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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

As the "shot heard around the world" in 1775 was heard again last April 19th in Lexington, Massachusetts, West Point's plans for celebrating America's Bicentennial were firmly underway. The Academy's commemoration of the birth of our nation will be educational: a year-long history lesson for the cadets; the Academy's staff, faculty, and families; and neighbors, friends, and visitors to West Point. We hope to provide all with a thorough understanding of West Point's strategic importance during the American Revolution. For example, few are aware that George Washington once described West Point as "the most important post in America." Even Charles Dickens was struck by West Point's history in 1842 when he found the Academy "hemmed in . . . all round with memories of Washington, and events of the revolutionary war." The heritage of West Point will be placed in historical context along with the history of the Hudson Highlands and the Colonial Army.

Some of the Bicentennial projects either planned or underway at West Point are:

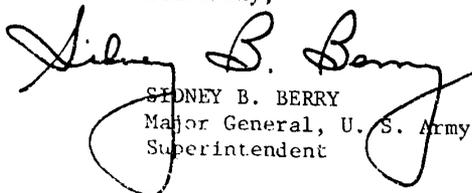
- The partial restoration of Fort Putnam, which will house an interpretive museum and a terrain model programmed to give twenty minute presentations about the Highlands.
- The preservation of Redoubt #4 and other redoubts and forts on the west bank of the Hudson. (An article discussing the history of Fort Putnam and other fortifications appears later in this issue.)
- A history symposium and lecture series on the American Revolution. Distinguished scholars participating in the series will include Professors Russell Weigley, Ira Gruber, R. Arthur Bowler, Peter Paret, Don Higginbotham, Richard Kohn, John Shy, Richard Buel, Jr., and William H. McNeil.
- A new, expanded monograph explaining the history of Fort Putnam and the redoubts.
- A large museum display featuring the people at West Point during the American Revolution.
- A multi-media lecture for cadets about West Point during the Revolutionary War.
- Special publications, displays, and expansion of the USMA Library's collection of original manuscripts and documents from the Revolutionary period.
- The naming of the Stony Lonesome housing area clusters in honor of Revolutionary War officers associated with West Point.
- An honor ceremony, displays, and a band concert commemorating the 200th birthday of the U. S. Army on 14 June 1975.
- A demonstration during the summer of 1976 by the Brigade of the American Revolution, a group which recreates aspects of the Colonial soldier's life.

All of these projects are being incorporated directly into the historical education and military training of the Corps of Cadets. We aim to give cadets an appreciation and understanding of the West Point terrain and its impact on placement of weapons and fortifications as well as West Point's strategic importance during the Revolutionary War. Cadets soon will be able to act as history teachers to new cadets, friends and families. Much credit goes to former Superintendent Bill Knowlton's wisdom in forming the West Point Bicentennial Committee and appointing the able Lieutenant Colonel John H. Bradley as Director of Bicentennial Activities.

A Cadet Bicentennial Committee, now forming, plans to sponsor social and academic activities relating to the Revolutionary War period. The Cadet Scuba Club has already found part of America's Revolutionary War history in Narragansett Bay off Newport, Rhode Island. Last April 18 club members and 13 officers brought up from the bay an encrusted cannon ball and several pieces of cast iron from the wrecks of two British frigates--the Orpheus and the Cerberus.

These and other activities are part of the Military Academy's observance of our nation's birth. Nearby communities and historic sites--Bear Mountain Park, Stony Point Battlefield, the New Windsor Cantonment, and George Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh--will also be offering programs and events for 1976. I look forward to seeing you this year and in 1976 here at West Point--the "Key to the Continent"--during the American Revolution.

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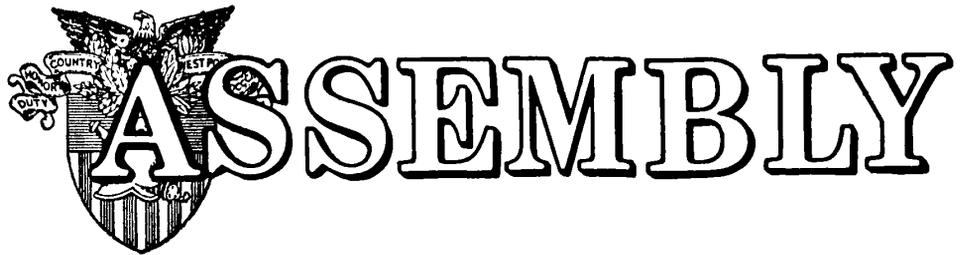


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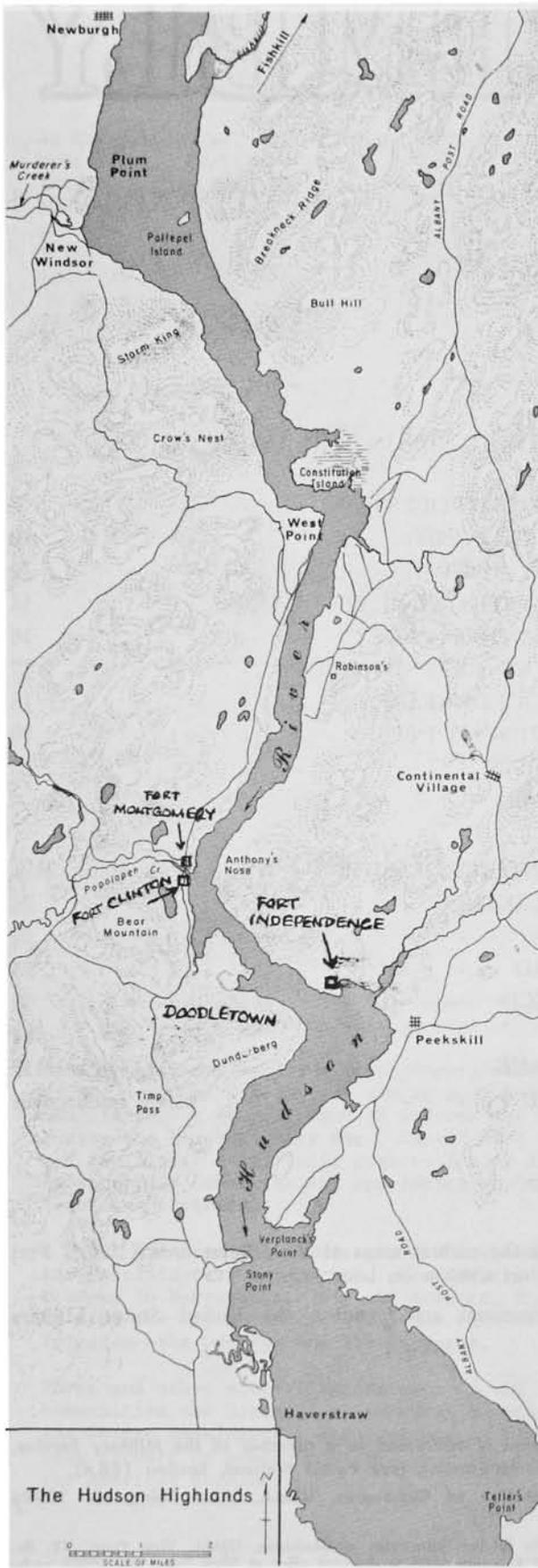
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The Hudson Highlands in



MAP 1

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The advent of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution provides an impetus for Americans everywhere to examine their heritage to better understand and appreciate the history of this nation. Nowhere in the country can soldiers get a finer glimpse of the American Revolutionary War than in the Hudson Highlands and at West Point. In this very dramatic setting can be found the remains of many Revolutionary War forts, redoubts, camps, depots, and headquarters, along with records of great bravery and treason, stories of impressive military feats and disheartening military failures, and the achievements of many important leaders of the fledgling nation. While West Point is the only place that a military post has survived, the whole area should be considered as an entity because it provides a soldier a physical laboratory where he can examine the art of war in the 18th Century.

As part of the Bicentennial plans of the United States Military Academy, action is being taken to partially restore and refurbish Fort Putnam and eventually to preserve, study and improve the redoubts and forts which are still identifiable at West Point. Plans also have been made to publish new monographs on Fort Putnam, the redoubts and Constitution Island. Moreover, to explain the story of the Hudson Highlands, a special terrain model will be placed in a small museum building in Fort Putnam to explain to visitors the history of the Highlands in the American Revolution. The following article is a summary of that history, and should provide readers with a better perspective of the American Revolution in the Hudson Highlands.

ASSEMBLY will publish other articles about the history of West Point and the Bicentennial at West Point in future issues.

IN May 1775 as the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, word reached the members of that body that American patriots under Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold had seized Fort Ticonderoga which stood on Lake Champlain about 175 miles north of West Point. This news meant that the American colonies

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the American Revolution

by JOHN H. BRADLEY

would have to face the real prospect of war with Great Britain.

Almost immediately, the Congress appointed a committee to consider the defense of New York. Chaired by George Washington, the committee considered that the colonists would have to protect and secure the Hudson Highlands which stretched from Tappan Zee to the tiny river town of Newburgh (Map 1).

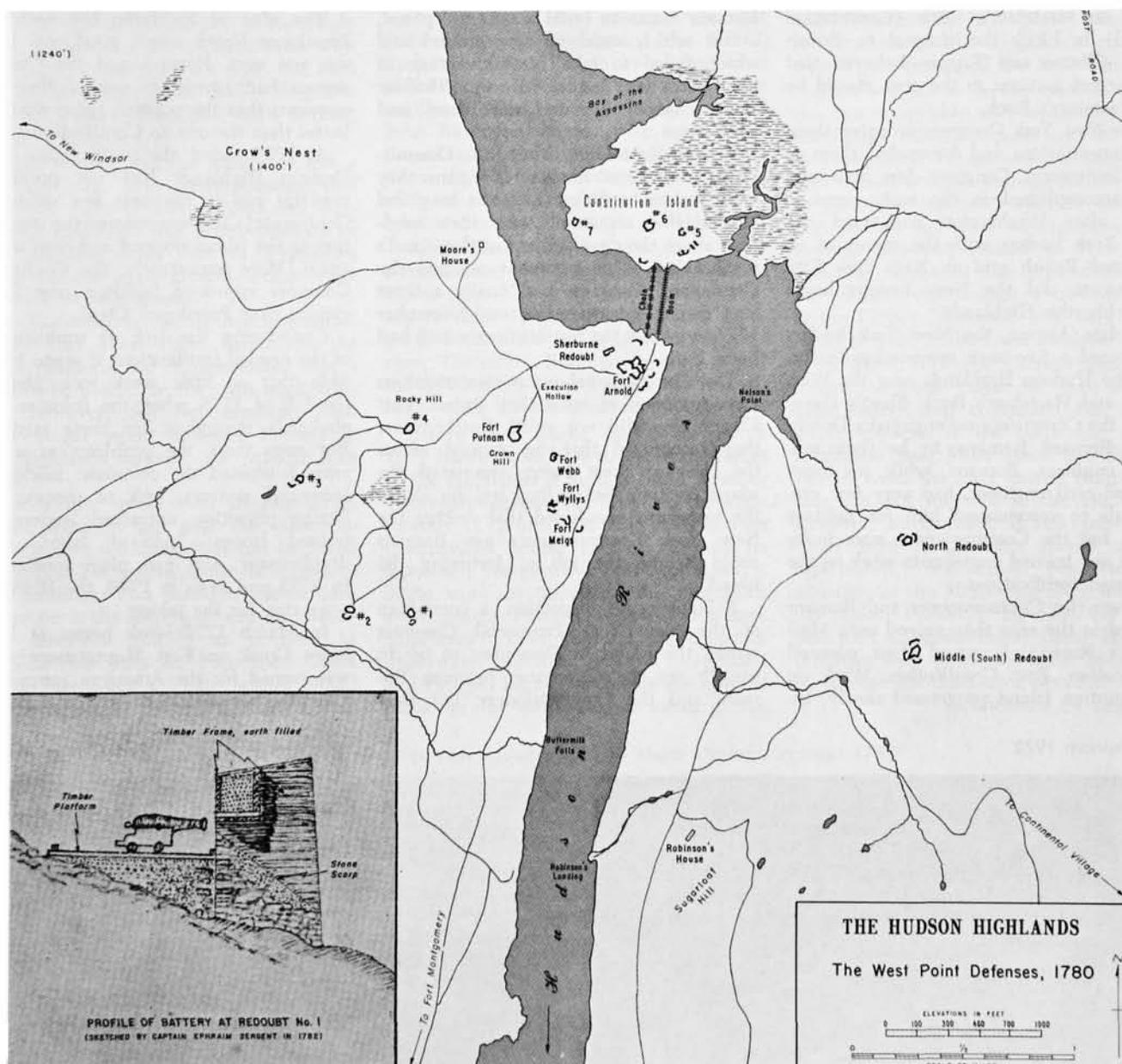
The Americans knew from experience that the Hudson River was the traditional invasion route into the Colonies from Canada and that conversely the river was the natural invasion route into Canada from the colonies.

Furthermore, the Highlands controlled the major southeast-northwest land routes of communications which crossed the Hudson from Stony Point to Verplanck's Point (King's Ferry) and from Newburgh to Fishkill. If the British cut these land routes, they would stop supplies and troops from moving between the New England colonies and the Middle Atlantic colonies. Loss of the Hudson Highlands, moreover, would isolate the American colonists in upper New York and would leave them at the mercy of the Indians who could then be adequately supplied by the British.

Washington and his committee immediately recommended that the Congress

take steps to defend New York. Congress finally agreed to direct that the New York Provincial Congress take action to fortify the Hudson Highlands to prevent ships from passing. The New York leaders reacted promptly to the Congress' resolution and on 2 June two members of the New York Congress, Colonel James Clinton and Christopher Tappen, sailed north to reconnoiter positions to be fortified in the Highlands.

Clinton and Tappen saw many fine sites for fortifications in the rugged Highlands. The two men were looking for a spot, however, where both sides could be forti-



MAP 2



BG "Mad" Anthony Wayne



MG Israel Putnam



Baron Von Steuben

fied. The obvious choice was near the West Point.

In addition, the two men recommended that booms be constructed across the narrow neck of the river from the West Point to Martelaer's Rock (Constitution Island) to block the channel to British ships. Clinton and Tappen believed that the largest garrison in the area should be on Martelaer's Rock.

The New York Congress accepted these recommendations and forwarded them to the Continental Congress, but little else was accomplished in the early summer. Only after Washington frightened the New York leaders with the report of an expected British raid on New York City in August, did the New Yorkers begin to fortify the Highlands.

In late August, the New York leaders appointed a five man commission to fortify the Hudson Highlands near the West Point and Martelaer's Rock. Shortly thereafter, the Commissioners engaged a Dutchman, Bernard Romans, to be their military engineer. Romans, while an experienced civil engineer, had very few credentials to recommend him for military work, but the Commissioners were lucky to get any trained engineer to work on the proposed fortifications.

When the Commissioners and Romans arrived in the area they moved onto Martelaer's Rock and named their planned fortification, Fort Constitution. Work on Constitution Island progressed slowly. In-

explicitly Romans ignored the recommendations of Tappen and Clinton to fortify both sides of the river and block the river. Concentrating on a Grand Bastion on the southwest side of the island, Romans began to build a white elephant, a fort which stood on low ground and which failed to take best advantage of the restrictive nature of the Hudson River channel between the island and West Point.

In late September when the Commissioners discovered Romans' new plans they were furious and they began a long and interminable argument with their engineer about the development of the island's fortifications. The argument reached the Continental Congress and finally a three man committee arrived in mid-November 1775 to inspect the fortifications which had been built.

The Congressional committee members were appalled at what they found. Fort Constitution did not exist! Furthermore, they recognized that the ground across the river at West Point dominated the island position. Before they left the island, the inspectors concluded that neither the New York Commissioners nor Romans could handle the job of fortifying the island.

Following this inspection, a committee of the New York Provincial Congress visited the island in December to try to smooth out the differences between Romans and the Commissioners, but they

were unsuccessful. They did, however, recommend that the ground near Popolopen Creek be fortified instead of Constitution Island. Still they ignored West Point.

The idea of fortifying the area near Popolopen Creek was a good one, but it was not new. Romans and the Commissioners had agreed in one of their rare moments that the position there would be better than the one on Constitution Island.

As 1775 ended, the fortifications of the Hudson Highlands had not progressed very far and in the next few weeks the Continental Congress ordered the construction on the island stopped and then started again. More importantly, the Continental Congress approved building new fortifications near Popolopen Creek.

Considering the lack of sophistication of the needed fortifications it seems impossible that so little work took place in the fall of 1775 when the colonies were obviously struggling for their existence. But even then, the problems of a new army frustrated the colonials: inadequate command systems; lack of money; conflicting priorities; untrained leaders; untrained troops; lack of labor; graft; drunkenness; and just plain inefficiency. In 1775 and even in 1776, the Highlands were ripe for the taking.

In March 1776 work began at Popolopen Creek on Fort Montgomery which was named for the American commander killed the year before during the American

Fort Putnam 1972



Fort Clinton in 1860





COL James Clinton, member Provincial Convention tasked with Tappen to survey the Highlands and report proper place to erect fortifications.

invasion of Canada. Shortly thereafter when Washington heard about the poor condition of the fortifications in the Highlands, he sent an officer north from New York City to command the area, and then sent an inspection team under Brigadier General William Alexander, Lord Stirling, to examine the area.

Lord Stirling and his assistants did a thorough job. They recommended that works be built at Stony Point and Verplanck's Point and that a new position be built on the south side of Popolopen Creek on the high ground which overlooked Fort Montgomery.

On Constitution Island, they saw immediately that West Point dominated the island positions and recommended that a redoubt be placed on the west bank. Stirling, however, did not mention West Point in his report and the Patriots in the Highlands ignored the critical area again.

Just a few weeks later in July 1776, British warships ran past the American gun positions on Manhattan and anchored in Tappan Zee out of range of American land batteries. This threat triggered furious action in the Highlands and the Americans tried as quickly as possible to complete the forts on Popolopen Creek and to construct a chain which would stretch across the river to Anthony's Nose

on the east. After Washington's defeat on Long Island and then later at White Plains, the position in the Highlands became more and more important to the Patriot cause. Washington, however, after he visited the area in November, apparently thought that the existing forts there would stop any British advance and chose to move with his army toward New Jersey. While troops completed the two forts at Popolopen Creek and constructed new positions near them on the west and on the east south of Anthony's Nose (Fort Independence), the chain was finished and was moved into place. It broke, however, and the river could not be blocked. Farther north, Patriots took action to block the river between Plum Point and Pollepel Island with underwater obstacles.

After facing many British threats in 1776, the troops in the Highlands settled down to a cold winter while Washington went south to fight his Christmas Campaign at Princeton and Trenton and winter in Morristown, New Jersey.

During 1777, the situation changed radically in the Highlands. The British leaders in Great Britain knew the value of the Hudson River line, and in 1777 they implemented a plan whereby General John Burgoyne would strike south from Canada along the Lake Champlain-Hudson River route toward Albany in conjunction with an attack along the Mohawk River by Lieutenant Colonel Barry St. Leger.

While there was much discussion about a coordinated move by General Sir William Howe from New York City up the Hudson to meet Burgoyne, the British leaders in London did not order such cooperation. Therefore, Burgoyne would repeat the 1776 drive from Canada toward Albany while Howe went to Philadelphia.

Before both major moves began in 1777 Howe could have defeated the forces in the Highlands if he had cared to move vigorously against the Patriots. In early January 1777 only 156 men remained on Constitution Island and as few as six reportedly remained at Fort Montgomery. Some work continued in the Highlands even though Patriots deserted in scores. Impressed Tories labored to construct underwater obstacles between Plum Point and Pollepel Island. Engineers also readied plans for the emplacement again of the



BG Richard Montgomery, killed at Quebec 1775. Fort Montgomery named for him.

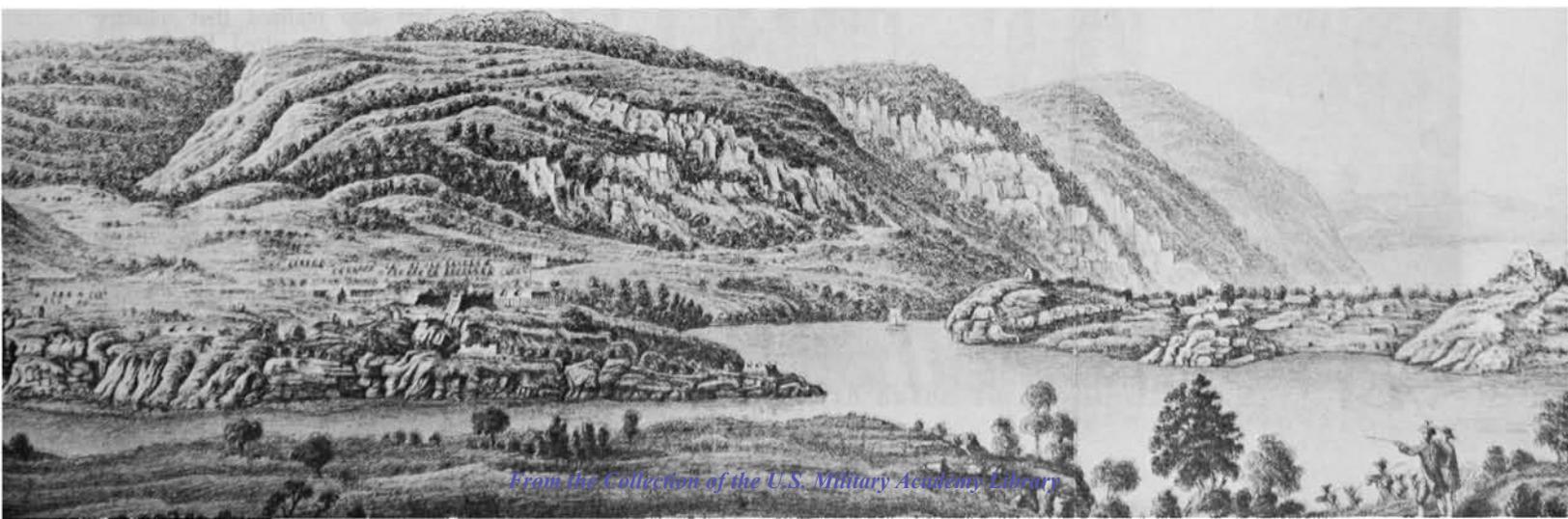
chain (now repaired) near Fort Montgomery when weather permitted. If the river obstacles had been emplaced, if Forts Montgomery, Clinton, Independence, and Constitution had been completed, the Patriots in the Highlands probably would have frustrated the British in 1777.

Such was not to be the case. In March the British quickly and efficiently raided the Patriot collection point and magazine at Continental Village near Peekskill. The raid caused feverish activity further north as American regiments manned Constitution Island and Fort Montgomery. The British, however, retired to New York and the threat to the area diminished for awhile even though a civil war between Patriot "skinners" and Tory "cowboys" erupted in the lower Hudson Valley.

In April 1777 the Patriots finally installed the chain under the guns at Fort Montgomery and completed the underwater obstacles at the north end of the Highlands near Plum Point and Pollepel Island. Even the forts neared completion. Life did not improve in the Highlands, however, as constant British feints and bluffs kept the Patriots stirred up. At Morristown, Washington pondered the situation in the Highlands after the British raided Peekskill. He was not satisfied with his commanders there. His subordinates were timid; therefore, he wanted to appoint the combative Benedict Arnold

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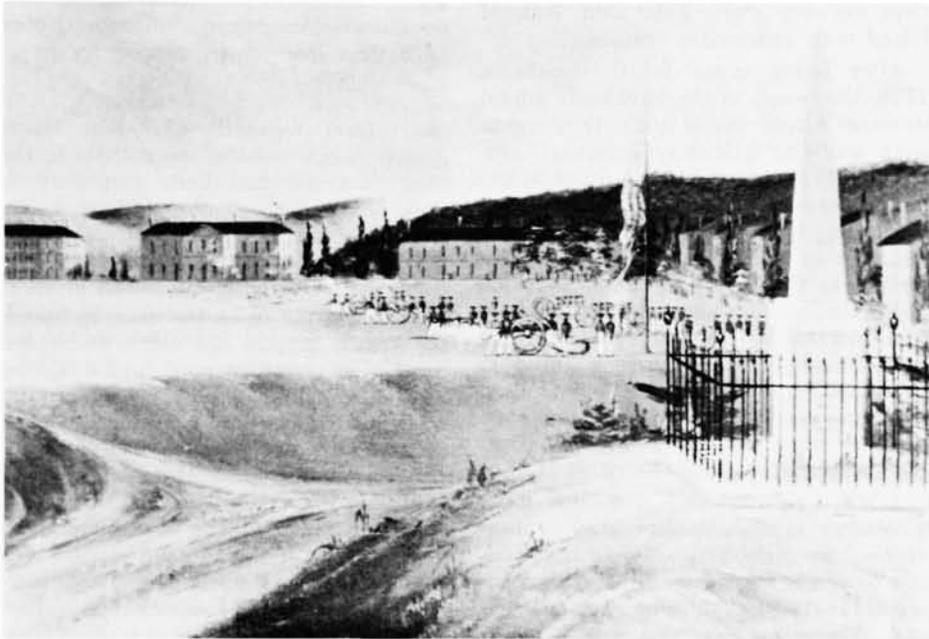
"A View of West Point on Hudsons River by Major L'Enfant Engineer 1780"



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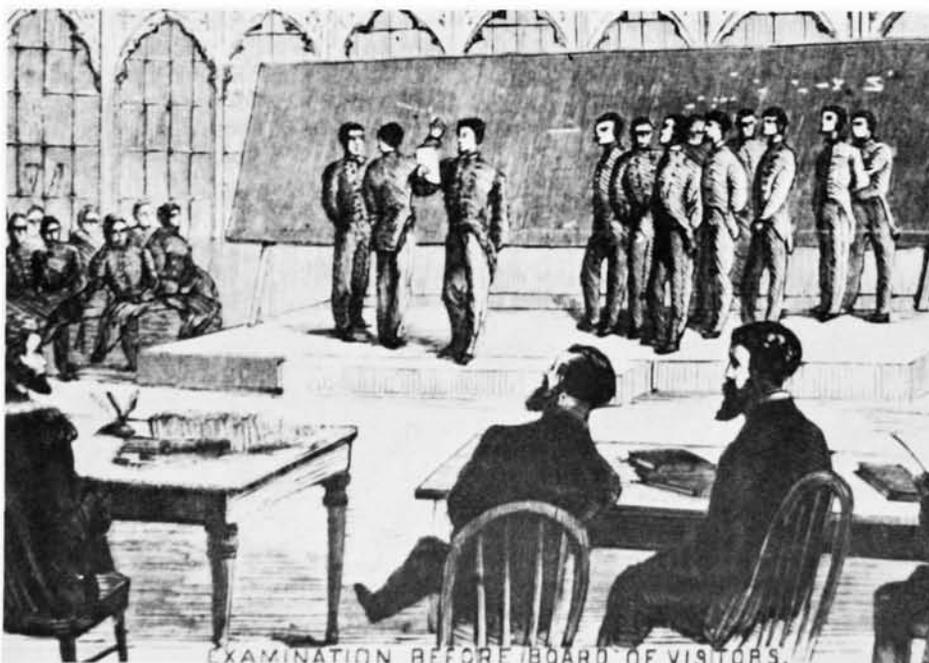
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A view of 1827 West Point during artillery practice on the Plain. (From a watercolor, USMA Museum.)

This Theodore Davis lithograph depicts cadet final examinations before friends, classmates and the Board of Visitors.



AS we pay tribute in our bicentennial celebrations to the birth of the United States of America, it is appropriate that we reflect on the contributions made by individuals and agencies in the development of our nation from the struggling colonies of those early days to the world power that it is today. It is likewise fitting that this reflection should center on the role of engineers in this development. Although there are many definitions of the term engineering and the word engineer, a study of such definitions discloses that all have one element in common: engineering accomplishes, and the engineer performs a function that has an effect, hopefully beneficial, on mankind and society. It is therefore a natural consequence that the quality of the engineering, performed during any period of time, should greatly influence the development of that society or nation. This relationship becomes even more direct and meaningful when reflecting upon the accomplishments of that segment of engineers who by the nature of their work are associated with the public works programs of the nation. Our reflection at the time of this bicentennial celebration is therefore quite appropriately directed toward paying tribute and honor to those public servants who have accomplished so much. Just how did it all begin?

The early years of our fight for independence, and the national needs for expansion and growth after that independence was won, emphasized dramatically our dependence upon engineers from other countries. Fortunately, some of our political leaders were farsighted and realized the necessity of establishing our own base for producing engineers who would be properly educated and trained. These same leaders also realized that military engineers had the required talents and characteristics. From this then, emerged the concept of using engineers educated and trained as military engineers, to accomplish the engineering feats needed in our national interests, even though the projects themselves might not be related to actual military operations. The graduates of the United States Military Academy could well fulfill this role.

The establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802 marks the beginning of the first school of engineering in the United States whose efforts were concentrated on the teaching

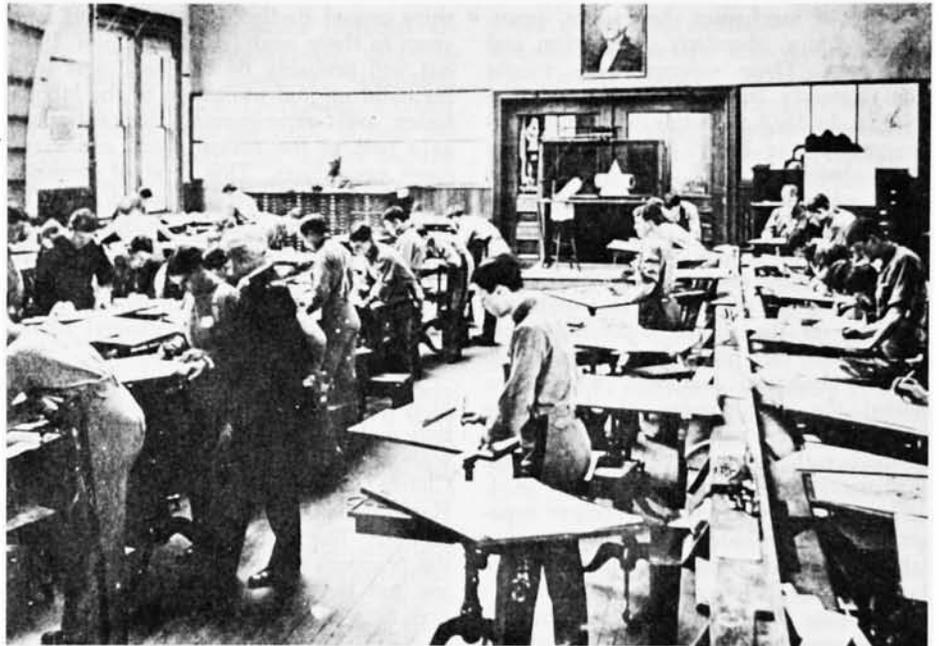
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of science and the application of that science. This clearly differentiated its educational program from those programs then in being at other colleges. The initial emphasis was on the application of science to the solution of military problems. However, Secretary of War James McHenry had emphasized that this preparation also provided these cadets and officers the capabilities to function as engineers in civil activities. In its initial stages from 1802 to 1812, the Academy was small and operated on very meager resources. Its early years saw the same struggle of any young institution attempting to find itself and its proper place in the world at that time. It was indeed a struggle for the first fifteen years. Small in size and working on minimum resources, this period of the Academy's history has been described as having no definite or consistent system of instruction or of examination. A crucial point was in fact reached in 1812, and were it not for the outstanding success of the graduates of the Academy in the War of 1812, the Academy might well have then met its end. After much debate, the Academy was given a sound organizational structure and was continued under the Congressional Act of 1812. It became an entirely different institution with the appointment as Superintendent in 1817, of then Major Sylvanus Thayer who served in that capacity until 1833. Thayer's contributions are well known.

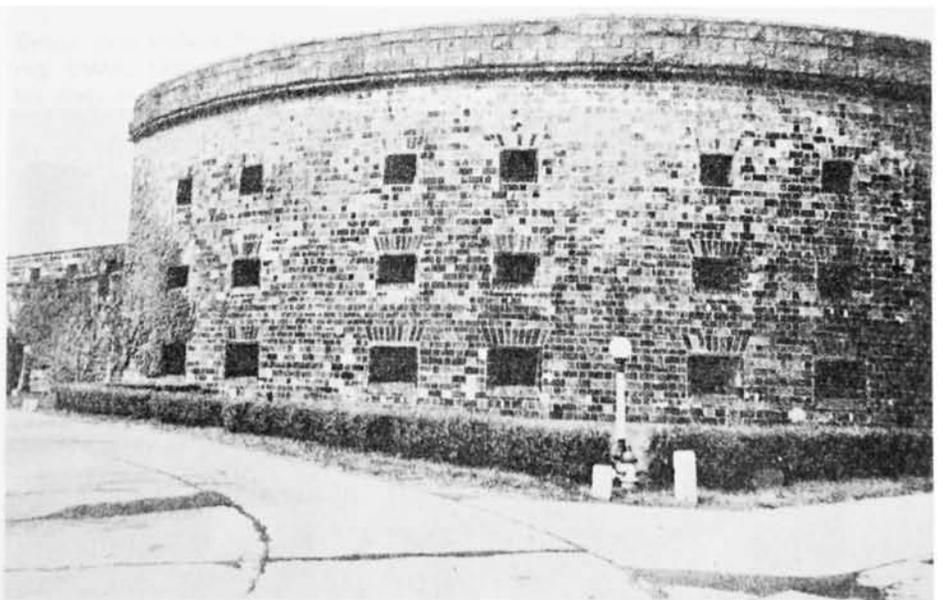
The curriculum likewise had initial growing pains. It started simply with courses of instruction centered around mathematics, natural philosophy, and engineering as well as military subjects dealing with fortifications, artillery, gunnery, and infantry drill. In 1802 the mathematics course included elements of geometry, algebra, and surveying. The Congressional Act of 1812, however, gave to the Military Academy, a formal structure. The appointment of a Professor of Mathematics, a Professor of Engineering, and a Professor of Natural Philosophy, signaled the beginning of positive departmental organization. Thus began the evolution of courses and future departments.

The period of 1812-1820 witnessed within the courses in natural philosophy



Cadets spent many hours in art, sketching and drawing classes to prepare them to convey their ideas for all types of construction projects.

Named for its designer, Colonel Jonathan Williams, this castle on Governor's Island served for many years not only as a deterrent to attack, but also as a military prison.





The railroad bridge over Bull Run in Virginia was repaired by Union engineers using two prefabricated Burr trusses transported on railcars to this location.

a study of mechanics, hydraulics, pneumatics, optics, chemistry, magnetism and astronomy. These courses were taught from Enfield's *Institutes of Natural Philosophy*. In 1818 a treatise by Dr. Olinthus Gregory of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, England, was used for the advanced cadets. The results of using this text suggested a study and redesign of the course which was conducted in 1819. In 1820 the new course was adopted.

The influence of Edward H. Courtenay, professor of the course, 1828-1834, was established by his adoption of high quality analytical textbooks which permitted the development of the course based on the calculus and analytical methods rather than geometrical methods. William H.C. Bartlett (Professor 1834-1871) further upgraded the course especially by the introduction of high quality laboratory and experimental work. He built up the laboratory equipment to a high degree thus permitting the introduction of experimental demonstrations with which to give greater effectiveness to the lectures. In 1840, Bartlett again revised the course, this time tending to return to a geometrical basis rather than the analytical base. However, pressures from the other professors at the Academy who favored the analytical proofs and relation-

ships caused Bartlett to return in his later years to these analytical techniques. Bartlett will probably be credited most with his build up and utilization of the laboratories and experimental demonstrations as a part of the course study and classroom procedures. This type of development and evolution continued and by 1896, the course content consisted of the study of analytical mechanisms (mechanics of solids, mechanics of fluids, and theory of machines), wave motion to include acoustics and optics; general astronomy; and practical astronomy.

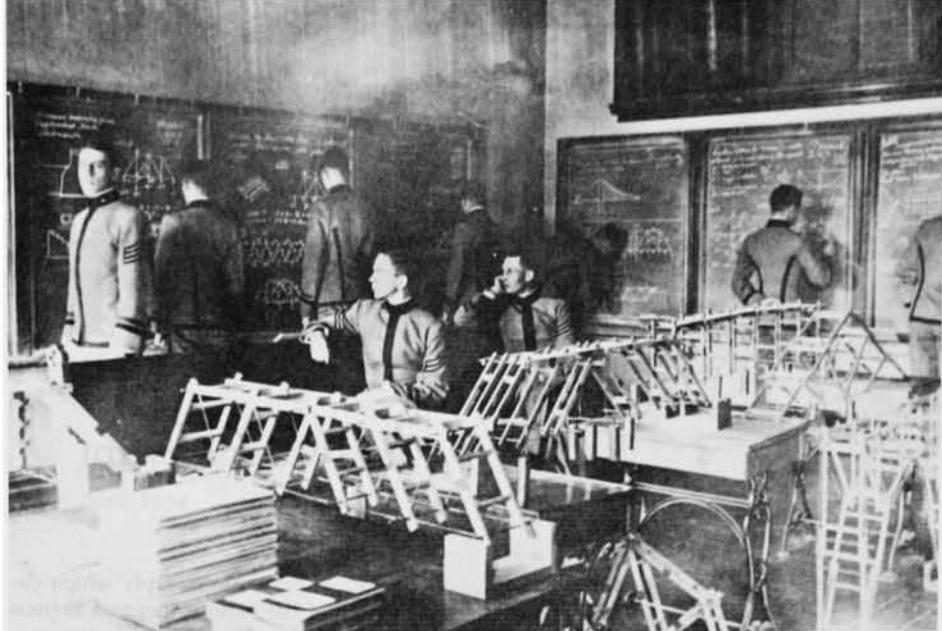
The courses in the Department of Engineering likewise saw a gradual evolution under a series of professors starting with Alden Partridge and continuing with Claude Crozet, David Douglas, Dennis Hart Mahan, J.B. Wheeler and James Mercur. The initial courses emphasized the practical aspects of military engineering and fortifications, both their destruction as well as design and construction. In 1817, Crozet introduced a study of descriptive geometry which is believed to be the earliest study of this subject in America. Considerable drawing was included within the engineering course. In 1823 the first course titled Civil Engineering was presented, which is believed to be one of the first times that distinctions

were made between civil engineering as opposed to engineering in support of military operations, even though John Smeaton had applied the term to himself in 1782. By 1832 under Mahan, the usual military engineering courses of field fortifications, permanent fortifications, mines, and attack and defense of fortifications were complemented with courses in civil engineering, architecture and stone cutting, machines, mechanics of engineering, and industrial drawing. One of Mahan's great contributions was in the preparation of texts. These will be mentioned more specifically later. Between 1826 and 1830, Mahan was in Europe visiting England and Italy, and studying the French public works as well as the French military institutions. During one of these years, he was a student in the military school of application for engineers and artilleryists at Metz, France. Naturally these experiences provided him first hand knowledge that was to prove so beneficial in his evolution of the engineering courses. During the period 1884-1896 James Mercur was Professor of Engineering. Under the heading of Civil Engineering were taught: building materials, strength of materials, structures (framing, roofs, masonry, foundations); bridges; roads, railroads and canals; and stone cutting. The



Cadets discuss the merits of the Fink truss, first used successfully in 1852 to span the Monongahela River, and a popular railroad design after the Civil War.

An engineering recitation in the late 1800's.



course also included a special problem which consisted of the design and drawing of a steel railway bridge for the advanced cadets. Other cadets were required to design and to draw a roof truss. As a note of interest, the special problem in military engineering was to layout and to draw a detached fort. Such design problems and drawing requirements were continuations of similar problems initiated by Mahan. Mercur introduced new concepts on "rolling loads, pressures sustained by retaining walls and of loads on bridges and their effects."

The technical and analytical level of education was emphasized by Thayer and by those professors and departments associated particularly with his tenure as Superintendent. This influence however, was so deeply imbued that it continued even after Thayer's personal departure. As has been mentioned, Crozet introduced descriptive geometry in 1817. About this same time, the Department of Mathematics introduced the study of calculus. Obviously, if the science and engineering departments were going to use the analytical approaches in their studies, the Department of Mathematics was required to present such a base or foundation of mathematical capability. In response to this requirement, we find that by 1860

the studies in mathematics included algebra, geometry, trigonometry, measurement, descriptive geometry, analytical geometry, calculus and surveying; a rather large advance from the study of only the elements of geometry and algebra and the use of surveying instruments which constituted the course in 1802. One can only be impressed with the dedication of the professors previously mentioned during the period from 1812, and especially after 1820, to the principle that the courses were to be based upon a solid analytical foundation and taught so as to emphasize a rigorous analytical scientific approach. Texts were carefully scrutinized and were either accepted or rejected on the basis of their application of the analytical approach and the development of analytical skills within the students.

In view of the infancy of this analytical approach and the lack of adequate texts, particularly those written in the English language, it was only natural that these same professors who were guiding the courses at the Academy, should also be involved in the preparation of texts which would find their way into civilian educational institutions then in existence and being newly formed. Charles Davies, Professor of Mathematics from 1823 to 1837 and a graduate of USMA, Class of 1815,

wrote a series of textbooks on algebra, Bourdon's geometry, plain and spherical trigonometry, Davies' legendre, descriptive geometry; shades, shadows and perspectives; surveying, analytical geometry and calculus. W.H.C. Bartlett, Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy 1834-1871, USMA Class of 1826, wrote texts on acoustics, optics, mechanics and astronomy. In addition, Professor Albert E. Church, Professor of Mathematics 1837 to 1878, graduate of USMA, Class of 1828, wrote a book on calculus in 1842, analytical geometry in 1851, trigonometry in 1857 and descriptive geometry in 1865. Claude Crozet, Professor of Engineering 1817 to 1823, provided a translation of M.I. Sganzin's "Elementary Course of Civil Engineering" which he published in 1823. Dennis Hart Mahan, Professor of Engineering 1832 to 1871, graduate of USMA, Class of 1824, wrote texts based upon translations of the existing French texts and did original work such as his publications on military engineering, fortifications, mines, attack and defense of fortifications. He also wrote a text on civil engineering (approximately 1841) as well as lithographic notes on architecture and stone cutting, industrial drawing, and machines. His text on industrial drawing
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This translation by Crozet of a text written in Europe was typical of the work done prior to 1827 when Professor Dennis Mahan wrote the first engineering text specifically for cadet use.

Dennis Hart Mahan, Professor of Engineering, USMA, 1832-1871, graduated first in his class in 1824. Mahan's work covered civil and military engineering as well as the art of war.

Thayer, Superintendent 1817-1833, established engineering as the core curriculum of the Military Academy.

TREATISE

Descriptive Geometry,

FOR THE
CADETS OF THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY ACADEMY

BY C. CROZET,

PART I

CONTAINING THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF GEOMETRY,
ELEMENTS, AND ITS APPLICATION TO SURVEYING
AND PRACTICE.



New-York:



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CADET LIFE IN

by DWIGHT L. SMITH

THE terse sketches in the REGISTER OF GRADUATES of the United States Military Academy are only bare skeleton biographies. As many are fleshed out in various publications we come to appreciate the contributions of Academy graduates to the development of American history. The career of an occasional graduate is also intimately associated with the history of the Academy itself.

Samuel Escue Tillman (1847-1942), Class of 1869, was one of these. After tours in the West and elsewhere, he served in the academic ranks of the Academy for some thirty-six years. To fill the needs of his classes he wrote several textbooks in chemistry, geology, mineralogy, and physics. During World War I he returned to active duty as Superintendent. This was followed by a term as President of the Association of Graduates.

In his late eighties and early nineties, aided by sketchy diaries and official records to jog his memory, Tillman began an autobiographical record. Before he ran out of time he had written 233 pages dealing with his first three decades. Some of it is quite detailed while some is less thorough.

Of interest here are excerpts which describe some of the experiences and impressions of his cadet days. Deletions concern furloughs, references to other parts of his manuscript, and details that could not be included because of limitations of space. Paragraphing and some capitalization have been added editorially. Otherwise it is Tillman's verbatim account. Compare the reception in 1865 with that in 1975 of new cadets.

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There is nothing to be noted of the trip of my brother and myself to West Point except that we reached that place by a Hudson River boat descending the river. We arrived there late in the afternoon and went directly to Roe's Hotel located just north of where now stands the equestrian statue of Washington. The hotel was crowded because of the near approach to the graduating exercises and also because at that time West Point was quite a summer resort and was usually full in June. We slept on the floor of the room from which the cupola projected.

My brother went to New York City the next morning and I reported to the adjutant at his office which was in a part of

the building now the Library. This was the morning of June 14th. There happened to be two other candidates, members of my class, arriving at the adjutant's office at the same time with myself. In a room adjoining this office I deposited the required \$75.00. We three were then conducted by a uniformed orderly to the guardhouse in the area of the cadet barracks. There was then one such barrack. In the guardhouse were three cadets

one cadet captain, one sergeant and one corporal. These cadet officers were to receive the new appointees, make record of articles of property brought with them, assign them to rooms in barracks and with two or three other old cadets were to be the military tutors of the new appointees for the present.

When my two associates and I arrived at the guard there were already four other appointees rigidly "lined up" apparently gazing at the blank wall back of the inquisitors and answering the questions shot at them. I and my two companions were lined up a little to the right and rear of the other line, directed to stand erect and keep our eyes fixed on a certain indicated nail in the south wall. There

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Cadet room 1870



Cadet Tillman 1868



THE 1860's

South Dock 1868

were now seven of us in that erect squad and there seldom elapsed a minute that some one of us was not reprimanded for departing from our instructions.

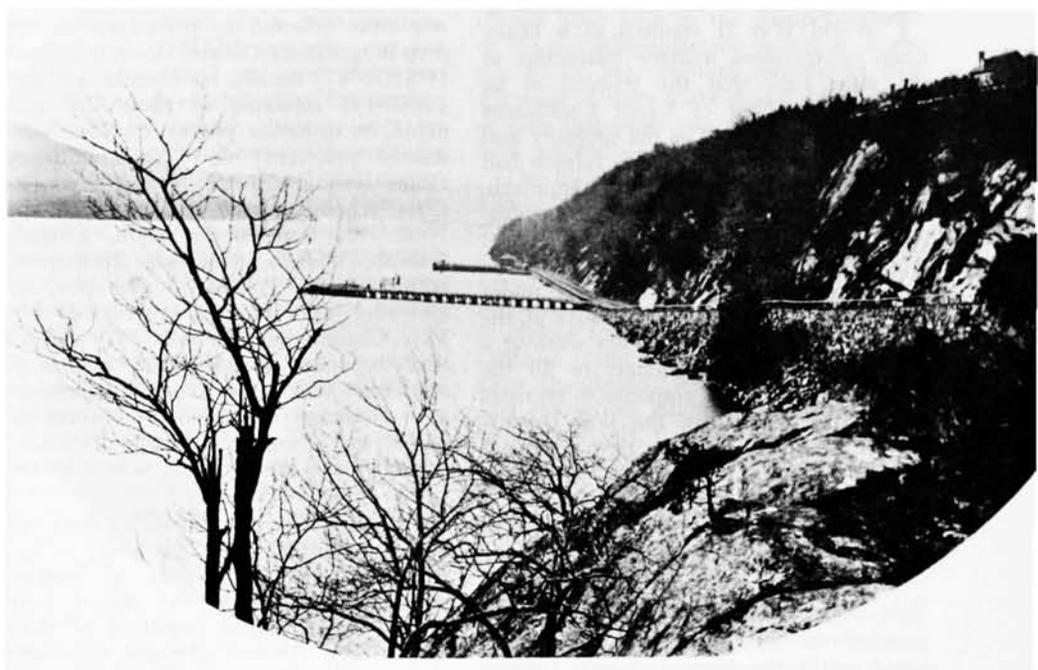
As the captain continued to question the members in the front line as to what articles of property they had brought with them, he asked, "Any books?" The boy answered "A dictionary, an arithmetic." "Whose arithmetic?" called out the cadet sergeant. The boy answered "Mine." This answer caused every member of each line to laugh and that levity caused the sergeant and corporal to step out nearer to us and severely reprimand as a body and individually; and one of my three companions who was wearing a blue jacket with brass buttons was asked by the corporal if he had not been in the military service. The boy replied that he had. "Then don't you know you should not laugh in ranks?" To which the blue jacketed youth replied, "I never do except when it is quite funny." That youth in his subsequent cadet career quite distinguished himself by humorous replies to questions asked him. . . The question as to former military service was in turn asked each of us before we were sent to our barrack rooms. From . . . this question I learned that the two youths whom I had first met at the adjutant's office had both been in the Army, each for more than two years. Both served in cavalry regiments, one in a Michigan regiment, the other a Missouri regiment.

After our questioning at the cadet guardhouse was completed we were sent to the barracks and to my great delight these same two youths and myself were assigned to the same room. Not only were we mutually satisfactory occupants while in that forlorn room, but during the whole of the following four years of cadet life they were among my most valued and intimate friends.

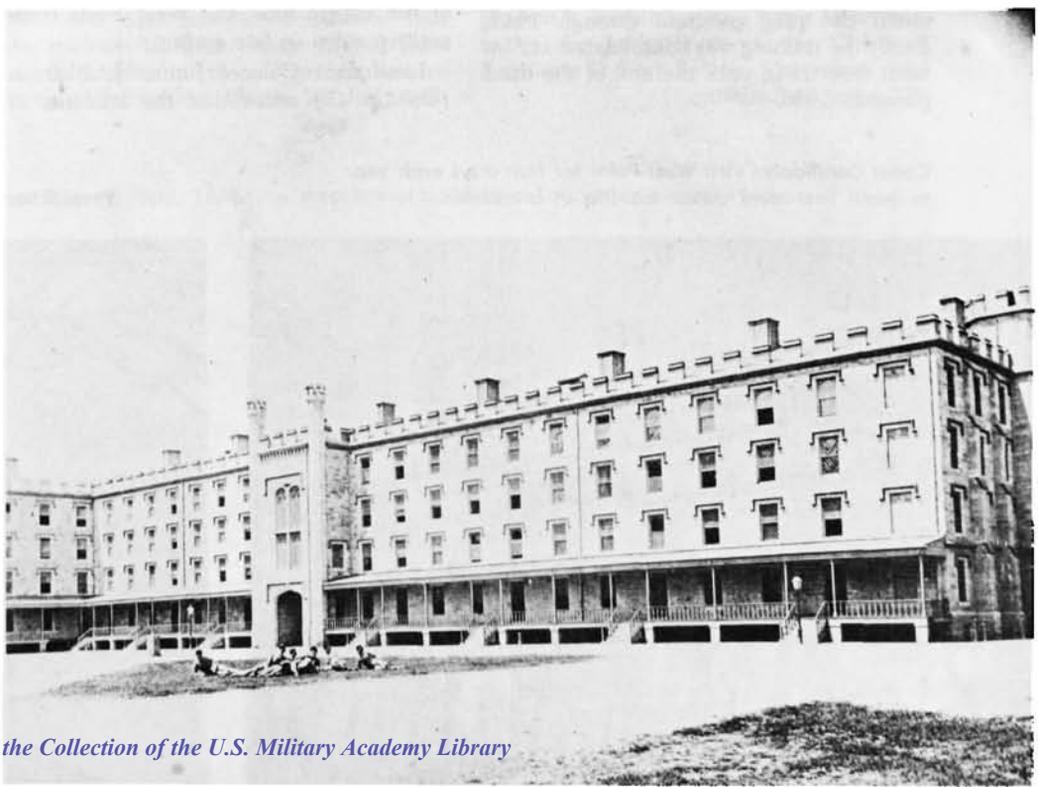
I have termed our first room in barracks "forlorn" and I still think it a proper designation. The room was located on the fourth floor of the 8th division of the barracks. . . The room had but one window and that facing West, so that direct sunlight was shut from the room in the early afternoon by the nearby high hills. However, the absence of daylight from that room was not the principal element of discomfort to us three "plebes" (that was

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Cadet Barracks 1866



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Editor's Note: We present here the second of a two-part history of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. A brief sketch about the authors, instructors at the present Prep School at Ft Belvoir, was presented in Part I published in the March issue of ASSEMBLY. A summary of current USMA Prep School admission information was also included in Part 1. Graduates are encouraged to make this information available to interested applicants. Comments on these articles are invited by Colonel A.P. DeLuca, USMA '53, the Commandant, USMAPS, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060.

A BRIEF

by 1LT MATTHEW F. IGNOFFO, AGC
edited by
MR. STEPHEN L. JACOBS

PHASE III: 1943-46

THE prelude to and final outbreak of World War II resulted in a heavy drain on qualified military instructors at the same time that the training of an increasing number of Cadet Candidates became a necessity. The old diversity and informality of the Corps Area schools had to give way to a more structured approach. During the third year of America's involvement in the war, the over-loaded Corps Area schools were discontinued, and the prep school system was consolidated under the Army Service Forces. Because of the war, many liberal arts colleges were at a loss to find enough students to fill the vacant classrooms. In response to requests from these institutions, the War Department experimented with a new system of farming the prep students out to civilian schools; thus a college atmosphere was substituted for the traditional barracks style of the earlier phases.

Three institutions were selected by the War Department to set up prep school programs using teachers paid by the colleges, not by the Army. Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, conducted a school commencing with the 1943-44 school year, while Cornell University presented the prep program through 1945; finally the training was consolidated at Amherst from 1943 until the end of the third phase in 1946.

In August 1943, enlisted men from all major commands and military theaters of war were selected to participate in the prep program. As Colonel Howard Sargent (USMA '47) recalls, his class at Amherst (1943-44) consisted of about 350 students. As in earlier phases, the class constantly practiced old USMA entrance exams throughout the 10-month course. Class schedules were built around the West Point curriculum: math, English, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, political science, military topography, engineering drawing, and surveying. Mr. M.J. Chamberlain (USMA '47) relates that the school consisted of "a year of academics which was roughly equivalent to a freshman course in a conventional liberal arts program." The prep school had obviously come a long way from the World War I bunkers.

The students were frozen in their enlisted grades. Through the series of examinations and interviews at various stages in the course, the classes were usually cut to about one-third of their original size. Those eliminated were sent back to their units, some arriving in Europe just prior to the Battle of the Bulge. Those who made it through the final stage of the course took the West Point competitive exam in late spring.

Lieutenant Colonel Junius J. Bleiman (USMA '47) notes that the students at

Amherst were housed in the Pratt and Morrow dormitories, which were much more inviting than the old barracks of Phase II. The two harried lieutenants who were in charge of the Cadet Candidates had their hands full, especially because Amherst lies conveniently between Smith College and Mt. Holyoke College—two girl's schools. Bleiman comments that, considering the location "it was a very unwarlike year." Lieutenant Colonel E.L. Garrabrants (USMA '47) states that the "natives were friendly, young men were a scarce commodity and unlike recent years, soldiers were treated well, and treated often."

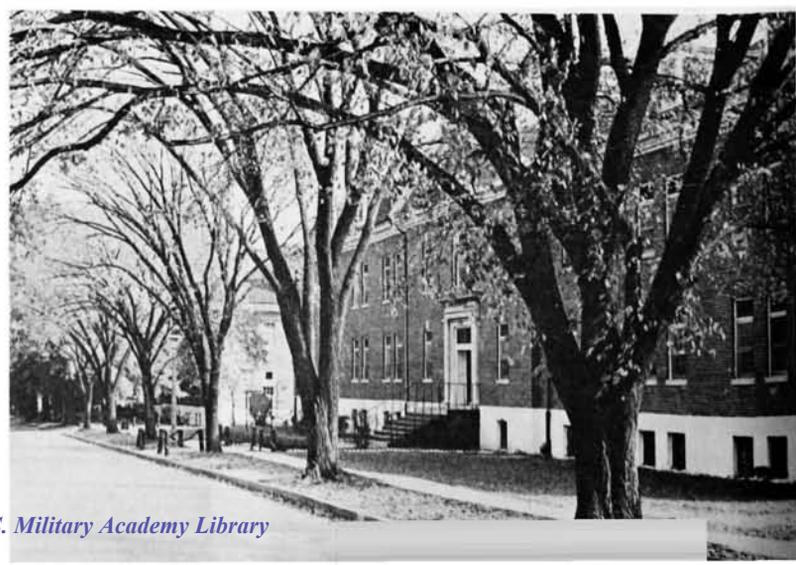
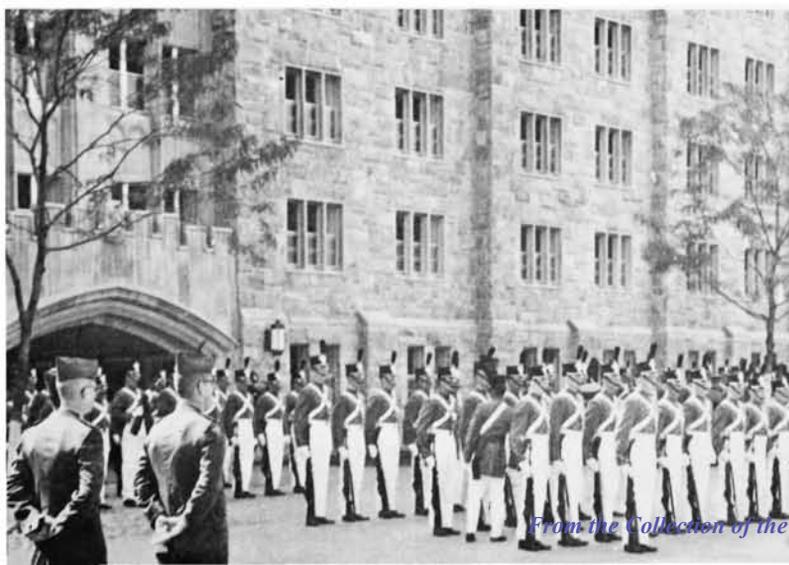
Along with the more serene atmosphere of college life, as compared to barracks life, a more formal academic spirit came to the prep program. A large portion of the distinguished Cadets at West Point came from the classes of Phase III, especially from Amherst. The civilian college experiment had proved very beneficial to the prep system. However, because of changing circumstances following World War II, the system was returned to direct Army control.

PHASE IV: Since 1946

With the swamping of universities caused by the return of the GI's in 1946, USMAPS was forced to leave Amherst. On the basis of recommendations from various studies conducted following the war, the school was again made an official

Cadet Candidates visit West Point for four days each year to learn first-hand about the life of a cadet.

Prep School today at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



COL Frank G. Davis, USMA '19, first Commandant of the current version of USMA Prep School.



HISTORY OF USMAPS

part of the Army; for the first time the school was formally established as a single independent military organization. A return of greater discipline and more effective training methods were combined with the spirit of professional education which had developed during Phase III.

Stewart Army Air Field was chosen to host the school. Colonel Frank G. Davis (USMA '19) was named as first commandant. Since the site was adjacent to West Point and under the Superintendent's command there was, more than ever before, a close coordination between West Point and the prep school. General Maxwell D. Taylor (USMA '22), who was Superintendent of the Military Academy at the time, wrote in the 1947 yearbook that the new setup would give "the double advantage of a reinforced secondary education and considerable insight into the conditions of cadet life. . ."

With a well rounded academic, military and physical training program, increasingly larger proportions of the classes were successful in meeting the high standards of admission to the Military Academy.

General Maxwell Taylor often visited the Prep School in an unobtrusive manner. He observed many classes and chatted frequently with staff and students. He did not require the young Cadet Candidates to come to attention since he felt that this would make them more at ease in telling him their views.

Despite this close coordination, Phase IV brought many growth pains reminiscent of the earlier phases of the prep program. Because the USMAPS program was not very well advertised and since there was little Army-wide coordination for sending soldiers to the school, students kept arriving at irregular intervals through the first two or three months of the course; sometimes, by the time the full class was assembled, the staff could hardly handle the courses. Mr. Robert Barnum, former Head of the Mathematics Department, recalls that the work load at times seemed like "nine years in nine months" for both teachers and students. Special sequences of courses had to be prepared to accommodate the students who arrived after the initial courses began. The Academic Department created many syllabi which eventually were called simply "X," "Y," or "Z." For the very late arrivals a whirlwind course was set up and called "GW"—"Gee Whiz." Often students would remain at the school for more than the regular one year course since there was the option for the student to attempt to complete the full prep course three times. It was not uncommon for a class to begin in the fall with about 14 members and conclude in the spring with nearly 400 members. Mr. Barnum comments that the students in these classes ranged from fourth grade up to college sophomore levels and therefore had to be dealt with

individually rather than as a class. Classrooms had to be partitioned and some classes were held in the damp basement of the old administrative buildings of the Air Field. Mr. Barnum remembers that the walls of these make-shift cubicles were so thin that often one class could not be held without disturbing another.

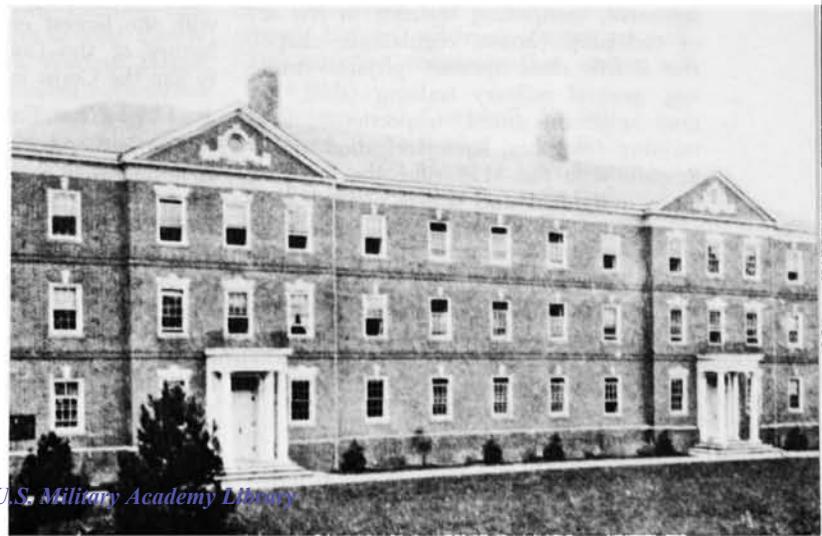
The highly developed athletic program had to be phased out because of the strain on the training program. The instructors were quartered in a decayed BOQ; they became overburdened with a complicated rotation schedule and the constant shifts in classes and subject matter. Things became so confused that the school was almost abandoned. When word got around that the school might close, many of the instructors left for other teaching positions. This put a double load on the remaining teachers who sometimes had to conduct two classes at the same time in adjacent rooms: while one class did paper work, the other class had a discussion or lecture period, and vice versa.

When Stewart Field was selected as a headquarters site under the Air Defense Command, the Department of the Army decided to move the school once again. The program was discontinued at Stewart Air Force Base on 1 July 1957, and was thereafter established as a Class II activity under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Engineers at Fort Belvoir. The school was

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Prep School area at Stewart Field, 1946.

Prep School building at Lafayette College, 1943.



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The award of the coveted RECONDO patch by his TAC at the close of a grueling two weeks of infantry training.



Fort Knox: Cadets drive, fire and command their tanks during the week's training in ARMOR.

CADET MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

WE ask you soldiers of The Long Gray Line to follow us through the summer of 1975 and a cadet's life of soldiering at West Point. Our mission is to train and to bridge the gap between the Army in the field and the cadets' life at West Point. We believe you'll agree we have bridged the gap.

Along the way are some obstacles—names and nicknames we've changed—not for the sake of change but to make them more meaningful, more descriptive to both you, the Army and the public. Let's begin with the initial adventure in cadetship, New Cadet Training.

New Cadet Training

This year we expect to receive some 1500 young men on the 7th of July for seven intensive weeks of NCT—you remember this time as New Cadet Barracks (perhaps even "Beast"). Well, it's not! It's some four hundred hours of rigorous, intensive, compelling training in the art of cadetship (honor, regulations, chapel, the fourth class system), physical training, general military training (drill, human relations, guard, inspections), field training (marches, land navigation, qualification with the M16 rifle, the bayonet, basic individual and squad tactics) and, of course, the academic validation, the

C-store's famous fittings, the doctors, dentists and the testing. In preparing these young men to join the Corps, we've sacrificed none of the toughness, none of the demanding disciplines, none of the constructive requirements; but each year we learn more and more about the cadets who teach and command New Cadet Training, who make it work. Last year—a resounding success! Our objective is to prepare the new cadet to enter the Corps by teaching the fundamentals of cadetship and soldiering, and further to develop the leadership attributes of the First Classmen. Within the New Cadet Regiment of two battalions and eight companies, the majority of the instruction is by the First Classmen with emphasis on decentralized instruction at the squad level. New Cadet Training culminates with the march to Lake Frederick, a bivouac punctuated liberally with tactical training. On the 26th of August, the Class of 1979, with the largest entering strength in the history of the Corps, will march home to join the Corps in its 36 companies.

Third Class Cadet Field Training

The best summer of your life is still alive and well, and living at Camp Buckner—the story is true, only the name has been changed to tell the story. The Year-

ling, following his leave after recognition and graduation, will report directly to Camp Buckner for eight weeks.

What is Camp Buckner now? Well, it is *not* Branch Orientation, it is *not* designed to replace the First Class Trip. It is designed to develop soldier-skills in each cadet and it gives the flavor of each of the Combat Arms and Combat Support Arms. The new Third Classmen will learn to operate the newest tactical radios and communications equipment, he will qualify with the M16 rifle, fire and adjust fire with the howitzer and the mortar and teach his classmates basic military subjects as a lieutenant would teach his platoon. At one point in his eight weeks, he and his company will fly to Fort Knox for one week where he will participate in advanced individual and crew training in armor and armored cavalry, driving and firing the tank, the scout vehicle, the APC and its armament. In tactically realistic problems, he will command the crew of a battle tank and the crew of an armored cavalry scout vehicle. Completing the aerial dimension he will have the opportunity to fire the Vulcan at an aerial target, to track with Chapparral and Red-eye and see the latter in actual firing and interception. The heart of his summer of Cadet Field Training is the pulsating ten days and nine nights of Infantry-Recondo training. Beginning with 40 hours of squad and platoon offensive and defensive training, he moves progressively through squad reaction courses designed to test his judgment and skill; an air

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Air assault operations. The cadet plans and executes a vertical assault as part of infantry training.



Firing and adjustment of fire of the 81 mm mortar.

by JOHN B. TANZER

assault exercise in which he is landed and attacks his objective; and SCOPES—a simulation engagement using telescopic sights, marked helmets and radio-reported kills, tho' not a real shot is fired. Following these basics he begins 100-plus hours of Recondo! Hand-to-hand combat, survival, rappelling, mountaineering! In the end, he and his company set off on a gruelling 85 hours of patrolling exercises which culminate in the famous slide-for-life confidence test and the award (hopefully) of the Recondo patch to those who excel. Patterned after the Ranger School, it is the utmost challenge in stamina and endurance. At Camp Buckner, First Classmen act only as Company Commander, Executive and Training Officer of the companies. All other duties are borne by the Yearling, and everyone has his chance. Instructors are "Firsties," augmented by many fine officers from the academic departments under the aegis of the Dean, and soldiers of the Regular Army—this year the 82d Airborne Division and the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry.

From hand-to-hand combat to helicopter assault, from combat intelligence to communications, from demolitions to defensive tactics, it's an awesome, action-packed summer—and it's called Third Class Cadet Field Training.

Second Class Cadet Leader Training Program

The new "Cow" faces a host of choices for his summer; among these, some of the finest schools in the Army. The core program remains Airborne! Some 700 ca-



Cadets complete the confidence course at the close of RECONDO.

dets will set out to win the silver wings of a parachutist during June, July or August; 52 will compete for the coveted Ranger tab at Fort Benning's challenging course; 72 others will travel to the Canal Zone and the Jungle Operations Training Center course; 108 will train at Fort Greely, Alaska, at the Northern Warfare School; and 52 will fly to Fort Rucker for a course at the U.S. Army Aviation School. Last year the Class of 1976 set enviable records at all these schools, distinctively winning awards, badges, tabs and reputations in each of these Military Specialty Programs.

In conjunction with these programs, cadets will serve with U.S. Army units in the United States, Hawaii, and Europe as part of the Cadet Troop Leader Training program—formerly known as AOT. The Office of Military Leadership tries to place each Second Classman in the unit

or area of his choice. Hopefully, he will be an infantry or tank platoon leader, an artillery executive officer or assigned to some leadership position normally held by a junior officer. He receives not only training, experience and a taste of the real Army, but an efficiency report as well. This year we anticipate that cadets will serve at:

Ft Devens	Ft Campbell	Ft Sill
Ft Knox	Ft Rucker	Ft Polk
Ft Dix	Ft Hood	Ft Huachuca
Ft Benning	Ft Bliss	Ft Ord
Ft Bragg	Ft Riley	Ft Lewis
Berlin	Ft Carson	Panama
Germany	Hawaii	Alaska

Other duty time training programs will find some dozen cadets attending the course at the Defense Race Relations Institute at Homestead AFB, Florida,

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NEW COMMANDANT OF CADETS

IN April the Corps of Cadets received its 56th Commandant of Cadets. The long line was started by Second Lieutenant George Gardner, Artillery, Class of 1814, who was appointed in 1814 by Sylvanus Thayer as instructor in infantry tactics and soldierly discipline.

It was not until 1825 that the position of Commandant of Cadets was established by USMA Regulations, and it was not until 12 June 1858 that Congress first recognized the title of Commandant of Cadets.

The President approved the appointment of Brigadier General Walter F. Ulmer Jr. to succeed Major General Philip R. Feir, 55th Commandant who assumed the position in September 1972. General Ulmer joins a long illustrious line responsible in the main for the discipline and military training of the Corps of Cadets. General Feir departed West Point in mid-April for assignment to the Department of Army staff in Washington.

General Feir was born in Bemidji, Minnesota, on 20 December 1926. Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1949, he was commissioned in the Infantry.

Since his graduation, General Feir has served in command positions from that of a platoon leader to a battalion commander in the 25th Infantry Division, Vietnam, and later as Commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam. He has served as an instructor at the University of Wyoming (ROTC), and The Infantry School, Fort Benning. General Feir held staff positions as assistant operations officer with the 7th Infantry Division and later with the G3 Division of Headquarters Third Army; he served as Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam, and Operations Officer, Headquarters, I Field Force, Vietnam.

He earned a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1960. This was followed by instructor assignment to the Electricity Department at West Point. General Feir is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National War College. Following graduation from the National War College he stayed on to serve as a member of the faculty for an additional academic year.

General Feir's decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with V Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal (eight awards) Joint Service Commendation

Medal and Army Commendation Medal. He also wears the Combat Infantry Badge and is ranger and airborne qualified.

General Feir was a staunch supporter of all athletics at West Point, but football was his top priority, having played on the Army team in '47, '48 and '49.

Change has characterized General Feir's tenure as Commandant of Cadets. This change has been designed to make the cadet's environment more open while maintaining the cadets' traditionally high standards. Three efforts are of special significance and represent outstanding personal accomplishments.

First, a major revision of cadet regulations designed to instill self-discipline, was completed in 1973. This emphasis on individual self-discipline provides more freedom of choice in all aspects of cadet life.

A second major contribution centered on changes and improvement in the training given new cadets during their first summer at West Point. These innovations include the end of the long-standing tradition of stress in the Cadet Mess dining room while introducing into the new cadet's summer increased physical conditioning and expanded military field training programs.

Finally, General Feir spearheaded improvements in the military science curriculum and in the quality of summer training programs for each class level at the Academy.

General Ulmer was born in Bangor, Maine, on 2 April 1929. He attended Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, for one year and West Point in 1948. He graduated in 1952 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Armor.

General Ulmer's initial assignment was with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Camp Carson, Colorado. He then served in Korea and Japan as commander of an amphibious tractor company in the 56th Amphibious Tank and Tractor Battalion and of a tank company in the 6th Tank Battalion. Upon returning to CONUS in 1955, General Ulmer served two years with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg as executive officer and commander of a regimental tank company and as a staff officer at regiment and division. He attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox during 1957-58. He was then assigned to West Point as an instructor in the ES&GS Department from 1960-1962.

After attending the United States Army



Major General Philip R. Feir



Brigadier General Walter F. Ulmer Jr.

Command and General Staff College in 1962-63, General Ulmer was assigned to Vietnam where he served in the Operations Division, J3, of the MACV Staff, and then as Senior Advisor to a Vietnamese Infantry Regiment. Returning from Vietnam, he served as Assistant Division G3 of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colorado, from July 1964 to July 1965. Following that tour, he became an assignment officer in Armor Branch, Office of Personnel Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army in Washington, D.C. From May 1966 to July 1967, he served in the Office of the Secretary of the General Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. In July of 1967, he returned to the 82d Airborne Division where he assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry, until July 1968 when he attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

Upon graduation from the Army War
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THE MARCH 1975 ISSUE OF ASSEMBLY CONTAINED A BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WEST POINT FUND DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1974. THIS ARTICLE SHOWS HOW THOSE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED.

West Point Fund Expenditures

CALENDAR YEAR 1974

THE accompanying table details expenditures from the West Point Fund during Calendar Year 1974. During this period the Fund received contributions from both donors who designated that their gift was to be used for a particular project or activity (restricted donations) and from donors who preferred to have USMA determine how the money was to be applied (unrestricted donations). The list includes projects and activities which were financed with both types of gifts.

Among those items which USMA supports from unrestricted contributions to the Fund, only the category entitled "Cadet Extracurricular Activities" concentrates exclusively on the full range of cadet interests. Historically, these programs have received a large share of the unrestricted contributions. The total amount and distribution of funds shown for 1974 are typical of the annual support provided, although other activities may receive assistance in another year. Generally funds applied to Cadet Extracurricular Activities are used to provide additional equipment for the clubs or honoraria for guest speakers.

In 1974 the West Point Fund started an annual program for the support of the USMA admissions effort. The bulk of these funds were committed to a conference held at West Point in the spring for key individuals in the country-wide network of admissions representatives. Most of the remainder of the money was used to develop and place admissions literature in appropriate publications.

One of the noteworthy projects shown in the table under "Academy Facilities" was the establishment of the General Omar N. Bradley Library in a room of the USMA Library. When General Bradley's papers were placed at West Point in the spring of 1974, West Point Fund monies were used to defray part of the cost of providing a suitable facility to house the papers. An article describing the Bradley Library was included in the June 1974 issue of ASSEMBLY.

While many USMA classes were engaged in planning for class gifts, ten actually made expenditures on a project in the last year. The amounts shown should not

be interpreted as total project costs; they represent only the funds which were spent during the calendar year.

Operating expenses for the Fund are 5.4% of the amount contributed to the West Point Fund during the year and 5% of its total expenditures. In comparison with other institutions the amount spent on administration and fund raising is quite modest. Conversely, the figure for total

expenditures is the largest in the history of the Fund and represents both an increased response to the Association's annual appeal and a greater interest in class gift programs.

The remainder of the items in the table are either self-explanatory or relate for the most part to a project or activity which has been the subject of a previous article in ASSEMBLY.

EXPENDITURES OF THE WEST POINT FUND DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1974

CADET EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Fine Arts Forum	\$3,500
Behavioral Science Club	400
Cadet Glee Club	895
Sailing Club	270
Cadet Band	1,950
Astronomy Club	1,500
Judo Club	1,250
Karate Club	500
Water Polo Club	522
Cadet Riding Club	1,250
WKDT Radio Station	4,680
Sport Parachute Club	2,000
Mountaineering Club	700
Rifle Club	376
Marathon Team	210
Scuba Diving	1,460
Rugby Club	1,430
Volleyball Team	1,930
Cycling Club	2,400
Chess Club	200
Ski Club	175
Bowling Club	90
Debate Council & Forum	200
Chinese Language Club	100
Computer Forum	200
Mathematics Forum	200
Russian Language Club	200
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	200
Cadet Chapel Choir	1,116
Catholic Chapel Choir	400
Cadet Emergency Fund	2,687
Wireless Microphones	3,403
Contingencies	5,000
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$41,394

CADET ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Admissions Support	\$12,646
Crossroads Africa	7,157
SCUSA	5,490
Museum Acquisitions	5,792
Library Acquisitions	5,540
Library Gift Fund	560
Senior Conference	200
Laser Research Project	5,328
Cadet Awards	2,642
Chaplain's Fund	200
TOTAL ACADEMIC	\$45,555

ACADEMY FACILITIES

Bradley Library	\$14,887
Cadet Chapel Organ	1,000
Constitution Island	11,627
Formal Dining Room, Cadet Mess	30,179
Fort Putnam Restoration	4,810
Class of 1923 Library & CAO Projects	13,554
Class of 1924 Room	3,501
Class of 1925 Moon Globe Project	2,759
Class of 1932 Trap & Skeet Range	3,200
Class of 1933 Clock	1,070
Class of 1944 Windows	27,742
Class of 1947 Party Room	79,041
Class of 1949 Cabin at Delafield	95,641
Class of 1950 Thayer Book Project	6,200
Class of 1952 Cannon	10,004
TOTAL ACADEMY FACILITIES	\$305,215

OPERATING EXPENSES

Postage	\$1,077
Stationery & Supplies	550
Donor Recognition	562
Fund Raising Costs	17,361
Travel	866
Miscellaneous	281
TOTAL OPERATING	\$20,697
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$412,861

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by PIERCE A. RUSHTON JR.

Admissions Procedures

INTRODUCTION: From time to time a graduate indicates that he would like to be "more prepared" to brief young men on admission procedures for West Point. Securing a nomination and processing an application are lengthy, sometimes complex, actions and, therefore, the Admissions Office has much literature such as the Catalog, Bulletin and regulations to guide young men and their counselors through the procedures. Detailed guidance is also available in the field in most high school counseling offices and through Admissions Participants (field force volunteers). However, a few basic and pertinent points concerning admission to West Point will be helpful for all graduates confronted by a young man seeking "advice."

1. West Point uses a pre-application system to assist applicants in completing admission requirements. It is suggested that young men write for introductory material to Admissions, USMA, West Point, NY 10996, during the spring term of their junior year (or as soon thereafter as possible). When the young man receives the pre-application packet, he should fill out the Prospective Candidate Questionnaire and return it to West Point. This action will initiate the young man's file. This pre-application system is "what's new" with West Point Admissions. With the expanded Corps of Cadets (approximately 4400 authorized), there is every opportunity for an admissible candidate to have complete admission consideration.

2. Concurrently, each applicant should seek a nomination from an authorized source. It is suggested that he write to his two United States Senators and his Representative. He should also consider Military-Service connected nominations, if eligible.

3. Basic entrance requirements include:

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION—High school scholastic and extra-curricular record, the results of your American College Testing Program test or College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, and the recommendations of high

school faculty are used to determine academic qualification.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATION—Evaluation of a complete Medical Examination, taken at a prescribed military installation, determines medical qualification.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE QUALIFICATION—A Physical Aptitude Examination measures strength, coordination, muscular power, endurance, speed and agility, and determines physical aptitude qualification.

4. In preparing for West Point, young men should consider the following:

West Point does not require specific numbers or types of secondary school courses or units of study. The applicant can best prepare himself to pursue the academic curriculum at West Point by completing four years of English; four years of mathematics, to include trigonometry; two years of laboratory science; one year of United States history; and two years of a foreign language in high school.

In order to prepare adequately for the Physical Aptitude Examination and for the physical demands which will be placed upon him as a cadet, the applicant is urged to attain the state of physical conditioning required for participation in a strenuous team sport. Vigorous conditioning exercises, cross-country running and swimming are recommended.

The applicant should strive to develop the personal traits which will mark him as a leader in school and community activities. Participation in secondary school extracurricular activities, both athletic and non-athletic, and the attainment of responsible positions in those activities provide valuable leadership experience.

5. If a young man has any doubts about admission to West Point or needs to strengthen his academic qualifications, he should consider admission to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS). Bear in mind, however, that entrance to this school is selective and that each preparatory school student must still compete with other candidates for admission to West Point.

The school is open to Army enlisted men on active duty and to civilians who are authorized by the Army's Military Personnel Center to enlist for the purpose of attending the school. Reservists may enroll in the prep school if authorized by the Military Personnel Center and if willing to serve two years in the Active Army.

Application procedures depend on a candidate's status—military or civilian—prior to entry. Active Army applicants must follow steps outlined in AR 351-12. Army Reserve and National Guard personnel not on active duty should write to the Military Academy Branch, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, DAPC-PAP-M, Alexandria, VA 22332. Civilian applicants should make their desire known by starting a file at West Point.

6. Finally, young men who are able should consider a campus visit.

The West Point Admissions Office is open Monday through Saturday. Although interviews are not required for admission, campus visits are encouraged. Appointments are recommended for those who desire to visit with an Admissions Officer.

Tours of the Academy, conducted daily Monday through Friday, start at the Admissions Office (3d floor, Headquarters Building, Building 600) at 10 a.m. Saturday tours also start in the Admissions Office, but begin at 11 a.m. These tours are limited to young men who are interested in admission and who are at least high school juniors. Ten days advance appointment is required.

These brief highlights of Admissions procedures should assist in those situations when a young man seeks a West Point graduate to "find out the poop." If further assistance is needed, please consult an Admissions Participant in your local area or write to the Director of Admissions, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 or call (914) 938-4041.

Note: *It is suggested that this one-page article be clipped from this issue of ASSEMBLY and retained for quick reference for counseling prospective candidates.*

Poems From West Point

AN INTERVIEW

ANY graduate who has appreciated the deep blue of the Hudson River among the autumn colors of a football afternoon, or who has known the beauty of new green leaves during a June Week parade, knows that poetry is visible everywhere at the Military Academy. Yet, beyond the many songs associated with West Point's long tradition, there has never been a body of poetry written about the place.

This year, two graduates of USMA Class of 1967 have filled that void. Captains Mark Hamilton and Dennis Coates have recently published a book entitled *To The Colors: Poems From West Point*. It contains thirty poems written in different styles about such subjects as Kissing Rock, Trophy Point, Army Football, Camp Buckner, the Hudson River, graduation, and other often unusual aspects of life here. It is illustrated with numerous striking photographs and is printed on different colored paper which corresponds with a movement through the seasons which is suggested by the poems themselves.

Recently the two soldier-poets were asked several questions about their work, and what follows is a record of that conversation.

ASSEMBLY: How did the two of you happen to get together on the idea of writing a book of poetry?

CPT Coates: Mark and I were both interested in poetry and in trying to get some published. We exchanged poems for each other's comments, and began to accept and expect complete candor. We began, almost as an exercise, to attempt a series of poems about West Point. We found the Academy to be rich with poetic qualities. Almost as soon as we had begun the series, we decided to attempt a longer series or perhaps a book.

ASSEMBLY: You haven't chosen to assign any of the poems to a single author. Why?

CPT Coates: Because we collaborated on all of them.

ASSEMBLY: I'm not sure that I have ever seen a co-authored book of poetry before; is it difficult? How did you go about it?

CPT Hamilton: You are quite correct in implying that this is an unusual process for poets; although, Dennis and I suspect that many poets have done similar collaborations and simply not wanted to say so. As far as difficulty goes, the process of

collaboration is no more difficult than the normal revision process any poet goes through time and time again before he is satisfied with his poem. Here, there are two people to satisfy and two people to revise; so, I suspect it works out about the same. The actual process was very simple. Either Dennis or I would write a poem, then give it to the other for his comments or complete revision if he desired. We would then get together some Saturday and discuss some of the poems in progress.

ASSEMBLY: What about the problem of ego? I mean, didn't you feel possessive about your work?

CPT Coates: There is definitely a subordination of ego involved. Each of the poems and subsequent revisions was evaluated on merit rather than ownership. It involved a great deal of mutual trust and respect plus the shared goal of seeing the finest poem emerge from the process.

ASSEMBLY: How long did it take you to compile this many poems?

CPT Hamilton: Almost exactly one year.

ASSEMBLY: Who did the photography and layout of the book?

CPT Hamilton: It is entirely our work. Far the majority of the photographs appearing in the book were taken by Dennis; I took the others. We are particularly proud of the jacket design. Because we are both members of the Class of '67, the parade and graduation photos are of our class. The photograph opposite "Taking The Field" is of a game in which I played. We both feel very proud to be associated with this outstanding year group.

ASSEMBLY: The jacket announces that this is the first book of poetry ever written about West Point. Were you surprised to discover this?

CPT Coates: Yes, for a couple of reasons. First, there are more individuals in the Army who write poetry than most people
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TO THE COLORS



Poems from West Point

Dennis Coates and Mark Hamilton



MG Berry perusing *Poems From West Point* as the authors look on.

FOUNDERS DAY 1975

WEST POINT

**This is an old place, set in an old place,
Flanked by a river older than tradition,
Reviewed by mountains whose memories trace
The echoes of retreat on to silence.
This is a strong place, this is a stone place,
Granite set in granite, cannon on the green;
The Hudson River rubs against the base
Of rocks so bare they starve themselves of green.
This is a cold place, a frozen place
When the pure wind whips through ruined trees
And everywhere the fixed gray faces,
Colder than flesh, command fields of snow.
Into this place Spring blares like reveille,
Young and warm, spreading its fresh, leafed filigree.**

To commemorate Founders Day we present this poem from a new book of poems "To The Colors—Poems From West Point" written by Coates '67 and Hamilton '67. An article on this book of poetry appears in this ASSEMBLY.

Founders Day, West Point: Farman '09, oldest grad present; Reynolds '73, youngest grad present; and Rogers June '43, principal speaker.



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INTRODUCTION: We present here, in sections in this ASSEMBLY titled West Point Society News, and Report from the Classes information received on gatherings of graduates around the world on Founders Day. At Fort Carson General L. D. Clay Jr., USMA '42, Commander in Chief, North American Defense Command, was the principal speaker and made an address appropriate for these times. It is reproduced here and is recommended reading for all who "cherish the system that made us" and who should "speak up with pride and conviction in its behalf."

I wish to discuss some of the problems that face not only West Point but all of the service Academies.

If one presents problems and wishes to be constructive, he should also be prepared to offer solutions. I will do both.

Two books have been published in the past year that have as their theme, the military academies of the United States. Both reflect an anti-military academy position in the first chapter and do not relent till the final one is done.

The first attempts to dissect the military academy educational process and look closely at the innards of the institution and those who attend it.

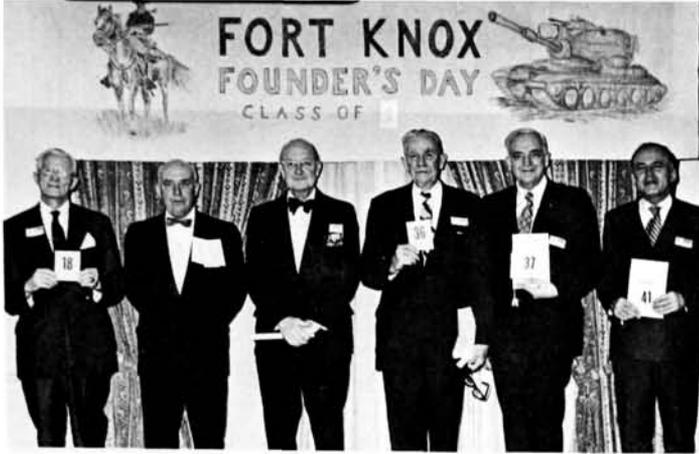
The second could be termed a treatise on the subject of the military mind.

I have no desire to inflict upon you a critical review of either book. It would serve no useful purpose. I do have a comment or two on the subject of the military mind, however.

We have all been subjected to discussions of the military mind, which, if we accept the definition usually provided, connotes an intellect that is narrowly confined to matters of purely military interest. A mind that considers all other human concerns only as they relate to military matters.

I have never been overly exercised by the charge of possessing a military mind any more than I would expect lawyers to be upset by the charge of having a legal mind. Actually, by my definition, a military mind is something that should be sought and developed . . . an indispensable professional asset which can only be acquired after years of training, in reflecting and acting on military and related problems.

ASSEMBLY



Binder, oldest grad present, Heiberg, Pritchard '33, Leer, Powers and Edger.



Founders Day Japan. Freeman '71, Peltier '68 (USNA), Grasso '72—youngest grad present, Forney '37—oldest grad present, Barnhart '56 (USNA).

But my definition and that of our critics differs mightily.

The term "legal mind" or "medical mind" is normally considered to be a term of approbation, but this is not the case when "military mind" is mentioned. No compliment is intended.

It is not my purpose this evening to get into a kicking contest with our detractors but rather, by citing examples, to throw a shovel or two of dirt on the grave of their arguments. I will confine my proof to the accomplishments of graduates of the United States Military Academy, though equally strong cases can be made for our sister academies at Annapolis and here in Colorado Springs.

If the sole purpose of the military academies is to produce men of sturdy bodies and stodgy minds, it would follow that their contributions to the other facets of our nation's life would be pretty skimpy.

If I am to prove that there are valuable intangibles resulting from an education gained at West Point, and that those intangibles lead to lasting national contributions outside the field of military endeavor, then I must produce prime examples.

It would also be necessary that I produce enough examples to eliminate the suggestion that the exception only proves the rule.

In short, I must rule out the argument that even a blind hog can pick up an acorn now and then.

There is no complete compilation of the accomplishments of all West Point graduates, but from the readily available records it is obvious that the contributions they have made to the nation cut a clean line across the entire spectrum of our society.

Education, exploration, science, engineering, politics, foreign affairs, city planning and development, medicine, sports . . . the list is endless.

Let me cite some examples:

Politics, a field in which military men, by tradition, do not engage during their active service days, offers a good place to start.

We have provided *two* Presidents of the United States; Grant and Eisenhower.

Seven graduates have become presidential cabinet members.

One became a supreme court justice.

Twenty-nine served as state governors.

Fifty-three have been elected to the Congress of the United States.

In the field of education 48 became college and university presidents and more than 60 others served as chancellors, vice presidents and deans in the nation's institutions of higher learning.

Hundreds of others have served as faculty members of leading schools.

Six founded schools of higher learning.

Eighteen academy graduates have been heads of independent secondary schools.

The Military Academy has produced 54 Rhodes scholars.

In the sciences, *one* graduate, Alexander Bache, established the National Academy of Sciences.

Another, Jacob Bailey, was the father of microscopic research in America.

Leslie Groves headed the largest scientific project ever carried out in the United States, the Manhattan Project: development of the atomic bomb.

The American west and Alaska were explored, surveyed, and mapped by academy graduates like Benjamin Bonneville, George Cooke, Charles Raymond, Henry Allen, Cyrus Comstock and James Allen.

The list of West Point graduates who excelled in engineering fields is a very long one. The ones that come to mind easily are Goethals, who built the Panama Canal.

George Squire who devised an electrical system that made it possible to carry several phone conversations simultaneously on the same line.

Meigs, who designed and constructed the wings and dome of the National Capitol and installed the public water system there.

Graduate Casey built the Washington Monument.

Griffin introduced the electric street car into municipal transportation systems and created General Electric.

The Baltimore and Ohio, New York Central and the Russian Railroad from St. Petersburg to Moscow were built by West Point graduates.

Six graduates became astronauts.

More than a *hundred* went on to become corporate leaders in banking, transportation, manufacturing and other industrial endeavors.

One grad, Robert Wood, was the President of Sears, Roebuck.

A member of the Class of 1842 devised and named a game that has gained some fame. His name was Abner Doubleday and the game was baseball.

Blanchard, Davis and Dawkins were Heisman Trophy winners.

Dozens of other West Pointers have made outstanding careers in coaching.

The list goes on and on. Ambassadors, astronomers, administrators, financial experts, community development planners . . . if you name a field of national endeavor, the records will provide the names

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Founders Day Fort Monroe. Farnsworth '32, Ayers '52, Homer Smith (Army Football Coach, principal speaker), McAlister '45 (host), Viner '13 (oldest grad present), Gruenther '46 (master of ceremonies).

USMA's oldest living graduate—Nuttman '95—receives plaque on his 101st birthday from Roberts Jan '43, CG Sixth Army.





news from the SOCIETIES

West Point Society of District of Columbia

GEN George S. Brown '41 told some 400 Washington area graduates that "Founders Day serves to remind us of our enduring debt to West Point and to rock-solid values our Alma Mater projects, nourishes, and advances." He added that these sentiments are just as applicable to those who were graduated from the Air Force and Naval Academies.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the annual Founders Day dinner, sponsored by the West Point Society of DC, 14 March at Ft. Myer.

Introduced by Society President James H. Polk '33, General Brown spoke of the contrasting perceptions of West Point that have developed over the years. He said he is amazed by the contrast between today's commentary and the general view held at the time of his graduation. He called attention to an article in the 7 July 1941 issue of *Life* magazine, which emphasized and lauded West Point's dedication to Duty, Honor, and Country. The article pointed out that these words of the motto are "hard, exacting and uncomfortable," and "give no certified promise of a soft life, easy pleasure, and a serene old age."

The *Life* article said, as General Brown continued, that these words "may some day, on some strange field, commit these young men to going forward to death when every sensible instinct of survival tells them to go home and crawl under their beds—for the fate of these young men is not to grow up to be citizens, but to grow up into an army."

For his contrast, General Brown men-

tioned a recent newspaper commentary by two former Academy instructors, who maintain that America's need is for "soldier-statesmen equipped to examine the assumptions underlying our domestic and foreign policies," and they charged that West Point does not adequately provide this "academic learning" as opposed to "military training." Brown added that the two authors condemned the regimented learning of "Plebe Math" and its pervasive influence on the entire learning experience at West Point.

General Brown pointed out that the 1941 article likewise spoke of West Point's tough standards and strict adherence to the Honor Code. It read: "The regimen that produces such men is far from natural. No weakling can stand it. The result of this life is likely to be an untalkative and self-controlled young man, intensely self-respecting and yet considerate towards others, but partial to action and results. West Point produces the kind of intolerance of error that is the first law of a victorious army."

General Brown said the *Life* article called West Point graduates "the backbone

of the U.S. Army, despite the fact that of the 90,000 U.S. officers now in the service (1941), only 7,000 are West Pointers. . . The crack graduates of West Point were the nucleus of an Army 23 years ago (World War I) that swept into Europe and smashed the greatest European Army that had ever been seen up to that time. It will not be easy to do it again, but today (1941) West Point quivers with the calm intention to do the job, when the hour comes."

The JCS Chairman concluded with the belief that West Point and the officers it produces are still fundamentally the same—a thoroughly professional institution that produces thoroughly professional military officers. And, he emphasized that the "quintessence of military professionalism is 'Duty, Honor, Country.'"

Vice-President F.T. Unger '37, presented the Society's "Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award" for 1975 to James F.C. Hyde Jr. '42. Currently a top executive in President Ford's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Hyde has been singled out with letters of commendation by every President since Harry Truman.



Hyde Jr. '42 (right) with Unger '37 expresses appreciation following the presentation of the DC Society's "Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award" at Founders Day.

Philadelphia Society elects officers for 1975: (L-R) Olshansky '61, PIO Officer; Sorley '19, Secretary; Patterson '48, Associate Dean USMA; Linn '24, President; Steinbring '43, Vice President, and Silvasy '40, Treasurer.



Haig Jr. '47, Honored Guest, receiving memento from Los Angeles Society President, Jerry Fogel Ex-'50, Founders Day 1975.





JCS Chairman Brown '41 (right), guest of honor and main speaker, Founders Day in DC, with former Chairman JCS Lemnitzer '20 (left) and Spivy '34.



Founders Day, Fort Jackson: Michael Jan '43—President, WP Society of Columbia, SC; Berry '48—principal speaker; Mewshaw June '18—oldest grad present; Caldwell '48—CG, Fort Jackson.

As an Army officer and as a government official, Hyde distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point, the basis for the Castle Award.

In 1944, while fighting in the Anzio Beachhead with the 6th Armored Artillery Group (Separate), Captain Hyde was severely wounded. He suffered total blindness, the loss of hearing in one ear, and grave leg injuries. After long hospitalization, he was retired as major in 1947.

Despite his incredible disabilities, Hyde entered upon a career in law, attending the University of Pennsylvania. His excellent academic standing gained him membership on the Board of Editors of the University's *Law Review*. He was graduated with honors in 1949 and awarded a Juris Doctor degree. Joining the Bureau of the Budget (now OMB), he rose steadily to the second highest position (GS-17) in the Legislative Reference Division.

In 1955, Hyde was selected to attend the National War College. He was a U.S. delegate to the German War Claims Commission in 1958, and a participant to

the Brookings Institution Conference for Federal Executives at Williamsburg in 1960.

Hyde earned a master's degree in International Affairs at George Washington University. He found the time to write a book, *Law as a Profession for the Blind*, and to deliver speeches at eminent forums. Since 1968, he has taught evening classes at George Washington University as associate professor of political science. During his quarter century of service in the Executive branch, Hyde has played a key Presidential staff role in formulating Defense Department legislation.

In addition to General Brown and Hyde, the Society was delighted to have the area's oldest graduate, General Jacob L. Devers '09, and the youngest graduate, 2LT Robert D. Fierro '74 of the 3d Engineer Battalion at Ft. Belvoir, VA.

West Point Society of Fort Benning and Columbus Georgia

The West Point Society of Ft. Benning and Columbus, Georgia and MG Thomas M. Tarpley '44, Commanding General, United States Army Infantry Center, co-

hosted the 1975 Founders Day dinner for 174 alumni at the Ft. Benning Officers Club on 15 March 1975.

BG Paul J. Mueller '50 was the Master of Ceremonies for the program which began with a special welcome to the one graduate from USNA, the one from USAFA, and the nine allied officers who were graduates of their national military academies.

The oldest graduate's, MG P.E. Gallagher '18, enthusiastically received remarks addressed service life and the conduct of Founders Day dinner in former days. The youngest graduate's, 2LT James Mitcham '74, informative remarks addressed recent changes in the Academy and cadet life. The principal speaker, MG Sidney B. Berry '48, Superintendent USMA, spoke of current and projected activities at West Point. He stressed that next year we *would* beat the hell out of Navy.

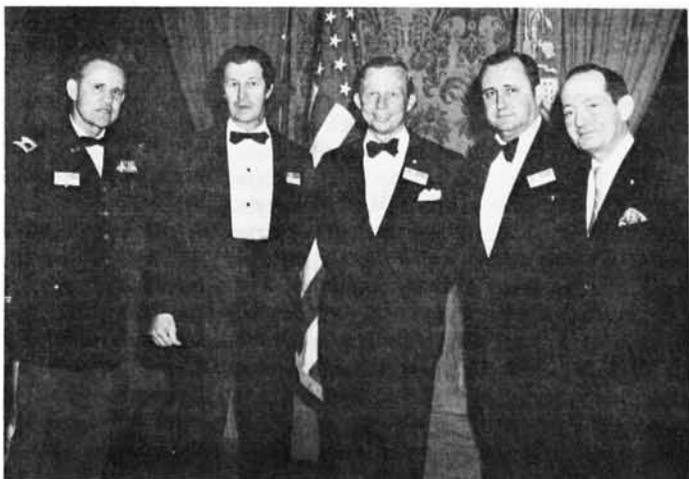
West Point Society of Houston

The Society met on 18 March at the Lakeside Country Club in Houston for the
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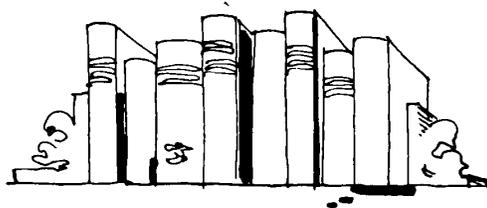
Hennessey '44, Van Fleet '15, Ryan '26, Pachler '31 at Founders Day Dinner, WP Society of West Florida, St. Petersburg, FL, 13 March 1975.



Founders Day, West Point Society of New York (L-R): Joy '50, Manquin '50, Tankersley '50—principal speaker, Ward '50—Society President, Spielman '50.



Book



Reviews

BELLAMY PARK: MEMOIRS BY BRADFORD GRETHEN CHYNOWETH, BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

Exposition Press, Inc., 1975, Hicksville, New York. 301 pages. \$10.00.

Reviewed by Major Harold R. Winton '64, Department of History, USMA.

"My paternal grandfather was Thomas Chynoweth, born in Cornwall, England, in a mining family who were first registered in the Doomsday Book of William the Conqueror. Thomas Chynoweth migrated to this country where he married Mary Bradford, a direct descendant of William Bradford of the *Mayflower*. My maternal grandfather was Anton Grethen, a socialist refugee from the German Revolution in 1848. He married Barbara Zenius who was Italian and French. The Grethens were lawyers and musicians. One of my uncles was conductor of a symphony orchestra. My mother was trained for music in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Throughout her life she was a gifted pianist. The Grethens were temperamental. My father attributed this to music and refused to let me have any musical training."

With this graceful and revealing statement of his family heritage, Brigadier General Bradford Grethen Chynoweth sets the tone for an extremely honest and refreshing memoir entitled *Bellamy Park*.

Bradford Chynoweth was born at Fort Russell, Wyoming in 1890, the son of a Regular Army infantry officer commanding an Indian scout troop on the western plains. He grew up as most Army brats do, following his father around the United States and overseas. His most impressionable years, however, were spent at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, the site of "Bellamy Park" from which the book draws its title. Here Chynoweth wandered in the endless diversions of youth and, more significantly, developed a lively imagination and sense of independence that became the hallmarks of his military career. It was during these years that an attack of scarlet fever led him to become an inveterate reader. He also developed a certain amount of military aptitude which was reflected in his subsequent graduation from secondary school as First Captain of Cadets at Georgia Military Academy. His experience at West Point was not marked by the same success. Although he stood fifth of ninety-five in his class, he was plagued by an inferiority complex for which he attempted to compensate with an outward appearance of indifference. This attitude resulted in his being reduced

from cadet first sergeant to private during his first class year.

Chynoweth took his commission in the Corps of Engineers in 1912. He did not see active service in World War I, however, and resigned his commission shortly after the war, having risen to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1920 he rejoined the Army as a major of Infantry. Between the wars he served with the Tank School as its chief publicist, wrote speeches for the Secretary of the Army, commanded an infantry battalion in Panama, coached the winning Army Rifle Team in the National Matches at Camp Perry, attended the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, served on the Infantry Board at Fort Benning and as military attaché in London, and commanded a tank battalion at Fort Meade and an infantry regiment under General Joseph Stilwell at Fort Ord. In each of these assignments he displayed a keen imagination, a great fund of sound tactical sense, and a prickly spirit of independence which frequently put him in the dog house when serving under more orthodox commanders.

The climax of Chynoweth's career came when he was sent to the Philippines in 1939 to command a Filipino infantry division in the Visayan Islands. Here he was one of the few senior officers who had the foresight to stock food, and other essential supplies in the mountains well before the Japanese invaded, thus giving his forces the capacity to conduct extended guerrilla operations. Despite these provisions, he felt compelled to surrender when ordered to do so by General Wainwright in May 1942. This brought him prematurely to the end of his military dreams begun many years before at Bellamy Park.

The theme of General Chynoweth's book as well as of his life is the pernicious effect of overcentralization on Army life. "We have too much centralization in our Army," he says, "A commander can get away with it in peacetime. In war, it is ruinous." Chynoweth maintains that centralization with its attendant evil of what he calls "staff-command" is responsible for the stifling of individual initiative in war and the stultification of doctrinal concepts in peace.

Although these are by no means revolutionary insights, the details of Chynoweth's own career gives them a fresh force and poignancy. He was frequently castigated for being an unrealistic theorist who needlessly irritated his superiors, and when General Stilwell was elevated to corps command in 1941, Chynoweth's new division commander attempted to board him

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BOLD LEADERS OF WORLD WAR I

By Colonel Red Reeder. Little, Brown & Company, 1974. Illustrated. 252 pages. \$6.95.

Reviewed by Harry P. Storke, Lieutenant General, USA Ret.

BOLD LEADERS OF WORLD WAR I is Colonel Red Reeder's 35th book, a companion piece to his **BOLD LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTION**, and even more deserving.

In his latest we have a real treasure-book of mini-biographies that vividly portray the stress and excitement of 1914-1918.

He starts with Ludendorff, that ambitious egotist who had the gall to pound with the hilt of his sword on the closed gate of a fort at Liège, imperiously demanding, "Surrender! In the name of Kaiser Wilhelm!"

Red next shows Papa Joffre under pressure, imperturbable, decisive—and 62. As the Von Schlieffen Plan unfolded, General Joffre was blindly following his pet Plan 17, pushing toward Alsace-Lorraine. Finally, almost too late, he was dissuaded. He became the "Hero of the Marne," but eventually he had to step down.

In the chapter "Winston Churchill, the English Bulldog," the author sketches colorfully Churchill's early days and his part in World War I, in which his ambitions, never modest, exploits and vagaries added up to a low point in the life of a great historical figure.

Phillipe Pétain, a "soldier's soldier," commanded Verdun. Sixty-three German divisions attacked. Pétain decreed "They shall not pass"—and because of his forceful leadership they did not pass. Few today remember his quelling of the mutiny that almost consumed the French Army. The rest of his story is indeed sad: how he became "Chief of State" for Nazi-occupied France.

Carl Mannerheim, truly the Finnish "Knight," served the Czar and then fought against Communists. Red stresses his little-known, 8,500-mile horseback ride across the "roof of the world," an espionage mission directed by the Czar against the Chinese. Was there ever another such ride?

"The Red Baron," Manfred von Richthofen, was probably the most dashing figure of the war. He started as a Uhlan, but when his horsemen had to dig trenches he promptly transferred to the Flying Service. Loving the knight-of-the-air role and the thrilling prospects of "dog fights" in the sky, his exploits sparked even the imagination of his enemies and drew their admiration and respect.

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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 September issue by — 30 June 75

the December issue by — 30 Sept 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.

Board of Trustees Winter Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Association held its regular winter meeting at West Point on 21 and 22 February 1975. The President, Saltzman '25, presided at both sessions, the first on Friday afternoon and the second on Saturday morning.

The Friday afternoon session consisted entirely of an in-depth briefing for the Board on the Academy's Public Affairs Program, presented by Garigan '57, the USMA Public Affairs Officer. The briefing was designed to provide the Board with information on the current program, how it is being strengthened, the types of materials which are available and how individual graduates may participate. Garigan emphasized the Academy's interest in telling the West Point story nationwide to all Americans, but, importantly, to worthy young Americans who may be eligible to enter the Academy.

The second session opened with a report by the Superintendent on his perceptions of the Academy after six months in office. The Superintendent spoke on a broad range of subjects of interest to the Board and answered members' questions. He summed up his remarks with the observation that the Academy and the Corps are in very sound condition and with the prediction that they will remain so in the future.

The remainder of the session was devoted primarily to Association business. The Board approved a reorganization of the Association's Admissions Committee, which works closely with the Director of Admissions in the Academy's Admissions Program. The Board also approved a slate of officers and trustees for nomination to the membership at the Association's annual meeting on 30 May 1975. The slate is as follows:

President: Charles E. Saltzman '25; Vice-Presidents: Floyd E. Dunn '25, Robert J. Wood '30, Edwin H. Ferris '35, Henry R. Brewerton '40, Henry J. Hughes Jr. '45, William B. DeGraf '50, Robert A. Strati '55, John M. Lenti '60, Joseph E. DeFrancisco '65, Gary Steele '70.

Trustees: George H. Olmsted '22, James M. Gavin '29, James Q. Brett '30, Oren E. Hurlbut '33, Chester V. Clifton '36, Andrew J. Goodpaster '39, Frederick A. Smith Jr. '44, Henry M. Francis '44, E. Douglas Kenna '45, Frank Borman '50, Lee B. Gray '53, James S. Conley Jr. '65.

The Chairman, West Point Fund Committee, Kenna '24, and the Director of

1975 Sylvanus Thayer Award

The President of the Association of Graduates has announced that the 1975 Sylvanus Thayer Award will be presented to W. Averell Harriman in ceremonies at West Point on 9 September 1975. Mr. Harriman was chosen by a select committee of the Association headed by General Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler, Class of 1922. The ceremonies on 9 September will consist of a late afternoon cadet review on the Plain honoring Mr. Harriman, followed by a presentation dinner with The Corps of Cadets in Washington Hall.

Development, Fuqua '33, briefed the Board on the fund-raising program and its calendar year 1974 results, which were provided members in the March ASSEMBLY. Krisman '39, Director of Publications, presented the Publications Program, emphasizing that the program is designed to be self-supporting, though we had a small deficit last year, and that in spite of increases in costs, subscription prices will remain at their current low level for at least another year. Lamb '46, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, briefed the Board on the Association's current financial situation and the operating budget for FY76, beginning 1 April 1975. The Board approved an expense budget of \$428,500, which is expected to provide an excess of revenue over expense of approximately \$25,000. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon, 22 February.

Social activities for Board members, and their wives consisted of a dinner at the Thayer Hotel on Friday evening and an informal luncheon on Saturday.

Thayer Birthplace Accepted by National Register of Historic Places

The Braintree Historical Society in Braintree, Massachusetts, which restored and operates the birthplace of General Sylvanus Thayer, USMA 1808, has announced that the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places on 3 December 1974 according to a notice received through the Massachusetts Historical Commission from Ronald H. Walker, Director of the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior. The property was certified as a

Massachusetts Historic Landmark in May 1972.

General Thayer's birthplace, which was built in 1720, was acquired by the Historical Society in 1958 and moved about two miles to its present location in the Braintree Civic Center where it was completely renovated and outfitted with authentic period antiques. Military Academy units participated at the dedication and later in 1965 at a special General Sylvanus Thayer Day at which time the Academy presented to the Society a bronze cannon of the War of 1812 which was placed on the grounds.

The birthplace not only honors Thayer but serves as a Community Historical Center containing museum rooms of Braintree History, Military History and Elements of Colonial Living. One of the nation's leading educational programs in Colonial Living is also operated in cooperation with the Braintree School Department for every fifth grade student in Braintree in both public and private schools.

The official Thayer House application for the National Register contains in great detail the personal and military history of General Thayer which needs no repetition here. The National Register is the official schedule of the nation's cultural property that is worth saving, it is a protective inventory of irreplaceable resources across the face of the land. In building the future, it is the guide to a richer environment with visible continuity with the past.

All Military Academy personnel are urged to visit this Historic Place, the home of one of the Academy's famous graduates. From April to October the house is officially open every afternoon except Monday and Wednesday, also on Saturday morning. Academy personnel with proper credentials, are welcome at other times within the schedule of the Resident Custodians or by special arrangement with any Society Officer. Group tours are especially welcome.

Thayer's Birthplace in Braintree, MA.





Formal Dining-In Facility—Cadet Mess.

Formal Dining Facility Donated By Graduate

When Washington Hall was expanded to accommodate the increased size of the Corps of Cadets, two small triangular dining areas with a seating capacity of about 150 were built into the space between the wings. Recently, one of these areas has been furnished and decorated to provide a formal dining room for cadet companies, clubs and activities. The entire undertaking was the gift of Mr. Douglas O'Connor, USMA 1954, presented in memory of his wife, Mary Alice.

The decor selected for the oak paneled room seeks to create an intimate atmosphere that evokes memories of the past and emphasizes traditional cadet designs. Old photographs of West Point scenes and activities from the 1880-1920 period have been enlarged, specially lit, and used as wall decorations. The helmet and sword design from the USCC crest has been used on the silver, china and crystal and is repeated in the curtains and on the chair backs, providing a unifying decorative theme.

The room is furnished with six-man circular tables which permit a departure from the traditional 10-man mess hall seating arrangement. The chairs, upholstered in black naughahyde, were selected because of their similarity to the camp chairs common at the turn of the century. The furnishings include a 15-foot break-front which was custom made to match the existing wall paneling. Mess hall tableware from other eras is exhibited in a display case built into the face of the piece. The addition of ceiling and drapery lighting fixtures allows the intensity of illumination to be varied to suit the occasion.

The china pattern which was selected has a black rim framed by thin coin gold stripes. Each 9 piece place setting includes a presentation plate that contains the helmet and sword design on the rim in coin gold. The same crest is etched on the 4 pieces of crystal stemware and stamped on the 7 pieces of silver flatware that complete the place settings. Each table also holds a condiment set, a gravy boat, a sugar bowl, salt and pepper shakers, a cream pitcher, a butter dish, a bread tray and a candlestick. The pattern of the silver holloware was selected to match one previously used in the Cadet Mess. Gold tablecloths and napkins embroidered with the crest complete the table settings.

The dining room attendants have been provided with covered meat platters, vegetable dishes, service forks, spoons, coffee pots and water pitchers that continue the pattern used on the table holloware. A special dishwasher has been installed in the service area to handle the more fragile tableware.

The Cadet Mess is developing special menu selections to be offered only in conjunction with this room. Completion of this facility provides the Corps of Cadets with a dining area where special functions can be held in privacy with a style and dignity which could not be achieved previously in the main wings of the Mess Hall.

The Dialectic Society Celebrates Its 150th Anniversary

On 12 November 1824 the Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, signed Special Orders No. 50 which stated that eleven cadets could "organize themselves as a Society, for the purpose of literary improvement. This Association (to be called the Dialectic Society) is allowed to hold meetings every Saturday evening from suppertime till 9 o'clock until further orders."

Though this order firmly established the Dialectic Society as an official organization, the actual beginnings of the Dialectic Society took place in May 1816. On this date the Amosopic Society was founded "for the purpose of improvement in debate, composition and recitation." The Amosopic Society was such a success that in 1822 a rival debate group was organized under the name of the Philomathean Society. The two societies debated against each other for a year but then merged, calling themselves the Ciceronian Society. This name was then changed to the Dialectic Society in 1824.

Throughout the one hundred fifty year history of the Dialectic Society the organization has been concerned with entertainment. The form of the entertainment has changed with the changing tastes of the American culture. The early debate clubs



corresponded to the prevalent type of entertainment of that period. As the years progressed the Society left the debating field and edited the first yearbooks and began the presentations of the annual Hundredth Night Show. The Hundredth Night Show tradition began when the Dialectic Society started putting on skits in the mess hall. The skits became progressively elaborate until a tradition had been established of putting on a play, which became known as the Hundredth Night Show, when there were one hundred nights remaining until June and graduation for the First Class.

Today the Dialectic Society is still concerned with providing entertainment for

the United States Corps of Cadets and the staff and faculty at USMA. The entertainment provided by the Dialectic Society is three-fold. The three areas are the presentation of the Hundredth Night Show, the sponsoring of the Cadet Acting Troupe, and the presentations of live rock concerts. This year's Society has presented "A Day at the Gray Zoo, or It Could Only Happen at Woops"—this year's Hundredth Night Show, "1776," "Mr. Roberts," and "Smell of the Greasepaint—Roar of the Crowd" presented by the Cadet Acting Troupe, and live rock concerts featuring Sha Na Na, America, Kool and the Gang, J. Geils, James Gang, Mountain, B.B. King, and Marshall Tucker.

The hundred fifty year history has seen the Dialectic Society expand from eleven cadets holding meetings in the mess hall to today's organization of over two-hundred actively participating cadets using the facilities of the multimillion-dollar Eisenhower Hall entertainment complex. A ten-man staff coordinates the presentations of the Dialectic Society and oversees the \$100,000 plus annual expenditures of the group.

With one hundred fifty years behind it, the Dialectic Society enjoys the distinction of being the oldest extracurricular activity and the oldest continuous cadet-run organization at USMA. The Dialectic Society looks forward to providing entertainment for the Corps for another one hundred fifty years.

Civilian Professor Of French Honored

M. Claude Viollet, Civilian Professor of French in the Department of Foreign Languages, has been promoted to the degree of Officer of the Legion of Honor by the French government. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, 18 March, in the office of M. Gérard Gausson, Consul General of France. M. Viollet was honored for his outstanding contributions to West Point over a period of nearly thirty years.

Born in Paris, M. Viollet envisaged from an early age a career in the French Foreign Service. As the clouds of war gathered in the late thirties, however, his university studies in Political Science were interrupted by the call to arms. He entered the Cavalry Officers' School at Saumur in 1937. In 1938-39 he served as a lieutenant with the 20th Dragoons at Limoges, and in 1939-40 he participated in the defense of his country against the German invasion. M. Viollet later served as a lieutenant in the 7th Regiment of Chasseurs in Africa. In 1943 he was assigned as a liaison officer to the U.S. Fifth Army. He was severely wounded at Anzio in May 1944 and was awarded the French Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre.

In 1946 M. Viollet was selected by the French War Ministry to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Upon completion of the course, he visited the Military Academy while he was en route back to France. He was offered the civilian instructorship in French, returned to France, was retired as a major in the French Regular Army, and assumed his duties here in October



French Legion of Honor award recipient—Claude Viollet.

1946. While serving at West Point, he obtained the master's degree from Middlebury College and pursued advanced studies at Columbia University. He has taught summer sessions in the French school at Middlebury College and at McGill University in Montreal. A member of the French Translators Society he translated "Man and the Machine" for the Viking Press. He is the author or co-author of several French texts used in class here, and has also contributed articles which have appeared in scholastic and military journals both in the United States and in France. In 1973 the then Superintendent, Lieutenant General William A. Knowlton, presented to him the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

In 1946 M. Viollet was named a Knight of the Legion of Honor for his military achievements. His promotion to the degree of Officer of the Legion of Honor constitutes official recognition by the French government of his work done in a civilian capacity at USMA.

Plebe Rechallenges in Horse Show

For the second time this year Plebe Ken Peterson challenged a First Classman for honors at an Intercollegiate Horse Show. Earlier this year Ken Peterson defeated his team captain, David Tate, in a ride-off for first place in a maiden equitation class. His disregard for protocol was repeated at the United States Military Academy Sponsored Show at West Point on 6 April. He defeated Doug Brown in a ride-off to break a tie for champion rider of the show.

The cadets, guided by Coach LTC Bob Ballagh (USA Retired), took top honors

Cadet Brown showing form which earned him first place at Horse Show.



Class of 1975 Branch Selection

Following is a summary of the results of the Class of 1975 branch selection.

Branch	Quota		Order in Which Br Quota Exhausted	GOM Spread		Total Assigned
	Min	Max		Highest	Lowest	
AD	56	61	3	9	854	61
AR	102	131	2	15	765	131
EN	93	119	1	1	345	119
FA	165	202	NA	3	869*	170
IN	258	296	NA	16	868	266
SC	57	76	NA	8	867	76
MI/MP/CSS	0	64	—	109	846	12

*General Order of Merit (GOM) of last man is 869, while class total is 867; two cadets below 869 were separated at end of seventh semester.

Total Pending medical classification	3
Total to be commissioned Army (Less 9 Medical School Program)	835
Total to be commissioned USAF (16) or USMC (1)	17
Total selected for Medical School Program	9
Allied Cadets	3

TOTAL: 867

at the show which they hosted for 37 colleges from Region I of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Over 450 riders competed in 54 events ranging from beginner equitation to open jumping and hunt team competition.

Over 5,000 spectators saw the cadet team win 24 ribbons, 10 of them blue, to win both the Team Championship and Champion Individual Rider. Centenary College for Women and Nassau Community College tied for second place close behind the cadets. The crowd pleasers of the day were the cadet saber competition won by Keith Bethea; the hunt team competition won by Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck and the Army Mule winning of a blue ribbon for "conformation and way of going" ridden by Bruce Jette.

During the show, Mr. Robert Cacchione Jr., Executive Director of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, presented Colonel Paul R. Wirth, Officer-in-Charge of the Cadet Riding Team, a memento in appreciation for his contribution to the Association.

With two shows remaining in the 10 show season, the cadets are confident that they can maintain their 45-point lead over the second place team to become Regional Grand Champions.

Over half of the 10-man squad has qualified to compete at the Regional Individual Championships on 27 April. Those winning at that show will compete at the National level.

Cadet Johnson Receives Cancer Award

Cadet Robert E. Johnson, United States Military Academy Class of 1975, was awarded the American Cancer Society's Courage Award by President Ford.

The President presented a plaque to Cadet Johnson for the courage he displayed in a personal campaign against cancer.

Mrs. Ford, a long-time Cancer Society volunteer, is honorary chairman of the 1975 Crusade. Actress Raquel Welch, the Society's National Crusade Chairman, also attended the ceremony.



Cadet Johnson, Cancer award recipient, with Raquel Welch and President Ford.

Cadet Johnson, son of Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, 573 Jensen Road, Memphis, Tennessee, was the first black to be elected Captain of the Army football team in its 84-year history.

Last spring, doctors detected a lesion in Johnson's upper right arm. Several operations and numerous radiation treatments at Walter Reed Army Hospital arrested the growth, but left his bone brittle, barring his playing football during the 1974 season.

Upon his return to West Point, Cadet Johnson called his teammates together to explain his illness and to offer his resignation as team Captain. The team unanimously rejected his resignation and asked him to stay on as their non-playing captain.

Throughout the season he served in that capacity, leading his team in practice and pre-game calisthenics, calling the coin toss at the start of each game and providing inspiration from the sidelines.

Before last year's surgery, Cadet John-

son had already earned two Varsity letters in both football and wrestling. In addition, he taught Sunday School to the post children for two years. He presently is vice president of the Behavioral Science Club and is a member of the Contemporary Affairs Seminar.

Cadet Johnson holds the rank of Cadet Captain and commands the 1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment, United States Corps of Cadets. In this capacity, he is responsible for supervising more than 300 other cadets.

Cadet Johnson is a graduate of the Army parachutist school, which he attended as part of his cadet summer training in 1973. He will be commissioned as a 2d lieutenant in the Infantry upon his graduation in June. After attending Infantry Officer training and Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he will be assigned to the 101st Air-Assault Division ("Screaming Eagles") at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The Hellcats

As the United States Military Academy prepares for the celebration of the Bicentennial, special recognition should be given to the Field Music Detachment of the USMA Band. It is through this detachment, widely known as the "Hellcats," that the Band traces its ancestry and achieves the distinction of being both the oldest band in the U.S. Army and the oldest military unit in continuous service at West Point.

In 1776 fifers and drummers were attached to the companies of Minutemen stationed on Constitution Island, in the Hudson River just east of West Point. The Order Books of the military formation of the Revolution which occupied West Point in the winter of 1778 indicate the presence of the martial fife and drum.

Evidence that commanding officers of those early days at West Point were attuned to the therapeutic value of music is apparent in this excerpt from an historic Order Book:

"Music regulates the soldier's waking and sleeping, spurs him on in marching and fighting, and accompanies him on occasions of joy and sadness."

In 1812 the musicians were organized into a single unit, becoming a part of the company of Engineers, Sappers and Miners

stationed at the present site of the Academy. By 1815 this small group was performing with such instruments as flutes, clarinets, bassoons, Royal Kent bugles, French horns, trumpets, serpents, and drums—a fairly complete band, even by today's standards.

Although the fife and drum were the first musical instruments at West Point, it wasn't until 1841 that the Superintendent of the Academy, Colonel Richard Delafield, approved the addition of six fifers and drummers to be attached to the Academy Band as "boys learning music."

Today's Hellcats are a far cry from their rag-tag counterparts of the Revolution, but cadets today are no different from their brothers in the Long Gray Line of long ago who similarly sputtered at the Hellcats as the brassy and percussive alarm clock shattered the quiet of dawn during a winter reveille formation.

The Hellcats have delighted millions of spectators at parades and reviews with their precise marching embellished by the silver flourish of bugles and the intricate twirls of bass and tenor drum sticks. Equipped with bugles especially designed for performance with the Band, the Field Music Detachment helps the USMA Band maintain the traditional bugle marches which elsewhere seem to be disappearing from American military music.

Cadets frequently submit requests with a sectional flavor such as "Dixie" and "The Yellow Rose of Texas," but the bulk of the Field Music Library comes from old European and traditional American airs, and from original tunes composed over the years by members of the detachment.

The Field Musician of today is a far better and more qualified musician than his Revolutionary counterpart. He is usually a serious music student who has interrupted college or conservatory training to enlist for three years to serve his country while gaining maturing professional experience. Further study with distinguished teachers is possible while assigned to the Academy due to its proximity to New York City. Thus, modern Hellcats are still "boys learning music," although hardly in the sense implied in 1841. This combination of military and musical life is apparently beneficial, for

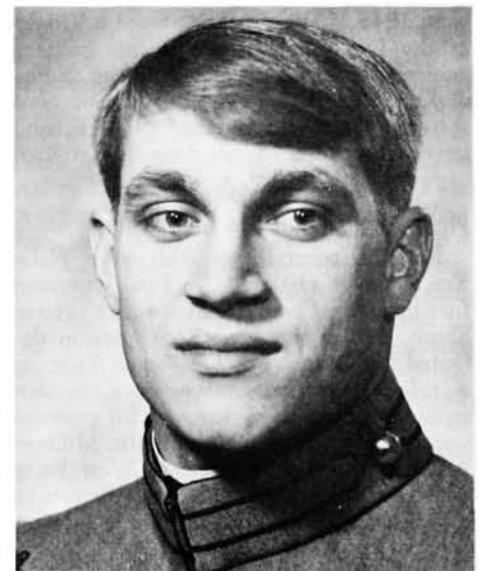
the alumni roster of the Field Music Detachment is replete with names of successful teachers and musical artists. Many of the Field Musicians have gone directly into major symphony orchestras upon completion of their enlistments. Others serve a full 20 or 30-year enlistment at the Academy before retirement. The current non-commissioned officer in charge of the Hellcats, Sergeant Major Richard A. Pelletier, has been at West Point for 27 years.

The Hellcats, composed of highly skilled professional musicians, is an integral part of one of the finest bands in the world today. Its standard of excellence, like the standards of the Academy's graduates, will continue to be a source of pride to the Army and to the nation.

Cadet Honored for Saving Two

Adventure is common for U.S. Military Academy cadets on temporary duty with active Army units during the summer months, but for Peter Ramsberger his experience last summer has special significance—for himself and two Texas girls. He saved them from drowning in the Rio Grande River.

Cadet Ramsberger was enjoying an afternoon off while assigned to the Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas, with a friend on the banks of the Rio Grande when he noticed a commotion on the opposite bank. He could see that several persons were unsuccessfully attempting to rescue a girl from the currents of the



Cadet Peter Ramsberger

river. He dove into the river and brought her to shore where she excitedly continued to point to the river and shout in Spanish.

There in the river was another girl being swept downstream headfirst. Again Ramsberger plunged into the river and was able to bring the unconscious girl to shore. By applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage, he brought the girl back to consciousness.

For his actions, Ramsberger was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He will graduate in June and receive a commission in the Medical Service Corps.

ASSEMBLY

The Hellcats



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

Hockey Reunion

The second Biennial Army Hockey Reunion was held during the RMC Weekend at West Point, 8-10 March.

50 Hockey Alumni and over 150 friends of Army Hockey attended the Reunion festivities. The oldest graduate was Major General (Ret.) Einar B. Gjelsteen, USMA '23, who journeyed from Sacramento, California. He was a member of the first Army team to play RMC in 1923.

Sunday afternoon the Alumni played the Plebe and Yearling Varsity and JV hockey players in an exciting "well-refereed" humorous contest. The Alumni emerged victorious 7-5. Thirty former hockey players suited up for the contest led by COL (Ret) Ed Crowley '46. The game was followed by a buffet at the rink.

Before the game, a special "Red Carpet" award ceremony was held for one of Army's most loyal fans, Mr. "Jake" Pryne, who has driven Army team buses for over 22 years.



1975—Army Hockey Alumni

Presentation of Dress Uniform to USMA

Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Miller of Nutley, New Jersey, have recently presented a historic garment belonging to Major John Lillie, father of Cadet John Lillie Jr., known as the first cadet associated with the Military Academy. Mr. Miller had previously donated the Lillie family papers to the Academy which documented Cadet Lillie's cadetship in 1801, one year before the establishment of the Military Academy. The dress outfit consisting of a velvet coat trimmed with gold braid and ornamented with lace cuffs, in addition to a pair of white linen breeches, represents an additional association item of the early West Point scene. Mr. Miller had obtained these items from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shephard from North Easton, Massachusetts, who had purchased them directly from Miss Elizabeth Lillie, the last living descendant of Major John Lillie.

Mr. Miller is a well known collector of guns and Americana as well as a lecturer on the history of Revolutionary War weapons.

Class '42 K Flying School Reunion

All former members of Class '42 K please contact me about a reunion. Please send known current addresses of classmates to Arthur J. Salkin, Suite 310, 905 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

West Point Parents Club of Illinois

The March 1975 meeting of the West Point Parents Club of Illinois, attended by 105 members, was of particular importance to two groups within the club. Parents who were planning to attend Plebe-Parents Weekend at the end of March were treated to slides and dialogue about past Plebe-Parents Weekends with hints about how to make the weekend more memorable. Another group of parents who are planning to attend graduation in June viewed slides and learned what to expect with the June Week activities at graduation time. Other parents

Mr. Egon Weiss, Librarian, USMA, receiving for USMA old dress uniform.



enjoyed viewing the slides and learning how they should plan for these future activities.

The success of the West Point Parents Club of Illinois is spreading to other areas. Two families who moved from Illinois have started an Eastern Pennsylvania club modeled after the Illinois club. Material about the Illinois club has also been sent to groups in New York and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where clubs are being organized like the West Point Parents Club of Illinois.

New officers of the West Point Parents Club of Illinois for 1975-76 were elected at the March meeting. They are: President, Joe Schuessler, River Forest; Vice President, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Country Club Hills; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Stenzel, Princeton; Corresponding Secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Janis Ballmanis, Winfield and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hayes, Mt. Prospect; Treasurer, George Morrison, Ottawa. The new officers will be installed at the June meeting.

The most important meeting of the year for the West Point Parents Club of Illinois

will be held on Father's Day, June 15, at the Holiday Inn, Morris, Illinois. New Cadets from Illinois who will enter the Academy in July for the Class of 1979 and their parents will be invited to attend as guests of the club to hear from cadets who have just completed their Plebe year. About 10 cadets will tell about their experiences and what the new cadets might expect during their first year. Cadets have told club parents how much this meeting has helped them adjust to the Academy system.

All new cadets will be presented with a recording of General Douglas MacArthur's famous speech to the corps given on 12 May 1962.

The club will accept registrations for membership for the 1975-76 year from all interested parents at the meeting. Each set of parents registering will receive a booklet containing a history of the club, the club bylaws and a list of the 164 current members and their addresses.

Write to Joe Schuessler, 841 Bonnie Brae, River Forest, IL 60305 for further information.



down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

THE firing of basketball coach Dan Dougherty after four seasons, the hiring of former Cadet cager Mike Krzyzewski as his successor, and individual all-star awards accorded several Cadet athletes grabbed the sports page headlines during the past quarter of Army varsity intercollegiate athletics.

Dougherty, a former assistant coach at Villanova University, came to West Point in 1971 when Bob Knight departed USMA for Indiana University. Dougherty matched Knight's final Army season record of 11-13 during his first two campaigns at the Academy, but directed the Cadets to a disappointing 6-18 mark during the 1973-74 season. Still, the Army Athletic Association presented Dougherty with a new two-year contract.

When the Cadets won only three of their 25 contests this past winter, however, Academy officials preferred to "buy up" the remaining year on Dougherty's contract and dismiss him. Dan's four-year mark at West Point was 31-66.

Michael W. Krzyzewski, captain of the 1968-69 Army team that placed fourth in the National Invitation Tournament and a member of two Cadet squads that led the nation in defense, was named the new basketball coach on 15 April.

A USMA graduate (Class of 1969), Krzyzewski spent the past season as an assistant to Knight, the Coach-of-the-Year, at Indiana. Knight was Krzyzewski's coach at West Point.

A native of Chicago, Krzyzewski spent the previous two seasons coaching the USMA Prep School basketball team at Fort Belvoir, VA. His 1974 squad sparked by current West Point standout Gary Winton, enjoyed an 18-2 record. Following the '74 campaign, Krzyzewski resigned his commission and joined Knight at Indiana.

Much of Knight's basketball philosophy is reflected in Krzyzewski's coaching style.

At press time, Krzyzewski had not yet named his assistant coaches.

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Here then is a review of the 1974-75 winter sports campaign:

BASKETBALL (3-22)

If you think the record was bad, imagine what it might have been if plebe Gary Winton hadn't been around all year.

Winton, a 6-foot-5 forward who came to West Point from Somerville, AL by way of USMAPS, led the Cadets in virtu-

ally every category this past winter en route to the Eastern College Athletic Conference's 1974-75 Rookie-of-the-Year award.

The leading freshman scorer in Army basketball history, Winton ranked among the national leaders in scoring and rebounding. His 13.1 rebounds per game placed him 12th in the country, while his .586 field goal percentage was good for 13th place.

Among the nation's freshmen, Winton was tops in rebounding, second in field goal percentage and fourth in scoring with an average of 19.7 points per game.

Gary finished the season with 472 points, best by far of any previous Plebe, and the eighth best by an Army player ever for a single season.

In addition to his year-end honor from ECAC, Winton also received the ECAC's player-and rookie-of-the-week citations during the season.

Only senior Dave Thomas (7.9 ppg) will be missing from among the first nine players next season when the young squad, captained by Tom Valerio, will greet coach Krzyzewski, who will be reunited with Winton and jayvee standouts Joe Barto and Wes Sneed.

Here are results of the final nine games: Army defeated Iona, then lost five straight to St. John's, Rochester, Colgate, Seton Hall, and Penn State. The Cadets rallied briefly to take Pitt-Johnstown, but closed the campaign with losses to Navy, (72-61), and to Holy Cross.

FENCING (3-11)

Coach A. John Geraci has seen better seasons at West Point—all six of his previous years, in fact, as this was Army's losingest campaign since Geraci took over the coaching reins.

The Cadets finished the season with seven straight setbacks before placing 10th during the Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships at MIT. Army fell victim to Air Force, 14-13; Penn State, 17-10; Columbia, 17-10; NYU, 18-9; Princeton, 15-12; Navy, 15-12; and Cornell, 16-11.

Coach Geraci now is 60-23 in six seasons.

GYMNASTICS (7-4)

Coach Ned Crossley experienced a frustrating 2-7 record during his initial season at the helm, but apparently ordered an about-face.

After heartbreaking losses to Temple (200.50 to 198.55) and Springfield (203.80 to 203.40), both decided in the final event, evened the season record at 4-4, the Cadets swept their final three meets prior to a fifth-place finish at the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League championships at Springfield.

Army's victims were Boston State, Navy, and Pittsburgh.

Bogusky earned a berth in the NCAA championships on the still rings.

Coach Crossley now is 9-11 in two seasons.

HOCKEY (18-11)

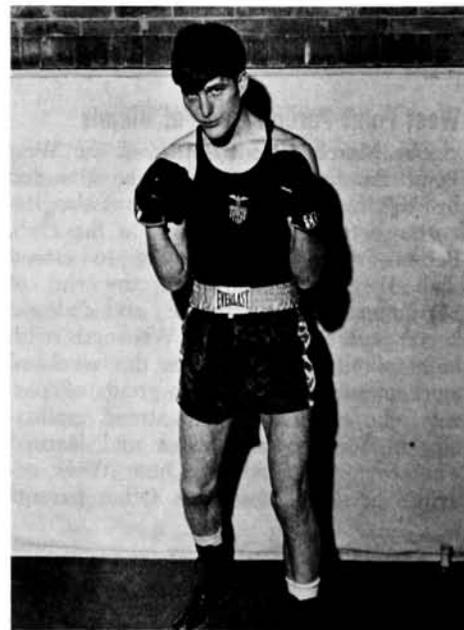
The Cadets proved last season was no fluke, following the 20 victories of the 1973-74 season with just two fewer this time around, and much of the success should be credited to seniors George Clark and George Reynolds.

Both were named to the All-Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II hockey team, selected by a vote of the ECAC Division II coaches, and Clark later was selected to the 1975 Eastern College Division all-America team, chosen by the American Hockey Coaches Association. Clark was one of only two all-America repeaters.

The Cadets "let George do it" often during the latter stages of the season, when Army rebounded from an 8-6 mark to win 10 of its final 15 games.

Coach Jack Riley's skaters then suffered their first back-to-back losses since they

Golden Gloves Boxer—Cadet Kevin Higgins, 147 pounds.





Army-CCNY baseball game.



Army-Princeton lacrosse game.

ended a four-game losing slide in December. Ithaca had first licks, 4-1, before Princeton completed the double-dip with a 5-4 squeaker. West Point fashioned another three-game win streak with 16-1 and 6-5 victories over College Militaire Royale, plus a 4-2 triumph over New England College.

Boston College retaliated with a 9-7 victory over the Black Knights, but Bridgewater State fell victim to the Cadets, 9-4, and Norwich also bowed, 7-4.

Making their second consecutive appearance in the ECAC Division II playoffs, the Cadets again failed to advance beyond the opening round when Bowdoin took an 8-4 victory.

But Army closed the season on a happy note nonetheless with a 2-1 decision over arch-rival Royal Military College to highlight RMC Weekend at West Point.

Clark closed out his hockey career in dramatic fashion, shattering the career scoring marks for goals and total points. In four years of varsity play, the Army captain scored 153 goals and added 113 assists, eclipsing the career goal mark of 112 set by Dave Merhar, a 1959 grad. Clark's 266 total points also surpassed Merhar's career point mark of 229.

Coach Riley now is 330-219-13 in 25 seasons.

PISTOL (13-1)

Coached by MSG Emil Heugatter, the Cadet sidearmers continue to be Army's most consistent winners, losing only once in each of the past three seasons.

The Cadets won all seven of their dual meets, including a record victory over Royal Military College to ring down the curtain, and they also defended their NRA Sectional title by trouncing teams from Villanova, Penn and Coast Guard Academy.

Air Force handed the Cadets their lone loss.

In the Sectionals, the USMA Gold team hit for high scores in both conventional and international style shooting. The Army Black squad was right behind.

Three members—Banks, Crosby and Range were selected to the 1974-1975 all-America team by the National Rifle Association. Four other Army shooters gained honorable mention. Army thus had seven of the top 15 collegiate shooters in the nation.

Coach Heugatter now is 36-3 in three seasons.

RIFLE (9-3)

Only powerful West Virginia and inter-service rivals Air Force and Navy kept

MSG Ken Hammill's riflemen from enjoying an undefeated season.

Army won five of its final seven matches, finished fifth in its own USMA Invitational, and successfully defended its NRA Sectional championship.

The Cadets closed the season by winning in the Sectionals.

Junior Rich Hawkins and senior captain Ralph Ghent were two of West Point's sharpest sharpshooters.

Coach Hammill is now 15-6.

SQUASH (9-5)

Thanks to a quick start, during which coach Ron Holmberg's racquetmen won six of their first seven matches, the Cadets were able to coast to a winning record after managing only a 7-7 mark the year before.

Army opened the campaign with victories over Stevens Tech, Franklin & Marshall, Fordham, Trinity, and MIT before Harvard upset the cart with a 9-0 triumph. Army bounced back to take a 9-0 decision from Stonybrook, but suffered consecutive shutout defeats against Penn and defending national champion Princeton.

The Cadets got back in the groove with three straight triumphs over Cornell, Dart-
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Golden Gloves Boxer—Cadet Al Fracker, 175 pounds.



Basketball Coach—Mike Krzyzewski.



Cadet Huber, right, West Point judo team captain, and Cadet Baggott (captain elect) lift the trophy Army won in the Eastern Collegiate Judo Championships.



The Hudson Highlands

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to command the forces in the Highlands. Arnold, though, was not available, so Washington ordered Major General Israel Putnam to command the Highlands. Then, he sent Nathanael Greene to the area to inspect the defenses and make sure that they were prepared to meet British attacks from any direction, particularly an attack from the west. Greene and his associates inspected the defenses, recommended construction of a boom to protect the chain, concluded that the river obstacles were sound, and generally ignored the problem of overland attack from the west because the ground was so difficult. George Clinton, one of the group, soon reaped the reward of such unprofessional optimism.

When General Putnam arrived in the Highlands in May 1777, the Patriots did not have their defenses in order. They had no armed galleys to back up the chain at Fort Montgomery and they had not completed the boom.

A month after Putnam arrived Burgoyne maneuvered the Patriot forces out of Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. Washington immediately sent Arnold to upper New York; then he marched his main army toward the Hudson as he tried to figure out what General Howe would do. Not until he finally learned that the Englishman had sailed for the Chesapeake Bay area, did Washington move toward Philadelphia. By going south, Howe doomed Burgoyne's campaign for 1777 and allowed the Patriots in the Highlands to relax. Recently mobilized militia went home in early August, and as the summer ended, the Patriots still had not completed their fortifications. To make matters even worse, Washington on 11 September ordered Continental forces from the Highlands to join him after suffering defeat at Brandywine. Barely two weeks later, 1700 British and Hessian troops arrived to reinforce the small garrison in New York commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton, and set the stage for the British capture of Forts Montgomery and Clinton.

On the same day that Washington lost at Brandywine, Henry Clinton in New York sent a messenger to Burgoyne near Saratoga telling Burgoyne that he might take Fort Montgomery. The message reached Burgoyne on 21 September just after he fought the indecisive Battle of Freeman's Farm—the first Battle of Saratoga—and caused Burgoyne to hold up and not press his attack against Horatio Gates' forces. After receiving Burgoyne's approval of his plan, Henry Clinton left New York on 3 October with three divisions which he planned to land at Stony Point and send west through Timp Pass and Doodletown, then around Bear Mountain to attack Forts Montgomery and Clinton from the rear. To deceive the Patriots, Clinton decided to feint toward the east before he landed his troops at Stony Point. Clinton based his ingenious and sophisticated plan upon the advice given by Colonel Beverly Robinson, an American

Loyalist and a Virginian friend of Washington's whose family homestead still remained just north of Anthony's Nose.

After conducting his feint toward Tarrytown and Peekskill and his demonstration against Verplanck's Point, Clinton landed his forces at Stony Point at 0600 on 6 October, and pushed his men forward rapidly. Patriot scouts detected the British move, but withdrew and gave up the critical bottleneck at Timp Pass. This allowed Clinton's columns to advance as planned, converging easily on the Patriot forts from the south and west. The inevitable battle was joined on the 6th when a British column, eventually commanded by Beverly Robinson, attacked George Clinton's force of 300 in Fort Montgomery and another British column of 1200 attacked James Clinton's force of 300 in Fort Clinton. Henry Clinton's attacking troops fought without cannon, but they bested his cousins' forces and cracked the Patriot defenses in the Highlands. In only thirty minutes the determined British infantry accomplished their task with great gallantry and with fearful use of the bayonet.

Israel Putnam and George Clinton tried to stop the British advance northward near Pollepel Island, but they failed. Henry Clinton's men took Fort Constitution without a fight on 8 October; then prepared to move against the water obstacles near Pollepel Island. With little difficulty, the British forces moved farther north burning and pillaging as they went in an attempt to reach Burgoyne. But without firm word from Burgoyne they were somewhat stymied and did not press on to Albany. When Clinton finally heard that his comrade had surrendered at Saratoga and that Howe had taken Philadelphia and wanted Clinton to send him reinforcements, he began withdrawing to New York City. Abandoning the Highlands because he did not have enough men to hold them, Henry Clinton had his men destroy Forts Constitution, Clinton, Montgomery, and Independence.

While 1777 had brought disaster to the Highland forts, the Patriot victory at Saratoga and Washington's tough fight at Germantown impressed Europe. France decided to aid the colonies, and soon new forts appeared in the Highlands. These would only be tested by treason.

From the ashes of defeat, the Patriots immediately should have constructed better fortifications. Unfortunately they did little during the remainder of 1777. Finally several men—George Clinton and Washington in particular—decided that West Point should be fortified instead of rebuilding the destroyed forts. Washington's selected French engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis de la Rاديère, however, did not agree, although he was finally forced to fall into line with the thinking of the American leaders. In mid-January 1778, La Rاديère sketched the outline of a new fort at West Point, beginning a new era in the Highlands. Then in late January a section of a Massachusetts Brigade under General Samuel Parsons

marched over the frozen Hudson to West Point to establish a post which has been occupied ever since.

During the remainder of the winter, while Washington and his troops suffered at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, little was done at West Point. Arguments between La Rاديère and the Patriot leaders produced few fortifications. In one area, however, the Patriots progressed: Captain Thomas Machin supervised the building of a second iron chain—the British had destroyed the first one at Fort Montgomery—which was to be stretched between West Point and Constitution Island by 30 April.

In March 1778, good things began to happen at West Point. Colonel Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish engineer who had won laurels at Ticonderoga and Saratoga, arrived at West Point to be the Chief Engineer. Kosciuszko, though, immediately clashed with La Rاديère. After trying to encourage Kosciuszko and La Rاديère to work together, Washington decided in late April that the Pole should replace the Frenchman. West Point finally had its expert engineer.

Under Kosciuszko's regime and with the support of more dedicated commanders, the Patriots began to build the fortress of West Point. First they built additional fortifications to the west and along the ridge-line to the southwest of the main fort which La Rاديère had drawn on the Plain at West Point. New troops provided the necessary man power to build the positions. As construction began, Captain Machin emplaced the chain between West Point and Constitution Island (Map 2).

On the Plain at West Point, James Clinton with New York Militia and Continental troops worked on the main fort on the river—soon to be named Fort Arnold—and its river line batteries: Chain, Lanthorn, Green and South which occupied the present Flirtation Walk area. Other troops built a Sherburne Battery just west of Fort Arnold near present day Trophy Point. Colonel Rufus Putnam's 5th Massachusetts Regiment threw up the fort which would eventually bear his name on Crown Hill. And along the ridgeline south of Fort Arnold (now the Lusk Housing Area) and covered by Fort Putnam, three Connecticut Regiments built Forts Webb, Wyllys, and Meigs.

The fortifications at West Point reached their fullest extent after Washington's Chief Engineer, Brigadier General Louis Le Beque de Presle Duportail inspected the area in August 1778. Kosciuszko's planned Redoubt #4 was built in 1779. The Americans built the western redoubts—#1, #2, #3, with their batteries and outlying works—in 1779. Then on Constitution Island, which had been reoccupied in 1778, Patriot troops partially rebuilt Marine Battery and then constructed Redoubts #5, #6, #7 during 1778-1779. The new outer redoubts on Constitution Island protected the vital river batteries from attack from the rear, just as the western redoubts protected Forts Putnam and Arnold. The Americans

apparently rebuilt Gravel Hill Battery on the island and renamed it Greator's Battery. (Map 2)

When all the forts and redoubts were completed West Point blocked the Hudson and prevented any repetition of Henry Clinton's 1777 Campaign. In many ways the Patriots and their advisors had developed an integrated defensive system which was ahead of its time; they had built a fortified belt of strong points instead of a single fortress.

Two important threats placed West Point at the forefront of the war after 1777, but neither brought combat to the area. In 1779 after a lull of a year, Henry Clinton tried to repeat his 1777 Campaign, but succeeded only in taking Stony Point before Washington reinforced the Highlands. The British position at Stony Point, however, cut off the Patriot line of communications across the river. Washington decided to take the point back. He brought Baron Von Steuben to West Point to train light infantry for the mission; then he entrusted the attack to Brigadier General "Mad Anthony" Wayne. Wayne took Stony Point on 17 July 1779 in a night bayonet attack which brought a victory of significance to the fledging nation and its Army because it destroyed a British force and boosted Patriot morale.

The following year, Henry Clinton tried to buy West Point, but his scheme failed and the name Benedict Arnold became anathema to Americans. Arnold escaped from Beverly Robinson's house on the east side of the Hudson near modern Garrison (Map 2) while Washington inspected nearby Middle Redoubt. His accomplice, Major John Andre, was not so fortunate. Captured at Tarrytown, incarcerated at West Point (some say at Fort Putnam), tried at Tappan, Andre died on a gibbet at Tappan on 2 October 1779.

After these great events, days of boredom returned to the Highlands and the Revolutionary War moved south for its final campaigns in 1780. In 1781 Washington took his army south from the West Point area to Yorktown and victory. He returned to the area in 1782 and encamped near New Windsor and Newburgh where he waited for peace.

Work continued on the Highland Forts until peace came on 19 April 1783. The additional work helped to preserve the forts and redoubts which make up Fortress West Point, the "Key to the Continent" during the American Revolutionary War.



The Seed of the Profession

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was published in 1870. Professor Wheeler, USMA, Class of 1855, who was Professor and Head of the Department of Engineering from 1871 until 1884, published in 1884 his own text on civil engineering. From these initial beginnings came the growth and expansion of engineering and analytical texts for use in this country.

It has been said that prior to 1837 the real instruction in engineering in the United States was offered almost exclusively by USMA. During the period of 1802 to 1862 the Academy graduated some 2,000 men of whom 200 became civil engineers. Many others did exploratory or other work in the expansion of our country, involved as both military men and as civilians. Some of these men are mentioned in more detail later in this chapter as well as in other chapters of this history. By 1860 however, the Military Academy had ceased to be a major source of civil engineers.

During the period 1819 and after, other civilian educational institutions were being founded and engineering curricula developed. Since these institutions could direct their attention uniquely to the development of professional civil engineers, it is natural that their curricula would become more professionally oriented and would go into a greater depth of study than was possible at the Military Academy. The primary mission of the Academy still was to provide the military professionals and military leaders for our country. One will note, however, that in the establishment and expansion of these civilian schools, many graduates of the Academy played prominent roles, either as a founder of the school itself or as a chairman or professor in the departments within those schools.

The American Society of Civil Engineers in 1967 published an article, "Benchmarks in Civil Engineering" by Neil FitzSimmons which traces the development of the early American schools for civil engineers. As FitzSimmons relates, Alden Partridge, the first Professor of Engineering at the United States Military Academy, founded the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, (later Norwich University) in 1819. This action by Partridge was due in part to his difficulties with Thayer and the Corps of Engineers. Because of these problems, Partridge resigned from the Army to form his own school at Norwich which soon included a course in Civil Engineering. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, founded in 1824, also offered civil engineering courses under Amos Eaton. 1825 to 1851 saw the addition of six other colleges offering courses in civil engineering such as St. John's College, Maryland, 1823; University of the City of New York, 1834; Virginia Military Institute, 1839; Union College (New York), 1845; Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, 1851. Upon Thayer's departure from the Military Academy as Superintendent, he founded the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, opening in 1871.

Many graduates of the United States Military Academy contributed to this expansion of engineering studies in the civilian educational institutions. For example during the period of Thayer's tenure as Superintendent alone, 711 men graduated; 39 became college professors, 16 of whom became college presidents. Prominent among these men are:

Horace Webster (USMA 1818) founder

of Hobart College then to New York Free Academy, later renamed College of the City of New York.

Thomas E. Sudler (USMA 1820) taught at St. John's College (Maryland) and at Dickinson College becoming President of Wesleyan Female College in Wilmington, Delaware.

Edward H. Courtenay (USMA 1821) Professor at USMA then to University of Pennsylvania, and later at University of Virginia.

Thomas R. Ingalls (USMA 1822) taught at University of Louisiana, and became President, Jefferson College, Louisiana.

Henry H. Gird (USMA 1822) taught at and became President, College of Louisiana.

Alexander Dallas Bache (USMA 1825) taught at USMA and at University of Pennsylvania, and was later President of Girard College. He founded the National Academy of Sciences and became even more famous as Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Matthew J. Williams (USMA 1825) taught at South Carolina College.

William M. Mather (USMA 1828) taught at Universities of Louisiana, Ohio, and at Marietta College.

Robert E. Lee (USMA 1829) became President of Washington College, Lexington, Virginia.

James Clark (USMA 1829) taught at Georgetown College and served as President of College of the Holy Cross and later of Gonzaga College.

William H. Norton (USMA 1831) taught at Delaware College and at Brown University. Became Professor of Civil Engineering at Yale's newly founded Sheffield Scientific School, a chair he filled for 31 years, 1852-1883.

Francis H. Smith (USMA 1833) taught at Hampden Sidney College and was one of the first two professors at Virginia Military Institute at the time of its founding. He later became Superintendent of VMI (1840).

Henry H. Lockwood (USMA 1836) was one of the original professors at the newly founded U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1845, where he remained until 1871 except for the period of the Civil War.

William P. Towbridge (USMA 1848) taught in the University of Michigan and in 1870 was appointed professor of dynamic engineering in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, where he remained until 1877 when he became professor of engineering in the School of Mines of Columbia University, New York City.

Robert Fletcher (USMA 1868) Dartmouth College, became Professor of Civil Engineering in the Thayer School of Civil Engineering in 1871. He continued Thayer's philosophies at that school and remained active until 1901.

Henry L. Eustis (USMA 1842) resigned from the Army and became a professor, organizing the Department of Engineering in the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard in 1849. He became Dean of

the Lawrence School in 1862 in which position he served until his death except for the period 1863-1871. By 1860 there were 203 colleges and universities in the United States. 78 graduates, spread over 21 states, filled chairs as professors. Of these, 40 were professors of mathematics and 16 were professors of engineering.

The total degree of commitment of graduates of USMA to the public engineering effort can be indicated by considering the post-graduate activity of these men. As military engineers, their impact was demonstrated by their work in the design and construction of seacoast fortifications. With independence won, and with unstable international relations with France and England, our own national security against outside intervention became important. A form of "deterrent" was the construction of strong harbor defenses at critical ports and harbors. To this end Congress appropriated funds in 1798 for the Army Engineers to restore old fortifications then in existence, and to add new ones. In 1807 an appropriation of more than three million dollars was passed. The engineering effort resulting from this is particularly notable as it represents the "first construction effort of any magnitude to be planned and carried out by engineers of American birth and training." The most significant fortress built during this period was Castle Williams, located for the protection of New York Harbor. It was designed and built in 1807-1812 under the supervision of Colonel Jonathan Williams, who at the time was also Superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point. The fort was significant in that it was the first all-masonry fort using high vertical walls and mounting the guns within the fort rather than on top of its exterior walls. The added height permitted several floors of guns thus providing more fire power per square foot of plan area than ever before achieved. Castle Williams thus was the most formidable seacoast defense in the United States ever built to that date, and it became the prototype for all major forts designed and constructed during the following half century. In November 1816, seacoast fortifications were further influenced by the appointment of a Board reporting to the War Department to further coordinate and supervise the design and construction of seacoast fortifications. Simon Bernard, a French engineer, was the chairman and serving with him were one naval officer and two officers from the Army Corps of Engineers. One of these was then Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Joseph G. Totten, destined to be Chief of Engineers, and to become a world authority on 19th century seacoast defenses. Totten is particularly noted in this regard as having conducted and completed the most "thoroughly controlled series of material resistance studies yet undertaken in connection with defensive construction." The contribution of this study to the body of knowledge in civil engineering is obvious. As a result of these studies, Totten employed armor in the design of his embrasures, and in addition, redesigned

the traditional dimensions of the embrasure to gain a greater field of fire. Well known fortifications, to name but a few, that were built under Totten's influence were Forts Sumter at Charleston, South Carolina, Pulaski at Savannah, Georgia, and Fortress Monroe in Virginia.

Turning now to the activities of West Point graduates in non-military activities, one finds also a significant commitment. A study of the civilian occupations of the graduates during the period 1802-1903 reveals the following numbers who devoted their civilian endeavor (after leaving the military service itself) to engineering or academic pursuits. The complete list of occupations included a total of 2,371 graduates.

Presidents of universities, colleges	46
Principals of academics and schools	32
Regents and chancellors of educational institutions	14
Professors and teachers	136
Superintendent of Coast Survey	1
Surveyor-Generals of States and Territories	11
Chief Engineers of States	14
Presidents of railroads and other corporations	87
Chief engineers of railroads and other public works	63
Superintendents of railroads and other public works	62
Civil engineers	228
Electrical engineers	5
Architects	7

It should be expected that graduates, both while in the Army and as civilians, would be involved in the expansion of the United States to the West. Exploration, surveying and mapping, railroads, roads, and canals make up this contribution.

Stephen Long's expedition in 1819 to plot the course of the Platte, Arkansas, and Canadian Rivers from their sources in the Rocky Mountains included John R. Bell, Class 1812, J.D. Graham (1817) and W.H. Swift (1819). Benjamin L.E. Bonneville (1815) conducted an expedition from 1832-1834 which produced the first maps that correctly portrayed the hydrography of the region of the United States west of the Mississippi.

Surveys necessary for expanding the railroads to the West also were performed by graduates while on active duty, many of whom went on to achieve greater fame as commanders of both Federal and Confederate troops during the Civil War. George B. McClellan (1846), Henry L. Abbot (1854), Philip H. Sheridan (1853), John B. Hood (1853), John W. Gunnison (1837), and John G. Parke (1849) are a few who contributed in this area.

Mapping and boundary surveys also were an essential ingredient to this expansion. During 1852-1854, Randolph B. Marcy (1832) and Gouverneur K. Warren (1850), who later gained fame at Gettysburg because he recognized the importance of the topography of Little Round Top, were deeply involved in the mapping of the Dakotas and of Nebraska. In 1834, Captain Andrew Talcott (1818) established the northern boundary of the State

of Ohio. However, he is probably more famous and better remembered as the inventor of the Zenith Telescope and the techniques of Zenith measurements to establish the latitude of a position. 1841-1885 saw work accomplished which resulted in the production of reliable charts for navigating the Great Lakes and the upper St. Lawrence River. Cyrus B. Comstock (1855) was a recognized expert in this effort and became the founder of the Northern and Northwestern Lakes Survey. F.R. Hasler, a former teacher of mathematics at West Point but not a graduate, founded the Coast and Geodetic Survey which was later revitalized and reorganized in 1843 by Alexander D. Bache (1825) who directed this activity until 1867. Another major contribution in the area of mapping and surveying was made by George M. Wheeler (1866) who in 1869 accomplished the major topographic survey of the area of the United States west of the 100th meridian. This activity led to the founding of the Geological Survey.

As noted by the tabular summary above, the involvement of graduates with the planning, construction, and operation of the first railroads was especially heavy and significant. Possibly it is indicative by the fact that Joseph G. Swift, the first graduate of the Academy, was associated with such work. The earliest major railroad endeavor undertaken in the United States was the Baltimore and Ohio. One of the three responsible persons involved was William Gibbs McNeill (1817). Associated with the B and O project were other graduates: Joshua Barney (1820), Isaac R. Trimble (1822) and one who later made even greater contributions, George W. Whistler (1819). Both McNeill and Whistler were part of a commission which went to England to study the problems of railroad planning, design, and construction to include the equipment used, not just the roadbed. In such international endeavors, Whistler stands out as the designer and builder of the Russian railroad from St. Petersburg to Moscow. In this capacity he earned the respect of the Russian Government to such an extent that he became the engineer advisor in many engineering problems and matters. Unfortunately Whistler did not live to see the completion of this project. His work was completed by another graduate, however, Thompson S. Brown (1825). Of the many others associated with the expansion of the railroads, mention can be made of William H. Gordon (1815), Daniel Tyler (1819), E.P. Alexander (1857), George W. Cass (1832), Andrew Talcott (1818) (already mentioned above), John Childe (1827), O. McK. Mitchell (1829), and W.C. Young (1822) who was associated with the New York Central and who was the first railway executive to require cross-ties along the entire roadbed.

Along with railroads as an element of expansion of the national transportation and communication systems, one cannot overlook the development of the network of roads and canals. The first national

highway, extending from Cumberland to St. Louis was first constructed and maintained by officers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1824 to 1840). Richard Delafield (1818) played an important role in this project. Additionally, officers from this Corps formed the Alaska Road Commission which constructed and maintained some 1100 miles of wagon roads and 600 miles of sled roads. The Yellowstone, Mount Rainier, and Crater Lake Park Roads were also built by Army engineers. During a four year period (1824-1828), graduates of USMA had conducted surveys for 34 canal routes, 18 roads, and 44 river and harbor surveys. The period 1840-1850 found Crozet (formerly Professor of Engineering at USMA) and J.R. Anderson (1836) engaged in laying out and constructing the Virginia highway system. William H. Swift (1819) was a leader in the Illinois-Michigan Canal project. G.S. Greene (1823) also was involved in canal transportation around New York City.

The Academy has through its graduates also made significant contributions in the area of municipal engineering and public buildings. Although most of this account has centered on the expansion and development of our nation to the West in these early years, the improvement of the base: the cities, the society, and those elements of concern to the individual in his daily life, is also significant. Prominent in this area is George S. Greene (1823) who was a leader in municipal water supply and distribution. His work with the Croton Water Supply for New York City, and his work in Washington, D.C. have proven to be far sighted and noteworthy. William Ludlow (1864) did great work in the Philadelphia Water System, and Montgomery C. Meigs (1836) is noted for his work in Washington, D.C., not only in the area of water supply but also in the design and construction of the wings and dome of the Capitol building in Washington. Thomas L. Casey (1852) reached prominence with his completion of the Washington Monument, not just by building the structure itself, but principally because he was required to finish the partially constructed monument after it had started to settle as a result of foundation problems. The problem of correcting the foundation at the same time finishing the monument itself, presented a unique engineering challenge for that time. Others who were involved with municipal work included F.V. Greene (1870), a pioneer in asphalt paving work and Eugene Griffin (1875), the creator of the General Electric Company who was responsible for municipal transportation systems utilizing the electric street-car. This interest in municipal engineering was not restricted only to the United States. William Ludlow (1864), William M. Black (1877), William L. Geary (1874), William J. Barden (1894), Matthew E. Hanna (1897), and Robert L. Hamilton (1891) all contributed to the renovation and improvement of Santiago, Cuba.

The contributions of graduates to the

improvement of river navigation and of rivers and harbors in general, and to the enormous benefits achieved from flood control and protection works are again beyond the scope of this portion of the history. In 1824 the responsibility for such works was assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by Act of Congress. Since graduates of USMA are assigned to this Corps, the opportunities for service in this area have been frequent. Other chapters will speak in further detail about such projects as the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River work; the Mississippi River and Missouri River flood control and navigation work; the Ohio and Columbia Rivers navigation improvements; the New York, Charleston, Galveston, Los Angeles, Chesapeake Bay Harbors work; and the Intra-Coastal Waterway and inland waterway along the coast; all of which improved the transportation and commercial shipping capabilities. These of course had a pronounced effect upon the internal economy and the international trade capabilities of our young nation, as well as providing the individual citizens and communities protection against the ravages of the floods. One cannot overlook in this category of accomplishment, the construction of the Panama Canal (1904-1915) under George W. Goethals (1880).

From the above, one can see that the Military Academy has indeed played a significant role as the seed of the engineering profession, especially as public servants. Starting with the early and unpretentious school on the plains of West Point (1794), progressing from the founding of USMA through its initial organization and growth (1802 to 1812), evolving thereafter, particularly under the leadership of Sylvanus Thayer from 1817 until 1833, and continuing on today, the Academy can take pride in having had a part to play in the initial beginnings of engineering education and in the production of graduates capable of satisfying the engineering needs of our nation both in times of war and of peace.



Cadet Life in the 1860's

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the distinctive term by which we were now designated) while we remained there.

At the date of our admission to the Academy a certain number of rooms were vacated by the cadets occupying them in order to provide room for new appointees. These cadets moved were assigned lodgings in other rooms of barracks, usually with members of their own classes, thus temporarily increasing the number in a room. The cadets that had been transferred had carried their chairs and bedsteads with them and no replacement had been made, so that we found our room without chairs, or bedsteads.

In the afternoon of our arrival we were paired and marched to the cadet QM's storehouse and had issued to us our bed-

ding, which consisted of a pillow, blanket and comforter. We also had a water bucket, dipper and washbowl and a bucket for the soiled water, and a small looking glass and a good large broom. There was also an iron table which supported the washbowl, with the water bucket on one side and the "slop bucket" on the other. It is evident to me *now* that our room was strikingly bare, but we three occupants were only *greatly inconvenienced* by the absence of chairs. My two companions having been in the army for two years, except for the lack of chairs, considered the room satisfactory and were amused that I did not.

At the time that we were assigned to our room in barracks we were notified to consult a bulletin board (location designated) to inform ourselves as to the meaning of certain drum calls, hours of meals, etc. A little before noon on the first day of our arrival we were summoned downstairs by a drum call and as we descended to the ground floor we saw the occupants of the rooms on all the floors hurrying down too. Upon reaching the stoop (piazza) of the barrack I saw a large part of my future class, who had gotten down before us, already standing in line in the area of the barracks; and other members as they descended from the barracks hurried to join the line also. My roommates and I followed suit.

The cadets who had been placed over us were all on hand and very ardent in their efforts to get us in line promptly. All this while, the old cadets were coming out of other divisions of barracks and assembling in other portions of the area, a good number of them gathering around the newly arrived plebes. After the plebes had all been properly "lined up" our energetic instructor found that they still needed much correction and criticism as to the proper military bearing, etc. and this they freely bestowed upon us as they marched up and down both front and rear of the line. Really we were in *two* lines, front and rear ranks.

When the 2nd dinner drum sounded the old cadets all fell into their company lines along the south front of the barracks. Their lines faced South. The candidates' line was on the extreme west side of the area and faced East. After the roll call, the cadet battalion was first marched off, by platoon front, to the mess hall. The plebes were marched off, or rather I should say were "walked off" in column of fours. That dinner formation was for me and for several of my classmates, the first military "*line up*" not only at West Point, but the first in our whole lives.

I do not now recall the exact distance between the front and rear ranks in marching but just sufficient to permit steady advance without either rank incommoding the other. This result is easily accomplished after short instruction, but when both ranks, as with new cadets, are all untrained, there are, at first, many unintended contacts between the feet, limbs and trunks of the men in the ranks, sometimes appearing almost like intentional,

strokes or "trip ups." Of course, any unsteadiness of an individual, such as *swaying too* much in any direction, is likely to affect his neighbor in that direction in either rank.

I long remembered this first march of mine in ranks. It gave opportunity to the cadets in charge of the plebes to give them many scoldings and corrections so that there was a continual chorus of commands. I heard one plebe told to "quit trying to climb up on the back of his front rank man." I was asked, if I was trying to "trip up" my front rank man, and I heard a third query to one of the squad as to whether he was "trying to get into the next set of fours" and still another was asked "How many places in ranks are you trying to occupy?" Our instructors certainly lost no opportunity to make us aware of our awkwardness. My two roommates being fresh from the army had no trouble on that march, though the blue jacketed one said he was told to "stop laughing at the misfortunes of his classmates."

Arrived at the mess hall we were lined up on the two sides of the long dinner table, each plebe standing in front of his seat and facing the table. At the command "Take seats" we dropped back to our seats, and our ever watchful instructors enquired of several whether they were trying "to take all day about it" and warned us to be more prompt in the future.

One feature of the Spartan character of the West Point training of that date is shown by the following facts . . . the only beverage at that meal was water. There were no napkins and the seats were stools of hourglass shape consisting of the frustrums of 2 vertical cones joined at the top of frustrums the bases of the cones being circular. The lower frustrum had a substantial iron base, the upper frustrum was of wood. Height of the stools could not be changed and was about 18 or 19". The diameter of the circular bases, which were of equal size, was about 13" . . . I found by subsequent experience, soon acquired, that when overcoats were worn to meals the garments were "hung up" on the floor just back of the stools of the owners thereof.

When the meal was finished the cadet companies arose from their seats in succession at the word of command "Rise," and left the hall and assumed battalion formation outside. So soon as old cadets left, the command "Rise" was given the plebes. They arose and rushed frantically from the hall to get promptly in line for return to barracks. The plebes were *always instructed* to leave the hall and get into ranks as quickly as possible and were generally reminded that "Too many of you are slow in finding your places."

This instruction I am sure that the plebes obeyed with their utmost effort, for when our instructors acquired the impression that a plebe was indifferent or slow, they were prompt to try to correct it . . . We soon discovered that the real reason for this and other similar reports was that in nearly all of our training activi-

ties some *one* or *more* had to be last and this last received the report of "being slow."

At the date of my entrance into the Academy June 1865 all candidates were examined at *West Point*. . . . Nearly all of my class arrived there in June and were examined in that month. The remainder came on later dates—one as late as December. The examination required only elementary arithmetic, reading and writing. Spelling was considered in the writing.

The *candidates* of June 1865 were not examined until the graduating class of that year had departed, but before their examination they received a small amount of haphazard instruction, our instructors being members of the senior or 1st class. . . .

My cadet instructor only required *one* effort of me and that seemed only very slightly appropriate to our coming examination. He told me to go to the blackboard and write out all that I *knew* about "Antony and Cleopatra." I have never fathomed what his intention was but . . . I was able to completely fill my board with statements regarding those two individuals. . . .

After filling my board which I did quite quickly I turned around, took the pointer and assumed the attitude of one ready to recite. . . . My instructor seeing me turn around asked, "Is that all you know about such famous characters?" I replied, "That is all the board will hold." He replied, "That does not answer my question," and repeated the question. . . . To this I replied "Not quite all." Ah, he said, "That answers my questions," and added, "You may now read off your essay making any additions that you wish as you proceed." I read off all that I had written without attempting any additions.

When I had finished the instructor asked, "Where and when did you acquire all those statements that you have made about those individuals?" I replied "At Miami University in Ohio last month, when my class in English was reading Shakespeare." The instructor then said, "You will have no trouble in passing your examination here in so far as reading, writing and spelling are concerned." That assurance gave some satisfaction to my two roommates as well as to myself. I learned later on that this so called instruction of candidates before their examinations was given in part, to occupy their time and also to give them some idea of West Point methods, section room conduct and the physical experience acquired in marching in small squads to and from the section rooms. . . .

One of the members of my class had served in the Federal army during the war between the states. He received an appointment to West Point while still in the service and came to the Point to have a look at the place before reporting. On *this* visit he wore the uniform of his rank, which was that of a captain (a staff officer). . . . as he went about the post he was saluted by passing cadets, and attracted the attention of many others

because of his youthful appearance and yet a captain in rank. (He was not then 19 years of age.)

Before leaving the Point on the day of his first visit he returned to the guardhouse and said to the cadet officer of the day, "I have come to make my adieu and to thank you for your many courtesies . . . I will report for entrance about September 1st." At this remark the officer of the day said, "Before you go, let me introduce you to this four of my classmates." Pointing to four other cadets then in the room and adding, "We will all welcome you when you arrive in September." The departing visitor repeated his thanks and was evidently prepared and expecting to shake hands in his good-by to his new friends, but they all bowed, said they were glad to meet him, and hoped to surely meet him in September.

That meeting did take place and surely must have been a surprise to the captain when he too had become a plebe. . . . The welcome which he was promised was tendered at the first or second dinner call (midday meal) after his arrival. . . .

The first drum call for dinner was always sounded 5 minutes before the assembly call. It must have been arranged immediately after the 1st drum call, many of the old cadets came promptly into the area of barracks. Many of them gathered around the "Seps" calling to each other "Come and see. Get a good look at the plebe who wanted to shake hands with first class men." "Is he not superb?" "How wonderful he appears" etc. etc. This idiotic performance kept up until the 2d drum call compelled its cessation. Of course, the classmates of this late group, who had themselves entered in July took no part in this absurd welcoming. . . .

The exhibition above described is similar in purpose to many others practiced by upper classmen upon entering classes at the Military Academy . . . at West Point in 1865 and for about 25 years afterwards it was called "*deviling*"—then it became "hazing". . . .

To my personal knowledge it had not been entirely suppressed 53 years later when I was superintendent of the Academy. During all that time the directing beforehand on this occasion, because authorities of the Academy made considerable effort to eradicate the evil, without success, even though aided by the advice of a Congressional committee composed of members from both the Senate and House. During the academic year of 1867-68 there was in the public press considerable criticism of the Military Academy because of some of the forms of "deviling" plebes which had developed there.

One of the most distinguished professors of the Academy and the oldest of the faculty wrote to one of the critical papers stating that the forms of deviling were generally quite harmless and probably *originated* from an influence in human beings quite similar to that which caused lower animal orders when coming into

contact with unfamiliar individuals of their kind, to display a great amount of *curiosity* and even *hostility*. This professor was then 66 years old and was evidently thinking of a possible kinship (and probable) of the human animal with lower forms; and this was prior to the publication of Darwin's descent of man, so that any such view was not at all prevalent.

Quite a good number of the cadets were rather displeased that one of our distinguished professors should have compared in the public press cadets to lower animal orders. Inspired by this feeling, one . . . very prominent member of the corps wrote to the same paper . . . taking exception to the professor's comparison and attempting to justify "*devil*" on account of its beneficial effects etc. He merely signed his communication W.P. Cadet. The paper acknowledged receipt of the letter, but added, "Since definitive signature is not attached, and since the writer spells 'Chicago' with two 'g's' we do not publish the letter." The writer was known to many of his associates, who also knew that if there were two "g's" in Chicago it was due to a "slip of the pen;" but the paper's acknowledgment was considered a good joke on the cadet.



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set up in abandoned World War II hospital buildings on the northern portion of the Post. The barracks and company area were in deplorable condition and there seemed to be little or no supplies and equipment for conducting classes. The rooms were unpainted and the ceilings bulged with leaky water pipes which pounded and groaned during classes; many student papers and texts bore water stains which resulted from unexpected sprinklings within the rooms. All the old hospital equipment had to be maintained in the rooms in case an emergency required that the school be turned back into a medical station. The school was spread throughout the many wards of the old hospital; since the corridors were endless and all the wards looked alike, both teachers and students found themselves lost, constantly searching for classes or offices. Many times, to simplify movement between classes, students would jump out the windows and walk through the breezeways beneath the buildings. During the warm weather the Cadet Candidates stripped to the waist, and floor fans were used to keep the air circulating; unfortunately, the fans also kept student papers and chalk dust circulating around the rooms. The school had to be rebuilt practically from the inside out and carpentry repairs constantly interfered with class-work.

In 1966, with the expansion of OCS brought about by the Vietnam War, USMAPS was displaced from the old hospital buildings in the wooded section

of Fort Belvoir's North Post to the reconditioned (vintage 1920's) brick barracks on the main South Post where the school has been ever since.

Beginning in 1968 the physical training was broadened to that of a well-balanced athletic program including physical training, intramural sports, and varsity teams in the major sports. A position for a full time athletic director was established in 1969. In addition to the individual benefits derived by the Cadet Candidates who take part in the varsity program, the program helps in the development of an *esprit* in the Battalion. The competition with the Naval Academy Preparatory School in football, soccer, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track, and lacrosse has developed into a spirited rivalry which occasionally has resulted in "moonlight" raids into the enemy's camp: an Army cannon and a Navy anchor have become the coveted prizes of these excursions.

With increased emphasis on publicizing the school, the number of active duty applicants each year has increased from about 400 in the early 1950's to an average of 1500 in the 1970's. The prep curriculum has been revised, enriched, and expanded through regular liaison with the academic departments at West Point. The present course schedule provides for two terms. The first term, extending from August to January, involves an intensive review of secondary school English and math to prepare the Cadet candidates to qualify for West Point. College Entrance Examination Board Tests are given in November, January and February. Concurrent with the first term, the students undergo a full physical training program, live under a strict disciplinary system, and are given limited military training. Comprehensive final exams are administered just prior to the January College Boards. The second term runs from January into May; this term provides college-level academic instruction, military training, and physical conditioning. In addition to the standard academic course of instruction, a variety of electives is offered in both English and math, all of which are designed to assist the students to cope better with their first year at West Point. Each term is divided into five units of instruction of about 20 class days each, with exams held at the end of each unit.

Commenting on a recent trip to West Point, Mr. Harold Townsend, until recently a math instructor at the Prep School, said that he experienced the greatest reward of his career when he was mobbed by former "Prepsters" who wanted to thank him for the advice and knowledge which he gave them in their classes at USMAPS. Mr. Townsend would try to relate math to the reasoning process used by military officers and often spiced his classes with many interesting and pungent war stories—it will be recalled that Mr. Townsend was one of the first "Prepsters" to attend the school at Beaune, France, in 1918.

The students usually interest themselves in the various extracurricular activities of

the school: yearbook committee, camera club, chess club, scuba club, sky-diving club, Bible study group, martial arts class—taught by students holding brown and black belts—and the newspaper committees—which have chosen such school paper titles as "The Banana Peel," "Hard Times Picayune and Intelligencer," and "Knight Crier." Each year the students also publish a volume of essays and poetry titled "Volleys" for which the best composition class papers are selected. It can be seen that the energetic spirit of the Cadet Candidates has not waned over the years.

The experiences of Brigadier General Robert L. Scott Jr. (USMA '32)—of Flying Tiger fame and author of *God Is My Copilot* may serve as an interesting concluding comment of the history of USMAPS. General Scott explicitly states that,

"the ONLY way for me to have entered the U.S. Military Academy—and managed to stay there and graduate into the finest career a young American could possibly have . . .—was by way of the West Point Preparatory School. . . ."

He relates that he realized that he needed quite a big educational boost to be able to compete with other West Point applicants. Thus he joined the Army at Ft. McPherson to attend the IV Corps Area Prep School.

Stating that he wanted to participate in the prep program "because I want a life in the Service, Sir . . ." he was accepted in September 1927. He studied "each day—all day" and even risked ruining his eyesight by late night or all night book sessions. He was, in his words, "determined to be not only a West Pointer—but a regular Army Air Corps pilot . . ." He memorized all the old USMA exams and eventually came out with the highest grade in the West Point entrance competition in March of 1928. He was then sent back to his unit as a private; to his great joy he was finally informed that he was one of eight in the class of 40 candidates who had been accepted by West Point. His desire to become a pilot caused him to fear further endangering his eyesight; thus he never went back to studying all night as he had done at the Prep School. Nevertheless those long months of intensive studying got him through West Point, and he emphasizes that:

"West Point always meant my life's goal to me . . . AND I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT—WERE IT NOT FOR THE WEST POINT PREP SCHOOL."

He goes on to say that he "never met a man at West Point who had come from that Prep School route that was not a better soldier. . . ." One reason for this was that these Cadet Candidates had been enlisted men and therefore understood "what a basis the non-com was to the Service. . . ."

It can be said that the experience gained at the school helps each Cadet Candidate develop a self-confidence which comes when he knows himself equal to his challenges. Over the years, a large portion of the more important positions in

the chain of command of the Corps of Cadets at West Point have been filled by "Prepsters." The First Captain of the Class of 1974, Jack Pattison, and two of the four Regimental Commanders, Cadets Jerry Johnson and Joe LeBoeuf, were products of USMAPS as were the 1974 Football Captain, Bob Johnson, and Indoor Track Captain, Al Sample. The following list of statistics indicates the record of USMAPS graduates at West Point since 1951:

Record of USMAPS Graduates at USMA
—Classes 1951-1974:

I. Total Cadets Entering	
USMA	20,891
USMAPS Graduates Entering	
USMA	2,584
Percent of Total Cadets	
from USMAPS	12.36%
II. Total Cadets Graduating	
from USMA	14,809
USMA Graduates from	
USMAPS	1,521
Percent of USMA Graduates	
from USMAPS	10.27%
III. Total USMA Cadet	
Captains	1,240
Total USMA Cadet Captains	
from USMAPS	191
Percent USMA Cadet	
Captains from USMAPS	15.40%

Although attrition of USMAPS graduates at West Point is slightly higher than the average, there is a greater degree of commitment to a service career by those who do graduate from West Point. A recent study of USMA classes of 1954 through 1968 revealed a separation rate of 19.5% for USMAPS graduates of West Point compared to 29.7% for their non-Prep School counterparts.

The USMA Prep School continues its role of providing upward mobility for the soldier. For the young man with the desire to lead there is no better way to prepare for soldier leadership in today's Army.
NOTICE

The Prep School has a Memorial Board honoring Prepsters who were killed in action. It has been particularly difficult to identify those Prepsters who did not enter or graduate from West Point but who continued on active duty and gave their lives for their country. Assistance is solicited in updating this Memorial Board. Please send any information to Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060.



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while eight others will have the opportunity to do intern research work at government laboratories or with federal agencies, or even pursue assistance programs in the "Crossroads Africa" adventure. Last year cadets worked on research projects with the Harry Diamond Labs, with SHAPE, with the Office of Management and Budget, with the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency and five traveled to African nations. The opportunities for full service are plentiful.

Although they are not formal training programs, many cadets volunteer to spend portions of their leave participating in the Foreign Academy Exchange. This program involves exchange visits with cadets from selected academies in Europe, Latin America and Mexico. A second leave program is the Language and Cultural Orientation in which 10 cadets study at the U.S. Army Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at Garmisch, Germany, and four cadets attend the American Embassy school in Republic of China. The countries with whom we have cadet exchange programs are shown here:

Belgium	Mexico	Uruguay
France	Chile	Colombia
Germany	Bolivia	Venezuela
Japan	El Salvador	Nicaragua
Netherlands	Paraguay	Honduras
Great Britain	Argentina	Guatemala
Austria	Dominican Republic	Brazil

Mexico and the Latin American exchanges are conducted annually while the others are conducted on alternating years. USMA cadets traveling on even years, foreign cadets on odd years.

On the first day of academics, the Second Classman incurs his first service obligation. By now he has had two years of Military Science in the classroom—Map Reading, Squad and Platoon Tactics, Company Tactics, Military Heritage. He was fully equipped during New Cadet Training. The key was developing his motivation, self-discipline and a sense of duty while being taught individual soldier skills and a progressive routine of physical conditioning. At Camp Buckner he tasted the flavor of the Combat Arms and was further schooled in soldier skills. And during his "Cow" summer, perhaps he has been to airborne school or off on the Troop Leader Training Program to Germany or Fort Hood. His Military Science course in second class year—Combined Arms Operations—moves him into task forces, teams, advanced tactics of the company and battalion. His first class summer—Cadet Leadership Training Program—will be one of certain satisfaction.

First Class Cadet Leader Training Program

He may be a member of the New Cadet Training program as a company commander or a squad leader or a staff officer; he may go to Camp Buckner to instruct the new Yearlings or to be their commander, or serve on their staff. Or, as you recall, if he has not yet had a chance to be a junior leader in the Troop Leader Training Program, he'll do that instead. In all cases, it is a challenging culmination to his three years and one in which he will have a chance to test his own philosophy of leadership.

As an added opportunity, each year the Empire State Military Academy—the New York Army National Guard at Camp Smith—requests, and we are happy to provide,

a number of First Classmen who spend their leave as Tactical Officers and Drill and Command instructors for officer candidates in the New York Army National Guard.

Well, his four years are almost over. In his first class year he begins with a Military Science Course in Small Unit Training—simply and succinctly, "how to train your platoon or battery or troop." In February he will select his branch based on his General Order of Merit, and later his first station assignment. Once these are known he receives further classes in pay and allowances, officer evaluation reports, personal affairs, the officer personnel management system and briefings on his future schools and posts before he sets off for his branch course and the technical expertise he will need to succeed in his branch.

Do you agree now that we've moved a long way to bridging the gap? We hope the branch schools will receive a well rounded, broadly educated and motivated lieutenant who has made a thoughtful, intelligent choice and will serve with integrity and courage in The Long Gray Line.



New Commandant of Cadets

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College, General Ulmer remained on the faculty where he participated in the studies concerning officer education and professional development, Army leadership, and War College curricula. In April 1972, he left Carlisle Barracks for duty in Vietnam where he became Senior Advisor to the 5th ARVN Division and then Chief of Staff of the 3d Regional Assistance Command in Vietnam. Upon signature of the Cease Fire Agreement in January 1973, General Ulmer was appointed Chief United States Delegate, Region V, Four Party Joint Military Commission. He returned to the United States on 30 March 1973 and completed requirements for a Master's degree at Pennsylvania State University prior to arriving at Fort Knox in August 1973 to command the 194th Armored Brigade. Upon promotion to Brigadier General on 12 June 1974, he became Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox.

General Ulmer's decorations include: Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with "V" Device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam National Order 5th Class, Republic of Vietnam Army Distinguished Service Order, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army General Staff Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge.

Poems From West Point

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would guess. Second, West Point has all that could be asked of poetic subject matter. There are remarkable contrasts and balances existing in abundance. There are many qualities of the Academy which can best be expressed in poetry.

ASSEMBLY: It seems strange that you say there are several Army officers who write poetry. Aren't there conflicts involved in being able to write a sensitive poem and in being able to lead men into combat?

CPT Hamilton: No.

ASSEMBLY: Would you elaborate?

CPT Hamilton: It is true that both Dennis and I are sensitive to people, to color, to emotion, and to the beauty of language; but I don't believe an effective commander can afford to be insensitive. An effective commander has to be the man most sensitive to the uniqueness of the events which surround him. Leadership is not the imposition of one's will on the human beings and events about him so much as it is the understanding of these things better than anyone else, so that he can know best where to apply his influence without destroying the individuality of the people he leads. I am reminded of something the late General Abrams said, "People are not in the Army; people *are* the Army." That is a remark which could only have come from a sensitive man.

CPT Coates: There are other similarities. Both poets and leaders must know the absolute truth. A poet can never be satisfied with pretense, he must always have reality before him. A leader needs this also. Collaborating on these poems required an incredible amount of honesty. I had to know that Mark would tell me the truth if he thought that something I had written was not good enough for the poem we were working on at the time. And he had to have the same assurance. Without this, the whole process of working together would not have been successful. Any leadership position is, to a great extent, collaboration. We spoke with General Berry about this recently, and he assured us that a commander needs and expects total honesty from his "collaborators." He also noted that he has prized most highly those human relations he has had which were distinguished by mutual candor.

ASSEMBLY: Thank you for your remarks. Good luck to you both.

This book of poetry is currently available at the Bookstore at USMA, the Museum, and at the Hotel Thayer. A copy may be ordered for \$6.95 (no postage or handling) by writing to The Vortex Publishing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 489, Cornwall, New York 12518. A review of this book is scheduled for the September issue of ASSEMBLY.

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of United States Military Academy graduates who made notable contributions.

What does all this really prove? I think it proves that a military academy, which accepts a cross section of the nation's best young men, can produce, not only outstanding military leaders but it can also make broad spectrum contributions to the national treasury of skills.

There is no such thing as a military mind in the derogatory sense used by critics of the military academy educational concept.

Of course, there are individuals who graduate from the military academies who do not measure up to the highest standards. The system is designed to produce military leaders, not saints nor geniuses. The fact that it has and continues to produce individuals who excel in fields other than the military sciences is an indication to me that the concept is sound.

... And as graduates of the United States Military Academy we have every reason to be proud of it and our fellow graduates. I, for one, feel that we should avoid the attitude of apology that seems to prevail and speak with pride of our background and our accomplishments.

In the process we must be very careful not to confuse arrogance with pride.

In attempting to understand the criticisms levelled at the Military Academy concept, it seems that the simplistic approach is used to maximum advantage.

The proposition most often offered is that it is much more expensive to educate a man for commissioned service at the military academies than it is at a civilian institution of higher learning. There is an obvious answer to that proposition: *it certainly is less expensive at civilian colleges.*

But that isn't the point.

It is wrong and counterproductive for us to permit this sort of measurement of a service academy education against one provided by a normal civilian school.

If we measure merely the acquisition of an education at the military academies against a similar curriculum at any outstanding university, it is a no contest situation. It is cheaper and faster for them to do the job.

To attempt to make a dollar spent for dollar spent case against the Military Academy concept is to misunderstand the problem completely.

Critics of military academy educational methods lose sight of the fact that the military services are not designed along democratic lines. Our profession makes demands that are more authoritarian... a rate of attrition at the academies that shocks civilian investigators and authors only serves to prove the military suitability testing of potential cadets is something less than an exact science.

No one has yet devised a computer program that will precisely measure the adaptability of a candidate to the curriculum of the military academy. The academies must do the best they can with the

tools made available by researchers in the field. After that, the only way to determine if an individual will meet the rigid requirements is to observe him under a controlled, disciplined, regimented environment.

Those who find their personalities not suited to this testing and cannot adjust to a career of military service—can and should move into fields where their talents can be used to better advantage.

The individuals who remain and complete their educations at the military academies can and will provide the material required for military leadership in the years ahead.

Just what are the intangibles to be gained from the military academy curriculum?

Respect for authority.

Self-discipline.

Loyalty to subordinates and superiors alike.

Love of honesty and truth.

A passion for integrity.

Dedication to perpetuation of the nation's cherished ideals.

Plain vanilla patriotism.

Those are all old fashioned virtues that have made our nation great and they are the foundation stones of our society today.

The basic fact is that all lasting human relationships are built on respect... and self respect comes before that.

At the Academy we were taught humility and no man fully understands the meaning of humility until he has stood in a second lieutenant's shoes for a time.

Another lesson learned at the Academy is that there is no royal road to success in our profession. You must start at the bottom and stand for a time on every step of the ladder from second lieutenant to four star general.

Sociologists are surprised that the military services, a non-democratic institution, should experience greater success in establishing harmonious race relationships than the civilian community.

To me it would be surprising if we didn't.

After all, our training at West Point began with acceptance of every other responsible man as an equal worthy of our trust and respect.

We live in another trying time for those who wear the military uniform but we can take consolation in the fact that there have been other times in our nation's past when public regard was at a lower level.

Some of our own military people look upon the critical attitude toward military matters and read into it citizen hostility. I do not regard the present condition in that light at all. I think that a more accurate reading is simply this:

Every responsible individual in the country is concerned for the future... his personal future and the future of the nation. The private citizen looks at the inflated economy, his own dwindling income and a defense budget that seems to skyrocket. His gut reaction to that situation is simply: we are not fighting a

war, so why can't we cut the defense budget rather than let it go up.

He sees the man in uniform as the instigator of the defense spending spiral rather than as the user of the tools that are provided.

I do not see public hostility toward the man in uniform at all. I do see a lack of understanding of the problem. We, as military men, are the professionals who, by the nature of our profession, worry a lot about the security of the nation from external threats.

We have studied history and learned its lessons. We can see little on the horizon of international affairs to give us cause to believe that the world has changed enough to permit us to relax and depend upon the good will of our adversaries for continued freedom.

We will take that risk at our peril.

As graduates of the United States Military Academy, we represent the most professional officers of a very professional military force. This places us in the forefront as a target for public criticism and I believe, more importantly, offers us the opportunity to speak from that position with enthusiasm about our profession and its contributions to the nation.

The easy way out for all of us in these critical times is to remain silent in the face of unfounded criticism of the military academy educational concept. That doesn't require any effort and it doesn't put you in the market for bruises, verbal or physical.

It doesn't right a wrong either.

In the final analysis, if the military academy concept is valid then we are beneficiaries of the values taught there. It therefore follows that we must cherish the system that made us what we are and speak up with pride and conviction in its behalf.

If we don't speak out, who will?



West Point Societies

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Annual Founders Day party with an extremely large turnout.

Dr. Frank Vandiver was the guest speaker and his presentation covered his "tour of duty" at West Point as the visiting civilian "P" with the History Department. His speech was both informative and humorous and thoroughly enjoyed by all graduates and their wives.

The oldest graduate in attendance was L.B. "Bun" Wilby, Class of 1935. Dan Meischen, Class of 1969, was the youngest graduate present.

At the conclusion of the festivities, Dr. Vandiver was presented with a plaque confirming his honorary membership in the Houston West Point Society. At the same time he was conferred with the honorary rank of full Colonel in the Society for his service to the United States Military Academy.

The officers for the Society for the 1975 year are:

President Robert E. Lee '45
Vice President L.B. "Bun" Wilby '35
Treasurer David P. Crockett '45
Secretary William E. Pickens '66

The Houston group extends a welcome and invitation to all graduates to contact the Society when they are in the area.

West Point Society of Philadelphia

Highlight of the 1975 Founders Day dinner held at the Philadelphia Country Club, 14 March, was a stirring presentation by Colonel Edwin D. Patterson, Associate Dean, USMA.

In addition to the appropriate toasts, the event featured dancing to "The Expectations." The Philadelphia Society has for several years maintained Founders Day as a coed affair. Parents of Cadets from our area are always invited.

The officers and new Board of Governors for 1975-76 were sworn in by Andrew Dapprich '38, chairman of the nominating committee.

Hon. Meyer Cosman June '18, spoke as the oldest graduate present, and Cadet Bruce Tyson '75, spoke as the youngest.

Other events this year included a luncheon presentation by COL William J. Schuder, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, USMA.

Any graduate desiring information on Philadelphia Society activities can call (215) 563-6277.

West Point Society of Atlanta

Founders Day 1975 was celebrated in the Atlanta area at the Ft McPherson Officers Club on 12 March. Once again we were joined for the evening by the ladies, and 161 graduates and guests attended the affair.

We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker the Commandant, MG Philip R. Feir '49. He gave us an excellent account of the total environment at West Point today, from the cadets themselves to facilities, curriculum, and athletics. His discussion of several problem areas and approaches to solving them was of particular interest. West Point was depicted as both flexible and dynamic in meeting the challenges brought on by the continuing changes in our society, with its standards and ideals held as high as ever.

The traditional remarks from the oldest graduate were made by MG (Ret.) Crump Garvin '20. His inspiring thoughts on the value of our Alma Mater, mixed with amusing reflections on the occasion, provided one of the best "old grad" talks ever heard, in the memory of many of those present.

James Mitcham '74, also gave a fine talk as youngest graduate. His demeanor as well as his remarks provided ample reassurance that the Corps remains in good hands and will continue to be a source of pride.

Prior to the dinner, Frank Egan '61 completed one phase of his successful recruiting program with an orientation for several prospective members of the Class

of '79 and their parents. The Commandant also participated, answering numerous questions about what a new cadet should expect.

West Point Society of St. Louis

This past year the St. Louis Society concentrated on improving the effectiveness of our work with the Admissions Office and their representatives to encourage qualified young men to apply for entrance to the Academy. Student contact work was organized by Joe Martinez '45, and assisted by Frank Watrous '40, Arn Torgerson '41, and Bud Steinberg '59. The committee worked under the guidance of Carl Frink, Area Coordinator, and Charles Heisler, assistant coordinator to develop Cadet/Student contacts in high schools and at College Night meetings.

George Sloan '37 was instrumental in organizing a Parent-Candidate meeting in December that featured several Cadets and COL Cousland from the Commandant's Staff. They presented an outstanding program which was attended by fifty-eight young men interested in entering West Point.

The year ended on a high note with Commandant of Cadets, MG Philip Feir '49, as our guest of honor for the 1975 Founders Day dinner. The Com met with several young men and their parents in the afternoon and that evening gave a thoroughly enjoyable talk on today's Academy. LTG (Ret.) Henry Aurand '15, and CPT Jon Noll '70, rounded out a memorable evening for the St. Louis Society. We are indebted to the work of Guy Jester '51, and Rich Gell '58 for their efforts to make the 1975 Founders Day dinner a success.

Officers elected for 1975-1976 term:

Hon President Aurand '15
President Fitzgerald '49
1st Vice President Peterson '53
2nd Vice President Jester '51
VP-Programs Mattmuller '54
Secretary Sines '51
Treasurer Martinez '45
Student Contact Guignon '67

West Point Society of East Tennessee

The West Point Society of East Tennessee met for a very pleasant Founders Day dinner at Deane Hill Country Club in Knoxville, on 14 March 1975. Those attending included: Marie and William L. Clapp Jr. '46, Jerry and Wendell J. Long '45, Jean and Daniel J. Myers '51, Martie and John Ulmer '62, Polly and Theodore F. Wagner '45, Mildred and Eugene L. Weeks '42, Susannah and James L. Carroll '54, Barbara and Bill Robinson '68, Dot and Harold Shultz '51. President E.L. Weeks passed along some humorous remembrances of Academy life, as did Bill Robinson, the youngest grad present.

Ted Wagner was responsible for the gathering and a pleasant time was had by all.

Any other graduates in the East Tennessee area who have not joined the

Society are encouraged to contact the secretary, James L. Carroll, at 320 Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN 37919.

West Point Society of Los Angeles

Our annual Founders Day dinner was truly another highlight in the history of the Society. Guest of Honor and principal speaker was GEN Alexander M. Haig Jr. '47, accompanied by his lovely wife Pat. A large contingent of '47 classmates turned out to greet General and Mrs. Haig, among over 200 in attendance. As Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, General Haig presented a current candid insight into the situation with respect to the defense of Europe, on completion of his visits to most of the NATO component nations. General Haig had also done his homework, and brought up-to-date news of the Academy and the Corps of Cadets from Superintendent Sidney B. Berry '48.

Words from the oldest living graduate were in the person of our perennial Emeritus member of the Board of Governors, COL James C. Waddell '14. Youngest grad was 1LT Jay M. Augustenborg '72, USAF, on leave en route from the Far East to Europe. On extremely short notice, a couple of hours, he did a fine job with a lucid, witty talk.

Ron Brunner '58, Chairman of the dynamic Cadet Candidate Committee, with John Klingberg '54 and other members of the Committee, brought forth a dozen prospective candidates and their fathers to meet and talk with General Haig and two West Point Cadets, and join the other grads for the evening.

COL Salvo Rizza '40 was elected President for the coming year; and John Klingberg '54 was elected Vice President. Newly elected to the Board of Governors are LTC Laurence C. Craigie '23, Bernard Greenberg '47, and COL Dick Littlestone '47 reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

West Point Society of North Florida

On 14 March, we held our annual Founders Day dinner in Jacksonville. COL Joseph J. Skaff was our guest speaker and did a most outstanding job of telling us about the present day Academy and the Corps of Cadets.

There were only forty-five present including two candidates who will enter the Academy in July, and the parents of a cadet who is in the Class of 1976.

The following were elected officers for the coming year:

President Irving '51
Vice President Van Auken June '43
Secy-Treas Haas '22

West Point Society of New York

The Hon. Will Hill Tankersley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) was the principal speaker at the Founders Day dinner held at the University Club in New York City on Friday, 14 March 1975.

Mr. Tankersley, a graduate in the Class of 1950, and a reserve Colonel, spoke of the necessity for integrating the reserves and the reserve components with those

of the active forces in order to implement the strategy called for by our current total force concept.

Citing the demands placed on active forces around the world and the requirements of current reaction times, Mr. Tankersley reviewed the history of Military Academy graduates and their involvement in the reserve forces. He cited the career of GEN Charles Saltzman (Class of '25) current President of the Association of Graduates and the career of GEN Henry Joseph Reilly (Class of '04) who was also first president of the Reserve Officers Association and the youngest brigade commander in WWI.

Secretary Tankersley was introduced by William F. Ward (Class of '50) President of the West Point Society of New York; the invocation was rendered by Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Tankersley has commanded a reserve engineer group and following his speech to the West Point Society continued an inspection of Army Reserve, Navy Reserve and Army National Guard units in the New York Area.

West Point Society of Rochester

Our fast pace of activities has continued since the report of last quarter. After our highly successful December recruiting party, we held a going away party, celebrated Founders Day, set up our March recruiting party, and began to plan our annual Fathers' Day Picnic.

Ken and Barbara Woltz '66 left in March for Elgin, Illinois, where Ken has joined McGraw-Edison. President Tom and Geri Walker '60 hosted a spirited send-off on 28 February at their charming home in suburban Fairport.

Founders Day was celebrated in Rochester on 15 March with the best in company, food, drink, and entertainment at the Rowntowner Motor Inn. President Tom Walker '60 led in making the traditional toasts before an elegant dinner. Jim Richardson '39 and Bob Jannarone '69 superbly fulfilled their respective roles as the Oldest and Youngest graduates. CPT Dennis M. Patrick, Army Recruiting Commander for this area was our Guest Speaker, and outlined how the ranks of the volunteer Army are being filled. CPT Patrick also described the meeting of soldiers' needs and the resultant improvement in retention rates. The outstanding evening concluded with our enjoying the scintillating music of Rochester's own nationally famous Gap Mangione and his Trio.

Glenn Wilderman '64 lost his wife Allison on 10 April after her two year fight against cancer. Contributions may be made in Allison's memory to the Cancer Division of Genesee Hospital, 224 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14607. Glenn and their three children live at 276 Slocum Road, Ontario, NY 14519.

We will have hosted another of our three annual recruiting parties on 20 May with COL Manly E. Rogers '50, Director

of Admissions and Registrar, USMA, as Guest Speaker. Our two liaison officers, MAJ John Neiger '61 and CPT Duncan O'Dwyer will again be inviting outstanding area high school students to the University Club of Rochester for the "Get To Know West Point Night" program.

On 2 June we will welcome a new arrival to Rochester. Hank Wallace '66 will join Sibley Corporation, the prominent Upstate mortgage bankers based here. Hank will become Controller of the firm where Fred Buse '63, First Executive Vice President of Security New York State Corporation, is a member of the Board of Directors and Jim Irish '61 serves as Vice President-Appraiser.

About the time that you read this, we will again be having our Fathers' Day Picnic on 15 June. Last year's was so successful that everyone at Founders Day voted to make it an annual affair. If you are nearby, you will want to come. Contact our new Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Jannarone '69, at 4710 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, 14612, or telephone Bob at (716) 621-6047 to get on our mailing list.

West Point Society of Southern Arizona

More than fifty West Pointers and guests attended the 1975 Founders Day dinner at the Iron Mask Restaurant in Tucson. Speaker of the evening was GEN Theodore W. Parker '31, who is a Trustee of the USMA Association of Graduates.

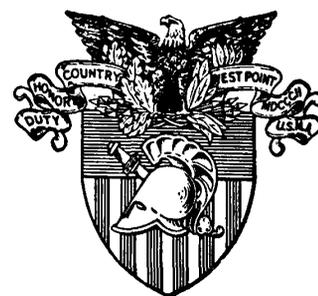
Brief reports on current programs of USMA were given as follows: David B. Stone '35—The Academic Program, George M. Jones '35—Summary of Department of Tactics Activities, Harry W. Elkins '37—The Admissions Program.

Joseph L. Langevin '20 gave the Oldest Grad remarks, narrating how the "Curious Class of 1920" received that appellation and why it was the only class at USMA for a while. Kenneth R. Nicholson '68 gave the Youngest Grad remarks, although with almost seven years of service behind him he is beginning to feel like an old grad.

B. McKay Greeley '29 recommended that the Trustees consider the matter of placing a plaque in Cullum Hall in memory of the graduates who died while POW's.

General Parker in his talk covered a number of matters which are under consideration by the Board of Trustees, and recounted numerous interesting and amusing happenings of his cadet days.

Thanks were extended to David B. Stone '35 and A. Beecher Brian '49 for their efforts and fine results in making arrangements for the dinner and program.



Book Reviews

BELLAMY PARK

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out of the Army. The board completely upheld Chynoweth, calling the board action itself "a grave injustice to a capable officer." Nevertheless, the action itself illustrated the dangers of being too unconventional. Chynoweth's career thus raises the interesting question of the individual's responsibility to use his God-given talents to help accomplish the Army's mission versus his responsibility to practice his profession within the framework of command authority necessary for good order and discipline. Chynoweth's solution was to steer pretty much by his own lights as a subordinate and to permit as much freedom of action as possible as a commander.

Chynoweth's book is also interesting because of his candid observations concerning his contemporaries and commanders, many of whom rose to positions of great responsibility in World War Two. As one would suspect, his favorites were men like Patton and Stilwell who broke the mold of military orthodoxy. He has some harsh words, however, for Eisenhower and to a lesser extent Marshall who impressed him as men who were not sufficiently willing to challenge their military superiors on matters of principle.

The book is also interesting for the historical insights it gives into the fall of the Philippines. Chynoweth strongly criticizes MacArthur's decision to defend on the beaches and what he sees as MacArthur's inadequate supervision of his staff and failure to insure that essential supplies were moved off the docks in Manila before the Japanese attack. He also gives us a much more complete account than previously available on the last stages of the defense of the Visayan Islands and the events leading up to the final agonizing decision to surrender the American led Filipino forces on them.

In summary, *Bellamy Park* is a book well worth reading. All will not agree with Chynoweth's conservative political viewpoints, with his judgments on leading personalities of the Second World War, or even with his philosophy of decentralized command. However, one cannot fail to be impressed with the book's essential honesty and the consistency between thought, action, and expression that has marked a very interesting life.

BOLD LEADERS

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"Mother, don't let George go to VMI. He'll disgrace the family." Any list of World War I (and II) greats must include the name of George C. Marshall. His brother's evaluation of him, above, put him squarely on his mettle. In 1917 he played a major part in organizing the production of "90-day Wonders." His character, shown when he corrected General Pershing during a disagreement,

stamped him as a man among men and in fact caused the AEF leader to transfer him from the staff of the First Division to his own staff. Marshall's planning that involved 1,200,000 soldiers for the Meuse-Argonne drive—an operation characterized as "impossible" by Foch—is detailed.

But Red, so faithful to the great, would never fail to honor the less-publicized heroes down the line.

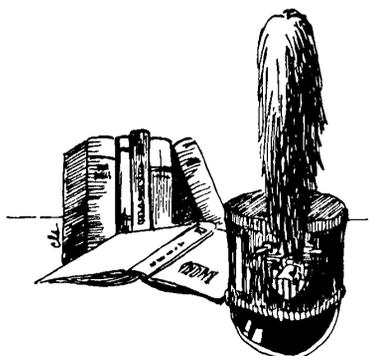
Back on the enemy side, you read the story of Austrian Infantry Lieutenant Fritz Kreisler in action against the Russians. Kreisler was wounded, but survived, with the help of his wife, to become one of the great violinists of all time.

Red fortunately obtained the use of a manuscript written by the late Bill Breckenridge, a Canadian "Lady from Hell." It deglamorizes war and gives a first-hand account of the almost unbelievable hell in Passchendaele, Flanders.

In the chapter on Laurence Stallings, the "Marine Who Never Quit Fighting," you see an exemplary platoon leader who lost a leg at Belleau Wood. Stallings later brooded over the brutality and insensibility of war. After the Armistice he helped expose its futility when he worked with Maxwell Anderson to produce the gripping stage play *What Price Glory*. Indeed Stallings was a Marine who never quit fighting.

How many today know the story of Edith Cavell? This dedicated nurse violated German orders. She was arrested and tried with "Spanish Inquisition" treatment. "How many have you helped?" "About 100." "Why?" "Because I am a patriot." "What . . . in your defense?" "Nothing." She faced a firing squad. The world recoiled in horror. British enlistments jumped.

The book concludes with the story of an Illinois farm boy, Ralph Eaton. He was inspired by the patriotic clamor and rushed to the colors. Here you see questionable training and insensitive treatment of recruits in our own army. Here is great devotion to duty. Occasionally, a prank. Eaton eventually became a valuable medical corpsman who accompanied patrols into No Man's Land in three sectors of the Western Front. "Doc" survived to graduate from USMA in 1924 and became a brigadier general in World War II. His story is inspirational.



In **BOLD LEADERS OF WORLD WAR I** Red Reeder has again surpassed himself, both in his research and in his writing. This book is for young and old. It well merits your time and attention and, as well, the interest of your children.



Down the Field

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mouth, and Amherst, before closing the season with losses to Williams and Navy.

Coach Holmberg now is 39-20 in four seasons.

SKIING

The ski team, suffering from a lack of snow, participated in just three meets this season. It placed sixth in its first meet on 7-8 February, second in the Division II West championships meet on 14-15 February and 4th on 7-8 March at the Syracuse Invitational. Cornell was first in all these matches and replaced Army as the leader in Division II.

Sophomore Brad Zuehlke was named to the all-Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association Division II West ski team, selected by the division's coaches.

Zuehlke, one of the best nordic competitors on coach Howard Brosseau's ski squad, battled back from a bout with mononucleosis early in the year to gain the all-East recognition.

After missing the first meet of the season, Zuehlke turned in his best performance during the Division II West Championship meet when he finished first in ski jumping among 39 competitors with a total of 115 points.

SWIMMING (6-9)

Much of the sting of a losing season was washed away with a stunning victory over Navy, along with the success of several individual performers who fared well in the Easterns, the NAAs and the National AAU championships.

Coach Jack Ryan's mermen held a 5-4 record heading into February of what promised to be an outstanding season for the Cadets. Instead of splashing home to a winning campaign, Army floundered through its remaining dual meets, losing them all except one . . . the big one.

The Cadets entered their showdown against Navy riding a five-meet losing streak.

When the waves settled late in the afternoon of 22 Feb, Army had scuttled the Middies, 68-45, and owned five new Academy records. Later in the Easterns Army was to break six more.

In the Navy meet Ted Kanamine, only a soph and already one of the finest freestylers in Army history, broke the pool and Academy marks in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a 9:40.65, shattering the old

USMA standard by 16.15 seconds. Riding Kanamine's coattails were plebe Curt Alitz and senior Jeff Boatright, both of whom also surpassed the old Academy record.

Kaname came right back to eclipse the Academy 500-yard freestyle record which he set a year ago with a record time 4:41.31. Ted broke his record in the 500 freestyle again in the Easterns with a mark of 4:37.5 and also broke the Academy record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:42.13.

Bosse established an Academy record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:57.9, faster by a half-second. Cox then broke the USMA record in the 200-yard butterfly with a 1:54.58 clocking. The old Academy mark was 1:55.5, while the old plebe record was 1:55.7. Cox also won the 200-yard freestyle, to further drown the Midshipmen.

Army's final record to fall against Navy was the 200-yard breaststroke and senior Scott Mooney did the honors in 2:11.6. The old record was 2:12.9.

The Cadets went on to a 10th-place finish in the Easterns. Army amassed 80 points for one of its best showings in years and four Cadet swimmers—Kanamine, Alitz, Bosse and Mooney—all qualified for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

In addition, Mechtly established an Academy record in the 100-yard breaststroke during the Easterns, covering the distance in 1:00.52, while the 800-yard freestyle team also set an Academy mark with a time of 7:02.35. Plebe Curt Alitz set a plebe record in the 500 yard freestyle and an Academy record in the 400 medley relay.

When the season eventually drew to a close, four Cadets—Kanamine, Cox, Mooney and Bosse—were named to the all-East Dual Meet Swimming Team.

Coach Ryan now is 148-68-2 in 16 seasons.

INDOOR TRACK (6-5)

Coach Carl Crowell experienced the same nightmares during the second half of the season as did his swimming colleague, but Crowell didn't have the benefit of a victory over Navy to soften the blow.

After winning six of their first seven meets, the Cadets went into a tailspin, losing all their remaining dual meets. Penn State took a 75-52 triumph, Cornell edged Army by a 69-66 count, but Maryland left little doubt with a 94-33 victory before Navy applied the cruncher, 69-49.

However, the team managed to come away with a winning record and came out fourth among the 10 teams in the 1975 Heptagonals.

Junior long jumper Love Collins brought home Army's lone gold medal from the Heps, but other points were recorded by junior Dennis Trujillo, who had a second-



place finish in the two-mile. It was, however, the first loss of the season for Trujillo, who earned all-America recognition in cross country during the fall.

Coach Crowell is 139-50-1 in 24 seasons.

WRESTLING (5-13)

The Cadets were 4-6 when last we looked, but won only one of their remaining eight matches in the meantime.

Army suffered 6 consecutive defeats, won over Virginia but bowed to Navy, 40-2.

Army was hurt through the middle weights, where there was not a consistent winner all season. Injuries to senior Dorian Anderson, Vottero and junior Doug Ward hampered the Cadets.

Coach Leroy Alitz now is 129-112-14 in 21 seasons.

SPRING

Before we take an in-depth look at the five spring sports, a note about football:

Coach Homer Smith opened the 1975 spring practice sessions 7 Apr looking for the right combinations to improve Army's 3-8 record of last fall. Smith, starting his second year, welcomed 105 candidates, including 26 returning lettermen, 13 of these same starting duty in '74.

In an effort to extract the best performance from his players, Smith also added former Notre Dame assistant coach Bill Hickey to his staff as defensive line coach, while promoting Dick Bowman to First Assistant and naming John Stiegman and Bruce Tarbox his offensive and defensive coordinators, respectively.

BASEBALL (2-6)

Coach Eric Tipton's diamondmen dropped their first four contests before putting together a pair of victories, then added two more setbacks during the early going.

Seton Hall downed the Cadets, 10-6; St. John's romped, 12-3; and Cornell swept an Eastern League twinbill, 5-1 and 4-3; before the Cadets bounced back for one-

sided victories over CCNY, 12-1, and Columbia, 15-5. Penn put the Cadets back in the loss column with a doubleheader sweep, 14-6 and 6-5.

Army's offense has been led during the first portion of the season by senior pitcher-outfielder Jim Gerberman, who was hitting well over .450. Soph first baseman Andy Lamb also topped the .400 plateau, while seniors Brent Clark and Angie Fucci were above the .333 level.

LACROSSE (1-2)

Coach Al Pisano's stickmen also had trouble getting untracked, taking a pair of losses before scoring their first victory.

Fourteenth ranked Army opened with an 11-8 defeat to Rutgers, and followed with a 9-8 overtime loss to Hofstra before ripping sixth ranked Princeton, 11-5.

Plebe midfielder Scott Finlay has been the top Cadet pointmaker, scoring four goals and an assist against Rutgers, two goals against Hofstra, and added four more goals against Princeton for a three-game total of 11 points.

OUTDOOR TRACK (3-1)

Coach Carl Crowell saw his silksters get off to the best start of any Army spring sport when the Cadets won their first three confrontations before suffering their first setback.

Army tripped Princeton in the opener, 98-55, then scored 113 points in a triangular to top Columbia (44) and Yale (35), before host Penn captured a 115-48 decision from the Cadets.

Army's undefeated tracksters as we went to press were its 440-yard relay team (2-0) of Dunaway, Craven, Collins and Fitts; Patterson (2-0) in the 440 high hurdles; Craven (2-0) in the 100-yard dash; the mile relay team (2-0) of Stephenson, Carter, Dace and Hulse; Guyton (2-0) in the long jump; Roger (2-0) in the pole vault; Turner (2-0) in the high jump, and Trujillo (3-0) in the three-mile run.

TENNIS (1-2)

Coach Ron Holmberg saw his netmen stomp Cornell in the opener by a 7-2 score, only to drop their next two matches to Columbia and Penn by identical 8-1 deficits.

Army's tennis hopes for '75 were clouded by a dispute over the eligibility of team captain Jim Anderson, the Cadets' No. 1 player the past two seasons. The NCAA was to have ruled on USMA's appeal as we went to press.

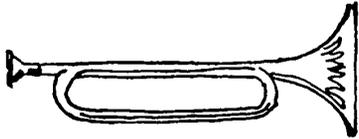
GOLF (5-1)

First-year coach John Fox wasn't really satisfied with the Cadets' five-match winning streak that followed close on the heels of their opening loss. But that was only because the last two wins were by two points each.

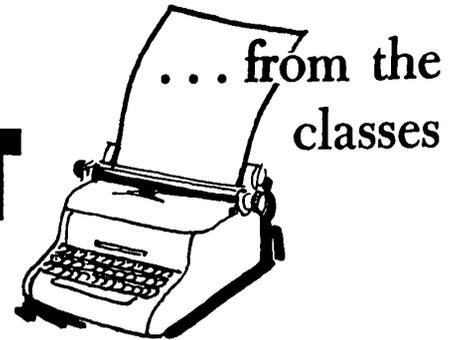
The Cadets opened with a loss to Rutgers, then defeated Manhattan and Prince-

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REPORT



'09

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The first quarter of '75 contains some sad events regarding a few of the members of our Class of '09 and for their families, but your Scribe believes that in any case we want the news and hence it is submitted.

Of all people "Stoke" suffered a stroke. (No flippancy with words intended.) It happened in Feb and was a mild one, thank goodness. He is doing nicely and getting excellent treatment at McGuire Veterans' Hospital in Richmond, VA. His sister, Mrs. George P. Morgan Jr. of 6213-3 Chapel Rd, Richmond, VA 23226 is looking after him.

A Xmas card and more recently a note to Claud Thummel were both returned by the postal people from his home in Falls Church, VA: "Moved. Not Forwarded." But finally it has been learned (from Jake Devers) that he has returned to his former hometown, Manhattan, KS. (Street and number not yet available.) Claud also has had a stroke but Jake reports he seems to be getting around now.

Clare Partridge out in San Fran has our thanks for taking the initiative in matters relating to the funeral of Stuart Godfrey's widow. From what Clare wrote, without doubt I'm sure he left no stone unturned to do all he could, and efficiently, to take care of things for '09.

Jake Devers very thoughtfully represented us at Lilian Mountford's burial in Arlington on 11 Feb. Mrs. E. S. Hartshorn Jr., one of Lilian's 2 daughters, wrote your Scribe a lovely letter recounting her mother's splendid activities with the Girl Scouts of America, to which she gave of her varied talents for over half of her 90 years. She was quite a woman and '09 should be very proud to have her name linked to us.

Irene Ord wrote on 11 Feb that her son's charming wife had just been murdered in Saigon, Vietnam, by their Viet Cong gardener. Irene said she was just about to leave for Saigon to help her son take care of his wife's effects, etc. (The son has been employed with a big American oil company, but since this tragedy has had notice he will soon be transferred somewhere far away.) Irene is probably out in that beleaguered Saigon as this is being written and we hope and pray she will come through it all unscathed. She has indicated that she expects to be back home in May.

Since the last quarterly Notes went to press we have been aware of our beloved "Barney" Oldfield's death. However, a belated note from his widow Ethel asked that her grateful thanks be extended to our Class for the "beautiful flowers" sent to his funeral.

Not long ago a phone call from Effie

Our Association membership of 23,360 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

Van Deusen brought news that George is back at what, after all these years, he feels is his "home": The Medicenter of Red Bank, NJ. He had to be removed from there some time back and taken to the Army Hospital at Ft Monmouth, NJ with pneumonia and also a slight heart failure. "However" Effie says "he now looks well and feels well, considering all he has been through." She further says that George likes to have people around him, especially his friends. So—if at any time any of us is anywhere near Red Bank let us go to see George at the Medicenter even if it be difficult to do so. Never could too much be said for Effie's extraordinary devotion to her husband. Through rain or shine, year after year after year she has gotten up at 5:30 to put her home in order at Monmouth Beach, NJ so as to be able to drive to Red Bank Medicenter and be with George by 10:00 A.M. and look after him in every way all day until it is time for her to return to Monmouth Beach in the evening.

Recently your Scribe has been reading Martin Blumenson's Vol. II of "The Patton Papers" and recommends it to all members of '09. As George's roommate at the Academy during 07 and 09 your Scribe finds this book of particular interest and can't help but feel that if more attention had been paid to some of George's recommendations after the fighting in 45, this country and the world would have been spared much of the "cold war" grief we, and the world, are experiencing.

Recently an extract copy from "Who's Who in American Sports" came to your Scribe's attention. Of course, our classmate Bob Sears comes in for multiple attention as a member of numerous American and foreign teams in fencing, rifle-marksanship, the 1920 Olympic and modern pentathlon, etc. Most of us already know of his excellence in these activities but it is nice to know that his athletic prowess is of permanent record in such an authoritative publication as "Who's Who in American Sports." Bob even held a heavyweight boxing championship in his youth in a club out on the West Coast. And Bob is trim and physically fit at 90. If others of us could see Bob today, as your Scribe

does from time to time, you could not help but envy as well as be inspired by his health and excellent attitude toward life. Congratulations Bob.

Bill Simpson writes that a MAJ Thomas R. Stone, now on duty as an instructor in history at WP, is currently writing his (Bill's) biography. However, it is doubtful if the publishing date is announced before another year.

Almost all the members of our Class from whom news was solicited, promptly responded and even if they had not much that they thought was newsworthy, the real news and the best news from them all was that they are still "carrying on," some, to be sure, more actively than others, but all "carrying on."

'10

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Plans are now being finalized for the return of the Class of '10 to its Alma Mater at WP, in the Highlands of the Hudson, to celebrate the 65th anniv of our graduation from the USMA on 15 Jun 1910. There are only 7 living graduates of the Class of '10. It is now definite that 2 of them—COL Guy Chipman of San Ant, TX and MAJ Harry Pillans of Mobile, AL—will not return to WP for our 65th Reunion per their doctors' orders.

The 5 graduates returning to WP will be P.D. Uhl; Jack and Ella Heard; Fritz Strong; Carey and Gwladys Brown; and your scribe Bo with Kay Lewis. All members of the Class of '10 and their accompanying families will stay at the Thayer Hotel on the post.

We will arrive and get settled during the day of Wed, 28 May 1975. In the evening the opening event of our 65th celebration will be '10's Class Dinner in the Gold Room of the WPAM (the Officers Club at WP).

During the following 2 days we will attend the scheduled official events of the alumni reunion. Closing with our farewell breakfast at the Thayer Hotel on Sat morning, the Class of '10 will bid a fond adieu to our Alma Mater and depart for our respective homes.

A full report of our 65th Reunion will appear in the Sept ASSEMBLY.

Fritz Strong made his annual visit to FL and this time he spent a couple of days at Disney World which he enjoyed immensely. As has been his custom for the past 4 years, Fritz sponsored the annual WP Founders Day dinner of the WP Society of MI at the Orchard Lake Country Club on 8 Mar. The new Dean at WP was the guest speaker of the evening. In every way the dinner meeting was a great success.

Gwladys and Carey Brown returned from their cruise around S. America aboard "The Gripsholm" the middle of Mar. Carey was

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especially interested to see the Panama Canal in full operation having been stationed there as a junior officer when the canal was under construction. Both Gwladys and Carey enjoyed the cruise very much, including the interesting stops at various countries en route.

Your scribe and Kay—leaving our automobile at home—flew to Pontra Vedra, FL for a short vacation during Feb. Then later we flew to Chicago during Apr to see our granddaughter Kathy, her husband Bill Miller, and our 2 great-grandchildren, Alan and Katherine Lewis III. Flying these days is so simple and quick.

We are sad to report the loss of 2 of our Class widows since our last report. Olive M. Wilson, widow of our MG D.S. Wilson, died on Sat, 15 Feb 75, at the DeWitt Army Hospital, Ft Belvoir, VA. Following funeral services at the Ft Myer Chapel on Wed, 19 Feb, interment in Arlington. Olive is survived by her son, LTC D.S. Wilson Jr., USA Ret., 2 sisters, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Molly Dunn, widow of our COL Walter K. Dunn, died peacefully in her sleep on Mon, 3 Mar 75 at her home, 9 Jodry Street, Quaker Hill, CT 06375, where she had lived for a number of years, next door to her son Wally. Burial was in the cemetery at West Point, beside her husband.

'11

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On 14 Mar, at the annual Founders Day dinner at the San Fran Presidio Officers Club, the Old Grad was GEN Louis M. Nuttman, USMA '95, at a youthful 101 years. His arrival and departure brought standing ovations from the nearly 200 enthusiastic West Pointers present.

Dorothy Bagby's son, Kelly, USMA '36, was married last 30 Nov to Cammie Scheiser, an attractive widow in Eugene, OR. Dorothy flew up on the 26th to be with Jim, another son, prior to the family gathering for the wedding. Dorothy also reported from her Palo Alto apartment that Bug Cowles, in the same building, was in her usual cheery good health.

Word from Fred Dillman, way down south in Georgia, indicated that he does not plan to attend our big 65th Reunion, in the National Centennial Year, because all is so changed at WP except the view up the Hudson from Battle Monument. Perhaps he may alter his views by Jun 76 and find that the view from Battle Monument is also changed!

John Hatch, like many of us old timers, no longer drives a car. However, he gets around, and plays golf thrice weekly, one of his partners being Karl Greenwald of '12. John and Helen keep their good health despite chilling northers on the golf course.

Last Apr, Cherry and Ben Lockwood became residents of the Channing House, 850 Webster St, Apt 112, Palo Alto, CA 94301, which can be seen from their former apartment building where they had lived for the past 14 years. Oliver McCleary, in Carmel, CA takes care of his homestead as he always has. It includes 16 fruit trees and several garden plots that supply the bulk of their fruit and vegetable needs. Elizabeth, in addition to weaving, knitting and hooking rugs, helps with the gardening. And, in the evenings, they play dominoes as they have for over 50 years—unless Ollie is out on a poker game.

Their friend, Mrs. Markley Bryan, wrote in Feb that Ellen and Joe McNeal were improving in their convalescent retreat and still eager to be back in their Mt. Vernon, OH home. Both would appreciate word from their friends. As no further word has come from Herb Nollman in Jacksonville, FL, it is hoped that he and Nelle are well recovered from their accident of over a year ago.

Gerry Stanton returned in Feb from a 2-months trip, freighter and air, to Southeast Asia. The date of her next jaunt and itinerary have not yet been divulged.

Big news came in Mar from Virginia Wheeler that in Apr she was to be married to BG Benj B. Talley, USCE, Ret., a long time friend of Speck's. After the marriage, a tour was to be made across country and then a voyage up the Inside Passage to Alaska, where Ben has a home. She wrote that for the present they planned to keep all 3 homes, in DC, in WV, and in AK near Anchor Point on the Kenai Peninsula, south of Anchorage. On their return in Oct, she planned to continue part-time practice of law under the name, Virginia M. Wheeler.

Billy Wyche on 15 Mar expected to be the Oldest Grad at the Ft Bragg Founders Day dinner. He and Louise continue in good health at their Pinehurst home and Billy plans to be at the 65th Reunion. They visit their children who live in Fitzwilliam, NH, where they all are ardent skiers. A grandson is a sophomore at McGill U. in Montreal, where he is on the Rugby and skiing teams. Speaking of the Ft Bragg dinner, Billy said that he really didn't enjoy making the "Old Man's" speech, but that he did envy the man who wrote:

"I love a big reception,
I love it's ruddy glow,
I like to wind my mouth up—
And I love to hear it go!"

That's me!

'12

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DEPARTURES

Albert E. Crane—2 Dec 1974

Sterling L. Larrabee—30 Dec 1974

Julia Sanderson—27 Jan 1975

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SOLDIERS—HAIL!

The Class grandson (C. P. Robbins III) informed me of the sudden death of his mother, Betty V. Youngs, daughter of Billy and Helen Youngs.

When the Xmas messages began to arrive, I foresaw the need for another bulletin. But the stack of letters (total 38!) makes me shy away and run around the hurdle. I will merely list the names of those who sent greetings. All of them expressed their pleasure in hearing about the Class.

I will make an exception in the case of the Class Pres. Sid Spalding reported: "A great Xmas. Edith's sister Robin and her family were here, and all of mine. The log house was filled to its limit with 22 sitting at the Xmas table, with lots of good food and smiling faces." Sid had a bad cattle year and a poor corn crop. But farmers never get discouraged. Always hope for better times ahead. "There is something very satisfying about the business. Plenty of exercise out-of-doors that people will pay good money for." All the best to Farmer Sid and his pastoral clan!

Greetings to '12 from the following: Anne Anderson (she's in nursing home but daugh-

ter Nancy McCreary wrote for her); Margaret Barrett; Burfy & Jesse Brown; Katherine Jackson (Burlingame); Sarah Chamberlin; Dot Cramer; Red & Nancy Crawford; Thorne & Nora Deuel; Carl Dick; Bird & Pauline DuBois; Earl Dunmore; Elizabeth Edwards; Vivian Gillespie; Henrietta Gillespie; Karl Greenwald; Marjory Harrison; Charley Hauser; Mary Hobson; Mary Hochwalt; Ethelyn (Kuldell) Hedges; Katherine Jackson (Burlingame); John & Patty Lindt; Mary & Robert Littlejohn; Francis Mallon; Katherine Maxwell; Charlotte (Morrisey) Davidson; Bill Nalle; Alice Phelan; Josephine Rayner; Burton & Sadie Read; Helen Schneider; Sid & Edith Spalding; Gladys Thomas; Caroline Walker; Bill & Larry Wilbur; Abigail Wood; Arch Arnold II. If I omitted any senders, it is due to an inoperative filing system and a fading memory.

ARMY ATHLETICS—In Bulletin No. 92 I commented on Army Football. Since then, Army was again clobbered in the Navy game. The consensus of Class opinion seemed to favor a curtailment of schedules. Red Crawford added an opinion that instead of thinking too much about material we should think more about MV2; in other words putting more punch into the material available.

Our bulletin was published in Class Notes in ASSEMBLY. It brought me letters from Bruce C. Clarke ('25) and Gar Davidson ('27). Clarke was working to get opinions from the USMA and from graduates concerning proposals to liberalize post-graduate service requirements for top football players so that they might enter into professional football on graduation. Gar Davidson pointed out that Army basketball is also in a slump—they having won only one game this year. He believes that corrective measures should be pushed not only officially but also by graduates in general.

In short, nobody is very happy about Army athletics! Charlie Drake wrote me last year that there is something wrong, but he urged that we should not blame the players. He sat with Army quarterback Fink after the 73 game and Fink was crying his eyes out.

ADDENDA: In the above list of greeters, I omitted Ike and Alice Spalding, Alice was the first to send greetings, in Nov.

'13

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We yet check in at 15 classmates left in '13. No serious report from anyone.

We are very sorry to hear of illness of GEN Omar Bradley of '15. He has always been a good pal to our class.

Here in Norfolk area we held our 75 Founders Day dinner at Ft Monroe. About 250 were present with Joe Viner the oldest graduate. They gave me 5 minutes to speak and to toast the Corps. Our new football coach, Homer Smith—graduate of Princeton U.—gave the main address, and I must say that he did a most wonderful job—better for me than some of our own in previous years.

"Tex" Davidson wrote that the DC area dinner was held at Ft Myer with our class "godson" GEN George S. Brown '41—Chairman of the JCS—giving their talk. He covered the "field" on many present day problems. No other '13er was there.

In a phone call to BG W.C. Crane of Leesburg, his wife Lois said Pink was not 100% OK but yet OK for work on his cattle farm.

Doris Johnson—widow of our classmate, A.B. Johnson—is now at their home in FL but expects to return to Alexandria, VA soon.

I have had 2 newsy notes from Ann Jones of Jackson, LA who says Junius is OK save for his eyes. This is very frustrating as a lot of us have eye and car trouble. Both of them ask '13 to have a Mini Class Reunion at their lovely plantation one of these years. Let's do it soon!

Priscilla Newgarden has left the snow of ME for the beaches of West Indies.

The Crittenbergers are yet in DC but now at 3133 Connecticut Ave, NW. Both are OK so they say.

No news of "Bug" Oliver who always winters at Deltona, FL—but returns to Northampton, MA with the robins.

Dasha and I took a few days in DC at the A&N Club. Saw all the Allen relatives and Tex Davidson and Harriet Foote.

I spent an hour with Lucile Kimmel at Hampton Road. She is as peppy as ever and has her son-in-law, COL David Routh, and Helen living with her. This makes a fine act for Lucile who is somewhat lame.

The Don and Ella Calhouns are in FL but will also return with the robins to Glyn-don, MD.

Our Class is fortunate to have several of our class godsons—sons of classmates—write to us. Among these are COL Leland Devore of Ft Detrick, MD; BG David D. Bradburn of Manhattan Beach, CA; COL John H. Van Fleet Jr. of Clearwater, FL; and of course—GEN George S. Brown of Ft Myer, VA. If anyone has the names and addresses of other godsons let me hear from you.

Not too much news this time of year but I ask all to send me some good news for the next ASSEMBLY.

'14

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There are only 3 members of '14 in San Ant: Tim Rees, Ike Gill and myself. Ike and I represented the Class at the Founders Day dinner. Tim has not been very well recently but is much better. He is here with his daughter Mildred and her husband, Tom Lytle.

In my last letter I reported that Dabney Elliot was in a ret. hotel partially immobilized by a stroke. He went to Walter Reed for a blood clot in the brain. Two operations were necessary. Hal Ingles reports he is better and is now at the Westwood Hotel in Bethesda MD.

It is my sad duty to report the death of our Classmate, GEN Francis Rusher Kerr, on 8 Feb 75, following a prolonged illness. He is survived by his widow, Marian MacDonald Kerr; by one son, John Hoare Kerr (the elder son, Robert Johnston Kerr II, died last fall) and 6 grandchildren, 3 granddaughters of the family of Robert, and 3 sons, Angus, Colin and Alan, of the family of John.

Francis Rusher Kerr had a distinguished and varied career, more details about which will be in the memorial article.

After a memorial mass held at the Portsmouth Abbey, RI, the burial was at the WP Cemetery. His son John, in a letter to me, wrote about the deep impression the ceremonies accorded a graduate made on his mother, on him, and on his 3 sons. Friends

of the family present, including Charley Gross, noted the dignity and sincerity of this ceremony, which took place with gently falling snow. Charley Gross placed flowers on the grave. This information came from a letter to me from the son, John Hoare Kerr. In his letter he mentioned that during the funeral his eldest son, Angus, age 12, said he perhaps would like to go to WP as his grandfather did.

Francis Kerr was a distinguished man in many ways, and in his death we have suffered a great loss, but it ended his pain during his last years, with patience and quietness, manfully aided by his deep religious faith and the devotion of his wife and son.

'15

BG Hume Peabody
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THE REAPER COMETH: Our battle with the Grim Reaper continues and about all we doughty octogenarians can do is roll with the punches. Since last issue:

Burt Mason died in Walnut Creek, CA, 20 Jan, from cerebral thrombosis. He was buried in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Lafayette, CA, 23 Jan. Burt ret. as General Attorney for the SPRR in 59 after 33 years service. He then joined an Oakland law firm and was active until shortly before his death. He is survived by his wife Alice.

From Anastacio Q. Ver Jr. comes the sad news that his mother, Paz, died 29 Jan in the PI while visiting her sister. Burial was in the Presidio of San Fran Cemetery beside his father.

Benny Ferris reported that Annalee Stratemeyer died in FL 5 Feb. She is survived by a brother, Mr. Howard Rix, in CA.

On 12 Feb in Beverly Hills, CA occurred the death of Leroy Watson from a heart attack. Burial was at West Point 19 Feb. Survivors are his wife Beatrice; daughters, Antoinette, Peggy Gierzewicz, Sally (of Sisters of Charity); son Robert, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. After ret. Roy served as VP of Fletcher Aircraft Corp. and later served 2 terms on the Beverly Hills City Council including one term as Mayor, all this while participating in many other civic activities.

On 17 Feb occurred the death of Robert L. L. McCormick, husband of Ronnie Bragdon's daughter Dorothy.

The Class extends its sympathy to all those left behind.

TRIPS, VISITS and SUCHLIKE: Jack Harris seems to be always just embarking on or returning from Good Samaritan quickie "look-ins" on friends and relatives hither, thither and yon.

Feb saw visits by Mary Larkin with her daughter at Ft Totten and by Jessica Gesler with friends in TX.

Mina Pulsifer reports that she is in good health and looks forward to a Hawaiian trip soon.

GAY SOCIAL WHIRL: On Washington's Birthday (real, not ersatz) Peggy Beukema hosted a luncheon at the Westchester Cocktail Lounge that was unanimously voted a cold max by Dorothy and Blister Evans, Thea and Dusky Gillette, Gertrude Weart, Det Ellis, Peggy Davison, Louise Kahle, Marianne Wallington, Jack Harris, Ingrid Graves and Helen Conklin. (Totals 13 which Det Ellis says is his lucky number. It is mine also. Heck! Didn't I survive our Plebe Year while living in Room 1313 in the 13th Div while losing 3 wives in the process?)

The Feb Class luncheon at the AN Club boasted a record turnout of 6; Ellis, Evans, Gillette, Harris, Richards and Visiting Fireman Aurand. Hank flew in for the annual meeting of the Club and also found time to spread cheer among the housebound '15ers.

At the Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer, the Class was represented by Ellis, Evans, Harris and Richards. They found present only Devers '09 and Davidson '13 who could present older class credentials.

ODDS AND ENDS: Letter from Charlie Ritchel bewails the necessity of foregoing the Reunion because of ambulatory difficulties. Charlie is now Dad of the Class with John Henry Cochran a close runner-up. Always one to look on the bright side, Charlie is glad he escaped becoming an admiral even though he spent his 4 WP years as a buck in the rear rank.

DC's leading caravansary, the AN Club, reports reservations for Virginia Henley and daughter, Tom and Charlotte Hearn, and Ned Zundel while they are en route to and returning from our 60th.

That loud popping noise heard all over the District on 1 Feb came from the outgoing buttons on Det Ellis's vest, the occasion being the birth of a great-granddaughter to go with the 3-year-old Mulligan great-grandson. Soon Det will be baby-sitting with a pair of great-grand kids. Congratulations to all concerned.

AND IN CONCLUSION: As these lines are stumblingly typed our 60th is only 2 months away! Let us gather at the River!

'16

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Laura and I took a trip to Tempe (Phoenix area), AZ in Feb to visit our great-granddaughter there and her parents, CPT and Mrs. Richard Johns, CE. Richard is a grad student at AZ State U. We enjoyed being with the little family.

En route we stopped at Sun City, AZ and looked in on Marion and Holland Robb, had a visit with them and a delicious dinner prepared by Marion at their home.

We then drove to Tucson where we had lunch with Dolly and Tom Martin at the mess at Davis-Monthan AFB. They both appear well, Tom having recovered from injuries received when his auto was hit and smashed up by another.

Then we drove to San Diego to check on '16ers there. Caroline and Murph Irvine had Doe and Delp Styer and us for a delightful lunch and gab fest. Worshams were absent because of another commitment, but we looked in on them at their LaJolla home as we drove north the next morning. All well there, too.

All at San Diego looked fine when we were there. But five days later I received a phone call from COL George Styer, USA (Ret.) (Norwich U. '42), telling that his father had died that day. Delp passed away in Coronado on 26 Feb. Memorial service was held at the Coronado Mortuary on 28 Feb. "Bud" Styer described it as beautiful, simple, and packed with friends. The Worshams and Irvines represented '16. Delp was buried at Arlington on 18 Mar with simple graveside services, attended by '16ers and friends of that area. Delp was one of the stalwarts of our Class and we all highly respected him and his contribution to the service and to our country. Whether you

knew him as "Bill," "Delp," or simply as "Fat" as he always signed his letters to me, he was a great guy and we all join in extending our sympathy to Doe and her family.

Before leaving our AZ trip, I want to report that Tom Martin Jr. (PhD) is now Pres of the IL Inst of Tech at Chicago; Mike (also PhD) is Prof of Chem at U. of MI, and COL Samuel (USMA '46) has just ret.

I phoned Dolly Wilson at her home in Beverly Hills where she lives alone in the home where she and Willy lived so many years. She is well. Also reached Nita Berry by phone at her apartment in Santa Barbara. She is also well and comfortable.

Fay says that Stan Scott has resumed his painting, paints 8-10 hours a day, loves it, and is good. He and Mary had a luncheon on 2 Mar for a viewing of about 75 paintings on display. Present were Pricketts, DeWitts, Walshes, Gallaghers, Savilla Bliss, Ann Maguire, Marian Schofield, and Bobby O'Hare. Sorry we were so far away, Mary and Stan!

Caroline and Murph Irvine visited Mexico in Jan, going to Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, and Mazatlan.

Marjorie Moses wrote early in the year from New London, NH, where she spent the winter comfortably housed at New London Inn, and only a short distance from son Garret and daughter-in-law Judy. She plans to sell her Sandwich, NH home and probably settle in New London.

Leah Merrill writes from St. Louis, where she operates a marina, that she is fine and that her business is improving, with more requests for berth space than she has available.

Tom Finley and Bill Hoge met last fall near Leavenworth, where Tom's daughter and one of Bill's sons have bought farms and settled in a ret. officers' community. They had a good visit with their young people and each other for a few days. But then both became ill and had to return home. Bill's illness was severe and he was hospitalized for about 3 weeks. He has been recuperating at home since and says he seems to have recovered completely. We certainly hope so, Bill.

Maurice Miller reports the death of Pet Wales at San Ant the 3d week of Feb. She suffered a massive stroke. She was buried at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery on 23 Feb with our '16 people there in attendance. She is survived by her daughter Marilee and her family, to whom we send our sympathy.

Joan Newgarden is making a couple of cruises, one to the Caribbean and again to Europe to concentrate on Vienna and Belgrade. Good traveling, Joan.

Edna Miller had not fully recovered in Feb from her broken wrist suffered several months ago when her purse was snatched. However Maurice said it was much better and they hoped a Mar checkup would show recovery.

Ellen and Dz Britton, their daughter and son-in-law, LTC Cox (Ret.), and one grandchild flew to Portugal last year where they enjoyed one of their favorite spots near Estoril. This year they may travel to III again with a stop at San Fran. We hope so, Dz.

Cramp Jones says that Harriot and he are well and happy as usual in their El Paso home. They are enjoying 2 great-grandchildren who live at Ft Bliss, children of grandson, CPT Peter Howze Jones (USMA '70). Cramp says that through helping Harriot cook, cooking has become his hobby.

Jeannette and Stanley Reinhart had a rather rough year in 74. She fell, as a result of stepping on a rock that rolled, broke her



1916: Ellen and Dz Britton.

arm and suffered shock that lasted several weeks. She now has seemed to be fully recovered. Then Stanley, who was ret. because of his heart, suffered a couple of recurrences in 74. He has not fully recovered but hopes to continue to improve in order to make it to our 60th Reunion. We hope so too.

I have received a suggestion (from one of your classmates) that he enjoys seeing "those well remembered faces" when I send them to be included in our Class Notes. Why not send me a recent snapshot of you, or 2 or more of you, that I can use for such a purpose?

Blanche and Roland Shugg were visited in late Feb by 3 of their 4 daughters, June, Blanche and Frances. We are sure they enjoyed that—all of them.

1916 had 100 percent attendance at the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio in Mar, both for the stags and the ladies—McBrides, Shuggs, Woodward and Johns, and their wives, and also Virginia Doney.

By the time you read these notes, our youngest living member, Tom Finley, will have passed his 80th birthday, 2 Jun.

Fay Prickett says that he had his 3-month checkup at the hospital in mid-Mar and that the "old pump" (his words, not mine) is stable. He was given a free hand to play golf, travel, etc. We are certainly happy to know that, Fay.

APR
'17

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A letter from Louis and Elf Martins' daughter, Nancy Bull, gives us more information on their new location in El Paso. The Martins' home address is 10649 Park View Circle, El Paso, TX 79935. Five days a week Louis is at the Hillhaven Convalescent Cen in El Paso. Their son, LTC Stuart F. Martin '49, is on active duty and is stationed at nearby Ft Bliss. He and his wife live in El Paso. Nancy and her husband Dick, who ret. from the RA in 72, live near Ft Lee, VA. Dick is Exec Dir for Area Agcy for the

Aged, Crater Planning Dist. Their sons, Terry and Tom, are grown and married. Terry is an architectural engr at Norfolk Navy Shipyard, and Tom is employed at the United California Bank. Tom's wife Cheryl is employed at Arthur Anderson Intl CPA. Nancy says, "All of Dad's classmates are my 'uncles,'" and adds, "Please extend my warm regards along with Mother's and Dad's to all the classmates of Apr. '17."

Did you know that Spec Irwin was individual foil champion at WP his First Class year? Although Spec says, "I am mystified at your digging into ancient history," I did learn, with a bit of help from Spec's wife Evelyn, that after not fencing for 20 yrs, Spec again took up the sport, "won a few minor affairs," and in 39 fenced in the foil division of the National Matches at the San Fran World's Fair. There he "got by the 1st pool but was eliminated in the 2d and consequently did not make the 3d and final pool." He was then 46!

Kewp Yuill writes that Gay, after her Dec operation and 6 wks in a health center, "is back on her feet and bright as a dollar." Kewp plans to plant a garden this spring. His son Charles helped his 3 children build a snow man after the Texas snow storm in Feb. Julia and her doctor husband are in Norfolk with 2 children, 2 dogs and a cat. Kewp says he and Frier will come to the Apr class luncheon at Ft Myer.

Mark Clark has moved to 17 Country Club Dr, Charleston, SC 29412. Mark writes that he sees Sully occasionally and that Sully, bedridden for several years, is in very poor physical and mental condition.

Corp and Almira Warner "have settled down in the location we both know so well (Barrytown, NY). Both of us are NY State products, and this area has always been Almira's home." Their son Troy is in business near Indianapolis, and daughter Helen lives in Littleton, CO. Corp adds, "Except for arthritis, which has affected Almira for the past few years, we are both still in the pink of condition; but I have had to let up a bit on my special hobby of gardens. It was our pleasure to get down to WP frequently, but of late we have given up the habit."

In early Mar George Wooley wrote, "Mary had a physical checkup on 28 Feb and seems to be OK except for the fact that she is still in a wheelchair, unable to walk. Our weather is sunshiny and nice, in the 80's by day, 40's by night."

Helen Brown writes from San Ant that she is the only one of our Class still there. Gracie Murray has moved to a ret. home in her home town. Her address is: Mrs. John T. Murray, 65 W. 30th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405.

Willis Slaughter says that his daughter, Jean Davis, has returned from Spain where her husband was on an engr mission for U.S. Steel for 2 yrs. She and her husband have twin girls and 2 boys, all OK. Willis' and Elizabeth's new address is 16 N. Earleton Road Ext., Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

The sad news has been received that Warfield Lewis died on 7 Dec. Emilie writes, "Fortunately I am surrounded by loving and attentive children and grandchildren here in CA, and it helps considerably."

And Adele Meacham died peacefully in her sleep on 28 Jan at her home in Brooklandville, MD. She was buried 30 Jan in the Harford Memorial Gardens near Havre de Grace on a nice sunny day, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Willis and Elizabeth Slaughter represented the Class at the graveside services.

We have received word that Herb Holdridge died of pneumonia on 29 Sept 74 at Brecksville, OH. He is survived by his wife Dorothy S. Holdridge, 5366 Glenridge, Toledo, OH 43614. For many years Herb led a colorful life, fighting hard, and often with controversial methods, for causes he believed in.

As this is written, in mid-Mar, Joe Collins has been in Walter Reed 2 weeks. Gladys expects him back home and on the way to full recovery soon.

AUG
'17

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Little news and much of that bad. Soon after Desmond's death, Alice O'Keefe became chief librarian of Soldiers' Home. Everyone there adored her; all of us quickly joined in that feeling. She was always sweet and cheerful, ready to do or to go. Of the disease which finally felled her, she never complained. Alice left behind a fine family, much like her: Desmond, Edward, Alice and their 8 children.

Harriet Rising's eyes had been bothering her. Later she began to linger in bed and suffered a series of minor heart attacks. We didn't think it was serious until 9 Feb when she died peacefully on the way to the hospital. It is a loss for us but far worse for Harry: they were as much in love as when they first married. Fortunately, Tina lives with Harry, Sally Carey is nearby, and Harry Jr. has been here from Provo, UT to see him.

Belatedly we learn from the Times-Picayune of 29 Mar 73 that Al Tate had died. He had had a useful and happy career after leaving the service and spent his sunset years doing good for others.

Parry Lewis, temporarily without his amenities, wrote with his left hand a dandy, legible letter inclosing a clipping. The latter had a picture which showed Parry handsomer than as a cadet: the writeup told how he had organized the U.S. Army Band at the behest of JJP (remember him?). Parry has had another hospital stay but is due out before 1 Apr.

Sam Ringsdorf is still having a tough time but he is optimistic enough to talk about not being able to do as much as heretofore in making arrangements for our 60th Reunion. He is fortunate in being surrounded by people whom he likes and trusts and who seem eager to help.

Doc Faust wrote that he hoped to make a recovery but felt really old. He has gotten a pacemaker. Anny says she will get him to the 60th and not in a wheelchair.

We are indebted to Mrs. E. S. Rittenburg for telling us of Helen Bacon's passing in 74. She is with Bob in Arlington. Willis G. is now a lieutenant colonel and her elder son, Robert Coleman, a colonel.

Our oldest living classmate, Jack Johnson, and Florence took a vacation from doing nothing in San Miguel de Allende to visit the Gulf Coast and return via TX. They didn't see the sun from the time they crossed the divide until they recrossed it. Seafood in Tampico was marvelous.

Lew Griffith has had a rebirth in Austin. He is pres of the Austin SAR, big wheel in the Mayflower Descendants, and was again the Oldest Grad at Ft Hood's Founders Day. Runs all over TX to meetings. Next step, national pres SAR?

Virginia Harloe on a 33-day cruise of the

Caribbean sent a card to say that on the ship's radio she had heard that Jules and Catherine Schaefer were celebrating their 57th wedding anniv.

No other news from outside. Locally, your Scribe has been in touch with the following and reports them in fair to blooming health: Jack and Margaret Bellinger, Leo and Miriam Conner, Biff and Elizabeth Jones, Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck, Leo and Dorothy Warner, Edith Shaffer, Loessa Coffey, Dorothy Huff, Ellanor Sharp, Emily Bingham, May Heavey, Lois Stamps, Anne (Counts) Hart, and Dorothe Matlack. The last named is really blooming.

Paucity of news causes Your Scribe to adopt for the geriatric review which he writes quarterly for the Class only, the motto, PUBLISH OR PERISH. If you write in, he will publish it, if you perish he will write you up upon duly authenticated news of your decease.

JUN
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It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of Aline Grenata, the wife of our hard working class treas, Mike Grenata. Aline passed away quietly at home after a long illness. A native Virginian, and member of the Hawling families who settled in Loudoun in the early 1700's, Aline was born on the family estate "Chudleigh." All her life Aline remained active in church, hospital and club work both during Mike's active career in the Army; in PA after Mike ret. and became Prof of Engr at the Allentown Center of Penn State; and after Mike's final ret. in 65, back to VA and Leesburg where she soon became active in the affairs of St. James Episcopal Church and the Loudoun Memorial Hosp. In May 72 she was stricken with a heart attack and had to give up active social work. Nevertheless, as in the past, Aline's devotion to her family and compassion for people continued until she passed away peaceably and cheerfully at home. Funeral services were held in St. James Episcopal Church with burial services at Arlington on 17 Mar at which all area classmates, wives and widows attended. Our



Jun '18: Mewshaw, Oldest Grad, Founders Day 1975, Fort Jackson, SC.

sincere sympathy to you Mike, and to daughters, Michaela and Rosalee, and their families.

Pat Casey's newsy letter of 17 Mar (St. Patrick's Day, of course) said that the Naples group of West Pointers would be attending the annual dinner that night and that Timberlake would be the Old Grad speaker. "It's getting close!" wrote Pat. He went on to describe a most perfect winter, the ideal weather permitting lots of golf, fishing, swimming and social activity plus several wonderful cruising trips to keep him and Dorothy healthy and happy. The first of the fascinating cruises was with friends across FL and Lake Okeechobee to Palm Beach and the Ocean Reef Club and the Keys and then back to Naples. Next, a flight with a neighbor couple to Nassau where an old mutual friend placed his 64-ft yacht with skipper, chef and crew at their disposal for a 9-day cruise thru the Bahamas with fishing stops for dolphin, wahoo and big tuna. Then their next door neighbor flew to Nassau in his plane from his Caribbean home near Georgetown in the Exumas, returning them to his place for 4 more days of cruising, fishing, swimming and Pat's first experience at scuba diving. On 1 Jun they left by Auto Train for their summer home in VT to enjoy "that beautiful North Country you describe so perfectly," and where we shall see 2 fine, sun-tanned specimens of healthy and happy retirees. Well deserved for active work well done with results one can only find in this great country of ours.

Lucius Clay believes your scribe would like "Square Top" the home at which he and Marjorie spend the major portion of their time except, of course, for one week per month in NY City. Lucius says they may not have the beauty of NH but describes what must truly be a very lovely setting for an ocean front home. "We live in a cleared 3 acres in 12 acres of woodland with an acre of salt marsh, looking out over Crow's Pond, a cove off Pleasant Bay, which itself is separated from the Atlantic Ocean by the outer-beach, a long narrow sandbar. There are always gulls and terns to be seen following the clam and scallop fishermen at work in Crow's Pond. Along the shores we watch the giant blue herons among others, as well as the fall and spring migrations of the geese and ducks. On the cleared lawns, the woodlands and the salt marsh are many other birds, to mention a few: the pheasant, quail, doves, cardinals, orioles, jaybirds, goldfinch and chickadees." Marjorie and Lucius have already identified 70 different species of birds. Lucius added he never expected to end up a bird watcher but finds it a most pleasant pastime. Among the 4-footed animals they have rabbits, squirrels, possum, muskrats and an occasional red fox and deer.

As mentioned previously the Clays spend one week a month in NYC and really enjoy it. Lucius finds that going to an office is a healthy discipline, and they both find the life and hustle of a great city stimulating, but love to return to the peace and quiet of "Square Top." There are marvelous memories of the great city to relive until the next visit because however artificial it may appear to some, there is beauty in the city. (Just as there is beauty and strength and something to think about when looking at a great granite mountain on a desert or low flood plain that all by itself has withstood time and weather through thousands of years—scribe's note). Lucius continues "there is beauty in the museums with their works of art, in the fascinating shop windows, in the hurrying people on the streets, going places, doing things.

Activities so typically American making it possible for so many of us to live so comfortably in ret. It is the activity which must continue if America is to continue. It has a beauty of its own—a beauty of motion, of continuous change; perhaps it is the heartbeat of our great indl nation. As a small boy in a country town, surrounded by natural beauty, I took it for granted. We lived longer in NY City than anywhere else, so I must defend my “home town.” It was and is a great place to live!”

Your scribe's memories of his boyhood days, his Kaydet days, his service in the Army CE and his active ret. life have been deeply stimulated by Lucius' descriptions of both his life at the ocean front home, hand-in-hand with the fascination of life in a great and vigorous city typical of American life. My boyhood was spent in a then small college town across the Hudson R. in NJ in the shadows of NYC which Lucius describes so vividly, and to which I often spent 3 cents for ferry rides to Barkley St within walking distance of the Battery, the Brooklyn and Williamsburg Bridges, Wall St and the Bowery; to 14th St then the center of fine shops; and 23d St, the up and coming new shopping center as well as that of the family brownstone houses, and the 5th Ave buses which took one to Central Park and the band concerts. We also had fine band concerts in my town at City Park and Riverside Park. In the summers I spent much time in the Jersey Atlantic Highlands country similar to that described by Lucius at Square Top. Thus, despite our great enjoyment of the beauties of NH, AM and your scribe make annual pilgrimages to both the ocean and NYC. We will admit though, like Marjorie and Lucius, just short visits are enough and we are always glad to return to the peace and quiet of Woodley Acres.

Phil Gallagher, who for the past 12 years has been introducing dear Jimmy Crawford as the oldest grad at Columbus (Jimmy passed away in Apr 74), took over as the oldest grad at the Founders Day dinner on 15 Mar at Columbus, GA.

Daughter Rosalee from WA State with her young daughter Jean, 4½, stayed on with Mike after Aline's funeral until 27 Mar. At that time daughter Michaela McIntyre of Alexandria, her husband BG Ken McIntyre and Mike left for WP to visit Plebe Mike McIntyre during Plebe-Parent weekend. Mike sends his appreciation to the Class for their wonderful spirit and show of sympathy.

Growley Gruhn's doctor gave him the good news that he has downgraded his diagnosis from heart damage to hardening of the cardiac arteries. However, Growley had 2 mild attacks of angina, both of which required short stays in the hospital. Take it easy Growley and pass on some of your duties to the flock of VP's we elected at our 55th. GEN Nuttman sent his thanks to Jun '18 for good wishes on his 101st birthday, and sent the greetings of the Class of 1895 to the Class of Jun 1918.

Ann Kreber decided to move permanently to FL as of 1 Jun 75. Her address: Mrs. Leo Kreber, 1660 Pine Valley Dr, #409, Ft Meyers, FL 33901. Losing both Leo and her mother at the same time was quite a shock and the new surroundings have helped her a great deal physically. Ann returned to Columbus for Apr and May to wind up affairs and to ask her many friends to visit with her in FL for the next 2 yrs before making an absolute permanent decision.

Dick McKee wrote the 4 Mar class letter that came in the mail with the Mar issue

of ASSEMBLY. After reading the class letter he turned to the class column in ASSEMBLY and since Bryan Conrad's epistle followed (Nov '18) and since they were LTs together in Germany after WWI, returned to the U.S. and assigned to the same company, and were partners in owning their first automobile, naturally Dick had to read Bryan's column. Then another name popped out, and so on thru ASSEMBLY. “Fascinating reading,” wrote Dick, “we are able to follow and keep in touch, indirectly, with good friends we have known over the years.” Since last Dec for 2½ months Louise has been incapacitated, flu and stiff neck (pinched nerve) which required therapy, and Dick substituting as cook and housekeeper. It seems that Dick learned a few facts of life as regards the weaker sex.

During the Mussils' Xmas visit with their daughter and family in Washington, Tex as usual got around either in person or by phone to check on classmates. He visited Freddie Kimble who had one of his better days and they reminisced on old Army days which Freddie just loved. Connie Jadwin came down with a high temperature on the day Tex was to see him and the visit was called off. He talked with Bill Barriger on the phone but was unable to visit because of conflicting dates. Bill appeared in excellent spirits despite his physical infirmities. Tex visited with Harry Mewshaw who was visiting with his charming daughter June on a farm in the beautiful VA countryside. Harry, said Tex, is wearing his 80 years very well. Harry also wrote of his Xmas visit with June and his daughter Sally in Alexandria and said that Connie & Peg were to visit them, also the Mussils. And the report in reverse was that lovely Grace and Tex appeared also in good shape. Again, in reverse Harry reported that Bill still has that twinkle in his eye and Helen is very gracious and a saint. Thus came 2 classmates' letters crossing paths and complimenting each other—thank you both, Harry and Tex. Back in IL Tex took up his duties for the 6th consecutive year at WP Founders Day dinner (15 Mar) as the oldest grad present.

On a golfing holiday of several weeks thru the Southwest, Millie Pichel combined it with renewing old friendships wherever possible. At home again her roses were all budding and the bulbs were out. “Good to be alive, isn't it?” said Millie. She is still hoping to come east to New England to visit her grandparents' place in NH as well as pay a visit to Woodley Acres and long ago memories of Cape Cod, Boston and other areas.

Bee Rundell as of 20 Mar also reported signs of spring. Her tulips were well along and the crocuses were brilliant all over town. Her upstairs neighbors invited her to ride along with them to CA which gave Bee an opportunity to visit Susie and Paul in Coronado, Ann and Phil in Monterey, Alice Kramer in San Mateo, and another granddaughter, Leslie Rundell, who is working in San Fran. She flew home to visit her 4th granddaughter June in Portland. “Am I not lucky to have so many in this area?” wrote Bee. Life at Woodley Acres brought back many fond memories of when Earle enjoyed his beautiful garden in CT and grew enough to supply all the neighbors who didn't have one.

Clarry Townsley's morale got a big boost when on 8 Mar Peg and Connie Jadwin stopped by Charleston to visit Peg's sister. A delightful luncheon together and Clarry reported how much better Connie was than

on previous reports as written above. The same old enthusiasm, though his physical activities no longer include gymnastics. Clarry says Peg has not changed since he first met her. A grand pair, en route home after cruising the Caribbean. Clarry hoped to get back to Lost Loafer some time in May to receive son Ed and family on shift from Frankfort to command of an Engr Gp in Korea.

Betty Weeks reported that Arthur's son John accompanied her to WP where Arthur's ashes were interred 15 Jul on their 37th anniv. He was also honored at the 11 o'clock mass at the Catholic Church the day before. Arthur was soloist there when he was a cadet and so many people have spoken of his beautiful voice. “Steve and Growley Gruhn and Sylvia Shattuck were so wonderful to me and such a mainstay that there was no time for self-pity, only pride.”

NOV
'18

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Gremlins or evil spirits have been at work. Some prominent, well beloved Juniors got omitted from the description of the 1 Nov dinner at McNair in the winter ASSEMBLY. How could anyone have missed MG Jack Barnes, the senior of our Juniors present, and who so ably responded to the “Toast Our Juniors.” Jack and Mary Barnes were very much present, having come from Seattle for the party. Jack left the next day for Saudi Arabia. Howard Peckham Jr., the son of our Cadet First Captain, came from Cape Canaveral and brought his lovely bride, Mollie. She made a great hit with all present.

Al Miller, only a few days home from the hospital after surgery, nobly reports the news from the West Coast. His recovery was speeded by a beer can hat lovingly fashioned for him out of Miller's High Life cans by Mona Hughes. All the nurses in the hospital flocked to Al's bedside to see him wearing it. It is too much to ask Mona to supply us all with such hats but Al could send his to each of us in turn, when the need is greatest. Maybe some of us could benefit from this novel therapy. Imagining Al with it on has helped me greatly.

Al has talked to Dr. Peter Sherrill, Fred and Marthas' son, in San Fran, who keeps in contact with his parents in San Marino. He tells Al that Martha is using her walker with greater confidence and is having an artificial leg fitted which will give her good mobility. Dr. Peter says that Fred is greatly improved, is playing bridge with old friends and walking to gain strength. Al Miller's 2 boys gave him an 80th birthday party. Only one grandson, who could not get away from work, was missing. Al felt much younger the next day himself.

Kathleen Hesp (Mrs. Thomas L. Baird) writes that her mother, Frances Hesp, died 20 Dec after a 3-year battle with cancer. Burial was in Colton, near her father. Vinita Goerz has decided that apartment living is not for her after all. She will remain where she is for the time being, but does plan to sell her house when the market improves.

Isobel Lock, on a Caribbean cruise on the *Italia*, got a second prize at the Captain's costume party. The Al Raini's had a grand visit with their daughter and family in HI at Xmas. They found tourists to be at a minimum during the Xmas period and plenty of

room in the hotels. After a short stay in the hospital in Feb, Al is back at home at his job as yardman, with plenty to do, things grow so fast in CA.

Margie Aaron has not taken a trip this year but is playing with the idea of another trip to Australia as her daughter cannot come to her. She is glad to see that so many of the Classmates that she knew and liked are still going strong. She is still active with volunteer work, walking and bridge. Coral Ericson has had a severe case of shingles and so the old man is doing K.P. At the same time Swede has had trouble with his back. He and "Mac" Monroe plan to attend Founders Day dinner in San Fran.

Mike Quinn got home from visiting family in Boise just as Kester's newsletter arrived. It was a shock for him to learn that we had lost O'Rouark, one of his cadet wives, and Cambre, who lived not far away. Mike had a good trip and saw almost all of his grandchildren. His grandson at WP is doing well. Son Dick, now a MAJ in Armor, goes to C&GSC next year. Mike plans to join the Wainwright Travellers Reunion in San Fran in Apr.

One of our Juniors, LTC Heath Twitchell Jr., commands an Abn Bn. He has won the coveted Allen Nevins prize for distinguished scholarship and literary excellence with his biography of GEN Henry T. Allen, under whom many of the Class served in Germany in 1919 and the 1920's.

Bill Blair, Chief Brimmer and Corine Hahn made their annual pilgrimage to Denver for the Founders Day dinner at Fitzsimons, in Feb. Mar is birthday month for the Hahns' 2 great-granddaughters, with parties at son Bill's (COL, Ret., USMA '43). Helen's grandson Denny also had a birthday in Mar. They all look forward to a good garden this year and to painting the house. As for Chief Brimmer, he says that time means nothing to him. He has been hibernating all winter. Toots and John Allison (she is Bob Vesey's widow) want Chief to come to HI for a visit. His daughter wants him to visit her in AZ. We all know what Chief wants to do as soon as the ice is off the trout streams. Otto Praeger and Bill Blair seem to correspond mainly about the speed at which the solar system is rushing toward the star Vega—a far out matter.

The Valentines spent the winter in FL and after touching base in DC in Apr went on to their summer home in ME. Muriel Searby is back in Brunswick, ME, after her travels and her 2d cataract removal. Buddha Groves, who planned to visit son Dick and his family in Heidelberg, where Dick is stationed, could not go due to flu. One hopes she goes in the spring—Heidelberg is so beautiful then. Helen and Hunk Holbrook, after a winter vacation in Jamaica, spent Easter with the George Patton Jrs and their family.

Bob York and Monk Dickson correspond. Bob has been well and employed fairly continuously since ret. until the last few years during which he has devoted himself almost entirely to Marion who had to be in hospital and is now in a nursing home. Bob's address is 25 Cabot St, Winchester, MA 08190. The Colwells finally got to Del Ray, FL on 1 Mar, which means that Sallie was sufficiently mobile to travel. They will visit friends on Cat Cay in the Bahamas before going north again in Apr.

Barbara Cocks, in transmitting the news from TX writes, while Hal rests on the office couch, that the Cocks had a very busy week in Kerrville, TX at Shriver Coll, of which Hal is a lifetime trustee and must visit

periodically for meetings of the Bd of Trustees. The Knudsens celebrated their 50th anniv at a dinner party in the St. Anthony Hotel. They visited their daughter and her family in Key West late in Mar and then their son and his family in McLean, VA. He has been transferred from FEA to the Dept of the Interior (Energy Rsch and Devl).

Bernice Keasler went to Lubbock for Xmas and was iced in there as the roads through Guadalupe Pass were closed. She finally got home the Sat after Xmas to find El Paso under 6 inches of snow. Mary Chorpeneing had an operation on her right hand 22 Jan. Corp has been doing more K.P. than is his normal routine. The Chorpeneings and the Dunkelbergs quite often see each other and expect a visit from Howie Canan.

Jake Freeman comments that there are a lot of visitors along the Border during the winter and that prices go up in Old Mexico. Jim Styron's doctor would not let him travel during the winter but he will be at Hot Springs, AR for the spring races. His only granddaughter was married 29 Mar. Jim goes to WP in Jun to see his grandson graduate in the class of '75. He is a cadet captain, which, says Jim, "is a hell of a lot better than his grandfather did." If he continues to do better than Jim he will have quite a career. Marie and Art Pulsifer, with son Bob, drove to San Ant where they saw the Dunkelbergs and took them to dinner. It was an enjoyable reunion. The next day the Pulsifers drove on to Dallas.

Howie Canan and Kester Hastings were our only reps at the DC Founders Day dinner. They report that those who did not get there missed a great evening. GEN Brown's talk was splendid.

The Conrads will visit the Monk Dicksons in Devon, PA in early Apr to dip in the flesh pots of the Main Line and to allow Sunnybrook Spike to try for his big "T," the American Kennel Club tracking degree. Ethel Conrad hopes not only to get Spike's "T" this spring but to finish his sister, Arrow, in Open for her C.D.X. degree before Ethel has to have extensive surgery on her foot the latter part of May.

With your amanuensis' amanuensis expecting to be hors de combat for 6 to 8 weeks in May, I make no guarantee that there will be any Class Notes in the next edition of ASSEMBLY. (Editor's note: I don't know why I should let a little thing like foot surgery stop me. I remember full well about 19½ years ago at the WP Hospital the day after the Nov '18 Class Caboose was born, my Lord and Master trudging in to see me—with a sheaf of papers under his arm and carrying my typewriter, saying, "You don't really mind, do you dear? Class Notes are due...")

P.S. Lemuel C. Pope died in the early morning of 31 Mar at Carmel, CA. "Poopy" had been very ill for many months.

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After some digging I can give you the facts concerning a mid-winter trip to FL that Al and Dade Wedemeyer made for a very special purpose. It was to mark the passing of their 50th wedding anniv which occurred on 5 Feb 75 and which they celebrated quietly at Sanibel Is. Welcome to the plus 50 Club. As usual they saw classmates in the area. Dave McLean reports that they stopped at Clearwater on their way down and again



1919: Whitney, Founders Day 1975.

coming back. Dave also told me about the recent arrival of Charles (Chic) Pierce, USMA '45, for a short visit with his parents, Ken and Marie Pierce at Dunedin, FL. Chic is now ret. and living in Japan. Before returning he will join the annual family get-together in MI for a time.

Harris Scherer says he and Gretchen are not joining the trippers this year because they are "very much contented with life here on Siesta Key." However they do plan to come to the DC area this spring for a visit of a few weeks. They expect to stay at the home of the F.W. Farrells, USMA '20, in Arlington and will make their presence known as soon as they arrive. Eddie Strohbehn says he saw Bill and Katharine Kean this winter. They were in his area visiting their dau Kay and her husband, Hal Grossman, USMA '45. Dave McLean adds that the occasion was the birth of the Keans' first great-grand. The baby, Robert Bruce Blouin III, was born on 13 Dec last (during the eclipse) to Robert Bruce and Kathy Grossman Blouin. Our congratulations to all.

Following his plan Bunker and Jeanne Bean spent a few days with dau Bettye and Rip Young, USMA '42, in Arlington, VA. Rip, who is with Martin Marietta, threw a Xmas dinner for the family in Towson, MD. The presence of 3 granddaughters (2 with husbands) and a great-grandson added much to their happiness. The Beans moved on to Delray Beach, FL, in time for a New Year's reunion with son Dick, USMA '55, and family. Dick flew in from Saigon, his family from Colo Spgs. Dick will leave the Def Attaché Office in Saigon in May and report to S&F at C&GSC at Leavenworth. The Beans Sr dined with Eddie and Marilyn Strohbehn at Winter Park on their way back north. Hei and Ann Heiberg attended the funeral of BG Charles S. Blakeley, USMA '04, in Jan. Interment was at Zachary Taylor Natl Cemetery. Hei says BG Blakeley was the first cmdr of Camp Knox, KY, when it was first established as an Arty Tng Cen in WWI days. That stirs a memory of firing arty adjustment problems there with classmates. If anyone can add to that fleeting recollection please send it in. Hei and Ann will visit dau Heide and family at Greenville, SC, in Apr and will return home in time to host HHDH Jr, USMA '46, and Mimi for the KY Derby on 3 May.

Chic Noble sends word that Elsie is nursing a bad back resulting from a recent fall. With that exception the word is that all goes about as usual for the rest of the group in central TX. George Elms and Adna Hamilton represented '19 at the recent Founders Day dinner at the Ft Bliss OC.

News from S. CA was hard to come by

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1919: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

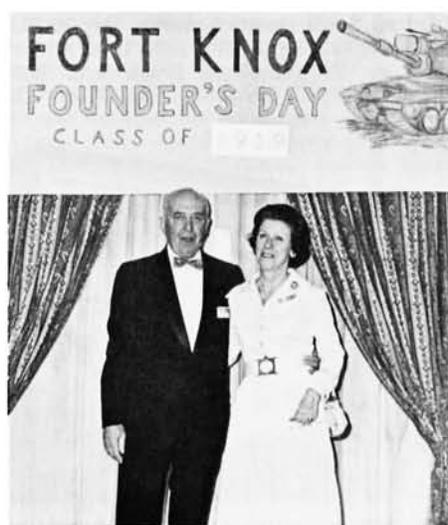
this time. Alex Kirby is on the move at the moment. He plans to transfer his home to the East Coast; his new address will be available in time for the next issue. That leaves an opening for a legman and note gatherer for the S. CA area. Good pay and short hours. Any takers? Jack Vance writes from the North telling us of the sudden death of Count Wilson. A letter from Effe May Isaacs to Jack says that Bill holds his own in his battle with Parkinson's disease. They are cheered by news that their dau's son has just received an appointment to the Naval Acad. From Carmel, Linc Dillaway reports that he and Elsie have had a good year. They enjoyed watching the Crosby Golf Tournament which was played, as usual, in their back yard. Bob Hutchins has returned from a trip to AR and NY where he visited relatives. Louise Paquet is about to leave for Italy to visit some of its museums. Her guest at Xmas was Mary Nelson Dickinson. Jim Phillips, notwithstanding creaking joints, continues to go to his bank daily. He has joined Mary in cultivating the roses during his spare time. Babe and Ruth Ruth, having become quite interested in the Mayan civilization, are off to study it first hand on a trip to Yucatan, Mexico.

I saw Ted Starr at the monthly DC lunch in Mar. He stood out from the others with a glowing, red face. This, he explained, was the result of several pleasant weeks he and Jean spent on the beach at Key West. Stu Barden says he and Helen also shortened their winter a bit by spending 6 weeks at Lake Worth, FL. They enjoyed good weather, played a little golf, and rocked on the hotel porch with the rest of the senior citizens present. While there Biff and Elizabeth Jones, USMA Aug '17, checked in for a stay. On their way back home the Bardens stopped at Vero Beach for a few hours of guzzling, golfing and gabbing with Ham and Marge Young. Dick Ovenshine got a card from Louis Ely from Oaxaca, Mexico, where he and Gladys were revisiting their accustomed haunts for the winter. They enjoy

hiking around the mountains of the vicinity. Lest some of you missed the news, MG Robert G. Gard Jr, USMA '50, has assumed command of the U.S. Army MILPERCEN succeeding LTG Harold G. Moore Jr, USMA '45.

Knowing that there were discrepancies between our HOWITZER and our 35-yr and 50-yr books your scribe decided to undertake the project of reconciling the differences between those books and of determining the names of all cadets who were members of our Class—grads and casualties. There has been no uncertainty as to the number of grads even though our HOWITZER showed only 281. (The editors inadvertently carried as casualties 3 who were discharged for PD immediately after graduation. This error was corrected in our 35-yr book.) The uncertainty has been in the list of casualties.

Our research was based on the "Official Registers of Officers and Cadets, USMA," published annually until discontinued, which



1919: The Heibergs

were also the source of info for the AOG REGISTERS. The 1917 USMA Register lists our Class as new cadets; the 1918 Register lists us as the Fourth Class. These Registers covered the academic year and apparently went to press early in Jul. The 1917 Register lists no new cadets admitted after 3 Jul 17, consequently omitting 3 admitted after that date of whom 2 became casualties. From the combined info of those 2 registers it was possible to arrive at figures which are believed to be accurate and which have been accepted as such by the editor of the AOG REGISTER. The summary is as follows:

Total Admitted—382 (Jun, Jul & Aug 1917: 362; prior classes: 20); Casualties—98 (Disch def, Sep 17: 1; Jan 18: 42; Jul 18: 34; (total 77) (Died 2) (DISCH PD—8) (Res 10) (Dism CM 1); Graduated—284.

This adds 2 casualties to those listed in the HOWITZER—T.S. Morgan, (admitted 16 Jul 17) who was picked up in the 35-yr book, and K.G. Hoge (admitted 21 Jul 17) who has been overlooked heretofore. Of those discharged for deficiency 3 are Ex-Nov '18; 22 were readmitted and 20 graduated with later classes.

There are 2 other ex-cadets who were transferred from earlier classes to ours "on paper," while absent sick, one Ex-'13 and the other Ex-Nov '18. Both were discharged while absent sick and are not included in the above totals.

For the next issue we hope to have comparable figures for our contemporaries from USNA.

DECEASED—George Raymond Burgess at his home in Annandale, VA on 25 Feb 75 at the age of 79. After a memorial service at the Ft Myer Chapel his ashes were conveyed to WP for deposit in the WP Cemetery. Besides his widow, Jeanne Marie, he is survived by a sister, 2 sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Ray was a loyal son of WP, loved and honored by all his classmates.

Leonora Anderson Morgan at Mobile, AL on 26 Jan 75, at the age of 70. Interment was at the Heflin Cemetery, in Heflin, beside Al who had predeceased her by 10 yrs. Nonie had been active in civic affairs in Mobile for more than 20 yrs and is mourned by a host of friends and fellow workers.

Charles Norton McFarland on 17 Mar 75 at the age of 78. Interment was at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. We express our deep sympathy to Elaine.

VITAL STATISTICS: Ret. USA 87; AUS 8; Civil Life 24; Status unk. 2; Deceased 163.

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Sadly I report deaths of Elizabeth Davidson and Jane Ward.

Elizabeth was the widow of Classmate John L. Davidson who died 9 Dec 59 in Tacoma. Our only information on her death was the postal notice "Deceased" on the return of our 6 Jan 75 Class letter sent to her Sullivan County, NY address. Our deepest sympathies go to daus Cheryl (Mrs. C.P. Talbot Jr.), and Jean (Mrs. William C. Gordon), 9 grandchildren and 1 grandson (as of our 70 Class Directory).

Jane Ward died 28 Dec 74 of liver cancer after a 5-mo illness. She was the wife of John Taylor Ward Jr. of Asheville, NY, only son of "Tubby" and Betty Ward (Fisher). Our word comes from Betty to whom Jane was always a great comfort, like a real dau, after losing "Tubby" on the Death March after the fall of Bataan in 42. Betty and Ed are so proud of the granddau and 5 grandsons Jane brought into their lives; the oldest, John Taylor Ward III, has recently passed the NY State Bar and is with a law firm in Jamestown, NY. We send our heartfelt condolence to Betty's son and his children and to Betty and Ed.

WAC COL Jo Swartz, Public Affairs Officer, 9th Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA, contributed the picture you see here of her father's section of the 6th Inf Div display in the Ft Lewis Military Museum. Hippo commanded the 1st and 53d FA Bns when the Div was reactivated in 39 and was 6th Div Arty Exec from May 43 to Feb 45 when he became CG 25th (Americal) Div Arty. He was principal speaker when Ft Lewis was designated, in Oct 72, as the home of record of the "Sightseeing 6th." He then noted that the Div held the "unchallenged record" for continuous combat in the Pacific in WWII—306 days with 87 in New Guinea and 219 in Luzon including "the bloodiest battle of the New Guinea campaign at Lone Tree Hill, Maffin Bay; last major amphibian assault at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea; landed in the assault wave at Lingayen Gulf, spearheading the drive to liberate Manila; annihilated the greatest concentration of Japanese armed strength in the Pacific, and were the first American troops to enter central Bataan."

The display includes plaque—
Dedicated
to Memory of
Charles H. Swartz
Brigadier General, United States Army
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and photos of Hippo; his GEN's Flag and Arty unit Flags with WWI and WWII battle streamers; his outside combat uniform with GEN's belt and .380 automatic pistol; brass ashtray made from casing of arty shell fired on New Guinea; Japanese coconut soap dish; sheathed Japanese knife; Filipino Igorot bow and arrows he sent dau Jo for Xmas in 44; map of New Guinea; and photo of Div troops wading ashore and attacking under naval arty spt cover. And, in addition, 60 U.S. model lead soldiers circa 1930-40 and his much-prized picture of the 10th FA Regt Color Guard on matched gray horses, taken in 21 at Ft Lewis, his first asgmt after Basic FA Sch at Cp Knox, KY, and where he brought his bride Isabelle.

Hippo's display was dedicated 15 Feb 74 by Ft Lewis CG, MG Wm. B. Fulton, who was MAJ at Ft Lewis in '55 when Hippo commanded the 2d Div Arty, and agreed with Hippo's assertion in '72 that he "had helped train more Army GENs than anyone else."

Jack Goff writes that Hippo was further immortalized at Ft Lewis with an artfully molded stone table in the center of a newly-planted Memorial Grove. He promised a picture when the trees leaf out and bloom.

He also writes he is to be the Oldest Grad speaker at Founders Day dinner of the WP Soc of Puget Sound in Seattle 29 Mar, which is after these Notes will have been mailed. Expected listeners include the Bares, Welches and Isabelle Swartz with dau WAC COL Jo.

On 17 Jan the WP Soc of DC held its quarterly meeting and dinner at Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA. Enjoying them were the Burns,



1920: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

Casgrain, Farrells, Holles, John Mitchells, Rehms, Routheaus and Tullys.

There, too, on 14 Mar was held the 173d Founders Day celebration with GEN "Jackie" Devers, '09, the Oldest Grad, and GEN George S. Brown '41, CJCS, the guest speaker. Classmates Amazeen, Burns, Casgrain, Denson, Farrell, Fisher, Hinds, Holle, Lemnitzer, John Mitchell, Rehm, Samouce and Stratton were there for an outstanding program including, besides GEN Brown's splendid "off-the-record" remarks, the U.S. Army Band Chorus (initiated by GEN Devers in 46 when he commanded Second Army at Ft Meade, MD) with its wide repertoire of stirring mil songs from the Revolution to now; and the presentation of the Soc's annual Benjamin F. Castle award to Ret. MAJ James F.C. Hyde Jr. '42 (blinded at Anzio in 44) who has been in the Bu/Budget as Legal Ln with DOD since 49 and was decorated by every Pres since Truman.

Eddie Plank and Alex Sand represented '20 at Founders Day in the Presidio of San Fran, 13 Mar, for 300 Grads of the San Fran Bay Area. Our Oldest of all Grads, 101-yr-old BG Louis M. Nuttman '95, was present and made brief, inspiring remarks. Guest speaker Army Football Coach, Homer Smith, entertained with interesting prognostications.

Leland Smith reports Founders Day in FL was held 13 Mar in the new Don A Sar Hotel on St. Petersburg Beach with 200 attending. GEN James A. Van Fleet '15



1920: Hippo Swartz's 6th Inf Div display in Fort Lewis Museum.

was Oldest Grad and USMA "Supe," MG Sidney B. Berry '48, the guest speaker. As usual, the '20 contingent was the largest there. Present were the Daniels, McNulty's, Chuck Smiths, Leland Smiths with guests Lichtenwaller and West from Gainesville, and Travis with guests McQuarrie from Crystal River and Tully from DC.

Word came from Frances Wahl that "J.F." was recovering the use of his right arm and speech which were affected by a slight stroke 1 Mar. Though still in the hospital 22 Mar, he vowed he hadn't given up the idea of getting to the 55th "even if we have to fly there."

Eddie Plank's painful back injury last fall has been responding to weekly visits to the chiropractor and he and Dottie are piping the 55th. As is Red Sharrar who was hospitalized with a troubling leg. Not so the Taylors as Cecily is recovering from a 2d hip joint replacement in 2 yrs. Nor the McFaddens as Mac suffered removal of left kidney in Feb and, though fast recovering, doesn't expect to be up to it. Nor the Routheaus, owing to convergence of circumstances for their long-planned visit to Europe (May-Oct) at which they will be joined by 2 grandsons during their summer vacations from sch.

The Holles flew mid-Mar to Atlanta where Anne, as Gov Gen of the Nat Society Sons and Daus of the Pilgrims, was Guest of Honor at a meeting of the Society's GA Chapter. Crump Garvin entertained them at dinner while there. Ollie wasn't home though. She had broken her shoulder weeks before and was visiting her ill sister in Eufala, AL. The Holles are busy as beavers finalizing the new Class Directory. Though it will show the sad loss of 30 more of us since the 70 Directory, it will record more grandchildren and great-grands.

Class sons, COL Bill Mitchell Jr and COL Corwin A. Mitchell (son of Carl and Mary Berg), both '52 are coming up in the world. Both command bdes at Knox. Bill writes that his '20 Class Son sword "always has a place of honor at our qtrs." And Corwin says, "We sons of '20 wish all the best for your 55th Reunion. We hope to be able to live up to your record."

We were so elated with Hank Lambert's success in his 3-yr search for long-missing Freddie Beattie (though he admitted it

should have been only 3-day) that our Class pres snapped him up when Hank offered his sterling sleuthing services at low low prices for locating remaining missing Classmates **Ager, Garrison and Greenlaw**. He didn't guarantee results but, "lo and behold," he's just come up with an address for **Harvey Greenlaw**—Apdo 47, Compostela, Nayarit, Mexico. He wrote him 8 Mar: ". Getting your address is another example of 'It's a small world.' We have been trying to reach you for some 10 yrs, but a letter to your Beverly Hills address came back 'Opened by mistake—maybe in Rosario, Mexico.' I wrote the Chiefs of Police in the three Rosarios I found on a Mexican map—and one of them clicked. The El Rosario jefe apparently handed my letter to an old friend of yours—Anita Espinoza, who hadn't seen you for 10 yrs, but who referred me to another friend of yours—Mr. Leslie Haserot of Whittier, CA. I phoned Mr. Haserot this morning; he couldn't give me your present address but gave me the phone number of another friend of yours—Mrs. Linda Dugeau of Los Angeles. I phoned Mrs. Dugeau immediately, et viola! She had heard from you a few months ago and gave me your address. She also told me about your service with the Flying Tigers and about your badly burned leg..."

Charles Holle also followed up with much Class info and they both held their breaths.

And "lo and behold" (again), Harvey replied: "... After resigning (31) I went to China with COL Jack Jouett to work for Chinese AF. In 36 was Far Eastern Rep for North American Avn—lived in China, Siam, Indochina, Java, Burma and India. Was No. 2 of Flying Tigers. Have been in Mexico for 20 yrs, in Compostela for 11 yrs. As I have a knee which has seriously incapacitated me, it is not possible that I leave here. Spent a year in the hospital with no cure but now getting slightly better. Other than that I am in good shape. Have a comfortable bachelor establishment and have no problems. Compostela has fine climate and good people, most of them friends, and I am contented and happy..."

Bravo, Hank! Your letter to Harvey reveals some secrets of your success. We'll vote you Class Hawkshaw. And welcome back into the Class, Harvey. It's been much too long. We'll miss you at the 55th.

The **Farrells** flew 18 Mar to Seoul, Korea for visit with son MAJ Frank Jr. '60 and his family. They'll then tour Japan and Hong Kong before returning 7 May.

The **Piersons** visited son Bill and Millard's brother Al (Ret. MG) while attending annual 2-day MOWW Conv in DC in Jan.

The **Cassidys** are spending several wks with Bee's sister in CA.

Jack **Hastings** is still "active in a senior status" two-thirds of the time as Sr Judge in U.S. Court of Appeals in 7th Circuit (Chicago).

Lem **Lemnitzer's** duties on the Pres's Special Comm investigating the CIA have kept him from his never-failing attendance at monthly DC Classmates luncheons in Feb and Mar.

Strickland writes, "Took trip to West Yellowstone, MN for annual national get-together of our fly fishing and conservation organization.... They made quite a fuss over me, one of the founding fathers... and naturally I enjoyed that. My wife and I are quite well. Have recovered from illness that plagued me most of last year.... Getting old is not so bad in view of the only alternative."

After ret. from the Army, Carl **Duffner**

went into teaching from which he ret. last Aug after 18 yrs of it—2 at the Lyman Ward Mil Acad in Cp Hill, AL and 16 at the AFA High School where he taught math, sciences, Latin and German. For his last 10 yrs he was Chmn of the Language Dept (Latin, German, French and Spanish. Writing **Charles Holle** he said, "The teachers gave me a ret. party and I was given more honors than when I ret. from the Army."—(Big Carl joined '20 as 1st Sgt, Co A, 19th Ry Engr Regt fresh from WWI battlefields of France; and, in WWII, he earned LM, BSM and CR commanding 290th Inf Regt of 75th Inf Div in T-E 44-45)—"The Student Council voted me 'Teacher of the Year'; the Natl Honor Soc founded 'The Carl F. Duffner Scholarship'; and the School Library was named 'The Colonel Carl F. Duffner Educational Media Center.' My fellow teachers gave me small tools for my garden and workshop. Each of my classes gave me some small memento; one gave me a pen set marked 'To a Great Teacher,' and so on. Good thing I ret. because Claudia became ill in Sept with painful shingles, was in AF hosp for quite a while, heavily sedated. Never thought I would cook and wash AND IRON—but a soldier can do anything." You said it, Carl! At least you're one that can. Bravo and hearty congratulations on such deserved re-ret! And we hope Claudia has now fully recovered.

With great sorrow I must tell you that since our last Class Notes word has come that **Sid Hinds' mother, Elizabeth Jackson Hinds**, died on 10 Apr 75. She is survived by 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Sid, his brothers and sisters and to all their loved ones.

See you all at the 55th!

'21-'22

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Last Jan we saw the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show. One page in the program related how the U.S. 2d Cav rescued the rare Lipizzan stallions from a German remount breeding depot at Hostau, Czechoslovakia, toward the end of WWII. It was none other than our own Oriole, Hank Reed, who, with the approval of GEN George Patton, performed the dramatic rescue of the horses to prevent them from falling into the hands of the advancing Russians. It must have been Hank's love for horses that prompted him to perform this feat. The write-up under Hank's picture in our HOWITZER states, "A horse, a horse, my sweetheart or a horse." In order to get the record straight for posterity Hank wrote a detailed account (dated 4 Nov 70) of what actually took place between 28 Apr 45 and the time the horses were returned to Austria. Some were later shipped to the U.S. Hank was allowed to buy 2 Arabian mares both of which have since died but Hank still owns and rides 2 of their beautiful daughters. The story of the rescue is very interesting and I am sure Hank would gladly send you a copy.

While on the subject of Hank, he ended his letter to me stating that he and Jackie celebrated their 50th wedding anniv last Dec 27th. Even though this is a little late we congratulate them and wish them many more happy years together.

Max and Diddy Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 24 Jan. Their sons, John and Thomas, gave a reception for their parents at the Ft McNair Officers Club. All the Orioles in the general area of DC attended



1921-22: Oriole reunion, Miami Beach 23 Dec. L-R: the mesdames Haas, O'Connell, Lawton, Ellsworth, Anderson, Johnson, Spalding, Crary, Hisgen, Tyler, and Strong.

the affair. Ham and Katherine Meyer came all the way from CA. To the Taylors too we wish them many more happy years together.

Bill and Dorothy Kyle celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 14 Mar with their family in Honolulu. Bill Jr. with his wife and 2 children came over from Tokyo and son Bob (unmarried) managed to get away from Key Biscayne long enough to help celebrate this important occasion. The Kyles spent about 2 mos in Honolulu—a kind of a 2d honeymoon. Many congratulations Bill and Dorothy and we wish you many more happy years together.

The Ellsworths started the winter reunion with a cocktail party at their apartment on Fri eve, 21 Mar. On Sat the cocktails were at the beautiful lounge in the Crary's apartment building in Boca Raton. This was followed by dinner and dancing as guests of Andy and Lucile Anderson at their Deerfield Beach Golf and Country Club. Johnny and Edna Johnson hosted the cocktail party at their home in Miami Beach overlooking the La Gorce Country Club golf course. The cocktail party was followed by dinner and dancing at the club. Those in attendance in addition to the **Andersons and Johnsons** were: Frank and Clare Crary, Len and Beverly (Kane) Ellsworth, Harry and Hazel Haas, Dolly Hisgen, Bill and Marge Lawton, Jim and Helen O'Connell, Dorothy Spalding, Pat and Mary Strong and Monna Tyler.

This has been the 7th winter Oriole reunion. We are deeply grateful to the **Andersons and Johnsons** for their most generous hospitality. Needless to say a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The following are some excerpts from notes and letters sent to the **Andersons and Johnsons** expressing regrets about not being able to attend the reunion:

Glenn and Jimmy **Wilhide** were moving from Frederick to their new home in Dunwoody Village, PA. Harold Conway had to go to Pocatello, ID to make arrangements to have his 100-year-old aunt enter a nursing home. Lil **Chidlaw** suffered a minor mishap when she tore some of the ligaments and muscles in her lower back. While she has been recovering very nicely the doctor advised against any long trips. We hope by now, Lil, that you have fully recovered. Ilamary **Svihra** came down with a "bit" of the flu. Nevertheless she planned on going on a trip to the orient in Apr and visit all the spots where she and Al were stationed—all except the Philippines. Not that she is seriously ill, but Sarah McDavid had to keep several appointments at Maxwell AFB Hosp for a series of tests. Ora Lee **Crandell** has difficulty walking. She used a 4-point cane.

She wrote that she hopes to see more of her son now that he is stationed at Ft Sill. The winter reunion conflicted with the Kleins' and Douglass' plans for the annual family reunion in Memphis. Art and Ginny continued on to San Ant for a visit with Art's brother, then to Austin to see Ginny Jr. and her family. By the way, Ginny's husband is a ret. AF COL '46. Then on to Lubbock for a visit with their AF grandson. Bob and Irene made a short golfing trip to Daytona last Feb. "PD" Lynch attended his niece's wedding in New Orleans. Madeleine Sadtler hasn't been feeling too well the past few years to attend parties. She would rather stay at home. Bill and Dorothy Kyle were in Honolulu. George Olmsted had to attend the Financial General Bankshares Advisory Council Meeting. I thought George ret. from the banking business last year. Fritz Lee's condition was such that he and Allie could not go to Siesta Key this past winter to say nothing of attending the reunion. Ham and Katherine Meyer scheduled a trip covering some of the southland, but they expected to extend their trip to include FL in Apr. Others who sent regrets were: Al Price, Bob Taylor, Mark McClure, Harry Marsh, Ollie Hughes, Helen (Taylor) Towner, Harry Albert, Numa Watson, Gus Nelson, Al Kastner, Morris Marcus, Milo Cary and Len Leonard. No excuse, Sir!

I stand corrected. Mark McClure and Wes Yale are not the only 2 Orioles who belong to that exclusive hole-in-one club. Ben Chidlaw made not one but 2 aces. Ben's 2d ace was an "EASY" 190 yarder but the first one takes some telling. It took place on the 5th hole (165 yds) about 50 yrs ago on the old Baguio Country Club course in the Philippines. It was a blind hole in that a ridge about half down the fairway prevented one from seeing the green from the tee. However, a flag marker indicated the line of fire. Surrounding the green was a jungle, a trap, a banyan tree, a hard surface road and a sloping bank. Ben teed off and the ball hooked about 30 degrees from the line of the direction flag and seemed to disappear into the top of the banyan tree. Thinking the ball was lost Ben was about to drive another ball when his caddy came running up to the tee to tell Ben that he had made the hole in one. Here is what happened: The ball hit the top of the tree and bounced down from limb to limb and landed on the hard surface road from whence it bounced to the grassy slope on to the green and into the cup, believe-it-or-not. It was customary even in those days to buy drinks for everyone in the house and in this case a lot who were not in the house. It almost depleted the Chidlaw savings account. So we can add another Oriole to the exclusive hole-in-one club.

Bob Murphy is thinking about joining the Actors Guild. He appeared on Mike Douglas' show last winter. It was the show that featured the Argentine Firecracker broadcast from Miami Beach. Previous to the show the people attending the broadcast were asked to submit written questions. Of the 100 questions submitted only 10 were chosen and Murph's was one of them. His question was, "What happens when an Arkansas Traveler has a collision with an Argentine Firecracker?" The question got a big laugh from the audience and an "I don't know" from Fanny.

More about Murph. Bob was busier than he would have liked during Dec and Jan. His daughter and her 3 children spent a few weeks with him and they made the rounds: Disney World, Space Center, New



1921-22: Oriole reunion, Miami Beach 23 Dec. L-R: Haas, Anderson, Crary, O'Connell, Lawton, Strong, Ellsworth, and Johnson.

Year's Eve Parade, Notre Dame—Okla football game, the beaches, rides etc. This was in addition to being assigned the job to initiate a math class in team-teaching, something new. Murph hasn't missed a winter reunion since they started, but this year he had a slight case of the flu and didn't make it.

Orval and Minna Cook were visiting their son in Rome, GA. Orval volunteered to cut down a dead tree that was becoming a hazard in the yard. The tree was so situated that it required absolute accuracy in where it fell. During the process Orval backed over a low retaining wall and sat down with a thud on a large rock. The bruise did not seem to amount to anything at the time. But a month later at home he slipped on some frosty grass on the frozen ground and again landed on the same part of his anatomy. This resulted in having difficulty walking. X-rays showed nothing broken, only slightly bent. Treatment: exercise, hot baths, aspirin and patience with full recovery in about 2 mos. That will learn ya. We are not as young as we used to be.

At the Jan luncheon of the DC Orioles, all were present except Babe Bryan and Orval Cook whose absence is explained above. Mark McClure reported that he and Evelyn were planning a Caribbean cruise in Mar. The Feb Oriole luncheon was also well attended. All were present except Babe Bryan. Max got stuck for the drinks and George Olmsted, who arrived late, announced that he expected to become a great-grandfather in a few months. Congratulations George.

While on the matter of great-grandchildren, Pat and Mary Strong told me at the reunion that they now have 4 great-grandchildren. Four runs in the Strong family. The Strong's had 4 children and they in turn have 4 children each.

Myron Leedy reported that the Mar Oriole luncheon was poorly attended because of the rain, sleet and snow. However Cook, Kastner, Lawton and Leedy braved the weather.

"PD" Lynch had a pleasant surprise when Art Klein called him on the phone during the latter's visit in Austin. "PD" is planning a trip to FL some time in the fall with a stop in Jacksonville. We are looking forward to seeing him.

Len Leonard has had a rough time of it. Last Oct he was in the hospital for treatment of 2 varicose ulcers in the left ankle and while in the hospital he had a heart attack. He finally broke out of the hospital on 6 Dec with the ankle fully healed including skin graft and the heart doing nicely, but weak as a kitten. We hope that by now Len is back to normal and getting ready to spend the summer up in NH.

Margaret Cooley wrote me that John had

been in poor health for a couple of years before his death. He had a respiratory ailment with several stays in the hospital ranging from a month to a few days. The Cooleys were married 45 yrs and Margaret says she is lonesome, which is easily understood. She would like very much to have classmates stop by and visit with her when in the Mountville, SC area. The Cooleys had no children.

Lou and Marion Dolan made their 3d trip to Spain to visit their son and his family. This time they did a bit of touring in Spain and over to Monte Carlo. Evidently Lou did not break the bank of Monte Carlo or we would read about it. You may recall at our 50th Reunion at WP Lou was quite lame from a case of arthritis in the hip. He had the hip operated on and it was a great success. He is no longer lame nor does he have to carry a cane.

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Arch Coleman, Jim Early and Ken Sweaney were the out-of-towners at our 19 Feb luncheon. A cmte was designated to propose candidates for the election of officers for the DC Group in Apr. Adams reported that the Class fund stood at \$2,709.12.

Our representation at the local Founders Day dinner included: Biddle, D'Espinosa, Fry, Guevara, Gunn, J.C. King, Shafer, J. Smith, and Timberman. The group enjoyed the comments of the youngest grad and those of the Chmn of the JCS, GEN Brown, on some events in USMA history.

TAPS

We learned of the death of Jim Short on 1 Feb 75 and of Dan Boone on 14 Jun 74, too late to get the information into the Dec ASSEMBLY. On 12 Mar "Duke" Albrecht lost his long fight against brain cancer. Fritz has written to each of the widows on our behalf. Just as these notes were being prepared, Jean Barley replied to a note I had sent to Lou asking for information for ASSEMBLY because I'd had a query about him. Jean's note said Lou had died on 3 Sept 74.

Heaney reported the following from his contingent. Foster told of a visit to NB where they got reacquainted with the 2 generations of the family behind them. He sees Torpy and Merchant from time to time. Curry reported that his home in his orange grove burned down some time ago. Peggy prefers their place in St. Petersburg. He is now fully ret. after ret. from the Coast Guard and Westinghouse. The Al Johnsons are planning a European trip to begin in May. Heaney's notes gave me the names of some wives we had not had before and checks on addresses.

From Pat Timberlake I learned that Charly Lawrence is in good enough shape to resume the task as Class Rep for the TX area. Shorty Keane has been handling it for him. Pat says he has joined our group with physical handicaps.

Workman reports that Burnett and he attended memorial services for Duke Albrecht. He also noted that Burnett lost his wife Emily recently after a long and difficult illness.

ASSEMBLY

Coleman says he is working overtime on a manuscript to be ready for the publisher by Apr. Referring to my notes on our Turkey trip, he says he once had an office near the Galata Bridge and a cottage on Bebek Bay where Jason and the Argonauts spent a winter waiting for favorable winds.

Another of our authors, Clare Barroll, came back from a trip to HI to be present for the publication of her "The Iron Crown" in Mar.

Deke and Louise Stone visited May Short and found her well established in the apartment she and Jim had when he died. Jim had to take care of her during a long shingles attack but after operations and other physical problems resulting from a choking incident 2 years ago, Jim became the invalid. May was most appreciative of the excellent way the arrangements for Jim's funeral were made at WP in adverse weather.

The Biddles visited 2 of their daughters and got in some skiing in CO. In a phone call to the Wolfs they found Rosey working on his notes in this column.

Jeff Binns had some constructive comments on the Class Bulletin you received in Dec. They included a statement that he proposed to send AOG supplementary info to his 58 biographical data. Others of you may wish to do the same. Your 58 notes will be at AOG by the time you read this. Jeff had listed 4 signs of senility. I'm sure he'll tell you if you ask him. Jeff said Class activities had been slowed by Xmas season absences including their own visit to Jess' family in TX and by a modicum of illnesses which included those of Agnes Garrecht and Harmony. He says the golfers are waiting the coach's call.

P-Roy Dwyer's notes say the Wilders are doing well healthwise but are not happy with the attitudes of the heads of some Congressional cmtes, nor those of 3 of our major TV networks on defense matters. Serig had to skip celebrating Founders Day because those events were held too far away. We hope he and Christine heisted one to USMA anyhow.

On 1 Mar the Tredennicks returned from a visit to HI begun before Xmas. They had a visit with the Hayseldens but were unable to reach the Gurleys. On 13 Mar Tred and P-Roy went to Carlisle Bks with a member of '69 for Founders Day. At the dinner they met Drummond and Vincent both USMA '55, sons of our Classmates, and field artillerymen. They impressed Tred and P-Roy with their dedication and bolstered their hopes for today's Army. P-Roy has been informed that the Carrolls are about to move to Carlisle. P-Roy's notes were written on the impressive stationery of the 102 Inf Div of which he is historian.

Frenchy and Olga Grombach went on a Caribbean cruise on the "Oceanic" made especially delightful when they met the Monro MacCloskeys '24 on the same ship.

The Gjelsteens combined participation in the Hockey Reunion at WP with a chance to visit their cadet son, Andy. The details of the Reunion are covered in this ASSEMBLY. Einar says he did not enjoy being the oldest former hockey player there. (Baird '26 was next oldest.) He says the event was conducted in outstanding fashion and they were doubly delighted to find Andy in good shape.

The following information from A.D. Raymond III '55 was sent to us apropos of A.D.'s and Carla's 50th wedding anniv to be celebrated on 1 Jun: "As you may know, my father is totally disabled from multiple sclerosis. The care taken of him by Carla is really beyond belief and the major reason



1923: The MacCloskeys '24 and Grombachs.

why he has been able to endure 19 yrs of increasing paralysis. He nevertheless maintains a cheerful disposition and a continuing interest, particularly in their 30 grandchildren. As many of the 8 children and 30 grandchildren as can make it will be in St. Petersburg for the occasion. The 4 sons who graduated from the Academy are still on active service. The eldest grandson, Allen Peck, is in the graduating class at the AF Acad. My son, ADR IV, is competing for a Presidential appointment to WP. If he is accepted, he will be the 5th successive generation to attend."

Those of us who have had a chance to visit the Raymonds confirm all that information on the devotion and spirit of both of them to each other, the country and USMA. They merit our recognition of that outstanding faith.

HELP! HELP!

Trooper Price did another outstanding service to our Class, when he undertook working on material for an article on Stout—one of our KIA of WWII. He has looked over Army ret. records and county records, and heard from several Classmates. He noted some most interesting info in a letter he sent to Pinky Palmer. He has Stout's service record and the story of the ambush in which he was killed in Tunisia. Trooper has asked me to needle you for information and comments from COs and others who served with or knew Stout. He has no information on children. You have been needed!

On the personal side, his "FAR LANDS, OTHER DAYS" a collection of yarns Trooper wrote between 1925-53 is now at the printers. If snow or the Apaches do not block the passes, he will come East at the suggestion of his publishers, to hold autographing sessions en route. He added a note that his Amer. Legion Post had discussed writing one's own biography. He said the sample read to the group was "better than the drool composed by survivors." You may recall that we have supported a suggestion to this effect by AOG.

A "ROSEY" RESPONSE FROM WOLF

"It is a bit embarrassing to write you, at your request, about our home at Willowcroft. It's almost like making a speech about one's self. However, as a so-called politician,

I should be used to that. I am in my 14th year as Treas of Arapahoe County (13 miles south of Denver) and haven't sense enough to call it a day. I enjoy my job, am very (too) active on various boards, charities, assns, etc. I am well and happy. So much for Rosey.

"We live on 10 acres in the 'country' which allows us the luxury of having many animals. The house is of stone and probably the oldest house in these parts (over 100 yrs). My wife, Cee (for Cynthia) is fatally attracted to animals and they in turn adore her. Which all adds up to the fact that we have 30 horses, 15 dogs, 7 cats, 2 goats, 1 raccoon, 1 coati mundi and 1 woolly monkey. There are probably more, but I can not keep track of them. Although I call it "The Comic Zoo" it is not all wasted. Cee runs an Arabian horse breeding farm under the name of Willowcroft Arabians, and well-bred Arabians are in demand. She has a connection with an animal shelter, taking dogs no one else will have, feeding them well, having a vet care for their ills including inoculating them and then giving them to good homes (only) at her cost. The cats take care of the mice and rats down at the barns. The wild animals! Perfectly useless, but good pets! The present favorite is Harry the monkey—you have never seen a spoiled brat until you have seen Harry!

"And so Cee and I live alone (our children are married) in a large 2-story home. We are not really alone, because 11 of the dogs are small dogs who live in the house with a covered bridge allowing them to go to their outside yard. Cee rides almost every day—training for competitive trail riding—I lead a productive life taking care of the county's money. Craigie and Towle will tell you, 'you have to see it to believe it.' Please drop by. My best wishes to all you girls and guys of '23."

FROM SHEPARD, HOWITZER EDITOR

"In the words of the old lady in the fable, you 'have drove your duck to a dry pond,' if you are hoping for an 'in-depth' piece of poop on my activities since I resigned my commission over 37 yrs ago—I have been keeping a 'low profile' ever since. Incidentally, I appreciate with something of a droll sense of humor the appellation of the title 'Colonel'—it's just plain MISTER.

"I do believe that I once filled out a questionnaire which listed my last gainful occupation as mgr and secy-treas of a land title abstract company (Knox County Abstract Co., Inc., est. 1872). On 31 Oct 65 I resigned that position, largely because osteoarthritis in both knees made the daily performance of my chores on the stone floors of our county courthouse something less than pleasant.

"Not long afterward, the Indiana Land Title Assn, under the guidance of my erstwhile boss, began negotiations for the establishment of a course of study at Vincennes U. (est. 1801—a mite senior to our Alma Mater) leading to an assoc degree in Land Title Tech. This was, and still is, the only public inst of learning offering such a course with degree. Because I had nothing better to do, and was situated on the site, so to speak, I became a member of the ILTA curriculum cmte and the first instr in the program. I remained a pedagogue for 5½ yrs, until a myocardiac infarct cut short my status as a member of academe. This was in Dec 73 and I have been sitting on my caudal extremity since then.

"At least the U. experience gained me a small honor; I was voted a lifetime honorary

member of ILTA. Unlike the Nobel Prize, this carried no honorarium so my wife and I are existing on our Social Security and the uncertain returns from a couple of farms hereabouts.

"Family? I have one son, Jerald Lloyd Shepard, living in Woodland Hills, CA with his wife and my 4 grandchildren. He is an elect engr and vet of the Korean police action with the Navy.

"If you can do anything with this poop, use it, edit it, alter it, or, in the classic words of RMN's aide, 'give it the deep six.'"

WE'RE IN THE MOVIES

In response to my request for his current address and information on his activities, Caffey brought up-to-date the info in Vol IX of Cullums:

"1950-68 I was Exec Production Mgr as well as Exec Studio Mgr of Paramount Pictures' 2 Studios in Hollywood.

"Starting with the death of Cecil B. De-Mille in Jan 59, and the illnesses and subsequent ret. of Y. Frank Freeman, Adolph Zukor and Barney Balaban, the Company set about arranging a take-over by Gulf Western Ind in 67. When my contract came up for renewal in Jan 68, I resigned.

"In Feb of 68, I joined Twentieth-Century Fox Studios as an Assoc Producer on 'PAT-TON.' During 68 we made exhaustive physical surveys in Europe and Africa, scheduling the picture for shooting in England, Crete, Sardinia, Morocco, Tunis, and many different locations in Spain. We started shooting there in early 69 and finished the end of May of the same year.

"I returned to Hollywood in Jun and resigned from Fox rather than return to Europe for another picture. My wife's health had been slowly failing, so I wanted to stay as close as possible. She was unable to travel to any overseas locations.

"Toward the end of Jun 69, I became Assoc Producer with Newman-Foreman, a Company set up to make Independent pictures, with Paul Newman and his wife Joan Woodward. We made several pictures in NY, then others in AZ and NM.

"30 May 72 my wife had a heart attack at the apartment in Hollywood and died instantly.

"I made another trip to Europe to plan an additional picture with Newman-Foreman, but shortly afterward I resigned from the Company and started wandering.

"In 1973-I met a very wonderful lady whose husband had been killed in a picture location accident several years before. Frances Stacey and I were married in May of 1974.

"My 2 sons are both in the picture business. Richard, the older, is Production Mgr of TV at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. Michael, who is 2 yrs younger, has been directing TV for many years.

"I am presently working on a project which will go into production sometime late this spring."

A note from Blomme says he is disappointed at being unable to get a reservation at the Thayer for the Alumni doings this Jun. In a note he gave me information on his brothers who are his next-of-kin. This strikes me as an idea that other unmarried Classmates and widows might follow to ensure that AOG and/or the Class had such information.

Breidster is now fully mechanized for receiving sight and sound. He and Roma remained snowbirds in WI this winter.

We Kehms spent a month in FL beginning 13 Feb. We visited my sister at Jensen Beach, my daughter at Riviera Beach, the Salsmans at Boca Raton and gave Dorothy her first

look at Key West and the Everglades where we got to see a bald eagle. We then visited the Bill Duncels at Englewood where we called the Groves. Pooper is helping Bill promote WP with a prospective cadet. Betty is still unhappy with her no alcohol diet. We saw the shells at Sanibel Is and then visited Disney World where I lost my wallet. One of the thoughtful and honest friendly people in our modern world found it and turned in to the Disney mgmt. They mailed it to my home the next day. Perhaps this happened because that atmosphere and operation of Disney World are of a high order. We visited the Weikerts at Maitland while P.D. was a Marshal at the Pro-Am golf tournament at Orlando. They had a dinner for us to meet the Fosters and other friends. Illness prevented Martha (Lindsay) and Eddy Foy from attending. On our way to visit friends at Gainesville we stopped at Lady Lake to see the Buells. They had a good visit to Mexico shortly before that and were looking forward to another trip shortly.

At Melrose, FL, we stayed with Bob (Navy '22) and Ruth Hollis.

We missed the Wendell Johnsons who were in FL while we were. They had lunch with the Salsmans and attended the Gold Coast Founders Day dinner at Coral Springs. They and the Heaneys were the '23 contingent. Heaney is pres of the WP Soc there. Siminott '52 who was a POW for 6 yrs gave what Johnny described as a "shocking but excellent talk."

This trip to FL was primarily one to see places and see and acquire some things. We are determined that on future trips we will go to only a few places and do more people-seeing.

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EPILOGUE

Fritz and the DC Group send each of you their best and trust you will continue to support us to continue to serve the interests of WP and the Class. One important element of such support is to let us hear from you from time to time and especially when there are changes in your family or address.

'24

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The Founders Day dinner in the DC area was attended by about 450 grads among whom the Class of '24 was represented by Buerket, Blanchard, Eddleman, Erskine, Glasgow, Hart, Hincke, Van Way and Vogel. The principal speaker was GEN George S. Brown, USAF, USMA '41, Chmn of the JCS, who spoke about the current requirements of the defense establishment. He also made some interesting off-the-record observations after first expressing the hope that no news reporters with tape recorders were present.

Susie Smythe and Fred and Helen Pyne attended a recent meeting of the Wm Winchester Chapter of the DAR in Westminster, PA. Susie was the guest speaker and gave a talk about the DAR Museum in DC. Her lecture was illustrated by a projection of colored slides showing the various rooms and exhibits of the museum. Susie is a docent of the museum. Helen is the Regent of the Wm Winchester Chapter, DAR.

The annual election and dinner party of the Alamo Chapter of the Thundering Herd was held on 5 Feb at the Ft Sam Houston Officers Club. Those present were: the

Stokes, Cullens, Mitchells, Massaros, Harpers, Eyerlys, McGraws, Traywicks, Chick Darling, Hayden Boatner, Paul Cooper, Harriet Wells, Maude Ives, Hannah Hawkins, Winnie Ramsey, Betty Gibson, Maria de la Rosa, Polly Caywood, Tip Bigelow, Jan Jennings and Dorothy Griffin. VAdm Short, USNA '24, also attended. A few persons could not be there. Jerry Gibbs, George Wrockloff and Margaret Hames had the flu. Ruth Kessinger and Dorothy Boatner had backs that hurt. It was bon voyage for Dorothy Griffin who was off for the Orient, and Tip Bigelow, off for Gay Paree. The election moved Paul Cooper to Pres and Dick Mitchell to VP. The Massaros continue as Secy and Treas.

Since son Chuck had almost a month off for Xmas vacation, the Charlie Palmers decided to venture to the dry side of the island of HI for the holidays. The Kona Hilton and the Mauna Kea provided good meals and accommodations for a price. Two of Chuck's friends joined them for most of the time. Swimming, golfing, music and weather were all excellent. During the New Year's Eve festivities, 6 earthquakes hit the area but most people were too busy celebrating to feel them. There are still many tourists in HI but much of the old time charm remains in places away from the builtup areas.

Although ret. from active duty with the Burke & Herbert Bank in Alexandria, VA, Mark A. H. Smith is still associated with that institution as dir and chmn of the Trust Cmte. He has also recently purchased an additional 210 acres of farmland adjacent to his holdings near Linden, VA, and on which his son, Dr. Mark Jr., raises purebred black Angus cattle and stables his polo ponies. Mark was recently elected to the board of the Warren Memorial Hosp in Front Royal with which his son is associated.

Tommy and Lucile Holmes celebrated their 50th wedding anniv in Dec at a weekend celebration in New Orleans, hosted by their children and many friends, and including dinners and dancing. High point of the festivities was the cutting of the anniv cake, using Tommy's sword, the same instrument which had performed a similar rite on the wedding cake at the mil wedding in 24.

Em Itschner ret. for the 3d time on 31 Jul last year and now considers himself among the unemployed. He and Eleanor enjoyed a 10-wk trip to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and some of the other exotic islands of the S. Pacific. In Australia they drove 1600 miles in left-hand traffic over poor roads, but Em says they survived these



1924: (L-R): Peggie Harper, Doc and Eve Booth.



1924: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

harrowing experiences all right, at least he did.

Harry and Jenny Bertsch returned on 26 Nov from 7 wks around the Mediterranean after first visiting W. Germany. They saw Athens, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Tangiers, Portugal and the Costa del Sol in Spain. The natives in Greece and Portugal were somewhat restless but not enough to cause the Bertsches any concern.

Sammy and Erica Samouce flew to Zurich and on to London in Oct, then returned to Lausanne and Geneva and finally to London for a 3-wk stay with Erica's daughter and her family.

After visiting London for a few days in Aug, Rupert and Katherine Graves and their son Chris went to Cannes, France, to attend services commemorating the 30th anniv of the landing of American troops in S. France. On 15 Aug, at the town of Les Arcs, they participated in the decoration of graves of members of the French Resistance who were killed by the German occupation troops. On Sun, the 18th, they attended services followed by a déjeuner at le Chateau Sainte Roseline, arranged by le Baron Henri Resque de Laval, le Grand Maitre do l'Ordre Distingué des Chevaliers de Meduse. During the war, Rupert's parachute regiment had liberated the Baron's chateau and the nearby towns in Provence. At the ceremonies this Aug afternoon, a plaque was unveiled, dedicated à la memoire de cet régiment courageux. Rupert was also initiated into l'Ordre de Meduse as Chevalier.

Doc and Eve Booth went to San Ant from their home in Dallas for the Thanksgiving weekend. While there they spent Fri eve with the Bob Harpers and again on Sat,

watching the Army-Navy football game on TV. The visit was topped off with one of those delicious Mexican food dinners for which San Ant is famous.

Les Skinner writes that it has taken him almost 2 yrs to get his store-bought hip up to full potential, but it is that now. So, for the first time in many years he and Peggy decided to try the favorite class pastime of visiting grandchildren. They flew from Tampa to San Fran to see their son's grown family before the children depart to go their separate ways. The oldest graduated from Santa Clara U. and is now on his 2-yr AD tour at Ft Lee, VA. This was Les' first flight since jet airplanes, and Peggy's very first. After returning home they motored to Asheville for a short visit during the fall.

Armin Linn, with Lorna as principal secy, still has his insurance business which has grown each year. In fact, it keeps him too busy to take any trips although Lorna and daughter Liz had a delightful vacation in Puerto Rico. Armin is also an officer in several civic assns and an active member of 2 bicycle clubs. On top of that, for the last 3 yrs he has been chmn of the Ball Cmte for the annual Veteran Guard Ball. He swears that the last will be the last.

John Smith recently received a sweater from the base exchange at Minot AFB in ND for being the oldest ret. at a "Salute to Retirees" sponsored by the Army and AF Exch Service.

Hardy Dillard writes that he and Val spend 4 or 5 months per year at their home in Charlottesville, VA, and the rest of the time at The Hague where Hardy is still a Judge on the World Court. During the past year that body disposed of 4 cases. The first 2 dealt with the so-called Cod War in which, in separate cases, the UK and the Fed Rep of Germany brought actions to prevent Iceland from extending its exclusive fisheries zone to 50 miles. The 2d 2 dealt with actions brought by Australia and New Zealand against France as a consequence of the latter's nuclear atmospheric tests in the S. Pacific. These latter cases were only at a preliminary stage concerning technical questions of jurisdiction and admissibility. The Court dismissed the claims against France on the ground that they had become "moot" and it was not necessary to proceed to the merits. Hardy

wrote a vigorous separate opinion supporting the judgment of the Court in the Cod War case and an equally strong dissenting opinion in the last 2 cases.

Mary Robinson moved into a charming apartment in Niagara Falls which she says has a beautiful view of the falls. Daughters Ginger and Sally are doing fine. Sally has raised 4 children and Ginger is expecting one in Jan. Sally's oldest girl, Connie, is at St. Bonaventure Coll and has joined the ROTC. She also stands 2d in the East as a cross-country runner.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on 14 Feb of Jane McHugh who passed away in San Ant after a long illness.

'25

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A series of events started off early in the new year (our 50th) which kept us in an almost continuous state of shock.

It was quite a problem to secure the needed data for the biography and also obituary for Jimmy Gaddis and then it became a guess as to just who (for sure) would be able to make our 50th!

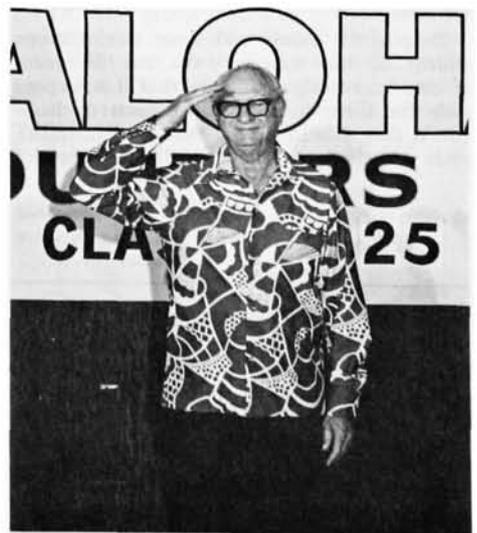
Johnie, E.L. was one of the first who had to cancel after writing with much enthusiasm—he has a number of ailments and wrote most sincere regrets.

Then came the recent loss of both Joe Cleland and Dave Tulley. Joe had been air-evaced from Spain to their FL home where his grit and determination kept us all hopeful until his fatal illness. He was interred at WP—Florence will join us at the Reunion.

Dave had sought a warmer climate (in AZ) for the winter but became seriously ill, was taken to the Fitzsimons Hosp in Denver, where he suffered a fatal illness. He was interred at Ft Logan—Alice wrote her grateful thanks to the Class for the flowers and said she planned to remain at their Aspen, CO home for a time.

Ralph Tibbets, who was hospitalized at WP for a time last fall following Homecoming, just wrote that he is "tied to the flag pole in CA and must cancel their reservation."

A number of favorable reports have been received in reference to the Founders Day dinners but we claim ours here at Ft Myer set an all time high for excellence—the Chmn of the JCS ('41) was the principal



1925: Steer, Founders Day 1975.





1925: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.



1925: Toms, Founders Day, London, 1975.

speaker and also the Jr LT ('74) was outstanding.

Just this week we have received some forty (40) letters or notes forwarded to us from our treas and the Reunion cmte members but have not had the chance to put them in publication form yet—this "brief" is for the forthcoming ASSEMBLY issue now ready for the press. Will try to do justice to these notes for next time.

Despite the many (and some tragic) losses which '25 has suffered over our 50 years of close association, am sure that if it is possible for them to look down upon us from above they would prefer that we remember each with both a smile as well as a tear.

'26

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This issue will be full of annual Founders Day dinner activities, so this column might as well start with the very fine one in St. Petersburg, FL on 13 Mar, in the beautiful newly-renovated DON CE SAR HOTEL, on the beach. There were over 200 persons present in the grand ballroom to welcome the new USMA Supe, MG Sidney B. Berry '48, and to hear his excellent report on "how goes it" on the Hudson this day and age!

What we heard was "down to earth" and quite comforting! Of the 39 classes represented, '26 was the 2d most numerous, beaten out only by '20, and just barely! Those present were the DeShazos, Deyos, Heibergs, McDaniels, Roosmas, Ryans, and 2 widows, Ruth Condon and Hazel Toftoy, plus the Ankenbrandts, a total of 15. To make sure the party got off to a good start, Hazel Toftoy had a delightful cocktail party beforehand, in her lovely apartment on Treasure Is, and most of us managed to make it. This enabled us all to do our preliminary catching up with class activities and news, before arriving at the Benny Havens Hour at the hotel, where many old friends were in attendance for our once-a-year meeting and greetings!

The next day, Connie and I drove up to Clearwater (about 20 miles north) and saw the new Heiberg menage—a beautiful and large condominium at 700 Island Way—which is on a causeway connecting a string of islands out into Clearwater Bay—altogether most impressive—even including "The Heiberg" tennis court, which they use most

every day. The 4 of us then met Ruth Condon for lunch in Belleair at the beautiful restaurant near her home on Willadel Dr.—a fitting conclusion to a fine sojourn away from Naples for the Ankenbrandts! Incidentally, there was a small Founders Day dinner right here in Naples, with about 25 persons in attendance, which we were unable to attend. Since Dorothy and Coke Carter left this area some years ago, there have been no classmates within 100 miles of Naples—except for occasional passers-by, such as the Cordermans, Nelsons, Munsons, Roosmas and Heibergs. I guess we are way down here at the end of the line!

More Founders Day news—this from Skinny Ringler in Cherry Hill, NJ: It seems that a combined birthday for him, and the dinner at Carlisle Bks Officers Club (Penn) coincided to take Skin and Wave to the Heidners for the weekend and they were able to join Mal and Kay Harwell for both celebrations. The '26 contingent of Al Heidner, Skinny Ringler and Mal Harwell upheld Class dignity at the stag affair, while Kay Harwell hosted the ladies at their very attractive home on Belvedere St, Carlisle, decorated by a newly-fallen 6" snowfall that same day! The Ringlers see Chin and Emmy Sloane from time to time—both are fine healthwise, and definitely planning on the 50th next year. They also saw Betty James (widow of Jimmie), who is in only fair health and may not get to the 50th. (Tom DeShazo—this is something you and your cmte can work on.)

Freddie Munson has given me what must substitute for Spud Murphy's West Coast Roundup this time—and it is both concise and interesting. It is worth repeating verbatim: "Merry Merry and a Happy Happy! We did not send Xmas cards this year as we spent the holidays on the high seas. We boarded the APL President Fillmore (now a container ship) in Baltimore and proceeded leisurely to San Fran via the Canal, a very fine trip with only 12 passengers. The object of the trip was to see my mother, who will be 100 in Jul! She is finer than one could expect at that age. We then went to Carmel, and later by air to San Diego and back to DC. While in San Fran, I talked to Marge and Brook Brady; he is doing very well on his kidney machine which he uses twice a week. They went to a New Year's Eve party



1926: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.



1926: Riggs and wife with McGarity '46 and Colonel Style, British Army. Founders Day, London, 1975.

and Brook danced the nite away! Also talked to Louise Hawthorne, who is hopeful that Bill, now in a rest home, will eventually recover from his long siege. Betsy and Hall Forde are both fine and deny rumors of plans to move to S.C.A. Hal is fully recovered from his fantastic trip to the Orient which was covered in the last issue. Down Carmel way, we saw Gen and Spud Murphy, who are absolutely delighted with Monterey and their CONDO. Also saw Beth McNaughton (widow of Ken), who is planning a trip to Tobago about now with her artist friend; she will continue however to live in Carmel, where she and Ken have spent the past 10 yrs. Contacted Eleanor and Paul Hamilton, who report good health now, and enjoying life once again. Never was able to contact the Blacks and the Carrols. Love to Connie, etc." A fine report Freddie, and thanks alot.

From the LA Tax Comm Office of Bob Broadhurst came the news that he had a mild heart attack which kept him from his office for several weeks. Then in Oct, he caught his heel walking down the steps of the State Capital, fell and shattered his kneecap so badly it had to be removed and he was in a cast for over 10 weeks. He can now walk again without assistance. Bob, as most of us know, is believed to be the only member of the Class who is still gainfully employed full-time; if there are any others, please let me know (ye Ed).

I want to invite attention to 3 fine letters mailed recently by 3 class officers: 1) Jan, the letter from Pres Rod Smith; 2) dated 4 Mar 75 the letter re the Class Gift from Vald Heiberg; and 3) the 50th Reunion Bulletin #1 from the Reunion chmn Red Corder-



1926: Founders Day 1975, Carlisle Barracks, PA. (L-R): Heidner, Ringler and Harwell.

man. I commend all 3 of these letters to your careful attention, as there is a lot of meat on those bones, some of which requires action on each and every one of our parts. Do not lose them or put them aside—rather keep them in your "active" file! One special action from all is the 300 word summary needed by Keith Barney for the Reunion Brochure he is preparing. Early action here will insure success for Johnnie Roosma's slogan:

"GET THE SPIRIT OF '76—COME TO THE FIFTIETH OF '26."

Bill and Ethel Deyo gave me a bit more information on their current activities, since Bill has become fully ret. They had 2 cruises recently, one out of Tampa with a mostly "senior citizen" crowd (it's reported they ran out of prune juice the 3d day) and the other, The Nordic Prince, out of Miami was something else again! They found it a wonderful way to loaf thru a couple of weeks of good eating, girl watching, meditation, etc. They are settled in a ret. size homestead, protected on all sides from further development in the onslaught of expansion that FL is facing everywhere. They are in a suburb of Tampa—308 Live Oak Dr, Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Bill still keeps his hand in on his last job by reading the Wall Street Journal from cover to cover every issue! By the way, Red and Virginia Corderman did make that leisurely trip to Sun City, AZ by car, and in the course of the trip played golf 11 times!

Thus ends this latest account of '26 wanderings—so yrs 'til next time. ANKY.

NECROLOGY

Pauline Ann (Polly) Johnson, wife of Classmate, Harry W. Johnson, MG USA (Ret) died in William Beaumont Hospital 10 Mar 75, as a result of heart attack and high blood pressure. Funeral mass held on Thur, 13 Mar in Chapel #2, Ft Bliss, TX. Burial in Ft Bliss Natl Cemetery, with most of family and many friends present. Survived by husband at 10200 Allway St, El Paso, TX 79925; 3 daughters, Mrs. Pauline Collins, El Paso, Mrs. Helen Dixon, Madrid, Spain, Mrs. Nancy Hume, Arvada, CO; son LTC Harry W. Johnson, Ft Riley, KS; 16 grandchildren; brother, Leo McGreevey, Shelburne, VT; several nieces and nephews.

'27

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Timely notes of the alumni dinner at San Ant came in from Mike Williams. Present from '27 were: Bob Aloe, Jack Griffith, Von Kaylor, Al Lepping, Chris Nelson, and Mike. Fred Kunesh was unable to make it because of being sick in hospital. Mike said that the speaker, GEN Feir, Cmdt of Cadets, was "most interesting and informative—gave one of the best talks I have heard in a long time."

Mike continued his summary, citing the Mar luncheon of the '27 Group and the fact that Milt Towner, a new resident, made his first appearance. He commented, "Milt looks fine and, as Jack Griffith said, too young looking to be a classmate!" Stu and Mary Wood had visited with Mike and Verna while en route to CO to see their son. Mike again added realism to his comment on the Woods by observing, "I'm sure many ears burned from the stories (or lies) we told!" As is evident, Mike is an outstanding reporter, prompt, observant, and candid, ahem.

The WP Soc of DC held the annual Founders Day dinner and program at Ft Myer. The usual large turnout enjoyed everything,



1927: Distaff Hall Quintet (L-R): Burgess, the Hollands, Marian Collins, and Bixel.

starting with the convivial "happy hour" or so. GEN George S. Brown '41, CJCS, the principal speaker, lightly covered the earliest history of the Academy but then seriously and pessimistically appraised the situation in Cambodia and Vietnam. The Benj. F. Castle Memorial Award was presented to MAJ James F.C. Hyde '42, blinded in the attack on Anzio, who subsequently made for himself a highly successful career as an attorney, educator, and leader. The oldest grad present was GEN Jacob L. Devers '09; the youngest, 2LT Robert D. Fierro, who gave an interesting, amusing address. The splendid USA Field Band Chorus added its usual superior performance, surveying songs from the Revolution to the present. Present from '27 were: Asensio, Collins, Lowe, Miller, Pence, Sterling, and Zwicker.

Antulio and Magua Segarra flew up to DC from Puerto Rico in mid Mar to attend a savings & loan conf. There was insufficient time to get Tulio into the Founders Day dinner of 14 Mar, but they did get to see almost all of '27 thereat, as well as the scribe and his spouse Lucile. It can be stated that both Segarras look fine and frolicsome, full of pep, energetic and alert. They are both talking up the 50th! Let's all join in!

On 17 Jan the WP Soc of DC had its annual "co-ed" dinner at Ft Myer. It was well attended, featuring an unusual film on "WP Today" and some dancing by those lucky enough to be able to get to the small floor. Mamie Eisenhower was to have been the guest of honor, but she was unable to make it. Present from '27 were the Asensios, Bixels, Burgesses, Collinses, Lillards, Millers, Zwickers, and Sterling.

Dutch and Donnie Holland were in DC for an MOWW conf the last of Jan. They were also the center-of-interest guests for the DC Area group at another festive luncheon gathering at hospitable Distaff Hall. Everything went fine: the weather was lovely, reaching a hot 77 on Connecticut Ave. A good-weather record in honor of the CA visitors? To greet the Hollands were: Ruth and Mone Asensio, Ev and Bix Bixel, Kay Brown, Jean



1927: "F Co. Front and Center." (F): Lillard, Lowe, and Holland; (R): Collins, Miller and Pence.



1927: Plus 1926! (L-R): the Garlands and the Heibergs on cruise.



1927: Happy New Year! (L-R): the Martins and the Schulls.



1927: Hutchison and Martin, Founders Day 1975.



1927: A San Antonio luncheon group (L-R): Williams, Lepping, Aloe, Griffith, Nelson, Watlington, and Wood.

and Woody Burgess, Marian and Jimmy Collins, Carolyn Holtzworth, Lucile and Jerry Lillard, Katherine and Bob Lowe, Jean and Mac Miller, Bert and Bill Pence, Suzanne and Larry Shaw, and Jack Sterling. The accompanying varied snaps go to record some of the good time that was had by all! Again, those of you readers who find that you are to be in the DC Area are urged to let one of us know in time to lay on a reunion gathering in celebration!

Blair Garland from the winter home in Pompano Beach got in a fine report on activities which keep the Garlands happy wherever they are. After the last WP home football game, Blair and Dot took off from NJ for FL, stopping at Myrtle Beach for dinner with Helen and Mike Pegg, "both in good health and spirits, looking great." Then they took a Dec cruise to S. Amer. and spots in the Caribbean with Val and Evelyn Heiberg '26, enjoying it, as the photo of "happy hour" aboard the *Southward* shows. Blair looked forward to seeing Merritt and Jim Green, who were at Naples, FL with their "beautiful trailer." In a month-long stay in Clearwater, the Garlands saw Kitty and Buck Wiley and Ginnie and Dell Spivey '28, but originally of '27.

George Martin out Honolulu way communicated concerning his latest efforts at "having a great deal of fun": he is busy working on manuscript articles for publication. He was marking time until *Army*, *Reader's Digest*, or others present them. So keep alert for George's appearance in print any month now! By the way, George and Jo are enjoying their life in HI, and the accompanying snap shows a New Year's gathering to prove it.

Chris Nelson continues to be an excellent source of comments and photos on class activities in San Antone. He regretted that the flu bug seemed to have got to almost all of the group in Jan, but they should be in fine fettle as of this time. An accompanying snap was taken at a Dec luncheon of '27, with Stu Wood the outside guest, he and Mary being in San Antone visiting the Williamses.

Betty Lovell in early Mar attended the Women's Forum on Natl Security in DC, coming up from her AF Village, San Ant. She gave a concise phone report of her vol activities and included mention that Milton and Helen Towner were then moving into the Village. They will thus join Betty and Evelyn Flock, widow of our Julian, in representing '27 in that fine ret. home.

Ray Bell, dashing through DC, phoned the scribe to report that he "had been around down South" and had seen Stu and Mary Wood, the Mike Peggs, and Ty Cobb.

Gene and Willis Matthews spent about 3 mos touring from FL to AZ, going "bumper to bumper" much of the time. Among those seen in brief stays here and there were Howell Jordan, "who looks and feels fine," and Mona Jordan, "who paints all the time and has a studio." At deadline, the Matthews were back in Chevy Chase, hoping that the wet spring would soon go!

Mac Miller reported a Jan contact with Van and Mary Moseley, who were in the DC area visiting son George and family in Alexandria. Mac and Van had a brief chat session. "Van looked very well, and they apparently enjoy very much their rural setting in MA," Mac observed.

En route to MD, at deadline the Bixels were returning from their enjoyable trip to Honolulu to visit daughter Gay and family. They had reached CA and were with daughter Dabney. As Ev had reported, "This Oahu island is so beautiful!"

We have some data on the status of re-



1927: DC area luncheon (L-R): the Lillards, Donnie Holland, Collins, and Holland.

covery of 3 of our gang from recent health problems. Harry McKinney had a hospital session in Feb, undergoing surgery of the right lung at the Lake Wales Hospital. Helen communicated in time for these notes that the operation was very successful, but that Mac was still recovering in the hospital. However, he was each day showing improvement in every way, in morale, and in becoming his usually critical self. Helen was grateful for all the kind letters and calls which she had received from knowing classmates and friends. We all hope that Mac is now back to full strength.

We heard that our John Kaylor of San Ant spent a couple of weeks at the end of the year in the S. TX Methodist Hospital with a heart attack or light stroke. A late report states, "Mary got him out in time for Xmas, and he is doing OK now, taking 2-mile walks each day, and driving his Porsche 55 mph." And he made the Founders Day dinner! Keep it up, Von!

Jack Spurgeon, loyal correspondent from Toledo, came through in a mid-Mar report that he "had spent a month at Mayo Clinic where some needed surgery was performed and results entirely satisfactory." Cheers!

We are always glad to learn of members of the Class getting back into good health after such sieges—and to pass the good news along!

Well, this wraps it up for this time, for the deadline is right upon the scribe. You should be reading this on or about the date of our 48th anniv. It should remind that the 50th is just over the hill! Start planning!

And do send in a card or letter about the summer's doings in time for the fall notes. Happy summer!

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Bill Caldwell reported from the Orlando, FL area—that he is still teaching at Jones Coll and that he and Marge expect to go back to their 2d home in Switzerland in May for a few months (if the dollar doesn't disappear)—that Joe Potter has ret. from Disney World (after building it) and now has his own consultant firm—that Bill Van Loan





1928: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTES (West to East)

SAN FRAN BAY AREA: The San Fran Founders Day dinner found A.B. Coolidge, Cooper, Hail, McKenzie, Theimer, & Wright representing '29. Johnnie Theimer reports "All could identify world problems and propose sound solutions. Nuttman '95, our oldest grad and also the Academy's, delivered remarkable and spirited remarks. Coach Homer Smith made a fine address and we hope the Black Knights this fall are as good." GEN Nuttman was born 28 Jan 74. At 101 still attending Founders Day dinners!

REPUBLIC OF TX: Lou Hammack says of the Ft Sam Houston Founders Day dinner: "It was an excellent party but the whiskey was better than the food. (Note: Isn't it always?) The Cmdt of Cadets, GEN Feir, made an excellent talk and really explained the changes that are going on at WP. Our Class had only 6 members present. I was the only one who behaved!!! I might add that we were all home by 11 p.m.—as I remember, these affairs didn't used to end at such an hour of total respectability!"

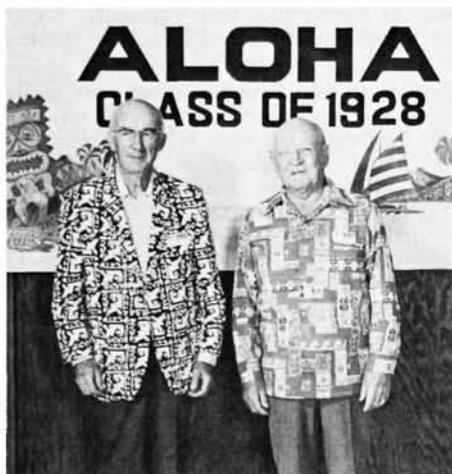
CREOLE'SVILLE (NEW ORLEANS): Weary & Jean Wilson visited Charlie & Virginia Tench on a combined business and pleasure trip, the first chance for a real visit for Weary & Charlie since Weary was in Charlie's Manila HQ from SEAC a few months before the end of WW II. Lou & Jim Quill also visited the Tenches, and over Sun morning drinks they reminisced about the similar drinks they were having when stationed together in the 1st Div when Pearl Harbor happened. Charlie & Virginia did their best sales job in behalf of the Quills' settling in New Orleans, but were outbid by the many charms of FL. Charlie says "like anchovies in Martinis, New Orleans is an acquired taste."

SUN COAST OF FL: Jim Stephenson writes from Bradenton, FL that he keeps busy in ret. maintaining the house in good repair, manicuring the lawn, stamp collecting, and duplicate bridge. He is now organizing a 7-day cruise around the Caribbean with stops in Haiti, Jamaica, and the Yucatan Peninsula, sailing out of Miami, with the purpose of the trip, for him, to direct duplicate bridge games morning and afternoon when not in port.

DC AREA: Gertrude McKee felt that she should expose Bozo to some "kultur" so she dragged him by air, via FL to Yucatan, Mexico, where they explored the Mayan ruins. Bozo experienced a cultural awakening and highly recommends the trip to others. Pinky Connor recently took a vacation in Nassau and is very enthusiastic about the place. Ken & Jackie Nichols took an extended trip to Spain, where they rented an apartment near Torremolinos on the water for \$6 per day. No inflation there! Herb Vander Heide had an unusual accident while burning some leaves at his handsome estancia on the Potomac below Mount Vernon. Some sparks from the leaves ignited the nylon socks he was wearing and burned him severely about the ankles so that he was hospitalized at Ft Belvoir for several days. He has completely recovered and is back on the golf course.

IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Taylor Russell (widow of our Tom Taylor) reported on 12 Jan that she had been in San Ant helping Lank DeRiemer's atty



1928: Barnes and Browning, Founders Day 1975.

(ex C Co) and his lovely bride Fran have settled in Winter Park—and that on a recent trip to HI he and Marge were royally welcomed by Spud and Beth McLaughlin; and saw Kay and Buster Briggs driving back through Albuquerque.

More on travel—Bill and Myrtle Billingsley left 17 Dec on an extensive trip with 2 stops in Honolulu, where they forgathered with the Barnes, Brownings, and Wells and spent Xmas with Bill's son, John Jr., in Hong Kong; returning on 8 Jan; then left for a Masonic meeting in Ft Myers, FL—Ed and Betty Reber are currently on a freighter trip to Japan and Korea, where they will visit their son and his family, and expect to return about 1 May—Ruth and I motored through the South, 14 Feb-11 Mar, visiting friends and family (mine); and we had a wonderful visit during said trip with Buck and Kitty Wiley at their beautiful home in Clearwater, FL—and Skip and Marge Seeman are taking their No. 1 granddaughter for a visit to London, 27 Mar-10 Apr.

Parson Howard sent in an announcement of his marriage to Mrs. Cheryl Gray Ricketts on 3 Jan at Ardmore, OK. From the Class, congratulations and a wish for many happy years together.

It is my sad duty to report some losses: John Farra's beloved Nancy was laid to rest in Arlington on 19 Feb. The DC classmates gathered with John's family and friends for the graveside services, which were conducted by the family rector from Abington, PA.

Roland Brown died unexpectedly on 26 Feb of a pulmonary embolism following surgery. His ashes are to be interred in the WP Cemetery sometime in May.

Tom Counihan passed away on 2 Mar taken by pneumonia after a long and gallant fight against illness. He was buried in the Ft Sill Cemetery.

The deepest and most heartfelt sympathies of the Class go to John Farra, Nan Brown, Catherine Counihan and their families.

Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer saw Boatner, Cralle, Haskell, Raymond, Sirmyer, Seeman, and Walter gathered with the rest of the DC members of the "Long Gray Line." All reported a fine program with excellent speakers. Harry Weiner reported that the '28ers at the Ft Sam Houston meeting were Cole, Gude, Harbold, Hasting, Mundy, Myers, Willette, and Weiner and that the talks were interesting and entertaining.

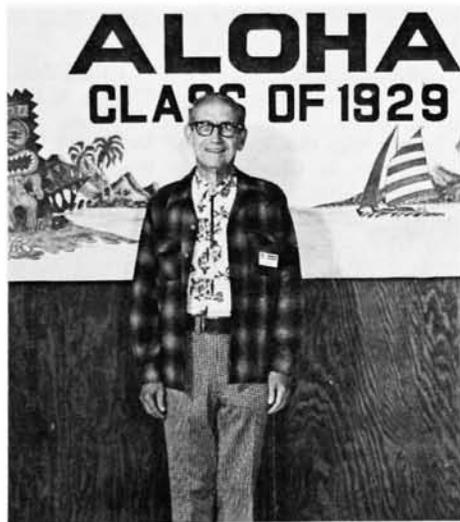
Paul Gavan reports that our fund for contribution to the WP Fund on our 50th continues to grow slowly, standing now at \$2757.24 (including interest). Up to now 32 of the Class have participated.



1928: The Howards, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1929: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.



1929: Chandler, Founders Day 1975.

to get Lank's papers together and that the doctors said the illness was terminal. He asked her to thank all the classmates who had sent him Xmas cards and "get well" notes. Lank died on 19 Jan at Brooke General Hospital.

Norm (Oink) Poinier lost his fight against cancer on the same day at the same place. Helen's address is Apt. 123, 7920 Rockwood Lane, Austin, TX 78758. Our sincerest sympathy to Helen, his son, David N. Poinier, MAJ, USA, and his brother, COL Arthur D. Poinier, USA, Ret.

Frank Fellows, who was on vacation with his wife Louise in New Zealand died suddenly of a massive coronary thrombosis on 13 Feb 75. Frank had made the "Death March" in the Philippines, but was thought to be in good health for the past several years. His ashes were scattered over Australia. Our heartfelt sympathy to Louise.

Jim Stephenson informs that Norman Congdon died at Bradenton, FL of a massive heart attack on 28 Feb 75. Norm's last assignment before ret. for physical disability was as Mil Attaché at Montevideo, Uruguay, and he and his wife Georgie had lived in Bradenton for 30 yrs, where she will remain. Our deepest sympathy goes to Georgie, his daughter, Mrs. William Roth of Livonia, MI,

and his son, MAJ Norman Buck Congdon, USAF, presently stationed at SAC Hq in Omaha.

Those who attended the 45th Reunion will remember Myles Brewster's charming wife, "Jimmy," who came with Bruce all the way from Suffolk, England. On 27 Feb Jimmy dropped dead while working in their garden. The doctor said she didn't feel a thing and that she was gone before she fell. The entire Class sympathizes with Bruce in this shocking loss.

On 4 Feb Ed Lasher was driving with his wife Alice and his sister, Mrs. Edith Stafford, in the hills near their home at Cold Spring, NY. The roads were icy and Ed's car skidded off the road and into a tree, splitting the car in two, killing Alice and Edith and seriously injuring Ed, who is still (as of 26 Mar) in the hospital, now at WP. Although he is improving his memory is defective, and his mind somewhat disoriented. Ed has 2 sons, COL Donald R., Class of '52, stationed at Ft Monmouth in the SC, and Edmund C.R. Jr., Ex-'60, presently of the home. We all sympathize with Ed and his sons and sincerely wish Ed a speedy recovery.

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Dear Gang:

The news is rather sparse this time and, regrettably, mostly not good. The winter robbed us of 3 more valued members: Clif



1930: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

Blackford died on 21 Jan; Bill Allen, of a sudden heart attack on 21 Feb; and Roy Muth, of cancer, on 8 Mar. All were interred in Arlington with the usual military honors. Sid and Mary Wooten, in their customary generous fashion, took charge of representing the Class for Clif's service, rounding up a considerable group of classmates from the DC area and having Dolores as a house guest, as well as Hank Royall, who had come up from Chapel Hill for the occasion. George and Sis Duehring performed a similar service for Betty Allen, again getting a goodly number of our DC area residents to attend. Betty also could count on her sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Trickie Troxel, and her brother, Roy Reynolds, to be on hand. The Class sent a wreath to each service. In such moments of sorrow it is heartening to know that there are always some stalwart members of the Class to stand by and do whatever needs be done.

More happily, it is good to report that Howie Quinn made a truly remarkable recovery from the serious vascular surgery he underwent last summer and, according to Jean, "keeps passing all tests with flying colors." They were able to take a 12-day Caribbean cruise, then a 3-week Scandinavian junket, and followed that up with a shorter trip to Puerto Rico and Venezuela. Sounds as though Howie is really back in business.

For those who like to keep their address lists up to date, here are 3 that were picked up during the winter: Clint Cloud, ret. from his peripatetic job with Yale & Towne and his long-time residency in Singapore as a base of operations, has settled at 112 N. Pearl Ave, Lancaster, OH 43130; Ed Kumppe moved last fall from their place in Tallahassee to 1920 McPherson St, Laredo, TX 78040; and Spoony Swofford can now be found at 3743 Wesley Dr, Montgomery, AL 36111.

By the time these notes are published and in your hands we will have had our 45th Reunion, which, as of my press deadline, seems to be shaping up into a fine wing-ding, thanks to Charlie Dodge and his loyal assistants. Hope we've all seen each other there.

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This will be a short column, on account of there isn't much news.

Les Kunish checked in with an ice-covered letter from way up north in Manitowac, WI. I haven't checked my map, but believe that is farther north than Boise, ID, the home of Jim and Lil Maloney. Les mentioned that he and Ruth stopped by to see '29ers Bill and Violet Shimonek, who live even closer to the North Pole on the Upper Peninsula. Marcellus Duffy was successful in locating kin of Willie Williams. As a matter of fact, he found out that Willie's sister, Ava Sams is married to our Sambo Sams' uncle. I don't know exactly what that has to do with anything, but it should make the column longer.

Don and Edythe Buchwald have moved back to Cornwall, NY and are now at 10 McCann's Lane, ZIP 12518. Ruth Lawson says that Dick is enjoying his second ret. with a visit to the golf course almost every day. Maybe we can work out a coast to coast tournament with some of those other golf nuts on the West Coast. Wayne Taul seems to be one of the few of us who has not yet ret. His present task sounds very tasteful—

ASSEMBLY

Catherine reports that he is presently working on a winery. Please note that I said "on" not "in." Thanks for the nice note, Catherine.

Walt and Mim Ellis had a very enjoyable visit with Deac Roller in NW AR, where few visitors pass. There are sights to be seen there and deeds to be done. For instance, where else can one have the opportunity to munch on a cone of Licorice Voo Doo while contemplating the hazards of a gun fight in the Ole West. Don't ask me, I don't know what LVD is either. Walt and Mim had a quick and delightful visit to Spain in Jan. They tried to contact Jim Pumpelly but were unsuccessful. They claim that New Year's Eve in Madrid was an experience they will long remember. After their return Mim suffered a rather severe cut on her shin, but was recovering nicely when Walt wrote. Walt added a PS on the back of the envelope to record Deac's latest mishap with his trailer. Bill Woodward is now helping with the work around the house after ret. last May from his Civ Def job. Johnny, one of their sons, is flying choppers with the 82d Abn and the other Billy, is working for the U. of CO.

A class luncheon in DC in Mar was attended by the following: Andy Adams, Pass Passarella, Johnny Davis, Earle Cook, Trick Troxel, John Berry, Clyde McBride, Charlie McNair, Eddie Brown, Bill Dick, Louis Guenther, Peter Otey Ward, Jake Smart, Dick Carhart, Dick Greer, Gus Heiss, Warren Hoover, Budge Howard, Chet Young and me. We all enjoyed a pleasant lunch at Arlington Hall and especially a film prepared by the American Battle Monuments Comm and supplied to us by Andy Adams. I received an announcement from Bo Beishline that he and Mrs. Ruth Ziegler were married in Greenwich, CT on the 19th of Dec. My sincerest thanks to Dick and Lucille Danek who sent me a birthday card on the occasion of my arrival at the Sr Citizen landmark.

A report from Charlie Densford on the Founders Day dinner at San Ant. The following were noted as attending: Elwin Eddy, Jack Gordon (up and around after knee operations), Johnny McGee, Hector Truly, Tom Marnane, Jergoen Olson, Johnny Feagin, Harry Candler, Deac Roller, Leo Cather, and Charlie, of course, and Van Hardeveld (a local hon '31er). Charlie has 2 pullets that lay blue eggs and a ram who likes to show his affection by butting his loved one. Charlie is now busy showing the ram pictures of Deac, hoping he, the ram, will become fond of him, Deac. Charlie and Cora now have 3 great-grandchildren. Any competition? I apologize for an error in my previous column; haying takes place in the summer and not the fall.

And, of course, the narrative of Deac's latest trip (before the visit to TX. Deac left Anococo in mid-Dec, went through Mickey and Maxine Moores' Pine Bluff, but nobody home. Stopped off at Walt and Mim Ellis' and attended a ret. officers' party meeting many old friends. As I mentioned before, the Airstream suffered a burned out bearing and since it was over a weekend with no repair service available, Deac spent Sat and Sun occupying one lane of a 2 lane road alongside his trailer. Deac went on to visit Tom Motherwell, brother of our classmate, Dave, and then on to Clarksville to stay overnight with Van and Judy Bond. Then on to a comparison of hearing aids with John and Gwen Barclay in Huntsville. Next stop was Chattanooga, where Roy and Catherine Kauffman introduced Deac to needlepoint (his first one is already finished and he is thinking

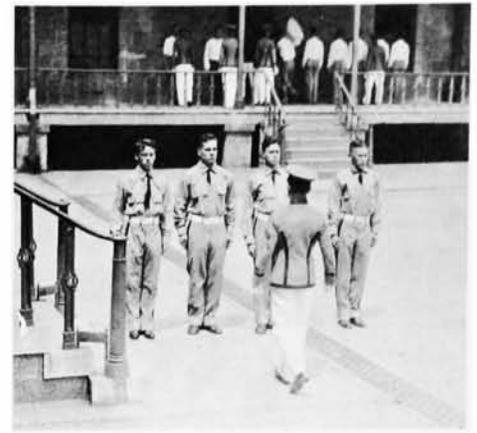
of embroidery next). On to Atlanta where he took pictures of Bill and Ella Mae Woodward only to discover later that he had no film in the camera. Deac took Mitch and Ginger Mitchell over to Augusta to lunch with Doc and Peggy Patterson and back to Atlanta for dinner with the Mitchells. In Macon, he had a glass or 2 of sacramental liquid with Don and Kelley Little. Next day he visited Blair Ford in Columbus and Julie and Lois Chappell in Americus. On to FL and Glenn and Mary Farris and 3 of their children (never a dull moment there). Frank and Fay Pachler fed Deac in Tampa and gave him a potted palm (no pun intended). Deac saw J.D. Sams in Indiatlantic and ran into (figuratively) Ad Dishman at the Patrick AFB club. On up to Winter Park to see Charlie Hoy and a phone conversation with Roy Leinster. And last but not least, Deac caught up with Mac and Lilly Mae McGowen in Collins and back to Anococo to get ready for the next saga.

I regret having to close on a sad note, but just as I wrapped this column up. I received a letter from Paul and Irene Burns with the news that Bob Cardell died of cancer in Sun City on 1 Apr. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Bob's wife, Zahlia, and his family.

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One of the latest get-togethers was a thoughtful gesture on the part of Helen and Archie Lyon in honor of Joslin Morris. Designed to give Joslin a break from her daily trips to DC to visit Luke in the hospital, we were invited along with Eloise and Oley Hansen, Joslin and Frank Besson for brunch at the Key Bridge Marriott. Luke is putting up a noble battle in his 7th month of hospitalization. Everyone had something interesting to offer that morning. Oley explained about his trips to Bellinghams on Lake Whatcom (true names) in far off WA state. They stay at the cabin which had belonged to his father. Frank talked about his lawyer son, the son who is in business at Bailey's Crossroads, and Frank III who is a LTC stationed here. Archie filled in on his presiding at the



1932: Beast Barracks: Lincoln (left end); Glassburg (right end).

George Washington Birthday Ball. Hopefully, we will have a picture of them in full regalia to include in this column. It was a merry gathering. While on the subject of Archie he seems to get younger every year. This peripatetic thinks nothing of jumping in his car to drive to their hideaway at Glebe Harbor on the lower Potomac. Last Jan he made a trip to FL with Helen where he made contact with Dale Means, Ray Cochran, Tom Hannah, the Bigelows, Freemans, Sciples, Powers, Terrills, Seawards, Bunches, Menohers, Halls, Meulenbergs, Duncans, and TP contacts with others. It sounds like a class roster! Luncheon with Carl and Sally Sciple; Freeman, the realtor, had to take off on business so Sally and Carl took them on a tour; stayed with Lil and Bill Powers in their lovely Condo in N. Palm Beach. He bowled with "cockeyed balls" (an English derivation) with Bob and Billie Terrill; luncheon at Patrick AFB with Red Seaward and Kit, Barney and Rita Bunch and Gordon Gault. Visited at home of Gary and Gale Hall—both are teachers at the local HS. He describes the luncheon at Andy and Ruth Meulenbergs' as served on an open deck on the side of a mountain overlooking all N. GA plus the Chattahoochee River; Lou Truman in Atlanta was busy dealing with the GA Senate and a trip to DC which reduced the contact to a phone call. Now one would think this would call for a brief respite. However, on return,



1932: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.



1932: A march at Popolopen (L-R): Glattley, Riley, Hillberg, McGuire, Kimmel, Iseley, Liwski, Britton (?).

Archie assumed his role as George Washington and Helen as Martha at the 28th Birth-night ball held at Mt. Vernon. Other residents, all properly costumed, posed as COL and Mrs. George Mason of Gunston Hall, COL and Mrs. William Fairfax of Belvoir and Tobias Lear, GEN Washington's personal secy. This, incidentally, is the social event of the year in this aristocratic area with choral offerings and marching Fife and Drum Corps playing by the Mt. Vernon Guard, all accomplished in the historic Mt. Vernon area with dinner at the Inn on the grounds of the historic mansion.

Back to earth again. Ed Burke reports that he has confirmed Bear Mt. Inn for our 45th-good work Ed!!! Bill McNulty wrote to say that Babe was tested for a cardiac problem at WR which proved to be false and then went on to Litchfield, CT visiting their daughter, and later son Pat in VA. Walt and Dode Tisdale visited them at Litchfield. Walt is now ret. from his job at the State U. of NY.

At long last we heard from Chih Wang. He's still working and "wishes some of my classmates and their ladies would come this way and am always ready to open our house for them. There is a chance for me and my wife Eva to visit the States next summer. Probably will stay at our son's place, 1115 Hillgate Way, Lansing, MI." We'd sure like to see you Chih.

I don't know what has gotten into my ex-roommate, Henry (Horace) McFeely. At first acquaintance I thought he must have laryngitis. The only time he would write would be if required by the tac or Engl depts. Now he writes Archie a letter giving a change of address! And wonder of wonders he apologizes for bothering Archie. The only solution I can think of is that he must be married to a marvelous woman. Keep it up Mac!

Ed and Dorothy Hartshorn were near enough to attend our last mixed luncheon. They had come East for Dorothy's mother's funeral and a visit with Helen and Bill Ely '33. Helen Ely is Dorothy's sister. Ed again invited classmates for a visit to their home on the lake. They have a motor boat, sailboat and a rowboat and fishing gear. Take your choice.

Gale Hall typed 2 full pages of news to me. Recently they drove to St. Pete's Beach in FL for the Founders Day dinner. They met the new "Supc" and classmates Jack and Sue Weber, the Brittons, and Murrays from Largo, FL. Then a trip to Orlando to

a WP dinner at the Navy Club where they met the Menohers, Reeses, Sutherlands, Hardys and the Suarezes as well as the newly married Bill Ellery whose bride is Kay Plapp, widow of Herbie Plapp '33. The new football coach, Homer Smith, made a great speech and told Gale that his daughter is a freshman at Indiana U., Gale's Alma Mater. And hear this! The Halls and Sutherlands are planning separate trips to AK: Gary's eldest son, Frank '63, is going to Leavenworth where they will visit upon return from AK! The youngest son, George (Harvard MBA), is a CPA working in Chicago with an Ins. Co. His daughter is teaching school in PA since her 4 kids are all in school. In closing he wrote he enjoyed seeing the Lyons.

Now my sincere apologies to Bob Scott who I know will understand and forgive. I misplaced his letter and did not include it in the previous column. If space permitted, I would like to quote his comments verbatim. He sorely misses Catharine who died nearly 3 yrs ago so he tries to work 24 hrs a day. He purchased an apt in Sun City, 18 mi. from Phoenix right under the sound of jet ftrs which disturb all but Bob. They put



1932: Welborn, Williams (F); Farnsworth, Hannah (R).

him to sleep. He had one visitor from '32—Torg Wold who had returned from a visit to Norway. They had a time reminiscing. After 3000 lectures of Communism Bob says he's now through. He thinks he has done his job.

At a recent luncheon I mildly remonstrated about complaints about not being mentioned in the column. I explained I could only repeat what I was told. Marv Iseley is a dry one with a good sense of humor. He sent 2 snapshots which prove that "a picture speaks a thousand words." The pictures are dim with age but I hope they can be reproduced. Both are as Plebes at Popolopen and Beast Barracks. I remember that Glattley and Riley have gone to Valhalla.

That brings me to the departure of Jim McCormack reported by me in the last ASSEMBLY. Those of you who read that column will recall that I wrote a hurried note just 2 days before Jim's funeral. I know of no classmate who can surpass Jim in modesty, ability, humanity or loyalty. That is well understood by everyone who knew him. There was standing room only at the Ft Myer Chapel services at Arlington with many classmates, civ friends and other mil and many notables. Chris and Mary Dreyer attended as they were here on a visit from CA. Both DC papers had 3 column obits with pictures. For the 1st time I learned of his manifold activities, many of which Jim would never mention. As I write this I look at the STAR-NEWS item and would like to enumerate all the accomplishments listed therein but I don't think Jim would approve.

The Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer this year was attended by: Charlie Baer, Charlie D'Orsa, George Descheneaux, Harvey Fischer, Al Gerhardt, Roscoe Huggins, Dick Hunt and Archie Lyon.

The Feb luncheon included the wives and Bobbie Sundt did a superb job with her valentine decorations and even provided carnations for the ladies. Present were: Dot & Jude Abell, Essie & Charlie Baer, Ruth & Danny Campbell, Frank Besson, Dossi & Bill Davidson, Dort & Harvey Fischer, Vi & Johnny Gavin, Nora & Al Gerhardt, Ward Gillette, Frances & Alex Graham, Eloise & Oley Hansen, Roscoe Huggins, Helen Hunt, Claire & Frank Jamison, Helen & Archie Lyon, Ruth & John McCawley, Joslin Morris, Mary Cain, Sally & Ernie Powel, Fran & Johnny Pugh, Jackie & Bob Schukraft, Marjorie & Dan Sinclair, Janie & Red Smith, Bobbie & Danny Sundt, and La Trelle and Pop Duncan from Atlanta and Hartshorns from MI. Ed and Dorothy made last year's valentine luncheon too. We learned that Bedie Keating was in WR and Dossi drove La Trelle out the next day for a visit. She is well again and at home feeling fine. The Davidsons had a small gathering for the Duncans while Pop was in town for NIH business and they stayed with Joslin Morris. They had time to have dinner with a couple of other friends in this area. Recently their home just missed being hit by a tornado in Atlanta that circled all around them within blocks.

The last social event we attended was Fri night when we were invited by Mary Ellen and Ward Gillette to their beautiful, tastefully decorated (by Ward) and landscaped (by Ward) for a superb dinner (by Ward). Mary Ellen does far more I am sure than act as a charming hostess and attractive backdrop for all of this. Dort & Harvey Fischer, Eloise & Oley Hansen, Margo & Charlie D'Orsa, Joslin Morris and Frank Besson were also present. Joslin spent the night with us and we hope she will do that more often.



1932: Archie and Helen Lyon

The Campbells are in Eluthera and will head for TX where Danny will participate in a golf tournament he has been playing in for about 20 yrs. The Dan Sinclairs have taken off for Pakistan to visit their daughter whose husband is on a Fulbright scholarship. We shall look forward to hearing about Marjorie's and Dan's experiences when they return some weeks hence. Dan is a faithful attendee at all class luncheons. Back in Jan we had a surprise phone call from Bill Powers who reported that Lil was back in FL with the flu while he was on a business trip up here in DC. He had visited with Eleanor McCormack and her family. Bill sounded his cheery self and we hope he'll have time to drop by for a visit with us next time he comes north.

The following is from Ken Zitzman in San Ant:

The best thing to happen in S. TX this last quarter is that Joe and Mary Stearns moved permanently to San Ant to make it an even dozen here for '32. For the record, their new address is 1018 Evening Dun, San Ant 78213. (Cheer up, that street name makes sense to a fly fisherman.) It was especially a homecoming for Mary who was born here and went to the old Main Ave. HS with Maxine McDonald. Rehashing those old times brought out some interesting new news about the McDonalds. Daughter Lynne (a U. of TX grad as is Maxine) is the new's editor of the Houston Post and is now on a one year fellowship with full pay and allowances at Stanford U. which includes among other things, one week each in Mexico and Canada as the guests of the respective govts. Understandably the awards were very selective: Lynne was 1 of 2 women in a total of 24 people chosen countrywide. She is married to Jeff Millar of the Houston Chronicle whose cartoon "Tank McNamara" appears in 102 newspapers including the Washington Post and others in that league. When Tom asked Lynne what her husband was going to do while she was in CA, she said, "just what Mom did when you were overseas during the war." Next question.

Ell and Pam Davis spent a few days here

en route to their annual 2 mos sojourn at San Miguel Allende near Mexico City. They went the full route at the Mardi Gras before leaving New Orleans, which left Pam injured—not in the wild bachanalina in the streets but by tripping on a few steps descending to the dance floor. A subsequent letter from them said all's well now and that they had just enjoyed a 3-day visit from Karl and Daisy Scherer who had dawdled down from Pebble Beach in their motor home.

Had a good visit with Bob Hewitt during one of his trips here to see his sister. Bob says he roams far from his Kansas City base on affairs of the Episcopal Church, covering several states in the Southwest. He also reported that his cadet roommate, John Street in Denver, is in fine fettle. They correspond regularly and meet in alternate years at the Army-AFA football game in Colo Spgs. John stays in trim by vigorous daily walks and during the freezing winter months does his laps in the huge Denver airport until he can recite the flight schedules by heart.

Dwight and Flo Beach had a long lunch chez nous last month when they spent a week here at the home of Flo's sister Lil and her husband, Clarkson Groos, a dept head at San Ant Coll. They had definite plans for Eddie and Tiny Hartshorn to come down from the wilds of northern MI to stay with them the weekend of the Founders Day dinner which always gets a big play in Detroit.

Our own Founders Day in San Ant went over big with 250 present (stag) at the Ft Sam Houston Officers Club to greet the just arrived new CG of Fifth Army, LTG Allen Burdett '43, and hear the Cmdt of Cadets, MG Phil Feir '49, give a most informative talk laced with plenty of humor, on the Corps today. Charlie Longanecker, Jim Godwin, Joe Stearns, Tom McDonald and what's his name, the Gen Chmn, represented '32 while 2 of our girls, Gracia Grunert and Pat Zitzman, with Thalia Frentzel (widow of Bill F. '33) did the decorations that afternoon.

Finally, items on 2 classmates plucked from the public domain: Browsing through the city library, noted that Bob Scott is still drawing flight pay from "God is my Co-pilot" which had its 19th printing in 73 just 30 yrs after Bob turned it loose on an expectant world. And in a national TV news broadcast this month, the mayor of Atlanta invited the oil producing Arab countries to invest all their money in his city, citing no less an authority than Lou Truman whose title is something like Exec Dir of Devl for the State of GA. And to think we knew him when gas was 6c a gallon at the commissary pumps.

'33

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"The Class of '33 salutes you!" With those words, and in the full enthusiasm of youth, your then Class Hist, a Plebe named Sparrow, began the Fourth Class History for the 1930 HOWITZER.

The transition from historian in Plebe year to scribe in this more mature era, seems not illogical. It's a chance to pick up the threads of our individual and collective stories. And it's an honor to grasp the baton from Harry King, good soldier and friend to us all, who carried it so long and so well. We owe a lot to Harry and to his spirited helpmate, Gracie. Let's start with news of them.

Harry reports: "On Valentine's Day I was operated on at Georgetown U. Hosp by the



1933: Doleman, Hain, Hallock, Hurlbut, Tubbs. Founders Day 1975.

chief neurosurgeon, Dr. Leussenhop, for a ruptured disc. The vertebrae were pried apart and the disc removed. Now I walk at least 2 miles each day, and there is no pain."

As most of you by now know, our inspired and indefatigable Pres Abe has issued his Mar letter and (thanks to Steve Fuqua) the updated roster. Although some ideas have been offered, suggestions are still solicited for a possible 45th Reunion gift to WP—something more modest than the clock, but which like it could serve to identify our Class in some enduring and meaningful way. To this end Abe has appointed a cmte: Al Welling, Bill Ryan, Steve Fuqua (who though ret. from his post with the AOG remains our Secy), and Bing Downing. Ideas, anybody?

Our Veep, Bill Ely, made a business trip last month to the Middle East. The Saudis and the Iranians, says he, are making stupendous plans for public works: \$70B and \$100B respectively, over the next 5 yrs. New subjects: All of us who knew her were saddened to learn of the death of Helen Ely's mother, Mrs. Mountford (90).

Thanks to the help of some of you (more needed!) Bill Ryan's Class obituary proj moves ahead, though slowly. You'll by now have seen (in the Mar ASSEMBLY): (1) Fred Eldridge's piece (with Ansley's help) on Fran Hill, one of our 3 '33ers to make BG during WWII (and the only one to survive this distinction, the others having been Bill Darby and Jim Dalton); and you'll have seen (2) Ned Gee's equally fine write-up (with Virginia's help) on Dick Blatt, who found (in Benny Havens' words) "a soldier's resting place, beneath a soldier's blow" on Omaha Beach, in Normandy.

Some of us here escaped to warmer climes this winter: the Whipples to Hilton Head (for keeps, we hear); others more temporarily included the Hurlbuts to HI; the Thompsons to Carolina, and to FL the Downings, Gees, Kaiser, Senters, Solomons, Sparrows, Whites. But the Summerfelts swam the other way, up from MS.



1933: Lewis and Jiminez—Caracas, 16 Feb 75.



1933: (L-R): Vonsant, Gretser, Myer and Honeycutt.

Two items, a couple of months apart, tell a poignant story. In the first, Gerry Chapman writes of the trip he and Maxine made to the USSR in Dec: "When we decided to make this trip, we went to the local bookstore for material on Russia. The first thing I found was the book written by Charlie Thayer. The trip was fantastic (though) we were moving all the time. In Moscow we visited the Kremlin, saw the famous circus (all on ice) and the ballet 'Don Quixote.' All in all, a fabulous holiday." Then in Mar came word from Babs Scoville (now Brown) that Maxine had died the day before of a massive coronary, and the burial was to be at WP. Our hearts are with you, Gerry.

From San Ant Billy Harris tells of the visit of a maverick from NM, John Honeycutt, for a violin concert. "On Sunday," says Billy, "I took him to visit our concert master, Corigliano, who brought out his 'Strad,' which John caressed as one might a woman... I've never seen such love for an inanimate object." And there was a Class luncheon with some 15 of us present, together with GEN Tom Handy and MG Don Rattan ('45). Some fine pictures were taken.

Further from Billy comes word that Bill Due managed to have an accident so unique as to be, in the words of the Frenchman with a barren wife, inconceivable... How's that, Bill? bitten by a pair of dentures, did you say? in the foot?

In pursuit of what's happened to un-recently-accounted-for members, Abe Lincoln learned that John Conner (disability disch in Jun 33) was later discharged again from Civil Sv in 50 and died in 64.

Your Scribe and his bride tried the auto-train to FL and found the ride a mix: it's expensive and a rough roadbed; but it saves 2 expressway days, food is good, and you arrive refreshed. In Orlando we had a brief visit with Dwight and Julie Divine in their lakeside home; they prosper and are happy. On a comparable stop in Naples I tried to reach Charlie Pottenger (Charlie, you must have had a teen-ager on the phone). At Merritt Is we were put up with by the pres of the local homeowners assn, Bill Fletter, and his gracious Irm. On our 2d day Bill gave us the full tour of Cape Canaveral, after which we expected to take them to dinner. We returned late from the Cape, dressed hurriedly, emerged from our room—and found to our astonishment the entire local contingent of '33. "Hey, Bert! we hear you're taking us all to dinner... Hey, Bert—Gotcher BankAmericard?"... and there was a hideous moment when I thought they meant it—Charlie Chase, Mo Kaiser and Ryland Breen, the Shinkles, Vidals, Kaessers—the whole thirsty, ravenous bunch. So thanks, you guys and gals, we ain't easy shook! But it's a fine place you have there, and it was great to see you.

From Bill Downing I have an account of

his and Bimbi's similar trip, 15 Feb-15 Mar: "Wonderful weather, much swimming in the Gulf at Bonita Spgs (near Naples). Visited the Sea World just south of Orlando and spent a night there with Ole and Billie Olson. Over martinis Ole told me about the growing number of '33ers in FL, and I asked if they ever got together. On the strength of that we called Kay Kaesser in Cocoa Beach, where we encountered a beehive. It happened to be the day of Founders Day dinner; assembled there were all those named above, plus Fritz and Dottie Hartel. So Ole and I twisted Kay's arm, and he agreed to head up '33 South,' with the objective of getting together now and then, furnishing information on the Floridians, and responding to major Class activities."

Fritz Hartel has been taking Dottie to an eye specialist in Gainesville. The word is, she's doing well.

Item: Johnny Ferris may sell his house in the Bahamas and spend more time in FL.

And finally from this area: On Valentine's Day Herb Plapp's lovely widow Kay married Bill Ellery ('32). We don't consider we've lost you, Kay—we're prepared to accept some '32ers as passable; and Bill is one of them. Best wishes to you both.

From NJ, Jack Lewis writes that he and Lillian took a 16-day Caribbean Cruise on the "Oceanic." They saw Bud and Clo Powell (in San Juan, but considering a move to FL) and were met at La Guaiara (Venezuela) by Jose Jiminez, "where we spent the day with him and his delightful family." More from Jack: "Lillian and Clo Powell have come up with the hopeful idea that we might get a gang of '33 together for a trip—possibly Spain—on a Group Tour plan. Maybe Bing Downing can get things going?"

Bob and Lucy Lee Thompson went to the Carolinas in Feb. "In Myrtle Beach I learned that Dick King had a ruptured appendix and was convalescing. His message to the rabble: 'Come on down and play golf.' Our '33 Red-legs who were at Sill in 37-38 will remember Ken and Betty Jorgensen (USMC, Ret), who hosted us in Swansboro, NC. They send greetings."

Gwinn Porter writes from Twin Falls, ID, "After ret, I worked 6 years for RCA, went back to college, taught math and chem in HS for 7 yrs, and am now back in college, trying for my master's in Physics. It's rewarding, but not lucrative."

From Bobby Tripp: "Spent 2 days at Pebble Beach for the Crosby Golf Tournament. Lillian got a chance to watch celebrities dump their tee shots into the water on the famous 16th at Cypress. We hope to go to HI Space-A before the good old DOD shuts off that fringe benefit also. Charlotte and Stan Lonning are doing well. I get in a game of dominoes with Ed Herb occasionally."

And while we're still on the West Coast, let's pick up Gerry Roberson, who opens with



1933: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

a shot at the Floridians: "Someone wrote of watching missiles being sent aloft from his front porch. He hasn't anything on Carolyn and me—we watch them from our dining room and living room, not to mention our front patio!" (Lompoc, CA) Gerry had a horrendous Jan in which "my angina became suddenly worse, I was air-evacked to Travis, had open heart surgery... with 3 by-passes. Home on 1 Feb, too weak to even write my signature. Carolyn has been wonderful, and I should be all recovered by 1 Jul, the docs tell me." Further, "We hope to see a few '33ers at the Army-Stanford game this fall. Have set up yearly trophy (on my death) for Best French Student, another for Most Improved Soccer Player, at LAGUNA BLANCA Sch in Santa Barbara. I still miss teaching. We hope to go to W. I. next winter..."

From HI, Hurly Hurlbut flings not what you would think, but news and greetings. "[Polly and I]ve been here on snow avoidance projects such as golf, beachcombing, and bikini watching. We're in the same [apartment] building with Barbara and Duncan Hallock, who coaches me in the latter skill." [and since when did you need that kind of coaching, Hurly?] "Carl and Louise Darnell are directly across the Ala Wai (Canal). At Founders Day dinner (Schofield) I joined Duncan Hallock, Bob Hain (the Baron of Haleiwa Beach), Ed Doleman (just back from the Mainland) and Hap Tubbs, for a distinguished Class of '33 Photo." [come now, distinguished?] "Our name cards were handed out by a fine looking young MAJ Don Chapman (USMA '60), George and Helens' son. Bus Evans' son (R.T. III) was listed to be there, but I didn't see him."

More Hurlbutese: "The Queen Elizabeth II came through recently, with among its passengers Mac and Dodie McClelland. Polly and I spent the day with them reminiscing our tours here in 40, after which they took us aboard. Some diggings! Not at all like the old Leonard Wood..."

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A word to my Classmates in closing. We've got a great Class! Hopefully this column can contribute to its continuing vitality. Obviously your Scribe cannot invent news; he must rely on you. Deadlines come up quarterly. Drop me a line, I'll do my best. If for brevity I leave out something you wanted in, let me know and I'll include it next time.

'34

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The first news of 75 is of Dud and Frankie Wilmeths' trip to AZ in Jan. In Scottsdale they reminisced and lunched with John and Sara Lou Hutchison at Trader Vic's. The Hutchisons are kept young and hopping with their 12-year-old son Mike, Dud found Hank Ebel and daughter Shelley operating the Flying Fox Farm near Phoenix, a stable and riding school, where they provide wintering easterners a western way of jogging off the avoidupois. Hank indicated that in his stable "they are all good horses," but suggests that horsey '34ers visiting Phoenix need not leave their mounts behind—he will take care of them at the Flying Fox. Dud and Frankie also visited Dick and Dottie McKee in Sun City. Dick raises watermelons and he and Dottie together put in a 60-hour golfing week. Sun City is reported to be a marvelous resort place. Dud also talked by phone with Shag Shaughnessey in Phoenix, and Lee

Miller, who lives in Flagstaff, before returning to Ft Worth.

Moon and Nancy Northam have announced the engagement of their daughter Sally to Cadet Scott Gillogly, USMA '76. Sally is majoring in psychology at Ladycliff Coll where she is pres of her class. Scott started as Army's defensive back last football season, but was moved to regular quarterback later on. He was elected offensive CPT for next year's Army team.

Pete Ward reports from Hampton Roads area that he and Evelyn are well and plan trip to visit daughter in Alexandria and son in San Diego. Pete and Evelyn now live only 5 blocks from Dave and Helen Routh. He indicated that Helen broke her knee and leg last Labor Day—she is now doing well on crutches. Pete also recently saw Bob Warren and Johnny Diefendorf, who lives in nearby Williamsburg.

The DC/Baltimore contingent held their first Class luncheon of the year on 20 Feb at the A&N Country Club, Arlington, VA. Attending were: Paul Barton, John Cary, Dan Cheston, Gene Corrigan, Merle De Guire, Hal Edson, Tony Hills, Bill Kern, Emory Lewis, Jim O'Hara, Jack Schaefer, Johnnie Stevens, Dan Still, Bob Tyson, and Lou Walsh.

Johnnie Stevens has ret. again, and is enjoying the good life. Bob and Lil Tyson have moved to their new home in the Tidewater area of VA. Their address is: Lucy's Find, White Stone, VA 20578. Dana and Anna Johnston have ret. to Europe. Temporary address is: c/o A. Christ, 208A Route de Ferney, 1218 Grand Sac Annexe, Geneva, Switzerland An.

The WP Soc of DC held their annual ladies night and dinner at the Ft Myer Officers Club in Jan. Attending from our Class were Dan and Betty Anne Cheston (Baltimore), John and Janet Diefendorf (Williamsburg, VA), Hal and Faith Edson, George and Sally Gerhart, Bill and Anne Kern, Jim and Elinore O'Hara, BJ and Farley Richardson (Gibson Is, MD), and Johnnie and Francie Stevens.

A note from Jack White indicates that Craig and Gan Smyser visited him and Patsy in Uvalde in mid-Mar. Part of this visit was a night in Piedras Negras, which was enjoyed by all. The Smysers were returning a visit the Whites made last fall to Dallas, when the Smysers hosted a gathering at the Dallas Cowboy football game. Craig is Sr VP of Forrest and Cotton, a Dallas-based engr firm. Jack is Exec Dir of the Nueces River Authority in Uvalde. Good to hear from you Jack! Hope you will continue to send news of life "down-on-the-border."

The Founders Day dinner sponsored by the WP Soc of DC was attended by the following from '34: George Gerhart, Bill Kern, Emory Lewis, Jim O'Hara, Bert Spivy, Johnnie Stevens, and Lou Walsh. Johnnie Diefendorf wrote that he, Charlie Tank, and Jerry Blair attended the Founders Day affair at Ft Monroe, VA.

Johnnie indicated that Ralph and Ruth Bucknam returned again to Williamsburg to celebrate their wedding anniv. (Ruth and Jack were married in Bruton Parish Church.) There to join in the celebration were daughter and husband, Ruth and Jack Renfroe, Tete and Charlie Brown, and Johnnie and Janet Diefendorf. The Browns and Diefendorfs hosted a cocktail party which was followed by a dinner given by the Bucknams at the Williamsburg Inn. Johnnie also reports seeing Bill and Deede Cunningham at the Naval Wpns Sta last fall. Bill and Deede live in Mathews, VA, about 40 miles from Williamsburg. Johnnie, Pete Ward, and Bob Warren attended a



1935: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

cocktail party in Feb, sponsored by the WP Soc of Hampton Roads, at Langley Field Officers Club. Since then, Bob Warren has been admitted to the MacDonal AH, Ft Eustis, VA, where he is reported to be doing satisfactorily.

Dan and Betty Anne Cheston visited their daughter Sally in Glenview, IL, in Feb and then flew on to HI. A report of their trip follows in Dan's own words: "Our trip to Michener's HI was quite enjoyable. Though Honolulu was crowded and overflowing with the GAP, we thoroughly enjoyed our week's stay there. Played golf with old friends from Colombia, So. Amer., saw most of the 'new' sights in the area—particularly interesting and well explained was our boat trip around Pearl Harbor with its poignant story. Had a most delightful evening with the Harry Lardins, our only reps there. Harry hasn't lost his old gift of blarney. Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island are just as they were nearly 40 yrs ago with the exception of 6 more recent 'eruptions' on the Big Island's Kilauea volcano, and the addition of a number of large hotels on each of the islands. The golf courses were really great, and I played on all the islands."

The input for the next issue of ASSEMBLY should be mailed to reach me by 20 Jun.

'35

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Belated news of a ret. last summer came from Johnny Morgan. He says he really hated leaving Shepherd Coll in WV, but left John Duffy holding the fort there. Johnny and Marty Morgan now live at Apt 247, 6499 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710. They have seen the Murphys, the O'Connors, and the O'Neals there.

Van van Ormer writes that he has ret. from his job at Ft Huachuca as of last Nov but will remain in their home near there (for the golf course?). He and Helen plan in May to visit their younger son Charles, and his bride of last Jun, in Anchorage, AK so they will not be able to make the Reunion, but send their very best regards to all.

Ducky and Dot Farnsworth have moved to



1935: Ruhlen and Clubmates: (L-R) Princeton, Denison, Ohio, West Point, Notre Dame, Navy.

another address in the same city. They built a new home at 715 E. 44th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405.

George Ruhlen reports from San Ant a good turnout at the Founders Day dinner there with Stillman, Russ, Ingram, Hawkins, Wallace, and Gibson also there. He says they



1935: In Manila (L-R): Glass, Consuelo Alger, Phil Glass, and the Schlansers.



1935: Critz speaking at Founders Day 1975, Ft. Sill.

all expect to make the Reunion. George was elected pres of the San Ant lacrosse club and suggests that he may now be one up on Tommy Lang who, at last word, was merely VP of his club in FL!

Jim Alger wrote in Jan from Manila, which he describes as "Boomtowntown in the Pacific." He and Consuelo plan to make the Reunion before going back to their home in ME.

The Class luncheon on 20 Feb at Ft McNair was "coed" with a fine turnout of 40 people including Seep and Jo Bassitt and Russ Smith down from PA, and Mac and Katy Peeke visiting from their home in Ireland.

Bud and Hettie Pickard went out to San Diego for the wedding on 22 Mar of their son, John G. Pickard III, to Miss Diana Schumacher. Bud was best man. After getting his degree in engr and a reserve comm at VPI and doing a few years of active duty in the CE including VN, John returned to civ life and now works for his uncle, John G. II, in the real estate and construction business in the San Diego area. The happy couple reside in Mission Valley, a suburb.

Hugh and Marge Extons' son, Christopher Schuyler Exton, will marry Miss Barbara Louise Krahl of Branford, CT on 2 Aug. Chris has a BS from Tufts and an MS from RPI.

By the time you read this our 40th Reunion will be history, but as this goes to press Bill Chapman has 186 people on the slate to attend.

'36

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The cover of the last issue of this magazine bore positive and tangible evidence to the esteem that all graduates held for our fallen leader. Therefore with far more than sorrow, we sense with pride our connection with this great man and the great Class of '36. I trust we shall never doubt our individual responsibility (man and woman) to remember our having shared with such men as Abe.

I believe in years long past I dreaded coming so far as scribe that I'd have to face reporting on the fulfillments in life: yet on 5 Feb the beautiful, talented, educated daughter, Carole, of Bob and Caye Curran yielded

to a lifetime sickness in Bradenton, FL. Too soon thereafter, 8 Mar, Nan Daly left us from what seems "unreasonable cause." To these dearly loved by the Class nothing less is to their honor, their memory, than the words from page 277 of our Cadet Bible, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy iv: 7).

Before leaving for Europe in Jan, Austin wrote that he had secured the Harriman Traveler Lodge for the Class for the 40th Reunion—this is same place we liked and used at 35th. Eddie Beggs wrote that he's still with Brevard Coll, but he has up until recently been using a cane due to old age disabilities. He also brags about 3 beautiful daughters and 3 blue-eyed grandchildren: and there's nothing better to brag about! A very warm letter came from Sally Beard thanking the Class for their sympathy at the loss of Skip; relating his great admiration for '36; and the unexpectedness of his departure. Easter-spring coll break gave the "old" Gages the opportunity of taking some of their youngest (2) on the "around FL" junket. In consequence, checked in at Miami and found Nadine Kingman re-situated in a condo (same postal address, however) and having a marvelous celebration with son, cadet Ralph, who flew down from the Point for the holidays (the Corps HAS gone to H.). Rickenbaugh was enthusiastic on the phone, altho claiming some minor infirmities, and told me that he had given up teaching about a year ago. He said he married a young lady, name of Arlene, about 10 years ago. (You see how inadequate at news-gathering your scribe is!) Carl also has a son at FSU. When we reached St. Pete, we talked to Adele and Herb Cady who profess ret-sedentary ways—mainly because of Herb's difficulty in maneuvering without "medical attachments." I entreated him, however, to attempt a Class reunion in 76. (This applies as well to all living members!) Engaged in conversation also with Currans who sounded unusually well composed after the above related and recent loss. Orville Stokes was another LD conversationalist. He and his son are still living together and doing well. Orville still appears to have a self-disciplined itinerary to visit relatives

and provide the world's greatest commodity—affection. On 26 Jan a chain reaction transpired where Fergusson called Carmichael, who in turn called Gage. I strove hard to elicit a commitment of attendance at our 40th from RHC, employing all the blandishments I've absorbed since becoming a drummer for "legacies at death." Lucy Chiles wrote concerning the end of Xmas being about the beginning of Mar; house guests, etc. She also said visits with the Partridges reminded her that "Bob still has that same old built-in (eye) twinkle." She added that they were "pleasantly amazed" by Bill Connor's appearance. Rod Drake wrote concerning the great interest shown by the Class when Helen left us last Dec. Willie Hendrickson was on an emergency trip to FL in Jan but had time to gossip a little from the airport on his way home. Jim Landrum wrote from the hula State but received my reprimand for providing a paucity of news. Received a card from Bruce Palmer in DC regarding various matters; I called his home in Tampa when down there but got no reply. Perhaps Kay and Bruce have moved up to their old DC home? Liz and I had a splendid weekend in early Mar visiting the Charlestonian classmates. We were together 2 days and Turnages, Connors, Lamperts, Westmorelands, Roy McCarthy had a great time. The days of my successful picture taking seem to be pau. Anyway Jim presented the latest DC chapter and WP's gift ideas appropriate for us on our 40th Reunion. Bill Connor may already have advised you of the Class Officers' decision and recommendations; but if not—the Class will attempt to have a mural painted in the new Eisenhower cadet center. The picture is to be of the soldiers our Class commanded in 3 wars. Hopefully, a well known artist may be attracted to our project. Contemplation is that the mural will be prominently located and will be in memory of our fallen Classmates. Westy was toying with an inscription attesting that the Class had been leaders of soldiers in larger numbers and for longer periods than perhaps any other class. I also learned that Eisenhower Hall already has a portrait by Tom Stevens of Eisenhower which was donated by Howie Snyder and his brother. Howie also stated that a large Bavarian landscape, formerly



1936: From Turnage's camera: Fronnie, Liz, Turnage, Betty, Kitsy, Westy, Connor, McCarthy, Gerrie, Lampert.

owned by their father, was donated. It seems important to state that both Bill Connor and Westy looked exceptionally well, especially when I had some reservations about the speed with which Westy might recover. As these notes were being completed Bob Ferguson called again and talked a good while from CA. Principal discussion was concerning Westy and Jack Daly's recent ordeals. Jane Kelly called and is planning a small supper party in early Apr; Jack is now not working at anything for the first time ever.

'37

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Most of you have received an up-date from the cmte on progress of the Memorial for our 40th Reunion—but a short summary for any who missed: the cmte has tentatively selected a project—Flirtation Walk Memorial Bench—as the best of several possible projects, considering funds, timing, suitability and various other factors. The cmte, as stated in their up-date letter, is anxious to get a quick response from classmates. Fred Diercks is the direct honcho of the project and needs your comments and/or concurrence to be able to move out as soon as possible. The cmte reports the project fund past \$10,000 and the target amount of \$25-30,000 in sight. So, a reminder and a plea to get your response to Gus Prentiss pronto!

The first return in from Founders Day was from the DC area. Wil Wilhoyt was there and reported Fred Diercks, John Frazier, Bill Hipps, Kelley Lemman, Lee Martin, Gus Prentiss, Don Shive, Frank Taylor, Finn Unger and Bud Zehner also present. All sat together at the Class table except for Finn who, as First VP, sat at the head table.

Speaking of Wil Wilhoyt, he and Dolly put one foot in your Scribe's local bailiwick recently when their daughter Mary Ellis became engaged to the son, William D. Jenkins, of one of the old-time families in the area. The wedding is planned for 24 May here in Montross. Your Scribe and Ginny saw Dolly briefly when she was in the area with the groom's mother.



1937: La Flamme, and the Reaves—Founders Day, St. Petersburg.



1937: Underwood (left) and Scherrer.

Founders Day dinner at St. Petersburg Beach of 13 Mar 75 was attended by Kelsie and Mary Lou Reaves, Jack and Lee Van Vliet, Ernie La Flamme and Kate and Stu O'Malley. O'Malley reports '37 looked fine and is still a winner!

Beaver Stevenson sent Gus Prentiss a contribution to the Memorial Fund and along with it a note saying he expects to be in the DC Area in May and wants a golf date with Bill Hipps—Beaver claims to get hot once in a while! Also he keeps the latchstring out down there in Augusta, GA for Classmates: he only pulls it in during the Masters. (At least the golfers will understand that precaution?)

Nobby Suriya is now a ret. Air Marshal (LTG) of the Royal Thai AF taking it easy in his homeland because his physical health is not too good. He would like to make it to our 40th Reunion but doubts he will be able to—still trying though.

Randy Hines reports he and Marge took a Xmas holiday trip to CO for their youngest daughter's wedding, also squeezed in some skiing. They saw the Battle Barksdales and Jack Donohews on the way back home and had dinner and an evening with them—all carrying their years well. It is assumed that goes for Randy and Marge too, since they're still skiing! (Makes me feel decrepit.) Randy says Perry Eubank, living in Summerville, SC is the only other Classmate in the area.

Ham Fish is still teaching at St. Mary's Coll in Raleigh, NC and plans to continue as long as the spirit continues to move him. Ham's and Mildred's 3 sons are scattered from Munich to U. of IL to Alameda Naval Air Sta—none of them sound close to Raleigh! Ham sends his regards, along with a contribution, via Gus Prentiss, to Classmates.

Jim Norvell send a rather plaintive, lonesome note from Lawton, OK that since Emmet and Pudge Burton moved to San Ant about 2 yrs ago, he and Betty are the only '37ers left in Lawton. However, they were expecting Ed and Dot Ingmire for a visit on Founders Day, 20 Mar.

Just in the nick of time, a postcard from Howie and Peg Smalley dated 22 Mar at Sidney, Australia. They report Australia great,

but not that great, and very expensive. On their way through HI they saw Bill and Anne Chase who took them around Oahu, winding up for dinner at Kimoo Farms (takes me back about 37 yrs ago!) Howie and Peg leave Australia 25 Mar for Japan and then home via Pan Am or, hopefully, space A, arriving about mid-May. They may need passports to get back in!

This picture of Bud Underwood and Pony Scherrer was passed to your Scribe by a usually reliable source at Hilton Head Is where both of them are recuperating from knee surgery. At least Bud knows the picture will appear. They are both walking rather gingerly but expect to be fully operational again in a short time. Your Scribe and Ginny ran into Bud and Heistand Underwood, Pony and Joyce Scherrer, Bert and Betty Connor, and Harry and Molly Wilson at a polo game while visiting Hilton Head in early Mar. Bert and Betty were manning the hot-dog stand for the benefit of the Heart Fund—Bert being chmn of this year's campaign. Pony is the pappy of the island polo club, having thought it up and honchoed it to a status of respectability (although no competition yet for the Heritage Golf Tournament which, at the moment of writing, Jack Nicklaus is apparently running away with). (Ed. note: preceding is lousy English.) Harry and Molly Wilson are renting next door to the Connors while Harry serves as resident pro for polo. When Harry has his hat on to cover a few grey hairs, he still looks like he'd be comfortable in his old cadet uniform and does better than most of the young squirts at playing polo! Scribe and Ginny were pleased to drop by the Underwoods after the game and see their beautiful new home.

Your Scribe promised his secy (spouse) that this would be a short one so—'nough said!

'38

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A couple of issues back we had a column with predominate "love and marriage" theme, featuring, naturally enough, the younger generation, but including Richard and Rosalie (Folda) Valentine, who are now wintering in St. Pete, FL. Last Dec, being hard pressed for material to fill a column, I accosted former Scribe Ken Skaer who tipped me on the J.B. Coleman trip. Guess Ken didn't want the Scribe to be caught short again, so in mid-Jan he and Helen Cherbonnier were married in DC. Like the Valentines they decided to winter in FL, but in Cocoa, on the E. Coast. After Apr they will be at home at 2801 New Mexico Ave, NW, Colonnade PGH in DC 20007. This will make them the first DC residents in the Class in recent memory.

Fortuitously, John and Alice Damons' dinner party at ANCC for St. Valentine's Day on 15 Feb served as a welcome for the Skaers. This stabilized locale and the outstanding facilities of the ANCC have greatly improved attendance at these affairs. Next scheduled hosts are the Kopsaks. The grand total of 44 included April Adams, Collinses, Conells, Hannums, Harringtons, Harrison, Johnsons, Kaspers, Kopsaks, Kelseys, Lahtis, Lemons, Lewises, Mrazeks, Missals, Bill Smith, By Stout, Thomases, Ralph and Barbara Praeger with mother (Mrs. Verda Hufford). By another coincidence we shared a room with the Annapolis Class of '38, renewing a tradition of joint parties from some years back.



1938: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

A month later on 13 Mar at the P-gon our lunch was attended by Beverley, Bixby, Corbett, Collins, DuPuy, Harrington, Hulse, Izenour, Lotz, Lemon, Norris, Praeger, Taylor, Thomas and Walson. In the medical scene, Ed Lahti returned from a long absence due to a blood infection and Senator Norris from the 2d fracture of the left femur. Joe Conell had to drop out at the lunch due to recurrent trouble with one of his "Arthur Godfrey" hips.

Bill Smith, who since 68 has been head of siltation control in the Fairfax County, VA Dept. of Environmental Control, has achieved considerable recognition in keeping the streams of Northern VA flowing into the Potomac from Lake Barcroft to Four Mile Run. He has authored handbooks for Fairfax County and the State of VA on erosion-siltation control. For these activities he has been honored by a Community Service Award from the American Soc of Civil Engrs. Bill has also acquired another distinction, with considerably less effort—daughter Betty Jean and son-in-law Richard Jahnke have made him and Lorraine grandparents of 2 girls, Laura and Ellen Jahnke, on 16 Jan 75. So much for the transition of love and romance from the older to younger generation.

Now to delve in more ancient history, Geo. Bixby and I have received letters from LTC David P. Perrine, USMA '57, regarding descendants and other relatives of the late Geo. Abert, particularly Marge and Geo. II.

COL Perrine's letter is quoted completely: "I am conducting research into the lives of old Army officers who served in the 6th Cav Regt following the Civil War. Part of this research entails contacting the descendants of these officers in hopes of obtaining photographs and any written data which might be in the possession of the descendants. One of the officers in question, CPT William Stretch Abert, who died in 1867, served in the regt. One of his descendants was a classmate of yours, COL Geo. Connell Abert. I understand he is now dead. My purpose in writing you is, if possible, to obtain the names and addresses of his survivors so that I might write them seeking the data I need for my research. Your assistance in this matter would be most helpful and sincerely appreciated." Signed, David P. Perrine.

Please forward any pertinent information directly to: LTC David P. Perrine, 5728 NW 82d St, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Besides Bill Smith, other Engrs seem to have no trouble keeping gainfully employed. Desloge Brown is in an active area with the Federal Power Comm and Bottle Kasper is helping Bechtel Corp in the design of the DC Metro subway. Trevor DuPuy has engaged Bill Corbett and John Damon in a new enterprise involving the collection, indexing, and referencing of def info for monthly and annual publication. Bottle's old cohort with Bechtel at BART, Hal Kelley, moved west to HI when Bottle came East. Hal must be working hard enough for Bechtel to have adversely affected his golf game, which now seems suitable for Cas Connor when entertaining bank customers on the course. More about this from Nev Howell later.

Jim Taylor reports that 111 classmates have donated \$14,026 for the Class gift. Apparently stained glass windows for the mess hall have fallen into disfavor and the latest idea is to furnish 2 rooms in the 1st division in the historic manner of Lee, Grant, & Pershing (although Jim says Eisenhower). He also favors teaming with another class if our means are inadequate. Nev Howell's and Hal Kelley's golf tournament enterprise holds promise of improving our funding. A report on this venture provided by Nev is reproduced below. My comment on Hal's and Jack Ryan's B-ache on GENs' "gimmies" is that

Arp Kopsak, who was much more successful, plays frequently with Tess, who is much too dedicated and competitive to use that word. Nev has promised to provide reports from Jalisco on future events of this series.

MYSTERY INTERVIEWER TELLS ALL
Mystery Interviewer: Mr. Kelley, I understand...

Kelley: That's General Kelley, sonny.

MI: Well, anyway, I hear the great golf tournament is finally over. Would you say you had a great day?

K: A good day, perhaps, but not exactly a great one.

MI: I hear that only about 35 classmates played. How many did you beat?

K: I will say that I was very disappointed in the number of players.

MI: How many did you beat?

K: I played under adverse conditions. Ben Sternberg isn't the most...

MI: How many did you beat?

K: Well, actually nobody. However Ben Sternberg...

MI: NOBODY!! There must be some terrible reason.

K: There certainly was, sonny. You may remember that my dear old revered roommate, Nevin Howell, who dreamed up this entire bit of foolishness, included the ridiculous requirement to putt out every hole. If I had to put my finger on one specific thing...

MI: How would that be, sir?

K: Well, you must not be very well acquainted with service traditions. Here I am, a very brilliant and reasonably senior officer. Traditionally your putt gimmie's are in direct proportion to your brilliance and seniority. It's always been like that.

MI: But it seems only fair that...

K: Fairness has nothing to do with it. As a very brilliant and reasonably senior officer I haven't actually holed out a putt in 10 yrs.

MI: That must have been a strain. Did this affect anyone else?

K: Well, the best example of the "gimme" syndrome is old Jack Ryan.

MI: How so?

K: Jack Ryan is a very senior and reasonably brilliant officer as you know. I doubt if he even carried a putter in his bag.

MI: How did Mr. Ryan score?

K: He played over his head. Masterful play.

MI: Took you handily, I gather.

K: No. Actually we tied for last place. Small rewards are still sweet.

MI: On another subject, sir. Didn't you ad-



1938: Beck, Kelly and Sternberg, Founders Day 1975.



1938: Stilwell, Oldest Grad, Founders Day 1975.

vertise that you and your kindly old regimental staff would fund the prizes?

K: Yes, we had planned to.

MI: May I suggest that your less-than-brilliant play might cost your revered roommate his shirt.

K: Unfortunately, sonny, his shirt, socks, and jockey shorts.

MI: Have you noticed any difference in his attitude toward you since the results have become known?

K: His letters have become a trifle cool, lately, perhaps.

MI: How so?

K: He used to start them with a warm, "Dear Old Revered Roommate."

MI: And now?

K: And now they come in addressed, "Dear Occupant."

MI: How, sir, do you intend to, shall we say, pay off?

K: Very carefully, sonny. Very carefully.

MI: You have a plan?

K: I'm depending on my revered, poverty-stricken—but brilliant—old roommate to get us off the hook somehow.

MI: The plan, sir.

K: Well, we'll give the silver prizes of great value as advertised. . . .

MI: How great, sir?

K: Just leave it a "great." It's a relative thing. Anyway, due to some minor golfing oversights in my game I am going to make the Class an offer it can't refuse.

MI: And that would be?

K: I am donating to the Class a magnificent trophy—about 3 ft tall—to encourage further play. As a matter of fact I intend to win it myself.

MI: A capital idea.

K: Don't use that word, sonny. I visualize further play—with an heroic presentation at the 40th Reunion. Details will follow.

MI: You're all heart, sir.

K: Thanks, sonny. That's all I have left.

AND HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF HAROLD KILLIAN KELLEY 1794:

(The playing classmate is underlined. His outriders follow. Those classmates not electing a sponsor were assigned the next player on the roster provided.) Kopesak (Mrazek) (Eaton)—66; Kuhn (Frederick)—67; Michelet—68; York (G. Coleman) (Weissinger)—69; Browning—69; Howell (Dapprich) (Strand) (Norris)—69; Vail (Langford)—71; Finn (Elmore) (Demitz)—73; Bromiley—75; J.B. Coleman (Sherrard)—75; Kieffer (Preuss)—76; Polhamus—77; Sawyer—77; McHaney—77; Sundloff (Hutchin) (Murray)—78; Harvey—79; Ryan—79; Sternberg (Machen) (Pattison)—79; Brown (with Kelley)—79; HAROLD KILLIAN KELLEY—79.

Addresses of interest: Harold K. Kelley, 469 Ena Road, Honolulu, HI, Apt. 1907; Nevin Howell, Aptdo 91, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

The thrust of possible future play will be on the lines of 3 scores (cumulative) with the final round being played (by those present) on the course at WP—if Amick can reserve it. The thought has merit. Let us hear. . .



1939: Carpenter, Pres, The Retired Officers Association (TROA).

'39

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Happy to announce that in Feb Frank Iseman added a new member to the Class—distaff side. Those who attended the 35th Reunion will remember the new bride as she came to WP, saw us on our (?) behavior and still decided to join. Welcome to the Class Alma and congratulations Frank.

Andy Goodpaster has signed up with the Woodrow Wilson Intl Cen (in the old castle of the Smithsonian) and remains here in DC. Tom and Cynthia Dolvin are house hunting in the area. Tom completed his asgmt in Japan 31 Jan and ret. in Feb. We are pleased these 4 have joined the DC group. When Mike Davison ret. this Jun we'll have only 2 classmates in uniform. Dutch Kerwin putting in long hours as VCS, and Jim Collins, recalled to active duty, still hasn't learned what ret. means.



1939: Dolvin

John Carpenter was elected Pres of the Ret. Officers Assoc in Feb. John, who ran Culver Mil Acad for 4 years after he ret. from the AF, moved to Montgomery, AL last fall and is also Pres of Carpenter Assoc management consultant firm. Upon taking office as Pres of ROA, John vowed a vigorous campaign to counter attacks on mil strength and to oppose all proposals that would reduce mil earned rights and entitlements. To keep up with retiree benefits, changes and proposed changes, I recommend membership in TROA with its informative monthly magazine and question and answer dept.

Bill McCaffrey's major surgery in Jan turned out well and he is back and going full steam ahead with his job at the AUSA. Fortunately Founders Day brought forth some welcomed mail. Dick White, outgoing Pres of the WP Soc of HI, said that he and Liv Taylor were the only '39ers present at the celebration in Schofield Bks, Conspicuous by their absence were Boylan, Fitzgerald, Glenn, Jacoby, Jordan, and McFarland. I hadn't realized we had so many beachboy classmates; however, a recent TV special indicated that Hawaiian girl-watching is tops. From a Mar 75 Washington Post: "The completion of a 200 unit



1939: Davison

highrise at Ft DeRussy marks the end of an era. . . . Oh yes, Dick White has recovered from that heart attack that cramped his style last fall. From Atlanta, Clyde Sutton reports that Founders Day at Ft McPherson featured an address by the Cmdt of Cadets, Philip Feir '49. '39ers present were Bob & Helen Schellman, Bill & Virginia Stubbs, new bride and bridegroom Frank & Alma Iseman and Clyde & Ginny Sutton. This Mar the Atlanta Journal carried a feature article on Clyde and his war on litter. The article points out that in addition to his full time job with the Atlanta Court, Clyde annually spends an average of 2 hours each day picking up and disposing of over 10 tons of trash from the sides of streets and roads in Atlanta. Clyde was quoted, "It helps the environment and exercises a bad back." Walt Higgins reported from Hilton Head-Savannah area that Dave and Betsy Goodwin were very active in arranging the Founders Day dinner at Hunter in Savannah. Those attending were the Goodwins, Bob Williams, Vic Johnsons and Ginny Batson from Savannah; Van Harlingens from Beaufort; Ed Smiths, Ken Collins and Walt Higgins from Hilton Head. GEN Barksdale



1939: Hanchin

Hamlett gave the principal address. A group of active duty personnel from Ft Stewart-Hunter added real life to the nostalgia of the larger number of retirees. Frankie Joe and Lydia Kobes have settled in their new home on Lady's Island. The Van Harlingens have relocated to Beafort where Frank Mildren is busy developing plans for a Bicentennial celebration. Jim Keller is getting set to build on his lot and will fill out a Sea Pines foursome. Jim will now be able to use Jim Muir, the local Mr. Fix It, to help with house maintenance. Matt and Eleanor Bristol were due in Apr for their annual golf visit.

A sad note from Jim Carvey saying that Florence died of cancer 14 Oct 74. Jim says he feels isolated from classmates but will continue to live at 3204 41st St, Lubbock, TX 79413. "I have 2 beagles, 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren to keep me busy." Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Jim and his family in their bereavement.

In Mar Ed and Grace Hamilton put together a bang-up cocktail-dinner dance at Arling-



1939: Taylor, and White—Founders Day 1975.

ton Hall Sta. In attendance: Allens, Baileys, Bannings, Chapmans, Dick Curtins, Tom Davis, Dawleys, Bunch Duke, Goodpasters, Hamiltons, PJ Longs, McCaffreys, Jack Meyers, Parsons, Simons and Wickbolts. Carl Buechner who usually comes up for this affair had to cancel. He is working on his MPA at Rollins and will probably continue to plug away until he becomes a CPA. Carl reports thoroughly enjoying academic life.

In a letter to PJ Long, George Jumper says he and Anita are well and busy as can be, George with Aerojet Liquid Rocket and Anita with the Assn for Retarded Children. Son Mike a MAJ at W-P; daughter Anne married and in Santa Rosa; Eric a CPT at Kirtland; Geof, Class of '76 USAFA; and Mary Ellen at home. George has 5 grandchildren.

Tommy Thomason and Nerine, entertained royally in Jim and Fran Shepherds' lovely Williamsburg, VA home, report that Jim looks well, prosperous and is very optimistic about the building business! Danny Minahan dropped into DC for the Natl Safety Conf. He said Bob and Marguerite Ploger are well and enjoying Ann Arbor. Perry Hoisington on his way through DC said that while in CA last fall he talked with Bob Greer, the Pres of the B1 Div of Rockwell Intl (office at L.A. Intl Airport). Bob was in the middle of the B1 taxi tests just before its first successful flight. Our Class is honored to have Bob in such an important position in this major project. Perry stopped off in Omaha and spent the night with Jim and Mary Emma Knapp in the grand home they designed and built in Belleview.

I don't believe that this column has reported that George Pickett became head of the AF Comm and Elect Assoc after he ret. He and Jane are happy to have their son, a MAJ, working here in DC with OSD. Bill Smith has taken on a new job as head of the Natl Licensed Beverage Assn. It must be pretty interesting. Twice when I called to find out what goes on he was in Las Vegas "arranging a meeting."

'40

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This "Slough of Despond" happens to me every 5 yrs. How can I tell you about the 35th Reunion when it has not happened at the time of this writing? Nor can I encourage you to come to the 35th Reunion because when you read this, the reunion will be over!

So this can only be a tid-bit or finger-food time. The Hamelins, Helen and Ham, take a Caribbean vacation again where they visit their home on Monseratt and then head back to Kenya only to move down to a resort on the Indian Ocean where Ham will be resident mgr of a luxury hotel. Classmates welcome as clients and/or busboys. I'll know address when Ham tells me.

Marie and Gerhard Brown running a doll emporium—address: Box Q, Dundee, FL. Mary Yuell in Bonn, but back 1 May. Stuart Woodward back from Mexico, and Florence Roberts back from visiting her daughters in AK. Gillem's got a new address, but he keeps forgetting it because the street number has 4 digits. For you with sharpened pencils, the address is: 2408 Belcher Dr, Montgomery, AL.

I was in Mexico City for a swimming meet and did not make Founders Day at USMA. However, Sam Goodwin was present and voting at Albuquerque when Brown '41



1940: Marsh and Strauss (F); Simpson, Wohner and Lemley (R).

(CJCS) gave a talk and reports on classmates as follows:

Jerry Addington is a high school math teacher whose subtle good humor must make Pythagoras attractive. J.A. (Obie) O'Brien is a real estate broker who could probably sell an adobe hut to rain-soaked Floridians with his ready grin and quick tongue. C.L. (Carey) O'Bryan is the Div of Business, Economics and Urban Studies dir for the U. of Albuquerque, a school that expands by several thousand dollars each inch of Carey's waistline. "P.J." Moore—completely ret. (he says) sometimes charming, sometimes taciturn, and always inquisitive. "Sam" Goodwin—gentleman rancher—"nuf sed?" Absent, but known to be in the area, are: Ralph (Babe) Rogers, an admin for the U. of NM Med Sch, and "J.J." Wilderman, last known occupation—teaching.

The Class of '40 takes time out to congratulate the winner of the 75 Ben Castle Award—MAJ James F.C. Hyde, Class of '42. This award is made yearly by the WP Soc of



1940: Panama Canal Governor and Mrs. Parker at retirement.



1940: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

DC. The winner was announced by Finn Unger, Class of '37.

Two graduates this year from USMA were honored by the Class who attended the 35th Reunion. We now have a 2LT Dyke (50 files higher than Kerm) and 2LT Beaudry. Both received the classic pewter mug done up so well by the AOG. And since we are slinging bouquets, many thanks to Vince Julian of WP who has been engraving our stuff for classmates' sons for lo these many years.

Ed Black out of Thailand then to DC and now back to Honolulu where he intends to stay unless he hears another fire bell. Bill Kintner also leaving Thailand as ambassador and coming back to the U.S. Dave Parker ret. as Gov of the Panama Canal, a position he has held for 4 yrs.

The Class is indebted to Wilson, Triflette, and Kympton. All young grads stationed at USMA and assigned to us as aides for the Reunion.

A sad note from NM tells of the death of Jim Moore on 19 Mar. He was buried at Ft Bliss on 23 Mar.

At the time of this writing, 30 Mar, some classmates have already responded to this year's \$40.00 donation to our 6-yr plan of \$40.00 per year, ending with our 40th Reunion in 1980. Then we will have had time to pursue the subject and the money will be held in the name of "Class of 1940" as you donate it. You will receive an acknowledgment as your gift comes in, should you need it for tax purposes.

In Sept I will have a report on the Reunion for you. Now I am writing in a vacuum.

'41

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With all the purveyors of orchestrated gloom these days, I hate to signal a possible complicity by opening with a melancholy note, but I must report the facts, and the fact is that 75 marks a significant milepost as we ride into the sunset. The portal through which we start to pass this year is marked: Sexagenarian! Gad!!!

The one good thing about seniority is that antiques become more important to us, and the nostalgic pics have received a surprisingly warm welcome. Hence the enclosed variation. So dig through your files like Bob Kramer did and shoot me pictures like the Clark AFB reunion of 45. And incidentally, I found the annotated copy of Beanie's War College shot so I can peg any guy on those steps for you.

GUESS HOW MANY MEMBERS OF '41 SUBSCRIBE TO ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS?

The CO Chapter is delighted to announce

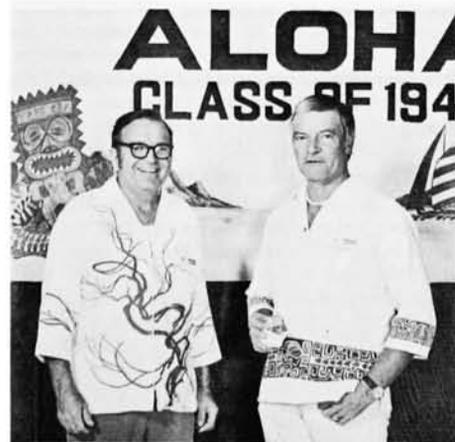
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new membership. Tom and Jean Corbin bought a house and will settle in this summer. Their youngest daughter, Beth, was out for her spring break and incidentally to give me a ski lesson. She will marry Bill Ralston in Atlanta 7 Jun so Tom and Jean will journey East for the wedding, round up their furniture and be back in time to escape the summer heat. New address: 82 Raven Hills Court, Colo Spgs, CO 80919. Bill, 2LT, Inf, reports to Ft Ord this month.

Another Founders Day is in the record books and again the majority of reports coming in from the CAC's (Class Area Cmdrs) fault the planners for bowing to mil expediency and omitting the ladies. Bob Kramer, in contrast, reported the Atlanta Chapter mounted an excellent party, brightened by the gals who love our Alma Mater as much as we do: Pappy & Fran Callaway, Buck & Pat Brinson, Rog & Connie Lawson, Steve & Evelyn Kosiorek and Bob & Jo Kramer. Joe Meyers said the Tacoma stag was "so-so" with he and Win Curley the only participants. Joe plans to journey to Gonzaga for Pat's graduation in May and have a toddy with Prof George Adjemian. He also hopes to see another teacher, Bill Hoge, en route—he is at Wash State, Pullman.

In DC, George Brown gave ... a hell of a good talk, without fear of clandestine tape recorders," according to Curt Chapman. But in spite of the 60 plus classmates in the DC area, only 9 answered the stag muster: Deane, Tanous, Kisiel, Buttery, MJL Greene, Woolwine, and DC's newest returnee, Jim Sykes, who is happily employed with the Gass Assn. In San Ant, the stag was attended by Detwiler, Barney, Miller, and Marsh. The Com gave a very good talk on the "Corps in the mid 70's." In San Fran our gang put together a happy variation on the stag theme. Since the budget cutters decided to omit the ladies, Audrey Tarbox invited them to her home for what Muriel Christensen described as a "delightful dinner." Meantime the boys, Elder, Mullane, Hewitt and Christensen rallied to hear an "excellent" talk by Coach Smith. Highlight of the evening was a well planned and executed pickup at Letterman of a patient, Babe Hendrickson, who managed a pass to join his classmates at the Mason Club.

Babe had written me to say that he had a melanoma removed from his back in Mar. The report from the pathologist is "all clear," so things are looking great, and feeling great except for the place on his thigh where they borrowed new skin. Babe reports that Christensen, Thompson, Harrison and Hewitt dropped in from their monthly luncheon and



1941: Delaney and Seneff—Founders Day 1975.



1941: The Edgers—Founders Day 1975.

that Audry Tarbox activated the delivery of a beautiful azalia bush signed by all of the above plus Tuttle, Tyndall, Mullane, McElroy and Elder. "May I wish bon health to Tom Corbin, Mike Aliotta, Bill Vaughan and John Easton. As we approach the sixtyish years let's cherish and promote good health so we can enjoy our camaraderie together every 5 yrs. LET'S ENRICH IN 76!"

I am happy to report that a cheery phone call from Jack C just informed me that the Babe had been discharged and all looked good. Jack is in the throes of organizing a grand pre-reunion-reunion on 6 Jun at the Presidio; had just heard from Bill Gurnee who debriefed him on a recent trip to DC; and promised on the holy water to be in Colo Spgs in Aug. We told him if he didn't bring Muriel he would be in deep trouble at both ends of the line.

Had a long chat with soon-to-be-unemployed, Curt Chapman. He plans about 2 more years in DC until Bruce graduates, then to head for Terry's home town, Colo Spgs. He and Walt Woolwine both ret. on 31 Mar. This leaves only 7 '41ers on AD: GS Brown, J. Norton, Gribble, Rowny, Huffman, HF Foster, and Schilling. Do you know of any other profession which dumps 98% of its members before age 60? New addresses: Chapman—7607 Gifford Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310; Woolwine—1400 Key Dr, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Mike Greene sent the sad news that Dorothy Murray died on 27 Feb and was buried at WP on 3 Mar. Chuck and Martha Schilling, Tom Cleary and Mike were at the svcs. Jack can be reached at: 125 Devereux Dr, Athens, GA 30601. Mike also reported that Jess Unger died in early Mar after a long illness. He was buried at WP on 7 Mar with the Schillings plus John and Laura Richards present. Marguerite can be reached, according to my best address, at Rt 2, Bx 113-A, Lovettsville, VA 22080.

Mike also reported good progress in planning for the 35th. Also recent DC visitors include Mal and Alma Troup and Les McKinley.

Joe Knowlton wrote to ask me to give some help to a young ski instr who is the son of a friend living in Switzerland. This correspondence revealed the happy news that he and Betty plan a visit to CO this fall; "Going to Founders Day dinner this Sat with Horace Browns and Ted deSaussures, near



1941: Who never did learn how to carry his rifle? First correct answer will receive an autographed copy of the 1937 Blue Book.

Asheville. Tom Corbin joined us at the Founders Day dinner at Ft Carson where Lou Clay (ex '41 gave a good talk)—Dave Gauvreau, Ben Spiller, and your scribe welcomed Tom and resolved to have the ladies present for 76. In FL, Dick and Peggy Scott missed the Founders Day because Peggy's mother passed away in KY. Peggy said that Jim Sykes' boat (yacht) is still tied up at their dock, that they are expecting a visit from the Chapmans, and that they will visit CO "this year." Peggy had just talked to Karna Gleason who reported, "Bill is holding his own really well and both of us want to thank

all the classmates who have rallied around us so beautifully."

On 1 Mar, George and Skip Brown were at the Academy for an official function. However, they managed a dinner to which the Corbins and Andruses were invited. They both looked great, as usual. Mal and Alma Troup just got back from their winter safari which included stops with the Uptons, Woolwines, and Larry Greenes. Last stop was to visit son Steve, who has just enlisted in the Army and doing great at Ft Sam. Mal says you wouldn't believe the way the modern soldier lives—even cadets don't have it better. Their older son, Brian, has a French Antique Gun collection that would make your mouth water!

Having come home from Suisse with a Tyrolian hat and gemsbart that was beginning to wear, I wrote Herr Vaughan for advice. While doing a fabulous job of fielding the long fly ball to center field, Will modestly admitted that he and Nancy won the 2d highest award at the Ski Sch at Kitzbuhl. Jim Cox and Sara were in New Orleans for Mardi-Gras and ran smack dab into 2 other M Co. files: Grace and Clendenning "... both with their charming better-halves." Jim admired the Kramer pix taken at Clark AFB and wanted to find a copy.

Floyd Cofer wrote to ask for an address. It was great to hear from him after all this time—he sounded great!

And Kay and I have been selected from below the zone for promotion to grandparents in Oct—let's keep that sex in sexagenarian!!!

ANSWER: 191 out of 334 = 57%

'42

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Once again I write to you from the prone position, having been back at Walter Reed for surgery on my Dec surgery. Future medical bulletins may be expected quarterly. My roommate is having second thoughts about that "in sickness and in health" pledge!

The biggest disappointment was missing the local Founders Day dinner because James F.C. Hyde ("Doc" would be demeaning) was presented with the DC Society's Ben Castle Award, its highest. Isn't that the greatest! And how appropriate. John Sheffey had the fun of taking over as escort officer and reports that Jim did himself—and us—proud. I might add that Jim's accomplishments were a revelation to even those who thought they knew him. Pat Timothy merits some reflected glory for having done a very thorough and outstanding job in preparing the nomination from the Class of '42. Our representation for such a special occasion was not noteworthy, but Tom Rienzi says that Allin, Clagett, Crit, Gustaves, Low, Sheffey, Sitterson, Terry, Vogel and Westenhoff did their best to acknowledge Doc's honor. John Westenhoff also obliged with a report on the affair.

And on the subject of Founders Day, Joe Cannon put me back on his mailing list with a wine-spotted program from the San Fran Bay Area affair and reported himself, Jack Colladay and John Finney in attendance. Dottie, Lee and Camille had dinner with other wives in a separate dining room while the guys heard the football coach, Homer Smith, sing "The Way We Were" or "The Way It Was" or some such. It could have been worse. It could have been the basketball coach (3-20 or thereabouts)! The Cannons spent that night enjoying the Colladays' hospitality

and were refueled the next morning with some of Jack's best Bloody Marys.

And now comes word—and a clipping—from Ray Murphy that the old blue-suiter Lu Clay was the main speaker at the Founders Day affair at Ft Carson and gave the finest talk Murph had ever heard (and the opinion was unanimous) in all his attendances at such occasions. Lou, could you share it with those of us not privileged to be there?

For those who have not known why the happy explosion in DC to start the New Year, we got word that Jack Deane had gotten his 4th star and would head the AMC.

Knowing that y'all are breathlessly awaiting the following, I report a bi-sexual (Hi, Bill Plott) gathering of the locals at the Arlington Hall Club for our Jan election meeting on 21 Feb. Entertainment was each other plus a great display of John Westenhoff's slides from other occasions. Attendance was disappointing for what turned out to be a great party, thanks to Andy Low's fine hand. Claire and Dick Horridge claimed long-distance attendance honors (paying their way with backgammon lessons), with faithful Mae and Larry Caruthers as runner-ups. Horridges had the house on the market, with the deal for the apple orchard and farm awaiting results. Joe Schmidt conducted what has to be the worst election ever as he strong-armed Bill Shedd, protesting in vain, into the Chairmanship and convinced Andy Low that being Vice was easier than being Entertainment Chmn. The two Georges—Allin and Hesselbacher—shrugged their shoulders, looked at each other, said, "why not," and agreed to be seduced for another year! The Historian's job was the only one contested. By luring a majority to the pay-as-you-go bar, the incumbent was able to beat off the many challengers and win another term.

Bless the unusual number who took pen in hand, witness the following: Al Hunter wrote of a recent visit with Dottie and Al Thompson in Atlanta. Tommy is still doing great with Mutual Benefit. Dottie had had a tough siege with the medics but was convalescing at home after an operation. Best wishes from all, gal. They also visited Ann and Dick Wise in their ret. home near Columbus, OH which is filled with antiques (not Columbus, but their home) they collected in Australia. Dick is consulting on energy matters with the Batelle Inst. "Al's Can of Worms" will be open for business on 1 Jun if the worms have been doin' what comes natcherly on these cold winter nights.

Eric Orme reports Pat still busy with volunteer work and himself now working for the State, with brief vacations in the snow



1942: Murphy, Founders Day 1975.



1942: Bolton and Gaspard, Founders Day 1975.

country and at the shore to break the routine. Daughter Trish is doing post-grad work at Santa Clara, son Bill is pursuing a new bride as well as an MS in Forestry at Berkeley while son Mike is about to graduate from Jesuit after 3 years of football and wrestling.

Crit dropped a note after the DC Soc dinner in Jan which he and Kitty attended along with the Lows, Davises, Sittersons and Bob Clagetts. Crit is now Dir of Attaché Affairs and Human Resources in DIA following his MBFR asgmt and happy to be back in our midst—he says.

The world's #1 #4 (ask Harv Shelton for definition) has to be Fran Roberts. In addition to a post card telling me that he and Polly had spent 4 glorious days at Trés Vidas in Mexico, he sent a score card from El Conquistador in Puerto Rico, reporting a par 71 and crying for Bill Plott's body.

Diana and Dick Reinhold, apparently suffering from the FL sunshine, concluded a note with an invitation for us to come back. Dick is busy painting, papering and pestering Diana to make the canopy for their bed! Needless to say, neither is neglecting the golf course.

A card from George Allin reporting on Founders Day and the latest luncheon at which Carl Ulsaker gave a hint as to the perilous times being experienced by the Postal Dept. He's peddling—at \$4.95—a king-sized belt-buckle replica of a postal stamp depicting WP. Are you taking mail orders, Carl? And how about advising AOG?

Two welcome communications from Mary Gernert—Bill gets credit only for the suggestion—in Sun Pro (plug) envelopes! Both contained clippings concerning America's #1 Vet, Pappy Garvin. Mary and Bill plus Elaine and Ray Murphy had been week-ending at the Garvins' cabin, snow-mobiling and watching Pappy prepare for and participate in the Rocky Mt. Open Championship for Sled Dog Racing. To quote from one clipping, "Dr. Charles H. Garvin has been involved with sled dog racing since 64. He uses the huskies of a client in return for medical treatment." Does that make him a Peake's Piker? Bill and Ray wrenched their private parts helping to hold and harness the dogs but recovered with Ray's hot, spiced wine! The second clipping showed Howie finishing the race, not a winner but proudly carrying the '42 banner, Mary sent along a risqué joke as well as word that Bill was about to give his "demonstration appraisal" for his MAI.

George Allin sent a clipping outlining his latest problem, Arlington's school buses are—or are about to be—hazardous. He'd already

reported in full to the school board but now must worry about the money for replacements!

Thanks to John Sheffey, I've now read Halberstam's "The Best and the Brightest." It was a delight to learn that in addition to Halberstam, COL William Crossen (sic) also had some smarts, as evidenced by some of his intelligence estimates which were allegedly watered down because they didn't fit the planned picture.

Pat Timothy took a holiday cruise with his father. He saw Nancy and Pete Russell in Santos, finding Pete happy in his job. Partaking of restorative beverages in a tavern in Curaçao, he ran into Polly and Stan Josephson, also on a cruise. (Ain't no place safe?!?) Later Pat flew over to St. Thomas to have lunch with George Rew. Lunch? Those 2? Now I hear that Pat has departed precipitously for AK and a job involved in the pipeline project. How 'bout an address, Tim? And thanks for the chrysanthemum!

Doug Murray called in Jan to report an outstanding Xmas trip to Russia, courtesy of TROA.

Noted in the ANCC bulletin that Ray O'Neil is Secy for the Men's Sr Golf Prog.

On my trip to WP in Feb, I again challenged and again failed to keep up with Ted Michel at the bar at the Hotel Thayer.

John Reid sent a clipping from the Cedar Rapids Gazette regarding the engagement of their daughter Louise to John Thyson, son of the late BG and Mrs. Francis Thyson Jr. The wedding took place in Vienna (VA) on 5 Apr.

My office cohorts came back from Ft Leavenworth to report a visit with Tommy Fergusson. The Sept birth of daughter Robin had put Peggy and Charlie into the category of happy grandparents.

The local press reports on the contract of the Vinnell Corp to train Saudi troops included a picture of several corp officers, among whom was Thomas P. Furey!

John Sitterson is now on the payroll at the Def Manpower Comm.

Barbara's mother reports that Mayor Dick Scott is getting a lot of free TV exposure up there in Lancaster—and Flo, too! Running again, Your Honor?!

Bob Bringham is working in the MD CD Office. At the moment he's hobbled by a badly sprained ankle but on the mend.

Ray Murphy popped into town and came by with John Sheffey for a visit. John had had a ski trip to CO and a visit with Murphys and Gernerts. Murph reported on a ski week with Elaine. Having survived, she demanded her reward, a vacation in HI! The word filtered back that Don Bolton was spending



1942: New Class Officers—"Too Old to Cry."

hours on the practice tee in anticipation of building up his ret. fund.

Not all of the news has been good. Jack Davies and Bill Shedd have both suffered the loss of their mothers. Faye Cooperhouse was hospitalized after an auto accident. In early Feb Pat Hamerly died suddenly of heart problems and pneumonia. Interment was at WP and Ec Cutler made sure that there was a floral remembrance from the Class. Shortly thereafter, Lou Flanagan found relief from his long battle with cancer. Hon pallbearers included Ec Cutler, Ted Marks, Bill Watkin and Tom Rienzi. Even the Flanagans' son from Egypt was able to be there with Kathy, who continued to carry on in remarkable style. WP has certainly benefitted from Lou's extensive contributions and the gathering attested to the affection with which he was held. Deepest sympathy to all of you who have experienced these recent losses.

In conclusion, the votes on the Class gift indicate a preference for the Eisenhower Hall patio. The Cmte is prepared to take prompt action in hopes of having something in being for the 35th.

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For the benefit of those of you who may not have read our last column, we had a wealth of news with regard to our classmates to the west, northwest, southwest, and south of DC. As a sequel to that column and with many thanks again to Bob Fiss (our class secy) and his questionnaire to all members of the clan, this column will highlight primarily the activities of our classmates on the East Coast and overseas.

So, starting with our overseas contingent, Ted/Marge Seith have moved into, and are enjoying, the home which was built for the SACEUR when SHAPE first moved to Belgium. The home is on the grounds of what is now the SACEUR's chateau, and Ted is the CS to SACEUR. Bill Knowlton, who is CS of USEUCOM in Stuttgart, does business quite often with Ted by phone and in person. We were intrigued to learn that Bill has been admitted as a member of the Sons of the Revolution on the basis of his direct descendency from ancestors with Revolutionary War service records. Peggy Knowlton, unfortunately, broke 3 ribs at the Swiss Ski Sch this past winter and has decided to concentrate on indoor tennis, which she plays at a local German tennis club. Bill also wrote that he saw Howard Wehrle on his self-conducted, foot-and-Euro-rail tour of W. Europe last fall and winter. According to Bill and to Bob Fiss, who saw Howard in Paris, Howard was complete with hiking boots, shorts, a back pack, one suitcase and a tam. A subsequent note from Howard, who was honeymooning in the British VI, indicated that he managed to visit every country in W. Europe, except Albania, Bulgaria, Rumania, Greece, and Britain. This he did in 2½ mos, after he finished his MBA at William & Mary Coll and before he married Mary Elizabeth Ashley in Kansas City last 14 Dec—which, according to Howard, was the best single decision he's ever made. Sonny Pitts, who was located near Bill Knowlton in the lovely little town of Sindelfingen, returned to L. A., CA for some rather major surgery and is now undergoing therapy. We all wish him a complete recovery soon. Sonny was the Northrup Corp rep in the Stuttgart area.



Jan '43: West Coast contingent also celebrating 32d (L-R seated): the Kanes, Alice Young, Porter, Billie Brady, Jean Porter, Charity Barber, Herrington; (L-R standing): Brady, Barbara Barger, Fischel, Taliaferro, Lindell, Helen Taliaferro, Young, Barger, the Linns, the Mesereaus, and Barger. Sue Herrington was the photographer.

Jack Cutler wrote from England to say that he is enjoying the pace and style of life in London and the challenge of running his own business (John Cutler & Co., Ltd.) which is, in part, a commodity brokerage involved in buying crude oil from Saudi Arabia and selling cement to Nigeria, rice to Tanzania, and teak to the U.S. As far as Jack can ascertain, he's the only member of our Class to ret. and settle down in Europe. An interesting letter from Ed Hardebeck, somewhere among the oil fields along the Gulf of Suez, indicated that he is a Petroleum Production Consultant (Rosh Agaf Hafaka) to the Israeli Natl Oil Co., which operates the Belayim land and marine oil fields in the Sinai. According to Ed, he is responsible for the production, storage, and shipment of nearly one

million dollars of crude oil per day. Ed has been a petroleum engr since 49, but would be happy to don the uniform again to give our mil logisticians a hand—if the occasion should arise. From the other side of the world, Kenny Buell wrote a note to say that he was temporarily operating from the Hotel Borobudur Intl in Jakarta, Indonesia. Ken is with GM Overseas Opns. The last word from "Eppy" Epperson was that he is still with Lear Sigler, Inc. in VN, where the situation is becoming rather critical. Though not overseas, but certainly out-of-country, "Robby" Robinson wrote to say that he and Phyllis are now settled in their home at Uruapan, Mexico, which, according to Robby, is about one-third of the way from Guadalajara to Mexico City at about the same latitude as Mexico City. The Robinsons' property is located on the side of a mountain at the lower edge of a pine forest. The warmest month of the year is May, when temperatures may reach the 90's; otherwise, the climate is delightfully cool at night and pleasantly warm by day. They've fenced in their backyard to keep the wandering burros, cows, dogs, sheep, chickens, and children out of their garden patch, and they even have a lawn in front of their home. As Robby says, come see us south of the border, but if you drive, be advised that gas is 96¢ per gal.

Returning now to the activities of our classmates on the East Coast, Brad Lundberg provided a good report on the 32d anniv celebration of our FL clan at the Holiday Inn in Orlando, FL. Those Floridians in attendance, besides Brad/Millie Lundberg, included Dan/Skippy Moore, Walt/Jo Hogrefe, Jack/Sarah Lovett, Joe/Nan Dover, Pappy/Jane Doyle, and the Roy Bowlins. However, also in attendance were Jim/Jo Hackler and Art/Barber Hurr, who flew down from Myrtle Beach for the occasion, and the following group from the Class of Jun '43: John/Marge Bowley, Jim/Jane Walker, and the Dave Cunninghams. According to Brad, the golf was great at Disney's Magnolia Course, where Dan/Skippy Moore emerged as the men's/women's champions with an 82 and net 84, respectively. Later (much later that is) at

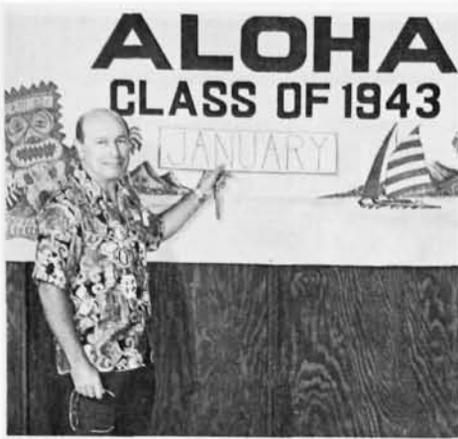
the Holiday Inn, Nan Dover led a group of wives in a highly applauded hula. The whole reunion was such a success that our FL clan voted to sponsor a 33d "national" anniv celebration in FL next year and "volunteered" Skippy Moore as the planner/coordinator! Speaking of Jim/Jo Hackler, they also flew up from Myrtle Beach for our 32d anniv celebration here in the DC area at Ft McNair. According to Jim, he and Jo continue to do a booming business with their Caravelle Resort Motel, restaurant, and golf courses, but their new Bay Tree Golf Plantation condominiums are moving a bit slower. They welcome any classmates who would like to come down to play some golf and see the condominiums. Others in attendance at our 32d anniv celebration here in DC included Ted Ardery (Muriel was out of town), Dee/Kay Armstrong (Dee is well occupied with teaching and is a trustee at Groton), Jack/Jackie Armstrong (both are hustling with business activities—Jack as a local area Dir of Gen Business Svcs, Inc. and Jackie with Routh Robins Realtors), Bob/Robin Baden, Joe/Nancy Benson, Ed/Dotty Bennett (Ed has already been pheasant shooting at the T.O. Donaldsons' horse-breeding farm in PA), Nancy/Wendell Bevan (Wendell has ret. from the CIA/AF and is with Mount Vernon Realty), Doug/Shirley Blue, Frank/Arlene Camm, Joe/Marie Conmy, Bob/Ruth Cook, Ace/Lorrie Elliott (Ace is working for H&R Block and even giving a bit of free advice on taxes here and there), Bob/Barbara Fiss (Bob's hard at work on NATO training activities in the OASECDEF for Intl Security Affairs while Barbara lives/talks the flexible work week for the CS Comm), Jim/Alice Frankosky (Jim flew out to Palm-dale, CA for the B-1 aircraft roll-out ceremony and saw Bill Pitts, who's still CG of the 15th AF at March AFB and, according to Tut Frakes down in Greenville, AL, was the official U.S. greeter of the record-breaking SR-71 aircraft at the Farnsborough Air Show), Tom/Betty Griess (who became grandparents with the birth of Elizabeth Marie Adams by their daughter Ann in MI; meanwhile, Tom/Betty are off to the Rhone Valley in France where Tom will do some research before he completes his fellowship at the Smithsonian Inst in Jun of this year), Pete/Nancy Grimm, Bob/Ginny Harrington, Charlie/Margaret Heltzel, Gregg/Billie Henry (who advised me that they recently saw Les Harding at Chapel Hill, NC; Les is with the U.S. Postal Service and is responsible for the construction of 53 new post offices throughout the South), Fran Kajencki, Fred/Helen King (from Baltimore where Fred is still with MD's Bu Div), Eddie/Romaine



Jan '43: Foster and Wehrle



Jan '43: Closing the celebration (L-R): Jackie Armstrong (with Jack hidden behind her), the Woods, Boots Minckler, the Shaws and, in the background, Alice Frankosky, Bob/Barbara Fiss, and Jim Frankosky.



Jan '43: Wilson, Founders Day 1975.



Jan '43: Leading the DC celebration of our 32d Jun-in-Jan grad anniversary were St. John (Class Pres) and Benson (our perennial MC).



Jan '43: Ruth and Bob Cook sit one out during anniversary celebration.



Jan '43: Michael, President, WP Society of Columbia, delivers welcoming remarks, Founders Day 1975, Fort Jackson, SC.

McGough (who say they are ret. to their home in Albuquerque, NM, come Jul; Eddie's Dpty Cmdt of ICAF), Boots/Rex Minckler, John/Irene Norris, Don/Gerry Powell, Jane Prince and guest, George Rebh, Darrie/Pat Richards, John Ross, Jack/Dee Russell, Adrian/Penny St. John, Jack/Joan Shaffer, Frank/Billie Shaw (Frank, in his position as a Dpty Asst Secy in the OASECDEF for Prog Eval & Anal, has been doing a bit of traveling to SHAPE, where he sees Ted Seith), Tote Talbott (who's now residing in the Alexandria, VA area), Don/Dawn Thompson, and Jack/Cecily Wood.

More news from our classmates down South includes word from George/Edna Maertens on Lake Keowee, near Clemson, SC, that they are moving into a new home on the golf course at Sun City, AZ, in Jun. As George says, they want a hot, dry climate to dissolve the aches and pains and make them feel younger with lots of tennis, golf, and dancing. George hopes to work as a guidance counsellor with local coll students and high school srs. Further south again with Tut/Frances Frakes in Greenville, AL, Tut says that they spent a very pleasant weekend with Jim/Jo Hackler in Myrtle Beach after attending a World War II P-38 sq reunion. According to Tut, Cleo Bishop has remarried and is still in the Eglin AFB area.

Meanwhile, up in New Engl, Bob Burlin wrote from Concord, MA, to say that he is the Regl Mgr for Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade & Douglas—an engr consultant firm. Writing with more than a foot of snow in his front yard, Bob commented that the southern members of our clan just don't know what they're missing in this energy crisis. The Burlins' daughters are all away at college with Ann a sr (living on the Lawn) and ed of the yearbook at the U. of VA, Charlottesville; "M.J. a bouncing soph at Penn State, and Patty a joyful fresh-person at MI State." Inspired by the 32d anniv celebration, Bob/Kay observed the occasion in the company of Pappy/Rosemary Wilkes from Lexington, Ralph/Mary Lou Cadwallader of Concord (where Ralph is a long-time member of the Minute Men), and Verne/Tony Trinter from Acton. In the process of trying to assemble the MA clan, Bob contacted Hank Mazur in Chelmsford, Joe Riccio in Boston, Jim Dempsey in Manchester, John Kerig in Sandwich, and Sid Zecher in Brookline, so there is indeed a goodly group up there in MA. Bob also said that he sees Bill/Connie Fritzs' son, Bill Jr., rowing down the Charles with the Northeastern U. crew. Another long-time New Englander, Sid Peterman, in Dover, NH wrote to say that they attended their last Parents' Weekend for their daughter Bette, at Plymouth State Coll, and that their youngest son Robert is teaching instructors at Randolph AFB.

Just a few more scattered reports from here and there and I'll close this column and save what remains until the next column is published in the fall. Marie Muldrow wrote from Salt Lake City, UT, to say that Bob is doing well as a broker for Dean Witter & Co. in the stock exch and that Johnny Stephens is also in town raising bonzai trees as a paying hobby. According to Marie, the Bill Kyles are in Ogden, where Bill is with United Savings and Loan. Of the Muldrows' children, Bob is in the AF at Plattsburg, NY; Lee is in Little Rock, AR working for the State; and Marcia is in NYC married to a successful lawyer and working on her PhD. Further west at the Presidio of San Fran, Elvy Roberts announced his ret. as CG of Sixth Army on 1 May 75, and just a trifle to the south in



Jan '43: Flanagan, Founders Day 1975.

Palos Verdes, Barbara Barger is keeping Dave and the West Coast clan percolating. As Barbara says, can't let that old age and senility get the best of us and a good cure for all of that is to just keep communicating, so drop us a line to let us know what's new with you.

In closing, we all commiserate with Em/Betty Reynolds, who lost her father in Nov 74, and Frank/Billie Shaw, who lost his father in Mar 75.

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Those of you who read this column closely—and there are some such, apparently—may have noticed a seeming discrepancy between text and picture in the Mar 75 number. The text projects a possible visit of Bernie Rogers to Al Burdett's domain at Ft Hood; the picture, however, shows him there—with Ann, the Burdetts, and Danny Cullinane. It happened in this wise. Danny sent me the picture and the news after the last column went in. I wrote an addendum and sent same, with picture, to ASSEMBLY. So, they ran the picture but not the addendum. Anyhow, the Rogers' did visit Ft Hood last Dec, not long after Bernie became CG of FORSCOM.

Since then, I hear, the Burdetts have moved on to Ft Sam at San Ant, where Al has become CG of Fifth Army. This will make it easy for daughter Margaret to get home on weekends. She's in her first year at Trinity U., San Ant. More on the Burdetts: young Allen and his wife made Al and Antoinette grandparents for the first time with a son born in Nov 74.

As long as we are tidying up the record, here's a note from Bud Bolling. In his earlier letter, printed in the Dec 74 issue, Bud—then newly in Dallas—mentioned several classmates in the area. After ASSEMBLY appeared, he discovered by way of Jim Bower that there are many more than he had realized. Bud tells me he and Jim will try to do a complete Dallas digest—or maybe even an All-TX Roundup—for our edification. We'll look forward to it Bud, and thanks for your follow-up.

From the Brierpatch down at 4625 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33611, John Brier writes that the Bob Campbells from St. Petersburg, Weyricks from Punta Gorda, and the Briers enjoyed the Founders Day festivities on 13 Mar at the St. Pete beach. Also in that area are Eddie and Helen McCabe (Ed teaches



Jun '43: Founders Day 1975, WP Society of L.A. (L-R): Wheeler, Shea, Waddell '14 (Oldest Grad), Easley, M.B. Davis, Haig '47 (Guest Speaker), Schwartz, Keefer, Augustenborg '72 (Youngest Grad).

at St. Leo's Coll), the Jim Greenes, the Scotty Streets, the Gordy Schraeders, and the Zack Richardsons.

John adds that "Life continues to be good to the Briers. The excitement of our eldest son's wedding in our living room in Feb livened our schedule recently. Jim married Pinkie Autrey, daughter of COL and Mrs. Paul K. Autrey. Early in Jan, I was promoted within the Lykes Pasco Packing Co., and am happy as can be as asst to the company controller—in charge of such things as stock rooms, phone service, and design of data based mgmt sys. Thanks to a 3-day refresher and muscle stretching course conducted last fall by Billy West (USMA '39), I've been retreated and recruited by the Tampa Polo Club." (I wonder if the word "retreaded" should be "re-shod?") As evidence of this last remark, John sends the accompanying picture.

Just the mention, or even indirect suggestion of the word "horse" invokes for me those fragrant memories of the Riding Hall. Remember that grey afternoon in yearling year when our last required session with the great beasts came to its finale with the requirement that



Jun '43: Brier—back in the saddle again with the Tampa Polo Club.

each cadet pilot a horse through the air over a crossbar about 4 ft off the ground? I did nothing of the sort. Having skillfully selected a sleepy, old white animal of large width and girth, I suggested the direction to him and let him do his thing. My thing was simply to accompany him. Both of us somehow succeeded, and we pulled into the parking line with much mutual relief. Looking back then, I saw a never-to-be-forgotten sight—Joe Boyle, detached from his animal and sailing through the air with arms and legs flung out in a last, desperate plummet to the ground. Broke his arm and dislocated his elbow, he did. As his roommate, I was excused to assist him up the hill to the hospital. Joe was quite philosophical and Irish about it all, though. "Will," he said, "You should thank me—for getting you out of there." So, John Brier—keep swinging in 75!

Here is an advisory from George Campbell, that latter-day Diogenes who lives in Box 9026, San Fran, CA 94129. George says, "The WP Soc of the Frisco Bay Area celebrated the 173d birthday of our Alma Mater on the 14th of Mar at the Presidio Officers Club. Jun '43 was represented by Harvey Short, Dick Orphan, Bob Gadd, Dwight Johns, and yours as always. Our principal speaker was Homer Smith, the new football coach. He gave a good speech, including several clever one-liners and jokes on himself. Our oldest living grad, GEN Nuttman, now 101, also spoke—and as resonantly as ever.

"Harvey and Skip Short are both doing grad work at Cal State in Hayward. Harvey hopes to transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall for his PhD. Dick Orphan is also a grad stu. When or before Bob Gadd finishes his work on Hwy 101 as San Jose Traffic Engr, he'll probably go to the U. of Santa Clara Law Sch." Gratias, George—by the way, you are hereby appointed N. CA Class News Rep (NCCNR).

From Ridgeway, 28027 Ridgeway Court in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274, Norm Keefer sends a report of the Founders Day celebration on 21 Mar sponsored by the WP Soc of L. A. at the elegant Proud Bird Hostelry near L. A. Intl Airport. Jun '43 was represented by Mike Davis, Pres Easley, Norm Keefer, Dave Schwartz, Dan Shea, and Dick Wheeler. Principal speaker was GEN Alexander M. Haig Jr. (USMA '47), SAC, NATO. Norm writes: "This was the first class affair my old roommate, Mike Davis had attended for a long time. He and his wife Maura recently returned to this area from Denver, where he was involved in mgmt of a new community devl. He is now associated with a stock brokerage firm in Santa Monica. My other roommate, Felix Kalinski, has within the past year moved back to Manchester, NH from Pasadena. They sold their home in NY and bought a business close to Manchester, and it appears they will settle there. Fortunately, I expect to see Felix several times a year during his business visits out here. . . . Bill and Rosewitha Snavely were recently here from DC. His mother—a delightful lady from Dublin—passed away on 28 Feb, in her 86th year. Snavelys stayed with his sister, Edna Susank—widow of Ed Susank."

For information, Norm Keefer has kindly agreed to act as a S. CA Class News Rep (SCCNR), as Dave Schwartz, at Apt. 21, 712 S. Fernwood Ave. West Covina, CA 91791, has also done from time to time in the past. Norm believes that there are 30 or more classmates in the S. CA region and has undertaken a survey. Those of you who have not heard from him (and those who have, of course) are encouraged to get in touch with



Jun '43: (F): Becket, Fredricks; (R): Boller, Teller, Mattox.

him or Dave in order to let us know where you are and what news you have. "News" can be most anything, you know, that is important in your life and that you are willing to share—whether it be building a garage, taking over the Hughes Tool Co., or lining 40 ft of shelves with home-canned pickles.

As a product of Norm Keefer's survey, I have welcome letters from Wes Maughan, at 4136 Watkins St, Riverside, CA 92507 and from Dick Parker at 28414 Portsmouth Dr, Sun City, CA 92381. Wes says, "News from here is infrequent because life has been so stable for so long. I've owned and operated my own real estate business ever since I got out, back in 63. Bonnie and I are now alone at home, son Wes is married and just completed master's in business. . . . Daughter Aileen is in England with her husband, who owns a furniture store south of London." Dick Parker wrote he was "surprised you even have my correct address, as far out of things as Sun City is. . . . Margaret and I moved here 2 years ago. I'm the manager of a travel agcy and thoroughly enjoying it. . . . Richard Jr. is married, with one son, and living in St. Louis. Bradley, with one son and one daughter, lives in San Fran."

Back here in the East, Jack and Lois McGregor, assisted by the Hemsleys, Rundells, and Silvestris arranged another of the enjoyable quarterly class dinners that have come to be a feature of Jun '43 life in the Greater DC area. We met at the Bolling AFB Of-



Jun '43: Falck, Founders Day 1975.

ficers Club on 21 Feb for excellent food and drink and a lot of good conversation. Locals and out-of-towners in attendance included (with my usual apologies for inadvertent error): the Atkinsons, Bensons, Blanks, Calnans, Childs, Covers, Farleys, Becky Fletcher, Hardys, Heintzelmans, Hemsleys, John B. Hudsons, Hutchins, Al Jones, Magathans, Malones, McGregors, Bill Moores, Novaks, Parkers, Pletts, Proctors, Romaneks, Rundells, Bill Scotts, Sembachs, Silvesters, Surkamps, Tansy, Tellers, Harriett Tenney, and Dutch Umlauf.

At this dinner we learned that Lem Blank was about to ret. (and, in fact, has done so by the time of this writing). Kathy told me that their future homesite was not yet definitely selected, but that, in any case, Lem was "not going to think about working until he takes me around the world." In a more serious mood, Kathy also informed me that Dick Shaefer had recently had a difficult back operation but that he had at length recovered sufficiently to return to duty with NATO HQ in Brussels. Best wishes to the Blanks, wherever you now may be—and to Dick Shaefer, for a full and lasting recuperation.

Craig and Elizabeth Teller have been living at Williamsburg, VA since Craig ret. from the USAF. It was a particular pleasure for me to see them on 21 Feb, for not only were he and I Plebe roommates, but before that I had been first alternate on his appointment from the 27th Dist of PA until our congressman came up with another principal appointment. Since ret., Craig has done a lot of fishing and painting—that's painting as in art, not house painting. Now, he told me, they are planning to move to San Ant—where he will, presumably, set up his easel across the alley from the Alamo. Still lifes, seascapes, or landscapes—anyone?

Bill Moore and I were discussing the civ contract for training ground combat troops of the NG in Saudi Arabia, a topic then much in the news, and Bill observed that he and Tansy were thinking of going for some such contract themselves, under the slogan "Have mil strategy; will travel." I don't think they are quite organized, however, so don't apply just yet. What you might well do, however, would be to read Bill's recent analysis entitled "Dilemma in Military Spending," in U.S. News and World Report, for 17 Feb 75. It has particular reference to quantity and quality factors in Soviet mil devl.

This brings me to the end of my page and the end of my news. It is now 31 Mar, and by the time you read this another class will have been graduated. We wish them well, as always. Probably, we will have more news of Mar 75 Founders Day events, but it will have to await the next issue. Remember—copy goes in to ASSEMBLY about 2½ mos in advance. Next deadline will be about 1 Jul 75. Have a good summer—and let's hear from you.

'44

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Talked to Steve Farris recently whose main activity, he sez, is keeping track of his youngsters, 3 of whom are in coll. After all these years of drawing, he has finally found time to take some formal instruction in art and is enjoying it to the fullest.

I think this news item is about a year old but nonetheless worthy for its age. The Cabiness' daughter was reported by the local



1944: Fairbrother, Silver, Smith, Sullivan, Susott. Founders Day 1975.

paper to be a National Merit Finalist. Congratulations!

Jim Connell reminds me that George Wear is in Rifle, CO as the governor's Resources Devl Officer for the Western Slope of the Rockies. With all the oil shale research and planning, that should keep George out of the pool hall.

John and Gretl Donaldson have remained in Paris since John's ret. last year. John is now with the American Battle Monuments Comm, supervises 18 U.S. mil cemeteries plus several national and private monuments in 5 European countries. I might add that remaining near Zell-am-See, Austria, where Gretl's parents live at the foot of the ski slopes, is no doubt an important attraction to living in Europe.

Next time around I'll try to report firsthand on a class luncheon to be held 7 May at the Pentagon. This gathering will further serve as our annual class meeting required by the By-laws adopted at the 30th. Regret the announcement reached me too late in Jan for invitation via the last ASSEMBLY.

Bill Fairbrother wrote in Jan to tell of a visit to HI by the Bottomlys. Bo is now traveling the world speaking for Crusade for Christ. I will not, repeat not, release the color snap of Bo held firmly between host and John Susott in front of Bill's bar, even though the one in the middle has a smile, clear eye and steady hand. Fair-b reports himself occupied as bon vivant. Susott, peering from between tropically lush sideburns, is reported going his usual quiet way about his business enterprises.

The Bahls' Xmas card arrived with Jack and Meg Johnsons' about 100th nite. The mail delay brightened Gloom Period, although we regret to learn of the death of Roy's father and offer our sympathy. I feel the need of another tennis lesson by Roy. Meg and Jack guess rightly: we had been skiing. Their young John, one of my favorite young uns, resigned from USAFA last summer and is marching to a different drum at U. of FL



1944: The Otts and Harris's (L-R), Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

with the academic brilliance shown at AFA. The Johnsons are enjoying Tampa.

In Jan, Audrey and I went down to Ft Myers, FL for a long weekend. Between planes at Orlando, we called the McKeever and tried to contact McPhersons. However, Dotty's phone was busy for an hour. Sorry we didn't get to speak with her, but understand a busy phone; she's fine company!

Color photo of one window in a NY Sunday News article of 16 Feb confirms that the '44 class windows are, indeed, installed. The project fully warrants the public appreciation given—and all hands warrant thanks. I hope that by the time you read this all pledges are fulfilled and the financial books may be closed on the project. If not, Box 1100, Ft Myer, VA will accept and forward any "lates" without gigs.

Bill McGlothlin, unaccountably away from his 2d yr law books, stopped by my office to find me away at a meeting.

AOG reports that we now have 207 subscribers to ASSEMBLY and REGISTER. Hopefully, more will join the group.

Chan Gilson reports from L.A. that WP alumni activities are strong on the West Coast. A winter highlight was the annual Mil Ball at Terminal Is, Long Beach in Dec during which GA Omar Bradley shook 500 hands. Chan is expecting Al and Marie Dancy to be in L.A. this summer, where Marie plans to teach at USC while Al's plans are suspiciously low-key. (Muscle Beach?)

On 26 Jan Al and Enis Walds' son Bob was married in Escondido. Al is with Hughes Aerospace. Bill Murray left Rockwell Atomic Intl Div to become VP (Corporate Comm) General Utilities Corp, Parsippany, NJ (Ruth went tool)

Vic and Nita Lim visited the Gilsons en route from Costa Rica to Manila where Vic will be Gen Mgr of the Del Monte food plant. Main product will be banana puree for Japanese babies.

Alumni are reported scouting the W. Coast for football talent for Army. Chan says Gerry Mickle is now rebuilding a farm and farmhouse in OR. (That'll keep him busy.)

The Hales are back in NC after Joe's 2 yrs as a visiting univ prof in Ankara.

Ted Bartz checked in with a nice report stimulated by a misprint on our address list sent out in Nov. Sorry for his low receipt of Xmas cards. Ted is a "dual-hat" with Hughes Aircraft Co: Dir of Business Opns and Asst Dir, Hughes Intl. Ted and Mary regretted to miss the 30th, but were consoled by a business (pleasure?) trip around the world. Ted and Al Wald hang closely together; 4 of the 5 young Walds are now married with a son in college. The 2 young Bartzes are out of coll and contributing to Soc Sec with father hoping the fund lasts until he can partake. Bob and Carolyn Callan are with Hughes in Denver; who would believe that Carolyn's roommate is now a grandpa? Ted says he's fully fit now after 2 bouts of open-heart surgery in 60 and 71. He thus allows how every day is a bonus and has no complaints.

George Tuttle writes from Grosse Point Woods, MI that Fred Smith came out from USMA for Founders Day and well earned his supper. Harry Rogers hosted Fred and a pre-dinner class formation which included George, John Glab and Kirk Heiss, plus the silent one, Rojo Aldrich. George is still working on tanks for AVCO Lycoming, trying to breed an airplane turbine to a tank. Keep it up, George; that's what invented the mule.

MG Landrum '36, one of our tacs in 41-43, kindly sent an article from the Honolulu paper. I opened it to find a picture of Tom Mahoney and a beautiful lady. Underneath in one-inch bold type: "ANOTHER LOOK AT SEXUALITY." Oops! Then I noted that the article on Tom began on an earlier page with another picture of the Mahoneys, titled: Cruising Down Europe's Canals. Anyhow, I got it straight, finally, as the right article lead off "Natalie and Tom Mahoney lead double lives" and told how they spent 7 months in HI and 5 in Europe on their canal boat. This must make a great contrast to Bank of HI tax service and teaching. With biking side trips and opening 515 canal locks last summer, they got their exercise. Sounds great. Wish they had cruised the Neckar River to visit us in Stuttgart last year.

Founders Day at Ft Myer, VA on 14 Mar turned out Carter, Connell, Cowherd, Czapar, DeArment, Dunn, Maish, McGuire, Robinson, Scott and John Sullivan. The gathering was addressed by the Chmn, JCS, GEN George Brown '41. Sorry, I missed it due to a trip to the West Coast.

However, most of my travels are just down the hall. In Mar I was out for an hour when Bob Sellers dropped by en route to the airport after a meeting of a panel of the Def Sci Bd. I hope to see him when his panel meets again here on 22-23 May.

Of course, there are always many of us who think about it, but few of us do it—Bob and Beth Lindell moved to northwest MT upon ret. where they live in a log house on the slopes of the Mission Mts overlooking Flathead Lake, at Bigfork under the Big Sky.

Don and Eleanor Carter organized a delightful class dinner dance held on 1 Mar at Ft Myer. A goodly number turned out and it was a most pleasant evening. Out-of-towners present were Barbara Brown, from WP, the Lamarres from Phila and the Myslinskis from Pittsburgh. Locals were the Callaghans, Carters, Connell, Cowherds, Cumberpatches, Cutronas, Daniels, Davises, Dunns, Ginsburghs, Graces, the Graves, Haymans, Haywards, Kellers, McAuliffes, McGuires, Morrisons, les Moulis, Mullers, Normans, O'Briens, the Parsons, Pattons, Carl Petersons, Scharlds, Scotts, Smiths, Stegers, John Sullivans, Tkaciks and the Vitullos. The food and music were excellent, the speeches short, the conversation great and the ladies were charming. Que veut-on encore?

For all calendars: The next Class dinner dance of the DC crowd will be at Ft Myer Club on 28 Feb 76.

The Washington Post announced the nomination by the Pres of George Blanchard to the grade of full GEN and the position of CinC, USAEUR to be effective 1 Jul. It's a big and tough job and there's nobody better fitted for it. Congratulations, George and Beth!

Lynn McKeever writes to announce that their daughter Alison married Penn Davis of Mt. Olive, NC on 28 Dec in Orlando. The FL weather invited the guests to poolside at the home reception. The Emleys and Wilhites came but McPhersons were under the weather from a transient bug.

Gene Steffes informs that he plans to ret. from his job as VC, 8th AF (SAC) on 1 Jul. He and Lucy are balancing the competing attractions of job offers in New Engl against the lure of a home on a golf course in Colo Spgs. We wish them all good luck.

On this Good Friday we send all greetings and best wishes for a great summer.

'45

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The 30th Reunion is over as you read this. I know we're going to have a great one from the fine response to me by Pres Dick Haley and Reunion Chmn George Daoust. We'll have full reunion coverage in the next issue.

Several items of news reached me back in Jan only a week after I mailed the column for the Mar issue. Gif Holden wrote that he and his wife Vi made a quick trip to DC after the Army-AF football game to visit Jim and Lillian Elkey. The Elkeys invited F-1 company classmates to gather at their home for the occasion. Those attending were: Barney and Leila Broughton, Warren and Marlene Drake, Butch and Pat Foley, Ed and Frances Melanson, Al and Lyn Roth, and Bob and Colette Wallace. Gif reported that they all enjoyed getting reacquainted and only sorry that some F-1 types couldn't make it. Gif is still in the construction business at Martha's Vineyard although they're



1945: Mason with daughters Ingrid and Elisa.



1945: Gatsis, Sawyer, McMurdo, Stabley, Van De Kamp (Royal Australian Regt), Founders Day 1975.

now being legislated out of new housing there.

Paul Nelson, in a Xmas letter, speaks of 74 being a year which included 1 engagement, 2 coll graduations, and a few trips for the family. Paul and Jane live in Worthington, OH where Paul works for Borden's Lustru-ware Div (molded plastics) and learned to fly the Cessna 182 airplane he acquired in Feb 74. Son Paul III got MBA from Dartmouth and now works for Continental Grain. Daughter Susan graduated from Reed Coll in Portland, OR, and is now a grad student at OH State. Daughter Carol in 2d year at Kenyon Coll and is engaged.

Ed Mason writes that he moved to the Houston, TX area in Dec 74 to manage the Thiokol Houston office. He had only been there about a week when he attended a party at Bob Pine's home. Cal Callahan was also there. Ed wonders if his daughter Elisa, born 24 Aug 73, could be the class caboose. Any challengers?

Augie Puchrik wrote that he's ret. and living in Vienna, VA (since Dottie is an old DC type). Augie says he's working on his PhD dissertation for Notre Dame concerning the political/psychological makeup of a Soviet Officer. (Augie's estimate: "Sharp, well-equipped, deadly at home, but philosophically vulnerable.") Daughter Jo was married 6 Aug 74.

Rolfe Hillman wrote about the classmates he saw at the Founders Day dinner at Kirtland AFB (Albuquerque) on 7 Mar. George Garman: Going to grad sch at U. of NM,

wife running a pony club. George lives immediately adjacent to a golf course in Rio communities about 30 miles south of Albuquerque. Fran's "horsing around" brought her and her daughter to Hillman's village of Corrales where they had a good visit. Mel Price: NRDC (not doing really sensational), going fishing. John Stoer: World-traveling IG for Def Nuclear Agcy who likes to come home to good skiing and golfing country there. Bud Avery: Says hello to all! Bill Blessley: Financial and estate planning. Great life! Chuck Moran: AD as Div Chief, Engr Anal Div, Dir of Nuc Safety. Will ret. 1 Aug 75. Chuck is Pres of WP Soc in Kirtland/Albuquerque area and did a slick job of MC'ing the dinner. Luc Truscott: Out of town on trip to CA. Bob Mann: Absent, but reported to be living in area. Rolfe said he took job in Albuquerque this past Sept to train corporate employees using programmed instruction. He left full time management of his Corrales acres as a result of the recent prices of Pinto Beans and home grown tortillas.

Bob Krebs wrote that J.J. Powers ret. in Jan. Also sent me a clipping from a Seattle newspaper which eulogizes (with a half-page spread) John Wahl who was killed in an auto accident on 10 Feb by a car swerving into his lane and hitting him head on. John left his wife and 9 children, ages 7-21. John ret. with 20 yrs service and was working as a broker with Bache & Co. in Seattle. Our deepest sympathy to John's family.

FitzP (JM) Fitzpatrick gave me these news items: Boots Blesse ret. 31 Mar and is now



1945: Puchrik's daughter Jo's wedding party (L-R): Augie, Jo, Katie (daughter), Don Scarpino (groom), Dottie Puchrik, Carol Montague (bridesmaid), Andy (son).



1945: Barber, McAlister, Swartz (F); Farrar, Ferguson (R).

Sp Asst to Pres of Grumman Aircraft. Lynn Cummings ret. 28 Feb. Several classmates attended ret. ceremony including Fitzpatrick, Bob Hippert, and Butch Foley. Toby Gandy was to ret. 28 Feb from his job as VC at Vandenberg AFB but ret. physical discovered cancer of colon. Toby had operation 3 Mar with satisfactory result. Chuck Seeger reported to be city mgr at a MD shore resort. DC Area Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer was held 14 Mar. George Daoust, Hap Argo, Hank Hughes, FitzP Fitzpatrick, and Mac McDaniel were present to hear GEN Brown give a fine (and Pentagon-cleared) address. The 5 classmates adjourned for a post-dinner session at the club bar.

A letter from Peg Fink told about a lovely brunch that she and Dave attended to celebrate Bill Ochs' (and GEN Gaither's) birthdays. Other classmates there were McDaniels, Hankets, Wallaces, and Rhettts. Peg talked to Dot Gudel on phone. Dot and Ed love FL and enjoying ret.

There are 409 classmates subscribing to ASSEMBLY. This is only about half of those of us still around. Next time you talk to a classmate ask him if he subscribes. If he says, no, urge him to do so. It's our best way to keep in touch. And if you don't read your news or see your pictures in this column, it's because you haven't sent me your news and pics. When you receive an issue of ASSEMBLY it's time to send me your news for the next issue. Write now, while you remember it.

'46

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(114) Gentlemen and Ladies, the countdown begins with this issue. Next Jun 76 will be the time for us to celebrate our 30th Reunion, as our country celebrates its 200th year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at WP. As the Class cmte makes known the details they will be reported to you. Plan to be there, we are.

According to AFJ, Feb issue, Andy Atkinson has been selected for BG in the AF, congratulations to Andy. And the same to the following Army GENs selected for Perm MG: Charley Myer, Bob Shoemaker, Charley Sim-

mons, Sam Walker, John Thurman, Charley Daniel, Charley Hall and Elmer Ochs; all in promotion sequence and interestingly in order of their graduation one from the other at USMA.

Although it is getting longer and tougher to get the addresses of those men AOG started looking for 3 yrs ago, we have one more now. Phil Haisley, recently ret. and living at 6617 Kauna St, Honolulu, HI 96825, reports Jim Carter's address as 5304 Elkridge Dr, Dallas, TX 75227. Those 26 still missing: D. Adair, R. Calogeras, W.D. Cronkhite, D. Finnegan, B. Gay, A. Gerardo, R. Gillig, J. Grace, C. Gray, S. Gray, P. Hopkins, A. Ives, R. Kellogg, F. Lembeck, T. Owen, J. Riedel, G. Sheffer, S. Smith, S. Tharp, L. Thompson, R. Toole, E. Van Sickle, W. Webb, S. Welch, R.D.W. White and J. Whitmore.

The photo of classmates was taken at John and Llewellyn Stannards' at Ft Shafter in Feb during a visit to HI of Joe Jordan, Dpty Asst SECDEF, on his way back to DC from a swing through the Far East. The wives, though not pictured, were present and all had a gala evening in real Hawaiian style. Dave Peters mailed the photo and reports he is still PMS, U. of HI. John, Alan Birdsall, Truman Boudinot and Gene Sprague are with CINCPAC.

Several months ago AOG requested my assistance in beefing up subscriptions to ASSEMBLY. The results, as of 15 Jan 75, indi-



1946: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

cate a 6% increase for our Class from last year to this, and an overall subscription rate of 54% of the living Class members. I suspect these figures are fairly representative of all classes, but for those faithful readers and new readers, I thought you would be interested. And thank you to those who responded. Also many many thanks to all of you who have in the past expressed your appreciation for the work done by me in putting these articles together. It has been a very sustaining factor along with the same reason I started out with, which was to be an active member of our Class, despite the set-back of "Dsbl disc on grad."

Rec'd a printed announcement of the new association of Phil Frank as a registered rep of Shields Model Roland, Inc, members Principal Securities Exch, 44 Wall St, NY. I should have noted in last issue that Frank and Queen Lester had ret. at the end of Sept. I saw them at WP during Homecoming. Letter from Ben Kinney, Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church, states his daughter Cynthia graduated from San José State U. (CA) in 73.



1946: (L-R): Frech, Barth, Street, Founders Day 1975.

Harl and Judy Koch have been on one of their wonderful buying trips again. Post card dated 10 Jan 75 postmarked in Egypt states they talked to Roy Mossy in New Orleans and had a drink at Dan Levy's Absinthe House in "the Quarter" of New Orleans with Dan hosting. On 9 Jan they visited the vault of the Great Pyramid, saw some mummies, saw the sphinx and rode a camel. The picture on the card was a scene of pyramids of Giza with an Arab on a camel and one sitting in the sand. The second card, dated 30 Jan, was postmarked in Ceylon and pictured an elephant bathing. Harl stated: "Accumulating tons of Fabulous Things, a disgusting tan, and hotel expenses. We take off in an hour for Batik in Indonesia then up to Bangkok and on to Frozen Chosen Home 1 Apr."

I've saved for last quite a long letter from Judd Schulke, most of which I expect to use as written. He ret. 31 Dec 74 and became Gen Mgr and Exec Dir of the Inst of Elec & Elect Engrs, Inc (IEEE) with Hq in the Engrs Bldg, 345 E. 47, NY 10017. I'm a member of ASHRAE with hq in same. Since he now commutes out of Middletown-Red Bank, NJ area and no longer lives in DC area, by our Class Constitution he gives up the class presidency, which has been turned over to Bob Stewart, previously VP.

You will find a photo of Judd presenting to Tacho and Hope Somoza an engraved tray from the Class on the occasion of Tacho's re-inauguration as Pres of Nicaragua in Managua on 1 Dec 74. The Class was well represented at the inauguration. Attending were: Delores and Judd, Jim and Bell Loome, Charlie and Jessie McCarty, Ray and Pat Thayer, Max Ulrich, Cucho Felices, Max Feibelman, Bob Land and perhaps one more whose name Judd can't remember. They



1946: Boudinot, Dennett, Sprague, Horne, Haisley, Founders Day 1975.



1946: The Fronebergers, Webers, Rogers, Cramers, and Venters, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1946: Colonel Style, British Army, and McGarity, Founders Day, London, 1975.



1946: Schulke presents tray to Tacho and Hope Somoza in Nicaragua.



1946: Stannard, Peters, Birdsall, Haisley, Jordan, Boudinot and Sprague in Hawaii.



1946: Creveling, Philips, Gruenther (MC), Flores, (F); Channon, Bassler, Lee, Allen (R).

flew to Nicaragua on 29 and 30 Nov and were given a royal reception at the airport by Tacho's protocol people. As has been Tacho's and Hope's custom, they were all housed with friends of theirs within the city. Those who had been down for the previous inauguration in 67 were really stunned to see the damage that had been done to Managua by the earthquake. However, it was a great tribute to Tacho to see the tremendous amount of rehabilitation work that had been done. Most of the damaged area had been cleared of its rubble, a substantial amount of rebuilding beyond the earthquake area in a ring surrounding the city was undertaken. Tacho is wrestling with one of his problems in the presidency of whether or not to rebuild the center city or to convert it into a park to avoid the earthquake area for all time.

On the night before the inauguration Tacho invited them all to his house for a great cocktail party held round the swimming pool. There must have been 100 or more guests at this party. It provided a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with Tacho and Hope and meet some of their friends and other distinguished guests down for the inauguration. On Sun morning they went to the National Theater which had survived the earthquake and is located on the edge of the Grand Lake of Nicaragua in downtown Managua. Judd can't ever remember such a rendition of honors as he saw at this affair. Every ambassador, visiting minister, and foreign heads of state had their ruffles and flourishes and national anthems played and it must have taken an hour and a half to do so. Nevertheless, the inauguration came off beautifully and Tacho gave a resounding speech of his aims for Nicaragua which included a democracy for all people and a substantial rebuilding program for the country both physically and economically.

On the evening of the inauguration Judd presented the tray at a special reception room just off the presidential box in the National Theater. After this reception they all adjourned to Tacho's house for another cocktail party. Most returned home on 2 Dec with great memories of the performance of our classmate in taking the reigns of the presidency of Nicaragua for the second time and the gracious hospitality that he and Hope displayed to all present.

As of 31 Mar Cork and Evelyn Boake joined the list of ret. classmates and may be found at 906 W. Central Blvd, Anadarko, OK 73005, down near Chickasha, for those who may remember long ago days of Primary Tng 45. That's it for now, the deadline is around the corner.

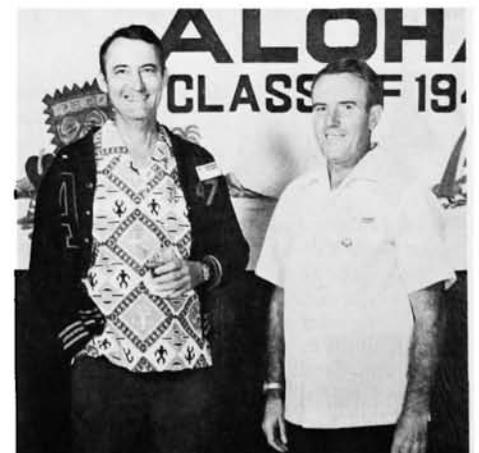
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One late Xmas card this year from Virginia and Jake Jacobson in Japan with all the kids home to celebrate. Jake planning to join the "retired" class this summer.

From Founders Day celebrations around—DC: Bill Sullivan, G.G. Kent proudly showing pics of Daniel Webster, age 2, still holding the title of youngest Class child, and yours truly; Ft Meade: Ann and Paul Callan, Lannie and Jack Dunham, Jack ret. this summer to join the Mastins in NM; LA: Al Haig the principal speaker heard by a good number of the Class.

New assignments: John Gerrity to Asst DCSOPS for Strategy and Security. Nancy and John at home in Qtrs at Ft Myer; Bob Montague ret. and Exec Dir of the 350,000



1947: Dexter and Wildrick, Founders Day 1975.



1947: Emerson, Founders Day 1975.

member Special Olympics Prog, the world's largest sports program for the mentally retarded.

Congratulations to Betty Lou and Bill Reckmeyer and daughters, Mary Beth and Betsy. Stephanie Diane Hummer born to Mary Beth and Mike, and Jonathan Raymond Crawford born to Betsy and Ray Crawford. That's numbers 3 and 4 for Betty Lou and Bill.

Mar 19 saw a class wives luncheon attended by Betty Lou Reckmeyer, Nancy Cronin and mother, Margaret Kennedy, Butch Lilley, Namoa Fernandez, Kay Johnson, Fran Johnston, Jeanne Kaericher, Dixie Kain and dau Christy, Nikki Lauterbach and mother, Barbara McAdoo, Janet Miller, and Beverly.

At lunch in Jan: George Bland, Bob Lilley, Bill Sullivan, Ed Greene, K.C. Kaericher, Lou Rachmeler, Bill Henry, Buck Fernandez, Wayne Hauck, Jim Johnson, Kermit Reel, John Lauterbach, John Kennedy, Julius Ickler, an unexpected visitor from San Diego where he is with General Dynamics, and your scribe. Also Mel Rosen, Bill Reckmeyer, Jim Robinson, Sam Starobin, Jack Dunham, and Mike Bellovin.

Sam Starobin was "welcomed back" from the move he didn't make to the West Coast. Seems the Mayor made him an offer he couldn't refuse. As did a citizen of this fair city on 1 Feb, the day Sam was supposed to move. Sam was walking from his SW apartment to Ft McNair in mid afternoon when he felt a friendly pat on the shoulder and a not so friendly gun at his head as he was relieved of his money and his watch. Sam reports it was a very professional contact.

Our sympathy to the family of Howie Adams '48, who died suddenly in Jan.

At lunch in Feb we saw pretty much the same group, but I have a feeling I'm getting old, I've misplaced my notes on that one. John Miller stopped in the men's room on the way to lunch and found Duke Duquemin, in town for the day from Ft McPherson, and brought him along.

At the Mar lunch, attended by the regulars, Ed Greene reported on a recent trip to L.A. where he spoke with George Dell and Mike Greenberg. Jim Kennedy was reported "taking to the hills" to get away from it all.

Miscellaneous notes: Congrats to K.C. Kaericher on his 2d star; Ben Hollander re-

covered nicely from major surgery in Jan. Ben thanks the Class for their thoughts and remembrances while he was in the hospital.

Note from Sam Wellborn now Pres of the Lanier Chapter of the GA Soc of Prof Engrs, still with the GA Dept of Trans. Ted Mock now in DC with NASA. Bill Smith dropped in from Brussels in Jan on a short swing through the U.S., where he visited dau, Sue Ellen, and his grandchild.

For the future: We meet monthly, normally on the 3d Friday for lunch in the Pentagon. Anyone passing through should plan to stop. We also have a quarterly get together with ladies.

Statistics show that 165 of us subscribe to ASSEMBLY, and while this is about par for recent classes we ought to do better. I obviously can't get to the non-subscribers through this column directly, those of you who do read, please pass the word. As we go along the ties that bind tend to fray if we don't keep up.

A final word: While it may seem early, plans for the 30th are starting to be made. Watch for word and if you have any suggestions send them along.

'48

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It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Howie Adams on 23 Jan at Alexandria (VA) Hospital. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage during the holidays in Dec, and remained in a coma almost continuously until his death. The classmates here and elsewhere have tried to ease the burden Sally and the girls now bear. Your prayers for them will be gratefully noted. Howie is buried at WP. Norm Robinson came East to be a pall bearer.

Diana Whitley, Al's 3d child by his first wife, Foffy, was the victim of a senseless street crime in Tallahassee, FL and died there on 13 Jan. Al profoundly appreciated all the outpouring of help from the Class, and wrote: "The lovely flowers you sent for the service for my daughter Diana were much appreciated by the family." Al's address is 1 Staff Post, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234. Foffy resides in Stowe, VT.

Bill McGinness wrote to thank all who have written him and Cathy about their son Charles' death last 25 Oct. Charles is buried at Arlington. The AFA has established the Charles Richardson McGinness Memorial Fund, c/o Air Academy National Bank, USAF Academy, CO 80840, and is expected to designate these funds for perpetuating an annual athletic award for excellence in swimming. Bill also says that their first son, Sandy, is a jr at Rice, and their youngest, Allen, who graduates from high school this year, is trying for the AFA. Bill is a member of the Bd of Dir and the Exec Cmte of the Liquid Paper Corp of Dallas.

Some well deserved promotions to report. Bill Burrows has been nominated for MG, and Jay Brill for BG, in the AF. And, Buck Borg has been confirmed as an FS-1 in the State Dept. Congratulations to them. Buck is either here, or coming back soon to attend the Foreign Service Inst, one of my State Dept neighbors told me.

The pictures accompanying the article are courtesy of Jack Kean, who is Dir of Plans & Tng, Ft Jackson, SC. Bill Caldwell is CG. The occasion was the annual Founders Day dinner there on 14 Mar. Sid Berry was the



1948: Whitney and Peterson, Founders Day 1975.

speaker. Jack and Tomi Miller joined the group from Charlotte, NC. Sam and Joan Holliday are in the area, Sam having acquired a PhD from U. of SC, and he is now teaching at Columbia Coll.

Don Kipfer is shown receiving the LM from MG George McLaughlin at McClellan AFB, for outstanding service as Dir of Elect & Wpns, Hq AFSC. Congratulations, Don. He is now Ch of Elect Sys Div, Sacramento ALC, where he and Mae reside.

The Feb 75 Govt Exec carried a fine article about Mike Tashjian, in its continuing series about Federal Govt Decision Makers. Mike is DCS/Procurement and Production, AFSC. Get hold of a copy and read it. It's very interesting.

The annual DC dinner was held at Arlington Hall Club on 22 Feb. Bob Ward, ably assisted by Beji, and Ann Ware, put on a spectacular time. This year there were Peanuts-like posters for each person present, and somehow Bob managed to weave into his monologue a telling story about each of us. We had a number of out-of-towners, including newly-weds, Ginnie and Carl Schmidt, from Baltimore and Judy and Bob Cushing from NYC. Others included Jim and Pickle Barnett from Winchester, VA; Roger and Bobby Conover from NJ; Bill Cook on his way back to CA from Europe; Monk and Mary Doty from NC; Steve and Anne Griffith from Virginia Beach, VA; Rees and Marge Jones from the Tidewater (VA) area; Dave and Sarah Mallett from somewhere south of Etowan and Horseshoe, NC; Jack and Gloria McCuen, now at Ft Monroe; John and Elaine Milton at Aberdeen; Hugh and Barbara Perry, still in CT; and Bud and Jane



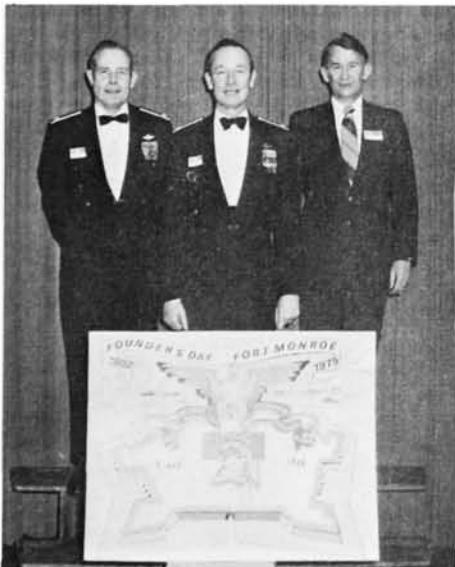
1948: Kipfer receives LM from MG McLaughlin.



1948: McSpadden and Patch (MC), Founders Day 1975.

Wagoner from S. Africa. In addition, Ann Ware's brother and sister-in-law, the Chuck Spettels (USMA '49) joined in the fun. The Wagoners are here temporarily before returning to Africa in a new asgmt in South-west Africa. Dave Mallett is engaged with brother Wink in the beer and dinner wine business in Asheville. He provided an abundance of prizes for the periodic drawings held throughout the entertainment—fine wines and champagne. Rees Jones is concentrating on his golf game and enjoying retirement; Monk Doty has become a power behind the scene in the NC legislature. Bill Cook has moved to Emerson Elec Co, where he is Pres of the Indl Controls Div, and can be reached there—3300 S. Standard St, Santa Ana, CA 92702. Steve Griffith is Dir for Strat Policy, SAC-LANT, and lives close to Little Creek (remember?). Stephen Jr, is a sr at Northwestern; Joseph is a soph at Johns Hopkins and has an ROTC scholarship; John is a sr at Portsmouth Abbey Sch in RI; and the other 4 children are still at home.

Carl and Ginnie Schmidt were married 28 Dec, and he has added 2 sons, aged 8 and 4 to his brood. Carl is Pres of Hartman, McLean and Schmidt, Inc, a gen ins firm, and also serves as president of the Baltimore Assn of Insurance Agents. He was recently awarded the Maryland Assn of Insurance Agents' Insurance Man of the Year award, and the "Mr. Chairman" award for 74 by the American Assn of Managing General Agents, for his outstanding work as chmn of the Mass



1948: Phillips, Scott and White.

Merchandising Cmte. Congratulations on all counts, and you picked a lovely bride, Carl.

Bob and Judy Cushing were married on 18 Jan and live at 12 West 72d St, a block from where Elly and my sister lived before I took her away from the ballet. A pat on the back to you, Bob, for having selected Judy, and we hope to see you both often.

Tom and Smocki Hoffman have finally settled down in Schweinfurt, Germany, where he is ADC-A of the 3d Inf Div and is also Schweinfurt Community Cdr. Son Mike made it for Xmas, leaving after for Amsterdam and Bangkok (special Govt course), then back to St. Lawrence U. Tim is happily ensconced at Ft Carson. Tom and Smocki have done a little traveling, including a ski trip to Austria, which they survived without injury.

Betsy Beinke, Walt's and Elaine's swimmer, continues to make news. On 8 Mar she finished 2d to Olympic Gold Medal winner Melissa Belote by only 35/100 of a second in the 200 butterfly, in which they both broke Melissa's old record. Then, less than 2 wks later, Betsy set a new record herself, cutting 16/100 of a second off Melissa's record of 8 Mar. Betsy also took the 100 fly and the 200 freestyle in this event. Get your tickets for Montreal, Class. Joe Bratton made the news on 30 Jan as Al Haig's XO and appears to be a very able spokesman for his boss.

Sid and Anne Berry sent us an ashtray, for our WP room, which has a photo of the



1948: Kean, Caldwell, Holliday, Berry, Miller (L-R), Founders Day 1975, Fort Jackson, SC.

Colors taken our First Class Year. Jim Allen and Jack Chitty still live on in the gift shop as well as their present asgmts. Traveling Bob Ward brings news from FL. Stubby Clarke is busily engaged with Castro Convertibles in Tampa. And, Jim and Patsy Blakeslee reside in a 140-year-old house in St. Augustine, from which Jim commutes every day to Jacksonville where he and his brother have Tell-A-Phone of FL, Inc. Daughter Bonnie is a soph at the U. of FL; Son, Chris, is headed for FL State, and Andy is a typical 10 year old. Good to hear about them all.

When Elly was in Rock Island, IL in Nov, she called Charlie and Von Alter, whom many remember from WP and DC. Charlie ret. 1 Mar 72, and they live in Coal Valley, IL, Rt 1, Box 419X.

The 31 Mar issue of US News and World Report had a story entitled "Out of the Cities, Back to the Country." One town selected brought back memories galore—Cobleskill, NY. It WAS a nice place, wasn't it?

At last report, Donn and Letty Starry's daughter Melanie was under treatment at Walter Reed. Please remember her in your prayers.



1949: L-R: The Marleys and the Morans, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

'49

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It's always difficult to begin a column with sad news and especially when it involves children of the Class. Cheryl Cave, 17, daughter of Ed and Suedell Cave drowned while on a scuba diver expedition in Feb. Cheryl was a freshman in college in SC. The Caves can be reached at 551 Chateaugay Lane, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Chris Dalrymple, 24, oldest son of Bob and Nonie, died 9 Feb at Veterans' Hospital in Indianapolis. Chris was married and was the owner of a florist shop in Zionsville. The Dalrymples can be reached at 900 Circle Tower Bldg, Indianapolis, IN 46204. I know I speak for the whole Class, and especially those of us who have lost children, in expressing our deepest sympathy.

On the brighter side, the AF announced a new BG list, and we added 2 more stars to our group—Dick Rumney and Jim Stansberry. Dick is DCS Pers at AFSC Andrews AFB and had a wetting down party in Jan where I ran into the Marshes, Greenleaf, Suruts, and Vandervoorts. Jim is with DOD in Procurement Policy—our heartiest congratulations!

My request for more letters and pictures seems to have borne fruit, and I thank each of the people who sent in information; now how about some of the other members who haven't been in touch for a while. The AOG recently released a list of grads subscribing to ASSEMBLY, and I was surprised to note that although we have 98 percent membership in the AOG only 300 get the ASSEM-



1949: West Point Society dinner dance, January 1975.



1949: (F): Henry, Schlosser, McNamee and Laverne Schlosser; (R): Cherry Henry, Arline Winter, the Brocks, Martha Parrish, the Brauns, McNamee, Winter.



1949: At the Dalrymples' prior to Founders Day dinner.



1949: Coghlan and Bolte, Founders Day 1975.



1949: The Herveys and the Schmalzels.

BLY—as ret. years approach, it is a good way to keep in touch.

Now for the letters—Charlie Cheever just missed my last column with the following: Maggie Armstrong, Bill's widow, married an AF officer stationed at Randolph; Bill Fuller '50 (ex '49) was killed in an auto accident in San Ant last Jul. Benny Bennitez, an Episcopal priest, left San Ant in Dec for a new parish in Houston. Joe Tye ret. in Jul and has settled in San Ant and is a talented prof artist. Bill Terrell also ret. and living in San Ant; Ray Crites practicing law, and Bill Treischman building apartments in that area. BG Harry Spillers is Dpty Cmdr SAAMA. MG Chuck Cleveland is at Randolph. Art Mayer working on PhD in hist at U. of TX—had one of the Cheever girls in his class; Bob Lynch and Falkner Heard '50 (ex '49) both stationed at Ft Sam Houston living on post a few doors apart. Dan Gower and family were in San Ant for the Xmas holidays from Gainesville, FL, while Punch Jamison was in from DC. On the family side, Suzanne is a jr at U. of TX, Cece left U. of TX and is working in the Austin area, and the twins are srs in high school, Chuck is a freshman in high school, and Chris is in the 3d grade. My thanks to the Cheevers.

Carolyn Gillespie from Hong Kong. Carolyn spent 3 wks in Peking last fall visiting friends at the British Embassy. Her visit coincided with the time of the festivities for the 25th anniv of the founding of the People's Republic. Also visited Hangchow, Shanghai, and Canton. Buzz is the Army Ln at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong and babysat with Caroline, 13, and Mei Mei, 11, while Carolyn made one of the first visits into China of a U.S. mil dependent since the revolution. Older daughters Ellen and Dean spent Xmas with their parents; Ellen graduated from Georgia State U. in Jun and will become a 2LT in the Army Nurse Cps.

From Bruce Carswell assigned to the RR IX at the Presidio, travels through WA, OR, NV, CA, and AZ as Engr Coordinator for Reserve and Guard Engr units. Attended the Army-Cal game which began at coffee and bloody Marys at the Presidio, took a bus to Berkeley where they ran into Bob and Eileen Braun, Dan and Shirl McGurk and Arnie and Arleen Winter all from L.A., Turner and Clare Croonquist and Dick and Betsy Connell from the San Fran area, Frank Sarsfield, John and Fran Hastings, and Ul Kendree from the Peninsula. Ken Main, Jim Willson, and Phil Feir were also in attendance. At a party at the Presidio in Jan, the Carswells, Croonquists, Connells, Hastings, and Wade and Eleanor Dickinson were present. Dick and Betsy Connell are living at the Presidio where Dick holds forth as Div Engr. Mary Alice and Bruce are living at Hamilton Fld. In his travels Bruce has run across Gerry Schulz, Engr at FORSCOM, and John Chandler and Jim Neil from Ft Belvoir.

Bob Dalrymple sent along a photo of Nancy and Art Gerometta, Noni and Bob, and Muriel and George Crall taken at the Dalrymples' prior to the WP Soc of IN Founders Day dinner. Bob was moaning about approaching the status of sr statesman at these affairs but what else could he expect with that flowing white beard.

Now this one really is difficult: Jack Cox started off apologizing for his negligence in writing and he's always good for at least one letter a year. Jack is finishing his 3d yr in Abn at Ft Bragg as G4 XVIII Abn Corps. Other '49ers in the area are Jack Forrest, ADC of the 82d; Jack Hodes just turned over his command (end of Feb) and is going to work



1949: Michael J. Steger

at the JFK center on the staff while Marc Bounds was Sp Asst for Cmd Activities. Marc was to go TDY for 4 mos and ret. the end of Jul intending to stay in the Bragg area where Doris has a successful business. Unhappily, Marc suffered a heart attack on 1 Mar and was recovering in the local hospital. We wish him well. The accompanying photo shows Petey and Jack Cox pinning gold bars on their elder son, recently graduated from Campbell Coll as a DMG and received a regular commission. David ran into problems with bronchitis at the AFA and was discharged medically after the first semester; he has entered college in NC and intends to become a minister. Third son, Kendall, has received an appointment to USMA where he will enter this summer. Petey stays active with her Red Cross, Wives Club, etc., and Jack says they like the area so well they're talking of possibly settling there when they ret., but Jack says that's still a few years away.

Arnold Winter wrote of an enjoyable evening held at the Schlossers' home in the L.A. area; Bill is now at SAMSO along with Dick Henry and Mike Steger.

A news release from Gainesville, FL, Henry Gooch, ex '49 and former Asst Chaplain at USMA and now a tenured faculty member of Stanta Fe Community Coll, has been elected to Who's Who in Religion. Hank



1949: Dave Parrish with turtleneck.



1949: Turner, Balmer, Erbe, Lowrey, Founders Day 1975.

spent last summer at the Naropa Inst, Boulder, CO, studying Hinduism with Baba Ram Daas and Buddhism with Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche as well as learning Buddhist meditation and part of the TAI CHI CH'UAN (ancient Chinese martial art). He intends to put this knowledge to use in a new course of religion to be taught at Santa Fe.

Other bits and pieces. Collier Ross now commanding a Div at Ft Ord, George Sylvester moves up to Dpty Cdr of ASD at W-P. Tom Bamford fell off a ladder and banged his leg up in the DC area while Dick Morton now ret. in Carlisle, PA, also fell off a ladder and was having back problems—guess we better stay off ladders, Katie Metzger is recovering from an auto accident in upper NY State; Hayes has just been transferred to the RR at Ft Dix.

In my travels this quarter, I ran into Dick Bowman on TDY from his position as Asst to the Ambassador to NATO. Dick expects to be back in the DC area this coming summer, mentioned others in Europe were John Sutton, Norm Katz, Bernie Greenbaum, and John Maurer. Bill Stemple now with Allied Chem in the Phila area ran into Jack Kiely and the writer at lunch in DC. Bob Nulsen ret. the end of Apr and expects to join Tiger Howell at the Federal Energy Agcy.

The DC area group ran a very successful dinner-theatre party in Feb and were pleased to have John Hayes join their ranks. John is running a Coca Cola subsidiary in Spokane and was in town on business. First time I've seen John since graduation, and he looked great. Mentioned that Jim Schmidt is now in the State of WA still in the brokerage business. Next activity for the DC group is an all-day picnic to be held in May, and we expect to turn out 200 members of the '49 family for this one.

Once again a WP graduation is upon us and this year's class includes Jim Ross, Dick Connell, Charles May, Doug Stickley, and Pat Vollmer. Ken McIntyre is heading up a cmte to present a Class gift to sons of our



1949: Petey and Jack Cox pin bars on son Pete.

Class. Mark Milliken graduates from USNA and we have no sons graduating from the AFA this year.

Bette and I have our oldest daughter Jody graduating from VPI in Jun, and son Rick completes USMA Prep and enters WP in Jul.

Now to our Class business: Gil Kirby has submitted a memorial status to the Class Officers in DC for consideration and a plea to get things moving again. Cash collected to 6 Mar 75 totalled \$69,844.99 plus \$3,278.10 in interest for a total cash collection of \$73,123.09. Pledges still in process of being paid amount to \$6,818.78 or a grand total of \$79,941.87. We borrowed a total of \$28,000 from the AOG to complete the project and need \$20,000 in new money or pledges to satisfy this debt. By the time you read this column, you should have been contacted via letter on the alternatives considered by the Class Bd of Dir chaired by Bob Nulsen.

And let's not forget, Rocky Marder has published the 25 Yearbook, and those members who ordered same should have received it by the time you read this column. Others desiring a copy can receive same by sending a check for \$15 to E.E. Marder, 2235 Nottingham, Arlington, VA 22205. The Rock really did an outstanding job on this yearbook and deserves the plaudits of our group.

'50

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More good news for '50. The recent AF BG list came out with 4 of our people on it: Buzz Baxter, Bill Currie, George Patterson and Ev True. Congratulations to all of you!

You should receive this about the time many of us will be gathering at WP for our 25th Reunion. For the past 3 days the forms have begun to appear in my mailbox, and it's great to see the names of so many who will be there. It's disappointing to receive word that some will not be able to join us, but that's inevitable, and I appreciate their taking the time to send back the form and tell us, which we did not request. We've picked up bits of news, and some addresses we didn't have, so it's a real plus; Frank and Frances Thompson will be coming from OH in their trailer, it certainly will save on costs! Bill and Lynn Schwoob won't be there, but it was good to get their address in Sagaponack, NY. Dick Wyrrough expects to be in Panama working on the draft treaty; Bob Eastman says HI to NY is a bit too far; G.G. Thomas will be XVIII Abn Cps G3 for Solid Shield 75 and can't break away; Walt Adams will be in the Far East. George and Bette Belle won't be coming from HI but their "Happy Birthday Robin" on the outside of the envelope made a big hit with my roommate. Ed Allbaugh wrote from Columbia, SC that they'll need to pick up Sandy at the U. of WV and Robin will be graduating from Pine Crest Sch in Ft Lauderdale right at reunion time, which prevents their coming. Ed ret. in 57, is still in nuc energy activities but has departed Admiral Rickover for (Westinghouse) commercial activities. Leni has her MS in Library Science and heartily approves the results of our Class project. Thanks for the good note, Ed.

Had a good note from Helen Hamlin. She and Fred are in Japan not in Germany as I wrote in a previous issue; Fred as Dpty Engr with HQ, USARJ. Their oldest, Andy, will graduate from WP this Jun and has chosen CE; Cathy graduated from coll in 73 and was married last Apr. She and her



1950: Price, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

husband live in WI, Bob is a soph at the U. of WI; Carol (15) Jimmy (13) and Mary (12) are with Helen and Fred in Japan.

Gwyn Groseclose thoughtfully shared a note she'd had from Shirley Coscarelli. Son Don is working on another film; Cyndie (19) is a sr at UC, Santa Cruz, and hopes to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology. Gwyn also shared news from Marion and Bob Whiting. Bob is Dir of the resident prog at the AWC which keeps him on the go. Rob was home for the holidays, Tom is a sr in high school and Judy is a soph.

Art Porcher called from Cocoa Beach, FL where he and Joyce are living. Art continues hard at work as an engr for NASA at the Kennedy Space Cen. Robin and I still talk of the Xmas at Ft Benning (52) when he lent us his qtrs, a welcome break from the trailer we were living in. Denny Roush wrote from Korea where he said the people are hospitable, friendly and appreciative. Prices aren't bad and the living conditions at Yongsan are enjoyable. Dick Lunger is one of Denny's branch chiefs, Jack Koehler is with the bde and Vin Hirsch and Denny were working on the Founders Day dinner together. Denny's job is UNC/USFK/EUSA Engr which he says is exciting—sounds awesome.

Chuck Tonningsen wrote a long note with his Xmas card which came the end of Jan. As he wrote, "The Xmas message is as good as it would have been a month ago." How true. He and Peg stay busy in Seattle. Karen and Tara were with them last summer; Karen is now a freshman at Temple U. After nearly 3 yrs in Panama, Leo and Marilyn Romaneski are returning here, where Leo will be with J5 on the Joint Staff. Mary Monson sent a copy of their newsy Xmas letter which caught us up on all of them. She and Jerry left FL in 73 for Omaha, NB where Jerry is Dpty Dir in one of the Plans Directorates at SAC HQS. In May of 74 Duke graduated from Carnegie-Mellon U. and is now settled in northern NJ. Pauline is in her 2d yr at the Moore Coll of Art in Phila. Kyla will graduate from high school this Jun and has been accepted at the U. of TX and the U. of NB



1950: Kennedy, Founders Day 1975.

at Lincoln, so now she has to make a decision. Jerry is working on his PhD in Mgmt at the U. of NB at Lincoln. He and Mary bought a "mountaintop" just west of Austin and consider themselves Texans. They look forward to the day when they can build there and hang out the welcome sign. Right now you'll find them at 12624 S. 29th St, Capeheart, NB.

Joe Love turned over his cmd of COS-COM at Ft Bragg and came down to earth as a staff officer with XVIII Abn Corps HQS. He and Mary Pharr remain in their lovely qtrs there. Daughter Mary Bland is living in Alexandria while she works on the Hill this year. She's been accepted by U of VA Law Sch for fall 75 so she'll be back to the books again. Mary Ann Read wrote in Feb. She had spent a night in Nashville with Bill and Rissa Brandes. Bill ret. in Aug 74 and is working on his PhD at Vanderbilt. I saw Bill in Mar when he joined Ben Lewis and me for lunch. He is Assoc Dir of a water quality rsch group at Vanderbilt. Rissa is busy with real estate again, wish-



1950: The Berrys and Mrs. Philip L. Bolte.

ing the housing market were better. Rick graduated from Tulane and will soon be part of the Naval Avn prog. Back to the Reads: they spent Thanksgiving with John and Jane Fox in Trenton. When they left on Sun they were caught in a snowstorm and spent the night in their car, stranded on the PA TnPk. Mary Ann sent on a news article about Bob McBride which was in the Granite City (IL) Press-Record on 26 Dec 74. Bob is now VP and Gen Mgr of the Granite City Steel Div of Natl Steel Corp. In this position he has broad operational and admin responsibilities for the entire plant in Granite City which has 5200 employees and is the largest steel producer in the St. Louis metro area. Bob graduated from Harvard BS's Adv Mgmt Prog in Dec.

Lou and Barbara Leiser are in MT where Lou is assigned to Malmstrom AFB. He serves in the dual position of Cmdr of the 24th NORAD Region and of the 24th Air Div. In Jan Lou received the LM for distinguished service with ADC. Congratulations! In Jan Dick Lorette was appointed to the faculty of the Inst of Safety and Sys Mgmt at USC. Prior to that he was Assoc Dean of the Sch of Mgmt at the State U. of NY at Binghamton. Dick has a PhD in Bus Admin from Harvard and a master's in Engr Admin from the USAF Sch of Bus.

Had a note from Dunc Joy in Mar. He and Patty are comfortably settled in qtrs on LI Sound (Ft Totten) after their 21st move in the fall of 74. They see son David, who is at Princeton, more frequently now but this is not so with daughter Gina who is at UNC. Patty keeps busy with courses at the Metro Museum of Art. On 1 Apr Ed West becomes Pres of Green Intl, Inc, an engr firm in Pittsburgh. He and Marcy have had 2 yrs in FL but are now back in Pitt. Becky graduated from Temple last Jun and is working in Philly. Steffie is in her 3d yr at American U., spending this semester in England on an exch prog. Ed says he's finally given up tennis after tearing calf muscles in both legs in the past 3 yrs. He and Marcy "dabble in golf" they're both working at backgammon, "and Marcy's still a super bridge player."

Will Hill Tankersley spoke at the WP Soc of NY Founders Day dinner. Having been appointed to USMA from the 13th Cong Dist of MA (you can tell by his accent), Will Hill felt he was qualified to invade the NAWTH. We in DC hate to lose Jim Tormey to WP. To quote Bob Wilson, "We at WP are all delighted that Jim Tormey is coming here to be the CS. I am reminded of the words of a member of another class spoken in envy of the Class of '50: "You stamp out one and 2 more pop up in his place." Jim makes the move 1 Apr: Ann, Barney and Michael will join him there this summer. John Brinkerhoff has returned to DOD this time as a civ member of M&RA. He and George Tilson are 2 team chiefs in the Office of Mpr Progs.

Bill Mastoris came for dinner in Feb while he was at the Pentagon for part of 90 days TDY working with pers people reviewing the tables of distribution for a number of major posts. He looks great and it was good to catch up on his news after many years. Mike Dowe and I went to Huntsville in Mar for a company meeting. We saw Bob Morrison for a few minutes as we passed at the airport on our arrival—and spent the evening with Gus Hergert. Tried to reach other '50-ers there but they were either out of town or unavailable. Tom Strider called when he was in DC for a quick trip from Panama in conjunction with his job there

as Dir of CD. He and Livia now own a beach cottage overlooking the Pacific Ocean—what a life. Tom sounds great and we were just disappointed that we couldn't see him.

Mauro Maresca had lunch with the Picks in Auburn when he visited son Bob at the U. there. He said he was completely exhausted after hearing all the activities, business and social as well as civic that both Fran and Andy are involved in. Maurie saw John Loye while he was at Maxwell on business.

The AOG has made a plea for addresses for some classmates. Please, if you see your name, write AOG, USMA West Point, NY 10996. Tell them you're a member of '50 and give them a legible up-to-date address. Thanks! Abe Allan, Joe Anderson, Ace Barker, Bill Baxley, Chas. H. Bell, Dave Carlisle, Clyde Cloar, Bill Daugherty, C.F. Dickerson, Harry Dodge, Jim Dunn, John Fray Jr, George Fifield, Vernon Gatley, Wendell Gilman, John Goldsmith, Tyler Goodman, Joseph Green, Jack Hanson, Ernest Hayes Jr., W.M. Hinds, F.E. Howard Jr., J.G. Howell, D.R. Hughes, Earl Johnson, C.Q. Jones Jr., W.R.D. Jones, W.L. Knapp, W. Knauer, R. Kramer, R. Lewandowski, M.J. Loughheed, W. McSherry, R.L. Miller, H.S. Mitchell, R.W. Nelson, Don G. Novak, A.R. Packer, J.V. Parish Jr., P.J. Pennington, W.F. Pierce, V.A. Quarstein, E.B. Quinn, R.D. Reed, J.J. Ross, Milo Rowell, P.I. Schira, W.E. Shambora, J.R. Skove, R.R. Smith, Clark Smith, Ron Snoke, R.G. Steuart, J.W. Stuff, W.W. Warren, F.R. Wondolowski.

Keep those cards and letters coming so we have lots of news to share. See you at reunion!

'51

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Thanks to Ted Atkeson at Carlisle and Harry Lombard in Europe, we have some news of folks other than the DC contingent. After a year as a Fellow at the Harvard Cen for Intl Affairs, Ted joined the Strategic Studies Inst at the AWC last Jul. Also attending the Founders Day dinner at Carlisle as shown in the picture were Ed Lukert, faculty at AWC and Bob Yerks, Dpty Cmdt. Next to Bob is Lew Buffington who ret. from the AF and is now studying law at Dickinson Law Sch in Carlisle. Kermit Johnson will change duties in the fall from Post Chaplain to student. No PCS money involved in that move. Harry left his asgmt as the Dist Engr in NY last Dec to assume cmd of the 7th Engr



1951: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.



1951: L-R: Lukert, Atkeson, Yerks, Buffington, K. Johnson, Founders Day 1975, Hawaii.

Bde in Stuttgart. As an indicator of our advancing years, he mentioned that one of his bn cmdrs was one of his plebes some years ago when Harry was with the math dept at WP. With Harry in Stuttgart is Chuck Canham in J5, EUCOM. Heidelberg is a bit better off with Joe Smith, John Schweizer, Hank Evans, Fran Craig and Lee Duke. Joe is with the USAREUR Engr. John recently completed his tour commanding an ACR. Hank is with DCSI at the hqs and Fran is with the MILPERCEN trying to keep the pegs and holes properly fitted. Lee is also at USAREUR Hq and they all live in Patrick Henry Village. I'd like a picture from one of you people of the Founders Day gathering of the clan. Shy Meyer is in Wurzburg commanding the 3d Inf Div. Here in DC some of us took a breather from budget drills and testimony concerns to swap stories and listen to GEN Brown's remarks at Ft Myer. John Granicher is here with OCE. Bucky Harris is still with Cmd Info Sys. Howie Steele finished his cmd tour in the 5th Mech Div and is now with the Asst SA for Fin Mgmt. Godfrey Crowe is working in the same capacity with the ASA, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Bill Barnett came up from NC where he is in the land devl business. Dean Mulder is still with DIA. Pete Bicykiewicz is enjoying his ret. teaching sch about 5 minutes from his house. Frank Vellela and Paul the "Diplomat" Coughlin joined the group. Frank is with DCA and Paul is in the final stages of preparation for his asgmt to Argentina. My thanks again to Harry and Ted for their update. Let us hear from the rest of you people out there in the real world.



1951: Steiger, Winner and Tausch.

'52

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Another year passes and we now pass the 23-year service mark. By my calculations, the ret. pay inversion problem temporarily catches up with those of us still on active duty. If we don't ret. by 31 Aug and the law isn't changed, we lose ret. pay by staying in unless we stay in 3 more yrs (or get another promotion). The final fogey, at 26 yrs, however, is big enough to overcome the probable inversion differences.

I received only 2 more Xmas cards after writing the last article. These were from Ann & Lou Arnold and Jane & Charlie Sell. Ann reports that their oldest, Cathy, is job interviewing, Frank a soph at VA, and Steven in 9th grade. Lou is working temporarily on AMARC at AMC but will soon move to the Pentagon.

I have received "minutes" of 2 class meetings; a special meeting of the exec cmte on 19 Jan and the annual class meeting on 6 Mar.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF EXEC CMTE

"A special meeting of the Exec Cmte was called by the chmn as a result of corres received by the pres from John Garver and Charlie Watkins at WP. Present at the meeting: Paul Malone, Chmn; Bill Raiford, Class



1952: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

Pres; Al Thieme, Charlie Sell, and George Bartel, Cmte Members.

"Paul Malone opened the meeting. John and Charlie expressed concern over the recent decision not to follow a longstanding tradition with most USMA classes and recognize sons of '52 graduating from WP with a memento. They felt that a negative vote by only 26 of the 490 members of the Class was not a valid expression of what may be the true class feeling on this subject. . . . Bill Raiford discussed the issue and offered the suggestion that the entire Class could be polled on this. The suggestion and related matters were discussed at great length by the cmte. The provisions of the constitution were reviewed and alternatives were summarized. Following discussion, Paul Malone proposed a vote on submitting the issue to the entire Class. Although there was recognition for Garver's and Watkins' concern on this matter, the cmte voted unanimously to defeat the proposal on the basis that the original procedure had been taken in accordance with the Class constitution.

"It was reaffirmed that in future votes on like issues by DC area classmates, only the number of votes cast will be considered in determining the outcome. For example, classmates polled by mail who do not respond, will be counted as "no" votes. It was reestablished that the DC area classmate popula-



1952: The Robinsons, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

tion will constitute a representative sample of the Class.

"Paul Malone suggested the possibility of more frequent social meetings by area classmates. As an example, it was suggested we attempt to organize a group and attend the next A-N football game.

"In a discussion of the admin of the Class Fund for its stated purpose of honoring deceased classmates and families, Bill Raiford mentioned Buckingham Florists have been handling Class of '52 funerals in the past and are well equipped to prepare appropriate floral arrangements. Al Thieme said he knew of only one classmate funeral to which flowers were not sent.

"With the approval of the pres and cmte, Paul Malone announced the 6 Mar 75 luncheon meeting at Ft McNair will be the 75 Annual Meeting.

"Paul Malone announced he is still seeking a chmn of the cmte to organize the Jun party.

"Bill Raiford stated the Cannon Fund now has on hand approximately 50% of the money required to complete the project.

"The meeting was adjourned."

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WP CLASS OF '52

"The Annual Meeting of the Class of '52 was held this date (6 Mar 75) at the Fort McNair Officers Open Mess. The following classmates attended: George Bartel, Bob Carlone, Al Griffin, Owen Holleran, Sam Hubbard, Jack Lentz, Dave Lyon, George MacGarrigle, Otis Moran, Paul Malone, Ron



1952: Coffman, Garver, Tipton, Founders Day 1975, Korea.



1952: The McClungs, Mitchells, Ulmers and Stokes.

Obach, Bill Raiford, Charlie Sell, Doug Slingerland, Fred Stevens, Bert Stubblebine, Don Swygert, Al Thieme, Dick Wiles, Chuck Yarbrough.

"After lunch Paul Malone, Chmn of the Exec Cmte, opened the meeting by asking Al Thieme, Treas of the Exec Cmte, to report on the status of the Class Fund. Al reported \$311 in the checking account at the Highland Falls Bank and the \$1400 Savings Certificate earned \$104 during the past year.

"George Bartel, Secy of the Exec Cmte, reported on the significant events of the past 2 yrs as follows:

- The Class Constitution was amended.
- The Class gift of 14 cannons to Ft Putnam was decided.
- The Class locator file was established. (Bill Raiford interjected that the AOG reported the Class of '52 maintains excellent liaison with their office, thereby maintaining the latest available information on addresses.)
- Arrangements were made for eulogies of deceased classmates in publications of ASSEMBLY.
- The Class considered a proposal to honor sons of '52 graduating from WP.

"George Bartel reported the terms of office of exec members would expire at the end of the current year and that an election of new members would be appropriate for the Fall Luncheon. Paul Malone then asked for a volunteer to chair a nominating cmte to establish a slate of nominees. Doug Slingerland volunteered to do this.

"Charlie Sell reported on the progress of the preparation of eulogies for classmates. Thirty-nine classmates are deceased—17 are yet to be memorialized in ASSEMBLY. Charlie is contacting classmates individually in regard to this matter. Bill Raiford mentioned that the AOG suggests graduates provide that office with career summaries in anticipation of the preparation of their eulogies in the future.

"Paul Malone asked for a volunteer to be chmn of the cmte to organize the Jun party. Bert Stubblebine was nominated and elected. Other cmte members are Otis Moran and Larry Putnam.

"Bill Raiford pointed out the need for advanced planning for the 25th Reunion. He

suggested co-chmn be designated—one at WP and one from the DC area. Al Griffin volunteered to be the DC area rep.

"It was agreed to modify the schedule for our class luncheons. In the future, there will be 3 luncheons a year in the DC area on the first Thurs of Sept, Dec, and Mar; the annual class party will be the first Sat in Jun. These dates are firm (until the next change, which will be announced after the event).

"Bill Raiford reported on the Cannon Project as follows:

- All 14 guns have been ordered—7 have been delivered and paid for. The 7 remaining are scheduled for delivery in Mar.
- Russ Ball, WP Class of '48 and Chmn of the cannon contractor, The Philadelphia Gear Co., expects to be able to give us a discount on the last 7 guns due to a drop in the price of brass.
- The engr who is preparing the drawings of the cannon is reportedly donating his services to WP.

• Bill Raiford will appropriately express to the above individual the appreciation of the Class.

Although good progress has been made in raising the money for the cannons, there is an immediate need for cash to pay for the 7 guns to be delivered in Mar. Therefore, it is suggested that monies pledged for this year be paid now if possible.

"Ray Voden, a special luncheon guest of Bill Raiford, was introduced. Ray was shot down over N. VN in 65 and was a prisoner for 8 years. For part of that time he was a cellmate of Ken Simonet.

"The meeting adjourned at 1345 hours."

The annual class meeting, reported above, was held in the "Rathskellar" of the Ft McNair Club, a site which has proven very satisfactory for quarterly luncheons. George Bartel reports that, "a day or 2 after the meeting Bill Raiford received the good news about Walt Ulmer's selection as Cmdt at WP. Bill asked me to pass this word on to you. Certainly now we can count on preferential treatment at the 25th Reunion, football games, etc... (Right, Walt?)" Congratulations, Walt!

We are now virtually assured of reaching our goal to provide the cannon for Ft

Putnam. Now it is time to concentrate on an even more important indicator of the spirit of the Sesquicentennial Class. As of the last report, only 30% of our living classmates had pledged a contribution toward this memorial. I believe that our class gift should represent contributions from 100% of the living members of the Class; no matter how large or small the contribution. So if you haven't been able to pledge before because of your current financial condition, reach into your future and pledge what you can afford. Those of you who can pay off your pledges early, note Bill Raiford's plea in the minutes of our annual Class Meeting.

Another plea that has been issued is one to increase the subscriptions to ASSEMBLY in order to offset the rising costs. Subscriptions by the Class of '52 have been dropping: 311 in 72-73, 310 in 73-74, and 293 in 74-75. The 74-75 subscriptions represent 59.92% of our living classmates relative to an average subscription rate of 58.77% for classes '40 to '74. If you are reading this in a borrowed copy, how about subscribing so that they'll be able to continue accepting long columns? And if you know of a classmate who is not a subscriber, pass on the plea. Thanks!

Nancy Roper reports that Ken has reluctantly given up the cmd of the 101st Avn Gp at Ft Campbell and moved on to Ft Ord to become Facilities Engr. Nan and the girls are waiting for school to be out to join him.

Marilyn and Don Ross drove to W-P AFB for the Founders Day dinner and the WP Societies of Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus. They were joined by Colette and Bob Crane and Theresa and Tom Kelsey. The Rosses have been in Cincinnati for 5 yrs now and the welcome mat is always out to friends and classmates passing through. They maintain a mil sounding address, living in Federal Hill at 7218 Regiment Dr.

At the Founders Day dinner here in Seoul, I was joined by King Coffman, my next door neighbor, and John Tipton. A few weeks earlier, we had scheduled a class meeting when John's wife Sis was visiting from the States. The meeting had to be cancelled, however, when Yours Truly came down with the flu and Irene Coffman did likewise. King reports that Nib Niblack hasn't been keeping in touch from Buenos Aires. Shame on you, Nib!

John Garver underwent minor surgery so begged a postponement on the long news letter for the column. He reports that he and Charlie Watkins are the only classmates currently remaining on active duty at WP. Tom Fitzpatrick has departed to cmd a bde at Ft Lewis, WA.

Bill Waldrop graduated Magna Cum Laude from Jordan-Conwell Theological Seminary last summer with a master of Theological Studies degree. Bill has served several terms on the Officers' Christian Fellowship Council and, since 72, he has served as the OCF East Coast Rep. Dick Wiles sent me a Business Week article which mentions Warren Hayford. Warren is Continental Can Co.'s Exec VP and Chief Fin Officer. When Continental's chmn is away, Warren shares in the rotation of top operating authority.

Homer Kiefer reports a change in asgmt from CO 41st FA Group to CS of Ft Jackson, SC.

Lou Churchill has been awarded the LM at Tyndall AFB, FL, where he is CO of the 4756th Air Base Gp of the ADC.

From Army Times: John Cooke has taken cmd of the 82d Abn Spt Cmd at Ft Bragg, NC. Tom Cole has relinquished command of Ayers Kaserne at Butzback, Germany.

Charlie Hoenstine has succeeded Homer Kiefer as cmdr of the American Kaserne at Babenhausen, Germany. Ernie Condina has received orders from APO 09403 to Ft Devens. Five Army classmates have been selected for 06 cmds in the coming year: Jim Armstrong—a cmbt arms trp cmd; Bob McGarry, Pete Selleck, and Drake Wilson—cmbt spt trp cmds; and Harry Dutchyshyn—an engr dist.

By the new schedule announced above, the next class function will be the 7 Jun class party. Following that will be a class luncheon on 4 Sept and another on 4 Dec. These will all be in the DC area. If you can make them, contact the class exec cmte for details.

My next deadline for material is mid-Jun. Approximately one month later, I'll be departing Korea, but I don't yet know where I'll be heading. Any material sent to the above address, however, will be forwarded to me. So, keep those cards and letters coming!

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First, the good news!

Ross Kenzie has been elected Exec VP-svs, of Merrill Lynch, etc.; up from VP and Metropolitan Regional Dir. Ross and Langley are living at Elizabeth, NJ. Congratulations, Ross. We're proud of you.

Equally welcome is the Jan announcement of Rand Araskog's appointment as VP of ITT



1953: Leonard, Hayes and Breckenridge, Founders Day 1975, Korea.



1953: Front row: Egbert, Segal, Burdeshaw; back row: Nesbitt, Snead and Nugent.



1953: Founders Day 1975. Crerar, Neal, Smythe, Thompson and Volpe.



1953: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

and Gp Exec in charge of its ITT Aerospace Elect, Components and Energy Gp, newly formed from 18 subsidiary companies. We hope this presages even greater things to come for you, Rand.

The Eagle has landed again! News of Bob Rose's promotion comes from Kirtland AFB where he is Ch of Laser Devl. Perhaps you may recall that Bob earned his PhD in engr physics in 69 from the U. of VA.

Monty Speir called from Ft Bliss with the poop that he is headed for ODCSOPS in Jul, probably in the Requirements Dir. Monty had been commanding the 11th ADA Gp since Aug 73; the change of command was 7 Feb. He'll stay at Bliss "doing something" until summer. Son Bob has a confirmed nomination to WP for Jul in the Class of '79.

Monty also reports that Sam Fisher is ret. and teaching at El Paso. Weemo Wubbena, that most faithful of stringers, tells of meeting up with Art Brown at the POAC. Art is a recent arrival to ODCSOPS. Dick Boyle has returned from group command in Germany to join the office of the Asst to the SECDEF (Atomic Energy). Bob and Jeanne Glasgow, now at Ft Sheridan working on making the All Volunteer Army work, are returning this summer to their lovely home near Mt. Vernon and duty in the DC area. PFC Bill Glasgow is at Ft Lewis with the 9th Divarty. Daughter Mary is still at home with the old folks.

From Earl Chambers (Small Business Admin) thru Pete Conzelman comes news that Lou Andrews ret. in Jan to the Tacoma area; Bob Schofield has also hung up his suit there to study law. Dave Best is doing exceedingly well nearby in Seattle, also as a lawyer. Earl tells of Dave's beautiful hilltop home east of Lake Washington. Pete adds that Gray Kinnie is with IBM here in DC.

I met up with Herb Lacquement at a sensor demonstration at Ft Belvoir recently. Herb is Exec to BG Griffith in the R&D Dir at HQ AMC. Also, before I forget it again, Bob Zargan is on the War Coll list for this coming year. John Oblinger reported in

Mar for duty with ODCSRDA, heading the Msl and AD Sys Div.

And some sad news!

Dan Christman has lost his struggle with cancer. He had ret. with Jackie in May to 3109 Stone Edge, El Paso 79904 along with Paul, 11, and Virginia, 14. Dan entered William Beaumont Army Med Cen on 24 Dec and died 17 Jan. He was buried with military honors at Ft Bliss National Cemetery. Monty Speir acted as Survivor Asst. God keep you, Dan!

On 26 Feb, Lillian Worthy succumbed unexpectedly to complications following surgery on 17 Feb in Oklahoma City. Cliff and the children (Mark, 20, Kim, 18, and Jennifer, 13) returned with her to Detroit for the burial. The Class was represented by Jim and Ann McCluskey along with Peg Tanzer and Ann Blum. Lillian's passing is a numbing loss to all who knew her, for no greater lady will ever touch our lives. The Lillian Worthy Memorial Fund has been founded with the Ft Sill Natl Bank, intended to assist in the care and training of son Mark, who Lillian loved so dearly and to whom she gave so much.

MIZPAH!

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Our class Spook, Jim Williams, writes from SHAPE that Jack Galvin will leave Brussels shortly for USAREUR's "Charm School" before taking cmd in mid-Jul of 3d Inf Div Spt Cmd. Jim must be an expert on span of control: After a tour with State and 5 mos in ACSI to relearn his basic trade, he took command of the 650th MI Gp with units in Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Turkey supporting Allied Cmd, Europe. Son Steve is now 15, averages 12 points a game on JV basketball; Karen, 12, and Jim's wife, Bobbi, turned into ski buffs on a recent trip to Switzerland. John Purdy is Dpty Cdr of the NATO/SHAPE Spt Gp and Ed Passmore is on SHAPE's plans and policy staff. Jack Galvin's latest book, "Bostonians," will be out this fall under a Crowell imprint. (He worked on it 5 yrs, troops, so let's all buy a copy.) Jack now has a novel in work.

Colby Ross has some incriminating pix of several F-2 degenerates at the 20th Reunion P-rade which he'd like to send Bill Egan, Harry Emrick and Joe Heed—whose addresses we're missing. Colby and Claudine returned to CA after the Reunion via a long, "absolutely beautiful" trip with Canadian Pacific RR, stopping over in Banff and British Columbia. (You're slipping, Colby—it didn't used to take you that long to recover from a hangover.)

From Ft Benning, Fletch Ware writes that



1954: Gaston, Kramer, Lykke, McVeigh and Sloan.



1954: The Leys and the Walkers.

Wallie Carlson and Don Nowak are at the Inf Bd, while Ames Albro commands the 34th Engr Gp, "doing a great job." Ames leaves this summer to become Dist Engr in Korea. Frank Hart relieved Bill Hilsman as Pres of the Combat Arms Tng Bd, with Bill now at Ft Lewis. Charlie Orr ret., lives in Columbus and works for the Gas & Light Co. Fletch is Benning's Dir of Plans & Tng.

News from our AF files is hard to come by. Bill Miller received his 2d MSM at a recent NWC ceremony for his services as Dpty Cdr, Opns, at Kincheloe AFB in 72-74. Jim Ahman now heads the AF MAAG group in Iran, has Al Schalk aboard to help him qualify as the world's chief arms peddler.

Tex and Sharon Bacon are at Ft Bliss where Tex is Dir of Instr at the Sgt Majors' Acad. Tex invited me down late in March to address this year's class, then kept me up until 3 a.m. while he tried to tune his guitar. SMA's 211 students, one of the NCOs told me, are "fed with a fire hose"—but they seem to thrive on it, probably asked the most interesting questions I've fielded at any of the service schools. Tex reports that Jan LeCroy and Jess Moore are both ensconced in Dallas.

Len Reed is IO at TRADOC, commutes weekends from Ft Monroe to DC, where Joanie is getting their youngsters through their last year of high school. Paul Lansky is at AFSC trying to get USAF up to speed on production mgmt. Dale Vesser has been trying to get a permit to clear several acres of land in McLean with a flame thrower! Yale Weatherby returned recently from an extended trip to Iran; Phyl now works with



1954: Knoff, Reed and Mayberry.

the AF Comm and Elect Assn. Cliff Berry chose not to attend AWC or participate in the Army senior fellowship program and ret. 31 Mar. He and Irene strike out on a new career built around Cliff's bent as a writer: I'm proud to announce that Cliff joined *Armed Forces Journal* in Apr as our 7th editor in 111 yrs. Both of us hope more of you will call or stop by when you pass through DC: we're on Connecticut Ave just above Dupont Circle, 462-1220, and serve the best martinis in town.

At a recent meeting of your new class officers, it was voted to accept a nomination submitted by Ramon Aguilar to make Andre Broumas' brother John an hon member of the Class of '54. John will be inducted (or is it indicted?) at the 17 May class party at Ft Myer. Ramon is a student at the Inter-American Def Coll, may stay on next year to teach. Gene Broumas, incidentally, must be the busiest gal in DC: I've tried to ask her out several times, but she always has a better offer. Gene saw a number of classmates in TX recently and reports that Kerly and Natalie Barrand and John and Marge Bard are holding Ft Hood together. Kerly's Engr Constr outfit keeps busy rebuilding the roads and bridges which John's bde devastates every time he moves out on a night road march. Would you believe that John now drives a metallic gold POV—with a huge 2d AD patch painted on the back? (What's the problem, John: can't remember your license number?)

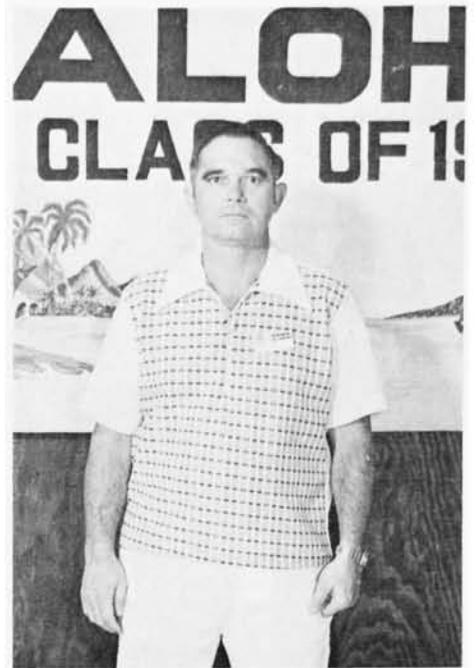
Gung Ho '54: The AOG tells me that of the 34 classes graduated since '40, 7 are more Gung Ho than ours. Which is another way of saying that 7 classes have more members subscribing to REGISTER and ASSEMBLY than we do. Can't believe it either, but that's what the bean count says. Let's all start a determined effort to con non-subscribers like Ronnie Lee into forking over \$11 that a subscription to this great column costs, along with your annual REGISTER and its cast of thousands. (Can you imagine Art Buchwald working this hard to reach only 367 readers?) All we need, guys, are 51 more ASSEMBLY subscribers and we'll be on the top of the heap, where we belong.

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Let me begin by expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dick Wargowsky for the outstanding job he has done with this column the past few years. He has always presented an interesting and well written update on class news. Dick and Sandy are off to the Air WC in Montgomery, AL for a year. We wish them an enjoyable sch yr and are looking forward to seeing them at the reunion in Oct.

That's right! This is our reunion year. 20th Reunion will be 18-19 Oct 75. Bill Wix and friends at WP are busily planning the activities for the weekend. It is not too early for you to do some planning also. As senior class for the fall reunion we have a bloc of rooms at the Thayer Hotel. Reservations should be made directly with the Thayer; include at least a \$25 deposit and indicate that you are a member of the Class of '55. Do it soon to insure a place at the Thayer! That's where you'll want to be 'cuz that's where the action will be. Please send suggestions to Bill Wix re Class memorial gift. A letter with additional reunion details will be sent in early summer to all 285 classmates



1955: Steakley, Founders Day 1975

on the AOG mailing list. The word needs spreading because not everyone is on the AOG list.

Another important item of business: As mentioned in the previous edition Fred Bliss has formally resigned as class pres. The Exec Cmte is soliciting nominations for this office. The nomination 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 ballots mailed to all classmates on the AOG mailing list. Results will be announced at the Reunion in Oct.

'55 will soon have its first GEN officer. The well-deserved honor belongs to Carl "Homer" Cathey. Carl returns in May 75 from Ramstein AFB in Germany and is scheduled to become the Dir for Rcn & Elct Warfare, DCS, R&D, Hq USAF in the Pentagon. Carl is the jr man on the AF list of 42 selectees who have an average of 23½ years service. Carl is just a youngster with that crowd. Congratulations from all of us!

From Ft Hood comes news that Rich Cardillo was the principal organizer of Founders Day there this year. The highly successful occasion featured Frank Borman '50 as speaker. Rich and Inez after a 3½ year stay, will be departing soon for AWC. As Inez says, her "friend" is ready for a break, and a well deserved one it will be at AWC. Rich Jr. is trying the great NW and is a student at OR State U. Other moves at Hood include Bruce MacDonald M.D., who will be



1955: Harvill receives the MSM.



1955: Founders Day, Carlisle Barracks, (L-R): Andrews, Drummond, Gray, Denman, Brown, Vincent, Horst, Woerner, McIlroy and Meekison.

off to the AFSC and Tom Mullin en route to DA this summer. Coming to Ft Hood is Frank Schlotter from a tour in Bangkok, Thailand.

Ken Wilson is another returnee from Thai. He's now enjoying the good life as Cdr, Albroke Fld in Panama. Stan Harvill is now the Dir of Engr with AF SAMSO at L.A. AF Sta and doing the kind of job we'd expect.

Representing the Class in Moscow are Jeanne and Doc Dorough who are enjoying lots of winter sports. Ruth and John Sloan are with DIA in London and ask that anyone going that way look them up. Also in London are Diane and Phil Enslow. Phil's job calls for quite a bit of travel in Europe. There must be others in equally exotic places. Anyone for Samoa?

Our Latin American expert is Norm Smith. He recently presented a paper and participated in a conference on Latin America's New Internationalism. He and Vi are settling into their new home in Fairfax. Quite a change from Costa Rica! Should you need help on Wall St Dave Young is your man. He and partner have opened an office at 100 Wall St. Marse assists there quite often. Dave was also seen in DC recently for the annual Mardi Gras party sponsored by the LA Congressional Delegation.

Joe Franklin was a recent visitor to Ft Bliss where he talked at the Sgt Majors' Acad. While there he had dinner with Dave and Barbara Hufnagel and Paul and Bobbie Parks. Dave assumed command of the ADA tng bde in Jan. Paul is on the S&F of the school. Sounds like Ft Bliss is in good shape.

From WP comes word that Bob Lafrenz has been named a perm assoc prof in the Physics Dept. Congratulations Bob! Bob and Marvel join Olvey, Street, and Wix as our full time reps at WP. Other news from WP has it that Joe and Maree Skaff are enjoying their tour very much. Joe has extended a 4th year and will continue to command the 3d Regt. And soon to be seen on the WP scene will be Bob "Stump" Joseph. He will be assigned to OMI in Aug after completing a year as the G3, 2d Inf Div, Korea.

Dave Pemberton has recently assumed command of the 1st Bn, SF Gp at Ft Bragg

where Dave previously served as Cmpt for the JFK Cen.

Dave and Kay Wheeler will be making a summer move to DC and joining the staff at OCE. Dave completed command of an engr bn at Ft Stewart. Other summer moves have Dave Patton from Ft Bragg to Ft Gulick, Panama, and Dick Hargrove, returning from Germany to FORSCOM HQ to Ft McPherson. Jack and Kathy Jeter have been with the Recruiting Cmd in Santa Ana, CA and are moving to Frankfurt.

I've reached the end for this report. Do drop me a line occasionally and let me know what's new. And don't forget to make your reservations at the Thayer! See you in Oct.

'56

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Ken Knowles provided a very fine account of all the class activities of late in the Huntsville, AL area. To begin, Ken and Rita are proud to announce that their eldest, Daniel Thomas "Danny," has received a Presidential appointment to WP and will report this summer. Danny was an outstanding student and athlete at the Randolph Sch near Huntsville, and was also offered a Presidential appointment to the AF Acad. Ken is div chief in the STINGER Proj MgmtO at the Redstone Ars. STINGER is a shoulder-fired,



1956: The Porters, Bolins and Bynells, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1956: Flory, A. Harris, J. Harris, Liwski, and Smith, Founders Day 1975.



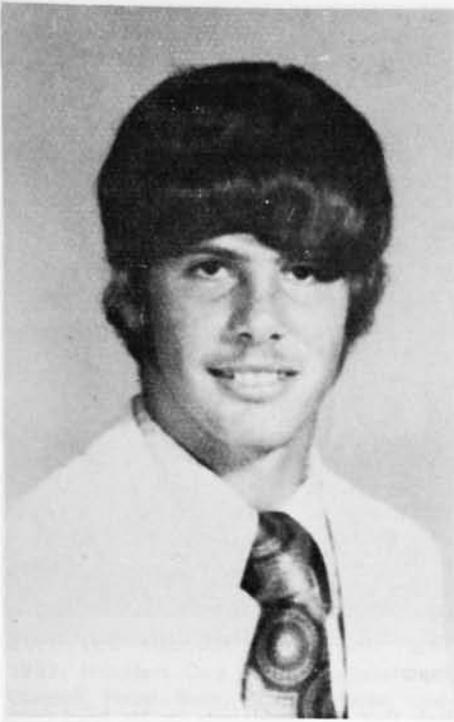
1956: Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

air-def msl sys being developed by the Army to replace the Redeye Msl Sys. Ken says that Herb Wagenheim is the CofF&A at Redstone and Bub Lewis is there assigned to the SAM-D ProjO. Ken and Herb are WP adm counselors to the area high school students. All 3 families are active in the Redstone Saddle Club. We were happy to learn that Herb has recovered nicely from stomach surgery last spring.

John and Mary Johnson are at Ft Carson where John is commanding the 1st Bn, 70th Armor. Not to be outdone, Mary Johnson, in addition to raising 4 sons, James (17), John (16), David (13), and Erik (10), is making quite a name for herself in tennis circles. Mary is now the Pro-Mgr of the West Hills Racquet Club in Denver. Her tennis teaching career dates from 55, and she was a rank-



1956: (F): Foss, Diez, Knudsen; (R): Bahnsen, McAniff and Nicholson.



1956: Dan Knowles, new cadet, Class of '79.



1956: Graesser and Urbach, Founders Day 1975.



1956: The Barretts

ing jr player in New England and the nation in the 50's. Last year, she played in the qualifying round of the Virginia Slims Tournament. She's a tennis consultant for the Wesco tennis court firm, a rep for Bolltex, a sythetic surface for indoor courts, and a national staff advisor for the Dunlop Sporting Goods Co. In addition, she's a member of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Assn Umpires Assn, past secy of the Eastern Prof Tennis Assn, an assoc member of the Women's Intl Tennis Federation and was an accredited DC area tennis official. She also writes for a number of tennis publications and has been submitting scripts for a proposed TV series that would be set in an indoor tennis club. She was also the subject of a feature article in the *Army Times* last fall appropriately called "The Best of Two Worlds—Mom's a Tennis Pro." The prize tennis pupil among their 4 sons is Erik, who "played" in an exhibition match with Rod Laver and Pancho Gonzales when only 5, and also plays soccer and golf. James (17), played on his high school varsity tennis squad and won several trophies in addition to being a starting forward on the varsity basketball team. Their other sons, John (16), and David (13), are into motorcross racing.

Mary Johnson reports that Al and Carole Beauchamp, who developed a new community recreation proj near Colo Spgs, named "Donola" are now in FL near family. Carole has been very ill and underwent a kidney transplant from her brother—which unfortunately she rejected. We certainly hope that this setback is very temporary, and that both Al and Carole can return soon to CO to carry on to completion their great work in that area.

We had a good turnout at the L.A. area Founders Day dinner. We shared many reminiscences with "Nick" Beal, Dex Shaler, Andy Anderson, Jerry Skatvold and Marv Schwartz.

Andy and Marv are still at SAMSO in El Segundo. Andy is ExO of the Def Spt Prog. Marv is Dir of Program Control for Launch Vehicles. Jerry Skatvold has recently changed jobs and is Asst to the Pres with Wassco Extrusion Sales in El Segundo. Dex is continuing to move ahead as owner of his own business forms firm, and Nick is doing very well as an atty in the San Fernando Valley.

Betty, Carolyn and I wish all of you the best and hope you can find time to tell me about it in the coming months.



1957: Tribe, Founders Day 1975.

sons', though, on 14 Jun, and if you're in the area please come. It would also help if you let us know in advance so we can make the best possible plans. The best man to contact is Giles Harlow, our new soc chmn. His address is: LTC Giles Harlow, 6831 Fairway Dr, McLean, VA 22101. The other class officers in the DC area are Will Christenson, Pres.; Larry McNeil, VP; and Stan Cass, Secy.

The rest of the column is going to be somewhat alphabetical, based on the source of the info—but don't count on it since spelling was not, and is not, my strong point.

I got a great letter from Tom Adcock, who is currently at the AWC. He and Betty are expecting their 3d child in late Jul. Is there anyone ready to top that? Congratulations, you've still got what it takes. Tom enclosed the photo taken at the Founders Day dinner, and they certainly are a distinguished looking group, even if they do look a little old. Glen Swindler is the only classmate at Carlisle missing from the picture. The current asgmts for those leaving Carlisle are: Tom Adcock, NATO, Brussels, Belgium (where they will have their little Brussel-sprout); Tony Albright, HQ, CEEIA, Ft Huachuca, AZ; Bob Christy, HQ, DA; Dick Fadel, DCSOPS, DA; Parks Houser, ISA, OSD; Ed Olsmith, Readiness Region, Ft Sam Houston, TX; Mort Roth, AFSOUTH, Naples, Italy; Ralph Ste-

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Greetings from the nation's capital, almost. Actually, it's hello from VA. This is my first column in some 9 years (you may remember my golden era from 1963-66) and it's just as hard to get my pen moving now as it was then. Some things never change. It's much more fun to read what someone else has written. My appreciation, and I'm sure yours, goes to Tom Garigan for the great job he did the last few years. My thanks also to Tom for the info he's been forwarding to me. Please keep it coming. Fortunately this is the area where the largest percentage of the Class is concentrated and so most of you can get word to me by inclosing it in a letter to your old friends. We have some 100 classmates in the area, and even manage to get as many as 15 to class luncheons (not the most enthusiastic bunch of luncheon attenders). There will be a big bash at the Iver-



1957: Lea, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1957: Miller, Buchan (Australian MA), Meyers and Langworthy.

phenson (USAF), J3, CINCPAC, HI; Glen Swindler, Faculty, USAWC. Joe House will remain on the faculty, same as last year. The list of classmates due to be in the Bicentennial Class (I wonder if they'll have to wear special patches?) was provided by Joe, just in case you missed it. They are Les Bennett, Marty Carson, Steve Glick, Ed Kielkopf, John McDonald, Tom McDonald, Warne Mead, Dick Olson, Dick Stephenson, and Ted Voorhees. Joe and Sue House are planning a welcoming party for the above lucky winners, and I'll expect pictures. Try to look young. Parks Houser saw George McGovern (classmate type) at Ft Bragg and says he really loves being a bn cdr in the 5th Sp Fcs Gp. George just returned from a month of ski training in UT and is now getting ready to participate in a 20-mile marathon race. Oh, to be healthy and strong! Other info from Tom: Nora and Don Whalen are on the faculty at the Naval WC, Newport, RI, and are enjoying it. Diane and Gerry Galloway are at Vicksburg, MS, where Gerry is the Dist Engr. Gerry was at Belvoir recently to address the car crse on the role of the Engrs in Civil Works, and it was one of the most outstanding presentations I have ever heard. Needless to say, he also looks great. Ray Bell is a civ (has been for quite a while) living in Cornwall, and working as a civ for the NY NG. He commutes to



1957: Gaspard Jr.

Albany where he works for the governor's CS. Ray's wife, Mary Ann, is very active in Cornwall community projects and was recently the subject of a highly complimentary article in the Cornwall "Evening News." I must say that Tom's letter certainly made my job this month very interesting. On we go. John and Cynthia Burt, and their 3 children, are assigned to OCE and are living in Annandale. Stan Cass is in DCSRDA, the Avn Sys Div, and, as indicated earlier, he is our class secy. Don and Carolyn Davis (AF type) are with the Data Comm Regts for NMCS-OJCS/J3 (Info Sys Div). They are expecting a 3d child in Apr. Do you think it's an epidemic? Hal and Elly Dyson are with ODCSOPS, Strat & Security Directorate, Strat & War Plans Div. They have 2 children and live in Annandale. Fletch and Carlyn Elder and their 2 sons also live in Annandale (must be a '57 ghetto). Fletch is the Ch, DLI LnO. Giles Harlow, our new social chmn, is in OSD/ISA and is working on Arms Control. He passed on the following: P.J. Schwem is at Clark AFB, P.I., and is directing traffic for the Indo China withdrawal. Jo Quioros is a VP of American Airlines. Frank DeSimone is on an exch asgmt with the State Dept and spends a lot of time in Geneva on the arrangements for the disarmament talks. Bill (Herk) Carroll is at Ft Hood and may



1957: Olson, Page and Scott, Founders Day 1975.

be going to Carlisle. Bill Webb is studying Chinese in Taiwan—sounds like the right place. I remember seeing Bill in the basement of the Pentagon about a year ago, and I guess you'd go anywhere to get out of the basement. Actually, he wanted this quite strongly. Moon Mullins is returning to DC in the legislative ln br. Thank you Giles. Lyn and Tom Hicklin have changed jobs but managed to remain in the DC area. Tom is the Exec for Civil Works in the Office of the Ch of Engr. Tom indicated that Mary Jo and Jack Adams are living in Richmond, VA where Jack works for an "unnamed" engr firm. John and Barbara Hoeker have just arrived on the scene from Ft Bragg, where John was the Bn Cdr of the 2d Bn (Abn), 325 Inf. He is now in OJCS, J3, Exercise Plans and Anal. Still at Bragg are Rudy Pataro in the 82d G1; and Sid Britt, Bn Cdr 4-68 Arm Bn (Abn). Mike Houser is departing the DAIG office after 4 yrs for a job in EUSA, wherever that is. Dick and Anne Hurlburt are assigned to HQ, USAF/RDPS, and living in Arlington, VA. Jesse and Joanie James are living it up in Japan, where Jesse is Avn Ofc for USARJ. He says it's a great asgmt, but there aren't any classmates around. The picture was taken at the last Founders Day dinner. Jesse, I'm glad you noted that you were in B-2; made me feel good. Got an interesting pic from Don Kutyna, taken when he took a trip to the South Pole in Dec. Don is the exec to the AF Undersecy, which probably explains why he



1957: The James, Founders Day 1975, Japan.

feels that the world rests on his head (note that he's balancing it right at the South Pole, no mean feat). He will be starting ICAF in Aug. Got a letter from Chuck Lea that shows he has finally become a bonafide doctor—his handwriting is illegible. Regrettably, the letter brings sad news which I must transmit to you. Chuck's wife, Lola, died suddenly and unexpectedly shortly after they resigned from the service. Chuck and his 3 children are doing well and are living at 1524 W. 8th Ave, Stillwater, OK 74074. At this point it is also my sad duty to report the sudden death of Chuck Radler, from a heart attack. He had been a perm assoc prof in the Mech Dept at USMA for about the last 7 years, and was buried in the WP Cemetery. Chuck's widow, Lori, has requested that anyone desiring to make a memorial donation should send it to the American Heart Assn. She and the children will remain in Highland Falls for at least one more year, but I do not have an address as yet.

On behalf of the Class, I would like to express our condolences to both Chuck Lea and Lori Radler, and their respective families.

Bernie Loeffke is the Div Ch in DCSOPS,



ASSEMBLY



1957: Founders Day 1975, Carlisle Barracks, PA, (L-R): Stephenson, Christy, Albright, Olsmith, Fadel, Roth, Houser, House, and Adcock.

Strat and War Plans. He recently spoke to our assembled group about his trip to Communist China and USSR, and it was positively enthralling. I get the feeling that he fits the description of a "well informed authority on Sino-Soviet affairs," and is one of the few real experts on the subject. Ralph and Edie Luther have been in the area since Nov 73. Ralph is the exec asst to the Dpty Asst SECDEF for Material Acquisition, OASD (I&L) and seems to really be enjoying it. We sure have a lot of people with important sounding jobs. I noticed in the Mar-Apr Army R&D mag that Dick Kenyon is now the Proj Mgr for the Army's Heavy Lift Helicopter (HLH), with his office in St Louis, MO. Must be that time, we're taking over. Where is Ben T. Now? John McCarthy is with HQ, DA, ADMO ODO. I hope somebody out there knows what those letters stand for. Owen and Janet McIntyre are assigned to AF/PRPTB (Tactical Prog) and live in Woodbridge, VA. That's a fairly long commute, but Owen doesn't look any the worse for wear. Larry and Carolyn McNeil, are with the AF/Studies and Anal Div and also live in Woodbridge. These AF types must stick together. Jack Meehan has just moved from DNA to a job with DA, ODCSRDA (DANA-CSC). Jack wanted to stay in the rsch fld and it looks like he did it. He spent a weekend with Jack Murphy in Golden, CO, where Jack is a travel agent and, very appropriately, lives on Lookout Mtn. Bill Golden sent a clipping from the Stars and Stripes that was all about Tim Murchison. It seems that Tim, as the ranking bachelor (and Sq Cdr) of the 2d Sq, 2d ACR, at Bamberg, Germany, made one of the school teachers an honorary member of his sq, thereby making her the first female in an armor cmbt unit and simultaneously providing her with 18 "boyfriends." She must be quite a girl. Got an AF press release announcing that Doug Patterson has just become the dir of tactical sys at W-P AFB. Jim and Ginny Salzman have recently come into the DC area, where Jim is with OJCS-J6. Word has it that Ed Soyster is the bn cdr of a G.S. bn in Korea. Wade and Missy Shaddock are with DCSOPS, as is Tony McClinsky who is a very recent arrival. Fred Smith is a student at the Foreign Serv-

ice Inst (in Spanish), in preparation for a Sept asgmt as Ch, Air Sec, US Mil Gp, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sounds like a great job. Joe Shimek and Frank Mastro have also just arrived in the DC area. Joe is with DIA and Frank is with ASA. "JD" Smith is presently assigned to DCSPER, Office of Equal Opportunity Prog, but will leave in Sept to assume command of the 2d Bde, 2d Inf Div in Korea. Esther and the kids will remain in VA. Carl Vuono is the Cdr of the 82d Abn Div Arty at Ft Bragg. Don and Mary Winters are living in Springfield, VA. I don't know what his job is, but he'll be leaving it in Jul, whatever it is. Len and Sandy Wishart are presently with DCSPER, Ofc Mgmt, but I have heard a rumor that he will be moving to the OSECDEF. Jack Sobraske has just become Cdr, U.S. Army, San Fran Dist Recruiting Cmd, according to the Army Times. Get us a lot of good men—please! Bud Langworthy has coauthored an article in the Mar-Apr ARMY R&D mag on aircraft gas turbines, drive trains, and accessories. Bob works for USAAMRDL at Ft Eustis and Nancy is in charge of the guides at historic, colonial Williamsburg. For those of you who may have missed the 16 Apr Army Times there is a pic of Bob Alsheimer polishing the teeth of a giant concrete polar bear. Is that a job for a WP grad? Bob is the Cdr, 4th Bn, 31st Inf, at Ft Sill, OK. Late word that Don Seitz is the Facil Engr at Ft Stewart, GA.

That's it for now folks. I'm 15 days overdue on submitting this and I hope it makes it. Please write—call—(at your expense)—send pictures. I'm similar to a computer—no input, no output. Also, I accept absolutely no responsibility for errors. If you see some, send corrections.



1958: Payne, Mignano, Ganey, Cockle, Founders Day 1975, Korea.



1958: Sigler receives the MSM.



1958: The Bruzinas, Nowaks and Smiths, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

another party, of Palmer and Ceda McGrew—such is the DC social whirl.

From elsewhere in DC: Bill Parks, in DCS-LOG, is all wrapped up in our ever-expanding energy conservation programs and in the reporting that is involved to demonstrate our prowess in cutting back. Corky Henninger is, as he has been for almost 3 yrs, in DCSPER, keeping a steady hand on the operations of our Alma Mater. Herb Puscheck, risen to the higher elevations of OSD, is active on a study group under Mr. Brehm, which is examining a wide range of critical problems affecting the Army, Navy and AF. Olin Moore is keeping DCSOPS under control. Ted Timberlake was last seen with his coaching hat on, observing tryouts for Little League teams. Having missed the golden opportunity of taking on your Scribe's son as a pitcher, we wish him the 2d best of luck. Between Ted and football coach par excellence Joe Schwar, we have the league under control! Bob Pointer dropped into his old office from NWC the other day to say that he highly recommends the curriculum at that great institution—golf and all. Ken Herburger is in the building somewhere working on a Study Gp. Hopefully he will be found shortly. In the photo is Jim Sigler receiving the MSM—well deserved and then some—upon his departure from DCSOPS (another photo successfully stolen from the DCSOPS board).

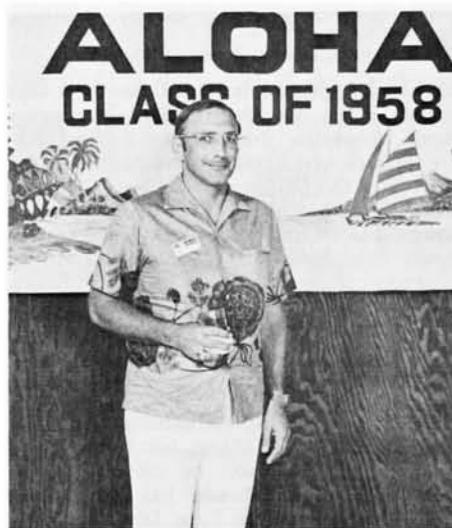


1958: Haynes and Shellenberger.

From Germany, thanks to Joan Collins, comes news of another Class social gathering—at Gelnhausen and hosted by Dale and Dodie Hruby. Attending, in addition to Sam and Joan, were Helen and Bill Tuttle, Nancy and John Sewell, Gale and John Buchanan, Sally and John Herron, Billie and Tony Nadal, and Ellie and Mike Mahler with Mike's mother. The Mahlers will return to CONUS this summer, with Mike joining the crew as DCSPER. The rest of you enjoy the good life while you can.

Word is that the Julian family should be one larger by the time this goes to press. Thank you, Cindi and Bob, for preserving our image.

Got a nice letter from Dan Johnson, who passed word of other classmates at W-P: Jack Halsey, Art Meyer, John Cook and Dick Osborne. Dan is one man who has really diversified within the AF. With a PhD in Engr, he has specialized in noise exposure effects on us humans and is a member of the Natl Acad of Sciences and a consultant to EPA. At present he is working on guidelines for preparation and evaluation of Environmental Impact Statements, a subject which



1958: Swanson, Founders Day 1975.

those of us who are engr have had to learn a bit about over the past several years.

Up North in MI's peninsula, Chuck Profflet is flying B-52s as an instr plt while he holds down a desk as Ch, Msn Devl Br in the 410th Bmb Wg. Jim Rossetto is also there at K.I. Sawyer AFB as a controller in the Wg's Cmd Post. Jim recently left active flying as an EW officer. Chuck tells us that Larry Sutherland is commanding an Avionics Maint Sq at Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC; Walt Barnes is at the Def Gen Sup Cen in Richmond, VA; Stan Slater is at HQ, MAC, Scott AFB, IL; Mac Williams is Dir of Tng for the 15th AF at March AFB, CA. Back at USAFA Chuck left Paul Ruud as a tenure Assoc Prof of Math and Frank Crowley in the Civil Engr and Mech Dept. Frank may be leaving shortly for an unaccompanied tour in the Philippines.

Finally, another classmate who has found the right job, this time in the Army. John Hill, who has lately been sharing his efforts between his intel job in the Pentagon and night courses at law sch, is driving for a specialty in environmental law. He will shortly transfer to the Civil Works Directorate in OCE to take over environmental impact problems.

I'll close this column with a thought from Dan Johnson who expressed a philosophy that you should write to the Scribe about

once every 3 yrs. That way the Scribe gets about 45 letters for each issue, enough for any man to work with. A great theory, but it doesn't jibe very well with the 3 letters you sent during the last 3 mos! WRITE!

'59

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Though most of us will be separated by distance and activity this June Week as other classes gather at WP, we can still hark back to our pleasurable reunion last fall, because I saved some of the poop for this issue.

Ollie and Diane Langford have 3 children, ages 9-14, and live at 9834 Highgate Rd, Columbia, SC. Ollie, at the time of the Reunion was SGS at Ft Jackson and had no idea of what his next asgmt would be. He passed along that Jim Hahn and Dick Maglin were both in DC performing the congr In function.

Jim and Janet Massey are at 4806 Korvett in Woodbridge, VA, with their 4 children aged 5-14. Jim was Dpty Ch P&ASD at Ft Belvoir, and he anticipated a next asgmt as Sp Asst for Materiel Acquisition, AMC. John Milton is Sales Mgr for the Macke Co. of CT, and is a member of the local Zoning Bd of Appeals. His wife, Marilyn, is chmn of the Townwide Parent-Teachers Org Council. They live with their 4 children, aged 8-13, at 297 Elmwood Circle, Cheshire, CT.

Larry and Anne Palmer are in Frankfurt with Michele (8) and Jason (4), where Larry is a general partner of Income Properties of America, which specializes in tax-sheltered investments in garden apartments. Their address is Frauenlobstr 58, 6 Frankfurt/M, and they have knowledge of the following now in Germany: Tex Turner, Dick Rogers, John Wilson, Bill Zalzo, Paul Chalmers, Ron Pistone, Denny Walter, Rod Ferguson, and Gerry Stadler.

John and Joann Panko are in Palatine (Chicago), IL, where John is Midwest Rep, Fabrics and Finishes, for E.I. Dupont. They live at 266 Russet Way with their 3 children, aged 7-13. Norm Rosner is concerned with regulatory matters for AT&T, and lives with Elva, Jon (11), and Robin (4), at 3 East Park Dr, Woodbury, NY. In his spare time, he is a commissioner on the Syosset Youth Council. He reports that Steve and Letti Werbel (who have 2 very red-haired daughters) are cleaning up now that Steve has been promoted to AVP of Allied Maint Corp. He also has kept in touch with Pete



1959: Stiles, Wilmoth, Katsarsky.



1959: Williams, Thudium, Covington, McCracken, Boyle, Redding, (unidentified), Founders Day 1975 Korea.

and Judy Keogh. Pete, you will recall, is with ITT.

Al and Charlotte Rushton are at WP with daughters Stephanie (12) and Cheryl (9), at 210 Lee Rd. Al, in addition to his activities as OIC of the Outdoor Sportsmen's Club, is Assoc Dir of Adm, and he plans to remain at WP until the middle of 76. Charlene is doing good works as pres of the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Al noted that Bud and Verena Imler were finishing up at the AFSC and planning on a DC asgmt in Jan.

Bill Temple is also at WP with a permanent asgmt in the Spanish Dept; and he, Kathy, and their 3 children, aged 8-13, give their address as 170 Lee Rd. Ron and Faye Templeton, with daughters, Ronda and Allison, are at 8922 Bluffwood Lane, Oxon Hill, MD. Ron works at Andrews AFB with HQ, AF Sys Cmd.

Don and Hazel Tillar and their 3, aged 2-12, are at 5413 Kempsville St, N. Springfield, VA. Don is Pers Mgmt Ofc for the FA branch. Al and Joan Nordgren have 4 children, aged 3-14, and they all live in Acton, MA, at 221 Old Beaverbrook Rd. At the time of the Reunion, Al said he was serving as a ret. MAJ.

Paul and Nancie Weber, with their 3 children, aged 9-12, were just about to move from Ft Monmouth to L.A. They arrived safely, as a card from Nancie in Mar attested, and Paul is now Dpty Prog Mgr, Global Positioning Sys, SAMSO. The new mailing address is 10797 La Fonda Circle,



1959: Weber and family en route to sunny CA.



1959: Taylor receives the MSM, Norton AFB, CA.

Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Nancie reported that Jim and Marian Taylor are at Norton AFB and can be reached at 3894 E. Piedmont Dr, Highland, CA 92346. Also that Joe Phillips has taken a CS job at Ft Huachuca, and that he and Jane live at 1125 N. 7th St (1007-B), Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Nancie added that Dave Whitmore had visited them one weekend, had driven all the way from Phoenix on his cycle, and slept the whole time he was there. Easy rider.

Will and Eva Weber are at 117 Riverbank Rd, Northampton, MA, where Will is seeking a BS in Plant and Soil Sciences from the U. of MA. Bob and Sharon Weekley were in the DC area at the time of the Reunion, but they and daughter Michelle (13) had tentative plans to move to Ft Bragg in Jan.

Jay and Jerry Weisler, along with daughters Christy (5) and Caryn (3), are in Brenham, TX at P.O. Box 458. Jay is in private practice as a lawyer. Bill and Marlene Zierdt and their 3 children, aged 9-13, are at WP at Qtrs 144. Bill was in the Dean's Office, but he was anticipating a move in Jan. Bruce and Micki Williams were at the Fri night reunion festivities, but were departing the next day for Seoul, where Bruce is serving an accompanied tour in the office of the IG. They can be reached at APO San Fran 96301.

That's all the poop from the Reunion, folks, in its concluding installment. If you wish to read something in this space next issue, you are going to absolutely have to write!

Finally, it is my sad task to report the death of our classmate, Reb Bearce last 8 Dec at Camp Pendleton, CA. The sincere sympathy of the class is extended to his family.

'60

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These deadlines are beginning to occur faster, and I am beginning to miss the suspense date by longer periods each time. My excuse this quarter (to the editor) was that I was waiting for the new LTC Cmd list. By coincidence (??) the list did get published, and I was able to extract the following: Cbt Arms: Carpenter, Cato, Coose, Darling, Dice (Jack), Fairweather, Gilmartin, Lincoln, Mowery, Ottstott, Partlow, Walker (Phil); Arms Material Trp Cmd: Houston; Avn Trp Cmd: Hackett; Cbt Spt Arms: Harnagel, Ladehoff, Miles, Stem; Log Trp Cmd: Starling, Tichenor.

Congratulations to the selectees, and also to those who are already getting command time under their belts (Cote, Allen, Clark, Hagan, Plummer, Kuklinski, Starkwether). I've probably missed some names—I apologize.

Actually, the news from the field is meager to say the least. Jack Elder is with the State Dept and presently serving in Paris. Jack, Julie, and son Kip (3) will be there until at least Jun 76. After that, an assignment to Geneva is a distinct probability. The Elders do see Chan and Gigi Duryea who are finishing up a grad prog preparatory to returning to USMA. The Elders extend an invitation to all passing thru Paris: 15 Rue du General Cordonnier, Neuilly-sur-Seine (Paris).

John Nix has sent a request for his address to be published—particularly for Craig Colter's and Larry Williams' sake. John V. Nix, Moscow, c/o Dept of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dick Gates called from Portland, OR a couple of weeks ago. I was a little apprehensive for a minute—thought he was going to try to pass off another blind date. Dick is busily engaged in his job as the Dpty Dist Engr in the Portland Dist. The Dist is fortunate to have 2 deputies—Dick and Wayne Whitehead. Dick was previously the dpty for the Explosive Excavation Rsch Lab at Livermore, CA. Hank Carmean is presently at



1960: Berti, Macaulay, Farrell, Reber, Frazer, Founders Day, Korea.



1960: Potluck supper in Heidelberg: (F) Marga Dice, Chamberlain, Margaret Stem, Trauner; (2) Zezior, Caraballo, the Yorks; (3) Yeagley, Margie Hunt, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Mary Zezior, Evelyn Trauner; (4) the Ryans, Pat Gibbs, Dice, Nancy Caraballo, Gibbs; (insert) Stem, photographer.



1960: (Top): The Bochnowskis and Castle-mans; (F): The Caseys and Kling, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

Livermore. Nancy Gates has succeeded in domesticating Dick beyond all possible expectations—he was babysitting the twins when he called.

I think it is important to note that subscriptions to the ASSEMBLY from the Class have declined 5% since I started writing this column. I'm not sure we can draw any conclusions from that—but then..!!

Jack and Marga Dice have given a tremendous boost to this issue. Along with the Yeagleys, a pot luck supper was held in Jan in Heidelberg. Jack Yeagley just left the USAREAU SGS to become the XO of the 2/13th Inf in Mannheim. Bill Chamberlain and Ron Trauner are assigned to the Office of the Engr, HQ USAREAU. John Gibbs just arrived from Syracuse U. and joined Tom Caraballo in USAREUR DCSCOMPT. JJ York is assigned to DCSOPS. Dave Stem is with the 2d Region CIDC. Roger Ryan is with the Engr Div of HQ CENTAG (and, looking an awful lot better since he got married). Mike Zezior and Jack Dice are with DCSPER. Craig Hagan has the 1/13th Inf in Baumholder, Lee Clark commands the 3d Sq, 2d ACR. Lee Allen cmd's the 2d Sq, 11th ACR. The Dices will go to the 11th ACR in Apr.

Fred Faery writes that he is persevering in his attempt to finish the Marine C&GS at Quantico. Becky also returned to school at Mary Washington Coll to pursue her degree

in Engl. Fred has been suffering through daily 3-mile runs and "periodic" PT tests. He had a little trouble adjusting to the marine method of telling time (. . . when the big hand is on the . . .), but thinks he'll have it mastered by Jun. At that time the Faerys will move to VPI for 2 yrs (courtesy of the USMA Dept of Mech), and Fred will endeavor to complete work on his doctorate in aeronautical engr. From there it's back to USMA for another tour. Becky seems to be stealing the show at the present time with her recent induction into Mortar Board, a national honor society, and Phi Beta Kappa. Becky will go on to a master's at VPI. Fred is also continuing his flying and flight instr.

Dyke Miller has really launched into planning for the reunion in Oct. After forming a cmte of 14 (that's about every swinging classmate at WP), the following tentative schedule was set: Fri, 17 Oct, Cocktail Buffet at the Stewart Officers Club; Sat, 18 Oct, a.m., Class Meeting and Alumni Exercises; Noon, Alumni Luncheon at the Officers Club with wives; p.m., Army vs Pitt; Pre Dinner Social Hour and Dinner Dance at Washington Hall; Sun, 19 Oct, Memorial Service followed by a Brunch at the Officers Club. An info letter should be in the hands of the Class by the time you read this. If you want to provide input for planning, call Tom Schmidt, AV 688-4337/4338, or 914-938-4337/4338.

Finally, when this hits the newsstand, yours truly will have departed WP after 4 yrs of plebes, 150# football, and every type of youth activity imaginable. The Cerjans are headed for DC. The new home will be an Annandale address, and the asgmt will be with the Mgmt Dir, OCSA. Have a good spring and summer.



1960: (F): Valiant, Lucas, Bare, Mierau, Bierly; (R): Finley, Starling and Humes.



1960: Pellicci, Jascowsky, Allen, Chapman, Wilkes, Burrell, Bierman, Beavers, Halsall and Carter.



1961: (F): Dickson, Peters, Watt; (R): Tedrick, Gillespie and Ganderson.

'61

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As the number of classmates increases in the DC area and dwindles at WP the obvious decision to transfer the class hqs has been made. By publication of this column elections will have been held and the results announced in the fall issue. Bruce Holmberg will assume scribe duties at least on an interim basis. Please address notes to him at 510 Monet Dr, Rockville, MD 20850. Thanks for the support I have received. It has been fun to be actively involved in trying to monitor classmates and their activities. There is one area (at least) in which you and I have failed. During the last 2 years the Class of '61 subscriptions to alumni publications have dropped from 323 to 288. The current AOG fund drive has netted \$575 from 8% of '61. The cadets and the Academy will receive little benefit from such a response. I encourage you again to contribute to your Alma Mater.

Paul Valley wrote from San Fran where he is in business for himself as an investment counselor. His address is 3340 Oak Ct, Lafayette, CA or you can call him at AMAX Financial Corp, 415-472-1050. Paul has organized a sports club along with Ted Kwalic of the 49ers, a non-profit org to promote sports in the Bay area. He also wants you to know that he wrote to TOPSTAR Handbook (reserve officer pers sys) before he left DA last summer. Paul and Muffin were expecting their 2d child when he wrote on 12 Mar and in fact had a son the next day, according to Frank Gibson. Hoot wanted to be sure he got credit for providing this input and that the boy's middle name is Paul—you can't expect Frank to have all the info! Gibby arrived 30 Mar to join AAA. He's working in recruiting and a coaching slot yet to be determined. Barb and the boys are in Leavenworth until housing is available here.

Sandy Walters is back from Germany and now at OH State for an ORSA degree before joining the ROTC at Wake Forest next year. He sent a color picture (which may not be printed) of him and Petie with Jennifer, Tom, Barbara and James Winston, born 10 Aug 74. They would be happy to see you at 1975 Wilmington Pl, Columbus, OH if you're passing through.



1961: The Quinns



1961: Zimmerman, Himes and Jones, Founders Day 1975.



1961: The Walters, Christmas 1974.

I have an old note from Ed and Eleanor Bruner which somehow was omitted from the last issue. Ed has received his PhD in geography from Syracuse and offers free vacation info for anyone planning trips to the Soviet Union. Congratulations Ed.

The PCS hold will apparently keep the Shipleys here until after the Holy Cross game in Sept but following that an Aloha will be waiting if you're in the vicinity of the 25th Div.

Late flash—Congratulations to the following on their selection for LTC Principal Cmd Positions: Chuck Armstrong, Pete Boylan, Larry Budge, Ham Evans, Rod Granemann, Howie Graves, Tom Gordon, Mike Hale, Bruce Halstead, Jim Harmon, Bruce Holmberg, George Joulwan, Jim Madden, Glynn Mallory, Donn Miller, Pete Offringa, Howard Randall, Frank Rauch, Bill Reno, Ray Starsman, Tom Stone, Pat Trinkle, Ted VanderEls, Nick Vay, Jerry Vick, Bill Williamson, Gerry White, and R.J. Wooten.

'62

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At this writing, my plea for news has produced little. So, excuse the brief report.

Charlie and Ann Murray and Bud and Claudette Reeves hosted a '62 Ft Bragg A-N party. I am told that under the circumstances caused by the game, the party would have been less than successful if it were not for those attending who did their best to enjoy; they were: Scotty and Lally McGurk, Barry and Nancy Butzer, Fred and Ilse Hillyard, Geoff and Leslie Withers, Bill and Gail Calhoun, Joe and Janice Gross, Dave and Arline Mundt and Frank Miller and friend, Joan Stoltz. The Ft Bragg contingent joins the old Brooklyn Dodger fans in saying "Wait 'til next year." While speaking of the Ft Bragg contingent, a point of information should be passed. The Butzers sent a number of photos that you would enjoy. Unfortunately, photos must be black and white for successful reproduction.

Karen Brown writes from Heidelberg, Germany, that Art is with the OEngr, Heidelberg, and they are enjoying Europe, although they miss WP. Ed Hendren stopped in to see the Browns. He was spending a week in Europe on a study he is doing for law sch. Ed, Kay and the Hendren boys are in CA while Ed attends Stanford Law Sch.

Don Chafetz writes from Dover, NJ that he is still with EXXON Rsch and Engr Co. as a sr proj engr.

Dianne and I attended a surprise birthday party for Ernie Webb at their home in Newport, RI. Pat asked a number of people whose



1962: Founders Day in Berlin: the Sherards, Baltes, Simcoxes, and Meehans.



1962: The Browns with children: Lorianne, Stephen, Carrie, and "Chip."



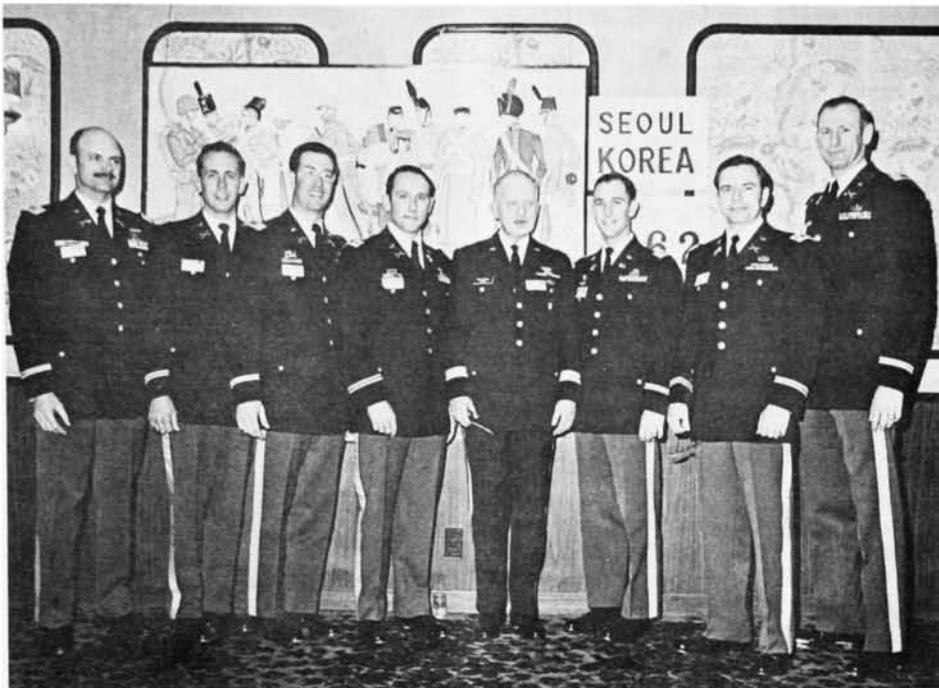
1962: St. Barbara's Day dinner, 2d Inf Div, Korea: McEnany, Kelly, Peterson and Hel-muth.



1962: Dunmyer, Pryor, Krause, Shutes, Founders Day 1975.



1962: (F): Phillips, Kelly, Szymczak, Hoskinson; middle: Steele, DeSapri, Canary; (R): Shaw, Broom, Ailinger, Scharpf.



1962: Founders Day 1975, with Stilwell '38, Oldest Grad.



1962: (L-R): the Harrises, McLaughlins, Szwarczkops and Slaters, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

is enjoying a pleasant tour. He is now with the Army Sec, Southern Area/MA Advr and essentially works with their command similar to our TRADOC. Charlie informs me of an addition to the family, Charlie III, born 26 Feb 75.

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presence rendered Ernie momentarily speechless; but only momentarily. Ernie is close to having his book on WP ready for the publishers. While at the Webbs', we had the pleasure of seeing Bev and Dick Lembo. Dick is with FRAM Corp and spends a great deal of time visiting FRAM's world-wide plants. Bev and Dick reside in Riverside, RI.

So much for the Jun issue. With so many classmates moving about each summer, please drop a line and I will attempt to inform all of the moves in the fall issue of the ASSEMBLY.

P.S. Stu Sherard writes from Berlin that the '62 contingent enjoyed the Founders Day dinner hosted by MG Walker, ex-Cmdt and having as guest speaker, LTC Knowlton, ex-Supt. Besides Stu and Carol Ann Sherard (G1 Div, Berlin Bde), the Class was represented by Tom and Linda Simcox (S3, 4/6 Inf

Berlin Bde), and Paul and Paula Baltes and Frank and Susan Meehan (both with U.S. Mil Ln Msn in Potsdam).

Jim Peterson forwarded a photo taken at the St. Barbara's Day dinner, 2d Inf Div, Korea in which he is joined by Brian McEnany, J.J. Kelly and Dick Helmuth. Jim writes that they have since rotated, but with him in Korea are Barry Thomas, Don Perdwew, and John Nau.

Toni Mayo writes that Dick is now Asst DE for the Fort Worth Dist. Dick Mayo recently received an award given by Engr News Record magazine to the 50 engr "who made their mark in 75." Congratulations, Dick. Dick and Toni are interested in contacting classmates in the Fort Worth, TX area.

Charlie Merriam writes from MAAG, Republic of China, that all goes well and he

Greetings to all—I'm writing on the 1st of Apr and it's the first warm day we've had—gloom period is over! I received a note from Rich Entlich concerning our recently started educ fund drive. For any of you who have not received a letter, the Class is trying to raise \$3,000 by 1 Jun for the Class Educational Fund. Please mail checks to: U.S. Military Academy Class of 1963 Educational Fund, Inc., Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. More than 25 contributions have already been received so please help us reach our goal. As you should remember, the fund is designed to render financial assistance to children of classmates and ex-cadets of '63.

Bob Winters with new bride Denise is suffering in HI as IG at USASCH, Bob would like to contact any classmates in the area and gives his address as: 1206D Hase Dr, Schofield Bks, HI 96786. Mike and Susan Moorman have been reassigned from Warren AFB, NY to Moody AFB, GA. Mike is an instr pilot with the 70th FTSq. In 71 Mike received an MS in Mech Engr from AZ State.

Nice to hear from old Charlie "Rum & Coke" Nahlik again. I guess he got nervous and had to justify his position with a short note. He is currently working "extremely hard" as Hq Cmdt, 32d AADCOM, in Kaiserslautern. Charlie returns to CONUS in



1962: MAAG China Founders Day 1975 (L-R): Wong; 3d from left, Merriam; center, MG Wang '32; Broshous, joined by graduates of the Chinese Military Academy.



1963: Schmidt, Sollinger, Cunningham, Bassett, Ischinger, Founders Day 1975, Korea.



1963: Wheeler, Virant, Carney and Owen.

Nov 75 and hopes to have completed a masters in Sys Mgt (U. So CA) by then. Bill Sartor is the 32d AADCOM Chemical Officer. Bill and Carolyn can be reached at Hq, 32d AADCOM, APO NY 09227. Received a note from Wendy Gideon who is DSJA at Ft Gordon. Wendy, Jane Anne and daughter Jennifer would like to hear from anyone in the area. Their address is: 219 Gardner's Mill Rd, Augusta, GA 30907. In his note Wendy mentioned that Ken Graham works for The Navigators in Houston, TX. On a serious note, Ken's young son David suffers from a chromosome problem and will require expensive specialized treatment for an indefinite period. Any friends of Ken wishing to help can do so by contacting The Navigators, PO Box 1659, Colo Spgs, CO 80901 and explain that the assistance is for Ken. Ralph Drewfs is associated with the Hobart Manuf Co, Troy, OH. Russ Simonetta is at Ft Lewis with Walsh and Yamashita. He is S3, 2-4 FA but expects to move to Div Staff soon. Jack Ford is still in Seattle and doing well.

As mentioned earlier, our Class Hqs will move to DC in Jun. Since I am scheduled to go to HI in the fall, a new scribe will be elected from the DC area at the class meeting in early Jun. I will forward all letters for inclusion in the summer issue. I surely appreciate the time and effort taken by those of you who have contacted me—the new scribe needs the same support—so keep those letters coming! ALOHA!



1963: Dwyer and Winters, Founders Day 1975.



1964: The Michelas, Magruders, Reichs, Gesners, Rezekes and Harnisches, Founders Day, Fort Sill, 1975.

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Greetings again at the start of a welcome summer. Let's begin with some words about an event that occurred in the bitter cold and too late to make the last issue. On Sat eve, 25 Jan, approximately 60 classmates and guests gathered at the WP club for a formal, stag

Dining-in. The Dean, BG Frederick A. Smith, joined Dick Chilcoat at the head table along with guest speaker Ward Just and 2 other close friends of our class, COL Eleazar Parnly IV and Chaplain Jim Ford. We drank-in to invigorating music of bagpipe and drum provided by 2 bonny cadets who later were heard to comment, "Do you believe this?" We made them believers. After the traditional toasts were offered, some with a bit of ad-lib, a visiting English officer also had a query: "Who was this GEN Grubbs?"



1964: Wives



1964: Dining-in.



1964: Landgraf, Evans, Mack and Harlan.



1964: Murdy, Bramlette and Henry, Founders Day 1975.



1964: Chapman (left) and Chilcoat at Dining-in.

Jack was smiling. A fine and well-served dinner was serenaded by a contingent of the Plebe Glee Club, none of whom asked questions. Ward just followed with a few comments in affirmation of the Academy's ideals, and then went on to engage in a feisty and provocative question-and-answer period. Among his many suggestions were that the WPPA still lives, there's too much star-chasing, there's better leadership in business than in the military, and there's hard times ahead for the Army. Those subjects and others easily carried the conversation and inspired the singing to well past 0200. While all this was going on, many of the wives were Pot-lucking-in at the home of Dave and Ruth Baratto. Dave was with us, asking "Is a pot-luck some kind of crap game?" It was a grand event, anyway, and one that will probably be repeated, if nobody asks too many questions.

George Fisher and Ben Sternberg have requested that the following Class Fund Financial Statement be passed on to you:

Balance as of 31 Dec 1973:	\$4313.96
1974 Receipts (Interest on savings):	228.06
1974 Expenditures (Annual Mailing):	75.00
Balance as of 31 Dec 1974:	\$4467.02

Otherwise there is not a whole lot of news, except for Denny O'Block's announcement that he will be a candidate for the House of Representatives in 76. Let's not just wish him well, let's help him out.

This is my last column, so I bid you farewell. I've enjoyed serving you. Please give your new scribe, as yet unselected, a booming beginning with lots of letters.



1964: Dining-in.

Swensson here. I'll take the license of this being my last column to start with personal news. The scribe & Susie Oviatt of Madison, WI were married on 15 Mar at Williamsburg, VA. After making me sign a statement to bring up the children as Lutherans, Jim Ford performed the ceremony and then flew back for Sun services at USMA. Thanks, Jim. We were joined for the great event by Kimberly and Samantha and my family. Susie has 3 children of her own, so now we look like the Waltons. We will attend the Reunion—thank goodness, they don't charge for children—and head for a 2-yr tour with the mission in Kinshasa, Zaire (Susie said she'd marry me if I'd take her out of the Midwest). We are already expecting houseguests as Joe Anderson spends his summers in Kinshasa working on his dissertation; if any of the rest of you get over Zaire, plan on staying with us. Our address will be US Mil Msn ZAMISH, APO NY 09662.

In looking for a replacement scribe we wanted to find someone with an English background. The Engl Dept had found Grosvenor Wardwell Fish some years ago and, in view of his additional experience with the subject, and his work on Class activities this past year at USMA, he was elected. Bud, I know the AOG will be glad to have a scribe who gets the column in on time. I encourage you to keep Bud posted on your doings and include black and white pictures when you write. Good luck, Bud.

I spent 3 days last month in Tampa, FL with Gerry & Michelle Hoffman and their lovely daughter, Heather. Gerry was the 1st Regt Cmdr over Plebe Christmas, Best Plebe of NCB, and was otherwise quite well known before his departure cow summer for Baylor Med Sch. He is currently chief of pathology at MacDill AFB Hospital but will soon be reassigned to TX to take a 2d internship in anesthesiology. Those of us who are concerned about the sloth with which promotions to CPT occur should have gone AF, MC. Gerry should be an LTC next year. Gerry and his wife and daughter are a real asset to the Class and hopefully they will be attending the Reunion.

Long letter with picture from George and Carol Bell. The picture was taken at an Army-Navy party last fall. George says the party was only a prelude to the Reunion, and that Tony Gamboa was arranging a sequel for a party at Annapolis over the A/N Winter



1965: The Hoffmans on Gerry's personal ambulance.



1965: A-N party at the Bells in Bowie. How many can you name?

Sports weekend. He also said that party might produce police photos, but none have been received. The Bells expect to transfer to Philly—there's another possible party next year with the added plus of a victory—where George will be on the Regl Counsel's Staff of the IRS mid-Atlantic region office. Get your taxes in!

Larry Strassner is a banker in Baltimore and drives—or drove—a nice Porsche. Evidently Loco took it out for a spin and stripped the gears. George commented, "You know those Italians can't count up to 4 or 5 to do all-that shifting, especially after a bottle of Chianti." George also adds that Locurcio and Bob Wolff are to blame for all the water and environmental pollution. They both work in OCE, "and Wolff looks like such a nice, respectable type guy."

If you don't pay taxes to Bell, Gamboa is a JAG at Ft Meade and Ray Pollard is moonlighting nights as a law stu at U. MD, commuting from APG. Cam, I hope and trust Frank is back home from Korea by now.



1965: Scribe and Susie with Jim Ford at St. Stephen's Lutheran in Williamsburg. Samantha rushing to get into picture.



1965: A-N party at Redstone Arsenal: Drinkwaters, Klimes, Heckers, Bunns and Molepskes.

Kosciusko is working 6 days a week at the Pentagon and Stan Genega is looking for another school to attend since he has a portion of his Olmsted Scholarship left. George's comment, "Hopefully this time it will be an American school. You know those 'star men'—perpetual students. Maybe someday Genega will drop out of school, settle down and get a job."

I'll quote George's next paragraph verbatim—I wouldn't touch it. "Marsh Schwartz is working for the govt but doesn't talk about his job—it's of a secret nature with DOD, State, Agriculture or one of those other clandestine agencies. That's what I like about IRS—so open and above board. May be Marsh is Batman." George, thanks for all the great news. I hope Bud gets such interesting and informative correspondence. George & Carol are at 15583 Peachwalker, Bowie, MD. Maybe Marshall walks peaches.

Also received a nice letter from Steve Morrissey. Steve and Beverly are in Atlanta—anyone headed for FORSCOM?—where he is the Dir of Proj Mgmt with Cushman Corp, a large real estate developer. I wonder if Steve gives large discounts to classmates? For further information, write 4622 Kingsdown Rd in Atlanta.

Nancy Hecker sent a note and picture of the Class party at Redstone Ars last Nov. The Hecker's also had a going away party for the Bunns before they left for AK via the Alcan Hiway. Fred & Nancy will be driving up for the Reunion.

Some random notes on important people from various sources: T.C. Barron, always having trouble holding a job, has now become a Dir with Emory Ayers Assoc, Mgmt Consultants, 575 Madison Ave, NYC. Congratulations are in order. Fred Smith recently received a Master of Engr degree from Penn State. Fred, I'm surprised you went there after they flattened our bus tires after the football game in 63.

Ed Armstrong was recently awarded a BSM for meritorious service as Ch of Opns, 8th CE Sq, Ubon Royal AFB, Thailand. Ed and Karen are now assigned to the Space & Msl Sys Org, L.A. AF Sta, CA. Congratulations to what may be the last of the BSM's for a while.

Kent Brown & Sherrie are finishing up their last year in the Soc Sci Dept and are headed for Leavenworth along with Ferguson, ex-scribe Frank, Gehringer, Doughy, Guy, Kennedy, Longhouser, Skidmore, Surles (Hi Tom), and Jim Wood. Howell and Timmerman (Hi Sue) are headed for the Marine Corps Staff Coll in Quantico. No word on who the Class Secy will be next year, but Gilchrist will assume Treas's duties. On that subject, WE NEED MONEY in the operating fund. We don't even have enough money to get the column typed and the money from our fixed account is in a class gift fund (hopefully, don't read "water fountain") and is inviolate. I have sent Bill Birdseye a check for the operating fund c/o the Dept of Engr, and would encourage you to do the same if you have a few shekels (no offense intended, Tom) lying about. In that regard I have asked that we have a general Class business meeting at the Reunion to discuss such things as operating funds, scholarship funds, projects, etc. In all candor I think we've reached a point where it would behoove us as a Class to start thinking about a few items that could use our attention. Enough said.

Bill reports that Barre and Ellie Bernier are on their way to the USAH at Ft Carson. Rich and Jeannie Boerckel are headed for Panama and the 2 Captains Birdseye are being assigned to Korea. Nice not to even be eligible for a hardship tour by definition. Also on the short tour list is John Morris Pickler, Esq., who is headed for Turkey. Karen, Nevelyn & Andy will spend the year in Chattanooga; may the time pass quickly. Dick Knudson is headed for an Armor unit at Ft Hood. I'm not sure where Rick and Carol Sinnreich are headed (Germany?) but Rick is healing well from a very serious



1965: LCDR Vogel fifteen years ago as CQ.



1965: McMillan and Thames, Founders Day 1975.

accident at WP. Rick set the Acad record for getting from the 4th floor of Thayer to the 1st when he fell down an elevator shaft. Our prayers have been with you Rick, and we're thrilled to know that you are back up and about.

Congratulations to Frank & Lisa Cumberland on the birth of their 3d child, Eric Joan Colleen in Tokyo on 4 Mar. I can remember Frank on Recondo swearing he'd never get married.

That's all the hard news on classmates; I wish there were more, but that's all I've received. Plans for the Reunion appear to be going smoothly and I'm sure we will all enjoy getting together again.



1965: The O'Donnells, Atchleys, Cindrios and Shufords, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1965: Griffin and Mace, Founders Day 1975.

One last philosophical point and I'll head for the rest home for old scribes. Homer Smith spoke at the Founders Day dinner here at Indianapolis and gave a very frank and encouraging talk. Afterwards I overheard a few alumni (NOT our classmates though we were represented at the dinner by the Hustons, Kleinmaiers, and scribe) express to Homer their disappointment over the Army-Navy game. I wonder if that is really necessary. It has been my privilege and that of many other members of the Class to know Homer and to be thoroughly impressed with what he has done, what he is doing, and how he is doing it. I personally think he has "got his stuff together," and that we can expect good results in the future. I think we need to pull together with him and enjoy the football program. I'll put my money on Homer Smith and hope you would do the same—Better yet, send money to Birdseye in case Bud can't type either.

Well, it's been fun. I have enjoyed trying to put these columns together for the last 2 yrs; the greatest privilege has been hearing from classmates and hope you will keep Bud informed of your doings. It is my hope that the Reunion will allow us even greater opportunities to serve as a Class and a chance for more fellowship than these printed pages offer.

Strength and Drive!

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It is with deepest regret that I report the passing of John Oi on 13 Feb 75. John's untimely and tragic death came as a shock to all of us at WP and we would like to express our most sincere regrets to John's wife Cheryl, and his family in Boston. John was buried at WP on 18 Feb 75 with many members of our Class in attendance. Two of John's former E-1 files, John Donovan and Dick Swift were also present. Dave Arthur summed up many feelings about John Oi as he recalled John's affable character from our Beast. It was John Oi who used to turn his nametag upside down and pass himself off to the upperclassmen as New Cadet Ten! It is clear that John's memory lingers on. . . .

Other information passed on to me from the outgoing scribe, Tony Buetti, included a letter from Linda and Rick Gorski which arrived too late to make the last ASSEMBLY. Apparently most of the rumors about the tough schedule at CGSC were not accurate if the junior year group in residence found time to devote to many outside activities. Linda reported that she and Rick had lowered their golf handicaps significantly; that she and Mo Faber coached a 6-8 year old boys' and girls' soccer team; that Wes Clark was helping coach the post swimming team; that Vonda Crocker was teaching at the post nursery school; and that Rita Dunn was giving horseback riding lessons. Linda also mentioned that all of the guys were into intramural football, volleyball, and basketball in a big way! Sounds to me like the grind must really be on. Hilton and Rita Dunn hosted a Class party at Leavenworth that included Rick and Linda Gorski, Ed and Ann Anderson, Wes and Gert Clark, Dick and Stephanie Murray, Art and Ellen Grant, Dick Swain (Nancy was sick), Bob and Nicki Seger, Ellen and Mo Faber and George and Vonda Crocker. Matt Harrison, John Kelsey, and Howie Kirk were at CGSC but were unable to attend. Norm Fretwell, a

lawyer in Kansas City, and George Utter, recruiting officer in Lawrence KS, were able to make the trip, but Bill and Jacquie Barry, now at Ft Riley, were kept away by a snowstorm. Linda mentioned that they located several other classmates around the Leavenworth area, including Troy Scott. I immediately went into a panic until I checked the roster of inmates at the "other" Leavenworth and did not run across Troy's name. Troy, what are you doing out there? Out of town visitors at the Gorski's included Tom (Chief) Almojuela, who dropped by after competing in the first annual All-American Indian Golf Tournament in Monticello, UT. Tom finished 3d in that tourney and was on his way to a great assignment with NASA at Ames Rsch Cen, Moffet Fld, CA. Thank you Linda for a very newsy letter.

Births to report find our Class ranks swelling (not an intended pun) at an increasing but slower rate. Anne and Tony Buetti were blessed with a daughter, Michele, on 7 Jan 75, and Annette and Terry Stull were blessed with a son, Eric Brian, on 11 Jan 75. Eric experienced some difficulty with a blocked intestine and he has been hospitalized at Bellevue Hospital in NYC since his birth. Eric underwent several serious operations but Terry indicated that his recovery was improving and that he should be able to go home by mid-Apr. Good luck, Eric! The newest member of our Class that was reported to me was Jerome John (Jay) Edwards, son of Joanne and Jerry Edwards as of 20 Mar 75. Congratulations to all new parents and to all who are still expecting. Keep up the good work?

Frank and Jackie Galligan stopped here at WP in Jan on their way to a foreign area specialty tour in Teheran, Iran. Frank just completed his PhD at Washington U., St. Louis. Frank reported that as of summer 74, Bill Otto was an MD working on his residency in Harrisburg, while living in Hershey, PA. Jim Proctor was completing the Spanish course at the DLI, Monterey, on his way to an ROTC asgmt at the U. of Puerto Rico. Jim was also recently married but I never got the bride's name. Frank also reported that John Tillson was working in the Penta-



1966: Brad and Karen Hartley on their wedding day in Atlanta.



1966: Brown, Biamon, Coats, Thornblom, Founders Day 1975, Korea.

gon filling one of MacNamara's old whiz-kid slots. More of you ought to stop by the old homestead, the news is fascinating even if the details are a bit skimpy.

Several classmates made it back for the Hockey Pucks reunion that is held each year that the RMC contest is hosted by WP. This year Jim Backlin did most of the organizational work and the weekend was a freezing success (as are all events in Smith Rink). Larry and Charlene Hansen made the trip down from MA where Larry works in the cash mgmt dept of the Natl Shawmut Bank in Wayland, MA. Jim Backlin is the manuf mgr for Potlatch Corp in Scranton, PA. Kevin and Mary Catherine Kelley attended the weekend festivities with Kevin sporting a full beard and obviously enjoying the respite from his 3d yr studies at the U. of VT Med Sch. Kevin indicated that he may specialize in OB/GYN although he is not certain. Those of us who knew Kevin many years ago could probably have predicted that. Dick and Lydia Eklund bunked with the Seigles over that weekend and I was able to learn a lot about Dick's employment with Delta. He is now a hotshot jet jockey flying out of Miami Intl. The interesting part is that he and Lydia live in Hampton, NH. When Dick has to fly, he merely gets an \$8 hop from Boston to Miami to pick up his airplane. Now that's commuting on a grand scale. Lydia, who keeps a busy schedule of her own by working as an RN and going to school, explains that there is only one problem with Dick's time-consuming commuting—while Delta is ready when you are, Dick is rarely ready when Lydia is!

Word from Ft Knox finds Ron and Ginny Carpenter attempting to set another fame will mix record by being the last member of our Class to attend the career course. It seems that Ron's normal progression was interrupted by DA because they needed a resident expert Mormon to handle the ROTC liaison duties at UT State. Ron attributes his emergency selection to the prevailing quota system selection criteria. Anyway, Ron reports that Bill Newell and Jim Ogle are also at Knox and that Will Kone is working for the CDC at Ft Rucker, AL. Thanks for the letter, Ron.

Many of you will be interested in knowing that Brad Hartley and John Pappas finally got married—but not to each other. Brad married the former Karen Kelly of Atlanta, GA on 28 Dec 74. Both Brad and Karen are sys anal for Southern Bell and, for what it's worth, Karen's father is an asst VP with South Central Bell. Brad and Karen bought a small 9 acre "country gentlemen" estate west of Atlanta where they are discovering that there is nothing better than the next best

thing to being there. It seems strange that Brad did not include his home address. John's new bride, Stella, will join John in the restaurant business in Union City, NJ. Actually, I have very little information about John and Stella. I think that John meant for this to be a quiet little affair between him and Stella and Mike Brennan wrote and told me about it.

Speaking of the Brennans, Mike and Helen and their 3 keep in regular contact with several classmates. Mike reported that Mike Mewhinney is in Dallas with Goldman, Sachs Co, Steve Singer is in L.A. in the movie business, Jack Zehren is an architect in San Fran, Tom Miller is an atty in Monticello, IL, and Jim Gleason is an Army lawyer in DC. Mike also reminded me not to forget Bill and Sherry Wight. Wonder what they're up to?? Mike's letter came from San Ant, TX, where all of the early fame for our Class resides. MAJ Bill Stalker—dental intern, Ft Sam Houston (FSH); MAJ Keith Markey—intern, FSH; MAJ Jim Peake—surgery resident, FSH; MAJ Russ Jenna—radiology, FSH; and **2LT** Mike Brennan—med stu, U. of TX, San Ant. Thanks for the letter, LT!

A letter from the South Pole indicates that Dick Wolak is the station mgr of the new U.S. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Sta. A feature story on the 2d page of the Sun (29 Dec 74) NY Times carried the details of the 6 building complex that Dick manages. Dick's letter was dated 10 Feb 75 in which he indicated that his last summer plane was due in 3 days. His next personal contact with the outside world would not be until sometime in Nov 75, after 6 months of darkness and many sub (-100°F) temperatures. To make certain that he was still in contact with the Class, Dick called Tony Buetti collect from the South Pole via a ham operator in Tucson. It was interesting to note that Dick got Tony out of the shower just to report that the temperature was already 75° below zero on 9 Mar 75.

The following information was submitted by classmates living at WP: Mike (Engr) and Ann Root saved up all this info: Art and Jessue Schulcz were married 18 Jan 75 and are residing in Newport News, VA where Art is with TRADOC Hqs; Ron and Martha Cox are in Seattle where Ron is practicing law; Bob and Joan Satter are civilians in the housing constr business in Lake Worth, FL; Randy and Marya Medlock are finishing up at GA Tech en route to WP this summer; also arriving this summer from Tucson and grad sch are Rex and Sam Nichols; Fritz and

Liz Ernst are with the Sacramento DE and are enjoying their time in CA. Thanks for all of the news, Mike. Freddy (a Tac) and Aubry McFarren report that George Crocker is leaving CGSC to attend grad sch en route to becoming a Tac here. Hank (Mech) and Sally Langendorf were issued their 4th child—Olive Claire—on 2 Dec 74, and Ted (ES&GS) and Chris Sendak also reported a newcomer, Matthew Vincent, on 30 Dec 74.

Frank Hock (ES&GS) arrived 1 Feb 75. His wife Sandy just gave birth to their first child, a boy named Cricket. Sandy will not join him until Jul so that she can finish her RN tng at Morris County Coll in NJ. Cooper (Math) and Lee Wright report that they have returned to the cold reality after 3 yrs of skiing, sailing, etc. in the L. A. area. Coop also informs us that Berry and Marcia Morton are in Denver enjoying similar diversions. Berry is with the DE. Ken (the tall one—Soc Sci) and Nicki Carlson tell of skiing with Mike Fuller last winter at Vail. Mike, a civ, received his MBA from U. of KS and now lives in Shawnee Mission, KS. Mike (Soc Sci) and Renita Fry report seeing Bob and Becky Catlin last fall. Bob is with the FBI in DC. Ed (ES&GS) and Shirley Case tell us that Rick Clark and his family are in El Paso where Rick is a partner in a consulting firm. Joe Welch and family are in Raleigh where Joe is working as a soil engr. Bill Helkie is married and in DC working on intl monetary policy. (I hope he can make the peseta go down before I go to Spain this summer.) Ralph Cruikshank (Math) just returned from a "hardship" tour in Korea where he took his wife, son, and 2 dogs, and managed to travel all through the Orient. Sounds like those going to Korea should talk to Ralph. He also reports that James Hackett is with the ROTC Det at Princeton and that Leigh Wheeler completed med sch in Dec and is at Walter Reed.

We learn from Rich (ES&GS) and Mary Amatulli that Steve and Kathy Williams will be joining the ES&GS bunch in Jun. They have one daughter now and another on the way. Ed and Janet Hathaway are due to arrive at WP (Math) in 76. Meanwhile, Rich and Mary have become avid ski bums in addition to being knee deep in the oriental rug business. Anyone interested in oriental rugs should keep Rich in mind. Some other classmates here include Bill and Bunny Traubel, who will leave the Math Dept this year only to join the local DE to monitor the constr of the new hospital and gym remodeling at WP. Buzz and Bev Buczacki are here with Math; Dale and Dottie Anderson, Facility Engr; Phil and Carol Riley, OML; Welch and Carole Ann Agnew (our traveling companions to Spain this summer) in Spanish Dept; and Jack and Brenda Crabtree as a Tac. Jon and Mary Ann Blades are here with us in OML but they spend most of their time with Lou Salz, who owns his own trucking company in Jersey.

Those classmates leaving this summer are: Doug and Jan Sims, from OPE to the Marine Staff Coll (obvious connection there). John and Sherry Hayes are off to CGSC along with Tom and Janet Farewell. Terry and Annette Stull, Joe and Diane Calek, Jim and Lois Ann Doyle, and George and Patsy Norton, to name a few. George reported that Patsy had the dubious distinction of converting the Stewart Annex Nursery Sch from a private to non appro org. George also mentioned that Chester Keith was leaving DCSOPS, FORSCOM for CGSC this summer and that Jim Dickens was on the ROTC staff at GA Tech. Tom Farewell, who recently



1966: Schulcz and LaRoche.

received his PhD in civil engr from the U. of IL, reported seeing Dan and Terri Crawford in Colo Spgs where Dan is serving at least one more year as an Arty Bn S3. Steve and Mary Berry and Gary and Penny Coggins leave for Korea. Penny, who just completed her BA in Psych at Ladycliff, will reside in Kansas City. Mike and Nancy Husted leave for the Little Rock ODE and Jim and Peggy Kriebel leave for the 25th Div in HI. Finally, Rocky and Heather Salt leave this summer, but at press time they did not know where they were headed.

There is a great deal more news that could be reported about our Class here at WP since we are now 85 strong, but before I am accused of taking this too seriously, let me save some of that info for later issues. Needless to say, it's always good to hear from you. And, if you get the urge to visit, with so many of us here, I'm certain that we can find you a place.

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Greetings, and now the news from around WP, the nation and the world. I'll start off with the local news from WP and vicinity, with Hank filling us in on the rest of the nation and the world.

Two classmates have arrived here since I last wrote: PJ Penny, along with wife Mary and daughter Elizabeth, arrived here from the U. of WA. PJ is with the Dept of Mech. Jack Windeler and his wife Mary also arrived here about a month ago—Jack is with ES&GS and is presently working on his PhD in Intl devl.

Scheduled new arrivals from the Class for this summer (at least, according to those 2 reliable sources: The Army Times and word-of-mouth) are John Gale, Tom Lanyi, Jon Behrens, Cal Delaplain, Rich Estes, Ray Winkel and Woody Held. I'll confirm all of this once these guys set foot on the turf here at WP.

Regarding new arrivals on the smaller side, congratulations are in order for Dave and Nancy Blanchard on the birth of their 6 lb 14 oz daughter, Cari Elizabeth; to Tom and Sandy Schwartz on the birth of their son, James Thomas, 8 lb, 9 oz and 23" (!) long, and to Roger and Maria Waltz on the birth of their first child, James Michael, 7 lb 11½ oz, born 23 Dec 74.

Some classmates, whose tour here is about to end, are learning where their next asgmt will be. Mike Delleo and family are headed for Athens, Greece, where Mike will be the Dist Engr. Ed Moore and family, after attending the Improved HAWK Crse at Ft Bliss, are heading for the land of bratwurst and beer, scheduled to arrive in Germany around Jan 76. Karl Sakas, who is headed for C&GS at Leavenworth this summer, has earned both an MBA and a Master of Science in Counselor Educ from Long Is U. while stationed here. Congratulations to Karl on this fine achievement.

And now for some news about classmates from classmates. Ray Roe and Bruce Bacceti are getting ready for the Boston Marathon—good luck, guys! I hope the 26 miles are not as long for you as they would be for me. Speaking of running, Mike Lasher, who is in Dental Sch in Phila, just qualified for the Boston Marathon by running in the Earth Day Marathon. Everybody watch out for the guy with the picture of the big tooth on his shirt! Jocko Mikula is in Japan, where he



1967: Roberts, Founders Day 1975.

is doing some G1 work. John and Linda Boretti and family are in MI, where John is working for the Charmin Paper Co. of Sheboygan. Dave and Mary Rivers are in Atlanta, where Dave works for Xerox.

Ken Strong is attending the U. of AL Med Sch. From Colin Smith, I learned that Dave and Barb Mosser, along with children, Stephanie and Michael, are now in DC, where Dave works for MILPERCEN. Mike and Laura Alverson are also in that area—Mike is working for the AF in the Pentagon. Congratulations also to Mike and Laura on the birth of their son, Brian Edward, on 13 Dec 74.

In the last column, I inadvertently put John Caldwell in the Engl Dept, whereas he should be in the Engr Dept, where John feels he's much happier working, anyway. Speaking of the Engl Dept, we have some classmates that have published or are about to publish books. Denny Coates and Mark Hamilton have written a book of original poetry about WP called "To the Colors." As far as anyone knows, this is the first book of this type to be written about WP. The book has been published, and anyone desiring a copy or more information should contact Denny or Mark, c/o Dept of English, WP, NY 10996. John Hart, along with 2 others, is working on a book called West Point Sketch Book, parts of which have already appeared in the ASSEMBLY. This book concerns itself with the traditional, nostalgic and humorous side of cadet life.

I got a great letter from John Murrell the other day. John finished up an MBA from N. TX State U. in Dec 73. He got married in Aug 74 and he and wife Darlene are now both in IN (4255 Fox Harbour E. Dr, Indianapolis IN 46227), where John is a Sales Engr in the Semiconductor Group for Texas Instruments, and Darlene is working on her master's in Audiology at IU. John



1967: Love, Rice, Sears, Herman, Waraksa, Founders Day 1975.

also writes that Zeke Wimert is now living in Stony Brook, NY (38 Bonnie Lane), and it looks like we've got something positive as to Chad Keck's address at Harvard: Morris Hall, Rm C-26, Boston, MA 02163.

Bob "the Baron" Portney, along with wife Betty and new son, Robert Jr., are living near Dallas, TX (2005 Plymouth Rock Dr, Richardson, TX 75080), where Bob is Fin Mgr for Collins Radio. Bob started there in Jan 74 after getting an MBA from LSU in Dec 73. Bob Murrill and wife Susan are living in Houston (9214 Tooley Dr, Houston, TX 77071), where Bob works on the legal staff of an Oil Co., which he joined after finishing law sch at SMU in Dec 73. Thanks for the letter, John!

I got a letter from another one of the lawyers in the class—Harry Hoskins (present address: 109 Liberty Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805). After being discharged from the service in Mar 74 because of an eye disease, Harry has been working as a trial atty in the Tax Court Litigation Div of the Regional Counsel's Office for the IRS in NYC. Upon completion of his LLM in Tax at NYU in May of this year, Harry plans to return to New Orleans, where he'll be working with the law firm of Hammett, Leake, Hammett, Hayne and Hulse. Harry also writes that George Winton is presently in SC attending med sch, and that Ed Locke is in NYC, is married and has children, and is attending a Merrill Lynch tng crse, upon completion of which he is to head the Merrill Lynch Commodity Office in Stamford, CT. Thanks for the letter, Harry!

Jim Tankovich writes that, after graduating from the Naval PGS in 72, he has been doing all sorts of Armor things (commanded a Tank Co in Korea and currently commanding M Co, 3ACR at Ft Bliss). Jim will be joining the Physics Dept here at WP this summer—he and wife Margaret Ann will be arriving this Jul.

Before I turn the rest of the column over to Hank with the news of the rest of the nation and the world, we both would like to thank all those who have taken the time to write us. Without the poop from all of you, our column would be very short indeed. Thanks again! And now, heeerrrrreessss Hank!

Congratulations to Barbara and John Frink on the birth of their daughter, Darcy Jan, 22 Oct at Tripler Hospital, HI. The Frinks are now assigned to Ft Worth, TX. Jan and Chris Commons have moved to Dallas, TX after Chris' promotion to corporate staff of EDS. Chris' job now entails technical planning, consulting on computer performance and cost, and sales support. Their new address is: 410 Ridge Crest Dr, Richardson, TX 75080.

Tom Parr recently received his MD from Southwestern Med Sch in Dallas; he and Joan are now in San Ant where Tom is on a rotating internship at Brooke AH. Jenny and Brian Hayes are also in San Ant where Brian is entering his senior year at the U. of TX Med Sch. Brian has begun a collection of beer cans. He asks that anyone interested in trading "empties" contact him at 2011 Harper's Ferry Dr, San Antonio, TX 78245. Or, if you are assigned in some remote region and have just finished a can of the local brew, wrap it up and send it to Brian—he will reimburse you for the postage.

Two transfers of legal types from Exxon's Houston office: Randy Pais has been sent to Exxon's regional office in Charlotte, NC. Bob LaRaia has been sent to the L.A. office; his

new address is 126 Siesta Ave, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

Barb and John Mackerer, along with Kris (6), Mike (4), and Brian (9 mos) returned the latter part of 74 from a tour in Berlin. They are now living at 605 W. Mary Jane Dr, Killen, TX 76541. John is presently an IG at Ft Hood. John Adamson just completed a combined degree program (JD and MBA) from the U. of VA. He and Elaine are now en route to MO, where John will join the faculty of SW MO State U. as an assoc prof.

Ruth, Amy and Rich Fischer are in Mountain View, CA while Rich is attending Stanford; Slim Hohman is practicing law in Topeka, KS; Tom Hill is working on a PhD at the U. of VA. Word has it that Tom has built a terrific log cabin retreat in Barboursville. Ken Leonardi is studying law at Fordham.

Joyce and Jerry Hines are assigned to Ft Sill. Jerry is flying CH 47's with the 178th Avn Co. and Joyce is a volunteer in the Army Community Service program. She helped formulate an 84 page booklet entitled "How to Survive at Ft Sill... and have fun doing it!" (A woman's view.) Boy Meyer, after receiving a master's in Mech Engr, joined the Mil Sci Dept at UCSB, where he teaches American Mil Hist. He, Carolyn, Robbie (4) and Karen (2) are living at 228 Savona Ave, Goleta, CA 93017. Paul Cline is a commercial dept mgr with So. Bell in Jacksonville; his address is 612 Oaks Marianna, Jacksonville, FL 32211. That's about it for this time, folks. Keep those cards and letters coming. Until the next time... Aufwiedersehen.

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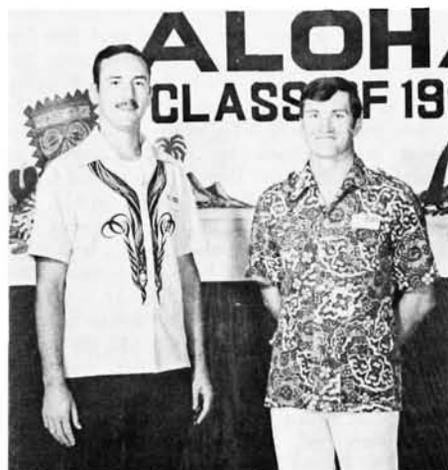
Jan brought the first news of this last quarter from Steve Herman and his wife. They welcomed their first child, Amy Elizabeth, on 2 Dec 74. Steve said Amy arrived the week before his final exams for 1st yr med sch and that the week was "somewhat reminiscent of the first phase of Ranger Sch." Welcome to the ranks of proud and harassed parents, Steve! I also received a letter from Chuck Mackall in Jan. He and Joni were then in Madrid where Chuck was completing his grad degree in Spanish from Middleburg Coll, VT; then on to WP as an instr in the Language Dept. Chuck mentioned that Bill Raines had left the service and was living in Chattanooga, TN. Dale Hansen wrote toward the end of Jan to say that he had resigned and was working for the Buying Dept of Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. He wanted also to announce his 2d daughter, Melanie Beth, born last Nov 27th, and to



1968: Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1968: The Buckleys, the Kordas, Main, Miss Terry L. Neagle, the Meinshausens, the Neyses, the Prices and the Sayres. Founders Day 1975.



1968: Benson and Blivens, Founders Day 1975.

remind classmates about the "In Memoriam" page in the USMA Library Book for Louis Speidel.

Feb brought a letter from Bruce and Jeanne Korda at AOAC at Ft Knox. They are due here at Ft Bliss in Jul where Bruce reports to the 3d Cav. Bruce wanted to mention their daughter, Pamela Tracy, born in Nov 73; and he mentioned news about several classmates to include John Buckley who had 6 mos to go on his cmd in the 37th Armor at Knox; Rick and Lorraine Desjardien who were due at Ft Bragg after AOAC; Bob Hunt who apparently was still waiting for an asgmt from AOAC when Bruce wrote; Bob Kelley who was going to WP to teach economics after AOAC; Sam Lowry who was with the Armor Engr Bd at Ft Knox after getting his master's in Mech Engr at GA Tech; Larry Main in AOAC; Walt Meinshausen who was also in AOAC and expected to remain at Ft Knox after graduation; Pat Moe who was scheduled for the Navy Test Pilot program after AOAC; Dave Neyses who was headed for the OMI Dept at WP after AOAC; Tony Medici whose wife Linda was expecting their 1st child in Mar; Gordy Sayre who was to remain in the Armor Sch Wpns Dept after AOAC; Dave Taylor who was finishing

his master's in Psychology before heading for WP; Chuck Vehlow who was programmed for grad sch after giving up his cmd in Jun; and Sam Wyman who was completing his master's in ORSA at GA Tech. The last letter came in Mar from Art Coogler who said that Mike and Carol Trollinger and daughter Alissa were en route to Aberdeen PG; Ed Garrison was in the AF in med sch at the U. of SC; Ralph and Sue D'Alessandro were in law sch at Villanova; Pete and Cathy Swan were at Keesler AFB, MS and that Pete was due in Thailand in May; John and Ginny Strand and daughter Kristen were living in Burke, VA; and finally Art mentioned that he had graduated with honors from the U. of SC Dental Sch, was a dental resident at Ft Jackson, SC and had been promoted to MAJ and was expecting asgmt to Europe in Aug.

The last news I have is from here at Ft Bliss. Don Roberts and I were the only '68 classmates who attended Founders Day here and Don will be moving to Fitzsimons GH, CO this Jun to join the surgery program there.

That's it. Everybody take care, and write!



1968: Holland, Founders Day 1975.



1969: Reunion Ft Lewis (L-R): The Fosses, Ashleys, Whitakers, and Singers.



1969: Our answer to the country's economic woes (L-R): Tice, Griffin, Meischen, Riggsby, Ruwet, and Feigenbaum at Merrill Lynch training course in NYC.



1969: Lasche, Ramos, and Roux, Founders Day 1975.



1969: Anderson, Youngest Grad, Founders Day 1975, St. Petersburg, FL.

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This column is being written on 29 Mar 75 and covers news from 2 Jan 75 until today. There was a marked decrease in correspondence this quarter but after the tremendous Xmas response I expected somewhat of a tapering off. I do hope, however, that as summer approaches with its inevitable moves, you'll drop me a line on where you are or where you are heading. My next deadline is 30 Jun 75, so any letters or photos for the Sept issue should reach me prior to that date.

Because the last column was so long, a portion of it was deleted by the editors. Among the names which did not appear because of this were Betsy Russell (John's wife) and Penny Yerks. Since I promised Betsy and Penny at the Reunion that their names would appear in the ASSEMBLY, I have included them this time to avoid a suit for breach of promise. In that same vein, I have not heard from anyone saying that they were left out of the Reunion list which appeared last issue, so I assume it was accurate.

To continue a tradition, I'll begin this issue with news from the civ sector since those still in the service were mentioned first last time. Dan Meischen sent a short note and photo from Houston where he, Lew Riggsby, and Stew Tice work for Merrill Lynch. The photo was taken in NYC where Dan, Lew, and Stew were joined by Larry Feigenbaum, Bob Griffin, and Jim Ruwet in a Merrill Lynch training course. Dan also asked that I pass along his recollection of the theme of that course: "Money is like manure—it's best when spread around." It is hard to imagine that our country could be in such an economic morass with principles such as this to guide it.

Also out and working for Merrill Lynch were Doug Jeffrey in White Plains, NY, and Nick Stafford in Dallas, TX. Galena and Doug had heard from Chel and Al Edwards who were out and working for Masonite Corp. in Laurel, MS. Linda and Nick sent a card which located the following classmates, all of whom are civilians: Gary Cantrell studying for an MBA at TCU; Ron Hebert working for Merrill Lynch in New Orleans; Brian Murphy with Prudential on Long Is; Dennis Pogany working for Johnson and Johnson; and Charlie Thensted in law sch at Tulane.

Pat and Mike Barszcz had moved into their new home in New Castle, DE, and Mike was enjoying his work with Dupont. Also in the NE were Gussie and Randy Wilson who were living in Tunkhannock, PA, where Randy worked for Charmin Paper. Also working with Randy were Gary Calvert, Tub Maxson, and Tom Schafer.

Jim Reynolds wrote from Louisville, KY, that he was in his first year of med sch at the U. of Louisville. He had seen John Clapper who was in his last year of med sch at the U. of WA. The last bit of news from the civ sector was from Linda and Larry Archer, who proudly announced the birth of Holly Anne on 21 Feb 75.

New arrivals greeted many couples still in the service: Marilyn and Gary Thorstens welcomed Craig Gary on 21 Nov 74, just prior to moving to Ft Benning for IOAC. Chad Derek was born to Cheryl and Chang Caranto on 24 Jun 74 at Ft Jackson where Chang commands a BCT co. Cheryl mentioned that Lois and George Barstis had



1969: Cheryl, Chad, Todd, and Chang Caranto.

left Ft Jackson for IOAC and that Lois was expecting their first child in May. Michelin and KC Scull had a second daughter, Megan Phyllis, born on 21 Jan 75 at Dahlongega, GA.

Arriving in time for 74 tax purposes was Andrew John Hoopengardner who greeted Bonnie and Roger on 28 Dec 74. On the other side of the deadline was Geoffrey Christian Weien, born to Jewel and Jeff on 10 Jan 75. Jeff was in Bangkok, but was due to rotate to Ft Leonard Wood in May. Jo and Denny Moulder wrote from Ft Campbell that Dennis Robert was born there on 13 Mar 75, while Amy Jean was born to Jean and Joel Alvarey on 13 Feb 75 at WP.

A large number of classmates are still in grad sch or adv courses. Cindi and Paul Raglin were leaving Purdue in May for the BRL at APG, MD, and mentioned that Joan and Bob St. Onge were coming to Purdue this summer. Also finishing their studies were Terry Bresnick and Jim Reams. Faye and Terry were due to leave Stanford en route to the Engr Dept at WP and mentioned that John Oristian was also leaving Stanford for WP and the Elec Dept. Terry also said they had seen Gigi and Andy Wielkoszewski, who were at DLI in Monterey studying Russian. Debbie and Jim were leaving the U. of MN en route to an assignment with ES&GS at WP. Jim mentioned that Tony Curran was also at MN, working on an EE degree.

Stew Bornhoft sent a long letter from Atlanta where he is attending GA Tech. He said the following classmates were also there: John Bickel, Vern Bettencourt, Norv Eyrich, Doug Farel, Randy Ho, Rick Kolb, Bill Pohlmann, Jim Rowan, Ed Simms, Bill Thorne, and John Yeisley. Stew said he and Beth had



1969: Foster, Latro, and Koroch, Founders Day 1975.



1969: The Bacevichs, Cantlays, Crafts, Fagans, Fosters, Hamiltons, Hannas, Leisters, Madigans, St. Onges, Smiths, Wances; Gregor, Reynolds, Schroeder, Taylor, Wheelock, and Overstreet.

their first child, Christopher Stewart, on 12 Dec 74, and that Karen and Bill Thorne had their first, Kelly Diane, on 15 Jan 75. Stew was due to teach in the Elec Dept at WP in 76.

Finishing up at Ft Sill were M.A. and Bill Friese, who were bound for GA Tech in Jun together with Marianne and Phil Coyle and Diane and Rick Frykman. M.A. said that Pam and George Coan had orders to Ft Leavenworth, while Dee and Tom Rogers were going to Ft Bragg. She also mentioned that Kathy and John Pederson were remaining at Ft Sill and that Sally and Eric Robyn and Suzanne and Bill Rice were leaving for grad sch. Also on orders to grad sch was Rich West, who planned to get married at Ft Sill on 31 May 75 prior to departing for CO.

Barb and Tom Whitaker were in touch from Ft Lewis with a letter, photo, and the C4 newsletter. The photo was taken at a Reunion party last fall. Also at the party in addition to those in the photo were Kathy and Jack Ellertson, Betsy and Tom Garrett, Jeannette and Jerry Hayton, and Maria and John Inselman. En route to Ft Lewis from EOAC at Ft Belvoir were Viv and Russ Milnes. Barb also mentioned that Carol and Doug Williams, who were at Ft Sill, welcomed new son Blair in Oct 74 and that Fran and Ken Wanless had orders to Germany after FAOAC. Kim and Scott Church left the DC area in Jan for WP where Scott is teaching in the



1969: (L-R): The Bazzels, and Hammonds at Army-UNC game.

Soc Sci Dept. Peggy and Jim Isenhower visited with me in Jan and subsequently wrote that they'll be leaving Ft Rucker for AOAC at Ft Knox in Jul. Petti and Bob Yaap sent a nice letter from AK to say they were expecting an addition to their family shortly. Bob mentioned that Ken Fleming was in AK, but had left the service for med sch in CA. The last letter I received was from Bill Leppig (USMC), who was in flight sch at Pensacola. He planned to be married in Lawton, OK, in Jul.

Earlier this month I spent a week in Atlanta and while there saw Dave Hofstetter who had just returned from Korea and was assigned to the FORSCOM avn trng section. En route to Atlanta, I stayed with Linda and Ed Kelly (ex-'69) in Fayetteville and saw Pat and Pete Bazzel and Marilyn and Steve Hammond. Both the Bazzels and Hammonds had been in serious car accidents recently, but fortunately none of them received permanent injuries. Pete had his orders to grad sch at Purdue, while Steve was preparing for 2 years at UNC.

News from the DC area is rather sparse, as law sch has somewhat limited my social contacts. I do see Joe and Jenny Cornelison, Jo and Randy Bryant, and Rick Duffy quite often since the 4 of us are at Georgetown Law. I also ran into Jim McCall at the Pentagon gym recently, and I see Boru O'Neill and Bill Ward there from time to time. Bill Burke recently completed his studies at Berkeley and is back in the area and living with Steve Rhyne at Bob Berry's home in Alexandria. I hope to see more of the many classmates we have in this area once first year exams are completed in mid-May. For those of you who get to DC this summer, or anytime, please do get in touch (703-538-2507). There is always room to stay, and I always find time for an evening with visiting classmates, so please don't forget to call.

That is all the news I have, so I'll close for now. Please do drop me a line when you find time, particularly if you are moving or have moved this summer. Until next time, have a happy summer!

God Bless to all in '69.

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As this report hits the press, we will be one year older as a Class. We'll all have reached that magic point in time of deciding to stay in or leave the service. Good luck on your decisions.

We had a Class of '70 picnic at Ft Benning one week prior to Founders Day at which nearly 40 classmates attended. Many provided news of the Class.

Signe and Larry White greeted their 2d child, Abigail, on 8 Apr. Larry is in IOAC 2-75. The Whites told us that Phil Viel and Jim Roland are beginning their 3d year at Ft Bragg where they are the mainstay of the 7th SFG. Jim married Sue Shrive in Oct and Phil earned his private pilot's license and an hon degree in Korea. Scott and Carol Self and their 2 children arrived at Ft Benning from Korea for IOAC. John Seven-son is a civ now and is working in Long Beach, CA. Charlie Miles is also in "civies" but we know not where.

It has been reported that Jack and Mary King are en route to Brazil after the advcrse to promote fellowship, goodwill and cheer. Actually, Jack is to be an aide. Dave and Karen Young at Ft Devens recently had a baby boy named David. Dex Brown recently ran into a girl who destroyed his motivation to avoid entangling alliances. Consequently they were married and are happily living at Ft Devens. Wit and Nancy Wise are beachcombing at the Presidio of San Fran.

After becoming an honor grad of IOAC, Mike and Dottie Mahan are en route to Ft Ord where they hope to hear from old E-2ers. Gerry and Bess Minor continue to tour the Orient at the USAF expense. Since being upgraded to aircraft cmdr Gerry is now flying his C130's in and out of hurricanes. Jim and Nancy Sullivan will complete both rotary and fixed wing avn trng in Apr. From Ft Rucker they head to the VIP flight det in NJ. Rolf and Liz Knoll at Ft Campbell added a baby daughter, Kirsten Michele, to their growing family.

Many classmates are stationed with the permanent party here at Ft Benning. Jerry and



1970: John Bickel and new bride, Amy.



1970: (Top): The Marcellos, Walker, the Lovelaces and the Bruces; (middle): the Monocos, Sabias and Curtis's; (F): Armeli, Heineman, the Ryans and the Bunch's, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1970: Waters, Churchill, Fishback, Smith, Addy, and Paris.



1970: Backman, Cater, Galloway, Kowalczyk, Snider, Founders Day 1975.



1970: Ft Benning Class picnic.

Ann Wood are taking a break from their crusade for the population explosion while Jerry works at the plt tactics cmte. Terry and Janis Morford welcomed their daughter, Christine Rebecca, in Jun 74. Terry is instructing TOW and DRAGON techniques in the wpons dept. John, and Ann, Carlson is instructing SCOPES Techniques.

Nelson, Suzie, Christine and Neal Kennedy are at Ft Sill. Neal was born in Oct. Larry and Susie Wilkens are expecting their 2d child in May. Larry is a CO at Ft Dix. Reggie Morrison wrote from Ft Polk where he is CO of an AIT Co. Also at Ft Polk are Bill and Ann Conard and Jim and Carol Chandler. We have conflicting reports on Bill Conard. One said he was wrestling gators full time and the other said he was commanding an OSUT Co. Jim Chandler is one of those fine fellows who is taking care of our pay checks.

Herb and Joanne Roberts are working hard at the U. of MO. Herb is nearing his MD goal and Joanne is nearing her PhD. Warren and Gail Geiger are still in Germany snooping around and speaking German in MI. They have a new little boy, Michael Warren, born in Dec. Greg Knight continues to play his daily 18 holes of golf in the Miami area.

John and Jane Decker arrived at Ft Benning for IOAC with their new daughter, Rosalinde, who was born in Jul 74. Jim and Pat Murray returned from Germany just in time for the birth of their daughter, Meaghen Patricia. Don and Pam Goff also at Benning are expecting their 2d child in Jul.

Jim Hayes is getting his Co at Ft Campbell soon and Pat and Mary Sculley are reported to be with the Mt Ranger Camp at Dahlonga, GA. Greg Webb just arrived in AL for the USAF Staff Coll. From there he is being reassigned to Scott AFB.

John Bickel wrote from law sch at SMU announcing his marriage in Dec to Amy. John is pres of the Student Bar Assn. Joe Reeder attended the Bickel wedding. Joe is attending law sch at TX where he is heading the Legal Rsch Bd. Joe and Martha have a new addition, Aubrey Lynn. The Bickels visited Chip and Jeanie Lauchardt in CO while on their honeymoon. Chip is with the Recruiting Cmd in Denver.

Tom Haller who is coaching at WP is again writing the F-2 Zoo newsletter thereby providing good poop. Wally, Mimi, Jay and Chris Kaine are attending grad sch at GA Tech and will soon be going to the WP AdmO.



1970: Zillian, Young, Forsythe and White picnic at Ft Benning.



1970: The Burns, Drabs, Etchechurys, Foggs, Henns, Knights, Lairds, Malkemes, Ryders, Schalls, Terrys and Fox.



1971: Chiles and Peterson, Founders Day 1975.

Paul and Kathy Passaro are still in Germany hoping for the fall car crse. Paul recently turned over his battery and is now working in HHB. Chet Richardson expects to be sent to Korea upon completion of law sch. Ron Riggs is finishing law sch in May 75 but we do not know where he is assigned.

Army Times recently printed that many classmates are going to law sch. Bill Adams, Larry Brown, John Connors, Don DeCort, Tom Keller, Scott Knight, Rod Morgan, John Pavlick, Ed Selby, Dave Wagner are in the fully funded program. Tony James, Trevor Reid, Greg Smith and Bill Trivette are in the excess leave program.

Jean and I will be going to Purdue in Aug and then on to WP for duty as a Tac in 76. I have just recently run into Joe and JoEllen Newman here at Benning; he will be attending IOAC shortly. To avoid getting into trouble with the Youngs, our next-door neighbors, I would like to announce that Terry, Connie and Leigh Young are alive and well at Ft Benning!

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Happy anniv to you all! This issue marks the 4th (or 8th, if you are so inclined) year of marriage to the mil service. Although some are pondering a divorce, many have had their lives bolstered by a recent promotion, a \$200 raise, and revived job satisfaction. To all of you, however, I offer my congratulations for your perseverance through these years.

Two major events have altered the lives and times of the Class of '71 in HI, as I'm sure it has everywhere. The 1st is the involuntary extension of 30 to 60 days in your present tour. The immediate effects are, of course, delay en route to new stations (the adv crse, in particular) and general disgruntlement among the species. After careful soul searching, however, our classmates here have reevaluated their present positions to include a decision to turn down the adv crse and ret. in 76 or slap on the CPT bars and

assume cmd of companies. Funny thing about cmd, though. We here cannot understand why more senior CPTS are declining the offer for companies when asked. Hmmm.

We had a great old time at Founders Day here. Did a little imbibing, reminiscing, and generally caused a nuisance. I always agreed with that adage that a WP'er always knows what to do when there is a little free time to celebrate. Other than keeping their respective units above the deluge, our classmates here have been keeping a low profile. Never say die, Pat MacDonald, however. Pat was awarded an ARCOM recently for receiving 11 commendable findings in his last IG. (A veritable impossibility in the 25th Inf Div.) Shortly thereafter, Pat pushed his hand through a jeep headlight while attempting to push it out of a ditch. Don't worry

though, I guarantee that he will be back in the ring.

Let's hit the grad sch arena first in this issue. Mike and Val Liberty and Frank and Patty Bifulco celebrated the first Founders Day at Cornell. Although Mike is uncertain of his next asgmt, Bif is on his way to the Engrs in HI in Jul. Also in NY again studying is Bill Bearden. He and wife Pat are at RPI where Bill is seeking his master's in Nuclear Engr after a pleasant 3-yr tour in Europe. Some news from B-1 sent by Bill includes the recent reassignment of Clyde and Carolyn Hoskins to Ft Bliss, Bill and Barb Benedict to the adv crse at Belvoir, and Bill Higley to the 7th Inf Div at Ft Ord. Jim Lovell should still be near Bremen, Kevin and Cheryl Libby in Berlin and Rick and Susan Capka in Karlsruhe. Bill Baldwin



1971: Standing (L-R): Hickok, Maples, Wiesler, James, Schlesinger, Reitnour, Navin; kneeling: Wynn, Miller and Moore, Founders Day 1975.



1971: (L-R): The Libertys and Bifulcos.



1971: (F) (L-R): Eileen Thompson, Elaine Donald, Lynn and Jennifer Thompson; (R): Jerry Lee and Jennifer Lee Thompson, Pat and Bruce Donald, Jerry W. Thompson.



1971: (F) (L-R): The Benedicts, Capkas, Schrantz and Carolyn Hoskins; standing: The Millers, Gladneys, Hoskins, the Beardens, Libbys, Higley, and Lovell.



1971: The Pogues, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.

is currently in the excess leave program at Washington and Lee and will undoubtedly spend the summer at the JAG Sch in Charlottesville, VA. Bill and Merrill are settled in Lexington, the home of VMI, where they send word that Bob Heffron has graduated from fit sch and John Current is due for graduation from med sch soon. Also in med sch is medically ret. Jeff Hubsch, who is attending GA Tech. Warren Greer and Wes Blaine have realized the error of their ways and are in Ranger Sch as of this writing. You've got to love it!

Getting back to the real action Army, I received a note from John Fogarty. He and Nancy have been playing musical posts, of late, as John has gone from a med co. in Ft Dix to S1 in med bn to BG White's aide at the Eisenhower Med Cen at Ft Gordon, all in the span of a year. This has got to be a workout for Nancy who is expecting in Jun! Across country, Doyle Perry wrote from Ft Ord where he and Carol are now stationed after leaving the Berlin Bde. Before he left he saw Ray and Terry Pawlicki in Giessen where Ray is an XO of a maint co. and on orders to Ft Riley. Also there was Doug Wagner, an AG officer in Wurzburg, and Bruce Nead, still with the FA in Neu Ulm. The Army is apparently sending a lot of "Maxwell Smarts" to Ft Bragg. Tom Mannle and Chris Arney are with the 519th MI Gp, where Craig McGrath is also on orders to. Tom Teesdale is in the S2 shop of his SFG. Tom's wife Monica delivered Suzanne Leah on 19 Feb 75.

Bob Holcombe finally left Ft Carson and is now an elect engr for an ASA comm fid sta in Sinop, Turkey, where he will be stationed for 13 mos. A pleasant note from the Lewis' in Bamberg arrived with an update on some of our Armor classmates in Germany. Dave, Jill, Jonathan, and an 85-lb sheepdog have been in Bamberg over 3 yrs now and are awaiting word on a possible 6-mo extension. Also with Dave in the 2/2 ACR are Doug Jorrey, John Lilly, Mike Bendas, and Steve and Peggy Cooch. Pat, Chris and 2-yr-old Greg O'Neil are in Ansbach and Ron, Elena, and Laura Barnabei are still at Schweinfurt, as is Jody Post. Back in Bamberg are Don, Beverly, and Brent Smith, who are on orders for Oakland and Joe and Janice Fox, who are en route to Ft. Ord. Jack Pingel is the PAO of the Caserne at Bamberg.

Bill, Kathy, and Mary Carper are in Mannheim, Germany, where Bill is the Cmdr of the 545th MP Platoon (railway gd). Both of the Carpers are nearly completed with their master's degrees in Counseling. In the same program is George Cullen. Bill mentioned that both Tom and Cliff Kruthers are competing on the Army Pentathlon Team. A postscript from my last issue that I inadvertently left out is that Jim Godwin is the jr aide to the 3d Inf Div cmdr, MG Meyer.



1971: (F) (L-R): The Perrys and Pawlickis; (R): Wagner and Nead.

I was saddened to hear that my good friend Vaughn Dille is having a bout with cancer at Walter Reed. Needless to say, I know Vaughn will dispose of this obstacle in the same fashion that made him a winner at school. Vaughn can be reached through this address: 6929 Georgia Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

A reminder—my next deadline is 30 Jun and only black and white pictures can be accepted. I wish you all well. Start thinking reunion.

'72

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Over 3! Congratulations to all you "old grads." I know that pay raise will be well received. As this article is written the weather here in Beautiful Baumholder reflects the news of the Class—inconsistent. As the sun shines through the window, snow collects on the ground. Not unusual for this season and place. Shall we see what news has come our way?

Reassignments are beginning to pop up, particularly stateside to Europe. Doug and Wanda Clark have already been in Germany for a while. Doug left Ft Bragg for the 10th Engr Bn. Others already here, or on the way include Steve Hannen, Roger Miller, Dave Saunders, Dave Easton, Joe Dennebry, and Ed Durham. Most of these are Arty types and out of Ft Campbell. Certainly there are others in the States on their way to Germany that we haven't heard from yet. Next issue should include many more. This time, though, does have Randy Parrish on orders to Korea in Jul. Understand Randy is at Ft Sill now for a few weeks before moving on to Korea. Another change of station has Bob and Kathy Dees going to AK sometime in Aug. Barney Cole just arrived at Campbell from AK and is with A Btry, 2/320 FA. Other news from that post has Steve Powers in an XO slot (A Co 2/327 Inf), Hank Kinnison, XO of CSC 1/503 Inf (hoping to hit flight sch soon), Pete Rhea, XO of A Co 2/502 Inf, Chuck and Joy Minshew, Asst Fin Off, 101st Fin Co (daughter Christina Joy now a year old), Nathan Bedford Forrest Shoaf, XO C Co. 3/187 Inf, Bill Wald-bueser, XO C Co 1/503 Inf, Tom Giboney, aide to BG Brandenburg of the 101st, Earl and Joanne Saunders, XO of A Co 1/501 Inf, Lee and Glenda Duncan, XO C Co 1/501 Inf, T.J. McGrann (a transfer from Inf to QM), and John Eberly, XO of HHC, 3d Bde. There are others at Campbell I'm sure that missed this issue due to lack of info.

A nice note from Rick and Debbie Redd tells us that Rick will complete his jr year at U. of OR med sch this spring. Seems the Redds had some difficulties in receiving their ASSEMBLY. Hope that is all settled now, Rick. If there are others having the same problem just drop a line to the AOG. They will fix you right up. Anyway, the Redds had a visit several mos ago by Jim Birkhimer, who is in Korea now. Along with Rick and Debbie in Portland is Steve Skoog, also in med sch. In the same part of the country, Ft Lewis, are Bob and Susan Wyatt (and daughter Jennifer), Jim Park, Mike Dougan, Matt Hussy, and Gary Walborn. Don't know of any transfers from this group yet. Other bits from around the States include Gary and Cathy Speer with the Rgr Bn at Ft Stewart. Garry and Patty Williams at Ft Bliss, Bill and Jackie Wightman (daughter Heather) at Ft Hood, and a whole gob of

ASSEMBLY



1972: Arbanas, Cody, Molleaux, Keehn, Walker, Kirk, Halcomb, Cole, Cook, Pawlowsky, Guarino, Russo, Kimmitt, De Rienzo, Founders Day 1975.

grads from flt sch. Here goes a list of recent and not-so-recent aviators—Chris Ardleigh, Chuck Blakely, Rollie Dessert, Rick Ferrin, Charlie Fletcher, Clyde Gibson, Joel Harris, Brad Holtz, Jim Lee, Dan Morgan, Mick Olson, Rick Parsons, Rick Scovill, Jack Shafer, Bill Smith, George Summers, Don Strother,

George Webb, and Jim Wold. By the time this is in print there certainly will be more. Must take a lot of JP-4 to keep that crowd going! Oops! Almost left out the one who sent the info on the Nomex wearers. Thanks for the poop to Dale McDonough, who should be added to the list. This specialty makes for some interesting asgmts, get'em to me and let's see them in print. A final line or 2 from the USA—Ken Davis has plans to marry in Jul in Reading, PA and would like to extend a blanket invitation to the Class to attend, particularly those from I-4 from whom he hasn't heard. Ken is presently with 39th Engr Bn, Ft Devens, along with Leo Troy, but is scheduled to PCS to HI late this year. Leo has plans to go to Harvard med sch this fall. Ken also sends word that Mike Donaghy was married this past Feb in NH. Mike went back to Korea shortly after the wedding.



1972: Founders Day, 1975, Korea.



1972: Webb and Wold, Founders Day 1975.



1973: Founders Day 1975.

Well, now, to wrap up this column, let's go to Berlin, that fascinating city behind the Curtain. There are a dozen or more '72ers there so we'll mention as many as we can. Rich and Cathy Wampler and sons, Rich, 2 and Patrick, 1, are with HHC of 3/6 Inf. Pat and Cathy Sinnot are also with 3/6 Inf. Pat is Recon Plt Ldr in the CS Co. Tom Nelson (wife Carol) is XO of the 42d Engr Co. Mike Fankel has a staff job with the U.S. cdr, Berlin. Tom Folk is a 4.2 Mtr Plt Ldr in the 4/6 Inf. Did I hear a rumor about you getting married, Tom? Bob Phillips is also with CSC, 4/6. Still a confirmed bachelor, Jeff Staser is assigned to HHC 3/6. Roger Bowen and wife Linda send their greetings to the Class. Rog is due to go to work with 66th MI Gp soon. One of the few Arty types in Berlin is Lee Miller. Lee's wife Debbie is contributing to the cause by working in the hospital lab. Understand that Dave Lueneburg is still with HHC, 2/6 Inf, as are Bob and Sarah Mattox. Mountainclimber Hop Howlett and Jane and Dirk (age 1½) are also with 2/6. Paul Gabelia, who includes Crete in his adventure training areas, is the XO of HHC 4/6 and former infantryman Gary Micheau (wife Jill) is now an MI type with ASA. That's about it for Berlin and for this column in Jun. Remember, this article is written 3 mos prior to coming out in the ASSEMBLY, so if news is sent after 30 Mar it will appear in the Sept issue. Thanks to those who wrote.

'73

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Hello again with installment 8 of quite a few; this one from Swingen' Budingen, FRG. Doug and Liz McIntyre write from B/1/4 Inf in Aschaffenburg. As our class pres, Doug requests ideas for the money in our class fund as well as news of any classmates being assigned back at WP. Also in 1/4 Inf is Mike Rzeplinski. Roger and Janet Rothwell are in 1/7 Inf and Scott Beatty has been the CO of D/3 Med for several months.

Tom and Terri Fitzsimmons write from 7 Engr in Karlsruhe saying that they'd like



1973: MacKay, Kai, Roberts, Palamar, McLean, Olsen, Yamashita, Meunier, Byrne, Greatorex, Lilly, Brown, Wright, Williams, Hazel, Weightman, Hunter, Lane, Lournquist, Founders Day 1975.

to start a D2 newsletter. They mention Bill Jordan and Mike Alden surviving their tour with the 509 Inf in Vicenza, rough! Pete and Charlene Correa were wed in Dec and live in Panama (another hardship tour). Skip Elliot is in 1/26 Sig in FRG. Charlie and Margaret Ostrand are at Ft Ord where he throws the discus for the Army track team. Doug Cromack is at Norton AFB, CA.

Hugh and Georgette Porter (A/1/5 FA, Ft Riley) announce the arrival of Lori Dawn.

John and Karen Halstead are enjoying 1/1 Cav and report that Ron Petricka is doing the same.

Karl Eikenberry along with Bob Portante, Bernie Galing, Pat Logan, and Mike Anderson are all eating snakes and raw meat with 1/75 Inf (Ranger) at Ft Stewart.

A couple of Ladycliff '75 alumni write with their latest news. Carol and Steve Bull were wed 7 Sept 74 and are now at Kadena AFB, Okinawa. Teresa and Buzzy Murphy tied the knot 16 Feb 75. Grady and Nancy Poole and John and Ronnie Thomas did the same shortly thereafter. Karen and Pat Hermanson are expecting in Jun.

Bob Cotton writes that he'll be attending law sch at Cornell in Aug. Some of '73 now with him at Ft Lewis in 2/2 Inf are Jim Ripple, Ted Larew, Greg Johnson, Kevin Kelly, and Brian Frederichs. Ted Spencer is there in 3/34 FA. Tom Wiswell and Chris Westfall are battling the books at Med Sch and Paul Benoit is at the Presidio.

Al Sciarretta married Susan in May (Congrats). They are at Ft Bliss with the 3 ACR. Ric Saunders is the XO of E/3 ACR at Ft Bliss.

Kirk Brown earns his Navigator Wgs this month.

Kathi and Rob Roe are enjoying the new addition to their family at Ft Sill. They write that Bill Miller will marry Debbie Brown in Aug. Paul Hamm is still a bachelor (which I don't think is a bad thing at all to be) and Mike Pearson had a pretty cold time of it on operation Jack Frost in AK.

Regis Carr wrote me from OMO at Ft Knox with a final designation for Ft Polk. He says that Len Dixon was wed to Mary on 8 Mar and has looked haggard and been late ever since. Roger Mills went from Korea to the

A/1/58 and C/3/7. Richard Read, at flight sch marries 2LT Deborah Olsen 7 Jun at Ft Benning.

John Zeilinski writes of his mini reunion at AF survival sch with Pete Kippie, Greg Shaka, and Jim Hawkins. John flies a B52 from Barksdale AFB, LA. Jim does the same from Minot AFB, ND. Greg flies KC 135's. Bill Moline is a T37 instr at Webb AFB, TX and Bob Marsh is attending navigator tng.

Here in Budingen, Emily Meg Ponikvar is getting cuter every day and Chuck and Jane Rittenburg are expecting sometime late in the year.

Two years by some of the graduation pics are beginning to look younger by comparison already!

'74

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With this issue, there come a few new things for our Class. Young marrieds are celebrating their first anniv already, babies are arriving or on the way, and we went through our first Founders Day. Most important of all, we chalk up a year as LTs. Unlike many classes ahead of us, we must wait another year (if not more) for that first promotion.

Rgr Sch prevailing, I managed a few bits of information. Jim Wright informs me he was married 22 Feb to Diane Guyer at the Cdt Chapel. Eddie Fagan was best man with Bart Bailey, Lloyd Scott, and Duncan Turner as groomsmen. Non-A-4ers also there were Casey Warner, Rich Kurasiewicz, and Bert and Chris Wells. Some other weddings include Al Carver over Xmas, Dave Cronin on 18 Jan at WP, and Greg Moore after FAOBC before he went to Germany. Congratulations to Skip and JoJo Sharp on their new arrival, Elizabeth. They are just now moving to Ft Hood. If my guess is right, there's several other younguns around elsewhere.

Many classmates and wives participated in the annual Founders Day celebration con-

Old Guard and Dave Pickett left for Ft Rucker. Dan and Jan Wright (25 Inf) were blessed with Melissa Ann, and Terry and Debbie Eastman had a baby boy. Bob Machado (1/39 Inf) has a free meal with Regis's folks in Heidelberg occasionally. Dave and Slim Howard (25 Inf) look like 2 natives according to Regis.

Clare and Jerry Miller (B/2/69 Arm, Ft Benning) wrote me with news from the Ft Benning area. Bob McCullough is there with A/2/10 FA and wife Kathy teaches school. Michael and Eileen Gibbs had James Vincent on 19 Sept and are now with 179 MID. Ron Danhof is getting a branch transfer from Arm to AG. Both Chris Mortson and Steve Church are in 2/10 FA. Pete Baldwin and Bill Miller are XO's in 197 Inf Bde in



1974: Patrick, Meibers, Corman, Stellar, Cook, Graves (Youngest Grad), Kurasiewicz, Bronstein, Benton, Founders Day 1975.



1974: The Barkers, Darlings, Hytens, Janoskis, Johnsons, McGraths, Duncan (Youngest Grad), Alexander, Fox, Kussard, Lombardi, Prate, Stinnett, Stone and guests, Founders Day 1975.

ducted at many posts. Joe Bonnet was the junior officer speaker at Ft Campbell as was Fred Borman at Ft Hood. Our contingent at Ft Hood is very large and after a recent visit there, it doesn't appear the budget squeeze has affected the amount of field training they do. Speaking of work, Paul Miller is a PL with B/1/29th Inf at Ft Ben and has 17 tracks in his command.

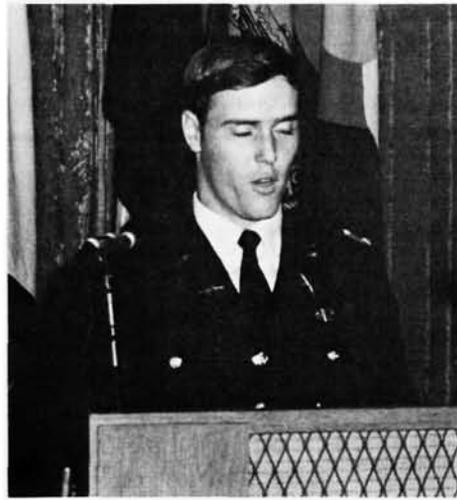
Rich Kornacki writes from Ft Bragg on '74 action. He and Mitch Craigmile are with the 1/73d FA. Mitch is planning on a sum-



1974: (L-R): The Roemers and Rodriguez's, Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1974: Roemer—Youngest Grad—Founders Day 1975, Fort Sill.



1974: Saddler, Youngest Grad, Founders Day 1975, Fort Jackson, SC.



1974: Pierce with Toms '25, Founders Day 1975, London.



1974: Knight, Geehan, Loisel, Albrecht, Fink, Martin, Grooms, Malich, McCafferty, Flyer, Founders Day 1975.



1974: Kalinach, Youngest Grad, Founders Day 1975, Fort Monroe.

mer wedding with Rita and Rich got engaged to Terri Vytovich and plans a wedding next Nov. Also at Bragg are Jeff Smith with the 1/82d FA, Chuck Cobb and his wife with the 1/39th FA, and Bill Parker and his wife are with the 35th Sig Gp.

Here are some scattered gems of poop. Brian Geehan, TC, is in a light Truck Plt in

HI, hauling pineapples I suppose. Paul Fuhrmeister was distinguished graduate at FAOBC last fall. Rick Ballard came out of Rgr Sch only to find out his wife nearly made her first jump with the Sport Parachute Club without him knowing about it! Chuck Kukulenski figures he is winning the game when he got a medical out of the Inf into MI and

is now teaching GSR at Hood. Dave Daigh is at Dallas Med Sch and Chris White is at Med Sch someplace. Want everybody to be sure and believe all the Rgr stories you're hearing but as time passes the tales get wilder, colder, and more unbelievable. One thing is certain, winter Rgr was cold. Thanks for the info and have a nice summer.

Down the Field

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ton and edged Boston College and Connecticut.

JUDO

After victories over the Air Force and Merchant Marine Academies the Cadet judo team competed against 44 schools in Philadelphia and won the Eastern Collegiate Judo championship. The team moved next to Pittsburgh for the National Championships and was unable to finish in the top five as it did last year.

GOLDEN GLOVES

How did our four Cadets do in the Golden Gloves competition? Cadet Les Kayanan was forced to withdraw because of a bout with the flu. In the 126 lb class Cadet Duane Castro won his first two bouts but was eliminated in a close deci-

sion in the third. Cadet Al Fracker in the 175 lb class, finalist last year, reached the semifinals with a knockout, a bye and two decisions in earlier bouts but lost to Johnnie Davis whom he defeated last year. Cadet Kevin Higgins went all the way to the finals with a bye, a knockout and four decisions only to lose in a decision to Kevin Rooney, another Irishman.

Castro and Higgins had not boxed before entering USMA, but Fracker had punched his way to several boxing letters before entering. All trained on their own time under Coach Herb Kroeten and did themselves and the USMA proud.

BOSTON MARATHON

Twenty-nine Cadets and four officers participated in the 26-mile, 385-yard Boston Marathon. The officers and Cadets, members of the Academy's Marathon Team, all went the distance under 3 and a half hours (13 cadets and 4 officers ran

under 3 hours). Thirty cadets participated and all completed the race, a record in itself.

For the second consecutive year, the Cadets made up the largest team entered in the race. Last year, 21 Cadets and two officers participated. Two years ago marked the Academy's first participation; one Cadet and two officers entered (and finished) the 79-year-old classic.

It was a day for records for the race, and for West Point. The race was run in a new record time by Will Rogers of Boston; a new woman's record was set by a West German woman; and a new Academy record was set by Cadet Samuel Maizel, a yearling. He finished the grueling course in 2:29:55, finishing 113th in a field of over 2,000. His time broke an Academy record and qualifies him to compete in the Olympic Trials, to be held prior to the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.



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Beverly Fielding Browne

NO. 4025 CLASS OF 1901

Died 22 April 1974 in
 Front Royal, Virginia, aged 94 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



BEVERLY FIELDING BROWNE

BEVERLY FIELDING BROWNE entered the Military Academy on 18 June 1897 and graduated 18 February 1901. The date for graduation was advanced because of the Philippine Insurrection, so he was commissioned five weeks before his 21st birthday.

Lieutenant Browne was assigned to the Artillery Corps and, though most of his early service was in the Field Artillery at Fort Riley, he had three tours of duty with the Coast Artillery at Fort McHenry, Maryland, Fort Morgan, Alabama, and Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, before the separation of Coast and Field Artillery, at which time he was assigned to the 19th Battery, 6th Field Artillery, commanded by Captain Peyton C. March, who became, from that time, his ideal of a soldier.

He married Louise, daughter of Colonel Granger Adams, at Fort Riley in 1907.

At this period began his absorbing interest in polo; he held a firm belief in the value of the game for the training of young officers of the mounted services, toward quick and decisive action under stress. A fine horseman, he was tireless in training his ponies, and in planning strategy for his teams. The 6th Field Artillery team, of which he was captain, won a game against Kansas City in 1909 and later that summer won the Middle Western Polo Tournament at Fort Riley. In the autumn the team won all the trophies at a tournament in Denver, following which they won the Army championship in Washington, D.C. The next year Browne was captain of the 5th Field Artillery team at Fort Sill, and while he was on duty in the Philippines, there was polo at Camp Stotsenburg and Manila. After his return from France, in 1919, he was captain of a team at Fort Myer. The Hawaiian Division team at Schofield Barracks, which was composed of artillery officers, was well mounted on ponies which Colonel Browne was authorized to buy for the Government, at the Parker Ranch, on Hawaii. They played the high-goal teams from Honolulu, Maui and Kauai on equal terms, and in 1924 the California Polo Association invited the Hawaiian Division team to take part in the

Western Circuit Tournament which included teams representing seven California cities, Denver, and the 1st Cavalry Division from Texas. At the end their standing won fresh laurels for Army polo.

In 1911 Captain Browne transferred to the 5th Field Artillery at Fort Sill and that same year was one of three Army officers selected for a six-month detail with the French Field Artillery. He spent two preparatory months living with French people and working to perfect his knowledge of the language. This study proved of great value when he was in France for two years in World War I.

In 1913 he was ordered to Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, commanding a mountain battery, which furnished him with a series of entertaining anecdotes about the vagaries of pack mules. While in the Philippines he was given leave sufficient for an extensive trip through China. Later, having been detailed to the Quartermaster Corps and stationed in Zamboanga, he had the unique experience of accompanying a constabulary expedition farther into the interior of Mindanao than any white men had ever been.

On returning to the United States in 1915 his assignment was to the Remount Depot at Front Royal, Virginia. He was relieved from the Quartermaster Corps in May 1917 with orders for service in France, and sailed in July 1917 commanding a battalion of the 5th Field Artillery assigned to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade at Le Valdahon. Fresh from the Remount Depot, he was detailed for some months to buying horses from the French government, since no horses were sent over from this country. In October 1917, he was assigned to General Peyton C. March's staff and made Chief of Artillery Information Service. This provided a remarkable opportunity to travel the length of the front; to study French and British information service methods and formulate those for the American Army.

Promoted to brigadier general in August 1918, he commanded the 166th Field Artillery Brigade and was commanding Corps Artillery, First Army, at the time of the armistice. The 166th Brigade was part of the American forces in Germany until February 1919, when it was sent back to France preparatory to returning to the United States. This organization was the first to return wearing the "Army of Occupation" shoulder patch. General Browne commanded the brigade until it was demobilized in California, April 1919, after which he was Acting Chief of Field Artillery for a short time and later Assistant to the Chief.

In August 1919, he returned to the grade of major and was stationed at Fort Myer. That summer General March had taken him as one of his aides on an inspection of the forces stationed in Germany and later he had the opportunity of personally conducting the general on a tour of the Western Front, for which he was especially well equipped due to his repeated trips over this ground while studying artillery information.

In January 1921, on promotion to lieutenant colonel, he was ordered to Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, to command the 11th Field Artillery. This was his first experience with motorized artillery. Later, he was executive officer of the 11th Field Artillery Brigade until his return to the States in January 1925.

He was next detailed to the Inspector General's Department and assigned to the Headquarters, 3d Corps area. He remained there until his retirement at his own request in May 1928.

He was recommissioned brigadier general, United States Army retired, in June 1930. General Browne received the Distinguished Service Medal and Officer of the French Legion of Honor.

Upon retirement, General Browne settled at Front Royal where he had owned a house since 1917. As a private citizen he took great interest in the community, was the first president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was active in the work of his church. In 1934 he became president of an apple brandy distillery, being convinced that one would be of value to the many apple growers in the vicinity. This gave him a tremendous interest, for he intended to make a brandy equal to the finest French Calvados, and even went abroad to study their methods. By 1941 the quality of "Peak of Virginia" was becoming recognized and it was sold in many states and in some of the most discriminating stores from Boston to New Orleans. The start of the war signaled the end of the distillery; all the young men whom General Browne had been training left at once for the service and it was not possible to carry on without them. Fortunately, there was an opportunity to sell the entire stock and it was no small satisfaction to General Browne that he was able to pay his stockholders a 100% dividend and to feel he had proven himself a successful businessman.

The remainder of his life was spent quietly at his Front Royal home, broken by several trips to Europe. He was the youngest man in the Class of 1901 and its last survivor.

Max Clayton Tyler

NO. 4125 CLASS OF 1903

Died 22 August 1974 in Walter Reed
 General Hospital, Washington, D.C.,
 aged 93 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
 Arlington, Virginia

MAX CLAYTON TYLER was born on 25 September 1880, in Fargo, in the then Dakota Territory. His father, Evan S. Tyler, was born in Tyler Hill, Pennsylvania, and was a Civil War veteran from that state. In 1873, when the Northern Pacific Railroad was extending westward from the Red River of the North to Mandan, on the Missouri, Evan Tyler set-



MAX CLAYTON TYLER

ASSEMBLY

led in Fargo, and was one of the earliest business and civic leaders and developers. Max's mother, Clara Estella Barnes Tyler, born in New York State, was the daughter of Allison H. Barnes, the Federal Judge for the Dakota Territory.

Descending from such sturdy pioneer forebears, in the rugged environment of the new and expanding West, under the tutelage of aggressive and enterprising parents and grandparents, young Max developed the solid traits of diligence, application, perseverance, resourcefulness, simple straightforwardness, modesty and kindness that characterized him throughout his life. After the death of his mother, Max, still a young child, lived with his maternal grandparents in Delavan, Wisconsin. He attended grade and high schools there, followed by one semester at the University of Wisconsin.

With the help of his father, he obtained an appointment to the Military Academy from Congressman Johnson of the District of North Dakota, and on 13 June 1899, entered as a member of the Class of 1903.

Max's cadet career reflected his sterling qualities. His cadet ranks were successively corporal, first sergeant and captain. The records show that he never "walked the area." To his cadet classmates, he was "Bones" because of his skinny, bony frame, and Max always used "Bones" in correspondence with them, but to all his other friends, young and old, through all the years, he was "Max"—and so must it be here. He was interested in horses and horsemanship, and polo was his sport. Although he was not a professional cavalryman, all his life he loved and admired horses; the walls of his den were adorned with pictures of horses, and in his later years' avocation of painting, horses were a frequent subject. His academic prowess is attested to by his wearing stars, graduating fourth in his Class and being commissioned in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation.

The first six years of Max's commissioned service, in the grades of second and first lieutenant, were with engineer troops; successively the 3d Battalion in the Philippines; the 1st Battalion at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the 2d Battalion in Cuba; and at Washington Barracks (now Fort Leslie J. McNair) in the District of Columbia. During the station at Washington Barracks, attendance at The Engineer School was included.

During the four year period, 1909-1913, Max was assigned to the Wheeling, West Virginia, Engineer District, and concerned with the construction of locks and dams for the improvement of navigation on the Ohio River. Then followed a three year tour as instructor at the Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1916, as the World War I clouds gathered, Max became involved with military railroads, which were then an engineer responsibility. Initially, he was in charge of railway work in the El Paso, Texas, Military District; then as assistant to the Director General of Military Railways in Washington, D.C., followed by organizing railway troops at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. The superior performance of those duties earned him the Distinguished Service Medal. By 1918, having been advanced to the grade of colonel, Max was assigned to command the 212th Regiment of Engineers and be the Division Engineer of the 12th Infantry Division at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

During the eighteen years following the end of World War I, except for the two year (1927-1929) assignment in Manila, Philippine Islands, as Department Engineer of the Army Philippine Department, Max's career encom-

passed a broad spectrum of the civil works responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers. Included were assignments as District Engineer at Washington, D.C., Florence, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana, Buffalo, New York; Division Engineer of the Great Lakes Division, headquartered at Cleveland, Ohio; and the Gulf Division, headquartered at New Orleans; several tours in the Office of the Chief of Engineers; and two years as Chief Engineer of the Federal Power Commission, in Washington, D.C. A few of the more widely known projects under Max's supervision during that period were planning for the St. Lawrence navigation and power, Muscle Shoals dam, the Key Bridge across the Potomac River at Washington, D.C., and many of the Great Lakes ports. In July 1936, he was appointed Assistant Chief of Engineers with the rank of brigadier general. Three years later, he was selected to be the president of the Mississippi River Commission and Division Engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley Division, with station at Vicksburg, Mississippi. In 1944, having reached the statutory age limit of 64 years, he was retired with the rank of major general, but in consideration of the need for his continued service during World War II, he was immediately recalled to active duty and retained in the same position until re-retirement on 31 December 1945. He was awarded a second Distinguished Service Medal.

After retirement from active duty, Max accepted a number of consultant engagements, among them: Memphis, Tennessee, Harbor and Port Commission, Baton Rouge Harbor Development Association, and Orinoca Mining Co.—the latter in connection with the improvement of the Orinoca River for navigation and for the exportation of iron ore from Venezuela. He was a life member and Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a charter member of the Society of American Military Engineers, and for over sixty-seven years a member of the Army-Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

While stationed at Fort Leavenworth in 1915, Max and Virginia Campbell Tarr, of the city of Leavenworth, were married. Their only child, Max Campbell Tyler, who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1941 and served as an officer of the Corps of Engineers for 25 years, was killed in an automobile accident on 12 December 1966 while en route to a new home in Glens Falls, New York, following his retirement from the Army. The first Mrs. Tyler died in 1931. In 1939, Max married Frances Hinkebein, of Washington, D.C., who died in Walter Reed Army Hospital 2 December 1962. After his 90th birthday, Max and Jean Sharp Besson, widow of Frank Besson '09, were married—she survives him. In addition to his widow and his son's widow, Max is survived by a granddaughter and three grandsons, and the daughter and two sons of Jean and Frank Besson. Two 1903 Classmates—Howze and Wuest, also survive.

Max was devoted to the Military Academy and to his classmates. Following the death of his classmate, Dorsey Rodney, in 1970, Max succeeded him as the class scribe, preparing the 1903 Class Notes for ASSEMBLY, until his death—in addition to being the class treasurer. His friendship with MacArthur, 1903's No. 1 graduate, was particularly close. He was accorded the honor of delivering the dedicatory address at the dedication of the MacArthur Memorial at West Point on 11 September 1969. Attending 1903's 70th Reunion at West Point in 1973, Max was the "oldest living graduate present," and, ac-

companied by the Superintendent, headed the column, and escorted by the Cadet First Captain, placed the wreath at Thayer Monument.

In a span of 94 years, shortened by only one month and three days, Max lived an active and happy life, replete with accomplishments, distinctions and satisfactions. Stoically, he accepted the sadnesses which befell him. He was the embodiment of strength and greatness, combined with warmth, tenderness and consideration.

In tribute—quoting the words of his friend, the late former Chief of Chaplains, Major General Luther Miller, who officiated at the marriage of Jean and Max—

The march of another soldier is ended,
His battles are all fought,
his victories gained.
And he lies down to rest awhile,
Awaiting the last bugle call.

—Charles Holle '20

Lewis Turtle

NO. 4146

CLASS OF 1903

Died 12 February 1974 in Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 94 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

AMONG THE LAST suggestions to help his wife, Lewis Turtle had written: "Depart then satisfied, for He also who releases thee is satisfied."

Turtle was born 1 January 1880 in Charleston, West Virginia, where his father was District Engineer. He was educated at home until the age of nine, then at the Friends' Select School, Washington, D.C., and at Braden's before entering the Military Academy.

As a small boy, his father taught Lewis to play chess; soon, however, he begged off because he couldn't bear to win from his father, yet he thought it less than honorable not to play his best. Many years later he took a game from the then West Point champion.

He was fourteen when his father, Major Thomas Turtle, USMA 1867, died while in



LEWIS TURTLE

the Office of the Chief of Engineers, General George W. Goethals, who became mentor to Lewis.

At Plebe camp Turtle was christened "The Great Silurian" and was required to keep a turtle in his tent; this was simple enough but feeding the poor captive was another matter. With his penchant for solving problems, Turtle did this by carrying food in his mouth from the mess. The problem then was answering when spoken to by his "betters"; how this was accomplished is not recorded but one fears he swallowed much turtle food.

He loved the Academy with a holy passion and lived strictly by its code. Several classmates agree that had Turtle not spent so much time helping the goats with their math, he would have graduated higher in his class. He never stopped learning; in recent years he was teaching himself Greek, and when taken with the last illness, was studying the latest book on astronomy.

Another revelation from classmates is that on one occasion he was asked by MacArthur (no goat!) to help him with a mathematics problem after taps. Turtle went to MacArthur's room. They settled down to work after covering the window with a blanket; in came a Tac and Turtle was punished for being out of his room. Years later, when General MacArthur was Supe, Mrs. Turtle begged her husband to ask him to delete those demerits from the record. Characteristically, Turtle refused.

He was commissioned into the Artillery. He was disappointed that, although sent overseas in World War I, he saw no combat; the ammunition for his unit's guns never arrived. Twice he was asked to join the faculty of the Academy; twice his commanding officer refused endorsement because he "couldn't be spared."

He was a distinguished graduate of the Coast Artillery School and also finished the School of the Line and the General Staff School.

In 1927 Turtle married the former Maida Davis of San Antonio, Texas. They had no children.

He was a book-lover and read widely, being on familiar terms with Plato and Aristotle as well as many later philosophers. From boyhood he was a stargazer. At the end of a talk he gave before an astronomical society, the professional astronomers could hardly believe this science was to him only a hobby. Mountains, poetry, the classics, and art were also his loves, but his religion was music and his god, Beethoven. He had a delightful, understated sense of humor known only to his few intimates.

Arthritis, which the dampness of Seattle did nothing to alleviate, overtook Turtle in the Canal Zone; there he was retired. Other climates relieved the condition somewhat so he was able to teach mathematics for eleven years at such places as Amherst College, Wesleyan University and Manhattan College. The campus was his natural habitat and some of his students recognized this and called him "Colonel Super."

He was truly a gentleman of the old school: modest, courteous and generous—but with a backbone of steel. One closely associated with him for years declares that Turtle had no faults except virtues carried to the extreme.

"Wherever there is knowledge, wherever there is virtue, wherever there is beauty, he will find a home."

Spencer Albert Townsend

NO. 5560 CLASS OF 1916

Died 13 August 1974 in Newhall, California, aged 82 years.

Cremation



SPENCER ALBERT TOWNSEND

SPENCER ALBERT TOWNSEND was born in Pavilion, New York, on 23 October 1891, son of Grace and Horace Townsend. He attended grade and high school in LeRoy, New York. In 1910 he took a course in law at Brom University, and while at Brom became a Phi Delta Theta. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1913 and graduated in 1916. Duke Townsend chose the Cavalry. He was sent to Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming. In November 1917 he and Maurine Dudley were married in Kansas City, Missouri. They returned to Fort Yellowstone in time to leave for Fort Bliss and the 7th Cavalry, by troop train. Two trains carried the regiment, the first train carrying the families; the second train the officers, equipment and horses.

Arriving at Fort Bliss, Lieutenant Townsend was ordered to Mexico to join the Villa raid with General Pershing and General Patton. Upon returning to Fort Bliss he was ordered to Europe. He served with the Army of Occupation in Germany, first at Mayen, then at Coblenz, in a section of Judge Advocate. Later he served in France before returning to America. Then he had a detail with the Ordnance at Watertown, Massachusetts, and while there he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Thence to the Savanna Ordnance Depot in Illinois. From the Savanna Ordnance Depot he went to Fort Riley to the Cavalry School followed by the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His association here was with General Wainwright. This was followed by a detail at Montgomery, Alabama, with the Air Corps School under General Maxwell.

Duke Townsend had two stations on the border which he liked very much. They were Fort Brom at Brownsville, Texas, and Fort Clark, near Del Rio, Texas.

Later he had civilian assignments in Minnesota with purchase and readjustments in lands with the farmers. Another civilian assignment was the organizing of the Los Angeles Medical Corps. This was a very successful detail.

Thence to Monterey, California, with General Stilwell. He was stationed there when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The regiment was ordered immediately to Norton Air Force Base at San Bernadino, California. Here he was assigned Inspector General of the Pacific Coast as far north as San Luis Obispo. He made many friends, civilian as well as Army.

He retired in 1947 from Norton Air Force Base and proceeded to Louisiana where he and Maurine had a large holding. He raised Angus cattle, sheep, timber, pecans, etc. This home they eventually sold and moved to California. Here they established homes in Los Angeles and in Palm Springs.

He is survived by his wife Maurine, and by his sister, Gladys Townsend. A private memorial service was held at Eternal Valley Memorial Park.

Miles Andrew Cowles

NO. 5772 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 22 May 1974 in Fort Myers, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MILES WAS BORN in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on 19 May 1894, the son of Colonel W.H.H. Cowles, Confederate States of America and Mary Lura Bost.

His father was a colonel in the Confederate Army and served in the United States House of Representatives from 1885 to 1893.

After the death of his father in 1901, Miles moved with the rest of the family to Statesville, North Carolina, where he attended the public schools, graduating in 1910. He attended Davidson College for one year.

At the instigation of his cousin, Colonel C.O. Sherrill, Class of 1901, he was given a job as a foreman on a dredge boat below New Orleans, which was good training for a young man, not yet 20, who was to become an Army officer and leader of men.

Miles entered West Point in June 1914 with the original class of 1918 and graduated with that class in August 1917. He was assigned to the 13th Field Artillery, a part of the 4th Division. He went to France in early 1918 as a battery commander and fought through all the battles in which the division was engaged. At the end of the war he was promoted to captain and went into Germany



MILES ANDREW COWLES

ASSEMBLY

with the Army of Occupation, returning to the United States in 1919.

As life as a combat officer was rather dull after World War I, he obtained a detail with the Ordnance Department and was sent to the University of Chicago for a two-year course in advanced physics and ballistics. While in Chicago he met his future wife, Anne Kales, whom he married on 27 June 1925. Later he returned to the Field Artillery and was assigned to the Office, Chief of Field Artillery, in Washington. Because of his schooling at the University of Chicago, he was sent to West Point as an instructor in what was then known as the "Phil" Department.

The outbreak of World War II found him a lieutenant colonel and instructor in the tactics department at The Field Artillery School. He was soon promoted to colonel and later to brigadier general and assigned as an artillery officer in the 36th Division. He proceeded with that division overseas and participated in the suicidal landing at Salerno, Italy, where the direct fire of his artillery was instrumental in preventing the 36th from being driven back into the sea. For his actions at Salerno he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Unfortunately, he later contracted malaria and was returned to Walter Reed Hospital, where his spleen was removed. This untimely illness ended his combat career but he held many important assignments later, including commandant of the Tank Destroyer School; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Princeton University; and military attaché to Switzerland.

He was retired for physical disability in 1953, suffering from angina pectoris, which was later to be the cause of his death.

After retirement, he and Anne moved to their farm in Three Rivers, Michigan, where they both lived active lives. Miles became active in the Episcopal Church of Three Rivers, where he served as treasurer, senior warden, lay reader and delegate to several national conventions. He and Anne traveled to all points of the globe and especially back to Switzerland "to get away from the snow in Michigan."

In 1972 they purchased a home near Sarasota, Florida, where they could spend the winters, returning to Three Rivers for the summer.

Miles was a lovable character and I don't believe he had an enemy in the world. He was loved by his immediate family, his brothers and sisters, and by all who came in contact with him in the Army, both below and above him. He was the epitome of the words in the Cadet Prayer, "God, our Father, Thou Searcher of Men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural."

Miles lived a happy and active life up to the end. He was on a visit to Fort Myers, Florida, when stricken with what was to be his last heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Kales Cowles; two children, Peter Cowles of Evanston, Illinois, and Nancy Cowles Black of Brooklyn Heights, New York; and also by two brothers and a sister in North Carolina.

—His brother, Stuart L. Cowles,
Class of 1923



William Wallace Jenna

NO. 5858 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 20 February 1974 in Coral Gables, Florida, aged 78 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



WILLIAM WALLACE JENNA

WILLIAM WALLACE JENNA was born in Langdon, New Hampshire, on 3 October 1895, the son of Russell and Margaret (Walker) Jenna. The following year the family moved to Leominster, Massachusetts, and made it their permanent home. It was here that Bill grew up and completed his schooling prior to his appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1914. He was the first young man from that district ever to go to West Point, and the people followed his subsequent career with great interest.

With World War I mounting to a climax, his class at the Academy (originally 1918) graduated a year ahead of schedule, in August 1917, and after a brief period of training were shipped overseas. Upon reaching England, the class was assigned to various units, and Bill found himself assigned as Assistant Military Attaché to Greece for the next three years. It was during this period through a series of diplomatic functions involving protocol with the royal family, he became close friends with young King Alexander and hismorganatic wife, Aspasia Manos. For the next year or more, they went everywhere together, and in company with a lady who was a close confidant of the king's wife, they became known in Athens society as "The Four Inseparables."

Following his return to the United States in 1921, and his subsequent marriage to Maude Whiteside of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he spent the next twenty years between the wars, serving in a wide variety of assignments. As was typical of many of the Army's career officers during that period, he broadened his technical and administrative experience through attendance of courses at the Army War College, The Command and General Staff School, The Infantry School, and numerous other assignments. From 1936 to 1940 he returned to West Point as a professor of French in the Modern Languages Department, and many of the Army's top leaders in the Vietnam conflict were his students as cadets.

At the outbreak of World War II, he was

stationed in the Hawaiian Islands on the staff of General Walter C. Short when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Following the evacuation of his wife and son three months later, he was promoted to full colonel, given command of the 34th Infantry Regiment, and sent to Australia to prepare the regiment for the fierce combat into which they were thrust as the spearhead of many of Douglas MacArthur's bold drives north from island to island in the South Pacific. His unit was cited many times for exemplary performance in the retaking of New Guinea, and numerous landings in the reconquest of the Philippines, and Colonel Jenna was personally awarded the Legion of Merit twice and the Silver Star three times for extreme gallantry in action. When leading forward elements of his regiment in attacks on heavily fortified Japanese positions while subjected to devastating machine-gun fire, his personal courage in the face of the enemy served as an example to his men which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Following the war, he served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Iowa, followed by a tour as commander of the Army's famed 3d Infantry Regiment in Washington, D.C., and finally as Chief of Staff to our Military Advisory Group serving Nationalist China on Taiwan before he retired from forty years of military service.

He was active in the local chapter of the Military Order of World Wars, as well as the West Point Society, during some twenty years of retirement in Coral Gables, Florida, and attended several class reunions at West Point as long as he and his wife Maude were physically able to do so. However, along toward the end she began to suffer a series of debilitating strokes which eventually left her paralyzed, although her mind was clear, and Bill began to deteriorate rapidly as he tried to tend to her needs. When she finally died in November 1973, only weeks after they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, it was as if his heart went with her, and as he stood with their son beside her grave at West Point, he seemed to sense that he would be joining her soon. Less than four months later, he gave up the fight and quietly passed away in his sleep. His remains were taken to West Point and buried beside his beloved Maude with full military honors in the little cemetery behind the Old Cadet Chapel in March 1974.

It was fitting that he should find his last resting place at West Point. It was an often-expressed wish during his last months of life, because he had given his whole life to the service, and had served many happy years at the Academy both as a cadet and later as a member of the academic staff, during his 40 years in the Army. He exemplified the highest ideals of West Point both as a citizen and as a soldier, and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his many loyal and devoted friends.

—W.W. Jenna Jr.

John Arthur Weeks

NO. 5967 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 17 June 1974 at Community Hospital, Carmel, California, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ARTHUR WAS BORN in New York City on 23 October 1894. He attended the High School of Commerce and Braden's. He fortunately



JOHN ARTHUR WEEKS

lived next door to a Congressman who was able to judge his excellent character and his high qualifications for the appointment which he gave to Arthur.

We envied Arthur during our Plebe year since he was a Fourth Classman with his "chin out," he having been given to us by the professors. It was very enjoyable having him as a member of our class as he participated in many of the Corps activities—100th Night, Camp Illumination, manager of the hockey team during Second Class year, Catholic Choir (soloist) and Sunday School, and was on our HOWITZER board.

Upon graduation on 12 June 1918, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps and attended the Coast Artillery School at Fortress Monroe before going to France where he served as aide de camp to General Archibald Sunderland with the Army of Occupation. There followed tours of duty in Hawaii, Fort Winfield Scott and Fort Worden. In September 1933 he was detailed in the Quartermaster Corps and then attended The Quartermaster School. He transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in July 1937 and became post Quartermaster at Fort Hamilton, and for a short time, Assistant G4, First Army. He graduated from the Army Industrial College in Washington, D.C., in 1938 before going to Panama to be commanding officer of the Atlantic General Depot.

When World War II started he was commanding officer of the 3d Quartermaster Brigade at Camp Lee, Virginia. In 1942 he was first assigned as Quartermaster of the XV Corps, Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, then as G4 of the XV Corps in the European Theatre of Operations, 1942-1945. (The photo was taken in Ireland just before the Normandy Landing.)

Arthur's Corps was with the Third Army from Normandy to the liberation of Paris and the first crossing of the Seine. From thereon, his Corps was part of the Seventh Army and moved through Troyes, Epinal, Kaiserlautern, Mannheim (across the Rhine), Bamberg, Nurnberg (at its surrender), Dachau (release of the inmates) and on to Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. He was the first American officer to enter Dachau while the slaughter was still going on. He was instrumental in saving the famous white horses of the Austrian Imperial haute école of horsemanship. Then on to Bamberg for the occupation. Later, he was involved in reconstructing the courthouse in Nurnberg where the trials were held.

Arthur was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, four campaign stars and was recommended for the Silver Star. General de Gaulle personally pinned the French Legion of Honor on Arthur's chest. He was also awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

He left the European Theatre of Operations in October of 1945 for duty in the Far East but was hospitalized and retired for physical disability in March of 1946, the end of a long service that was always faithful to "Duty, Honor, Country."

Arthur married Natalie Ann Smith on 13 July 1918. They had one son, John Jr. Natalie died in 1936. He married Betty Eugenia Pehrson of Bronxville, New York, on 15 July 1937.

Upon his retirement, Betty and Arthur lived at Pebble Beach, California, excepting the years 1953 to 1960 when they spent considerable time in Hawaii, as well as six months touring Europe. Although Arthur suffered from a spinal injury and a heart condition, he accepted his ailments uncomplainingly and was content to spend his final years reading and leading a quiet life.

He ended his autobiographical notes with this: "Life is pleasant indeed, and having attended USMA has helped make it so."

Arthur is survived by his wife Betty, his son, John Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, Retired, of Colton, California; a sister, Mrs. Florence B. Smith of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and two grandchildren.

His classmates join in extending their deepest sympathy to his survivors.

—E.W.G.

Marion Patton Echols

NO. 6348 CLASS OF 1919

Died 19 March 1974 in Charlottesville, Virginia, aged 74 years.

Interment: University of Virginia Cemetery, Charlottesville, Virginia

MARION PATTON ECHOLS was born 5 June 1899 at the University of Virginia, the son of William Holding Echols, Professor of Mathematics at the University, and Elizabeth Harrison Echols. He was the grandson of Major (Confederate States of America) William H. Echols, United States Military Academy, Class of 1858, and nephew of famed West Point mathematician, Colonel, Professor, C.P. ("P") Echols.

Young Echols ("Pat" to friends and relatives) attended the Virginia Military Institute for two years before entering the United States Military Academy. As a Plebe he bore a considerable amount of hazing because of his relationship to Professor "P" Echols, then Head of the Department of Mathematics. Pat was graduated 1 November 1918, in the Class of 1919, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery.

His early service with various troop units in the United States and Hawaii was followed in 1926 by assignment as Assistant Commandant and instructor of military science at Virginia Military Institute. In 1930 he returned to West Point as instructor in mathematics, and in 1933 he was appointed Public Relations Officer for the United States Military Academy. During this period he was the military technical advisor for the Hollywood movie "Flirtation Walk."

In 1936 Pat returned to troop duty as a battery commander in the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In 1938 he



MARION PATTON ECHOLS

was assigned to the Gunnery Department and Field Artillery Research of The Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with duties including the preparation of field artillery training films. He received the Legion of Merit for this work. The citation signed by General Jacob L. Devers, former commander of the Army Ground Forces, commended him for "originality of thought" and a "flair for eliminating nonessentials."

In November 1942 Colonel Echols was appointed Chief of Staff of the newly activated 102d Infantry Division. In 1944 he became commanding officer of the 417th Field Artillery Group, a former anti-aircraft unit converting to field artillery. After transition training, he took the group to England, then France and Germany. When the war in Europe was over, he was assigned to Washington as Public Relations Officer for Army Ground Forces until 1946. While on that duty, Colonel Echols was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding service since his "original ideas, initiative, energy and devotion to duty played an important part in increasing the respect of the public for the role of the ground combat soldier."

For the next five years, Colonel Echols served on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur in the Far East Command as Public Relations Officer. In this capacity he supervised the release of all news, both military and civilian. His citation for an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit states that he "performed exceptionally meritorious service in the United Nations Command . . . as Public Relations Officer. Combining remarkable technical knowledge and an understanding of sensitive ramifications inherent in his position with a consummate devotion to duty insured prompt presentation to the world public of comprehensive, historically accurate and militarily secure news material. During a critical phase of Korean hostilities when voluntary censorship procedures were abandoned, Colonel Echols activated and headed the Press Advisory Division to provide counsel on all matters of security incident to news copy and photographs. His timely assistance to correspondents of friendly foreign nations contributed much to amicable relations between the press and governments of those nations and the United States Government." The commander of the Far East Naval Forces commended Colonel Echols during this period, saying that his "approach to inter-service public information problems has always been characterized by a spirit of help-

fulness and mutual understanding. It is considered that the extremely harmonious relationship which exists between the public information branches of the Navy and Army in this theater is largely a credit to the able efforts of Colonel Echols." Upon his return from Japan in 1951, Colonel Echols was assigned to The Artillery School, Fort Sill, as Supervisor of Resident Instruction.

After his retirement in 1953, Pat served as Director of Athletics and Assistant to the Superintendent at VMI until 1957, when he moved to his boyhood home in Charlottesville. Then he became active in politics, was a member of the Albemarle County Republican Committee, and worked for many conservative causes. He also gave a great deal of his time to a small Episcopal Mission church and helped it grow and become independent. Pat was a leader in the renovation of the chapel first used, served on the vestry, and headed the ushers. Letters to his wife since his death often mentioned the Christmas Eve services which he "head ushered" wearing his West Point blazer, a red vest and red bow tie! When Pat gave his services, he went all the way. His last few years were sadly marked by many infirmities, but even in hospitals he continued his cheerful manner as long as he could and was a favorite with the nurses who shared the grief of his passing. One vowed she'd never again allow herself to become so attached to a patient.

No list of assignments or even of accomplishments does justice to the personality of Marion Patton Echols. Pat was an original, a unique, "character." Friendly, jovial, and gregarious, he was also an active sportsman. In baseball, tennis, and golf he would rather participate than "spectate." At various times he coached both baseball and golf. An avid supporter of both the United States Military Academy and the Virginia Military Institute, he never willingly missed any event of either institution. He did his best to recruit athletes and other high-caliber prospects for both schools. One of his West Point classmates wrote, "I saw Pat frequently during our sixteen and one-half years as Field Artillery lieutenants, and I always enjoyed talking to him. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and a sound judgment on almost any subject under discussion. I feel that his unique talents enabled him to make a significant contribution to the service."

M. Patton Echols was buried in the University of Virginia Cemetery, surrounded by family and old friends, and the flag that draped his coffin rests at the Church of our Saviour in a cabinet which he made to hold the Book of Memories. Pat is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter of Colonel John C. McArthur (United States Military Academy Class of 1894); their three daughters; a son; and ten grandchildren.

Robert William Crichlow Jr.

NO. 6464 CLASS OF 1919

Died 30 August 1972 in Fairfax,
Virginia, aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia

BOB CRICHLAW MUST have donned his first plebe-skins with a quiet pride, for he was that kind of person. With that same pride, and with full distinction, he wore his country's military uniform for 37 continuous years.

Bob came to the Military Academy from Nashville, Tennessee, on 14 June 1917 to



ROBERT WILLIAM CRICHLAW JR.

begin a long and rugged journey. It was a journey travelled in the company of good men, and it was richly rewarding all the way. Their Alma Mater gave special benediction to this wartime class of 1919, for she graduated them twice—first in early November 1918, when their participation in action in France seemed probable. After the armistice was signed, they returned to the United States Military Academy for more training until their second graduation in June 1919. Through the lean years of public neglect marking their first two decades of service, many men might have lost interest. This class did their work, studied their profession diligently, and when war came again in 1941, they were ready for their leadership roles.

Bob's travels took him first (with his entire class) on a tour of World War I battlefields in France and Italy; then to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for the basic coast artillery course, followed by heavy railway artillery training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and tractor-drawn artillery training at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. By October 1920 he was a harbor defense battery commander at Fort Worden, Washington. Early the next year he became aide-de-camp to Brigadier General John D. Barrette, whom Bob served for four years in San Francisco, Hawaii, and Boston. During this interval Bob was given detached duty in the summers of 1924 and 1925 with the Coast Artillery Corps team at the National Rifle Matches and earned the Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot awards.

In 1927 he returned to Hawaii to serve with the 64th Anti Aircraft Artillery Regiment, and later as S4 and Communications Officer of the Hawaiian AAA Brigade. It was then he met the former Helen Blanchard, of Randolph, Vermont, whom he married in 1930. Together they went to Fort Monroe where Bob took the coast artillery battery officers' course, the advanced gunnery course, and advanced training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in ballistics, gunnery, and artillery material. From 1932 to 1936, Bob served as an instructor at the Coast Artillery Corps School.

Promoted to captain in 1935, Bob moved on in 1936 to the Command and General Staff School, graduating in 1937. Late that year he reported for duty as National Guard instructor for coast artillery, based at Camp Murray in Tacoma, Washington. During the Tacoma years he completed development of the Crichlow Slide Rule, which was widely

used in anti-aircraft artillery and eventually standardized by the Army as "Slide Rule, M-1."

In 1939 came the return to Fort Monroe to serve on the Coast Artillery Board. Here he moved rapidly through the grades of major and lieutenant colonel, and in 1942 was advanced to temporary colonel and designated to organize the Anti Aircraft Board, a spin-off from the old Coast Artillery Board. This task finished, he was en route by May 1943 to take command of the 57th AAA Brigade, headquartered at Camp Haan, California, and trained at Camp Irvine's desert firing range. A month later he was promoted to temporary brigadier general continuing as commanding general of the brigade until March 1944, and receiving the Army Commendation Ribbon for his work at Camp Haan.

Like his contemporaries, Bob found the scope of his responsibilities expanding rapidly through those war years; by late spring of 1944 they encompassed the material needs of all United States Army elements, for he was now Deputy Chief of the Requirements Section, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

He left Washington in September 1945, bound for Yokohama, Japan, where he served first with the Military Government section, and later as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of United States Army Supply Command C. By March 1946, and now wearing the Legion of Merit medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bob was off to command Kobe Base at Japan's second largest port. (A footnote by Helen tells us "this was Bob's favorite assignment—a real challenge and miles away from general headquarters").

Because it typifies the almost unbelievable variety and scope of duties he and his contemporaries were handling all over the world in those days, we give these details of Bob's "Kobe experience," from "Know-Your-Colleagues" published by his associates following his Kobe assignment:

"General Crichlow regards this duty... as one of his most interesting assignments because of the unique and varied activities with which he was concerned. Kobe Base was responsible for the operation of the Port of Kobe and logistical support of about 90,000 American occupation forces... One of the (base) functions was to receive, repair, and store large quantities of clothing, equipment and supplies... from Pacific divisions and bases... inactivated immediately after the war; 25,000 motor vehicles were included. Clothing and equipment repaired and restocked was valued at more than \$1,000,000 each month. Gradually, military (base) personnel were replaced... until the total of Japanese employees was near 22,000... other functions of Kobe Base were the supervision of Japanese courts and... police... enforcing regulations against black market activities and smuggling; and protection of life and property in a metropolitan area of 120 square miles with a population of 1,200,000... General Crichlow was 350 miles from the next higher headquarters, where they good-naturedly called him the 'King of Kobe.'"

In 1948 Bob returned to Washington for four years' duty as Army Secretary for Research and Development. Another note by Helen, which needs no elaboration, says of the Research and Development tour, "Arleigh Burke, Navy Secretary and Fritz Phillips, Air Force Secretary. Fast company and a happy, friendly combination."

Bob left this stimulating job in 1952 to head for Germany on what proved to be his last active duty tour. This was one to please any life-long professional soldier: Command-

ing General, 34th AAA Brigade, headquartered in Heidelberg—a key combat element in the defenses of Western Europe.

Serious hypertension and the strong potential of forced disability retirement had troubled Bob for many years. So long as he could maintain the quality of his work he wanted to stay on the job. In late 1953, now a major general, he agreed with the doctors who decided enough was enough. His retirement for physical disability in the line of duty became effective 26 February 1954.

He and Helen settled in a quiet residential area called Sleepy Hollow, in fast-growing Falls Church, Virginia. A more tranquil period for both began here. This part of their lives is described in Bob's own words in the United States Military Academy Class of 1919 *Fifty-Year-Book*, compiled and edited by Bob with his customary painstaking care. A labor of love for Bob, this book is a graphic testimonial to his craftsmanship, and his devotion to people and things he loved.

Life ended on an up-beat for Bob. He and Helen were happily preparing to begin a new chapter in life together. They had sold their Sleepy Hollow home of nearly 20 years and were ready to move to less physically demanding quarters.

On an afternoon in late August, Bob was alone in the downstairs office-den he had so happily built. Here he and Helen had spent contented, productive hours and enjoyed the visits of children (Bob III and Elaine Farrar), their grandchildren (Beth, Bob IV and Brooks), Bob III's wife Marilyn, and their many cherished friends. He was where he liked to be, and his beloved Helen was close by. From this peaceful place Bob quietly slipped out to join the Long Gray Line.

He loved many people and many things, and he was treasured greatly by his family and his friends for his selflessness, his kindly manner, and his instinctive courtesy and consideration. Second only to his pride in and affection for Helen and their family was his enduring devotion to the Academy and the service for which it molded him. He accepted his commission with sincerity and resolution. Until his death 54 years later, he gave unstintingly to fulfill that commitment.

—C.E. Brown '34



HORACE SPEED JR.

give up his position as secretary of the Washington chapter of his West Point class, because of the continuing advance of the disease, which was exacting its toll; each year more so. But it is over now and he rests at peace.

Horace Speed Jr. was born on 25 August 1897 in Guthrie, Oklahoma, the son of Judge Horace Speed and Matilda Woods Speed, who had been amongst the first families to settle in the newly opened Oklahoma Territory. Horace remained in Guthrie until he was 18, graduating from Guthrie High School in June 1915. He prepared for West Point at Columbia Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., and entered the Academy in June 1917 with an appointment from Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma. His desire for an Army career had been greatly advanced by his sister's marriage to General Harry Cooper Barnes. Her son, and Horace's nephew, H. Cooper Barnes Jr., was a cadet lieutenant at West Point when Horace arrived, leading to his receiving more than the normal amount of attention paid a newly arrived plebe.

Due to the increasing demand for Army officers generated by the United States' involvement in World War I, he was graduated on 1 November 1918, eleven days before the armistice was signed. With his Class, he returned to the Academy on 3 December 1918 and was graduated for a second time in June 1919. He and his Class then toured Europe as part of the Army of Occupation. He returned to the United States and The Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, graduating from the Basic Course in August 1920.

There followed a series of tours in Coast Artillery posts in the United States, the Territory of Hawaii and the Philippine Islands until 1936. Of particular note during this time was Horace's marriage to Minette Constance Vaiden of Richmond, Virginia, in 1929 while he was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia; and the birth of their son, Horace Speed 3d in 1932 while they were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama. As to noteworthy accomplishments during this period, in 1924 Horace had received a personally prepared commendation from General C.P. Summerall for his efforts in constructing two Coast Artillery gun emplacements at Waianamila, Territory of Hawaii. He was one of the officers who organized the 69th Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Regiment at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, in 1930.

In 1936 he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and was assigned to The Quartermaster School in Philadelphia; Fort Jay, New York; and Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, prior to World War II.

During World War II, Horace Speed was one of those who organized and built the Spokane Air Depot, where nothing had existed before. He served as the Quartermaster of the Spokane Air Depot until 1944 when he was assigned to England. In August 1944 he became the Executive Officer of the 71st Quartermaster Base Depot in Normandie, France. Later he took the Depot to Dijon, France, and served as Director of Supply for the United States Seventh Army until the end of the war in Europe. Thereafter, he helped set up the Geissen, Germany, Quartermaster Depot; became the Commanding Officer of the Miramas, France, Depot Area; commanded the Berlin, Germany, Quartermaster Depot; and ended his European tour as Staff Quartermaster, Berlin Military District.

Returning to the United States, he became Quartermaster for the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, followed by several assignments at the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington and an assignment as Chief Quartermaster, Ryukus Command, Naha, Okinawa.

Colonel Speed retired for physical disability on 30 September 1951. The Parkinson's disease, which was to plague him for the rest of his life, had already manifested itself. After retiring, he devoted a great deal of time to the affairs of his West Point class in Washington, serving as its secretary until the mid-1960's. Throughout this time he delighted in being and working with his classmates and other Army friends. He stepped down as secretary only because he could no longer perform the work required, as the Parkinson disease slowly exacted its toll, limiting his actions and mobility until he was a semi-invalid. He died 28 March 1974 having passed into a stroke-induced coma, in early March, from which he never emerged.

Colonel Speed is survived by his wife Minette, who still lives at their apartment at 4000 Cathedral Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.; their son, Horace Speed 3d, who is stationed in Saigon, Vietnam, with the State Department, and two grandchildren, Chester Austin Speed and Melissa Bryan Speed.

Horace Speed Jr.

NO. 6506 CLASS OF 1919

Died 28 March 1974 in Washington, D.C., aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

IT IS DIFFICULT to present a picture of a man in a few short sentences. However, it becomes easier if one remembers the principles that motivated him throughout his life—the factors which endured. In Horace Speed's case, these factors were readily apparent to anyone who knew him well. He was moved by his loyalty to and love for his family, West Point, the Army, his country, and by an abiding faith in the basic goodness of the people and institutions he knew and had served. I cannot ever remember his speaking ill of an acquaintance, nor of the institutions he knew. His enjoyment, after he retired and as he became more immobilized by the Parkinson's disease from which he suffered, came more and more to center around his family and service friends of long standing. One of his saddest moments occurred when he had to

George Honnen

NO. 6756 CLASS OF 1920

Died 23 January 1974 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IN THE SPIRIT of "Duty, Honor, Country" George's military career spanned forty years, from the trenches in France in 1917 to Chief of Staff of the United States European Command with headquarters in France in 1957.

George Honnen was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 16 November 1897 and was graduated in 1915 from South Philadelphia High School where, to quote a classmate, "He easily mixed good marks with superior achievements in athletics." In later years his school honored him by election to their Hall of Fame in a moving ceremony in Philadelphia.

In early 1917 he enlisted as a private in the Coast Artillery and soon thereafter he was on his way "over there." A kindly Captain Stockton suggested he study, by candlelight



GEORGE HONNEN

in his dugout, when time and enemy action would permit. Thus he became one of three men from the American Expeditionary Forces to be returned from France to West Point in June 1918. A momentous turn of the wheel.

Athletics continued a major interest. To quote the HOWITZER of 1920, "Baseball is his best sport and as a member of the Army team he has played brilliantly. . . He was elected captain for the 1920 season." He has told me that he necessarily studied in the early morning hours wrapped in an old red comforter in "the sinks."

Upon graduation he reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, for four years: as a student, an instructor, and aide to General Walter Gordon, and then to General Briant H. Wells. Here he met his wife-to-be. Fort Benning became second only to West Point in his affections.

Duty with the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China, followed, a stint in Walter Reed Hospital, and on 12 January 1927 in San Antonio, Texas, he was married to Helen Van Rensselaer Stillman. After a wedding trip to Mexico City came assignment to Fort Douglas, Utah, for two years during which time daughter Betty was born, now Mrs. George Wear, wife of Brigadier General George E. Wear '44, United States Army (Retired), of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Then came reassignment to the old "Can Do" regiment in China in 1929. There daughter Jessie was born, now Mrs. C.F. McCarty, wife of Colonel Charles F. McCarty '46, United States Army (Retired), of Arlington, Virginia.

After another tour at Fort Benning where there were many other of the DCC (d. . . . China Crowd, including Colonel George C. Marshall), five great years, 1932-37, began at West Point as "Tac," assistant adjutant to the then Major Eichelberger, aide to General W.D. Connor. Four years later, in 1941, he was to return as Assistant Commandant of Cadets for his shortest tour, six months, and in late 1943 as Commandant. A favorite story of his was that he had lived in every type of quarters at West Point and that from being superintendent's aide to acting Superintendent, the only job he never held was that of barracks policeman.

In the interval 1937-41 there was Leavenworth and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Then, from West Point in January 1942, George flew to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to be Deputy Chief of Staff to General A.M. Gruenther with General Walter Krueger's

Third Army, and in August 1942 succeeded General Gruenther as Chief of Staff.

General Krueger once said wonderingly, "George is able to say 'no' to my senior commanders and make them like it."

When General MacArthur requested that General Krueger join him, the Sixth Army was born, and George, George Decker, Clyde Eddleman and a whole staff flew to Australia. George received the Legion of Merit from General MacArthur for his inspired leadership in organizing the Sixth Army both during its inception and early months overseas. Unhappily, illness and a slight stroke were to force his return to the United States for hospitalization the summer of 1943.

A junior officer on his staff at that time, now a prominent lawyer in San Antonio, wrote, "More than any other officer I have known, he has the qualities of kindness and perceptiveness which, combined with a splendid mind and fine executive ability, make him such a great man."

A short tour with the 89th Division followed; then Commandant of Cadets for two inspiring years.

After that George returned to Hawaii and then Benning and in May 1952 became Chief of the Army's Budget Division in the Pentagon. A treasured plaque in George's study from his associates of the Budget Advisory Committee reads, "Always shall we remember your highly competent stewardship as emanating from a warm, friendly human being. Ofttimes have the tensions of aggravating problems been softened by the lighting of the corn cob pipe and a sound decision. . . . Never to be forgotten are the stormy hours in which you guided the BAC with such unflinching good humour and soldierly leadership. . . . The strength of character you have revealed in your devotion to duty, uncompromising integrity, and reliance in the Deity for higher faith, has provided an example for those of us associated with you that shall long endure. . . ."

President Gerald R. Ford, then a Congressman, wrote a friend in 1963 stating that George, while Army Budget Director, "became my best military friend."

In August 1954 George was appointed United States Commander in Berlin, a challenging two-hat assignment. A year later General Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, requested that he be transferred to the United States European Command as Chief of Staff. The two years in Paris, while very interesting and rewarding, seemed a bit quiet after Berlin.

November 1957 at Fort MacPherson, Georgia, George was retired with a second Distinguished Service Medal only to continue in uniform because good fortune and General Mark W. Clark brought him to The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, as Dean of Administration, a job that well suited his talents and abilities and where he was beloved by all who knew him. He, in turn, came to love The Citadel.

In the prophetic words of the 1920 HOWITZER, "George has won a place in our hearts by his big smile and good nature."

So it always was, so it continued to be. Living on campus was like a continuation of the active duty years and many were the enduring friendships made on the campus and in the charming and delightful old city of Charleston.

A second retirement at age sixty-five to a lovely old house in the historic section of Charleston took place in 1962. George was involved in many civic activities when in 1967 he suffered a major crippling stroke. This he fielded like the great ball player he

was—perhaps his greatest achievement—bringing inspiration to many.

In no way did he permit it to diminish his interest or joy in life and people. With the wonderful, kind disposition and sense of humour which had always graced his life and by persistent courage and patience and hard work he kept fit and active. He delighted in visiting friends at The Citadel, in frequent trips to West Point, the 50th reunion being a highlight of his life, and the mini-reunion thereafter. He wrote friends that he was "in training for the 55th."

In the house he had lived in and loved since 1970, close to the sea on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, the site of the Revolutionary War fort, Fort Moultrie, on 23 January 1974 George suffered a sudden massive coronary and died within an hour.

Memorial services with a Citadel honor guard were held in a packed Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston where he had been a vestryman. His friends were legion and they came from every corner to show their respect and affection. On 28 January George was buried at West Point with four classmates and two grandsons as pallbearers and a cadet honor guard. Also present were his wife, his two daughters, two sons-in-law, four granddaughters, two nieces and a nephew.

The words of a corpsman in the physical therapy department at the Navy Hospital express all our feelings, "He was some guy!"

—Helen Honnen

Francis James Starr

NO. 6777 CLASS OF 1920

Died 11 January 1974 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, aged 73 years.

Interment: Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota

THE INITIAL MISSION of West Point, "To provide a sound basis for Engineering," was most aptly fulfilled in the career of her alumnus, Francis James Starr.

The 1920 HOWITZER says, ". . . But high amongst those who have learned how to get the most out of life—who have found real success, a victory which cannot be won by false ambitions, and whose efforts put forth in every task are spent for the very work's sake, we find this same Starr, smiling his defiance at the world and its petty cares."

As one of the younger of the already



FRANCIS JAMES STARR

underaged cadets, and with even younger looking pink cheeks, and an invisible beard, "Kid" was Starr's inevitable nickname. Lest one be deceived by the youthful appearance, he had only to encounter his stinging left jab, or Mickey Cavanaugh's famous "One-Two" in a boxing workout to realize there was real muscle behind the innocent appearing and handsome facade. And so it was with his life and accomplishments; no fanfare or flag waving, nor bootlick nor pretense—just plain old basic hard work, study and growth, accepting successes and accomplishments with a modesty ingrained in the marrow of this splendid character.

After graduation Frank joined his doughboy classmates at Benning for the Basic Infantry Course, to be followed by assignment to the 53d Infantry Regiment at Camp Grant, Illinois. The Army was still in the process of World War I demobilization, a part of which was the changing of station of units at no, or minimum, expense to the Government. The 53d made the thousand mile march from Camp Grant to Fort D.A. Russell, (Cheyenne), Wyoming, two-thirds of the way on foot, until the snow began to fall, and then by converted box cars on the Union Pacific, a unique movement in this day and age! Lieutenant Starr was the junior officer in the regiment on the march and consequently gained experience that can be learned only the hard way.

At Cheyenne, with few troops and a double complement of officers, the duty was extra light and provided time to engage in extra-curricular activities along with classmates John Lynch, Sid Hinds, and cavalrymen Esher Burkart, Eddie Edwards, Dean Sharar, and Sam Gregory. A very pleasant sojourn, but accomplishing little—an anathema to the idealistic Starr. So, with the Act of 30 June 1922 to further reduce the Army, and inviting officer discharges with the bonus of a full year's pay, Frank left the Army to enter the University of Minnesota School of Engineering. He graduated in January 1925 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

As an engineer he began his professional career much as a lieutenant in the Army—basic engineering chores with much experience with the Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation in Chicago in the laboratory of hydraulic measurements; then assistant field engineer on power plant construction; and later doing cost engineering for transmission line construction.

After ten years of experience, Frank joined the United States Army Engineers in his hometown district, St. Paul District, where he wrestled with compliance of construction and procurement contracts, labor relations—and then to the Alaska District, post World War II, where he became Chief Inspector of Construction, involving multi-millions of dollars for military construction programs.

Returning to continental United States, he resumed his first love of the engineering profession, structural design, in which he continued until his retirement in 1970. Designing building structures, heavy material handling equipment and underground concrete structures to resist very high blast pressures, he became one of the best known and respected structural engineers in the United States. Among his structures are Atomic Energy Commission undergrounds, administration buildings for both Ford and General Motors, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Headquarters, the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, sewage treatment plant, Kaiser Steel Mills, and numerous high-rise apartment and of-

fice buildings, including the world famous Marina Towers in Chicago.

After his retirement he moved to his vacation home in the Wisconsin Dells to enjoy with his wife Ardith the quiet life in the pine woods abounding with deer, birds, and the spectacular beauty of that region which he loved. Unfortunately, the well earned retirement came to an end all too soon, for in December 1972 he suffered a severe myocardial infarction with massive anterior thrombosis, from which the doctors gave no hope of recovery. However, the doctors didn't know Frank Starr's indomitable will and inner strength, for he regained much of his health, returning only intermittently to the hospital for check-up or treatment until November 1973, when he began to fail rapidly, passing away on 11 January 1974.

Frank was a very complex person with a brilliant mind, highest ideals, and a marvelous sense of his inherited Irish wit. His church meant a great deal to him, and he felt most thankful and fortunate to have the intimate friendship of a young priest, Father Loftus, who attended him in his later days, and who read from his favorite "Desiderata" at his last service—"therefore, be at Peace with God."

He is survived by his wife, Ardith (Hansen), and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Healy, of Redmond, Washington; and a son Joseph, of Livonia, Michigan, both born of his first marriage to Margaret Juhass, who died in 1964; and stepchildren, Robert and Jack Hansen, Mrs. Joy Benson, and Mrs. Donna Howe, of Minneapolis; and a sister, Miss Mary Starr, of Ventura, California. He was a member of the Minnesota branch of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

As the HOWITZER biography ends, "Surely, Alma Mater will always be proud of her champion from the Middle West."

—His Classmates

William Joel Tudor Yancey

NO. 6789 CLASS OF 1920

Died 28 March 1964 in
San Antonio, Texas, aged 62 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

"HE IS BOUND to make a success in life, for he has a heap of common sense and never lets anyone impose on his rights. If determination spells success, then Joe will never be a failure," wrote the classmate thumb-nail biographer of William Joel Tudor Yancey in the HOWITZER of the Class of 1920.

"—from Virginia, Suh—" came Joe Yancey from Bedford County's historic FFV stock on 2 May 1901. Joe's father, the Honorable Robert Davis Yancey, Mayor of Lynchburg and Commonwealth Attorney, was the colorful character, "Captain Bob," in the best seller novel "The Vanishing Virginian." His mother, Rosa Faulkner, wrote "History of Lynchburg, Virginia," and several other books and articles on the ante-bellum South in addition to her full time occupation of raising seven young Virginians and managing the distaff side of the sizable Piedmont farm.

So, young Joe came by his unbounded energy, activity, and intense devotion to duty and responsibilities as a natural heritage from his pioneer family environment.

Attending the Lynchburg grammar and high schools as a star student, Joe received an appointment to West Point from the then Senator Martin, and came to Shad's in Wash-



WILLIAM JOEL TUDOR YANCEY

ington to prepare for the rigorous entrance examination for the Academy.

At the minimum age and minimum academic attainments, but with maximum determination and native ability, New Cadet Yancey reported to the Old South Barracks Sallyport for "suitcase drill" and other initial training incidental to the up-bringing of his "fellow-beasts" on 14 June 1918.

Life as a cadet was not a bed of roses for WJT; academics were rough, particularly under the shortened and intensified math and phil courses, but the old pioneer never-say-die spirit triumphed, and another file began the long trail of the career officer on 15 June 1920.

Upon graduation, Yance reported with his doughboy classmates to Camp Benning, Georgia, for a year of intensive infantry training, where his love for shooting and riding quickly earmarked him as an outstanding young officer.

The next assignment was the coveted Foreign Service posting in the Philippines with the 57th Infantry, at Fort William McKinley. Here, in addition to the regular duties of a subaltern, he began his polo playing professional hobby which was to mark him as one of the top mounted doughboys and the possessor of an enviable string of ponies which he shipped from post to post as he was assigned and transferred.

For Sam Houston, Texas, with the 20th Infantry, was the following post where the energetic Joe became interested in electronics and Army communications, which led to The Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and assignment as Regimental Communications Officer with the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland. After another foreign service tour at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, he was stationed again at Fort Sam, this time from 1932 to 1939, now beginning to be home for him. During this sojourn, deep in the heart of Texas, for his second wife, he married a staunch Texan, Jay Dee Human Hoffman, the widow of an Air Corps officer who had been killed in a military aircraft accident.

Additional hobbies now began to absorb some of the excess energies and abilities—photography, flying, bowling, sailing, duck hunting, wood-working, and electronics, and later hi-fi, while tapering off a bit on the demanding polo activities under the pressures of maneuver duty during the late thirties.

Leavenworth Command and General Staff School, 1940-1941, preceded General Staff

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duty in the Louisiana Maneuvers, Newfoundland Base Command, and Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, European Theater of Operations. Then came duty with the 95th Infantry Replacement Center at Camp Hood, Texas, and back to Fort Sam for the third time as Assistant Inspector General. Having received his private pilot's Wings, Joe habitually made his inspection trips in his own plane, and became known as "The Flying Eagle Inspector."

A "Between-the-Wars" assignment in 1947 to Korea, as Governor of Cholla Pukto Province was complimented and honored by a beautiful silver bowl inscribed "3d REGT to Dear Colonel Wm. J.T. Yancey, with our full respect," as a token of the esteem in which the Korean Officers and Men held Yancey as their Provincial Governor.

Returning to Fort Sam Houston in October 1948, he served as Chief of Management Section, Headquarters Fourth Army, where he contributed in full measure to the restructuring of the Army in the personnel and organizational areas, until his retirement, 30 September 1950.

A son, Joel Alexander Yancey, of White Plains, New York, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a doctorate in Chemistry, survives, as does his stepdaughter, Jayne Lee Goetting, of Gig Harbor, Washington.

Following his retirement, the Yanceys lived for fourteen happy years in San Antonio, where Jay Dee continues residence since Joe's untimely demise on 28 March 1964, caused by a heart attack.

William Joel Tudor Yancey was indeed a Virginian of the Old School, steeped in the strongest traditions of Duty, Honor, Country, a credit to the Long Gray Line. It was an honor to have served and associated with him as a classmate and fellow soldier.

May his soul rest in Peace.

—His Classmates

Giles Richard Carpenter

NO. 6848 CLASS OF 1922

Died 12 July 1974 in
Watertown, New York, aged 75 years.

Interment: Williamsburg, Virginia

GILES RICHARD CARPENTER was born in Emmett, Idaho, on 30 April 1899, the son of Frank and Emmaroy Carpenter. He attended elementary schools in Emmett and two years at the University of Idaho. He was appointed to the Academy by Senator Borah in 1918 and was graduated in 1922. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

As a lieutenant he attended The Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, both the regular course and advanced course in Horsemanship. Later he was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1937 and The War College in 1939.

In the fall of 1939 he became G2 in Headquarters VI Corps Area in Chicago. In 1941 he was G2 for the 1st Infantry Division and later G2 for the Headquarters Army Ground Forces under General Lesley McNair until 1944. He then became commanding officer of the 42d Division Artillery and took it overseas, fighting in France, Germany and Austria.

In 1947 he returned to Williamsburg, Virginia, to start the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the College of William and Mary.



GILES RICHARD CARPENTER

In 1950 he moved to Fort Monroe where he was Deputy Chief of Staff at Staff Headquarters under General Mark Clark.

From 1953 to his retirement in 1954 he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Hawaii and all high schools in Hawaii.

Colonel Carpenter retired 31 August 1954 from Hawaii. He and his wife returned to Williamsburg where they resided until his death. His wife Ida is living at 714 College Terrace, which is their home. He is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

The following awards were received: two Legion of Merits, three Bronze Stars, one French Croix de Guerre and the campaign ribbons for Europe and Germany, and Victory Medals for World Wars I and II. He was a highly admired, respected and loved officer who served his country with honor.

Francis Martin Greene

NO. 6867 CLASS OF 1922

Died 22 February 1974 in
Poughkeepsie, New York, aged 73 years.

Cremation

FRANCIS MARTIN GREENE was born in Brooklyn, New York, on 2 April 1900. He died at Poughkeepsie, New York, on 22 February 1974, after a short illness resulting from a lung tumor.

Frank completed early schooling in Brooklyn, and entered the Military Academy on 4 November 1918, with a class that immediately became known as the "Orioles," and after the armistice became the Class of 1922. Upon graduation from the Academy on 13 June 1922 he was commissioned in the Infantry.

While he was a cadet Frank was heard to observe that "the Army is divided into two classes—the soldiers and the mechanics." He quickly became a member of both classes upon his first assignment to duty with the Infantry (Tanks) at Camp Meade, Maryland, where he completed a year's course at The Tank School.

In December 1924 Frank was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General George S. Simonds, and accompanied him to the Panama Canal Zone in January 1925. Although Frank greatly admired and respected General Simonds, he was not enthusiastic

about his assignment and his visible prospects in the Army at that time. As a result he resigned from the Army in July 1926. He continued his obligation for service to his country by joining the Infantry Reserve as second lieutenant shortly after resignation from the Regular Army.

In August 1926 Frank joined Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation as a cadet engineer, and in September 1927, after completion of a course in Public Utility Management at Harvard University, was appointed manager of Central Hudson's Beacon District. In January 1930 his responsibilities were expanded to that of District Manager, Newburgh District, which position he filled until he entered active military service in April 1942.

During 1931 Frank met Marcia Wheelock, then a recent graduate of Vassar, and they were married on 10 December 1932. Marcia and Frank became the parents of three children to whom Frank was an attentive father and an enthusiastic participant in their childhood problems and in their games and athletic activities. He became a ski devotee, and he and Marcia and the children all enjoyed that winter sport here at home and on many ski slopes in Europe.

Upon entry into active military service in April 1942 as major, Army of the United States, Frank was assigned to duty at the Military Academy as Assistant Master of the Sword. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and appointed Master of the Sword in September 1944. During his tenure as Master of the Sword he completed a comprehensive and outstanding study of the wartime physical performance of graduates of the Military Academy, which resulted in reorientation of the physical training given to each cadet, and substantially tightened physical requirements for entrance to the Academy. Frank was promoted to colonel in August 1944, and remained on duty at the Academy until May 1952. His outstanding work in the field of physical education while at the Academy earned for him recognition in the academic world. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Boston University, and the honorary degree of Master of Physical Education by Springfield (Massachusetts) College. For his services at the Academy the Army also awarded to him the Legion of Merit.

Following completion of his assignment at West Point, Frank was transferred to Europe where he served successively at Headquarters,



FRANCIS MARTIN GREENE

United States European Command and Headquarters Seventh Army. He was retired in the grade of colonel, United States Army, on 31 May 1955.

After retirement from the Army Frank rejoined Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation as Director of Personnel Management, and later was elected First Vice President of that firm, occupying that position until he retired in May 1965. Frank's business friends and associates joined his friends and associates in the military services in their high regard for his integrity, industry, and judgment. During his long service with Central Hudson Frank was very active in civic affairs, and was the recipient of several awards and citations in recognition of his work in that field. He was always interested in people, and in helping them to develop their capabilities to take care of themselves and to render service to others.

Frank never was a seeker of the limelight. He was content to let his strength of character, and of mind and body, set examples for others to emulate. In every way he earned the ultimate citation, "Well done."

George Lewis Dewey

NO. 7032 CLASS OF 1923

Died 16 November 1972 in Veterans' Hospital, Miami, Florida, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

GEORGE WAS BORN ON 8 August 1899 in New Haven, Connecticut, where he graduated from high school in 1916. In the following year he enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard and in October went overseas as a member of a machine gun battalion. He was stationed in Europe after the armistice ending World War I, but returned to the United States in time to enter the Academy in August 1919, as a member of the Class of 1923.

As a cadet all of his classmates in G Company knew him as a quiet but industrious student. He was well liked by everyone. He graduated well up in the Class of 1923 and chose the Infantry as his branch of service.

After graduating, he served at several stations, both in the United States and overseas, prior to World War II but two assignments are noteworthy. From 1927 to 1928,



GEORGE LEWIS DEWEY

he studied French at the Centre d'Estudes d'Infanterie in Paris, France. In 1928, he returned to the United States and was an instructor in French at the United States Military Academy for the next four years.

Upon leaving the Academy for the second time, he attended and graduated from The Infantry School at Fort Benning.

During World War II, he served in the North African Theatre of operations as G3 of the Fifth Army from December 1942 to October 1944. It was during this time that he received the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster as well as various campaign and service medals and the Italian Military Valor Cross. His unit was engaged in the battles and campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Tunisia and Rome-Arno. Upon returning to the United States in 1944, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth from which he graduated in 1945.

He returned to Europe in 1948 and in the following year retired at his own request. Following retirement, he received a degree in Business Administration from Drake College and was Director of Public Housing in Pompano Beach, Florida, for fifteen years.

He is survived by his wife Marian, two sons, three daughters, six grandchildren and a sister.

—A Classmate.

Noah Mathew Brinson

NO. 7613 CLASS OF 1924

Died 17 June 1974 in Washington, D.C., aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ON 3 JULY 1920 Noah Mathew Brinson entered the United States Military Academy to become a member of the Class of 1924, later affectionately known as "The Thundering Herd." Thus, Noah started a military life as the career of his choice.

Born in Cobbtown, Georgia, on 12 March 1900 to William Albert Brinson and Annie Moore Brinson, Noah was reared as a true gentleman of the Old South, complete with accent and courtly manner, and it was there in Georgia that he received his early schooling including the full course at Gordon Military College.

Appointed to West Point by none other than Senator Hoke Smith, whose name was then a household word in the Deep South, Brinson quickly demonstrated his adaptability to life at the Military Academy. The military and academic work he took in easygoing stride, while with his suave manner, social graces and dancing ability he became a delight of cadet girls and chaperones alike.

In barracks Noah demonstrated considerable knowledge of games of chance with the 52-card pack of pasteboards, and also showed marked talent in conjuring for the mystic numbers seven and eleven with the galloping dominoes. Interwoven in these activities were his stories which were a rare combination of fact and fiction, but which never failed to amuse.

After graduation Brinny took a shot at the Air Force at Brooks Field, then transferred to the Infantry and joined the 23d Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While on that assignment Noah accomplished the happiest, the luckiest and the smartest feat of his entire life. He won the hand in marriage of Thelma Bonnett, of San Antonio, who later distin-



NOAH MATHEW BRINSON

guished herself in Army circles as a horse-woman and a golfer as well as being an ideal companion throughout the many eventful years that followed.

Then came the usual succession of peacetime assignments and slow promotions, an unforgettable two years in the Philippines, The Infantry School at Fort Benning (1932), a command assignment at the Army War College in Washington, D.C., aide to Major General George Simonds at Headquarters, 9th Corps Area at the Presidio of San Francisco, the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth (1941), and back to the Presidio of San Francisco where he became Secretary of the General Staff and then G1 of the Fourth Army. While there he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and then to colonel as we expanded our forces and then became involved in World War II.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Brinny was extensively involved in the actions necessary to secure West Coast against possible hostile action, and subsequently in the planning, organization and preparation for the successful United States military actions against Kiska and Attu. For his fine service during that period he was awarded the Legion of Merit which said in part, "This officer displayed exceptional initiative, untiring energy, and sound military judgment in establishing the personnel policies and procedures which so effectively aided in the successful accomplishment of the military mission of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army."

After a session at the Army Navy Staff College in late 1943, Noah parked Thelma in Washington for the duration and went to England to join the General Staff at European Theater of Operations, United States Army Headquarters, but shook loose from there in time to join the 9th Infantry Division for the Normandy Invasion. As Chief of Staff he was with that division through the first three major campaigns—Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland—but when action temporarily became more stabilized, Brinny was pulled out to be a senior member of the United States Group Control Council for several months. In this latter assignment he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations.

From March to December 1945, Noah was assigned in Paris as a military attaché with the United States Embassy to France. In this capacity he did much to expedite and smooth the transition of our forces from

combat to peacetime status and to maintain good relationship with our French allies. Upon Noah's reassignment in late 1945, our Ambassador to France wrote in part, "His personality and ability to make friends as well as his competence make him a desirable choice. . . ."

For his service in France during and immediately after the war, Brinny was awarded the French Legion of Honor (Officer), the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Medaille de Verdun.

From Paris Noah was returned to Washington for duty in the Legislative and Liaison Office of the Army. There his principal duty was maintaining essential liaison with the members of the House of Representatives. In this capacity his personality and ability to deal with people was of particular value with the result that he became well-known and respected on Capitol Hill and, in later years, could count many members of Congress among his old friends.

This was his last military assignment as Brinny developed health problems which resulted in his retirement for physical disability on 30 November 1947, after over 23 years of active service. However, at the request of the Chief of the Legislative and Liaison Division, Brinny, with his concurrence, was immediately ordered back to active duty to make available his experience in dealing with Congress in connection with the extensive work and reorganizational activities resultant from the passage of the National Defense Act that year. Having assisted materially in tiding that office over the transition period, Brinny again reverted to retired status in August 1948.

Noah used to say that he was fond of many things in the South, that the San Francisco Bay area would always have a warm spot in his heart and that he had so many friends in the Washington area where Thelma had waited out the war, but it was his highly successful second career which pretty much decided where he and Thelma were to settle down.

In 1948 Noah accepted a position as Assistant to the President of the American President Lines. In this new career he quickly developed an extensive understanding of the company's operations and problems. This, coupled with his ability to get along with people and his wide span of friends, resulted in his proving to be a marked success in this new field and in being promoted to a vice president's position in 1951. In carrying out his duties Noah and Thelma travelled extensively during the years with the President Line, visiting many countries, seeing many old friends, frequently helping them. Their permanent residence was in Washington, D.C., where they bought a home which, through the years, was the scene of gracious hospitality and many delightful gatherings.

During this highly successful second career Brinny found time for many additional activities. He was active in the National Defense Transportation Association and with the Propeller Club of the Port of Washington, serving a term as president in each case, receiving a Tribute of Appreciation for meritorious achievement from the former. Under the Treasury Department he served for many years on an Appeals Board of the United States Coast Guard. He was typically modest about these many achievements.

After 20 years of this extensive activity, in 1968 Brinny decided it was time to ease up. He retired from his position with the American President Lines and accepted the less arduous duties as a senior consultant with the American Merchant Marine Institute. In this capacity he continued considerable

travel, but was able to do so in a more leisurely and selective manner. Health problems required his constant attention and in later years a quiet life became a necessity. This he accepted with his usual optimistic outlook.

Noah always said that two things that did most to mold his life were the high standards that were impressed on him at the Military Academy, exemplified by the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country," and his marriage. Regarding the former, he always retained his loyalty to and keen interest in West Point. As long as health permitted, he always made the Army-Navy football game, the class reunions, the class luncheons and similar activities. He conducted himself through life with the personal integrity, fairness, dignity, and human consideration which were part of his training. Possibly, like Will Rogers, he never saw a man he couldn't get along with, because he never spoke ill of people. Conversely, it is hard to recall anyone ever speaking ill of him. On the occasion of Noah's death one senator wrote in part, "Throughout his long and distinguished career, in both the government and private industry, he served with honor and integrity. During the years I knew him, he was a trusted friend and companion. We have all lost a fine man." Regarding his marriage, it was his great good fortune to have such an exceptional and capable companion as Thelma, who understood him so perfectly, complemented his personal attributes and whose support and attentions added so much to his two careers and to his full, successful life.

Noah is survived by his wife Thelma, of Washington, D.C.; a brother, Green Brinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and two sisters, Mrs. L. D. Strickland of Cobbtown, Georgia, and Mrs. Ross Rowe of Claxton, Georgia.

—A Classmate.

Alexander Randolph Sewall

NO. 7954 CLASS OF 1926

Died 5 June 1972 in Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California, aged 72 years.

Interment: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Francisco, California

ALEX WAS BORN in Shreveport, Louisiana, on 9 April 1900. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the 4th District of Louisiana in 1920. He entered the Academy as a member of the Classes of 1924 and 1925 and graduated with our class in 1926. His first assignment was to the 12th Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here he met and married Phyllis V. Golderman in November 1928. Their daughter, Lila Jane, was born there in June 1930.

I first met Alex in Shreveport just prior to my Plebe Year. Upon graduation we were ordered to the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston. Although we kept in touch, we saw little of each other until Alex was stationed as Assistant Inspector General of the Sixth Army. I had been in Tokyo when Phyllis became seriously ill. She died at Letterman General Hospital in 1951. I was with Alex and Lila Jane during this sad experience.

In December 1953 Alex married Ruth Hamilton. Ruth died in San Francisco on 15 March 1973.

Alex had been ill for three years. He had planned to attend our 45th Reunion but was forced to cancel at the last moment. In June of 1972 I visited him in Letterman General



ALEXANDER RANDOLPH SEWALL

Hospital where he was in intensive care. Alex recognized me and asked, "What are you doing here?" He asked questions about our classmates, mutual friends and reminisced of past times and friends. When I returned to San Antonio, I telephoned Letterman and was told that he was out of intensive care. This information was encouraging. A few days later he passed away.

Don Dunford, Class of 1925, and Alex Sewall received assignment orders simultaneously, traveled on the same transports, and were assigned to the same artillery units from 1926 to 1940. Don wrote of Alex, "I cannot recall that Alex ever spoke disparagingly or critically of anyone. He was outspoken but honest. He had the pleasant and hospitable manner of a true southern gentleman. He was a good artilleryman who could command, march and shoot with the best."

Alex's daughter, Lila Jane, wife of Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Cornwell, was air-evacuated to Fort Sam Houston on 3 July 1974. She was transferred to Brooke General Hospital for treatment. Her condition slowly became worse and she passed away on 25 July 1974. Interment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Alex was devoted to his family, West Point and the Army.

—W.E.D. 1926

William Joseph Matteson

NO. 8253 CLASS OF 1928

Died 3 April 1974 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, aged 70 years.

Body donated to Harvard Medical School

BILL CAME TO WEST Point in 1924 from hunting and fishing country in the Adirondacks. Older than most of his classmates, having been on his own for a couple of years, he found the plebe hazing childish and had just about decided to leave (the second day) when he was gripped by the spirit of West Point. It never left him. As our children lovingly avowed, he was a square.

On graduation into the Corps of Engineers his first station, happily, was Fort Humphreys. It was also his last, for he was serving there in 1945 when he was permanently retired for physical disability. The name had been changed to Fort Belvoir; we always considered it "home" until in 1950 we were able to



WILLIAM JOSEPH MATTESON

establish our first permanent home in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

In the intervening years Bill went to Cornell University, The Engineer School, was with troops at Belvoir, Dupont, and Schofield Barracks, and was in the District Engineer Office in Washington, D.C. and Rock Island, Illinois.

It was while serving in Rock Island that a pre-natal cyst in his lung was discovered, necessitating the removal of the entire lung. He was returned to active duty, but when war came a review board retired him, although he served on limited active duty for the duration, first as District Engineer in Rock Island and then with the Engineer Board at Belvoir. Leaving the service was a heartbreak but accepted philosophically.

More than anything, I would like to include here the names of the many senior officers with whom he served and who Bill felt had a large hand in shaping him and his career. The fear of omitting even one makes this impossible.

Bill was with the Board of Transportation in New York City after retirement, but we finally settled in Massachusetts for twenty-five happy years. This move enabled Bill to introduce his son to the hunting and fishing of his youth.

He was with the American Institute for Economic Research until 1965 when he wisely decided to enjoy his children (two daughters and a son) and their children as long as failing health permitted. Between operations, skiing and golfing, hunting and fishing contributed to an idyllic few years. During the recent past, when the image of the Armed Forces and the service academies has suffered, Bill was a marvelous public relations man in our little corner of western Massachusetts. He was greatly respected and loved by the townspeople.

Bill was converted to Catholicism after he graduated from West Point. It was as though he had come home. Charlie Martin and the late Father Louis Motry could be proud of their convert; he assisted at daily Mass whenever he was able and made a yearly retreat until just a few years ago. The last year was spent in letting go, as weakness overcame him, but it was with complete acceptance of God's will and an effort to carry on. Always he admonished us to "carry on"—that we are trying to do.

—Grace Markham Matteson

Jacob George Reynolds

NO. 8613 CLASS OF 1929

Died 18 June 1974 in El Paso, Texas, aged 67 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

JACOB GEORGE REYNOLDS was born in Ogden, Utah, on 11 March 1907. He was appointed to West Point by Senator Reed Smoot and entered the Academy on 1 July 1925. Jake immediately endeared himself with the Class of 1929 by his cordial manner, friendliness, sincerity and willingness to help others with their problems. I was fortunate enough to be his roommate for the next four years. We became fast friends and my admiration and respect for him grew day by day. With his bright red hair he was easy to find in a crowd, and if an upperclassman was nearby, Jake was probably reciting "All right for the lights" with great vigor. He did well in his academic work as a result of application and long hours of study. He was an outstanding athlete and managed to be active in extra-curricular activities also. Militarily he served as cadet corporal, cadet first sergeant and cadet lieutenant. In athletics he earned his letter as captain of West Point's outstanding boxing team. He was also a member of the soccer and lacrosse squads. He was circulation manager for the "HOWITZER" in which he was praised for his work in such terms as "taking his numerous boxing victories and infrequent defeats with the same ease and grace" and "ambitious and versatile" and "learning by constant work and determination." The final sentence of the HOWITZER write-up says, "at hops or athletics or drills he is always prominent, always sought after and above all, always Reynolds." Jake was loved and admired as a cadet by all who knew him.

He graduated on 13 June 1929 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery. He did not let his formal education stop here. In addition to graduating from military service schools including Artillery; Finance; Command and General Staff College; and the United States Naval War College, he obtained a certificate for advanced studies at Harvard University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina.

His enviable military career as an officer



JACOB GEORGE REYNOLDS

started at Fort MacArthur and Fort Scott in California. His overseas activities started at Fort Kamehameha in Hawaii and Forts Mills and Hughes in the Philippines. His next assignments were to Fort Sheridan in Illinois, the Army Finance School, Fort Monroe in Virginia, and Camp Funston in Texas.

The start of World War II brought the usual series of rapid changes of station and on 12 July 1942 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. After tours at Camp Wallace (Texas), Camp Davis (North Carolina), Orlando (Florida), Fort Bliss (Texas) and Santa Barbara (California), Jake took command of the 127th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion which he took overseas to Europe. The battalion went first to England, then France and finally fought its way into Germany.

In 1945 Jake took command of the 38th Antiaircraft Group. In 1946 we find him on occupation duties in Germany commanding the 644th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. In 1947 he was G2 for the 1st Division Artillery and later Inspector General for the Berlin Command under the United States Military Government.

In 1953 and 1954 Jake served in Korea as Communications Zone Post Commander, Far East Command. For six months he was with the United Nations Armistice Commission in Korea.

From 1955 to 1957 Jake was Chief of the Louisiana Military District at New Orleans. Following this he became Assistant Commander of the 18th Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Jake retired from the service in 1958. He had earned many medals and ribbons with the Legion of Merit at the top of the United States awards and the French Croix de Guerre with Gold Star heading the foreign awards. We also find the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four battle stars, Korean Service with two battle stars, World War II, Germany Army of Occupation, National Defense and American Campaign medals.

Never one to remain idle, Jake enrolled at the University of North Carolina and earned his master's degree in Business Administration in 1959. He then taught two years as an assistant professor at Mississippi State University. Following this he moved back to the Fort Bliss area and accepted a teaching appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Business Administration at Texas Western College, El Paso, Texas.

Jake enjoyed life at El Paso and was happy with his chosen second profession of teaching. His students and fellow professors admired and respected him.

His heart attack this summer was unexpected and sudden. On 18 June 1974 he passed away. Just three weeks earlier the Class of 1929 was holding its 45th Reunion at West Point. Numerous classmates asked me if my old roommate was coming and what news I had from Jake. Jake had sent me a letter earlier in the year giving me the news from El Paso and stating emphatically that his own health was excellent. He had added that he would like to attend the reunion but could not see his way clear this year. The various classmates all expressed regrets that he would not be there and ended their comments with observations such as "he's certainly one great guy" and "he is one of my favorite classmates." Jake was an outstanding officer, a good citizen and a devoted father and husband.

Jake is survived by his adoring widow "Teta" and a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Van Landingham, and two grandchildren: Christie

and Stephen. Jake's parents had both passed away many years ago; his son, Jerald George Reynolds, was killed in a motorcycle accident more than a decade ago; a second son, Michael Christie Reynolds, died during the first year of his life.

Funeral services were held at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, El Paso, Texas, with burial in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso.

—James P. Hannigan, BG USA (Ret.)
assisted by
William M. Vestal, COL USA (Ret.)

George M. Wertz Jr

NO. 9050 CLASS OF 1931

Died 21 October 1973 in Arlington Hospital, Arlington, Virginia, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

GEORGE M. WERTZ JR. was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on 27 December 1907. Both sides of his family were "Pennsylvania Dutch," his mother's maiden name being Louisa Glitsch. His father was active in civic affairs and represented his district in the United States Congress. George attended grammar and high school in Johnstown and the Staunton Military Academy in Virginia.

His accomplishments at West Point can best be summarized by a quotation from the HOWITZER. "Our big blond Dutchman possesses savoir faire—when a plebe he was inconspicuous; a yearling, studious; second classman, hivey; first classman, efficient. (In a nice way.)" The phrase in brackets referred to his handling of an incident in "C" Company on Thanksgiving Day of 1930. Had Cadet Lieutenant Wertz and other classmates not taken positive steps to contain and control developments, wholesale dismissals would have been in order. George wore stars and graduated number 24 in a class of 297.

After graduation leave, along with four other classmates, George reported to the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. It was a fine assignment for the young artilleryman. One battalion was horse-drawn, the other porte. On 18 August 1933 George married Effie Scheutz of Baltimore. Their first home was a tent in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Pennsylvania. In 1934 and 1935, George attended the Regular Officer



GEORGE M. WERTZ JR.

and Advanced Motors courses at the Field Artillery School. The couple's only child, Georgia Marion, was born at the Fort Sill Post Hospital.

From 1937 to 1939, George served with the 24th Field Artillery in the Philippines. He then reported to West Point for duty as an instructor in the Math Department, until April 1943. This was followed by graduation from abbreviated courses at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. George was then assigned as the Plans and Training officer of the 33d Field Artillery Brigade. He served with this unit in the States and in combat in Europe, until he took command of the 740th Field Artillery Battalion and, later, the 212th Field Artillery Group. George was awarded two Bronze Star Medals and the French Croix de Guerre for his combat service. He finished World War II as a colonel, Army of the United States.

Following World War II, the Army continued to utilize George's proven capabilities in positions of increasing responsibility, including those as Senior Ground Instructor to the West Virginia National Guard, as a member of the United Nations Observer Team in Palestine, as commanding officer of the 517th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany, and as a branch chief in the Logistic Division of the European Command. In this latter capacity, George made important contributions to the policies and procedures that controlled the rehabilitation and construction of troop facilities for the United States Army build-up that followed the initiation of the Korean conflict.

Returning from Europe in 1950, at the personal request of the Governor, George was again assigned to the West Virginia National Guard, as Senior Army Advisor. He was subsequently cited by the Chief of Staff of the Army for the marked improvement in the quality of the units in that state. National Guard duty was followed by graduation from the Army War College in June 1952, and service as Chief of the Personnel/Civil Affairs/Military Government Division on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. His next assignment, 1954 and 1955, was as Chief of Staff of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Indo-China. Following this, George had a brief tour of duty at the Pentagon with the Regular Army Augmentation Division of G1. He was then made Deputy Commander of the United States Army Combat Surveillance Agency, until he was placed on the temporary disability retired list on 27 October 1961.

The foregoing brief of George's assignments makes it easy to evaluate his more than thirty years of distinguished and dedicated service to the nation. As an individual, George M. Wertz Jr. was a man of great physical strength and intellectual capacity, serious minded with a keen sense of humor. He was courageous and his leadership and integrity were never questioned. He was an outspoken defender of individual liberty and rights. He repeatedly proved himself to be a fine friend, who could be counted upon when the chips were down. In short, George's potential was enormous.

George and Marian Lennartz of La Crosse, Wisconsin, were married at Fort Myer, Virginia, on 23 November 1960. In spite of increasing physical difficulties, George's retirement years were happy ones for him and Marian. Studying electronics, earning an advanced degree in math at George Washington University, golf, reading and current events, visiting his daughter and

her family, and active participation in the class affairs were activities that filled much of his time.

George is survived by his wife Marian of Arlington; his daughter, Mrs. Jack H. Stewart, and three grandchildren, of Virginia Beach; and one sister, Mrs. Fred W. Clafin, of Richmond, Virginia.

—CMcB and CFM

Robert Daniel Johnston

NO. 9192 CLASS OF 1931

Died 21 April 1974 aboard ship leaving Panama bound for Hong Kong, aged 67 years.

Interment: Fort Benning National Cemetery, Fort Benning, Georgia



ROBERT DANIEL JOHNSTON

ROBERT DANIEL JOHNSTON was born in North Carolina on 16 August 1906. His parents moved to Tennessee and he attended grammar school and high school in Bristol. He enlisted in the Army and received his appointment to West Point from that source.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry and his first station was Fort Benning, Georgia. It was there that he met Mary Kline who was later to become his wife.

Shortly after they were married they were transferred to the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Upon completion of that tour of duty they were returned to the mainland.

Later they were transferred to the Philippine Islands and were stationed at Fort McKinley when the Japs bombarded Pearl Harbor. Mary was evacuated back to the United States. Bob was on the island of Mindanao and was G4 under General Sharp on that island when they were captured. For this duty he received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

He was in the prison camp there until the tide began to turn against the Japs and they evacuated the prisoners northward to the island of Luzon. Bob rapidly learned to work in the center of the rice paddies rather than near the dikes where the guards walked with bayonets attached. They were very prone to jab a prisoner in the behind if they thought he was loafing. But they wouldn't go out in the paddy to do this. They didn't want to get their feet wet.

However, Bob did get one jab with a Jap bayonet. This was when he was marching from the prison ship on Luzon to his new prison camp. They were marching through Fort McKinley and Bob turned his head to look at the set of quarters where he and Mary had lived. A friend of his tried to get him to apply for the Purple Heart decoration but Bob declined.

After being evacuated to Luzon he developed a very bad case of dysentery and for that reason he was not placed on the Prisoner of War ship going to Japan. The ship was later bombed and about 250 American prisoners were killed.

He narrowly missed being killed in that prison camp. Just before the Japs abandoned the camp they racked the building with machine gun fire. Bob was in his bed, flat on his back and a burst of bullets missed his stomach by inches. Had he been on his side he would have lost his life. He was liberated when the American troops re-captured the island of Luzon.

He later served at Fort Riley, Kansas, as commanding officer of the 85th United States Infantry Regiment. He had two tours of duty in Europe after leaving Fort Riley. On the first tour he was assigned to Headquarters, European Command, but was returned to the United States in 1953 for medical reasons. After quite a stay in Fitzsimons General Hospital he was assigned to West Point where he was the Secretary of the Association of Graduates.

After his second tour of duty in Europe he was returned to the United States and was retired in 1961.

As my father had spent his life travelling the earth, it seemed fitting that he die this way. All those close to him agreed that he'd rather leave this world with his boots on.

He spent three and a half years as a Japanese prisoner. This experience ennobled him rather than embittered him. I found him to be strong, wise, kind and just. He was a true patriot and loved his country.

One of the highlights of his career was in 1948 when he went back to the Philippines and unearthed some official papers that he had secretly buried in a metal lined ammunition box at the beginning of his internment.

When my father retired to Columbus, Georgia in 1961, he retained his passion for travel which the Army had nurtured in him. His curiosity about the world and its peoples, and his vitality in satisfying that curiosity, were unquenchable. He never ceased learning from life and appreciating its blessings. He was a "bon vivant" in the highest sense, and his charm warmed his friends all over the world. He was loved and well respected. God Bless him.

—Barbara Johnston and
a devoted friend—JPK



JAMES LEO DALTON II

graduation. All but a few months of the four years were spent as roommates. Jim had made several visits to the Academy prior to entering, and was well schooled in most phases of cadet life. Several of us shared the fruits of his reconnoitering, most helpful in the adjustment so quickly demanded.

Academics were never a problem for Jim who managed good grades while devoting a considerable portion of his time to classics and fiction as well as maintaining currency on the New York theater and arts. Every trip to the big city was to be well planned long in advance with one or more of the cultural aspects to be of priority. Jim succeeded in enjoying cadet life as much and possibly more than anyone I can recall. He took advantage of all of the benefits.

Although not endowed with the physical attributes of an "A" squad athlete, Jim, a somewhat gaunt and rangy type, was undaunted and competed successfully in cross country and track by virtue of a never-ending will to win, a demonstration of his tenacity and courage. He was always in good condition. I considered him a fine boxer but he never pursued the sport although he was boxing coach at three posts after graduation.

Supplementing his reading, music was always available by phonograph and the then forbidden radio, which was concealed in the basement locker room each morning. Hops and attractive dates were a favorite diversion from which he staged slow but pleasant recoveries. The visits of his sister Betty, an exquisite model, added to and enhanced his social excursions. Betty established some sort of record in the number of cadet drags she brought with her.

Our close relationship stood the test of time. I found Jim most helpful, understanding and considerate. Yet he would be the first to criticize when I was wrong. Life around Jim could not be dull. Here was a person who urged and practiced self discipline. Add to that his insatiable curiosity which kept him both busy and well informed. Then too, he had an amazing ability to turn himself on and off. For example, he was an aggressive cadet corporal, Second Class year . . . and a confirmed buck private, First Class year. This trait earned him the sobriquet "Mr. Hyde" by close associates. Jim admitted being a puzzle to himself. He questioned anything and everything until satisfied with its validity. Yes, he had an excellent sense of humor which evidenced itself in his tally of the 1932 Presidential vote of L Company

which alone of the Corps favored the Socialist candidate.

All of these qualities and traits in this man's man, together with an ability to not only endure but to enjoy the more difficult side of life, were to bring him to the top as a combat leader. Still, Jim, for the last two years at West Point, faced the distinct possibility of not receiving a commission because of his marginal vision. Reprieve came but a few weeks before graduation after he had experienced a great deal of unobserved despair.

Leave after graduation afforded us our last opportunity to spend some time together. We managed to put many miles on our new cars as Jim paid his first visit to the Midwest and together we covered most of the East and South. He soon performed quite well as an automobile mechanic.

Having chosen the Cavalry as his branch, Jim's first assignment was Fort Ethan Allen. In 1934 he suffered a riding accident which disabled him for almost one year. When recovered he transferred to the Infantry with station at Plattsburg Barracks. During this tour he married the very lovely and talented Katherine (Kaye) Starbird whom he had met a few months before graduation. Kaye and their two daughters survive Jim. Kaye has a home in Burlington, Vermont. Elizabeth (Mrs. Peter Snyder) lives and is employed in Arlington, Virginia. Catherine, a gifted musician and illustrator, is married to Wayne Slawson, Chairman of Music at the University of Pittsburgh.

September of 1939 was the last time I saw Jim when he paid me a brief visit at Mitchell Field, New York, while en route from school at Camp Bullis. Several months later he was assigned as a company commander of the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks.

1942 found Jim in action in the South Pacific and reports gave him much credit for the mop up and capture of Guadalcanal. Firsthand information of this was given me by returning pilots. Jim continued to distinguish himself in the capture of Munda airfield on New Georgia. Now a veteran regimental commander, he was to spend two and one half years in combat in the Pacific with time for but a brief visit with his family before the invasion of the Philippines. This one month of leave was subsequent to several months of hospitalization as Jim fought to regain his health after losing forty pounds to hookworm, malaria, and dysentery.

Jim was next cited for transforming his regiment into "one of the best" according to his Corps Commander. He had also acquired the nickname "Dusty Dalton" attributed to the tale of his use of white gloves during inspections. Soon, Jim's great success with his combat teams along the edge of the Luzon plain brought him a personal message: NICE WORK DALTON. TELL REGIMENT. MACARTHUR.

Several months later, Dalton, now the Assistant Commander of the 25th Infantry Division and a brigadier general of several weeks, participated in the frontal assault on Balete Pass. The next day Jim moved forward with a small party to examine the very recently abandoned enemy regimental headquarters which had withstood heavy air and artillery concentrations. After proceeding several hundred yards and continuing forward into a most narrow canyon, sniper fire was encountered. Just as he was taking cover a bullet ended the life of this truly brilliant officer described by his Division Commander as "the greatest soldier I ever saw." This portrayal is borne out by the recognition Jim had earned and was to receive: Distinguished

James Leo Dalton II

NO. 9729 CLASS OF 1933

Killed in action 16 May 1945 at
Balete Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands,
aged 35 years.

Interment: American Cemetery and Memorial,
Manila, Philippine Islands

JIM ENTERED WEST Point after graduation from St. Francis School and Naugatuck High School in Connecticut. We met in Sixth Company of Beast Barracks in that summer of 1929. Along with Jim, I was assigned to L Company where we both remained until

Service Cross, Silver Star with Oak Leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Jim, one of the very youngest generals in our history, is buried not far from where he fell. Balete Pass is now named Dalton Pass. Recent information discloses that one of his Filipino Scouts succeeded in naming a school near his last battle, Dalton High School. He describes Jim in glowing terms as do all who served with him, as well as war correspondents who interviewed him.

A lot of living was packed in Jim's thirty-five years, and by desire, not chance. Had he lived longer he would have continued the brilliant career on which he was embarked. He was a superb soldier and a great credit to West Point, which he always cherished. The loss of Jim to his family was devastating and tragic. He was never to know, love and enjoy his two daughters as he surely would have. Of my closest friend I have many fond memories and great pride. Well done, Jim!

—F.L. Vidal

Charles Pearce Bellican

NO. 9917 CLASS OF 1933

Died 1 January 1974 in Bangkok, Thailand, aged 62 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

COLONEL "PETE" BELLICAN, born 30 July 1911 in Natchez, Mississippi, entered West Point in July 1929 after graduating from Jefferson Military College. His unique, never explained late entry into Beast Barracks five days after his classmates, and his deep South response to upper class podunk queries of "Natchez SUH!!" made him a prime target throughout plebe year.

During his cadet days he had numerous differences of opinion with the Academic Department and many clashes with the Tactical Department. Although academically he was in the bottom half of his class, his classmates recognized his down-to-earth common sense, his soundness and his thoughtfulness, which became his trademarks in his military and civilian careers.

After graduation, Pete's assignment was to Fort Crook, Nebraska, in the 17th Infantry, where in March 1936 he married Blanche



CHARLES PEARCE BELLICAN

Kenworthy. They had one daughter, Diane, born in 1939 and who passed away in March 1949.

In 1936 Blanche and Pete went to Hawaii and spent two years with the 21st Infantry, then to Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend The Infantry School. Following graduation, he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and remained at Benning until 1940. His next station was Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for duty with the 28th Division. While on this tour, he attended a short course at Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

During World War II, Pete was Chief of Overseas Logistical Plans in the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington, where he was widely acclaimed as an extremely capable staff planner. His reputation was further enhanced when he was made Liaison Officer for the Quartermaster General with the European and Pacific Theaters. Pete was promoted to Colonel in 1944.

Shortly after the end of World War II, he attended a short course at the Harvard Business School. In 1946 he was assigned to the Office of the Theater Quartermaster in Europe. In 1947 he was appointed Deputy Quartermaster. After an outstanding tour in Europe, Pete became a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1949. Following graduation and a two year assignment with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was appointed Quartermaster of the Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He remained in this important assignment until his retirement in 1954. Many senior officers of the Quartermaster Corps and the Army staff expressed deep regret that Pete saw fit to retire at such an early age and suddenly bring to a close a highly promising career in the Army.

Subsequent to his retirement, Pete and Blanche returned to Natchez to farm and raise cattle.

In 1957 Pete was requested by the Quartermaster General to serve as a civilian consultant in Washington. At this time the single manager concept of supply was under consideration, and Pete made a detailed study of this concept for the Quartermaster General. He finished this assignment in 1958 and became a management consultant to the European Chief of the Army/Air Force Exchange Service.

In 1961 he became a key member of the planning staff that developed and established the Defense Supply Agency. Upon completion of this assignment, Pete joined the Logistics Management Institute, logistic advisors to the Department of Defense.

Ever anxious for more active participation in his country's behalf and heeding the call from the Agency of International Development (AID) for volunteers, Pete was assigned as Chief of Logistics in the AID organization in Vietnam in 1965. A year and a half later, he continued his activities, supporting Southeast Asia operations by becoming associated with Sea Trains, Inc., as the Far East representative located in Saigon. He remained with Sea Trains until their Vietnamese operation was phased out.

From that time until his death, Pete was an independent consultant to various American industrial firms in Taiwan and Bangkok.

Among other honors, Pete was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Medal.

In the field of logistical planning, he was universally acknowledged to be one of the

best. There was never a doubt regarding his depth of knowledge, astuteness, and common sense. But his host of friends and those with whom he came in contact will remember him best for his relaxed, easy going manner, his dry wit, and above all, his honesty and sincerity.

—Blanche and friends

George Robert Oglesby Jr.

NO. 10351 CLASS OF 1935

Died 7 January 1974 in Dayton, Ohio, aged 64 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



GEORGE ROBERT OGLESBY JR.

Following is a second obituary of George Robert Oglesby Jr. prepared by his widow and a classmate. The first obituary printed in the December 1974 issue of ASSEMBLY was incomplete in some respects.

COLONEL GEORGE ROBERT Oglesby, born in Virginia, Princess Anne County, on 19 July 1909, began his military career as an enlisted man, from October 1928 to June 1931 with the Army Air Corps at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He won appointment to the United States Military Academy from the Regular Army—one of five men so honored his year.

Entering West Point in July of 1931, he took his place as one of the stalwarts of "F" Co; and excelled in sports, horsemanship, and "100th Night" productions, before graduating in June of 1935 and receiving his Regular Army commission. The following day he married Miss Jeanette (June) Stanton of Pine Bush, New York, in the Cadet Chapel.

Prior to World War II, the then Lieutenant Oglesby served with the Infantry at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Upon returning to the United States, he was assigned Executive Officer, Technical Division, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. With promotion to major in August 1940, he became the Army's first decontamination unit commander, and activated the 1st Chemical Decontamination Company, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

During World War II, Lieutenant Colonel Oglesby graduated from Command and

General Staff School and returned to Army Chemical Center, where in February 1942 he was given the assignment, Executive Officer of Troops and Training. He joined Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C., as Chief, Ground Chemical Office, in January 1943; attended Naval War College, Providence, Rhode Island; followed by assignment to The Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as instructor, chemical warfare tactics. There followed service in the Mediterranean Theater as Member, Ground Forces Board; and as Executive Officer, G3, Headquarters, Allied Forces, Western Pacific.

After World War II, he was reassigned as Deputy Chief, Army Chemical Center, Research and Engineering Division; in 1951 came assignment as Chemical Officer, Commandant of the Panama Canal Zone, Fort Amador. As chairman of the Joint Radiological Defense Board, he was charged with defense measures for the Panama Canal Zone. His last assignment was as Deputy Commander, Army Chemical and Radiological Laboratories, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, culminating in his retirement July 1955.

The years had produced two lovely daughters: Bobby Jo, born at Fort Meade, and Susan; but June's poor health resulted as well; she died in January of 1958.

Retirement brought him enormous challenge and commensurate satisfaction: as a vice president of Westinghouse Corporation's "P.A.D." division he was Project Officer of the nuclear carrier "Enterprise," under Admiral Hyman Rickover, as well as the "Skipjack" class of submarines. These ten years were among his most satisfying: it was at this time that he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; Member of the American Society of Chemical Engineers; and Fellow in the American Institute of Chemistry.

George's second "retirement," in 1967, found him a Floridian; possessor of a 190 bowling average, a handicap-golf score and a new family. In 1968 he married Margaret Meanwhile Bohstedt, also of Lighthouse Point, Florida, and joyously found himself stepfather to daughters, Carolyn and Ellen. The 1970 Reunion of the Class of 1935 at West Point will recall "George the Jogger" in those early mornings—the same tireless-dancer of the nights before! Our best times were ahead; the "second family" left the home nest and George realized his fondest dream. In fourteen days, we'd sold our home, bought and loaded a 25-foot "Executive" motor home, and put all else in storage. From early 1971 on, we went where and when we chose: self-contained for eight days, we found the "Boondocks" of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and loved it all.

Until his hospitalization following his first heart attack, no one had any intimations that this was to be a mortal illness, and he was incapable of moderating the pace of his life, even during the period of his last illness. He was a magnificent, warm, sensitive, passionate, compassionate human being; and we who were closest and knew him best suffer the deepest sorrow at his death. But we must also be the most grateful for having shared a part of his world; for that was a unique experience. During the moving funeral in the Old Cadet Chapel his favorite scripture (1st Corinthians: 13) perhaps expressed him best of all—"But now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

—A Classmate, and his wife, Margaret

Cyrus Edson Manierre Jr.

NO. 12794 CLASS OF 1942

Died 22 April 1974 at The Plains, Virginia, aged 54 years.

Interment: Emmanuel Cemetery, Middleburg, Virginia



CYRUS EDSON MANIERRE JR.

CY WAS BORN on 30 August 1919 in Chicago, a city where his family had deep and lasting roots. He was the son of Cyrus Edson Manierre and Edith Harrison Manierre. His maternal grandfather, Carter Henry Harrison, served as mayor of Chicago for five terms, as did his great-grandfather. Cy's early years were spent in Lake Forest where he attended the Bell School, and thence to The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Cy spent a bright and cheery four years as a cadet, never actively seeking recognition by either the Tactical or the Academic Department. He nonetheless was one of but thirty-five of the class selected to be a cadet instructor his First Class year, introducing Plebes to the mysteries of the French language while continuing his own academic pursuits, thanks to supplemental night classes.

There was never any question about Cy's choice of branch upon graduation in 1942—it was Cavalry all the way, reflecting Cy's deep affection for horses and equestrianism, as well as his unfailing search for action and challenge. He first attended a pre-flight course and then the Parachute School, earning his jump qualification at a time when the Office of Strategic Services was recruiting prospects to help pave the way for the still distant invasion. Such an assignment was a natural for Cy; so he became a member of the Jedburg Team, destination France. In June 1944 he parachuted into France and spent two successful months with the Maquis, blowing up troop trains and power plants. However, he was captured out of uniform by the Gestapo and threatened with death as a spy. Persuasiveness and a lot of luck saved Cy; he was able to convince his captors that he was a pilot who was trying to escape after being shot down! The Germans sent him off to Stalag Luft I in Barth where one of the first men he met was his younger brother, a pilot who really had been shot down. They spent ten months together in camp before being liberated by the Russians. Cy returned to the states in June 1945, attended the Com-

mand and General Staff College, and was assigned to the Pentagon.

On 20 June 1946, Cy married Nancy Redmond at The Plains, Virginia. During the next twenty-eight years, Nancy's personality, wit and wisdom brought strength, life and substance to a happy marriage.

Beckoned to civilian life by attractive post-war prospects, Cy left active duty as a lieutenant colonel, Military Intelligence. During the first years of Cy's civilian career, he worked for the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company in Chicago, but in 1950 he moved to Virginia where he bought a farm and an interest in a horse-vanning business. With the onset of the Korean War, Cy resumed his service to his country by joining the Central Intelligence Agency and working in Frankfurt for eighteen months. Upon his return to Virginia, he transferred from the Army Reserve to the Marine Corps Reserve, with the rank of major.

Cy then spent some time with the American Security Bank and Trust Company in Washington, but his first and true vocation was his farm in Virginia. An active fox-hunter and race rider, he enjoyed many happy hours and much success afield. He retired the prestigious Rokeby Bowl on horses he trained and rode, and his fine horse, Uncle Pierre, won a number of races, notably the Virginia Gold Cup in 1955. Aside from his interest in thoroughbreds, Cy was an active, dedicated participant in many community affairs; this included helpful service on many local Boards as well as partnership in a local nursing home.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Carter H. Manierre of Boston and Redmond F. Manierre of The Plains.

Certainly it can be said that Cy's career did not follow the "normal" pattern for a United States Military Academy graduate. Just as certainly it can be said that throughout his varied experience, Cy never deviated from the highest principles of dedication, service and conduct which are the hallmark of the graduate. In all respects, he was a true son of West Point, and all sons will share in his loss.

Harry Lane King Jr.

NO. 14512 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 February 1973 at Rota Naval Base, Spain, aged 47 years.

Cremation

HARRY LANE KING JR. was born 7 July 1925 in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended St. Louis Country Day School and Culver Military Academy before his appointment to the United States Military Academy. After his graduation from the Academy he served in Japan until he was retired for physical disability. He then attended Iowa State University from which he was graduated with a Master of Science degree in civil engineering. He subsequently worked as a construction





HARRY LANE KING JR.

engineer in Japan, Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii, and Saudi Arabia. From Saudi Arabia he went back to Japan where he studied mathematics at Tokyo University. On his return to the States, he worked as a computer programming specialist with the Service Bureau Corporation of International Business Machines (IBM). He retired in 1971, travelled extensively in Europe, and settled in Chiclana, Cadiz, Spain, where he lived until his death. He is survived by his wife, Shioko, and his son, Douglas.



William Atkinson Jones III

NO. 14654 CLASS OF 1945

Died 15 November 1969 near Woodbridge, Virginia, aged 47 years.

Interment: St. John's Church Cemetery, Warsaw, Virginia

WILLIAM ATKINSON JONES III was a classic man-at-arms and a tenacious competitor, yet a devoted son and a warm husband and father who combined rare qualities to earn these descriptive laurels in a full life, unfortunately cut short as he reached his prime. Bill's untimely death occurred in his own private airplane near Woodbridge, Virginia. He was making that typical extra effort on his own to check out a small civilian airfield for forthcoming military participation in the field's dedication. His passing was and is hard to believe for us who knew him well as a selfless leader, enthusiastic pilot and personal friend. Yet, in consolation, his story is seared forever in the annals of Air Force history and is enshrined in the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon reserved only for those who win our nation's highest award for gallantry. His memory will stand as an inspiration to all who follow and who revere our American heritage.

"Jonesey" came to West Point from his native Virginia already richly endowed with strong determination, individual confidence, and a thirst for the unique opportunity for service and comradeship offered to professional soldiers. The years at West Point undoubtedly were most satisfying as he absorbed the training, the academic life and the traditions of the Corps with consistent excellence. He was a natural scholar with a strong flare for individual thinking. The military academy was the culmination of a youthful

ambition and he honed himself for his life's work with a healthy balance of relentless vigor and social recreation. He also exhibited cool tenacity and rugged, but precise, physical coordination as he excelled with the epee from Plebe through First Class year on the Army Fencing Squad. Years later these same qualities did lead him to great achievement under demanding stress and into the select company of our country's greatest heroes when he earned the nation's highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." He was then a squadron commander on a "Sandy" rescue mission over North Vietnam. The official Air Force narrative below of Bill's incredible feat tells more about his faith, dedication and courage than any personal description can convey:

"On 1 September 1968, Lt Col William A. Jones III, flying an A-1H Skyraider, was the on-scene commander in a rescue attempt for a downed USAF F-4 pilot near Don Hoi, North Vietnam. The weather was poor and the terrain was extremely mountainous.

"Descending into the area, Jones maneuvered through the karst (rock) valleys searching for the survivor. The forward air controller at the scene notified Jones that there were several known 37 mm antiaircraft positions and other smaller automatic weapons sites well within range of slow-moving and vulnerable propeller-driven aircraft.

"Despite being fired upon by these gun positions, Jones continued his slow, methodical search for the downed airman.

"On one of his passes, Jones felt an explosion beneath his aircraft. His cockpit filled with smoke. Even though his aircraft had been hit, he maintained control of it and as the smoke cleared he continued searching. Without regard for the fact that his aircraft may have been on fire, Jones continued the search for another 10 or 15 minutes.

"At the moment that the survivor radioed that Jones was passing directly overhead, Jones sighted a multiple-barrel gun position firing at him from above the survivor near the top of a rock outcropping.

"The gun position was so close to the survivor that the jets orbiting overhead could not be employed for fear of killing the survivor. Had the enemy known where the survivor was, they could have fired down directly at his location. Attacking the gun emplacement had to be done with extreme caution.

"Leaving himself exposed to the gunners, Jones attacked with cannon and rocket fire. On the second pass against the enemy, Jones' aircraft was hit with several rounds of automatic weapons fire. One round hit the seat ejection system directly behind his headrest, igniting the rocket. The entire cockpit burst into flames and two-thirds of the windshield was blown away.

"He pulled the ejection handle jettisoning the canopy but the rocket motor had been

destroyed and would not eject the seat. The influx of fresh air made the fire burn with even greater intensity. Jones received third degree burns on his neck, shoulders and left arm, second degree burns on his face, hands, fingers, both arms and both legs.

"Shielding his face from the wind blast behind the remaining one-third of the windshield, Jones maintained control of aircraft and pulled the Skyraider into a climb. His attempts to transmit the location of the survivor and the enemy gun position were blocked by other aircraft repeatedly telling him to bail out. Before the fire died out, all of his radio transmitters had been disabled and he could only receive on one channel.

"As he reached altitude, Jones' wingman came alongside and through hand signals Jones indicated he would fly the Skyraider back to base—approximately 90 miles away—rather than bail out over the first secure area. The wingman took the lead and, flying through instrument conditions in close formation, Jones followed his wingman and made a ground controlled approach landing.

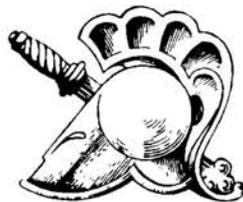
"As he was lifted from the cockpit of his aircraft, Jones' immediate concern was pinpointing the location of the downed pilot and the enemy gun position so that the rescue could be made. He believed this information so important that he flew his heavily damaged airplane in excruciating pain for 40 minutes rather than bail out over the first secure area he could fly to.

"The survivor was rescued later in the day, but only after the gun position which Colonel Jones identified had been destroyed."

Following prolonged treatment at Fort Sam Houston to recuperate from his severe burns, Bill requested to return to Southeast Asia to finish his combat tour, but he was returned to flying status and assigned command of the 1st Flying Training Squadron at Andrews AFB, Maryland. He was promoted to colonel on 1 November 1969, fifteen days prior to his premature death. Despite an extensive investigation, the cause of the aircraft crash following his normal takeoff was never determined. The fact that the aircraft was maintaining climb power, and that the flight controls system was operational at impact gives credence to the theory that Bill suffered some physical incapacity or lost consciousness during climb out.



WILLIAM ATKINSON JONES III



Burial was with full military honors next to his father and paternal grandfather in the historic northern neck of Virginia near his ancestral homestead in Warsaw. His beautiful and loyal wife, Lois, their three daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, and Mary Lee, and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hart Kelley of Charlottesville, were comforted in their bereavement by a personal letter from the President of the United States to Lois which said in part:

"There is little I can say, I know, that would make your grief any less.

"I had the honor to approve the award of the Medal of Honor to your husband on the 14th of November 1969 for his heroic action on 1 September 1968 while attempting to rescue a fellow pilot. Your husband will go down in the annals of our nation's history along with that very select group of Americans who have received our nation's highest award. There will always be a special place in the thoughts and hearts of his countrymen for him and for you who have borne the burdens of this loss."

Fortunately, Bill knew shortly before he passed into eternity that his Medal of Honor award had been officially confirmed. Also, on the day before his death he had jubilantly received the first copy of his own literary creation, *Maxims for Men-at-Arms* from the commercial publisher, Dorrance & Co. of Philadelphia. Later, on 6 August 1970 when President Nixon posthumously presented Bill's Congressional Medal of Honor to Lois at the White House at a ceremony attended by all his surviving family, their youngest daughter Mary Lee, then 9, presented a copy of Bill's book to the President.

Maxims for Men-at-Arms is a "collection of quotations by the great and the humble" which Bill chose for their aptness and humor. Their themes all align with activism, not only concerning the military, but also courage, wisdom, statesmanship and noble aspirations. They also illustrate much about the character and the strong beliefs of the compiling author. One of his favorites, from General Robert E. Lee's farewell address to his troops in 1865, certainly is most appropos for Bill's life—"You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed."

The book will appeal to those who believe in fighting for what they believe is just and right, such as love of homeland, liberty, and human dignity. Each page bears a formal border, personally done in pen and ink by Bill, depicting armaments used throughout various eras of history and is reminiscent of handcrafted manuscripts of the middle ages. These illustrations undoubtedly are the fruition of some of his "doodling" in the long winter evenings during cadet days. Later, he developed the habit of posting favorite quotations each day on his office wall to stimulate conversation. Still later, while working on his master's thesis at George Wash-

ington University, he decided to incorporate his collection into a book. Lois advises her husband particularly treasured the following, and, again, they tell the world a lot about Bill Jones.

"Poor is the country that boasts no heroes, but beggared is that people who, having them, forgets."—attribution unknown.

"Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory, there is no survival."—Winston Churchill.

Notwithstanding the above sentiments, Bill showed his ingrained personal discipline by reluctantly accepting the political constraints which precluded a military victory in Vietnam, as evidenced by his thesis at the Air War College in 1966. His thesis, which he later lightly referred to as the "Jones Plan" to end the Vietnam war honorably, involved a practical plan to physically interdict the borders of South Vietnam to deny resupply to the enemy. Five years later on 21 May 71, the then Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Ryan, dedicated the Air War College Auditorium at Maxwell AFB to the memory of their gallant graduate, the late Colonel William A. Jones III. Bill had been selected from a group of nominees by the personnel at Maxwell AFB based on his "distinguished military career and the contributions he made to the Air Force and the security of the country." A bronze plaque and picture of Bill were unveiled to preserve his memory and achievements for posterity. Lois, her three girls, and Bill's remarkable mother were flown to Maxwell in a C-131 as guests of honor of the Air Force on this proud occasion.

In retrospect, what environment produces such a splendid individual? Bill was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on 31 May 1922, the son of the late William A. Jones Jr., long time Commonwealth's Attorney for Richmond County. His grandfather also had been the Commonwealth's Attorney for Richmond County prior to serving as a United States Congressman from the first Virginia District for over 28 years. Congressman Jones Sr. authored the bill that granted independence to the Philippines, and a huge memorial on his grave from the grateful people of the Philippines commemorates that fact.

Bill lived in Warsaw, Virginia, home of the Jones family since 1840, until he was seven. Then he spent most of his youth in the Charlottesville area, graduating from Lane High School under the able tutelage of his mother who instructed locally for many years at St. Anne's Episcopal School for Girls. He had accelerated his education and graduated from the University of Virginia at the young age of 19 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish, prior to entering West Point.

In June 1945, he was commissioned in the Air Corps after having completed pilot training in Oklahoma and Stewart Field, New York. Transition flying schools followed at Douglas, Arizona (where he first met and courted his lovely wife-to-be, Lois McGregor of nearby Bisbee, Arizona), Smyrna, Tennessee and Sebring, Florida. He then served in the Philippines as a fighter pilot from 1946 to 1948. Returning to the United States, Bill spent the next four years at Biggs AFB, Texas, with the Strategic Air Command flying A-26, C-54, C-97, and C-124 aircraft. During this most enjoyable period, Bill and Lois were married and initiated their rich family life together.

In 1952, he was assigned to Europe for four

years with the 317th Troop Carrier Wing, flying principally C-119's. He returned to the states in 1956 and completed navigator training for pilots prior to being assigned to SAC again. He soon became a B-47 aircraft commander at Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana, and later served at Pease AFB, New Hampshire, in the same capacity, and for two years as Director of Controls for his Wing. In 1965 he departed for the Air War College, where he also received his master's degree in International Affairs. Duty at the Pentagon with the Air Staff followed; however, the administrative burdens of the Air Staff could not replace his strong desire to return to the cockpit and the operational scene. He volunteered for A-1H training at Hurlburt Field, Florida, and in 1968 he was assigned to Southwest Asia where he commanded the 602d Fighter Commando Squadron until he sustained his serious injuries over North Vietnam.

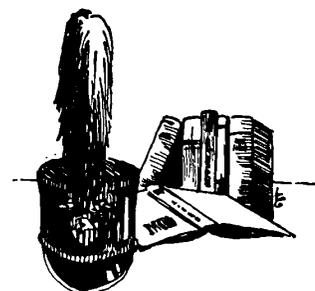
During his career, Bill accumulated over 7,000 hours in many different types of aircraft. He was particularly proud that his tours and trips had taken him overseas at least once during every year from 1946 to 1968. Besides his Medal of Honor, additional awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Order of the Able Aeronauts with citation, and the Pacific Air Force Well Done Award.

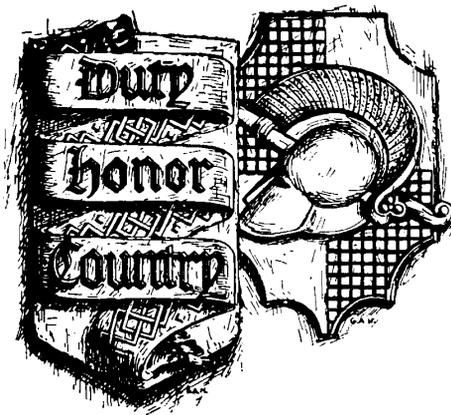
Yet, despite all this well deserved recognition, Bill really didn't believe himself to be any type of special hero. His personal conversations after he heard through the "grapevine" that his Congressional Medal of Honor nomination had been approved indicated that he had merely done what he had been trained to do and what had to be done. He considered the high award to be a tribute not so much to himself, but to all rescue pilots who had flown out of his squadron. However, his calm, articulate modesty belied his unswerving devotion to duty and personal integrity. His stubborn determination served him well in attaining high marks in his life's work. He has left a valiant legacy to his country, his Alma Mater, and the Corps as he takes his honored place in "the long gray line."

We who knew him find it hard to say in writing that Colonel Bill Jones is gone, for words are inadequate and superficial to cover his achievements and his strength of character. A true patriot, his life stands as a model for those who would achieve success based on courage, integrity, dedication, and plain, old diligence. We shall miss him greatly and shall not forget. Our heritage is enriched forever by the deeds he dared and by the life he led.

"Farewell and Godspeed" to a kind friend, compassionate family man, and noble warrior. All honor to his name!

—J.B.S., classmate, for his family and friends





Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the March 1975 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Francis R. Kerr	1914....	8 February	1975....Newport, Rhode Island
Leroy H. Watson	1915....	12 February	1975....Beverly Hills, California
Douglas L. Weart	1915....	5 April	1975....Washington, D.C.
John T. Cole	Apr 1917....	24 April	1975....Denville, New Jersey
Warfield M. Lewis	Apr 1917....	7 December	1974....Santa Ana, California
Jonathan L. Holman	Jun 1918....	3 April	1975....San Antonio, Texas
Lemuel Pope III	Nov 1918....	31 March	1975....Carmel, California
George R. Burgess	1919....	25 February	1975....Annandale, Virginia
Ernest O. Lee	1924....	24 March	1975....Berryville, Virginia
Darwin D. Martin	1924....	13 March	1975....Miami, Florida
Joseph P. Cleland	1925....	28 March	1975....Clearwater, Florida
David H. Tulley	1925....	14 April	1975....Denver, Colorado
Charles P. Bixel	1927....	14 April	1975....Washington, D.C.
Thomas J. Counihan	1928....	2 March	1975....Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Thomas A. Lane	1928....	20 April	1975....Washington, D.C.
Norman A. Congdon	1929....	28 February	1975....Bradenton, Florida
Francis E. Fellows	1929....	13 February	1975....New Zealand
William D. Hamlin	1929....	17 April	1975....Pompano Beach, Florida
Roy W. Muth	1930....	8 March	1975....Orlando, Florida
Robert L. Cardell	1931....	31 March	1975....Sun City, Arizona
Alfred C. Gay	1931....	22 March	1975....Princeton, New Jersey
John S. Conner	1933....	15 October	1964....Eugene, Oregon
Joel L. Mathews	1933....	13 March	1975....Tuskegee, Alabama
John W. Darrah Jr.	1934....	28 March	1975....Brownsville, Texas
James M. Moore	1940....	19 March	1975....Roswell, New Mexico
Jess P. Unger	1941....	4 March	1975....Lovettsville, Virginia
Robert W. Beers	1942....	20 April	1975....Bahamas
Luis J. Flanagan	1942....	12 February	1975....West Point, New York
Joseph J. Schmidt Jr.	1942....	5 April	1975....Annandale, Virginia
John A. Kerig Jr.	Jan 1943....	18 February	1975....West Roxbury, Massachusetts
Edward J. Rumpf	Jun 1943....	14 March	1975....San Antonio, Texas
James W. Howe	1945....	10 April	1975....Washington, D.C.
Mauro E. Maresca	1950....	22 April	1975....Bolling AFB, D.C.
Orin R. Hilmo	1952....	9 April	1975....Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Charles M. Radler	1957....	22 March	1975....West Point, New York
John W. Schneider Jr.	1958....	25 March	1975....Washington, D.C.
James J. Roberts	1961....	11 January	1973....Newport Beach, California
Roger W. Stribling Jr.	1963....	26 April	1975....Hilton Head, South Carolina
John Oi	1966....	11 February	1975....Westwood, Massachusetts

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES;

AT THE FIRST SESSION,

Begun and held at the city of Washington in the territory of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and one.

An ACT fixing the military peace establishment of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the military peace establishment of the United States, from and after the first of June next, shall be composed of one regiment of artillery and two regiments of infantry without officers military agents and engineers as are herein after mentioned.

Sec. 26. And be it further enacted, that the President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered, when he shall deem it expedient, to organize and establish a corps of engineers to consist of one Engineer, with his pay, rank and emoluments of a major; two quartermaster engineers, with his pay, rank and emoluments of a captain; ten other assistant engineers, with the pay, rank and emoluments of first lieutenants; two other assistant engineers, with the pay, rank and emoluments of second lieutenants; and ten cadets, with the pay of sixteen dollars per month, and transportation per day: And the President of the United States is, in like manner, authorized, when he shall deem it proper, to make such promotions in said corps, with view to particular merit, and with out regard to rank, as may not exceed one colonel, one lieutenant colonel, two majors, four captains, four first lieutenants, four second lieutenants; and so that the number of the whole corps shall, at no time, exceed twenty officers and cadets.

Sec. 27. And be it further enacted, that the said corps, when so organized, shall be stationed at such point in the state of New York, and shall constitute a military academy; and the Engineer, quartermaster engineer and cadets of the said corps shall be subject, at all times, to do duty in such places; and on such service, as the President of the United States shall direct.

Sec. 28. And be it further enacted, that the principal engineer, and in his absence, the next in rank, shall have the superintendance of the said military academy, under the direction of the President of the United States: And the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, at the public expense, under such regulations as shall be directed by the President of the United States, to purchase the necessary lands, implements and apparatus for the use and benefit of the said institution.

Sec. 29. And be it further enacted, that so much of any act or acts, now in force, as come within the purview of the act, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; saving, nevertheless, such parts thereof as relate to the enlistments or term of service of any of the troops; which, by this act, are continued on the present military establishment of the United States.

Asst. Secretary of the House of Representatives,
Henry
Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate

Approved March 16, 1802.

John W. Alderson

Certify that this act did originate
in the House of Representatives

John Beckley, Clerk.