligible appointees from the Regular Army and the National Guard; the program and the training discipline were roughly an imitation of the system of the Military Academy.***

Each Corps Area originally selected anywhere from 15 to 100 people annually. Classes were usually reduced by halves until there would be about 5 or 6 students left to enter the Army-wide competition for West Point appointments. In general, this set-up was followed in all Corps Areas.*** In some of the more formal and complex programs, such as that at the Presidio of San Francisco, the math courses consisted of instruction in elementary and advanced algebra, plane and solid geometry, and trigonometry; English involved instruction in grammar, rhetoric, composition, and English and American literature, the history schedule included ancient, medieval, and modern English and American history, and there was a course in the French that would be covered at West Point in the fall term. Recalling the less formal programs, Colonel W.H. Schaefer (USMA '24) comments that at the Fort Benning School he was required to act as "everything from Commandant to the only instructor" in the period from 1924 to 1928. Colonel C.G. Patterson (USMA '33) remembers that the school which he attended at Fort Totten, New York, was conducted in the attic of the Post Headquarters. Colonel William Peak (USMA '43) comments that when he attended the school at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, the faculty consisted of one lieutenant and the daughter of the Post Commander. Colonel Peak recalls that the students worked mainly on their own, checking their work against approved solutions. One effect of this was that, while Peak "hadn't the foggiest understanding of geometry," he was able to recognize the questions, write down the answers, and then fill in the work leading to it from memory. He adds that this "was almost disastrous in Plebe year.***"

In most cases the schools were administratively attached to units at the various posts; this situation sometimes gave rise to rivalries between the local enlistees and the students who appeared to be living an easy life with nothing to do but study.*** Lieutenant General William A. Knowlton (USMA '43, 49th Superintendent of the USMA) attended the Hawaiian Department School in 1938; he remembers that whenever the Cadets got out of hand, an old 30-year private would stare at their formation and say, "If them's

what are going to be officers in the United States Army, God help us. I'm glad I'm retiring." General Knowlton states, "The experience always shook us a little."

Because competition for a political appointment to West Point during the depression was nearly impossible, the prep system was really a windfall for many young enlistees despite diverse hardships. Colonel Ellis O. Davis (USMA '34) points out that the depression had apparently coincided with an overproduction and consequent forced issue of pineapple; the students of the 1930 class at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, claimed that the mess cook put pineapple in doughnuts, lamb stew, and pumpkin pie. Brigadier General William E. House (USMA '26) says that his class's first night at the Fort Oglethorpe School in Georgia had to be spent sleeping on the lawn; the next morning, the students attacked the bunks of the ancient barracks with blow torches to destroy the bed bugs. Students destined for Fort Totten during the depression found themselves moving from the New York City recruiting station to the school by old street cars; this mode of transportation was financed by the Quartermaster in the interest of "public service." Colonel John Williamson (USMA '35) recalls that his Fort Totten class had to make its trips to West Point football games in crowded World War I reconnaissance cars because Army buses were not economically feasible; since the cars were not enclosed, these fall trips were quite chilly. Life was not easy in the early prep schools.

Reminiscing about the more enjoyable times, Colonel Sellers (USMA '33) comments that his congressman maneuvered him into the Schofield Barracks school by calling the Adjutant General and cutting tons of red tape. Consequently, Sellers' records were tabbed "Congressional Interest," and he became known in his original Infantry unit as "Captain." His friends took delight in jumping to and calling "Attention!" when he entered the barracks. Their posture was as exaggerated as that of a braced West Point plebe. Sellers would pompously strut the length of the squad aisle before commanding "Rest!" On one occasion, however, nothing happened upon his command. Looking over his shoulder, he discovered that his company commander had followed him into the barracks; after the officer left the squad area, the men could hear his uncontrolled laughter. This incident did not quell Sellers' sense of new independence, for when he returned to his unit after successfully completing his course in Hawaii, he told his First Sergeant, "I don't expect to be back long. Would you have the clerk prepare my request for a leave of two months and twenty days." Sellers was later told that the Sergeant's roar was heard throughout the company area, and that those who heard the roar expected the recipient of the wrath to burst from the orderly room as part of the debris of the explosion. Undaunted, Sellers showed the NCO a letter from

the General granting the leave. After reading the letter, the Sergeant said, "How about that!" The whole company was elated over the news of the appointment, and the NCO's broke their barrier of aloofness to gather around Sellers and congratulate him.***

After the long grind of the prep course, appointments were usually announced in June. Mr. Ralph L. Cadwallader (USMA '43) remembers that he was ordered to drop everything and report to his commander. On entering the C.O.'s office, the candidate was told grimly, "You made it." Cadwallader had visions of all the helling around he and his friends had done at Fort Snelling, and was sure some sin had caught up with him. The officer then informed him that he had received his appointment. After that, all Cadwallader can remember of the school is the beginning of "the biggest beer bust" ever seen at the post—the men "really celebrated."*** Prohibition had cramped the style of many of the students, and, both before and after repeal, many classes experimented with all sorts of "devil's brew."

This usually led to new messes for orderlies to clean up in the morning.***

During the 23-year period of Phase II, efforts to formalize the program brought about increasingly commendable results as the system gained more and more recognition. The prep program provided a significant input for the Officer Corps which was called upon to expand to meet the demands of World War II.

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ated, with nary a chevron upon his once-proud sleeve. So, how *are* they all? Not that it matters much, though, for this particular Ducrot was a much respected permanent Professor at USMA until late in the 1960's.

There is, however, one femme with whom Mr. Ducrot will always be enamored—that damned indifferent one! Some call her Victory and some call her Fame, but Mr. Ducrot knows her as "the Lady on Battle Monument." She was placed there life-sized and scantily clad in 1897. Officially she was called "Victory," but it was common knowledge that the lady was Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw. Everyone knew this because at the time the papers were screaming headlines about how Harry K. Thaw had very effectively shot Stanford White, the famous sculptor-artist who had helped design the monument. Mr. Thaw was adjudged legally insane, but before he was carted off, babbling, to Mattewan, he had informed the world that his glamorous-girl wife had been mixing unauthorized activities with posing for Mr. White. Hence the target practice.

It was a wonderful, juicy scandal, and Mr. Ducrot felt enormously proud to have the Toast of Cafe Society perched up there on his very own monument, waving her wreath and blowing her horn, goddess of all she surveyed—which was practically the whole of West Point. Immediately all plebes were required to bone up on the titillating tale and sound it off with embellishments upon demand. Through the years it has gained considerably in the telling until it now describes how Mr. Thaw chased Mr. White thrice around the Plain, brandishing a snow-white shotgun, while Mrs. Thaw covered atop her lofty perch, shivering in her bronze nightie and crying, "Stop, Harry, Stop! Stanford only did it for art's sake!" The local Women's Christian Temperance Union was aghast that a statue with such a tawdry background should be so prominently displayed at a national academy and predicted dire happenings, yet there she stands to this day, Mr. Ducrot's beloved Evelyn, the one and only official concession to womanhood at West Point.

West Point hops have always been an important part of cadet life and one of the few activities affording Mr. Ducrot some measure of genuine pleasure. The incorrigible snakes and spoonoids (archaic cadet slang for a lady's man) in the corps are always to be found at the hops, but unless Mr. Ducrot is dragging the only attraction of these affairs might be some free boodle. Many a kaydet has been willing to get all dressed up for the sake of a dish of ice cream. He invariably goes through the feed line several times but then heads back to the sack.

Most important about West Point hops, however, is their perpetual, irresistible appeal to the ladies. It takes a woman's eye properly to appreciate a West Point hop, and fortunately several lady writers have held forth ecstatically on the subject through the years. Space here precludes full or even adequate recording of their impressions, but we still are grateful for their glimpse into Mr. Ducrot's social life. A Miss Leslie wrote in *Graham's Magazine* for April, 1842, about one of the early hops. The period she describes is either the early '20s, when she lived with a brother stationed there, or about 1833 when she was again visiting West Point, this time with another brother, the Professor of Drawing.

The particular ball in question, or Cotillion Party as they were termed officially at that time, was held on New Year's Eve in the large room over the Old Mess Hall, scene of "The Great Wine Binge of 1817" (another story, another time). Miss Leslie writes: "The cadets had spent days decorating" the place with "festooning evergreens" and "converting each window recess into a bower of thickly-woven foliage." Around the central pillars were stacked stands of muskets "with very bright bayonets." These decorations were obviously the result of many plebe-hours of labor, but one wonders if the overall atmospheric effect might not have

been that of a fantastic obstacle course! The orchestra (piano, fife, fiddle, and oboe) played the hot jive of the period from beneath a canopy constructed from the big garrison flag, its "stars and stripes ingeniously disposed," while overhead waved the National and Corps colors "suspended from pillars." Illumination came from candles set around the wall in tin sconces, the very ones used at Washington's Great Illumination of 1782, given at West Point in honor of the new-born Dauphin of France. These had been withdrawn from storage and shined up for the occasion.

Miss Leslie goes into great, society-page detail in describing the gowns of the ladies present, some of whom had come up on the steamer from the Big City and others from across the Hudson in a rowboat (some women will go great distances to show off a new gown). One woman is described as tall and fair and willowy, of "lovely figure." She wore a white satin creation, "its skirt and sleeves looped up with small white roses" (which Mr. Ducrot probably did not appreciate), further "set off to great advantage by an extremely well-fitting bodice of transparent pink zephyr" (which he unquestionably did!).

The writer goes on to tell how cleverly the cadets disguised themselves in "native costumes" and how the assemblage was entertained by a skit, in which a "captain" in resplendent parody of officer full-dress drilled an awkward squad armed with "sticks, cornstalks, and shut umbrellas."

Miss Leslie advises her readers to avoid the predicament in which the New York contingent of femmes found themselves. It seems these young ladies, to avoid ruining their finery on the smoky steamboat trip, had arrived wearing their very oldest attire. But in the excitement of arrival and debarkation, they had left behind their suitcases full of evening dresses! So during the hop, while their pretty gowns proceeded up to Albany, while the music played invitingly upstairs and while their escorts vainly tried to coax them up to the ballroom, these foolish virgins huddled disconsolately below decks "in their dishabile of shawls and calashes," ashamed to make an appearance!

The occasion was not soon forgotten. After the hop the Across-the River contingent, whom Miss Leslie praises lavishly for their pulchritude and grace, said goodbye to their cadets and reembarked for the homeward voyage in the middle of the cold winter night. At daybreak their little rowboat was discovered icebound out in midstream. Rescuers finally managed to cut a path through the floes and get the ladies ashore, "benumbed with cold and indeed nearly dead."

Miss Leslie concludes her dramatic account by stating that no sooner had they been brought to safety after this terrible ordeal than "they were said to have declared that they would willingly go through a repetition of the same for the

sake of another such ball." If such noble words truly were ever uttered through chattering teeth upon the Hudson's shore, they should be graved in bronze and placed just outside the Cadet Reception Hall as the finest tribute ever paid West Point!

Dancing at West Point Hops undoubtedly has had its share of humor as well as romance. Once, long ago—so far back in our history that officers still wore beards—a young lady was dancing with her date's tac. Occasionally during the dance she felt a lock of hair from her coiffure touching her neck, and she would inconspicuously reach back with her free right hand and quickly pin it up. At the end of the dance she found that she had pinned the lieutenant's beard to her head.

Dancing and the military have been in step for thousands in the Long Gray Line since the first day of classes at the Military Academy in 1802. As the foundation for the Academy's first Physical Education program the famous drill master Baron von Steuben urged George Washington in 1783 to include fencing, horsemanship and dancing in the course of study for the first cadets.

Dancing has been on and off as a required course throughout West Point's 172-year history. In the 1950's, teachers from Arthur Murray's Dancing School in New York were hired to instruct cadets but costs and the practice of having cadets dance with other cadets nearly tripped up the program altogether.

William Lewis, an Academy Physical Education instructor and ballroom dancer and square dance caller for 25 years, took charge of the six one-hour classes required of every Plebe. Mr. Lewis taught the fox-trot, polka, cha cha, jitterbug, and most important, the waltz—so Mr. Ducrot could glide to the tune of "Army Blue," the closing number of each cadet hop. By 1968 rock bands were plunking "Army Blue" with a new beat and, as at other campuses, the lindy, cha cha, and waltz vanished from the dance floor and so did West Point's mandatory dance classes.

Now popular demand has brought them back. Mr. Ducrot seems to feel that dancing close may have some redeeming social advantages after all, and that it can even be fun. Cadet requests for dancing lessons deluged the Cadet Hostess Office. In fact, the sudden response to the classes was so overwhelming that they had to be restricted to firsties only; and over 100 turned out. As in the past the Cadet Hostess Office sponsors the classes and recruits (with little effort needed) college-age girls in the area to be dance partners for the kaydets.

Tribute must always be paid to those friendly, dedicated, and usually indispensable social secretaries to the Corps of Cadets known as the Cadet Hostesses. These ladies comprise a general information bureau for cadets, their guests, and their dates, and it seems inconceivable

that Mr. Ducrot could survive his four year cadet career without their invaluable services. The hostess is Mr. Ducrot's Ann Landers, Dear Abby, match maker, lovers counsellor, etiquette expert, and surrogate mother all rolled into one. During Beast Barracks she gives New Cadet Ducrot his orientation in the social amenities apropos USMA; during plebe parent weekend she coordinates the reception and accommodations of Mr. Ducrot's guests; and during yearling summer training she even sets up a full-time alternate command post at Camp Buckner. In short, the cadet hostesses permeate all of a cadet's social activities. They are instrumental in coordinating homecoming, 500th night, 100th night, army-navy weekend, and, of course, all of the hops. Through the hostesses Mr. Ducrot knows he can always get plenty of coffee, conversation, and recreation, but, most importantly, he knows he can get dates. The hostesses correspond with 70 schools in search of eligible young ladies, and they maintain femme files complete with photos. Not all of the hostess' girls are good looking, but, then, neither are all of the cadets. As is the wont of the species, cadets have always assigned jargon epithets (or epitaphs!) to the hostess' uncomely lasses. For example, during the tenure of Mrs. Doris Barth they were called "Barth Tubs," and during Mrs. Beatrice Holland's tenure they were called "Holland Tunnels," Mrs. Barbara Brown is the current Cadet Hostess, and she is curiously waiting to see what slanderous sobriquet kaydet ingenuity will think up for her "D" drags.

The "D" drag has always posed a serious problem for Mr. Ducrot, for a cadet is at one great disadvantage in the battle of the sexes: he cannot escape! If cornered, he may mumble that he has to march Room Orderly and then seek the sanctuary of the barracks, but that excuse soon wears thin, especially when the young lady concerned is visiting on the post. Such a femme was once called an L.P., for *lady of the post*, but through much broad application over the years the expression came to be the standard cadet kaydet slang for "undesirable or unattractive;" "lacking in pulchritude;" or "lemon pie: a femme whose beauty and age are good subjects for debate." The term may be obsolete today and perhaps replaced by different slang—"D" for deficient probably substitutes for the adjectival use of L.P. today—but the L.P. is not. Certainly all femmes can't be Miss Americas, but it does seem to Mr. Ducrot at times that the ladies of his garrison have more than their share of marriageable female relations and schoolmates. Much as he likes home cooking, Mr. Ducrot accepts invitations to dinner with his fingers crossed, for the chances are that his hostess' parting words will be something like: "And it's so sweet of you to drag Cousin Zenobia next weekend. I know you'll like her. She's just a dear. And it's so good for her to get away from her teaching now and then..."

There is a bright side to all of this, however. The percentage of pulchritude runs very high among army wives, many of whom meet their future husbands on blind dates at West Point. No tears need be shed either for the attractive army daughter whose father is stationed at the Academy. So Mr. Ducrot takes his good weekends along with his bad, dragging blind even though he knows better, and ever hoping for the jackpot.

Just what makes up West Point's appeal to the gentler sex is something beyond the ken of any mere male like Mister Ducrot. Better to let them speak for themselves, as did this young lady, writing for one of the *Femme's Numbers of The Pointer* a few years ago:

Slews of hop cards, calendars, diaries, *Pointers*, miniature shoulder pins, and F.D. buttons will always be tangible reminders of the wonderful times spent at West Point. Yet, what lingers most in the mind of an Army Femme as time goes on? What memories remain after her Cadet graduates?

To me it shall be the sparkling Hudson in the sunlight; the high stony cliffs; the rocky breath-taking climb to Fort Put; quiet winding Flirtation; the noisy, splashing crowd at Delafield Pond, with a figure inevitably swishing down the slide. I shall remember warm hospitable Grant Hall; the cold stone barracks, made alive by men's cheerful voices; the view from Trophy Point; the stately and beautiful Cadet Chapel; those two white stairways at Cullum, and the movies which most femmes have seen.

These are the things which I will remember till I'm old, gray, and ninety, and wishing I were dragging the Point again.



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year program consisting of three years of high school instruction and three years of college. Its military training and many of the academic courses are very similar to the USMA program. Several impressive military ceremonies took place on the academy grounds during the week and it was a unique experience to observe the various marching styles of the ten countries' color guards. The officers of the visiting delegations also were officially presented to Ecuador's Minister of Defense, MG (Ret.) Alemida Jativa and to President Guillermo Rodriguez Lara. The president expressed his appreciation that everyone present came to strengthen their bonds of friendship by celebrating the anniversary of his country's academy. Speaking for the group, GEN Berry replied by expressing thanks to the Republic of Ecuador for providing such an opportunity to develop understanding and friendship.

Wednesday, 11 December, was the highlight of the week since the Ecuadorian Military Academy was founded on 11 December 1899. In the morning a floral offering was presented to the academy by each visiting delegation. After that the Minister of Defense unveiled a monument to fallen cadets and the ceremony was concluded with a parade of honor. Gifts were then exchanged between the visiting delegations and the host academy with GEN Berry presenting GEN Solis an impressive plaque commemorating the occasion. In return GEN Solis gave each delegation member a small plaque, academy pennant, and other mementoes of the occasion.

The evening began with a "Solemn Session" of speeches lauding the "Eloy Alfaro" Military Academy, one of which was given by President Rodriguez Lara. A formal reception followed. Of special significance was the presentation by GEN Berry of the six West Point cadets to the president, who graciously conversed with each of them in Spanish.

In addition to these formal ceremonies the USMA delegation attended athletic events, a bullfight, a riding demonstration, a concert of Ecuadorian music and briefings by the Minister of Defense and the President of Ecuador.

The party from West Point departed Quito the morning of 13 December, honored by an impressive sendoff at the airport. Not only were lasting friendships made among the current leaders of the participating nations, but also among the future leaders, the cadets.



View from Fort Putnam

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the evening of 20 March 1974, Mr. Price presented an informal lecture to Cadets and Staff and Faculty members on his painting techniques and philosophies. His demeanor was one of modesty but his love of his work soon became obvious to those present. Mr. Price displayed three cartoons for consideration but showed strong favor, as did everyone present, for the cartoon that eventually became "View of West Point from Fort Putnam." This presentation was both interesting and exciting, for the cartoon gave every indication that the final product would be striking indeed.

The unveiling of Mr. Price's work was originally set for 16 May 1974, but was postponed until 30 May to incorporate it into the opening activities for Eisenhower Hall. At noon on 30 May, the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Knowlton, drew the curtains from Mr. Price's finished product, and West Point had its first major artistic record in 110 years.

Mr. Price not only captured the expansive and breathtaking quality of the West Point area in his painting, but he master-

fully conveyed the mood and atmosphere of West Point's timelessness and historic tradition. He centers his view on two Civil War mortars—weapons representing a period which produced some of the Academy's most dedicated and brilliant officers. The massive quality of the weapons conveys the sense of permanence that has come to be associated with West Point. The mist rising from the Hudson on that crisp fall morning suggests the day when those mortars were actively engaged in battle. The long stone wall, old yet firm, separates yet connects the weapons of a bygone era with the West Point of today. In capturing the atmosphere of the Military Academy, Mr. Price has appropriately projected the older period into the modern era. The Civil War mortars have now been removed to accommodate the Bicentennial restoration. Mr. Price has not only graphically preserved a portion of the Academy's history familiar to many graduates and visitors but has also captured the historical and timeless atmosphere of West Point.

The response to the painting has been enthusiastic; so much so that the Cadet Fine Arts Forum has embarked on the project of offering this painting to a larger audience in the form of a limited edition of signed prints, which will become available first to the Corps in early 1975. The continuing effort by the Cadet Fine Arts Forum to interest cadets in the graphic arts, and the sincere excitement shown for Mr. Price's work have contributed to this newest Cadet Fine Arts Forum project. Thus, the Fine Arts Forum continues in its role as a major contributor to the balanced undergraduate experience of the Corps of Cadets, and the commissioning of Mr. Price's "View of West Point from Fort Putnam" both serves that objective and provides for us a record of the changing West Point scene.



Book Reviews

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reports, that for 1969, affirms that "the Academy is doing—and doing well—what it exists to do. . . . Classroom instruction at West Point reaches an exceedingly high level of performance. One member of the evaluation team suggested the formation of a 'West Point Instructional Blood Bank' from which transfusions might be begged, borrowed, or stolen for use in vivifying tired civilian instructors in our own institutions. . . . An Academy classroom is a lively place. . . . All thought of indoctrination as the pattern for West Point teaching disappears within the first fifteen minutes of classroom experience there."

The most unsatisfactory aspect of the book is its treatment of duty and honor. For a variety of reasons, not always clear, the authors seem ill-disposed toward the Cadet Honor System as well as the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." The precepts of Duty-Honor-Country are

difficult to attack frontally, obviously; so the central complaint is voiced rather in the authors' contention that in practice among West Pointers honor is equated with duty, the result being that greater weight attaches to execution of orders than to analysis of the ethical implications of those orders. Put another way, Moore-Ellis believe that the West Point product is so conditioned to instant obedience that he lacks the ethical clarity to perceive an immoral order, or, perceiving it, lacks the ethical gumption to gain-say it: "In those infrequent, but often crucial, situations that call for conscientious opposition to orders, the West Pointer may have greater trouble [than other officers] determining the parameters of his own moral position." This is a serious if not arrogant charge to make against a large group, for it presupposes on the part of the accuser a superior moral vantage. The submerged and implicit deduction that underpins the book and leads to this type of thinking runs as follows: The Vietnam War was immoral; West Point products dutifully prosecuted that war; therefore, West Pointers are themselves morally suspect. Reasoning such as the foregoing tracks very quickly to philosophical and ideological roots, so that we are unlikely to settle the issue here. But two thoughts are in order. First, by effectively discounting the primacy of discipline to a military force (though paying lip-service to it), the authors run counter to the lessons of combat, revealing themselves poor judges of how best to prepare men to conduct themselves under the ordeal of fire. Second, by sanctioning the principle of "infrequent" (how infrequent?) refusals to follow legal military orders on grounds of conscience, the authors encourage a precedent that, once broadly established, could act to thwart the implementation of military policy as ordered by legally constituted civilian authority thereby jeopardizing the security of the country. Writers of the 1969 Middle States accreditation report on the Academy were also aware of the potential conflict between discipline and integrity, and it is instructive to read their conclusions.

"Integrity and discipline are listed first among the attributes of character the Academy seeks to develop in its cadets. Integrity requires not only honesty in all relationships with others, but internal intellectual honesty as well—independence of mind, if you will. Discipline—the respect owed to duty and authority—can seem at times to conflict with integrity. Ability to reconcile these apparently conflicting claims requires psychological stability and considerable maturity of judgment. An educational system that succeeds in developing in young men the ability to make such judgments wisely is worthy of admiration. The system at West Point, in spite of its emphasis on duty, order, and discipline—in spite of its around-the-clock scheduling of a cadet's life—does succeed in this difficult area. No claims to perfection in this matter could or would be made by responsible Academy authorities, but

the record is more than good. Cadets do think for themselves, in class and out of class. By the time they leave the Point they are both highly disciplined material for the professional officer corps of the armed services and men with minds that are their own."

Academy graduates at large will find much of interest in this book, though they will of course be surprised and chagrined to have it implied that their West Point education has left them intellectually stunted and ethically maimed. So far as all present members of the Academy staff and faculty are concerned, the book is recommended reading. True, it cannot serve as a definitive critique of the Military Academy since its authors fail to grasp—perhaps cannot grasp—the essential correlation between the West Point experience and the realities of battle. But as a radical assault upon the Academy's complacencies, the work of Messrs. Moore and Ellis will encourage further re-examination of problematic areas and may thus ultimately prove salutary.



WP Societies

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Candidate Committee has grown into a very effective organization within the Society. Its purpose is to help young men in the Southern California area secure appointments and to help these young men get through the qualification steps. Last year alone we helped over 50 young men enter West Point.

A new phase has been entered into by the committee in that we have a field force that is helping to identify and secure academic information on young athletes in the area (with particular emphasis on football at this time). Many of you are presently taking very active roles in your respective communities and your help in our efforts to find the best possible candidates is needed. To get involved now, and take a more active role in the Society, contact the Committee Representative in your area: Ron Brunner, Chairman, 1281 W. Rosecrans Avenue, Apt 204, Gardena, CA 90247, (213) 770-1096 & 388-3590; Lee Gray, Vice Chairman, 11792 Silver Fox Road, Los Alamitos, CA (213) 598-5851 & 922-2032.

The Cadet Candidate Committee represented West Point at Career Expo '75 at the Great Western Exhibit Center, Atlantic and the Santa Ana Freeway, from 31 January to 9 February. "The Profession of Leadership" was the theme and attracted over 200,000 9th and 10th graders.

We announce the appointment of two new board members to fill existing vacancies. Jim McCrorey '39 will fill out the unexpired term of Mark Rivers '45, and Dennis Butler '56 (USAF LTC stationed at SAMSO) will round out the term of COL Dick Rumney '49, who has left us for the East. We welcome our new board members and look forward to their sage

advice. At the same time, we deeply regret Mark Rivers' resignation and accept it with much misgiving. Mark contributed greatly while he served with us and we hope that the press of his business will be such that he will be able to run for office again soon. We also wish Dick Rumney well as he forges ahead to "stardom"—which we hope is not far off!

March will bring with it Founders Day, tentatively set for 21 March 1975, again at the Proud Bird, and GEN Alexander M. Haig as our honored guest. It promises to be one of your Society's most outstanding events of the year. Dick Littlestone helms that function.

West Point Society of Philadelphia

The Society moved its annual Pre-Army-Navy Football Rally this year from the Defense Supply Officers Club to the more centrally located Ben Franklin Hotel. The success of the new location, drawing several hundred Army supporters, has prompted the Philadelphia Society to schedule the Ben Franklin Hotel again next year. Any West Pointers in the Philadelphia area can obtain information about the local Society by calling (215) 563-6217.



Down The Field

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Dennis Trujillo has been Army's most outstanding performer on the indoor track. The Cadet distance star has won all races he has competed in this year, which includes two mile runs and four two-miles.

Army has suddenly found some strong support in the jumping events in the person of Love Collins, a junior from Chatsworth, CA. In one meet Love turned in a creditable jump of 48-2 in the triple jump, and then flew for 23-8 in the long jump for a personal best and the top effort recorded in the East to date.

GYMNASTICS (4-2)

Before Christmas Coach Ned Crossley's young gymnastics team coasted to relatively easy victories over East Stroudsburg and Long Island University but dropped their only Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League action against Massachusetts by one point.

In its first match after Christmas the Cadets were simply outmanned against Connecticut, ranked among the nation's top five in gymnastics. The Owls won five of six of the events and had the individual winner in each event.

Completing a successful road trip to Syracuse and Cornell Coach Ned Crossley's gymnasts broke the 200-point barrier for the first time ever against Cornell, trimming the Big Red team 204.30 to 189.65. The Cadets dominated the competition, winning all six events as a team and five of six individually.

Army also whipped Syracuse by a decisive margin, 199.30 to 180.45. The dou-

ble win boosted the Cadets record to 4-2 on the year, and doubled the total victory count registered last year.

Zane McFadden, a sophomore from Milwaukee, WI, turned in his best performance of the season by capturing first place in floor exercise and vaulting while sharing first place honors in the horizontal bar with teammate Matt Holm. Holm posted one of his best days as an all-around performer, compiling a score of 48.7.

FENCING (3-5)

Coach A. John Geraci's fencers were hoping to turn things around in the new year after a slow 2-3 start during the month of December. The Cadets owned victories over William Paterson and Baruch College, but dropped tough decisions to Yale, St. John's and Rutgers. In January, Penn took Army in a close match 14-13 but Army bounced back to whip Notre Dame 17-10 for its third victory.

The fencers dropped their fifth decision of the year to arch-rival Air Force, 14-13, marking the third time the Cadets have bowed by a one point margin.

The defeat was the first suffered against Air Force after three straight victories. The decision was decided in the final foil bout when Derrick Spott of Air Force trimmed Bill Flickenger, 5-2.

RIFLE (4-2)

Army's rifle squad, beginning another successful season, bowed only to powerful West Virginia in its first five outings.

Expecting to pick up their fifth win at Air Force they were victims of a one point defeat 2739-2740. The loss was only the second in 14 meetings with the Falcons.

Twenty colleges have accepted invitations to compete in the Fourth Annual U.S. Military Academy Intercollegiate Small Bore Rifle Invitational on 1 Feb at the Cadet rifle range.

MSG Kenneth Hamill, Army's varsity rifle coach, said 160 individual shooters will compete, making this year's invitational the largest in history and one of the largest collegiate events in the country.

Among the 20 competing schools, Tennessee Tech and defending champion West Virginia are considered two of the best rifle squads in the country.

PISTOL (6-1)

Army's pistol team was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten by arch-rival Air Force.

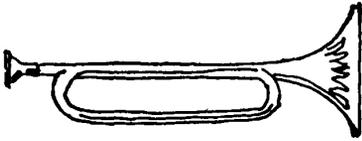
MSG Emil Heugatter's squad dropped a 3188-3130 decision to Air Force, but gained a split by trimming Colorado, 3047-2980, at the Air Force Academy. The split left Army with a 6-1 record on the year.

Cary Mehlenbeck, a senior from Madras, OR, led the Cadets' scoring with an even 800, but it was far from enough as the Falcons posted their seventh win in 16 meetings against Army.

SKIING (0-0)

How would you feel if you were a college ski coach who had prepared for his

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REPORT



... from the
classes

'09

BG Philip S. Gage Sr.
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It appears that the results of the Navy game in Nov may have put '09ers in an anti-news mood. Be that as it may, replies to your Scribe's request for suitable items for the Mar 75 ASSEMBLY have been very slim. Maybe inflation should also share the blame—people not going about so much, paper up, postage up, etc., etc. In fact the distaff replies to my requests have netted more news than from the other side. By and large, however, thank goodness our members seem to be holding their own physically and healthwise. One exception: Barney Oldfield had surgery last 9 Dec. As these notes go to press, no further news of him. Such word as was received was on a Xmas card from his wife.

Your Scribe went out to see Bob and Margo Sears on 29 Nov, the day before Bob had his 90th birthday. He lives in a house right in the woods 'way out near Atlanta's boundary, but there is no mistaking Bob's house for from the frame of his carport is suspended a "chinning-bar." Yes, he chins himself several times each day, stands on his hands a bit, walks in the countryside when he can and otherwise daily keeps fit. Do you do these things too, Admiral P? I guess anybody in our Class is going to have a hard time to keep up to Bob.

A Xmas card sent to the Thummels at Falls Church, VA was returned, noting they have moved. Anyone knowing his new address please inform me so I may bring our address list up to date.

Clare Partridge wrote that Dorothy Godfrey, Stuart's widow, died 27 Nov last in Berkeley, CA. Clare very properly took it upon himself to send flowers for '09 for which I intend to reimburse him from our Class Fund.

"Tony" Goetz scarcely returned from Switzerland last summer than she was off again for Puerto Rico for 10 days on a painting trip. By now, of course, she has been back at her winter home in Ft Lauderdale, FL, where she stays until spring weather lures her, with other migrating species, back to her CT home.

Dorothy North on a recent trip to DC (she takes them periodically) saw a number of our Classmates' busy widows. She wrote that on the last trip in 74 she lunched with Irene Ord and Ethel Wright, both "going strong," and undoubtedly Dorothy is also. Normally women prefer not to divulge their ages, but since I understand Ethel Wright is not at all squeamish about hers, but on the contrary is proud of it, perhaps the other women of our Class will be interested to learn she is 97. That tops anybody in any way connected with '09, I'm sure. Congratulations, Ethel!

Susanne Purdon is still in hospital in An-

Our Association membership of 23,388 represents over 99% of our living graduates.

Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Executive VP for the appropriate application form.

His address:

Executive Vice President
Association of Graduates
West Point, NY 10996

dover, MA and remains completely unconscious with 3 nurses 'round-the-clock.

The other day Jake Devers sent me photostatic copies of 2 letters that came into his possession. One is from our late Pres, Dwight Eisenhower, and the other is from Field Marshal B.L. Montgomery. Both are addressed to our Classmate William Hood Simpson, and are highly complimentary. Jake feels it would be "in order" to publish the letters in these Notes, and I heartily agree. All '09ers will be delighted, I'm sure, to read what important people had to say about our own illustrious Classmate, Bill Simpson. The letters follow:

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Supreme Commander

26 March 1945

Dear General Simpson:

While I have sent out from time to time congratulatory messages covering particular phases of recent operations, this seems to be an especially appropriate time to send you a personal message, just as your leading divisions have established themselves firmly upon the eastern banks of the Rhine.

Since you have taken command of the Ninth Army you have been called upon to serve alternately in the Twenty-first and the Twelfth Army Groups. In both commands your Army has performed magnificently and your leadership has been outstanding. I have been particularly gratified to note that your relationships with our British friends, including your seniors, your associates, and your subordinates, have been based on mutual respect and friendly cooperation.

I am truly delighted with the combat record you have made.

Sincerely,
(S) DWIGHT EISENHOWER

Lt. General W. H. Simpson
Commanding General
Ninth U.S. Army.

TAC HEADQUARTERS:
21 ARMY GROUP
B.L.A.
10 March, 1945.

My dear Bill,

Now that operations which began on 23 Feb are completed I would like to tell you

how very pleased I have been with everything the Ninth Army has done. The operations were planned and carried through with great skill and energy, and the result was a great success with which all may be well satisfied.

It has fallen to my lot to be mixed up with a good deal of fighting since I took command of the Eighth Army before Alamein in 1942; and the experience I have gained enables me to judge pretty well the military calibre of armies. I can truthfully say that the operations of the Ninth Army, since 23 Feb last, have been up to the best standards.

It has been a very great pleasure to work with you and your staff and to have such a fine Army under my command.

May we go forward together to final victory.

Yours ever,
/s/ B.L. Montgomery
Field Marshal.

Lt Gen W H Simpson
Commanding General
Ninth US Army.

Late news: I have just received a letter from Mrs. Bertha Oldfield informing me that our Classmate, MG Homer R. Oldfield, Ret., of Seattle, WA, died 22 Dec 74. I have already written her a note of sympathy on behalf of the Class and arranged with a local florist to phone Seattle to send a bunch of flowers to her house, as of course the funeral must be over long since.

'10

BG Burton O. Lewis
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Washington, DC 20016

This is our memorable year of 75 and these will be the last Class Notes before '10 returns to our Alma Mater at WP to celebrate the 65th anniv of their graduation from USMA.

The opening event of '10's 65th Reunion will be our Class Dinner on the evening of Wed, 28 May 75, in the Gold Room of the WP Officers Club starting with the reception preliminaries from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All Class sons and daughters and other special friends of '10 who may be back at WP at this time are most cordially invited to drop by during our reception period for a visit with their old '10 friends.

Ella and Jack Heard en route to TX from their summer home at Silver Lake, NH, attended the WP Homecoming on the 26th of October 74. As the oldest graduate present, Jack had the honor of placing the memorial wreath at the COL Thayer monument during the morning ceremonies.

In the afternoon at the football game—Army vs. Holy Cross—which the Army won, Ella and Jack had the pleasure of visiting with their grandson who is a member of the Class of '78.

Gwladys and Carey Brown had a dinner

party on Mon, 28 Oct, for Ella and Jack **Heard** at their home in the Westchester Apts with the other '10ers—Kay and Bo Lewis, P.D. Uhl, and Fritz **Strong** who came in from Orchard Lake, MI for the occasion.

On the following evening, Ella and Jack celebrated with another 1910 dinner for the same group at the home of their daughter Betty (LTG and Mrs. John R. Deane Jr.) at Ft Leslie J. McNair. After a brief visit in DC, Ella and Jack flew to their winter home in San Ant, TX.

Olive, widow of our D.S. Wilson, has recently moved from the house in which she and D.S. had lived for so many years to an apartment, in order to eliminate going up and down the stairs of the old home. Her new address is 8312-C Kingsgate Rd, Springfield, VA 22152. Telephone: 451-1780. We are pleased to report that Olive continues quite well.

Gwladys and Carey **Brown** departed in mid-Jan 75 for a 2-mos cruise taking them through the Panama Canal and around S. America.

Important: To the '10ers going to our 65th Reunion—Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you in making your final arrangements.

'11

BG Harold F. Nichols
2040 Franklin St., Apt. 903
San Francisco, CA 94109

Josephine **Hoisington**, for some years residing in Santa Barbara, CA has moved east to 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Apt 617-S, Arlington, VA 22202, most of her large family now being located in the East.

In Apr last year, Nelle and Herb **Nollman** were severely injured in an automobile accident. First word of it came to me in Nov, Herb still recovering in Wesley Manor, a ret. home, and Nelle in the Cathedral Nursing Home, both in Jacksonville, FL. He was hopeful that Nelle could join him soon. They may be reached c/o Mrs. C.H. Dawkins, 5022 Glade Hill St, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

A Dec card from Ellen and Joe **McNeal** said that they hoped soon to be back at their own address from the convalescent home where both had been for several months.

On 27 Nov, Gerry **Stanton** left her Oakland, CA home on another freighter trip, this time to Singapore and other southeast Asian spots. She planned part of the trip by air, then another freighter back in early Feb.

At last Xmas time, Gerta and I enjoyed and appreciated the cheery cards from many '11 Classmates and widows. Our blessings on them all.

'13

COL Joseph W. Viner
936 Cardinal Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Class of '13 just lost our classmate A.B. **Johnson**, age 82, of Alexandria, VA on 30 Nov. We are sorry to lose this fine classmate.

Also Selby **Frank** of San Antonio died there in Aug.

This leaves our Class with 15 members left and all over 80 but most reported in rather good health—same teeth, eyes, and ears for many of us.

None of us went to the A&N game this year for the first time in many years. All of us who saw it on TV (and other games) find it an occasion that makes it "difficult to speak yet

impossible to be silent." It is most difficult at Norfolk area where there is so much Navy and so little Army.

Carlos **Brewer** of Columbus, OH says he did no travelling in 74 though did attend a wedding of a grandson and also reports one great-grandson. Is Carlos that old?

Charlie **Lyman** of Chester, PA is yet busy with raising and training race horses and made few trips other than to race tracks to see his horses win. Why not some tips to us?

"Chief" **Rowley** of Los Angeles, CA says that he attended a Military Ball in L.A. and sat near Omar Bradley of '15 and Waddell of '14. Both appeared in fine shape so he reports.

Junius **Jones** of Jackson, LA took a trip to MA in Oct to see relatives, the foliage of the North at that time, the sea coast near Boston, and other parts of New England. He says his eyes need attention otherwise all "OK."

"Pink" **Crane** of Leesburg, VA is yet busy with his cattle—even if corn is too expensive for feed. Lois—his wife—does most of the writing to others. Both are well so she says.

Archer **Dorst** of Berkeley, CA also had a very quiet year. No travelling for him, and Catherine says he and Chynoweth of '12 saw the Army-Cal game. Army lost says Archer, but "Tis the Brave Old Army Team"—no matter what the score may be.

Bug **Oliver** of Deltona, FL came to FL early from his home in Northampton, MA. All his children visited them this summer. He has one son finishing medical school at Tufts this year and also has a new grandson—Christopher Oliver.

Joe **Viner** of Virginia Beach, VA made no foreign trips this year but did many in local areas. One to WP for Homecoming. Jack **Heard** of '13 ranked me out of being the oldest.

I spent a week at Gettysburg, PA for the War I Tank Corps Assn meeting. 4-star GEN Bruce Clarke was there too. He is the Honorary Pres of this Tank Corps Assn. Read his book on St. Vith and trip with Patton across France.

Lathe **Row** of Lead, SD usually goes to Europe but went to the West Coast this year. In winter he also goes to Guadalajara, Mexico, for at least 3 months.

"Tex" **Davidson** lives alone since his beloved wife Eva passed away in Aug. He went to AF Academy in Oct to attend a meeting of the Air Academy Foundation—the purpose was to raise a large sum of money to build an AF Academy Civilian-Military Institute where visitors may stay, motel facilities for friends of the cadets and also a convention hall for seminars.

Crittenberger reports moving into new quarters at the Kennedy Warren on 3133 Connecticut Ave, DC. More conveniences and a good dining room. "Crit" and Josephine have 11 grandchildren, a son-in-law, and a daughter-in-law.

"Bill" **Rosevear** of Edenton, NC took no trip in 74 save those of local area and to Nags Head for fishing. No place better in the world for this sport. Gertrude, his wife, does

most of the class writing—Bill never writes more than 15 words.

Young, W.C. of Due West, SC never leaves that town—much to our regret—none of us have seen "WC" for years. He says all is OK tho; old age plus liking his ease are his only excuses.

Nelson of San Ant, TX misses his golf with Selby **Frank**. No more dimes coming his way says Nelson. Why not play golf with the many '13 ladies who live in San Ant? Some I am sure could take your dimes.

'14

COL John H. Carruth
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San Antonio, TX 78209

Each Xmas Class letter always recalls memories of past such letters I have written during many years. The earlier ones were full of mostly happy and enthusiastic reports from classmates.

Now, the tenor has changed, but it still warms my heart to read each Xmas card, because we are still thinking of each other, and the same loving interest continues. Of course our Class is slowly getting smaller, which is perfectly normal, as time marches on.

And now to the news, and other comments. Most of my news comes to me from Hal **Ingles**, and Xmas cards.

Hal writes that Grace is getting along fine, and the doctors all feel sure that her recovery will steadily continue. What fine news!

I greatly regret to report the death of Betty, **Dabney Elliott's** wife on 7 Dec after an illness of about 3 mos. Dabney has been partially immobilized by a stroke over a year ago. They gave up their apartment in DC when Betty had to go to the hospital, and Dabney moved into a ret. hotel. His future plans are not known.

John Brooks and **Irma** take the prize for long distance driving. They loaded up all the necessary household goods for their summer cottage at Newago, MI, drove up there, unloaded, then drove down to the 60th Reunion, returned to Newago, and when cold weather came, loaded up again and drove to their winter home at 1341 Riverside Dr, Stuart, FL 33494. That's moving! John writes that since Irma's successful gall bladder operation she's feeling better.

I noted that every card spoke of the faultless 60th, thanks to the efficient planning and execution of **Charlie Gross** and his 2 mil aides. How Earl and I would have enjoyed attending—it was impossible for both of us.

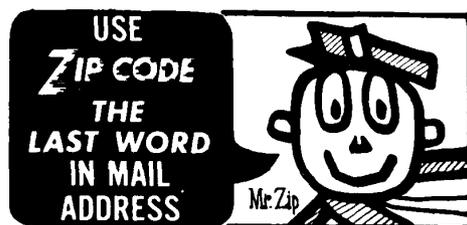
A very pretty and loving card and letter came to us from **Pink** and **Betty Bull**.

Betty and **Camilla Doe** sent a color photo of themselves, standing on the lawn of the lovely flower garden of the **Dicks' qtrs**. They planned to sail on 10 Dec on a cruise down the west coast of Central America to the Galapagos Is, returning by 4 Jan.

Ella and **Charlie Gross** sent us a beautiful Xmas card showing the modern and nearly completed WP blanketed with snow.

The traditional seasons greetings card came from **Muriel Thurber**. She was to be at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel 26 Nov to 10 May 1975, so hasn't yet returned to the mainland at Seattle. Last summer 85 West Pointers of all classes attended her picnic held at the end of Jul. From her picture she looks quite well. I hope her hip injury has improved.

A beautiful Xmas card came from **Mary** and **Bill Ryan**, containing a personal letter to us from Mary. She wrote they are both well—the few pains they have come from



old age. Bill is doing no more hunting, but contents himself with skeet shooting at Ft Ord. Both went on a chartered bus to Berkeley to see the 27-14 defeat of Army by Cal. Army's showing was so disappointing. On the way home Bill said, "I am not going again," and Mary answered, "Glad you said it first." The Ryans did take a delightful cruise to AK in Aug, and took all the shore stopover trips during the cruise. Mary writes such a sweet and uncomplaining letter.

Most of those who mention the Army team simply say it wasn't good, but at least better than in '73.

Tim Rees was our host for the A-N game this year, and his daughter Mildred and her husband, Tom Lytle, served a delicious lunch. Cecile Clark and Ike Gill were there, as well as Jack and Ella Heard. A big color TV brought the game in beautifully, and we all enjoyed everything except the score.

Tom and Clara Monroe sent a card and letter of Xmas greetings. Tom is still struggling with his "stump farm" but not making much progress, but he enjoys the wildlife.

We got a Xmas card from "Ken" Price. He wrote he was feeling well, and plans to make his usual visit to Eagle's Mere this summer. Said the A-N game was better than last year, but we still have a long way to go. He planned to attend the '14 Class Luncheon in Jan. His granddaughter still lives with him, and is lots of fun.

I am sure you all remember Jefferson Reese Davenport, a '14 grad. Some time ago, his stepson, Chas. B. Mitchell, Ex-Cadet, Class of '39, wrote to WP that MAJ Davenport has been a patient at the West Carroll Nursing Home, Oak Grove, LA 71263, for 3 yrs, and that his stepfather's days would be greatly brightened if only he could receive notes from some of his Classmates. The letter was referred to me. If any of you would write to Davenport, it would mean much to him. I have no idea of the cause of his long illness.

I find that the correct address of Dorothy and Fred Herman is as follows: 6251 Old Dominion Dr, Apt 226, McLean, VA 22101.

Earll joins me in warmest greetings and every good wish for 1975.

'15

BG Hume Peabody
Chaplico, MD 20621

Let us begin with 2 votes of thanks—one to Jack Harris for his excellent pinch-hit job on the Notes while I was incarcerated in the hospital and one to Det Ellis for his usual fine "repeat performance" with our Xmas letter. The letter, containing nearly 100 individual and family reports, furnished such a wealth of Class news that we have little to add. However, we feel that certain items, although sad, should be repeated here for the information of our many friends in other classes.

Sid Graves died in DC 6 Sept after a long illness. Burial was at WP. He is survived by his wife Ingrid, 3 step-children and many nieces and nephews. Sid had a distinguished war record and had been awarded the DSC, British DSO and French Croix de Guerre.

Bill Halcomb passed away 30 Sept in Brooke Hospital, Ft Sam. Burial was in the Ft Sam cemetery. Among the many honorary pallbearers were John Leonard and Squire Taylor from our Class. Bill is survived by his wife Octavia and son, William Jr.

John Leonard died in his sleep in San Ant 26 Oct. He was buried in Arlington af-

ter services at Ft Myer Chapel. Among the honorary pallbearers were Devers '09 and Ellis, Evans, Gillette and Harris representing '15. Surviving are John's wife, Eileen, a son, 2 daughters and several grandchildren.

On 22 Nov Sam Salisbury died in Ocoee, FL. After services in Ocoee, burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Orlando. After Sam left us (due to certain differences with the academic regime) he continued his military activities with service on the Border and in WWI and WWII, receiving the SS during the latter. For a short period he was Chief of Police in Orlando and for many years served Ocoee as Mayor. He was a charter member and past cmdr of VFW and American Legion Posts and belonged to the Elks and Masons. Surviving are 2 daughters, 12 grand and nine great-grandchildren. The Class extends its sympathy to all the bereaved families.

In a more cheerful vein we can report that John Henry Cochran had no news from the FL contingent which can be taken as good news. Woody Woodruff has progressed to wheelchair to walker to single cane and at last report was planning a recon of a nearby hunting lease where he is a member. Meanwhile Alice has made a fine recovery from her surgery. The Evans journeyed to NJ for Xmas with their son and family. Det Ellis spent that day with his nearby daughter and her family where a 2-yr-old great-grandson emceed the affair. Blister Evans and Dick Richards rooted hard at the AN game but to no avail. Jack Harris made a couple of recent quickies to SC to see his ailing brother. The Sr Asst PM General of the U.S. Postal Service in DC, Carl Ulsaker, is a son of Carl Ulsaker of our Class.

The Top Brass has been busy and before you read this you will have received (and with your usual promptness in such matters no doubt will have answered) the 2d call for our 60th Reunion. The last summation received indicated that a total of 64 of all categories were planning to attend. Not bad for a bunch of Old Folks. The Good Lord willing, I'll see you there.

'16

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Please look back at your Dec ASSEMBLY, on page 2, for the picture of Babe Weyand receiving his National Football Hall of Fame plaque. This event is, without doubt, one of the things we of '16 are very proud of. We all extend our hearty greetings to Babe on this recognition of him. We are also happy that Frances and Bob Walsh could be at WP on 26 Oct to represent '16 at this ceremony honoring Babe. Bob sent me the Army-Holy Cross program sold at the game. It contained a fine article honoring Babe by Tim Cohane, long time sports writer, former Sports Editor for LOOK magazine, and author of *Gridiron Grenadiers: The Story of West Point Football*. For the benefit of you Sixteeners who have not seen this article I repeat a few items in it. Because he was turned back Babe played Army football 5 seasons. He played in 4 Navy games, 1912-15. He starred at right tackle on the 14 team which beat Notre Dame and was Capt of the 15 Army team which beat Navy 14-0. In his 5 seasons Babe played in 37 games and never took a time out. He never missed a single practice scrimmage. He finished every big game he started except his last, the 15 Navy game when he dropped out the last minute to give



1916: Bay Area classmates get together for Army-Navy game.

another '16er a chance to win his "A." That classmate was Paul Parker.

Speaking of football and Navy games, '16ers in the Bay Area met at Blanche and Roland Shuggs' home to watch the 74 game and to enjoy a delicious lunch (and each other). Bob McBride has made an excellent recovery, and Eve and he are enjoying social circulation again.

Marian and Holland Robb report from Sun City, AZ that Marian has been busy as program chmn of a Women's Fellowship group, promoter of a French study group, and writing letters to the editor of the local paper attempting to "straighten him out" (the quote is Holland's). Holland is involved in golf and bowling, active in the local Kiwanis group and helping their players club in the production of a play.

Bob Walsh wrote that he was in the "first set of fours" marching to Thayer Monument for the alumni parade on Homecoming Day. He was with Joe Viner ('13) and Blister Evans and Dick Richards ('15).

Maurice Miller reports the arrival of his 2d great-grandchild on 22 Nov at Rockdale, TX—a 9-lb girl. She is 71 on my tally sheet.

Margaret Carr, Warner's widow, had a stroke in Oct and is in a nursing home.

Boots and Bill Spence went to FL a little while back for a family get-together, and had a fine time.

Edna and Maurice Miller drove to Key Allegro Is in the Gulf of Mex and spent a delightful week at the inn there. Maurice said they could fish off the balcony of their room. Shortly after their return home Edna went shopping, had her purse snatched, and her left wrist broken. Fortunately, the thief was seen speeding away, he was followed and threw the purse from his car. She lost only her cash. The thief was traced through his car license and jailed. Edna will have to wear splint and bandages quite a while. Sorry, Edna.

I received a note from Brooks Andrew, daughter of Anna and George, that her mother, Anna, passed away at a nursing home at DeLand, FL in Oct. She had lived in DeLand more than 25 yrs. Besides Brooks in DeLand, Anna had another daughter, Mrs. Reynolds of Boise, ID and 2 sons, George Jr., who lives in Andorra, Europe, and William of Topsfield, MA. She had 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We extend our sympathy to Anna's fine family. She was buried at Arlington.

Joan Newgarden has sold her home and bought a condominium.

Edna and Maurice Miller entertained a large party at Ft Sam Houston Officers Club in mid-Nov, with all local classmates invited.

Your Scribe checked recently to see how many '16ers he had had contact with since Jan 74. It was just about 50%, which was pretty good! But can't the rest of you boost that some? Please!

Edith Cabell enclosed a note with her Xmas card advising of another great grandchild, Jennifer Erin Cabell, born 26 Oct 74. She is the daughter of Robert and Wanda Cabell and is No. 72 on my tally sheet. I'd certainly be glad to be advised of "greats" hitherto unreported to me.

Fay Prickett wrote that Peggy's and his families will gather for Xmas with the Roberts in the Shenandoahs and at Alexandria with the Millers, with anywhere between 20 and 35 showing. Fay said he'd feel like a patriarch! Well, why not, Fay?

I wonder if any of you saw the telecast of the Volunteers of Tennessee winning over Maryland at the Liberty Bowl at Memphis in mid-Dec. And I wonder if you put the names of those 3 great '16ers in the picture—Bob Neyland, Paul Parker, and Dz Britton. These 3 classmates contributed a lot to the U. of TN those many years ago.

Lillian (Pat) Kane, our Paul Kane's widow, died at U. of Cal Hospital at San Fran on 24 Dec. She had continued to live on her ranch at Forest Grove, OR since Paul died in 59. She had been hospitalized since 16 Nov. Pat leaves 3 sons, Dr. John of the U.C. Hospital; Dr. (PhD) Walter of NY, and Mr. William of San Diego, CA. We extend our sympathy to them and their families. Pat was buried with Paul at WP.

APR
'17

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Fourteen DC area classmates, wives and widows enjoyed a luncheon at the Ft Myer Officers Club on 22 Nov. Those present were the Collins', Fords, Irvings, Noces, Jule Heavey, Alene Olmsted, Enriette Schroeder, Emily Tully, Eagles and Jackson.

Spec and Evelyn Irwins' Xmas card gave us some news from the West Coast. For this, Spec says Evelyn deserves most of the credit.

The Irwins hosted a farewell luncheon in Palo Alto for Whitcomb, who was going to Warsaw, IN, to live with his son. Present were Isabelle Code, Marge Young, Laddie Hayden and Virginia Heraty.

Laddie Hayden visited her daughter, Bobette, in HI, and in turn, Bobette spent Xmas with her mother in Berkeley.

Louis and Elf Martin have forsaken the Bay Area and gone to El Paso, hoping for an improvement in Louis's health.

Isabelle Code had Xmas dinner with the Irwins and stayed for the night.

On 18 Nov Mary Wooley had her semi-annual checkup, and her doctor said she had made remarkable progress in the preceding 6 months. George and Mary had Xmas dinner with Bob and his family in their Scottsdale home.

In Nov Louis and Helen Ford had an interesting cruise on the Italian Line's Michaelangelo from Miami to St. Thomas, San Juan and Curacao.

I am sorry to report that we have lost another valued classmate and friend. Lawrence

Mitchell died on 10 Jan and was buried at Winter Park, FL on 13 Jan. The sincere sympathy of the Class is extended to Dorothy and to their 2 lovely daughters, Marjorie and Barbara, and their families.

A common interest that Gladys and Joe Collins' grandchildren have is the study of foreign languages. Gladdie and Jerry Stengers' children, in Helsinki, are studying Finnish and Swedish. Jerry (Joe Collins Jr.) and Carolyn's children, in Stuttgart, study German; and Nancy and Mike Rubinos' daughter Anna, now attending the Sorbonne, speaks fluent French.

Jeann Stewart, still living in Siesta Key, Sarasota, spent Xmas with John A. Jr. and his family in Fayetteville, a suburb of Syracuse, NY.

Kewp Yuill writes that Gay had a successful cancer operation in early Dec, but has been slow in recuperating. She is now in an excellent nursing home a mile from their house. When Kewp wrote, on 23 Dec, their daughter Julia was there on a stopover between Denver and Norfolk, where her husband Fred will have the U. of VA's Sick Child Clinic. Kewp says, "This Treemont apartment complex is reasonable, with excellent facilities: \$350 up, including meals. It is worth investigating." And he adds, "Expect to hear of me passing through DC with a stopover."

Fred and Vivian Irving, married New Year's Eve 24, celebrated their 50th anniv with a family dinner given for them by their children at the Sulgrave Club in DC. Their son Freddy and his wife Alice and their children came up from Jacksonville. Their daughter Betty and her husband, Alex Maish, and their family live in Arlington, VA. Altogether there were 15 at the dinner. Freddy and Alice's 2 daughters have graduated from Hollins, and one of them is to be married in Jun. Their son is in Hill School in Potsdam. Betty and Alex's twin sons are sophomores at Princeton, and their daughter is at Madeira School.

AUG
'17

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The last half of 74 was a disaster for our Class. On July 19 Milton Davis lost a 13-yr battle against Parkinson's Disease. He kept out of hospital until the last few days. Harry Wood left us on 29 Sept at the end of a 3-yr sickness. We were so happy to see him with his son at the 55th. The next day, Red Durfee gave up after a long in-and-out of hospital ordeal. Red and Dorothy Warner lavished every care to help him. After services here, they took him to WP for interment. The last definite blow was the murder of May Heavey's son, James Patrick, in Houston. May had services for him at Ft Myer prior to interment in SC.

Then we discovered that 2 of our classmates, Steve Place and Bryan Palmer had died in 70 and 71 respectively. Further, the class letters addressed to Dick Hallsted and Al Tate have been returned with no advice of a move or other information. Word has come that Ollie (Oliphant) is slipping badly. Alice O'Keefe whom we all love so much, is having a tough time in Johns Hopkins. And there are others not doing as well as we would like. Altogether, a sad retrospect in this Yule season when these notes are being written.

Fortunately, there is a brighter side. Doc

Faust, recovering in hospital from a tricky heart, plans to spend the cold months at Marrakech. The Rolfes headed their Xmas card, "Climb The Highest Mountain": I believe they could and would. Bunny Harding bemoans the lack of snow for skiing. Mildred Delehanty is setting off for a month's cruise in the S. Pacific. Rudy and Georgie Whitelegg continue their search for the ideal small town and are now at 309 Jagger Mill Rd, Sanford, ME 04073.

We had our annual Heterosexual Luncheon in Nov with 38 classmates, wives, widows and offspring. Would have been 40 if that spry octogenarian, Henry Gantt had run up and the Meades' great-granddaughter had timed her arrival better.

Space limitation forbids details of those not mentioned above but you will be happy to know that Your Scribe has seen, heard from, or heard about the folks listed hereinafter. All are in good spirits and range in health from fair to blooming. Jack & Margaret Bellinger, Emily Bingham, Bush & Vada Bissell, Teddy & Mary Buechler, Kit & Helen Carson, Bill & Toodles Chapman, Loessa Coffey, Laura Cole, Leo & Miriam Conner, Cy & Florence Courture (who came to the Heterosexual), Elinor Custis, Phil & Tommie Day, Katharine Deeble, Hi & Rae Ely, Ted & Peg Futch, Dutch & Teddy Gerhardt, Georgie Graham, Bob & Marjorie Hasbrouck, Dorothy Huff, Jack & Florence Johnson, Biff & Elizabeth Jones, Red & Peggy Kernan, Jack & Mary Knight, Parry Lewis, Sammie Maling, Dorothe Matlack, Peggy Moore, Clyde & Vera Morgan, Bill & Louise Paca, Maria Reyes, Harry & Harriet Rising, Betty Sarcka, Edith Shaffer, Ellanor Sharp, Lois Stamps, Girard & Marian Troland, Honus & Emmaline Wagner, Leo & Dorothy Warner, Bill & Dagmar Wilson. Pretty good for us geriatrics!

JUN
'18

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It is with great sorrow I report the deaths of 2 beloved wives of classmates: Elsie Townsley passed away on 28 Nov 74 at the Naval Hospital in Charleston as the result of a stroke; Alexia Mewshaw passed away on 4 Dec 74 at the Ft Jackson Hospital, she had been in poor health for some time.

A beautiful greeting card from Inez Adcock, symbolizing the precious gift giving of the 3 Kings of the Orient almost 2000 yrs ago, as our modern spirit of charity (love is the more ancient translation of charity) and giving which in return brings happiness and great joy.

Greetings from Kate Agnew who has moved from the West Coast to the Army Distaff Hall. Her address is 6200 Oregon Ave NW, #107, Washington, DC 20015. Kate says it is good to see old friends and be near her son and his family.

With the Axelsons' greetings Norma wrote of their excitement over the expected visit of Scip's Idaho relatives, which includes a 2-yr-old rascal to enjoy. Scip is doing well for 81 and they are both happy to be back in Coronado as the climate is just right for "her old bones too," and they are happy to stay put and let the children visit them. Your scribe also hit 81 in mid-Dec of 74 and feels the same about staying put at Woodley Acres and letting ours visit with us as we have so much to offer them, and young

and old both seem to enjoy it. Your scribe's folks are all in the eastern area and visit quite often, whereas Anna Mary's are scattered over the USA in CA, FL, IA, IL, OH, and KY, but still manage a visit with us in the North Country as it is quite a change for them. The last big reunion of AM's clan was 3 yrs ago and the next one is planned for the summer of 75. We are looking forward to it as both young and old will be here.

With the season's greetings from Helen and Bill Barriger came a personally written message from Bill. God bless him. Here it is: "I haven't written you before because of a paralysis of my right arm and hand. It is very difficult for me to write because of that, as you may see from this scrawl, if you can read it. I have one leg cut off at the knee and the other in a brace; otherwise all is well. Helen takes good care of me, though how she puts up with me I do not know." God bless little girls who grow up to be wives and helpmates of us old-timers of Jun '18. Bill continues: "I can still read and enjoy your notes in ASSEMBLY. Keep up the good work." Thank you Bill for your kind words, and thank you Helen for your tender loving care of our Bill.

With her greetings Mary Barth expressed her shock at reading in the class letter of Els Townsley's death. "To me Elsie Townsley was all a woman should be, and I just loved her." Mary knew Els even before she knew Bitt because they lived across the street from each other in AL.

The greetings from the Blanchards also reported the cold weather in San Antone. The bird bath froze solid twice and swimming was called off, but not Charlie's golf. So, having plenty of spare time, Eve was thinking up odd jobs for Charlie to do. After a 4-yr rest from the usual going away for Xmas, they stayed home this year, keeping Eve extra busy decorating the house and Charlie cooperating by bringing home beautiful mistletoe with big bunches of berries. I said Charlie was "cooperating"—perhaps I should have said "aiding and abetting." Eve was reminded of a Xmas in Japan when she had the giggling maids painting the red holly berries white. What fun, wrote Eve. Your scribe would like more tales of old Army life.

Greetings from Lib and Kitty Boineau. Kitty says we of Jun '18 are rapidly becoming a bunch of patriarchs, the dictionary definition being "venerable old man." Maybe so, wrote Kitty. Absolutely, says your scribe. The great philosophers of all times quote each other back in history that doing the least of things often becomes the important acts of life. Kitty sent the advance information of Alexia Mewshaw's death—of importance to all the Class, because the shock of death of a loved one takes time for recovery of those who suffer the loss.

With the greetings from Class Secy, Pat Casey, wishing happiness and health during the new year, comes the news that while it doesn't look like Xmas down in lower FL it's nice to be able to play golf and fish in shirt sleeves. The Caseys hope all is well in the North Country. Yes, all is well, and those both near and far still fish, but through the ice in cozy sled cabins with charcoal or bottled gas heat for warmth and a bit of hot food and drink with even a hot toddy thrown in. Other hardy souls snowmobile over the mountain trails, ski down the rugged slopes, ice skate on the lakes, with cabins and lodges not too far away available with flaming log fires and a bit of cheer. Of course, there are many ret. folks up here who just like the pure air and the clear blue sky, the

white snow covered countryside, and watching winter wonderland unfold before their eyes in the comfort of their homes.

In her greeting Louise Dean mentioned she is hoping that she and Marian Ross can make it to Woodley Acres next summer. The welcome sign hangs out all year long, folks.

The Fosters wrote that in spite of the many upheavals both personal and national during 74, there was much for which they were thankful and they are looking forward to another year of the quarterly class letters with anticipation and pleasure.

With greetings from Leila and Phil Gallagher came the happy message that the doctors had given them the "green light" and so they were on the go again. After 2 "strike outs" they headed once again for Cuernavaca, Mexico for the holidays. And as Phil suggested, AM and I kept our fingers crossed at Woodley Acres. We hope it helped and that you both had an enjoyable holiday vacation.

Frances George wrote that her big project for 74 was having her house, garage and fence painted and the garage re-roofed.

Mike Grenata's year-end report states that Aline, by following the doctors instructions to the letter, has now reached a nice balance between "not overdoing and not underdoing." During good weather she walks a block daily, knits, reads and watches TV. Daughter Michaela's husband, Ken McIntyre (USMA '49) promoted to BG is now Dpty Ch, Civil Works, OCE. Michael, the oldest grandson, entered WP in early Jul. Daughter Rosalee and husband, Chris Comstock, Dist Forest Ranger, Washington State, keeps active outdoors and in civic affairs. Grandpa Mike of course keeps quite busy, especially handling our class funds. He sends greetings to the Class.

Growley Gruhn reports he and Steve are getting along as well as can be expected. At Growley's last visit his doctor told him that he had many more years ahead, which was good news to Growley—but said the doctor did not put it in writing. Our hard-working pres and his hard-working helpmate sent warm greetings for the coming year 75.

Greetings from the Hamiltons; they are in good health and spirits but feel it's best not to get very far from home any more.

Just before mailing their greetings, the Hoffmans received the ASSEMBLY and of course had to stop card writing to read it. Noting your scribe liked and published the martini worm story, Charlie sent another fine story that we might like. Well, we did and told Charlie so. But as described elsewhere I write and clip many jottings that I keep on file. Charlie's latest one is a bit hot and may need a bit of cooling off before being used. The Hoffmans attended the WP week-end in late Oct and had cocktails with Growley and Steve at their home. With winter barely beginning in fair MD, Charlie is already looking forward to spring, or is it that pleasant hunting and fishing cottage on the Eastern Shore and the departure from nerve wracking city life, which is rather hard on old-timers like us.

Lane Holman in his greetings wrote that one of the brightest memories of year Mile Post 74 was the personal contributions to class and classmates. He again expressed his sorrow that he could not be present for our 55th as he certainly did not plan it that way. Woodley Acres, he continued, is becoming a famous name and he shall never be happy until he can get there. That pleases AM and your scribe because we hope others of

the Class will make it their objective to spend a few days at Woodley Acres and make their own judgment.

In their season's greetings from the land of milk and honey, San Antone, the Horrs' wrote of a 3-weeks series of Northerners that had them shivering and hoping that the Lorences will keep warm this winter. No, Bob, don't worry about us as all the homes in the North Country are well built to take it.

Frances Lewis sent greetings and expressed her appreciation of the class letters. Life moved pleasantly in 74 for her, the highlight being her oldest granddaughter's wedding in Apr to Cooper Adams, a young man whom they all admire, from Winston Salem. The wedding brought together a gay and happy family reunion; Frances' youngest daughter Dot, husband and son from Seattle; their daughters Anne from Mills College, and Chris from Hanover, NH where she is a freshman at Dartmouth; as well as Hal's brother Scotty and wife from CA.

Warmest good wishes were received from Agnes Bell, Grace Corpening, Eula Irish, Birdie Hewitt and Joe Zak.

Louise and Dick McKee in their greetings remarked of pleasant memories and happy days of 74 and wished for the same for everyone in 75. Right now they are in the rainy season, which, rather than giving them flood troubles, together with the prevailing winds blows away the fog and smog. Just about the nicest part of the year, says Dick, because they don't have to irrigate all the time and can watch the bulbs beginning to bloom.

Greetings from the Marshalls. Mabel and Jim are in good shape. They enjoy their many grandchildren scattered around the country, mostly due to being in college. J.C.M. II is in Boston U. Law Sch; a granddaughter at Yale Grad Sch studying Fine Arts; another at Birmingham, AL majoring in drama; another in FL and so it goes, says Jim. Son Bob, on duty in DC is a Special Asst to the Army CS heading up the Army Missile Cmd (Safeguard Sys, etc.) and is living at Ft Myer.

Hattie Mesick, with her greetings and good wishes, enclosed a check for the class fund which was duly mailed to treas, Mike Grenata. Hattie spent Thanksgiving with son Hilary and wife Hayne at Jackson, MS. Hilary is doing grad work in Physiology and Bio Physics while Hayne continues her work in the rsch lab of the U. of MS hospital. Hattie sent the class letter re the "Disciplines of Life" to them, which they enjoyed so much that she has now sent the Dec letter to them. "You have your beautiful snow and we our lovely camellias so we both can enjoy the beauty of nature that surrounds all of us," wrote Hattie.

Holiday greetings from Maurine Mielenz who says that she enjoys the class letters as they are her only way of keeping up with people and things.

Andy Moore expresses the hope that 75 will be a good year for all of us; and then asks if we have been observing the amount of fuzz on caterpillars and of nuts stored by squirrels. Yes, we have been doing just that and many of the other guidelines in weather lore. Among my jottings on weather lore is one from a fine, tried and true North Countryman friend of ours, Wilt Stevens, 89 yrs young who can still handle a pair of big plow horses or cut boards from big logs in his sawmill, who says with a humorous youthful twinkle in his eyes, "whenever there is a shortage of nuts and fruit look for a mild winter." Our older grapes on the stone

wall on the lower 40 of Woodley Acres, which had turned wild when we took over, and on which I practiced my amateur but tender pruning care for 3 straight yrs, gave us a bumper harvest this year; whereas our Concords along the wall on the upper 20 did not do so well (but gave a bumper crop the previous yr). From our 10 yrs of observations we believe an off and on winter like we had in 1964-65, our first winter here, is in store for us to fit in with the still present off and on energy crisis. But then Andy came up with the best answer when he said "I don't care how cold it becomes outdoors so long as I can get warm indoors." See last sentence of Bob **Horr's** paragraph.

With the season's greetings from the **Miley's** they reported a delightful surprise when they attended a cocktail party in DC and one of the first couples they saw was the **Siberts**. Laura and Eddie are living in DC until spring. The **Mileys** also expressed their appreciation of the quarterly letters.

Grace and **Tex Mussil** report they are still at the same old stand doing what they know best. A splendid way of life, as the passing yrs have been very kind to them for which they are grateful. They will again spend the holidays with their daughter in DC, taking time out to visit our classmates, **Bill Barriger**, **Connie Jadwin** and **Freddie Kimble**, as well as those DC widows who are not away visiting their children. **Tex** always sends me a report after his visit which I shall include in the Jun ASSEMBLY.

Sincere greetings were received from the **Grants**, **Hudsons**, **Malones**, **Offleys**, **Richardsons**, **Robinsons**, **Suttons** and **Walshes**.

Marian Ross with her greetings expressed her thanks for the class notes in ASSEMBLY and thought them great. A fascinating tour to the Orient took her to Tokyo, Kyoto, Taipie, Manila, Bangkok and Hong Kong. All new to her except Manila and even that had a new look. Later she spent some time in St. Paul visiting with her children.

Bee Rundell had just finished knitting the last pair of little mittens for her great-grandchildren when she wrote, saying Xmas would be especially good this year as all her Washington State family would be together. They will celebrate again in Jan when **Ann** and **Phil** return from Korea to take a station at Ft Ord, which thrills the family after an absence of 2 yrs in Germany and one yr in Korea. **Bee** has been busy doing costumes for the Little Theater. Quite a challenge she says but very rewarding and fun to meet so many new people.

Sylvia Shattuck took to the air the end of July for Ft Huachuca to attend son **Blanny's** ret. ceremonies. Her last night there was spent in **Carol** and **Blannys'** still unsettled brand new home in the Dorado Country Club Estates, Tucson. She again flew to AZ in Dec to spend the holidays with the children.

Carol and **PW Smith** sent happy greetings expressing the hope that all are well as they are.

The **Tanseys'** greeting included a 12 photo spread of the chief events of their clan during the yr 74, "a full and wonderful happy year." The chief event was the **Devens'** wedding in Jun which included the **Tansey** family reunion (see Dec 74 issue of ASSEMBLY). Other highlight photos showed **Pat** becoming an octogenarian; **Jody** on her 79th birthday, and both of them celebrating their 56th wedding anniv; as well as various visits of the clan to **Blacksburg**. It was a full, wonderful and happy year for **Jody** and **Pat**. God bless them.

With their greetings the **Wards** told of

their trip to Europe in Sept on the **QE II** to visit with family and friends in London. Otherwise they also stay put, and as **Bunny** expressed it, "we too love the country life, change of seasons and the rest, and therefore find the class letters inspirational."

Keep writing your essays on the beauties of the North Country, your days at **WP** and the Disciplines of Life, wrote **Margaret Whitaker**. Your life at Woodley Acres sounds idyllic. May next yr be as good as this yr or better, if possible; and may the many blessings to you and the Class continue throughout the year.

Thus **Anna Mary** and your scribe fold up 74 with warm and sincere wishes for a healthful and memorable year during 75.

NOV
'18

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The **Fred Butlers** celebrated their Golden Wedding anniv by entertaining at a **Butler-Harding** dinner at the Bohemian Club in San Fran on 17 Nov 74. They had family only, but 58 strong, ages 14 to 80, including their own immediate family with 14 as a starter. Guests were mixed by ages and families at tables of 6 or 8. **Phil** worried a bit about the wisdom of the mixing plan, but all seemed to have a very good time.

Helen Williamson advises us all to keep moving and so stay young (I must confess that some of these winter mornings I don't feel like moving very fast or very far). She is sorting out letters, papers and photographs collected by **Pinkie's** father (COL, 8th Cav) and mother to help a **LTC Perrine** who is writing a book on the Indian fighting days in the West. She calls herself a "professional volunteer," working at least 3 days a week at various projects, and is deeply involved in **Planned Parenthood**, having been one of the local founder members and having served the local affiliate as pres, treas and secy.

Tom Brinkley's widow died in Jun in Washington, CA. **Al Riani** writes that **Vinita Goerz** has sold her house and plans to move to either San Ant or Houston. The **Rianis** spent Xmas with their daughter in HI.

Jerome Cambre died 24 Nov of heart trouble. He had not been well for some time. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, CA. Attending were the **Butlers**, **Gillespies** and **Al Millers**.

The **Morrison**s drove with friends to the Grand Canyon, toured several national parks and returned by way of Las Vegas where **Charlie** reports making some money. **Kathleen Epes** had a cataract removed early in Dec but is having trouble with her contact lens. She sees her doctor again in Jan.

The **Frank Bowmans** had the entire family with them for Xmas. **Chuck Gildart** writes on history and keeps in shape with lawn bowling, swimming and golf. Discovering that he is descended from **Francis Cooke** of the original Plymouth colony, he has joined the Plymouth Society. The **Gildarts** had a family reunion at Xmas—daughter **Ruth**; her husband, **Draper Lewis** and 3 grandchildren. **Lewis**, **Ruth** and the youngest grandchild from Hong Kong (**George**, the oldest grandson, stayed in Hong Kong), **Charles** from Melbourne, and **Mary** from Sweet Briar College. **Gildart's** latest is to put the new flag-postage stamps upside down on his correspondence to signify his distress

with the condition of the National Defense.

Fred Sherrill is reported to be better and getting about a bit but is very worried about **Martha**. **Mendenhall**, **Morrison**, **Gildart**, and **Jim Carroll** are the only known **WP Alumni Lawn Bowling Team**. They have sent a snapshot which one hopes the printer can reproduce.

Vi O'Rouark wrote to **Bill Blair** of **Gerald O'Rouark's** death on 12 Nov. There was a private service on the 16th. He was cremated and his ashes scattered over the evergreen forests he loved so well.

The **Chorpenings** had their daughter and son-in-law with them for a visit over Thanksgiving. **Doc Johnson** is still at his hobbies of making walnut furniture and hooked rugs. Apparently he did not make his usual summer trip east this year. **Jake Freeman** boasts lightly of spending his 80th birthday quietly at home, not at all like his 24th when **Fred Pearson** initiated a **COLD WET DRAG**. He boasts somewhat more strongly of 2 great grandsons, the latest born in Aug this year. Out of the blue **Dunkelberg** reminds us of the mirth of his Plebe Goat math section the day **Al Morgan** wears gold stars on his collar.

Elsie Keyser writes of enjoying her yearly visit to Seattle, her friends and the sea food. On her way back to Mountain Home she flew to visit her granddaughter **Susie**, near Denver. On 9 Nov she became a Great Grandma. Her grandson (**Susie's** twin brother) and his wife live in Mountain Home so **Elsie** will have plenty of opportunity to spoil the young.

Jim Styron reports that his circulation problem kept him quiet enough so that nothing either very bad or very good has happened to him. But he hopes to be able to travel to warmer climes this winter. **Bernice Keasler** worked hard in her garden all summer and enclosed a color photo to show how lovely that garden is. She motored to Ft Worth and Dallas to visit friends. She spent Xmas with cousins in Lubbock.

I quote here a cryptic paragraph from the typewriter of **Monk Dickson**, my informant on political and other affairs of state, foreign and domestic: "Since the **Wilbur Mills** romance has faded into history we are now thrilled by the loves of **Princess Bagaya** of **Toro** and **Uganda**—ex-Foreign Minister of **Uganda**—in the washroom of the **Orly Airport** and we hope that **General Amin** will be kinder to her than he was to her predecessor whose nude body was found in the Nile." **Monk** and **Eleanor** enjoyed in Dec a visit from **Lisa Dickson**, their son **Bill's** 11-year-old daughter, down from **Monhegan Is.**

In Jun the **Al Millers** visited the old Gold Country in the Sierra foothills with the **York Rite Masons**. The weekend in Jackson included meetings in **Sutters Creek** where gold was discovered and a visit to the oil-lamp lit Masonic lodge still in use in **Volcano**. In Nov they joined a 2 bus tour to **Death Valley** for 5 days. The first night they left a few nickels in the casinos in **Carson City**. For the first time in years the **Miller** tribe did not get together for Xmas. **Al** and **Ruth** spent the day with **Donald** and his family in **San José**. Their grandson **Tim** is in **Foothill Coll** in **Los Altos** and they are glad to see more of him. **Al** and **Ruth** are both busy with church and other group activities. They are both under doctor's orders to walk daily—**Ruth** to prevent a recurrence of sciatica and **Al** to keep his knee joints working.

Like many of the rest of us old gentlemen and old ladies, **Marie** and **Fred Stevens** took to the air rather than make that long drive from ME to FL in Sept. They flew

south in comfort and resumed their golf in FL. Mike and Barbara Jenkins took a holiday cruise but will be back in FL after the New Year and hope to see any classmates who make it to FL.

Corinne and Lark Gilland report an interesting life, "enjoy reasonably good health within the quietly busy activities of the necessities of living and quite mild exercise, principally in pedal (foot only, no bikes) progression." As dog lovers now living the city apartment life, they always are greatly interested in Ethel Conrad's progress and success with her dog training activities. While on that subject, Ethel's Border Collie, Posey of Sunnybrook, UDT, having acquired all the obedience training kudos and titles the AKC has to offer, now in semi-ret., supervises her daughter Arrow's (CDTD) progress through the Open and Utility divisions, and the training of her son Spike for entry in Tracking trials in the spring. Ethel and Bryan Conrad, somewhat impeded by arthritic and other ailments, confine their fox-hunting almost entirely to hill-topping, but still are often nearer the fox than most of the frantic gallopers.

Bernie Slifer, who had been nearly totally blind for several years and painfully paralyzed from a rare muscular disease, died 26 Oct in the Veterans' Hospital in Washington, DC. He was buried in the Forrest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, CA beside his wife Betty who died in 58.

Jerry O'Grady spent some time this summer on Cape Ann, MA with Gerry Jr. and his family. Lev and Bette Yoder had a splendid Great Lakes cruise on the Greek ship "Stella Maris II" in Oct through 4 of the Great Lakes with overnight stops at Windsor and Toronto and a bus trip to Niagara Falls and through the locks of the Welland Canal and the other locks on the St. Lawrence, and the famous Thousand Islands. The autumn foliage was gorgeous. Returning to DC they visited some of Bette's family in western PA.

Julius Piland, who broke a hip last spring, is becoming very skillful in handling his walker.

Ruth and Bryan Evans again produced a wonderful 1 Nov anniv dinner. All within reach of DC assembled at Ft McNair plus the Cokes from Houston and Wanamakers from Raleigh. A most agreeable innovation was distributing the juniors among the old corks which livened up affairs splendidly. Gene Gullatt Barnes came from Charlottesville; Bryan Evans Jr. brought his fiancée, Jeannine Knight, from Winston-Salem; other juniors and guests were Mary Anne Chorpening Aiello and Tom, COL Fred Badger ('46) and Anne, Lorel Christiansen Bolte and COL Fred Bolte ('60), Nancy Jane Fellers Lear, LTC Charles C. Gorlinski ('58) and Muriel, Richard and John Griffiths, MAJ David A. Hastings ('61) and Cynthia, LTC W.A. Holbrook III ('55) and Susan, Marian Holbrook and Dr. Ted Bledsoe, David Pence (J.P.'s son), MAJ Don Sawtelle Jr. ('61) and Jo, and LTC Fred Stevens Jr. ('52) and Betsy.

Many classmates travelled far and near during the summer and fall. If I miss some or repeat others that have already appeared in other notes it is the natural confusion of an old man with so much going on. Kit and Grace Baker toured Europe. After a trip through Spain they visited Naples, Athens, Istanbul, Munich, Copenhagen and Frankfurt. The Hal Cokes cruised for 2 wks on the Royal Viking Star to AK-San Fran, Victoria, Juneau to Haines, their most northern point. They lived on board ship but went ashore at all stops for interesting trips.

One trusts that everyone has read in Kester's 5 Nov Class Letter of Bull Kendall's rout of GEN Bogomolets and capture of Semenov's armored train in 1920 and of George McReynolds' odyssey through Pakistan-Afghanistan. If not, I am sure Kester has some copies.

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Reversing our field and starting with the West Coast this time we note the short visit paid by Jim Phillips to the DC area in Nov. Jim says all is well in Carmel. Jack Vance wrote saying he had no bad news of our group in the Bay area. I agree with him that the statement itself may be classed as good news. He has recently seen Babe Ruth, Bob Hutchins and Count Wilson who are all looking fine. Count's wife Dorothy is less well at the moment. Alex Kirby has talked to most of the group in S. CA and reports nothing untoward. He should be, at this writing, in VA visiting his dau if his plans are not changed. Fred and Lynne Marlow also were in the DC area, in Sept. They were the guests of Al and Dade Wedemeyer at Friend's Advice for a few days. While here Fred attended the monthly joint luncheon at the Officers Club, Ft McNair, of the Classes of Nov '18 and of '19. He and Lynne also accompanied Al to a reception at the Chinese Embassy. Fred still puts in regular business hours overseeing his real estate projects. He can count homes for more than 80,000 people among his many developments in S. CA.

Bob and Rhoda Springer entertained at their home in San Ant in Dec in honor of our peripatetic ex-pres who was in TX for a short stay. Appropriately, a Chinese dinner was served. Also present were Peewee and Lib Collier and Chic and Elsie Noble. Chic had Al for lunch earlier in the day. The Springers' dau and grandson from CO were with them for a time in the fall. The founder and Hon Pres of the 16th Armored Div Assn, Chic attended its 23d reunion in San Fran in Nov and gave the principal address. George Elms, after a trip east to visit his dau in NJ, decided he would spend Xmas in El Paso for a change and take in the Sun Bowl activities. A few weeks before Xmas he talked to Ote and Nina Wood on the phone and found them well and happy. Ham and Viv Hamilton tell us their caravan trip to the NW was a huge success. Besides the Expo 74 they saw a thousand sights and had a thousand-and-one enjoyable expe-



1919: Fred Marlow showing his colors.

riences such as we stay-at-homes can only dream about. We bow in admiration and a little bit of envy.

From the mid-West Bunker Bean wrote in Dec saying he had not seen a classmate since the 55th Reunion. He took steps to remedy the situation by setting up a visit to the DC area for Xmas and then a few weeks in FL. Hei Heiberg has more family news for this issue. In Jul a visit by dau, Heide Pinckney, and husband Jack and children from Greenville, SC, and in Aug by HHDH Jr, USMA '46, his wife Mimi, and youngest son from Scott AFB. Heide and family came again in Nov for the holiday, which was a special occasion for them all, last year. The big event was a huge Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Jimmy Watts, Ann's bro, in celebration of the completed restoration of Jim's and Margie's house, which was so badly treated by the Apr tornado. It is the locally historic GEN Buckner home which John Hunt Morgan took over as his hqs while his raiding forces were operating across the Ohio River at Brandenburg during the Civil War. Hei and Ann planned to spend the year-end holidays with Heide and family in SC.

We have an official report that Hal Rex has arrived safely with bag and baggage in FL. You will find his new address below. Eddie Strohbehn says he and Dick Emery plan to call on Hal and welcome him to the area soon. Eddie added that there were several area boys on the Army team for the 74 Navy game; Rich Conniff's father, USMA '45, is the current pres of the local WP Chapter. Farther south Dave McLean sends word that things were rather quiet in the months leading up to the year-end holidays. In fact all area reps said much the same thing. All must be storing up energy for the parties to come. An exception was Alex Raaen who visited her son, John Jr., USMA '43, at Rock Is Ars where he is CG, and soon after her return left on a Xmas cruise of the Caribbean.

A large turn-out of DC area classmates, headed by our pres, Dick Ovenshine, attended the 1 Oct luncheon of the WP Society of DC. Bob Hill, who had come east from AR to see his stepson in Springfield, VA, also was present. The new Supe, MG Sidney B. Berry, was guest speaker. '19 closed out its own 74 season in DC with a fall luncheon at Ft McNair. We had a good attendance of 41 classmates, wives and guests. Doc Martin planned to spend the Xmas holidays in WI with Orville Jr. Included was a trip to Oshkosh, his youthful stamping ground, for a short visit with his sister. Dene and Bunny Burnell had an especially happy holiday season, made so by the presence of an old friend from the Netherlands, Mevrouw Vera I. van der Does. Mrs. van der Does is Secy-Gen of the Intl Federation of Pedestrians which concerns itself with pedestrian safety. She was in this country to address the Metropolitan Assn of Architects, Urban Designers, and Environmental Planners from NY. When the Burnells were in Holland in the early 50s (with the Mutual Aid Program) the van der Does family "adopted" them and showed them how Dutch families live and how they celebrate Xmas. Their guest has now seen the reverse side of the coin.

In the Dec issue noting promotions of the next generation to star rank your scribe absently overlooked that of his nephew, Bates C. Burnell, USMA '45, to MG in the summer of 74. Also overlooked was Helen Crichlow's trip to HI in the early summer with her dau Rusty, son Bob Jr., and wife Marilyn, and 3 fast-growing grandchildren. Bob is now prac-

ting medicine in NH and getting much satisfaction from it.

DECEASED

Frederick Brenton Porter, at Denver, CO, on 19 Nov 74, at the age of 77. Burial was at Ft Logan National Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow Rosalee, and his son, Frederick Jr., USMA '44.

Henry Baldwin Nichols, at York, ME on 19 Nov 74 at the age of 77. Interment was at Litchfield Cemetery, Litchfield, CT. He is survived by his widow, Deborah, 3 daus and a son, and 11 grandchildren. The Class notes the passing with deep sorrow. Deborah will stay on at the Nichols' home at 97 Lindsey Rd, in York near the Village Square. She hopes any of us passing that way will stop and see her.

Marion F. O'Reilly, widow of Walter T. O'Reilly, at McLean, VA on 27 Nov 74. Burial was at Arlington. The Class extends sympathy to the surviving children.

Maurie Ladin Rosenthal, at Detroit, MI on 7 Sept 74 at the age of 75. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, Dorothy.

New addresses and phone nos: Mrs. F.G. (Bernice) McGill, Apt 506, Episcopal-Catholic Apts, Winter Haven, FL 33880-(305) 294-5013; Mrs. H.B. (Deborah) Nichols, PO Box M, York, ME 03909; Hal Rex, Village Apts, Apt 2, 221 3d Ave, Mt Dorah, FL 32757; Mrs. G.M. (Gertrude) Taylor, 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015-(202) 362-5137; Mrs. J.A. (Marion) Bruckner, (202) 337-1878, and Mrs. M.L. (Dorothy) Rosenthal, 16500 N. Park Dr, Southfield, MI 48075.

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Sadly I report Freddie Beattie died 1 May 64 of lung cancer at Salem, NY. He is buried there in the family plot at Evergreen Cemetery. This belated news comes from his brother John whom Hank Lambert located in Cambridge, NY after his and Mildred Pierson's diligent search since our 50th Reunion. Freddie had resigned in 25 but returned in WWII to serve in the Med Cps 1942-45. We extend our deepest sympathy to John and his loved ones.

Following annual elections the new Class Gov Cmte met at the Army-Navy Club after the Oct monthly Class luncheon and re-elected Holle, Pres; Hasbrouck, VP; Farrell, Secy; Rehm, Treas; and Samouce, Scribe. Plank couldn't attend because of back ailment and Bessell and Hasbrouck had other commitments. Among other business the Cmte submitted Lemnitzer's name to the Exec VP, AOG, as one of 3 nominees for the 75 Sylvanus Thayer Award; and to the Pres, WP Soc of DC, for the 75 Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award.

In Nov, Lem was elected Pres of The Washington Inst of Foreign Affairs, a research and study group to promote greater understanding of current and long-term foreign affairs problems.

Bee Cassidy underwent her 3d major surgery of the yr in Oct. She's home from Walter Reed now and recovering nicely. Alex George has made great progress and continues to be his usual witty self.

74 was a sad yr for the Pitts. Lily Jane was hospitalized on 2 Jan for 5 wks with back arthritis; 5 days more in Jul; and with blood clots in the lungs in Nov. They had to miss her 50th Reunion at Mount Holyoke and the



1920: Ed and Betty Ward Fisher on a sunny spring day in Washington Zoo.

marriage at WP of grandau Sally (Fred Jr.'s) to 2LT David Keller '74. Happily they report birth of 1st great-grandson (Fred Jr.'s dau Laurie's); and son John's family enjoying new home in Palmer Spgs, CO and looking to full-time tending of his growing Gun Shop after Army ret. in a yr. Here's wishing you quick recovery and the best of health in 75, Lily Jane.

Jack Goff says, "Alma has taken a new lease on life" after much arterial difficulty. More power to you Alma! Jack adds, "Ray Welch taking life easier and George Bare still golfing bogies and beating my double bogies."

Clendenen continues historical lecturing and writing. Briefly in DC as a commentator at the African Studies Assn conv, he was asked by the DA Mil Hist Sec for 2 projects on the Mexican Revolution: one would be an extension of his 1969 book, "Blood on the Border..."; and the other, more difficult, a research of his "The U.S. and Pancho Villa" to refashion Villa into the folk hero he has become in the last 40 yrs, not only in Mexico but the U.S. as well. Clarence had occasion 4 yrs ago to discuss this with widow Señora Luz Corral Vinda de Villa.

On 8 Dec the DC area classmates enjoyed seeing Lillian McGaw in a gathering at the Holles. She had flown in from CA to visit dau Lillian, husband, Ret. COL Alan W. Jones Jr. (Jun '43), and their 3 children.

Evelyn Vanture and dau Jan visited son, Ret. COL Homer (Army Chaplain), last Oct at his church and rectory in Honolulu. They "had a ball" though, after 50 yrs, Evelyn could recognize only Diamond Head. Jan was with her for Xmas in FL.

The John Mitchells visited friends around Ft Monroe and were glad to see Martha Merritt and dau Sally again. Martha's looking to visiting cousins in Alexandria, VA in the spring and seeing old DC area friends.

The Piersons have recovered from 74 illnesses and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniv 9 Nov. Dau Dorothy from CA, son Billy from VA and 100 friends helped them do it up in great style. They were planning a quiet Xmas at home for the first time in yrs.

The Burns gave up their 74 Intl Ecumenical Conf in France for family visiting: to LCdr Bill Withers' family in Offutt AFB, NB; to lawyer Don Jr. and Katy, proud Press Secy for OH Senator John Glenn's landslide victory Nov, in Cleveland; with COL George Withers'

family (who flew from DC Thanksgiving to new station, Kaiserlautern, Germany) to Ben Withers' graduation at WP; to MAJ Geoffrey Withers' family in Ft Bragg (after Leavenworth's C&GSC) where 2LT Ben is now taking Ranger Sch; to Peter Withers' family with the Ford Co. in Atlanta; and Don's Rosemary Kutchman's family always nearby in MD. In between they managed their annual trek, complete with boat and trailer, to favorite fishing lakes between ME and Canada—"...the fish never more obliging...such peaceful wilderness...celestial isolation!"

Marvelous Xmas picture from Ruth and Bart Bartlett, taken in their flowery CA paradise, with son Hamilton, wife Anne and their 4 "Kings," Frederick, William, Henry and Charles from FL. Frederick is a proud winner of a 4-yr annual \$1000 scholarship to Carnegie Mellon.

Chesty Haswell suffered heart damage Jun, missing the Rotary Intl conv in Minneapolis. He's now back almost to normal but, like most of us, has to slow down. In Oct, he and Eulamay trekked to Chattanooga and the Great Smokies to revisit relatives and boyhood haunts.

The Samouces had a reunion in Oct with doctor son, Dick Hunter, wife Margaret and 2 small sons in Charlottesville, VA. Duke's older brother George and wife Dorothy joined them from Gray, GA after attending his 50th Reunion at VPI. Elton and Duke were back there Xmas when Santa Claus reigned supreme. They also had a surprise visit from Duke's nephew, COL Sandy Samouce '54, on way from HQ CINCPAC to new duties as CO DivArty 101st Air-Mobile Div at Ft Campbell, KY.

George Doolittle occasionally joins Henry Hannis' golfing group for 18 holes and luncheon and drinks at the Country Club.

The Holles were honored guests at NY's Biltmore for the Thanksgiving Feast of the NY Branch of the Nat Soc Sons and Daus of the Pilgrims, Anne as the Society's Gov-Gen and Charles as Guest Speaker, as reported by Mr. William M. Whitaker, CPT-Gen & Gov NY Branch, whose father was USMA '09.

Marie Byers had a very happy Xmas visit from son Clayton and wife Shirley. Clayton is an Advr and on the Bd of a large State-wide Constr Co. in Greenville SC.

The Leland Smiths spent Thanksgiving with dau Janet, husband Charles L. Steel '44,



1920: Xmas picture of Ruth and Bart Bartlett, son Hamilton, wife Anne and their four sons.

and family. Leland relayed the **Kreuters'** postcard from Iran on their 72-day, 1000-mi. bus tour from London to Katmandu, another global trip continuing thru Bangkok, Hong Kong, Sydney, Tahiti and Honolulu.

Al Hart has given up insurance work he's enjoyed since 50 after VA gave him 100% disability on bad back and foot.

Cas Casgrain tired of self-relegation to The Episcopal Home. Now at DC's Woodner Apts., he's back full steam as pres of AARP's Natl Capital Chapter 100.

Bugs Raymond sent in an AP Sports write-up on the Trivises: our own Bigun and sons, Ret COL Bill '48, All-American lacrosse when cadet, now Dir Safety, AEC, Oak Ridge, TN—imagine keeping that place safe(!); LTC, USAFR, Harrison Ex-'52, now mgr, DuPont's Petroleum Rsch Div; LTC Tom, Dartmouth '60 (All-American swimmer) and Marquette '64, now Army AA Surgeon; and LCdr David USAFA '60, now Navy's navigator in Panama. Bugs, his usual up-and-at-'em self, now boasts an "efficient reader and writer" to help him out.

Eloise Smith (RO) saw most FL classmates and wives at Navy party in Sarasota. She complains of always being over-busy trying to ret. from real estate, bridge lessons and other irons-in-the-fire. Hopes to join brother Frankie Morse and Fran for the 55th.

Seems like everyone's breaking his neck to be at the 55th. Just to mention a few more: the **Sears** will just squeak it in before long-scheduled cruise out of Warren, RI, and hope the **Romains** will too; the **Garvins**, offering golf-drinks-bed to winter visitors to Atlanta, swear they'll be there; **Elleane Nye** regretted, "How I'd like to be there, but it's impossible"; as did **Helene Whitmore**, "... not well enough for long trips"; and **Laura Hodes**, "Would have liked nothing better than see again so many classmates and wives to reminisce over younger carefree happy years together"; and **Betty Ward Fisher** and husband **Ed** whom she married in 50, "Ed's back and neck war injury makes travelling impossible" (Ed was MAJ in WWII Intel).

Betty says **Ed** has been a devoted and understanding father to **John Taylor Ward Jr.** (now Chevrolet Sales Mgr, Ashville, NY) and a loving grandfather to lawyer **John Taylor Ward III**, his sister and 4 brothers (1 named for **Ed**, now in business in Jamestown, NY; 1 was in Navy, now in college in CA; 1 in H.S. and 2 in grade sch). **Dr. Fisher** was Magna Cum Laude Harvard '24, later earning his MA there; taught English and Psychology 10 yrs at Carnegie Tech; was play adapter on Broadway after a yr at U. of Paris; co-author and editor of Scientific Book-of-the-Month, interpreting and translating from German **Paul Karlson's** "The World Around Us" and making scientific researches; writer for the New Yorker magazine and others; ghost writer for several well-known politicians; Shakespearean Scholar authoring a trilogy on Shakespeare's life, and 4 other novels. He's still writing them.

Four generations of **Hinds** were at **Sid's** and **Gina's** at-home dinner for DC area classmates in Nov. **Sid's** mother; **Sid** and sister **Sybil**; dau **Martha** with husband, LTC **A. R. Macdonald '55** (at Pnt); and 3 of their 4 children (4th prepping for WP). **Sid's** active 90-yr-"young" mother flies from CA to CO, FL and VA visiting her 3 daus and 3 sons (1 was Merchant Marine Engr on dangerous WWII UK-Murmansk runs; 1 a CPT in ETO; and **Sid**), grandchildren and great-grands without count, and 1 great-great-grand. 1 grandson was in the 2d class to graduate

from the AFA; 1 great-grandson is an Army guard at American Embassy in Phnom Penh and 1 prepping for WP. What a clan!!

I'm forever grateful to all volunteers who've helped me through the years with our Class Notes. Looking back 5 yrs I'm appalled at the number we've not heard from nor about. So, I've been pondering naming definite area helpers and may do so any moment.

Please don't forget to send me immediate word of attendance at next Founders Day dinner as my Notes must leave a few days later.

May you all enjoy good health throughout a Happy and Prosperous 1975!

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Panala'au is the Hawaiian word meaning colonist or colonizer. **Panala'au Memoirs** is a book by E.H. Bryan Jr. It's about colonizing certain islands near the equator in the Pacific Ocean. With the advancement of commercial avn in the mid-30's the U.S. Dept of Commerce decided something had to be done about refueling stations in the Pacific for planes flying from the U.S. to Australia. (It was about this time that **Amelia Earhart** was planning a flight around the world and a landing strip was essential someplace in the Pacific.) Plans and preparation for colonizing some islands was initiated in Honolulu in 35. A joint effort of the Dept of Commerce and the War Dept started the ball rolling. It fell upon our own Oriole, **Ham Meyer** to represent the War Dept. **Ham** at that time was a 1LT. **Ham** had to do the planning for personnel, food, clothing and shelter that would be necessary to set up colonizing groups on 3 islands: **Jarvis**, **Howland** and **Baker**. **Ham** kept notes of his activities and they are quoted in the book **Panala'au Memoirs**. During the years 35-36-37 **Ham** made 7 trips to the 3 Is, each time delivering replacement personnel, food, radio equipment, etc., inspecting the progress being made and reporting back to higher authority. In all 128 people took part in the project and they formed a society known as **Hui Panala'au**. The society has met from time to time and in 45 **Ham** was presented with a scroll that was signed by all the members. The town of **Meyerton** on **Baker Is** was named in honor

of **Ham**. The book is a very interesting one and a copy can be obtained from The Pacific Scientific Information Center, **Bernice P. Bishof Museum**, Honolulu, HI 96818. This is another great accomplishment of an Oriole.

More about **Ham**. The **Meyers** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 6 Sept by taking over the **Cyprus West Inn** at **Carmel, CA** for 3 days. Here is a quote from **Ham's** letter: "During that time nearly 60 people showed up—the list of those accepting included MO relatives, mil friends (Class of '22, Regular Army, National Guard and Reserves) navy, neighbors, (past and present) friends of the family as well as many other friends of 20 or more years. As far as I know no others crashed the party, there were no casualties and no Irish fist fights. Once again, **Ham** and **Katherine**, congratulations and many more happy years together.

It is with deep regret to report that **Pat Wardlaw** passed away on 13 Oct 74. A letter from his wife **Gyp** stated, "Pat was in the hospital 4 wks with nurses around the clock. He did not suffer, just a series of small strokes and artery trouble. He was not paralyzed and had no pain. Thank you and the Class for everything. How Pat loved WP." On behalf of the Class I extend to **Gyp** our sincere heartfelt sympathy.

Both **Freddie Hein** and **Holmes Ficklen** sent me obituary notices of the death of "Hop" **Dance's** widow **Beatrice**. She died on 4 Oct 74. She had been in poor health for some time. She is survived by her daughter, **Mrs. Duward L. Crow**, wife of **LTC Crow '41**, a sister, sister-in-law, 3 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. The Rev. **M.M. Benitez**, USMA '49, officiated at the funeral services. On behalf of the Class we extend to **Mrs. Crow** our sincere sympathy in the loss of her mother.

Notes of thanks were received from **Dolly Hisgen** and **GEN Danford's** grandson, **MAJ T.W. Wells '59**, for the Class' expression of sympathy.

Hazel and I went up north the latter part of Oct last year to visit her relatives in **Kingston, NY**. The trip afforded me an opportunity to get to WP to see the **Vanderbilt** game. While the result of the game was expected it was most enjoyable visiting with **Jordan** and **Josephine Bassett**, **Art** and **Ginny Klein**, and their son **John '54**, and **Nelle Sue Branham**.



1921-22: Morris and Connie Marcus and Lou and Jimmy Spry, at the Huntington Library.

Jordan Bassett suggested that he be contacted when a classmate is to be buried at the WP Cemetery. He will do all possible to offer whatever help is necessary to provide comfort to those attending the burial.

The Oct luncheon of the DC Orioles was attended by Conway, Cook, Lawton, Leedy, McClure and M.D. Taylor. The main topic of conversation was the proposed renovations to the A-N Club, and how to finance it. Unfortunately our banker classmate, George Olmsted, was not present to solve the dilemma. At the Nov luncheon those present were Cook, Kastner, Lawton, Leedy, McClure, Olmsted and Taylor who arrived late announcing that he had a premonition that "this was his day" and it was, he got stuck for the drinks. The Dec meeting was the best so far as attendance was concerned. Everyone was present with the one exception of Harold Conway—even Babe Bryan showed up.

Mark McClure wrote me that there was a luncheon of the DC Orioles the latter part of Nov to honor Harry and Maxine Stout who were in DC at the time visiting their son and his family. The Stouts had just returned from a trip to Europe which combined business and pleasure. Harry did not write me about this junket, but I suppose it was to teach someone how to smelt copper.

A couple of letters from Fritz Lee related how he has had several operations over the past 4 yrs for various kinds of malignancies. Last Sept and Oct he spent 3 wks in a Boston Hosp undergoing Chemo-Therapy for cancer of the spine and as a result Fritz thinks he has the problem licked to a standstill. That's good news. Fritz and Allie are crazy about life on Nantucket Is and recommend it highly for about 9 mos of the year. The winter months are not so good so they take off for Siesta Key down in the land of sunshine—FL of course.

All our hopes were shattered when we learned that our Godson's son, Mark Spalding, resigned from WP last fall. He decided to take advantage of the scholarship that was offered him to attend Rensselaer Poly Inst and become an engr rather than soldier. This is WP's loss and RPI's gain. So sorry.

Burt Pierce's grandson, Robert J. Goodman, will graduate from WP this coming Jun. This is advance notice to Bill Lawton to get the class gift ready to present to Robert come Jun week.

Bill Lawton wrote that he was going to WP for Homecoming and hoped to see Art Klein and Cort Schuyler; as a matter of fact he needed Cort to make up a quorum for the meeting of the WP Alumni Foundation mgrs. Bill is Pres of the WPAF. "I didn't know that." Not until I read the Memoriam to GEN Danford in the last issue of this magazine.

The Lawtons arrived home from ME the end of Sept after a very enjoyable summer traveling around New England, doing lots of walking, breathing fresh smogless air, few problems and no lawn to mow.

The Johnsons are again spending the winter at their Miami Beach home, but they flew back to Bronxville for the Xmas holidays and the annual family gathering.

The Andersons stopped off in Jacksonville for an overnite visit with the Haases on their way south to spend the winter at Deerfield Beach.

AVIS Price had been in the hospital 3 times last year. No details. Al broke his

arm when he slipped on a new rug they had just bought. He's O.K. again. Al finally decided to ret. (3d time). The Prices were expecting to see their daughter, whose husband is BG Forney, while they were en route from HI to become Dpty CG of Ft Dix.

Milo Cary took me apart at the seams for the crack I made about equitation classes in the Coast Arty. Upon arrival at Ft Monroe in 21 he learned that there were some 50 or 60 horses in the stable and that equitation was compulsory. Here is one for Believe-it-or-not Ripley: the riding instructor was MAJ Oliver Spiller, a USNA grad, and his first chief asst was CPT Grimm, also a Naval Acad grad.

Max Taylor was the guest speaker at the 6 Nov dinner meeting of the English Speaking Union here in Jacksonville. Hazel and I attended and heard Max give a very interesting talk about the national economy and its effect on the Military.

Someone lifted Sarah McDavid's cancelled checks from her mail box together with a box of new blank checks. The bank and the F.B.I. are working on the theft, but in the meantime \$275.00 of forged checks have been cashed. Sarah's advice is, "Watch your mail box."

We almost had a visit from "PD" Lynch. His nephew, a new ENS in the Navy was to be assigned to a ship at the Mayport Naval Base here in Jacksonville, but his orders were changed to Charleston. It has been a long time since I last saw PD. I think it was in 42 when he flew several of us in DC to Stewart AFB which enabled us to attend our 20th anniv of graduation from WP. It is not necessary to have a nephew in the Navy at Mayport to come to Jacksonville. We'd love to see PD anytime. PD stated that he sees Bob and Janet Taylor once in a while and that Janet took a flying trip to Germany while Bob stayed home and kept the home fires burning.

Carroll and Grace Sullivan were the only ones at the Army-Cal game and they did their best to cheer for the whole class. We lost but Sully wrote: "You would have been proud of the team. They played their hearts out."

Morris and Connie Marcus took a 15-day tour of Guatemala, Costa Rica and Salvador last Dec. The trip was in lieu of trying to get the family together for Xmas, which is almost an impossible job with everyone scattered all over the country.

Slator and Alexa Miller really covered a lot of ground (and water too) last Sept. They flew to Miami, then to Rio de Janeiro and on to Johannesburg, S. Africa, where their tour of game reserves and national parks started. They visited Victoria Falls, Chobe Park in Botswana, Wankie in Rhodesia, Bulawayo, Nairobi and a number of other places of interest in Africa. Of course they saw herds of elephants, antelopes, buffalos, giraffes, rhinos and cheetahs to mention only a few. On their way home they stopped at Addis Ababa, Athens, Paris, Isle of Guernsey, Cotswold and London. Almost sounds exhausting.

Gertrude Joy McClenaghan wrote in her Xmas card that there has been no change in Bob's condition.

Beverly (Kane) Ellsworth expects to be a great-grandmother in the not too distant future. Time marches on.

Mary Strong had a lengthy stay in the hospital last summer and fall, due to a spinal operation and phlebitis. We are sorry to

hear about this and hope that by now she is back to normal again.

Bob and Irene Douglass attended the wedding of his grandson (Robert W. Douglass IV). They also visited his granddaughter in Huntsville, AL. Meps Smith's son Perry is now a full COL and is stationed in the Pentagon.

I received an inquiry from David E. Bradford '25 about Gordon Armes' widow. If any one has any information about her please let me have it.

Ila Mary Svihra flew to Honolulu last Jun to attend a convention of the AAWW. (Sorry to say I don't know what those initials stand for) and stayed a few weeks with her family in Lahne.

Address Changes

The Sullivans' correct address is: 73 Third St, Las Altos, CA 94022. Tel: (415) 941-3813. The Wilhides have sold their home in Frederick, MD, and will move to a ret. community in PA. Glen promised to give me the details later. In the meantime they are at their Naples, FL home. The Andersons' phone numbers have been changed. In Southfield, MI it is (313) 559-1843 and Deerfield Beach (305) 427-2858.

Late note: John Cooley passed away 11 Mar 1974. This information came to me after I had sent these notes to WP. I have no details about his death. On behalf of the Class I extend to Mildred our sincere sympathy.

'23

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Preparation of these notes was begun just as the bulletin on the Class picture and several other matters arrived. Since then we have had several reactions, some startling as you will see below but, so far, all favorable. We hope your reactions will continue, only in that way can the DC Group, the Class exec agcy, serve Class interests most intelligently. Since the local officers change from time to time you can send your comments to anyone in the area and ask him to get them to the Group.

The Coed luncheon in Nov was the first one anyone here can recall. It brought out 38 persons with the Colemans, the Enslows and the Sweanys as the out-of-towners. It stimulated interest in another such affair for May. No firm action was taken on the matter but there will be some form of a "do." This will be the last ASSEMBLY before Jun but you can get the details as described in the paragraph above.

THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED

said a letter from Dunne. It continued, "The unidentified femme in the 50th Reunion photograph is my granddaughter, Margaret Weart. Her father is COL Doug Weart, Class of '49 and her other grandfather is GEN Doug Weart, Class of '15. She is married to LT Charles Franklin, Class of '73 and they are stationed at Ft Hood, TX. Her brother Steve Weart has just been nominated for the class entering Jun 75. So you see she has a good reason for being in the picture, and suffering with us when Army gets beat as it does—all too frequently."

NO LONGER MISSING

For some time now we have had people trying to locate Davidson. He was our best scout. He called me up to give all of you best wishes and said he and his wife Julia were so-so healthwise. They have 3 children

and 6 grandchildren and live at 344B Blazing Path Rd, Decatur, GA 30034.

GLEANED FROM XMAS GREETINGS

Betty and Bill Grove were piping spending Xmas with their daughter Madge and her family. Those of us who were at Leavenworth with the Groves in 46 will remember Madge's birthday there. Though it causes traffic problems, the opening show of the circus that winters near them, provides welcome entertainment. Bill supplements it by TROA and MOWW activities.

The medicos have put Betty on the wagon, and a diet she finds boring, to which no relief is provided by diet pop she has at the cocktail hour.

The Harmonys note that arthritis attacks which had precluded a 50th wedding anniversary celebration had left Marion by the Xmas season.

Breidster reported that Roma was in good health and that he would be wired for sound via the eyeglass route by Xmas.

Louise and Lyle Rosenberg had a busy fall and Xmas season, seeing the Pierces, Harmony, Buckleys, Binses and Virginia Post at the Army-Cal game, attending their oldest grandson's wedding the day before the Navy game and enjoying the Deke Stones' party on 20 Dec before getting ready for a several weeks trip to Mexico right after Xmas.

Leslie and Tom Maddocks found the Don Cesar Resort Hotel at St Petersburg, FL a unique and special spot for a pre A-N game rally, and look forward to the Founders Day celebration scheduled there for 13 Mar 75.

Dave Stone says he had forgotten how nice it was to live in San Diego. He plans a trip down the new toll road in Baja after New Year's Day.

Ada Bowen reports that she has travelled in Mexico and Europe during this year. Her son Stuart is an AF COL and Jim, the Army COL son, is Post Cdr at Ft Dix.

Hazel and Ken Webber planned a Xmas week in Mexico City. Their expanded family now includes a 2LT of Marines, a 2LT of Inf, an RN as well as the Nipper's son, an egg head apparently headed for one of the Academies.

Heaney's late report on their 50th wedding anniversary celebration in Jun notes 3 children, 11 grandchildren and a niece, flower girl at the wedding, attended. George sent along a report from Caswell that his artificial hips are operating without creaks but he is not sure how he can get by metal detectors before boarding aircraft. P.D. Weikert's note said he and Foster regularly attended the Central FL WP Soc meetings the first Tues each month. P.D. and Mary were the only ones of '23 to see the Army-Navy game on TV at the Orlando Nav Tng Cen. The note from Greiner says Connie is confined to a wheel chair as a result of her stroke 5 yrs ago. Heaney says 4½ years of experimental treatment have left him no better, no worse. His failure to attend the organization meeting of a new WP Soc of the Gold Coast resulted in his election as pres. Al Johnson had a successful duck hunting trip. They planned to spend the Xmas-New Year holidays with their daughter and son-in-law in San Ant. The Johnsons were pictured in a press report on first nighters at the season opener for the Parker Playhouse at Ft Lauderdale.

Virginia Post attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Ginny, in Vancouver and later spent the holidays with young Ed and his family here.

An addendum to the Fowlers' Xmas letter which many of you probably have seen, notes



1923: The Robinsons sunning in Sun City.

that an experimental plan for monthly luncheons for service retirees is being tried out in the Rancho Bernardo area. I'm sure you were all pleased to learn that a program of chemotherapy for Esther has been most encouraging.

Duke Albrecht is now in a nursing home where Jane says he is receiving outstanding care after a long hospital treatment for cancer. Meta Beckley visited her daughter Phyllis in Jacksonville en route to settling near her son in San Ant. The J.H. Whites who spend their summers at their farm near Rochester are hoping we will have a 52½ in 75.

In addition to completing a most stimulating round-the-world journey this year as part of their 50th wedding anniversary, the Gunns had a party for family and friends in Oct. The press report on the event noted that Helen is the author of "The Colonel's Wife."

O.P. Newman celebrated his 75th birthday this fall and then went to TX on a successful 3-day quail hunt. He reports that his efforts to get notes from our Classmates in his area are less successful. Workman sent him a comment that physical problems keep Burnett inactive and Lucas wrote that he came out of the hospital after a slight heart problem and that a mutual friend reported admiringly on Opie's church and civic activities.

Gjelsteen said his stay in the hospital was prolonged by an infection from a minor operation at the time of, but not a part of, his hip operation. Their cadet son, Andy, spent summer leave in France with the same family his sister, Ruth Ann, stayed with when she was studying French. Andy improved his French by study during his stay there. Einar feels his observations of the way of life provided little grounds for optimism about France. Einar also noted that Ellis, an Army back-up quarterback who had lived with Andy, was later turned back to '78.

The Buells attended the Avion Fall Rally in GA in Oct and are cooking up travel plans for 75. John and Edna Salsman report a most revealing and stimulating tour in 5 countries in southern Africa. They are passing the winter in their Boca Raton apt.

SAD NEWS

Jim Fry's wife, Kay, died 7 Dec. She was

buried in Arlington. Jim has had a large measure of sadness in his life. Fritz has expressed our sympathy in this most recent one.

Walter Tully died on 14 Dec. He was buried at WP. Serig attended the funeral. Fritz has written Marie a letter on our behalf.

Dwyer reports that despite the scores this year he has faith in Army football, and hopes critics will keep off Homer Smith's back. He says Wilder is still interested in politics and especially alarmed by bias in the media on def measures. P Roy also corrected the comment in last ASSEMBLY on Wilder's son in WWII, noting that it was a son-in-law, but adding that a son was commended for service in the field army in Korea. That pleases all us old wagon soldiers. He also reports that they get together with the Carrolls and Tredennicks from time to time and that because of his attendance at so many Army games, Tred had been quite confident for the Navy game. P Roy saw the Stewarts and Newmans at the Duke game. He also forwarded a clipping from the Yale Alumni Magazine sent him by Serig noting that GEN Danford had established the "Yale Batteries" while on duty there and turned down a chance to become Dean of Students in favor of coming to WP to be our Com. The Dwyers' aches and pains are getting help from the Coatesville VA Hosp. Their son is making progress against cancer and the grandson in H.S. is piping WP. He made his letter this year and is 6'4" at 185 lbs. P Roy commented on the use of freshman, sophomores, etc. in football programs instead of the traditional labels. I have seen this very frequently in other USMA literature. I feel much is lost and little gained by breaks with such distinctive traditions.

Sydney Smith tells us that with the help of 3 people she has been successful in having Madison Bks put on the Natl Registry of Historical Sites. Budge worked on this before he died. Those of us who served there and have since seen the sad state to which it has fallen will be pleased at this news. It is an addition to the many actions and donations the Smiths have made to that cause and WP. Among the more notable are the original documents on which "Dear Belle" is based. Sydney presented them at our 50th Reunion.

The Robinsons' cheery greeting is best expressed in the photo.

The Kehms had an impressive white Xmas in the 200-year old home of their daughter and son-in-law in Foster, RI. The next day when they arrived in Southampton, NY they were greeted with, "Look, Grandpa's car has snow on it!" There we had another Xmas, before returning home to see 75 in with Lee and Esther Shafer.

We are looking forward to a visit from the W. Johnsons early in 75.

Laning recalled our comments on Turkey, and says he became interested in the Russo-Turkish war while he was a cadet. As a result he developed a friendship with an interesting Turk at Cornell. He then added, "But most of all the good old USMA gave me something that I didn't get in any other 'institute of learning' and I can never forget the men I met there, what they stood for in those days, and what they have meant to me since." That gives us all something to cherish and think about.

Karl Lueder, our ret. Navy CPT, maintains an open-door policy at his CP in Jalisco, Mexico, where he keeps up his interest in The Retreads.

AUTHORESS AUTHORESS

Now it can be told that Clare Barroll has been working on her interest in historical

writing for quite a while. Her first novel, "The Iron Crown," is to be published by Scribner in Mar. It is the story of the Vikings in the 11th century. It has already gained outstanding recognition by the *Library Journal*. A second novel is already under way and 2 more are to follow. In Nov Clare and Larry achieved a joint goal when they became real ancestors thru the birth of a daughter of their son in Seattle.

EPILOGUE

Adams reports that, contrary to the current trend in big business, net assets in our Class Fund at the end of 74 will be about \$2,702.00 as compared to some \$2,697.00 at the end of 73. Our 50th Reunion Gift Fund with AOG has now been expended on the Reunion gifts. You may not have noted in the material from AOG that you can make tax-deductible gifts to such a fund or others with AOG for current or restricted use.

NEW ADDRESSES

Reeves, 16817 Meadow Park Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351; Davidson—see above.

Our Class Reps have sent in very good material for this and the previous ASSEMBLY. Some of them tell me they have only fair response when they canvass their "constituents." All of us are aware that not everyone is gungho on the doings of the Class and Classmates. However, the survey of comments on ASSEMBLY has shown that a high percentage of you are. A lot of people are interested to hear from and about you even though you may not share a corresponding interest. So we ask you to support your Class Rep by sending him information or responding to his call. Of course the Group here, particularly this Scribe, maintains interest and responsibility to you and is glad to hear from and about you. That "about" is a hint to the wives and widows.

Fritz and the DC Group trust 75 has gotten off well for you and will keep that up.

'24

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Those attending the annual class party and business meeting at Ft Myer, VA on 19 Oct included Tom and Helen Allen, Ray and Betty Beurket, Bruce Bidwell, Wendell and Fran Blanchard, Bob and Florence Dewey, Clyde and Lorraine Eddleman, Dave and LaVerne Erskine, Val and Rita Evans, Ralph and Ginny Glasgow, Peter and Ada Hains, Eddie and Anne Hart, John and Talley Hill, John and Mae Hincke, Howard and Agnes John, Buck and Jane Lanham, Monro and Betty MacCloskey, DD and Gay Martin, Charlie and Diana Meehan, Jim and Mildred Moore, Charlie and Jean Palmer, Polly and Emilie Polsgrove, Dick and Betty Prather, Charlie and Daisy Royce, Vern and Rose Stevens, Tad and Margaret Tasker, Art and Rosalie Trudeau, Harry and Betty Van Wyk, Herb and Loreign Vogel, Helen Baughman, Helen Dasher, Helen France, Janet Berry, Thelma Brinson, Lorraine Gants, Gerry Hulley, Dorethe Parmly, Erminie Reynolds, Rosemilie Sibley and Marion Weinaug. New class officers elected for the coming year were Charlie Van Way, Pres, Bob Dewey, 1st VP, Bruce Bidwell, 2d VP and John Hincke, Secy-Treas.

The Class was also well represented at the Army-Cal football game at Berkeley on 28 Sept. Those present were the Bragans, Coombs, Frenches, Fishers, Goodmans, Kieltys, Malins, Moores, Raymonds, Strothers, Van Wyks, Keilers, Carol Lloyd, Pat Stebbins and



1924: The Martins and the Fletchers.

Leonora Tandy. Those who wanted to be there but couldn't included Briant Wells, Dick Stephens and George Vaughn. Before the game the group assembled at the Navy Club on Treasure Is, had brunch and then took a bus to the stadium.

DD and Gay Martin celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at their home on 14 Jun. The affair was promoted by their children, and in addition to other relatives, was attended by Les and Alice Fletcher representing the Class.

Otis McCormick says that he has had enough of living in the DC area. The local politics, crime on and off the streets, and the one-sided slant of the news media have completely finished him off. So he and Dale shook the dust of DC from their feet, got into their car and headed west. Otis says they are now snugly ensconced in a new house in their old home state, OK, where men are men, the air is pure and the skies are not cloudy all day.

The writers of these columns have been taken to task for failing to report an unscheduled session of gaiety that took place after the class dinner on the last evening of the reunion at WP in Jun. It seems that a large number of classmates and ladies assembled in the ballroom of the Thayer Hotel where Yvonne Goodman took over the hotel's grand piano and Art Trudeau manned his left-handed banjo, and together they produced a succession of tunes and melodies which recalled the days from 20 to the present. Those persons most agile danced the charleston and contemporary steps of a by-gone day while others raised their voices in harmonious song. The festivities lasted without complaint from the management until the small hours of the morning, after which the revellers adjourned to Art's room for night-caps.

Charlie Palmer, Art Trudeau, Clyde Eddleman and George Finnegan were at WP in Oct for the meeting of the officials and trustees of the AOG. While there they attended the Homecoming football game against Holy Cross. They also heard an interesting talk by the Supt on the Corps and the academic coverage as now conducted.

Jim and Mildred Moore recently visited their son, Jim Jr., USMA '54, who is stationed at the Presidio of Monterey. The Jr Moores gave a cocktail party for their parents, inviting Jim's classmates in the Monterey area, namely Tom and Gwen Malin, Cam and Elizabeth Du Val and George and Kay

Vaughn. During the same visit Dick and Bettie Stephens gave a dinner party for the Moores at the Stephens' home in Pacific Grove.

The Charlie Meehans visited their daughter and family in Alexandria after the class party in Oct. The son-in-law, Maj W.A. Bolt, is an instr at Ft Belvoir. Peyton and Esther McLamb visited their son and family in WI in Aug. Hey Roberts' son Tommy is starting his 2d year in Germany, presently assigned to the CATC. Haydon Boatner's son Jim is now at Ft Polk. The Johnnie Johnsons spend most of their time in Miami keeping track of their 2 teenage grandchildren who live with them. The Bertshes are on another Space A trip to Europe and the Holyland. Tommy Thompson is still working at his law practice and enjoying it. The Tom Allen tribe now number 42. (Breakdown is not available.) Bob Dewey says all he does is rake leaves, watch TV, and wonder what the world is coming to. Luke Gillespie says he also wonders about the world situation. His principal activity during the last 12 mos has been cussing. He says he can now take the bark off an Arkansas black oak at 120 paces.

Mark and Lilla Smith made a tour to Europe last summer with the Antient and Honorable Arty Co. of Boston, visiting the USSR, Denmark and Ireland. In Moscow the group was met at the airport by a delegation of Soviet War Vets and together they paraded in the streets with U.S. flags flying. This event was reported in many European and U.S. newspapers. The Antients visited the Kremlin, the opera and other places of interest. Later, in Copenhagen, the Danish War Vets also entertained them, including a visit to the Queen's summer palace where they were received by the Queen. Some of them also took in the Tuborg brewery.

Doug and Kitty Smith were in Germany and Austria during the month of Oct. The highlight of the trip was seeing Edith Kraft, widow of Jimmy (Jockey) Kraft who died in Berchtesgaden in 67 and is buried there. They placed a wreath on his grave for the Class. Edith has homes in both Berchtesgaden and Vienna. She is a charming lady and the Smiths spent many pleasant hours with her and her friends.

The life style of the Dud Dudleys in TN has stabilized into a relatively simple routine. They enjoy the various activities of the college community, spend a month each year in the Smokie Mtns, and the Xmas season with

their daughter and family in FL. Gladys is fully employed in vol work involving community and church. Dud is an active member of the community council.

Earl Scott has moved from his apartment in DC to similar accommodations in Reston, VA, where he is near his daughter. He describes Reston as an ideal place to live. Clyde Massey plays bridge, visits their son in Panama, and helps Hazel with her artwork which has met with considerable recognition.

After Paul Nelson ret. from active duty in 57 as Ch of the WA State Mil Dist and CO of Ft Lawton, he went to work as an elec engr with the missile program of the Boeing Co. He was also their rep on the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Ret. again in 66, Paul and Harriet moved to Federal Way, WA, where he expected to lead a quiet and uneventful existence but soon found himself tied up in various non-salaried civic jobs, plus helping all the kids in the neighborhood repair their sleds, bikes, wagons, go-carts and hot-rods, as well as assisting their working dads with their homeowner projects that they don't have time to attend to themselves. Paul's son, Paul Jr., USMA '45, is working for the Borden Co. in Columbus, OH, where he is gen mgr of the plastics div and also flies hot air balloons and his Cessna 182. The daughter-in-law is on the faculty of OH State U. Grandson Paul III is with the Continental Grain Corp in NYC and granddaughter Susan is studying at OR State U. The youngest granddaughter, Carol Anne, is at Kenyon College in OH.

Duke and Lib Arnold spent Thanksgiving with their son Joe '64, and his family at Ft Leavenworth, and with daughter Betty and husband, COL James Dallman '45, in Chicago for Xmas.

Pat Dugan was recently released from the hospital in El Paso. He underwent surgery for an ailment which fortunately turned out to be non-malignant. Clyde Eddleman has recovered from a hernia operation. Tom Ryan was unable to attend the reunion because Alberta was ill. However, she is fine now and they are wintering in FL. The Herb Benz' also missed the reunion because Julia was undergoing dental treatment. Murray Crandall missed it because he was not supposed to travel that far. Zero Wilson gave the same reason for not being there. Also Doc Eaton. The Larry Adams' could not make it because of Lucile's health. Jim Loome had a bad back and a recent heart ailment which caused him to stay at home. Walter French plays golf 3 times a week but uses an elec cart. Pete Davies does the same in Clearwater, FL. Ray Coombs had a minor heart attack in Denver while driving home from the reunion. However, he is well now.

Ken and Melba Strother were visited most of last summer by their daughter Jo and her husband, Donald J. Nicol, and their 2 children, Robert and Anne. Donald is in the Foreign Service, stationed in Pleiku, VN, as a consul and representing the U.S. as a replacement for what was once a U.S. Army Corps and an AF Wing. Jo and the children stay in Taipei, Taiwan. They all had a fine time with the Strothers, visiting Disneyland, Marineland, and other centers of pretense and fantasy.

Bob Ellsworth has produced a new patriotic book which is now on the market. It is titled "How Darkness Fell," published by Vantage Press of NY, and priced at \$5.95, hardback. It has a preface by Conrad Hilton of Hilton Hotels and has been favorably endorsed. The story is about 6 fictitious WP classmates, one of whom turns communist

under a strange chain of events, goes to Russia, serves in the Russian Army during the Spanish Revolution, then defects back to freedom and tells all about how the communists operate. The book discusses the U.S. problems and warns about the possibilities of self-destruction from within unless changes are made. A 50% discount in the price of the book is offered to clubs and organizations on orders of 25 or more books. Unsold copies can be returned to the publisher within 6 mos with full credit. Anyone interested should contact the Class Secy-Treas or Bob Ellsworth direct.

Responding to our request for news from classmates about their activities over the past year, Les Simon states that he has been engaged in some foreign travel, attendance at statistical seminars, and a little consulting work in applied sci and mgmt with orientation toward R&D. In the same vein, Denis Mulligan tells us that experience of the last 2 yrs in a number of respects has proven that the promised ease of ret. status is a delusion. His medic says, however, that responding to unexpected calls on energy and time is salutary for aging bones and flesh. He hopes that all our surviving brethren and their ladies will enjoy at least a tolerably good year in 75.

The annual report from Sandy Goodman is an Odyssey of epic proportions in which he (or is it Yvonne?) recounts their travels and adventures during the past year. A slightly condensed version goes something like this. The year when reunions were held in high style, the Goodmans did travel for many a mile to be at all places in summer and fall; it taxed Sandy's strength to appear at them all. The anticipation of going to same, required that Yvonne, the shy little dame, come up with a hairdo of Hollywood hue and cause all the fellows to holler "Yoo-hoo!" With this and a trunk full of wigs galore she turned each affair into quite an uproar. To Sandy's reunion at WP in May, they visited kin folks who lived on the way; then on to WP, our nation's great treasure for days of enjoyment and absolute pleasure, where classmates and roommates kept memories aglow, and Yvonne the piano did play high and low, accompanied loudly by Arthur Trudeau who expertly strummed on his trusty banjo. The summer found Sandy in Sacramento, to meet with his warriors of long years ago. The weather up there was too terribly hot for Yvonne to handle—short hair or not. Her ears would be spared those tall stories and lies about shooting down planes from Italia's skies. The month of Sept did finally bring, for football in Berkeley, a class gathering. So now both the Goodmans are able to boast of many reunions from East to West Coast. The rest of the year was happily spent relaxing and resting with every intent to get back their health and faltering reason in order to wish you a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

'25

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It seems that during the past few months Father Time has suddenly begun to gain on many of us and we have been obliged to greatly increase the burden on the already over-loaded medics.

Our first news from the Clarks (RT), who moved to UT for family reasons, is they haven't been doing too well. Although they

always write a cheerful letter, both have had surgery but while Dick is getting along quite well now, Minnie is having a bit of trouble (osteoporosis). They fear they may not be able to make the Reunion June Week as it is a very long trip for them. Fortunately, they have been able to enjoy several good trips fishing, hunting rocks, etc.

Sam Lansing writes that he is shocked by news stories emanating from our nation's capital and further stated that this has been a slow year for him, and in the same sentence (quote) "The doctors have said their piece" and so we must assume that his normal activities are now at about three-quarters time. From changes (box numbers, etc.) we guess that he has a lot of new neighbors.

Sylvia and Bill Gillmore still devoting their leisure time between golf and fishing. Their 2 daughters: Frances in DC and Florence still at Kansas State.

Betty Westphalinger sends happy greetings from El Paso and Anne Domas continues to zero in from that fabulous sounding address: "Shangri La" in RI.

Bill Wright back in HI with the U.S. postmark "Postal Service." How can we ever track down exact locations as long as the govt insists on using such unidentifying locations?

Alice and Dave Tulley at 483-B Paseo Pena, Green Valley, AZ 85614 for a month or so—seeing old friends and making plans to locate there when their Aspen home is sold—they grudgingly admitted that the CO winters were becoming too much for them. Both looking forward with much enthusiasm to our 50th Reunion (come Jun).

Paulette and John Haskell now located in their new home "Ficolive" at Chemin Saint Jaume 06740 Chateau neuf de Grasse, France. (We have been holding our 3d and 4th quarterly notes to both the Haskells and the Hankins since postal authorities stated "no postal deliveries in France for 6 weeks!" We heard from them however via the American Embassy.

The Dave Bradfords also have their letters stamped "Postal Service" but we are sure they are still on "Blue Bonnet Blvd."

The Bolducs write of a very pleasant year which consisted of sightseeing in the colorful SW sandwiched in between playing bridge and keeping up an active social life. They enjoyed a nice visit from Lucien Jr. in the spring (Jr. then stationed in HI—now a BG and is Defense Attaché in Paris. They hope to visit this fine family (whom we knew here in VA some time ago) next spring. Grandson David, a jr. at the U. of TX, granddaughter Susan to graduate from CO State U. with a Zoology degree this Jan, Nancy transferred from U. of HI to Colby College in Waterville, ME (a jr. there); Douglas a freshman at Trinity U. in San Ant; Mary and Genie at Chatham Hall here in VA. The smaller fry—Clare, Michael and Patsy in grade school in Paris. Their daughter Ann surprised the elder Bolducs on the date of Antoinette's birthday (Ann's eldest daughter Mary a sophomore at Wellesley and Mathew and Sarah in H.S. in the Bedminster, NJ area.

Cathy and Red Long expect to make the Reunion but at their rate of travel may circumnavigate the globe a couple of times before then!

Genevieve and Johnie Johnson on the upswing healthwise at our last report but later rumors from classmates mentioned possible doubtful attendance June Week. We hope the cycle will be right for them to be with us.

A very lively luncheon in Dec at the A-N Club: Barnes, Bailey, Barnett, Crandall, Cole, Dunford, Dunn, Galloway, Grayeb, Hopkins,



1925: Previous Reunion—You name them!

Jones, Ritchie and Robertson. Robbie hasn't made many of the 74 luncheons but is fired up over the reunion and further promises to make a better luncheon attendance in 75.

Baileys already in the midst of their month in FL.

Bud Hankins (via the American Embassy) tells us they are going from Paris to Germany for general health evaluation—unfortunately Marcelle had a bad accident, breaking both arms, last Aug. They will be here June Week.

No mention of further illness in the Garbisch family so we are counting them in for June Week.

Mildred Smith continues to lead a very active life—lots of golf, bowling and bridge. Will visit son Carl at Columbia, SC at Xmas.

Helen Geraghty writes her usual cheerful note—we assume the damage to the beaches did not harm her home.

A very nice note from Betty and Ralph Tibbetts who visited WP last month to see their grandson (who they state with great pride is the best looking 6-foot cadet ever). Incidentally his Daddy was one of our deer hunting companions when they were stationed here. They are "high" on the old school which they proudly claim is not only bigger but better than ever.

Lani and Ernie Holmes recently returned from an extended trip (beginning 10 Oct), to Guam, Singapore, Bali, Jaharta, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Ceylon, Bangkok, Rangoon, Hong Koing and the Philippines. Ernie became ill in Rangoon on 30 Oct and states he doesn't know how Lani got him to Hong Kong and finally to Clark Air Base. Spent 3 wks there in the hospital (included surgery) and then via Air Evac back to Tripler. Says he is fine now but is still weak. They are looking forward to our 50th. Sums up his feelings about the big trip they took by stating, "Bali and Penang were wonderful—the rest you can have!" We cannot help but feel Ernie's condition made many things less alluring than we found a goodly portion of this route some 50 odd years ago.

Sam Dickson merely wrote that "I have slowed down to the halting point but manage to keep moving."

Ray Toms came back seemingly looking for the Fountain of Youth and covered various locations here in the U.S. After spending time in hospitals in England (AF) then Germany (Army), here to GA (Army), SC (AF), and NJ (Army). He has had surgery (hernia) and treatment for emphysema, pneumonia,

heat prostration, exhaustion, heart trouble and congestion of the liver. On the plus side he reported son David a happy PX career man, son Dewellyn pursuing farming and stock, daughter Raye Liz now well known on Fleet Street with journalists, cartoonists, together with her own art work which brings in some commerial assignments paying fairly well. Agnes represented Ray (then undergoing surgery) at the WP Founders Day dinner in London.

Henrietta and Peter Liwski write enthusiastically—both were at a '25 luncheon (to which the ladies were invited) some time ago. Their son, who was badly injured while on the DC Police Force, ret. from police duty and is doing quite well.

Claiborne Hale admits to a coronary acclusion (mild) but is well on the mend and expecting complete recovery very soon.

The Kay (W) Burns families now cover (I think) 4 generations. Every individual name is interesting but lack of space prevents justice to all. Kay and Don visited Cmdr Bill and family in Omaha in Sept.

COL George (W) and family flew to Germany for duty. Young Ben (W) graduated from WP last Jun and is now in Ranger Sch. MAJ Geoffray (W) from graduation at Leavenworth to Ft Bragg and Peter (W) still with Ford Motor Co. in Atlanta.

Last Jun Kay and Don resumed fishing between ME and Canada—lots of luck and a wonderful time.

Joey and Joe Cannon write a very happy note and say they'll be with us all at June Week.

A delightful letter from Bee and George Helmick describing a wonderful anniv party they had at the Ft Ruger Officers Club. They may be guests of friends at WP if they are able to come June Week.

Carolyn (P) and Jim Christiansen were able to visit all their children the past year—10 of their 16 grandchildren and all of their great-grandchildren. Each of their families fill a good paragraph with mention of well known Army names and stations. The 2 seniors (C and J) made 2 trips to FL by car and one to San Ant, then by plane to augment car travel—44 days in all.

The McManuses sent a lovely family picture with all the adults and the tiny ones—it was a most happy group most of whom we've met on our few journeys to the beach.

Bessie and Bruce Clarke put out their usual nice family letter locating each son and family. Bruce Jr. currently with Dept of State although his family is still here. David now in the Canal Zone, Gordon at WP, daughter Lisa and husband, Ludlow Clark, at Lerington Park, MD. We heartily recommend his recently published book.

Evelyn and Ralph Sears sent a lot of good wishes and a joke or 2—still happy.

Roger Gardner, Bill Lord, Crombez and one or 2 others replied to my needling re late biogs.

Sallie Parkes sent a lovely card and letter—really meant for all of '25. Charlie has had 2 severe strokes and is (like Sam Dickens says) "just moving." Son Tom has been tied up on night shifts for several days (in a big new building) and Sallie has been driving him to and from business until he can get his license renewed. She has learned the hard way to go without proper rest. We can and do sympathize.

Mitch Giddens says he sees the doctor each month but that Bill Nutter has been in the hospital twice (both still golfing).

Jean and Soap Suttles back home and with good morale despite the fact that they have eye trouble—anyway they've seen about everything on this planet and perhaps are sorry it is a bit late to try for Mars.

Florence and Joe Cleland still worried about Joe's strokes but state they have a therapist who comes every day and Joe seems to be recovering well with this home treatment, we offer odds of 10 to one that Fighting Joe will be with us June Week!



1925: Previous Reunion: FED in center.

This is a real "fun" issue of NOTES, since I have the pleasure of mulling over the many Xmas cards we have received, and to extract the news contained in many of them. Included was a lovely card and note from Peg McKinney, recent widow of Marvin, who spent Thanksgiving with son Jack and family; then 3 wks over Xmas with daughter Beth and her brood. She especially wants all Classmates to know that she has definitely decided to remain in Cocoa Beach, FL at 29 Bougainvillea Dr. Her hope is that any Classmates vacationing, visiting or passing thru that vicinity will realize a BIG WELCOME is on her doormat! She sends Xmas greetings and good wishes to all—and is looking forward to seeing some '26ers in 75. The Nurses in Greenbrae, CA gave us their annual round-up of family doings, and closed with "come see us in 75." Wish we could—its always nice to visit that part of the USA—and maybe we just will! Hazel and Bill Bayer sent a magnificent card (all ice, snow, fir trees, mountains—just to remind us Floridians that such things do exist in some parts of the USA) and their note told of Bill's recent bout in the hospital—but that it was not serious and they are back on the tennis courts and party-ing again as of old. The Louisa and Stan Stantons' round-up was brief but interesting; 74 was a fine year for them after a miserable 73. They visited, at Ft Devens, MA, Stan Jr. and his family who have 2 daughters in Skidmore and a son in Lawrenceville—and also got to Ft Campbell, KY to visit with daughter Annie and their 4, ages 15, 12, 10, and 6. Thanks a lot for the news. It has been a coon's age since I have heard from Frank Miter but Lo! came his card and an amusing story of his activities, curtailed somewhat by his emphysema. He still lives at 4326 Cooper Circle down Tucson, AZ way, and in addition to enjoying the cocktail circuit as always, keeps busy with his gardening and a good deal of volunteer work for the incapacitated. He sez "therein lies satisfaction in these so-called Golden Years—wish I had the capacity for more work in that area. Maybe I'm just lazy—always was! God Bless you and yours. (Signed) Pancho." Sounds to me like a most fruitful life, Frank—keep it up! Northa and Dick Mayo's round-up from Boca Raton, FL was chuck full of news, some highlights for 74 being a nice visit to Pittsburgh last winter to see Dick Jr. and his family—also some real snow again—then a fine 2-wk trip to Mexico City and environs (sounds very similar to Connie's and mine previously reported); then a 40th Wedding anniv celebration at Deerfield CC for a large group of friends, including 4 of Northa's bridesmaids, in from all over; finally part of the summer at Lake Toxaway, NC, during the hottest part of our FL summer. Dick continues busy with civic and church affairs, while Northa keeps busy with the Delta Gamma Alums, DAR, church and hospital volunteer work. An active and rewarding life, all in all! Didn't get much substantive news from the Broadhursts, Burwells, Reeders, and the Collins' this time other than that they are well, active and enjoying life generally. Sparky Baird still goes to the AFCEA offices most every day, as a consultant, but hopes to get some travelling in this year, and visit friends far and near; boy, he has plenty of them! Another brief but interesting round-up came from Harlingen, TX via Muffet and

Johnnie Johnson. Johnnie got out of the cattle business just before the crunch, so he now has more time to enjoy his favorite sports—mainly hunting. His new set of "fancy" clubs has helped his golf score and he's cocky about that! (Ed note: Is that what it takes? I've tried them all, but to no avail.) Thanks for the nice note, Muffet. Bertha and Ray Maude managed to emerge from the woodwork for this Xmas—they got up to their old hangout, Framington, MA for the holidays, visiting family and friends, but didn't get in their usual visit to St. Petersburg, FL. They are definitely looking forward to the 50th Reunion—with Roosma's motto "GET THE SPIRIT OF 76—COME TO THE FIFTIETH OF '26." ringing loud and clear. Red and Virginia Corderman got to DC for the holidays to visit Ginger and Pete Lash ('56) and their 3—the Lashes' will be moving on to school in Montgomery, AL this summer. They (Cordermans) will then drive down to Phoenix, AZ in a leisurely fashion to visit family in Sun City, and see friends along the way. (That's a trip Connie and I want to take before too long.) Red is working on the 1st Reunion Bulletin and it won't be long before we all have it, I imagine. As you all should know by now, Red is Chmn of the Reunion Cmte. Vald and Evelyn Heiberg up Clearwater way (about 180 miles north of Naples) had a very lovely and interesting Caribbean cruise recently and report they had "the time of their lives." They went with Dot and Blair Garland ('27) on the Norwegian Line SOUTHWARD out of Tampa for 2 wks, putting in to such ports as Haiti, Netherland West Indies, Dominican Republic, Caracas and St. Thomas. Sounds like they spent most of their money in the latter place (a free port) for all those highly-taxed goodies the girls like at home while the boys sampled and brought back their full share of tax-free liquor. Vald sez, "There is nothing like a sea voyage to remove the cares of the world, but unfortunately, the delectable food on board sure plays havoc with one's diet." The Heiberqs also reported that Vald Jr. ('53) is now Dist Engr in New Orleans, and that Vald Jr.'s WP roommate, Roger Peterson, has the same job up river at St. Louis; Roger is a Class son-in-law, by the way, having married the daughter of Katherine and Mac McDaniel. They met in the Heiberg qtrs at WP on a cadet date! Small, small world, as the song goes. Finally, they report a recent dinner and evening with Jack and Lucy Ryan, who live close by, and that the latter never looked better, are thoroughly enjoying life, and all 4 of them are looking forward with great anticipation to the 50th! Connie and yours truly had a pleasant and active holiday season, which was spiced by a visit of several days with us here in Naples of Jerry ('56), Bobbie, Karen, Kenny, and Kathryn Ankenbrandt, plus Hondo the dog, all having made the trip from CT by VW camper. Jerry's latest avocation is scuba diving, at which he has become quite expert. Our faithful CA scribe came in with another good round-up (speaking of Spud Murphy, of course) and here it is. Seems that the Bradys, Nurses, Hamiltons and Murphys all attended the Army-Cal game in Berkeley in Oct, and "thoroughly enjoyed the 1st half." End of quote! Dave VanSyckle has just finished 4 yrs on the Board (part of which he was Pres) of the Rossmoor Foundation and with their new-found freedom, took a 9500 mile motor jaunt, which included a visit to CT to visit son John and family, a Class Luncheon in DC with all that gang (which they thoroughly enjoyed), then on down to Largo, FL to visit

Bill and Ev House, etc. They couldn't get over the beautiful fall scenery in New England—something Californians rarely see. Hal Forde left Betsy at home and took a most unusual trip to Rome, New Delhi, Agra, Kathmandu, Kashmir and Greece. The high-lights included a visit to the Nepalese Nat Forest and Game Preserve to photograph the wild animals, and then on to the delightful Lake Dal in Kashmir. He was the only one in the group to avoid "Delhi Belly" and attributes this to a sparse diet, which starves and weakens the bugs to the point where copious amounts of bourbon cause them to succumb! Pete and Bunty Pringle wrote from New Zealand that the "Spring Cruise" (whatever that is) has helped Bunty recover from the 2 hip fractures that have made her life so miserable the last 2½ years, and would be home for Xmas. Elinor and Paul Hamiltons' daughter Anne and husband, COL John Hudachek (USMA '54), spent 2 mos with them on a change of station leave with their 4 children, ages 12 to 17, and have now gone on to Nurnberg Mil Post, Germany, where he is CO of both the Post and the 2d ACR. Quite an assignment. Thus ends these latest wanderings, space and deadline—fortunately there is nothing under Necrology this time—so yrs 'til next time. Anky.

'27

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The fall luncheon of the WP Soc of DC, at the Ft Myer Club, 1 Oct, was enlivened by the presence of MG Sidney B. Berry '48, new Supe at WP, as guest speaker. He did an impressive job of discussing consideration of broad aspects of the future of the Point and of the officers it trains, in part, as he put it, striving to "narrow the gap between cadet life and Army life." Commenting as of that date that he had been the "50th Supe for 10 weeks," he showed keen enthusiasm for his assignment and paid tribute to informative discussions of the role of WP and the Army that he had had with the late CS Creighton Abrams. All in all, the luncheon was meaningful and successful. Present from '27 were Zwicker, Miller, Sterling, Collins, Pence, Bixel, and Lillard.



1927: Larry and Ethel Kuter out for a stroll.



1927: Guest Ray Bell with the San Antone luncheon group (L-R): Kunesh, Kaylor, Bell, Griffith, Aloe, Lepping, Williams.

Chris Nelson reported on his finally getting back to San Antone after his fall travel to the East. Included was his sighting of Bell, Rose, Miller, Hutchison, and Ehr Gott at the Homecoming victory over Holy Cross. "The Alumni p-rade was a slight forecast of our 50th—we are getting up front," he commented. Trip highlights included a grandson's marriage and the arrival of a great-grandson, "a candidate for USMA '97." Chris evidently enjoyed the time spent viewing people and things up the coast. The only good snapshot taken at the class luncheon for Chris in DC is that of a 3-some looking at him! We'll do better next time!

The Hutchisons of Oahu spent 5 wks getting around the mainland in Oct and Nov. As weather-alert Hutch commented in his report, "Everyday of our visit was a beautiful sunny day." Esther and Hutch spent several days in the DC area, then hit the Homecoming, where they saw everyone Chris Nelson's item lists, plus the Garlands and Burgesses. While visiting in Arlington with Kay Brown and the Hurlbutts '33, Hutch got in "golf with Mac Miller, saw the Bixels and the Collinses." Following were 10 days in Birmingham with the family of Charles Jr., including joining Ty Cobb at the monthly WP luncheon there. Hutch observed, "We had quite a bull session, since we hadn't seen each other since the early 30's at Ft Sill. Ty looks great and is enjoying ret." Then came 10 days at Ft Bliss with son MAJ Joe and his family, which included a get-together with Art and Marty Solem in El Paso.

Certainly one must consider that the Hutchisons' annual trip was another great success in every way and should serve as the



1927: Reunion in Birmingham: Hutchison (left) and Cobb.

major incentive for repetition in 75! Just before they left home on this trip, the Hutchisons had a party with the Martins and Aloes, the latter being on their Hawaiian exploration.

Paul Berrigan crashed through with a fine report on class festivities in the San Fran area. When Bob and Natalie Aloe stopped in San Fran on their return from HI, they gave "a beautiful dinner party for '27." Present were Gar and Verone Davidson, Woody and Betty Hocker, Tom and Marg McManus, Sid and Lela Parsell, Art and Ruth Roth, Milt and Helen Towner, Paul and Mary Berrigan, Bob Fleming '28, son Robert Aloe Jr. and his wife Jane.

Paul also reported that Art and Ruth Roth threw a cocktail party for the Deichelmanns when they were in San Fran in mid Nov. Present were the Davidsons, Hockers, Towners, Berrigans, Betty and Pat Pachynski, Ernie and Davey Heidland '29, and Martha Ginder Davall, former wife of our P.D. Ginder.

Paul added that he and Mary still enjoy their boat and had the Pachynskis and Gil Allen on a bay cruise in early fall. Paul left to the last this significant item: "I will ret. from the Massman Const Co. on 31 Dec." Paul is therefore welcomed aboard with the rest of us "double" ret!

Bob and Natalie Aloe enjoyed their 2 wks in HI, covering Honolulu and the islands of



1927: Aloha nui nui! L-R: Jo Martin, Bob and Natalie Aloe and George Martin.

Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. Highlights were reunions with the Hutchisons and the Martins. Two stopovers in San Fran were pleasant: the 1st was with son and family in Pleasanton, and the 2d, gatherings with several of the Class in the area, as reported separately in Berrigan's resumé. Bob said that Chubby and Ruth Roth took them sightseeing for 2 days: "It was great, and we saw places we would never have seen on our own." Certainly all bits and pieces concerning the Aloes' travels seem to add up to enjoyment for all concerned!

Mac Miller reported on 2 weekend "football jaunts." The first was to Durham, NC, for the Duke game, which brought together the Garlands, Burgesses, and Millers, plus Stu and Mary Wood from Fayetteville. The supporting photo vouches for a good time enjoyed by the group. Also at the game were Dan and Alerce Miller and his brother and wife, Kemper and Betty, and a guest, Evelyn Hartt. Mac, who had not seen Dan since graduation, said "He hasn't changed much and looks well." The second trip was to the Homecoming at WP, where the "weather was beautiful, the cadet choir swell, and the exercises impressive as usual—and also the review immediately following." After the "entirely satisfactory" game, Mac and Jean drove to West Hartford, CT for a day with Dunc and Din Somerville '28, and their house guests, Verdi and Jean Barnes '28. Then they



1927: "Is that you, Chris?" L-R: Dot and Ralph Zwicker, Jack Sterling.

departed for serious genealogical hunting in Albany and Utica, efforts capped by Mac's finding at the latter city the grave of his grandfather, "the first Alexander Macomb Miller, USMA 1865." Thus these trips merged festivities with interesting family research, truly making for a rewarding series of events.

Jack Spurgeon, near deadline, taking time from enjoying his recommended reading of Ed Newman's *Strictly Speaking*, reported that Xmas activities were curtailed by Maxine's broken right arm suffered in late Oct. She was, however, out of cast and getting readjusted. Previous to this last report, Jack had sent news of their journey to eastern Canada in Sept, where, he confided, "My French was inadequate." Included also was report of the "splendid beauty of northern New England" and of an inspection of Ft Knox, ME, and "its 10" Rodman gun."

Harry and Helen McKinney, down Lake Wales way, in a Xmas report, stated that daughter Nancy and her husband and family are still at U. of IL, with their kids in college and high school. Son Bud and his family are in Heidelberg, with USAREUR and 7th Army, with their children also in college and high. Mac included that they had gone to the West Coast Soc to watch the A-N Game, at which "nobody from '27 showed up, but did see a few old timers I had known."



1927: The Army-Duke group relaxed. Standing (L-R): Jean Miller, Dot Garland, Jean Burgess, Mary Wood, Woody Burgess, Mac Miller. Kneeling: Stu Wood, Blair Garland.

Gene Matthews summarized fall travels in a fine letter. In early Oct she and Willis had driven to WP, up through New England, ending at Montreal—"all to see the fall colors." In early Nov they went to Lexington, VA, saw Washington and Lee U. and visited the VMI campus to see the GEN Marshall Memorial. Included were pleasant stays at Gene's beloved and famous Greenbrier and Homestead Hotels. Subsequently, as of about 15 Dec, they were heading out on their annual 3 months' trip to the West Coast via the southern route—FL, TX, CA. Report on that venture is awaited.

Marion Moore came down from Jersey to visit the son-in-law in MD, and he was thus able to join with the usual '27 gang at the luncheon of the Uniformed Svs Ret. Gp at Ft Myer on 9 Oct. A good reunion time was enjoyed by all! The gang hopes that others occasionally coming through will give word so that they too can enjoy the Retiree meeting, which is always on the 2d Wed of each month.

The Kuters continue to delight in living in Naples, FL with its golf and fishing, but do get in some traveling despite Ethel's vol hosp work, plus Women's Club, plus typing for those books that Larry keeps writing. Accompanying snapshot seems to support the joys of living near a gorgeous beach!

Louise and Dike Deichelmann continue their persistent efforts to keep national attention upon the MIA problem. Latest news accounts at deadline seem to indicate, hopefully, that the Soviet Union may at long last "gently prod" Hanoi into finally assisting in this humanitarian objective. Perhaps by the time you are reading this, real progress will at last have been made to determine the actual status of our missing men.

Outstanding among infrequent informative phone calls to the scribe was that of 9 Nov from Helen West, Houston, to report dining with Tony and Bee Luebbermann at the Methodist Hospital where Tony had been receiving treatment for an aneurism, but was progressing well and was soon to return to FL, although he possibly would return in Jan for additional work. We all hope he is excellent now! Helen included news that she was going to NC for Xmas holidays.

Announcement is made of the marriage of our Fay Upthegrove and Mrs. Donald E. Sackett on 1 Oct at Knapp Creek, NY. Uppie and his Betty will continue, at least temporarily, to live at Gautier, MS. Congratulations and best wishes!

We must mourn another classmate. Our loss for this edition is that of our James V. Thompson, Columbus, GA, who died 19 Nov at the VA hosp in Dublin, GA, with interment 21 Nov in the post cemetery, Ft Benning. Survivors include Susie M. Thompson, 2 married daughters, a brother, and 6 grandchildren. To them goes the condolence of the Class. The Long Gray Line has gained another stalwart. George Bender thoughtfully reported JV's death, stating that he and Bill Welchel represented '27 at the funeral. George stated that JV had been in ill health for the "past few years."

George also included mention of his just learning of the death of Joseph Alvin Long, Ex-'27, of Starkeville, MS, about 6 Feb 74 of a heart attack. He and George were roommates from Beast Bks until he departed the Academy in Jan 25.

Also, sadly, announcement must be made of the death from cancer of Betty Mechling in Sept. Ed will continue to live at Merritt Is, FL. The condolence of the Class is extended to Ed in the loss of his beloved Betty.

Well, this wraps up the news for this deadline. Now that you have the Mar ASSEMBLY in your hands, please grab that pen or pencil and paper and write in something about you and yours, with a snap or 2 to embellish. We are all interested in each other. There are many who do not get in here, at least frequently enough, but it is owing to the lack of news of them. The scribe needs to get more in order to write more! You have the address, and the phone is 703-536-6792. Please! Happy Springtime! Happy plans for that approaching 50th!

'28

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On 20 Oct Myrtle and Bill Billingsley had another fine get-together for '28 at their home in Fredericksburg, VA. The lucky ones attending were the Butchers, Cummings, Currans, Gavans, Haskells, Lanes, Olives, Raymonds, Bates, Tottens, Tunners, Walters, Bryant Boatner, Natalie Brentnall, Betty Daley, Ann Fritzsche, Cornelia Tarrant, Jo Wyman, and Jean and Verdi Barnes (on a visit from Honolulu).

The DC Gang had a co-ed dinner at the Ft McNair Club on 11 Dec with 40 of us present (the Cralles, Cummings, Daus, Gavans, Haskells, Maxwells, McNamaras, Olives, Raymonds, Seemans, W.D. Smiths, Sirmyers, Bates, Tottens, Walters, Bryant Boatner, Betty Daley, Chris Nelson, Phyllis Riggs, Jo Wyman, and visitors Ed and Betty Reber from CT, Johnny Morrow from PA and Paul Johnston from CO. As a special guest we had Paul's son-in-law, Bill Sowers of '57. Sally was in town also visiting the Sowers but is not up to such gatherings yet. Take good care Sally.

'28 Travels: The Butchers could not make the above party because they have retreated to Mexico for the winter; the Billingsleys were also absent on an extensive trip to Hong Kong and other places, including Honolulu; the Smysers were off in Oct on a jaunt to Tokyo and other points; the Sirmyers report they had a very fine 5-wk trip to Europe in Sept-Oct; Ruth and I motored for 6 wks (a meandering 2500 miles) from Stuttgart to Lisbon—but mostly in northern Spain; the Somervilles spent Sept motoring around Scotland (you are brave Dunc to do that wrong side driving); Jo Wyman is off (mid-Dec) for a visit to Arabia and a safari in Kenya; according to plans Jean and Bill Browning expect to be in Dallas over Xmas (where Bill has 2 granddaughters making debuts this year); the Maeradians attended the Army-Cal football game in Berkeley on 28 Sept and sat with Tommy Sherburne; and Bill Breckinridge was in DC for a few days in mid-Nov.

Carl Sturies reported (9 Dec) that Jaunita had serious surgery in mid-Nov and is getting along well, but slowly. And Blondie Saunders wrote (12 Dec) that Jo had been in hospital 5 times in the past 1½ yrs—3 of them in intensive care—and is coming along all right now but is very weak. Blondie was also in hospital for a time in Jun. Good wishes to all of you for continued recovery.

The most heartfelt sympathies of the Class go to Grace Matteson and Frances Mitchell and their families. Bill Matteson died on 3 Apr in Great Barrington, MA after a most gallant fight. Paul Mitchell died on 4 Oct at Ft Benning, GA from a heart attack.

Jane and Norm Webb both passed away,

almost together (Jane died on 24 Nov and Norm on 3 Dec). To son, Alfred Norman Jr. (Class of '64), I express the deepest sympathy of the Class.

'29

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The DC area contingent held its annual Cocktail-Buffer with the ladies at Ft McNair on 23 Nov 74. Out of 23 classmates in the area, 20 classmates and one widow (Alice Nesbitt) turned out. All agreed it was one of the best such functions within the memory of man. Good food, good libations, and good company. The next social event is scheduled for 23 Apr, a stag luncheon at Army Distaff Hall. All visitors in the area are heartily invited.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

HAWAII: "Chesty" Chandler reports a 2-month vacation on the mainland in CA, OR (salmon fishing), IN (friends and relatives in Frankfort and Madison), and NM.

WEST COAST & ENVIRONS: Bat & Jan Carns were in DC in late Oct, having been on an extended trip in NY and New Engl visiting friends and relatives. After 3 yrs with Stanford U. Rsch and ½ yr working with Monterey Bicentennial, Bat has completely ret. and admits he is "happier and better looking than ever." Their son Michael (graduate of the 1st class of the AF Acad) has been stationed with the AF at Torrejon AFB in Spain for the past year. Son John, USMA '63, was wounded 3 times in VN and is about to finish the Med Prog of the Army and graduate from U. of WA with an MD degree. Daughter Mary is married to a Navy CPT who ret. last Sept. Daughter Ann is married in the Army and is stationed in Korea. Bat also reports that Dutch & Hank Kraus made quite a trip to Europe last fall, and that Paul Freeman is enjoying hunting, fishing and golf in the Monterey Bay area. Mac McKenzie tells of 3 glamorous weeks of travel in the NW and Canada. From Sun City, AZ, John Hammond reports that he & Mary Lee spent an evening with Wayland & Marion Parr, who were staying at one of Del Webb's rental apts. They are interested in Sun City and may be back after New Year's.

MIDDLE WEST: Nothing but sad news from Dick Parient, who works a farm near Attica, IN. First heavy rains in spring 74 which delayed planting. Then 7 wks of drought, followed by early frost. His Warren Co. is now declared a Disaster Co. In addition, a tornado and heavy rains knocked down some huge old maple trees, one of which fell on the roof of their house. Insurance covered about ½ the damage. The farmer's life is a hard one! We hope you have bumper crops in 75, Dick.

SOUTH: Army & Dee Dee Armstrong had a month's trip from Chattanooga, TN to England, Scotland and Ireland. Time limits prevented them from seeing Myles & Jimmie Brewster. The Fellows, McDonalds, Cooks, & DuBoses are all well in Central Florida, and Bill Hall reports that he is not a "fugitive," but only a little lazy. Mary Cook's heart condition continues to improve. The WP Society of Central FL meets at noon the 1st Tues of every month except Jul and Aug. All classmates more than welcome. Pinky Wetzel stopped in with the Tenches en route to DC and Dayton. Charlie says Pinkie's cheeks are not quite as rosy as on 1 Jul 25, but otherwise he's the same old

Pinky. Lou & Jim Quill appear to be re-locating from Hilton Head Is, SC, and Charlie & Virginia Tench hope to be able to convince them that there is no place like New Orleans to live. En route to Tampa on a business trip Weary & Jeanne Wilson spent a night with the Kirkpatrick's at Melrose, FL, and 2 nights with the Bob Wards at Largo, where the Wards included the Rasmussens and Dot McCulla in a party for the Wilsons. Bill McCulla was out of town. The SW TX WP Society held its annual picnic in the fall. '29 was represented by Roy & Josie Cuno, Vivi & Bill Vestal, Evelyn Noble (Maxie's widow), and Lou & Marilu Hammack. Lou says the booze was plentiful and the bar-B-Q and ranch beans most succulent, and what they lacked in numbers they made up for in noise. Billy & Helen Greear, Freddie & Martha Smith and the Hammacks all live within about ½ mi. of each other and see each other quite frequently at high-class social functions such as the golf course and the Ft Sam commissary, not to mention more than a few parties which seem to break up earlier each year. The Hammack's #1 son returned from Germany with wife, 2 children and a new dog, and #2 son come home from a 1-yr hardship tour in the way-back "boonies" of Greece.

EAST: George McAneny is proud of his soccer star from Cornwall, NY (1969 Champs), who graduated 25 in the 860 Class of '74, USMA, as Bde Adj and then proceeded to marry the boss' daughter, Holly, in Supt Knowlton's garden.

GUATEMALA: Hal & Anne Whiteley's daughter, Mrs. S.A. Stulga, U.S. Mil Gp, Guatemala, APO NY 09891, informed the Vander Heides that Anne is still living with them and seems most happy. Her health has improved greatly since her leg was removed over a year ago.

ADDITIONAL SICK & WELL NOTES: COL Arthur D. Poinier (Ret), USMA '39 and brother of Norman E. (Oink) Poinier, reports that in spring of 74 Drs in Austin, TX, discovered a malignant growth in Oink's lung, rib-carriage, and liver. They administered "chemo-therapy" treatments which arrested those growths. On Oct 74 they discovered a tumor on the bile duct, and he was operated on at Brooke AH at San Ant to implant a "by-pass" tube to this tumor. This in Nov 74. The Drs were pleased with the result but predicted several weeks in bed under observation before he could be released. Oink & Helens' only child, Dave, is a MAJ, M.P., now attending the Air CGSC. Joe Ranck suffered a coronary and stroke in Apr 74, and has been in the GA War Vets' Nursing Home in Augusta, GA since then. He hoped to get out and walk away by New Year's 75. Jeff Seitz, who suffered a massive stroke some 2 yrs ago and subsequently fell and fractured a hip, has been in University Nursing Home, 901 Arcola Ave, Wheaton, MD ever since. His birthday is 22 May. It is suggested that classmates drop him a birthday greeting on that occasion this year.

IN MEMORIAM: MAJ Chandler P. Robbins III, USMA '60, wrote to inform of the unexpected death of his mother, Elizabeth (Betty) V. Youngs Robbins, widow of our Chan Robbins Jr., on 23 Oct 74. She was apparently in good health until she suffered a heart attack and entered hosp at Bowling Green, KY on 18 Oct. Betty's father was W.H.W. Youngs, USMA '12 with whom she was buried at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery on 25 Oct 74. She is survived by 2 sons, MAJ C.P., III, of U.S. Embassy, Vienna, Austria, and Wm. Y. Robbins, USMA '63, of



1929: I-K Companies at the 45th Reunion (L-R standing): O'Hara, Sundt, K.D. Nichols, Lindsey, Hannigan, Armstrong; seated: Draper.

2265 Citation Ave, Owensboro, KY 42301, and a sister, Janet Y. Peckham, of Kerrville, TX, to whom the Class extends its sincere sympathy.

Roger J. Browne lost a gallant and long drawn-out battle against cancer of the liver at Womack AH, Ft Bragg, NC, on 26 Nov 74. As reported in the Dec issue of ASSEMBLY Roger had been in and out of hospitals for observation and chemo-therapy treatment, both orally and intravenously for a long period of time. To all appearances he was holding his own, if not winning, the battle, and his morale was excellent right up to the end. His ashes were interred at Arlington with classmates attending as honorary pallbearers. Roger is survived by his wife, Betty Noble Browne; 2 sons, Roger James II and William Nicholas; 3 daughters, Mrs. Bruce A. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas M. Alderman, and Jennifer Browne; and 5 grandchildren. The Class extends its most sincere sympathy to Betty and the entire family.

George McAneny, of Cornwall-on-Hudson reports the death of Joe Colby on 21 Oct 74, and the interment of his ashes at WP Cemetery in a simple but impressive ceremony. Only his wife Margaret, daughter, son-in-law and child were in attendance except for honorary pallbearers: Sands, McAneny, Renshaw, P.W. Thompson, all '29; Saltzman '25, and Bessell '22. Our sympathy to Margaret and family.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: COL Clebert L. Hail (Ducky), 10 Cloud View Rd, Sausalito, CA 94965; LTC Robert H. (Doby) Kraft, 7452 King George Dr, Apt C, Indianapolis, IN 46260; COL Edgar Wright Jr., 15400 Winchester Blvd #16, Los Gatos, CA 95030; COL Wm. L. (Bill) McCulla, 50 Harbor View Lane, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33540.

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Dear Gang:

Once again, regrettably, these notes must start with the report of 2 more files who have fallen from our ranks. Frank Kowalski failed to survive open heart surgery at Walter Reed on 11 Oct; and Marvin Johnson suffered a fatal stroke just a month later. As the years pass, we all have to get accustomed to this

sort of news, but it still hurts each time we see our numbers dwindle again. To the surviving family members, our heartfelt good wishes and sympathy.

Happily, there is nearly always some glint of good news to offset the bad, and this time it is a special pleasure to record the second marriage of Jerry Pospisil. He and Alvine are now domiciled at 300 S. 26th St, Lincoln, NB 68510. They look forward to attending our 45th Reunion and introducing the newest member of "The Gang."

From here and there: JoJo Carrithers sent me a report on the festivities connected with the Army-Cal football game in late Sept, wherein our team did much better than expected. At the Presidio Officers Club after the game he foregathered with Jim and Claire Brett, Freddie Crabb, Jim and Mary Lou Herbert and Jim and Louise Richardson. The Carrithers continue to be up to here in horses, both participatory and managerial. J.O. Curtis, after a lengthy (3d) wedding trip, has established the family headquarters at 1 Carriage Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060 in some of that great riding-and-hunting country that has such appeal for ret. Cavalrymen. Jack and Lillian Dudley report a summer of West Coast travel that took them to half a dozen interesting spots visiting relatives and friends. Wank and Reba Ewbank also did a lot of kiting around in the summer and fall, including Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Denver and Tampa on their itinerary before settling in again at their N. Palm Beach pad. Also peripatetic were Lou and Helen Heath, whose travels took them to Mexico, NM, CO, MO, FL and VA! And that amazingly vigorous couple, Fritz and Kate Weber, were all over the lot—2 trips to Europe, the Easter holidays at Ft Bragg, a special May weekend at WP, where innumerable ancestors on both sides of the family (Kingmans and Webers) were honored, and a cross-country race in their private plane in Nov, when they won a trophy for accurate navigation. It does seem that there's still a lot of pizzazz among our surviving members!

Also noted: From Ster Wright, a clipping from the Army Times of 15 Dec, noting that the new Chief of the Pittsburgh Engr Dist is COL Max Janairo Jr—and Ster's query: "Are we really old enough to have sons who are Colonels?"

New addresses: Fred and Dottie Ammerman now at 6505 Southwind, El Paso, TX 79912; Bill and Sally Carter back at 311 N. Underwood, Falls Church, VA 22046, after their interesting tour in Brazil; the Tom Edgars at 47 Cranston Court, Centerville, OH 45459; the Troup Millers at 3680 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30319; Cayce and Mollie Odom at 1410 Taft Hwy, Signal Mountain, TN 37377; and Al and Anne Watson, a new box number, 856; still at Sea Is. It would be a kindness if those who move would remember to send me a change of address card.

On which note of mild reproof—that's '30 for this time.



Once again it is time for Betty and me to thank all of those who sent in Xmas cards and notes. We appreciate all the kindly thoughts and sentiments that were in the cards. One of these times when Xmas comes on a holiday and we are not too busy with ret., we will try to answer each one individually. Along with replies to the questionnaire, they did give about enough information to compose a column.

Percy and Margaret Lash wrote from their FL winter estate that they were well and content. Seems to me that we couldn't ask for much more than that. Danny Workizer kept his promise to himself and wrote some news for the column. Danny and Edas' 2 children are both married, both in the service and have made Mom and Dad grandparents 5 times. Danny says they are enjoying ret. with him loafing and Eda doing the work, including counting out the pills for Danny when they go traveling. He joined with many others in commiserating with Claire and Deac. I was glad to receive a dry note from Marge and Jim King after all the news about the floods in Killeen. They apparently stuck with the old military adage, "stay on the high ground," and suffered no harm. Jim and Marge were up in the north country of the Dakotas in Sept and found the area beautiful. Ernie Easterbrook thinks that Deac Roller could run a swinging travel agcy. That might be a good idea, provided Deac didn't send people out in his Airstream.

As many of you may remember, I have frequently joshed Dan and Mary Callahan in previous columns for their moving from place to place. It begins to look as if I may be doing something similar for Dick and Ruth Lawson. They are still living in the same house in Williamsburg, but don't seem to stay home very much. This past summer they made a trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco, and this month (Dec) they are taking a tour of Moscow and Leningrad. I'll bet that if there is a golf course in either of those 2 cities, Dick will find it and play it. Maggie Weber's business correspondence has a line at the bottom that reads, "Our acquisition/



1931: L-R: Eaton, Diestel, Mansfield, Train, Ragland, Cotter.

mergers department creates synergistic situations." I'll just leave it at that. Maggie and Agnes (VP of the firm) continue to keep busy or even busier, since they have lost one member of the firm. Che (Milan Jr) and wife Sharon are now in San Fran with the planning group of Castle and Cook. Daughter Mary continues with her interior decorating of houses from the Calico Corner, and humans with her gourmet cooking.

Sambo Sams says he is getting older, lazier and uglier all the time, although the latter is the most difficult to accomplish. As far as I am concerned, I will settle for 2 out of 3, you pick 'em. Herb Mansfield sent in the photo of the Bay Area stalwarts taken during Bob Eaton's visit last Jun. It was the photographer's fault not Herb's that the picture is so late in appearing in the column. The Santa Claus effect on Chet is the result of his deciding to save himself the bother and discomfort of shaving for awhile. I will insert here a quote from a letter from Chet, "Deac dropped by about a month ago, stayed for about 3 hours and wouldn't take a drink, have lunch or stay overnight." It sounds to me like someone impersonating the Deacon. To return to the picture, the bad result on Ned Cotter comes from bad lighting. Herb reports that Ernie Easterbrook's golf is improving and that the Mansfields are going to Australia this winter to visit daughter Mary and family, if space available is still available. Speaking of golf, as I usually end up doing, did you know that Doc Patterson once had a handicap of 4, but that was a few years ago. Bill and Charlotte Train made a 3-wk safari in Africa in Dec. I don't know if they shot with guns or cameras. Joe and Edie Carroll attended the Army-Cal football game at Berkeley and report that as far as they know, they were the only '31ers there.

One of the Spangler family, Dutch or Dee, is working on a master's in Economics at UTEP. I can't tell exactly from the letter except that there is a statement to the effect that, "I see Ash Haynes on the golf course from time to time," so it probably is Dutch, but then again, it might be Dee. Bo Beishline's grandson, John Robert Anderson, entered the Academy this past summer with the Class of '78. That is a first, as far as I know. Johnny Barr sent in a picture of a San Ant party that he and Norma gave a short time ago, but unfortunately, for once, the Class of '31 was in the shadow. For the record, those attending were: Nosebag and Flora Bays, Little Swede and Jo Carl-

son, Merle and Mary Paul Fisher, Jack and Petey Gordon, Leo and Clara Belle Cather, Al and Kay Greene, John McGee, A.J. and Alice McVea, Ernie and Dolly Peters, Jim and Marge Stroker, Hector and Mildred Truly and Kay Daley and John Feagin. We might have had a better picture if one of the attendees had remembered to bring some film along with his camera. I won't identify the culprit to save him embarrassment and to save me from being sued for slander. John and Norma were thankful that the fishing and shrimping were good this year along the Gulf Coast so they could feed their house guests. John's handicap is 12, by the way.

Harry and Norma Cooper keep busy Dec through Apr working on their people's income taxes and then May through Nov, figuring out how to pay their own next year, and visiting their nine grandchildren, several in MI, MD and FL. Marcellus Duffy sent in an excerpt from Forbes about Deadeye Henry. Seems someone approached Deadeye about investing in a proposition that he could get his money back from in 5 yrs. Deadeye responded that he already had the money in the bank, why would he want it back in 5 yrs. That is humor from Forbes magazine, not from Marcellus or me. Marcellus has his answer about relatives of Hoyt Williams. Speaking of Deadeye, he has made another contribution to the Class Gift Fund of several shares of stock. Thanks to you, Deadeye, from the whole Class. Speaking of humor (and I hereby make a New Year's resolution that I will not make a habit of the following) Charlie Raymond wrote about the time Scotland Yard was looking for some missing coloring liquid from Scotland. They called it, "The case of Dewar Dye." Charlie sent in some others, but they are even worse (if possible). Charlie and Marcia attended the Army-AF football game at the Academy. Charlie thinks that Ft Putnam has been moved. At least it took him longer to get there than it did when he was a cadet.

Bill Hampton has joined the corps of contact people, having had his 2d cataract operation in Nov. He hopes to be able to see Dorothy and the other beautiful sights of Colo Spgs more clearly very soon. Jerry and Helen Rodenhauser are enjoying celebrity status along with some others on Deac Roller's new sound movie camera. Which reminds me that Charlie Raymond says that through his connections with the local Fire Dept he can probably get permission from the town police to allow Deac to take his trailer into Cambridge. Bill and Helen Cassidy report



1931: Deac Roller and film archives.

life is quiet, peaceful and not rushed in Indiatlantic, with golfing and sailing taking up most of the day. Dean and Martha Herman have moved into their new house in El Paso, having fun and keeping busy fixing it up the way they want it. Mopey Perry says that Art Hercz ran for a seat on the U. of Mich Bd of Regents, but unfortunately lost, even though Mopey did vote for him. Betty and I were in Ann Arbor in Dec, but did not call Art. If I mention the date, Sun, 1 Dec, and you read your newspapers on the next day, I'm sure you will forgive me. In case you are still in doubt, that was the day of the blizzard of 74 and Betty and I were forced to stay overnight in the motel. We felt real wicked checking into a motel without any luggage. Walt and Mim Ellis are planning to celebrate the New Year's arrival in Spain. That's all I know so that is all that I can report. Carl Damberg was so choked up over Claire Bell's and Deac Roller's misfortunes that he barely had the strength to write answers to the questionnaire. After sharing a glass of Zinfandel with Wanda, he recovered enough to punch out the answers on his typewriter.

I do have to report that a classmate's wife was injured at a football game at WP. Alice Bonesteel had the bad luck to sit next to Ted Parker at a game there that was won by Army. Ted says he is sure that it must have taken Alice at least a week to ease the pain of the black and blue spots he inflicted on her in his enthusiasm cheering Army on to victory. Ted and Nina, Tick and Alice Bonesteel and Deadey Henry were at the Academy for Homecoming and all had a marvelous time. As I previously reported, the Parkers now have a house in Tucson and will spend the summers in Albany and the winters in Tucson. I think I have already explained about their back-end-to-house, but if I haven't and you are interested in a new architectural design, write to Ted. Pat Coyle, Marvin's widow, has moved to the DC area, living in Rossmoor Leisure World. We haven't had any gatherings since she moved here, but we hope to see her soon. Charlie and Cora Densford extend an invitation to all classmates to come to visit them at the ranch in Pipe Creek this next fall. There may be a catch to this invite, however. I think they expect the guests to assist with the haying. All that means is lifting a 65-lb bale of straw to the top of a 6 to 10 foot stack. Any takers should notify Cora, so she can lay in a supply of liment. In Aug, Charlie was presented a certificate by the Congress of Freedom for his work for individual freedom and state's rights.

Andy Adams, one of the Class who is still working(?), now has his office in the Forrestal Bldg, room 4C014. He had to move, the building he was in was being torn down around him. Gunnar and May Carlson are settled in Boca Raton after a hectic summer selling their house in VA. They now have a boat and are taking lessons on how to drive it. Pac and Fay Pachler have a new address, but not a very long move from 1005 to 1007 S. Sterling Ave. Deac Roller continued his odyssey from DC, going down to FL, visiting the Pachlers and the Bards on the way. He reports the new camera works well, provided the subject works at all. Excuse me, he also stopped by to see Jerry and Helen Rodenhauer. Deac is planning on Spain and Germany during the winter. The other picture in the column is you-know-who and the location is in the archives of the Class. Most of these film cans contain the record that

Deac has kept for the past many years. Speaking of Spain, as I was a few minutes ago, Kelley Corbett interrupted her morning tea to report on their plans. She expects to be in the US of A over the Xmas holidays to visit children and grandchildren. Jim and Consuelo Pumpelly have rented an apartment in Rota, so the 2 families should see each other frequently. Louie Guenther and Roger and Maggie Moore saw the Pumpellys on their trip to Spain, but missed seeing the Corbetts. Lev and Mary Levenick are now enjoying the fruits of 2 ret., from the Army and from the State of CA. Lorry Ayers has ret. from teaching in the Contra Costa Sch Dist and is considering moving back to Ireland for a less expensive way of life.

Merle and Mary Paul Fisher have been fortunate the past 3 yrs to have son Peter, wife Karol and 3 grandchildren located at Ft Hood, so have been able to spoil the grosskinder completely. Wilbur and Billie Skidmore keep normally well and Wilbur keeps busy, still teaching Physics in high school. Betty, wife of "Bill hates to write Chandler," sent in a report on their past year. They spent some time this past spring visiting children and grandchildren in Germany and combined that visit with a tour of the British Isles. Bill keeps himself busy with photographic work, getting his exercise from golf. Betty says the exercise is both physical and mental as Herb Mansfield can verify. Bill apparently talks to himself when he makes a bad shot. They hope to vacation in Yosemite in Feb and will try some skiing if the constitution will allow. Pat Hunter visited son John in Phoenix in Oct and had a very pleasant visit with Paul and Irene Burns. She didn't see the Cardells on account of they were in Europe. Pat also said that she didn't see a weed in the Burns' yard. Which is not particularly noteworthy, since Paul has opted for a desert landscape (no grass). I find a note on a pad which says: frozen O.J. and Jack and Elaine Leary. After due thought, I concluded that meant I was supposed to buy some orange juice at the supermarket and that Jack had called from Douglas. Jack is ret. 31 Dec after 10 yrs in the Gov's office with the state civil defense unit. I must add that I haven't talked with or heard from any classmate living in AZ who doesn't speak glowingly of the climate in that state.

George Dietz sent in a 2 part letter in answer to mine. He offered his sincerest sympathy for the troubles that I mentioned and recalled a few of his own from some time ago in MN, to wit: sand in the well and a collapsed septic tank. Someone sent me a clipping about attending a reunion. The closing statement was, "I enjoyed the reunion a lot, but it's sort of a shame that everyone but me is getting ancient." My thanks to the one that sent the clipping. Doc Patterson sent in a resume of ret. life in Augusta. Doc has ret. from his 2d career in life insurance and he and Peggy enjoy leisurely visits to children and grandchildren and Doc dabbles a bit in law.

That's all for now. A Happy Easter to all.



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Xmas of 74 was quieter this year for us but most pleasant and relaxing. A big thanks to the many Classmates for their holiday greetings. Mary Cain had the usual "drop by for a drink" salutation; Harry and Isabel Porter informed of Harry's expected ret. in Sept 75 and their hopes to make a trip to Australia to visit daughter Paige and husband Stuart; Bill and Lil Powers play a lot of golf and bridge and Bill continues to work 3 days a week; Ken and Pat Zitzman expect more than the usual number of '32ers visiting there when they branch out next summer; Billie Howarth's daughter, Shirley, is now Dir for The Hackley Arts Gallery in Muskegon, MI, after having been Assoc Curator for the William Penn Museum of Fine Arts in Harrisburg. Shirley married Mr. Joseph Eustace on 15 Nov 74.

Chester Hammond is still in contact with the Livermore Corp; Pop Duncan monkeys around with the Apes at Yerkes while La Trelle is very busy as VP, membership of the Atlanta Music Club... this year's program complete with lovely portrait of La Trelle arrived earlier in the season; Del Pryor remaining in PA this holiday season and his daughter Lynda, reporting from Nashville that Ralph '62 is now in HI with wife Nancy, and Phil '58 is still in DC area living just a hop and jump from us; Rush and Dot Lincoln write that Rush is still working and sending their 2 youngest to college... they invited our son Bill to a Xmas party at their home and on his trip to spend the Xmas season w/us, he reported that he enjoyed their warm hospitality greatly and commented on their beautiful coll stu daughter; Don and Marion Hardy have taken out FL citizen papers and now are "bona fide members of the Geritol Jet Set"... they still have their beach home in NJ where they spend the summers. Marion rang our doorbell the end of Sept but, unfortunately, we were out and missed the visit; Johnny and Noi Kambhu hope to run a little '32 reunion of their own on their next trip to DC; Lou and Mary Coutts not only sent their yearly Chronicle but Lou surprised us with a tel greeting from CA durig the Holidays! The Coutts offspring are doing all right. Joe, Kathy, Erin and Ian are at Leavenworth where Kathy's Joe is an instr, Mary and Peter left Turkey for Aviano, Italy, for a 3-yr tour and Jim is at Camp Pendleton but plans to leave service and move with family to WA State after Feb. Lou, when not working in yard goes to ball games (foot and base), horse races and hunts. Roscoe Huggins telephoned to give us his Xmas greetings and to say that he was heading for NJ to visit Jo's relatives and then to spend a few days at WP and back to NJ to have Xmas with Jo's family. Jamie and Claire Jamison spent the summer at their FL home and described Esther and Stan Wrays' lovely home which will require air conditioning the garage to take care of Stan's wine "cellar." Wrays had them for dinner with the Joe Kellys and as reported in the Class letter, Dinny and Joe sold their home on Country Club Dr and moved into one of their 2 condominiums on the Gulf. Note picture taken at Mildenhall, England OPS WWII. Sitting next to him is COL Dick Head '56 who commands the 98th TF Wing at Lakenheath. Pa Landon Head sent the picture.

Another famous prodigy, Joan Gavin Wells, daughter of Johnny and Vi Gavin has



1932: Stan Wray with COL Dick Head ('56) in England.

been appointed asst VP and business development officer for Union Trust/DC. Joan has been associated with banking institutions for some years working for Amer Fed S&L and Hamilton Fed S&L. After attending the U. of KS and U. of HI she studied at Temple; and then finance at American S&L Inst... the parents are justly proud. Joan's husband is an executive with Yeonas Co. and they live in Potomac, MD. Johnny adds a note asking to change his Zip Code on mailing list to 20906.

To go back a little, we had our '32 Army-Navy luncheon in Nov. As usual it was well attended and a happy occasion. Hunter Harris, here for a physical at WR stayed with Jim McCormack and made the luncheon before departure for HI. Hunter, as former Air Chief in Pacific was well acquainted with many of the Navy fliers. As a matter of fact, due to regular attendance, we all are getting to know each other quite well.

The following month, the wives came to our Dec luncheon. Dort Fischer did the table arrangements and all looked so pretty aided and abetted with Helen Lyon's contribution of Xmas greens and berries from their home. It was festive and included: Essie and Charlie Baer, Dossi and Bill Davidson, Margaret and Desch Descheneaux, Dort and Harvey Fischer, Vi and Johnny Gavin, Nora and Al Gerhardt, Eloise and Oley Hansen, Helen and Archie Lyon, Ruth and John McCawley, Jackie and Bob Schukraft, Bobbie and Danny Sundt and Aggie and Jim Woolnough. Singles were: Frank Besson, Danny Campbell and Fran Pugh. Fran's Johnny had to attend a textile meeting in DC so was absent. Also absent was Mary Cain who was having a gay time on a trip to Mexico. Desch mentioned he was having an uncomfortable bout with "shingles" and we hope that discomfort departed before Ol' Nick arrived. Eloise Hansen was her usual sociable self and cheery with nary a hint that after luncheon she was entering Georgetown Hosp for mastectomy surgery the following day. Reports are that Eloise has recovered well. Earlier in the autumn in a tel conversation with Dossi, Eloise mentioned that she and Oley had spent the entire summer in their cabin-becoming-cottage on their property in the state of WA located lakeside.

How many of you recall M.M. Driskell, ADM Med Dept USN? His name came up at the joint '32 A-N luncheon. He sent in his ballot with a note stating his ret. from the

Navy and practicing Internal Med and Cardiology in St. Petersburg, FL and hopes to keep going for several years, signed Morgan. If any of you get woozy in St. Pete, look up Doc Driskell.

In a late-received ballot, Tom Darcy voted unanimously for all candidates with comment, "Not having any confidence in the Nominating Cmte, I vote to continue all present incumbents." Just back from their annual vacation, they wandered thru N.E. and the Maritimes, did a swing around Gaspé and finally a sea trip thru the Med, but Tom couldn't find his old Hq north of Florence.

Johnny and Noi Kambhu while visiting their children and grandchildren in MA saw McCormacks in Boston. Later Johnny was host to Hunter Harris in Bangkok. They both send personal regards to all classmates and wives.

Charlie Williams finally ret. in Aug. They toured N.E., visited Cape Breton, Gaspé Peninsula and celebrated Alice's birthday at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec. They saw Jack and Betty Welborn at the Peninsula. Ed Many and Olive have moved from San Fran Bay area to Vashon Is, WA and claim it to be a welcome change. Gerald and Jeanette Epley have moved from Pacific Palisades to So. Pines, NC. New home is adjacent to the 1st tee of the So. Pines C.C. For those who don't have their new address, they live at 185 Fairway Rd, So. Pines, NC 28387.

Phil Doyle ret. from school admin last Jul. He and Ellen are fast becoming accustomed to a new life. Ellen is improving her high BP and arthritis.

Because of the unsettled conditions there, D.B. and Libby Johnson cancelled their European trip and substituted a 2-wk family reunion with 3 children and spouses and 6 grandchildren. The substitution was a happy one.

Seems everyone is moving. Charlie Carrell sold their home in Santa Rosa, CA to live with his mother-in-law. From there he moved to his home town in Lawrenceville, TN where he plans to settle down.

Dwight Beach says Flo has made a miraculous recovery and is now trying to do in 3 wks what should have been done in 3 yrs. He's delighted tho' tired. Carl Sciple and Sally are settling in a new home with pool and tropical flora—the Crescent Beach condo was too small. New address list carried it as P.O. Box 1684, DelRio, Ft Myers, FL 33902.

Tom Hannah spent a fabulous month in N. MN using a small outboard motor although they were on the Border Waters Canoe Area. He did so-so in small-mouth and walleye fishing but was wide-eyed at the catches most others brought in. He's bound to go again and get in on the "low down." Stan Sawiki has ret. as a math teacher at U. of CT and has moved to Lawton, OK. The older son is Pres and Gen Mgr of Dun & Bradstreet in Canada, and younger son Stan is earning a PhD in Microbiology at Columbia. He thinks OK people are more relaxed and friendly than CT Yankees. Wide spaces, I guess.

Hunter Harris wrote a note reporting little news of classmates in HI (i.e., Ben Webster). Says Benny decided to live in Colo Spgs and according to his wife Bobbie spends his R&R in Honolulu. Hunter has given up whiskey for good! Now tips the scales at 153. Exercises from 6-7 a.m., tennis at 9:00 a.m. and then routine business and socials follow.

Biff Braude still rambles on about the 40th and can't wait for the 50th. His exercise

is limited to golf with Landon Head. Since Landon calls him "Uncle" on the golf course, Bill will not give him any strokes.

Maddy Garland wishes everyone well and happy. He putters around in Real Estate. Now to go way back... all of you remember well Wally Thinnes, who had Polio and was turned back and graduated w/o commission all due to the unfortunate illness, but later was on active duty during WWII both at USMA and other assignments including a tour at Naval Acad as German instr and winding up in Europe on duty with USAF and ret. in 62. Wally sent his check giving his feelings of relief at not being given up as a lost cause. To him the letter "was something like a sign of renewed welcome to a prodigal son." The convulsions of the \$ have had a somewhat catastrophic effect upon his buying power in Austria. Meanwhile he has authored a book on the "Subjunctive Mood in German—Its Formation and Use." Mouton Publishers, The Hague—an intl publishing house is publishing some 2000 copies. Wally doesn't get much cash out of the deal but think of your enhanced scholastic standing!

Charlie Baer had surgery at WR in Dec but reported TLC from hospital and Essie at home. Essie just had a re-evaluation of her condition and surgery has been postponed, and so until another check in Jun, Essie will continue to use her "5 pronged" feet. Cheerful and optimistic—good gall!

Luke and Joslin Morris returned from a combination pleasure and business trip. Contrary to your usual guess, the pleasure was in CA with old friends and business in Las Vegas in Sept. They were looking forward to a Med Cruise in Oct but on 2 Oct Luke entered Doctors' Hosp in DC where he spent weeks having tests. After a short period at home convalescing, he returned to Doctors' on 18 Nov and on 2 Dec had brain surgery. Dec 15 Luke was transferred to Sibley Hosp for further treatment. After Xmas my son Bill and I visited Luke and found him weak but putting up a good fight. Joslin reports frequently and Luke is gradually gaining strength, but it is a long haul. We are all pulling for him and so with progress we hope he will be back in more pleasant surroundings at home. Joslin had a very unpleasant experience shortly before Luke entered hospital... just 2 days before, on a routine shopping jaunt (by foot) to neighborhood P.O., bank, etc. she was waiting to cross



1932: Joan Gavin Wells

a street not far from their home when a panel truck came along and she was dragged by her arm and let go to fall in street and gutter after the "muggers" had successfully removed her bag and contents from her arm. After emergency treatment at Alexandria Hosp she used a cane and bore bruises and discomfort, and all the while carried on with Luke hospitalized and her own condition ignored as much as possible.

While waiting for Ken's contribution to mail this, I received a call that Jim McCormack had died at ten p.m., 3 Jan at their home at Hilton Head, SC. Jim, Eleanor and Al and Nora Gerhardt had gone there 26 Dec to enjoy some relaxation. As they were sitting and chatting, Jim's head fell back and he was beyond help. Jim had suffered numerous heart attacks and came out smiling, and always the exceptional person everyone knew him to be. Funeral services will be held at the old Ft Myer Chapel 7 Jan, with burial at Arlington. We all know of Jim's successful career with the Army and then the AF. He had many important assignments and after ret. in 55 Jim went on to ever higher duties in the business world... VP of MIT, serving on many Bds, and then Chmn and Head Exec of COMSAT. More than that, was his pleasant nature, willingness to lend a helping hand, and above all selflessness. He will be missed beyond description.

The following is from Ken Zitzman in San Ant.

By unanimous consent (mine) the newly minted award for combined virility/loyalty goes to Bill Moore. 63 sons of USMA grads of 19 classes spread across 16 yrs, are enrolled as plebes at the 3 service academies; 50 at Yousmay, 9 at, pardon the expression, Annapolis and 4 in the AFA. And the senior class represented is '32, thanks to Wm B. Moore Jr, 22 yrs after Herrol J. Skidmore Jr, USMA '56, started our sons off. We're proud of you, Bill Jr, for helping us keep the Long Gray Line growing.

Xmas is a nice season, not only because it gives further excuses for spending inordinate sums of money on grandchildren but because Xmas cards bring notes which when properly mangled, can form a class column. Joe and Dinny Kelly have found a neat solution to their final home. A nice, small beach front apt in Ft Walton Beach, FL, gorgeous view, just large enough for them and their poodle, easy to care for. Then they have a twin apt to take care of visiting children, floating poker games and the guy who couldn't make it home on New Years Eve. Bobby and Benny Webster also have found 2 residential units necessary to meet their requirements but instead of 5 ft, they're 5000 miles apart. They spend the 6 warm weather months in exotic Colo Spgs but comes the autumnal equinox, Benny gets restive. Before the first smell of snow, which Benny ranks ahead of cholera and turnip greens as a national disaster, they're off to his native Honolulu until it's time to sing "Springtime in the Rockies" once again. Being less opinionated, D.B. and Libby Johnson, who also base in Colo Spgs, spent just a month at Maui bracketing Xmas/New Yr.

Chris Dreyer writes that after a tour de force last year visiting sons, Larry in Tucson and Fred in Denton, TX, considering the possibility of moving closer to them, he has decided to stay in their home in Grass Valley, CA, he custom built with so much of his "sweat and blood." The fill on which it rests consists of gold tailings from a nearby mine which was abandoned years ago when gold was \$35/oz. With gold at \$200 now, we hope

Chris will find a pleasant and profitable pastime sifting through the foundations. The only sad note, and it's very sad, is that Mary shows no improvement in the rare disease that has afflicted her. Needless to say, Chris is meeting the situation magnificently.

A long, happy letter from Flo Beach reveals that she has completely recovered from her physical problem and along with Dwight, has taken up cross country skiing. There's plenty of country to cross around their farm in Dexter, MI (pop 1700) which Dwight inherited as the scion of a long line of Michiganders. (I wonder if there are any Michigees?) Flo is also an old line San Ant gal, granddaughter of GEN John Clem, one of the early military heroes of this city—her mother still lives here and we're looking forward to their next visit. Also from MI even farther north in the lake country, Tiny Hartshorn writes (typed already so I don't need a paid translator) that daughter Ellen in Dallas is taking her kids to Houston for a big schoolboy hockey tournament. Following that, Tiny and Eddie will either go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, across to San Ant and back through Dallas to Rapid City in time for the big thaw, or the same route without New Orleans. It sounds confusing but it's crystal clear to me and we're ready to give them the big hello when they hit our town.

A letter Farmer Jamison sent during a visit to his native PA territory written entirely in the original PA Dutch, was something else again ("Let's walk the street down"). He courted Clare in San Ant, however, and since the guilty always return to the scene of the crime, I'll be ready when they do. I'll spend 2 wks taking a total immersion course in New Braunfels just north of here where the whole town is a 100-yr-old German colony that knows all about Frankfort but never heard of KY. When the Jamisons get here, I'll invite them to our house as soon as I can make the grass off. Sue and Bill Menoher's youngest daughter Kathy and her husband are now in Goldsboro, NC where Kathy, having finished the arduous work to complete all her "clinicals" is earnestly working with retarded children in the state hospital.

The color pic from Honolulu of Hunter and Maggie Harris shows both looking extremely fit as is son Butch, now on his 3d SEA tour in Bangkok. Our resident bonhomme in Bangkok, Johnny Kambhu, writes that he is going to arrange his next trip to include a shootout in San Ant where he staged such a successful Thai pavilion during Hemisfair. Johnny's business interests take him all over and because of the good sense he showed by being born in Bangkok, can arrange his U.S. visits to take him around the world in either direction. Hunter, still a heavyweight with TWA, goes wherever they have routes and has promised to visit his buddies in San Ant ASAP. Ell and Pam Davis will spend a few days here en route to their annual sojourn in Mexico which will be the occasion to get some of the mob together again.

Meanwhile, the local group keeps active; Dick Coiner as Pres of Nix Hosp, Milt Glatte in real estate, Jim Godwin and Chuck Clark alternating teaching with golf, and Tom McDonald actively helping Maxine's father run his very successful petroleum handling equipment co. We'll acquire another valuable addition in about a year when Dort and Harvey Fischer settle in Lampasas, just up the road a piece, after Harv finishes tidying up his bank in Arlington. From El

Paso, Carol Power writes that George is busily organizing a bridge tournament for that area in Feb—apparently not content with winning all the ones that are already established. In the interim, they visited their Kathy and Stan with 2 grandchildren in Denver over Xmas with the usual joyous results.

In addition to all the good people, there's something about this town that gets me. Duffy Brown, a nice guy out of '37, told me that his recondite guide in Mexico City, an authority on Aztecs and ancient history, said that the streets of San Ant were made from the paths where the conquistador soldiers chased the Indian maidens, and the plazas were laid out where they caught them. Could be and the names of the streets indicate that the old spirit lives today. The old ones are named after early TX heroes of course, Houston, Crockett, Travis, et al, but consider a fairly recent development on the north side of town. 3 streets which are practically contiguous are named Temptation, Persuasion and Afterglow. And if that doesn't prove the point, there's another trio within a leer of them called Serenade, Fabulous and—how appropriate at this point—Finale.

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NOTE: The Class Notes for this issue were written by Dan Parker in Harry King's illness. Harry has asked to be relieved of his scribe duties and, until a new one is designated, please send all notes to Abe Lincoln, 2908 Farm Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Steve Fuqua

Several days ago Abe Lincoln called and said that Harry King needed help with the next Class report. I agreed to lend a hand and on Xmas Eve called at Harry's home for my instructions. He was in some pain, lying on the sofa with his leg propped up on pillows—possibly a pinched nerve, the doc says. After a pleasant visit and a discussion of dos and don'ts on writing the report, I was given a folder full of memos, letters and Xmas cards. What follows is a more or less chronological arrangement of what various ones of you have written.

Starting with some letters that missed the fall report deadline—Chapman writes from Andalusia, AL that the big excitement there is their pending trip to Russia; they expect to be in Moscow at Xmas time. A few months ago they visited Babs Scoville and her new husband, Dale Brown. Buck Pohl has ret. from teaching in Cornwall-on-Hudson and hopes to move somewhere south next year. From Pacific Grove, CA Bob Meals reports that he ran into Ben Harrell who had just returned from a 7-mo European tour. They also saw the Jerry Robersons for a few hours last Jun. Bob says their son Robert Jr. is a LTC in the AF and son David is soon to emerge from Humboldt State with degrees in Botany and Forestry. Charlie Chase says that on the Space Coast things continue much the same with the Fletters, Shinkles, Vidals and Ferrises in residence. John and Alice Ferris checked in recently to spend a few months in their home there before going to the Bahamas for the winter. K and Charlotte Kaesser have just settled in the area. K, after ret. from teaching in CA now watches missile launchings (from his kitchen window, no less). Charlie Chase made a brief visit to Holland in Sept to join in celebrating the 30th anniv of the Abn assault in that area; he continues to teach a couple of courses at

the FL Inst of Tech. The Fletters spent the summer traveling—a month in CA visiting their daughters, Katrin and Stephanie, followed by a month in AK visiting their son and traveling throughout the state. Bill's vivid descriptions of the sights they saw is a strong recommendation for making a trip to AK. Guy Lothrop writes that he and Ginnee spent 3 wks last summer visiting Germany and in Oct toured Canada and New Engl by motor home; he says their 2 yrs in Deland, FL have worked out well but he misses the hills of VT and NH and the solitude of the back roads. If you are not a member of the Mil Order of World Wars you may not have noticed that a recent issue of that magazine was almost all '33. Johnny Johnson's picture was on the cover and a major article inside was Johnny's speech accepting the Dist Sv Award for 74. Jean Engler was installed as MOWW's CS. Jean is also Exec VP of the American Ord Assn. Aus Miller's widow who now lives in El Paso reports that Austin, her oldest son (USMA '57) resigned from the service in 69 to accept a State Dept position and now lives in Alexandria, VA; next son, Bart, is on active duty with USAMSSA and lives in Woodbridge, VA; 3d son, Charles, was in service but is now recuperating from injuries received in a serious accident, and daughter, Sylvia, is married and lives on Long Is. Bob and Lucy Lee Thompson, with daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Trion Fancher, and Phil and Janie Pope represented the Class at the Army-Duke game in Durham; the score was the least attractive part of an otherwise pleasant autumn weekend which included, for the Thompson clan, a pre-game tour of the Duke campus, Bob's old stomping ground.

Hurlbut's homecoming report: "As you know Homecoming is now sort of a mini-June Week complete with an alumni ceremony after a march to Thayer Monument (which they keep moving to a new final location) so I found myself in a bob-tailed squad with my roommate Dunc Hallock, Bill Fritz, Bill Baumer, Rod Gott, Jim Boswell and Steve Fuqua—all of whom could keep in step with me except Fuqua. At the game they have a split-level system—those who have season tickets sit in one area and those who are for one game only in another—but like the riding hall, all good horses. Or seats. Anyway, in this process I discovered there were some classmates who were either too feeble to march, or else preferred the glimmers of tailgating complete with candelabra. I have a suspicion the latter was the cause for the Leslies, Turners and Lanes, all of whom appeared at a very hospitable and lovely open house at Pat and Rita Guineys' after the game. The Guineys do this every year and are truly most gracious and hospitable to all classmates and their guests. Bear and Connie Eyler, the Jack Lewises and Jack's son were there and had hand carried in a few goodies also. The Rob Speisers and Paul Walters were at the game too—it was a beautiful day and we won."

After the Navy game Parr and Hoebeke looked up Vernon Smith who a few years back suffered a stroke resulting in paralysis and severe immobility; his spirit is good and his very faithful wife, Lucille, gives him constant dedicated care. Bill Ryan wants all of '33 to know that the Army Distaff Hall (Knoll House) is again reserved for next year's Navy game gathering; this year 51 were present including 23 of '33.

Before the old rockin' chair caught up with Harry he composed these notes: Dodd and Evelyn Starbird's USMA grad son, Edward A., is back there to bring the kaydets

up to date in Engr. Dodd continues to keep the DOD headed forward. Bert and June Sparrow spent Xmas in CT and have a reservation on the Autotrain in Feb to visit their Cathy at Homestead AFB. June isn't very sure she'll join in the water skiing. When I called, Molly Solomon reported that Solly was at a meeting of the Scientists' Cliffs Assn; son John is a LTC in Germany; son Bill is in Colo Spgs; and son Jimmy still enjoys work with Aetna Ins. Bill and Betty Quinns' Sally is soon to release her book about her CBS experience, "We're Going To Make You A Star"; Bill Jr. is asst editor of a magazine; and Donna is with her lawyer husband in CA. Bill's business, Quinn Assocs, is doing very well. Phil Pope retired 31 Dec 74 as VP of the Citizens Natl Bank of Laurel but will continue to serve as a dir. He and Janie Pie plan to spend all summer on Cape Cod. Phil strongly criticizes the "foreign" tie Rod Gott is wearing in a picture in a recent article about him in *Sports Illustrated*. Jack and Mary Fran Matheson keep their "home fires burning in Arlington." Jack is nursing a possible ulcer but plans to return to his computer programming in a few weeks. He has enjoyed the job for 16 yrs. Bill and Marge Ryans' Bill Jr., a VMI grad, will instruct at USMA in Psychology of Leadership. They plan to fly space-A to Korea in Mar to visit daughter Jeanie. Abe and Mary Lincoln made their home the setting for the wedding of the daughter, Fredrica, of his brother, "Big Abe." The couple will live in the groom's native city of Teheran. Son Clark, who helped with our Clock, will visit here soon and son Jim (USMA '60) will come from Bragg. Helen Ferris Grismer was here for the christening of her second grandson. Sim and Peg Whipple are trying to sell their house here near DC and will move to Hilton Head. Bob and Jane Douglas plan to "sit" Bob and Lucy Lee Thompsons' house in Feb. Johnny and Dot Lane were at the Homestead to celebrate their 40th anniv when a call came from their son near here in Silver Spring asking them to come there for a small gathering. They did and found not only their 2 sons and daughter but a few other relatives and old friends including the Leslies, Turners and Red Whites.

Notes gleaned from Xmas cards—The Hurlbuts have a new granddaughter, Tessa Hurlbut Earle. Hadley Richardson has a back problem but plans to go to Europe next spring. The Cubbisons had a marvelous 2 wks in Colombia visiting son, Ted. Dave and Betty Gibbs made a 9000 mile trip to Yucatan last winter. Fran Hill's widow, Ansley, still lives in Monterey; she travels a lot and keeps busy with her volunteer work. Ansley has assured her father (Ike Spalding '12) that if he lives to be the oldest grad she will accompany him to WP for June Week. Dot and Gray Essman spent 8 wks in Europe last fall. Gray spends his time working around their home in Williamsburg, VA and serving on the College of William and Mary Board. Maggie and Marty Frame visited Germany and Aus-



tria last Sept and plan to visit Spain in Jan. From their base in HI the Dolemans toured Korea, returning on a med-evac plane after Eddie had a mild heart attack. After a short convalescence they spent a month on the mainland and are planning another mainland visit during Xmas.

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New Year Greetings from the DC area to you all. Having weathered Watergate and the Tidal Basin, we are off to a New Year and hopefully a much improved Govt and Economy. "Hope springs eternal."

Ace Brookhart spent about a week in WRGH for minor surgery during Sept. Understand he is now in fine fettle. Also, Moon Northam wrote that he had been in hosp in FL for removal of gall bladder, etc. Operation prevented his and Nancy's taking daughter Sally back to Ladycliff (where she is pres of her class) and attending first 2 Army football games. He and Nancy did make WP in Nov with a side trip to Baltimore. I saw them at a delightful party given by the Dan Chestons at their home in Baltimore. Moon indicated that Bob Kyser is VP of WP Soc of Central FL; also that he had recently seen Gantt Hickman, Hilliards, and Yarboroughs. Moon has been appointed to the Bd of Dirs, Maitland-S. Seminole CofC. He has been a member of this Chamber since 66 and has served as head of various cmtes during this period.

The DC/Baltimore contingent's Oct luncheon at the A&N Country Club, Arlington, VA was attended by: Cary, Corrigan, Edson, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Stevens, and Tyson.

Tony Hills recently had a successful operation at the National Nav Med Cen, Bethesda, MD for the removal of a cataract. Plans to have cataract removed from his other eye after the prescribed waiting period.

"Life Begins at the Fortieth," a report of the 40th Reunion was completed and mailed the end of Oct. If you did not receive your copy, drop Hal Edson a line. The Class photo of the 40th was not a part of this report. If you did not order this photo from Jim O'Hara last spring, you may obtain same by writing to Mr. A.T. Murphy, 1131 Union Ave, Newburgh, NY 12550; enclose \$2.50 to cover cost and postage. (If you did not receive the copy you ordered from Jim O'Hara, write to him.)

Bob Finkenaar's daughter, Jeanne Marie, and husband, Jeff Rock '71, will complete tour in Germany in Dec and after visit in Newburgh during Jan and Feb, will report to Ft Benning. Bob's son Geoffrey plans wedding this May.

The Nov luncheon at the A&N Country Club, Arlington, VA was attended by: Paul Barton, Cary, Corrigan, Gerhart, Hills, Kern, Lewis, O'Hara, Stevens, Still, Tyson, and Walsh from the DC/Balt area. Also present were Tom Foote from County Cork, Ireland and Tom McCrary, Gainesville, GA.

Tom McCrary reports that his son, Tom Jr., is now living in his old home in Arlington, VA, and practicing dentistry at Tyson's Corner.

A card from Ron and Sandy Martin indicated that since Ron's 2d ret. last Mar, they have logged over 17,000 miles in their motor home (as of 4 Dec). Travels have included Mexico as far south as Acapulco. They plan to spend Xmas with the Ken Cunins in



1934: Army-Navy game—El Paso, TX.

San Ant. The end of their trip is still not in sight.

Bob and Sis MacDonald report a gala 2 wks vacation in FL with the Bill Craigs last fall. Excerpts from their letter follows: "Bill and Peggy gave a very nice Sunday party at their delightful waterside home at High Point in Stuart. Present from '34 were Harry and Edrea Hillyard and Jim and Louise Snee from Indiatlantic; Don and Thelma Durfee from Boca Raton; and Freddie and Rosa Barnes from Vero Beach. We spent a great week with the Craigs, went to Indiatlantic for 2 days and returned for 4 more days at the Craigs (who are hospitality personified) to catch the rest of the fish that got away the first time. Included in the festivities was a picnic with Lurine Benner, Jack's widow, who lives in Boca Raton, and other friends aboard Bill Craig's boat, the "High Time." He took us far up the north fork of the St. Lucie River and among other spectacular scenery, gave us a close up of an alligator certified to be no less than 12 ft long. At Indiatlantic, Edrea and Harry Hillyard very graciously had us, together with the Bill Cassidys, for pre-lunch drinks at their home, and hosted a luncheon at the Yacht Club, where Jim and Louise Snee joined the group. Jim is currently Commodore of said Yacht Club and from what we heard has applied his military knowhow to the management of that nautical establishment in such a way as to be the most effective Commodore until yet. That evening Babs and Knox Yarborough had us to candlelight dinner at their home which they designed themselves, and which they should patent. We reminisced of Ft Bliss in 46, the 15th Reunion party at our house at WP, and San Fran in 60. En route back to Stuart we stopped at Vero Bch to have lunch with Freddie and Rosa Barnes at their house, which they completed 2 yrs ago. It is ingeniously designed to provide a separate wing for kids and grandkids during visits. The swimming pool is part of the patio and grandkids have an enviable choice between it and the ocean 2 blocks away. Back at the Craigs, we found that Bill had staked out a whole new array of fish to catch. Their house is at the juncture of the Intercoastal Waterway and the St. Lucie River, and adjacent to St. Lucie Inlet, which leads out into the ocean and to the Gulf Stream, ten miles out. Our classmates in FL are living a good life. They all seem well and very happy, and their hospitality is unsurpassed."

Hal Edson was recently elected Gov of

the Mayflower Soc of DC and Pres of the DC Area Outpost, 3d Div Soc.

Friends of the late Juliette Hester in the Atlanta Symphony Chorus have established the "Juliette Hester Memorial Fund" in her memory.

Bob Warren's wife Biddie passed away at Langley AFB, 7 Dec of double bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Ft Myer, VA with interment in Arlington, 11 Dec 74. Our sincere sympathy to Bob and their 2 daughters. Attending the services from '34 were: Gene Corrigan, Faith and Hal Edson, Bill Kern, Emory Lewis, Elinore O'Hara, Francie Stevens, and Lil and Bob Tyson.

Once more the Dick Moormans sponsored the annual get-together for A&N game in El Paso. Jim Winn won the drawing for mascot Armay, the ceramic mule. A ceramic goat, Nayvee, now completes the Moormans' decorations. Also attending were Harry and Charlotte Hubbard, Alec and Minn Stuart, Axel and Dottie Waugh, and Neil and Phyllis Kingsley, USNA '34. Toasts were drunk to Joe Piram and widow Evalie just before the game started. Betty and Dick expect to spend Xmas in Anchorage, with their kids. Understand from Dick that Jud Reeves is re-ret. in AK on 31 Dec. He and Willie May will celebrate the event in HI.

A note from Dud and Frankie Wilmeth indicated that Betty and Charlie Johnson had lunch with them at their home on Lake Worth in Nov. Betty and Charlie were visiting their son, Charles IV, who is in business in nearby Dallas.

Please make the following address changes to your Class Roster: Allness—2682 Spring Grove Terr, Colorado Springs, CO 80906; Cunningham—Mathers, VA 23107; Fajardo—Road T, Area B, Veterans' Subdivision, Quezon City, PI 3005; D.W. Johnson—13 W. Mt. Vernon Pl, Baltimore, MD 21201; Heyne—Box 444, Wharton, TX 77488; Lipscomb—549 Chews Landing Rd, Haddonfield, NJ 08033; Martin—341 Mitchell Ave, Batesville, IN 47006; O'Neil—528 Araballo Dr, San Francisco, CA 94132; Revie—1001 Jeff Davis Ct., Martinsville, VA 24112; Routh—3637 Chesapeake Ave, Hampton, VA 23661; Mrs. Stevenson—(No. 200) 4204 SE Second Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33909; Mrs. Stark—(No 206) 6495 Bell Bluff, San Diego, CA 92119; H.F. Turner—Box 125, Smyrna, DE 19977.

Deadline for the next issue of ASSEMBLY (Jun 75) is 25 Mar. Keep the news coming!

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In Dec Floyd Pratt visited his son Dick (LCdr Richard Pratt, 331 Marlow Dr, Oakland, CA 94605) and family including a new grandson, and other friends and classmates in the Bay area. He mentioned a mini-reunion in Pebble Beach with the Sherdens, the Marouns, the Aaron HARRISES, the S.T.B. Johnsons, and Deek and Dottie Moore. All of this excitement may have been a bit too much. Word came that he was hospitalized several days with a stroke, but expected to be released in time for Xmas. We all wish Floyd speedy recovery.

It's hard to keep up with Warren and Ruthmary Everett. They are now at 23 Tony Tiger Trail, Springfield, MI 49015, and Warren is with the Federal Center at Battle Creek. Their oldest daughter lives in the Everett house in McLean, VA, and her husband is in the Office of the CNO. Their 2d daughter is operating a family of 4 while attending law sch at U. of KS and her husband is attending CGSC in Ft Leavenworth. Their son is a flight surgeon in Thailand and enjoying many experiences including teaching some tropical medicine in French.

Stu Fries left VN last spring and took a position with Boeing Svs, Intl at an airbase near Adana, Turkey. He said Helen was to join him soon, but that they were planning to be at the "40th." His address was given at TUSLOG, Det 193, Box 1604, APO NY 09289.

Ed and Marie Ferris spent last Thanksgiving with son Mike and his family in Houston and Xmas with sons Pat and Dan at Ft Rucker, AL where one is an instr and the other a stu. They have rented houses next door to each other.

Kay St. John's daughter Helen finished her master's degree at Notre Dame and is now attending a U. in Toronto as candidate for a PhD in Medieval Studies.

Somers and Lucy Dick are enjoying ret. near Asheville, NC, and both daughters have visited with their children to check the place out. Son Johnny Dick, in school in Boston, was there for Xmas.

George and Meg Eckhardt wrote that they were expecting the Mac Peekes from Ireland for the holidays.

The Firehocks and the Brydes from the Atlantic side of FL visited the Worthingtons in Sarasota. They reported lots of fun but no fish.

Bud Russ writes that he and Fran often see the Haines, the Hawkins, the Ruhlens, the Stillmans, and the Gibsons (from Coliad) and that they are all planning to attend the "40th."

Jack Rhoades is wondering how to get permission to show Leah beautiful Flirtation Walk, which she has never seen.

Jack and Catherine Sherden took a vacation cruise in the Caribbean and came back from Haiti thankful to be citizens of the good old U.S. of A. in spite of all its ailments. After that, a week in FL, after an absence of 20 yrs, gave them an interesting comparison with their own Pebble Beach, CA.

Hank and Arline Thayer are proud grandparents again with the arrival of a son to their daughter Carol and her husband, Tom Brown, on 31 Oct 74.

Chuck and Ann Symroski proudly joined the ranks of grandparents with the arrival of Robert Rolfe Gilliland on 3 Dec 74, at Ft Benning. His father is MAJ Vic Gilliland

and his mother, Kitsy, as well as his grandmother, Ann, were both born at Benning, so Robert is the 3d generation to be born there.

The DC Contingent held the second "coed" luncheon on 21 Nov last at the Ft McNair Officers Club. It was a great success with 50 people there, including quite a number from "out-of-town" such as the Strauses, and the Murdochs.

At last count as this goes in the mail, Bill Chapman has received deposits for the "40th" from 67 pairs and 2 singles, which adds up to 136 people, and the reservations are still coming in.

'36

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1974 was an interesting year—not great, of course, not sad, but interesting. Our great Class ended all active duty (with exception of Van Sutherland) and all on the same day (4 Sept) when we lost "eight stars" at once. Four of us who entered USMA in 32 departed for "the Corps in ghostly assemblage"; and a beautifully talented distaff member left us. But we and our countrymen were in no way engaged in war—except there was an Ambassador casualty. Since some of the Class have been seriously working on our 40th Reunion and the Nation's 200th anniversary and since history is so easily forgotten: in 1774 there was tremendous indignation and furor about murders—Americans murdering innocent and friendly Indians. There was also violent agitation against slavery—the oppression of George III against the colonists—even though Englishmen could not reconcile that many well-to-do Americans owned dozens (some—hundreds) of slaves. 1974 was the worst economic year in history (though in a different sense than the depression when we entered the West Sallyport for first time). The social slavery? that Middle East natives (Arabs mostly) have resented for years, exploded, causing this worst economic dilemma we've ever known. But many businessmen predict that 1 Jan 75 is the beginning of the turnaround—for us, for the world. So, 1974 was interesting, and the future is all rosy. We hope!

The Austins went back to Switzerland until Mar; then will go to Paris until Apr. Gordon was ordered to quit his job (by his 2 women), but they, Betsy is teaching German at U. of VT and Joyce is getting BA in French. Details were not furnished but a picture for proof was—that our Class athlete, Bagby, now has a bride: congratulations to Camille and Kelly Bagby. On 15 Dec, Skip Beard accepted a new assignment from the Father and Searcher of Men's Hearts. He'd had open heart surgery 2 mos earlier but never recovered. Sally took him to his hometown, New Bern, NC for burial. Numerous Classmates called and were concerned with the early passing of our long time good friend and comrade.

The Carmichaels have the new experience—their first grandson. Dick and Muriel went to ME in Aug, and she spent Oct in London. A nice long letter came in from Bub Clark who thought he had not properly acquainted the Class with his ret. He said Kimball, Monteith, Mikkelsen, Romlein, Hendrickson, Nonnie Heintges, and Carolyn Shores were present. Nonnie said John was in AK. The Clarks built east of the Academy and moved in right away. Bub says he's not planning to go to work after 42 years of it



1936: Golfers—Hosmer, Page, Smith and Broyles.

in uniform; however, he will be on the many jobs he's attached to: AFA Foundation, Historical Cmte, National Explorers, and BSA Exec Bd. He admits that he and Caline are most favored with their happiness in 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Lastly, he offers his services to '36 should they be needed. Cec and Beb Combs write that this is the time of year for wishing—wishing we'd get-together more often, etc. He says they've been healthy as horses up in the old hills. Bill and Betty Connor did some traveling about—to OK, Boston, and CA. Patrick was married; and Cassie still lives nearby in Charleston. Bill's health is fine, but he still tires a little. The Merry-Max—Cliff-Xmas photo-print for the first time included Classmates: Hosmers and Persons. The Cordes' returned to haunts in HI; and father and son are in law practice together. An original Whispering Pines "golf" Xmas card! From whom? Covingtons; who else? Bill is slowly getting back his strength from illness of last fall when he went up to Walter Reed. The Dalys made 3 trips to HI this year; have a son who's now a lawyer; one who's a cavalryman at Bliss; and a daughter who's set on a nursing career. Jack's noggin appears snowy; I never knew this sign of age would mantel him. Randy Dickens' report with pics he presented on the golf tourney: there were 20 Classmates + 17 wives; mala-hinis were Hiesters, Hosmers, McCabes, Burnettes, Evans, and Holderness; Nip Page was inducted into the Whispering Pines Golf Hall of Fame; Lynn Dorland, Karie Dawalt, and Fronnie Turnage were brought in especially to entertain with authentic Hawaiian hula; Ned Broyles was acclaimed as the organizer for the 75 tournament which will be 10, 11, 12 Oct 75. Jesse Drain visited Cocoa Beach, FL, last summer and saw a bit of Bob Fisher and Bud Major. Bud's address is correctly: 129 Deleon Rd, Cocoa Bch, FL 32931. Jesse and Barbara are returning to Satellite Beach in Feb. Also, Jesse appears to be a Prudential insurance agent (I'm not the only one anymore!). The Dorlands took a month's vaca-



1936: Girl Golfers—Eileen Page, Jean Smith, and Betty Spencer.

tion sightseeing in Scotland, Wales and England with the Chapplears. Their children are located in CA, MD, and Nashville. Nan and Howell Estes are spending their first Xmas in their new Memphis home. They encountered the Dorlands once. A new address change came in for George Finley: 223 Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27605. This information combined with the name Elizabeth, in brackets, supports my contention that another one of our illustrious Engrs has embarked on a significant project—matrimony. Congratulations to George and Elizabeth. Although the Class is off active military duty, Bagby and Finley give reassurance to us all that the spirit of life is still active. From this may come a worthy shibboleth for our entry into the 3d quarter of this century with a positive approach for ourselves and the world. The Hanekes came up to Atlanta for Thanksgiving to be with Carolyn. Daughter Margaret is with her husband in Korea. The Ganns and Hayes reminded us that visits to CA are past due. A fall business speech by Ollie Haywood indicated that his successful Huyck Corp finds 42% of its sales overseas. Gen and Will Hendrickson are involved respectively in nursing, bridge, and church (former) and developing patents and selling same (latter). Will's efforts seem mainly to be on items for amusement and recreation; he'd like to know of any manuf interested. They are grandparents—twice. The Hiesters enjoyed their first visit to Whispering Pines; they were in Virgin Is for Xmas; they look forward to Class' arrival on the 40th. Although the Hosmers constantly indicate the pleasures they have around their home, they also did their share of visiting; such as—Whispering Pines, seeing the Jones in CA, the Cordes' in DC, and the Hendricksons in CO, and maybe more. Young Brad is at NWC. The Illigs were in TX in late Nov and chatted from the airport as they passed thru Atlanta returning to cold DC weather. The Jacobys are enamored of Pensacola (like the Drains, they're warm blooded creatures). Jake and Dale love the Gulf; have talked with Sibert, but as yet haven't seen True. Tiger Janof is still a school principal in CA. A son is working in 3d-yr law sch—at night. Daughter completes a doctoral program and is teaching in Belmont, CA. It fascinates me how the ultimate in goats at WP turn out brilliant children; and Bruce Palmer once reminded me how clean-sleeves at WP (like himself) end up with 4 stars.

Murder has become a word with which Atlantans are uncomfortably familiar. The day-after-Xmas editorial in a local paper said "the solution... basically, all we have to do is change the word 'may' to 'shall be' sentenced (as) punishment for the illegal use of any weapon." The author—Robert C. Joerg III. The Bill Jones' wrote that they'd had a nice visit with Frank and Bobbie Gillespie returning from the Grand Tetons. Pete and Lois Kieffer now reside at 8259 Taunton Rd, Springfield, VA 22150. Pete will ret. as pres of Central VT Tech Coll 30 Jun 75 after 11 yrs in that post. From an article I wish to indicate some of the work that another '36er has done, work which proves again an outstanding success story: Pres Kieffer has "created a top-notch technical school... he has contributed strongly to the economy of Central VT... VTC... grew from 215 students and 17 faculty... to 550 students and 44 faculty. Virtually every building has been built during the Kieffer regime... Kieffer built VTC into one of the nation's most respected technical schools;... President Kieffer has enjoyed greater popularity among legislators than any of the



1936: Powell, Sibert, George "Class baby" Sibert, Palmer, Michaelis, McElheny and Hughes on the last day of Active Duty for our Class—4 Sept 74.

other state colleges. . . In 1970 VTC became the first public tech inst in New Engl ever to receive the maximum 10-yr accreditation." (Maybe if Pete had stayed on in the service, '36 would have had 4 Acad Supts!)

Bill Kinard writes that his Letterman check-ups indicate he's in good health. He says he wonders if '36 received an overdose of salt peter to have caused the high incidence of cancer among us? He says that Jane and he have been honored by visits from Bill and Ellie Jones and Bill and Betty Connor. A nice letter from Jack Kling remarks that although he was about the 1st of the Class to ret. he notices he's still working and most of the group are now ret. He and Marg again thank the Class for remembering son John upon his Jun graduation at USMA. Jim Landrum comments that Wright and Paule Hiatt came to HI from Africa for a visit, then returned to his AID job at Abidjan. Landrum, Ripple, and McCorkle are the '36ers ruling the Is. The Laurions were through Atlanta around the yule season as they have been several times. They were tripping from FL to DC to be with grandchildren for Xmas. During the year Larry ret. from Eby Const Co. in KS, but then stayed on as a consultant. They were out on the Coast also. Unfortunately, Larry seems to not eschew surgery and sickness; he suffered some of both; but by year's end was fit again. "Pin up Gracie" sent the first Xmas card and wrote paragraphs of reminiscences like "Benny used to do." (I mean no disrespect to the other distaff darlings of the Class when I refer to Mrs. Layne as "pin up Gracie"; it's just that my camera recorded an unusual picture at our 35th Reunion on Constitution Is. Remember?) Nita Leer wrote this year instead of Jim Billy; reason was that he was soliciting funds to keep "our mil sch open for another 85 years." Leers had a 3-wk trip to Russia too. Maddy and Al McCormick spent holidays with grandchildren in Ft Worth and Memphis. They hoped to see Nan and Howell Estes. In Mar their planning (to combat the deep freeze) is to go to Canary Isles. McElheny attended the Army-Duke game and saw the Pages, Katz's, and George Finley and bride. Jane Mikkelsen wrote that Mik passed his real estate exam. Saw Austin at a conv in Denver. The Millers wrote from Carmel. Jean toured S. America with her aunt; then there was a family reunion at Xmas back in CA. The Normans are still in Winnetka but moved to new address: 782 Greenbay Rd, 60093.



1936: 1974 WP Nationals—Heister, Dorland, Dawalt, Covington, Holderness, Broyles, and Layne.

The Packs say they saw only 2 Classmates at A-N game: McCabe and Chaffin. Marge has been suffering during the year from effects of pneumonia. See Bruce Palmer occasionally at McNair PX. Charlie got down to Whispering Pines for the golf; he's still teaching math. Appreciated Nip Page's concern in phoning when Skip Beard left us. I was told that Bruce Palmer is bringing much value and depth to the job in which he's now connected—Manpower Procurement. Kay is looking forward to moving back into their home in VA when it is vacant. Guess Bob and Tuck Partridge stated it the way "I" feel, "wish Atlanta were closer so we'd see more of each other before we get too feeble." The Persons looked forward to seeing the grandchildren, but not the weather, in Indianapolis at Xmas. But climate was fair when they visited Cordes. The Quinns visited their Ranger son out in the swamps near Eglin in Feb; they were in Carlisle for an Inf ball; went to see the Dunns in TX; celebrated their 35th wedding at Ft Benning. Finally have made up their minds (like McCormicks, Burnetts, Jacobys, Kieffers, and who else?) that they are moving south to warmer climates. Patti and Charles Redman have ret. (from the army only). Engr business continues as usual. The Saffords report that Sally worked in a sales and public relation job and Bob also kept occupied. They went west to CA for a brother's 80th birthday, then stopped in TX. Binx Sikes said there was a flare-up from her lung cancer and she had to go back to Bethesda. She is back home now and taking treatment in the leg area. Her complete recovery is most constantly desired and hoped for. Snyder was in town a few times. Once

we had a nice evening with his son Tom along. Tom is enthusiastic about getting started in this city in a nursery business, which he claims does not now exist. Twaddells had 2 grandchildren, both Texans. Peggy Vincent reported her usual busy year. She visited Tokyo, Taiwan and Hong Kong. In Rep of China she met GENs who had known Casey and who gave her a wonderful time. Young Casey is in San Ant and wife Suzanne is anticipating an addition to family. "Fire and Fall Back" based on Casey's diaries is at the publishers. Peggy thinks it is good. Late in Oct Westy called from NC mountain nest and we chatted about his book, politics, and his campaign. His views are different from what I've read. The Wort Williams' wrote of wedding of youngest daughter, of trips to San Fran and Little Rock and Spokane, of work with their Renegade (cross between snowmobile and motorcycle?), and of lots of boating and fishing. Tim Willis played bridge with Walt Faiks at the Fall Nationals in San Ant. Tim placed high overall in 4 events. Fran says they hope to get to Whispering Pines next fall.

Exceptionally gifted in music and a wonderfully warm person, Helen Drake passed away 3 Dec as a result of a brain tumor which tortured her for many months. Such things are impossible to explain.

Holiday greetings were received from many more of the wonderful '36ers, including Chappellears, Currans, Fergussons, Hughes, Holderness', Nadine Kingman, Lamperts, Miles, Nazzaros, Ed Wallnau, and Inch Williams.

May '75 prove a happy New Year and allow us to witness improvements in relations with families, neighbors, business, govt, and foreign partners, because as we approach anniv "200" we want to know with pride and with certainty that our country and our system are the world's greatest!

P.S. In the Dec ASSEMBLY I wrote that with the address list I should ask for "specific assistance from each of you." This was premature. I have turned over all Class financial matters to treas Ben Turnage. You will be hearing from him!

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As this is written 1975 has just rolled in, with the usual enervating ceremonies, so our 40th Reunion looms large on the horizon—so you all take your vitamin pills and hang in there for the big event! Our Class Project for the 40th is really moving into high gear so our pres, Finn Unger, feels now is a good time to give you a progress report. The plan, as you probably know, is for the project to be dedicated at the time of the Reunion. Gus Prentiss reported that the Class Fund has now topped the \$9,000 mark. It should soon go much higher—1 Jan is the date for the next annual increment of Classmates' contributions. Fred Diercks has agreed to take on the job of Engr Proj Officer for our Class Project and has joined the Project Cmte which is chaired by Bill Hipps with Johnny Frazier and Mal Malizewski as members. Depending on the type of project selected, Fred's job will generally be to overwatch design of the project, monitor development of the contract and follow progress to completion. At the moment the prime concern is one of developing a group of representative projects which can be used for canvassing the Class for project

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1937: Posheng Yen (left) and his visitors, Lois and Jim Scott.

choice. It is felt that one or more members of the Project Cmte should visit WP in the near future for the purpose of getting a better feel for projects which would be useful for the cadets and the Academy in general.

Don't believe Scott and Ann Halls' big event of Dec 73 was reported—arrival of an 11-lb grandson to daughter Robin and husband in Bath, ME (he must be ready for B Squad football by now). The Halls have bought a summer home at Kennebunk Beach, ME but will keep their permanent home in Bethesda. Ann has become a very successful painter, having sold 11 paintings at a recent show and now scheduled for a 30 painting show in Mar. Scott will ret. from the Holton Arms Sch in Jun—just in time to work with son Lee, finishing a tour with USAF, on renovating their newly-acquired summer home in ME.

Bob and Mary Marrs' Xmas card brought news of why their planned trip East last summer didn't materialize—Bob had a heart attack in May, followed by open-heart surgery to replace a couple of arteries and then general-maint med follow-up until Nov. To paraphrase an old one, if we'd have known why you wasn't acomin, we'd have lit a candle! The Marrs were planning a "small" family Xmas with only 13 able to make it, including a new grandchild. After that Bob should be fit to get back out on the golf course as he expects.

Many of you are already aware that John Cromelin died of a heart attack and was buried at Arlington on 13 Dec. Our sympathy to Sally and our thanks for her note of appreciation to the Class for the floral wreath we sent.

Delk and Peggy Oden had not been back from Iran during 74 but expected to be in the DC area during the holidays. Peggy's mother is living there and daughter, young Peggy, and family are in Fairfax County. Son Ray is 2d Classman at USMA and son Delk is in TX working on an MA. Sorry to have missed you—Scribe and Spouse were in Cleveland, OH where, please be assured, the attraction was not the climate!

Jim and Lois Scott visited Posheng Yen last Jun. The Scotts' correct address, by the way, is 312 Woodland Trail, Parker, Colorado 80134. Posheng reports the Army-Cal game the occasion for quite a Class gathering. At the game, or the buffet following, were Jim & Elaine Skeldon, Tom & Lois Compton, Moe & Mary Edwards, Max & Carolyn Tinch, Howie & Peg Smalley, Monk & Ann Myer and, of course, Posheng & Flora Yen.

And so we lead right to Howie and Peg Smalley who helped fill in on the Army-Cal game gathering. The Smalleys drove East in late Oct-early Nov to visit son Dick with

NSA at Ft Meade. They stopped overnight with Ginny and your Scribe for an enjoyable but all-too-short visit as they started back home. They have really cranked up a trip this time starting 4 Feb; sail on the Monterey to Australia for 3 wks; then on the Viking Sky to Japan via some of those exotic Far East ports; visit daughter Barbara and family in Japan for "free food and lodging" (you're gonna need it after paying the fare!) while sightseeing; and then play it by ear for the trip home. By the time you read this it will be too late to ask them to bring you a kangaroo or anything else you may need.

As reported earlier, Don and Fran Shive visited daughter Frannie, a CPT, ANC at Tripler last Jan. Frannie finished her tour this Jan and returns home to try civ nursing. Son Don Jr. is a MAJ at Ft Knox. The rest of the Shive tribe—Barbara, Jack, Gene, Jane, Judy and Sarah—at home. Don is still with Govt Research Corp in DC while Fran holds the fort for the tribe.

Randy and Marge Hines are still in Charleston, SC where Randy is now teaching math and physics at Baptist Coll and Coll of Charleston, respectively, in morning and 2 evenings a week, leaving afternoons free for golf. Also Randy is taking a home study course in electr and skis whenever he can—sounds like he hasn't slowed down a bit! Marge visited daughter Carolyn in Mexico in Oct and both Hines' were in Colo Spgs during Xmas to attend wedding of Carolyn to Dr. Bill Becker, a Colo Coll prof. Daughter Bunny and husband Jim are completing a 3-yr tour in Korea this year and son Pete is back in Germany after a 4-yr ROTC tour when he earned an MS.

We failed to note Fred Diercks' ret. last Jul from NOAA as Assoc Dir of NOS Aero Charts and Cartography. Finn Unger apparently didn't give Fred a break before enlisting him to carry a key load in the 40th Reunion Project (see above)! A most complimentary and impressive press release on Fred's career from USMA graduation until his recent retirement accompanied his picture.

Jack Tolson sent his current address: 1401 Rock Dam Ct., Raleigh, NC 27609. He is on the staff of the Gov of NC as reported earlier.

Chief and Claudine Evans are still in Jacksonville, FL where Chief is Mgr of the Canal Authority of the State of FL and sweating out the present state of suspended animation of the 'cross FL barge canal. Chief made a plaintive plea to Gus Prentiss for somebody to do something about Army football—and Chief's letter was dated before the most recent disaster, yet!

Bob Seedlock reports that he and Tense, Joe, and Barbara Hodges saw Jack and Margaret Tolson while the Tolsons were in Atlanta in early Nov, also that Day and Ellen Surles recently moved from Marietta to the coast (Lady's Is, Day?). Only one other Classmate, Jim Reeves, currently in Atlanta area.

Ken and Mary Sanborn said late in Nov that they are in the process of moving from Miami to San Ant and planning to build a home on the north side. They should be located by now—so how about a new address Ken?

Johnny Johnson wrote a note in Nov saying the Johnsons had just seen the Hines and Eubanks in Charleston, and the Connors, Sherrers and Hyzers at Hilton Head—Pony, like Bud Underwood also at Hilton Head, recuperating from knee surgery. Johnny gained tenths with the distaff side by observing that it is refreshing to find Class

wives getting lovelier every year—he says he can't wait for the 40th!!

As we've noted before, Gus Prentiss has been most faithful in providing your Scribe with notes and letters from Classmates who are sending contributions to the Reunion Fund. So put a little news like that following with your check and it will find its way to this column.

Luke Hoska is still with ICAF but has a new home address: 3800 N. Fairfax Dr, #711, Arlington, VA 22203.

John Ericksen, at 4407 134th Pl SE, Bellevue, WA 98006, has 3 boys at U. of WA and one a sr in H.S. All is going well with the Ericksens and John reads ASSEMBLY news with great and continuing interest. (Thank you!)

Moose Hackford is re-ret. from Metropolitan Life this month (Jan). He and Curt Low lunched together recently when he found Curt ret. from Golden Cycle Land Corp the end of Nov. Both plan to dabble some but not really work.

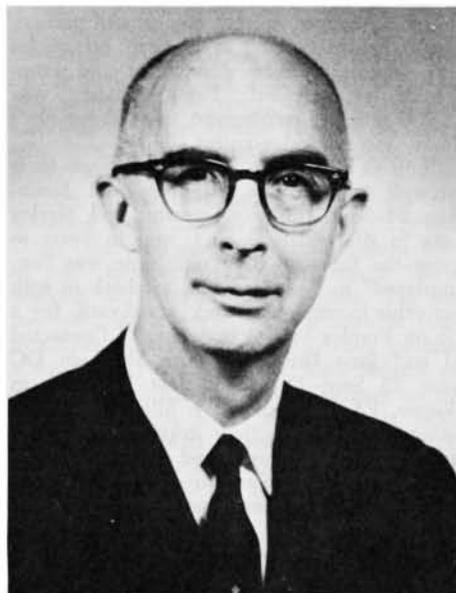
Buck Forney, still in Japan, sends best wishes for 75 and warm regards to Classmates.

We regret to report the death in mid-Nov of Paul Cullen—one of our most loyal Classmates over the years. Interment was on Long Is.

Jim Peale and Nita write from Whittier, CA that they hope to make the 40th. Nita is teaching in Whittier and Jim seeking a degree in English at Claremont Grad Sch. Jim and youngest son, Robert, attended CA State Coll together for one semester last year—hope the Old Man could stand the competition!

Dan Richards reminds us that the latch string is out for Classmates at 45 Queens Gate Gardens, London SW 7, England.

Bob Palmer and Jean are still in Apopka, FL where Bob is a proj engr for HNTB working on hwy design in FL. For you travellers, Bob says they have lots of room, Disneyland nearby, good bass fishing, martinis cold and ready and the welcome mat out for Classmates. Wish we'd gotten this in the last ASSEMBLY in time for the winter season! (Bob's phone number is listed in Orlando rather than Apopka). The Palmers see Walt and Jan Lawson frequently. Walt runs Dept of Streets and Roads for the City of Orlando which he thrives on despite his being Bob's goat roommate of yesteryear!



1937: F.O. Diercks

Walt's address is 840 Park Lane Circle, Maitland, FL 32751. Phil and Esther **Stirling** now live close enough to play bridge with the **Palmer**s occasionally (Phil reports separately that he has joined Bud and Pony in having knee surgery recently). The **Palmer**s see Chief and Claudine **Evans** quite often as they both travel around FL, but not Bruce **Holloway**, Tom **Powell** and Dick **Barden** who are in the area. Bob and Jeans' son, Bob Jr. (Class '63), is with the 11th ACR in Germany: the **Palmer**s spent a month last spring visiting Bob Jr. and family and touring Europe. Daughter Terry is in her final year of med sch in NC while her husband is completing a PhD in psychology—both working their way! Bob—thanks for the news—it was the gem for this go-round of ASSEMBLY.

Remember the 40th! (And be kind to Gus Prentiss by dropping him a news note along with your check.)

'38

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This issue marks the completion of my first year as Scribe. Location in the DC area and concurrent service as area entertainer has provided a good source of local information and, by conversations at lunches and dinners considerable inputs on members from other centers of '38 habitation. Our trip in the spring through the SE states revealed wide devotion to golf, and other doings in that area. The next issue was filled with stories of foreign travel and the **Praeger-Barker** story. Our last lunch was in Nov and we missed **Taylor**'s dinner in Sept due to a bout with NZ (Pt. Chalmers) flu. In short, come Xmas there was a drought of info and prospect of a short column. Then on 26 Dec Ken **Skaer**, former Scribe, told me of an extensive 2 mo, 12,000 mi, tour of the U.S. by J.B. and Pat **Coleman**. I immediately called J.B. and he produced overnight and mailed to me by the 30th the opus below which might aptly be titled "Around the USA in 65 Days," and puts J.B. right in the league with Jules Verne:

"Ref. our trip around the U.S.—Mission: Departed Melrose, FL 20 Sept for purpose of attending brother R.M. **Coleman**'s (Sleepy '39) oldest son's wedding in Tacoma, WA 19 Oct. Return to Melrose via the West Coast in general and southern area by 25 Nov. Route zig zagged around the general perimeter of the U.S. taking in as many attractions and seeing as many classmates and other friends as practical. Total distance was 12,000 miles. I recommend the fall for Nat'l Parks, motels and comfort.

"Log of classmates visited: 19 Sept—bade farewell to **Sherrards**, **Riordans** and **Jacunskis**; 24 Sept—**Junie** (roommate) and **Shirley Lotz** in Alexandria, hadn't seen in years so spent the time catching up. **Junie** was "unemployed" so I advised him to check in with our other roommate, **Frank Sturdivant**, for a job on **Frank**'s MI "Cotton Patch." Contacted **Al** and **Jane Hulse** and **Ken Skaer** in DC area; 25 Sept—**Dapp** and **Dot Dapprich** in Wayne, PA. Their house is filled with interesting things from their trips all over the world; 22 Oct—**Dave** and **Shirley Byars**. Was surprised to learn through **Harry Stella** ('40) at the wedding that the **Byars** had moved from their KY home to Tacoma area. Maybe **Shirley** wanted to be closer to her beloved Alaskan tundra. They were both fine; 29 Oct—**Mac** and **Barbara Macomber** at **Shingle Springs**, CA. (About

10 miles west of **Placerville** on I-80.) A beautiful self designed home on a 5-acre hilltop with an all around 50 mile view. We visited **Yosemite** together and helped **Mac** feed his 37 beef cattle that they salvaged from their TX ranch; 31 Oct—**Jim** and **Adelle Henderson** in the beautiful **Monterey Peninsula Country Club** area of CA. **Jim** is still with the **Bank of America** and his office makes a convenient rest stop for those, like **Pat**, who try, in one day, to deplete the **Carmel shops**; 2 Nov—**George** and **Dee Bosch** in **Riverside**, CA. They have a beautiful Condo, high on a hill. **George** admitted that his first love is flying but, like all engr-types, he could hardly wait for **Mon morning** and his job of designing CA freeways; 5 Nov—**Spike** and **Lucille Spicer** and **Leo Harman** in **Fallbrook**, CA (**Camp Pendleton**). **Spike** is a graduate of open heart surgery. He said that they cooled him down to about 40°F and replaced veins around his heart with veins from his leg. He is fully recovered and has no restrictions on his physical activity. **Leo Harman** was busy keeping track of the results of his very wise early investments in land across the street from the **Air Academy**; 8 Nov—**Bill** and **Betsy Vail** in the lovely apt overlooking **El Paso** and **Mexico**. Both are super superior bridge and golf players. **El Paso/Juarez** life obviously agrees with them; 14 Nov—At a cocktail party given by **Doug** and **Lo Polhamus** in their home in **San Ant**, we saw a host of AF types. **Bill** and **Dotsy Strand**, **Paul** and **Mona Pruess**, **Jack** and **Jo Ryan**, **Merricks** and **Celeste Bayer**, **Batt** and **Paulette Batterson**, **Lou** and **Ellen Coira**. We would have liked to have seen more classmates but **San Ant** is full of **Pat**'s relatives; 16 Nov—**Willy** and **Margaret Earl Langford** in **Sherman TX**. If you are looking for a quiet weekend, don't visit the **Langfords**. They know everyone in town. **Willy** is still teaching chem at the local H.S. and flying his plane. **Earl** navigates and keeps abreast of the fast moving **Sherman society**; 20 Nov—**Frank** and **Dotty Sturdivant** on their "Cotton Patch" near **Minter City, MS**. For those interested in the gracious easy life of a cotton planter, see **Frank** directing the operations of his \$40,000 cotton pickers and associated equipment. Wish we could have seen more classmates, by-passed **San Fran**, but as it was, it took us over 2 mos and never stayed anyplace longer than 2 days except **Tacoma** and **San Ant**." Signed, **J.B.**

This was the 3d and by all means the most informative missive of my tenure. Although this is a hard act to follow, I hope you will all be inspired to recount your travels, contacts and activities. It occurs to me that our older children are in their 30's and may be making newsworthy achievements; e.g., **Wayne Colton**, **Ken Skaer**'s son-in-law (married to **Diane**) is a LTC in the AF. The younger ones, as noted in the last issue, are busily getting married. Those in the middle range, (like our **Hal**—'72) are starting in and progressing in careers, mil & civ and having children. **Hal** is in **Armor Regt** of the 3d Div. in **Germany** and he and **Linda** have a set of boy & girl. In summation, please write and help me and **J.B.** pass out the word.

On the DC scene, there seems to be an advance in **Class sociability** due in part to the recent influx from overseas and integration of older members of the next generation. Our lunches at the **P-Gon** seem to set a new record each month, now reaching toward 30, not bad for an output of 45 invitations. The **Taylor**'s dinner in **Nov** at the **A&NCC** had a total of 52 despite the flu-induced absence

of the **Scribe** & bride, first in 12 yrs in the area. No point in listing attendees, just refer to the **DC roster**.

This social trend should be encouraged by our tenure, sponsored by **Art Collins**, in the **GOM** thru 75. The **Taylor**'s dinner at **A&NCC**, our first event there in years, proved the feasibility and popularity of that locale. We have 8 classmate members, which facilitates a rotation of the hosting chore and permits the **BYOL** privilege. To simplify hosting chores I have devised a rubber stamp and postcard invitation kit, proven for a year in the lunches. We have expanded the lunch schedule from 6 to 8 in 75, and hope to increase the dinners from 2, the first being hosted by **John Damon** on 14 Feb, and the next by **Arpad Kocpsak**.

We regret to report the passing of **Betty Mearns** in **Beaufort, SC** in **Dec** and of **George Dillard** in **Gaithersburg, MD** in **Nov**. Our sympathies to both families.

In closing and noting that 75 is another year, a reminder that the **Class Memorial** should be completed before 78. The status is substantially as reported in the last issue, although I haven't heard how many golfers have outshot **Hal Kelley** whose game should be improving with time since his move from foggy **San Fran** to sunny **HI**.

'39

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Many proud and admiring classmates and wives were in attendance as **Andy Goodpaster** closed his active mil career in an inspiring ret. ceremony at **Ft Myer** on 18 Dec 74. In the course of the ceremony **Andy** was awarded the **DSM** of the **Army**, the **Navy**, and the **AF** by the chiefs of the 3 svcs. (The following day he was also awarded the **DOD DSM** by **Pres Ford**.) In his farewell remarks, **Andy** reflected on past and present challenges to our security and of the goals, values, and ideals underlying our efforts to meet these challenges. We all unconsciously sat up a little straighter and popped up our chests a little further as he spoke of the prominent role played by **WP**. To those who had followed **Andy**'s activities throughout his outstanding career, there was never any doubt that his guiding principles were **Duty**, **Honor**, **Country**. In a reception after the ret. ceremony, guests were greeted by **Andy** and **Dossie** and their 2 daughters and sons-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson Jr.** and **Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Sullivan**. **Andy** and **Dossie** will remain in the **DC** area for at least a few months while they tidy up transitional affairs and ponder the selection of a 2d career.

Two other stalwarts who have passed through the ret. gate are **Phil Davidson** and **Roger Lilly**. **Phil** ret. in **Jul 74**. His new address is **PO Box 3303, McAllen, TX 78501**. **Roger** ret. in **Aug 74** while stationed at **Colo Spgs, CO**. We understand he and **Betty** remained there after ret. (Your scribe regrets that these ret. were not mentioned in the **Dec ASSEMBLY**, but being on the road during that period, he didn't get the word.) These ret. leave 4 classmates on active duty: **Mike Davison**, **Dutch Kerwin** (now **VCofSA**), **Tom Dolvin** and **Jim Collins**. The latter ret. once but reupped to take over as **Army Hist**.

At the **DC Group**'s **Dec luncheon**, **Julian Ewell** gave a report on his recent visit to

WP and the status of the class gift project. After some discussion of various options, it was the consensus of the group that it would still be premature to freeze on a specific project. Instead, all were urged to continue to contribute to the WP Fund of the AOG with donations earmarked "for the class of 1939 fund," while the search proceeds for a project of special significance and appeal.

The distaff element of the DC Group gathered in mid-Dec for a festive Xmas tea. The hostesses were Mernie Thomason, Mary Alice Meyer, Anne Richardson and Jean Morrison. The scene was Morrisons' lovely home brilliantly decorated in the spirit of the season. Those present included in addition to the hostesses: Dottie Chapman, Bunch Duke, Nina Smith, B. Kerwin, Fran Marlin, Ruth Becker (Jack Meyer's mother), Lydia Preston, Marge Wickboldt, Peg Wintermute, Marian Kouns, Natalie Dawley, Mrs. Hammacher (Natalie's mother), Grace Hamilton, and Nancy Lennhoff. Among other holiday parties were dinners at the homes of Bob and Viola Camp and Linc and Rosalind Simon.

From Ed Hamilton comes this report on assorted classmates in Dixie. At the Army-NC football game Grace and Ed sat next to Charlotte and Ernest Brockman who live at Winston-Salem, NC. Pug Lampert of Asheville, NC is a leading entomologist. He is still a bachelor, indicating perhaps too much attention to entomology and not enough to anthropology. Van VanHarlingen is in the real estate business in Beaufort, SC. Homer Barber is in charge of an ord shop in Milon, TN. Frankie Joe and Lydia Kobes, tanned and relaxed, have settled at Lady's Island, NC.

Clyde Sutton, our faithful reporter in Atlanta, GA, informs us that Frank Mildren, Chmn of the Army CS's Officer Ret. Council, recently was the keynote speaker for the first annual Open House sponsored by Ft McPherson for ret. and their families. Frank talked on some of the problems facing ret. and what was being done to correct them. Over 1,000 ret., from throughout Greater Atlanta, attended. Virginia and Bill Stubbs, Ginny and Clyde Sutton, and Mary and Bob Sears were among the 80 guests present at the Dec luncheon of the "WP Wives of Atlanta." Bob Sears very much enjoys his new job as county heating inspector.

From CA Danny Nolan reports that all is relatively quiet on the western front. Among classmates he saw at the Army-Cal football game were Vern Gilbert, Bill Hünternhoff, and Bob Rogers. He also got to visit with his son, Danny III, who is a cheer leader—for Army, of course.

We were saddened by the death of Pete Vandevanter, the victim of pneumonia after a relatively short illness. He died in George Washington U. Hosp in DC on 22 Dec 74, and was buried at Leesburg, VA, where he and Helen had resided since he ret. in 59. Another class casualty, Burnham Batson, was listed in the Last Roll Call section of the Dec ASSEMBLY. His death resulted from an auto accident. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of these 2 classmates.

The final entry in this final column by your present scribe is the announcement that from a long list of volunteers Bill Preston has been elected to assume the post of Class Scribe. Bill's address is: 5420 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20015. Let's give Bill all the support and cooperation we can. And thanks to all who contributed to the column during the tenure of yours truly.

MARCH 1975

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As Fred "Rubber Legs" Yeager so aptly put it "when does the count-down for the 35th Reunion start?" Not being a "count-down" man I could only think of Jun 40 when all of this started. There were 449 of us then but we have lost some along the way. The last 2 were Jim Hennessy in DC on 9 Oct 74 and "Gus" Gushurst on 9 Nov 74. Stay healthy and let's have a good reunion.

By the time you read this you will have received the latest mailing on what to do? how to do? when to do? and what it will cost you to do. But as someone in the Class of '39 said—"What the hell—you have only one 35th Reunion!"

My usually placid holiday season was marred by a rambling call from Rick Ferrill at the half of the Alabama-Notre Dame game bemoaning the fact that he had bet on Alabama and I thought he said something about giving points but that's not like our boy. Good part of phone conversation is that I talked to Jan Ferrill, Stuart Woodward and Vic Hobson and none of the last 3 spoke about money.

Larry Klar has his doctorate in theatre arts and spends one-half a year at his home in St. Petersburg and the other half in his hometown of Tulsa, OK helping his brother run the family jewelry business. "Accutron—my Accutron!" Larry had a play, "Beginner's Luck" open in Okla City. Charley and Betty Banks plus Ernie Jones and his wife attended opening night. The show goes on to Memphis and then to Tulsa. Hometown author should get raves.

Now for some specifics: Dick Abbey is fully ret. and spends a great deal of his time sailing. Mary Ann (his youngest) who entered the 7th grade this year, is teaching Dick the new math. Mike Ahmajon is ret. from Ambionics, Inc. where he was a scientist in Earth Rsch Satellites. Jay B. Bonham is Dpty Dir, Army Emergency Relief. Has a daughter in Sweetbriar and his son Jay is about to graduate from Georgia State Coll. Bob Brewer lives in Arlington and works for IBM. Wally Clement is Assoc Dir in Gen Rsch Corp. Frank Colacicco worked for DIA after his mil ret. and is now ret. from that organization. Jack Corbly says his present job is fishing but apparently he intends to fish in the DC area for he has a house for sale in FL. If anyone wants to buy same he may contact Jack at 6171 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. Joe Couch ret. finally from govt service in 73. He now has one-half interest in a dairy farm, dabbles in TV sales and has a consuming interest in his golf score.

Frank de la Tour teaches in a private H.S. Andy Delia is a man of all seasons. Practitioner of income tax forms, worked in educ TV and is now a student at the U. of MD. Bryce Denno (one of our PhDs) recently retired from Civil Service and is planning or has left on a trip to Europe, N. Africa, and Sicily, visiting battle sites of the 1st Inf Div, his unit. Kermit Dyke is the Dir of Opns for the DC office of N. American Rockwell.

New Engl area boasts ret. sites of Oglesby, Harrison, Yates, and Bengston. From snow to sunshine, Bob and Gina Strong at 7931 N. Casas Carmen, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Received a card from Chic and Phil Elliott. Their new address is on the FL Keys: Pelican Point, Box 145, Sugarloaf Shores, FL 33044.

Their daughter Betty has 2 children and son Jeff graduated from FL State U.

Rosemary Taylor asks if it is proper for wives (I mean honest to goodness wives) to write to me with news. This brings up a subject. I read Andrus' news of the Class of '41 (excellent column and he has been writing it since ASSEMBLY started and he refers to sheaves of mail from classmates). If there were not a few of the faithful you would be reading Lincoln's Gettysburg Address or cake recipes in this space. Wives unite and grab a ball pen! Atta girl Rosemary—let's be pen pals.

I hope as many as possible have sent in their reservations to the Ramada Inn on the poop sheet I sent you in the first mailing.

I suppose this tome should end with some well-meaning thoughts such as: "Let's all survive, through the thirty-five," or "Lay on the thrift for the thirty-fifth."

Saludos.

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Well, so much for the year of Kohoutek. At least we made it. And certainly nothing will keep the Class of '41 from being up to full rpm by the time of the Big 35th!! The Xmas letter inputs agreed we have a lot to be thankful for, and the responses were heart-warming. We heard from some who hadn't checked in for years! Will Vaughan's cover captured the spirit.

My cost-cutting efforts give me less flexibility with my always flexible deadline, so a few of the scratch lates turned out to be real ones. Jack & Dottie Harris with a new address: 17311 Bernardo Vista Dr, Rancho Bernardo, CA 92128—"We can't offer any glistening snow or sparkling icicles to augment the Season's Greeting, but we're happy with sunshine and roses. Drop in and we'll share them with you." Chuck & Martha Schilling—"All goes as well as can be expected. God Bless all—may we share His love with others. Merry Christmas to all." Steve & Evalyn Kosiorek—"Fervent good wishes to all for health and happiness. Kathee married last Jul." Delly & Judy McMillan—"Greetings to all classmates. Daughter Peggy and her Bobby Jo and Joy Lynn paid us a fine visit. Second ret. coming up." Dave & Joanne Woods—"Best wishes and joy to our Black '41 friends everywhere. Steve a sr at UCLA, Gref, fr at U. of CO, Carole goes next year, undecided where." Hal & Marj Tidmarsh—"Both daus, Chris and Trish, finished college and have flown the coop. Marj in Columbus and I in Germany. Happy 1975 to all." New add: ARC Wildflecken Training Area, Germany, APO NY 09026.

Ruth Sharkey's Xmas card said she was spending Xmas in San Bernardino "...with Doug, Tani and my new granddaughter born in Jul." Ben & Joyce Mayo report "Steve working for Abt Corp in Boston, Pat just married a darling girl, John a soph at Hendrix Coll making 4.0 grades." They promise a trip to CO soon. Jock & Ruth Adams report that Jock has had serious surgery on the arteries of both legs; "Ted got his MBA from Wharton and is with Haskins & Sells in San Fran; Cathy, 14, a very busy teenager." Ruth still in PR and busy. They made trips to Scotland and Bermuda (between Jock's hospitalizations) and regularly see the Cliffords, Kings, and Perkins. Bob & Jo Kramer—"Rob and Sallie gave us a 2d granddaughter, Rebecca, in Oct; Kay and Chris are

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1941: Members of the Class gathered at Clark AFB, Philippine Islands, in 1945.

here in their own apts with cars and jobs. Bob found a gem of a picture of 22 '41ers at Clark, PI in 1945—hope we can get it into this column. Denis & Lucy Grace report seeing Roy & Kay Kelly often and that "... the Marching and Chowder club meets monthly." Carole & Bud Thompson's card had the great news that Bud had made grandfather at last! Daughter, Emily, born to Brooke on 1 Jul. Received a card from Alicia & Walter Brauns (Salinas) from 1512 Orchid, McAllen, TX 78501. Jack & Barbara Bentley—"Both boys doing well; Jack with staff of state hosp and starting on his PhD; Tom graduating from MIT in May. Our latest addition, a mare who is Secretariat's aunt!"

Bill & Lil Mitchell are happy in Shreveport—"Dick & Tad Travis visited in Oct and both Bill & Dick walked off from the golf tournament with silver punch bowls. Billy III married this past summer and Terry is at LSU." Betty & Barney Woodruff missed their trip to CO this past summer but still "have in the back of our minds moving to CO one day." Fran & Joe Myers missed the Class letter thanks to Joe's great filing system. Joe's Xmas pronouncements: "Cancellation of all punishment tours at 320 Wildcat Dr; full and unconditional pardon for George Brown; and complete amnesty for all Naval pers over 84 yrs of age until 29 Nov 75. Kayo Mullins will graduate from U. of WA "soon"; Pat from Gonzaga in May. Jim Mullins still in real estate near Ft Campbell. Grandson Keith almost 5. Frankie & Lettie presented Nissa Deanna in Apr. Deb still working and keeping up payments on her new Capri. Moe still a teenager, but making progress."

Bill & Marie Clifford: "Jane is teaching anatomy at U. of MD and working towards a PhD in Zoology. Mark continues to improve, but very slowly. Paul remains in Seattle where his business continues to go well. They were home in Oct with 5-year-old Chantal, our only grandchild whom we had not seen for 3 yrs. Bill continues with Blue Shield and Marie with ARC. Had a visit to Portugal in Mar—just missed the revolution. In Nov had a marvelous FA reunion with Paul & Marion Gray and Tuck & Dody Brown at the Gray's home in Syracuse. The caissons were really rolling that weekend."

Bea & Jack Higgins (Ward) will move to

AZ next year when they both ret. John Ward (CPT USA) and family are in Chicago—and sent their annual Xmas greetings to the Class—where he is in ROTC at De Paul and going to Law Sch at night. Paul is in grad sch at TX A&M. Chick & Horace Brown returned to Erlangen to see their new grandson, Robert Sloan Brown, and his sister Amy. They also relived "our youth tramping the streets of Erlangen and Nuremberg. John, Mary Beth and family will be home in Jun and Susie and Dr. Bob are anxiously awaiting a tour of duty with the Navy." Fox & Lid Rhynard harvested their first crop of Xmas trees this year. "Quite exciting." Doris Lauterbach stopped by for a visit but Wally had to stay with his apples. Mike & Ann Cochran report Mike "... recovering nicely from the shock of being married to a grandmother. And No. 2 daughter has decided to become a soldier and will enter AFROTC at U. of AZ. Anyone who thinks this is an unusual idea for a girl just hasn't checked the latest AF pay tables! After fighting his weight down to 178 Mike quit smoking and in 4 mos, 20 days, 9 hrs, 16 min and 37 sec he was back at 198." After Ann stops shaking she plans to write a book about their houseboat adventures on Lake Powell—60 to 70 mph winds are tough on rookie houseboaters. Interpolation to Hendrickson's Xmas input—son Roy George II will report to McDill in May to fly F-4 Phantoms, "... the plane he has wanted since graduation from the AF Academy."

Doris & Wally Lauterbach report that Wally has the bugs worked out of his trickle irrigation system; completed planting 2270 D'Anjou pear trees; and is restoring a 29 Nash. Jeff is running the orchard. Mike is building his own house in Anchorage and is playing with his band. Doris between bridge tournaments gives much of her time to the Camp Fire Girls having been elected to the National Council.

Jack Christensen reported that there was a good rally at the Army-Cal game: Tarbox, Harrison, Lee (Lynn), Thompson, Hershenow, RP Johnson, Christensen, Cannon, Borman, Pique and at the dinner following the game Elder and Mullane—all with their lovely brides. Will Vaughan sent a card showing the beautiful mountains and ski runs at St.

Anton—he had the guts to say, "Have you got any stuff in CONUS to match this?" We're answering, "Just wait till we get you in the Rockies, Baby!"

Sadly, we must report that our Class lost 2 lovely ladies this past year. Lucile Curley passed away on 12 Jul and Caroline Brown on 1 Aug. Win can be reached at 4209 Shore Club Dr., Mercer Island, WA 98040 and Ted at 155 Magnolia Dr, Ormond Beach, FL 32074.

The DC Chapter had a bash on 11 Dec at the Ft Myer club. Chaired by Pete Tanous and Charlie Fletcher, place cards were prepared and deployed for: Anderson, Buttery, Canella, Chapman, HW Clark, Deane, Elsberry, Fletcher, Garrett, MJL Greene, Gould, Gurfein, Healy, Kiesel, Locke, Millikin, Stern, Tanous, Wixon and their ladies. Also present was our favorite Pentagon Banker, Jean Moody.

Our nominee for the "True Grit" award, John Easton continues with Bristol-Myers at a doctor's directed reduced pace but has gone into real estate on the side—so if you know anyone who can use his highly specialized service in doing all the logistical planning and supervising for a business hqs relocation, give him a call.

The CO chapter assembled with pins poised to stab into a doll dressed as a sailor at the Gauvreaus: Betty & George McIntyre, Ben & Harrie Spiller, Mal & Alma Troup, plus the Denver contingent, John & Dottie Henschke and Bill & Renee Linton. Ray Schnittke came in from Aspen and Bill & Jerry Brier came down from Cheyenne. Kay and I were in Montgomery with 2 beautiful people from the Class of '42, Bob & Hancel Evans, where we watched their son Billy jamming up Bear Bryant's running game: He is a DT at Auburn #74—remember that number next year; he'll be a jr and a great tackle.

Spec Powell submitted—"For your encyclopedia... that the '41 Supper Club founded in 54 in the DC area by Mike Greene, Howdie Clark, Dick Aldridge and me is still going strong. Probably about 50 of the Class belonged at one time or another. It became inactive in the middle 60's but Mike and others re-activated it in 72. All former members now in the DC area now participate: MJL Greenes, HW Clarks, Millikins, Fletchers, Sterns, Powells, Jean Moody and Lucy Cooper. We meet each month at one of our houses in rotation. Each girl brings part of the meal and BYOL. It's the high spot of the month. Wearing my "A" sweater, gold turtle neck, grey slacks, black shoes and 30th Reunion cap with a Beat Navy sign, I cheered the 150# football team to a real romp over Navy. They should use them instead of the varsity."

On Thanksgiving day Dick and Tad Travis journeyed to Mexico City from Chapala for some U.S. turkey at the O'Connor penthouse—a micro reunion south of the border.

Pat Tansey and Jim Healy picked up the challenge of trying to identify all the guys in the last issue pix of Beanie's War College. Send your list along with a Cracker Jack box top to me. Winner will receive a free pass to the burley-Q escorted by Mitch.

Bill Gleason is hospitalized at Brooke Army Med Cen. Write him—ward 42A, Beach Pavillion, San Antonio 78234.

Start making plans now for the Big 35th. Four concerned classmates phoned here, several applauded him in the Xmas letter, and George Brown even got a nomination for Time's Man of the Year, "... for combining brilliant professional competence with the

guts to say it like it is." There are those who firmly believe that comets tend to have a disruptive effect on mankind. If so, we won't have to worry about Kohoutek again for another 75,000 years.

Fox Rhynard's admonition for 75: "Fight Fiercely."

'42

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The 3 Jan deadline makes this the roughest column of the year as the results will undoubtedly show! If you have room for a P.S. at the bottom of your resolutions for 75, I would urge you shrinking violets to resolve to do a little PIO-ing and end my drought.

No official moves to record although Ray Murphy was put on orders to show that he now calls NORAD home after the passing of ARADCOM. And speaking of NORAD, its CINC, Lu Clay, told the NORAD story to the Annual Meeting of the Ret Officers Assn in Denver in Nov. From the account in their magazine, he done good, they liked it and they gave him a desk pen set. So why don't you write, Lu?!?! The same mag pictured Rip Young and Carl Ulsaker in recent issues and quoted Fran Roberts in an extensive article on mil schools.

Lates for the Xmas Newsletter from: Ike Eisenschmidt giving a new street address of Chateau Touraine, Apt 5 in Pascagoula. Duke Grimshaw "Enjoyed the Class party and the opportunity to see so many of the gang. I am trying to learn the law that they didn't teach in law sch. Cathy is busy singing and working on a TV pilot (which needs a sponsor). Duke Jr. is in his 2d yr of law sch. Nicky and Rhonda (16 and 13) busy with school activities. Best wishes to all and a Merry Xmas." Sam Hays, "Still involved in developing State and local govt officials in NY. Find local govt fascinating. Betty busy with Girl Scouts, Red Cross, faculty wives and church. Cathy only child still at home. If you come by Albany, please drop in—Exit 23 on the Thruway." Rock Obenchain, "Nam and I well and still in CA. Warmest wishes to all." Dean Short, "Emily and I are grandparents of Warren Dean Thrasher thanks to oldest daughter Lee and husband Warren. Walter and wife Nancy moved to Huntsville where he works for Stanford Rsch Inst. Margaret the only Short in uniform as a Ranger at Mesa Verde Natl Pk. When you get to the intersection of I-10 and I-25 look us up." Al Thompson dated his card 25 Sept and then paved a road to somewhere with good intentions. He did send a dues check and Seasons Greetings! Jim Vivian, "Mary still 'real estating' and quite well. I moved to Intl Engr (Earle Miller Div in Phoenix) in view of Gov deciding not to run again. CPT Jim in 82d Abn. Jane working in nearby Mesa." Roger Barnes, "Merry Xmas to '42. Finally permanently ret. 30 Jan 74 after entering the Guard as a Pvt in 33. Pretty proud of our super grandson. John Sheffey and Kathy dropped by when lining her up for college. '42 has beautiful daughters as well as wives. The latch string is out." Miles Wachendorf, "Sara, Erich and yours truly still in Cincinnati where we would be pleased to see any of you. Ben, USNA '74, an Ens in Nuclear power prog. Karen a sys anal in Minneapolis. Enjoying our 2 granddaughters when Mary Liz (Mrs. John L. Lewis) brings them from Summit, NJ."

Once again, those of the local group who

made the Nov luncheon swore off exchanging Xmas cards to each other and put \$25.00 in the pot for Children's Hosp. We received equivalent value in publicity through the acknowledgment in Bill Gold's column!

Beware of Bob Brugh. He is now raising money for the WP Fund Cmte instead of raising little Brughs. If his success is in any way comparable, call the Fund a winner!

Gus Gustaves told you in the Newsletter that he was gonna. On 23 Nov, he and Jacqueline Lever were united at the Washington Cathedral. Congratulations to you, Gus, and a fond welcome to your unsuspecting bride!

A call from Jack Barnes advising that he and Mary were passing through, he on his way to seduce the Saudis, she to accompany him to NYC to see the kids and then back to Seattle.

Ditto from the Youngs to advise that Jean and Phil Krueger were down for a frantic visit. Also a recent visitor was Ray Miller whose session with John Westenhoff was an all-nighter (Dodie was smart enough to go to bed!).

A card from Fran Roberts reporting his and Polly's presence on the slopes in Quebec. Likewise from Lydie and Frank Clay on a tour of the Great West to include a stop with Betty and Lu in Colo Spgs where they saw the Murphys and went on to Denver, Cheyenne, Casper, Billings, Yellowstone, Durango, Taos, Sante Fe and San Diego. Make you sick? Another from Camille and John Finney from Plymouth which I last saw in 44, extolling the virtues of Jolly Olde and the people there.

Bless Jeff Davis for passing along an article from the Knoxville News-Sentinel, sent to Dottie by Mildred Weeks. Complete with pics of Mildred and Gene, it describes their Memorial Garden for son Jim who was killed in VN. The inscription on the sundial, "I count only the happy hours," says it all because the memorial garden is a place where the neighborhood children are welcomed, and they find it a beautiful place to play. Jeff also advised that Peg and Roy Johnson had been here recently to see a new grandchild, plus their daughter and son-in-law!

The march of time is evidenced by the fact that but for the Heard's son Stephen at USMA and the Bonassos' son Vincent at USAFA we would have no new replacements in the pipeline.

Thanks to the column of the Class of '20 in the Dec ASSEMBLY I learned that Helene Rehkopf and her mother had been honored at Ft Sill last fall at the dedication of the \$1,000,000 NYE LIBRARY at Ft Sill.

Gleanings from Christmas cards: Jane and Larry Adams "did" Europe last summer to include a 5-day Rhine cruise. Cindy and husband are now close by, with him going to law sch at William and Mary. Boots and Bob Beers report him much improved from his hypotension and anemia and her ignoring allergies and asthma. An Aug 401st Bomb Group reunion in Harlingen, TX, interrupted their usual Eleuthera-Cocoa Beach routine. Barbara Carpenter says that attendance at SMU and young Bruce keep her totally involved. Add Nancy and Al Hunters' place to your itinerary if you can ignore his efforts to increase the passion of 100,000 worms and just enjoy their 2+ acres with swimming pool, fishing and boating on the Eastern Shore. The Michels had a wonderful picture of the tribe, to include the next generation (recently augmented by young Ted and Kathys' Beirut addition). It's O.K. for the kids to look so great, but couldn't you two try to look like the Class of '42 instead of

age forty-two? They threaten any visitors with the Hanleys so be prepared. Martha and Dick Miles asked if we could check on their property at Marco Is. How do you tell someone that you've not checked out in scuba-diving? Bette Lou and Bill Plott report that Marilyn has overcome a couple of set-backs and is doin' fine. B.L. says that Kitty Palfrey's contributions to her well-being equalled Poncho's so you know who(m) to call on if you have trouble in Paradise (Hawaiian style). Claire and Tom Rienzi report a safari to Aruba to warm up for Christmas in NJ and a subsequent return to Jersey to birth a second grandchild. They passed along the story that Lofton Cobb's wallet turned up at the edge of the glacier where he was killed 30 yrs ago and was returned in perfect condition to his widow in France. Mercedes Townsend sent along a nice message and good wishes to all. Pat and Eric Orme blame a new street address - 4788 Marlborough Way - for non-receipt of the Newsletter and asked for a copy. Since they extend a welcome to their now-adequate quarters I may hand carry it! A note from Jim Studer spreading good will (he complimented your scribe!) and reporting the completion of an 80-page paper in pursuit of an MA in Theology delayed by other requirements on his time for the past 2 yrs. He promised more info on the subject shortly. I shall check Box 1142 frequently! Caldly and Bud Ryder report Xmas at Berchtesgaden with the Krafts plus the younger Ryders to remind the older group when to quit!

Navy '42 again kicked off the Holidays by including USMA '42 in a Dec affair at Ft Myer. We are now beginning to feel terribly welcome and at home with them. I wonder if it would be different if our team would beat their team once?

Apologies to the gang who favored us with Xmas cards and are still looking for a response. In early Dec I went to Walter Reed for some plain and fancy slicing to solve the problem I'd been having with my leg for some time. (The shortage in '42 funds is due to the much appreciated and enjoyed chrysanthemum which you sent me!) The 54-year old bod healed rapidly enough to make it to FL for the Holidays but left Barbara with primary logistic responsibility as well as nursing chores. I am happy to report that both have survived! Sissy and Harv Shelton made our stay pass much too swiftly, and we cried a lot when we had to leave - until we stopped to see Diana and Dick Reinbold in their Shangri-la. Their hospitality was the mostest, and having their daughter Mary holidaying there with her little Eva added to the fun, especially for our Sue and her fiancée who were along. Our pit stop stretched on and on until the Reinbolds were forced to hide so that we'd leave!

It's past deadline time so I must close.

Keep on swinging - let me hear about the results.

JAN '43

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A very much appreciated windfall benefit of Bob Fiss's recent questionnaire to all members of the Jan '43 clan with respect to their current addresses was a generous stack of letters with news of classmates far and near. Add to that the news that often accompanies Xmas greetings, and it would appear that we have a bit more than we could accommodate in one column. However, what



Jan '43: Your scribe enjoying company of Class distaff members (L-R, on the floor): Lorrie Elliott, Boots Minckler, Penny St. John, Margaret Heltzel; (L-R, seated): Ginny Harrington, Arlene Camm, Alice Frankosky, Nancy Benson, and Billie Shaw. The kibitzer is Joe Benson.

we didn't squeeze into this column, we'll include in the next, and if Bob Fiss's Class grapevine continues at its current high level of productivity, that column may be a full one too. So, paraphrasing a song that we barbershoppers enjoy, "Sit back, relax, and be our guest. Get ready now for a memory test. We're gonna see, if you recall, the Class-mates (and wives) that you remember best of all."

Let's start out west of the Mississippi with a letter from Hank Greenberg, who stated that he is "up to his ears" with "start-up problems" as the Production Mgr of the Natl Standard Co., which manufactures wire cord for radial tires, but he is enjoying the wide open spaces of the West and the "slower pace of life" in Stillwater, OK. The Greenbergs' daughter Nancy transferred from Vanderbilt to MIT, where she is now a sophomore and enjoying the Cambridge scene. Tom/Luisa Mesereau wrote to say that they are enjoying a busy life in Laguna Beach, CA, after 2 delightful yrs in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Munich, Germany. Their son, Tom Jr., graduated from Harvard in '73 and is obtaining his master's degree at the London School of Economics in England. Their daughter, Marigene, is living not far from them (as Californians say) in Pacific Grove, CA. Jane Prince, who lives here in Fairfax, VA, visited her son-in-law, Bill McCrone (USMA '68), and daughter Kathy in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, during the Xmas holidays and, during her visit, saw or received news of the following Classmates in the Monterey Peninsula area: Paul/Phoebe Croonquist, who live in Carmel where Paul is taking courses in art (and a beautiful spot it is for that) and the Phoebe Footes, who live in Carmel Valley. Not far away too are Hal/Charity Barber, who with their son Billy live in the foothills of Arcadia, CA. Also in "God's country" in Alta Loma, CA, Vic Cherbak wrote to say that he's still with Northrop Corp, working on the F-17 (Cobra) aircraft. Vic/Reginas' daughter Cynthia is a professional writer at Universal Studios and their son Tony is in his 3d year of college and running cross country. Also with Northrop in

CA, and still enjoying the good life in Palos Verdes, is Dave Barger, husband of our West Coast distaff correspondent, Barbara. A good letter from Jim Aleveras, who lives in La Mesa, CA, stated that Bob Lacy is the CD Coordinator for San Diego County, while Ed Murray just received his MBA and "is now available for a high-level exec position." Quint Goss is busy expediting production at the local National Cash Register Co. plant, and Jack Upchurch now owns and operates a printing company in Escondido. As for Jim Aleveras himself, he claims that he's spending 1% of his time in business admin



Jan '43: Hal Barber, Director of Relief and Development for World Visions International, in Ethiopia.

and real estate classes in a local college, and the other 99% of time enjoying ret. with Marge. Their son Jim (Jr.) is a straight-A student at Stanford; comes from Marge's side of the family, according to Jim (Sr.).

A nice note from Jeannie Hollis in Dodson, TX (and the letterhead reads Hollis Ranches, "Eat MORE Beef") indicates that they're also still very much interested in horses and regret missing the Washington Intl Horse Show where one of the competitions was dedicated to the memory of their daughter, Shari. Also in TX are the Art Graces, where Art is an Admin Engr with the Right-of-Way Div for The Texas Hwy Dept in Austin. Pete/Ann Pavick in El Paso reported that their daughter Judy is an RN with the Peace Corps at the small Indian village of Miraflores in the hinterland of Columbia, S. America. A good letter from Al/Elaine Hughes, also in El Paso (where Al is the Exec Dir of the El Paso Apt Assn), stated that they recently visited Tote Talbott (Elaine's brother) in IL. Tote ret. last fall as the VCinC PACAF to Lou Wilson, who is the CinC PACAF, though PACAF itself appears to be one of these commands scheduled to be abolished. Also down in San Ant is Mitch Goldenthal who, according to Al, is dabbling in a bit of politics as the newly elected City Alderman in Hill Country Village on the northern edge of San Ant. Mitch/Helens' daughter Karen was elected Phi Beta Kappa at the U. of TX this past Jun and is now enrolled at the Baylor Coll of Med. An announcement from San Ant indicated that Jack Daye, Exec VP of USAA Life Ins. Co., is now also a CLU. Holy Toledo! A letter from Bill Stewart, who is with USAA too, stated that he visited CA this past fall and saw V.K. Sanders, who is the Dpty County Engr of San Mateo County, as well as Chuck Hardy, who uses his lovely home at Pebble Beach as his part-time office to manage all of his investments. According to Bill, Chuck has weathered well and could take John Wayne's place in the movies anytime. Bill also located Ed/Florence Carberry in Daly City (51 Avalan Dr), where Ed has had a long bout with cancer. We all join in wishing Ed the very best in his battle with this disease. By the way, the Bob Whitlows are located at 6513 Stallion Rd, Scottsdale, AZ; Bob's with Phoenix Prof Football, Inc.

Further north in the State of WA, Russ Smith reported that the Class contingent in the WP Soc of Puget Sound consists of Ed/Jo Costello (both Ed and Russ work for Boeing Aerospace), Chuck/Suzanne McVeigh (Chuck is with the Engr Dept of King County), and Russ/Dorothy, whose married daughter Lynn lives/teaches in ID; whose son Ron works in the office of Congressman Hillis; and whose other son, Russ, lives/works in Tucson with Sundt Constr. Also in the State of WA, Flip/Louise Fenili wrote to say that they're happily settled in Tacoma, where Louise's skin allergies have disappeared, thanks to the climate. A pleasant note from Marian Shultz, widow of Jake Shultz, indicated that she plans to remain in the ret. home which they built on Whidbey Is near Greenbank, WA.

After 2 yrs in CO, Bill/Dolly Neale now feel like natives. Thanks to their 14-yr-old son, also named Bill, father has been pushed to the top of Pike's Peak, carried down, and spent the next day recuperating. While Dolly was in the AFA hosp for a major operation on her foot, father tried his highly publicized gourmet talents on his children with somewhat varying degrees of success, according to Sally. Other Classmates in the CO area in-



Jan '43: Founders Day 74 in El Paso (L-R): Don Wilbourn, Leo Blanchette, Louise Wilbourn (hiding Leo's wife), Ann Pavick, Elaine Hughes and Pete Pavick.

clude Ray Ruyffleare in Boulder, Moe Dworak/Chuck Lenfest/Lowell Fisher in Colo Spgs, and Bill/Marian Hahn in Denver, where they are both very much involved with the activities of the Lutheran Church.

Jumping now to the Midwest, Dave/Mary Ellen Lowe wrote to say that life on their Chuwalee Bend Farm (Rte 1, Box 160, Belvidere, TN) is busier than ever, but most enjoyable. From Springfield, MO, Wes Curtis invites us all to take a look at the Ozarks when considering permanent ret. Wes is hard at work raising the standard of living of the Ozarks by working for the Zoning and Planning Comm of Springfield. Wes/Irenes' daughter Carol graduated from Smith in Jun and is now a grad stu at William and Mary here in VA, which is "why ole Dad is still working." Their son John is in his 2d yr at the Harvard Law Sch.

Up there in the land of the sky-blue water and lots of snow (Duluth, that is), Ed Nygard advised us that he's still teaching math/sci in high school, while Anne is doing very well in the real estate business. According to Ed, Joe Nett visited his daughter in nearby Superior, WI, this past fall, but unfortunately missed getting together with the Nygards.

Heading down South to the land of sunshine and leisurely living, Danny Moore invited us all down for a Jun-in-Jan reunion on the 32d anniv of our graduation. According to Danny, he reserved 20 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Orlando for 18 Jan and invited everyone to join the Swede Lundbergs and the Danny Moores for golf, dinner, and other entertainment at the Inn. Although Swede Lundberg is at work in a local FL employment service, he still finds time to get in his golf, though he complains that his scores are a trifle higher than the prevailing temperatures (which are in the 80s). Swede reported that Joe Dover, Walt Cook, Joe Hamilton, and Duke Windsor are also located in the Brevard area. Over in Gulf Breeze, FL (in the vicinity of Pensacola), Bob Blake stated that they've now moved into a home at 916 Gondolier Blvd. The Bob Blakes' 2 older daughters live in Atlanta. Their oldest boy is an Army helicopter pilot at Ft Knox, and the younger girl and boy are still living at home with them. Bob is working for OK State U. and has seen John Shortall, who lives at Ft Walton Beach (near Eglin AFB). Ted Lutrey also lives at Ft Walton Beach and enjoys the golfing at Eglin. Roy Bowlin

wrote to say that he's temporarily located in Orlando at 3116 Needles Dr. FL State Sen Henry Saylor advised us that he has been reelected for another 4-yr term on the basis of what he claims was "no opposition." The Saylor's son (CPT Lee B.) is in the office of the SJA at Patrick AFB and is the father of Hank's first grandchild. Another son (Robin) just graduated from Georgia Tech and their youngest son (Van) is a sophomore at Vanderbilt. From Northport, AL, Tony Antonioli announced that he was setting out to reduce the deer population of AL by at least 2 this hunting season—got to keep those meat bills down somehow. Meanwhile, the Antoniolis' all-V children are located as follows: Valerie at the U. of NM, Virginia at Mary Washington Coll, and Vincent at the U. of AL.

Well, we've still got a small stack of letters and notes remaining, but with space running short we'll save them for the next column and give another vote of thanks to Bob Fiss for the cornucopia of news. To those of you who may not have seen the recent article in the *Washington Post* on "Flexible Working Hours to Match Your Life-Style," the Barbara Fiss who is quoted in the article is none other than Bob's "better half" who is also with the Civil Sv Comm and is traveling at home and abroad (like Vienna, Austria) in connection with her job. Tune in again for the next column, which will include news of our Classmates overseas and in other parts of the U.S.

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A goodly percentage of the DC contingent assembled for conviviality and dinner arranged by Les and Betty Hardy at the Castle Room of the Ft Belvoir Officers Mess on 16 Nov 1974. En route from Fairfax, Cecile bet me 4 bits that between the two of us we could find the club this time without getting lost, but — she lost. We arrived in good time, however, and from there on out the evening could only be described as a winner — the usual fine facilities and service at Belvoir being enhanced by the presence of Hal and Pat Parfitt from Belvoir Qtrs #1.

As is his wont, Bill Malone rose from his

chair after the main course. Anchoring himself to the table with one hand, and clinking his glass with the other, he called for attention to orders. Dispensing with routine, he proceeded at once to the main class news of the evening with an announcement never heard before in a Jun '43 assembly. The Army — and Jun '43 — have a new full GEN: Bernie Rogers had received his 4th star just 2 days before. All present joined in hearty and sincere congratulations to Bernie and Ann, who, despite their busy schedule and imminent departure, were present. After dinner, Bernie informed me that he would leave DC on 18 Nov for Ft McPherson to take command of the FORSCOM. For those of you who, like myself, have been "out of it" for a while, FORSCOM is somewhat similar to but not exactly the same as what was called CONARC.

As the applause and cheers for the Rogers subsided, Sam Pinnell, who heads the Middle Atlantic Regl Sv Office of USAA, got up to announce another significant promotion. Only a few days before, Bill Malone had been elected pres for 75 of the N. VA Bd of Realtors, one of the 2 or 3 largest such assns in the country. Congratulatory applause again broke out, and still again when Malone suggested that Willy Cover should be commended for being a good speller — a tribute which I acknowledged with a modest and diffident smile. I was about to speak *ex tempore*, and this might have gone on indefinitely, of course, but dessert came around about that time.

Those present at the Belvoir dinner included (with apologies as always for inadvertent omissions): Hal and Marianne Aaron, Quint and Liz Atkinson, Charley and Betty Benson, Gary and Margie Black, Lemon and Kathy Blank, Bill and Marie Calnan, Bill and Cecile Cover, Clare and Jane Farley, Arch and Rundy Hamblen, Les and Betty Hardy, Dick and Winnie Hemsley, Arch and Shirley Hill, Walt and Iyllis Hutchin, Gabby and Brecky Ivan, Tom and Betty Johnston, Alan and Lynn Jones, Dick and Connie McAdam, Jack and Lois McGregor, Wally and Peggy Magathan, Bill and Nancy Malone, Bob and El Mathe, Bill and Marion Moore, Hank and Evelyn Morgan, Jack and Gerry Morris, Jack and Allayne Novak, Hal and Pat Parfitt, Jim and Helen Phillips, Sam and Elsie Pinnell, Bob and Florence Plett, Bernie and Ann Rogers, Bud and Nancy Rundell, Ned Schramm, Sandy and Chris Sembach, Don and Lee Spiece, Ted Tansey, Harriet Tenney, and the Wickert.

You may recall that in the last column I made a special appeal for classmates at isolated stations to check into the net. One of the epistolary pleasures of the holiday season just past was a card and a fine letter from Heber ("Gus") Brill at 19 Central St, Camden, ME 04843. You know, Gus came from ME, and he has happily found his way back. It's the new year now, and winter in ME, but not a winter of discontent down there. Heber says he took the past year off, and describes it this way:

"My 'Peter Rabbit year' was a time of delight in the woods and fields of the farm at Rockport and in the house and garden here — with lots of good, outdoor work that left time to visit the harbor and watch the windjammers, with still time left to read and write a column for the local weekly.

"As a result of all those happy active days, I am in great shape, the freezer is level full, the woodpile high, and 40 ft of shelves are lined with pickles. In addition, being of sound mind and scientific bent, I have carefully

studied wine and beer making and can now offer visitors a cellar second to none, full of the carefully aged and delectably maturing product of various fruits, roots, and berries.

"Now, somewhat reluctantly, I have gone back to work — as the gen mgr of a small, independent phone co. The work is easy, pleasant, and sufficiently technical to be interesting. I have no news whatever of classmates, because, regrettably, we see none in this somewhat out-of-the-way place. Perhaps none know we are here! So, please pass the word: Camden, the prettiest town in ME, is a watering stop for all of Jun '43.

"Today, as often, Shirley and I are stretched by the fire, watching the snow drift down. It is a pleasant, peaceful life in a very pretty place. Some things we do without — like crime, pollution, and hunting for parking spaces — but one cannot have everything.

"Happy New Year to you — and to all the classmates there assembled!" And so say all of us, Gus.

This column for Dec 73 reported the news, relayed by Arch Hamblen, of the marriage in Jul that year of Bob McCanna's widow, Bev, to COL Neal W. ("Wally") Lovnes. I have a clever Xmas poem-letter from them at 101 Charles St, Carlisle, PA 17013, where they returned after extensive travels at home and abroad last fall. Bev's son Bob is an ensign in the CG; her daughter Sharry married to an Army CPT, at Ft Hood made Bev a grandmother with a baby girl last Nov.

Here's the new address for Bud and Le Fredericks: 3909 Regal Ct, Virginia Bch, VA 23452. They left the DC area in Aug 74, when Bud took up a new post as chmn of the Soc, Sci and Humanities Div at the Tidewater Comm Coll. According to the old Fox, they are enjoying their new home "on the water in the south of VA — where life is just a bit sweeter."

During the past year, the Fishbacks have been getting settled at 1752 Watauga Dr, Rte 5, Cookeville, TN 38501, along with their 2 boys, Jerry and Jeff, who are still at home. Jess writes that he and Jane frequently avail themselves of the hospitality of John and Wanda Bell when in Nashville. They have also been in correspondence with Rollo and Jan Brandt on Jekyll Is, GA, where Rollo is enjoying his work with the Environmental Protection Agcy. The Fishbacks' daughter Jill, recently married, graduated from the U. of AL Med Sch in mid-Dec cum laude and began her residency at Vanderbilt in Jan. According to Jess, having a doctor in the family exposes one's infirmities to closer scrutiny. At her urging, Jess finally went to a neurosurgeon for recurring pain and had to have an operation to relieve nerve compression in his neck. Several months of recuperation were required, but, happily, by late Dec, none of his old trouble signs had recurred. As he said, "My problem now is to refrain from doing everything I feel well enough to do. Am hopeful I can go back to work in early 75." (He's employed by the TN State Dept of Trans.) Fishbacks' 2d son, Jim, USMA '74, was at The Armor Sch, Ft Knox, in Dec, preparatory to assignment in Korea. Their oldest son, John, USMA '70, is proj officer for the AF Recreation Cen at Waikiki Beach. Recently, while occupying temporary qtrs at this facility, Clarke and Bettie Baldwin telephoned John and he had only to walk through a gate to call on them!

Charlie Pence tells me he ret. from CIA (Charlie's Intel Agcy, that is) in Dec 73 and in the following Jun moved to the Carolina Trace golf community 18 miles NW of Ft Bragg. The Pences are building a home just



Jun 43: Al and Antoinette Burdett, Bernie and Ann Rogers, and Danny Cullinane (L-R), Ft Hood, Dec 74.

off the 10th fairway of "a real mean course." Leaving the fairways for the freeways, they went up to Durham and Chapel Hill for USMA's 74 football games with Duke and UNC. "We saw Jack Kidder and lovely wife at both games. Jack is with USLI at Ft Bragg. Also saw Hank Romanek at the Duke game. Hank is in Wilson, NC, where he's planning to be a tobacco grower." Charlie, like Jess Fishback, closed kindly with a few kudos for me and my predecessors on this beat — for which, warm thanks.

To digress a moment, when I think of previous scribes I am struck by the number of them who are ret. here in the DC area: besides myself, there are Deke Childs, Arch Hamblen, Wally Magathan, Bill Malone, and the Wickert. With all this talent on the local scene, I wonder how I ever wound up in this job? (Intimidation, that's how — Les Hardy made me do it.) Elsewhere, with apologies for inadvertent omissions, other former scribes include R.C. Grady, now over in Spain; Johnny Moses, in Spartanburg, SC; Bethel Edrington, 'way down in Columbus, GA; Danny Cullinane, deep in the heart of you-know-where; and George Campbell, who, last I knew, was living in a box out in San Fran (see this column in ASSEMBLY for Jun 74). Every one of you gents sent up a lot of smoke in former years, and I could use some more signals from all of you.

Well, here's a seasonal signal from the old statistician, John Moses, reporting that Tommy Tomlinson visited them recently en route back to Jacksonville. Ginny Moses is again busy teaching junior high art classes; and it seems that Spartanburg has really taken the Yankee boy to heart, for John is pres of the Kiwanis Club.

You may recall that in the last column I commented upon the interest Norma Weyrick was attracting in her job with the First Federal Savings and Loan at Punta Gorda, FL. At that time, Joe had recently missed out on a job as a detective because he wasn't a woman. While he was trying to launch a Men's Lib Movement in southern FL, however, he got a job in which, according to Norma's Xmas poem, he "admins for Chevrolet." Every year Norma writes a "poem" (pardon me, Will), or what might be called a rhymed, encapsulated up-date from which one deduces the news. So, OK. We all get the picture conjured up by the phrase "admins for Chevrolet" — you kick the tire, tell about the rich old spinster who only drove the car to church, and flash the sign "Call BR-549" for the TV audience. Or — how about this? — "In FL, get your New Chevrolet from Old José." I must stop this jocularity before Ford and Chrysler demand equal time. At this writing, they are getting it anyway — time-off, that is.

From Temple, TX 76501, at 3401 Cotton-

wood Lane, Dan and Peggy Cullinane sent season's greetings and a report of attending a pleasant affair staged at Ft Hood by the Burdetts in honor of visiting Hal Aaron. Dan has promised a further report in event that Bernie Rogers, in his new capacity, shows up to haze Al Burdett's troops of III Corps and Ft Hood. Dan is good at all such reporting. He almost reported me once for "Attempting to wear improperly shined shoes to choir formation," but I threatened him with divorce.

For about a year, I have been duly noting the fluctuations of the shadowman, Norm Pehrson, between the West Coast and the East Coast on behalf of the Ralph M. Parsons Engr Co. At one time I just about had him fixed in place back here, but he slipped out of our hands again. At year's end, he and Ruth were still at 7215 Crest Rd, Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Norm was still anticipating that they might return to DC.

Here's another card from the same zip. Dave and Kaye Galas at 29504 Whitley Collins Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, had an eventful holiday season ahead of them according to Dave's card of Dec 18. Their oldest daughter, Cynthia, was to be married on 21 Dec in San Fran to Tom Johnson, son of Elizabeth and John Johnson, USMA Jan '43. The Galas contingent preparing to depart for the festivities included high-schoolers Steve and Deb, as well as daughter Cathie and her fiance, Glenn Owen, who are to be married 28 Jun 75. The whole wedding party was scheduled to have Xmas dinner with the Galas' son David and his wife Linda and the 2 grandsons in Livermore, CA. After this sequence of celebrations, there would be a few days recovery time, and then Dave and Kaye were invited by Bob and Betty Rooker to join the L.A. group for a New Year's party, which we will hope to report to you in the next column. (You know, our copy has to go in about 2 mos in advance of publication, so news of the Rooker bash is not yet available at this writing — 4 Jan.

Comes now a 3d letter from ZIP 90274, and one particularly welcome since it has been quite a while since I have seen or heard from Norm Keefer. He's in a condominium at Ridgegate, 28027 Ridgecove Ct, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Norm ret. 30 Nov 72 with more than 4,000 flying hours, having spent his AF career mostly in heavy bombardment, R&D, and in space and msl tech. His last 2 assignments were as VC of the 6595th Aerospace Test Wg and CS for SAMTEC.

After 2 yrs of ret., Norm says, "I'm a bit surprised, but I still haven't felt the urge to go back to work, and — with the many projects ahead of me — I don't think the urge can strike for at least a couple of years. I'm really enjoying doing what I want to do for a change." Among his projects of the past year were "getting the builder to redo this condominium the way it should have been done in the first place, learning to do carpentry and elec work myself, keeping busy with my car club, soaring a few times, and traveling to Vandenberg AFB, periodically, to help ret. old COLs and GENs."

From 4304 Sirius Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436, comes an ebullient news letter from Bob and Betty Ann McClure. Bob ret. from the USAF in Dec 72, and took a planned "2-yr sabbatical from work" that has now expired and he is back in the market. Their son Doug is in his 3d yr at USMA, married daughter Marjorie Ann is in San Fran, daughter Melody is a freshman at Hancock Coll, and son Jim a senior at Cabrillo HS. During their 2-yr sabbatical, McClures have been far from

idle – in fact, contemplation of their activities leaves me in a state of quasi-exhaustion. In addition to much carpentry and home improvement, Bob has studied automotive maintenance and real estate on the side while taking an intensive program of computer sci courses. Betty Ann, besides gardening, has at least matched Bob, school-wise, with “numerous courses in Ojai at the Krotona Inst of Theosophy and the Inst of Avastology, plus belly-dancing, stained glass making, and several courses in parapsychology.” Now that’s what I call multiple coverage – if Bob can’t get answers out of the computer, Betty Ann can pick them up, perhaps, by paratheosophic vibes!

Having organized my notes and written them in orderly fashion moving from north to south to west, I just now decided to make a few last-minute phone calls and learned from Arch Hamblen that Trev Sawyer is in Oran, Algeria, working for Parsons Engr as forecast in this column for Sept 74. The Sawyers reportedly are enjoying the new job.

Jack McGregor, when I called him, was drinking Sun morning coffee and doing a crossword which he put aside to read me extracts from his Xmas cards. First, however, he took time to point out one item of antiquarian interest and one of correction in the Dec 74 ASSEMBLY. On page 68, with the Class of ’41 column, there is a picture of Beanie Millard’s “War College,” Class of 1937. In the front row we see Jack himself and in the 3d row from the top, Hamblen. Both appear to have been 5 lbs or so lighter in those days. By way of correction, if you will notice the picture with our column on the bottom of page 71 you will see a lady standing with Rundell and Tansey, who is identified as Kathy Blank. Oops! She is, in fact, Ann Silvester. My red face is all over egg! Sorry X 10⁶.

Jack and Lois took a week in mid-Dec for an idyl on the Caribbean cruise ship, *Song of Norway*, putting in at Nassau, San Juan, and St. Thomas. According to Jack, this fling was “fabulous.” When they got back, the holiday mail awaiting them included a letter from TK and Nancy Oliver at Keystone Rte, Box 707, Rapid City, SD 57701. You may recall from TK’s description at the 30th Reunion that they were literally wiped out in the summer floods of 72. Fourteen months later, in Aug 73, having occupied a HUD trailer in the meantime, they moved into a new home that TK built himself, and are most happy with it. Since then, TK has continued with the masonry and carpentry, doing many wonders. [Scribe’s note: the previous column was full of writers and literati; this time, it seems to be full of trowel flailers and hammer swingers!]

Also from the McGregor files, we learn that: Joe and Carthelle Huau, at 27545 SW 166th Ave, Homestead, FL 33030, were presented a new granddaughter last Sept. Joe works in Miami, with the Miami County Bd of Ed. . . . John and Blayne Hull fished in British Columbia and then went castle-hopping in Spain in the fall, but by Xmas had returned to their family and High Point Farm, at Orange, VA 22960 (PO Box 231). . . . Buzz Bucher’s widow, Nan, who has lived in this area for some time, married Mr. Arthur Oldham on 28 Nov 74. He is an engr working on constr of liquified gas pipe lines in the Chesapeake Bay area. They live at Chesapeake Ranch Club, Lusby, MD 20657 – and we wish them the best.

In closing this column, although this is certainly no place for a book review, I can’t resist mentioning a book my son, the law student, gave me for Xmas – to wit, *School*

for Soldiers: West Point and the Profession of Arms, by Joseph Ellis and Robert Moore (New York: Oxford University Press, 1974). Researched and written by 2 young academics, both former instructors at the Academy while on active duty, this book is no mere polemical diatribe against WP. Probably, you will not like everything the authors have to say in this contemporary analysis of the role, mission and functioning of USMA. Mark Boatner once trenchantly described several of the journalist Ward Just’s articles on the Army by saying, “Ward just misses.” The same might be said of the Ellis and Moore book, but I nevertheless opine that it will receive serious attention.

And so – Happy New Year. It often seems that almost all the news items I write up are glowing with nothing but joy and euphoria. This is not the whole story, of course – everyone has their troubles, too. But let us hope and trust that in 75 the “good” will outweigh the “bad,” and that the bonds of class spirit and friendship will grow ever stronger.

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In acknowledging the fine work of classmates who contributed to the wonderful 30th Reunion at WP, my negligence in failing to point out the key role of Jim Connell has been gigged by Mac McKeever. The report is correct; no excuse! Herewith thanks and apologies, both overdue, to Jim for a long year’s work after he succeeded McKeever in Jun 73. Mac is enjoying the Orlando, FL weather; he sees the Wilhites often, McPhersons and Partridges now and then.

Present to watch Vanderbilt hobble the Army mule and later to drown their sorrows at Barbara Brown’s party were Connell, Bob and Nancy Flynn, Kathleen McAuliffe, Pat Pappas and daughter, Louise Vitullo and Jack, the Pollins and the Fred Smiths.

As promised, THE WINDOWS were in by Homecoming! On 24 Oct, the Supe gave a luncheon for Mr. Willet (the window man), Scott, Fred Smith and Jack Pollin. All work is complete. The class gift is a superb work of art, in both conception and execution, and has made a mark that stands out among class gifts to USMA. All should be proud of their contributions. I take the liberty of making, on behalf of all, a rousing vote of thanks to Win Scott, whose perception and per-



1944: Rodden, Wallis, Ingram and Smith—Army-Cal game.

sistence have been most instrumental in this achievement, of which all may be justly proud. The NY Daily News provided coverage of the event.

In that connection, the Class still owes \$1500 for the windows. Although pledges by individuals, when fulfilled, will cover the full cost, some commitments have not been paid out. Recognizing that it has been a turbulent year for most, it is requested that known obligations be discharged by check to “West Point Fund—1944 Gift,” mailed to Box 1100, Ft Myer, VA 22211. If in doubt about the status of your pledge, contact George Hayman (703)-790-9595 or through that address; he can provide details of pledges and status.

Early in Nov, I received a most charming letter from Mrs. Alan Sanborn of Killeen, TX which requested me to announce through this column the marriage on 5 Oct 74 of her mother, Mrs. Jean P. Wheaton, to our classmate Lindley C. Ellis. Lin and Jean must be very proud of her; certainly she was most proud of her mother. Best wishes to the Ellises, who are living in Reston, VA (whence they came to join the group at USMA Homecoming on 26 Oct).

Of enduring interest is the launching of new careers by our classmates upon leaving active duty. A late report finds Joe Cutrona as Dir, Public Relations and a Dir of the Transportation Assn of America. Meanwhile Mary Grace, once again getting Joe out of the house on a fairly regular basis, has taken a position as Dir of Educ, Metropolitan Methodist Church in DC. (If you won’t tell her priest, I won’t tell the minister!)

I am asked by the ASSEMBLY editors to remind that photos from newspapers and magazines as well as slides or colored pictures are beyond the means of ASSEMBLY to reproduce. I have a number of such which I retain for reference, but which regrettably cannot be used with these notes. Black and white photos are welcome; they do not show faces turning purple as belt-lines are sucked in for the camera.

Thanks to Connell, Hayman and Morrison, a world-wide class roster was put together in Nov 74 for mailing in Dec. Missing addresses: Auringer, Bradley, Buckley, DiNapoli, Grimmeison, Lamp, Lynch, Tompkins, Walton, and Withers. Would appreciate reports on the missing to P.O. Box 1100, Ft Myer, as well as changes of address. Anyone looking for an opportunity to reduce his tax liability may reflect that publishing and mailing the roster cost over \$150.00. A class kitty could use some milk in her bowl.

A release announces Roy Marshall, Dpty Engr, North Pacific Div, ret. on 31 Jul and will continue to reside in Portland, OR.

Johnny Calhoun hung up his helmet and goggles and hung on another LM on ret. from 5 yrs duty as Dpty Cmdr for Rg Opns at the AF Space & Msl Test Cen at Vandenberg AFB, CA. Johnny has had a leading role in enhancing the accuracies of our strat msl sys and the reliability of our space launches. Although she will go back to Ruston, LA with him, Jane will remain on full active duty, I’m confident. Saludos!

Bill and Sandra Miller write from Barbados that they hope to visit the Nealons in Sao Paulo soon. Marse Bill is going to try to raise some Barbados Black Belly sheep at Oughterson Plantation. Don’t try to scare us off, Bill; sheep or no, this old cow-poke is still going to come to see you, even if I have to bring roast beef sandwiches.

We’re happy to acknowledge, if not to announce, the promotion to full GEN, U.S.

Army, on 8 Nov 74 of Jack Hennessey. So old "3-star" becomes our first 4-star! Our warm congratulations to Jack for his achievements, to the Army for recognizing his potential and to his family for their support and endurance of the demands which go with the package. We're pleased at the Army's good fortune.

Rock Staser wrote from AK with a follow-up on the death by helicopter accident of Bob Hurst, full of regret that he was unaware of the incident until reading ASSEMBLY. Checking back, Rock found that Bob was hovering to let a passenger dismount 25 miles south of Umiat on the Western Edge of the Prudhoe Bay oil field when the chopper flipped over. Bob was employed by Kenai Air Service, whose pres, a friend, was at hand and took charge of arrangements. Regrettably, Rock reports, the intense summer oil activity in AK has produced many aircraft accidents in the bush; hence, a single often rates little news space. We lost a fine classmate and friend on Bob's death.

Since returning to DC I sometimes substitute for my boss in meetings of the Opns Dpties of the JCS. It is comforting to have in the room Bob Ginsburgh, who won't let any of us get far off track. Down the hall from my office is Phil McAuliffe who is keeping OSD straight on European policy. Ernie Graves is Asst GM (Mil Appl) for AEC; Doc Hayward is Army's Asst DCS/Pers.

Army-Navy Game: In the Class section were the Bonings, Cooper, DeArment, Desmonds, Jackson, LaMarre, Bill Marks, O'Donnells, O'Briens, and Scotts. Hard to believe that they were on the 40 yd line and on the sunny side. Although tempted by an invitation to a weekend house party by a Navy family at Phila Navy Yd, I just couldn't bear the thought of sitting on the Navy side and keeping Audrey from cracking white hats all p.m. So we stayed home.

A class luncheon on 3 Dec in the Army Secy's Mess brought out 26 classmates. Guess who was in the dentist's chair at the time? I'm sure they had more fun than I. According to my roster, all have local addresses and I discerned no newcomers among the group. In the absence of other news from the gathering, I'll forego a roll-call.

Dan Wallis writes from Pebble Beach, CA that a small group gathered at the Army-Cal football game at Berkeley and submits pictorial proof. Erlenkotter was there, but spurned the camera for a hot dog. Coots Mitchell lives near Wallis and Carley is in Carmel. Dan presumes I know where these spots are, but beyond San Fran and L.A. I know nothing of that "great land of fruits and nuts" beyond the mountains that doesn't appear on aero charts. Another bad day for Army football was observed by all.

I today received another lesson on re-editing copy: a third party kindly points out that the name PEARCE incorrectly appears among the list of deceased classmates for which I requested added details. MEA CULPA! Bob is alive and well in Huntsville, AL, I am informed reliably, and my face is red. Gentle readers, from time to time this deadline has coincided with others of some urgency and importance and I have delegated proofing. Forgive me in advance.

Although chartered to report news, not to make it, son Todd and I stole away from school and work to the Swiss Ski Sch in Dec, where we skied, ate and slept to full contentment of body and soul. We returned Sunday before Xmas, just after daughter #2 arrived from Sweden and to greet daughter #1 from Atlanta. So the 5 of us had our

first Xmas together in 4 yrs. The piano, the ping-pong table, the cookie oven and the fireplaces got big play. Stockings were hung, the chimney was used and we had a warm and happy Xmas, which we hope you, too, enjoyed with your families and friends.

Outside the sun shines brightly on the last day of a turbulent year and our wishes for a Happy New Year come to all of you over the miles. Um3!

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COL Horace A. Macintire
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Brentwood, TN 37027

Hope you all had a wonderful Xmas. Here at the Macintire household our son Dave (Class of '75) came home beaming that there were only 164 days until his graduation! By the time you read this there will be less than 100 days 'till our 30th Reunion. In case you didn't get the Dec mailing from our reunion committee, here's the poop: George Daoust, 909 Millwood Rd, Great Falls, VA 22066 is reunion chairman. You can get a copy of reunion notice from him. First event is 1800, Wed, 28 May; closing at noon, Sat, 31 May. In addition to usual Alumni activities (dinner, review, luncheon) we will have cocktail buffet at Ladycliff, a memorial service, picnic, and a class dinner. Accommodations at Ladycliff, first come, first get on the reservation list. Notify George whether you will attend or not, and enclose \$10 deposit per person to reserve space at Ladycliff. Jim O'Brien, 4349 N. 40th St, Arlington, VA 22207 needs your biography (150-200 words) together with black and white glossy pic of you or you and family. Also needs data on your family statistics. Get questionnaire from Jim if you don't have one. Deadline for this is 31 Mar. Be sure to send your \$10 deposit for 30-yr book if you have not done so. Speaking of accommodations at Ladycliff—George Daoust says he'll try to get adjacent rooms for those who request to be near special friends, and those with sons graduating will get preference for staying on at Ladycliff for graduation period.

FitzP Fitzpatrick called me the day after Xmas with the following items: When Art Hanket ret. in Aug he immediately started work as an engr for the Washington National Cathedral. This was more than just a job, but something Art wanted to do. A few weeks after he started, however, he had an offer from an engr firm that is taking down an



1945: Bill and Jess Sibert at Bill's ordination to Deacon at Christ Church, Cambridge, MA, 8 June 74.



1945: (L-R) Bill, Nancy, Ann and Jim Munson with IAD in Germany.

entire city block in DC. So Art arranged for Salty Salter to take over at the Cathedral, and Art is now engaged in razing a city block. FitzP was at that outstanding Army-AF game. He saw Ken and Polly Russell and Bill and Glo Moran. Bill ret. Jan 74 and is now pres of a company that makes auto tire machinery, and lives in Shorthills, NJ. Ted Adair and Harry Maynard were also at the game. The Fitzpatricks had a Xmas party on 14 Dec with Hankets, Salters, Ray Jones, Harry Shaws, Maynards, Finks, Cummings, Ernie Davis, Jesse Johnsons, and Daousts attending. When FitzP, as class secy, took the Dec reunion mailing to the post office, it totalled 112 lbs!

Dick Haley added some more DC news: There was a co-ed class luncheon on 15 Nov. Thirty-four attended to honor Mrs. Dorothy Matlack (mother of Hank Hughes' wife, Barbara) and Miss Evelina Mounts. Dorothy recently ret. from her DAC job with Army Intel where she worked professionally with many of us and has done a great deal to promote the goals of WP and our class over the years. Miss Mounts has helped with luncheon arrangements over the past year keeping Hap Argo and class officers on the ball. Dick saw Sugar and Buster Hayden when visiting Ft Bliss. They move in Jan 75 from post qtrs to a home in El Paso where they plan to stay after ret. Dick had a brief visit with Bob Hayes at Ft Ord. On a trip to Ft Leavenworth he saw Bill Wolfe, Bud Weaver, George Hoge, Tiger Adkins and their wives. All are talking about the 30th Reunion and planning to come. George and Skip have bought a ret. home on a large ranch—a beautiful place. George and Barbara Benson—for the 2d year in a row—are having a Xmas season class gathering on 29 Dec. This looks like a tradition is starting and an exceptionally pleasant one, too. Jim and Ann Holcomb had a get-together with 2 visiting classmates—Les Ayers and Larry Jones attending. Also attending was Hal Moore who was nominated in Dec to be the new Army DCS for Pers. Hal is the first classmate in the Army to get a 3d star. He joins John Pauly and Walt Galligan who are already AF LTGs.

Mary Jane, Jeff (our 17-yr old son) and I made the trip to Phila to see that less than outstanding Army-Navy game. Wouldn't you know it? Not only did Army turn out on the wrong end of the score, but we had seats sandwiched between "crab" rooters! Behind us was an unknown cheering mildly for Navy. In front was Frank Marvin (who can be forgiven somewhat, since he has a Midshipman son) together with another son who was cheering raucously for Navy. Well—maybe next year! Also at the game: Bill McMurray, Tom Marriott, Sam Lessey, Al Knight, Rocky Tierno, and Dale Lockard. Either the AAA is putting us in several clusters, or I don't



1945: (L-R) Hank Hughes, Les Ayers, and Hal Moore at Holcombs' get-together, DC area.

recognize aging classmates, or there weren't many of us at the game.

Along with welcome Xmas cards came a large thick brown envelope from Bill Sibert. Enclosed with a fine letter, Bill sent a program from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Boston, with the title: "William Cary Sibert Ordination to the Priesthood" in English and Spanish. The event occurred at 10:30 a.m. on Sat, 14 Dec, and the Spanish was because the church is in a section of Boston with a large Puerto Rican population. Bill and Jess have been in Cambridge since his ret. on 1 Jul 72. She's been working in the City Health Clinic while Bill has been in the Episcopal Seminary. He was ordained a deacon in Jun 74. Since then he has been curate of St. Stephen's Parish in the South end of Boston. He hopes to get a Parish of his own in Jun. Bill's son Will is about to graduate from Union Coll in Schenectady, NY. Son Alan is an Ensign in Naval Flight Sch. Daughter Jane Colby living in Middleburg, VA is caring for 2 children who lost their mother in Jun. Youngest son John is home and in elementary sch. Bill and Jess are looking forward to the 30th Reunion and send advance greetings to all class members.

Xmas card notes: Finks still househunting in Richmond while Dave commutes on weekends. Pegs says that son John has 30% disability from active Army duty and is now a student at Nova Community Coll. Son Lloyd at U. of SC, son Chris at Geo Wash U. Daughter Mary and her Marine husband Rocky enjoying life in CA. Starkeys at Uniontown, PA. Hank, in addition to teaching, is starting a



1945: Larry Jones (left), Peggy Haley and George Wallace at Holcombs' party.

new business of consulting engr to coal mining industry. Daughter Gayle's husband died in Jan 74. She now works for a chain of stores in Youngstown. Son John studying at Fordham with goal to be a Jesuit. Daughter Joyce a freshman at Penn State, and Rusty and Martha still at home. Nancy still has knit shop and plans to help with the consulting engr business. Jernigans in Charleston, WV. Son Tom and his wife are in Charleston while he takes Med Sch IV to graduate in May 75. Lynn-marsh and husband in Columbus, Ohio, where she has a "great job" and he is working for master's at Ohio State. Two girls 15 and 13 at home. Zeidners in Salt Lake City. Bob has been teaching Turkish since ret. while working on an adv degree, and Christine is on the library faculty. Of their children, Christine writes: "Jan is working in OK and Chris is in his 3d year at Princeton. Tom, our high schooler, is considering WP, but hasn't really decided. Phil is a 9th grader, so will be around home for awhile yet."

See you all at WP for the 30th!

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(113) 'Tis the beginning of winter, and over the ground, not a speck of snow to whiten the land. And I hope for awhile it stays that way. Cause, next week on 28 Dec our entire family will gather at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, for the wedding of 2LT S.W. France '74 to Miss Deborah Workman of Montclair, NJ. Also the next day, same place, 2LT Charles Barker III will be marrying in the Catholic Chapel, I believe. I missed seeing Charlie for the details, but have been promised a letter with same. Debbie used to live in Verona and is a H.S. classmate of Bill's.

The AFJ delivery is getting better, I have thru Nov now. Extracted from each issue as noted: (Aug) new temp MG's and perm BG's are Cal Benedict, Jack Hoefling and John McWhorter. BG John Wieringa transferred from Dpty CG USA Mil Pers Ctr to CS, 1st USA, Ft Meade, MD. (Sept) MG Charlie Daniel from Dir Army Rsch Off to Dpty Cmdt NWC, Ft McNair, DC. (Oct) LG Danny Graham from Dpty to Dir CIA for Intel Comm to Dir DIA, DC. (Nov) MG Ben Bellis from Cdr ESD AFSC, Hanscom AFB, MA to Cdr 17 AF USAFE, Vaihingen, Germany. Also, taken from my son's copy of Military Engineer is the fact that BG George Fink ret. as of 31 Aug 74. In conversations with MG Judd Schulke, Class Pres, I find he is also ret. at the end of the year and will be employed in the NY area.

Jim Hildebrandt is a member of the team that assisted in the development of the new B-1 bomber. He is sys prog dir at W-P AFB and his office coordinated the work of more than 60 civ contr. Jim earned his MS degree in Aeronautical Engr in 52 at Purdue.

Last Sept, Bill Reed joined Portman Properties, the real estate development firm headed by Atlanta, GA architect developer John Portman. Formerly, Bill was dir of opns for the Cushman Corp at Colony Square. With Portman he will be responsible for all phases of real estate proj mgmt. Bill ret. from the AF in 69. He is an AirWC distinguished grad 66 and earned a master's from GWU in Intl Affairs in 66. He and Phoebe live at 3419 Ridgewood Rd, NW, Atlanta.

About a month ago I received a request from José M. Silva Ex '46 for help in joining the AOG as an assoc member. He is the

Principal of the Falls River Middle Sch in MA. After leaving WP in Sept 44 with an Hon Disch (math was his bugaboo) he served in the AUS with occupation forces in Germany and was discharged from the service in 46. He acquired an AB in 50 from Brown, and a master's in Educ in 53 from Bridgewater State Coll, MA. José was in H-1 and inquired as to the whereabouts of Ed Basham and Tom Provenzano. Silva's address, 43 Merritt St, Falls River, 02720.

The Yanceys live in Patch Bks, Stuttgart, along with Charlie Hall, Frank Blazey and Jerry Collins. Their daughter, Mary Jo, who was in the Peace Corps and taught English in Korea for 2 yrs, joined Bill and Phyllis via the Trans Siberian RR. Now she is teaching school in Germany. LT Bill Yancey III, USAF, is in his 3d yr of med sch in Richmond. Annette their youngest is working in DC.

Jack and Annette Sadler are in Heidelberg. Pat and "H" Lobdell, along with Poe are in Ramstein, Germany. "People" magazine had an article about the Deserter Prog hqd at Camp Atterbury, IN. One of the 4 members of the Joint Alternate Service Bd is Clair Book. Minter Wilson, Editor, Ret. Officer mag is enjoying himself in his job. Says a lot of classmates are joining the org.

From our 50th state Dave and Joan Peters have some interesting news. Tacho Somoza visited the state and took it by storm. The Peters, Stannards and Dennetts had dinner with Tacho and his daughter at the Kahala Hilton along with Audrey Sprague since Gene was a ref for a football game at U. of HI. The next morning, Tacho, secret service et al, were at the Dennett's for breakfast. Others in HI are Haisley, Boudinot and Bird-sall. In Jun the Peters left Ft Ruger for their new home—1371 Kina St, Kailua, HI 96734. Ft Ruger is to become a community coll operated by the State of HI. Dave is still Dir of MS at U. of HI having doubled the ROTC freshman enrollment after initiating a strong recruiting program. Lauren, their oldest daughter, is a soph at the U. working in a law office in the p.m. Dave Jr. is a sr in H.S. and has won an Army ROTC 4-yr scholarship, which he may use in CA. Diane, their youngest, is a soph in H.S.

Guy Hairston has been promoted to MG, USAF, and is still AF Dir of Info, Pentagon. He and Delores have 2 daughters, Dianna and Summer, and a son, Guy III. Don Adair ret. in Jun—his address 8202 McCullogh Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Last Oct Ben Boyd wrote, with photo enclosed, showing him and Charlie Robinson on the deck of Charlie's air cushioned transporter. Charlie heads his own Co., Trans-arctic Inc., out of Houston and is very much involved with the Trans AK pipeline. The ACT is a monster with 125 ton cap. They get 5 big tractor trailer rigs on the ACT. They hoped to start hauling pipe this fall. Charlie and his ACT are the life blood of this proj and will remain so until the permanent bridge over the Yukon is completed in Dec 75. Ben and Elli ret. in Aug at Ft Carson and headed for Houston, going to work for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. to build the Yukon to Prudhoe road and the 48" crude oil pipe line 800 miles from the North Slope oil flds to the ice free port of Valdez. Ben is responsible for resupply and log spt. They also see George Slides in Fairbanks. George has been one of AK's State Senators and heads his engr firm there.

With the words "you haven't heard from this end of the woods for a long time" Tom Mahan reports things are just fine. Tom is a

lawyer (for 18½ yrs) with the firm of Mahan & Strobe in Helena, MT, PO Box 874, 59601. He's only seen one classmate in the area and that is Walter Bauchman, a constr engr in Idaho Falls, ID. Mahan was elected VP of the American Heart Assn at their annual meeting in Dallas on 22 Nov. As VP he serves on the Natl Bd of Dirs, Natl Exec Bd and Natl Affiliate Rels working group for a 1-yr period. Tom has already served 6 yrs on the Bd of Dirs and 2 yrs on the re-affiliation subcommittee. His service to the Heart Assn goes all the way back to 57 when he started on the local level as the first campaign chmn in Helena under the then newly organized MT Heart Assn.

Reporting into the net is BG (Ret.) Jack Burney, 11146 Saffold Way, Reston, VA 22090. After a delightful tour in the 9th Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA and a brief assignment in DC, he ret. 1 Sept. He has now organized a personal investment mgmt service, The Burney Co. Jack states that Jim Loome is doing a terrific job in the DC area as local Class Chmn.

Charlie and Jay Jaco are moving 1 Jan 75 to 122 Pine Grove Circle, River Hills Plantation, Clover, SC 29710. He will be working for Midrex Corp in Charlotte, NC, 22 miles away. Charlie will be the Pres and Chief Exec Off for that Co., a sister company of the one he has been working for in Georgetown, SC. They have a process for the reducing of iron for elec furnace steel mills and have erected plants in Canada, Taiwan, Iran, TX, Russia, Egypt, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina and England. Their techniques will change the nature of steel making in the world, since by providing steel mini-plants we can provide modest steel ind to developing nations. Charlie asks for any classmates in the area to contact him.

I have rec'd copies of our past pres's report and treas's report. Si Hunt, as outgoing pres, reported for the period 1 Jul 73 to 11 Jun 74. Si turned over the reins at the membership meeting held at A-N Country Club. Major events since Jun 73 include contracting for 40 sets of '46 bookends for presentation to Class Sons. There are 7 sons in '75, 5 in '76, 8 in '77 and 3 in '78. All of the "overseas models" purchased for us by Bill Simpson in Taiwan have been sold, with no more planned for purchase. Proceeds have been forwarded to Class treas.

Hunt officially commends Jim Loome, DC Area Chmn, and his cmte for the terrific job on the local roster and luncheons and dinners. Jim initiated the plan of making luncheons co-ed and having the luncheons and dinners regularly at the A-N Club and Bolling AFB Officers Club respectively. For those going to DC area for visits, business or permanently, call Jim at 703-524-9650 to check on happenings.

Ed Saunders' report as Class treas was handled by Lea Parmly this past year since Ed was in Europe for the year. Anyway, the balance as of 30 Jun is \$5047.88. Most of this is working for us at 5-6% interest. Receipts of \$655.52 were from interest, contributions and proceeds from 25-yr book and sale of bookends. Expenses were \$394.06 for 73 Memorial Day flowers, Hutto Saber and bookends, plus an accounts payable item of \$35.10 for 74 Memorial Day flowers. In addition to above we have to our class credit in the WP Fund, \$3288.68, as of 30 Sept. Of course these monies can only be used for future gifts/donations to the Acad. Lea, who is outgoing Cmte VP, has signed on as the Asst treas.

Before getting into the next letter, I'll



1946: Charlie Robinson and Ben Boyd on the Yukon River.

report that there are still 27 men, as reported in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, whose addresses are desired by AOG. Since the list hasn't changed, I'll not repeat it this time. But we started with 74 names back in the Jun 72 issue, or 10 articles ago.

Now for Troy's annual OQ5 Bulletin. He's with the U.S. Embassy, Vienna, Austria, still and may be reached via Dept of State, DC 20521. I'll report most of it as Guy gave it to all you Armor types, with deletions where the news has already been reported.

Well we almost held our own this year with 2 new grads and 4 ret. Chris Sinclair graduated and chose Armor so is probably at Ft Knox. Ginna, who is living at 288C Clemwood Pky, Foxcroft II, Hampton, VA 23669, is the proud mother of 2 grads, as Bryan finished at Old Dominion in Norfolk, and I believe is living there now. Steve is attending TX A&M. Our other WP grad is Mike Tixier. I am not sure what branch Mike selected (Inf from 74 HOWITZER). Heartiest congratulations to proud parents. Lew Tixier is still OPO taking care of COLs and others of us who are hanging on. It has been a tremendous job with so many pers problems in the post VN period. Our 4 rets are Rogers, Stanfield, Blum and Burney. Stanfield ret. in Jun and change of address card listed 473 Wimbledon Court, Charleston, SC 29412. Don't know what Norm is doing. Stan Blum, in Teheran, as of Oct, was unsure of future prof but he has Winelda teaching Engl, and Justin also working in Iran. Stacy has 2 more years of H.S. Stan was Ch of Army Sec of MAAG prior to ret. Blums had a trip across USA before returning to the Land of the Shah. They report the Schrams are fine; same address. Jack planning to ret. at 55; Jane working at a pvt library; both taking extension courses in archeology. Blums also had dinner with the Kochs, who have now opened the 3d store in San Fran. Harl has also consented to write the ASSEMBLY biog for Andy Talbot—they were roommates at WP. Anyone having any contributions on this score, particularly his duty in Europe, please contact Harl. Winelda talked with Bette Otte, who is selling real estate. Reports George studying for his license (driver's?). Mase Rumney now sports a short beard. The

Rumneys ran into the Kochs on a deserted beach on Maui, HI last year. Stan saw Lucy Roxbury and Charlie Simmons. Rox travels a lot. Charlie still holding down the "A" Ring.

Dick Streiff has recently arrived for duty at SHAPE HQ, APO 09055. He is engaged to be married. Wilt and Chris Persons still in Heidelberg. Troys had a great week with them and Jim Dixons on the southern coast of Spain in Jun. Wilt III at Heidelberg Coll, OH; Charlotte and husband in Frankfurt, where he is teaching music. Gannon is Asst DCSPER at USAREUR. Vince married Frances Virginia Chaffin in Feb. Ginny is a COL in the G2 Sec, a great gal and I know we all welcome her into the OQ5 (and '46) clan. Penny is remarried and in MI. Vince Jr, and Peter in HI. Mark graduated from Marquette, married, studying law. Missy in Colo Spgs. Three boys at home in Heidelberg. Hansons are in Karlsruhe, where Ben is the Community Cdr. Phil Rogers is our other European resident. He ret. in Athens and has been caught up in the unrest there. He did not get the job with the brick company, due to the revolution. Dodo is going to school, so they are planning to stay a while anyway. Much of the news this year is from last year's Xmas cards so may be out of date. Wolf still PMS at U. of WV. Rickie Wheeler at same address in Kassel. Daughter Ann married in 73. Webb is CS at WP. Roger Nye also still at WP. Wallis should by now have finished restoring his house in DC. Treadwell reports daughter Debbie now proud mother of a son. Trabor still in CA. Jim should finish Yale this year. Peggy selling real estate to beat inflation. As of last Xmas, Smythe was SGS FORSCOM at Ft McPherson, GA 30330. Patton had his hip operated on in May, was expected to be back in action soon. Address is 650 Asbury St, S. Hamilton, MA 01982. Daughter Margaret now attending Dartmouth. We all wish George a full and speedy recovery. According to last year's card the Mussers are well settled in Milwaukee area and like it and new job very much. Received a change of address card from Nancy Miller—910 E. Ave, Coronado, 92118. She was taking a real estate course, too. McMaster reports Mark is not in U. of CA.

Last word I had on Matteson he was DCO at Ft Hood. Bud Martin's interim address is 5844 E. North Wilshire Dr, Tucson, AZ 85711. His folks' address. He was uncertain of where he would settle. Lochrie's address is now 34105 State St., Framington, MI 48024. Jan is engaged, and Jim interested in WP. Ben Landis is still at same home address but he is admin for the law firm of Gallard, Kharash, Calkins and Brown with offices in G-town and NYC. Knapps must be completely snowbound in WS, no word since last Xmas, they must have enjoyed returning to northwoods. Nice note from Wilbur Joffrion brought me up-to-date on them. He took his USAR school to Ypsilanti, MI for summer camp. Beebe and 2 girls went along. They visited Gilhams at Knox on the way. Will reports the insurance business is progressing well. Gilham still CS. As of last Xmas he was considering ret. in a year and a half. Kibbey Home was travelling quite a bit and they decided to stay in their apt. Jeanette at U. of MN teaching and studying for doctorate. Unfortunately, Troys missed the Hardins when they were in Europe this summer. They had a good trip and were celebrating their 25th anniv. Doug working in Chicago. Suzie finished SMU and is teaching in Dallas. Three girls at home. His bank is now well established and showing excellent growth and Fee is pleased with prospects for the future.

Fuller's address is now 2504 Ryegate Lanes, Alexandria, VA 22308. Dick with Marriott. Tip is now a flying LT in AF stationed at Reese AFB. Paige was married 12 Jan to Keith Casper, living in Memphis. Bob Frantz reports Joe Clark back in Pittsburgh, still with Westinghouse atomic reactor business. Elders decided not to move as Larry was elected First Lay Reader in their Christian Science Church in Palm Desert. Gary in Santa Ana in contracting business. Bonnie is an exec secy with real estate firm, Andy MA at Wharton, Candy in Eureka, CA and Sherrie in art sch at Orange Coast. Sally works as Advertising Rep for Monitor.

Ducan in SC with Bob in estate planning and active in Res. Lucy coordinating many family activities. Rob is now stationed at Ft Hood. Susan is attending Southern Seminary. Xmas card from Conants indicated life going smoothly for them. Believe Donna graduated U. of VA. Cassidys are happy in Palm Beach. Lots of tennis and sunshine. Since have heard nothing to contrary presume Beckners are happy in DC and Dick still with J4, JCS. Berry DA IG. Troy will finish tour in Aug and spend that last year in U.S. If in doubt next year use perm address 6740 4th Ave, N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710. They have had a very busy (almost too busy) but rewarding year. Most of the fall has been spent on the road or air somewhere. Guy hopes to settle down a bit in the coming months and Wynne has continued to be the outstanding hostess of Vienna. Pam's husband will be transferred to the Berlin Mission this summer. Kent is finishing his H.S. at NMCI in Roswell, NM, as he would like to go to WP. Anyone know of any loose appointments? Thad will finish his jr year here and is our prize student. Guy says come see us but before Jul.

From our CA correspondent, Skip Strain, a report of the get-together for A-N game at Bob and Edie Kanes'—still Cdr of Presidio with 1½ yrs to go. A smaller crowd than last year and it included: George and Carol Fink, Regional VP for Metcalf & Eddy, Engrs in Palo Alto; Rob and Liz Rufsvold, Dpty Div Engr, S. Pacific Div, CE; John and Kitty Armstrong in financial planning in Palo Alto; Rev. Ben Kinney, pastor of Sleepy Hollow Church, San Anselmo and active in recruiting for USMA; Larry Ingham on faculty, City College of San Fran and John Molchan. Skip also mentioned that Dave and Joan Hutchison transferred from Pac Div, CE this past summer to Denver, were he is Engr, 8th Reserve Readiness Region.

In late Aug, Skip attended a '46 get-together at John and Connie Molchans' in San Jose. Ed and Mary Brechwald were up from Vandenberg AFB, Jack Jackson in from Sacramento, the Lou Elsaessers and Ed and Fran Christensen in from Palo Alto. The Mole is Admin Asst with Registrar of Voters, Santa Clara County It's a fun job, but even more, the Mole enjoys flying around CA and points east in his recently acquired Piper Cherokee 180, pretty plush! Skip is almost tempted to get a puddle jumper, it might be safer than riding his horse. The Strains have another new Morgan filly, jet black, that they have named Gypsy. Their son Glenn is nearing the end of his AF pilot tng at Sheppard where he is flying T-38's and hoping for a fighter-type assignment next spring. Daughter Debbi, married in May, continues her budding but strong opera career as Deborah Miller, her husband's name. In Oct she sang Aida in Austin, TX to much praise, and may go with the Chicago Lyric Opera next year.

As I wind down this article, it is 31 Dec 74, and it is snowing!! The wedding went off

beautifully, the weather was perfect, and for the first and last time I sat in the Supe's pew. Happy New Year!

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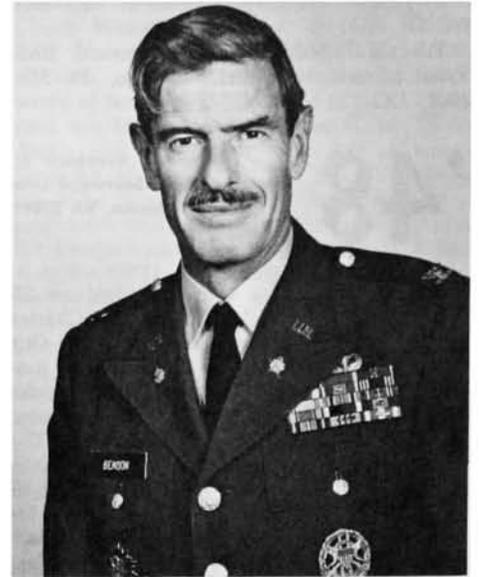
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Experience tells me that as soon as I mail this I will get several additional notes. This time will bring even more since I am writing this early to accommodate a vacation schedule. So, if I've missed you this time, I'll catch up next.

My request for the whereabouts of several of you brought several responses: Jack Young in Ft Walton, FL; Tom Benson, Dpty Cdr, Western Area, MTMC, Oakland Army Base, CA; Al Learmonth, Dpty for Sys, ASD, W-P AFB, OH; Bob Keck in Tulsa, OK. Other changes: Bob Haldane to CG, Ft Polk, LA; Jack Faith to CS VII Corps, replacing Bob; Jim Breedlove, from Dpty Dir DMA to Cdr, USAFSO, Albrook AFB, CZ; Ed Greene now Pres, IOM Corp, Gaithersburg, MD. IOM stands for Input Output Machines.

A note from Mary Lou Piepenbrink sends a new address: Oak Hill Estates, Apt 6E, Penn Valley, PA 19072. Mary Lou would like to hear from classmates and wives who have been friends in the past.

The big news this quarter is, of course, THE DEDICATION. On 26 Oct after the Holy Cross game, which we are sure the team won in our honor, the Supe cut the ribbon on what has to be the finest gift any class has given to our Alma Mater yet (no prejudice involved). As we were assembled in front of the Train Station, which has so many memories for so many of us, a West Shore freight went by to give the occasion just the right touch. You've all heard from Tom Hayes what a success the project was, so I needn't say too much more about that. It was also described in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. What does need to be said here is a tremendous THANKS to Tom Hayes, Tom Rogers, Bill Henry, Bing Perry, and the others who worked so hard to make the project turn out so well. Around to help celebrate with the first party in the new facility were: Perry Gainey and dau Carey; Jackie and Tom Hayes; Marge and Bill Henry; Madeline and Bob Curtis, Bob is now with AEC or its suc-



1947: Tom Benson

cessor ERDA in Germantown, MD; Betty and Jack Schuder; Dolores and John Novomesky; Meg and Howie Sargent; Betsy and Bill West; Marcia and Bernie Gardner; Kay and Jim Johnson; Marion and Don Steininger and dau Linda; Sylvia and Wally Lukens; Sam Starobin; Posey and Tom Rogers; Mary Lou and Lou Rachmeler and cadet son Rich; Meade Wildrick III, also a cadet; Naoma and Buck Fernandez and dau Karen; Joan and Al Cretella; and Beverly and me with our dau Miriam. Also present from the other half, '48, were the Berrys, Capps, Medsgers, Pattersons, Schless, and Bierers. A great time was had by all at a great occasion.

Gathered at Ft Myer on 15 Nov to greet the beginning of the Holiday Season were: Margaret and John Kennedy, Hazel and George Bland, Naoma and Buck Fernandez, Jean and Don Robb, Ann and Paul Callan, Mary Lou and Lou Rachmeler, Sam Starobin, Jane Shields, Marie and Kermit Reel, Bunny and Bill Naim, Janet and John Miller, El and Ed Greene, Dixie and Harry Kain, Betty and Bill Reckmeyer, Lynnda and Chuck Stewart, Jeanne and KC Kaericher, Lannie and Jack Dunham, Barbara and Dick McAdoo, Butch and Bob Lilley, Nancy and Bob McCord, Madeline and Bob Curtis, Dot and Wayne Hauck, Kay and Jim Johnson, and Beverly and yours truly. John Gerrity who was in from SHAPE dropped by briefly early in the evening to say hello. Jim Johnson reported on a recent trip to Europe where he saw Jack Faith and Bob Haldane.

And from the Xmas mail: Jane and John Mastin from NM and points East, between WP and FL saw the Dunhams, Peckhams, Bases, and Geracis; Betty and Pete Boerger from Omaha looking forward to meeting their new grandson and "wait till you get our age"; Betty and Jack Schuder from WP, dau Gwyn married in Sept, Mary Ann returned from a year in Scotland; Mil and Dick Steinborn still at Colo Spgs and extended for another year; Meg and Howie Sargent from NYC, son Chris now Inf at Benning, Ken at U. of Seattle, Meg in a TV commercial (watch the golf tournaments); Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeler in DC; Bobbie and Al Geraci from Lubbock, TX, ret. at end of Dec and staying in Lubbock; Lita and Bernie DeGil from Cinnaminson, NJ; Barbara and Dick McAdoo from a new home in Rockville, MD; Janet, John and the Millers from the old stand in Springfield, VA; and Merlin Anderson from ret. ret. in the suburbs of Chicago.



1947: Al Learmonth

May the New Year continue to shine on '47.

P.S.: Bill Nairn recently returned from Panama now with IAD College, Ft McNair, DC.

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As the result of a tragic accident on 25 Oct, Bill and Cathy McGinness' son Charles died at the AFA where he was a cadet. Our profoundest sympathies to the bereaved parents. They are in Dallas, at 6331 DeLoache Ave, and would welcome hearing from you, especially at this most difficult time. The handsome picture of our Supes was taken at the Army-AF game weekend in front of Qtrs 100. Many thanks to Anne Berry for sending it. I'm getting a copy for my WP room. The USMA Photo Lab, c/o Al Murphy, will get you one, too. In addition to the local group - Berrys, Buckleys, Capps, Pattersons, and Medsgers - the Wares, Wilhides, Hugh Perrys, Pomeroy's, Horns, Bellingers, McCrays, Swearengens, Whitfields, Marianne Kiernan, Bob Cushing, plus assorted offspring - Cadets Patterson, Whitehead, and Caldwell; and one Kiernan - gathered at the Ski Lodge afterward to celebrate. Jim and Kitty Allen were most gracious in defeat. The Conovers also attended the affair, but had to depart before dinner.

Sid Berry turns up on TV, in the newspapers, and in the latest issues of mags with regularity. At the A-N game he was host to Bob Hope and the Pres for the 2d half, and looked great on camera. According to the Washington Post, Sid lost his cadet b-robe to ADM Mack as a result of the outcome. The latest issue of *The Atlantic* carries an article by Ward Just about USMA and the class of 1964, in which Sid is featured. And, he came down and gave a fine address to the local WP society.

Tom Phillips was recently awarded the LM for his outstanding service with TAC. He and Marilyn were down at Langley AFB. Congratulations, Senator. Although I have yet to run into him, Harold and Edie Gillogly are back at 1014 N. Vail St, Alexandria, VA. I still have the SC insignia he sold me in 48 when he didn't get SC and I did.

John and Doris Maple have ret. to the good life at Lake Monticello, near Charlottesville. The exact address is Rt 2, Box 336, Palmyra, VA 22963. He at last report was not engaged in a new career, but was thinking in that direction. John and Sandy Egbert's daughter, Cynthia Anne, was married to James George Foulas on 29 Sept 74, at Redstone Ars, AL, where John runs the show. Very best wishes to the happy couple.

Tom and Smocki Hoffman have pulled up stakes and gone to the 3d Inf Div (Mech) in Europe. APO is NY 09036. John and Connie McEnery live in an oversized log cabin (from the looks of their card) at Ft Campbell. Son Jack likes both the H.S. and the hunting there, and his brother, Doug, is subsisting in grad sch on a govt grant. Funny, Connie didn't mention the most important event at Campbell - the 7 million noxious birds that are wintering there and how to get rid of them. Reports have been on TV, in the news, and even my hometown newspaper carried an editorial which I saw when we spent a few days with my folks over the holidays.



1948: Berry, Supt USMA and Allen, Supt USAFA, with wives, Army-AF game.

Incidentally, there is a new book out entitled "The Generals" in which John, Sid, and others are featured. I will read it if our local library buys a copy - \$10.00 is a lot in these times. Jim and Bev Hall sent us nostalgia with their descriptions of life on the farm - Black Angus, horses, hay in the hair - and envy with a shot of their condo in St. Thomas, to which they were off. Jim is with ICI American, enjoys working with the British, and travels to Europe on occasion. Phil and June Day expect to be in San Fran at least until Jul. Plan your visit accordingly.

Mercedes Hughes spent a great summer visiting Arnie and Kit Sargeant in Panama. She sailed down to Balboa on the Santa Maria, where the Sargeants boarded and all went through the locks, disembarking down the Jacob's ladder into the pilot boat in Cristobal. Now she is engaged in building an adobe hacienda in Tucson. Bob and Peg VanArsdall are still in L.A. Bob arrived home for the holidays from a trip to the Seychelles, Kenya, Madrid, and London.

For those who didn't see Pres Hank Stelling's card, Dad just has to let his hair grow somewhat. He looks out of place in the family. Incidentally, he and Lucille are fortunate residents of the same building as Ma Battistella (a/k/a Fannie Fox, etc.). And, Hank maintains to Lucille that he never even noticed the now-famous stage star. Jack and Tomi Miller report all is well with them and their daughters. And Ken and Charlotte Webber are still enjoying Lakeland, FL. Donn and Letty Starry were eagerly awaiting the arrival of son, Mike, and family - in particular, their 18-month-old grandchild. Mike is a Tac in OCS at Benning. Son Paul and his wife Emily are in Crested Butte, CO. Lissa is enjoying the U. of KS, and Melanie is busily cheerleading, working on the H.S. newspaper, and is into dramatics as a jr. Letty reports that when she sees Donn, he seems well and happy!

Tom Bowen is holding down the DCS/Int for Hq USAREUR and 7th Army, and urges a visit now, before the prices go up! Jim and Barbara Sandman have a wedding upcoming, since Jim Jr, and Lea Winnefield of Alexandria, VA, have announced their engagement, and wedding for Jun. The couple graduated from Ft Hunt H.S. here, and Lea will graduate from Smith the same time Jim graduates from MIT. Congratulations to all. Lea's father is a Navy CPT; so, the wedding sounds like a re-run of the Wilhides' purple

suit affair. Bill Buckner has gone into the football player recruiting business for USMA. Hope he does well. Bill and Deena are proud to have their 3d son, Bob, follow his older brothers, Chip and Pete, into the Eagle Scout ranks. Congratulations. Chip has just received his early decision to Williams College, a fine school. Best of luck.

Irv and Ann Schoenberg have taken Atlanta by storm. They recently traveled to LaGrange, GA, where Abrams Ind had a big blowout in connection with the opening of a shopping center. Evelyn and Nase Mansour were there to greet them. Bill and Pat Burrows are enjoying being home again in McLean. Bill is Dpty Dir of Plans, DCS/Plans and Opns, USAF.

Glenn and Kit Wilhide are well. He's teaching a world lit course in addition to his regular duties. Son Chip has finished his student teaching and faces exams, and his brother David keeps very occupied with his music. Gretchen and Mike are stationed in Bremerton, WA, but hope to come East for grad school next summer.

Jim and Sylvia Dingeman are still at Benning where he is Cmpt of the Inf Ctr. They both are most active with civic duties - PTA, Brownies, Scouts (Jim is both Dist and Troop Chmn, and I know the time those positions take). Jim also organized the I Cav Div Assn annual reunion, and was chmn of the USMA Founders Day dinner. Young Bill is in the 7th grade - baseball, football, and first clarinetist in the band; has 9 merit badges as a First Class Scout, and is working toward Eagle before he is 14. Linda is in 3d grade, smart like her parents, a Brownie, and cheerleader for Bill's football team.

Sam and Joan White have finally left the cold North and are now in Hampton, VA, at 335 Weyanoke Ct. Sam is with NASA's Langley Rsch Cen, where he is Ch Engr for a Rotor Sys Rsch Prog. Prior to his leaving Sikorsky he was Prog Mgr (VP designee) on the Adv Attack Helicopter, which went finally to Bell and Hughes. He saw a lot of Sam Cockerham during negotiations. They are very happy they made the change, have a house on the lake, and a boat to boot. Laura, now 14 and in 9th grade, has found a host of girl - and boy - friends. Great to have them in the Old Dominion.

Bob and Dolly Petersen are spending their last months in HI sans kids. Susan, of course, is married. Bob Jr. is a sr in the Business Sch at the U. of Richmond, and Ken is at vet sch at the U. of IL. They see Phil Whitney and Al Alfonso occasionally, and enjoyed a visit from Sandy Egbert when John was off to the Marshalls. Dolly herself made a trip to Taipei (called Bill and Pat Burrows), Hong Kong, Bangkok (stayed with Jack and Pat Osteen), Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore. They expect to be back here in the spring for good.

Nelson and Emmy French have much to be thankful for. Son Mike, now 24 and working for Xerox in Miami, was married last 31 Aug. His wife Judy required surgery 7 weeks later for a brain tumor, which turned out to be benign. She is recuperating well.

One of the very nicest ideas we've been fortunate to experience is the celebration of the holiday season by Jack and Audrey Kastris. Each year a different group of friends is invited for a tree-trimming dinner party. One brings with him an ornament with his name and date on it. Ornaments from previous years are placed on the tree by those present, with each person reading the name of the donor. It makes for one, continuous, living party which goes on year after year. To cap

the evening, all present take turns reading portions of a delightful Xmas story. Just one great evening.

Al and Austy Pabst are full of news. Signe married Larry White in Jan, as reported earlier, and they are now at Benning. Terry is in the Army Nursing program, and will be commissioned upon graduation (great antidote for "Mal-tuition" as Austy puts it). Eric has been having a fine year in football, and is just as good at girl-watching. Al has been traveling to the 4 corners of the country, but his greatest thrill came when he was selected to give the graduation address at St. Cloud State Coll. This honor was bestowed by the students, themselves. Joe and Ginnie Meyer have left the ranks of the active Army and are now in San Diego, where Joe is in real estate. Ginnie is a nurse at a clinic and rsch foundation in La Jolla. Their Tom is with Social Security in Sacramento; Barb is a 3d year med stu at the U. of MI; and Carol is a creative writing jr at the U. of CA, Santa Barbara. Their address: Apt 129, 4250 Fourth Ave. Evan and Billie Rosencrans report the birth of Douglas Evan on 14 Mar 74. Congratulations to the proud parents. They are still in the UK with the 3d AF. Not to be outdone by the foregoing, Otis and Sherry Moore announce that Otis III arrived 29 Jun. They are in this area now at Bolling AFB. We're happy as clams for both of you families, but sure glad it isn't us!

Would you believe there really are a Jim and Ann Hooker? Furthermore, they live in nearby Eatontown, NJ, at 18 Hemphill Rd, and Jim is Dpty Cmdt at the Signal Sch at Ft Monmouth. Ann's description of their cross-country trek in a Volvo station wagon, with 18-year-old Jimmy, now 6'4" and still growing, 3 dogs and a cat is a classic. Trapped for 6 days by I-70 and Holiday Inns, they arrived somewhat the worse for wear. Jim escaped by driving their other car. Jimmy is in a local community coll, still trying to decide whether to become Pres or a bricklayer.

Bill and Joan Bandede and their 3 little ones still keep the north end of the metropolitan area covered. Bill is steering a steady course at NASA Goddard despite declining budgets. Donna Cook and the children now reside at 17381 Sandalwood, Irvine, CA. Kathy is at Creighton U. in Omaha; and Billy, smart like his father, is already a sophomore at the U. of Denver after only one qtr. Donna had a great trip to Spain and Majorca, and continues to do a good bit of traveling.

Joe and Louise Bratton are still with SHAPE, and live in an old house near Casteau. Joey is an eligible bachelor LT in HI. John (19) is studying at the U. of MD in Munich. Mary (18) is at St. Mary's Coll, Notre Dame. Anne (13) has shown talent at baseball, flag football, and swimming, and has her goal set as becoming the first female First Captain at USMA. James (12) has basketball as his first love. Louise has been busy as Red Cross Chmn, while Joe is still Scout Commissioner. One mind boggling statistic: the family members have racked up 39 individual transoceanic crossings in the last 28 mos.

Norm and Carol Robinson remain in sunny CA. Robbie got to the Army-CA game, and reports that the team looked good. In addition to other classmates in their area, they now have Lyle and Helen Walter back from Denmark.

Monk and Mary Virginia Doty are still trying to get used to being grandparents, like many of us now. Norm and Carol Lovejoy's daughter, Holly Anne, was married 9 Nov 74 to a rancher from KS. Their oldest, Leslie, is living in Europe, and was in a kibbutz in

Israel on the Golan Hghts when the war broke out. She now has her battle star.

We hope that 75 will be both peaceful and prosperous for all of you.

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George Sylvester, Jack Albert, Dick Schoeneman, and Dick Bowman all made the latest MG list in the AF—what a way to end the year—Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

At long last the '49 gift to USMA was completed and turned over to the Academy in Nov. A picture and description of the building is on pages 22-23 of the Dec 74 ASSEMBLY. A short ceremony was held at the building following the AF game on 9 Nov for class members to "wet it down." I was impressed by both the size and decor of the building as well as the site overlooking Delafield. It's a project we can be very proud of having our name associated with over the years, and I hope we can continue to build up our fund to further furnish the building. A letter from Bill Gustafson early in Dec indicates that he is about ready to commence our drive once again. It is fitting that the whole Class join in the toast we made to Gil Kirby for the outstanding and laborious task of bringing the building to completion in the face of rising costs, site problems, etc. Present at the AF game were the Kirbys and Luebberts from WP, Jamison, Bumpus, Baumanns, and Hinchions from DC, Rosenblatt from NYC, Benzings and Wentschs from NJ, and Arantz' from WPAFB.

Notes from Xmas cards and other sundry places. Larry Ogden has ret. and is now the Constr Expert for Interstate Gas Assn in DC; also mentioned that Bill Hoffman has ret; talked to Mo Matthews via phone at Anchorage, AK, where he is Exec VP of Alaskan Arctic Gas, a subsidiary of Canadian Arctic Gas and very much involved in the proposed new gas pipeline from AK to the U.S. Mo will be spending a great deal of time in the DC area in the spring when the pipeline hearings are held. Bill Lake is about to launch his own data processing co. in Jan dealing primarily with the Natl Cancer Inst. Son Bill a recent grad of WI is also in DP work with Kemper Insurance in Chicago. Jack McCarthy

still baching it in Cleveland, OH. Pat and Chuck Wason happily ret. in New Boston, NH, where Chuck is busy with his steers, chickens, and house renovations. Anne Lauer wrote of Jerry's new job as PM of the UTTAS proj, son Michael now a stu at U. of TX in Austin and only young Tom left at home. Speaking of the U. of TX, Jim Hartinger's son Mike is a defensive halfback there as a sophomore and keeping up the football vein; Kit Conner's card had word that their 3 sons were the CPTs of the Varsity, JV, and Freshman teams all at the same high school. Remembering Jud's feeble attempts in inter-murder, Kit must have been a good footballer. Jud is still with the ICAF Seminar Gp along with John Vandervoort, and they are logging quite a few miles of travel time. Jack Madison's card was from VN where he is with the US Del 4 Party Joint Mil Tm, and the only '49er now in VN. Jack's tour is half over, and he recently had word that Pat Vollmer just assumed Cmd of the Joint Casualty Resolution Cen in Thai which means their paths should cross frequently. Arden Madison slipped me the accompanying photo of Jack whose job includes negotiations; it appears he is doing well at that part of his job. Bill Moore ret. in Waco, TX, now with the Brazos River Authority as Reservoir Div Mgr reports that Tom Oberst lives in Killeen, TX, and is now a stu at the Baylor Law Sch along with Jim Holt. Bob Kemble has had his stars pinned on via the NMNG. Bob now in his 3d yr as Pres of NM Mil Inst was promoted by Gov King who pinned on the stars with Helen's help. Tim Cronin was the subject of an article in Datamation Magazine in Sept 74 for his efforts as Chmn of Inforex Corp in Burlington, MA. Joe St. Clair has moved from Erie to Long Island where he is Marketing Mgr for Grumman Data Sys.

Margaret Marder helped me out with a few tidbits; Art Kingdom is now Dir of Plans and Anal at the Automotive Cmd in Warren, MI; Kelso Jones still in law sch in AL; Skeeter Meek is an advisor to the UT NG and living at Ft Douglas in UT; Ernie Roberts ret. in El Paso and is with a bank there, I believe it is the State Bank; Ernie Jr. was married on 30 Dec in El Paso. Ernie Peixotto at the Computer Sys Cmd at Ft Lee; and the Marfuggis have moved to a new home in Bernardsville, NJ; Bob Slizeski is finishing up his tour with the Air ROTC at the U. of WY.

Bev Finley also sent a Xmas note, along



1949: Jack Madison and friends.



1949: Jack and Nita McDonald (left) visit J.C. Reed in the Orient.

with some snaps from the Reunion which she had promised to various people but lacked addresses—hope all the former H-2 people received same.

Jack McDonald along with wife Nita made a recent trip to the Orient and looked up J.C. Reed. Accompanying photo shows the trio in front of JC's Hqs.

Bette and I made a trip in early Dec to Colo Spgs to see our oldest son who is now stationed at Ft Carson and while there got together for lunch with Sandy and Tom Crawford, now DCS OPS at the Aerospace Wg at Ent. From there we went on to the West Coast and spent a delightful evening with the Henrys and McNamees—our photographic endeavors were a bit weak, but I hope the photo of the 3 stalwart runts plus wives reproduces. Dick is now Dpty Cmdr of SAMSO while Mike heads up the Computer Lab at Orange State. Just prior to our arrival the Henrys had been back to Eglin area to see son Bart married to a southern belle.

Bruce and Barb Peters have had articles printed in both the *Backpacker Magazine*, fall 74 issue, and *National Geographic School Bulletin*, 21 Oct 74, on their trip through the Pyrenees with their children. The photograph is beautiful as well as breathtaking, by all means look up one of the magazines and note their work.

Finally to the DC Group—John Magnotti completed the work required to complete our incorporation as a nonprofit assn and we are so registered in the State of DE. Bob Nulsen is busy as our local pres; John Chandler chaired our Xmas party at McNair which was well attended including Jack Albert, CO, AF Mgmt Inst; Jack Bender, J3, JCS; Ted Boland, Urban Inst; Bill Bumpus, Scientific Devices, Inc.; John Chandler, Engr Sch; Hill Dickinson, DCSRDA; Ab Greenleaf, DCS Prog USAF; Tut Hendricks rais-



1949: Dick and Cherry Henry, Frank and Bette Hinchion, and Mike and Avis McNamee.

ing horses in LaPlata, MD; Ed Howard, IG Staff; Hugh Kinney, Federal Trade Comm; Wes Knapp, ROTC, Georgetown U.; Monk Kurtz, Engr; Rocky Marder, real estate in VA; Jim Neil, Engr; Bob Nulsen, Concepts Anal Agcy; Orton Spencer, WSEG; Chuck Spettel teaching school in Fairfax, VA; Bob Springer, Prof at American U.; George Stukhart, ret. and working; George Summers, Atlantic Rsch; Lee Surut, Studies JCS; Ted Swett, Panama Canal Comm, DOD; Ed Triner, AEC; and John Mione newly ret. from the AF Acad now working for GE in DC.

Why not make a New Year's resolution; i.e., if you haven't seen your name or some other classmate's name in this column for a while, how about dropping the writer a note (address at head of column) with a few facts—we'd love to know where you are and what you're doing. Send pictures too.

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Thanks to Xmas cards, there's lots of news to share in this issue. Can't take time to get it organized into areas, so I'll just plunge in and pick up the cards, one by one.

Congratulations are in order for Skipper Scott and Mal Ryan, for their recent selection by the AF for promotion to MG. That should have been a mighty nice Xmas present for the 2 families. Skipper is currently at McClellan AFB outside of Sacramento, CA while Mal is CS of TAC at Langley, here in VA.

In Oct the Senate finally got to Will Hill Tankersley's nomination as Dpty Asst SEC-DEF for Res Affairs. It was great to join a small scattering of classmates in the SEC-DEF's Dining Room on 21 Oct to see the swearing-in. Theda and the young people were there too, along with Will Hill's mother, for the big event.

Now on to the cards: Morris and Faith Herbert are at Carlisle Bks; son Morris is at the USMA Prep Sch at Belvoir, and Caroline nearby at Gettysburg; Herb said they saw lots of old friends when they went up to WP for the Army-AF game. Jean and Phil Harper are in Severna Park, MD; Harry Rushing graduated from FL and continues to work as a counsellor at the Drug Clinic in Gainesville; ChiChi will finish next summer; Kim graduates from H.S. in 75. Ray and Peg Singer are in Brussels—son Richard graduated from SIU in Jun 74; Tom graduates from U. of VA in Jun 75—Ray and Peg were expecting him for Xmas, and were planning some skiing in Berchtesgaden with him and with Beth.

Cloyce and Joan Mangas were looking forward to #1 son Lee coming home to IN from Yale for the holidays; Lee was driving west with Mark Romaneski, and then Mark was to go on to IL to visit JoAnne Romaneski Nash and her husband. But back to the Mangases: son Ron will finish H.S. in Jan. Cloyce and Joan head the Christian Educ Dept at their church, which keeps them on the go—and Cloyce will be teaching Marketing Mgmt at I.U. East in 75. Elena Vislides (George's mother) wrote from Ann Arbor; she had a bad fall in Apr, but is doing well now; she was planning to spend the holidays with Dolly, George's sister. Blackie and Mary Bolduc were getting ready for the horde to descend upon them in Paris; son David is in his jr year at U. of TX Law Sch; Susan will graduate from CO State U. with a degree in Zoology in Jan; Nancy is a jr at

Colby Coll in ME; Douglas is a freshman at Trinity U. in San Ant; Mary and Genie are at Chatham Hall, VA; that leaves Clare, Michael and Patsy who are in sch in Paris.

Hank and Phyll Singleton are into their 3d yr at Redstone Ars, hope to return to their house in the DC area in 75. Ann and John Howard are beginning their 5th year at Ft Bragg where John is the Dir of the Psychological Opns Sch; they became grandparents in Apr when daughter Judy had a baby boy. Darby is at U. of FL, majoring in Ocean Engr; Ginger is attending a local tech sch, majoring in Dental Hygiene; Lynda Gail, 6 yrs old is a first grader. Beth and Joe Griffin are happy to be back at WP where Joe is the DCSOPS; they saw so many familiar faces during football season, as classmates came back for the games. Ruth and Paul Gorman are delighted to be 2 yrs in one place—Ft Monroe—to quote Ruth, "seems incredible." Sandy and Ruth Sanderson find life in Italy "the same as the last tour—delightful." Patti and Jim Kelly, a stone's throw from the Big City, are really enjoying their assignment at Governor's Is; Patti says as a former ol' country girl, she's beginning to turn into a real city slicker.

G.G. and Shirley Thomas are living it up at Bragg where G.G. is G3/Dir for Plans and Tng, XVIII Abn Corps; Wesley is a H.S. sr, and Temple is a freshman. Shirley keeps busy with the family, is 1st VP of OWC, wrapped up in ACS, etc. Shirley says they have room for any of us passing through on I-95. Bob Gard is coming back to join our DC area classmates; he leaves Ft Ord (where he's been CG) 1 Jan to come to MILPER-CEN—so Lucy's back in the house-hunting business. Lou Dixon says it looks as if he and Elaine will stay on at Carlisle for a 5th year. Bob and Troye Chambers are at Dix where Bob commands the Cmte Gp—he's been in the Tng Cen business for a year and a half; son Dave graduated from H.S. in Jun 74 and daughter Carol will graduate in Jun 75. Bob and Troye are going to Puerto Rico for a week after the holidays, to celebrate their 20th wedding anniv. Frank and Fran Thompson are at W-P with Hemenway, Coffin, Lockerman, Leichy, Patterson and Clement; this is their 6th Xmas in OH and they expect to be there another year or so.

Bob and Gwyn Groseclose have returned to the DC area "after 41 mos and 13 days in Europe." Bob is assigned to Andrews AFB and they've come back to their home in Alex. Donna is at J.B.U.; Nancy is at home, a jr in H.S. where she is part of the Ft Hunt Concert Band. Pris and Russ Glenn are in Omaha where Russ is the Dist Engr. Son Rusty will graduate from WP in Jun; Robert is in the NROTC program at the U. of FL—with a friend won the intramural tennis doubles last spring; Randy keeps busy with karate, golfing, hunting and skiing. USNA and CO State are among his choices for 75. Russ and Pris see Bob and Marilyn Kubby now and then. Bob and Martha Morrisson are at Redstone Ars. Son Jim is at IN U.; Jack is a Plebe at WP who has gained 22 lbs. (I thought Plebes were supposed to lose weight.) Martha continues her Red Cross work, and had a busy fall as Chmn of the Arsenal Charity Ball. Bev Mackmull says it's pretty wild at Ft Campbell, where Jack is an ADC, but they love it. She says there's so much going on all the time, the only time she gets to talk to Jack is at 5:30 a.m. Pat and Elaine Wilson write from Albuquerque that they became grandparents on 10 Aug when Patricia had baby boy Bryan Lee; daughter Anne is a H.S. jr. Pat was released from Test Di-

rectorate in Sept and Oct as a delegate to Moscow for 7 wks, being a member of a "peaceful uses of atomic energy" negotiating team. Elaine stays on the go with club work, flea markets and music.

Ross and Lee Franklin say life at Benning is great—they could stay forever; they bought a condominium in the Bahamas and spent Xmas there. Geo Ball, Boylan, Hinds and Mueller are at Benning with them; Tisdale, ret., is an MD in Columbus. Joan and Fred Nickerson said the big event of their year was daughter Nancy's wedding to Terrance Ross Henderson on 18 May 74 in La Jolla, CA. Son John graduates from H.S. in Jun; Jeff, at 16 is on the sch wrestling team; Scott, at 12 is a 7th grader. Fred spends his spare time building a color TV, and Joan says she'll be glad when it's finished, so she doesn't have to look at that empty cabinet.

From Panama comes news of the Austins, who are continuing to enjoy their tour with the Embassy there. Tom and Betty Lou report that son Tommy commanded the first place company for Beast Bks last summer, and is now on the undefeated Academy rugby team; daughter Betty transferred from FL State to U. of FL. David and Laura Nell stay busy in Panama with football, scuba diving, trips to Costa Rica, Ecuador and Colombia. Shades of a year ago, when the DeGraf tribe was in Panama for Thanksgiving, the Austins and Romaneskis joined the Striders at their Nuevo Gorgona beach house for socializing under the Bohio, followed by a big turkey dinner. They and the Hunts all lead the life of Riley in that part of the world and it's fun to hear from all of them. Marshall and Marion Talbott are back in Springfield, VA after a year in Charlottesville. Patty is a jr at Sweet Briar, and Stephanie is a jr in H.S. Marshall seems to shuttle between Woodbridge, VA and Lewisburg, WV but Marion says he thrives on it. After 3 years as PMS at U. of OK, Dick Lunger left in Jul 74 for a year in Korea with Engr Br, Eighth Army HQS. Martie is in Norman for the year, busy with church work and Red Cross. Son Ray is in his 2d yr at AFA; son Jay is a freshman at U. of OK. Ann and Hugh Holt are in Heidelberg with Jim and Ester Curtis living next door—they play golf and bridge together. Daughter Libby is in MD working and going to sch; Carter is in KS "to make his way in music"; Laura and John are with Hugh and Ann. In Jan Burke and Lish Lee go from Wurzburg to H'berg where Burke will be SGS at USAREUR. (I understand the McGills and Jim Lynch are there, too.) Daughter Patti teaches Speech Therapy in Charleston, SC and Burke III is at WP.

Betty Jones wrote from Birmingham, MI that they had just had a 19" snowfall, and she hoped Santa would be able to find them. When she wonders out loud what 2 Southerners are doing in that cold area, Howard and Cathy say, "Get with it, Mom!" Bill and Bettie Curry left Myrtle Beach for Langley, where Bill is DCSLOG, TAC. Son Chip is hard at work at the Ringling Sch of Art; Linda is at U. of SC. Bettie gets in all the golf she can. The Paynes are at Langley, too, in addition to the Ryans mentioned earlier. Fran and Andy Pick say "all work and no play is too much work." The home-building business in Auburn, AL has slowed down, but prospects look good for 75. Andy is pres of the Lee County Home Builders' Assn and Fran is treasurer of the same county's Real Estate Bd. Betsy is a freshman at Hollins Coll; Andrew is a sophomore in H.S.; Charles is 9 yrs old. All the Picks are sports-

oriented and between football, baseball, skiing and tennis "there isn't enough time to do it all."

Terry and Joan Parsons stay active in the real estate business here in Alexandria and the surrounding area; Terry's property managing business is growing; Joan is progressing in the sales field. Daughter Lee is living in NYC where she is getting started as a model; Tarlton III is living in Burke, VA where he works for a Presidential Commission on Health and Safety; Dawn is in H.S. and also interested in a modelling career. Carm and Barbara Milia say their first year as civ (in Troy, MI) has been exciting and fun. Son Chris is at Oakland U. in Rochester, MI; Mark is a Yearling at WP; Terry will graduate from H.S. in 75; Mary Carmen is in a residential school in Northville, MI; Bob is a 5th grader, broke the school record doing sit-ups (766!); Matthew is a 2d grader. The whole family plays a lot of tennis, and they have their own court which was finished in the spring. Barb said their patio was like a country club, with everyone taking lessons—they loved it. Kelly and Betty Veley stay on the move with their busy family. Son Chris graduated from Hiram Coll in OH—he and Marti live in Columbia, MO; Rick will graduate from Jacksonville U. in 75, hopes to go to Pensacola for Navy pilot tng; Craig is at the C G Acad; Beth and Mark will graduate from H.S. in Jun. Kelly's business, the Palm Cabinet Co fills his days; Betty has been involved with fund-raising fashion shows or benefits, not to mention running a miniature hotel for people like us who drop in to visit.

Don Coscarelli sent me an interesting set of articles on the success of his son Don and a friend in making a feature length movie, called "The Story of a Teenager." It started as a H.S. project, but thanks to the boys' interest and Don's backing, it became a full-fledged effort that took 2 years to finish. The result of their labors has been purchased by Universal Pictures' parent company, M.C.A. At 19, Don Jr. and Craig Mitchell are undoubtedly the youngest film makers to have a major release. A lovely card signed Mac and Jo (Butler) Hardy brought us the news of Jo's marriage in Jun 74 to Malcolm D. Hardy. Congratulations to you both! Jo's news of the young Butlers: Larry graduates in May from Bowdoin, Cathy is a jr at RPI and Barbara is finishing H.S. in Waterville, ME. Warde and Dode Wheaton are "bolted down" in Deephaven, MN where Warde is VP Opns of one of Honeywell's divisions. They are down (from 8) to 5 children at home. "This seems to be inversely proportional to the number of cars, however, we are up to 4 cars for the 7 licensed drivers!" Details: Cheryl, 21, is a sr at De Pauw U., spending a semester in Vienna and Budapest; David 20, is an Accounting major at Notre Dame; John, 19, is a freshman at Northwestern; Jim, 17, is a H.S. sr and a Nat'l Merit Semifinalist; Sue, 16, is a soph; Liza is almost 14; Paul is 11, in 5th grade; Anne is 9, in 3d grade.

From Claremont, CA came news of John and Margaret Irwins' family: Bill has a teaching credential, has been job-hunting in OR; Patti and Muffin are at OR State, in Microbiology and Accounting, respectively; Libby is also in Accounting at CA Poly; young John is a H.S. sr who has grown taller than his brother and father, which is saying something; Lisa is a good student at sch and excellent cook at home; Kelly, 8th grader, is busy with sports at sch and helping out at home. Audrey Shade told us of Bob's ret. in Jun 74 and that he's been with Boise

Cascade Corp since Jul as Dir of Energy Conservation; she says the welcome mat is out for friends who might come out to the great NW. Audrey has become interested in breeding and showing dogs, and they are looking forward to many champions in the future. The Shades heard from "the long lost Hamels" recently—Jack is Director Presidente of an Owings-Illinois affiliate in Rio de Janeiro. Marie and Jack are living it up in a penthouse on Copacabana Beach. Audrey said they saw the Trompeters when they were in UT; Art ret. in 73, and he and Linda live in San Ant.

Sid Steele's 3 yrs of course work for a DBA culminated in the passing of his doctoral comprehensives in Feb 74. Now the dissertation lies ahead, and his job as an urban planner for Fairfax County, VA is a great help. Sid and Jeanie are both involved in Samaritan Houses, an organization which seeks to provide permanent home living for dependent and neglected teenagers. Peg graduated from the U. of FL in Jun 74; Bob is a freshman at Old Dominion U.; John, 9, is a 3d grader; Jennifer is 6 yrs old. Florence and Herb Underwood say it does snow in AL, and she wrote when the first flakes were falling. They are managing an apt complex in Huntsville, and say it's a mad, often hilarious experience. Keith was discharged from the Navy in Jun 74—he and Carol live nearby; Diane is a sr at Auburn, majoring in Accounting; Karen was married in Aug to Ronald Leeland Stout, a Marine, and they are living at Camp Lejeune, NC; young Herbert will graduate from H.S. in Jan 75, plans to attend U. of N. AL in Florence. Florence gets to bridge tournaments when she can, and finally made Life Master in Oct. Good show.

I think that about finishes up the cards, so I'll get on to other news that has come my way. Eddie Ramos, being in a politically sensitive job as cmdr of the Philippine Constabulary has found himself the subject of a vituperative article in the ex-patriate Philippine News which accused him of a number of things under the guise of a fictitious robbery of Eddie. It is unfortunate that people have to throw mud at someone who has done as much for his country as Eddie. Helen "Biddy" Hoffman had another one-man showing at the Veerhoff Galleries in DC on 11 Nov 74. Robin and I were unable to go, but others say Biddy's talent just grows and grows. When Jack Mackmull was here in early Nov he mentioned that Bill Brandes has ret. and is teaching at Vanderbilt U. Rissa is back in the real estate business. Laurie Eek saw Tate, Means, Crawford, Read, Morrison and Cheney when he was at a PM workshop at Redstone in the fall. In Feb 75 Bill and Jinny Gearan will be going to Ft Knox where he'll be pres of the Armor Engr Bd. They became grandparents 10 Nov 74 when daughter, Lynn Thompson, gave birth to Jennifer Kathleen, who was born at the 97th Gen Hosp in Frankfurt, Germany. Interestingly, Lynn was born in that same hospital in 1951.

Hope you all saw the good article in Time magazine, 18 Nov 74, on Eastern's Astronaut Frank Borman. It traced Frank's development from the 68 moon-orbiting fame, to his present job as Exec VP in charge of all of Eastern's opns. Instead of being just a P.R. man, "Borman has played a major role in lifting the carrier out of the red...has proved to be a tough, able executive." We could have told them so. Ann Henning called in mid-Dec. She and Frank are in Atlanta, GA where Frank has been with the

Readiness Gp since Jul 73. They were here for daughter Kay's wedding to Ensign James Hopkins, USNA '73, at the Naval Acad. The Hennings' address: 1511 Council Bluff Dr, NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. Had a nice note from Irene Flynn in Oct. She and Al are at Bragg; they were sorry to have Janice and Volney Warner leave for Ft McPherson in Sept. Pat Wilson had dropped in on his way to Moscow; also they had just seen Mary and Ros Round on their way to Laos. Ray McCauley said he sat next to Bill Sweidel at the A-N game; Bill lives nearby in Merion, PA where he is pres of a Co., the name of which I can't remember; how about sending me that info, Bill, plus some news of your family? Jean Eek, Laurie's wife, taught a course at Northern VA Community Coll this past fall entitled "ESP (Parapsychology) and You." It is a course designed for the growing group of those interested in ESP. Jean has her bachelor degree from Blue Mountain Coll, her master's from LSU and she is often in demand as a speaker.

Talked with Otto Kuckhahn when he was in town for the AUSA conv. Otto is currently the PMS at the U. of WA, so he was a long way from home. He told me Harvey Prosser is now a teaching asst at the U., while Po Cornay is working at Boeing. He passed on the word that Arnie Galiffa was at the conv, down from Chicago where he works for U. S. Steel. After our visit on the phone, Mike Dowe saw Otto, and Norris Harrell, who is with Sandia Labs in Albuquerque. Marilyn and Leo Romaneski flew up from Panama the end of Oct for 3 wks, to visit their family and, fortunately, a few friends as well. They saw Penn State freshman Peter; Mark who is a Cow at WP; and then went on to see JoAnn and Jim in IL. Now they're into their 3d yr in Panama, and hope to come back to the DC area next summer.

Congratulations are in order for Bob and Alma Hoisington, who were married at Redstone Ars, 2 Nov 1974. Best wishes to you both from all of '50!

That about wraps up the news for this time. Must close by telling you of a cartoon described by Joan Mangas, who saw it in New Yorker. A salesman was speaking to a housewife who had opened her door after his knock: "Good day, madam; I'm working my son's way through college."

Does that mean anything to anyone?

See you at Reunion! Happy 1975!

'51

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As a reminder to all of us, our class memorial fund is behind schedule. Stan Sheridan or Don Zurawski can give you a hand in updating the status of your own pledge. An added note: there is a difference between the Class of '51 Memorial Fund and the West Point Memorial Fund. Mail has been light but I do have a few notes. Charlie Crowe arrived in Honduras just 4 days ahead of Hurricane Fifi, 19 Sept. As the new MILGP Cmdr, Charlie headed the U.S. Southern Cmd relief operations after the storm. Quite a change from the quiet halls of Carlisle where Bob Yerks is shown presenting Charlie with the 1st OLC to the MSM. We hope the rest of the tour for Charlie, Joan and family is less hectic. In a relatively long PCS trip, John and Margaret Cunningham moved from CA to MA where John is to be Prog Mgr of the Survival



1951: Yerks presents 1st OLC to the MSM to Crowe.

Satellite Comm Sys at Hanscom AFB. Although the results of the 75th A-N game were less than totally rewarding, the score and weather both were an improvement over last year. Besides Bob Hope and Pres Ford, I saw Neale Johnson and Jack Price. They both are on assignments in Phila. Ed and Carol Leakert were down from Carlisle. Clair Rupp was also there, as is usual for him. Jim Rockwell made the trip up from DC as did Steve Galligar. Recall that I have been expecting some grandparents to surface. Dick and Helene Ryan joined that select group with the arrival of Gregory Ryan Young on 11 Dec. Congratulations! Anyone else? And in line with keeping up with weddings, Wayne and Alice Miller married their oldest daughter Linda to Sam O. Scott III on 10 Aug 74. Attending the bride were her sisters, Lori and Robin. The couple is residing in Charlotte, NC where Sam is working for GE. As a final reminder, to review your status with respect to the Class of '51 Memorial Project, get in touch with Don Zurawski, 15712 Bradford Dr, Laurel, MD 21081. Don't forget to write.

'52

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! And don't forget to attend the Founders Day dinner in your area and send me a list of those there with you. I need the material in the mail from you to me within 3 days of the event if I'm to meet my deadline, though.

Xmas cards are still arriving as I write this so those mailed late won't be listed till next issue. Cards and/or notes were received from: Kay & George Bartel, Lee & Bill Boyles, Marianne & John Brewer, Gloria & Jerry Brisman, Mary & Dan Danford, Merideth & John Garver, Maxine & Jack Gilkey, Ruth & Rev. Jay Luther, Ann & Tom Murphy, Chase & Bill Raiford, Winnie & George Relyea, Gloria & Gil Scott, Claire & Don Sells, Vonny & Dick Stanier, Elaine & Art Taylor, Gloria & Gar Weed, Fern & Bob Woodward, and Janet & Charlie Yocum.

I've noticed that more and more of the Xmas notes I receive reflect my age, as our children move out into the world and the annual Xmas message is primarily news of their achievements. As a class, we've done a good job with our youngsters and it's beginning to show. This year, the cards also begin to reflect an increase in new retirements.

The Bob Woodwards are still at Patrick AFB where Bob is CO of the 6555th Aerospace Test Gp, but Bob is ret. in May so

they have bought a ret. home at Melbourne, FL. Their son, Brian, is at Brevard Community Coll. The Scotts have found their way home from Turkey. Gil ret. on 30 Jun and entered the world of corporate engr with Texas Instruments in Dallas, TX. Their daughter Lynne entered SMU in the fall, but their 5 youngsters still at home keep them well occupied. The Relyeas, too, have joined the ret. ranks, moving to VA Beach this summer, reasonably close to their 2 college students.

Tom Murphy reports on Pat Webster, who also lives in Bethesda. Pat is with the Dept of Trans following several years as an engr with the FAA. Pat still maintains a fairly good tumbling team ability, which he uses at the swim club in diving and instructing aspiring youngsters. Tom also reports that Jim Paris (married to Tom's twin sister) now lives in Island Heights, NJ where he is engaged in private business following many years in management positions with several major corps. Tom still travels the length of the East Coast as Regl Sales Mgr for the Collins Radio Group of Rockwell Intl for microelectronic component products. Ann & Tom socialize with Alice & Bob Craig who have now ret. from the AF. Bob has accepted employment with NSA, where he had a mini-career while still in the AF. Tom says his own 2 eldest sons have inclined towards the Navy, but he's hoping that his Army blood will tell in at least one of his remaining 3 sons.

The Brismans report that all is well but their bus business keeps them scurrying in this economic and fuel crunch. Their eldest, Judy, has graduated from Vassar and is working as a lobbyist in the Boston Senate while preparing to return to grad sch. Their son Jeff, a junior in Ithaca Coll, has been elected into the Nat'l Business Honor Society. Their 2 youngest, still in H.S., are preparing to face the world. The Sells are still with the AEC but Don has transferred to be the Special Asst to the Asst Dir for Environmental Projs. (And I thought Denny Mullane had the corner on long titles.) Claire had an operation in Sept but is in fine shape now. (But, as Don would say, she always has been.) Their son Mark was married in Jun and finally got around to phoning his parents with the news on the 4th of Jul. The remaining 3 are still at home and doing well in school. The Staniers are pending transfer to Muskegon, MI, following a reorganization of TCM-GPD. (I bet you thought the mil had a corner on reorg.) Their daughter Linda, at Smith, will graduate in Jun, so Vonny & Dick treated her (& themselves) to an early graduation trip by Xmassing in FL and seeing Disney World. As you will note by the address above, the Boyles have returned to the U.S. after 5 yrs in the Panama CZ, and Bill is PMS at Wash & Jeff Coll in Washington, PA, where he has put some of that '52 spirit into the program and increased enrollment 152%. Their oldest daughter Jode was married in May and attends college in CA. Their son Billy has transferred to Wash & Jeff to be near the refrigerator, and their other 3 are delighted to find out what snow is.

The Gilkeys continue to love it in Portland, where Jack is the Dist Engr. They've added a 17' Starcraft to the family in order to provide motive power for their 2 budding water-ski enthusiasts. The Luthers are happy in their 4th year with a rural parish. They admonish us in the mil that we really don't know what civ life is. Jay has quite a few mil in his parish and can now view both sides of the fence. He is daily more con-

vinced that he has finally found his true calling. His son Dennis is at State College, PA, and daughter Janice is in Cleveland, while he still has 2 sons at home. He frequently sees Dick Baker and Mac MacGarrigle. Elaine & Art Taylor have found out that War Coll life sure beats working for a living. Art reports that 3 other classmates are presently at Carlisle: Bill Gleason—Opns Gp; Dick Bullock—Faculty, Dept of Cmd & Mgmt; and John Shy—Visiting Prof, USA Chair of Mil Hist Rsch. The Weeds have extended as Sr Army Adv to the KS NG. They have another granddaughter, born 13 Jul, and their 2d daughter a freshman at KS St Coll of Pittsburg. Gloria reports that Gar has seen the Dutchyshyns and Harvey Perritt at Ft Riley. She's not sure what Harry does with his time but Harvey is the Riley CS. The Danfords' oldest daughter is being married in Jan, so Mary & Dan had a hectic but happy holiday season. All is well with the Yocums. Their son Jim graduates in the USMA Class of '75. Their son Rick is at Dartmouth and son Tom still in H.S.

The "other" Garvers stay busy at USMA with 2 cadet sons and a whole household full of part time cadet sons, including another Garver, the son of yours truly. Their other 2 still hang their hats at home during the week as well as the weekends and are doing well. John reports that the Class Proj is viable, and early this year he promises a long letter filled with news for my Jun column. (I'll hold you to that, John!) With Tom a star hockey goatee, they spend a good bit of time following the cadet hockey team. Bill Raiford also reported on the Class Proj and provided the following statistics as of 1 Dec.:

138 Classmates have pledged	\$32,050.00
1 Ex-classmate has pledged	200.00
3 Friends of '52 have given	1,250.00
5 Matching Gifts	2,550.00
+ Interest	310.00
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147 Contributions	\$36,360.70
(93.2% of \$39,000)	
On hand:	(47.6%) \$18,583.20

There were some rather amazing revelations in one of the Xmas notes but I was threatened with dire consequences if I spilled the beans.

George Bartel sent me the minutes of the 5 Dec class luncheon meeting, as follows: "24 classmates attended the quarterly luncheon at the Ft McNair Officers Club: Bartel, Broadhurst, Coleman, Danford, Gibbs, Holleran, Hubbard, Kenny, Lentz, Malone, McLemore, MacGarrigle, Moore, Obach, Putnam, Raiford, Schandler, Slingerland, Stubblebine, Swygert, Tanguy, Thieme, Thompson, and Wiles. Paul Malone announced the next luncheon will be Thurs, 6 Mar 75, at the same location. Bill Raiford reported the WP Cannon Fund is 93.7% subscribed (pledges). About \$3,000.00 remains to be pledged by Jun 76. Al Thieme reported no significant change in the class fund—about \$1400 in certificate deposit, \$300 in the checking account. Paul Malone asked for volunteers to set up the Jun party."

Piffle Weber Irvin has reported into the net for herself and husband Bob, an ex-classmate. Bob finally joined the AOG and did so just in time to receive the request for donations to the class proj. They would like to establish contact with classmates, particularly Luddie Harrison and Dave Smith. (Piffle, if you succeed in contacting them, please give them my address. I'd like to establish contact, too. Luddie's name hasn't appeared in this column for 5 yrs and only



1952: BG John Ralph

infrequently before that. Dave's name hasn't appeared but 4 times, total, and 2 of those were to report that he hadn't been heard from.) The Irvins' address is 122 Sunset Dr, Gaffney, SC 29340. Bob is Production Mgr for Timken Roller Bearings and the Irvins have 5 children (2 girls and 3 boys) and 2 granddaughters. Their eldest, Kathy, is married to an Army officer. Robin and Rob are at the U. of SC, and Mike and Steve are in H.S.

From the Army Times, Jim Bremer is moving from Europe to DC and Charlie Hoenstine is moving from USMA to USAREUR. The latest Army O-6 list listed Bill Spencer. (Congrats, Bill!) And the latest Army Sr Service Coll lists identified Warren Spaulding for the Nav WC.

In the last issue, I called your attention to the 4 Class Sons in the Class of '77 at USMA. There are 2 more at the other Academies which I missed; USNA—Al Bracy's son, Raymond, & USAFA—Ray Wallace's son, Richard.

I also picked up some info from a set of orders assigning me a new officer. They were signed by George Tronsrue, CS, HQ Ft Carson and HQ 4th Inf Div (Mech).

Bob McGowan wrote King Coffman and King passed it on to me. Bob seems to be thoroughly enjoying his year at the Foreign Service Inst. He's traipsing all over the country discovering how things really are. At the Pentagon Ath Club, he has seen, among others, Dan Danford, Jack Pilk, Ed Thompson, Bob Vining, and Dick Wiles.

Jim Lee reports in from Salt Lake City, where he is VP of the law firm, Parsons, Behle & Latimer. He and Jean had given up hope for children of their own and adopted 2, but this Aug, Jean gave birth to a bouncing boy after 13 yrs of marriage. Jim serves in the Utah NG as Dpty Cdr of XI Corps Arty. He is in contact with Bert Toepel, CO of Dugway PG. Mildred & Bert are enjoying the desert with their son while their daughter is working on a grad degree at the U. of OR. Valerie & Bob Haras send greetings from "Down Under." He knows of only one other grad in Western Australia and he is one of Bob's co-mates from K-1, Cl of '49.

BG John Ralph transferred from Cmdt, Sqn Officer Sch, Maxwell AFB, to Dir of Doctrine, Concepts and Objectives in DCS

Plans & Ops, HQ, USAF, together with his promotion. He and Patty have 4 daughters, Cindy, Sue, Julie, & Karen, and the Class is very proud of him. Congratulations, John!

As for yours truly, Xmas was a bit lonelier for the Garvers in Korea with only one of our 3 at home. The other 2—Cheri at VPI and Ralph III at USMA—got together to visit Grandma. But, nonetheless, it was a Merry Xmas and we are now beginning a propitious New Year.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

'53

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As you can see from the by-line, there's a new kid on the block. Since we currently have but little personal knowledge about recent happenings among the Class, we'll do the best we can with that. At least we can start off with the time tested plea of all Scribes — "Start those cards and letters coming!"

The recently published Cmd List brought delightful news announcing the selections of our very own Jay Tanzer, Tom Williams and Tony De Luca to Troop Cmds; Early Rush as Dist Engr; Herb Lacquement to Log Cmd; and Dike Lawrence as a Proj Mgr following his current cmd asgmt at Hood. Jay Tanzer also tells me that Chuck Fiala and Ed Dinges are both on their way to Hanau, Chuck to take the 130th Engr Bde and Ed the 3d AD Arty. It couldn't happen to a nicer bunch of folks!

Congratulations are also in order for the new eagles among us: Gail Freimark, John Fitch, Roland Sullivan, and Fred Reynolds. Ann and I were unable at the last minute to get to Dorothy and Freds' promotion party, but all reports made it a blast.

Speaking of parties, Min and Jack Neuberger gave a typically outstanding party a few months ago at their home in DC. Among the guests were Ken and Joan Sweeney, Tony and Kathy De Luca, and Lou and Joyce Friedersdorf.

The evening before the AF game, Carol and Mike Cousland had a houseful of classmates and mates. Having been overheard criticizing the tooth fairy, Ann Blum came down with a bad case of the mouthfuls, so we 2 didn't get to do too much in the way of socializing. But we did get to see Hal and Joy Rhyne, Jay and Peg Tanzer, Mildred Stinson, Marsha and Al Biggerstaff, and the most recent additions to the WP contingent in George and Barbara Waters and Al and Jane Grumm. As I recall, only Early Rush and I were outlanders. Before the game, the Tanzers had a tailgate party for the world. Then on to the game and a smashing win over the Falcons. (By this time Ann had apologized to the tooth fairy.) The very next day, Kathryn Nell Tanzer, born 18 Oct, was christened at the Catholic Chapel. She then hosted the last party of that weekend. (I'm told the drive back to DC was a real thrill.)

Jay Tanzer got so lucky he was selected to be OIC for the Navy Game. We saw and/or sat with Al and Elaine Paulekas along with Al's Dad, Bob and Jane Daly, the Don Schmidts, Spike Holman, Sid Carter, and Tom Jones. Bob Hope and Pres Ford were within squinting distance during the 2d half, but I think Mr. Ford must have given his WIN Button to the other side. Oh, well!

On a more somber note, I know all of us

are saddened by the news that Jan and Cliff Landry lost their son to an unfortunate accident last spring. Our hearts and hands go out to them in sympathy and understanding.

If you haven't heard the good news, I'll pass on that Lee Liveoak remarried at WP in Jul and took his new bride off to Redstone Ars. Congratulations and blessings on you both!

By the way, there are 10 of our offspring entered in the Class of '78 at the 3 Service Acad. At USMA are Blum, Fiala, Hughes, Paulekas, Riley and Rush; at USNA is Jackson; while at USAFA are Campbell, Lawrence and Phillips. Do you realize they will graduate at our 25th Reunion?

Charlie Neal brought his elephant to the Cmdrs' Conf and turned down an invitation to dinner. Instead he did the natural thing and gave a party (he really got Patsy's sister to give it). Charlie called Patsy in HI, planning that we all say a quick "hello." But Patsy got choked up, couldn't talk and hung up to work it out. About 20 minutes later she called back (Ma Bell sighed relievedly) and everybody got to visit with her, meaning Bob and Sue Fernandez, Graham and Sue Vernon on their way to Moscow, the Fred Sieberts on their way to Singapore, Larry and Vi Davis, Tom and Tardy McGregor, and Tony and Kathy De Luca.

Other mentionables are Cliff Worthy who never fails to call and break bread with us when he comes to town (lately from Ft Sill); Doc Viereck, Bill Hilley, Tom Brain, Dave Horner, and Graham McIntyre who sometimes see me stumbling about the halls of the Pentagon; Jim McCluskey who, as MICV Proj Mgr stops by rather often; and Bill Burdeshaw who recently brought the word up from TRADOC. Herb and Lee Friesen's Xmas card tells us they are now ret. to El Paso where Herb is teaching math. Also, Bob Barton tells me that Hank Davisson has been seen here at the Palace.

To make certain that our current roster of class officers is properly announced, here they are: Bob Barton as Pres, Jim Wade as VP, Stan Wielga as Treas, Pete Conzelman as Secy, and yours truly as Hist. (I hope I did that right, Bob. It's like publishing the Banns!)

I am sure you've all heard some of the best news of all. At any rate, it bears repeating. Glenn Otis was selected to be the first of our year group in the Army to wear stars. Our pride and best wishes go with you, Glenn.

Just a reminder: deadline for the Jun issue of ASSEMBLY is 30 Mar. Please help this poor boy give it another try. Until then, MIZPAH!

'54

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Wade Hampton is our new Class Pres and Dale Vesser is now our Treas, following the overthrow of Bob Keener, our former guru, through carefully rigged elections held at a DC Class party at Ft Myer early in Dec. Keener wanted to protest the election results, but I inadvertently drank the ballots. Lloyd Matthews is our Class Rep at WP. Bob Keener still serves as a VP of the AOG.

Doug Stuart recorded some of the party's more sober moments for the accompanying photo. Others present included: Jack and Caroline Chesbro, Sally and Skip Forman, Roger and Ginger Browne, Maurey Leiser,



1954: Gene and Cathy Donnelly, Harry and Barbara Emrick, with Dave and Jo Sugg at the DC Class party in Dec.

John and Anne Ballantyne (en route to assume command of his old Armd Cav Bde in Germany), Bill Emrick, Tom Wachowski, Ron and Georgia Salvador, Bob Adams, John and Tami Farrar. The next DC class party will be on 17 May, also at Ft Myer, 2000 hrs.

Yale and Phyl Weatherby have moved back to DC from Orlando, FL. He's now Mgr of Plans and Progs, Govt Sys, for Sys Devl Corp and about to take off on an extended trip to Iran and other Persian Gulf countries. Warm thanks, Yale, from all of us, for a dedicated and effective job as our scribe these past 2 yrs. Dick Littlefield is also back in DC, now with DIA—Lou Wagner has departed DC for Europe and a bde cmd.

Jim Karns ret. in Sept at Lakenheath RAF Sta, England. Jim, who earned his PhD in Economics at the U. of OK, was DCdr of the 48th TFW before ret. Tom Young also ret. in Oct, and is reportedly curating an art museum in San Fran.

Jim Kyker has been named base DCdr at Robins AFB, GA. Martha should be pinning on his eagles about the time you read this. Bill and Doris Orth are at the AFA, where Bill recently was named to head the Dept of Phys. Barron Fredricks will be having a busy year; he's Dir of Devl T&E for the B-1 program, stationed at W-P AFB.

Congratulations to Stan Beck, our 2d USAF BG! Stan heads ROTC at the U. of TN, quite a change from previous SAC tours, and was selected on the USAF-BG list released in mid-Jan.

Bill Paul and Bill Charles are shoring up the NavWC as part of this year's Army and AF student contingents. Dick and Diane Hobbs have worn out the ski slopes at Bryce Mountain in between his duty hours as the politico-military advr in the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs at State. Dick's work covers the world from Morocco to Bangladesh. Cliff Berry is driving the Arms Control and Disarmament Agcy nuts challenging its annual bean count of country-by-country def expenditures. Cliff found that ACDA has credited a lot of countries who have no armed fcs with sizeable mil expenditures, and a few countries with armed fcs as having no mil expenditures. Bill Bathurst must be investing AF money with the Mafia: that's the only explanation I can conjure up for the fact that USAF earns more interest on its unspent funds than inflation is raising the price of the F-15 and B-1.

Jack Galvin spent an active fall at SHAPE helping GEN Andy Goodpaster make his farewell rounds and tailoring Al Haig's first speeches as SACEUR. Bill Hauser commands 3d Inf Divarty in Germany.

Congratulations to the following classmates whom Army selection boards picked in Dec for major CA trp cmds: Tex Bacon, Skip

Forman, Jack Galvin, John Tanzer, Dale Vesser, and Fletch Ware. Ames Albrow, Hugh Robinson were selected to become dist engrs; John Miller and Larry Skibbie will get a log cmd; Don Bradbury will get a Cmbt Spt trp cmd. Gene Allred was picked to attend the AWC along with Cliff Berry and Jim Ryan.

Bill Odom has returned from being Asst MA in Moscow and is with the Soc Sci Dept at USMA.

Martin LaChance invites us all to "drop in for a cold martini" when we visit Cambodia. He heads plans, programs and training for the Army div of the MEDT there, reminds us that he is not an "adviser," but spends 12 to 14 hours a day running around the country as "Mister Tubes." The 72-man MEDTC, Martin says, has the highest concentration of USMA grads he's seen anywhere (no other classmates) and "7 ex-USMA French instrs. Seeing as I have never studied French, they think I'm qualified to come here. The Army moves in strange ways." (Pauline is in Lawton, OK; their son, David, is "maxing courses" at OK U.; and daughter Theresa will enter OSU in the fall.) Martin writes that the only other '54 troops at Ft Sill are Don and Mimi Rhea. Don heads the Target Acq Dept, "doing a tremendous job."

From Ridgewood, NJ comes word that the Warren Alversons have just had their "3d and last child, a girl . . . the baby was planned, but the date wasn't." (Warren's Xmas card urged everyone to "watch for a bright star in the East on 24 Dec" but the baby arrived on D-Day plus 3.) Ronnie Lee, we believe, is still with Xerox in CT but his last communique reads as if his subscriptions to ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER need to be renewed.

I'm pleased to be your class scribe. Both of you who voted for me obviously wanted an editor who cares enough to steal the very best. But I write lousy fiction so I hope you'll write; call (202-462-1220 at the office, 703-437-3402 at home in Reston, VA, better known as the Golden Ghetto); or better yet, stop in. My editorial policy is simple: a free subscription and 2 martinis per news leak; it holds true for ASSEMBLY as well.

'55

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Welcome to 1975, the year of our 20th Reunion, which is being planned for Homecoming weekend in Oct. It doesn't seem possible that we have been away from the "Ole Gray Walls" so long, but reunion will be a great chance to get together again. In line with the Reunion, I have an important announcement from the class Exec Cmte in DC (Dick Baker, Joe Franklin, Todd Graham, and Bob Strati). In a letter to Joe Franklin, dated 29 Oct 74, Fred Bliss formally resigned from the class pres. Class VP Don Olvey has assumed the duties of acting pres and has directed the Exec Cmte to hold an election for the office of Class Pres. Pursuant to the constitution and by-laws of the Class of '55, the Exec Cmte is now acting as a nominating cmte, and hereby solicits nominations from all classmates for this office. Nominations must be written and submitted to: COL J.P. Franklin, Ofc of the Chmn, JCS, Rm 2E860, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. Nominations will be closed 30 Jun 75 and formal ballots will be mailed to all classmates whose names appear on the AOG mailing

list. Election results will be announced at the 20th Reunion at WP in Oct.

And now for the news. Another of our few remaining bachelor classmates has finally joined the domestic ranks. Roy Thorsen married Margaret O'Brien in Jun and he is happily convinced that man was not meant to live alone. Congratulations, Margaret and Roy, from the whole Class! They live in Thousand Oaks, CA. John Lovell is back in IN U. in Bloomington teaching Pol Sci after having had a teaching tour at the Naval Acad. John hopes to do a human interest article for the Reunion based on interview notes from cadet days and current information. Press Mason and Sarah live in Roanoke, VA, where Press is pursuing his med prof Dave Pemberton and Marty are at the JFK Cen, Ft Bragg, where Dave is Cmptr. Bill Robinson is a Bn Cdr at Ft Bragg and enjoys living in Southern Pines, NC. Don Poorman and Peggy moved to Ft Hood, in Jan 55, where Don took command of the 13th Spt Bn. Their oldest son Doug is on the varsity swimming team at the AFA. Bill Haas and Laura are at TRADOC HQ, Ft Monroe, VA. I hear that Bill will be ret. in Jun and they will remain in the Ft Monroe area. Good luck, Bill! Don Buchwald and Carol are enjoying the good life at WP, where Don commands the 1st Bn, 1st Inf.

For the Army-Navy game, classmates in the DC area got together at the beautiful home of Pat and Bob Strati in N. Arlington, VA. Those able to attend included Phyllis and Bob Chapman, Jessie and Chick Chikalla, Dorothy and Jerry Crancer, Nancy and Jim Cutchins, Conny and Joe Franklin, John Giddings, Susan and Willy Holbrook, Brownie and Charlie Johnson, Marge and Mac McIlroy, Ronnie and Bill McWilliams, Mary Ann and Rich Miller, Ann and Bob Nourse, Jim Ryan, Jo Ann and Dick Secord, Vy and Norm Smith, and Sandy and me. We all want to thank Pat and Bob for sharing their home and their warm hospitality. It was great to see everyone again.

I recently received a nice note from Jud Faurer who came to the DC area this summer from Warren AFB where he was DCO for the Minuteman Wg. Jud is now assigned to DNA and hopes to return to SAC. He recently received his PhD in Higher Educ from the U. of Denver.

Bob Strickland is assigned to McDill AFB, FL, as aid to the cmdr of the USREDCOM. He was recently promoted to COL. John Schick has been assigned to the Mil Sci Dept of Pomona College, Claremont, CA.

Sandy and I were very happy to receive so many Xmas greetings from classmates and want to pass them on to you. Jan and George Kennebeck will leave England AFB, LA, this summer to come to DC where George will attend NWC. Betty and Mike Stevenson are still at Ft Sill, OK and would you believe that no. 8 is on the way. Donna and Dan Ludwig are enjoying NavWC, live in a town house that overlooked the American Cup Races and hope to return to the DC area this summer. Dan visited Barb and Pete Hornbarger during a quick trip to Buffalo, NY, this fall. Jill and Bob Wiegand are still at Ft Leavenworth, KS, where, in addition to teaching duties, Bob manages to get some hunting and fishing done. Edie and Pete Booras are living in Coral Gables, FL, where Pete is in charge of recruiting. Pete says his 2 best programs are tennis and paddleball with fishing and scuba diving not far behind. Jack Jeeter is in charge of recruiting in southern CA. Betty and Bill Goodwin are still at Kirtland AFB, NM, where they have been for



1955: Faurer receives LM from LTG Johnson and his wife.

4½ yrs and hope to stay on. Bill is working in the Laser adv abn sys.

The Army 0-6 list came out with many classmates on it: Dan Ludwig, Bill Wix, Bill Boyd, Pete Walton, Todd Graham, Don Hilbert, John Hamilton, John Vander Bosch, Norm Blahuta, Jerry Denmore, Bill Street, Chick Chikalla, Ted Bishop, Jerry Crancer, Al Coleman, Roy Dunnaway, Fred Woerner, Hugh Quinn, John Feagin and Paul Lenio. Congratulations from all of us!

Next summer I will be going to Maxwell AFB, AL, to attend AWC and will not be able to continue as class scribe. Bob Strati has agreed to take over from me and your news should be sent to: LTC Robert A. Strati, 4601 North 41st Street, Arlington, VA 22207. It has been fun writing the Class news especially hearing from so many of you. Sandy and I want to wish you all well and thank you for the support you have given. Give that support to Bob too. Hope to see you at the 20th Reunion!

REUNION NOTE: 20th Reunion will be 18-19 Oct 75. As senior class, we have bloc of rooms at Thayer Hotel. Reservations should be made directly with Thayer; include at least a \$25 deposit and indicate that you are a member of the Class of '55. Please send suggestions to Wix re Class memorial gift. Letter with added details will be sent in late spring to all classmates on AOG mailing list. SPREAD THE WORD!

'56

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Once again, thank you for your many most thoughtful remembrances and bits of news this past holiday. Please forgive me for not responding in kind; however, I hope you will all find this report a fairly satisfactory substitute.

Congratulations to Heath Twichell for his book recently published by the Rutgers U. Press entitled, "Allen, The Biography of an Army Officer, 1859-1930." I believe I mentioned in an earlier report that this book won the 1971 Allan Nevins prize for sound scholarship and literary excellence. Not to be outdone, Dave Palmer will have a new book out this year titled "The Way of the Fox." Dave advises that it is a study of American strategy in the Revolutionary War. Greenwood Press is the publisher. With such first rate talent available, it is difficult for this reporter to understand why the Class has been willing to tolerate these feeble attempts at literacy for so long. Hope you all can

find a way to buy these books and thereby spur on both Heath and Dave to even greater accomplishment.

Dave Palmer reports that Mike Conrad has replaced Jim Ellis as Exec to the VCS. Jim is moving on to be Dist Engr at Louisville, KY.

Jesse and Cynthia Blackwell are now safely ensconced in their qtrs at Ft Totten, overlooking Long Is Sound. Jessie is dpty dir of contract admin of the Def Contract Admin Region in that area. Their daughter Frances, soon to be 18, is finishing up her last year at Westtown Sch in PA. Ben, now 14, has just started as a freshman at Hebron Acad in Hebron, ME. The Blackwells saw Vern and Bobby Ebert at the A-N game. I understand from another source that, next to Pres Ford, Jesse was the hit of the game garbed in his raccoon coat, circa 1920.

George and Barbara Woods are looking forward to another visitation from the stork early this year. Hopefully in Feb, before you read this. George spent 4 yrs at Leavenworth, 3 on the staff and faculty there. He also completed his master's in Public Admin at the U. of MO at Kansas City. Then on to a new assignment at Ft Dix as XO of the 3d BCT Bde. When you read this, he will probably be the CO of a Bn at Dix.

Received a photo of Bob Bacon and family on the occasion of his promotion to COL. Bob and Irene are currently residing in St Petersburg, FL. Bruce (10) has received a trophy for being the best defensive back on his football team. Bill (9) was picked by the other boys on the team to receive the best sportsmanship award, the same honor that Bruce had won last year. Irene is back in school, but doesn't as yet have any definite objective except to try to keep up with Robin (11) in new math.

Farrell and Nancy Patrick gave us a rundown on the Carlisle Bks contingent. Those currently at that post, in addition to the Patrick family, are Rudy De France, Jack Keutmann, Malcolm Kirk, John Oakes, Don O'Shei, Gene Smith, Bob Sorley and George Stapleton. Tom Bowes was at Carlisle, but has since departed for Cambodia. Betty Bowes and the kids remain at Carlisle.

Stan and Connie Diez report they will depart Ft Monroe this coming Jul for DC to attend the NWC. While at Monroe, Stan has been the Asst CS, HQ TRADOC. Others at



1956: Sandy and Dick Dowell, Cadet Chapel, 16 June 74.



1956: Strozier, Wix ('55), and Patrick (L-R) offering advice to Anderson as he leaves on backpacking trip to VT with WP Girl Scout troop.

this post are Jack Woodmansee (who by Jan 75 expects to command a bde of the 1st Cav Div at Ft Hood), Jack Nicholson, John Ross and Walt Knudsen. "Doc" Bahnson is scheduled to replace Jack Woodmansee after his departure. Incidentally, I have heard from another correspondent that Jack and "Doc" collaborated to make a training movie for the Army, and they were able to sweet talk GEN DePuy into being a walk-on actor in their melodrama. The GEN played the role of a Russian SGT. Does Counter-Intel know about this?

Dick Dowell and his recent bride, Sandy, are residing in Alexandria, VA. He, along with Gene Fox, is attending the NWC. Dick plans to go on to a Joint Staff (S3) assignment next year. Sandy is a psychiatric nurse at the Alexandria Hosp.

Bill and Barb McPeck are living in Lansing, NY while Bill is Cmdr of the AFROTC Det and Prof of Aerospace Studies at Cornell U. Barb is a member of the Cornell Campus Club, active in an antique club and studying German. Scott (17) a senior in H.S., is in the process of choosing a college and wants to be an AF pilot. Jeff (14), a freshman in H.S., made the highest honor role, is already almost 6 ft tall and was almost "ordered" to play for his school basketball team.

Ray and Carolyn Cannon still reside in Kettering, OH, near Ray's assignment as Ch of Safety for the B1 sys prog office at W-P



1956: Bob Bacon's promotion to COL (L-R): Bob, Irene, Bill, Bruce and Robin.

AFB. I am certain the successful maiden flight of the B1 this past Dec was a major event in their lives. Carolyn is doing great things with stained glass and has been invited to have an art show at a local gallery this coming spring.

Over Cincinnati, OH way, Bill and Eva Jo McClung still teach H.S. math and first grade, respectively. Bill coaches 2 Hi-Y basketball teams and is on 2 Boy Scout cmtes. Mary Ellen, their oldest, graduates from H.S. next Jun, was chosen for the National Honor Society and works part time as a receptionist for 2 doctors. She plans to be an architect, and along with 2 others in her drafting class, is planning the future buildings of their church. Jeff, a sophomore, holds a 2-0 record on the jr varsity wrestling team at 112 lbs. James, an 8th grader, plays drums, plays football, is a scout and recently joined De Molay.

Neale and Bonnie Luft still reside in Walden, NY. They have enjoyed their season tickets to the home Army football games. Three of their 8 children are active participants in the winter track program for kids held at the WP field house. They are all well and busy with church, school and local community affairs.

We very much appreciated receiving Xmas greetings from Greg Wold and family (Livonia, MI), Ward and Judy Le Hardy (Fairfax, VA) and Roger and Judy Root (New City, NY).

As for the Wilkers, I have for the past month been serving a tour as a Superior Court juror and been slowly recovering from the 3d annual neighborhood New Year's party at our home. Betty is still teaching the 1st grade and our Carolyn (13) is staying active in girl scouts and school journalism activities. Contrary to the national trend, we had a great 74 and are looking forward to an even more fantastic 75. The best to all of you and yours, also.

'57

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I must apologize for the paucity of news this time, but Joe Samm's newsy letter hasn't shown up in time for the deadline.

Here on the Hudson, one of the few bright spots in Gloom Period is the arrival of another classmate, Don Cline, to the USMA staff. Don has been assigned as Asst DCSOPS.

Amongst the poop that did come in from afar was Bill Seely's note from L.A. with that area's head count of classmates from A to Z: Doug Alexander; Jim Chernault; Bill Cudmore, City Judge; Don Fitzpatrick; Fred Koehler; Earl Pettibone; Dave Preletz; John Witherow; Jim Woolnough; and Jerry Zabriskie. Be sure, gang, that as I write this on a day when the high at WP may reach 15 degrees, we're all thinking of you out there in the sunshine.

Bill also mentioned Craig Smyser, then at Edwards AFB, who has since moved to Thailand as Ch of Opns and Plans for the 56th Sp Opns Wg. Sounds spooky!

From the smog-filtered sun of L.A. and the tropics of Thailand, we jump to frigid Ft McCoy, WI, where a mini-reunion (during an Army Readiness Region V training meeting) included Al Ensign, advr to the Ft Sheridan, IL Readiness Gp; John Loberg, advising 1st Bde, 47th Inf (MN NG); Speedy Negaard, Inf Team Ch for the St. Louis Readiness Gp; and Joe Silvers, ex-'57, from the Ft Snelling, MN, Readiness Gp.



1957: Rallying around the sandbox at Camp McCoy are Loberg, Silvers, Negaard and Ensign.

Like most of the Class, most of the news is in the DC area. Carrying '57's banner there is Will Christenson as local pres, with Larry McNeil as vice, George Iverson as treas, and Max Kovel as scribe. Since the epicenter of the Class has so obviously shifted away from our highland home on the Hudson to the puzzle palace on the Potomac, I have asked Max Kovel to assume the duties (and joys) of preparing this column. He has graciously accepted the chore, which I now leave with mixed emotions (that is, I'm so happy I could cry). Seriously though, folks, it has been a pleasure to serve, albeit ineptly. Still, I feel that now that DC is where it's at, and since I've lost the TDY funds to get me down there, it's time to pass the baton. Max can be reached at: HQ 1st Bn, USA ESBDE, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Or by phone: Area 703; 664-2337 or 664-1485; or AUTOVON 354-2337 or 354-1485.

I regret especially not being scribe long enough to announce to all that the first son of '57 has joined the Long Gray Line (Bruce Turnbull is awaiting your applications), and I shall miss seeing what unique abbreviations the ASSEMBLY editors put on my lovely prose.

My sincere thanks go out to all of you who have had the thoughtfulness to write, to call, and to help so much in putting these columns together.

'58

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It's mindbending to be in the middle of the excitement of Xmas writing notes that will see the light of day during Gloom Period. Cheer up, Classmates, summer is coming!

The big news for this article is the lists — with Great '58 coming through strong as usual. On the COL's Cmd List: Bob Pointer and Butch Saint. Tony Smith will be a Dist Engr. on the promotion list to COL: Jack Bradshaw (The Prez, yet), Jim Davis, Dick Graves, Dick Hirata (Way to go, Dr!), Larry Hunt, Mike Jones (The AF entry), Butch Ordway, John Palmer, George Robertson and your Scribe.

Off to the Senior Service Colleges — AWC: Gary Graves, Jim Jones, Chuck Lemere, Chuck Teeter, Bill Tuttle and Townsend Van Fleet. NWC: Phil Prior and Frank Waskowicz. NWC: Tony Bauer, Bill Graf and Linc Jones. ICAF: Tom Cameron, Len Kusek, and Gene Wentworth.



1958: The picnic in DC—men only.

The Class social event from the DC area was the annual fall picnic, attended by those of us trapped in the Pentagon and surrounding area. As you can tell from the photos, only the ladies have grown better looking with the years — and we don't seem to have helped to hold down the population explosion. Prize for making the longest trek to attend went to Jack Tierney, attending a DC conv from Great Falls, MT. He showed up with Marc Sigurski after a round of tennis. Our thanks to Dick Price, Official Photographer for the event.

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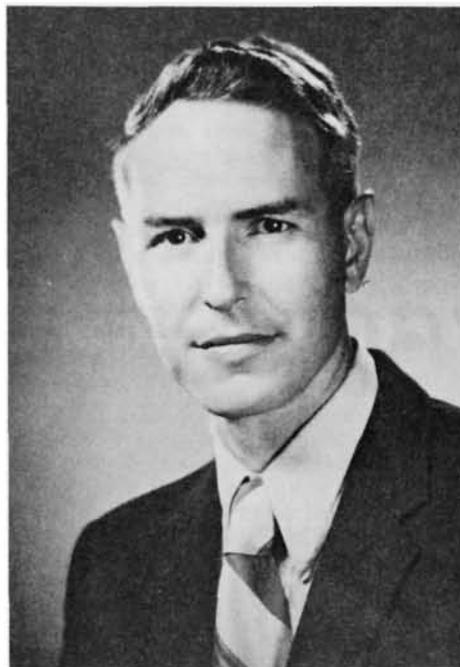
From the AFSC comes word that Faculty Adv Bill Gillette is watching over outstanding student John Schaffer. The course of instr is apparent from the photo.

News from Europe came from Joan Collins. Sam is SGS, V Corps. Joan notes that if half the Class is in DC, the other half must be in Europe. Attending a recent party that Sam and Joan had at the Rhein Main Officers Club for Marty and Don Palladino (HQ, AFCENT) and for Mary Ruth and Jim Peck (Cdr, 9th Engr Bn, Aschaffenburg), were Cindi and Bob Julian (Cdr, 94th Engr Bn), Helen and Bill Tuttle (Cdr, 503d S&T Bn), Ann and Jack Eliot (HQ, CENTAG, G4), Jan and Bill Edwards (German Ln, Koblenz), Norma and Ray Miller (Facility Engr, Wurzburg) and Billie and Tony Nadal (HQ, USAREUR, ODCSPER). Maybe Tony is the man to see if you are looking for a good assignment in Germany!

With our first group of Army Classmates now promoted to COL, we're moving up in the world. The only man your Scribe has seen so far wearing his eagles is Butch Saint, who operates Exec Svs for the Dir of the Army Staff — those birds look great!

AIR FORCE

Thanks to Dick Price there is news of AF Classmates in the DC area. Dick is assigned to AF/R&D in the Pentagon, as is Al Chase. Also in AF/R&D, but expected to leave shortly are Bob Durkin (going to B-52s at Ellsworth AFB, SD) and Toby Kevin (destination unknown). In other areas of the Air Staff are Bob Kirtley (Emergency Actions Tm, Ops), Skip Hettinger (Reserve Affairs), Phil Raign (Ops Dir), Pete Trainor (Abn Cmd Post Branch, Ops Dir), Bruce Trott (Prog Dir), Mike Dugan (Doctrine Dir), and Chuck Davis (USAF Bd Structure). Chuck expects to be departing this summer. Jim Chapman spends a good portion of his time writing speeches for the Secy of the AF, with Tom Conti working in Legislative Ln to insure the proper impact on Capitol Hill. Mike Jones and Chuck



1958: Bo Craddock

Hansult are across the river at Andrews AFB, keeping the AFSC in shape.

Dick Beyea is still with OSI, but expects to move to Weathersfield, in the UK, in Mar. Watching over us at the Def and Joint Staff levels are Chuck Cabell and Leo Smith, both with DDR&E, Gerry Rudolph in ASD (Intel), and Bob McCann (newly assigned to J5, JCS).



1958: DC picnic.

From farther afield comes word that Eula and Tom Cartwright are at Ramstein AB, Germany, where Tom is with a Special Activities unit. Marjorie and Jerry Prochaska are stationed at Mildenhall RAF Sta in England, with Jerry commanding the 2147th Comm Sq. Paul Ruud is Ch, Anal Br at Nakhon Phanom AB in Thailand.

CIVILIAN

Great news from Jack Schneider that arrived just too late for the last edition! Jack's cancer is in remission and he is working with an artificial leg! Jack and Fran are living at 6712 Stoneybrooke Lane in Alexandria. Fran is teaching 4th grade in the local school sys. Jack is now medically ret. and expects to be working shortly.

Ken and Helen Clark are living in Freehold Township, NJ, while Ken flies for PAN AM. Ken was a Republican candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional Dist. Hang in there, Ken! It looks like Tom and Peggy Looney will be in Charlotte, NC, for a while. Tom is a VP of Wheat, First Securities and is now the Res Mgr of the Charlotte Office. Bo and Judy Craddock are in Phoenix where Bo is Asst Office Mgr for Connecticut General Life. On the side Bo is the senior USMA Ln coordinator for AZ and the Phoenix rep for the Officers Christian Union.

We're strong in CA! Harry Kramp is in the real estate business in Oakland. Frank and Gail Harlem are in Corona del Mar, where Frank sells shopping centers and other commercial properties. Tom Mason is in Fountain Valley. Tony Forster is living in San Juan Capistrano, and runs a wholesale auto parts business with his brother in Santa Ana. Herb and Carma Johnson have recently left CA for Cashiers, NC. Herb is bringing his real estate expertise east. The Johnsons have 2 daughters, Carin and Jennifer. For those of you who see the "Godfather II" movie, watch for "Robert Duvall's daughter" — that's Carin. Good luck, Herb, and come on up to DC.

I hope that 1975 is a banner year for us all, individually and collectively. Keep that mail rolling in or give me a call at OX 5-6568.

'59

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The holidays were the occasion of many parties attended by 2 or more classmates; but unfortunately, none of them were reported to me, so they must go unrecorded in this column. Polly and I did enjoy a bash given by Pat and Ray Beurket here in DC, and we were happy to see, with spouses

(spice?), Frank Besson, Chuck Darby, and Freeman Howard. Also, we were invited to (but had to miss) a party given for Julie and Bob Demont, who were up from Ft Knox, where Bob is Anal Tm Ch for the MBT Task Force.

Your many newsy cards and letters must have been lost in the mail, folks, so to carry us over I will report some news gleaned at the 15th Reunion. Not all of it, of course, because I must have something left to fall back on for the next issue.

Doug and Marg Anderson have 5 children, ranging in age from 13 to 2, and they live in Franklin, TN, at Rte 3, 175 Poteat Pl. Doug is an engr with a printing co.

Randy and Carole Bell also have 5, theirs ranging from 14 down to 4, and they can be reached at 200 Eagle Rd, in Wayne, PA. Randy has the suave demeanor of an opulent ophthalmologist at Valley Forge GH. Jim and Gudrun Burwell have a girl and a boy, aged 13 and 12, and Jim commutes to his civ electr engr job at Ft Monmouth from 28 Eisele Ave, Ocean, NJ.

Bill and Mary Callahan came to the Reunion all the way from Mather AFB, CA, where Bill is CO of the 2034 Commo Sq. They live on the base, which is outside Sacramento, at 111 Strickland Dr. Rich and Marlene Clark came from Alexandria, VA, and they reside at 4400 Ferry Landing Rd. Rich is a trial atty for the FAA, owns his own Cessna Cardinal, and in his USAR life commands the 11th SF Gp (Abn).

Don and Jeannie Coen have 4 children, aged 14, 12, 9, and 6, and they all live in Canton, OH, where Don is VP of the Coen Oil Co., a petroleum distributor. The address is 414 49th St, NW. Don asked, on the brilliant questionnaire I devised for the occasion, what had become of Sandy and Carol Beach. As far as I know, Sandy is still with Booz Allen in Chicago.

Chuck and Judy Darby were there with 5 children ranging in age from 5 to 14, and they had made the trip from Ruxton, MD, where they reside at 1401 W. Joppa Rd. Chuck is the owner of Drink Me Beverage, Inc., in Baltimore. Don and Marge Fitchett, stationed at WP (Physics), have a boy and a girl, aged 10 and 6. Don, as chmn of our class org there, orchestrated the Reunion in commendable fashion.

Don and Jennifer Gruschow are at 50 Deerfield Dr, in Franklin, NJ, and Don is still piloting for Pan Am. They have a boy, aged 2, and a girl in her 1st year. John and Ellen Guthrie have 3 children, 10 through 13, and live in Derwood, MD, at 7612 Dewwood Dr. John works at the White House as a Dpty Sp Asst to the Pres.

John and Katherine Harkins were up from Harrisburg, PA, where they reside at 7929 Manor Dr. They have 3 children, from 5 to 14, and John works with the PA Gov's Office of Admin. Al and Mayling Hew came all the way from New Orleans, where Al is a medical doctor. They have 3 children ranging in age from 4 to 8, and they live in Metairie, LA, at 3505 Wanda Lynn Dr. Al reports that Dick Johnson is in grad sch at Tulane.

Bob and Trudy Holman have 4 children, aged 10 through 14, and live in Alexandria, VA, at 7211 Racepoint Way. Bob received his MBA from USC in Jun, and he is now Ch, ADP Hardware Br, DSSC, DIA. Steve and Audrey Hurley have a girl and 2 boys, aged 13, 12, and 10, and they live at 9465 Copenhaver Dr, Potomac, MD. Steve is with IBM.

Powell Hutton is still a bachelor, ladies, and he can be reached at Box 227, US AWC,

Carlisle Bks, PA. He notes that he spent last Easter skiing in Garmisch with Stan and Madelene Kanarowski, who have 4 children. Stan was CO of the recreation center and was scheduled to remain in Garmisch until summer of 75 when he would take command of a tank bn.

Greg and Judy Kadlec are in Kimberly, ID, where Greg has a family medical practice. They have 2 children, Andrea (4) and Melissa (2). George and Beth Kleb have 3, from 8 to 14, and they all live in Fairfax, VA, at 5010 Wheatstone Dr. George works in DCS-PER at the Pentagon.

At the time of the Reunion, Steve and Christa Klein were at Ft Bragg. Now, however, they're presumably at Monterey studying German and the monetary conversion rate. Steve reported that at Bragg, in USAIMA, were John Cox, Tim Matthes, Ben Dishman, and George Harrison. Jack and Zenia Knebel were also at the Reunion, and they have 3 children, aged 4 through 11. The family resides in McLean, VA, and Jack serves as general counsel for the U.S. Dept of Agriculture.

If your name comes after "K," and if you turned in your poopsheet in Oct, you can breathlessly await seeing your name in print in the next issue. Meanwhile, keep all of the marvelous photos (glossy black and white prints are preferred) coming in. Somehow we will manage to print them all.

'60

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The thought occurred to me as I sat down to write this column that one of the habits I should have cultivated as a 2LT was carrying a pencil and paper with me at all times. A large number of classmates passed through here this fall but I've forgotten who and when. Then again I thought I should have suggested in the last column that everyone send me a Xmas card. Oh, well, Mom remembered! But, thanks to a few classmates, I have a little material to submit some semblance of class notes — late again as usual.

The best friend our Class has is the editor of the ASSEMBLY — at least he's the most patient.

O.K., now to the Xmas card list. Penn State announced that Albert "Bucky" Keating was awarded an MS in Indl Engr last summer. Don Prosser was recently appointed mgr of Sales and Distribution Svcs at Personal Products, an affiliate of Johnson and Johnson in Milltown, NJ. Don was formerly with Permacel where he was presented with the Manuf Mgr of the Year award in 72. Don and Pat reside in East Windsor, NJ, with their 2 sons.

A news release from Corning, NY, revealed that Lee and Judy Farmelo are diversifying. They, along with another couple, are opening a campground under a franchise from KOA. The operation will be known as Corning KOA and will be managed by the wives. The opening date is set for May of this year. There will be 108 campsites which sounds like more than enough for a Class reunion.

The Lincolns, Jim and Genie, sent regards from Ft Bragg. Jack and LuAnn Hixon and Tom and Ann Haycraft recently joined the list of classmates in the Fayetteville area. The Lincolns, Plummers and Downeys planned on a get-together for New Year's Eve. I didn't even ask for pictures of that.

Received a card from Chan and Gigi Duryea who are presently in Paris. Chan is working on a master's in French and plans a tour at WP commencing in 76. The Duryeas, including Robert, Gwynne and Nicki, extend an invitation to all passing through Paris to stay with them and beat the hotel inflation. You can contact them through the Embassy. (Or contact me through the BP in Washington Hall and I'll forward their address.)

I announced in the last column that the Blackstones have a new addition, Matthew, born on 5 Sept. Tony and Joan are living in a court at Leavenworth with the Gullas, Misuras and Seward. The Tozers and MacNamaras live nearby. Tony is involved with taking instrument flying instruction. The congratulations of the Class are extended to Jon and Barbara Searles, who were married on 27 Jun 74, and to Joe Skinner and Carol



1960: 1st Regt (front row): Marilu Jilbert, Lynn Totten, Juanita Crump, Joan Blackstone, Gladys Seward; (2d row): Jilbert, Totten, Crump, Blackstone; (3d row): Betty Raymond, Raymond, Mary Lewis, Lewis, Cynthia Danielson, Danielson, and Seward.



1960: 2d Regt (front row): Misura, Karen Misura, Jackie Gulla, Tozer; (2d row): Doris Shost, Em Bailey, Crosby, Caye Tozer; (3d row): Shost, Lucy Klein, Bailey, Klein, Carolyn McQuillen, McQuillen, Sharon Crosby, Gulla.

Hamilton, who were married on 18 Oct 74. Jon and Barbara are at Ft Hood where Jon is the XO, 2/1 Cav, 2AD. Joe and Carol (hopefully back from Nassau) will be residing at 213 Glenn Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

The Carnaghis sat next to Pat and me at all the home football games this fall. Their son, Drew (13), has been designated a gifted child and has taken SSAT's for prep sch. Bob Klein remembered and had pictures taken at the first Class of '60 party at Leavenworth last fall. You'll notice Em Bailey covering her face — the result of Bill allegedly punching her in the eye just prior to the snap of the picture. At present there are 13 classmates on the faculty and 14 as students at the middle year way station.

Don Stukel dropped a line giving news of his latest move. After 2 yrs on Kissinger's staff in DC, he and Joyce moved to Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA. Don is the Sys Prog Dir of the Over the Horizon Radar Program. Don also made the latest AF full COL's list and expects to pin them on by Jun. Congratulations!

Jim and Sandy Fairchild have taken up residence in DC with DCSOPS. Jim reports that the work force in that particular area of the Pentagon includes Spivey, Fegan, Breit, Nobles, Kaiser, Brynes, and Djworak. Bob and Gena Mills are in DC with the State Dept having recently returned from Thailand. Art and Leslye Geise are also with the State Dept. Art is presently a State Exchange officer with OASD. Most of the above info was provided by Ken Richeson. Ken also passed on that the Class had a picnic at Lake Accotink in Sept at which time the mothers'/children's volleyball team convinced many classmates that old age was definitely lurking in the background.

Joe Felber is now dabbling in the real estate business in DC. His phone (703-256-9027) is included as a convenience for those who are contemplating a move to that area.

Seen at the Army-Navy game: Bauer (DLI but slated for Leavenworth); Watson (Pica-



1960: Jim, Genie, Jimmy and Joe Lincoln.

tinny Ars); Brisach (new addition — Amy, 3 mos), Gigicos, Chapman (at Monmouth but attending DSMS at Belvoir), and Denton. John Denton sat next to me and we reintroduced ourselves after the 1st quarter. He claimed I had gained weight, and I thought he grew 6 inches. John is moving to Columbia Presbyterian Hosp in NYC to teach. Also saw Ed Walczak and Herm Marmon at the game.

Talked to Jim Fero on the phone recently. He was at branch trying to find out where he is going after he leaves AK in Jun. Jim, Linda and Michelle (10) are in Anchorage enjoying Jim's pilot's license and guide's license. Joe Cote is the CO of the 70th Ord Bn (no, I don't know where). Craig Hagan

has an Inf Bn in Baumholder, Germany. Mike Hynd is with ODC at the Arty and Missile Sch in El Paso. Chuck Decko is at the U. of TX at El Paso. Jack Fanning is with the SGS at Bliss.

Bob Trodella is with the tactics cmte at Bliss and Joe Hutchinson is slated to leave the SM Acad for Germany. Dan Donahue is an office mgr with Merrill, Lynch, Fenner, etc. in Tacoma, WA. Tom and Cathy Throckmorton are still at Law Sch in Charlottesville, VA. Ann and Bill Hanne are in DC. Bill is with OACSI. Judy and Joe Arnold are at Ft Hood and added David Matthew on 18 Nov. John and Kacki Berry are at Ft Lewis where John is a Bn XO. Joe Stilwell is at Lewis also.

You may recall from the last issue that Dick Healy, pres of the class group here at WP, mentioned that information on our 15th Class Reunion would be forthcoming. Well, here it comes. Dyke Miller has graciously accepted the chairmanship, and will get down to specifics as soon as he recovers from the shock of saying yes. Until then, however, you can start your planning as follows: Homecoming weekend will be the 17-19th of Oct (earlier this year). On the 17th, Cross Country, Soccer and 150 lb football have contests. Some type of Class get-together will be planned for that evening. The alumni services will be held the morning of the 18th. A luncheon will follow at noon with the Army-Pittsburgh game in the afternoon. The Alumni Dinner-Dance will commence in Washington Hall around 1900 that evening. A Class Memorial Service will be scheduled for the morning of the 19th. A brunch will follow which will finish the activities until the 20th Reunion. Handball, squash, paddleball games, etc., will be scheduled at your own risk.

Hope you make it through the gloom period and get all the Xmas bills paid before the Reunion.

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The football season has come and gone since I last wrote this column and though there were disappointments there was much improvement. Those of us who had the opportunity saw a lot more football this year than last. With over 20 Plebes playing above C-squad level and only 9 Firsties on the roster the improvement should continue. Tad Schroeder is back in charge of recruiting and will be joined this summer by Frank "Hoot" Gibson who is leaving his "2d" home at Leavenworth to return to his "1st" home at WP. I'm sure they will welcome any leads you can offer from the hinterlands of budding dedicated scholar athletes. The Black Knights continue to receive loyal and vocal support from John and Elayne Kilkenny (both at Howze Field and Michie Stadium). Support at the Navy game included the Kilkennys, the Tobins and yours truly from WP, and the Halsteads and Butch Robertson from the DC area.

Congratulations to the following on their selection to service schools: To C&GSC—Terry Alexander, Arm, Ft Hood; Dave Mace, Arm, FORSCOM; Dale Campbell, FA; Howie Dewitt, FA, Thailand; Pete Gleichenhaus, FA, USMA; Jon Nitkowski, FA, Leavenworth; Mike Underwood, FA; Ron Beckett, Inf (who had disappeared in Ft Polk); Paul DeVries, Inf, DIA; Sam Enfield, Inf, OPO; and Cy Shearer, SC, DCA. To AFSC—Carl



1961: Tedrick and Ganderson attend WAC Symposium?

Hansen, Arm, Ft Ord; Don McBee, Arm; Ben Covington, Arm, TRADOC; Joe Stewart, Engr, Okinawa; Mike Lombardo, FA, Europe; Chan Greene, Inf, Ft Benning; Marty Ganderson, Inf, TRADOC; and Roy Busdiecker, SC, OPM-ARTADS.

A couple notes on file are from now unknown sources: Corky Rittgers is working on an MA in Journalism at KS U. and Paul and Mary Ann Vader are assigned to the ROTC det at Wichita State. While visiting what's left of Xenia, OH over Xmas I talked with Larry Smalley. He and Sue are in Columbus where he is very happy in a new position with the engr consultant firm of Stilson Assoc. Frank Tilton (he and Liz still with Math Dept) continues to maintain contact with Mac Greeley. Mac and Nancy are now in Beeville, TX where Mac is a flt instr at Chase Fld. They welcomed a 3d child, Brendan Harrison, 16 Oct 74. Also announcing a new addition are Jim and Mary Loomam at Ft Leavenworth. Meaghan Elizabeth arrived on 3 Dec to bring their current total to 5.

Jack Martin dropped me a note in Oct to say that he is assigned as Signal Activity Cdr to the ND SAFEGUARD Complex. He, Joan and sons David (9), Andrew (6), and Danny (4), are living in Nekoma. Dick Yule also wrote to correct my last column. He is at CO U. but in a new master's program vice ROTC as reported. He is studying for a degree in Telecommunications Engr. Mike and Margaret Eggleston are also in Boulder enjoying the Rocky Mts—Mike is in the same program with Dick. Dick is looking for "Herky" Hodge if anyone knows his whereabouts?

Marty Ganderson wrote from Ft Monroe with bits of news he has been saving up for awhile. Carl Hansen visited from CDEC working on a special tank gunnery study, Jim Blesse was in for a conf from Ft Bliss. Marty reports that Paul DeVries has been doing some "fantastically exciting traveling" out of DC which Paul will write me about but to date that's all I can tell you. Joe Fishburne (MSC) also visited TRADOC from PACDA for a conf on The Inf Sch Assessment Cen. Don Sawtelle in DCSPER is also involved in this. Marty spent a pleasant few days with Tom and Anne Rousseau at Ft Ord where Tom is the Dpty G4, 7th Div. Mike Urette was at Monroe last summer on active reserve duty from Tampa, FL where he is VP of marketing, and newly elected Dir of Sys Corp. Karen is apparently happy with the idea of homesteading. Marty volunteered the picture of him and Jim Tedrick and the "unknown LTS"—looks like they're getting some okay traveling, too! Marty also provided the picture of the

Gabriels and Covingtons at his house. Pictures he could not provide include A-N day at Carl Bacon's and an evening of Vietnamese cuisine which included the Dombrowskis and Gillespies at MAJ and Mrs (Mike and Chan) Eilands'. Yes, I said and Mrs. Mike reportedly met Chan in Saigon in 69 where she was the VN mgr of American Express. Mike is completing AFSC after his tour with the Thai SF. His parting feat was to win the individual championship in the Thai Natl Open Skydiving Championship; the trophy for which he received from the King. Congratulations Mike on your success and marriage. Thanks, Marty, for all the tidbits.

Jim Strachan writes that he has picked up his duties as Dpty PAO, U.S. Army, Japan, after their 9 day cruise from San Fran to Yokohama. Jim says he's still going to night sch with the possibility of another PhD (Far East Studies)—Jim, you're a masochist! He saw Denny Lenhart who is the Asst AA and lives in Tokyo with wife and family.

From classmates here at WP I have a few Xmas card addresses. Jim Raynis, JUSMAG-THAI; Bill Weis, Army Readiness Region, Ft Sam Houston, Bob Hardiman, HHC, 130th Engr Bde; Tom Matson, Chamblee, GA; Hampy Hodges with new daughter Harolyn and a new airplane in Midland, TX; and



1961: Gabe Gabriel, Ruth Covington, Paul Gabriel, Bonnie Ganderson, Jo Ann Gabriel, Ben Covington (L-R) at the Gandersons.

Dave Hastings still with DSA at Arlington Hall Sta.

Larry and Linda Noble have moved from the Air C&SC to Hanscom AFB, MA, where Larry is working with the Electr Sys Div.

Jim Scott gathered together some K-2 info: Jack Dewar, G2, 101st, has renewed acquaintances with Bruce Dagleish, Earl Horan, Rod Granneman, and Rusty Wilkerson at Campbell. Hank Kenny is in the Strat Planning Div of the Bureau of Intl Commerce where he is using his PhD in Intl Sv. Mary Frances is undertaking a master's in Nursing. Dick Sheeder has been working with Penn State U. as a Sys Planning Specialist. Jane taught for 4 yrs and was expecting—sorry I don't know the outcome! Ken Seigenthaler is at W-P AFB as a Laser Rsch Engr in the Aerospace Rsch Labs. He has seen Dave Teal who is also at W-P and Bill Mackie who was on his way to Germany as a navigator. John Sommercamp checked in from Torrance, CA where he is with SAMSO, Def Spt Prog. I don't believe their son, James Peyton II, 16 Mar 74, was previously announced so here it is on his first birthday. Gene and Georgia Witherspoon arrived in Sydney, in Aug 74, where they will spend 2 yrs with the Australian Sch of Mil Engr. "Spoon" is the OIC, Field Engr and Bridging Wg.

The following news comes from Bruce

Cowan's H-1 newsletter of Nov. Don and Jodie Barbour should have by now finished up French tng at Monterey DLI and be in Rabat, Morocco, where Don will be assigned to the Morocco-U.S. LnO. Apparently a branch transfer from Chem Cps to Ord is a prerequisite for this kind of assignment! Bunnie and Drew Casani are in Colo Spgs with ARADCOM. Jackie and George Cherry are still at Northport, AL where George is now asst supt of Tuscaloosa Water Works and teaching one course at night at U. of AL. Brom and Mo Cook are in Pensacola, FL where Brom has taken over the outlying branches of the Wells Fargo New Orleans Div. Ken Geiger writes after a long silence that he has been working on forming the new Opnl T&E Agcy at Belvoir. Erika and Bob Janoska are in Milford, MI where Bob works with GM's Safety R&D Lab at GM's PG. Donn and Carol Miller write this year from Vilseck, Germany, the home of the 7th Army CATC. Donn's job is running a course for all newly assigned Bd and Bn Cdrs in USAREUR. Bill Nesbeitt has taken a job in Dallas with Gifford-Hill Co, maker of plastic piping. Bill and Karee appear to enjoy the area and have done quite a bit of traveling to include back-packing in NM. Jack Nichols is with the Abn Comm Electr Bd at Bragg. Marie and Russ Phelps are still with Army Human Engr Lab at APG, MD. Russ is now head of the Comm-Electr Team. After 5 yrs of night school Russ has been awarded an MSA in ADP Sys Mgmt from GWU. Marie teaches a crewel course at the community coll and both take an active part in gardening, bowling and biking on their 10 speeds. Nick and Cookie Plodinec are back in the States after a tour in Thailand and are now at McGuire AFB, NJ where Nick flies C-141's. Linda and Jack Raible wrote from Carson City, NV where Jack is serving as pres of the local teachers assn. Joe Russo is still in Bricktown, NJ where he teaches Health and PE at Long Branch Jr. High. Reported missing from H-1 news are John Berinato and Jim Cullen. If any of you have info on these 2 please let us know.

Thanks Bruce for your annual letter.

Just hours after my deadline and typing of this column I received the following from Gabe Gabriel. They have moved to King's Park W., Fairfax, VA in the vicinity of Hales and Hilliers. Gabe was assigned from AFSC to U.S. Army Computer Spt and Eval Agcy. Frank Gillespie and Glenn Peters had arrived for the Jan crse. Al, Carin, Carl (8), and Bruce (6) Vanderbush were assigned



1961: Strachan addressing IO's of Japanese Self Defense Forces (in Japanese).

to the 172d Bde in Anchorage. Mike and Chan Eiland are at Ft Bragg after TDY en route at Leavenworth to complete the C&GSC corres crse. Kim, Dana (12) and Leslie (10) Swain are staying in Virginia Bch, VA while Mike pulls a tour in Korea. Jack Zimmerman is also in Korea with J3, U.S. Cmd. Joan, Julie (10), Jill (10), & Jeff (9) are in Reading, PA. Jim Cargile is with the 12th CAV, 3d AD and Jerry Dombrowski drew an unaccompanied MAG asgmt in Iran. Judy, Mike (12) Bruce (10) & Debbie (8) are spending their year in Lawton, OK. Thanks Gabe et al for your news this quarter.

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There is the old saying that no news is good news. I certainly have much good news. From the letters received:

Bill and Betty Kosco complete 3 yrs Feb in the exciting Middle East. They are on the way to Germany. Bill writes that Bob and Betty Sue Carroll are in CO; Bob is an Inf Bn XO. Walt and Amy Cooper are with the 111th Signal Bn in Germany.

Bill White is currently Marketing Mgr in IBM's General Sys Div and writes that he and his family recently moved to Minneapolis and welcome classmates passing through the area. He was welcomed to the area by Bill Mogan, who presides over the local alumni assn.

Don Pederson, currently with Fc Anal Div, DC, writes that he expects to return to WP in Jun to teach math.

Phil Burns and family are enjoying their 200-yr-old farm house in Belgium. The landlord's cow pasture is in his front yard. The Burns joined the Simcox on a Rhine cruise — 3 days of food, drink and merry-making — do you need a dpty, Phil?

J.J. and Helene Kirby send holiday greetings and an update on the "Kirby Klan" from St. Joseph, MO. They expect to receive orders for Germany this summer.

J.J. Heigl tells me that some 30 of 50 classmates in the DC area attended the 2d annual class party at Arlington Hall Sta. He gives credit to Marsh Johnson, Bob Krause and Rog Brown for organizing the party and the good turnout. J.J. is Eastern Regl Mgr



1962: Kosco on a boar hunt in the Golan Heights.

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of one of the divisions of Litton Ind. He extends an invitation to any classmates coming through or moving to the DC area to give him a call. He attempts to maintain current information on classmates in the area.

Unless the mailman comes with additional mail before the "proofs" go to press, that's it for this issue. Please drop us a note.

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Sale! All remaining 10th Yr Books on sale for \$5 each! Contact Duane Myers or George DeGraff, c/o Math Dept, USMA for your copy(s). Also a plea from Duane to have all accounts settled before the printer sends him to jail! Remember the original price was \$10 per copy.

Have just received word that Lee Fairbanks has arrived at WP to work with AOC on Alumni Affairs. Received a letter from Dave "PD" Griffith who is enjoying the So. CA sun as a Sales and Marketing Mgr for Calif Milling Co. Dave received an MBA from So. CA in 70. He says the beach is great and invites one and all to visit; his address is 6400 Pacific, Playa Del Rey, CA 90291. PD would especially like to hear from Sam Thompson. Speaking of Sam — he and Babs now reside at 403B Rossell Lp, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, while Sam works for the DMA.

It seems that '63's migrating to the DC area in ever increasing numbers. That new civ lawyer about town, J.T. Westermeier Jr, has organized a 12th Reunion Dinner Dance at the Rotunda Room, Seminary Towers, Alexandria, VA on 7 Jun. Anyone who plans to be in the DC area in Jun can contact Jay at 4801 Kenmore Ave, Alex, VA 22304 (Tel: 751-0721). Also in DC are: Larry & Ann Anderson, 115 Giddings Ave, Severna Park, MD 21146 (DIA); Gordie & Dottie Arbogast, 8418 Thames St., Springfield, VA 22151 (DCA); Bill & Sue Boice, Qtrs 19, Ft McNair, DC (Aide to CS); Tom & Martha Casey, 9229 Winterfields Lane, Columbia, MD; Steve and Marilyn Chapman, 236 Willow Terr, Sterling, VA 22170 (AEC); Jack & Chris Chase, 14305 Fallbrook Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (Engr Topo Labs); Bob & Susie Coulson, 14408 Fountain Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (ASA); Dan & Barbara Demchuck, 7225 Grubby Thicketway (can you believe!), Bethesda, MD (Army Hosp); Jim & Roberta DeWire, 5207 Lansdale Dr, Springfield, VA 22151 (DSCOPS, Pentagon); Phil & Jerry Mock, 6830 Lamp Post Lane, Alex, VA 22306 (DCSOPS, Pentagon); George & Judy Moses, 5013 Wheatstone Dr, Kings Park West, Fairfax, VA 22030 (OSD, Land Fc Dev, Pentagon); Ray & Betty Nickla, 9103 Crossbow Rd, Oxenhill, MD 20022 (AF Opns, Pentagon); Gary & Mary Jane Sausser, Qtrs D-2, Quantico, VA 22134 (Stu, Marine C&S); Fred & Pat Schaum, 7015 Sydenstricker Rd, Springfield, VA 22152 (DCSPER); Bob & Marcelle Sheidig, 1301 S. Scott St, Arlington, VA 22207 (AVC of S, Pentagon); Jack & Nancy Silvey, 2658 N. Quantica, Arlington, VA 22207 (AVC of S, Pentagon); Ward Smith, 25 West Clebe Rd, Alex, VA 22305 (DCSOPS); Glen & Karen Smith, 8987 Stone Cloud Rd, Columbia, MD 21045 (DMA); Paul & Joan Sutton, 3132 Creswell Dr, Falls Church, VA 22044 (ASA); Dennie & Lou Tallie, 6322 Thomas Dr, Springfield, VA 22150 (Army CAA); Pat & Wuanita Tate, 6301 Bardu Ave, Springfield,



1963: Pope, Weyrauch, Pam and Max Barron (L-R) at C&GSC.

VA 22152 (OCE); Alex & Claire Whitaker, 1571 44th St, NW, DC 20007 (Postal Rate Comm); Ted & Pat Wildrick, 455-B Jadwin Lp, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060 (Engr Sch Bde); Ruth & Luke Woods, 6712 Northgates Pkwy, Clinton, MD 20735 (DCSPER).

Steve Popielarsk's a Phila lawyer and held a small gathering after the A-N affair. Those attending included: Al Scott, Tim Young, J.J. Jaworoski, John Dunn, & Jay Westermeier.

Mike & Kay Keavewey are still at Ft Leavenworth (Faculty) and sent a newsy letter complete with photos. Mike mentioned a note from Bob and Julie Foley. They are with the 3d Inf Div where Bob is S3, 1/7 Inf, (APO NY 09162). Mike is currently an instr in NBC Warfare and spends his free time on the ski slopes in CO. Other permanent parties at CGSC include Rich Goldsmith (DCOM), Al Christensen (CACDA), & Chuck Kinsey (DSTRAT). CGSC students are Banks, Barron, Brendle, Brown, Cole, Coomer, Forsythe, Gladfelder, James, Jenks, Kosevich, Leach, McCormick, Miller, McGarity, Otis, Pope, Sallee, Shine, Summers, Weyrauch, and Vogel.

That's about it for now. More info next time on possibly moving the Class hqs from WP to DC. Best of luck to all in 75.

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At this sloshy writing—wait—at this sloshy Jan writing—no—it's Jan, and it's sloshy, and I'm writing this, and I guess I was right the first time. In any case, it was not sloshy 2 mos ago at our 10th Reunion, and I hope it is not that way as you read this in Mar. I also hope some of you will take pity and write, for only 2 letters have arrived since the last issue—and they were short ones. But that is more than understandable when one considers all the renewed communication between us that occurred at a Reunion that defies comprehensive description. Ward Just (the author of *Military Men*, etc.) joined our Class for that Homecoming weekend and produced an extremely interesting and artful article about us which appears in the Jan issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*. If you missed it, then make the effort to scare up a copy somewhere, for it is well worth reading.

I certainly won't attempt to try to describe what happened at Reunion—last issue's pictures gave you an idea. When 200 with mates gather, some all the way from the West Coast, you can imagine. Art Kelly, a past scribe, deserves some special mention, I think, for joining us all the way from Vicenza, Italy—those of you not previously convinced about Art, please reconsider.



1964: Reunion

The folks that made it possible for the moon to shine on the Crest Room on Fri and for open flies and bleary eyes at Sun Brunch, as well as for many other funny and warm events experienced by each of us throughout the weekend, were the members of the Reunion Cmte. The Hdqrs Cmte approved the following resolution to recognize the contributions of Huba Wass de Czege (Coordinator), George Fisher (Finances & Alumni Dinner Dance), Pete Elson (Mailing & Memorial Service), Chris Shore (Motel Space), Bob Balderson (On-post Housing), Jim Cornell (Hospitality), Dave Bramlett (Class Buttons and Souvenir Wine Glasses), Wayne Wheeler (Social Events Coordinator), Danny Seiler (Fri Buffet-Dance), Dick Chilcoat (Alumni Exercise & Picture-taking), Norm Grunstad (Tailgate Picnic), Barry McCaffrey, Tony Hartle, & Art Kelly (Initial Planning & Coordination), and Numerous Others (Misc Odds & Ends):

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Reunion Committee, USMA Class of 1964, served as the corporate organization for the Class to conduct all matters concerning the 10th year reunion, and

WHEREAS, this organization performed all of its duties and responsibilities with extraordinary diligence, competence, and sensitivity, and

WHEREAS, this exceptional performance of duty served to considerably enhance the continued esprit, cohesion, and unity of the Class,

THEREFORE, the officers of the Headquarters Committee, USMA Class of 1964, highly commend the Reunion Committee, its Coordinator, and all its members for the outstanding service it rendered to the Class while conducting the 10th year reunion; and, these officers gratefully express their appreciation, on behalf of the Class, for the Reunion Committee's selfless contributions in promoting the welfare of the Class and its members.

That says "Well Done!" Hal Winton cared and took the time to write out an account of the Sunday Memorial Service, which was the final Class activity of the Reunion:

"It was a clear, crisp autumn day and the quiet beauty of the Post Cemetery provided the perfect setting for paying tribute to our departed classmates. Several next of kin were there including Bill Black's wife Ann, Gerry Palma's father and sister, Tom Millacci's parents, Joe O'Brien's wife Pat, now remarried as Pat Broyles, and Bill Seely's wife Carol, now remarried as Carol Lanthier.

"The ceremony was brief and simple. Chaplain Ford, who had turned down another request for his services in order to be with our Class, gave the invocation. Pete Elson read the 121st Psalm, and Dick Chil-

coat made several remarks in memoriam. Dave Roesler read the Roll Call of Honor, taps were sounded and we closed by reciting the 23d Psalm.

"While each portion of the service was entirely appropriate, the thoughts Dick Chilcoat shared with us seemed particularly apt. Dick read from a letter written by a classmate to GEN Douglas MacArthur to express the Corps' sentiment on his 80th birthday. The letter stated that young, relatively inexperienced men were unable to comprehend the full meaning of mil ceremony since they had not been exposed to the horrors of war or the calumnies of national ambition. They were, however, inspired by their reminders of the past including great men who spoke to them of noble sacrifice. Dick pointed out that since this letter had been written we had undergone a process of maturation and were now all too familiar with the evils which our classmate had mentioned. Furthermore, he said, we now had our own solemn reminders of the past. He closed with the last verses of the Corps and the Alma Mater, the meanings of which were poignantly driven home as we looked past Dick to the flower-strewn tombstones." This too, says "Well Done!"

Now some Class business. The Jun poll of the Class resulted in the passage of the following amendments to the Class Constitution: to authorize the AOG to manage the Class Fund; and, second, to authorize the Class Pres or Chmn, Hqs Cmte to spend up to \$50.00 from the Class Fund for an official Class action or project.

An election of new Hqs Cmte officers for 75 resulted in the following individuals assuming some new responsibilities: Ged Brown (Vice Chmn); Jay Cope (Recorder); Ben Sternberg (Cmptr); Al Russo (Social Chmn); and, Jim George (Assoc Social Chmn). Congratulations are in order for them and for Dave Baratto, whose name had to be dropped from the ballot because he will spend next year at Sandhurst—close your eyes and imagine Dave with an English accent—sloshy.

Jeff Kleb wrote from Garmisch to say he'll be leaving the Russian Inst in Jun and will be joining the Russian Dept here in the fall of 76. Jeff confirmed his visits with Haydash clan in Berlin that we reported last issue. He also mentioned that he and Jo Ann gathered with Tom and Linda Anthony and Jerry and Barb Lynskey in Vienna. Tom is with Firestone and Jerry is working for a bank in the old city. They sent an unprintable color photo of themselves having a sloshy time. Yes, I know you wonder why the photo was unprintable. Jeff also said that Bob Craighill & spouse have visited from SHAPE HQ.

Dave Bergman also wrote from Iran that he is now serving as an Improved Hawk Range Opns Officer. I wonder what the unimproved version was like, and whether it was



1964: Arrington, Carson and Price (L-R) at the Reunion.

Dave or someone else. Anyhow, Dave said Mike and Chris Cook are still their "aiding" and waiting to come back to the States.

That's the extent of the news except that Judi Bramlett, Dave's wife, sends out the plea and cry, "Where are you P.J.?" Ask what that means and you qualify as sloshy.

'65

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The big news for this column has to be the 10-yr Reunion and early reports indicate a large turnout. Perhaps because I kept Gil Gilchrist's melmac plate when I left, he didn't send me a flyer but I assume everyone else got one. If not, here are the basics. The dates are 28-31 May which is Wed through Sat, and in addition to the numerous AOG activities, there will be class picnics, parties, and a memorial service. If you did not receive a flyer—or didn't return yours—write or call Gil or Steve Sperry, who is in charge of billeting arrangements. Steve has a list of the 66 classmates in the area and can make housing arrangements for you. The social cmte is chaired by Doug Richardson and also includes John Vann and Bud Fish. Kudos also to John Mogan who arranged for us to have a June Week reunion rather than during Homecoming weekend. If you did not receive the flyer, and do not have one of Gil's plates, your AOG address is probably not current and you'll want to attend the Reunion so you can update it.

I received a lot of news from WP thanks to John's efforts and some of the ladies who wrote in claiming their husbands were busy. News from any source (and black and white pictures) is always welcome. New class officers at the rock include Joe DeFrancisco as Pres and Doug Richardson as Veep. Bill Birdseye and Tim Timmerman continue as Treas and Secy respectively. The Class had a casino night welcoming party on the WP ferry which was a nice way to start the yr. The Class also had a tailgate party before and during the Vanderbilt game (should have been a propitious choice). There was also quite an A-N party and a Class Christmas party in the renovated train station, so the social season is encouragingly active.

Evidently so are another group of classmates who are excelling in the baby dept. Judy Genetti and Carol Appler (Carol is an Army CPT, I believe) are expecting to give the USAH some business as is Oleh Koropey's wife. Bob Cato reports that the Catos have a new girl, Alison Cato, who is keeping him awake at night. Bob hopes she will grow out of that. Representing the '65 Glee Club in the baby dept are Nancy and Terry Ryan who are expecting a boy in May and, wonder of wonders, Jim and Karen Ferguson had another daughter, Erin Michelle, on 1 Oct. Jim, by the time Erin gets to be of age, the glee club will probably be SATB, and she can carry on the family tradition of song.

Other glee clubbers in the news include Cooky and Colleen Leverett who are in San Ant where Cooky is an instr pilot and Chuck and Rosemary McCloskey, who are in Germany. That information was provided by Donna Reller who included a nice letter in their Christmas Card. Frank and Donna and their children, Chip, Kelly, and Kimberly Ann (born 14 Aug) are at 12974 W. 7th Pl, Golden, CO, where Frank teaches ROTC at the CO Sch of Mines and works weekends with the Pathfinders, a mountain rescue unit. Frank has become proficient on a new elect



1965: Bob Anderson

organ and is also proficient, according to Donna, in drinking Coors while watching the NFL. Donna and Frank invite anyone passing through to visit them. Frank is listed in the phonebook as COL Reller which is one way to get ahead. It may be the only way since as of this writing, the MAJ's board has been "indefinitely postponed." "Army Blue" was right. Thanks for the nice letter, Donna, which also included the news that Frank and Susan Arnall are in Jacksonville, FL with their 2 children.

I also got a nice letter and card from Nancy Hecker. She and Bill and boys, Billy and John, are at Redstone Ars with the Bunns, Drinkwaters, Klins, and Molepskes. The Mohleres live nearby in Huntsville. Heckers joined the above group for a Tenn Valley WP Soc Beat Navy party and then had 33 people in to watch the game. Must have been quite a weekend. And the game was a little better this year. The Drinkwaters, Bunns and Heckers all had Christmas dinner together eating duck which Bill had shot and then made Nancy pluck. Nancy also reports that the Bunns leave in Feb for Ft Richardson, AK, and that the Klins have a summer cabin on the Elk River. The Heckers will be at the Reunion and Nancy, I really appreciated the card.

Got a nice letter also from Bob Anderson. Bob, who has a MBA from GWU, just left the VA in DC to assume duties as Admin Asst to the CS at the 583-bed VA Rsch Hosp



1965: Bill, Billy, Nancy and John Hecker in the Smokies.

in Chicago. Barb and their daughter Cheryl will also make the move and Bob asks any Chicago classmates to give him a call. I think there is a large contingent out there with Quaker Oats, and Savatiel and Slutzky are reported below. Bob has kept his reserve commission and will take his active duty in May at the Nav Amphibious Warfare Sch in Norfolk. Hopefully, he, too, will be en route to the Reunion.

An anonymous informant advises that Tanker and Lynne McChristian were at WP for the Class A-N party. Joe is teaching ROTC at Princeton. The same Source advises that Marty and Della Andresen are headed for a 3-yr tour in HI.

Howie Reed reports that he and Betsy and their children, Andy and Debbie, are safely ensconced in the Math Dept after spending 2 years in Livermore, CA. Livermore's loss is WP's gain. Oleh Koropey heard from Ken Slutzky who is presently in Chicago working for a security company which is looking for branch mgrs. Karl Savatiel is also in Chicago as an engr for AT&T. John Vann said that brother Dave is back from Korea and stopped by USMA to pick up Stash and their 3 girls and then they all headed for Ft Lee. Dave is now in QM and they are sending him to sch for an adv degree in Log Mgmt. Congratulations! Dave and John, Preston Motes, John Watten-dorf, and the Scribe all attended grade school together in Heidelberg in the early 50's.

The AOG sent a news release that says that the Big Z, Andy Zaleski, is a "member of the massive USAF team that assisted in the development of the new B-1 strategic bomber." Z has an M.A. from USC and is on detached duty with Rockwell Intl in LA. Kudos also to Fred Smith who recently received an M.S. in Engr Sci from Penn State.

Possible useful tip of the week: Curt Adams is assigning Inf officers at The Infantry Sch.

Christmas also brought a card from Dee Winstead who is spending Christmas in India. Dee said that his King Midget—reported in a previous column—was last seen going South on I-95, driverless but under its own power. Dee is engaged to a lovely girl, Miss Toyota Datsun of Yokohama. Congratulations and/or flowers may be sent to Box 1058, USACC-JAPAN, APO SF 96343. Dee reports that he saw Frank and Lisa Cumberland and their 2 children who are living in Tokyo where Frank works for Intl Steel. Frank and Lisa may fly back for the Reunion along with Dee and Toyota.

Well, that's all for this time. I strongly encourage you to attend the Reunion. It should be a great time and an opportunity for us to "get with it" in class activities. See you at the rock!

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Hello and goodbye! This is my swan song as your scribe and I wish to thank all of you for your contributions and good wishes, it's been a great 2 yrs. I'm handing over the pen to Bob Seigle (OML, Dept of Tac) who was elected in Dec along with Rick Callahan (Math)—Class Chmn; Buzz Buczacki (Math)—Secy-Treas; Ralph Cruickshank (Math)—Soc Chmn; and Dick Manlove (ForLang)—Home-coming Chmn. Best of luck to you, gentlemen.

I'll take this opportunity to thank the outgoing class comte: John Lotheim (Chmn);



1966: Wright at AUSA Convention, DC, Oct 74—looks like a winner.

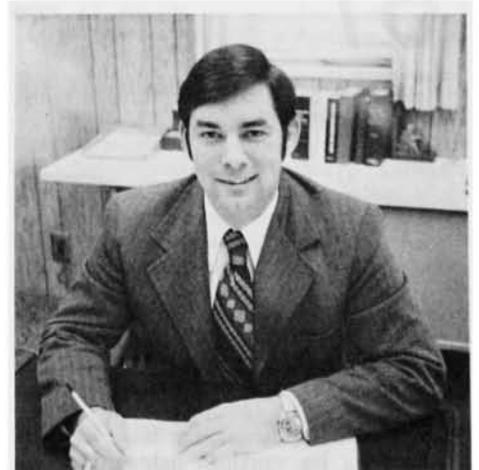
Frank Hartline (Secy-Treas); Jerry Edwards (Soc Chmn)—thanks guys, we truly appreciate your efforts.

Congratulations are in order to the following proud parents: Deme and Diane Clainos, and daughter Kristi (Jul 74); John and Sue Eberle, and son John Cletus (16 Dec 74); Frank and Cheri Hartline, and daughter (finally), Carey Jeannette (27 Nov 74); Hank and Sally Langendorf, and daughter, Olive Claire (2 Dec 74); Ron and Joan Meier, and son, Jeffrey John (1 Dec 74); Rog and Pam Grugle, and daughter Wendy (12 Nov 74); and George and Judy Utter, and son Mathew (23 Jan 74). On the way, wait: Jerry and Joanne Edwards—due Mar.

Here now, the news: From Brooke Army Med Cen, Keith Markey (MAJ, MC) writes of his adventures as a surgical intern. Keith, Cheryl, and children Christine (6), Jeff (4) and Jason (2) are in their first year of internship and invite all classmates in the San Ant area to stop by. Bachelor Jim Peake is also at Brooke (3d yr residency as a general surgeon—my old Buckner buddy, as are Bill, Carol and Jennifer Stalker (1st yr of Dental internship) and Mike Brennan (1st yr of med sch). Keith and family were graciously hosted by Matt and Amy DiFiore and children Tony (4) and Nick (2) when the Markeys ventured into LA. Matt is seeking his MBA at Tulane under the aegis of Uncle Sugar.

Best wishes from John, Jean, Melanie and Warren Geiger of 605 Vanoke Dr, Madison, TN. John is a proj engr for the Dupont Co. and he invites all classmates in the Nashville area to stop by.

From The Citadel comes word from Gar



1966: Duke Parker

Wright, finishing up as a Tac; Ed is on his way to Greece on a short tour where he is to be in command of a det which baby-sits special wpns—upon return Ed expects to join the FAST prog as a specialist on either Russia or Iran. Ed ran in to Jim Dickens—attending grad sch at GA Tech—and Dave Crowell—S3 of 1/73 Arty at Ft Bragg.

The Deep South report comes via Duke Parker: Duke, Alice and children, Annemarie, John and Braden are now living in Prattville, AL (just north of Montgomery) where Duke is the controller of a \$125 million paper mill opn. I wonder if Duke has added a southern drawl to his Balteamore accent?

Bill and Louise Sevilla sent Felicidades from Managua.

From El Paso comes the greeting of the Arrants clan. Bill, Vonnie, Billy and Timmy are air defending it down there and anticipating their move to Leavenworth (CGSC, that is) this summer.

George Utter is becoming paranoid over the apparent leak of info on his comings and goings. George's dad has been keeping me informed. George, Judy, Jon and Matt are in Lawrence, KS recruiting.

From the Far West: Bill and Kathy Gang are now settled in the San Fran Bay area where Bill is a proj mgr (\$1.5 billion project—a small one) for GE's Black Fox Nuclear Power Plants.

Dave Kelley recently visited John and Meg Loftheim here at WP. Dave is with CDEC at Ft Ord where he occasionally bumps into Ed Johnson and Bill O'Connor. By the way Dave, congratulations on your upcoming promotion—I missed your name in the Army Times.

Well, this strange 2-yr odyssey as your scribe is over. It all started while Anne and I were honeymooning in Dec 72. Rocky Salt and Mike Husted decided to do me a favor and nominated me for scribe, conducted a magnificent campaign on my behalf (without my knowledge) and saw to it that I was elected (stuffed the ballot box or something). Rocky, a master at turning a phrase and tactful to a fault, greeted me upon my return with a "Hi, we've elected you class scribe." With grave reservations I accepted this honor (?) bestowed upon me and found it to be a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. Thank you all for your support (that goes for co-conspirators Salt and Husted, too) and until we meet again: May the Good Lord grant you the very best of health and great happiness.

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Hello from our rockbound highland home, Fat City, or just plain WP. What you are reading is a joint effort of Berthelot and Bill Eggering, trying to keep everyone informed about every classmate we have in the world. Several of us here at the "West Point Contingent" of the class thought that Hank might like a hand in doing our column—he's been at it alone for 7½ years now, and our suspicion turned out to be correct. Hank just completed a clerkship with a U.S. Dist Court Judge, and is now an atty with the Chevron Oil Co. in New Orleans. I talked with LaVon (Hank was at a meeting) shortly before Xmas, and she mentioned that Hank wouldn't mind having his workload lightened at all. Consequently, I will be handling the news here at WP, which I guess has the greatest



1967: Reunion

number of classmates in one spot (71), and add the input that Hank sends me. Please send your news to me at the Dept of For Lang, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

At the risk of being repetitious, I would like to give you a run-down of all of our classmates that are here, by Dept. This then can serve as a basis for arrivals and departures, which I'll try to report in timely fashion. In the Dept of Chem, we have 5 classmates clinking test-tubes together—Jim Allen, Mike Delleo, Bob Harris, Bob Metzger and Bill Pennington, all here with their respective families. We also have a rep in the Dean's office, with Tom Swett working there.

ES&GS boasts 4 classmates, with Bob Angeli, Bruce Baccei, Rick Hausman and Jim Johnson working in Washington Hall. Bob Haeffner, John James, Bob Stromberg, Dick Waterman and Dan Wells are all in the Juice Dept. Congratulations to the Haeffners on the birth of their daughter, Anna Campbell, on 14 Oct 74 here at WP. The largest single grouping of classmates in any acad dept is in the Engr Dept, where John Caldwell, Dennis Coates, Mark Hamilton, John Hart, Frank Kreger, Mike Lancaster, George Pejakovich and Doug Starr are all teaching. Dave Hale, Paul Kern, Chuck Thomas and Roger Waltz are all teaching in the Dept of Engr. Congratulations are in order for Chuck and Sally Thomas—Sally gave birth to a baby boy—Jeffrey Allen—in Nov 74. First son Robie is almost 3 now.

I'm presently working in the Dept of For Lang teaching German along with Bob Keck, Mike Kush, Karl Sakas and Karl Jacobs. Lynn and I have 2 children, Krista, almost 3, and Kurt, 18 mos, whom I am also trying to teach German, sometimes with more success than with the cadets. Congratulations to Karl Sakas, who will be heading for Ft Leavenworth (C&GS, that is) in Jun. From Karl Jacobs comes word of several classmates in and out of the surrounding area. Tom and Carol Petrie are living in Darien, CT, and have sons Kevin and David. David was born in Dec 74—Congratulations Carol! Tom is a Securities and Rsch Anal for H.C. Wainwright. Jim and Linda Balkcom, with daughters Julie and Katie, are living in Chamblee, GA, where Jim is VP of the Peachtree Bank. Another Banker in the class, Don Nelson, along with wife Leslie and son John, are living in Glen Ellyn, IL, where Don works for the Continental IL Bank. Earl and Cindy Refsland are living in Lacrosse, WI, where Earl works for the Trane Corp. Earl and Cindy leave for France in Mar, where Earl will become a Materials Mgr for a Trane Corp subsidiary in France. Jack Boyt, with

wife Ann and son John, are living in L.A., where Jack works for the consulting firm of McKinney and Co. Thanks for all the poop, Karl. Back to the Dept of For Lang, we've also got Ed Moore here teaching French, and Colin Smith teaching Spanish.

In the Dept of Hist, Bill Cates, Ed Dewey, Bob Griffith, Hart Lau and Joe Visconti are all trying to help the cadets keep track of the right dates. In the ISD of the Office of the Dean, John Newton, and Chico Hernandez in the Acad Computer Cen, are doing their best to keep everything running for the rest of WP. Our Class also has its own rep in the Law Dept, with Burk Bishop working over there.

In the Math Dept, Steve Barbee, Randy Condos, Rich LaBouliere, Lee Murfee and Dave Tye are having the cadets "take boards" every day. Rich and Judy LaBouliere, along with sons Scott and Michael, are awaiting their 3d child, due May 75. The Dept of Mech also has a large contingent of the Class, with Terry Hand, Tom Hankard, Rich Jones, Jeff Madsen, Jeff Mills, Al Nahas and Ernie Natalini. Congratulations to Jeff Madsen, who will be heading for C&GS come Jun, and to Barbara and Al Nahas, on the birth of their son Christian in Jul of 74.

The Class had one rep working in OMI, but Doc Wentzel left in Oct 74 for the Rngr Bn in Ft Lewis, WA. Six Classmates are working in the Dept of Phys—Dick Black, Earl Hughes, Steve May, Tom McManus, Bud Shumate and Ron Weitz. Congratulations also to Ron and Mary Anna Weitz on the birth of their daughter, Carrie Ann, born 10 Oct 74 here at WP, and welcomed home by brothers Brian and Jeffrey. Ron is due to rotate in Jun, as of now to a place yet to be made known.

Ed Sullivan is working in the Office of the Registrar. He and Mary attended a warm-up party at Joe and Patti Caseys' in Marlton, NJ the night before the A-N game. Joe is working for Procter and Gamble, Inc. The Jim Haas's, working now for ARA Food Svs Co., Jim and Judy Walden, up from Atlanta, the Bob Cencis', Mike Hood from Columbia U., NYC plus date and Chad Keck plus date were all there. Chad is either at Princeton or Harvard—I've gotten reports that he's in each place. How about letting us know which is correct, Chad? Informed sources tell me that the sandwiches were great, Patti.

Classmates in the Soc Sci Dept are Roger Arango, Ace Clark, Kent Kraus, Dick Phalen, Hobie Pillsbury and Jerry Threadgill. We've also got 3 classmates that are Tacs—Mike Andrews, Ray Roe and Tom Schwartz. Keep-



1967: At Monterey summer 74. Front row (L-R): White, Adkins, Hale, Parrish, Hartman and date, Phyllis Martin; back row (L-R): Cal and Suda Delaplain, Linda Adkins, Jayne Perry, Susan White and Janet Hale.

ing an eye on all of us, just outside the gate in Highland Falls in his new office building, is Dan Ragsdale, who is the regl mgr for USAA.

The football season, which was certainly better than last year's, saw another erection of the Class tent for Homecoming, with beer and pizza enjoyed by all. About 40-50 Classmates were in attendance for the pre-game festivities, along with wives, girl friends, etc. A good time was had by all. Ed Sullivan gave me a slide that he took before the game, which I hope comes out when the column goes to print. Tailgate parties are becoming a fine art here at WP, as I'm sure they are all over the country. Bill and Bernadette Koch held several super ones here before games, with small kegs and long sandwiches (about 6') normally featured. Bill is with R.W. Presepich & Co., Inc, of the NY Stock Exch.

I heard that Warren and Neil Dempsey have alleviated the commuting problem by moving to NYC, where Warren continues with Kidder, Peabody and Co., Inc. Barbara and John Garay, along with sons Eric and John, dropped by for a visit while visiting with Barbara's family in Cornwall. They're doing fine—John and family are living in LaPlace, LA (413 Evergreen Drive, Zip 70068) not far from Hank and LaVon. John is working for a firm in LA.

For more news of folks outside the area, Tom and June Murphy returned from Germany in Oct, and now reside at 5636B Folger St, Ft Knox, KY 40121, where Tom is in the Automotive Dept of The Armor Sch. Al and Glenna Seyfer's 2d child, Jessie, was born 8 Apr 74. Al is presently a 1st yr resident in gen surgery at Fitzsimons. Terry and Julia McMahan live at 4951 Santiag Way, Colo Spgs, CO 80917. Terry is the Asst G1 of the 5th Inf Div. The Harvard Business Sch detachment of the Class consists of Phil Burkett, living at 16 Ellery St #202, Cambridge, MA 02138, Bob and Alma Carpenter, and Wilbur Jones.

Congratulations to Dana and Barbara Groover on the birth of their first child, a daughter named Caroline Haren, on 24 Aug 74. They are presently living at 1532 E. Blvd, Peekskill, NY 10566.

Got a great letter from March Perry, stating that he is now attending the Naval PG Sch (OR/SA) in Monterey, CA. He, wife Jayne, son Shawn and daughter Mandy are living at 1094 Spruance Rd, Monterey and

are enjoying it there. Congratulations on the new daughter! March reports that Fred Hartman graduated from there in Sept, and that Monte and Patti Parrish are scheduled to finish there in Feb 75. Monte and Patti own the "Sea View Inn" in Carmel, CA—so anyone passing through the area should give them a call if they need a place to stay—reasonable rates too! Tom White, with wife Susan and son Tom should have finished there in Dec 74. Cal and Suda Delaplain are also out there, where Cal is in the Physics Curriculum of the Nav PG Sch. March also reports that Bob White, after having graduated in OR/SA from GA Tech, is at CDEC at Ft Ord. On an "experience tour" to Ft Bliss, March saw Jim Weller, who got his MS in OR/SA at Tulane, and, although he didn't see him, heard that MAJ Craig Butler is doing his internship at Wm Beaumont Gen Hosp at Ft Bliss. Al Olson is also at El Paso, going to U. of TX, El Paso. He's headed for Korea after graduation. Thanks for the fantastic letter, March!

John Kuspa, along with wife Linda and children Angela and Denise, are back in Rolla, MO (924 E. 7th St, Zip 65401) where John is attending U. of MO to obtain his PhD in Nucl Engr. Andy Maron writes from Charlottesville, VA (1201 Blue Ridge Rd, Zip 22903) that he is presently attending the JAG Adv Crse. He graduated from U. of SC last May, and took and passed the SC Bar Exam in Jul. He's now going after his LL.M. at the U. of VA Law Sch, and expects to be in the area until Aug 75. Rich Altieri is also attending the JAG Adv Crse with him. I got a letter from Rand Shotwell, who reports that he has passed the CA Bar Exam, and plans to practice law there.

Gary Chambers graduated from C&GS last Jul, and is now teaching C&GS with the 5030th Reserve Sch at Ft Harrison. Pam and Gary are living at 3810 E. Wynandotte Trail, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Pam also writes that Ang and Mac Hartley now have a 2d daughter. Mac received his master's from Purdue last May, and is now teaching ROTC there.

Ray Jones writes from L.A. that he will graduate from U. of SC with a master's in Sys Mgmt in Jan, and that he and Cheryl will then be heading for Ft Lee, and the QM Adv Crse. Dale Hikes wrote to give us his new address (234 Hickory Corner Rd, East Windsor, NJ 08520), and to let us know how the Mobil Oil detachment of

the Class was doing. Dale is a field engr covering the Brooklyn/Long Island area, and crosses paths about once a month with Harry Taylor, who works a Mobil's Brooklyn lube plant. Frank Fabish is also working for Mobil, out in the Johnstown, PA area.

Steve and Marie Frankiewicz had a daughter, Andrea, in May of 74, and are living in Livermore, CA (4311 Cornell Way, Zip 94550).

A letter from Steve and Sue Viney informs us that Steve is working on a master's in Public Admin, while coaching the North GA Coll soccer team and teaching 5 classes. They saw Bob and Vicki Griffin and kids shortly before Bob's graduation from Med Sch. MAJ Bob and family are now in San Fran, where Bob is doing pediatric work.

Keep those cards and letters coming folks. Any pictures will also be gratefully accepted, although they should be black-and-white. They turn out better than color when the ASSEMBLY is printed, for some reason. Deadlines are 23 Mar for the Jun issue, and 23 Jun for the Sept Issue. Until then... Hang in there.

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Well, happy 1975 everybody! 1974 closed with a good bit of news. The first came from Don & Celeste McLane. Don had gotten his master's at American Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt in Aug and by Nov when I saw them they had about made up their minds to move to Toronto. Also in Aug George Prosnik got his master's in Computer Sci at Penn State. In Sept I heard from Dale and Margo Hansen. They were expecting their 2d child in Dec 74 and Dale was planning to leave the Army in Jan 75 to join Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. Dale mentioned Fred Burdette, also with Procter & Gamble; and Terry Kennedy, who had joined Mobil Oil in Scarsdale, NY. Dale also mentioned that he had established an "In Memoriam" page, in the books maintained in the USMA Library, for Louis Speidel, who had been Dale's best man at his and Margo's wedding. Early Oct brought a letter from Bill and Rena Brown. They said that Bill had left the Service and Bill had entered law sch at the U. of UT, and that their first child, Mathew Thomas, was born last Aug. They also mentioned By and Marcia Shields were at the law sch and their 3 children, Vicki, Debby and Tammy. Oct also brought word from the AF that Wally Magathan was now an AF reserve pilot, flying C-5A's out of Dover AFB, if my information is correct. The first letter I got in Dec was from Tony Ambrose, at Med



1968: Don and Celeste McLane enjoying civilian life.



1968: Wally Magathan on his way to his third set of wings, AF this time.

Sch in Hershey, PA. He and Linda had just celebrated their 2d child, Meg's, first birthday. Tony said he would be reporting out here to Wm Beaumont AMC in the spring as a brand new doctor; and he also mentioned that he had heard from or seen Mike Romash, an intern at Letterman; Vic Garcia, an intern at Walter Reed; Neil McLean, recruiting in Carlisle, PA; and Larry Petcu, en route to the Math Dept via GA Tech. Tony said he had seen Chuck Giasson, Mike Laing, Dan Adams, Mike O'Neill and Bill Mulvey at Homecoming; and George Fravel, Hal Wilhite and Jim Madora at the A-N game. Finally, Tony asked me to pass on the word via this column to all our classmates in med sch or already doctors that he wanted to start a correspondence file with them, presumably about medical



1968: In New Orleans, Carmen, Nicole and Bob Lorbeer.

matters and issues. His current address is Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA. I received a card from Rich and Kathi Keller-Rich had orders then for Ft Gordon in Feb 75. Jay and Mac Guinn sent a card to say that their son Scott would celebrate his 2d birthday in Mar and that he could expect the arrival of a sibling in May. The Army is putting Jay through dental sch at Emory—he will graduate in 76. They also mentioned Jim Decker and his wife Pat. Jim was then out of the Service and in law sch at Georgetown U. I also heard from Mike and Samar Fay who sent me a picture of their son Jason. Mike is currently in med sch and he mentioned seeing John & Sharon Cruden at the JAG Sch and Bill and Jennifer Easton and their 2 daughters, Heather and Emily. Bill is a lawyer at Ft Belvoir. The Moes sent me a Xmas card with a picture including their new daughter Angela. Pat will be going into the Naval Test Pilot program after he finishes the Armor Adv Crse this summer. Bob and Carmen Lorbeer sent a letter in Dec to say they were leaving New Orleans that month after Bob got his MBA at Tulane and moving to the DC area where Bob would be working at MILPERCEN.

Dec also brought another "zoo poop sheet" from Dwight & Donna Lee. The fresh news



1968: Marianne, Angela, Scott and Pat Moe.

from their letter is as follows: The Lees are at Ft Huachuca and their newest child, Donna, was 6 mos old in Jan; Jim Baird was working on his master's at GA Tech; Mike Palone was still in Business Sch at Harvard and had almost gotten married; Ed & Maureen Mendoza were still in DC where Ed was doing his residency at Walter Reed; George and Bonnie Lowry were halfway through his law sch; Russ and Marge Fuhrman were at WP where Russ was teaching chemistry; Doug and Marge McFarlane were in Germany where Doug had a company in the 3d AD; Horst and Elaine Sperber departed Ft Huachuca after MIOAC in Dec for Germany; Terry Holland will be going to Korea this summer; the Silverthornes were still in SC where Andy was in med sch; Frank and Jean Nader were at U. of MN where Frank was studying Civil Engr; Bob and Helen Kelly were at Ft Carson where Bob had a company; and Charlie and Deanne Beckwith were at Duke U. where Charlie was studying American Lit.

There's nothing much else to add, so until next time—everyone take care!



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This column is being written on 2 Jan 75 and covers news from 1 Oct 74 until today. The big event of that period, of course, was the Class Reunion held during Homecoming 74. By every standard, it was a rousing success; most importantly, a large number of our Class joined in a weekend filled with renewed friendships, nostalgic remembrances, and a great deal of fun. I don't believe anyone who came left disappointed. Over 125 classmates were in attendance, including (first names omitted because of space limitations): Allaire, Alvarey, Andrews, Baldwin, Bassett, Bird, Blay, Blumer, Bosshard, Bowers, M. Brennan, Brigham, Brower, Bryant, Bullock, Christian, Coan, Commons, Cornelison, D. Cox, J. Cox, D. Crosby, DeClercq, Demetriou, Dibella, Dillon, Dolan, Donaldson, Donohue, Drower, Duffy, Dupere, Eyermaun, Feigenbaum, Freeley, French, Goff, Gonser, Gregor, Griffin, Guernsey, Hackett, J. Harper, Haydon, Helsel, Hesson, Hill, Hoeye, Hofstetter, Holbrook, Hoopengardner, Hoskins, Jarvis, K. Johnson, D. Johnston, J. Johnston, Kerestes, B. King, Lash, Laswell, Legere, Leone, Luecke, Lynch, Lynett, Male, McCall, McCloy, McGovern, Meischen, Merhar, Metcalf, Milnes, Mullen, C. Murphy, Nardotti, Nelson, O'Connell, O'Toole, Ozimek, Prosch, Remmel, Rhyne, Riddell, Riggsby, Robella, D. Rogers, J. Russell, Ruwet, Sadoff, Schempf, Schulz, B. Schroeder, Scibetta, Seitz, Setzer, Sharporn, Simmons, Slack, B. Smith, T. Smith, Smrtic, Spann, Sparks, Spencer, Steele, Swesey, Tabela, Thoreson, Tice, Tobin, Truscott, Vandenberg, Vaught, Vitucci, Waple, Ward, T. Watson, West, J. Wheeler, Whitney, K. Williams, Yerks, and Zais. In addition, Marilyn Hammond attended, although Steve could not make it, and Stoney Hollis (Ex-'69) came down from Cambridge, MA, where he is in his first year at Harvard Law. I'm sure other classmates were also there, but either they failed to register at Alumni Hq or else I did not have a chance to see them through the weekend. I'll be more than happy to cover any deletions in the next issue of ASSEMBLY, so just drop me a note if I missed you this time.

The last issue of ASSEMBLY had good photo coverage of the Reunion as well as a capsulized version of the weekend's activities.

A Class meeting was held Sat morning, and a number of topics of general interest were discussed. First, Mike McGovern explained the purpose and background of the Jimmy M. Ford Memorial Fund; a good amount has been received for the fund, but more donations are needed if it is to be



1969: Reunion 1974: Bob Kimmitt presents Bob Berry with tray making him an honorary member of the Class.



1969: Alvarey (left) and Nordotti on summer duty, Law Dept, USMA.

taken over by the AOG. Please send contributions to the Jimmy M. Ford Memorial Fund, Marine Midland Bank, Highland Falls, NY 10928. It was proposed that in addition to this fund, a memorial in honor of our classmates who died in VN be considered, perhaps a permanent monument at WP. Also, it was proposed that a scholarship fund be started for children of deceased classmates. Both proposals are being considered by the Class cmte, and I'll report on further developments in later issues; your comments or suggestions are, of course, most welcome.

The question most often asked of me during the Reunion concerned the status of our Class, specifically the number of classmates in and out of the service. With the assistance of the AOG, I have been able to compile the following statistics, which are current as of 31 Oct 74:

GRADUATES, CLASS OF 1969:	800
FOREIGN CADETS:	5
GRADUATED WITHOUT COMMISSION:	3
DECEASED:	25
MEDICALLY RETIRED:	7
MIA:	1
CIVILIAN LIFE:	216
ACTIVE DUTY:	543

In the future, I will attempt to give at least a yearly update on these figures, particularly in the next year when flight sch, adv crse, and grad sch commitments are completed by a good number of the Class.

After the Class meeting and the Alumni exercises, a "tailgate lunch" was held at the Haydons' qtrs. At this occasion, Bob Berry was made an honorary member of the Class in recognition of all he has done for WP and



1969: (L-R): Russell (C-3) and Bachta on trip to Paris.

particularly the Class of '69. It is a great pleasure to welcome Bob into the Class, and I hope our association continues for many years to come.

Before getting to your news, I would like to once again thank Kris and Dennie Haydon for their efforts on the Reunion; the full effect of their time and diligence will be felt in the years and decades to come, for future Reunions will have a very high standard to which they must measure up. The Haydons asked that I mention the following classmates and wives stationed at WP who assisted them: Mart and Don Crosby; Sharon and Bob King; Barb and Bruce Laswell; Linda and Dick Luecke; Jan and Dave Merhar; Kappy and Geoff Prosch; Chris and Dave Scibetta; and Terry and Dick Whitney. Dennie asked that special thanks be given to Don Crosby, who handled many key projects in preparation for the Reunion. On behalf of the Class, thanks to one and all for your efforts. And thanks also to all who made that special effort to attend. We hope to see all of you, and more, at the 10th.

News this time came primarily from Xmas cards, so it was plentiful indeed. Since I started the last issue by reporting on those



1969: Tom Rogers receiving MSM from BG Rogers at VII Corps Arty, Stuttgart, Germany.

out of the Service, I'll begin this time with those still in. A good number of that latter group are in grad sch or on their way. Joel Alvarey and Mike Nardotti were in touch from Fordham Law Sch, where Joel is in his 3d and Mike in his 2d year. Also in law sch were Karl Ivey at Memphis State and Howie Curtis at San Diego. Karl mentioned that Mike Matthews was out of the service and in his 1st yr of dental sch in Houston, while Howie had heard from Rick Kolb who left Korea en route to grad sch at GA Tech. Bob Brigham was well into his 2d yr at Wayne State Med Sch, while Hugh Donohue had just graduated from Duke Med Sch and was looking forward to his asgmt at Letterman Hosp at the Presidio. Cindi and Paul Raglin were still at Purdue awaiting orders and had recently been joined by Susan and Bill Johnsmeyer who were at Purdue preparing for an asgmt at WP in 76. Marianne and Bob Ivany were at WI with Mike Lynett and Bob Schoville. Pat and Barney Wintermute wrote from Syracuse when Barney was finishing his master's work prior to an ROTC asgmt there. Pat mentioned Jeff Furbank was at Ft Bliss and Guy Nanney at Ft Carson. Jeff Donaldson had just passed his comprehensives at Georgetown, and Vern Bettencourt completed his 1st yr at GA Tech. Maggie and Mike Kelly had just finished FAOAC and were en route to U. of MA where Mike was to get an MBA



1969: Barbara and Bob Glacel and Cathy and Hugh Stirts aboard QEII returning to USA.

prior to an ROTC instructorship. Pete Heesch wrote from Germany where he is working on his master's in German at the U. of Mainz. He had seen both Jim Mesite and Joe Olsen, the latter over from Ft Riley on Reforger.

A large number of classmates still in the Service who were not in civ schs were at the respective adv crses, and Ft Sill seemed to have the largest number. Tom Rogers sent a class roster of his FAOAC class which had about 25 classmates on it, including Bob Glacel, Rick Frykman, Jim Johnson and Ken Wanless, all of whom sent nice Xmas notes. Bob was hoping to go to MIT after FAOAC, while Rick was awaiting word from GA Tech. Jim was expecting orders to Duke for studies prior to teaching hist at WP, and mentioned that about 10 other members of his class were due for grad sch en route to WP. Mike Landrum was with a troop unit at Ft Sill, but expected to leave in the summer for English studies at either U. of VA or Duke.

Ft Benning also had a good Class contingent, and Ernie Adams, Jim Johnston, Jon Smrtic, and John Welsh sent notes from there. Barb and Ernie proudly announced the birth of Michael Carl on 22 Nov and mentioned they went to an A-N party at Priscilla and Mike Snells' house with Barb and Jim Johnston. The last note from someone in an adv crse was from Bob St. Onge at Ft Knox. He and Joan were awaiting orders for asgmt after AOAC.

A large group of classmates were also at Ft Bragg. Pat and Pete Bazzel wrote to announce the birth of Rebecca Alison on 8 Sept and to report that Pete was en route to grad sch, probably Purdue, prior to an asgmt with OML. They expected to leave in the summer, as did Marilyn and Steve Hammond



1969: 1950's party at Ft Sill (L-R): Joe and Jean Halloran, Lois and Jim Johnson, Barbara and Bob Glacel.



1969: Kathleen and Gerry Ricker on their wedding day in Colo Spgs.

who were going to grad sch at U. of NC. Mary and Bill Groening were leaving Ft Bragg for FAOAC with a new addition, James Richard, born 19 Sept 74. Jay Harper sent a nice Xmas note and included some good shots of the Reunion, one of which should be printed in this issue. Also sending Xmas notes were Jack Gloriod and Lee Rimmel. Jack mentioned receiving a wedding invitation from Denny Tighe.

In touch from Ft Lewis were Barbi and Tom Whitaker and Jeanette and Jerry Hayton. Barb said she and Tom had a mini-reunion at their qtrs, and the following were in attendance: Julie and Rich Ashley, Kathy and Jack Ellertson, Linda and Jim Foss, Betsy and Tom Garrett, the Haytons, Maria and John Inselman, and Sue and Tony Singer. The Haytons proudly announced the birth of their 3d son, Jared Matthew, on 10 Dec. Jerry expected to be at Ft Lewis another year before FAOAC. Peggy Love sent a card from Ft Riley and said Jim was due to change command after 18 mos as a BC. Joan and George Demetriou were still at Ft Campbell but were leaving for WP and OMI in the summer. Colette and Greg Smith wrote from Ft Monroe, where Greg is on the TRADOC briefing team. They had recently seen Mark Hoffman who was at Ft Eustis. Carol and Jerry Zilinskas were at Ft Belvoir, but expected orders to the OD adv crs shortly. Also expecting adv crs orders were Peg and Jim Isenhower who were at Ft Rucker. Sidney and Mark Dillon wrote from Ft Ritchie, MD, that they are expecting their 2d child in Apr. Also in MD was Paul Kedrow, who was an aide at Aberdeen PG. Dee Dee and Larry Sadoff had finished studies at U. of IL, and were leaving for WP early in the summer. Hap Gonzer had also completed his studies and was assigned to the Engr Cps Dist Off in LA. Randy Peters was leaving his USAREC asgmt en route to FAOAC and reported he had his car stolen while travelling east to the Reunion. Now that must be considered a valid reason for not attending! Geoff Prosch sent a nice card from WP where he had assumed duties as an aide to MG Berry. News from other services found Steve Bosshard (USMC) in Beeville, TX as an instr pilot at NAS Chase Fld. He

was expecting orders to Japan for an unaccompanied tour. Dave McDermott (USAF) was in his 2d yr of Med Sch at the U. of TX and mentioned that Pat Jones was there also.

Kathy and Dutch Harmeling and Susan and Greg Foster sent cards from sunny HI. I always seem to get cards from HI when the temperature is at or below freezing! DeLynn and Vince Corica wrote from Panama to announce the birth of their daughter Angel on 13 Dec 74. Vince had recently branch transferred from FA to AG.

Xmas cards from Germany were a bit sparse, but I guess our numbers over there are dwindling. Genie and Don Warner and Ginny and Doug Rogers were still in northern Germany with the 5th Arty Gp, while Jim Russell (C-3) was still on the border with the 2d ACR. Diane and Bob Pitz were also in Germany, but were leaving the Service and returning Stateside in Jan. Xmas cards located 2 classmates still in Korea, Tom Ramos and Ernie Albanese. Tom was due home in May, while Ernie had just recently arrived in Korea.

News from the civ sector also found a large number of classmates in sch. Both John Lucas and Bill Zook were in law sch at the U. of TX, while Jack Guernsey was in his 1st yr at Harvard Law. In his final year of law sch was Jon Anderson at Stetson U. in FL. Jon reported that Ralph Artigliere was due to start law sch at the U. of FL in Mar. Recently graduated from USC Law was Don Randolph, who was working in L.A. and living in Venice, CA.

Linda and Larry Archer wrote from Manhattan, KS, where Larry is in pre-vet at KSU. They were expecting their 2d child shortly. Susie and Roger Vandenberg were at Dartmouth while Rog worked on his MBA. Linda and Ken Bevis were still in Tuscaloosa at the U. of AL with about one year to go on Ken's studies. Finally, Cathy and Hugh Stirts were in FL where Hugh was working on his PhD in marine biology.

Linda and Jim Ruwet wrote from Memphis to announce the birth of Whitney Suzanne on 23 Sept, while Gary Eiber wrote from Chile to say Carol was expecting their 2d child in Jan. Gerry and Kathleen Ricker were in Colo Spgs where Gerry was branch mgr for Baca Grande Corp. Dickie and Roger Loder were in touch from Africa where they were on an around-the-world trip prior to beginning studies in Sept 75. Pat and Mike Barszcz were in DE where



1969: Cheri, John, Michelle and Cari Welsh.

Mike was working for Dupont Corp. They said Bob Jannarone was in Rochester, NY, also working for Dupont. Lastly, Mike Pettit wrote from CA where he was in the mgmt prog with Steak and Ale Restaurants. He had seen Bob Noreen who was at McGeorge Law on excess leave. Mike also had talked to Walt Mischler, who worked for Procter and Gamble in San Diego.

That is all the cards and letters I have, so I'll turn now to some news acquired from other sources. The Class had a large turnout at the Army-Navy game, and a number of us got together at the game and the Ben Franklin later. Those I remember seeing include: Alvarey, Bazzel, Bird, Bowers, Brower, Bryant, Bullock, Callaway, Carter, Cornelison, Dalum, Goff, Guernsey, Hackett, Harre, Hessel, Hoopengardner, Jarvis, Kransdorf, Luecke, Nardotti, Owens, Prosch, and Wheelock. I hope to have some photographs of the party for the next issue. Classmates I have seen in the DC area include Bill Barnett, who works for OSD, Boru O'Neill, recently graduated from U. of MI Law who works for JAG, and Bob Gregg, recently graduated from Duke Law, also working for JAG.

I guess that is about it for news. I want to thank all of you for the tremendous number of cards, letters and photos I have received. It really makes writing this column much easier. Two requests before I close; first, for those moving this summer, I would certainly appreciate a change of address card, as would the AOG; secondly, don't forget to give your fair share to the WP Fund Drive. We did an extraordinary job in this area last year, and I trust we will do equally well or better this year.

I'll close by wishing everyone a very happy springtime. I look forward to hearing from each of you.

God Bless to all in '69.

'70

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This report of '70 is rather short of news from Classmates. There are many Inf types here at Ft Benning enjoying the weather and improving their golf game while attending IOAC. There are currently 4 adv classes with approximately 15 to 20 Classmates each. Chief Bisuliu and Jerry Wood are here at Benning but they are working at the Ranger dept and consequently putting in more hours. In the last article I mistakenly wrote that Jeff Troxell was going to law sch; instead he is going to med sch this fall.

The AF is still operational from all information we have received. Ken and Sandy Thomas with their son Ken Jr. are assigned to Lindsey Air Sta, Germany. Ken recently received his master's in EE/Electro Optics. In Jul the Thomas's expect to have a new addition to the family. Bob Heaton has his master's in Aero Propulsion from Purdue and is assigned to Edwards Rocket Propulsion Lab. Steve Madley recently earned his silver navigator wgs at Mather AFB, CA. He is now assigned to Nellis AFB, NV.

Shortly after the last ASSEMBLY deadline we received a birth announcement from Don and Susie DeCort. Allison Terese and Jonathan Boyd DeCort were born on 21 Aug. We also received late word that Ray and Andria Gibbons have a little girl named Mareana born in May 74. Bob and Joyce Hilliard at Edgewood Ars near Baltimore are expecting their 2d child in Mar. Bob is working as OpnO.

Ed and Carol Mitchell sent greetings from Ft Lewis where Ed is now CSC Co. Phil and Marge Doleac are at San Ant attending U. of TX Dental Sch. Chuck Schafer is working on his master's in Computer Science during his limited off-time. Chuck is working hard but enjoying his MI Co. The Schafers have seen Bud Garrett, Bill and Kathy Williams and Pat and Mary Thorton.

We talked to Kevin Connolly at Ft Jackson; Kevin, Cookie and Bridgett expect to be at Ft Jackson until Jun when Kevin turns over his tng co.

Send your info and see your name in print!

'71

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Congratulations to the class the "tracks" fell on. We are not the first, but in just browsing the promotion list, I would say we had one of the largest percentages. The first big hurdle has passed, let's don't lose sight of the next.

Spring is upon us once again, and with it comes a rash of correspondence reflecting exuberance over reassignments, nuptials and births. I wonder why I only get letters from the happy people? What about all you disgruntled troopers out there?

Tom Cafaro has returned to WP, this time in the capacity of Asst Lacrosse Coach. I'm sure it's quite a paradoxical position for T.C., being both in, and not in, his element at the same time. With both Tom and Mike Nastasi now at school and with a rumored couple of football players returning, we should have a good homefront foundation for our 5th Reunion.

Chris Timmers tells me that the preponderance of classmates at Bragg are scheduled for the Inf Adv Crse during the July-Aug 75 timeframe. Included in this group are Buck Walker, Ray Drummond, Steve Rice, Lloyd Sherfey and Jerry Edelen. Chris himself has been reassigned to the 3d Inf in Germany.

A couple of assignment changes have transpired at Ft Stewart, the home of the 1/75th Rangers. The battalion itself has been reduced to 6 of our classmates as Steve Rosenberg reinjured his back in a jump and is now working with the Post SJA in hopes of entering law sch. Rick Jones and his wife Dottie arrived at Stewart from Ft Rucker. Rick now flies with the 24th Inf Div.

The adv crse is in the immediate future for a large contingent from Ft Hood. Included here are Joe Holcombe, Jack Klevecz, and Steve Lewis among others. Jack just turned over his co. after 14 mos and is now the Asst G1 for the 2d AD. Steve is still the aide to the ADC; Daryl Morgeson remains the CO of his Arty Btry; Billy Tetu is with the Avn Sec of Divarty and Carl Marriott, the Avn Sec of the 1st Cav. Congrats to new arrivals at Ft. Hood—Mike and Janice O'Brien with James Michael and Joe and Dianne Holcombe with Robert Joseph.

Moving westward, Ft Carson finds a few of our classmates assuming important jobs. Scott Hutchison and Joe Yakovac took command of inf cos. in Dec while aide jobs went to John Spears (CG) and Bill Lennox (ADC). Most of our classmates at Carson will be serving in Germany before they get the opportunity to go to the adv crse. One exception that I know of is T. Berry who will leave for Benning this summer. If any of you get the opportunity to take a vacation in the western U.S., don't miss Denver/Colo



1971: Rich Goodwin at Mather AFB.

Spgs and vicinity. I spent a fantastic week there this past Xmas with Scott and Marci Hutchison, John and Sue Spears and Joe and Val Yakovac.

Larry Boice wrote from The Lang Sch in Monterey where he, his wife, Meg, and Herb Clifton are taking the Spanish Crse. Larry and Herb are on their way to the 7th SF in Panama after completing the SF crse at Bragg. Larry mentioned that Ed and Becky Postell and John and Marguerite Neenan have transferred to Germany after a satisfying stay at Bragg. Mike Newell, a former SF det cdr, had a very short tour of Thailand and is now with the 1st SF in Ft Devens. Art Ives went to the 10th SF in Bad Toelz, Germany and Gus Bremer decided to try some Korean food for a year.

From Germany, Jerry and Eileen Thompson have become proud parents, but not in the conventional manner. On 5 Nov they adopted a one-month-old girl, Jennifer Lee. After duties as a co. cmdr and aide, Jerry is now Asst SGS and will go to the adv crse in May. Other news from Germany includes Murray Schrantz' departure for Ft Ord, Carl and Sally Wakes' PCS to Ft Bragg, and Phil Beliveau's orders for the Sig Adv Crse. Kathy and Bert David were blessed with a special Xmas gift, a baby girl, on 21 Dec. Paul Nelson is stationed in Garmisch. I don't know what he's doing there but I sure would like to find out! In Berlin, Chuck Swannack is MG Walker's aide until he leaves for the adv crse in Jun. John Spiezia just finished the JAGC basic crse and is a trial counsel in Berlin. John also just completed a 30-day TDY trip through Belgium, Holland, and Germany escorting a USO group. Chris Shoemaker is also reaping the bennies as a GEN's aide on the border. The frauleins proved too much for Lew Hester, who married a pretty German girl in Nov. John and Pat Dzieciolowski recently arrived in Schwaebisch-Gemünd from Ft Carson. And still another aide, Bob Bishop, is serving with the CG, V Corps, in Frankfurt. A little further south in Italy, Paul Watkins is now a cdr of an Arty Btry. Roy, Mary Joan and Susan Gogel are en route to the 7th Inf Div at Ft Ord in Apr (as is Jim Gorczynski from Germany). Roy is currently an XO in the 509th BCT. Also in the BCT, Bob Allaire

and Tom Metz are programmed for the adv crse. Mike and Giovanna Penhallegon were married in Oct 74. An unexplainable rumor has Mike pondering a branch transfer to the inf.

Only a couple of notes from HI this time. Janice and Chip Hindes had a baby boy, Kevin James, on 2 Nov and Ward King left for TX Law Sch. Ward and Anna are now living in Austin.

I received the semi-annual D-2 newsletter, from Jeff Weinstock, which I'd like to share with you. Jeff has found a veritable paradise in the resort area of Pattaya Beach, Thailand, where he commutes to his job as an adj in a maintenance activity. Needless to say, with a housegirl to do the chores and a moonlight job teaching math for a U. of HI extension, Jeff, Betty, and Jenny are extremely happy. From the baby factory in D-2, Ed and Karen Hale were blessed with Jeffrey Edwin on 25 Oct 74 and Courtney Anne joined Cathy and Mac McClelland on 30 Oct 74. A couple of '71 zoomies have been flying TDY to Thailand. Mike Neyland is flying C-130's out of Guam and Logan Kelly is doing it with B-52's out of Sawyer AFB, MI. Finally from the ranks of D-2, it is rumored that Mark Dawson has met his match while vacationing in Virginia Bch and should be married soon.

Some potpourri that I left out in an effort to sort out my mail: Keith Fay has branch transferred to AG and is finishing his tour in Panama with his wife Donna and children, Teresa and Michael; Joe Beno transferred to ord and moved to Redstone Ars; Al Payne made the change to MI and celebrated when his wife Janet gave birth to Mathew in Oct 74; school bound are John Pitts to MIT, Al Fox and Tom Pyrz to FA Adv Cse, Johnny Brooks to Inf Adv Crse and Bill Morrison to Ranger Sch (now complete). I hope you guys don't mind being potpourri.

Thanks again for the info. My next deadline is 30 Mar. Have a bouncing spring.

'72

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We're back once again with a spring issue and another chance for members of 72 to bloat about their accomplishments. I have enjoyed the notes and letters this time around and hope everyone else does too. Before getting started I have a note of my own—Beth and I are expecting a new addition this summer. Now that I've slipped in my good news, let's hear from '72 in other parts.

The 3d ID here in Ger has quite a contingent at Aschaffenburg. Last count showed Howard Kuschick (AT Plt, 1/7 Inf), John Lynch (C Co, 1/7 Inf), Rich Sinclair (Asst Adj, 1/7 Inf), Bruce Ritter (4.2 Mortar Plt, 1/7 Inf), and Jerry Williams (Recon Plt, 1/4 Inf.) Some there we haven't heard from before, add to these Pete and Emily Rich, also 3d ID, at Wildficken.

'72ers stationed in Germany with the 1st Inf Div (forward) are George Heyworth (Recon Plt, 1/28 Inf), Matt Kriwanek (AT Plt, 1/28 Inf) and John Siemer (Spt Plt, 1/28 Inf). George, Matt and John have spent many weeks covering the fields and forests of Germany during the last couple of Re-forger exercises involving the Big Red One. One more time, huh guys? Ray and Jane Ward are still in Friedberg with 2/27 Arty. Ray is XO of a firing battery.

News from the 1st AD includes a pleasant note from the Dave Lynchs. Dave and Leslie

are in Bamberg where Dave has been assigned to 3d Bde as EducO. He had a worthwhile trip to Ft Benning to attend the Dragon crse. Other info from 1st AD—Jim Barnes has branch transferred to TC and I hear that Greg True has done the same. Greg is with the 501st S&T in Nürnberg. Chet Phillips is XO of HHC, 1/52 while Ben Harrell has been in Ansbach for some time with an AG co. Still around the 1st AD AO we have Ben and Kathy Williams with son Edgar Benjamin and Mike and Marybeth Toler, HHC 3d Bde with son Eric, born in U.S.A. Hosp, Nürnberg. Bob and Sara Mattox are having an interesting tour in Berlin it seems, having travelled to Russia in the past year. Understand from the Mattox's that Bill and Jean Henry have moved from Berlin to Meisau as Bill has transferred to Ord. Quite a change from Berlin, huh, Bill? Bits and pieces from around Europe—Bob Strong has a new job as the aide to the ADC, 1st AD. Ray Crawford has a similar position in the 3d ID. Ray had an accident, I hear, which we hope doesn't hamper him too much now. Seems there was a broken leg resulting. Hope you are doing well, Ray. John Ranier is aide to VII Corps Arty Cdr. The Jerry Smallys are now in Baumholder after a transfer to CE. Larry Aubrecht is now assigned to 123d Maint Bn in Nürnberg with a transfer from FA to Ord. Thanks for the info, Bob.

Here goes a conglomeration of news from Joe and Cyndy Drach at Vicenza, Italy. If any names are repeated either prior or following, just grin and gloat. From Joe's own 509th Inf (Abn)—Doug and Nancy Wise are making their home on the shore of Lake Garda. Mick and Cathy Hanratty (daughter Camine) are expecting this spring. Mick is Spt Plt Ldr. Eric Polcrack is the Asst Adj and wife Kathy is working with the Prep prog. Tom (and Elaine) Hendrix is Mortar Plt Ldr in C-1/509th. Roy Mayday is an FO with D Btry 1/509th and Dan Grogan is FDO in the same unit. Bob and Barbara Albright moved to the 509th from Babenhausen, Germany. Around and about Italy—Moon and Terri Ducote had Richard Joseph IV last Jul. Moon is MaintO for spt gp SETAF. Doug and Ellen Timmerberg are with A Btry, 2/30th FA along with Mike and Bonnie Stafford, a Btry XO. The Staffords have a recent addition, Jennifer. Floyd Whitney and John Kale (moving from Ft Riley) are sharing a villa near Livorno. Floyd is 500th MP Det Cdr at Camp Darby and John is TngO for USACCE-MED. Maybe one of these days you'll fill us in on what that stands for, John. Doug Wise provides a rundown on a number of 1-3 cohorts. John and Lynn Moncure, with 1/2 Cav in Bayreuth, are expecting this spring. At Ft Bragg, Joe and Judy Wismann are busy. Joe is Spt Plt Ldr and Judy has been working on her master's. Phil Jones bit the dust last Jul and married Debbie at Ft Campbell. Randy and Susan Parish were married at Campbell, too, back in Dec of 73. Bruce and Leanne LaVigne are enjoying Ft Hood at last notice, after Bruce went to Benning for Pathfinder and Jumpmaster. Mike Kobbe is there, too, as XO, of a tank co. (As you may have noticed, this article's pattern is slowly going astray. No matter, though, as long as you are thoroughly confused.)

Let's see, oh yes, more news—Cliff Stilgenbauer has branch transferred to AG and should be at the PO at Livorno, Italy. Monitored a few lines ago was Doug Timmerberg. Steve Mulliken is now aide to BG Timmerberg, USAREUR PM. Another aide is Ed McConagley at Ft Lewis. Brad Holtz has finished fit

and is now on a short tour to Korea. Ted Whitley should be finishing MI sch at Ft Huachuca soon. After having spent sometime in the FL swamps, it appears that Nate Shoaf is claiming an OLC for his Ranger Tab. Only if you broke ice will we let you get away with this one, Nate. Nate himself says Maru Foust has departed Campbell for Korea, Chuck Blakely is finishing fit sch, Gary Spears is with the Ranger Bn at Benning, and Craig Baumberger has been on a recruiting stint for the Big Red One to St Louis. Was that TDY nice, Craig?

Back here in Germany again and to the Boeblingen area. '72 has been well represented in that neck of the woods by the likes of Jeff McCausland, Dean and Linda Ertwine, and Bill and Nancy Sterett, all with the 2/33 FA. Paul Burton is assigned to the 1/26 Inf there, also. Paul has the commo plt. Still at Boeblingen, Phil and Pam Peterson and Jeff, Lorraine and Patrick Donald make 1/16 Inf their home. Phil is the spt plt ldr while Jeff, it seems, has had a number of jobs including Redeye SL, CDAACO, and Wpns plt ldr C-1/16th. Did I miss anything, Jeff? My crystal ball tells me that Stan and Sandy Graff are there, too. Stan is with an Ord Co after a transfer. Not too far away at New Ulm are Bill and Cathy Saylor where Bill is with the 1st Engr.

Let's skip around a bit now (as if we haven't been already) and get in as much as possible. Scott and Peggy Nahrwald are stationed in Babenhausen, Germany with A Btry, 2/83 FA—Scott is the XO. Bobby and Marsha Wines are with 359th ADA and Jack, Kathy, and John (Jr.) Opiola live in Schwabach where Jack is an ADA type. We didn't get a chance to put in a plug for Jack Sousa during the past football season. Jack quarterbacked the Wiesbaden Flyers of the Contl Sports Conf and turned in a championship performance. Jack and Jim Bryan, '71, comprised the greatest offensive threat in the league. Well done, Jack. Bud and Nadine Blair are with a 155 Btry way out at Ft Lewis. Lewis is a stomping ground for others like Kim Putnam, Gary Walborn, and Dave and Honey Kirk. Latest on Gary is his new job—aide for BG Kotik of the 9th Inf Div. Sorry to hear you too have been laid off work, Gary!

Received a note from Lee Stinson a few months ago. Lee has branch transferred from ADA to Ord, and should be finishing EOD sch about now. No word at the time of printing as to the Stinsons' new assignment. Harry Stumpt wrote to tell me of goings on at Ft Bragg. Steve Sheppard married Diane last summer at Bragg and John Baker went to WP, also last summer, to marry Lynn. Congrats to them and all newly weds. Harry's cohorts in the 3/325th include Ed Murdock, Bill Chamberlain, and Joe Ivey. This group had an interesting (?) trip to AK in late fall. Oh, you winter Ranger gluttons! Down in Panama (that's more like it) the warm sun seems to be having strange effects. Chuck and Karen Hiatt had a baby boy last 17 Oct, Charles Robert. Mike Cenicerias attended Lanceros Sch (in Colombia) Sept through Nov while Frances learned how to swim. Great going, Frances! (You too, Mike.) Joining these are Phil Brumheiser and Fritz Heneman, all members of the 4/10 Inf. Got a very informative letter from Scott and Susan Burner (now a Reservist) in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Scott is now in med sch there. One of their visitors has been John Donovan. Scott says he's heard from others to include Mike Sawicki, last stationed at Ft Devens, MA. Joe Dennehy at Ft Campbell, and Pete and

Kathy Odorice (with son Peter Andrew) in Ramstein Germany. The Burners have also made contact with Dave McMurry, Kevin and Linda Stambaugh (Temple Med Sch), and John and Carol Hamlin at Ft Lewis. Thanks for the info Scott, Susan, and daughter Kelly.

Dependable Bruce Van Dam, who probably is the most consistent contributor to this column, sent a picture of himself and Ron Prior all duded up in their surgical gowns and shower caps (that's what they look like!). Tell us, Bruce, does it really pay to get sick? Oh yes, Bruce and Ron are at USC Med Sch. Last fall's Army-Cal football game provided a meeting place for Bruce, Wayne, Blount, Russ Hall and Chris Lawlor. Wayne and Russ are in grad sch at Berkeley—Wayne, Intl Rel, and Russ, Civ Engr. Chris was on his way to Korea from Ft Ord. News from HI is slim this time, but did receive a note from the Maru Steinmans announcing their first child, Scott Patrick, who was born last Oct 3d. With Maru in the 1/62 ADA at Schofield Bks are Dan Bappe, Mike Jones, and Jan Medusky. Other Hawaiians are Jack and Debbie Roth, Jim and Linda Marr, and Grant and Janice Smith. From Ft Bragg, Russ Wagnon sends a status report on classmates there. The 2/321 FA claims Jim McLean (XO, HSB). Russ is Bn CommoO for 2/321. Also at Bragg, Don Phillips is with the 95th Civil Affairs Co. and sig types Bob Mercer (35th Sig Grp), Doug Clark (50th Sig Bn) and Tommy Kirk, Dave Levine, and Jeff Harlow all with the 82d Sig Bn. Thanks, Russ. Bob and Margaret Wood are enjoying Ft Carson. Bob is a Btry XO as are Jeff Tucker, Doug Hoon, and 2 aides, Bruce Scott and Bill Hatch. Glenn and Dot Harper still enjoying med sch at LSUNO.

One more family affair to announce before closing—theVross', Ed and Roz, have a little one, Kimberely, born last Sept. Well, that's a jumbled version of what's happened to '72 over the past few months. Thanks to all who wrote this time and if anything is missing, don't give up. I was a goat, you know. We have a pretty good coverage this time because of the efforts of those who sent info. New assignments are beginning to pop up, so keep everybody informed. Have a pleasant spring!

'73

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Hello again from beautiful, rainy FRG. I have received a few holiday greetings and a few before which combined make up most of this issue's news.

Sue and Wayne Reynolds write from HI where Wayne is an XO for A/652 Engr (TOPO). They had a son, Brian Edward, on 30 Aug. They also write that Steve and Kathi Kirin were due in Dec (also at HI). Bob and Barb Summers were expecting in Oct where Bob is an MP at the Presidio. John Morris and John Rocco should have returned from Korea by publication time.

Speaking of Korea, Bruce Boevers (HQ 1/31 Inf, APO 96251) writes of his marriage to Mary on 21 Sept. She returned to Korea with him and teaches H.S. there. Mark Collier likes this "best kept secret" so much that he extended. Greg Hagen leaves Korea for MI sch at Ft Devens and then to Thailand. Jeff Greene left for an asgmt at Ft Ord.

Wayne Springer writes of his marriage to Lynn, Aug 73 (which lost him a few bets). He is a constr engr at Ft Lewis.

Paul Currie graduated from CommO Sch

and was assigned to Watertown AFS, NY.

Gil and Joanne Spenser enjoy the life around Colo Spgs, and Dennis and Sandy Tone say the same about HI.

Tom and Robin Lubozynski have a baby due in May. They are finally out of school at W-P AFB at the Med Cen. Tom writes that his sister Judy married Jim Styron on 22 Jul. Styron is with the tng bde at Ft Sill along with Harold Hale. Mike O'Hagan flies KC-135's out of Beale AFB, CA.

George Fulton writes of his marriage to Gail, 8 Jul. They are now at Ft Carson. Their groomsmen were Mike Stuhr, Mike Vidlak, Mike Berry and Dave Richardson.

LT Kirk Brown (former '73 and still single) USAF writes with news that John Robinson will graduate from Electr Warfare Sch in Mar. Mike Vidlak and Craig Landrith are doing well at Ft Hood. Maureen and Fred Pineau are with C/1/26 Inf in FRG.

Kathi Roe writes with a good amount of news from Ft Sill where Rob is with B/4/4 FA. Joe and Gwen Laura are there and Gwen teaches. Also at Ft Sill are Ed and Lyn Dyke, Betty and Dana Warehime, Roy and Holly Kelly, Steve and Pat Daigle, and David and Diane Blackerby.

Kathy also says that Pete Baldwin and Bill Miller are roommates at Columbus, GA (but Pete would like to find a more permanent one). Mike Pearson is learning to ski

at Ft Richardson, AK. Paul Hamm and wife and Charlie and Liz Hall are in FRG.

So ends another edition. With the next one should come the switch from gold to silver—at last.

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Howdy. I'm learning more and more about news collecting and hopefully this column will get longer as we progress. Received 2 newsfilled letters this time. Dwight and Linda Webster sent info on our OC classmates. He and Linda Garrison were married 22 Jun at WP after which they camped and traveled 8000 miles before OBS at Aberdeen, MD. There at Aberdeen with him were Dan Duncan, Dave Flyer, Wil Grooms, Matt Reese, Mark and Cory Whitman (married 8 Jun at WP), Robert J. Williams and Robert S. and Cindy Williams (married 14 Jul in MA). On 29 Oct Dwight and Dan then went to msl maint sch in Redstone Ars, AL.

Also got a letter on a recent wedding. Sam France married Debbie Workman on 28 Dec at the Cadet Chapel. Participating in the wedding were Jeff Sommerville, Ralph Graves, Joe LeBoeuf, Flayo Kirk, Jim

O'Rourke, Greg Burkhardt, and Bob Scharling. Sam, Jeff and Ralph were on their Xmas break from Ranger Sch. Flayo, AF, is at navigator's sch in CA. After Ranger, Sam and Debbie will report to Ft Leonard Wood, MO.

As expected, the "Swingin' Singles" suffered a reduction in membership this fall and winter. Those married include: Dennis Gum on 28 Sept, Tom Harrison on 27 Oct, Rick Vincent on 16 Nov, Jeff Rogers at Xmas, Frank Janowski in Dec, Mike Headly in Dec, Steve Leggiere in Dec, Lou Gelling to Liza Smith on 16 Nov, Jim Rossi to LuAnn Stapleton on 16 Nov at Ft Benning, Charlie Rynerson to Robin Jones on 16 Nov, Bob Fierro to Vicky on 28 Dec in Ft Benning, Ray Peterson to Patty McCarthy on 22 Dec, John Rivers to Jomarie Bigg on 15 Dec, Tim Kiggins to Becky on 28 Dec, and Jim Soncrant to Kathy McNulty in Dec. Even Wolfman Jenks (Don Jenkins) took the vows in Dec. Also along the wedding line, Jack Pattison would like me to quell any rumors that he is engaged... yet.

Richard deJonckheere is now studying toward a master's in Aero Engr at AFIT in W-P AFB, OH. Mike Perry was honor grad of IOBC 3-75 and I'm sure others were outstanding in various schools but I haven't received word on it yet. Thanks for the help given me thus far and if anyone gets a chance, drop me a line or photo.

Down The Field

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own invitational ski meet four years in a row, and had yet to receive any cooperation from "Old Man Winter?"

"Like someone who's always been a best man and never a groom," says Cadet Coach Howard Brosseau about his USMA Invitational Ski Meet which was scheduled for 1 and 2 Feb on the Academy's ski slopes. It has now been cancelled because of a lack of snow.

Army has won the Division II West championship the past three years, and has a solid group of veteran performers ready to challenge rivals.

Army's ski team is now scheduled to open its season 7-8 Feb at the Colgate Syracuse Invitational at Long Mountain.

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Our Winter Sports report would not be complete without including a report on the following Cadet Club Sports.

JUDO (2-0)

Taking six of its seven black belts out to Colorado, Army easily defeated service academy rival Air Force 87-40 in Judo competition for its second win without a loss.

The competition involved 15 three-minute matches with the scoring based on accumulated points of an individual added to the team score.

Army's other victory came over the Merchant Marine Academy.

PARACHUTING

West Point's Cadet Sport Parachute Team won its second consecutive National Collegiate Parachuting Championship in competition at Deland, Florida, in December.

As part of their victory, the cadets were

presented with the coveted "Gavin's Gavel," symbolic of collegiate sport parachuting supremacy. "Gavin's Gavel," awarded annually by the National Collegiate Parachuting League, was created by LTG James Gavin, USMA '29.

The Championships are an annual event sponsored by the National Collegiate Parachuting League, an affiliate of the United States Parachute Association, the governing body for sport parachuting in the United States.

The West Point team, led by cadets Leal and Strickland in the Advanced Class and Cadets Missler, Powers, Le Duc, and Ayers in the Intermediate Class, amassed 125 points to 92 for runnerup Air Force Academy, and 42 for the third place University of Southern Florida.

The competition for this year also included teams from Georgia Tech, Penn State, Tennessee Tech, the University of Montana, the University of Minnesota, and Southern Illinois University. Also jumping were representatives from Dokkyo University in Japan and Simon Fraser University in Canada.

Coach for this year's champions was Sergeant First Class James Semmler of the Military Academy's Airborne Detachment.

GOLDEN GLOVES

Noted among the best amateur boxers in the world Cadet Al Fracker is aiming again for the New York Golden Gloves tournament in February and an encore with Eddie Davis who edged him in the finals last year. Fracker in January gave quite a battle to the Russian Klimanov, a 1st LT in the Soviet army and European light-middleweight champion. He might have won the bout if it hadn't been scored under international rules.

Three other cadets will join Fracker in the New York Golden Glove Tournament—Yearling Leslie Kayanan, 147-pound open, 2d Classman Kevin Higgins, 147-pound novice, and Yearling Duane Castro, 126-pound novice.

RUGBY (24-1)

The Rugby Football Club recently ended its finest fall season ever. The Club members played 25 games and finished 24-1, scoring 587 points against their opponents' 58. This impressive record has served to motivate the Army ruggers toward greater heights for the coming spring season. This record is even more impressive when you consider that the Rugby Team is "off season" in the fall and practices only on afternoons when cadets do not have parades or intramurals. The Rugby Football Club had four separate teams competing and recorded the following statistics: "A" Team, 8-0; "B" Team, 7-1; "C" Team, 6-0; and "D" Team, 3-0.

In the tradition of the sport, combined with the status of a "competitive club" as opposed to "corps squad," the Ruggers assume the responsibilities of scheduling, administering and equipping the team. Many talented cadets are attracted by this informal type of athletic competition. The club has over 100 members which are organized into four regular teams and a "fifth and others" team for training purposes.

The head coach for the Rugby Football Team has traditionally been the British Army Liaison Officer assigned to the Academy. Assistant coaches include officers from the staff and faculty, many of whom played the sport as cadets.

Having proven their prowess in the past several years on the East Coast, in-

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Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you — You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



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Charles Lloyd Wyman

NO. 4588 CLASS OF 1907

Died 22 February 1971 at Glendale,
 California, aged 87 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn Memorial Park,
 Glendale, California



CHARLES LLOYD WYMAN

CHARLES LLOYD WYMAN was born 12 May 1883 in Perry, Ohio, the 6th child of Don Lloyd and Mary Tisdell Wyman. He spent his childhood on a farm in Perry and was graduated from Painesville High School in 1899. His main ambition was to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point. After service in the Ohio National Guard, and working as a surveyor for H. P. Cummings and for the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, he realized his ambition and entered West Point in 1904. Charley graduated in the Class of 1907. In 1908 he married Alice Marion Moody (better known to friends and relatives as Siddle) and then followed a long career of service to his country.

His first assignment after leaving West Point was as second lieutenant in the 17th Infantry with the Army of Cuban Pacification. After service in Camaguey, Cuba, he was transferred to Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he held the positions of battalion quartermaster, post signal officer and post athletic officer. From his post in Georgia, he was assigned to detached service under General Black to help in making a progressive military map of the United States covering some 900 square miles in eastern Tennessee.

In the summer of 1911, with the largest mobilization of United States troops since the Spanish-American War, Charley was assigned as an aide-de-camp to General Ralph W. Hoyt at San Antonio, Texas. He then had duty successively at St. Paul, Minnesota, where General Hoyt was in command of the Department of the Lakes; with the 9th Infantry and the 28th Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. In 1913 First Lieutenant Wyman was ordered to Galveston, Texas, with the 28th Infantry and was later transferred to the 18th Infantry at Texas City, Texas. In the summer of 1913 he was assigned to the 25th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In July 1917 with the United States now involved in World War I, Charley was transferred to Vancouver Barracks, Portland, Ore-

gon, where he commanded a company and battalion of the newly formed 44th Infantry Regiment. Later that year he was promoted to major and was assigned to the 91st Division at Camp Lewis, Washington, where he conducted The Signal School.

In June 1918 Charley was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces via an English troop ship, landing at Liverpool, England, and Le Havre, France; then boarding "40 and 8" box cars to Gondrecourt, France, where he conducted a Signal Corps school. Later he went to Field Officers' School at Langres, France, and was assigned to the 91st Division at Montigny-Le-Roi. Here he took part in the St. Mihiel Drive, then marched by night to the Argonne Forest where he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Now promoted to lieutenant colonel, he was involved in the Ypres-Lys offensive in October 1918.

After the 11 November armistice, he was sent to Ghent, Belgium, to determine how to relieve the city which had been surrounded by the enemy and was burning. He went to Brussels to arrange for Belgian Relief with General William Johnston and Burgmaster Max. In March of 1919 he was sent to France and when the 91st Division returned to the United States he remained in Europe and was reassigned to the 88th Division as Signal Officer. When the 88th Division was transferred to the United States, he was sent to serve with the 3d Division in the Army of Occupation at Andernach on Rhine, again as signal officer. In February 1919, when the 3d Division returned to America, he was ordered to the Perimeter Guard at Montebauer, Germany. Here he was with the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry, the commanding American bridgehead area east of the Rhine. Shortly thereafter he moved to Coblenz, Germany, where his wife was finally able to join him.

In January 1920 Lieutenant Colonel Wyman had his first physical examination since the war and it was found that he had contracted tuberculosis. He was not expected to live for more than eight months, and was sent home to Fitzsimons Army Hospital near Denver, Colorado. In one year, however, he had recovered sufficiently that the 9th Corps Area Reserve Officers Training Corps asked for Charley for light duty work at Camp Lewis, Washington, to help with Citizens Military Training. In August 1921 he was assigned to the Los Angeles school system Reserve Officers Training Corps and moved to Glendale, California, where he lived until his death in 1971. Charley never again was able to return to full active duty. During the fifty years in Glendale, he taught at Loyola College from 1921 to 1932 in the position of Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and was relieved of duty with the United States Army in 1932 and placed on retired status.

During his Army career he earned the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel and held several decorations from the United States and France. These include the Silver Star, Chevalier Legion of Honor, World War I Victory Medal with four battle clasps, Officer of the Black Star, Croix de Guerre with a bronze palm, the Verdun Medal, the German Occupation Medal, and the Medal of Cuban Pacification.

In 1938 Charley was technical director of the movie, "Ten Gentlemen from West Point," and from 1942 to 1949 he was the safety officer for the California Institute of Technology, including the Mt. Palomar Ob-

servatory. During these years he had several relapses in his fight with lung problems and spent over two years total time in the Pottinger Sanitarium.

In 1957 he and Siddle attended his 50th class reunion at West Point and spent the remainder of the summer touring Europe. During that summer he also made his last trip to visit family and friends in Perry and Painesville, Ohio.

The Wyman's only child, Charles Lloyd Wyman Jr. was born in Painesville, Ohio, on 30 October 1910. Charles Jr. died of pneumonia at the age of 20. Charley was also preceded in death by his wife, in April 1962. He died on 22 February 1971 following a short illness in a Glendale (California) hospital and was buried with military honors at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale alongside Siddle and their son. During his long lifetime he had seen much of American history, having witnessed the Wright Brothers first demonstrations of flight at Fort Myer, Virginia, in 1908 and seeing the Apollo 11 to 14 moon landings.

Charley Wyman was one of the rare, truly good persons that we are sometimes privileged to know. He was devoted to his God, country and family. He never wavered in his loyalties and he bettered the lives of all who knew him. No matter what life had to offer he was ready and willing, even eager, to accept the challenge right up until the day of his death. He had many interests, including philately and the growing of prize winning roses and camellias. He was alert and vitally interested in national and world events, sports, and the activities of his family and friends until the end. Those of us who knew him well feel his loss keenly for he held a special place in our lives. Uncle Charley was a truly magnificent human being.

—Richard and Anne Wyman
 Boulder City, Nevada

James Howard Laubach

NO. 4633 CLASS OF 1907

Died 16 April 1974 in Asheville,
 North Carolina, aged 90 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JAMES HOWARD LAUBACH was born in Northampton, Pennsylvania, 11 September 1883, the son of State Senator Edward Laubach and his wife, Anna Stewart.

A boyhood ambition was realized when Jim Laubach received an appointment to West Point from the Speaker of the House, Howard Mutschler, of Pennsylvania. When the Honorable Mutschler and his wife came to West Point, they brought with them their niece, Edith Louise Bercaw, whom Jim met at this time. After a courtship of some six years, he married her in September of 1912.

Among the intramural sports at West Point, Jim liked baseball the best, an interest in the game he kept throughout his life by following the progress of local teams, when there was one at his station, and the big leagues. As a Pennsylvanian, he was particularly interested in the Athletics.

After graduation he joined the 19th Infantry at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, and was then sent to Fort McKenzie, Wyoming. In 1910 the 19th Infantry was sent to the Philippines, which gave Jim a taste of the tropics. He enjoyed the detail but never wanted to re-



JAMES HOWARD LAUBACH

turn to the Far East. On his return to the States in 1912, he was married and took his bride to Fort Meade, South Dakota. Then, when trouble broke out at the Mexican border, he was sent to Galveston, and to Vera Cruz, Mexico, then back to camp at Del Rio on border patrol. At this time a daughter was born, and two years later, a son.

When the World War broke out and General Pershing reorganized the Quartermaster Corps, requesting twenty West Pointers, Jim was temporarily detailed as assistant to the Base Quartermaster at Le Havre, France. There he was awarded the Purple Heart with Merit. Then Brest in 1918; then assistant to Colonel E.S. Walton on Food Relief Work until 1919 as temporary lieutenant colonel. In 1919 he returned to the States, and was Depot Quartermaster, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1920-1921. In 1920, he returned to the grade of captain and transferred to the Quartermaster Corps, a move he never regretted. He was twice stationed at Brooklyn Army Base in 1921-1923 as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Army Transport Service, and in 1929-1931 as Superintendent of the Army Transport Service. He was also twice stationed at West Point—as Assistant Quartermaster in 1925-1929 and as Quartermaster 1942-1944, from which post he was retired.

Following his retirement he was able to pursue and enjoy his lifelong hobby of gardening. Throughout the service he had a vegetable garden whenever possible, sometimes leaving it to his successor when it was about to bear, and sometimes falling heir to someone else's labors. In Asheville, North Carolina, where he and Edith made their home, he spent office hours in his garden, growing flowers as well as vegetables. He was a member of the Men's Garden Club of Asheville, and Treasurer for a number of years. In his last years, when he could not move around so easily, he would sit and weed. He won many prizes for his roses, dahlias and vegetables at the Men's Flower Show, and one year took the Grand Prize.

He was an able and conscientious officer



who followed the precepts of his early training of duty, honor, country. Always unassuming, he died peacefully 16 April 1974, leaving a son, James Howard Laubach Jr. of Brattleboro, Vermont, and a daughter, Alice F. Laubach of Asheville. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Raymond Durno Smith

NO. 4828 CLASS OF 1909

Died 5 February 1974 in Detroit, Michigan, aged 87 years.

Interment: Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan

COLONEL RAYMOND DURNO SMITH was born in Madison Barracks, near Watertown, New York, on 18 June 1886. He was the son of Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, who graduated from the United States Military Academy, Class of 1873, and Wilhemina (Fowler) Smith.

He attended school in Chicago, Illinois. Appointed to the Military Academy by President Theodore Roosevelt, Ray entered the Academy in 1905 and upon graduation in 1909 served in the Philippines and in the States until after World War I. In January 1919 he went into private industry but reentered military service at the start of World War II, serving in the Air Corps. In 1946 he returned to civilian life after eighteen years of service.

For the next eight years Ray worked on the Rating Board at the Veterans' Administration in Chicago, Illinois, rating veterans' claims for disability. He was always for the veteran, and was able to recommend and, indeed insure, in each individual case that the best possible rating was given each man.

Duty, honor, country were his by-words. His life and that of his family from childhood revolved around the Military Academy of which we are all so proud.

For fifty years Ray was a member of the American Legion. He was a member of the Mother Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts and a member of Eighth Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Ray is survived by his wife Inga, and six children. Services were held in Detroit. Cremation followed with interment in the family plot at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.



RAYMOND DURNO SMITH

Ernest Joseph Dawley

NO. 4876 CLASS OF 1910

Died 8 September 1973 at the Silas B. Hayes Hospital, Fort Ord, California, aged 87 years.

Cremated ashes scattered over the Pacific Ocean.



ERNEST JOSEPH DAWLEY

MAJOR GENERAL ERNEST Joseph Dawley, United States Army Retired, was born in Antigo, Wisconsin, on the 17th of February 1886. After a year at Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, he entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York on 15 June 1906 as a member of the Class of 1910. He was graduated as a second lieutenant, 2d Field Artillery, on 15 June 1910.

Of the several he acquired from time to time, the nickname "Mike" became the favorite and he will be so referred to in this tribute to our distinguished friend whom we knew so well for many long years. Mike Dawley was a man of sterling character with a great many good friends and true. He was devoted to his family, all of whom he loved dearly.

As a junior officer of field artillery Mike served in this country and in the Philippine Islands; attended various service schools; and joined the Punitive Expedition into Mexico with General Pershing in 1916.

At the outbreak of World War I on 7 April 1917, Mike was with the 7th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Promoted to captain in May he went overseas to France with the 7th Field Artillery in August 1917.

After a short course in l'Ecole d'Artillerie at Fontainebleau, Mike was appointed Secretary and Executive Officer of the Saumur Artillery School on 20 September 1917. Promoted to major in February 1918, he remained at the school until 7 May 1918. He then joined the artillery section, 1st Army Corps, to 30 June 1918 and served with the 12th Field Artillery (2d Division) to 28 July 1918.

Then to the General Staff, First Army until 3 November 1918. During this time he became a lieutenant colonel.

He was Assistant Chief of Staff, 2d Army Artillery, until 20 November 1918 and served with the 16th Field Artillery (4th Division) until 1 December 1918.

Mike then joined the 3d section General

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Staff at General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces with permanent appointment to the General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces.

On 20 March 1919 he was moved to Paris, France, with the American Mission to negotiate peace and on a field mission for the same group to Baltic States and Russian northwestern government. Mike was relieved on 26 September 1919 and returned to the United States for duty in the Tactical Department, United States Military Academy with General Robert Danford who was then the Commandant of Cadets. He remained at West Point until 1924.

Later he served a tour of duty in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery in Washington, 1927-30. As a senior officer of field artillery, Mike continued to receive assignments of increasing importance and responsibility.

As World War II approached, he was promoted to brigadier general on 1 October 1940 and assigned as the Field Artillery Commander of the Seventh Division being activated by General Joseph Stilwell. In June 1941 he was promoted to major general and assigned to command the 40th Division at San Luis Obispo, California. In April of 1942 he was made Commanding General of the VI Corps in Providence, Rhode Island, and departed for his first foreign service during World War II in the North African Theater of Operations.

Later after commanding the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas, Mike joined General Ben Lear in France as the Commanding General of the Ground Forces Reinforcement Command, European Theater of Operations.

For his services during World War I, Mike was awarded the Silver Star and for his World War II services, the Distinguished Service Medal, Commendation Ribbon and two Purple Hearts. He was also decorated by France with the Legion of Honor, the Etoile Noir, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm; by Great Britain with the C.B.E.; and by Morocco with the O.A.

Mike was very proud that both his daughters served overseas during World War II with the American Red Cross. The elder, Harriet, was in Cairo, Egypt, and Gail served in France and Germany. He once remarked that he had seen Gail from time to time but had never been able to get together with Harriet.

In the spring of 1946 Mike was relieved of his duties in Paris and ordered to Fort Bragg, North Carolina as Commanding General of the Replacement Training Command. In September of 1947, he was retired for physical disability after more than 41 years of active service.

The Dawleys returned to Monterey, California, where Mike had attended the School of Musketry in 1912 and later in 1931, as a major, had commanded the 76th Field Artillery.

Mike and Genevieve made their retirement homes in Carmel Valley, California—15 years in La Rancheria, where Mike was able to enjoy daily rides on his horse, Sox, and for his last eight years in Hacienda Carmel.

Surviving are his wife, Genevieve; his two daughters, Mrs. Peter Alderwick (Harriet) of Pittsfield, Massachusetts and her four daughters; and Mrs. Alexander Shaw (Gail) of Wellesley, Massachusetts and her three sons and one daughter.

—B. O. L.

James Blanchard Crawford

NO. 4969 CLASS OF 1911

Died 8 April 1974 at Lee County Hospital, near Auburn, Alabama, aged 85 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, West Point, New York

JAMES BLANCHARD CRAWFORD was born in New York City on 27 November 1888. His parents were James C. Crawford and Mary O'Callaghan Crawford. The father was born in New York in 1866, his wife in Ireland in 1864. The father, well-known in political circles, named his first son after his friend, Judge James Blanchard. There was a second son, Thomas J., two years younger. After the father's death in 1899, their Presbyterian paternal grandmother took care of them, faithfully sending them to Catholic Church each Sunday. Judge and Mrs. Blanchard also gave their interest to the raising of the boys.

They went to the local schools, Jimmie being graduated in 1906 from DeWitt Clinton High School. After a term at City College he was appointed to the Military Academy by Congressman J.V. Olcott, and on 15 June 1907 entered West Point with the Class of 1911. Graduated on 13 June 1911, he was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. In the following thirty years he was promoted through the various grades to that of Brigadier General in April 1941.

Graduating from the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe in 1925, he was later an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and then a graduate of the War College in 1933. Prior to these post graduate schools, he was at West Point for four years as an instructor in mathematics and later four years in natural and experimental philosophy. In his years in mathematics, he taught the "goat" sections of several successive classes, and he always spent extra time preparing ways to make his instruction more clear and understandable to those who so needed it.

In all ways he was an outstanding instructor. In the summer issue of ASSEMBLY in 1961, the Class of 1918 published his photograph with the caption, "The friend of the goats of 1918." His West Point Classmate, Major General Joseph C. Mehaffey, one of the brilliant men of the class, wrote shortly before his death, to Jimmie: "Every one of



JAMES BLANCHARD CRAWFORD

the great number of students who were privileged to have you as an instructor (including myself at Leavenworth) would unhesitatingly testify that you were the best teacher he had ever encountered."

When Jimmie was teaching "Phil," his friend Colonel C. C. Carter, Professor and Head of the Department, recognized his uncanny ability to teach the goats; consequently, Jimmie worked overtime with the lower sections. His friendly voice and humorous and disarming manner made the goats work. Once, after explaining a difficult problem to the last section, he sent the cadets to the boards. After travelling a foxy and circuitous route, throwing the goats off track, he gave them a problem similar to the one he had just explained. When several failed to solve it, he clutched his head and exclaimed, "What a terrible instructor I am!" By such unusual leadership, he increased the interest of the cadets in a difficult subject.

Important assignments held at other times included Chief of Transportation, American Expeditionary Forces in Germany; Executive, Panama Coast Artillery District, Canal Zone; Chief of Training, Office Chief of Coast Artillery; Commanding Officer 92d Coast Artillery (Philippine Scouts) on Corregidor, 1937-40; Commanding General, Camp Davis, North Carolina, where he pressured and obtained more anti-aircraft artillery firing range land; Commanding General, Anti-aircraft Training Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, where again he prevailed on the Government to purchase more target area land to meet the needs of the Anti-aircraft Artillery School; Commanding General 43d Brigade (Anti-aircraft) Seattle; and President, Secretary of War's Discharge Review Board, 1944-46. For organizing and operating this board, he received the Legion of Merit. A noteworthy civilian award was a Bronze Plaque for Conspicuous Public Service given him by the DeWitt Clinton High School Alumni Association.

After his retirement from the Army in 1946, General and Mrs. Crawford spent some time in Washington and later in Manhasset, New York. In 1948, through the recommendation and advice of his classmate, Gustav Franke, he became the Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Auburn University in Alabama. He later said that his eleven years of contact with the students and faculty was a delightful experience, the termination of which in 1959 because of his reaching the age of 70 he always regretted. At that time, the *Auburn Alumnews* wrote that he had been a most popular and effective teacher of freshman and sophomore mathematics.

Throughout his life, though not himself an athlete, Jimmie was interested in athletics. During his tour in mathematics at West Point, he freely gave extra duty time for two years as Graduate Manager of Athletics in addition to instructor duty. Throughout his adult life, his interest in inter-collegiate football, and particularly the Army Team, was great. He said: "I have enjoyed absorbing the lore of the fine game from such great coaches and close friends as 'Old Square Deal' Koehler, Charlie Daly, Pot Graves, John McEwan, Biff Jones, Ralph Sasse, Bill Wood, Gar Davidson, Earl Blaik and the incomparable Knute Rockne."

Basically, Jimmie Crawford was a serious and sober-minded individual though not at all lacking in a keen sense of humor, and was of a sincere and highly religious nature. In-

variably, he was kindly, patient and understanding in his attitude toward others, which was deeply appreciated by those fortunate ones who knew him. To paraphrase Will Rogers, one could truly say, "I have never known a man who didn't like Jimmie Crawford."

He always mentioned his great, good fortune in meeting Miss Margaret Gordon in 1937 at Fort Leavenworth and again in 1939 in San Francisco. They were married on 27 September of that latter year at the Presidio Chapel. Mrs. Crawford was the daughter of Mrs. Gordon, of Woodland, California, widow of Colonel Charles M. Gordon of the Army.

A Funeral Mass, held in Auburn at noon 10 April, was conducted by Jimmie's faithful friend, Father E.F. Sheridan, who was assisted by another of Jimmie's old friends, Father Konen. A final graveside Mass was held at West Point on 12 April, with interment near old friends in the Post Cemetery. Survivors, in addition to the widow, are seven nieces and nephews, two cousins and over forty other relatives.

In the passing of James Blanchard Crawford, another stalwart of West Point has joined the Long Gray Line.

—Nichols '11

Manning Marius Kimmel Jr.

NO. 5146 CLASS OF 1913

Died 15 April 1974 in Hampton, Virginia, aged 83 years.

Interment: St John's Cemetery, Hampton, Virginia

COLONEL MANNING M. KIMMEL, affectionately known to his classmates as "Bones," an Army brat, son of Major Manning M. Kimmel Sr., a graduate of the Class of 1848, who served with distinction with General Earl Van Dorn's Cavalry Corps, was born in Henderson, Kentucky, in 1890. He died in Hampton, Virginia, at age 83 and was buried with a simple graveside service in St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Lucile M. Kimmel; a daughter, Mrs. Davis B. Routh; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

"Bones" entered the Academy with the Class of 1913, after attending prep school (Bradens) in Highland Falls. On graduation he chose the Coast Artillery Corps as his branch of service and was ordered to Fort Monroe, for his first duty station. On this tour he met the lovely Lucile Francis Reed of Hampton, and they were joined in marriage in 1914, with seven classmates present. She was to share almost sixty years of her life with him as they would have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary had he lived until August 1974. It was here that Kimmel early demonstrated the qualities of energy, initiative, leadership and strong convictions, blended with his athletic achievements, which were to serve him well in his career. From the Coast Artillery School he was ordered to Hawaii in September 1914, and was very much disappointed at not being ordered to the war front. On Oahu, the union was blessed with the birth of two children, Helen Sibbella and Lucile Juliet. From Oahu, he was ordered to Fort Story, Virginia, where he supervised the installation of two huge sixteen inch rifles, which together with similar guns at Cape Charles, guarded the entrance to Chesapeake Bay from any hostile naval forces. Kimmel left Fort Story for duty as an instructor in Mathematics at



MANNING MARIUS KIMMEL JR.

the Academy, where through his efforts many a "goat" weathered the academic grind through to graduation.

After West Point Kimmel was ordered to Fort Totten, where he served as executive officer of the 62d Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment. Tragedy struck the family here in the death of Lucile Juliet, at the age of eight years. From Fort Totten he was ordered to Fort Monroe to attend his branch advanced course where he stood very high in his class. From here he was ordered to attend the Command and General Staff course from which he graduated with honors. After graduation from Leavenworth, he departed for Richmond, Virginia, where the family spent seven happy years together while he was senior advisor to the Virginia National Guard. Later, he was assigned to Fort Monroe, with station at Fort Story, as commanding officer of the 57th Artillery Regiment and trained the organization to combat readiness. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, the regiment was moved to Oahu, where it took up position guarding the North Shore approaches. Kimmel served his last tour of duty at Camp Wallace, Texas, as executive officer. In December 1944 he was retired in Washington, D.C. for physical disability.

After retirement he and Lucile returned to their beloved Tidewater area and occupied their beautiful waterfront home, purchased several years previously. They enjoyed thirty happy years until his death. He was a family man devoted to his wife, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved his home. His passing is not only a loss to his community, but to his many friends and classmates. The Long Gray Line will receive another loyal son whose life was dedicated to "Duty, Honor, Country."

—COL David B. Routh (son-in-law)
Class of 1934

Arthur Monroe Ellis

NO. 5572 CLASS OF 1916

Died 23 March 1974 at Knoxville, Tennessee, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ARTHUR MONROE ELLIS was born 22 November 1892 of a farming family in Baxter, Tennessee. Ambitious for an education, but

short in means, he worked for and received an appointment to the Military Academy from Cordell Hull in 1912.

As a cadet Arthur was considered as quiet and reserved. To use the words of one of his classmates, he was "A rather retiring chap—but was well liked by all."

He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery very near the site in which his infant grandson is buried. The last five of his living classmates in the Washington area were honorary pallbearers.

His military assignments as an infantry officer included duty on the Mexican Border in the 1916-1917 period, and at The Presidio, California, in 1918-1919. It was in California that he met and married Florence Klein, of Columbia, South Carolina, who bore him one son and one daughter.

Later service saw duty in Kansas, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, Tennessee, Georgia, and Michigan. His final assignment was to Iceland as commanding officer of the advanced party of the 10th Infantry Division, being transferred from Fort Custer, Michigan, to Iceland in 1942.

Because of illness, he returned to the States later in 1942 and retired as physically disabled 31 December 1942.

The last thirty-two years of his life were spent in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he became the "vegetable provider" for the neighborhood from his small garden on the Tennessee River behind his home. He gave his vegetables to those friends and neighbors who liked the particular vegetables he grew.

He was able to see his son graduate from the Military Academy, Class of January 1943. Typical of his laconic humor is the comment he made when his son graduated into the Army Air Corps: "Well son, I had expected you to go into the infantry, but best of luck anyway!"

Arthur's last year of life was meaningful and fulfilling. In June 1973 he and Florence saw his oldest grandson graduate from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. In October he and Florence visited their daughter and children in Minneapolis; and, last November he and Flo celebrated his birthday with their son and his wife in Montgomery, Alabama.

Being a totally military man, it was fitting that the Episcopal chaplain for his services at the Fort Myer Chapel was a Naval Academy graduate; was a line officer in the Marine Corps; then into the ministry; and



ARTHUR MONROE ELLIS

after that is a chaplain (Major) in the United States Army.

"Duty, Honor, Country" was his aim in life. We can add, "Family."

He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, and one sister. We are all proud to have been associated with him.

Florence is presently residing with their son Terry at 908 Lynwood Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

—Frank T. Ellis
Colonel, USAF, Ret.

George Joseph Newgarden Jr.

NO. 5583 CLASS OF 1916

Died 25 January 1974 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 79 years.

Interment: National Cemetery,
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

GEORGE J. NEWGARDEN JR. was born in Illinois, the son of a United States Army family, on the 4th of July 1894. He was appointed to West Point at Large. Upon graduation in 1916 he served in the 35th Infantry on Mexican Border Service at Douglas, Nogales and Yuma, Arizona, and commanded Companies I and K and post of Yuma until assigned as G3, 12th Division at Camp Devens, Massachusetts in 1918, with temporary rank of Major. George was a student at General Staff College, Washington, D. C. in 1918 until the end of World War I and then assigned to demobilization of units at Camp Meade, Maryland.

In 1919 he was assigned to Headquarters, 5th District, Student Army Training Corps at Nashville, Tennessee, and then assigned to Purchase Storage and Traffic Division of the General Staff, Washington, D.C., until its abolishment in 1919. While serving in Washington, D.C., he married his West Point sweetheart, Joan DuHamel.

Duty with Military Intelligence Department, Washington, D. C. in 1919 was followed by service with the 38th Infantry at Camp Pike, Arkansas, until 1920. From 1920 until 1923 he was assigned to the 33d Infantry at Camp Gatun and Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone. During this time two sons were born who later served in the Armed Forces during World War II. His younger son Paul was killed in action in France in 1944.

On returning to the United States, George was assigned to the 26th Infantry, Plattsburg Barracks from 1923 to 1925. He attended the Advanced Officers Course, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1926 and then served as Executive Officer, Reserve Officers Training Corps at North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Raleigh, North Carolina, from 1926 until 1930.

He graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, in 1932 and was assigned as Executive Officer, Fort Warren, Wyoming, and 4th Brigade from 1932 to 1934. George served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Dallas, Texas high schools from 1935 until 1939, and then was ordered to Puerto Rico as Executive Officer and Regimental Commander of the 65th Infantry.

During World War II he was Commanding Officer of Training Regiments, Infantry Replacement Training Center, Mineral Wells, Texas, 1941-42, Regimental Commander, 202d Infantry, 66th Division, 1943-44, Ex-



GEORGE JOSEPH NEWGARDEN JR.

ecutive Officer and Commanding Officer of Training Units, Advanced Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Howze, Texas, 1945-46. In 1946 George was retired for physical disability as a colonel.

He chose San Antonio, Texas, as his retirement home and resided there for thirty years. He is survived by his wife, Joan DuHamel Newgarden, one son, George J. Newgarden III, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

His passing shuts yet another door of our lives, a portal to be reopened only when we, too, join the Heavenly Host. Meanwhile he lives in the hearts of those he left behind. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

Robert MacDonald Graham

NO. 5823 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 9 May 1974 in Kansas City, Missouri, aged 79 years.

Interment: National Cemetery,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

ROBERT MACDONALD GRAHAM was born in Eckman, West Virginia, 12 October 1894.

Before entering the United States Military Academy, he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. After grad-



ROBERT MACDONALD GRAHAM

uating with the class of 30 August 1917, he was ordered to the 5th Infantry, Camp Empire, Canal Zone in September. He served as Regimental Adjutant until June 1918, when he was ordered to West Point as tactical officer and instructor in History.

In September 1918 he married Georgiana Marie Oktavec of New Rochelle, New York. Their first home was in the old bachelor building next to the hospital on the Post.

From there he went to Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York, in November 1919, serving as company commander of the 22d Infantry; thence to the 15th Infantry, United States Army Barracks, Tientsin, China, where he commanded Company D from 1920-1921.

His transfer to the 9th Cavalry, Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, came in late October of 1921.

The next assignment came in November 1922 to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, with the First Cavalry Division until January 1923.

He was adjutant and troop commander of the Second Machine Gunnery Squadron at Fort Bliss, Texas, from January 1923 to September 1924.

Ordered back to the United States Military Academy in 1924, he served as instructor in English literature and economics until 1928.

He went to the Cavalry School Student Troop Officers' class at Fort Riley, Kansas, the fall of 1928 to the summer of 1929. After graduating, the Second Cavalry at Fort Riley, where he commanded Troop E, was his next assignment, until 1933.

At the Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Missouri, he was Professor of military science and tactics from 1933 to 1934.

A detail to command sixteen Conservation Corps camps, headquartered at the 14th Cavalry, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, followed in 1934 to 1936.

From March 1936 to September 1937 he was with the Remount Service at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. After that he was in charge of the North Central Remount Area, Kansas City, Missouri, from September 1937 to March 1941. This area encompassed eight mid-western states.

He served as quartermaster at Paine Field, Washington, from March 1941 to June 1942 when he was ordered overseas.

The European Theatre of Operations; organizer and commander of the General Depot in Algiers; executive officer of the United States Air Corps Occupational Force, Pantelleria, Italy; and A4 of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command in England, were his assignments from 1942 to 1944.

On his return to the United States, he was commanding officer of Fort Logan, Colorado, from 1944 to 1946 when he was retired a colonel on 30 November.

He was a conscientious officer, loyal to the precepts of his Alma Mater and to his family and friends.

A kindly man, he was ever ready to help where there was need.

On retiring from the service, he became interested in raising fine Hereford cattle. He acquired cattle and land in several parts of Missouri. He also did extensive genealogical research, corresponding with many distant "relatives" throughout the United States and even Ireland.

The third heart seizure since August 1971 took him from us swiftly and without his suffering unduly. He kept active up to the very last.

Surviving are his wife Georgiana, a son, Robert MacDonald Junior, a daughter, Marie Graham Hammond, three grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Paul Wallace Cole

NO. 5860 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 22 September 1973 in Oakland, California, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



PAUL WALLACE COLE

PAUL WALLACE COLE, affectionately known as "Pablo" to his classmates and friends, died in peace and contentment in an Oakland, California, Hospital, 22 September 1973.

Paul came to West Point from Ludlow, Illinois, where he was born to Ada and Reuben Cole on 4 May 1895, entering in the summer of 1914. The description of Pablo is one which was carried out by him throughout his long and useful life: "Gifted with a sunny disposition and an extraordinary ability to make friends, and always living up to his motto, 'never let anyone be more generous than yourself.'"

On 31 August 1917, the day following graduation, Paul was married to Miss Teance Espy of Savannah, Georgia, in New York City. A son, Paul Wallace Cole Jr., was born to them at Laredo, Texas, on 24 October 1918. Both predeceased him.

Paul joined the 37th United States Infantry at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, Texas, on 12 October 1917. On 3 April 1918 he became battalion adjutant and shortly thereafter was made regimental adjutant, post adjutant at Fort McIntosh, and district adjutant of Laredo, Texas, which assignments he held until 1 June 1919 when he resigned from the Army to become manager of Cole & Company in East Savannah, Georgia. On 9 April 1921, he was reappointed as a First lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps of the United States Army. The following years took him to Fort Banks, Massachusetts, Fort DeRussy on Waikiki Beach, Territory of Hawaii, thence to Fort Shafter, Oahu, as brigade adjutant. Later Paul was assigned to West Point as a "tac"—which he considered as one of the most pleasant and rewarding duties of his career—from 1 July 1931 to August 1936. In 1935 he served at Fort Santiago, Philippine Department, as assistant G3; as a member of the General Staff Corps in 1940 and 1941; thence to Fort Monroe, Virginia, as senior instructor of the Coast Artillery School until 1942.

World War II took him to the European Theatre of Operations where he served in Sicily, Italy, during the invasion of southern France and Germany. In addition to his many service medals in World War I and World War II, he was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon, The French Legion of honor and the French Croix de Guerre avec Palm. The citation says, "For exceptional services in the Liberation of France during the landing at San Tropez."

Later he served at the Executive Office, Army University College, Shrivenham, England, and as Commanding Officer of the Wharton Army Technical School, Blackpool, England, until both disbanded—thence to Headquarters Army Base in London, England, for staff duties. All busy and exciting duties.

Some years after the death of his first wife, Teance, Paul married Mrs. Laura Ruhl McCoy, whom he met while he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Upon retirement from active service in 1954, Paul and Laura bought a home in Berkeley, California, at 416 Vermont Avenue, where Laura still resides. From here, after eager and sudden planning, they often took off on trips by auto, sea or air to places far and near, covering much of the world in their travels. These last two decades together were years of great happiness for both of them—exotic places to visit—old friends and classmates to see.

Paul's loyalty to West Point, the Army, and his friends, was a beautiful thing to witness and all were made better by sharing it. He would be embarrassed by these words written about him, because he was a very modest person about his achievements. He had that facility of personality and character where he could talk to young or old, soldiers, cadets, and students, or to officers far senior to him, and his sincerity of expression and the wisdom of his counsel would be of benefit to the listener.

In meditating on a soldier's departure, some words written many years ago to the bugle call of "taps" come to mind:

"Fades the light and afar,
Goeth day, cometh night and a star
Leadeth all, speedeth all
To their rest.
Love good-night, must thou go
When the day and the night need thee so
Exceedeth all, heedeth all
That are best."

Those whose lives touched Paul's were better for having known him.

—A Classmate.

Alfred Nathan Bergman

NO. 6154 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 16 January 1974 at Midtown Hospital, New York, New York, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BLUE-EYED AND GOOD-natured, Alfred was born at Sidney, Nebraska, on 14 November 1898, the youngest of a family of five children. His parents were Daniel and Rosalin (Burton) Bergman. The elder Bergmans had moved to Nebraska in a covered wagon from Columbus, Ohio, in the early 1870's to homestead near Sidney.

At the time of arrival of Daniel Bergman and for some years thereafter, the Sidney area was part of a wild frontier of outlaws

and marauding Indians. There were many saloons. Murders, hangings and holdups were frequent, until gradually the rough elements were subdued. A garrison of soldiers had been brought in to occupy an Army post built at Sidney to assist in the institution of law and order. The garrison remained until 1894. But, in no small measure, credit for the transformation of the community from one of perdition to one of peaceful prosperity must be given to the sturdy, thrifty, industrious, and God-fearing German families like the Bergmans. They were among the solid stock found throughout the country in the early days—people who were pillars of strength in their communities in the building of the country. Citizens of this group produced many celebrities, like General Pershing and President Eisenhower, but most importantly also produced countless unsung valuable citizens, heroes nevertheless.

So what more suitable background could there be for a youth like Alfred who might aspire to go to West Point and become a motivated soldier and officer to serve his country. It is not known how it came about that Alfred became imbued with the ambition to go to West Point, but imbued with that desire he did become at some period in his early life. He attended grammar school in Sidney and high school in Grand Island and Lincoln, Nebraska. His innate resourcefulness, initiative and drive soon came into notice when he traveled about the State of Nebraska obtaining signatures on a recommendation for his appointment to West Point. These efforts bore fruit with his receiving an appointment to the Academy from Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska.

Alfred was admitted to the Military Academy on 15 June 1916. World War I had been in progress since 1914, but the United States had not yet participated. The war was the subject of most conversations throughout the country at that time. The cadets were interested too and often spoke of it. They were pro one side or the other and were divided in friendly argument, like the country as a whole. The viewpoints of the cadets reflected the biases they came with, although none knew much of anything about the matter. Many of the cadets had German surnames. These later to a man were among our most patriotic and efficient officers. Alfred was among the pro-German in his viewpoint. However, on 6 April 1917 when



ALFRED NATHAN BERGMAN

ASSEMBLY

President Wilson signed a proclamation of war against Germany, Alfred was no longer pro-German, nor were any other cadets. But he had by now acquired the nickname "Heinie," which was to stick, and by which he was thereafter affectionately known, addressed and referred to by his classmates. "Bergie" was also a nickname fondly used by a great many, especially by members of his family.

While not an engineer, he did creditably well scholastically at West Point. He qualified "sharpshooter" on the firing range, was made a cadet lieutenant, and became an accomplished fencer on the Academy fencing team.

Alfred, among other commendable characteristics, had that quality of helping and assisting his fellow man, especially when the latter was in trouble. For example, when one of his classmates, who normally did well in mathematics, was surprised at the end of the course in descriptive geometry to find himself turned out to take the dreaded and relentless make-up examination because of deficiency in that subject, Alfred, who had done well in the subject and who had excellent notes, offered to tutor his classmate in the interim before the examination. As a result, the unfortunate classmate with hard work and Alfred's tutoring help passed the examination with a high grade, and thus escaped being discharged from the Academy or possibly turned back to the next class below. This generosity on the part of Alfred is particularly significant in that the classmate assisted ranked him academically both at the time and upon graduation. This characteristic of helping out his fellow creatures, even strangers in need, continued to be illustrated throughout the remainder of his life. He would intercede with officials in Washington to get a visa fixed up for a refugee. It appears that he was a principal among the founders of the United States Committee for care of European children.

He had a good sense of humor and liked to play jokes, but these were nearly always of the harmless type which did not hurt or seriously embarrass anyone.

He was graduated from West Point with his class on 1 November 1918 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. After a furlough, he was ordered to report on 30 November 1918 with his fellow Field Artillery classmates to attend the 49th class at the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon being graduated from this school in February 1918, he was assigned to duty with the 9th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, thereby getting early practical experience with troops while many of his classmates were sent to take a further course at the Field Artillery Central Officers' School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. In June 1918, he joined many of his classmates in France for a tour of battlefields and observation of Services of Supply installations. This was followed by duty successively, first with United States Courier Service from Paris to various European countries, second with the American Polish Relief Expedition at Is-sur-Tille, France, and Fort Zegrze, Warsaw, Poland, and third with the 6th Field Artillery at Coblenz, Germany, ending 1 September 1921. For his service with the Polish Relief Expedition, he received the *Virtuti Militari* (Poland). From the 6th Field Artillery, he was assigned as a student officer at l'Ecole Militaire d'Artillerie at Fontainebleau to 1 September 1922 when he was graduated.

It was soon after his graduation from the French artillery school that he was stricken

with a serious infirmity so that he was retired as a first lieutenant on 8 May 1923 for disability incident to the service. This ended his career in military active duty, which was most unfortunate in that the country lost the services of a most promising field artillery officer. However, he was later to enter successfully the business world and from experience derived there, destined to perform valuable services for his country in World War II.

On 24 April 1924, Alfred and Hildur Chrisenson, a beautiful Norwegian girl, were married. She has been referred to by his classmates as "the lovely Hildur," and "the charming Hildur." This romance apparently had its beginning while he was attending the French artillery school, and she was a student at the Sorbonne. From this union there is a daughter, Ingrid, and three fine grandchildren.

Soon after his marriage Alfred went into the business world. Initially, he worked for the Remington Typewriter Company at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1924. In 1925 he was promoted and became manager for the same company in Austria and Germany until 1929. Then he became European Manager for Underwood Typewriter Company with headquarters at Basel, Switzerland. This assignment lasted until June 1930 when he became European Director for Royal Typewriter Company with headquarters in Berlin, Germany. In 1939, with the advent of World War II, he transferred with his headquarters from Berlin to London, England, where soon the Royal Typewriter Company recessed its European operation. Alfred returned to the United States and moved to Washington, D.C. to do what he could for our war effort.

While in Europe he had become fluent in the French and German languages. He was a dapper dresser, appearing with spats and cane. He was extremely valuable to the companies who employed him because of his personality and the ease with which he mixed with all classes of people—the ordinary citizens, the artists, the military, the nobility, politicians, and the celebrities. Among the people with whom he and his family rode horseback up to the year 1938 at Grunewald, Germany, was Prince Friedrich von Hohenzollern and Marge von Opel, wife of Fritz von Opel who owned the Opel car factories. He conversed with Pierre Mendes of France, was a friend of Henri de Kerillis, member of the Chamber of Deputies in France, and he was received by and was a luncheon guest of Winston Churchill in London in 1939. These are some of his contacts. Because of his business and social associations, he was able to follow closely the social, political, and economic developments in Europe and particularly the rise of Nazism in Germany prior and leading to World War II.

Upon returning to the United States in 1939 from London, Alfred under the pen name, Peter Markham, wrote and had published in 1940 a book entitled "America Next." I shall quote one of the many commentaries on this book, this by Edward B. Hitchcock, Editor-in-Chief, The Christian Science Monitor, personal aide to Dr. Edward Benes and his official biographer: "I have known the author of this book for a long time and I must say that his observations and predictions have been borne out by developments in Europe. I consider him to be extremely well-versed in Foreign Affairs and competent to speak with authority on events there, past, present and future. I

hope that this book will serve to arouse the American people to fuller realization of the growing menace."

During World War II Alfred maintained liaison with the War Department General Staff and with Army Service Forces, and was helpful in many ways to our war effort, particularly in the realm of industry, control of material, and in business finance. He is credited with advice to our Air Force on the designation and location of critical targets in Germany.

Upon the end of World War II Alfred settled in New York City and engaged in business enterprises of several types, sometimes as a proprietor, and sometimes as a valued corporate consultant and factory advisor.

It was there in New York City that he was united in marriage to Doris Smith Reynolds, an attractive, accomplished and successful artist, affectionately known as "Pat." She was a decided adjunct, and survives him.

—W. P. B.

Edward Haviland Lastayo

NO. 6594 CLASS OF 1920

Died 10 December 1973 in Coral Gables, Florida, aged 76 years.

Interment: Woodlawn Cemetery, Miami, Florida

EDWARD HAVILAND LASTAYO, known to his Army colleagues as Fatima, was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, on 4 October 1897. His father, of Spanish descent, was associated with the New York jewelry firm, Tiffany and Company, for fifty years. His mother was Marietta Haviland. Marietta's grandchildren recall that she often spoke of her son's years at West Point as being the happiest of her life. Fatima attended elementary school in Weehawken and graduated from Jersey City High School.

Following American entry into the First World War, my father enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard and trained as an infantryman. He then obtained an appointment to West Point which he entered with the Class of 1920 on 17 June 1918.

His west Point career, condensed at that time to two years, was highly creditable and he graduated on 1 July 1920. His choice of service was the Field Artillery and he went to Artillery School at Fort Knox from September 1920 to August 1921.

After a short tour at Fort Dix he was assigned to an Artillery Regiment in the Philippines. There he met Virginia Hunnicutt Dillard, the daughter of The Honorable Edward J. Dillard and Eva Hunnicutt Dillard of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the sister of a fellow officer, Guy E. Dillard. On 14 May 1924 they were married in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

My father and his bride went first to Fort Myer, Virginia, and then to West Point where he was an instructor in the Department of Philosophy for four years. There their elder daughter, Virginia Dillard, was born on 23 November 1925. In the summer of 1929 they moved to Fort Sam Houston and there their second daughter, Ann Haviland, was born on 28 July 1929.

From 1934 to 1936 my father was assigned to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and after his return stateside he served at Fort Hoyle, Maryland; Cornell University as a Reserve Officers' Training Corps officer; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

As the nation began to prepare for World



EDWARD HAVILAND LASTAYO

War II, Fatima was in the artillery of the First Division, but shortly after Pearl Harbor he was asked to participate in the formation of the Transportation Corps.

In the spring of 1942 he went to England, where he was commander of Bristol and the Channel ports. He played a major role in loading the North African invasion. He then went to Oran for the loading of the Sicilian and Italian invasions. As Chief of Transportation, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, he made his headquarters at Naples and prepared for the invasion of Southern France.

He returned home in the late summer of 1945 and early in 1946 became Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff at the Army Port of Embarkation in New York. The family lived at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn. In 1947 Virginia married a Harvard student, Shane E. Riorden, and later that year Ann became engaged to a Cadet, John D. Howard '50.

From the spring of 1949 until the fall of 1950, my father served as Deputy Chief of Transportation in Washington, D.C. In February 1950 he received a permanent appointment as Brigadier General.

With the outbreak of the Korean War, Fatima returned to Fort Hamilton as Commander of the Port where he remained until June 1952; then he went to Korea as Commanding General of the Second Logistical Command in Pusan. He did an outstanding job in difficult conditions, but by the summer of 1953, after 36 years of service, he decided to retire and left the Army on 27 August 1953.

Jean (Virginia) Lastayo had in the meantime established a home at 4511 Alhambra Circle in Coral Gables, Florida, and there they remained for the rest of his life.

After retirement he enrolled as a student in Business Administration at the nearby University of Miami, and won a degree cum laude in accounting in 1956. He then joined the staff of the University as director of student housing. After leaving the University of Miami he kept an interest in raising roses and remained an active member of the Coral Gables Country Club, the Military Order of the World Wars, and the Army-Navy Country Club as long as his health permitted.

During his career he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit Commendation, the American Campaign Medal, the European-

African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Victory Medals of World War I and World War II, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, The United Nations Service Medal and other decorations from England, France, Italy, Brazil and the Republic of Korea.

My father was an officer and a gentleman in the finest sense of these words. He was firm but fair in all his dealings and the soul of integrity. His talent for administration and organization led him, to his regret, away from the Field Artillery and a combat command. But he accepted these less glorious assignments without complaint and recognized the tremendous importance of transportation and supply in modern warfare. Loading an invasion fleet and running a port of supply in a war-torn demoralized country were feats calling for the highest measure of skill, energy and diplomacy. My father met all these challenges with the determination, calm and intelligence of an experienced and devoted officer. He was a credit to the West Point tradition.

At his death on 10 December 1973 he was survived by his wife, two daughters and seven grandchildren, all of whom miss him very much.

—Virginia Lastayo Riorden
His Daughter

Charles Merton Adams Jr.

NO. 6728 CLASS OF 1920

Died 15 October 1973 in San Diego,
California, aged 73 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery,
San Diego, California

KNOWN TO HIS fellow West Pointers and many friends as "Charlie," he answered roll call at "The Point" to the name of Adams, C.M., the Second, and it was in this manner that his former classmates greeted him at the 50th reunion of the Class of 1920.

Charles M. Adams Jr. was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 21 October 1899. His father, Charles M. Adams Sr., was a well-known physician in the North Side area of Pittsburgh, and served as a captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during World War I. His mother, May McChesney Adams, was a registered nurse.

Charlie was appointed to the United States Military Academy by the Honorable Stephen G. Porter of the 27th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and entered West Point in June of 1918. Upon graduation, he attended the Basic Course of the Infantry School at Camp Benning, Georgia. "Until Charlie 'blew' into Camp Benning, his one idea, sleeping and awake, was aviation, and how he could contrive a way to get into it. However, under the enlightening influence of this 'Doughboy's Paradise' he has very gracefully given up ideas of soaring among clouds and sticking his nose into glorious sunsets, and is quite reconciled to be numbered among the dust-raisers of the Army" (Doughboy 1920-1921).

This is reflected in his next few assignments: with the 29th Infantry as a company and battalion staff officer from 1921 to 1924; the 14th Infantry in the Canal Zone as a battalion and regimental staff officer until 1927; and the 13th Infantry in Boston Harbor until 1929 as a company commander. Then came duty as Assistant Professor of

Military Science and Tactics at the University of Wyoming until mid-1934. During the summer of 1933 he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) setting up and commanding CCC Camp 959 at Orangeville, Utah.

Next, Charlie served in the Philippine Islands until 1936 with the Philippine Scouts. He returned to the United States where he served as a company commander with the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, until being selected to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1938. While stationed there he took many movies and a number of these have been copied and placed in the Historical Museum at that post.

Following graduation from the Command and General Staff School, he returned to the 7th Infantry where he stayed until 1940 when he was sent to Alaska for a tour of duty lasting into 1943. While in Alaska, Charlie held various positions of responsibility as Commander of United States Army Troops, Sitka, and Post Commander of Fort Ray. He accomplished such tasks as supervising the building of the Sitka Airport, assisting in preparing the defense plans for Alaska, and assisting in the establishment and preparation of the military installations in Alaska which were vital to the defense of the North American Continent. His efforts also included base development and support for the Attu and Kiska operations.

After attending the Army-Navy Staff College in 1943, he was Deputy G3 with Headquarters, North Africa Theater of Operations, United States Army. In 1944 he assumed command of the 273d Infantry Regiment which fought in the European Theater and ultimately was the first to meet the Russians in 1945. In fact on 25 April 1945 patrols of Charlie's regiment had probed eastward from the Mulde River and met with elements of the Russian 58th Guards Division in the Torgau area on the Elbe River. Thus the junction of the Eastern and Western Fronts was effected and the object of the central thrust into Germany accomplished.

He received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster while commanding the regiment; and for performance as Regimental Commander he received the Legion of Merit. After the war he served with First Army Headquarters G2 from 1945 to 1948. He then went to Europe as Deputy Director of



CHARLES MERTON ADAMS JR.

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the Intelligence Division of the European Command and also served as Chief of Intelligence while assigned to Headquarters, United States Army Europe.

Throughout his military career, which culminated in his enthusiastic performance as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the State College of Washington from 1952 to 1954, he devoted himself to his profession with an outstanding zeal and highest sense of duty.

In addition to the awards of the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal he received the Suvarov Medal from the Russian Government in 1945 and the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French Government in 1946.

He retired as a colonel on 30 September 1954 from Fort Lawton, Washington, and settled in La Mesa, California, where his wife, Helen Samuels Adams, died on 21 March 1961. His service in the Army totaled over 36 years. In his military service he was a dedicated infantry officer who exemplified the traditions and standards of West Point, and after retirement continued to demonstrate these high standards. In the words of Major General Frank N. Roberts, the man Charlie considered his best friend: "His quiet resolution and determination, his tolerance and understanding and the basic firmness of his character were exceptional."

Charlie was admitted to the Balboa Naval Hospital Friday morning, 12 October 1973, and died at 8 a.m. the following Monday, 15 October, of a heart attack. Memorial Services were held in the Hospital Chapel on Friday, 19 October, with interment the following Tuesday at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California. Survivors include his wife, Rhoda Leslie Adams, whom he married on 30 December 1962; a daughter, Mrs. Betsy Adams Bigler of Jedda, Saudi Arabia; a son, Charles M. III, a Major in the United States Army currently stationed at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama; and five grandchildren.

As General Robert also said, "I know that all his classmates who had the chance to know him well must mourn at his disappearing over the Great Divide, and I am sure they will all say a unanimous 'Well Done! Be Thou At Peace.'"

—CMA III and RLA

Francis Henry Boos

NO. 8445 CLASS OF 1928

Died 13 April 1974 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 68 years.

Interment: Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky

FRANCIS HENRY BOOS was born 13 August 1905 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Losing his father at the age of thirteen, Fran had to work hard for everything he obtained during his teenage years, developing a strong trait of character which remained his hallmark throughout his life. After graduation from Janesville High School, where he was class president and yearbook editor, he obtained a scholarship and spent one year at the University of Wisconsin. While there, he served in the Wisconsin National Guard where he determined that his interests lay in pursuing a military career.

Obtaining a senatorial appointment after a great amount of individual initiative on his part, Fran entered West Point in 1924, graduating in 1928. At the Academy he was known for an independence of spirit and



FRANCIS HENRY BOOS

mind, which, coupled with a deep and unshakable sense of integrity, was recognized in his selection as a member of the Honor Committee.

After graduation, Fran met and married Ethel in his hometown. He then embarked on a series of successive and interesting assignments with the infantry during the depression years, where in garrison one dressed formally after five p.m. and somehow paid for the \$125 boots on a second lieutenant's pay of \$125 a month. They were years in which pennies were carefully counted but were more than balanced by laughter and the friendships acquired in different stations. In keeping with his dictum of independence, and to augment the larder, Fran moonlighted on several jobs during this period, clerking in Sears Roebuck and selling used cars, to mention a few of his more auspicious "second" careers.

Early service found Fran in command of a rifle company of the 2d Infantry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and Fort Wayne, Michigan, followed by assignments to the 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 16th Infantry, Fort Jay and Camp Dix, including a stint with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Camp Custer, Michigan; and an enjoyable tour with the 65th Infantry, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Returning to the States in 1939, Fran was assigned to the 3d Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, but spent much of his time on temporary duty playing his part in preparing the Army for its expanded roles in World War II. He took part in the maneuvers in Arkansas, helped open up Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and even found himself for a short period in command of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, as a captain. Further assignments sent him to the 63d Infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he was stationed when war was declared. From there, much to his dismay, he was sent to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wolters, Texas, to train the new draftees. Although he yearned for a combat command, the Army needed the talents that he had acquired with years of duty with troops. In 1942 he graduated from Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, and was assigned as Executive Officer, 38th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Accompanying the division overseas to Ireland, Fran helped to prepare his regiment for combat. Landing at Omaha Beach on D-1, Fran took part in

every major action of the division, assuming command of the regiment in October 1944 and promoted to colonel.

It was in combat, during the Battle of the Bulge, that Fran displayed his great courage and strength of character. In the Battle of the Bulge, he played a decisive role in repelling the German attacks on the twin villages of Rocherath and Krinkelt, enabling units of the 2d, 9th, and 99th Divisions, all of whom had sustained heavy casualties, to organize a new defensive line on Elsenborn Ridge. This superb, tactical feat was accomplished in spite of the fact that when the Germans launched their surprise offensive, Fran's regiment was at the time in the attack and had to rapidly assume a defensive role delaying on successive positions. "I think this was Fran's finest hour," wrote a fellow officer. "He was a true and loyal friend and advisor and a leader of the highest quality." The war in Europe ended finding Fran's regiment linked up with the Russians in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.

Fran brought the Regiment back to Camp Swift, Texas, to train and redeploy to the Pacific; however, upon termination of hostilities, he took the 38th to Camp Carson, Colorado, for training in mountain and winter warfare. While at Camp Carson he found himself, with no little amazement, to be the Army's cold weather expert and spent a sojourn at Watersmeet, Canada, in the Hudson Bay area, as an observer to the Canadian forces. He relinquished command at Camp Carson in May 1947 having commanded the 38th Infantry, "The Rock of the Marne," longer than any other officer.

His next assignment was as Senior Advisor to the 30th Division, North Carolina National Guard. From 1949 to 1951 he served as the Military Assistance Advisory Group G3, Advisor to the Imperial Iranian Army in Teheran. Returning to the States, he was assigned as the G3, Fifth Army, in Chicago residing in quarters at Fort Sheridan, where his first son was born years before. His last two assignments were as Chief, First Field Army Advisory Team to the Chinese Nationalist Army in Formosa, and as Commanding Officer, 4th Infantry Training Regiment, Fort Knox, Kentucky. He retired at Fort Knox on 28 February 1957 with 30 years constructive service.

Fran's many decorations attest to his qualities of leadership. He held the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Commendation Ribbon, the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier), the Croix de Guerre with palm, the Soviet Union Eminent Order of Suverov, the Czecho-Slovakia Military Cross, the Combat Infantry Badge and Distinguished Unit Emblem, plus the American Defense, European-Middle Eastern Campaign, American Campaign, World War II Victory, and National Defense Service medals.

After retirement he lived in Glenview, Illinois, and was a successful field representative for the United Services Life Insurance Company. Retiring from his second career in 1967, he and Ethel then lived for a short time in Baraboo, Wisconsin, but spurning the cold weather, they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. There they enjoyed the good life with a home on a lovely canal, interspersed by frequent trips to visit their growing family (ten grandchildren).

Fran is survived by his widow, Ethel, and by three sons: Colonel Michael A. Boos, United States Military Academy Class of 1952; Francis H. Boos Jr., Notre Dame Class of 1956, a patent attorney with General Electric, residing in Louisville, Kentucky; and William T. Boos, Doctor of Philosophy

(Mathematics), teacher and lecturer, who lives in Iowa City, Iowa. Ethel has moved to Louisville where her current address is 539 Leicester Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40222.

The Class of 1928 extends to them its condolences and its great pride in their husband and father.

—A Classmate

Hugh Mackintosh

NO. 8711 CLASS OF 1929

Died 8 May 1974 in Kenner Army Hospital, Fort Lee, Virginia, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



HUGH MACKINTOSH

HUGH MACKINTOSH was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 7 October 1907. Hugh's father's job took him to Hong Kong in 1916 where he lived until 1919, returning to Brockton, Massachusetts. He graduated from a technical high school in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1925 and entered West Point in July of that year.

During his cadet days, Hugh was noted for his ability to master the academic program with a minimum of effort. His basic honesty and loyalty, coupled with his individual thinking, made it easy for him to understand, accept and to enjoy West Point. His leisure hours were spent on the soccer field, as an avid handball player, and as an outstanding poker player. Upon his graduation in 1929, Hugh became an infantryman and for the next ten years served at Fort Adams, Rhode Island; Fort Devens, Massachusetts; and in the Philippines from 1932 to 1935 with the 45th Infantry; and then to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended the Infantry and Tank Schools. He then returned to Fort Devens to tank duty.

In 1930 Hugh married Bonniebell Morgan at Saugus, Massachusetts. Bonnie and Hugh had three children: Robert Hugh, born in 1931; Eloise Gayle, born in 1933; and Richard, born in 1936. There are nine grandchildren.

In 1939 Hugh was detailed in the Quartermaster Corps, in which he served with distinction for the next twenty-seven years.

In March 1942 he was assigned to the 26th Division at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. The following year he left the 26th Division and went to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin,

where he formed a truck regiment, and in November 1943 took the regiment to England and joined the First Army. He landed at Normandy on D+12 with his regiment and served as its commander until he returned to the United States in June 1945 to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His next assignment was Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a short while and then to Governors Island, New York, as Quartermaster, First Army. He attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, graduating in 1948.

After his graduation from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Hugh was assigned to the Office of the Quartermaster General in Industrial Mobilization. In the fall of 1951 Hugh became Quartermaster, Eighth Army, in Korea. The following year he was assigned to Japan as the Commanding Officer of the Quartermaster Depot.

In 1953 he was promoted to brigadier general.

He left Japan in July of 1954 to become Commanding General of the Columbus General Depot, Columbus, Ohio.

In 1956 he returned to the Office of the Quartermaster General as Chief of the Personnel Division and later as Deputy The Quartermaster General. He was promoted to major general in October 1957.

In 1958 he became Executive Director, Military Subsistence Supply Agency, in Chicago, Illinois. In May of 1962 he went to his last duty station, Fort Lee, Virginia, as the Commanding General of the Quartermaster Training Command. Hugh retired on 31 March 1966.

Hugh had three outstanding characteristics: an unusually high degree of integrity, great compassion for those working with him, and a dry sense of humor.

Following his retirement, he maintained an active interest in civic and service-oriented organizations.

His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, and foreign decorations from Greece, Korea, and England.

The following is a tribute to Hugh when he relinquished command of the Military Subsistence Supply Agency. This poem expresses the feelings of all who had been associated with him.

"The place of honor goes tonight to a man with many a talent,

A bon vivant, a raconteur and a cavalier quite gallant.

He's a connoisseur of all things fine,
From Chateau Briand to a subtle wine,
A man who's known for his fine finesse,
The epitome of 'Les Noblesse'
This is Hugh Mackintosh"

Robert Lockwood Williams Jr.

NO. 9412 CLASS OF 1932

Died 23 January 1974 in Sarasota County, Florida, aged 63 years.

Cremated ashes scattered at sea.

COLONEL ROBERT LOCKWOOD Williams Jr. died in his sleep during the early morning hours of 23 January 1974, at his home, 853 Spanish Drive, North, Sarasota, Florida.

Bill, who was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on 17 October 1910, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in the Class of 1932. As the HOWITZER so aptly described him: "Beyond question, his most outstanding quality is a deep under-

lying consideration for others, a sincere helpfulness that makes all his classmates his friends." His life was a continuing illustration of this quality.

Commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps he began his career as a second lieutenant at Fort Barrancus, Florida. In 1935 he was stationed at Corregidor, Philippine Islands, where he met, wooed and married Elsie Carlisle who was his wife and companion for thirty-eight years.

After the Philippines he was stationed at Fort Monroe to attend the Coast Artillery School, battery officers course, then on to the usual assignments during the emergency, followed by the European Theater of Operations and the recovery of German scientists. In 1947-48 Bill attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, then to the Canal Zone, to the Fort Lewis-McChord Air Force Base anti-aircraft defenses during the Korean War and on to a final assignment as Senior Army Advisor to the Georgia National Guard.

After retirement for physical disability in 1956, he began his second career as a high school mathematics teacher. Except for an initial year in a Tampa, Florida, school, his teaching was at Manatee High School, Bradenton, Florida. For fifteen years he taught algebra and advanced mathematics and was head of the math departments.

As his friends would know, Bill was an excellent teacher. The qualities that had enhanced his military career: honesty, thoroughness, a sense of humor and sincere respect for the individual, earned the respect and friendship of faculty and students. He believed that to succeed one must make every effort to grasp concepts before asking for help. He felt that assigned work should be completed and that his role was that of helper in the learning process. His students learned to understand this philosophy and agreed that it helped them to master the subject. When help was needed Bill was ready to give it, with patience and understanding.

In addition to his teaching, as a department head he served on the principal's advisory council where his experience and knowledge were valuable assets. He also sponsored a service club, gave of his time and energy to student affairs and made Manatee High School a better place because of his service there.

While he was teaching he was also pre-



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paring himself for the third career, skipper of private yachts. During his youth in Charleston he had developed a love for the sea and with his ability to use tools it was only natural that he buy a boat, fix it thoroughly and trade up to a larger boat. This continued until he had acquired the boat of his choice, a 40 foot Matthews—the "Sabalo." Bill and Elsie made this their vacation home for the long summers free from classes, and for weekends at anchor near home. They both loved the sense of freedom that only a boat at sea can give.

In connection with his boating he became an active member of the Anna Maria Island (Florida) Power Squadron in which he held a series of offices including that of commander. Probably his most important office was that of education officer from whence he directed the multiple programs to teach people seamanship, safety and courtesy on the water. He had a deep commitment to this training so necessary for a boating public.

It was only natural that upon retirement Bill accepted a position as captain of a privately-owned yacht and was very successful and well-liked.

Bill is survived by his wife Elsie, a daughter Gail, and two sons, O.D. and Tommy. He was a devoted husband and father, and to those of us fortunate enough to have known him well through the years, a true friend whom we will miss greatly.

—P. V. Doyle
(classmate)

Francis Hill

NO. 9687 CLASS OF 1933

Died 1 December 1973 in Monterey, California, aged 64 years.

Cremated ashes scattered over the Pacific Ocean.

AFTER BRIGADIER GENERAL Francis Hill died on 1 December 1973, expressions of sadness and regret came not only from his classmates and high-ranking Army officers, they came from such as former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and civilians living on the Monterey Peninsula with whom Fran had mingled his talents after his retirement—in pursuits ranging from president of the board of a little theater, to conservation issues, to Republican politics.

Among letters received by Ansley Spalding Hill, General Hill's widow, was the one from Dean Rusk in which he said in part: "Although Fran and I did not see much of each other after the war, he was one of those rare people of complete integrity and dedication for whom I had unlimited respect and affection. I know how much General Joseph W. Stilwell thought of him and "Vinegar Joe" did not give his confidence and esteem lightly..."

Lieutenant General W.C. Donnelly, a 1933 classmate of Fran's wrote: "Having roomed with Fran during our last year at West Point and having been with him in India, I have always had a special warm spot for him in my heart. I am a better man for having known him and having lived with him..."

A reserve officer friend of Fran's wrote: "We simply couldn't believe it... Lean, bright-eyed Francis Hill, the general with the wry smile, suddenly gone... I suppose one of his most endearing characteristics was his constant refusal to take himself too seriously... I never knew he got even one



FRANCIS HILL

Distinguished Service Medal until the Herald Story arrived..."

Perhaps Fran's tongue-in-cheek view of himself can best be exemplified by part of his own thumbnail "autobiography" he wrote for the 40-year observance of his class in 1973. "Greetings, young-looking, long gray class," he wrote. "My last six service years were as commanding general, division or corps artillery. Retired on high seas. Curtain. August 1963 Ann and I settled in Monterey, California, in house owned since 1951. 1963-64 worked on house and rest of Hills' Half Acre. Ann painted house, I painted windows. 1965-66, back to college (junior), studying, writing, philosophy, psychology, etc., while Ann studied painting. 1967, stopped smoking. 1968, managed local community theater, got it almost solvent. 1969, wrote novel, still unsold, and Ann began work as volunteer teacher's aid, grammar school level, and is still at it, five days a week. 1970, stopped drinking, except during visits of classmates. 1970-72, civic duty period, including president, our Property Owners Association, treasurer, Monterey Committee for Environmental Information. 1973, stopped saying yes, will retire and play golf with Bob Meals, Ben Harrell, and (whenever he gets here) Freddy Coleman..."

Born in Boston, 5 March 1909, Fran's military career was wide and varied. Before his appointment to West Point he had been a sergeant of artillery in the Massachusetts National Guard.

In 1942 Fran was part of the original Stilwell group that commanded the China-Burma-India Theater, rising from an early stint as an assistant signal officer to Theater G3. He got his temporary star in June 1945 and in 1946 received his first Distinguished Service Medal.

Subsequently, he served four years in the Command and General Staff College, graduating from the "Second Command Class" in mid-1946, remaining as an instructor and the serving in the G1 and G3 departments of the College's academic faculty.

He was in Korea as executive officer of the Second Division Artillery and later as G5 for the Eighth Army. He saw combat as an artilleryman at the Nakhtong River line and subsequent Eighth Army pursuit northward of the North Korean forces. As G5 he served as the Eighth Army's Commanding General's principal assistant in care and control of the civilian population of North Korea,

the flow of almost 2-million refugees out of the city of Seoul, the feeding and re-locating of South Korean refugees, the prevention of civilian epidemics, the overall United Nations effort and numerous other duties.

He received a Bronze Star Medal for his services with the 2d Infantry Division, and his second Distinguished Service Medal for his G5 service.

In 1951-52 he served as Chief, Latin-American Branch, office of G3, Department of the Army. Student Army War College, 1953-54. 1954-57, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, United States Forces, Antilles.

In 1957-59 as commander of the 4th Infantry Division Artillery he was again promoted to temporary brigadier general.

In 1959 he was assigned as Commanding General 3d Armored Division (Spearhead) Artillery in Germany and from July 1961 until retirement was Commanding General V Corps Artillery in Darmstadt, Germany.

—Fred Eldridge

Richard Churchfield Blatt

NO. 9909 CLASS OF 1933

Died from wounds received in action on 7 June 1944 in Dieppe, France, aged 35 years.

Interment: American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England

At 1030 HOURS, 6 June 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Blatt was the first person to disembark from his craft, at Omaha Red Beach. He personally led the assault elements from his battalion across the mine infested beaches to the high ground several hundred yards inland. This was the moment Colonel Blatt had waited for since he assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry, 29th Division, on 29 October 1942.

The battalion encountered a long prepared, determined, and powerfully emplaced enemy. All day the battalion advanced slowly but surely against intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Several times during the day when the advance slowed, Colonel Blatt moved forward to the lead scouts and successfully pushed their lines forward to the objective. Just before dark he again went forward with his intelligence officer to assure proper coordination of the fighting elements for the night. About 2030 hours, while on



RICHARD CHURCHFIELD BLATT

this mission, the enemy laid down several heavy artillery barrages. During one of these a small fragment hit Colonel Blatt in the temple. He died that night at the Engineer Brigade Aid Station on Omaha Red Beach.

The foregoing is extracted from official War Department files.

Dick, as he was known to family and friends, was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania, on 23 January 1909. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Leon Blatt, both natives of Western Pennsylvania. Dick wanted to go to West Point since childhood. Upon graduation from Mercer High School he was offered an appointment to the Naval Academy. He turned it down and waited a year for the West Point appointment. During that year he attended Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania. He entered the Academy in July 1928 but was found in descriptive geometry in January 1930. Later he successfully passed the examinations and reentered that fall as a member of the next class.

At Trophy Point on the beautiful morning of 13 June 1933, General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, United States Army, delivered the graduation address. Secretary of War Dern delivered the diplomas to Dick Blatt and 346 of his classmates. Dick was commissioned in the Infantry. He was assigned to the 28th Infantry, Fort Niagara, for his first station.

Upon arrival at Fort Niagara it was found that all but a few officers and most of the non-commissioned officers were absent on duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps. As a result Dick's initial assignment was as Commander, Company G, 28th Infantry. This was a rather traumatic experience to go from a cadet to an infantry company commander in only one jump. For the next three years he remained at Fort Niagara where he met, wooed and married Virginia G. Borrows, a very lovely and highly talented lady from Niagara Falls, New York. They were united in marriage in a military wedding at St. Peters Church, Niagara Falls, New York, on the evening of 20 July 1936. On 1 August they sailed for Panama where they were stationed for the next two years.

In the fall of 1938 Dick was a student at The Infantry School. Upon graduation there in June 1939, then Colonel Courtney H. Hodges wrote of Dick, "He has the highest potential value for any class of duty."

Next Dick was assigned to the 11th Infantry with station at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and Fort Custer, Michigan. During this time Colonel B.E. Brewer said, "The initiative, intelligence, force and judgment displayed by Lieutenant Blatt marks him as a superior officer who can be depended upon to meet any emergency."

Shortly after World War II was declared Dick was assigned as a student at Command and General Staff College. From there he had a short stint with the 79th Infantry Division at Camp Pickett, Virginia. In June 1942 he was assigned to the 29th Infantry Division. The division was located at Camp A.P. Hill, Virginia. It moved to Camp Blanding, Florida, for final training and preparation before going to England that fall. Dick's first job was with the division staff. Then he became Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry. He assumed command of this battalion in October 1942, which job he performed for the rest of his life.

Present survivors of Dick are, his wife Virginia, who retired several years ago from a distinguished career with the Cen-

tral Intelligence Agency. She lives at Route 2, Drumcliffs Road, Hollywood, Maryland; his brother, William Roland Blatt, Mercer, Pennsylvania; a niece, Virginia Blatt Forbes; and a nephew, Richard K. Blatt.

Dick is buried at the American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England. Virginia has visited there and found it to be most impressive and beautiful. His name is inscribed on the World War II memorial plaque in St. Peters Church, Niagara Falls, New York.

The Silver Star Medal was posthumously awarded to Dick. Also included was the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Distinguished Unit Emblem.

The author of Dick Blatt's biography in the HOWITZER expressed the character and personality of this true son of West Point so simply and wonderfully that it bears repeating: "To the men of the Corps and to the graduates of West Point it is an established fact that the Academy stamps her sons and sends them forth a standard product. A West Pointer is more than a college graduate—more than an officer and a gentleman, if such is possible. Of the many molding influences, the academic department reigns supreme. It is in this predominant phase of cadet life that Dick Blatt stands foremost. Not as a scholar and not as one to whom academics come easily, but as one who has travelled an unusually rocky road to the end with far more success than those who can exhibit a pair of stars on their collars. This is a statement that only a West Pointer understands, by a West Pointer, and of a West Pointer."

—Ned Gee

James Young Parker

NO. 10882 CLASS OF 1937

Died 12 April 1974 at Carswell Air Force Base Hospital, Texas, aged 59 years.

Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park, Fort Worth, Texas

TRUER WORDS WERE never spoken than those written in the 1937 HOWITZER of this man, which held true until his death:

"Quiet, silent man from Texas—dynamite and a whirlwind of energy at any sport—lover of football, horses and fair play—a Goat Plebe year, Engineer First Class year—leader of men (and of femmes)—studious and hard working, but full of the right kind of fun at the right time—stern disciplinarian—a friend of all—looked up to and respected by all who meet him—file boner in a quiet way—spoony—never 'non-reg' (except for the dummy shoes under the bed)—temperate and sensible about his actions at all times—staunch supporter of the Corps, its Honor and Traditions—above all a Cadet, a Gentleman, and a Man—Parker, J.Y."

James Young Parker, Colonel, United States Air Force (Retired), died after a long fight with cancer.

Jim was born in the small east Texas town of Tyler, and was unexposed to any military life. He had a burning desire to receive an appointment to West Point because of his great love for his older brother, Colonel (Retired) C.E. Parker, United States Infantry, who served as a first lieutenant in World War I and with a brilliant record. Colonel C.E. Parker was retired just before the beginning of World War II. After one year in Tyler Junior College, Jim received his



JAMES YOUNG PARKER

appointment to West Point. Jim was also blessed with three other great brothers, Ralph, Bill, and Cyril, and a beautiful Christian mother and father.

Many of the Class are well familiar with the academic struggle Jimmy had in order to raise his standing from goat as a Plebe to engineer by First Class year. He made it and went happily off to the horse drawn 82d Field Artillery, 7th Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

During summer leave he met his bride-to-be for the second time. By now she was a very grown-up fifteen year old, instead of the eleven year old brat he met the first time. She is the descendant of the first governor of the Chickasaw Indian Nation, Cyrus Harris. "Manu Jamma" (Indian names) is blessed with some of the fine virtues of her "Indian Family"—namely honesty, (maybe too much) and a sense of humor. Possibly a little bit of the "wild Indian" is still there, as suggested by General John D. Ryan, many years ago.

Jim and Manu were married in December 1937 after she reached age sixteen, and with the permission of both sets of parents and the approval of a good friend and classmate, Manob (Knobby) Suriya, of Bangkok, Thailand.

Jim and his "child-bride" arrived at their post quarters to find the whole 82d Field Artillery turned out to give them a "hunt breakfast" and "caisson ride" over the boon-docks. It was instigated by those great classmates and buddies, Doug Quandt and Jim Norvell, never to be forgotten by the new Second Lieutenant and his bride. A beautiful silver tray was presented to us by our much loved commander, William P. Ennis, Class of 1926, from the officers and ladies of the 82d Field Artillery and it has been in use to this day, growing more treasured with each passing year. Ah—old Army and tradition—we loved it all. Mrs. Ennis was an inspiration and guiding hand for this very young Army wife who was not at all versed in Army ways. How could we ever forget, now retired Lieutenant General and Mrs. William P. Ennis Jr.? And how could we ever forget our very favorite bachelor, Charles D. Palmer, Class of 1924, now also a retired general, and won't say what we learned from that rascal.

Jim served with the 82d Field Artillery until 1939, when he applied for and passed the physical for flying school. Patricia Ann

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was born at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, before we moved on to Dallas, Texas, and primary training. After primary was basic at Randolph, advanced at Kelly. Jim won his much coveted wings in May 1940, and was into the love of his life—flying.

From Flying School our first assignment in the Army Air Corps was Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. That assignment was not to be for long. In six months we had our orders to Clark Field, Philippines. Our second daughter, Nancy Jean, had to be six months old before we could go overseas (what timing—the Army). The Parker family sailed from San Francisco, January 1941. We were told on the way that dependents would either return on the United States Army Transport *Grant* or possibly soon thereafter. Someone knew we were in for big trouble in the Philippine Islands. My two babies and I were evacuated from there in May 1941 along with most of the other dependents.

Jim was taken prisoner by the Japanese along with twenty-six or twenty-seven courageous classmates. He escaped from Bataan the day before it fell. Luckily for him, he had all that good old Field Artillery experience (no planes), for it came in handy on Bataan and Corregidor. He was a prisoner of war for three years, four months and was one of the lucky ones in being shipped out to Japan early in the war. Many were lost later in the war as they were being moved to Japan. They were bombed by our own Air Corps, for prison ships were not marked as such.

After the war, Jim returned home to his family. His career at that point was a little uncertain, considering nine months of hospitalization, recuperation and leave. We were assigned to Barksdale Field, Louisiana, and there Jim found an angel, if you can call General Joe Cannon an angel. He did everything in his power for Jim. During this time, under Joe Cannon, Jim went from major to full colonel. He was scheduled to intensive flying, which was darn near every day and night. At this point I was a flying "widow" not a golf "widow." He commanded the Air Force Instrument School. Our third and last daughter was born at Barksdale, a precious baby, severely mentally retarded, which we found out when she was two years old. I am sure the good Lord had His reasons for this; we didn't question them.

From Barksdale we went to Air War College, and what a "ball" we had with thirteen classmates and wives. After Army War College we were stationed at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas. We were elated to be back at the scene of our first "crimes"—we loved it. Would you believe, all the Army files at Fort Bliss accepted and loved us because we hadn't forgotten and proud of it, our old Army background. Our commander at Biggs was Richard M. Montgomery, Class of 1933, a great guy and better friend. Dick retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a Lieutenant General; should have had four Stars, (our opinion).

Then came four great years in the Pentagon, followed by four even greater years at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas, as commanding officer of the 7th Bomb Wing. This was Jim's favorite assignment, if he had one.

From Carswell, we went to an overseas assignment at Torrejon Air Force Base, Madrid, Spain. We had a "ball" but didn't get off base very often. We took up golf, at our age, (we were grandparents by this time).

Jim was Deputy Commanding Officer of the 16th Air Force (Keep Flexible), under Lieutenant General David Wade. General Wade was off base most of the time; so, "old Deputy, it's your baby!" We got in plenty of golf and were both shooting in the low 80's—pretty good for "old folks." General Wade did help our golf game! And then came that great guy, Major General James B. Knapp, Class of 1939, and his precious lady, Mary Emma, and for our last year in Spain, paradise couldn't have been better. Jim Knapp was responsible for my Jim's cluster to the Legion of Merit.

After our tour at Torrejon, we returned to Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. Here we served out our last three years. Our two older daughters were married, Pat to a Texas Christian University classmate, Jerry Clay, now a certified public accountant, and Nancy Jean to Major Nils Bonesteel Ohman, United States Air Force, the son of one of Jim's classmates. Susie, bless her, is with me.

Jim retired in May 1967. By this time we had built our home in the country near Fort Worth. We also had a lovely second home at Possum Kingdom Lake. After killing ourselves for over two years, decided to forego all the fun of keeping up two one and a half acre yards, cleaning five commodes, seven lavatories, two tubs and two stall showers. We sold our lake place and had the time for golf, traveling, and just having fun.

Speaking for myself, I enjoyed the thirty years of service to our country and meeting and knowing all the many fine people, and I know Jim did also. However, those seven year of retirement were the greatest of our lives. I wish all our friends could enjoy themselves as much as we did. I am thankful to the good Lord for those seven years and know that Jim was too.

I can truly say Jim lived and died happy with his fifty-nine plus years. He was a deacon and pillar of our Baptist Church, and all who knew him and worked with him and for him, love and respected him. What man could ask for more?

—A loving wife,
Manu Parker

Sanford Patrick England

NO. 12035 CLASS OF 1940

Died 28 February 1974 at Bay Pines Veterans' Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 57 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

PAT WAS THE SON of the late Colonel George W. England Sr. and Mrs. Dorothea (Young) England. He was born at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, 17 March 1916. His early life and childhood were spent with his parents, moving from the Mexican Border to the Philippines, China and to New England. He lived a full and varied life. He loved people, books and travel. Of the three, he loved people the most, little people, big people and all people. He always had time to listen or lend a hand to his fellow man. All who knew Pat dearly loved him. He possessed that divine spark of leadership that few men ever achieve. Wherever he worked, morale seemed to heighten. Wherever he went, things always seemed brighter.

He saw very little service with his branch, Field Artillery, after branch school at Fort Sill in 1940 until his last assignment as the



SANFORD PATRICK ENGLAND

Division Artillery Commander of the 82d Airborne Division. There he earned the rank of senior paratrooper, the award he treasured the most because it represented troop duty and the opportunity to work with men. During World War II he served in the European Theatre; then the European Army of Occupation and later in Vietnam. Almost a fourth of his Army career was spent at the Pentagon as a general staff officer.

Pat's unquenchable thirst for knowledge led him to look on life as a continual learning experience. As a youngster he attended Manlius Military Academy but graduated from high school at the Mohawk Country Day School in Schenectady, New York. He attended Union College; then Stanton Prep at Cornwall-on-Hudson prior to entering the United States Military Academy.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy, he attended various service schools to include the Command and General Staff College, the French War College, the Ecole Etat-Major and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He earned his master's degree from the Harvard Business School in 1953.

After retirement in 1962, with an outstanding command record, he attended the New York School of Finance and became a licensed broker on the New York Stock Exchange. He joined the Clearwater, Florida, office of A.M. Kidder and Co. which ultimately became Reynolds and Company, Inc. Later he moved to Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc.

Pat was very public spirited and took an active interest in community affairs and politics. He headed many active committees and became president of the Belleair Civic and Property Owners Association of the township of Belleair, Florida. He was a participating member of the Harvard Club of the West Coast of Florida, later serving as its president. He enjoyed sharing all types of sports with others. He was also active in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Clearwater, Florida. In addition to his many activities he was a wonderful father to his two sons and a friend to all young people.

He is survived by his wife, Martha (Binion) England, of Clearwater, Florida; two sons, Sanford P. England Jr. of Pensacola, Florida, and Michael B. England of Worcester, Massachusetts; his mother, Mrs. Dorothea Young England, of St. Petersburg; and his two brothers, Colonel (Retired) George E. England Jr. of San Francisco, California, and

Colonel (Retired) Frank W. England of Cohasset, Massachusetts.

-His Family

Allen Monroe Otis

NO. 13011 CLASS OF 1942

Died 28 December 1973 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Togus, Maine, aged 56 years.

Interment: Webster Cemetery, Chesterville, Maine

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN M. OTIS, West Point graduate with 29 years of Army service, died 28 December 1973 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Togus, Maine.

Born 21 October 1917 in North Woodstock, New Hampshire, he was the son of Arthur Monroe and Cylene Jane Otis. He grew up in Chesterville, Maine, and attended high school in Farmington, Maine.

Allen Otis graduated from the United States Military Academy in June 1942 and belonged to the Infantry. During World War II he served in England and Belgium, where he was wounded shortly before the Battle of the Bulge. Following lengthy hospitalization he was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. His other service included two tours in Korea; duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey during the Vietnam build-up; assignments with Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the City College of New York and at Boston University; and teaching Special Weapons at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and at Oberammergau, Germany. Of his twenty-nine years of service, thirteen were devoted to teaching. He applied his full efforts to teaching, just as he did to his other service, and derived great satisfaction from helping his students appreciate their subjects.

Retiring in 1971, he returned to Maine. Living in Wilton, Maine, he devoted much time to his favorite hobbies, carpentry and gardening.

Lieutenant Colonel Allen Otis was a steadfast and unpretentious soldier who believed firmly in the ideals of West Point as set forth in the Cadet Prayer. He directed his life and that of his family accordingly. He served his country proudly.

Surviving are his widow, Roberta Adams Otis; son, Allen Jerry Otis; daughter, Jane Roberta Otis; and his sister, Mrs. Mary Otis Dole.



ALLEN MONROE OTIS



EDWARD BURKE BURDETT

Edward Burke Burdett

NO. 13891 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 18 November 1967 in Hanoi, North Vietnam, aged 46 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

A REMARKABLE AND unprecedented event took place on 22 March 1974 in the Senate of the United States: a United States Air Force officer was honored by being posthumously nominated and confirmed by the Senate in a promotion to brigadier general. In the words of Senator Talmadge of Georgia speaking to the President of the Senate:

"Mr. President, the President of the United States has nominated a Georgian to receive posthumously the rank of brigadier general in the Air Force.

"Colonel Ed Burdett of Macon was shot down, captured and imprisoned by the North Vietnamese while flying a mission over North Vietnam in 1967. Soon after he became eligible for the rank of brigadier general but his promotion was withheld for fear that it might cause him abuse at the hands of the enemy.

"It is a tragedy that Colonel Burdett cannot receive this award in person, having died in captivity. His remains have recently been released by the North Vietnamese and his burial is imminent. He leaves a widow and a mother in Macon.

"For that reason I ask the Senate for speedy confirmation of his nomination. There can be no higher sacrifice than a man's life for his country. Without bravery and dedication such as Colonel Burdett's our country could never have become what it is today. Because men like him have died for our freedom we are able to honor them for their acts of heroism. But no honor we bestow can fully voice our gratitude."

The nomination was confirmed and General Edward Burdett's posthumous promotion was made official, thus ending the career of one of the Air Force's finest officers.

The son of a Foreign Service officer, Ed Burdett's youth was spent in Latin America and in Europe. Frequently returning to the home of his mother in Macon, Georgia, it was here that he established his American roots. It was in Macon where he met Anne

Richardson, later to become his wife. It was from Macon that Edward left to enter West Point in 1939.

After graduation in 1943, having earned his pilot rating as a cadet, Lieutenant Burdett went through additional flying training and then in 1944 he was assigned to the China-Burma-India theater. After flying 201 combat hours in P-38 missions with the 35th Reconnaissance Squadron over China, he returned to the Continental Air Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C. In December 1945 he joined the first operational jet fighter unit, the 412th Fighter Group at Santa Maria, California, later designated the First Fighter Group. He spent several years with fighter units in various parts of the United States.

During the 1950's, Ed Burdett served in Panama, Headquarters, Caribbean Air Command, first as a staff officer and later as Commandant, United States Air Force School for Latin America—an important post which allowed the full use of his abilities as a Spanish linguist, a talent deriving from his boyhood. Then, after Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Field and the Fighter Weapons School at Luke Air Force Base, Lieutenant Colonel Burdett became Commander, 613th Tactical Fighter Squadron, flying F-86's, and subsequently, Chief, Tactical Operations Division, Air Force Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Rome, Italy. In the late 1950's, Colonel Burdett served at the Pentagon as Deputy Chief, Command Post, and on the Joint Staff.

During the early and mid-1960's, Colonel Burdett saw duty at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command in Virginia and as Commander, 50th Combat Support Group at Hahn in Germany and as Commander, 48th Tactical Fighter Wing at Lakenheath, England.

In August 1967 he assumed command of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Korat, Thailand, from where he and his men flew F-105 missions over North Vietnam. It was on 18 November 1967 that Ed Burdett took off from Korat for a strike mission against the important target of Phuc Yen Airfield near Hanoi. During the attack his aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He managed to complete his attack on the airfield, releasing his bombs on target and then attempted unsuccessfully to fly to safety. He crashed in a heavily defended area near Hanoi. After years of uncertainty and confusing evidence as to his actual fate, it was learned that Edward Burdett had died on 18 November 1967. It was not until March 1974 that General Burdett's remains were identified and finally flown home to the United States. The end of this tragic story came with his burial in Arlington in the late spring of the same year. A much decorated hero, a seasoned combat commander, an outstanding American, was finally laid to rest.

Edward Burdett was a big man, gifted in many ways: as a boxer at West Point, a linguist, a pilot, and a commander. He was also a warm and human personality, a dedicated family man who enjoyed spending his spare hours working on antique clocks and other fine old furniture.

General Burdett is survived by his wife, Anne Richardson Burdett of Macon, Georgia; a daughter, Mrs. James Urquart Sands of Amelia Island, Florida; a son, Edward Burke Burdett Jr. of Puerto Rico; his mother, Mrs. William Carter Burdett of Macon, Georgia; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Burdett Domingos of Macon and Miss Mary Elizabeth Bur-

dett of Atlanta, Georgia; a brother, William Carter Burdett; and a grandson, James U. Sands Jr.

Ed Burdett was known and loved by many friends from his boyhood in Macon, from West Point, from the Air Force and from many places in far corners of the world.

He will be remembered not only by glowing tribute in the *Congressional Record*. He will not be forgotten by his family and his friends. He was a good and honorable man.

William Harold Geatches

NO. 18556 CLASS OF 1952

Died 5 January 1968 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 39 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland

WILLIAM H. GEATCHES died on 5 January 1968 after a long but courageous battle with leukemia. These few words are only a token tribute to the true son, brother, friend, classmate, husband, father, man, soldier and scholar that was Bill.

Bill was born 5 June 1928 and raised in Linton, Indiana, the son of Muriel and George H. Geatches. He attended Linton schools and graduated from Linton-Stockton High School in 1945. As a boy he was enthusiastic in 4-H Club, first trombonist with the school band and an active member of the Scitamar Club in Linton.

Bill enlisted in the Air Force in 1945 and served until July 1948 when he entered West Point as a Cadet. As an enlisted man he had risen to the rank of sergeant before attending the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Stewart Field, New York. At the Prep School he was active in track.

Bill's tremendous personality, his leadership and his scholarship flourished during his four years at the Military Academy. The Class of 1952's HOWITZER cited his "laugh and broad smile"; catalogued his varied interests and accomplishments as a Chapel usher, in the Golf and Ski Clubs, as a representative of his classmates on the Ring Committee, as a top pistol shot; and noted his achievement of Cadet Captain, Battalion Commander rank. But Bill gave to West Point and his I-2 Company mates, classmates and Corps mates a magnificent brotherhood and friendship which lives and will always be cherished by



WILLIAM HAROLD GEATCHES

those fortunate enough to have known him. It is a marvelous privilege to have a friend who can contribute the warmth, sincerity, and steadfastness of Bill's friendship.

His first assignment after graduation and commissioning as an artillery officer, was Fort Sill, Oklahoma, followed by airborne training at Fort Benning and then to Korea in June of 1953. When the Korean conflict subsided, the unit was sent to Camp Wood, Japan (on the island of Kyushu).

While at Camp Wood, he was contacted by the Military Academy for assignment to the Mechanics Department. In February 1955 he returned to the United States and was assigned to the University of Michigan beginning studies there in June. He received his master's degree in Engineering from the University of Michigan in June 1956 and went to West Point for a teaching assignment in the Mechanics Department. During his second year at the United States Military Academy he was offered (and accepted) a two-year exchange assignment at the Naval Academy (in their Marine Engineering Department) from 1958 to 1960.

In June of 1960 Bill decided to resign from the Army. He was offered and accepted a civilian teaching assignment at the United States Naval Academy attaining the title of Professor in 1967. While at Annapolis he continued working toward his doctorate at Catholic University, and also worked as a consultant for Naval Research Lab.

In December 1965 it was learned that Bill had leukemia, and that his life expectancy would be two years. Many people would be so overwhelmed with self-pity that they would just "give up." Bill became a patient at the National Institutes of Health, where research is conducted on incurable diseases, and he subjected himself to the drugs being used to try to combat leukemia. The drugs created drastic side effects in many instances so the last two years of his life were anything but normal. During that period of time, however, his whole concern was for his family. On a sabbatical leave of absence from the Naval Academy, he wrote the dissertation (and did the research) to complete his doctor's degree, which he received on 4 June 1967.

His death was on 5 January 1968 at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He is buried at Baltimore National Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland.

These details do not give a full reflection of Bill, the man—the husband—the father; nor do they reveal the integrity, love and selflessness on which his life was based. Bill is survived by his mother; his wife Donna; and four children, Leslie, Melody, Debbie and Jeff. They, his classmates, his professional and personal associates and his friends will not forget.

—A Classmate

Lon Arnold Spurlock II

NO. 21769 CLASS OF 1958

Killed in action 28 March 1969 in Vietnam, aged 32 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LON SPURLOCK WAS, to all who truly knew him, a very special person—he was, to many, the most complete man they have known or could ever hope to know.

Shortly after his death, a number of his friends put together a collection of things written by Lon, as well as a few things



LON ARNOLD SPURLOCK II

written about him. It was a deeply moving anthology, but still somehow it did not fully express the completeness of this unusual man, whose fullness still defies all efforts to reduce him to fixed definition.

And so, with appreciation and admiration for those who contributed to the original collection, I submit portions of their poignant expression of their love for Lon Arnold Spurlock II, and the profound sense of loss felt by all fortunate enough to know him.

From one of his close friends:

"Lon Spurlock was a man of great strength, both physical and spiritual. He lived his life intensely, yet with rare sensitivity. He didn't stand on circumstance and formality. He wanted to live, and live he did, intensely, as a soldier, as a husband, as a father, as a friend, and as a man."

From another: "All real men have frailties. You had yours... but crowned with: a sparkle, given freely, a determination that would not be denied, an undaunted optimism, a contagious smile, an enthused spirit, not 'put-downable,' courage to take life's risks, an intensity of life—lived short—but unsurpassed. You gave all this. What more could a friend—a loved one—give to those left behind? You knew what life was—and we learned from you."

In the words of another:

"Lon was one of those people whom it is always fun to be around. Lon was perpetually vibrant and alive, and when you met him you knew he would always be cheerful and optimistic, and that the enthusiasm was contagious. It was impossible to be depressed around Lon—he would simply overcome it by the strength of his own personality. I had looked forward so much to going through life with Lon as a friend, and I feel that I have lost something irreplaceable. There is a relationship which can develop among men which I don't think women ever experience or fully understand. I had this sort of relationship with Lon, and I shall miss it. I was not prepared for this to happen; but it has, and we must endure it, and we shall. None of us will ever be the same again, however."

Others wrote:

"Lon meant something different to everyone who met him because he was so complex and so deep—and he was inevitably something special to each of these people... I

wept today... I have never experienced such a feeling of emptiness."

"I've got the memory of a man's man—sort of the essence of a man."

And finally from a non-commissioned officer who served with Lon in combat:

"Please accept my sincere sympathy, for I loved him too."

Lon wanted to experience all of life intensely, including the war that struck him down, "War," he wrote, "is an all-consuming experience." His interest was not a mindless love of combat nor a blind patriotism; it was a natural expression of his abiding concern with the motives and motivations of man, both the physical and spiritual forces which surround and drive us.

He, therefore, fought to remain where the battle was being joined. When plans were made to move him up from his battalion to division headquarters, he resisted; he did not want to be removed from that place where the essence of life was most vividly revealed by the ever present threat of death.

As Lon wrote:

"... where I am, no one knows whether he will be around to see the sun rise the next day, and such a tense uncertain existence has a way of expanding time by factor of a thousand. I am fortunate in that I am still riding high and audaciously confident, but I have already seen many strong men who have lost their nerve completely and whose every moment is filled with absolute, terrifying fear. I'm like a professional football player. The war is a game, a livelihood, an all-consuming experience. One plays it hard and fast and savagely for twelve months, or until one is either taken out or wiped out of the game. The object of the game is to find Charlie and destroy him and to survive while doing so. There is little thought and even less talk of politics, diplomacy, moral issues, or hearts and minds..."

"Almost everyone does his best here, some die, some live, some get medals, and some do not. To those who are here, there is neither merit nor discredit in medals, only chance."

It is here, in what Lon wrote, that is revealed most clearly and completely his rare combination of sensitivity and strength. For in Lon Spurlock was combined, in the fullest measure of both, the sensitivity of the poet and the strength of the soldier.

To his wife:

"My love for you is always with me—in the helicopter, in the swamps, in the ambush—I feel it especially strong when the bullets zip and crack and hiss and thud nearby. It strengthens me, gives me confidence, and always stands as a reason for pressing on when things look grim... You are my foundation, my source of strength, my hope, my best friend, my only value, and my only concrete reason for living. On the fringe of existence, and I have been there—everything else disappears. There I can see only Suzie."

To a daughter on her birthday:

"High upon an Asian wind
Your father flies above
and wishes you on this your day
a life of play
with one true love
and one real friend."

On life:

"I believe that the only value in life is life itself, and that life is found only in such things as love and hope. To have life, both love and hope must first have freedom and truth. They cannot live if they are based on paper, words, money, force, or falsehoods."

Again, on life:

"Let us break free
from our separate pasts
and soar suspended
in a single present."

"If we fall, then
let us fall freely
in a bold attempt to fly;
for which is worse:
the fear of flying
or the regret of never having flown?"

On the war:

"Time has lost its meaning for me. Days rush by in a continuous blur, yet it seems as though all time has stopped, that I have been here forever, and that this little world is the only real existence in the universe. The faces are always changing. Old ones go away, and new ones appear and even some of the new ones disappear quickly. But the numbers stay the same. At night the flares and tracers light up the sky, machine guns rattle, grenades thump, and always the artillery crashes and booms. Sometimes bullets crack, snap, and zip, and the world turns upside down and spins outside the chopper door. Radios hiss and blare, and smoke of all colors rises all around. A thousand smells vie for distinction, and the tropic sun sears everything."

"The coffee urn is always empty, and the Vietnamese beg for C rations, candy and cigarettes. The laundry smells of sour paddy water, Americans rush suddenly to the toilet, and old peasant women squat unashamedly in the green fields. The chaplain solemnly states that we are to sing the first and fourth verses of hymn number 103."

"Helicopters fly
Soldiers shoot
People die
Statesmen talk."

To his wife written a few days before his death:

"I am suffering from a terrible case of love-sickness. You see, I met this lovely girl on R&R and fell hopelessly in love with her. She has blue eyes, two sets of beautiful hair, and long lovely legs. In addition, she is charming, lively, and intelligent. I miss her terribly and live only for the day that I can see her and touch her and be with her again... I feel like a moonstruck teenager."

On Soldiers and Poets:

"Can a soldier be a poet
Mister NOETAL?
If he doesn't show it
stands straight and tall
chest up chin in
eyes straight ahead
he can write all he wants
after he is dead."

And finally from Lon: "Come with me... to a place."

And from one who knew him: "We mourn for all of us."

Edward Waldren Crum

NO. 23028 CLASS OF 1960

Killed in action in Vietnam,
6 February 1968, aged 31 years.

Interment: National Cemetery,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

WALLY, WHO CHOSE the name as a small boy, was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Quincy, Illinois, on 4 February 1937. This heartland town is on the banks of the mighty Mississippi in West Central Illinois.

During July of Wally's first year, at age six months, he experienced the first of his numerous experiences at Fort Custer, Michigan. He, in succeeding years, with his mother, brother, and sisters, always accompanied his father to all military training assignments.

He was descended, on both sides of his family, from soldiers serving from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present. His male ancestry included many citizen soldiers and he was destined to be the first of his family to attend and graduate from the United States Military Academy and to become a Regular Army officer.

In the fall of 1940, Wally became an Army brat when his father went on active duty at Selfridge Field, Michigan. For the rest of his life he was involved in military activities which undoubtedly influenced his decision to make the Armed Forces his career. Youthful events do not always forecast adult interests and love of military life never wavered.

Previously, babyhood and boyhood days were spent in Pittsfield, Greenville, Edwardsville, and Mount Vernon, Illinois. He entered the first grade in Champaign while his dad was on military duty in the Aleutians during World War II. He had many ties and experiences in Illinois and later received his appointment to the Military Academy from that state.

Besides Illinois schools, he attended schools in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Springfield and Fairborn, Ohio, and Selma, Alabama. He attended and graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic High School, Maryland. While there he was elected president of the Student Advisory Board, and was a member of varsity football, wrestling, and track teams. During these years he was also active in the Boy Scouts.

While a Junior in high school just after his seventeenth birthday, he joined the Maryland National Guard as a member of the 121st Engineer Battalion (C), 29th Division.

During the summer of 1955 he accompanied his family to Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. His National Guard affiliation was moved from Maryland to the New Mexico National Guard where he became a member of Headquarters Battery, 111th Antiaircraft Brigade.

Wally had been trying to get an appointment to any of the service academies since his junior year in high school. He received an alternate appointment to the first class of the newly established Air Force Academy. Since no principal appointment cadet withdrew, Wally entered the University of Illinois in the fall of 1955. His National Guard affiliation was moved from New Mexico to the Illinois National Guard with assignment to the 130th Infantry, 33d Division. During the school year 1955-1956 he also entered the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and became a member of the Pershing Rifles of the University of Illinois, ROTC. While at the university he earned numerals in freshman football and wrestling.

During the middle of the school year, as a result of a competitive examination in the National Guard, he won an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. This he accepted immediately. The next day he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy. Faced with a very difficult decision, he called home. After considerable discussion and deep thought on his part, he withdrew his acceptance of the Air Force appointment and accepted the appointment to the United States Military

Academy. He later explained his decision by saying, "This has been my secret ambition for most of my life."

On 4 July 1956 he was sworn in as a cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was now between his 19th and 20th year of age. This is noted in recognition of a reply he made concerning the rigors and discipline of the first months of cadet life. The discussion concerned the efforts being made by Plebe classmates to bolster and encourage the flagging progress and attitudes of a 17-year-old cadet during Beast Barracks days. In reply to the remark, "It's pretty tough for a 17-year-old boy," Wally said, "Yes, and it's plenty tough for a 19-year-old too." His letters repeatedly revealed intense pride in the Academy and in the comradeship with classmates.

June Week brought the never to be forgotten events of graduation, and finally commissioning and graduation with the coveted baccalaureate degree and commission in the infantry, the branch of service of most of his ancestry.

Graduation leave found him visiting in New Mexico and actively courting Miss Theresa (Terry) Jane Baker, a young neighbor whom he had met while home during Academy years. He always loved the climate and the mountains and their interests coincided in these as well as in many other areas. He fondly projected the day when he could own a home and retire in such surroundings. The idyllic leave days quickly passed and he reluctantly said goodbye to Terry, but eagerly reported to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Upon completion of this school he immediately entered Ranger School which he praised highly and which he felt was outstanding in training and challenge. Rounding out 1960 involved Airborne School and qualification as a paratrooper.

Following Christmas leave, Wally proceeded to his first duty assignment as an officer with the renowned 82d Airborne Division. Various command duties kept him busily occupied during 1961, including transportation, weapons platoon leader, playing on the division's football team; but of greatest interest was steady participation in parachute jumping exercises. Writing of this in October of that year he said, "Today I made my 15th jump... it was really great. This jumping gives you a tremendous thrill which one cannot describe." During this same period he earned the prized Expert Infantryman's Badge.

In early February 1962 he and Terry Baker were married in the Base Chapel at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. After a leisurely honeymoon trip across southern United States, they set up a home at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Wally continued a very satisfying assignment with the 82d Airborne Division. In all, he completed 30 parachute jumps acquiring Senior Parachutist rating and became a Jump Master. Jumps included one while on temporary duty in an Alaskan Research exercise, one on Armed Forces Day, one honoring a Belgian official, and others involving tactical training. Early in 1962 he was selected Lieutenant of the Year in the 187th Brigade. In November of 1962, their first child, Holly, was born. This was a welcome event and Holly was destined to share many joys and some intense sorrows in subsequent years.

On 8 April 1963 Wally and his family departed the United States for duty in the European Command. There he was assigned to the well-known Berlin Brigade. He served



EDWARD WALDREN CRUM

in various capacities there until rotation to Fort Benning, Georgia, in July 1966. During these years his assignments included Executive Officer, Company E, 6th Infantry; Chief, Military Personnel, G1 Division; Commanding Officer, Company B, 4th Battalion; and S3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Bn, 18th Infantry, Berlin Brigade. These official assignments led to many interesting experiences including those with European Allied troops. The family enjoyed the tour to the fullest. Their second child, Mike, was born there. Wally was exuberant about their children.

Duty with the Berlin Brigade involved training maneuvers in West Germany and convoy duty over the corridor autobahn connecting West Germany to the Allied Sector of Berlin. During one blockade designed to halt and harass, and to test the will of the Allied Command, Wally was in command of the troops selected to advance through and break the blockade. When this was announced over United States news networks, it was a proud moment for family and friends.

Following rotation from Europe, in July 1966, he was assigned to Infantry Officers' School at Fort Benning, Georgia. This course was a highly welcome assignment to sort out his company grade troop experiences and to prepare for more comprehensive staff and command duties ahead. He was able to concentrate on his virtually sure assignment to Vietnam.

In the interval between completion of Infantry School and assignment to special training and language school for Vietnam assignment, he and his family were in a tragic automobile accident. Their young son Mike lost his life and all were seriously injured. This occurred in Missouri about 100 miles from Fort Leavenworth, and there, in the National Cemetery, the young son was laid to rest virtually as a soldier. Touchingly, military police saluted at the conclusion of the burial service.

Typical of his courage and dedication, Wally, though still convalescing from his injuries, reported to Fort Bragg for Vietnam training. Painfully and sadly he met every requirement and this period was shared by his wife Terry, and daughter Holly, who joined him there. Further language training was received at Fort Bliss, Texas, and in October 1967 he departed for Vietnam.

Wally, in considering duty in Vietnam,

hoped for duty with a United States division, preferably with airborne troops. His next priority was duty with an ARVN (Army Republic of Vietnam) tactical unit. His first assignment was as G3 Air Advisor to the IV ARVN Corps. This duty required coordinating all the air strikes in the Delta Area. Within a month he served temporarily as an ARVN ranger group advisor on a combat mission by this unit. Subsequently he again handled G3 air duties. During November, December, and January he had opportunities to observe firsthand, the people of Vietnam, their combat units, and the activities of the enemy Viet Cong and their supporters.

Significant comments from Wally's personal observation and experiences are recounted as a voice from the wilderness, in contrast to the welter of public utterances, pronouncements, and headlines of news being received daily by the public in the United States. In November he wrote, "The VC are vicious and make no distinction between soldiers and civilians. They just kill and maim. We may occasionally hit civilians but it is not intended or directed at civilians." Speaking of his duty with an ARVN ranger battalion, he wrote, "One of the battalion member's family was attacked by Viet Cong 24 hours after he left home station." In a different vein he wrote, "Vietnam is a good country and well worth saving. The people need a lot of help but slowly they are progressing and the land has a great deal of potential. It is rich and the people are smart and industrious and can make a good nation, given a chance."

Another excerpt reports, "Charlie (VC)... put a bomb in a naval officer's car which killed the officer's wife and 2 children... The VC had them several hours and then executed them before they could be rescued. They were not armed when captured and were all wearing red crosses."

In commenting on casualties among West Point graduates and classmates he mentioned Dick Boyd and Mike Fields and of the Army's positive recognition of their sacrifice by posthumous promotion to Major. Continuing, "So far, I think we have lost 25 classmates and numerous other friends. It is real hard to see good friends lost but if we eventually win this war it will be worth their lives." This staunch and unselfish comment prophetically included his own life a few weeks later.

In December of 1967 he received his promotion to major and commented on the loneliness of Christmas away from family but of how the troops were doing their best to be cheerful. He mentioned hearing from Terry and expressed regret that he would not be on hand for the expected birth of their third child. This little girl, Heather, was born on 30 March 1968 after his death on 6 February 1968.

January 1968 he was assigned to Advisory Team 50, Cao Lanh, Kien Phong province, acting as both senior advisor and G3 advisor. This team was advising the Commanding Officer, 44th Special Tactical Zone. These troops were engaged in heavy fighting against the Viet Cong in the Tet offensive. During the night of 6-7 February 1968, an enemy mortar attack was launched against our forces situated in the vicinity of Chan Doc City. Major Crum occupied his assigned position. During the barrage, an enlisted man moving along a road in front of this position was hit by incoming fire. "Without hesitation, Major Crum dashed out to pull the mortally wounded soldier to a place of relative safety. Before he reached the man, another series of incoming rounds landed... one

of which killed Major Crum instantly." The team operations sergeant in attempting to pull Major Crum to safety was also hit and died three days later.

Memorialization of Wally's final action is contained in General Orders Number 2363, Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, dated 1 August 1968 and signed by Major General Charles A. Corcoran. It designates TC-381 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Compound, 44th Special Tactical Zone Headquarters (Army of the Republic of Vietnam), Coa Lanh, Kien Phong Province, Republic of Vietnam as Crum Compound in honor of Major Edward Waldren Crum, United States Army. For his action he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V (posthumously).

In a letter from the President of the Republic of Vietnam, signed by President Nguyen Van Thieu, Wally was awarded the National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class, posthumous, with Meritorious Citation, "Servicemen of courage and rare self-sacrifice they displayed at all times the most tactful cooperation while aiding the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam to repel the Red Wave undermining South Vietnam and Southeast Asia. With a ready zeal and commendable response they fought to the end in every mission and set a brilliant example for their fellow soldiers. They died in the performance of duty. Behind them they leave the abiding grief of their former comrades-in-arms, the Vietnamese as well as the American."

These comments from close friends reflect accurately impressions of Wally. Majors John Kirkwood, George Laslo, and Andy Hill wrote before Wally's mortal injury. "We... had both talked to Wally on the hotline before the attack began. Wally was more worried about us at the time than himself... That was Wally's nature—a fine and sincere friend." Major Phil Walker, a company classmate at West Point and in Vietnam at the same time, wrote, "Wally was the first, even when he himself was discouraged, to defend our mission here in Vietnam. Just three weeks ago he had been quick to say that we owed our way of life to those of you who fought our Country's wars in the past. He felt strong dedication to the service and proved by his action that he was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice." Said Colonel Earl Fletcher, "American and Vietnamese alike regarded your son as an outstanding officer and a true friend who exemplified the finest traditions for which America stands. His great devotion to duty and utter selflessness shine forth as an inspiration to all of us."

Wally's interest in the United States Military Academy never faded or diminished. On

one occasion he remarked, "I would have liked to be buried at the National Cemetery at West Point; however, since Mike's death, I will want to be buried at Fort Leavenworth." And so he was laid to rest in final peace with full military honors with their son there in the National Cemetery.

He looked beyond Vietnam to duty assignments at Fort Leavenworth and West Point. Both were deeply imbedded in his life. His potential was unlimited. These fragile and proud accounts of his life reflect well what he was capable of accomplishing. Duty, Honor, Country were deeply ingrained in his actions. He has now joined the Long Gray Line of the Corps "Of an Earlier Day" and may his example serve to inspire those of the living Gray Line and all of those to follow, to insure that our country's "Flag unblemished flings the call, that Liberty endure... that Freedom shall not die, We pray Thy guidance, strength and grace, Almighty God on High."

—Mabel Berger Crum and

Edward A. Crum, LTC, USAF (Retired)
Parents

Michael Blaine Barker

NO. 30762 CLASS OF 1972

Died 9 May 1974 in Jacksonville, Florida,
aged 23 years.

Interment: Dexter Cemetery, Dexter, Missouri

FIRST LIEUTENANT Michael B. Barker was killed in an automobile accident in Jacksonville, Florida, the morning of 9 May



MICHAEL BLAINE BARKER

1974. He was Fire Direction Officer, Battery B, 2d Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In November 1973 Lieutenant Barker volunteered and was selected to assist the 101st Airborne Division recruiting program in Jacksonville, Florida. He was assigned to the main recruiting station under command of James R. Dismukes, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, at the time of his death. A memorial service was held in Jacksonville and his body, escorted by Colonel Dismukes, was returned to his hometown of Dexter, Missouri, where he was buried in the Dexter Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted in the Sacred Heart Church with Reverend Val Reker officiating. The military funeral service conducted at the cemetery was performed by Army personnel from Fort Campbell, Fort Leonard Wood and Jacksonville.

A memorial service was held at Fort Campbell on 15 May. The eulogy, presented by Lieutenant Colonel Paul E. Gentry, Commander, 2d Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne, included the following: "Mike Barker was a fine son of the great country that he sought to serve so well. He was dedicated in duty and devoted to his friends. Mike loved life and people and he would not want us to tarry long in mourning but to continue on in full life. We will do that knowing that the world was a little better because Mike was in it for a short while. His parents have lost a son, we have lost a friend, the nation has lost a soldier, but most of all the world has lost a good man. We will miss him."

Mike was born 8 August 1950 in Memphis, Tennessee. He went to school and grew up in Dexter, Missouri. He excelled in athletic and academic activities and had great physical strength and ambition. He had deep faith in God and Country and valued service to others above his own interests.

Mike finished the Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, on 8 September 1972, Ranger Course on 9 November 1972 and the Field Artillery Officers' Basic Course on 9 March 1973 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Barker's parents donated his class ring to the United States Military Academy Library for deposit in the glass ring case to represent his class of 1972.

Mike is survived by his parents, Harry and Florence Barker of Dexter, Missouri, and two sisters, Martha Kay Trammell of Columbia, Missouri, and Carol Ann Barker of Dexter.

In the words of our parish priest, Father Val Reker, "We have not lost our son—it's only that we won't see him for a little while."

—Harry B. Barker

Down The Field

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cluding a self-financed trip to Florida during Spring Leave last year, the club has set its sights on the Monterey National Rugby Tournament in CA (usually attended by over 60 clubs), on 22-23 March.

The club has scheduled a match with Sandhurst on 2 April 75 and in May will sponsor its Fourth Annual Tournament at West Point, inviting eight or nine Eastern teams.

Future plans also include a Tri-Academy meet between USMA, USNA, and

USAFA. The Rugby Team is especially proud that their second team last year defeated Navy's first team.

WATER POLO

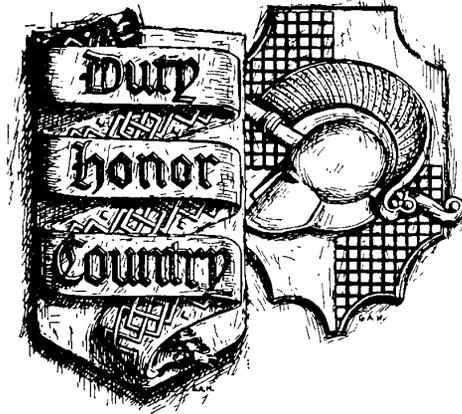
Spurred on by the scoring efforts of two Plebes and with superb defensive play by all hands, Army's young water polo team fought its way to second place at the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships held at Yale.

In the championship game, Army led Bucknell 3-2 at the half, but a final surge late in the fourth period gave Bucknell a decision and the Championship.

Army first downed a stubborn Harvard team 14-9 in double overtime on Friday night, and then put together its outstanding game of the season in beating Yale, 6-5.

Plebes Klebowski and O'Connor led the cadets with seven goals each, while Second Classman Campbell scored three times and anchored the team's defense against defending Eastern Champion Yale.

Newman's defensive heroics earned him All-Tournament Team honors; Klebowski and O'Connor were also named to the honorary squad.



Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the December 1974 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Charles S. Blakely	1904....11	January	1975....Louisville, Kentucky
Alfred B. Johnson	1913....28	November	1974....Alexandria, Virginia
Arthur McK. Harper	Apr 1917....23	February	1972....St. Petersburg, Florida
Lawrence C. Mitchell	Apr 1917....10	January	1975....Winter Park, Florida
Bernard W. Slifer	Nov 1918....26	October	1974....Washington, D.C.
Henry B. Nichols	1919....19	November	1974....Concord, New Hampshire
Frederick B. Porter	1919....19	November	1974....Denver, Colorado
Maurice L. Rosenthal	1919.... 7	September	1974....Detroit, Michigan
Charles F. Beattie	1920.... 1	May	1964....Salem, New York
James C. Short	1923.... 1	February	1975....La Jolla, California
Robert L. Miller	1924....14	November	1974....El Paso, Texas
James V. Thompson	1927....19	November	1974....Dublin, Georgia
Roger J. Browne	1929....19	November	1974....Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Norman E. Poinier	1929....19	January	1975....San Antonio, Texas
Louis M. deL. de Riemer	1929....19	January	1975....San Antonio, Texas
Marvin C. Johnson	1930....28	November	1974....Eau Gallie, Florida
James McCormack Jr.	1932.... 3	January	1975....Hilton Head, North Carolina
William N. Beard	1936....15	December	1974....North Carolina
George H.L. Dillard	1938....28	September	1974....Bethesda, Maryland
Elliott Vandevanter Jr.	1939....22	December	1974....Washington, D.C.
Clarence E. Gushurst	1940.... 9	December	1974....Denver, Colorado
Howard E. Adams	1948....23	January	1975....Alexandria, Virginia
Daniel P. Christman	1953....17	January	1975....Ft. Bliss, Texas
Larned V. Bearce	1959.... 8	December	1974....Camp Pendleton, California
James C. McKittrick*	1964....22	January	1975....Vietnam

* MIA since 18 Jun 1967



Hymn Of The Fiftieth Reunion

By Charles P. Nicholas, USMA 1925

Return to jubilation! Scorn the woe
Of mortal age and time's relentless flow!
Still be our quest the mind's eternal youth,
Daring to dream as fifty years ago!

No dirge for vanished years! No requiem!
Sing only exaltation, hailing them —
Such years as men had never lived before
In ages since the Star of Bethlehem!

Fabulous years, whose shafts of light redeemed
From Chaos secrets of Genesis that seemed
Deeper than Archimedes ever probed —
Closer than Galileo ever dreamed!

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For we have seen, where men had oft been blind,
Visions in darkness, triumphs of the mind,
Probing the inner cell, the outer star,
Leaving the bonds of gravity behind.



Men in our time, with neutron master key,
Unlocked the impervious atom! Vaulting free
From tedious crawl on earth, men climb the sky —
On wings of morning cross the utmost sea!

Merciful chemistry has put to flight
Dread hosts of fever, killers in the night.
And we have marveled as the laser beam
Harnessed the wild exuberance of light!

Channels invisible, through cloud and rain,
Transmit our images. In bold disdain
Of space, men walk the moon — and then on wings
Of mathematics reach the earth again!

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And we shall not, in memory sojourning,
Let age impede this elemental yearning
To probe the infinite. We shall go on,
Forever restless, ever young in learning,

Driving the tireless mind to climb and run
In toilsome pathways, hoping for that one
Burst of revelation that will pierce
The dark horizon like a blazing sun!

