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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffmann's superb graduation address to the 849 members of the Class of 1976 highlighted the June Week ceremonies at West Point. Colonel Edmund DeTreville Ellis, Class of 1915, led the march to Thayer Monument for the traditional Alumni Exercises. The dedication ceremonies held by our 50th and 60th reunion classes during June Week were particularly enjoyable. It was an honor and a pleasure to greet General William M. Hoge, 1916 Class President, his classmates, and their wives who returned to West Point for the reunion.

The Class of 1980, the largest in Military Academy history, entered West Point on July 7, 1976. Included in the total of 1,482 new cadets were 119 women. Because of the increased number of parents and visitors, the Oath Ceremony was held on The Plain. Reception Day activities went in an unusually smooth and efficient manner. I attribute this to the effective performance of the Class of 1977 cadre.

Cadet Basic Training is tough and demanding. We focus on challenging physical and field training programs which emphasize the development of physical fitness and basic soldier skills. The New Cadets of the Class of 1980 are performing well--men and women alike. They are enthusiastic, work hard, and have a positive attitude. The most remarkable thing about the assimilation of women thus far is that nothing remarkable has happened! There have been no major surprises. Our basic philosophy that men and women will take the same training with minimum deviations only when necessitated by physiological differences is proving sensible and practical.

One New Cadet wrote home: "This is the most binding, mind-taxing, frustrating thing I've ever been through. It's absolutely incredible! For some strange reason, I like it. It's the first team I've ever been on that shows genuine enthusiasm." Sound familiar?

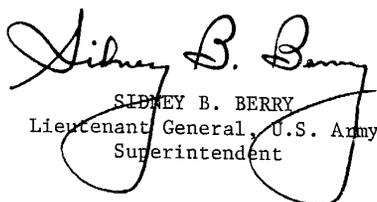
This has been a landmark summer for our cadets participating in the Cadet Military Specialty Training Schools. A total of 839 cadets of the Classes of 1977 and 1978 have participated in six different courses: Airborne; Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape; Flight Training; Jungle Operations; Ranger; and Northern Warfare. Their performance in each of these challenging courses has been noteworthy. For example, only four of the 534 cadets who began the June and July Airborne classes did not receive their wings. Their non-completion was due to incapacitating injury rather than training failure. Most cadets who participated in these summer programs are Second Classmen of the Class of 1978. Most of the Class of 1977 are leading and training the Class of 1980 in Cadet Basic Training and the Class of 1979 in field training at Camp Buckner.

I look forward with enthusiasm to the coming fall athletic season. The Classes of 1978 and 1979 who provided so many fine athletes last year are a year older and return with added maturity and experience. I expect our football team to show solid improvement. Coach Homer Smith shares my optimism. You should read his prognosis in this issue of ASSEMBLY. Lightweight (150 lb) football will again be strong, and we hope to regain the league championship we lost last year. Coach Joe Palone has an exceptionally fine group of Fourth Classmen joining a well-balanced attack in soccer. The four plebes who made the starting team last season are all returning. In his first season at West Point, Coach John Randolph will depend on All-American Second Classman Curt Alitz, plus a strong group of underclassmen for a winning cross-country season. Water polo, in its second year as a varsity sport, should be at least as good as last year's team that was ranked 8th nationally.

The continuing proceedings involving violations of the Honor Code are foremost in the minds of all of us this summer. When all of the legal actions have been completed, I will personally report to you in full detail. As of August 9th, 199 members of the Class of 1977 are implicated in possible violations of the Honor Code. A small number of them have resigned. Officer Boards have heard cases involving one-half of the cadets. Of these, about two-thirds have been found to have violated the Code and one-third have been exonerated. The other half of the individual cases are still pending board action. Our hope is that we can complete the board actions before fall academics begin, in consonance with due process of law and respecting all rights of the cadets implicated in the possible violations.

During the past few months, I have received many letters of support for the Military Academy and the Honor Code we all cherish. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to West Point and its motto of "Duty, Honor, Country." I will continue to do my utmost to justify your confidence.

Sincerely,

  
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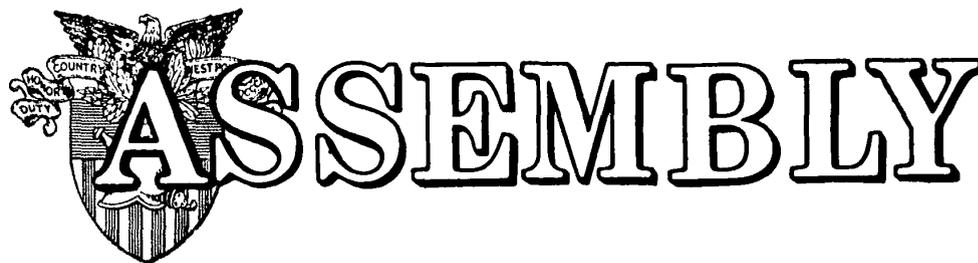
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# reunion 1976

EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-THREE graduates assembled at West Point for class reunions on 26-29 May. Reunion Classes present included '16, '26, '31, '36, '41, '46 and '51. The oldest reunion class, 1916, was represented by 14 of its 33 surviving members and 16 wives and widows including General William M. Hoge, the most distinguished class member. The class of 1915, a non-reunion class this year, provided the oldest living graduate, Colonel Edmund



DeT. Ellis. Colonel Elbert E. Farman, Class of 1909, visited friends from the Classes of 1916 and 1926 prior to the alumni exercises on 28 May but did not participate in any scheduled reunion activities. The largest class represented was 1946 with 327 members. Among them was West Point's only current head of State, President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua. General Fred C. Weyand, Army Chief of Staff, was a guest of the Class of 1916 at their class dinner. Class gifts presented to the USMA during this week included a World War I Renault tank donated by Mrs. M.D. Townsend in memory of her husband and his classmates of 1916; redecoration of the Pershing Room from the Class of 1926; the Honor Committee Room from the Class of 1941; and a "living trust" of \$250,000 from the Class of 1951.

Oldest graduate Ellis '15 (center) with Saltzman, President AOG; Lamb, Executive Vice President AOG; and Berry '48, Superintendent USMA at start of march to Thayer Monument.

Thayer is honored by Oldest Grad and First Captain with alumni.

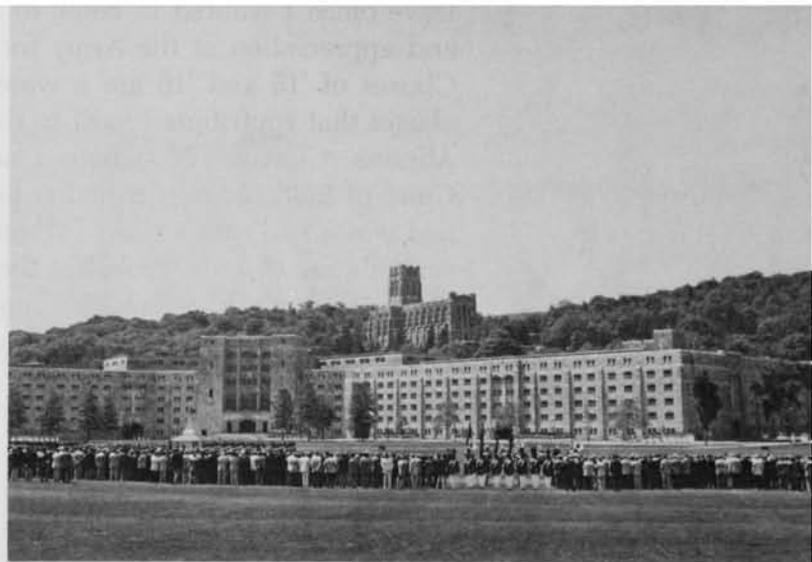




First Captain Morales with alumni review the Corps.

The alumni march on Diagonal Walk en route to Thayer Monument.

Cadet Chapel overlooks Alumni Review on the Plain.



Part of the Long Gray Line stretched out on Diagonal Walk en route to Thayer Monument.

Alumni review the Corps.





THERE WERE TWO stirring highlights of the 60-year Reunion for 1916. The first was the presentation to the Superintendent of a World War I Renault tank. This is the gift of Mrs. Maurine Townsend, widow of Colonel Spencer A. Townsend, 1916, as a memorial to her

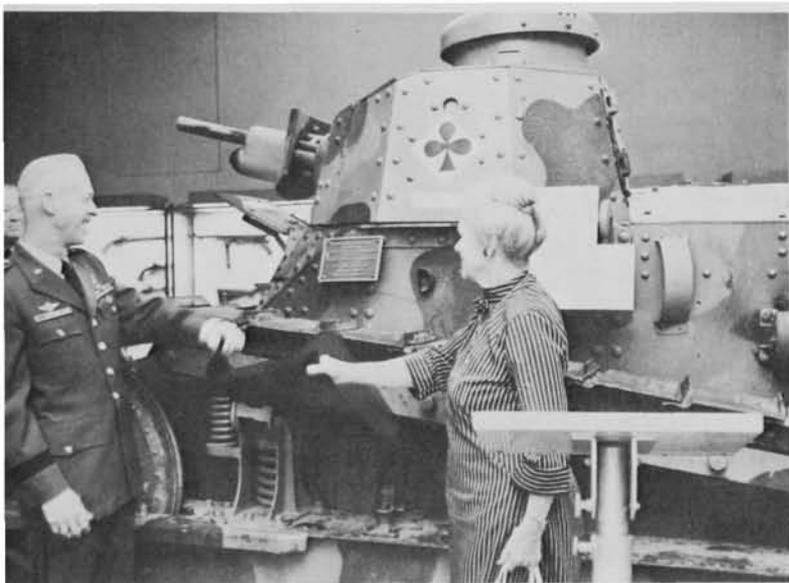
husband. The tank has been placed in the West Point Museum and the presentation was made by General William M. Hoge, President of 1916. General Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, had expressed in conversations a hope that he could sometime meet Colonel A.M. Weyand, 1916. To accomplish this, 1916 invited General and Mrs. Weyand to be its guests for the Class Dinner at the West Point Army Mess Friday, 28 May. General and Mrs. Weyand were able to attend, and contributed the second highlight to this great reunion. In remarks made at the dinner, General Weyand said, "I want to express the appreciation of my wife, Arlene, and myself for this invitation. I came for several reasons. . . although not an Academy graduate, if it doesn't sound presumptuous, I love the Point as much as any alumnus. Every time in my career as an officer that I came to West Point I deepened my respect and appreciation for what the Academy stands for. This will be my last year as Chief of Staff and before I leave office I wanted to come to the Point and express the gratitude and appreciation of the Army for what you have accomplished. The Classes of '15 and '16 are a watershed in history. Probably the two classes that contributed most to their country. I came also for General Abrams, Class of '36, whom I admired so much. . . I wouldn't be Chief of Staff today if it hadn't been for him. He had great qualities and was a real man's man . . . there is so much of your Bill Hoge that reminds me of him. Probably the prime reason I came was to meet Babe Weyand. Everywhere I go, people ask me if I'm his son or nephew and I cheat a little and say yes and bask in reflected glory."

—Johns





1916





ATTENDING THEIR 50th Reunion, which they voted the best ever, were 132 classmates and affiliates of '26—members, wives, a sister, a class son and his cadet son—a phenomenal 72% of living graduates of '26. When all gathered at the Thayer Wednesday evening for cocktails and dinner, the scene was one of warm reunions of classmates, some of whom had not seen each other since graduation, of the stimulating pleasure of being together again, of the happy buzz of gay conversations, topped off by an impromptu afterdinner serenade of West Point songs. Thursday morning the class assembled at Cullum Hall for dedication of the class' 50th Reunion gift to the Military Academy—the complete refurnishing of the Pershing Room, and converting this rather cold and stark hall into a warm and comfortable reception room for cadets to visit with families and friends. Rod Smith formally presented the gift to the Academy. At the Annual Meeting the Superintendent referred to the Pershing Room gift from '26 and quoted with feeling the stirring words from the dedication plaque, "To the lasting mem-

ory of the sons of West Point—the years spent here gave strength and purpose to serve the nation." At Friday morning's moving alumni ceremonies, the Class of '26 was practically at the head of the Long Gray Line for the "march" to Thayer Monument at the stately pace of about 80 steps to the minute "befitting their dignified status in life." Near the head of the reviewing line while the 4,000-man Corps marched by, the class witnessed the last time that alumni were to be privileged to review an *all male* Corps of Cadets at USMA! The Class picnic that evening at the West Point Golf Club under balmy skies on the terrace was marked by its gaiety, laughter and high spirits of good friends together. After dinner the men assembled for a business meeting. Saturday morning the class group met for breakfast, the last Reunion gathering, recounting the many pleasures of the past few days of good times and renewed friendships. All felt that it could not be possible for any class to ever experience a more memorable and enjoyable reunion. Hazel Bayer summed it all up in the following verses, which she called "How High My Epic":

They rushed back to their Highland Home  
By bus, by car, and plane  
And lo, the heavens favored them  
And held back all its rain.  
Welcomed full by gracious aides  
They sipped at drinks much smaller  
But all were waxing eloquent  
As tales were getting taller.

Then to dine at sumptuous ease  
On Thayer's roast-beef rare  
Till all were sated and retired  
Quite thankful for such fare.  
Next morn by bus to Cullum's Hall  
For class gift dedication  
Where words by Supe and Rod, and Vald  
Gave cause for meditation.  
Some lingered on the balcony  
To bask in morning sun  
Remembering their own kaydet times  
and nights of moonlit fun.  
Then all met at the river dock  
To board the waiting ferry  
To sail out while we did our best  
To eat, drink, and be merry.  
At night all bright in gay attire  
We swarmed to festive Hall  
Where good foot hot from mess-hall fire  
Preceded stately ball.  
The drummers lead a slower pace  
Cross grassy plain to Thayer  
As marchers move with stately grace  
To join in homage prayer.  
Then heeding to the trumpet call  
We form for Corps review  
Their ranks seem never ending now  
We were so very few.  
A picnic is a happy time  
And ours was of the best  
When finger-lickin' food was had  
With dignity and zest.  
Our last day saw our breakfast served  
To a tired but happy class  
As fond farewells were then exchanged  
We exited en masse.

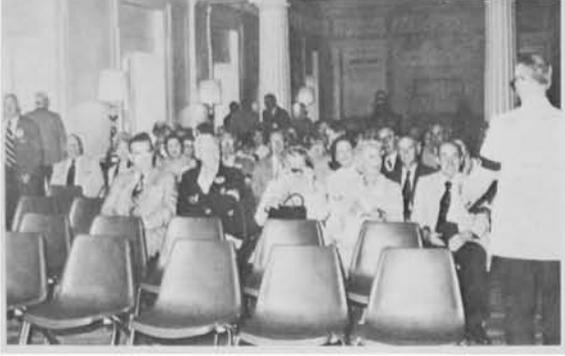
—SMITH





# 1926





## FORTY FIVE

Who are these aging Pilgrims  
Coming here to Mecca  
Each fifth year  
Easily identified when once the masque of time  
Is set aside, and well known traits  
Or mannerisms, smile or speech  
Reveal the well remembered one?

What is the pull which brings them back  
Time after time  
When thinning hair and ranks  
Dictate less active roles?

Is it a hope to stem the tide of change,  
To mold more nearly to our hearts  
The product or the mission  
Which we find?

Our nation never needed more  
The precepts which we learned.  
Let our rededication stand  
Substantial as a fort  
Or in the gloom  
Shine out  
Like Cyrano's white plume.—O.Z. Tyler





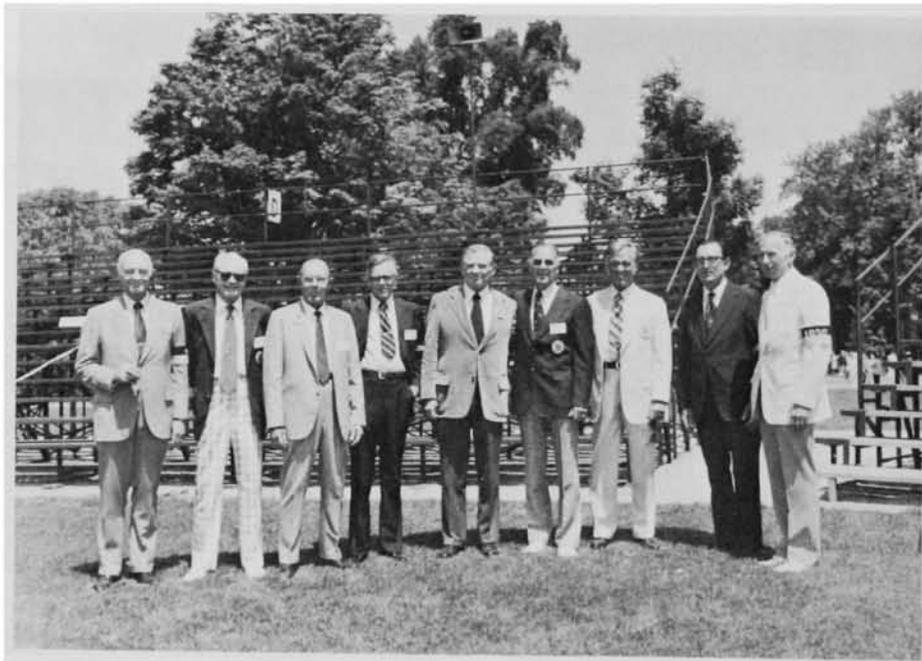
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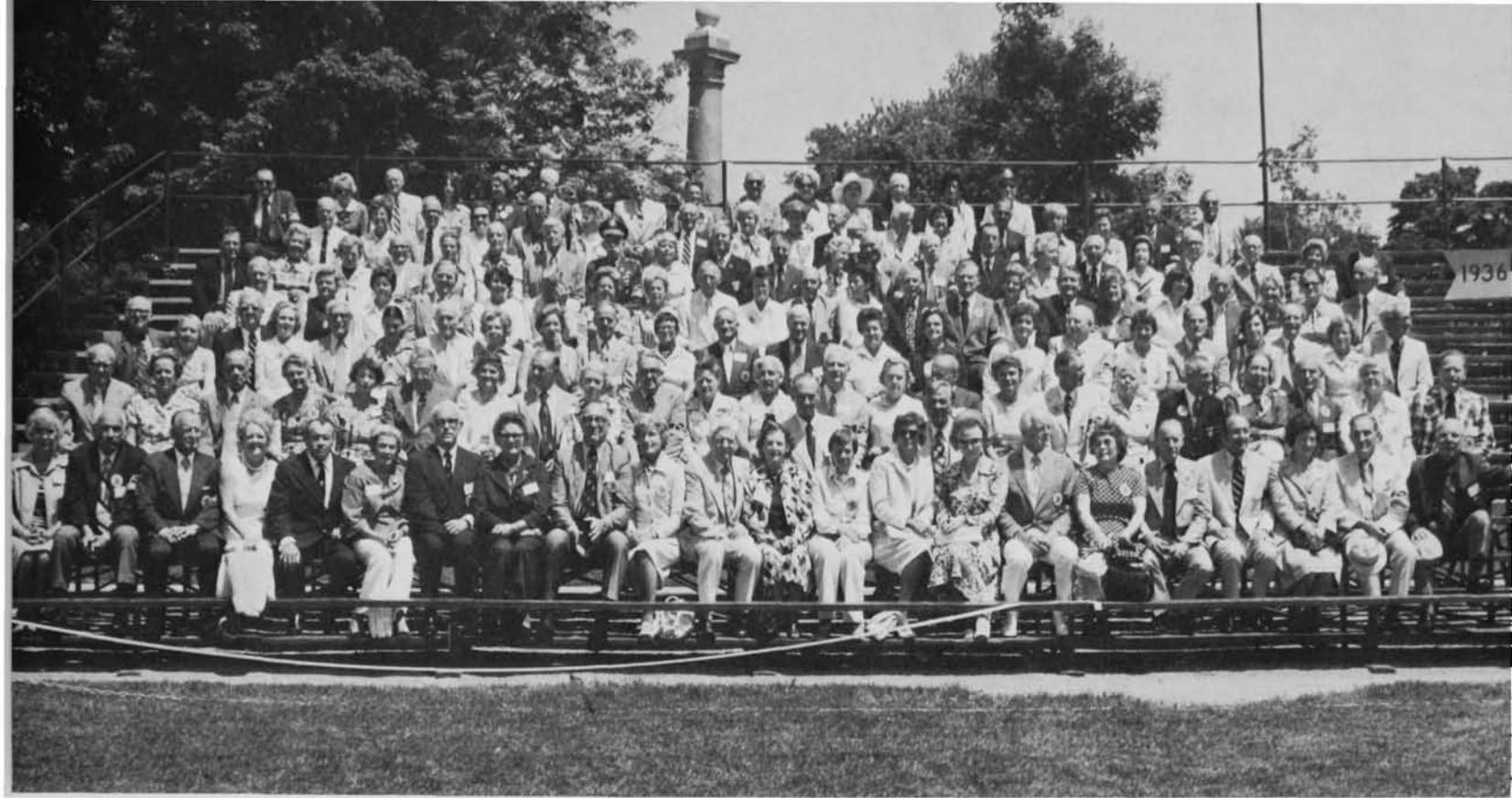




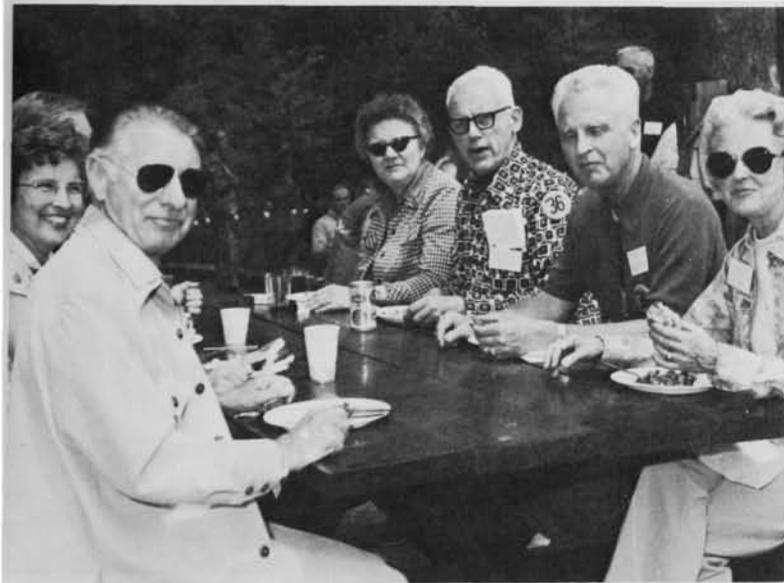
NATURE'S AND FORTUNE'S bounties cascaded upon us as a greater assembly of troops than ever before since graduation and sublime weather conditions were the distinctions of our glorious 40th Reunion. By 30% more than at any previous meeting we returned to

West Point. There were 82 classmates plus dependents. We had three newlyweds (Finley, McCarty and Simpson); we had three widows (Hartman, Jakle, and Sievers); and we had unaccounted children and grandchildren. As Bud and Lucille Warfield said, it was so great to come back, they'd wished they'd not missed all those of the past. But they were coming to all in the future.—Gage





# 1936





OUR PILGRIMAGE this year was not the same as at reunions past. Our quest, to refurbish the spirit at the work place of Duty, Honor, Country, produced instead, a chill. In spite of reassurances by a graduating son, and by the Superintendent himself that the

system would survive, the disquiet persisted. It did help immensely to behold the chapel from Trophy Point; to hear the choir sing the Alma Mater and The Corps; and to stand again in the Long Gray Line at the Alumni Review. It helped even more when the plan for the class gift to our Alma Mater was approved unanimously. The Class of '41 with its unique personality is stepping in at a crucial time to make a most important contribution: Nininger Hall—the Cadet Honor Committee Room. The Cadet Honor Committee, until very recently, had never had a permanent meeting place. Now two cadet rooms on the fourth floor of the historic First Division, constructed in 1850, have been renovated and equipped for their purpose. It is functional, it is tasteful, and it is vital! At the Alumni Luncheon, Mike Greene presented the Nininger Hall to the Superintendent, and we all felt a hell of a lot better about our pilgrimage. An ancient philosopher once said, “God brings men into deep waters, not to drown them but to cleanse them.” The stress of adversity is the forge for the soldier. West Point and what it stands for came from such a forge. So when the Class of '41 falls in front of Cullum at the fortieth, we'll taste again the sweet nectar of the inspiration we journeyed to receive—*Andrus*





# 1941





VENIMUS—VIDIMUS—VICIMUS! In the beginning, as we gathered at Ladycliff, you could tell it was going to be a humdinger of a Reunion. Numbering over 300 classmates, in addition to wives and yes, some children, we exceeded our record 25th by over 50, as we came in from every direction of the compass. From the opening affair, a cocktail-dinner party Wednesday evening at Spellman Hall, Ladycliff, to the final dinner-dance Friday night at the Officers Club, it was just one big ripping event after the other. Even the sudden rain storm at the class picnic at Camp Buckner could not dampen our spirits. The class Memorial Service outdoors by the Old Cadet Chapel was heart stirring, as we sang the Alma Mater and The Corps in memory of our deceased classmates. When we marched onto The Plain with our distinctive tricorns for the Alumni Exercise and Review, you could tell we must outnumber all the other Alumni combined. It was here also that we received the greatest cheer ever, from our wives gathered in the reviewing stands. Yes, we did it again, the biggest, the best and yet more to come. The Military Academy must have welcomed our Au Revoirs so they can gird for the next invasion of '46 in '81.—*France*





1946



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



**REUNION ACTIVITIES** for the Class of '51 resulted in the reawakening of old acquaintances, appreciation for benefits heaped upon us as individuals, and group reaffirmation of West Point ideals. Reunited classmates, many of whom returned for the first time since graduation, encompassed a broad spectrum of American life to include agriculture, industry, education, and government, as well as the military environment. Diverse backgrounds merged during class meetings, parties and picnics into a spirit of camaraderie which is difficult to imagine and even harder to describe. Accomplishments included the identification of Class Officers and committees based in Washington who are responsible to integrate and supervise overall class activities. Committees identified include Finance and Career Opportunity. During a meeting on 27 May, class members unanimously endorsed the collection within two years of a "living" trust of \$250,000 which, with subsequent interest accrual, will provide a constant reservoir for gift disbursement. These class approved gifts will be based on recommendations of a class of '51 Gift Selection Committee.— *Leffler*





# 1951





# GRADUATION 1976

WITH the Secretary of the Army Hoffmann as the commencement speaker over 10,000 persons in Michie Stadium saw 835 cadets receive diplomas on 2 June. The top man in the class was Danny M. Davis—a Rhodes Scholar who was commissioned in the Infantry. Twenty additional First Classmen were required to attend extra instruction in June and 19 of these were commissioned in the U.S. Army on 25 June 1976 after successful completion of all academic requirements. Other statistics of the class are shown in accompanying chart.

The Secretary of the Army was introduced by the Superintendent, USMA, and in his address included significant remarks emphasizing the importance of honor and integrity in our Army. His address follows.

“On behalf of the U.S. Army I am both

gratified and privileged to welcome you, the members of this Bicentennial Class of 1976, to your leadership roles in our proud institution. It is a joyous day for you and I congratulate you heartily on your completion of the basic qualifications for one of the nation’s most honorable professions—if it is not in fact and by definition the most honorable.

“It is a significant day for the Army as well. This yearly renewal of the Army by the graduates of this cornerstone institution is not only symbolic, but real; it is substantive, and it is practical. We count on the infusion of youth, enthusiasm, high standards, imagination, and humor which you embody.

“You have a right to feel exhilarated by today’s events. You have a right to anticipate keenly the beginning of a ca-

reer to which you have made a most solemn commitment and for which you have worked so hard in preparation. To lead the nation’s youth, to command its soldiers, and to deserve the respect it takes to do so is at once among your greatest challenges and the highest honors the nation can bestow. It epitomizes the sacred trust the Defense Establishment holds in providing for the security of the nation.

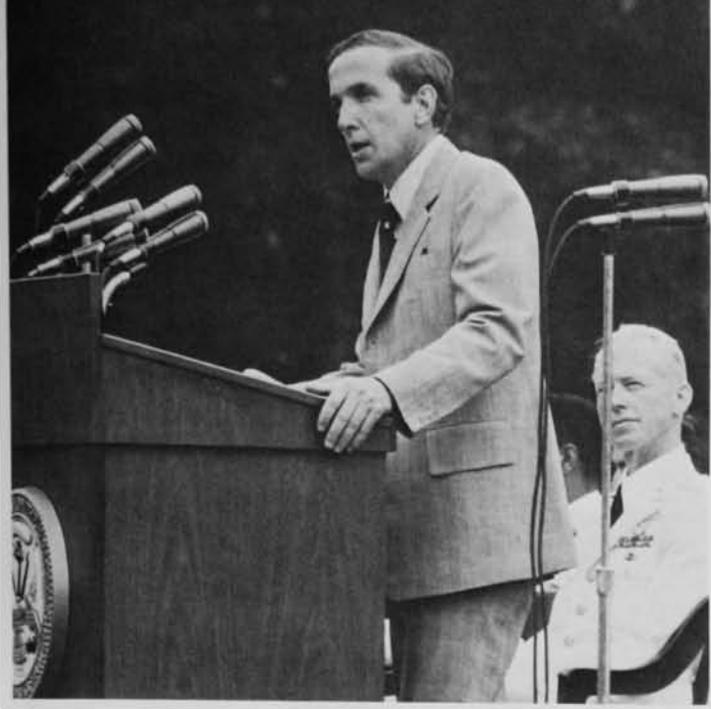
“Your diplomas and your commissions are close at hand. Your education of course is far from over. As you face the challenges of adventure, duty, danger and leadership, the examinations will continue. Some will test all your faculties; all will test your values and your perception.

“The choices that present themselves will never seem clearcut; answers will not come easily. You are leaving an institu-

Recognition 1976

First Class at Graduation Parade.





Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffmann delivering graduation address as Superintendent looks on.



The Secretary greets the last man.

tion marked by rules and regulations, by a certain sternness, simplicity, and dedication to traditional values. You are about to enter a world of complexity, contradiction, and uncertainty—a world from which the Army is not insulated.

“Your problem will not be to meet set goals, but to know what goals to set. Your problem will not be to deal with accepted reality, but to find realities amid a sea of conflicting appearances.

“Some of today’s apparent complexity, contradiction, and uncertainty springs from our role as a nation in the outside world. Indeed the role of the Army and thus your role as leaders in it are tied closely to national goals. The United States seeks peace, stability, freedom, and a world respectful of the rule of law. But it does so under conditions that are at

once dangerous yet deceptively disarming in appearance.

“—A rival superpower, the Soviet Union, holds alien values; imposes a repressive political system on its own and neighboring peoples; it exploits international disorder; it openly advocates a competitive relationship based on military strength; and its challenges burst out in strange and distant places. But we must strive to reach reasonable accords with it in areas of mutual interest where we can agree.

“—We are repeatedly told that we have entered the nuclear age and cannot turn back from it. But we are locked in a nuclear stalemate, and as the nuclear threshold is raised, traditional forces, conventional weapons, and political geography have resumed their old importance.

“—We marvel at the intercontinental

reach of our strategic forces. But most of our military objectives we must be prepared finally to reach on foot.

“—The nation is at peace; yet all the energies and resources of the Armed Forces must be bent to readiness for combat.

“We are prone to think of our present situation as unprecedented. But, to a degree, the perception of complexity, contradiction and uncertainty may come from our reverence for our history, and—in this bicentennial year—a yearning for overly quick lessons from it.

“For we tend to reflect on our beginnings; and indeed much of our past, as simpler times, when choices and objectives were clearer than in the present. The concentrating perspective of hindsight; the ability to review past situations and deci-

Graduating Class of 1976 at Michie Stadium.



Class of '76 takes the oath of office.





2LT Jesse Owen, Infantry, holds up some \$834 from his classmates for being last man in the General Order of Merit.



It's a great day!

sions in the light of events and consequences that followed; and the shrouding of attending uncertainty by the obscuring mists of time—all of these tend to argue that earlier times were less complex, that there was a greater strength to be found in basic values then than now; and that principle was more easy to discern and less costly to follow in our glorious past than in the uneasy present and the uncertain future.

"Our fellow-citizens have suffered much during the past decade. Despite an unprecedented generosity of motives and intentions toward the outside world, they have not been much rewarded for their efforts.

"They have found themselves the targets of lectures, abuse, and a litany of alleged faults and failures. The corrosive events of recent years have provided some warrant for skepticism, for lapse of confidence in our system of government and even for a questioning of the basic

strengths of our society. It is understandable if many among our society should wonder how to proceed from here.

"Those potential adversaries from abroad who might be tempted to test this nation, and indeed we ourselves, should not mistake as weakness or lack of underlying principle or purpose the appearances generated by the process through which the American nation seeks to root out error, to find direction or mold its system closer to the worthy ideals for which it has stood these 200 years.

"For I sense the country questions, not to forego or to destroy, though sometimes that is the appearance. The country probes for value and example; it seeks well-springs of principle and inspiration.

"It is remarkable how often in the past, when faced with comparable trials and doubts, the nation has found in the Army those ideals, inspiration, and leadership it seeks. It is equally remarkable how often it has found them—not only in such com-

manding figures as Washington, Marshall, and Eisenhower, but also in the dedication and integrity of many thousands of soldiers—citizen and professional—who have compiled an enviable record of the nation's trust upheld.

"This trust is neither surprising nor suspect. It has survived well because the Army has been an essence, or distillation of the people, a symbol of the nation at its best.

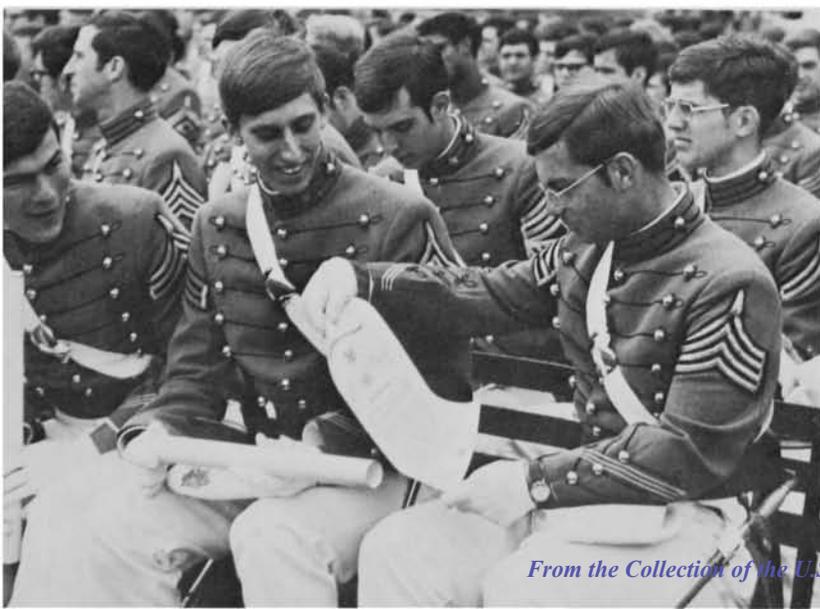
"—Despite the desperate winter of 1777, the Army held itself intact at Valley Forge. —Despite the tragedy of Civil War, the Army (North and South) fought with bravery, dedication and sacrifice that transcended the deep divisions in the nation and its people.

"—Despite the controversies and re-cremations of the past decade, the Army held its ground and did its duty in Vietnam.

"Whatever the surrounding circumstances, this old institution has faithfully

Four years of hard work.

Secretary Hoffmann receives gift from Class of '76 presented by Class President, Volney Warner.



performed its mission, preserved and consistently elevated its own and the nation's honor, and held to its ideals steadfast despite repeated trials.

“What does that future—that trust—imply for the military profession, for the Army?”

“The nation may be at peace, and yet we of the Defense Establishment must gird ourselves in readiness for the contingency of war, to deter war.

“Despite the seeming complexity, contradiction and confusion of the times, our task and objectives are clear, and uncompromising.

“Ostensible peace—as better it might be called—is a complex and precarious condition—a state of affairs in which peace depends on deterrence, and deterrence depends on the stoutness and readiness of our defenses. We are trusted by the nation to be the judges of the adequacy of our handwork. Whatever else appearances may suggest, deterrence cannot be achieved through facades and false fronts, through hollow organizations and hollow men.

“Deterrence in this day and age requires much more of the Army than business as usual. We may not be in combat, but we are engaged in a strange, dynamic, shadow-boxing contest—and the Army mans its front lines. Our campaigns may be in the training area. In field exercises, or in the vigilant exercise of forward deployments, but they have all the import of battles fought of old—and the Army is central to their outcome.

“Guns may be silent, but day in, day out, the Army must be ready, on call. Wherever its far-flung units are found, the Army must be prepared to deploy. It must be ready to fight, with little or no warning, to fight outnumbered and to win the first battle.

“The whole objective of our mission is the achievement of effectiveness of many elements, and that effectiveness rides squarely on the mutual trust between  
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First wedding in Class of '76—2LT Clark Ray and his bride at Cadet Chapel.



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

## CLASS OF '76 STATISTICS

The Class of 1976 arrived at USMA in 1972, 1,375-strong. Eight hundred thirty received gold bars. Statistics of the group follow:

### 835 GRADUATES

- 3 Allied cadets from Philippines, El Salvador and Ecuador
- 8 received Air Force commissions
- 32 were married during June Week ceremonies at West Point
- 21 average graduate's age
- 111 minority members in the class

### BRANCHES:

- 257 Infantry
- 180 Field Artillery
- 114 Armor
- 98 Signal Corps
- 87 Engineers
- 63 Air Defense Artillery
- 9 Medical School
- 7 Military Intelligence
- 6 Combat support branches
- 1 Military Police
- 2 Graduated without commissions
- 3 Allied Cadets
- 8 U.S. Air Force

### INVOCATION

Graduation 2 June 1976  
by Rabbi Avraham Soltes

God of our fathers:

We stand before You, this day,  
deeply conscious of the biting challenges  
that beat against the ramparts  
of our historic tradition.

While the world around us  
condones a cynical disregard of standards  
and the casual compromise of principle,  
We have sought, here,  
to affirm our unflagging faith  
in the integrity of man's word  
to his fellow man,  
our belief, with Your psalmist,  
that man is "little lower than the angels"  
and, truly, capable  
of loyalty and honor.

In every generation, O Lord,  
those of Thy sons,  
who have practiced fidelity  
to a higher code,  
have provoked the scorn and ridicule  
of those less scrupulous:  
—the prophet Amos  
jeered by the King's officers:  
"Prophet, go home  
And preach there . . ."  
—our founding fathers,  
few in number,  
pledging to support their audacious Declaration  
with "their lives . . .  
and their sacred honor."

Help us, O Father,  
to extract the grain from the chaff,  
to separate principle from ornamentation  
and true nobility from mere heraldry;  
that the moral code we espouse  
may continue to earn  
the respect it deserves;  
and these young men  
whom we send forth, this day,  
continue to merit Thy blessings  
and the esteem of our nation  
that they have, deservedly, won  
by lives,  
grounded in the soil of a cultivated conscience  
and aspirations that soar  
beyond the moon.

# June Week Awards

## IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

### 1972-1976

**D**URING June Week ceremonies 79 First Classmen and two Second Classmen received 115 individual awards in recognition of outstanding achievement in military, academic, extracurricular, and athletic endeavor. The awards were made possible through contributions of organizations and interested individuals. The Association of Graduates extends its appreciation to the donors for their support and congratulates the new graduates for their achievements.

The following is a list of recipients in the General Order of Merit and their awards:

**DANNY M. DAVIS:** The General Robert E. Wood Distinguished Cadet Award, established in 1968, a Medallion and a United States Savings Bond to the number one man in General Order of Merit for four years. A Scroll in recognition of his selection as a Rhodes Scholar. The Philip Mathews Memorial Award, a silver bowl for the highest rating in Russian. The Major General Clement A. Trott Memorial Award, a set of books for the highest rating in Law. The General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Award, a wrist watch for excellence in Concentrated Mathematics Studies. The Peruvian Army Award, a plaque to the number one man in General Order of Merit for four years. The Robert E. Lee Memorial Award, a saber presented in the name of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the highest rating in Mathematics. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society Award, binoculars for the highest rating in Environment. The General John J. Pershing Memorial Award, a silver tray presented in the name of the Army and Navy Union, USA, for the highest rating in Tactics. The General John H. Forney Historical Society Award, a set of luggage for Military Excellence in First Class Tactics. The Francis Vinton Greene Memorial Award, a set of books for standing number one

in the General Order of Merit for four years.

**SCOTT W. MacKAY:** The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States Award, a wrist watch for the highest degree of excellence in Political Science.

**CLARK K. RAY JR.:** A scroll, in recognition of his selection as the recipient of a Hertz Foundation Fellowship in Computer Science. The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Award, cross sabers for the highest rating in Mechanics of Fluids. The Colonel James L. Walsh Memorial Award, a wrist watch and plaque presented in the name of the American Defense Preparedness Association for the highest rating in Weapons System Engineering. The Consul General of Switzerland Award, a wrist watch for excellence in Intercollegiate Debating.

**JOHN J. MIDGLEY:** The Consul General of Switzerland Award, a wrist watch for excellence in Intercollegiate Debating.

**BRADLEY C. HOUCK:** The U.S. Grant Memorial Award, a wrist watch presented in the name of the National Woman's Relief Corps for the highest rating in Engineering Fundamentals.

**THOMAS J. MEYER:** The Ladies Auxiliary Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America Award, a set of books for the highest rating in Humanities. The National Society, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century Award, a set of books for the highest rating in English.

**MICHAEL R. MORRIS:** The American Legion Award, a silver tray for outstanding achievement in Chemistry.

**MICHAEL F. KELLEY:** The Steuben Society of America Award, a wrist watch for the highest rating in German.

**THOMAS R. THOMAS:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Award, a camera for the highest rating in Classical and Modern Physics. The Society, Daughters United States Army Award, a wrist watch for outstanding

achievement in Third Class Chemistry. The Brigadier General Richard J. Tallman Memorial Award, cross sabers to the number four man in General Order of Merit for four years. The Order of Lafayette, Inc. Award, a plaque for the highest rating in French.

**JOHN M. CAL:** The Ambassador Shelby Cullom Davis Award, a set of books for excellence in American History. The National Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award, a wrist watch for the highest rating in Portuguese.

**CHARLES M. ALLEN:** The Pierce Currier Foster Memorial Trophy, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Wrestling Team. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, a set of books for the highest rating in Fourth Class English. The Brigadier General Charles J. Barrett Memorial Award, a wrist watch to the outstanding cadet in Advanced Foreign Language Study. The Class of 1927 Award, a wrist watch to the cadet officer commanding the Third Regiment, USCC. The Association of Graduates Award, a silver tray to the number two man in General Order of Merit for four years. The Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal for excelling in athletics and scholarship.

**JUSTIN S. HUSCHER:** The Association of Graduates Award, a silver tray to the number three man in General Order of Merit for four years. The Brigadier General Carroll E. Adams Jr. Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Squash Team. The Herman Beukema Memorial Award, a silver pitcher for excellence in Social Sciences. The Class of 1930 Award, a silver bowl to the cadet having demonstrated the highest degree of excellence in Economics.

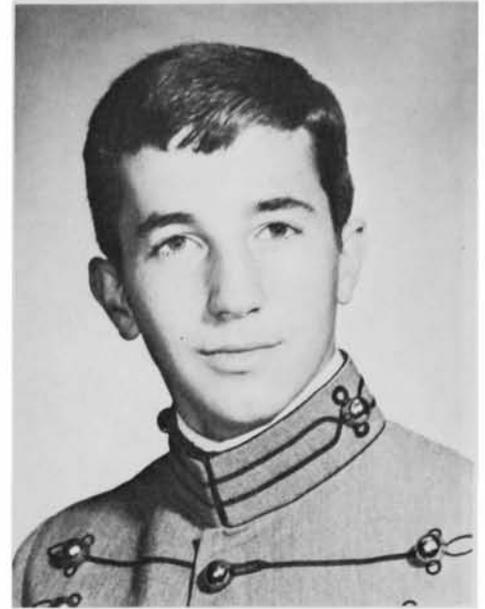
**DAVID C. ROST, 2D CLASS:** The Hal Beukema Memorial Award, a silver tray to the outstanding Hockey Player.



Cadet Danny M. Davis, who selected Infantry and was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, received greatest number of awards—11.



Cadet Charles M. Allen, who selected Armor, Captain USMA Wrestling Team, received seven awards.



Cadet Justin S. Huscher, who selected Corps of Engineers, Captain USMA Squash Team, received four awards.

**CHRISTOPHER A. HEADLE:** The Military Order of the World Wars Award, a wrist watch to the graduating cadet who has made the greatest improvement since the completion of his Fourth Class Year.

**LOUIS KUHN:** The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Award, a calculator and a certificate for excellence in Electrical Engineering.

**LONNIE S. KEENE:** The Eisenhower Award, a silver tray for excellence in Military Leadership.

**GLEN D. KRC:** A scroll in recognition of his selection as the recipient of a Hertz Foundation Fellowship in Nuclear Physics. The Leslie R. Groves Award, a silver tray and a book for the highest rating in Nuclear Physics.

**DONALD W. McCORMICK:** The sons of the American Revolution Award, a camera for the highest rating in Advanced Engineering Fundamentals.

**MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL:** The Brigadier General Clifton Carroll Carter Memorial Award, binoculars for the highest rating in Second Class Mechanics of Solids.

**STEPHEN A. HANSON:** The National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists Award, a silver tray for the highest rating in Spanish.

**WILLIAM E. EICHINGER:** The Brigadier General Gerald A. Counts Memorial Award, a silver tray for the highest rating in Advanced Physics.

**CARL J. STEVENS:** The Military Art Award, a set of books and a medallion for the highest rating in the History of the Military Art. The Major John Alexander Hottell III Memorial Award, a scabbard and saber to the graduating cadet with the most distinguished record for excellence in Modern History. The Bainbridge-Reynolds-Hayden Family Memorial Award, a set of books to the graduating cadet attaining excellence in History.

**JOHN C. BROWN:** The Colonel Her-

bert Bainbridge Hayden Memorial Award, a set of books to the cadet in the graduating class standing highest in Basic Sciences.

**RALPH E. GEHRKI:** The Lieutenant Colonel Rodney H. Smith Memorial Award, a set of bookends for the highest rating in Civil Engineering.

**GREGORY L. SCHMITZ:** The Class of 1926 Award, binoculars donated in honor of Brigadier General Elvin R. Heiberg, Professor of Mechanics from 1949 to 1968, to the graduating cadet with the highest composite standing in Applied Science and Engineering.

**MARK J. ROMANESKI:** The 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officer's Association Award, a silver tray to the cadet who ranks highest academically in National Security and Public Affairs.

**DOUGLAS T. SLAYBAUGH:** The Brigadier General William E. Morrison Memorial Award, a wrist watch to the graduating cadet with the highest rating in Chinese.

**STANLEY W. GOLIS:** The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia Award, a gold medal to the First Class member of the Cadet Honor Committee who stands highest in General Order of Merit.

**DAVID W. HUTCHISON:** A scroll in recognition of his selection as the recipient of a Hertz Foundation Fellowship in Mathematics. The Military Applications Section Award, Operations Research Society of America, a certificate and a set of books to the outstanding cadet in Operations Research.

**STOVER S. JAMES:** The National Society, United States Daughters of 1812 Award, a silver tray to the cadet demonstrating the highest degree of excellence in International Affairs.

**BRUCE A. BERWICK:** The Royal Society of Arts Award, a silver medal to the graduating cadet who has best combined

academic excellence with a significant role in cadet activities.

**DALE S. VINCENT:** The Lieutenant Thomas D. Thompson Jr. Memorial Award, a wrist watch to the cadet in the graduating class who most distinguished himself in writing literary papers.

**LOX A. LOGAN:** The General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Award, a wrist watch for excellence in Research in History.

**RICHARD MORALES JR.:** A scroll in recognition of his selection as the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship. The Association of the United States Army Award, a wrist watch to the cadet who best exemplifies the traditions of the United States Military Academy and the United States Army. The Knox Trophy, a silver cup, a trophy on which is inscribed each year the name of the cadet having the highest Military Efficiency. The Pershing Sword, to the graduating cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander in commemoration of the fact that General Pershing was the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets in 1886.

**ROBERT L. McCLURE:** The General Douglas MacArthur Memorial Award, a silver tray to the cadet officer commanding the First Regiment, USCC.

**VERNON B. CROCKER:** The Ladies Auxiliary, Army and Navy Union, USA, Department of New York Award, a silver tray to the cadet officer commanding the Second Regiment, USCC.

**DAVID F. MELCHER:** The 306th Infantry Award, a plaque to the cadet who achieved excellence in Physical Education over the four year course.

**JOHN R. BARTLEY:** The Leadership Foundation Award, a wrist watch to the cadet officer commanding the Fourth Regiment, USCC.

**CHRISTOPHER J. GRATES:** The Outstanding Company Commander, First  
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# **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES**

**T**HE Class of 1946, the largest class to graduate from West Point except for the Class of 1973, returned for its 30th Reunion and made the 1976 Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates on 28 May one of the largest ever conducted. The reunion classes and all other returning alumni assembled in Washington Hall at 12:30 p.m. following the cadet review on the Plain. With cadet hosts at each table, luncheon was served and the annual business meeting was held immediately thereafter.

The President of the Association, Saltzman '25, presided over the meeting and began by introducing those seated on the dais, senior graduates present and the seven reunion classes in order of graduation seniority. The President noted the presence of a distinguished visitor, former Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens.

In opening his remarks to the membership, Saltzman noted that a report on the affairs of the Association had been distributed to each table and would be printed in the September 1976 ASSEMBLY. He informed the members that the Treasurer's Report would also be published in September and he urged the members to read the reports.

In making his annual report the President said he was "reminded of two thoughts which were expressed by General Daniel Tyler, Class of 1819, Graduate No. 216, as he spoke on a similar occasion and with a similar purpose, on June 15,



1876. In expressing the first thought, General Tyler said: 'I do not propose to occupy much of your time. . . .' He added ' . . . It strikes me that it is the social enjoyment—the talking over of "old times" —the recalling of frolic and fun, all but forgotten, until brought back by the incidents of the moment; these are the things that give zest to our meetings. . . .'

"In the spirit of that meeting which took place one hundred years ago in the Old Cadet Chapel, my report at this meeting will be brief. Toward that end, we have distributed to each table copies of a report of the affairs of the Association of Graduates for the past year. I recommend that you take the report with you and read it, because it reflects the numerous and varied ways in which the Association continues to provide assistance and support to West Point. You will see that the summary financial data included in the report reflects the financial soundness of the Association. The details will be included in the annual Treasurer's Report for the period 1 April 1975 through 31 March 1976, which will be published in the September issue of ASSEMBLY magazine.

"In adhering to his purpose of brevity, General Tyler, in his remarks in 1876, suggested that West Point graduates know the history of the Military Academy, do not have to be reminded of that history and are proud of it. This is equally true today. His expression of confidence in

the future is the second thought I wish to mention to you today.

"General Tyler said: ' . . . We know she (West Point) will turn out in each succeeding class graduates schooled in the principles of high honor and unquestioned integrity, almost to a point that should insure them against the politics and politicians of the day; this is the high standard I know, but if it cannot be attained here, it is unattainable.' At this particular moment, we can all well ponder this."

In concluding his remarks, General Saltzman said: "As we reflect upon the period since that thought was expressed, I am sure that we believe that General Tyler's confidence in the future was justifiable. As we today consider the future, we, like the graduates of 100 years ago, know that the principles of honor, integrity and professionalism will remain the essence of the spirit of West Point and that no matter what incidents or events may occur, the Military Academy will stick to these basic principles with a sincere and devoted spirit.

"It is now my official responsibility and personal pleasure to introduce to you the 50th Superintendent of the Military Academy, Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry, Class of 1948."

(Since the Superintendent's address has been sent separately to all graduates and members of the Association, it is omitted from this report of the Annual Meeting.)

Upon the completion of the Superintendent's address, the President of the Association thanked General Berry and introduced Brett '30, Acting Chairman of the 1976 Nominating Committee, who presented the nominees for Officers and Trustees to assume office on 1 July 1976. The slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee and the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved by the membership. (Photographs of newly elected Officers and Trustees are in this issue of ASSEMBLY.)

Resuming the Chair after the election, Saltzman expressed his appreciation of the honor of being elected President and the privilege of serving. He thanked those Officers and Trustees who had served during the past year and pledged his best in working with the newly elected slate.

As the last item of business the President asked the Superintendent to join him for announcement of class gifts to the Academy. In order, he recognized Prickett for '16, Rodney Smith for '26, Greene for '41 and Gorman Smith for '51. Each class representative briefly described his class gift and the Superintendent expressed the Military Academy's appreciation for the generosity of the gifts and their usefulness to West Point.

Following the announcement of gifts and the benediction by Reverend Richard P. Camp, Assistant USMA Chaplain, the 1976 Annual Meeting was adjourned.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.

### ASSETS

	March 31	
	1975	1976
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand -----	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Cash in Bank:		
Checking -----	17,651.12	17,273.56
Savings -----	102,801.08	143,469.72
Endowment -----	67,555.72	2,910.77
Inventories (at cost):		
Gift Shop Inventoried		
Merchandise -----	101,913.52	90,734.21
Bicentennial Medals -----	—0—	—0—
<b>Total Current Assets</b> -----	<u>290,071.44</u>	<u>254,538.26</u>
<b>Investments and Time Deposits</b> (cost) -----	4,074,788.89	4,643,675.98
<b>Property and Equipment</b> (cost)		
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment --	45,067.79(1)	52,163.81
Less Accumulated Depreciation --	45,067.79	52,163.81
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	—0—	—0—
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> -----	<u>\$4,364,860.33</u>	<u>\$4,898,214.24</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Employee Benefits, New York		
State Sales Tax -----	\$ 284.75	\$ 396.16
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b> -----	<u>284.75</u>	<u>396.16</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
<b>Restricted By Donor or Donation</b>		
Cullum Fund -----	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cullum Bio Register Trust Fund	24,870.41	25,942.28
Faculty Development Fund --	24,303.11	24,001.58
Groves Fund -----	5,777.40	5,882.92
Hodges Fund -----	5,952.41	5,950.11
Richards Fund -----	16,407.10	21,112.26
Class of 1916 Fund -----	2,036.13	1,905.69
Class of April 1917 Fund -----	—0—	2,172.58
Class of 1964 Fund -----	4,467.31	4,684.60
Class of 1973 Fund -----	12,498.40	13,362.54
Class of 1974 Fund -----	212.72	222.36
Class of 1975 Fund -----	—0—	6,331.98
Non-Negotiable Securities		
Account -----	26,197.51	1,197.51(2)
<b>Total Restricted By Donor or Donation</b> -----	<u>132,722.50</u>	<u>122,766.41</u>
<b>Restricted By Constitution/Board</b>		
Endowment Fund Principal	3,027,595.01	3,649,492.67
MacArthur Fund -----	35,973.23	38,337.90
Trott Memorial Fund -----	2,537.78	3,293.50
Employees' Pension Fund -----	127,620.77	—0—(3)
Deferred Compensation Fund	30,720.46	42,681.07
Bicentennial Book Project --	—0—	—0—
Equipment Reserve Account	—0—	5,000.00
<b>Total Restricted By Constitution/Board</b> -----	<u>3,224,447.25</u>	<u>3,738,805.14</u>
<b>Restricted By Agreement</b>		
West Point Fund:		
Merrill Fine Arts Fund -----	—0—	—0—
Chapel Organ and Mayer		
Recital Fund -----	1,552.85	1,687.76
Unrestricted -----	109,560.54	184,373.02
Special Gifts -----	—0—	849.38
History Symposium -----	1,900.00	10,907.74
Groves Bust -----	11,355.44	—0—
Artificial Turf -----	30.00	30.00
Admissions Support -----	20,252.22	5,676.87
Cadet Education -----	7,349.60	27,481.94
General Development -----	110,965.87	68,421.56
Cadet Activities -----	—0—	3,745.43
Fort Putnam Restoration	135,852.16	10,377.16
Class Gifts -----	243,841.73	375,455.20
Cadet Emergency -----	5,425.54	6,394.92
Constitution Island -----	46,961.20	42,533.95
<b>Total Restricted By Agreement</b> -----	<u>695,047.15</u>	<u>737,934.93</u>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<u>4,052,216.90</u>	<u>4,599,506.48</u>

### Unrestricted

Operations Fund -----	294,177.17	264,631.59
Endowment Fund Income -----	18,181.51	33,680.01
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<u>312,358.68</u>	<u>298,311.60</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b> -----	<u>4,364,575.58</u>	<u>4,897,818.08</u>
<b>Property and Equipment (contra)</b>	—0—	—0—
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b> -----	<u>\$4,364,860.33</u>	<u>\$4,898,214.24</u>

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE AND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

	Year Ending March 31	
	1975	1976
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Dues and Membership -----	\$ 14,231.00	\$ 13,835.00
Contributions/Bequests -----	31,390.25	42,428.25
Gains (Losses) Sale of Securities -----	(57.37)	112.33
Transfers from Restricted Funds --	19,996.24	12,375.04
Reimbursements -----	32,805.57	37,290.17
Sales (Gross Profit):		
Inventoried Items -----	38,106.39	43,327.97
Bicentennial Medals -----	—0—	4,634.84
Non-Inventoried Items -----	722.51	1,414.09
Publications:		
Subscriptions/Sales -----	150,113.77	154,448.53
Advertising (Gross) -----	14,000.00	11,500.00
Interest and Dividends -----	178,752.89	185,415.33
Other -----	3,129.20	1,956.60
<b>Total Revenue</b> -----	<u>483,190.45</u>	<u>508,738.15</u>
<b>EXPENSE—BUDGETED PROGRAMS:</b>		
General and Administrative:		
Personnel and Related Expense --	88,488.26	98,343.07
Awards/Grants -----	1,750.40	1,889.70
Transfers to Restricted Funds -----	788.55	—0—
Supplies and Equipment -----	6,738.38	5,595.97
Services -----	12,708.26	15,328.73
Dues, Travel, Conferences -----	5,533.63	4,588.25
Investment Management -----	7,993.26	9,529.74
Reimbursable Expenses -----	28,131.57	30,935.89
Publications:		
Personnel and Related Expense --	62,860.48	67,987.37
Manufacture and Distribution --	109,160.78	120,852.92
Other -----	11,730.15	12,405.74
Sales—Gift Shop:		
Personnel and Related Expense --	28,812.98	31,262.16
Other -----	14,209.87	16,413.11
Development:		
Personnel and Related Expense --	26,702.16	34,867.11
Other -----	10,059.04	17,698.20
Other Expenses -----	3,827.05	774.09
<b>Total Expenses</b> -----	<u>419,494.82</u>	<u>468,472.05</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE—</b>		
<b>BUDGETED PROGRAMS</b> -----	<u>63,695.63</u>	<u>40,266.10</u>
<b>REVENUE—ADDITIONAL</b>		
Restricted Contributions -----	49,778.45	32,700.60
<b>Total Revenue Additional</b> -----	<u>49,778.45</u>	<u>32,700.60</u>
<b>EXPENSE—ADDITIONAL:</b>		
Transfers—Restricted Contributions	50,975.96	32,700.60
Transfers—Operational Surplus --	15,000.00	35,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Account	—0—	5,000.00
Transfer to Bicentennial Book Project	—0—	5,443.38
Equipment (unbudgeted) -----	—0—	8,869.80
<b>Total Expense Additional</b> -----	<u>65,975.96</u>	<u>87,013.78</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	47,498.12	(14,047.08)
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (beginning of year) -----	264,860.56	312,358.68
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (end of year) -----	<u>\$ 312,358.68</u>	<u>\$ 298,311.60</u>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE  
AND RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

**REVENUE:**

Contributions/Bequests -----	\$ 738,084.83	\$ 931,354.80
Grants -----	25,120.13	72,344.25
Transfers from Unrestricted Funds -----	70,761.23	73,646.29
Gains (Losses) Sale of Securities -----	(190,129.79)	28,768.20
Interest and Dividends -----	77,294.47	43,562.31
Reimbursements -----	2,125.01	20,230.16
<b>Total Revenue -----</b>	<b>723,255.88</b>	<b>1,169,906.01</b>

**EXPENSE:**

Transfers to Unrestricted Funds -----	17,290.74	12,383.88
Awards, Grants, Contributions -----	407,068.79	419,679.16
Administrative -----	2,358.33	17,946.61
<b>Total Expense -----</b>	<b>426,717.86</b>	<b>450,009.65</b>

**EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE—**

<b>BUDGETED PROGRAMS -----</b>	<b>296,538.02</b>	<b>719,896.36</b>
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**EXPENSE—ADDITIONAL**

Revaluation of Securities -----	—0—	25,200.00(2)
Transfer to AOG, USMA Pension Fund -----	—0—	147,406.78(3)
<b>Total Expense Additional -----</b>	<b>—0—</b>	<b>172,606.78</b>

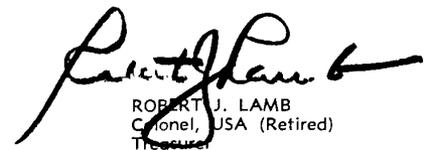
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>296,538.02</b>	<b>547,289.58</b>
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<b>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (beginning of year) -----	<b>3,755,678.88</b>	<b>4,052,216.90</b>
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<b>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (end of year) -----	<b>\$4,052,216.90</b>	<b>\$4,599,506.48</b>
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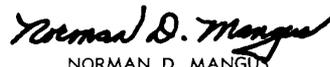
2. Pursuant to advice of USMA Auditors, AOG Treasurer revalued 2,500 shares of Miralin common stock from \$10.00 per share to \$0.00 per share and 2,000 shares of Radiore Exploration Co. common stock from \$0.10 per share to \$0.00 per share.

3. In compliance with ERISA 1974 and pursuant to Board of Trustees action of 29 May 1975, the assets of the Association's Employee Pension Fund were transferred from the Association's accounts to the Association of Graduates, USMA Pension Fund (a separate accounting entity) on 16 January 1976.

  
ROBERT J. LAMB  
Colonel, USA (Retired)  
Treasurer

The examination of the accounts of the Association of Graduates, USMA was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and principles, and where applicable, in consonance with Department of Army regulations. The examination included a review of the system of internal controls, established policies and accounting procedures, including such tests of accounting records and such other auditing procedures as was considered necessary in the circumstances. Cash and securities were confirmed directly by the depositories and verified to the appropriate accounts and investment ledger records.

1. The Association has adopted a procedure, recommended by the Auditors, whereby financial accountability will be maintained only for items of property and equipment valued at \$100.00 or more and certain other significant items. Item control of all items will be continued.

  
NORMAN D. MANGUS  
Auditor  
ODCSOMPT

  
CHARLES F. SISK  
Auditor  
ODCSOMPT



**REPORT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES,  
USMA 1975-1976**

I. **MEMBERSHIP.** Membership stands at 24,853, including 402 Associate members. Over 97% of all living graduates are members, including 809 members of the Class of 1976, 96% of the Class strength. During the past year 175 members have been dropped from the rolls, because of death or other reasons.

II. **OLDEST GRADUATE.** The oldest living graduate of the Academy is Brigadier General Louis M. Nuttman, Class of 1895. General Nuttman celebrated his 102nd birthday on 28 January 1976 and lives in San Francisco, California.

III. **FINANCIAL STATUS.** The formal report of the Treasurer, based upon the annual audit of the accounts, will be published in the September issue of ASSEMBLY magazine. The financial statement for Fiscal Year 1976 (1 April 1975-31 March 1976) reflects that total assets for the period increased from \$4,364,860.33 to \$4,898,214.24, with securities valued at their acquisition value. The statement shows that with operations income of \$508,738.15, there was an excess of revenue over expense of \$40,266.10. The value of the principal of the Endowment Fund on 31 March 1976 was \$3,649,492.67 and the value of the West Point Fund was \$737,934.93. The remainder of the assets, \$510,786.64, consists of balances in other, smaller restricted use accounts and the Association's operating account.

IV. **ASSEMBLY MAGAZINE AND REGISTER OF GRADUATES.** The total number of subscribers increased from 16,087 to 16,649, to one or both publications, for an ending percentage of members of 69%. Because of increased costs of publications during the past two years, the subscription price has been increased from \$11.00 to \$12.00 for the next year. The publications program is supported financially by subscriptions and advertising revenue in the REGISTER. The broadest possible support from members is, therefore, essential in order to continue the quality of the publications at a minimum subscription price.

V. **GIFT SHOP.** The Association continued its sale of items of West Point memorabilia and commemorative ware. Net sales for the year were \$128,455.04, with a net gain after costs of \$5,122.61.

In addition to normal Gift Shop sales, at the request of the Superintendent the Association produced and sold through the Gift Shop 2,500 official USMA Bicentennial Medallions at approximate cost.

VI. **CLASS REUNIONS.** The Association provided assistance for Class reunions at West Point held by the Classes of 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1970.

VII. **FOUNDERS DAY.** The Association provided administrative and other support to Founders Day celebrations at over 100 locations in this country and abroad.

VIII. **WEST POINT CLASSES AND SOCIETIES.** The Association continued to provide maximum possible assistance to USMA Classes and West Point Societies. The number of West Point Societies at the end of the year was 77.

IX. **SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD.** The 1975 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to Governor W. Averell Harriman at West Point on 9 September 1975.

X. **FUNDS DEVELOPMENT.** The Association continued its expanded program of fund raising on behalf of the Military Academy and the Association. During the year \$1,046,127.30 was received in contributions, grants and bequests, of which amount over \$500,000 was in a single bequest. Over \$400,000 was expended for projects and activities which are of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets, and which did not appear to be appropriate for use of public funds. While contributions by Association members for restricted use, especially class gifts to the Military Academy, continue to be a desirable way to help West Point, the Association needs unrestricted contributions for projects and activities of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets to insure that in the long term the Association's support of the Military Academy and Association members is financed.

XI. **SUMMARY.** As a result of the extraordinary loyalty of members of the Association to West Point and their support of the Association, we are in excellent condition to continue our support of the Academy.

**PRESIDENT:**



**Charles E. Saltzman '25**—MG AUS Ret.—Rhodes Scholar; President, Association of Graduates USMA 1974; Partner, Goldman Sachs & Co.—Investment Banking.



**C. Rodney Smith '26**—MG USA Ret.—Vice President IT&T Corporation; Director Radio Free Europe; Consultant for Board for International Broadcasting.

# AOG ELECTION 1976

**T**HE members of the Association of Graduates, at their Annual Meeting, elected 23 graduates to serve as officers and trustees of the Association.

Reelected as President for another term was Saltzman '25.

A complete listing of Officers and Trustees of the Association can be found on the contents page of each issue of ASSEMBLY.

Additional biographical data pertaining to trustees and officers can be found in the current REGISTER.

**VICE  
PRESIDENTS:**



**Orlando C. Troxel '31**—MG USA Ret.—Consultant, Research Analysis Corporation.

**TRUSTEES:**



**Charles E. Bonesteel '31**—GEN USA Ret.—Rhodes Scholar; Consultant, Stanford Research Institute.



**Leonard D. Henry '31**—Resd 1931—Member USMA Board of Visitors 1971; Trustee New York Racing Association; Director of several corporations, and business consultant.



**James O. Boswell '33**—BG USA Ret.—President, West Point Society of San Francisco 1973; General Partner Boswell Family Associates, Ltd.



**James O. Lampert '36**—LTG USA Ret.—Superintendent USMA 1963-66; Vice President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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**Arvid E. West '56**—COL Infantry USA—Commander 2d Regiment, U.S. Corps of Cadets.



**Gary R. Hyde '61**—MAJ Artillery USA—Headquarters, Department of the Army.



**James H. Lee Jr. '66**—MAJ Corps of Engineers USA—Instructor, Department of Physics USMA.



**Joseph F. Albano '71**—CPT USA Resd—Eastern Air Lines, Inc.



**Kenneth F. Dawalt '36**—BG USA Ret.—Executive Vice President, European Aerospace Corporation.



**Michael J.L. Greene '41**—BG USA Ret.—Administrator for Jackson, Campbell and Parkinson Law Office, Washington, D.C.



**Roger H. Nye '46**—COL USA Ret.—Professor of History USMA 1970-76; Writer of West Point history and military affairs.



**John J. Leffler '51**—LTC USA Ret.—Systems Analysis and Development Computer Science Corporation; Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



**James H. Drum '37**—Col USA Ret.—Vice President Government Affairs, AM General Corp., Washington, DC.



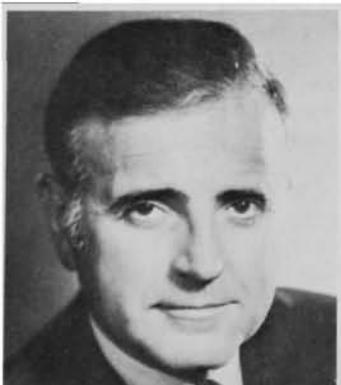
**Horace M. Brown Jr. '41**—COL USA Ret.—Secretary, Association of Graduates USMA 1966-70; Assistant Vice President, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.



**Thomas H. McNiel '45**—Dsbl Disch on graduation—Certified Life Underwriter; General Agent, National Life Insurance Co. of Vermont, Dallas, TX.



**Wesley W. Pasvar '46**—COL USAF Ret.—Rhodes Scholar; Professor, Political Science Department USAFA 1957-67; Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh.



**John M. Murphy '50**—CPT USA Resd—Representative, U.S. Congress from 17th District New York.



**William R. Raiford '52**—1LT USA Resd—President, West Point Society of DC 1976; Investment Counsellor, Loomis Sales and Co., Washington, DC.



**Peter M. Dawkins '59**—COL Infantry USA—Rhodes Scholar; White House Fellow; Student Army War College.



**Joseph B. Anderson Jr. '65**—MAJ Infantry USA—Assistant Professor, Social Science Department USMA.

# The Fort Putnam Oracle Speaks on Giving to West Point

By RICHARD L. GRUENTHER  
Director of Development, AOG

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: The use of a light approach in this fund raising article is not to be construed as a "head-in-the-sand" view of West Point today. Rather, the article is designed to attract the reader's attention to the continuing need of USMA and AOG for private donations. Many readers will, no doubt, view that need as greater today than ever before. The author agrees with that view.*

*Your financial support through the West Point Fund Committee's Annual Fund Drive will assist the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates to improve further the quality of cadet life and the environment in which West Point's sustaining ideals may flourish. You should receive the Fund Drive letter in early October.*



WITH the renovation of historic Fort Putnam as one of West Point's Bicentennial projects this past summer, a very unusual phenomenon has been discovered. Various visitors to the Fort have reported fleeting glimpses of an aged Rip Van Winkle type character who has come to be known as the Fort Putnam Oracle.

This strange little man, it has since been discovered, has a vast store of knowledge of West Point—its past and its present—but more important, of its graduates through the years. This report will share with you the wisdom of the Fort Putnam Oracle's thoughts on fund raising at West Point. Some readers may tend to disbelieve stories about the Oracle. However, having experienced the era of the ghosts at West Point, we dare not doubt. Believe in the Oracle or not, the facts and announcements concerning fund raising in this article are correct.

It was a balmy summer night, about dusk, when my cohort and I found the Oracle near Fort Put. We told him we wanted to search his mind about the forthcoming 1976 Annual Drive for West Point. We explained that it would start on 5 October 1976 with the mailing of the Annual Drive letter, and we questioned him on how we could get support from the 81% of our living alumni who did not give in 1975. As we talked, he was impatiently thumping his gnarly fingers on a dead tree stump.

"Get their attention!" he snapped.

"How," we asked.

"West Pointers need a challenge. Offer

a 'Challenge Gift' like this," and he held up a bark colored bag, which he pulled from a hole in the tree.

To make a long story short, a generous supporter of West Point has since volunteered to match certain gifts this year with \$50,000 of his own modern currency, not the worthless Continental dollars in the Oracle's bag. The details of this challenge will be described in the Annual Drive letter. In brief, the challenger (who wants to remain anonymous) will match dollar for dollar each donation which exceeds that given by the donor last year, or for one who did not give anything to West Point last year, he will raise the ante and give two dollars for each dollar given this year.

Several weeks passed since the first meeting and we decided to seek out the Fort Putnam Oracle again. Having learned of the challenge gift during our first sojourn to Fort Putnam, our subject for discussion on this second visit was somewhat more complex.

We found the Oracle on a very stormy evening. The weather that night would remind a West Pointer of those cavalry hikes to bivouac at the Hell Hole on Popolopen Creek or, more recently, those rain drenched Recondo patrols over rock and ridge where sleep was rarely enjoyed. The Oracle seemed perfectly at ease in spite of the rain and the winds.

"What's your pleasure?" he asked.

"We can't seem to explain clearly to all of our graduates why West Point needs an Annual Drive."



The Oracle thought for a moment, as if he were viewing the generations of West Pointers that he had known. He told us that the easiest task was to convince the younger graduates of the need for private funds. Most of them had experienced the advantages—the extracurricular clubs, the fine arts cultural entertainment series and the many other activities which contribute to the standard of excellence at West Point. These would not be possible through appropriated funds alone. The Superintendent must rely on the Annual Drive to provide a large portion of the unrestricted money to support those activities which cannot be supported through government funds.

But the older grad enjoyed few such activities. The Spartan environment of



West Point was all that was offered. The "Color Line" during the Yearling Camp at Fort Clinton or the cadet hops at Cullum (not to mention those all-male dancing classes) were enough.

At that, the Oracle picked up a wet branch and slashed it close to our faces, an act reminiscent of the farmer who hit his mule between the eyes with a board in order to get his attention. "While a comparison of today's cadet with his predecessors in the Long Gray Line is important," he said, "the key is in a comparison of cadets' opportunities with those of their contemporaries. The Corps, today, seeks a broad variety of intellectual and physical challenges. These events fos-

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**NOW**



Marathon Club—This year 15 cadets and 3 officers (Cl '64) qualified for Boston Marathon in '76.

Water Polo Team—Runner up in Eastern Intercollegiate, attends NCAA Championships.



Honor Committee Room—Dedicated to the perpetuation of the Cadet Honor Code and presented by the Class of 1941 in memory of their classmate, Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., first Medal of Honor winner in WWII.



Rugby Club—Four separate teams due to cadet interest.

Cadet Fine Arts Forum—Zubin Mehta, Conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, after performance at Eisenhower Hall.



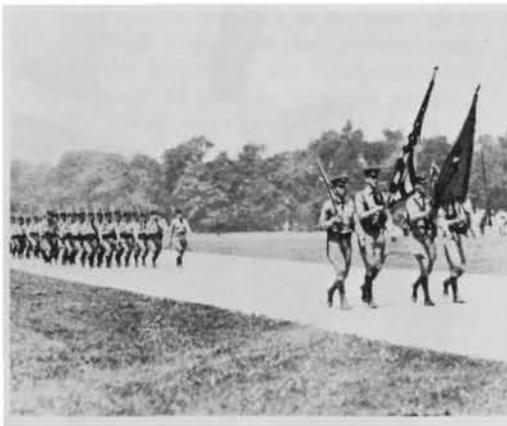
**YOUR GIFT WILL HELP  
SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND  
PROJECTS SUCH AS THESE**

**THEN**



Benny Havens

"We'll sing our reminiscences"



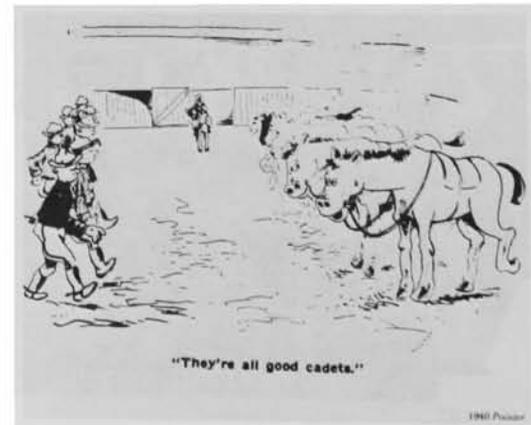
March to Camp Clinton

Where they have trod!



Camp Clinton—Yearling Deadbeat

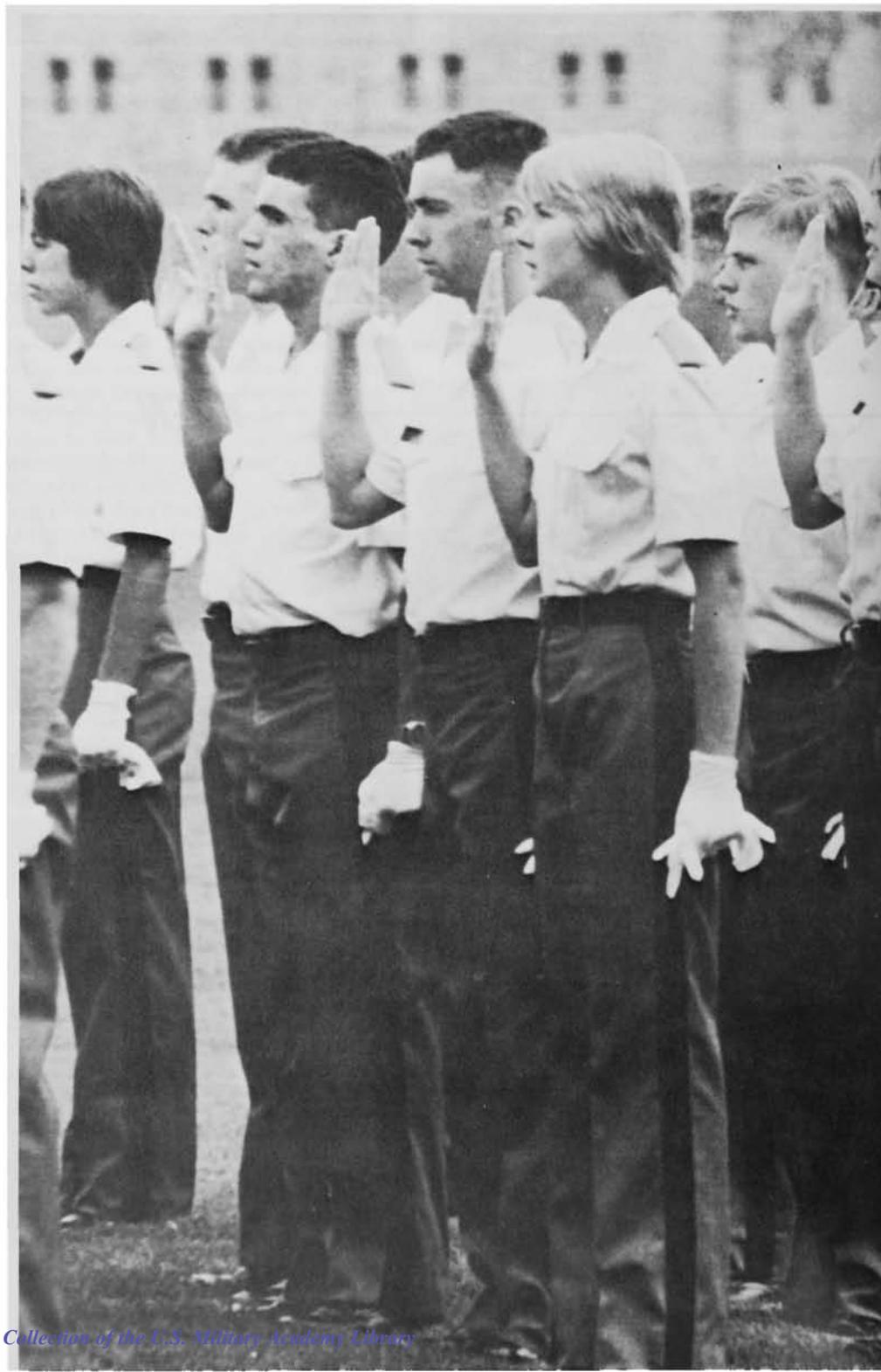
They're all good cadets



"They're all good cadets."

1940 Pezzer

*the  
class  
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SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES (PRELIMINARY DATA)

USMA CLASS OF 1980

Range	SAT VERBAL				SAT MATH			
	National College Bound*	USMA CL '80						
	Men	Men	Women	Women	Men	Men	Women	Women
700-800	1%	3%	1%	8%	6%	24%	1%	14%
600-690	7%	26%	6%	30%	16%	49%	9%	56%
500-590	21%	46%	19%	43%	28%	26%	23%	29%
400-490	33%	23%	34%	20%	28%	1%	33%	1%
300-390	28%	2%	28%	0	18%	0	27%	0
200-290	9%	0	10%	0	4%	0	7%	0
Mean Score	440	550	430	570	500	640	450	630

\* 497,000 male and 500,000 female—(from **College Bound Seniors, 1974-75; Admissions Testing Program of The College Entrance Examination Board**).

1482 NEW CADETS, including 119 women, reported for duty at Michie Stadium on 7 July 1976, most with parents and friends. They were welcomed by BG W.F. Ulmer, Commandant of Cadets, with these words:

"Today is in every way a great day! It is at the same time the continuation of honored traditions, and the beginning of new opportunities.

"West Point represents a tradition of service to the United States Army, and through that Army to the people of this nation. This key high ground over-looking the Hudson River was instrumental in achieving those initial victories which led to the founding of the greatest nation of free people the world has ever known. As we start the 201st year of this republic, we share with all Americans a pride in the contributions which more than 31,000 West Point graduates have made—in war and in peace—during the past 174 years.

"The opportunities which members of the Class of 1980 have for self-develop-

ment—for mental, physical, and spiritual growth—are nearly unlimited. But more important than the opportunities for self-development are your future opportunities to contribute directly to the strength and security of our nation, and to the welfare and continued freedom of its people.

"We know that you share our interest in your becoming the finest possible leaders of the men and women soldiers of our Army—an Army now in its 202d year of loyal and dedicated service. And you who are entering today can surely be proud of having been selected to be here. More than 12,200 applicants—the highest number in the history of the Academy—were the very gifted pool from which approximately 1500 members of the Class of 1980 were chosen. Each of you has been carefully selected, and your credentials as a class are mighty impressive. Congratulations for the initiative, tenacity, leadership and spirit that have brought you here today!

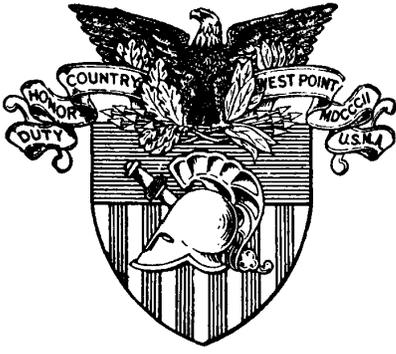
"Today you start a rigorous, comprehensive program of training and education.

The entire program is aimed at producing professional Army officers. . . .

"From today until just before Labor Day weekend, all new cadets will be participating in cadet basic training. The training is challenging and vigorous, and is designed to provide the new cadet with fundamental soldierly skills, knowledge of cadet life, and the physical and mental discipline to succeed at West Point. . . .

"As you start this great adventure which is funded totally by the taxpayers of America, what does West Point expect from you? Actually we expect only one thing: That in every way you do your best. There is no mysterious formula for success at West Point—hard work is really the answer. And the fact that you have been selected as members of the Class of 1980 means that you have the intellectual and physical capabilities to succeed. Some cadets don't finish the summer and others leave later on—and in most cases the reasons are not lack of  
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# The USMA Honor Code and Honor System

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Superintendent, USMA, in letters dated 10 April and 10 June 1976 to all graduates, outlined the current status of recent honor incidents. This article describes the West Point Honor Code and Honor System, as officially perceived at the Military Academy in the spring of 1976.

Opinions of U.S. Courts upholding the significant parts of the Cadet Honor System and Code were reported in *ASSEMBLY* for September '73, December '73 (Superintendent's Letter), March '74 and December '75 (U.S. Supreme Court).

**T**HE United States Military Academy is tasked with developing in each cadet a high sense of duty and the attributes of character, integrity, discipline and motivation essential to the profession of arms. The principal instruments which develop the integrity of the future officer are the Cadet Honor Code and Honor System. The Honor Code is a simple statement, "A cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate anyone who does." The Honor System consists of the procedures by which the code is observed and enforced within the Corps of Cadets.

## HISTORY

The Cadet Honor Code was derived from the "Code of Honor" of the officer corps of the late 1700's and has existed in one form or another at the United States Military Academy since the Military Academy's inception. After influence by Sylvanus Thayer and other early Military Academy superintendents, the code was reduced to the fundamental statement that a cadet does not make false statements. By 1907, cheating in the classroom had been formally prohibited under the code (some previous superintendents had interpreted the code to prohibit academic cheating). Although stealing had been mentioned in the 1800's as part of the code, it did not become part of the official statement of the code until the 1920's. Although the concept of non-tolerance of Honor Code violations had been an implicit and enforced aspect of the code as early as 1900, it was not specifically added to the wording of the code until 1970.

The formalization of the Honor System began with the formation of a "vigilance committee" in the late 1800's. This committee was a cadet body which heard

questions of honor and dealt with violators of the code, though its activities were not generally sanctioned by the Military Academy Staff. Formalization of the Honor System was completed by Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, who officially recognized the Honor Committee, the successor of the "vigilance committee," during his superintendency in 1921-1922. In the mid-20's the Cadet Honor Code and System were firmly established as integral parts of the total West Point program.

Since its inception, the Honor Committee has worked almost completely independently of direct officer involvement. Although there have been subtle changes in the Honor Committee's purview, the purpose and structure of the Committee have remained essentially unchanged since the late 1920's.

Before 1958, the honor violations reported by cadets were dealt with by the Honor Committee, and cases discovered by officers were handled by the Uniform Code of Military Justice or administrative board proceedings—although there were isolated exceptions to both general policies. Finally, in academic year 1963-1964, the policy was instituted that all suspected honor violations would be heard by the Cadet Honor Committee. That policy is currently followed.

A significant recent change was the Corps of Cadets' discontinuation of the "Silence" in the summer of 1973. That practice (the enforcement of which required a referendum of the Corps) was reserved for some cadets who, having been found guilty of an honor violation by the Honor Committee, were returned to the Corps after the Honor Committee's findings were overruled, invalidated, or set aside by higher review authorities.

## REASONS FOR THE HONOR CODE

Officers of the United States Army bear heavy responsibilities to the Armed Forces and to the United States. They are immediately responsible for large numbers of lives and vast amounts of money and material. Throughout history the reliability, loyalty, and efficiency of a nation's military forces have been of critical importance to the nation's survival.

Strict adherence to professional, ethical, and moral codes is essential if American military forces are to be effective servants of the nation. In this respect the profession of arms is not unique: other professions, such as law and medicine, whose practitioners sometimes hold the power of life or death over human beings, have evolved firm codes of individual conduct and behavior responsive to their special requirements. But for the Armed Forces the need for integrity, discipline and loyalty is especially acute.

The absolute requirement for integrity in military men and the critical role played by the Military Academy in fulfilling this need was recognized by Newton D. Baker, then Secretary of War, in a letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, dated 17 May 1920:

Men may be inexact or even untruthful, in ordinary matters, and suffer as a consequence only the disesteem of their associates, or even the inconvenience of unfavorable litigation, but the inexact or untruthful soldier trifles with the lives of his fellowmen, and the honor of his government; and it is, therefore, no matter of idle pride but rather a stern disciplinary necessity that makes West Point require of her students a character of trustworthiness which knows no evasions. In the final analysis of

the West Point product, character is the most precious component.

The military profession makes frequent demands on its members, both in peace and war, to subordinate themselves to the service of the country. It is therefore incumbent on the Military Academy to prepare cadets both mentally and morally to discharge these responsibilities at whatever personal sacrifice. The first big step in this direction lies in holding them fully responsible for adherence to and administration of the Honor Code.

Anything less than the standard of the Cadet Honor Code would be inadequate as a goal for this institution and for the United States Army Officer Corps. Reconciliation of essentially an absolute code with an imperfect world requires considerable judgment. But it remains the fundamental assumption of the West Point Honor Code that only deep respect for the absolute principles of honesty can prepare men and women to make those judgments. These principles are embodied in the Cadet Honor Code, and the development of judgment in the application of honor runs through the maintenance of the Honor Code and Honor System at West Point.

#### CADET HONOR SYSTEM PROCEDURES

Each Cadet, the Corps as a whole, the Honor Committee, and the authorities at the Military Academy share the responsibility for conduct of the Honor System. Each cadet is responsible for reporting a violation should it come to his attention. The Honor Committee, acting for the Corps, investigates and determines whether or not the alleged offender has actually violated the Honor Code. Procedures exist for members of the Corps to attend Committee hearings. The procedures which are followed in handling cases under the Honor Code conform to established practices, and are known to the entire Corps.

The Cadet Honor Committee, which is directly charged with the supervision and administration of the Honor Code System, consists of one First Classman elected from each of the 36 companies; the Chairman; two Vice Chairmen; the Cadet First Captain, (ex officio), and four investigating officers. Its procedures are designed to ensure a thorough and objective investigation and a fair and impartial hearing for each cadet accused of a violation.

The Company Honor Representative is the workhorse of the organization. He represents the members of his company on the Honor Committee. He instructs and orients the incoming class during the summer and all classes during the academic year on the precepts of the Code and the workings of the System. He keeps his company informed concerning members of the Corps found guilty of violations of the Code. In a sense, he interprets matters of honor on the individual company level. He is also the direct link between the Company Tactical

Officer and the cadets in his company where questions of honor are concerned. In addition, Company Honor Representatives are assigned as "liaison representative" to specific Academic Departments and to major elements of the Department of Tactics.

The sequence of the Honor System procedures can be generally outlined as follows:

(1) A suspected violation may be reported by a cadet, officer, instructor, etc. Cadet-reported offenses go directly to company honor representatives. Other sources report offenses to the Deputy Commandant of Cadets who refers the report to the Vice Chairman of the Honor Committee for investigation.

(2) Cadet honor representatives conduct informal investigations and report findings and recommendations to the Vice Chairman of the Honor Committee to dismiss or to send to sub-committees.

(3) A sub-committee consisting of three members of the Cadet Honor Committee conducts a preliminary investigation and recommends either dismissal or referral to a 12-man board.

(4) An Honor Board conducts a hearing during which the suspected cadet and all witnesses testify. The cadet remains for all proceedings except deliberations. Voting is secret and a finding of guilty requires unanimous concurrence of the 12 voting members.

(5) The Commandant of Cadets reviews guilty findings and extends the option to the concerned cadet of resigning or having a case considered by board of officers. The cadet is provided a copy of the Honor Committee's findings and is then referred to legal counsel before deciding upon an option.

(6) A board of officers is convened under provisions of Army Regulation 15-6, Procedures of Investigating Officers and Boards of Officers Conducting Investigations. The cadet is afforded the right to counsel—either appointed military, requested military, or civilian at his own expense.

(7) Findings of the officer board are personally reviewed by the Superintendent. If the Superintendent approves a board finding that there was a violation of the Cadet Honor Code, he forwards the case to the Secretary of the Army for final action.

(8) The Secretary of the Army makes the final determination to separate.

#### RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

During each of the past two years, the Cadet Honor Committee has worked to improve the administration of the Cadet Honor System within the Corps of Cadets. Beginning in 1974, all cadets were encouraged to attend boards held by the Honor Committee in an effort to have the Corps develop a better understanding of Honor Committee operations. The Class of 1976 Honor Committee made signifi-

cant progress this year by beginning a program of honor instruction that is progressive throughout the cadets' four years at the Military Academy. The instruction includes both officer and cadet presentations. Beginning this summer, the Class of 1977 plans additional improvements to ensure that instruction includes both honor at West Point and in the U.S. Army, thus demonstrating that the Honor Code is a concept of integrity which applies not only as a cadet but also more importantly as an officer in the U.S. Army.

As a part of the continuing education program for the Honor Committee, representatives of all service academies' Honor Committees met in October 1975 and in April 1976 to exchange views of their respective Honor Codes. The April 1976 conference was conducted at West Point and for the first time included representatives of the Merchant Marine Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. The Honor Representatives of each academy have found these to be intellectually stimulating conferences which support their joint efforts to seek improvements in the Honor Codes of all academies. The education program extends also to Honor Committee members. In 1975, the Class of 1976 Honor Committee elected their representatives earlier than in previous years. This provided more time for these representatives to understudy the first class (senior) Honor Representatives in preparation for the job they must later assume. The Class of 1976 improved this phase of education not only by beginning preparation of the Class of 1977 earlier but also by providing additional instruction in both the Code and the System. The Class of 1977 Honor Committee will be the best prepared of any committee to assume their duties in recent years.

The Class of 1976 Honor Committee adopted procedural modification. These procedures were formally published on 29 January 1976. Substantial improvement has been made in reducing the time required to process alleged honor violations by the Cadet Honor Committee while at the same time ensuring that the individual rights to due process are strengthened.

Over the past two years Cadet Honor Committees have worked to improve communications with the Corps of Cadets. This effort has increased understanding of the Code within the Corps and has removed some of the mystique that previously surrounded the Honor System. These improvements have assisted the Cadet Honor Committee to better serve the Corps of Cadets from which the Committee is elected. The Class of 1977 Committee is dedicated to seek continuing improvements that will strengthen both support of the Code and administration of the Honor System. To assist this effort, the Committee has completed a revision of a pamphlet, *The Honor Code and System*, which for the first time will be published for distribution in a form written specifically for the Corps of Cadets.



# down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

IT'S a trite expression for sure, but what a difference a year makes!

Just 12 months ago, Army escaped its first losing overall athletic record by the scant margin of a victory in the final sports event of the year.

This year, though, the margin was healthier—much healthier. Army's 22 varsity teams won 202 contests and tied three while dropping just 129 for a winning percentage of .609. This is a marked improvement over the final 1974-75 record that saw the Cadets slip to .504 for the year and the best ever since 1969-70. Chart 1 below shows Army records since 1969 in varsity sports.

This year sixteen of the teams posted a .500 record or better, with only five teams (basketball, cross country, wrestling, fencing and football) falling on the losing side of the ledger. The ski team competed in tournaments, not dual meets, thus it has no comparable won-lost record.

Army's golf team took top honors by winning 14 of its 15 matches to set an Academy record for most golf victories in a season. The gymnastics team was not far behind, posting a 13-1 mark, while the pistol team was 11-1.

The Cadets' overall record in the intra-service academy rivalry against Navy was not as bright, however. Against the Mid-dies, Army lost out with a 7-11 mark. 1975-76 Varsity Sports Summary is shown in accompanying Chart 2.

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Although his identity is unknown at press time, by the time you read this, West Point will have a new athletic director.

Colonel William J. (Jack) Schuder, Athletic Director at the Military Academy since 1971, retired July 31, ending 34 years of active service in the U.S. Army.

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Coach Homer Smith has provided us with the following assessment of the Army football team for 1976:

"About Army Football the question which is asked most frequently is, 'How does it look?' The question is mine when I talk with our coaches about parts of the program. The question is yours, I am sure.

"It looks good. With young speed, old and battle-hardened leadership, an experienced quarterback and somewhat im-

proved muscle strength, it looks good. The schedule is tough, the number of seniors is small, and there are still uncertainties at this late July writing; but it looks like what offensive and defensive coordinators Bruce Tarbox and Dick Bowman have said since spring practice—good.

"The captains are Stan Ford and Jeff Jancek. They were clear choices in offensive/defensive and in combined voting. Ford is from Dayton and the Military Academy Prep School. As a plebe he played with the varsity cutting his football teeth on 14 minutes against Penn State. He started as a yearling and starred last year before suffering a knee injury. Physical condition pioneer, Arthur Jones, took Cadet Ford to limits of physical endurance on his Nautilus machines and afterward said: 'The man has it way down deep where great performance originates.' As a football player he is known as our best hitter. Jancek came from Westwood, New Jersey, and the quarterback position. He could bench press (in the weight room) no more than his body weight of 205, and when we moved him to tight end and asked him to block big tackles he was starting from scratch. Now he weighs 215 pounds, bench presses 330, and is recognized by his teammates as one of the best blockers in the line. In both the '74 and '75 seasons ankle problems slowed him, but in '76 he is at full speed and promising to be a great performer. Both are candidates from command positions in the Corps this fall.

"There are five identifiable offensive approaches in college football today—Wishbone, Houston Veer, I, Wing, Pro. (Did you know that a good West Point graduate, Bill Yeoman, pioneered an offensive which is now known by the name of his

school—Houston?) The Wishbone is the grandchild of the 1948 Split T with emphasis on quarterback running and de-emphasis on passing. The Veer features option plays with strong emphasis on passing. The 'I' is for a team with one back who should be doing all the running. The Wing is a great grandchild of the single wing and requires coaching and playing experience. Last, the Pro is everything else; it is an assemblage of weapons; a flexibility to attack defenses with weapons. (All Pro teams look alike to us because none run any of the first four offenses listed. Actually there can be every bit as much difference between two Pro teams as you notice between a Veer and an I team.)

"I have called our approach Pro to identify it as the weaponry approach. The specific option plays that we run will be shaped like Houston options but the emphasis is definitely on general weaponry. The approach is the unanimous choice of our staff now that the running quarterback, Scott Gillogly, is gone and passing type quarterbacks are on the scene.

"Defenses are identified more by practice field organization or coaching technique or spirit than they are by alignment. Generally there are middle guard defenses, middle linebacker defenses, and eight-man front defenses with no player or with two players over the center. We are 'stemming' from a middle guard alignment but getting into the other two by moving just before the ball is snapped. Some teams will get their variety by stunting; we choose to get most of ours by changing alignment just before the snap count. Generally, this puts relatively more pressure on defensive thinking and less on muscle.

Chart 1: ARMY ATHLETICS 1969-76

Year	No. of Varsity Teams Competing	Total Contests	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1969-70	20	251	157	91	3	.631
1970-71	20	252	143	107	2	.571
1971-72	20	261	148	112	1	.569
1972-73	21	308	181	124	3	.593
1973-74	20	262	135	122	5	.525
1974-75	20	274	137	135	2	.504
1975-76	22	334	202	129	3	.609

"With two good recruiting years behind us and plebes and yearlings all over the football roster, the potential for attracting great athletes to this unique school has barely been tapped. I have a constant memo on recruiting which is sent to anyone who inquires about how to help. Seventy men across the country are working hard; one hundred, perhaps one year from now, will be a top number. Helping requires leg work, patience, planning, learning, knowledge of NCAA rules and, most of all, a willingness to learn the 'name of the game.' One of our key men passed away this spring, and it was like a loss in a family.

"I am writing a periodical letter (16 a year) on what is happening inside of this program as we drive toward the top. It costs \$18 a year, with all money marked for the improvements in things which visiting high school recruits see when they visit. The letter will be a good one for Army Football aficionados."

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And, now for our wrapup of the spring athletic season.

#### BASEBALL (14-11)

Army's baseball team put together its best record since 1969 and finished in a tie for third place in the Eastern Baseball League with a 9-5 record. That finish is the best for the Cadets in the Eastern League since 1968.

Army opened the season with three straight losses—before rebounding with a three-game winning streak. Then came

a doubleheader loss to Penn by identical 3-2 scores.

A valiant 2-0 defeat to the New York Yankees seemed to bring the best out in Coach Eric Tipton's diamondmen. Upon their return to the collegiate ranks, Army rattled off a streak of five straight wins. The Cadets' longest losing slide of the campaign followed in the next four games, including a loss to Navy 11-4.

But the Cadets rallied to finish strong with victories in six of their final eight contests, losing only to Fordham 12-3 and Navy 13-1.

Among the regulars, Warren Chellman led the team with a .364 average.

Coach Tipton now has a 228-183-5 record in 19 seasons. Chellman and Skip Dietz will serve as co-captains next spring.

#### GOLF (14-1)

Army's golf team, led by team captain Greg Stone, set the Academy record for most victories in a season and the record was made even sweeter when Navy became the Cadets' 14th victim.

West Point's lone defeat came on the second match of the campaign when Princeton took a 386-389 victory a day after the Cadets opened the campaign with a 393-394 thriller over Penn.

Army finished sixth in the Eastern championships and had several top efforts.

Sean Powers set a new collegiate course and Academy record when he fired a sizzling three-under-par 67 during the triangular meet against Fordham and FDU.

One week later, Jeff Manley shot a two-

under 68 to fall one stroke short of Powers' brand new record.

First-year coach MAJ Paul Kirkegaard welcomes Powers back as team captain next spring.

#### LACROSSE (6-6)

Army's lacross team fell short of its goal of receiving a bid to the the NCAA playoffs, but nonetheless, finished with a respectable record. Coach Al Pisano's Cadets, relying on their younger players, lost two tough decisions early in the season and also dropped a crusher to Johns Hopkins at mid-year. Those defeats ended the Cadets' hopes of an NCAA invite.

A four-game winning streak followed and saw the cadets defeat Hofstra, 8-7; nationally-ranked Division II powerhouse Ohio Wesleyan, 13-9; Yale, 15-5; and Connecticut, 20-2.

Then disaster struck. The Cadets dropped consecutive losses to Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Princeton, before rallying to defeat the New York Lacrosse Club. Navy ended the season on a sour note when the Middies posted an 18-10 June Week triumph.

Ted Harkin led the team in scoring with 19 goals and 15 assists.

Goalie Larry O'Neill allowed 92 goals while making 139 saves in 11 games.

Coach Pisano now has a record of 46-31 in seven seasons. Pete Linskey and Kevin Scherrer will serve as the 1977 co-captains.

Army's 1976 captain, defensive mid-fielder Rick Bifulco, was selected to play in the annual North-South Lacrosse Classic at the University of Virginia in early June.

#### TENNIS (9-8-1)

Army's tennis team, receiving outstanding results from Dan Hammond, turned in its first winning season since 1970. It began with a 9-0 whitewash of Vassar but quickly turned black with three straight losses to Williams, Columbia, and Penn; followed immediately by a victory over East Stroudsburg, and a loss to Yale.

Next came a three-match winning streak against Brown, Upsala, and Fordham, followed by a loss to Princeton and a tie with Colgate. But the Cadets then went on a rampage with victories over Trinity and Bucknell, Cornell, and Wesleyan. Dartmouth, Harvard and Navy (8-1), kept a good season from becoming a great season.

Hammond, playing at the No. 2 singles spot, won 16 of 18 singles matches and teamed with captain Zach Smith to fashion a 13-4 record in doubles.

Coach Ron Holmberg now is 33-63-1 in six campaigns. Zach Smith will repeat as team captain next spring.

#### TRACK (4-3)

Army's track team turned in its 11th straight record of .500 or better when interim coach Mel Pender's silksters defeated Yale, Columbia, Manhattan, and Princeton; and lost to Penn, Harvard,

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Chart 2: FINAL 1975-76 ARMY VARSITY SPORTS SUMMARY

	Contests	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Navy
Golf	14	14	1	0	.933	Won
Gymnastics	14	13	1	0	.929	Won
Pistol	12	11	1	0	.917	Won
Indoor Track	9	7	2	0	.778	Lost
Volleyball	36	27	9	0	.750	---
Soccer*	14	10	3	1	.750	Lost
Water Polo**	18	13	5	0	.722	---
150-Lb. Football	6	4	2	0	.667	Won
Hockey***	28	18	9	1	.661	---
Squash	16	10	6	0	.625	Won
Outdoor Track	7	4	3	0	.571	Lost
Baseball	25	14	11	0	.560	Lost
Rifle	11	6	5	0	.545	Lost
Tennis	18	9	8	1	.528	Lost
Swimming	14	7	7	0	.500	Won
Lacrosse	12	6	6	0	.500	Lost
Basketball	25	11	14	0	.440	Won
Cross Country	12	5	7	0	.417	Lost
Wrestling	18	7	11	0	.389	Lost
Fencing	13	4	9	0	.308	Lost
Football	11	2	9	0	.182	Lost
	334	202	129	3		

(1st—Alfred Inv., Paul Smith Inv.)

Skiing (2nd—USMA Inv., EISA Div. II (W) Championship)  
(5th—RPI Inv.)

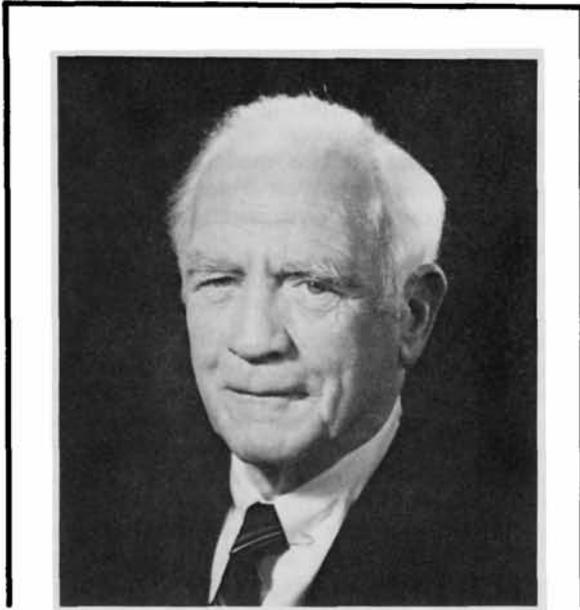
\*Invited to NCAA Soccer Tournament

\*\*Invited to National Championships

\*\*\*Invited to ECAC Division II Playoffs



# Bulletin Board



## 1976 Sylvanus Thayer Award

The President of the Association of Graduates has announced the selection of the Honorable Gordon Gray to receive the 1976 Sylvanus Thayer Award. Mr. Gray's distinguished positions have included Secretary of the Army, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and President of the University of North Carolina. Presentation ceremonies will be held at West Point on 18 October 1976.

## A Future Gift to West Point

The traditional manner of making a future or deferred gift to an individual or organization has been an appropriate paragraph in one's will or a codicil thereto. This has not changed and, incidentally, West Point has been the beneficiary of many significant bequests over the years. In this connection, those among our alumni who have requested details on how to make this type of gift will shortly be receiving a brochure containing this and other information. The bequest is still an excellent means of remembering one's alma mater, and we encourage all those so motivated to remember West Point in their wills. There are, however, ways of making a contribution during one's lifetime which could not only satisfy the desire to give but, at the same time, provide tax and income advantages to the donor and his heirs.

The living gift is very popular among educational institutions and in its various forms, has been in use for many years throughout the country. After considerable study, the AOG has decided to institute a Planned Giving Program for West Point and within the next several months will be in a position to offer certain plans to alumni. The specific areas of study include the Pooled Income Fund, the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The December issue of ASSEMBLY will cover this matter, but in the meantime, those interested are invited to contact

Our Association membership of 24,826 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

the Director of Development, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.

## Historical Letters Presented to USMA

Cadet Stephen M. Orloff, Class of 1978, presented the United States Military Academy Library with 54 letters of historical importance. The letters, given to him by his grandfather, LeRoy Gunn of Onancock, Virginia, are actual ordnance correspondence dating from the early 1800's. Mr. Gunn, who was employed at the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia prior to World War I retrieved the letters from boxes that were destined for the incinerator. The correspondence, addressed to Captain Joseph H. Rees, concerns the problems of logistics and manufacture of early ordnance and weapons materiel. Signatures include those of E. I. DuPont, General D. Wadsworth, Colonel George Bomford, and Lieutenant Colonel William J. Worth.

## Bicentennial Voyagers

Well, they did it. They took on the sea and won. After 5,950 miles and 51 days at sea, 3 bicentennial voyagers successfully docked at West Point.

The trio, USMA Chaplain James Ford, Colonel Donne Olvey, and Mike Garn of Washington, D.C., left Plymouth, England, on Easter Sunday on the 31-foot sailboat "Yankee Doodle." Their purpose was to signify the crossing of our ancestors on the "Mayflower" back in 1620.

Following the approximate route of the pilgrims, Colonel Olvey, USMA '55, Rhodes Scholar, Head of the Social Sciences Department USMA, navigated the English-built sloop to Madeira, Bermuda, New York City and finally up the Hudson for its 6:40 p.m. docking on 15 June.

Captain for its maiden voyage was the Reverend James Ford, Chaplain at West Point since 1961. A native of Minne-

"Yankee Doodle" at West Point dock after Bicentennial voyage.



sota, he is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and Augustana Seminary.

Serving as radioman and cook, a fellow Rhodes Scholar with Colonel Olvey, was H.A. (Mike) Garn, USMA '55.

Sporting 2-month long beards and bright smiles, they angled silently toward a crowd of family and friends at West Point's south dock. Looking relaxed and well-weathered, the journeymen obviously felt pride as they marked the end of their oceanic crossing. Once they docked and tied off the boat, the three men hugged their waiting wives and children to a round of applause from well-wishers. Battered with questions and flashes from cameras, the trio attempted to get their land legs back. Crossing the Atlantic was a test of courage for them, for none had previous navigational experience.

"The trip was inspiring," said Chaplain Ford. "At one point 100 dolphins entertained us by leaping out of the water in an aquatic extravaganza." The trio also saw sharks, whales and other sea life, some of it coming very close. Through it all Chaplain Ford smoked his pipe or practiced on his harmonica.

But their trip was not all fun and frolic. It became an ordeal at times. They experienced gales as they rounded the Bay of Biscay, with 55 knot winds and 30-foot waves.

Popping open a bottle of champagne to celebrate their landing, they were officially welcomed back to West Point by Brigadier General Walter Ulmer, Commandant of Cadets.

### West Pointers Participate in Bicentennial Olympic Project

Two former Olympians, Tom Lough '64, member of the 1968 Modern Pentathlon Olympic Team, and Lyle Nelson '71, member of the 1976 Winter Biathlon Team, recently participated in a relay from Washington to Montreal. As they passed through West Point, they were hosted by Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, '46, a former Olympian in the 1948 Olympics, and Major Grosvenor W. Fish '65. The purpose of this 630 mile run by a four-man relay team was to link the Bicentennial Celebration in the United States with the Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada, in a meaningful way. It was, also, an effort on the part of these individuals and their sponsors, the U.S. Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon Association, to publicize the two sports of Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon.

Four runners carried messages from the governors of the fifty states from Washington, D.C. to Plattsburgh, New York where they were presented at a ceremony to the members of the U.S. Olympic Team. The four-man relay team ran 40 miles a day with each individual running a 10 mile leg, carrying an aluminum cylinder with the messages rolled up inside.

One of the runners, Chuck Hunter of Santa Clara, California, and a former All-American swimmer from Ohio State, swam the Delaware River with the canister at precisely the same spot where George Washington crossed the Delaware with his troops. You guessed it, the swim took place on the 4th of July, and the distance was 300 meters, the same as the Pentathlon event.

On the morning of the 4th of July, Tom Lough and Lyle Nelson passed the baton as part of the 4th of July ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. This event was the first event of the day at Independence Hall, 4th of July this Bicentennial Year.

### New Cannon at the Old Fort

Following in the footsteps of New England troops who helped build West Point fortifications almost 200 years ago, modern-day Connecticut "minutemen" recently returned to West Point to aid in rearming the Military Academy's historic Fort Putnam.

The "minutemen," members of the 562nd Transportation Company of the Connecticut Army National Guard, donated their time and one of their CH-47 (Chinook) helicopters to airlift and emplace 10 replica Revolutionary War cannon on the ramparts of the fort.

The fort's new "armament," a gift from the USMA Class of 1952, consists of five 18-pounder iron cannon, two 12-pounder iron cannon, two 6-pounder bronze cannon, one French 4-pounder cannon, and four 5½-inch mortars.



Hovering above Fort Putnam, a Connecticut Army National Guard CH-47 (Chinook) helicopter gets ready to emplace "new armament" on the ramparts of the fort.

Refurbished Fort Putnam, opened on 4 July 1976, also features a museum housing various Revolutionary-era displays and an audio-electronic terrain model. The model serves to explain the significance of West Point and the surrounding Hudson Highlands during the American Revolution.

### Nominations for Thayer Award and AOG Officers and Trustees

Members of the Association of Graduates who desire to submit candidates for the 1977 Sylvanus Thayer Award and for nominations as an officer or trustee of the Association starting in 1977 should submit candidates names to either their Class President or their local West Point Society. The Association is asking Class Presidents and Society Presidents to submit their nominations to the Association headquarters for compiling and consideration by appropriate nominating committees. Association members should submit names to Class or Society Presidents as soon as possible so they can respond to deadlines of the Association.

### Army-Tulane Game Alumni Party

George J. LaBreche '40, Chairman of the Army-Tulane Game Committee for the West Point Society of The Mid-Gulf, has announced plans for a "pay as you go" alumni cocktail party preceding the game on 16 October. The party will be held at The Hyatt Regency Hotel, which is adjacent to the Superdome where the game will be played, and will begin at 1700 hours. All alumni are invited.

### Candidate Tours

The daily candidate tour service will resume in mid-July. These tours give pre-scheduled high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to visit West Point, to have the noon meal with a cadet, and to receive an orientation/question and answer session with an Admissions Officer. From July through the Academic Year (September-May), this tour begins Monday-Friday at 1000 hours and Saturday at 1100 hours in the Admissions Reception Room, Third Floor, Building 600 (Post Headquarters) and ends by 1400 hours. The fall to spring tours have the advantage of a classroom visit which is not possible over the summer. Cadets serve as escorts—normally one cadet for two candidates. The cost of the scheduled noon meal for all candidates is borne by the Admissions Office.

For any young person who "walks in," cadet escorts will be provided on a space available basis. However unscheduled "walk-ins" should not expect to go on the tour or to lunch with the Corps. They can, however, view the orientation film at 1000 hours and join the Admissions briefing at 1300 hours. Anyone to be scheduled on the candidate tour should write Admissions, ATTN: Testing and Tours Coordinator, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996 or call 914-938-3526/2823 at least three weeks prior to earliest preferred visit date. Tour participants should state three preference dates for the tour since there is a daily limit of ten tour participants.

# Homecoming...

## 1976

The following schedule of alumni activities for Homecoming 1976 has been approved by the Superintendent USMA:

### Friday, 22 October 1976

- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 1530—Junior Varsity Football vs. Fordham, Daly Field
- 1530—Freshman Football vs. Yale, Shea Stadium
- 1600—Cross Country, Quadrangle, Army, Montclair State, St. John's University and NY State Maritime, Cross Country Course
- 1600—Junior Varsity/Freshman Cross Country vs. St. John's University and Hudson Community College, Cross Country Course
- 1600—Opening of Robert W. Weir Exhibition, Class of 1929, Art Gallery, Eisenhower Hall
- 1700—Reunion Class Picnics, dinners and social activities
- 1800—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1900—Jewish Services, Room 420, Bartlett Hall

### Saturday, 23 October 1976

- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 0845—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, USMA Library
- 0900—Open House at the following:
  - Designated Cadet Barracks—745E MacArthur Bks & Scott Bks
  - USMA Library
  - West Point Museum
  - Department of English
  - Department of History
  - Department of Social Sciences
  - Office of Military Leadership
  - Instruction Support and Information Systems Division, ISISD
- 0900—1000—Multi-Media Presentation "A Key to the Continent," Thayer Hall, Room 104
- 1015—Assembly for March to Thayer Monument, Jefferson Road\*\*\*
- 1025—Alumni March to Thayer Monument\*\*\*
- 1035—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument\* \*\*\*\*
- 1100—Alumni Review, The Plain\*\*\*
- 1200—Alumni Buffet Lunch, WPAM\*\*
- 1300—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon
- 1330—Football, Army vs. Boston College, Michie Stadium\*\*
- 1700—Reunion Class and Individual Alumni Social Activities
- 1715—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel (Fulfills obligation for Sunday Mass)
- 1730—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1900—Alumni pre-dinner social hour, Washington Hall
- 2000—Alumni dinner and Superintendent's Reception (commencing at 2100), Washington Hall (Dress Civilian informal)\*\*
- 2200—Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall

### Sunday 24 October 1976

- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens
- 0800, 0900, 1030—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1030—Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel
- 1100—Reunion Class Brunches
- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1200—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1215—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon
- 1700—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 2000—USMA Band Concert, Eisenhower Hall

\* Conducted in Thayer Hall auditorium in event of inclement weather.

\*\* Admission by ticket.

\*\*\* Cancelled in event of inclement weather.

\*\*\*\* Alumni wives and dependents to be seated by 1025.

### Information Re Homecoming

In the interests of economy, the Homecoming Reunion Bulletin will be mailed to reunion classes only: 1956, 1961, 1966, and 1971. All other graduates who desire to attend Homecoming activities are requested to cut out the accompanying tear sheet in this issue of ASSEMBLY, and mail it with check to the Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996. The forthcoming information will assist you in planning your visit.

#### Billets

The Hotel Thayer (less the Dormitory Wing) will be reserved during the period 22–24 October for alumni. Priority for accommodations will be for members of the following classes in the order listed: 1956, 1961, 1966, and 1971. It is probable that there will be sufficient space to accommodate all of the Class of 1956 in the Hotel Thayer. All requests for reservations in the Hotel Thayer should be forwarded directly to: The Manager, Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York 10996.

The USMA Public Affairs Office maintains a current directory of off-post restaurants, hotels and motels. This list will be furnished by the Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Community Relations Division, upon request.

For active duty and retired military personnel or for civilians with a military sponsor accommodations are available at the Five Star Inn, Stewart Army Subpost, Newburgh, New York 12550. For reservations there, or at any other hotels or motels, individuals or groups must make arrangements directly with the facility concerned.

#### Meals

Alumni may obtain meals at the Hotel Thayer, West Point Army Mess and Stewart Army Subpost Officers Club. Post Exchange Snack Bars offer vending machine service. Scheduled meals include the Alumni Buffet Lunch in the WPAM on Saturday, 23 October, at 12 Noon and the Alumni Dinner Dance in Washington Hall, also on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

The Association of Graduates will provide a complimentary continental breakfast in Cullum Hall on 23 and 24 October.

#### Alumni Headquarters

Alumni Headquarters will open in Cullum Hall at 12 noon on Friday, 22 October. Alumni should register when they arrive at West Point. Some classes may be registering at another location, in which case you would register with your class. During registration, parking passes, bulletins, schedules and rosters of returning alumni will be provided. Alumni Headquarters will be open 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. on 22 October, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 23 October & 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on 24 October.

#### Tickets

Tickets are necessary for the Alumni Buffet Lunch, the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Army vs Boston College football game. For the football game tickets, see the paragraph below entitled Football Tickets. For tickets to the Buffet Lunch and the Alumni Dinner Dance use the ticket request form on the tear sheet in this issue. Alumni I.D. cards will be provided for riding USMA buses and other identification purposes. Seats for the Alumni Review on 23 October will be reserved exclusively for dependents.



# Graduation 1976

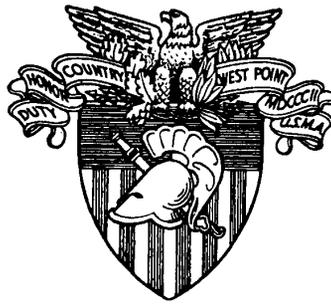
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those elements—trust in the face of adversity; trust in the face of danger; trust in the face of disaster and even death; trust that holds constant until the victory is won. Trust; Honor; Duty; Integrity—they are not mere rhetoric nor abstract symbols. They are the very practical, functional stuff from which military capability is forged. Without the readiness, discipline, tautness and trust which come from continued exercise of principle, our posture and our deterrence will be seen for what it is, a hollow shell, a trust to the nation betrayed.

“The United States has not been too proud to sacrifice, and to fight in the past. Now, as in the past, its safety depends on the readiness of individual soldiers and their leaders, and the measure and depth in which they embody the basic trust implied by those three words, Duty—Honor—Country. The challenge, but even more the opportunity we have, is enhanced by the impact on the nation that can be generated by the example the Army will set in meeting the rigors imposed by the mission of peacetime deterrence. The restlessness, the skepticism, the faltering confidence of the society are not all mere superficialities. There has been an erosion of trust—in our institutions, in our ability to hold to basic values, and even in our sense of purpose as a nation. The Army can uniquely provide—and must provide—an example of discipline, honor and trust to which the public can repair. It is an example that will be welcomed, and it will be widely understood. What the Army can be to the nation is in no small measure based on the steadfast example and teaching of West Point.

“Recent observers have questioned the modern relevance of the foundations of this institution. I have no need to come before you and defend the Code of Honor—it is timeless. When placed in its setting of what this institution is at its soul and heart—Duty, Honor, Country—the Long Gray Line, the mighty example of the history of West Point graduates and that of the Army itself bear witness to its timelessness beyond our capability to so attest in 20 minutes here. Indeed, I dare say the present public debate, in its criticism and often biting commentary, is born of the sincere hope that these principles will endure in a troubled time.

“Those who founded the Military Academy 174 years ago were not striving to create some small and separate elite. They were seeking to institutionalize the conscience of the Army—an army whose principles of dedication and leadership had already been tested and refined in the crucible of the nation's first bitter war. The founders sought an enduring source of professionalism, of lasting standards, of elevating principle. Those needs are no less now than they were in 1802. This institution, however small, must continue in these troubled times to keep



the flame of conscience alive. If West Point does not do it, where else will it be done?

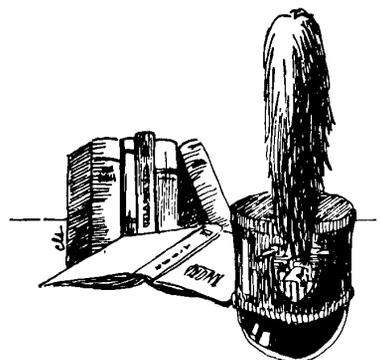
“It would be out of place to explore with you here the merits of the honor system as it is presently constituted, that system of rules and procedures by which the principles of the code are adapted to daily conduct. Its process is in mid-passage and is one of which I myself may ultimately be a part. It is essentially your system, men of the Corps. It finds its roots and its substance in the Corps. It is a system shared with others who constitute this institution. It is a living system that adapts to the need for change as wisdom, experience and judgment so dictate.

“But as you leave the reinforcing routine of West Point and as the supporting immediacy of the Corps fades behind you, do not overlook the practicality and the individuality of what you have done, and learned, and grown to be here. For despite appearances that may discourage, mock or even ridicule your aspirations, basic human nature remains the underlying reality.

“Unwakened hopes, unkindled aspirations, and uncommon and unrealized abilities of soldiers and leaders alike will be within the reach of impact of all of you who on the friendly fields and in the rigorous exactions of West Point have explored and realized them in yourselves. The challenge is to hold to them, to renew them, to make them working realities.

“The practical test of your accomplishments here will be to have the courage, the discipline, the wit and the faith to inspire in others and in the Army the basic ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. Do not mistake it: those ideals to which you have aspired while here are the ideals by which the Army as an institution has been guided over the years. They are the ideals to which it continues to aspire today.

“And so, members of the Bicentennial Class of '76, I ask that you bring to the



Army your highest expectations, and retain them intact, bringing with them strength and patience to blend with them the standards you find there. For in thus elevating our common vision for the Army, we can together assure fulfillment for the nation an historic, honorable, and most sacred trust.”



## June Week Awards

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Regiment Award, a silver tray donated by Major General John M. Weikert, Class of 1923.

**FRANK G. HELMICK:** The Outstanding Company Commander, Second Regiment Award, a silver tray donated by Captain Bernard W. Abrams, Class of 1947.

**BRUCE V. JACKAN:** The Outstanding Company Commander, Third Regiment Award, a silver tray donated by Major General John W. Morris, Class of June 1943.

**CHARLES J. O'HARA:** The Outstanding Company Commander, Fourth Regiment Award, a silver tray donated by the Class of January 1943.

**RONALD D. JANTZEN:** The General Terry de la Mesa Allen Award, a wrist watch presented in the name of the National Timberwolf Association to the graduating cadet who has achieved the highest standing in Second Class Tactics.

**ELLIOT J. ROSNER:** The Gene L. Vidal Memorial Award, a camera for the most significant and practical suggestion adopted for the future benefit of the United States Military Academy.

**HENRY J. KEIRSY:** The Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861–1865 Award, a wrist watch to the Brigade Adjutant of the United States Corps of Cadets.

**WILLIAM B. CALDWELL:** The Lieutenant Colonel Len M. Hanawald Memorial Award, binoculars to the Deputy Brigade Commander of the United States Corps of Cadets.

**WILLIAM E. ANDERSEN:** The Major General Joseph P. Cleland Memorial Leadership Award, a wrist watch for being chairman of the Cadet Honor Committee.

**KERRY E. MURPHY:** The HOWITZER Memorial Award, a set of books to the Editor-in-Chief of the Cadet HOWITZER for 1976.

**JACOB M. McFERREN:** The *Army Times* Award, a wrist watch to the Editor of the *Pointer* for 1976.

**BRADLEY D. GILLUND:** The Colonel Samuel A. Daniel Memorial Award, a silver tray to the cadet-in-charge of the Cadet Chapel Choir.

**JEFFREY M. WELCH:** The Major General Charles G. Stevenson Jr. Memorial Award, a silver tray to the cadet-in-charge of the Cadet Fine Arts Forum.

**BERNARD R. BLAIR:** The Cadet Richard A. Whitfield Memorial Award, a shadow box to the Superintendent of the Protestant Sunday School.

**PETER H. GREENMAN:** The Military

Academy Reserve Liaison Officers' Award, a silver tray to the cadet who has made outstanding contributions to West Point in Admissions Oriented Public Relations Work.

FREDERICK W. TONSING: The Captain Henry Mershon Spengler III Memorial Award, a silver card tray and Pen set to the graduating cadet who is the most outstanding member of the Handball Club.

LAWRENCE G. SHATTUCK: The Pierce Currier Foster Memorial Trophy, a silver tray to the best all-round gymnast in the graduating class on the 1976 Gymnastics Team.

SCOTT D. GILLOGLY: The Edgerton Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Co-Captain of the 1975 Football Team. The Colonel James B. Gillespie Memorial Award, a silver tray for performance, dedication, and contribution to the 1975 Football Team.

ALBERT L. STAERKEL: The Edgerton Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Co-Captain of the 1975 Football Team. The Colonel Thurston Hughes Memorial Award, a silver tray to the most valuable player on the 1975 Army Football Team.

RICHARD BIFULCO: The William P. Fickes Memorial Trophy, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Lacrosse Team.

THOMAS M. VALERIO: The Eber Simpson Memorial Trophy, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Basketball Team.

SAMUEL E. FOGARTY: The Class of 1923 Memorial Award, a silver tray to the outstanding member of the Swimming Team in the graduating class. The Captain Michael W. Kilroy Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Swimming Team.

KEVIN M. HIGGINS: The Colonel David Marcus Memorial Award, a silver tray to the outstanding boxer in the graduating class.

MICHAEL R. SLOAN: The Brigadier General John W. Coffey Memorial Trophy, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Baseball Team.

ROBERT G. CROSBY: The General George S. Patton Jr. Memorial Award, a pistol to the Captain of the 1976 Pistol Team.

RICHARD L. BOGUSKY: The Major General William L. Bell Jr. Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Gymnastics Team.

ARTHUR K. LIEPOLD: The Thomas West Hammond Memorial Award, a silver tray to the outstanding lineman on the 1975 Army Football Team.

RUSSELL A. GRIMM: The Colonel John A. Robenson Memorial Award, a silver tray to the outstanding player on the 1975 150-lb Football Team.

DENNIS R. TRUJILLO: The Fred E. McAniff Memorial Award, a silver tray presented in the name of the Society, Daughters United States Army, to the outstanding members of the 1976 Varsity Track Team in the graduating class. The Rumbaugh Family Award, a silver tray to the outstanding member of the 1975 Cross

Country Team. The Army Athletic Association Trophy, a silver tray to the cadet who contributed the most valuable service to athletics during his career as a cadet.

JOSE D. RIOJAS: The Francis Henry Schoeffel Memorial Award, a rifle to the Captain of the 1976 Cadet Rifle Team.

WARREN C. CHELLMAN, 2D CLASS: The Colonel Russell P. "Red" Reeder Jr. Award, a silver tray to the outstanding player on the 1976 Baseball Team.

KEITH E. SIMS: The Colonel James B. Gillespie Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Outdoor Track Team.

GARY L. WINGO: The Major General Thomas J. Sands Trophy, a silver tray to the outstanding member of the Fencing Team in the graduating class.

CHARLES C. TEISING: The Major William C. Whithead Jr. Memorial Award, a silver tray to the cadet in the graduating class acknowledged as a letterman in football and who ranks highest in General Order of Merit.

PATRICK T. SULLIVAN: The Ray Marchand Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Hockey Team.

STUART H. PIERMARINI: The John S. Martin Memorial Award, a silver tray to the most outstanding skier in the graduating class. The William F. Little III Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Ski Team.

ANDREW T. GASPAROVIC: The Colonel Edward H. White II Memorial Award, a wrist watch to the outstanding member of the 1975 Soccer Team in the graduating class.

GREGORY A. STONE: The Charles A. Hardwick Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Golf Team.

BRUCE L. WEYRICK: The First Lieutenant George C. Bass Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1975 150-lb Football Team.

GLENN M. HULSE: The Coach Carleton R. Crowell Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Indoor Track Team.

ZACHARY L. SMITH, 2D CLASS: The Colonel Frederick A. Mountford Memorial Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Tennis Team.

KIM M. CAMPBELL and JIM E. MAINWARING: The West Point Fund Award, silver trays to the Co-Captains of the 1976 Water Polo Team.

DONALD G. MURDOCK: The West Point Fund Award, a silver tray to the Captain of the 1976 Volleyball Team.



## Class of 1980 Arrives

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ability but lack of determination. We are interested in how you perform: *Not* where you come from, or how much money your family has, or the coloration of your skin, or your sex. . . .

"Among the Class of 1980 will be the first women cadets in our history. We have made extensive preparation for the training and assimilation of women. The upperclass cadre and the staff and faculty are aware of the theoretical and actual differences in typical muscular and cardiovascular fitness between men and women. We are also aware of the particular stresses which surround this departure from the past, and our physical and military training programs include provision for appropriate accommodations to physiological differences, as prescribed by law—and dictated by common sense.

"I think it should be mentioned also that we have considerable experience in the business of training new cadets! The daily schedule is planned with extreme care. Sleep, nutrition, and exercise programs are carefully designed and closely controlled. We will take good care of the young people entrusted to us.

"Because the West Point Honor Code plays such a crucial role in our efforts to inculcate high standards of personal integrity, let me mention it here briefly. The code is simple: A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do. It has been essentially that for nearly 170 years. New Cadets will be thoroughly briefed on the Honor Code—9 hours of formal instruction this summer alone. It is a strong, healthy, and reasonable system. Honesty must be a part of the professional code of any public servant. Particularly it must be second nature to a military leader whose actions affect the lives of subordinates and the security of the nation.

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"A final thought. Discipline is the soul of an Army. We prize it highly. We expect prompt compliance with orders. But we are not in the business of producing automatons. Our goal is to produce disciplined, sensitive, thoughtful, compassionate, and dedicated graduates who are truly worthy of leading American soldiers." Statistically the new class stands as follows:

1482 members, a new Academy record.

There are men from every state in the Union. Women represent 32 states. There is one new cadet each from Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and the Philippines. Two new cadets represent Panama.

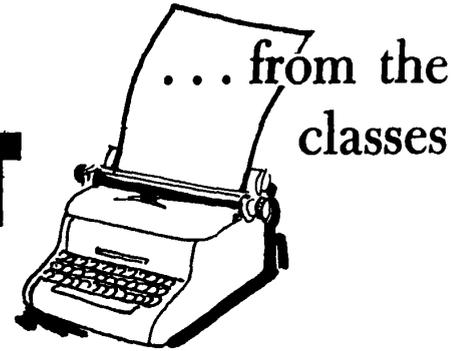
The average Scholastic Aptitude Test (verbal) score is 550 for men and 570 for women; the Scholastic Aptitude Test (math) score is 640 for men and 630 for women.

There were 89 men and 15 women who were valedictorians of their high school graduating class and 52 men and eight women who were salutatorians.

Eighty per cent of the class lettered in one or more varsity sport in high school. Twenty per cent were president of the student body or class president.



# REPORT



## '09

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Every now and then someone asks: "How many out of your Class of '09 at WP are surviving? The answer: "Out of 103 who graduated—15 survive; of these 10 are, or will be this year (the Lord willing) in what is now our '09-90 Club." The other 5 are not far from it. Joe Plassmeyer is the oldest; Bill Simpson is the youngest.

"Copy" for the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY has been rather slim; it is too bad we cannot submit some of the reactions to our alma mater's donning skirts, but that "momentous" event, as all know, does not take place 'til next month.

Bert Farman and his wife returned from last winter's sojourn at Orlando, FL, early, for physical reasons. However, he reports all is O.K. again. He says he is still active out-of-doors but has about given up heavy work. Who in our Class hasn't! He hopes every cadet involved and convicted in the cheating scandal is dishonorably discharged. Don't we all!

Stoke writes he has no news just now, and that is good news, Stoke.

Bill Simpson keeps right on "perking" despite an awful lot of discomfort with his arthritis. He went to Ft Worth, TX, on 19 May for a big celebration in honor of his 88th, given by his younger brother and family. Word comes through from a friend of Bill's that MG G.S. Patton is doing a superb job at Ft Hood, TX, as Division Commander (2d Armored—"Hell on Wheels") and has earned the absolute loyalty of the officers and men of his division. That should please all '09ers very much. Your scribe had a most pleasant visit with GEN Patton at lunch one day last winter when he was attending a commanders' meeting at Ft McPherson. He afterwards sent a signed photograph of himself inscribed, after his signature: "Child of '09." He looks like our distinguished classmate, but not of quite such a stern countenance. It must be mighty tough to follow in his father's footsteps, but he seems to be doing a fine job of it.

Claude Thummel and his wife continue very pleased that they made their home in Manhattan, KS, 5 years ago. He refers to the late Glen Edgerton, No. 1 in '08 as also having gone to WP from Manhattan. Claude also left for WP from there, his parents living there at the time.

A note has just been opened from a nephew of Joe Plassmeyer, an Alphonse Schwartze. He says Joe is getting on in fine shape. Schwartze is looking after some of Joe's business for him. Schwartze is with Maries Valley Hatchery (chickens) in Westphalia, MO.

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

**the December issue by — 30 Sept 76**

**the March issue by — 5 Jan 77**

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.

Since working on these notes tonight, your scribe has just received a phone call from Robert B. Partridge, Class of '36, that his father and our classmate, Clare Partridge, died in San Fran last week of a heart attack and was buried in San Fran last Sun, 20 Jun. It has been known that Clare had not been in good health for some time but his unexpected departure comes as a sad surprise to us all. Regretfully, the statistics given in the first paragraph of these notes must now be reduced by one.

### ON THE DISTAFF SIDE

Irene Ord sent in a long press clipping concerning COL Robert Besson's death recently. He was a member of the Class of '37. According to the clipping, he had a most illustrious career, unfortunately marred by 4 years as a prisoner of the Japs. His obituary will undoubtedly be published before long in these columns. He is another classmate's son of whom we all may be proud. Irene is travelling again this summer with her son, Garry Jr., in the British Isles.

Mrs. E.F. Harding and her daughter attended a Bicentennial Tea in OH given by the OH Historical Society at the E.F. Harding Museum in Franklin, OH. Forrest's widow was the honor guest.

Peggy Milling has been tripping in CA and Jimmy Walsh's widow has been travelling in England. Of course, Dorothy North is again at her lovely home, "Red Farm" in Maine.

### DISTAFF LIST

The Editor of the REGISTER and ASSEMBLY has started to build an address file of the widows of graduates from classes at the Academy. He asked your '09 scribe to send in the names and addresses of those widows in our Class that I can. It seems that this is a very good move that has sometimes been sorely needed by our members and doubtless will be at future times also. The list presently available follows, alphabetically:

Mrs. Robert ("Tony") C.F. Goetz—Summer: Indian Harbor House, Apt 1C South, 636 Steamboat Rd, Greenwich, CT 06830; Winter: Lago Mar Pl, 1750 S. Ocean Lane, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Mrs. E.F. Harding—Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave, Washington, DC 20008.

Mrs. Earl (Dorothy) North—Summer: Red Farm, New Vineyard, ME 04956; Winter: 1429 W. Princess Anne Rd, Norfolk, VA 23507.

Mrs. J. Garesché (Irene) Ord—2540 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Mrs. Raymond (Inga) D. Smith—22329 La Garonne, Apt 618, Southfield, MI 48075. (She may have moved.)

Mrs. William C. Whittaker—38 Sunnyside Dr, Yonkers, NY 10705.

Mrs. Homer (Bertha) Oldfield—1881 SW 152 St, Seattle, WA 78106.

Of course it is expected to be able to add to this list as time goes on. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

### COMMENTS BY OUR SCRIBE

Classmates, neighbors and others voice feelings of shock and dismay over the cheating scandal at WP—it was so flagrant and of such magnitude. Then the sex scandal followed in Washington amongst the very lawmakers who have so much control over WP's destiny. And to your scribe's mind there is yet another link connecting with the scandal at our alma mater. The grade and high schools of the U.S. are today in great measure lacking in and enforcing the teaching of the most important thing their pupils can learn—DISCIPLINE—and self-discipline, at that. Discipline is the first rung up the ladder in life's success. Lacking any satisfactory foundation in discipline (and a good moral behavior that is part of it), how can one be surprised if, after their years of primary and high school experience, they enter USMA and, under pressure, revert to their ingrained ideas and experience to thinking: "It's O.K. if you don't get caught." Most of our public schools, and all those responsible therefor, should share the responsibility for a lot of this disgrace and our educational values should be completely overhauled in this regard, if we care about continuing as a great nation, now 200 years of age.

## '10

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On 26 Jul 76, Guy Chipman with his wife Mary and family celebrated his 90th birthday at their home in San Ant, TX. Chip is the 3d member of our Class of '10 to attain this venerable age. His many friends and all '10ers join in sending him their very best wishes on this auspicious occasion. Good luck and continued good health for you, Chip.

We are very sad to report that MG Frederick E. Uhl died in his sleep on Sat, 26 Jun 76, after nearly 6 months of failing health. Funeral services were held at the

Ft Myer Chapel on Wed, 30 Jun 76. He was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors beside his wife Julia, who had passed away 6 years ago. P.D. is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Louise W. Girard, and her 3 husky teenage sons, Edward, Daniel and Michael. It will be remembered that P.D. returned to WP during June Week of '75 with his Class of '10 celebrating their 65th Reunion and that he was the oldest graduate present. He had his 90th birthday on 30 Mar 76.

Gwladys & Carey Brown went on a summer cruise out of NY during Aug which took them to Bermuda and then around the Gaspé Peninsula up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec, Canada. This all sounds like a most interesting summer trip and we will await complete details later.

Fritz Strong is still our great traveler. He spent most of last Jun visiting 4 of his grandchildren and many old friends as he traveled from north to south along the West Coast states of OR and CA. He was home for the 4th of Jul. We in DC hope he will include us on his next tour this fall.

Jack Heard had not been too active this last spring but Ella and he plan to fly up to their home at Silver Lake, NH, for at least part of the summer.

As your Class scribe, I feel very badly that I have not included much news of our '10 widows recently in the Class Notes in ASSEMBLY. I am going to try to do better and urgently request the help of our '10 widows in carrying out my good intentions. I will start writing to you and request you write me being sure to include your latest address so that I can reply.

# '11

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The local '11 group includes Dorothy Bagby and Cherry & Ben Lockwood in the Channing House in Palo Alto, Bug Cowles also in Palo Alto, Helen Shekerjian and your scribe and wife in San Fran, and Gerry Stanton in Oakland across the Bay. All are well, of good cheer and send greetings to others of '11 scattered across this great bi-centennial land.

Dorothy Clay in Apr wrote that she and Basil had had a good winter. To quote: "I am finding age the most interesting period of my life—much to my surprise—with no wishing for youth or a repetition of past years." The Clays planned a return as usual to their summer home, at Lower Corner, Sandwich, NH, probably for at least 6 months. They also often go to England to visit with Basil's family.

Publication of the Kutz obituary which was sent to WP in May is expected in the Dec ASSEMBLY. A friend who has recently visited the McClearys in Carmel, CA, reports Elizabeth and Ollie enjoying good health and busy as usual.

With reference to the Jun ASSEMBLY column, Katherine McKinney notes that in her father's Centennial Class of 1876 there were 4 Medal of Honor winners in the 48 graduates of that class, an unsurpassed record. The 4: BG Oscar F. Long, BG Earnest E. Garlington, MG James Parker and COL John C. Gresham.

There is good news that Ellen McNeal had returned to the Mt. Vernon, OH, apartment last Feb after a long stay in a nursing home

following an injury. In Apr she wrote that she was slowly but steadily gaining strength and was able to get around quite well using a walker.

Gerry Stanton left in Jun on another foreign trip. After first visiting family in AZ, she was going via NY for a few weeks in Italy. She planned to return home in late Jul.

Last Jun, Virginia Talley wrote from their summer home at Anchor Point, AK, Box 152, 99556, on the Kenai Peninsula, southwest of Anchorage. She and Ben had been there nearly 2 months, driving up the long Alaska Hwy in their camper in early Apr, hurrying through it's 5,600 miles so as to miss the "breakup," when the frost comes out of the ground, making the 1,200 mile gravel section of the highway a morass of mud and pot holes. When they arrived at their home, "Little House," there was still 3 feet of snow on the ground and the ground was frozen to nearly 8 feet! Virginia told of hooking an 18-lb king salmon at Whiskey Gulch on Cook Inlet near their home; that they were building an addition to their house in the 18-hr Alaskan daylight; and that they probably would return to Washington about the 1st of Oct.

Billy, Fred, John, where are you???

# '12

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I suspect that this will be my last Class bulletin. I undertook the job of "scribe" to fill a gap, and continued by inertia. I was never qualified to be a good scribe. The scribe must address the class as a collective. He should exclude his own personality, especially if he is afflicted with an excessive sense of humor. It is my plan to end the collective approach, and to confine my class correspondence to individual letters.

WP is in the limelight because of the cheating scandal. The best review of this situation which I have read was in the Wall Street Journal, a clipping from which was sent me by Frank Mallon. The Journal expressed the opinion that the overall effect of this scandal would not be too harmful, and that some good lessons may be learned which will benefit WP administration. Above all, the Journal asserted that it is to the great credit of the USMA that cadets believe in the verity of Honor in this cynical era when the concept of honor is quite generally scoffed at.

It is my individual opinion that much responsibility for this cheating scandal rests with the academic authority which issued a take-home examination, the marking of which would affect class standing. They were asking for trouble. Cadet honor should be encouraged and protected; not tempted. Cadets are human; not angels. I also believe that the cadet head of the Honor Committee, in his alleged demands for punishment, exhibited a lamentable degree of pharisaical self-righteousness.

I believe that the Superintendent and his staff, supported by the Pentagon, will sensibly administer this affair to the best interests of the Military Academy.

While dealing with this delicate matter, I am tempted to discuss a pet antipathy of my own: the Cadet Prayer. Many times, at WP meetings, I have been called upon to join in this prayer. This prayer calls upon

the Almighty to endow me with every known and conceivable virtue. I have tried to join in this prayer, but it always seems hyperbolic and pretentious. Cadets and Army officers are in general salty human beings. Does this prayer lead them to become angelic? I have seen no evidence of it. I would prefer to see cadets engage in silent prayer, or in that simple plea: "Oh God, be merciful unto me, a sinner!"

June Week is over. It is time to go on to our next assignments. For us, classmates and ladies, our next assignment is towards the end of the Long Gray Line. The shadows are deepening. Our faculties are dimming. The recollection of our comradeship will help to sustain us in the slow march towards the great unknown. As scribe, I bid you a fond adieu. As a still-salty individual, I hope to hear from you. Write soon.

# '13

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No news of '13 in this issue—in fact, though I write to many gentlemen and ladies of the Class, they do not offer me much news, as most of us are 80 years plus and do not travel or make the news of previous years.

We did lose one of our favorite classmates and a former president of the Class, W.C. Young of Due West, SC. He was buried with his wife at a local churchyard.

I have had calls from "Tex" Davidson and "Chief" Rowley and Archer Dorst. All report being well. They had not much news on others save Tex Davidson reports Crittenberger and Crane reported "OK" and if I come to DC in May or Jun we can drive over to see both. I hope to do this.

Had a letter from Dorothy King, who has been ill in Baltimore, that she has trouble walking and hopes Walter Reed Hospital can do something to help her so she can



1913: No generation gap! Junius Jones' granddaughter, Sara Kerr Hunt, took this picture of her daughter Mary talking with her great-grandfather.

go back to the Army Distaff Hall. We all hope so!

My last news of Junius Jones of Jackson, LA, is that he is yet "OK" tho was ill for a time. A late photo is being sent for printing.

Dasha and I are yet "OK," not 100% but able to drive, work in garden, etc., etc. We hope to get to WP this fall for the Homecoming. No doubt our last Army football game. Who else will go?

With best wishes to all.

## '14

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Due to age and infirmities, the furnishing of news of Class interest by classmates and class widows is very limited.

The San Ant contingent of '14 consists of Cecile Clark, widow of Cuyler, Tim Rees, Ike Gill, Earll and me. Cecile is her usual cheerful self but has no news. Tim is comfortably settled at Southern Manor, here in San Ant, and enjoys the companionship of people of around his age. A group of them have their mid-morning coffee and games of checkers. At sessions of bingo, Tim calls the numbers. He is fortunate to have his daughter Mildred, and son-in-law, Tom Lytle, who frequently take him out for dinner and other outings.

We lead such a quiet life that we did not know until a few days ago that Ike Gill has had an operation at Brooke General Hospital, and was there for nearly 2 months. His daughter Patsy (Mrs. Thomas F.) Richardson, who lives in West Redding, CT, has visited him frequently. Ike is at home now, with nurses to care for him, and seems to be making progress.

In previous Class letters, I have carried news of the death of Irma, wife of our classmate, John A. Brooks, on 1 Nov 75, and of his marriage, on 14 Feb 76, to Mrs. Elinor M. Young, a friend of many years. Now I must report the death of John Brooks on 6 May 76 from a heart attack, less than 3 months after the marriage. John had an excellent record of service, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Of John's first marriage, there are 2 sons: Robert R. and John A. 3d. Both served in WW II. Robert is an exec in civil life at Schroon Lake, NY, and the other, John A. 3d, is a ret. AF BG, and graduate of the WP Class of '41. He has an exec job at Caracas, Venezuela.

It hardly seems possible that we have had our 60th wedding anniv and are only 2 months from our 61st. We could not wish anyone more happiness than we have had.

We are living in a turbulent world, but must renew our faith in the future of America. This Bicentennial Year should remind us that the Founding Fathers had their problems, too.

Information has just been received of the death of our classmate, BG Dabney O. Elliott, in Glenview, IL, on 20 Jun. On 25 Jun a memorial service was held at the Ft Myer Chapel followed by burial in Arlington. He had been in failing health for some time. He is survived by his daughter, Anne E. Ross, of Glenview. Prior to his ret., he was head of the Beach Erosion Bd of the Corps of Engrs. During WW2 he was CS of the IX Army Corps, and later Chief Engr at Allied Hq in N. Africa and Italy. Prior to his last assignment, he commanded the Army Tng

Cen at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. He was an officer of ability and a pleasing personality. We shall miss him from our ranks.

## '15

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**DOLOR:** Ed Wallington, our Class Treas for many years, passed away at Walter Reed 24 Apr. Graveside services were held at Arlington 28 Apr. Ed is survived by his wife Marianne, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. From *Retired Officers Magazine* we learned of the death of Charlie Ritchel in Louisville 1 Oct. He is survived by his wife Scotty. Ed Kelton wired that Florence had passed away 20 May. Services were held at Greenwood Mortuary, San Diego, the 24th. The Class extends its sympathy to the bereaved families.

**SICK REPORT:** No major entries for the sick book. Nevertheless, how true is the saying "Old Age isn't for Sissies."

**GADDINGS:** Peggy Beukema made a quickie Apr trip to PA to visit a daughter... Apr saw Hennie & Eddie Moale off for CA where Eddie attended a meeting of an organization he joined over 50 years ago (no doubt the Roaring Twenties roared again). They returned to SC via DC where they dined with Det Ellis and Louise Kahle... During one of DC's recent smog sessions Jack Harris hied to Nag's Head, NC, for a bit of beach sunning... To continue with Det Ellis's spring trek to SC, he had lunch in Charleston with Laura Brownell and the Moales, visited briefly via Ma Bell with Helen Wehmar, Elloree, SC, and Doc & Therese White, Fayetteville, NC. He regretted that his return route was too far away for a drop-in on the Avents.

**JUNE WEEK:** Det Ellis, Dick Richards and Louise Kahle were at WP for the occasion and had perfect weather with things clicking to perfection. Gene Leone was in NY on business but a visit with the Leones was managed on his return home. Second generation '15 was represented by Martha Taylor Doerflinger (daughter of Squire & Hazel Taylor) who accompanied her husband to his 25th Reunion. And this we saved for the last: Det was the oldest grad present and had the privilege of laying the wreath at Thayer Monument!

**DOINGS OF THE 400:** In May Jessica Gesler threw a fine brunch at the Washington Club for a dozen or so... Replacing the regular May Class Luncheon at AN Club, the Guys entertained the Dolls, the following partaking of libations and sustenance—Guests: Atkins, Benedict, Boye, Bragdon, Davison, Evans, Gesler, Gillette, Graves, Leonard and Wallington; Hosts: Ellis, Evans, and Gillette. The success of the affair portends an annual shindig.

**GATOR GOSSIP:** Apparently the Swamp Rats were not hibernating but, as usual, were just late in reporting to John Henry Cochran. John Henry reports that he and Mary Welby are reasonably well and that his recovery from major surgery (ingrown toenail) was hastened by a visit from their son, his wife, and one of their granddaughters. John Henry has inherited the job of Daddy of our Class and long may he reign. Last Mar Gibby and Mary Gibson celebrated their 20th Anniversary. Gibby bemoans the fact that so many Service retirees visit the East Coast and then ret. on the West when, as every

one knows, the East Coast is far superior... Ruth Gerhardt did the family reporting as Dutch was suffering from a mower injury to his writing hand, which goes to show that an ex-doughboy shouldn't fool around with machinery. Ruth says they are busy with activities centering around their daughter and family; their son John, USMA '52, assoc prof at SMU; 3 acres of yard with oodles of flowers, a fine garden, and a mess of citrus trees all flourishing under Dutch's expertise; and a fine group of congenial friends... Ned Zundel is leading the quiet life, walking for exercise and reading a lot... And of all things, from a picture in ASSEMBLY we learn that John & Winnie Robinson attended the Tampa Founders Day dinner! (Listen, Robbie. A scribe is supposed to furnish ASSEMBLY with Class news and NOT vice versa!)

**HONORS:** On 9 Jun at L.A. Beverly Hilton before a gala gathering emceed by Bob Hope and attended by a host of distinguished guests, Omar Bradley received the USO Distinguished American Award. And just a day or so earlier Brad had received from Mayor Tom Bradley and Councilwoman Stevenson the city's highest honor, a Joint Resolution of the City Council honoring him for his distinguished services. May we add our congratulations for these well deserved honors.

**PCS:** Henry & Betty Aurand are now at Rossmore Towers 1206, Laguna Hills, CA 92653; Mary Larkin—447 Burr Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209, Phone: 512-826-1396; Jessica Gesler—Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave, Washington, DC 20015; Scotty Ritchel—235 Carta Rd, Apt L-16, Knoxville, TN 37914.

And that's all for now.

## '16

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Now get out your Jun ASSEMBLY and see how many '16ers, shown in the picture there when they were First Classmen, you have been able to remember and recognize. Here are their names. Top line from the left: Frazer, McLean, Kuhn, Herkness, Houghton, Merrell. Bottom line: Mangan, Riche, Wilson, Miley, Sharrar, J.E. Martin.

Our great event, 60-year Reunion, of June Week, has come and gone and it will be remembered by those of us who were able to attend as long as we shall remember anything. Photographs and highlights of this event appear elsewhere in this issue of ASSEMBLY. Suffice it to say here that 13 classmates, 8 wives, and 2 widows were able to attend, and a great time was had



1916: Presidio Founders Day.



1916: Reunion 1976

by all. Bob Walsh and Fay Prickett handled the details of arrangements at WP, and we had 2 young officers and their wives as aides who did their parts well. One very enjoyable feature was a bus ride to Cornwall to the NY Military Academy at noon on 27 May to be luncheon guests of Peggy and Fay Prickett at the home of their daughter (Polly) and son-in-law, BG F.J. Roberts (Superintendent).

Your scribe had letters from 2 '16ers, Pick Pickering and Charles Haskins, expressing regret that they were physically unable to make the trip to Reunion. Of course we were sorry, too, and also that others of you, for good reasons, could not come. DZ Britton and Cramp Jones were unable to make it at a late date. And Maurine Townsend had to fall out from her presentation of the tank. She was represented by Gladys Townsend (Duke's sister) and Miss Potok, a friend of hers. Mary Quinn (Babe Weyand's daughter) drove him up from Long Island, and the WP Hospital furnished him an orderly so he

could be in the march to Thayer monument and could attend the Class dinner. Bob Walsh had as his guest, Mrs. Richard Knox from New York. [Fran (Sturgis) Walsh's daughter.]

Dolly Wilson was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, BG and Mrs. Ellis Wilhoyt (USMA '37).

Helen & Woody Woodward attended Helen's 50-year class reunion at Randolph-Macon Women's College at Lynchburg, VA, en route to our Reunion. Virginia Doney came after a European trip of about 3 weeks.

The accompanying photo shows the 100 percent attendance of Bay Area Sixteeners at the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio in Mar.

Blanche & Roland Shugg had a houseful in May when 3 of their daughters visited them, along with some 3d and 4th generation members of the family.

Helen & Woody Woodward plan to go to their cabin in WY about 1 Jul, where they will be until well into the autumn.

Eve & Bob McBride flew to Seattle and Victoria for a week between 9 and 16 Jun. They were guests at Seattle of VAdm & Mrs. Frank Watkins, U.S. Navy (Ret.). Then all 4 flew to Victoria and prowled a bit in that area.

Maurice Miller reports from San Ant that Bill & Boots Spence have moved to another apartment. Their new address is Chatham Terrace, Apt. 2, 7834 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Mary & "Gus" Mangan made Reunion this year—the first time in 40 years. We enjoyed getting reacquainted.

Bill Hoge went to Pullman, WA, after Reunion to visit Bill Jr. (USMA '41) and his family there. Bill Jr. now ret., is on the staff of WA State U. at Pullman.

I had a letter from Babe Weyand, just before sending in these notes, in which he expressed his appreciation for the "Weyand tinge" of our Reunion.

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'17

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We in the DC area celebrated our 59th with a luncheon at Ft Myer on 22 Apr. Those so fortunate as to be there were the Collins', Eagles, Fords and Irvings, Enriette Schroeder, Alene Olmstead, Emily Tully, Mary Smith, Jule Heavey and Jack Jackson. Kewp Yuill planned to be there, but after he had a fainting spell, his doctor told him not to travel for a month.

Henley & Mary Frier wanted to be at the luncheon, but Henley telephoned that Mary had broken her hip. The Friers now have 56 grandchildren and 14 great-grands. Henley is still active in business, has his own machine-tool mfg co. and directs a div of another co. Mary still heads the school for retarded children which she founded. She has 5 teachers and 50 pupils. Henley and Mary plan to be at our 60th.

Matt & Penny Ridgway were in DC for a meeting of the trustees of the Geo. C. Marshall Rsch Fndn. Joe Collins is also a trustee of the foundation.

Clarke & Jesse Fales fulfilled a promise they had made to themselves and re-visited Yucatan in the spring.

Jack Jackson was in Cambridge, MA, for his grandson's graduation from Harvard. Bob's son David graduated with honors and will attend Mt. Sinai Med Sch in the fall.

After having a major operation at Walter Reed, Suzanne Crump is now (Jul) convalescing at Colonial Villa, 12235 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD.

In Mar-Apr Solange Barroll spent a month at Walter Reed.

And in May-Jun Mary Smith was in Honolulu for 2 weeks.

Re our 60th anniv, Louie Ford and Fred Irving tell me we'll probably unite with Aug '17 to charter a bus, assemble at Ft Myer and go up on a Wed and head back home after noon Sat. It is hoped that those at a distance from DC will come and join the bus group. Harris & Hannah Jones have already said that they want to come up from Asheville, NC and join the group. Please write or phone Fred Irving if you plan to go on the bus, so that plans can be made. Fred will send a memo to you all on the subject.

AUG  
'17

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WP lost one of its most loyal sons and our Class a cherished member. Sam Ringsdorf died on 6 Jun. In Jan, he had made a trip to NY for a WP Society affair: next month he suffered a stroke and thereafter he went gradually down hill. Services were in Wilkes-Barre and Sam is interred in the family plot there.

Marjorie Hasbrouck is recovering from a fall caused by her cane catching in a sidewalk grating: She broke her pelvis in 2 places. This was her 2d such fall but she is cheerfully getting about on crutches, sustained by Bob and her sense of humor. She says she may not be a "fallen woman" but is a "falling woman."

Parry Lewis fights back too. His right side is useless but he has trained his left side enough to be able to scribble indignant letters to the press. On the phone he sounded as he did in youth. He rejoiced in a visit by Hi Ely, en route to FL.

Our Class is moving up in the Long Gray Line. Two members functioned as oldest grads at Founders Day dinners. Rudy Whitelegg performed at the Point and Lew Griffith at Ft Hood where he is becoming a perennial. Incidentally, the peripatetic Whiteleggs have moved again and are now at 20 Second St, Cornwall on the Hudson, NY 12520.

The shock of seeing his picture in ASSEMBLY left Bush Bissell easy prey for 3 ailments to strike simultaneously. After a session in hospital, he is home using a walker and a wheelchair. We had a good phone chat though we disagreed on the pre-prandial drink: Bush prefers Grant's whereas Your Scribe finds a martini more therapeutic.

The Class letter to Ted Futch was returned, "Addressee Unknown." Your Scribe scented an error. He knows that Ted is retiring as well as ret. but "unknown" seemed a bit strong. Seems the P.O. changed his route and box number. He is now Route 7, Box 281. In process of discovering this, Your Scribe also learned that Peg had had a fall and broken her hip.

Virginia Harloe wrote a grand letter. She doesn't like living alone so she travels a lot. Visits Jack and Ann and their families but doesn't stay too long for they are busy with said families. Her planned travels for the year take her through Europe to North Cape and then back for winter in Australia!

Your Scribe sent post cards to 4 classmates from whom he hadn't heard for a while. Only one responded. Maris Black, after a session in Bryn Mawr Hospital, caused by 4 diseases all at once, is now at the Broomall Presbyterian Home, Broomall, PA 19008.

In addition to those mentioned above, Your Scribe has positive news from Clyde Morgan, Bill Chapman, Jack Knight, Girard Troland



and Jules Schaefer. The local contingent of 7 classmates and 9 class widows is still getting along. He hesitates to list on a scale of health but cannot avoid giving honorable mention to Leo & Miriam Conner, Bob Hasbrouck, Dorothe Matlack, Lois Stamps and Loessa Coffey. Himself has an unlisted number.

JUN  
'18

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Spike wrote that "both he and AM were very happy and proud to have received such a thoughtful gift from the Class and widows, and that they will treasure the rocking chair greatly." (They didn't know that another had been ordered for AM, as suggested by a number of donors. Overlooked: marking them "His" & "Hers.") Mike Grenata said that he appreciated receiving notes with the donations and requested that the donors accept this as a reply. My thanks to all those who wanted to share in giving the chair. The collection window is still open.

The Caseys spent another summer in VT. Poor Dot had severe pneumonia last winter. They had pet deer in VT whereas we who live on city streets have only dear pets. Judge Cas went up to Stowe, VT, in early Jul for his annual earful of musical festivals.

Marjorie & Lucius Clay are taking it easy at Square Top on the cool Atlantic shore, far from the maddening city crowds (by now the summer tourists are gone). Lucius still pays a monthly visit to his NYC office.

Our son Tom and wife with their 2 sons flew from Ft Ord for a short visit last Jun. Great excitement and much glee for the boys when it rained! (A dig at dry CA.)

Charlie Hoffman has passed his honker hunting hobby on to his son. No more leaving a warm bed in the wee hours on a wild goose chase. He claims—"a lot of young blood but the container is getting rather old."

Connie Jadwin has built a '39 replica of the 50' cruiser that he had when he was Commodore of the DC Yacht Club. Radio-controlled and "runs beautifully on the pond." It took 2 firsts at the VA State Fair. All this by an ex-Cav-man with severe emphysema.

Alice Kramer had a short, interesting, but strenuous trip to Russia (Alice in Wonderland?) last May. Louise & Dick McKee—both well (good!). Will be in FL this winter with his relatives. Ann Kreber returned to OH in Jun for her class reunion and for visiting from "O" to "H" but suffered from arthritis up North, so back to FL.

Last Jul 1st, the Harry Mewshaw Golf Tourney was held in Columbia to honor his 82d B-Day. He still plays almost daily and 18 holes at that! Whereas, the most of us extend ourselves to watch the pros on TV.

Andy Moore's summer: granddaughter graduated from college, then her wedding; attended the reunion of the 19th Engrs of which he was the CO in WW II when the unit "assault" landed at Oran and then took part in the capture of Tunisia; next, to Paris and Nice; and then home on the QE II in Sept.

The good word from the Murrills—both well. As our ages cluster around 80, good health is really good news!

Sara & Murray Neilson returned early last May from a 90-day cruise of the SW Pacific

area—nostalgic, as he was there in WW II. His 201 discloses his wonderful record in positions of high responsibility during the campaigns of GEN MacArthur. Aimee & Tom Nixon took the QE II in Jul to spend about 2 months with her folks in France.

The Wards were in London for 2 weeks last May visiting Bunny's sister. (On the QE II too?)

Jody Tansey died last May 10th. Our condolences to the family—4 sons, a daughter, 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

NOV  
'18

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Linson E. Dzau, our very friendly Chinese and a very Christian classmate, succumbed to a heart attack on 15 Apr 76 while a patient in the Kiang Wu Hospital in Macao. He was 81 and had been overactive in spite of ill health as headmaster of Linson College in Macao. He had held the grade of major general in the Chinese army in 1928 but devoted most of his life to teaching. He leaves his wife, Mei Tjung, son Francis, and daughters Sylvia and Lelia.

We also lost Vinita Goerz on 1 May 76 after a long illness. She had resided in La Mesa, CA, where she was interred.

Johnny Hughes' daughter, Jean Hughes Waters, passed away in early May after a long illness which leaves her mother, Ramona, quite alone since Johnny and their son also have passed away.

It was a hard blow to Jake & Henrietta Freeman to lose their son George from a heart attack. The Freemans' 5 sons had all been in the academies and in service. James ('43) was KIA in Jun 44. John was USCG '44. George was USNA '47. David ('49) and Robert ('52). That is 3 USMA, one ex-USNA and one USCG. George also studied medicine, had his M.D. and was in practice when he died. Jake's 2d loss among his 5 boys.

Heinie Bergman would be very proud to know that his grandson, Peter Tedford, entered in Jul with the Class of '80. Pat Bergman ret. soon from her art work in NY and intends to settle in Brunswick, ME. Just a note from Frank Cunningham that he and Emma, always in fine health in Roseland, NJ, have both now joined the club of arthritics. Bob Coolidge speaks very well of the book "A Man Called Intrepid." It was cited in a recent Class letter and the many who have read it all recommend it highly. Eleanor Dickson is making no plans on moving from Devon, PA, except she finds the big house too much for a lone woman, especially when she is very busy making a living in real estate. She's thinking of putting the house on the market next spring. She's very appreciative of the service at WP for Monk on 23 Apr when his ashes were interred in his father's plot. Boyd Fitzpatrick, always interested and concerned over our alma mater and particularly so as he served as an instructor 25-29 and again 43-45, took issue back in 65 with The Saturday Evening Post over an editorial involving the honor system. In Jun he wrote the Supt, as many others have, sending him a copy of the splendid letter he wrote the Post which is still applicable. Bob York manages a trip daily to the nursing home where Marian remains in a stable but helpless condition. Bob had a bad spell of dizziness some months back re-

sulting in surgery for a stomach ulcer from which he has fully recovered. Gerry Trichel and Betty are leading a quiet life with exchange visits with children and grandchildren. Gerry makes an interesting comment, "We are getting old but are not old enough for our age to be worthy of comment." Lucrece Breen is getting along extremely well and is becoming active locally. She had a fine FL trip last year with son, Dr. James and his family, and now is looking forward to accompanying them to Hot Springs, The Homestead, in Sept.

Our traveling bachelor, Howie Canan, took off from DC in late May for TN and KY, then on to TX for several visits, through NM to L.A., up to San Fran and back to Des Moines to see his sister, and back to DC via Detroit arriving home in mid Jul, a long, fast and hard drive. A busy man on Class activities is Bryan Evans. Besides handling the Class mid-Atlantic Region's affairs, he's preparing several obits on classmates which have never been written and also he is organizing the 1 Nov Class dinner in DC. Many classmates and widows from afar join with all those in the area for this occasion as do our adult children. It's a large gathering and as Bryan and Ruth run it, it becomes a gala affair. It is hoped that even more from outside DC will be there this year. Elmer & Dorothy Barnes started their drive to Salem, OR, on 7 Jul, closing on the 14th to be with daughter Jean (Mrs. E.G. Baldwin) and family. They will then go to Seattle for a visit with our Class plebe, John W. Barnes ('42), MG Ret. and his family. John is in a key position with Boeing. Elmer and Dorothy return to DC on 1 Oct. He does a tremendous and fine job in keeping the record of the Class for the Directory which he has published every 10 years. It is a priceless document and requires no end of work as it is unbelievable the number of changes which take place every year in addresses, children, and vital statistics on us all. Great credit is due Elmer for this time-consuming task. The Valentines who spend the winter in the DC area are still at their summer place in ME after arriving there in early Jun following a month in FL. Cataract surgery grounded Lev Yoder for May and Jun. And some anemic condition put Charlie Hixon into Walter Reed for a couple of weeks in Jun. Bryan Conrad is being very cautious and remains close to his horses but is now quite well. Buddha Groves is greatly improved after considerable physical decline resulting in a tour in Walter Reed also. And Jimmy Peckham is progressing well after her cataract surgery. The other boys and girls in the DC area appear well at this time. Ruth Hastings was honored upon her ret. on 30 Jun from the Red Cross after 35 years of all volunteer service, 22 of which were on the national staff. For the past 15 years it has been more than an 8-hour day and more than a 5-day week for her as she had the management responsibility for all matters pertaining to the volunteers for the Eastern part of the country. An awful thing happened to Bern Moore (John M.) in May. She was getting out of her car at Vinson Hall in McLean, VA, where she lives, when her purse was jerked from her hand so quickly and so hard that it dislocated her shoulder. She recognized her assailant as someone in the neighborhood. He then proceeded to choke her with the shoulder strap. She has lost the use of her right arm for several months due to nerve injury from it all. The ironical part of it is that the thug didn't even look in the purse

which contained considerable money but threw it down and ran.

Bob Schow progressed rapidly, after a hernia operation in May, to full recovery. And Art Pulsifer had a long siege in Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital but can now write and walk about with the help of parallel bars, but his right leg drags some. It all came about from a broken hip in Nov 75 resulting in removal of much of his thigh bone and a very slow healing complicated with pneumonia. Jim & Carolyn Christiansen called on Art just after Xmas and on a 2d visit some time later found him greatly improved. Jim and Carolyn celebrated their 16th wedding anniv on 2 Apr with 76 friends in for a cocktail-buffet. They then went to FL for a little rest and some visits. Reed Yeager was the oldest grad at the Miami Founders Day dinner. He and daughter Barbara spend summers in a NC cottage in the mountains. Reed devotes much time to growing roses and gardenias. There was no news from Jack Brown for years until a fine long letter came in Jun. Jack had resigned shortly after graduation and spent 10 years in the PA NG and then in textile business in NY. He lost a son, John, in a B-52 and in 49 his wife Mildred died. His daughter Nancy lives in PA. In 57 Jack married Helen Hawkins and they now live in Stone Mtn, GA. He was in service during the war and after he joined National Distillers as their mgr for GA. In 1970 he left National and went into the retail liquor business. He was held up 3 times and on 2 of those occasions he was shot, one bullet went through a leg which has given him much trouble ever since. Elsie Keyser joined friends in Jul in a tour of HI. Her 4th grandson has just entered the U. of AR. Hal and Barbara Cocke are kept busy by Schreiner College as Hal is a life member of its board. He influenced having a board meeting in Houston which brought about much entertaining. This, along with the fine job he does for this Class plus his many business interests, keeps him well up on his toes. Corp & Mary Chorpenings' spring was very quiet with only visits to relatives and one from daughter Dorothy and her husband. Jim Styron has just increased the number of his grandchildren by one boy and one girl. He doesn't think this unusual for his age. Bernice Keasler, her sister and one other made the Hawaiian tour in Jul, her 3d visit to the Islands. In May Bernice, as a member of the DAR, participated in the dedication of Magoffin House in El Paso as a state museum. It is over 100 years old, built of sun dried adobe brick with 4-foot-thick walls and hand hewn beams and woodwork, and ceilings 14 feet high and built in the Mexican motif on 3 sides of a patio. Among many attending the ceremony was Joe Glasgow. Joe's father was BG Wm. J. Glasgow ('91) who had married Joseph Magoffin's daughter, Miss "Josie." That San Ant weather seems to agree with the Knudsen's as well as the Dunkelbergs and the others as all are very well.

Bill Blair has been busy installing a deep well water system on their place, "Blairgowrie" near Evergreen, CO. Cornie & Helen Hahn keep up on their trips from Boulder, one to visit Cornie's brother near Tucson, another to NJ in Jul to their son David and his family and also to OH for a reunion of Cornie's former regiment. And the Hustons made the Alaskan cruise in early Aug. Ethel Gambil in Las Vegas doesn't have to make visits as L.V. attracts her friends to come to her. Otto Praeger says, "Even my bridge

game seems to be deteriorating with the passing years." Chuck Gildart hard at work as Class Hist, along with Isabel, made Travel Club tours to Death Valley, Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks in May. Their granddaughter, Mary S. Lewis, was graduated from Sweet Briar in Jun. She had been on the dean's list and was a '72 graduate of the Melbourne Church of England Girl's Grammar School. Al Miller who was very ill last winter and spring is making slow but sure progress with good morale. Bull Kendall has staged a remarkable comeback and is far from being a confirmed invalid. Lark Gilland is carefully obeying the doctor's orders, but gets around very well in his pre WWII Chevy. Dick Ericson in commenting on Bern Moore's experience says older people just don't venture forth nights in Oakland as they are such fair game for criminals. He has been burglarized and Mc Monroe who lives very near him has had 5 robberies. Mc is planning a trip east in Oct to visit daughters, Martha in DC and Barbara in New Canaan, CT, and to see the Army beat the AF. The Fred Butlers are OK and being very cautious. Phil is slowly improving. The Bowmans and others in CA enjoyed seeing the Holbrooks there early last summer. John Dietrich still has some problems with his legs but does make an occasional trip. Alice Pope has closed out her DC apartment completely and is now a fulltime resident of Carmel. Mike Gillespie still teaches daily in the San Mateo high schools taking on any subject, as he readily can do with his versatility. Dick & Coral Ericsons' son, Dick Jr., spent several days in Jun with his parents. Dick Jr., his wife Betty, and 3 youngsters were en route from Korea to DC where he is the Dpty Dir of the Bureau of Polit & Mil Affairs in the State Dept. Dick's and Coral's granddaughter Janet was married on 18 Jun and their granddaughter Emily will make them great-grandparents this fall.

Wannie Wanamaker is already starting the planning for our 60th Reunion at the Point in 78. It will be our best with the largest turnout percentage, but not our last.

Jim Carroll picks up Class news for us in Southern Cal along with Chuck Gildart who in turn is helped in his history work by Arch Colwell. In spite of near blindness for Arch and some residual paralysis, he doesn't give up on his dedication to his classmates. In fact all the boys show great willingness to step in and help whenever asked.

# '19

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Our column this time starts with a short dissertation on editorial policy. Your scribe has for some time felt it desirable to get a little variation into the content of the column. Time and age being what they are, most of our items cover our ailments, with travel as our Topic No. 2. Prompted by the nostalgia of the Bicentennial celebration he asks why we should not hold ours a little early and reminisce about events of our introduction into the Army. One such exposition is already at hand and under study for selection of future contributions. We have, all of us, equally interesting remembrances of our first years as shavetails. Let us share them with the rest, and help to lighten a bit this process of "fading away." If you have



1919: (R) Heiberg and (L) is reported to be Riley at Summer Camp 1918.

a snapshot of those days, either pertaining to an anecdote or not, please dig it out and send it in. I can have photos returned to you after reproduction if you so desire.

Stu Barden says he had a letter from Ham Young in Apr. Ham said Marge is well and that he is getting his heart back in shape after a slight setback. He already golfs twice a week at a leisurely pace tuning up his short game. The Youngs plan a trip north in the early summer going to Boston via DC and other places en route. Stu says he and Helen are comfortable. Stu continues to add golf trophies to his collection; the last was this spring by reason of a net 64 off a 22 handicap. I wonder what his handicap is now. Conchita & Stone Sorley, who came down from PA for the Jun brunch, gives the good news that their younger son, James M., who graduated from U. of NM in '73 and joined the Marine Corps as a LT, received his gold wings from the Naval Air Sta at Kingsville, TX, this spring. Jim has also qualified as a parachutist at Ft Benning, is a private glider pilot and now has his commercial pilot certificate. He has been assigned to a squadron at Camp Pendleton, CA. The Sorleys, accompanied by their 2 sons, returned to WP for June Week this year. Stone says Lewis, the elder, failed the physicals for entry into USMA but has strong feelings for WP and has helped a number of young men enter the Acad. Lewis has now moved to Vancouver, BC, where he is an exec for the Lions Club. Stone has ended his term as secy of the WP Soc of Phila and he and Conchita are planning some long delayed trips.

Hei Heiberg writes from Doe Valley Pk that dau Heide, whom he and Ann visited in Feb, presented them with a new grand-dau, Leah Heiberg Pinckney, shortly afterward. Ann and he attended the baptism (in Greenville, SC) bringing Hei's christening bowl, from which son, dau and three grands have now also been baptised. The Heibergs were at Founders Day dinner at the Officers Club, Ft Knox, this year as per habit, and Hei was again called upon to speak as OLG present. Following his talk the MC announced that their wedding reception had been held in that club exactly 40 years ago and gave them a congratulatory toast. "It turned out to be a great anniv party," added Hei. At this year's Derby Hei was on Bold Forbes across the board, to his great pleasure and profit.

Bob Springer sent me a clipping from the San Ant Express-News dated 15 May concerning Peewee Collier. The Express-News has been running a series of articles on San Ant residents who distinguished themselves during their mil service. The paper's choice of Peewee was well taken and gives '19 worthy representation in the series. Bob said in his accompanying letter that things were quiet in TX this spring so he

and Rhoda planned to drive to DC soon. (They made the trip and were with us for the 12 Jun brunch at Ft McNair Officers Club.) George Elms is on one of his frequent trips north to NJ and WP. Ham Hamilton wrote in with a report on experiences at the new Hale Koa Hotel in HI. He and Viv visited the Islands last spring for 10 days. They found the hotel delightful in all ways and recommend it highly. Their last 3 days were spent at the sumptuous (sic) Coco Palms Hotel on Kauai. Ham's description of events there was enthralling. He closed with the following: "Every night at 7:30 a torchlight ceremony is put on. It starts with several resounding bongs on a drum followed by a tape recording of a woman's voice describing the history of the ceremony in a low, slow and sepulchral voice. Then a native gives 4 blows on a conch shell followed by more bongs. That is the signal for one of the bell-hops who has been draped in a sarong to light a flare on a long pole and start galloping amongst the palms back and forth dabbing the flame at each of many fire pots." He adds insouciantly: "And then we flew back to El Paso."

From Jack Vance we have word that Al Wedemeyer passed through San Fran early in May en route to L.A. He gave a delightful lunch at the Presidio Officers Club that was attended by Louise Paquet, Charlotte Ritchie, the Hutchinses and the Vances, and by the Bob McBrides of '16. Dorothy Wilson was not well and could not attend. Ruth & Babe Ruth returned in Jun from a motor trip to WA where they attended Ruth's (not Babe's) Whitman College class reunion at Walla Walla. Betty and Jack were at the 12 Jun wedding in Carmel of Christopher Paul Olow, grandson of Polly & Ed Seebree, to Jo Ann Lynn Artellan. Betty said it was a beautiful ceremony. While in the area, Jack saw Jim Phillips who reported that he and Mary will drive east this summer to visit son Charles, who is PMS&T at Eastern KY U., and son, Jim Jr., who is stationed at Ft Huachuca, AZ. Both are from '51 and are COLs.

Roly McNamee in S. CA does his consistently thorough job of canvassing the local SO contingent for news of their latest activity, if any. He reports on Al's progress after leaving the San Fran area. Al spent the night of 11 May at Laguna Hills and entertained Emily and Roly, along with RAdm and Mrs. Robert W. Berry, USNA '21, at the Top of the Royal. Adm Berry was Al's Naval Aide at Hq Sixth Army some years ago. The next day Fred Marlow came and took Al to the Marlow home at Pacific Palisades for a short stay. According to Fred, who is batching it at the moment, their first activity was attendance at a lecture by the head of the Jet Propulsion Lab at Cal Tech, on the Viking space vehicles, one of which has just reached Mars orbit. A few days before Emily and Roly had made another of their numerous trips to La Jolla for lunch with Carlene & Joe Holly. This time they ate at the Valencia. Carlene is making slow progress on throwing off the attack of shingles she experienced a few months ago. Roly got a phone call in Jun from Tom Crawford who reports the arrival in Phoenix of Virginia & Bob Hill. Last time I heard from Bob he was settling in Scottsdale. Watch for a new address in the next issue. Tom says he and Bob were roommates in beast bks. He also mentioned that Duke Daniels, still a bachelor but no longer a big game hunter, had been in Phoenix a while ago, and that Bill Moroney's

son was a lawyer in Phoenix. Roly says he talked to Helen Kanaga and to John Denny recently, and reports both well. John and Eunice may go travelling soon. Dave Hale checked in saying all was rosy; he has word of the arrival of a great-granddau in Austin, TX, and expects a visit from her and parents this summer. Bob & Ruth Scullin plan a trip to PA, come fall, to take inventory on that young army of Scullin descendants.

David McLean gives us news of yet another great-grand for '19. This time it was a dau for the William C. Brumbys of Thomasville, GA. The mother is the eldest of MG John C. Raaen Jr., '43, son of our late classmate, John. Alex says John Jr. has just been made CG, Defense Fuel Supply Cen, Alexandria, VA. David looks forward to having Marjorie home full time for the summer vacation with no papers to grade. In the Orlando area Eddie Strohbehn says things are so quiet there is no news except for reporting a trip to DC of Hal Rex, and that is so normal it is no longer news.

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#### DECEASED

Winfred George Skelton, at Columbus, GA, on 26 Mar '76, at the age of 78. Interment was at Ft Benning, GA.

#### VITAL STATS

Ret. USA-81, AUS-6; Civil Life-22; Status Unk-2; Deceased-173.

We close our column for this issue with a poem written in Japanese form by Rosalee Porter. She said: "Fred was a marvelous gardener and missing him so much last summer prompted the haiku. Perhaps it may comfort another widow somewhere." The poem is copyrighted by Poetry Fellowship of Colorado Spgs, CO, and first appeared in the 76 edition of their anthology, SKYLINER. It appears here with their permission.

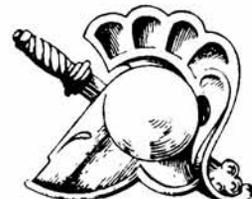
#### HAIKU

Summer is sadness;  
patio and garden were  
never meant for one.  
Garden beds are bare;  
willow and roses did not  
know that he was gone.  
The together years  
are now thoughts and memories:  
only loss is real.

Rosalee G. Porter.

Editor's note: Regretfully we report that GEN Burnell died Sun, 27 Jun, in Edgewater, MD, of cardiac arrest while en route to the hospital by ambulance. His wife Adene and daughter Anne survive.

COL Lewis M. Sorley Jr. has accepted appointment as Class Scribe. His address is PO Box 161, St. Davids, PA 19087.



With great sadness I report the deaths of Lily Jane Pitts, Wayne Barker, Loper Lowry, Mildred Reuter, Puddle Lake and Tess Edmonson. Our deepest sympathies go to their loved ones.

Lily Jane Pitts died 20 Jan 76 in Orlando, FL. Her ashes were buried 16 Apr 76 in Arlington beside her son, 1LT Robert A. (who died 15 Oct 51 in an airplane accident) and not far from the grave of her father, COL John T. Axton, the Army's first Chief of the Chaplains Corps. Among those attending with Freddie were son, Dr. Fred Jr. and his wife, of Madison, WI; son, Ret. MAJ John W. and his wife, of Palmer Lake, CO; and Farrell, Holle, the Rehms and Samouces. Though seriously ill for over 2 yrs, she and Freddie celebrated their Golden Wedding Day 12 Jun 75. 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons also survive.

Wayne Barker died 2 Mar 76 in Berkeley, CA, from angina pectoris which plagued him several yrs. He was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA. Wayne ret. from the Army in 53 and, a few yrs ago, from civ svc with the City of Oakland, CA. Besides his widow, Florence, he leaves 2 sons, Ret. COL Wayne Jr. and Dwight, and dau Florence (Mrs. Henry D. Benning).

Loper Lowry died 25 Apr 76 in Tampa, FL. He was buried in the Myrtle Hill Cemetery there. Crist, Ivins, and McNulty were among those attending. Loper was regularly at Class reunions but failing health kept him from our 55th. He left the Army in 22, but returned in WWII to serve with distinction and ret. dsbl as COL USAF. He was with Gulf Life Ins. Co. of FL for 40 yrs, attaining VP, and was on its Bd of Dir 34 yrs. He held high posts, too numerous to list here, in FL state, county and city insurance, banking, church, university, med health and social fields. A past pres of the WP Soc of the FL West Coast, he was a member of the American Legion, disabled AMVETS, USAF Assn and MOWW. Besides his widow Anne, he leaves dau Suzanne and Sara (Mrs. John L. Crist Jr. and Mrs. Walter A. Baldwin Jr.); step-dau Anne (Mrs. John C. Mills Jr.); 6 grandchildren and 2 step-grandsons.

Mildred Reuter died 31 May 76 of a massive heart attack in St. Petersburg, FL, while on annual visit to her sister. As she wished, after medical science research, her ashes were "scattered west of Bird Rock, a half mile from the little place we built after ret. in 54," Herb writes. They had met in 26 at the station hosp on Corregidor where Mildred was 1LT ANC. "We had 48½ yrs of very happy life . . . She raised 2 fine children and found time to earn 20 yrs volunteer Red Cross service and 25 yrs ret. from U.S. Civ Svc with outstanding citations . . . filling an inch-thick folder." In 68 she barely survived a hit-and-run accident when returning home after 0130 from emergency nursing at Ft Ord Hosp. In daily pain since, she attended our 50th and 55th Reunions—"the happiest and most rewarding of her last yrs." After the latter, she underwent 5 more hrs of drastic surgery "to make good on plans for a Golden Wedding gathering and at least one more Class reunion." Besides Herb, she leaves dau Margaret, RN, and wife of VP of Chicago Title & Trust Co.; son Herbert Jr., who survived 19 bad para-

troop landings as LT in 101st Abn Div, and now has 15 outstanding yrs in Carmel, CA school system; and 8 grandchildren.

And Puddle Lake died 2 Jun 76 of pneumonia in El Paso's Beaumont GH. He was buried with mil honors in Monte Vista Cemetery, Alamogordo, NM. He left the Army in 27 but returned in WWII, serving as MAJ AUS. His 2d wife, Mona, died before him. He leaves a stepson, LT Henry L. Kinnison IV '72.

Tess Edmonson died 26 Jun 76 in Gainesville, FL, after a prolonged illness. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery there. This news came from West. He and Lichtenwalter attended the funeral. He said that both Tess and Eddie had been in poor health for several years. Besides Eddie, she leaves son Eddie Jr., who lives next door; dau Carolyn (Mrs. Robinson) of Plandome, Long Is, NY; and 4 grandchildren.

West is holding down the "fort" near St. Augustine, FL, of dau Marie's family, the Ret. COL Parmlys '46, while they are on a Bicentennial tour of the U.S. this summer. Things will live up when they return, by visit of Charlie's son Tommy ('55) and family, now back from Germany for tour with FAA.

Anne Holle, as Gov Gen NS Sons & Daus of the Pilgrims, installed a new chapter of the Soc in Alexandria, VA, 28 Mar. On 19 Apr, she held annual Gen Court of all delegates of the Soc at DC's Shoreham Hotel. Anne is also Treas Gen of the NS US Daus of 1812, Past Pres of NS Founders and Patriots of America, and member of other natl patriotic organizations.

On 1-4 Jun, the Holles attended, in DC, the annual meeting of the Gov Cmte of the Permanent Intl Assn of Navigation Congresses. Charles is permanent member of this cmte.

The Farrells and 8 other former Seventh Army cdrs and wives were honor guests of the Minister Pres of Baden Wurtemberg 9-10 May at American Bicentennial ceremonies in the Stuttgart Stadt Haus. Speakers were the Minister Pres, the American Ambassador and GEN Charles L. Bolté, senior Army guest. And on 15 May this group was also honored at similar ceremonies in Frankfurt's Paules Kirche by the Atlantic Bruecke and the Steuben Schurz Societies fostering German-American relations. VP Rockefeller and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt addressed them. "I was greatly impressed at both occasions—proud to be an American," Frank said. He and Anne returned home by way of Scotland and Ireland. He denies categorically the canard they were deported for sheep stealing. Their dau Mary Anne is visiting them this summer from Sao Paolo, Brazil, but husband, J.R.B. Jackson, returned after 2 wks; they have 1 dau at Mt. Holyoke, 1 at Smith, and 1 in private school.

Janet Stratton, wife of the Strattons' son Bill (who is one of 3 members of the DC Pub Svc Comm), is Art Dir for the div of the Smithsonian Inst which produces, for 2 wks each summer, the annual Festival of American Folklife on the mall between the Washington and Lincoln Monuments. This yr, the Festival is a special Bicentennial effort during the whole summer. Janet, who does free lance graphics, designs all the graphics for the Festival Program Book and other publications and for the exhibits and signage for the entire Festival. She also assists with coordination of Bicentennial contribution and cultural exchange with foreign countries (24 already scheduled); e.g., she traveled to Europe and handled the negotiations for the

Hungarian folk participation in the Festival the end of Aug.

The Rehms toured 3 wks in all the British Isles. The Densons enjoyed 2 wks in Rome and Sorrento, and basked in Dubrovnik, one of Yugoslavia's beach resorts.

The Leland Smiths spent a month in Little Rock with dau Janet's family to welcome No. 1 grandson, CPT Charles L. Steel IV '68, from tour in Germany, and 4th great-grandson, Jason Williams.

A happy, impressive sight was the receiving line at the Burns' party 14 Jun at Ft McNair for DC area classmates and friends. Standing with Kay and Don were Kay's 5 Withers' ('25) sons (USMA '56, USNA '58, USMA '62, GA State ROTC '67 and USMA '74—with wives except youngest; and grandson yearling, USMA '79).

The Doolittles returned 22 Jun from a month in HI, trying out vacation home George Jr. built there. George, our SW Rep, sent in news from Rachel Herrick, Duffner and McDonald. Rachel said Pop had been in hosp several wks with surgery and was recovering nicely but slowly. Big Carl, tho ret. after over 34 Army and 18 school teaching yrs, continues very active as member CO Dist School Bd and City Planning Comm, and Chmn, City Bicent. Cmte. And Willis writes, "We live quietly in townhouse on edge of 10th fairway of the Wigwam Blue Golf Crse . . . My broken hip restricts me to 9 holes. We spend summers in Greenwich, CT with our son, who is a partner in the large White & Case law firm, and works day and night as counsel for the banks and indemnities for NY City and State obligations."

Three more joined Pop Herrick as octogenarians—Jack Cassidy 28 May, Mac McQuarrie 6 Jun and Don Burns 15 Jun.

Lillian Bessell writes that Bill badly shattered his hip in a fall early May, and was in intensive care 6 wks. Mending very slowly, he's mainly irked at being tied down.

Chitterling finally made the Jun DC area Class luncheon, his first since major surgery last Dec. Dorothy Harris brought him and Ruth from Annapolis. She and Ruth then had a Class miniluncheon of their own with Anne Holle and Selby Stratton.

Amazeen, Cassidy and George also underwent major surgery and are now recovering at home. Alex had baffled doctors many months before an Emmy brain scan at NIH diagnosed a deep abscess in the brain (due to an old war injury). Fortunately, a very delicate 8-hr operation at Walter Reed was successful.

Early May, the Samouces had a visit from Duke's grandniece, Jamie McAusland of Seattle. She drove a VW with a girl college chum on her first visit East to see Yale where she plans to go for her master's degree. And, mid-May, came Duke's sister Helen and husband, Ret. BG William R. Woodward '16, of Santa Rosa, CA—for her 50th reunion at RMWC in Lynchburg, VA, and his 60th at WP.

Goff, our NW Rep, reports he, Bare and Welch and their wives "all well and kicking and taking part in the WP Soc of Puget Sound and events sponsored by local patriotic groups."

Plank, our CA Rep, and Dottie enjoyed a weeks visit from dau Jacqueline and grand-dau Jana, en route to extended visit in Portland, OR, their former home, before returning to Chagrin Falls, OH, to husband E.G. McClellan, who is with Bethlehem Steel.

Clendenen had more hospitalization with his

chronic pneumonia. No sooner home than more bad luck came. He missed the bottom step of an outdoor stairway and plunged head-on into a masonry wall; in cushioning the shock, he broke his right wrist, now healing normally.

The **Kreuters** confined their travels to the USA this yr. Their 70 Chevy made its 6th cross-country, taking them to Betty's 50th reunion at Wellesley (4 very spry '06 grads were there on their 70th!); then to ME, DC, VA, FL and back to CA. Before leaving home they enjoyed a visit from Pacing **Martelino** and dau, Dr. Lucille Diaz de Rivera, who teaches Bio-Chem at Manila's U. of the East and cares for her 11 children at home, ages 6 to 21; the U. sent her to U.S. to explore med teaching here. Pacing, with Lucille, later visited son Pastor, Art Prof at Franconia Coll in NH. Bob also reports that **Winslow** continues slow recovery from heart attack in Dec.

**Miller** has been doing quite well since heart trouble 2 yrs ago. He and Mary Lou cruised to Hong Kong last spring via Rio and So Africa. They plan to repeat next Feb, picking up the ship in the Orient and returning via Suez.

**Ruby Adamson** says she's delightfully situated in new apt complex in Vallejo, CA, overlooking the Mare Id Naval shipyard channel with its moving panorama of large naval vessels, subs and sailboats. She's happy that dau, Mary Eleanor, wife of Dr. J.C. Miller, and their 4 children are nearby and involve Granny in drama, music, church... Son Godfrey Jr. (MD COL USAF), wife and 3 daus are in Colo Spgs with AFA Hosp and Peterson Field Clinic. She and Florence **Chapman** miss Lillian McGaw, who's in DC's Wisconsin Ave. Nursing Home since serious accident last Aug.

Long-awaited news from **Englehart**, lone survivor of the 5 (including **Fowler**, **Martelino**, **Vanture** and **Ward**) who were on the Death March after Bataan: "Talked to Plank over the telephone, the first time I heard his voice since barging into his Manila office on my way home from Jap prison camp," he writes. Ret. in 50, Carl was Civ Def Dir of Marin County for 5 yrs and, for the next 11, with the San Rafael Title Ins & Trust Co. as Ch of its Property Sec. Now fully ret., he and Margo enjoy their apt in Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA. But he's far from leisurely—enjoys golf (3 holes-in-one), 2 bowling leagues (averaging over 150), house projects and 3-dimensional art. "Some day I'll make one of our reunions and see if I can recognize anybody, and vice versa," he says. Carl lost son Anders of cancer when a radio seaman USCG. He and Margo enjoy his dau Karen, her electronics engr, Ralph L. Brown, and their 2 children.

Visiting the **Culletons**, the **Planks** found John chagrined that after over 50 yrs svc., he's now "confined to qtrs" with respiratory troubles he hopes to overcome. He and Helena invite all within reach to attend their coming Open House between 2 and 6 on 11 Sept for their Golden Wedding Day.

**Taylor** says Cecile missed the "famous" San Fran strike when visiting relatives in Miami and NY, while Rhu minded the store. She's now recuperating from surgery for 2d replacement of the same hip.

Last May, the **Morses** made their big move from Shreveport, LA, and are happy now in Monterey, CA. Son Bob, LT USN, and family are in nearby Santa Barbara and Fran's sister and family in Napa.

**McCormick** says he and Joy feel fine, enjoy life and send Hello to all classmates.

**Heloise Casey** is also in good health. Travels considerably. Is in an investment group and a Book Club. Is happy about dau Colleen Stoll (with master's degree) who teaches at Huntington Beach, CA; and dau Kathleen Gold (BA degree) who majors in journalism near Chicago; and 6 grandchildren, oldest, Sheri Stoll, just graduated in Engr from UCA, "and all inherited their grandfather's good looks," she says.

This from Jo Billo, "I can hear the reveille gun and walk in the beauty of the Presidio of San Fran, living near its Lombard Gate in the Episcopal Residence, a most charming home for widows."

**Charlotte Applewhite** writes that, at 72, she's only vaguely thinking of ret. some day from most rewarding work with the Patent Dept of a large industrial conglomerate in L.A. She deals with patent and design applications from foreign countries. Good for you, Charlotte.

**Alex Sand** reveals that 10 yrs after dsbl ret. in 44, he moved to western Brazil and established a large successful coffee plantation. His missionary brother and other missionary families joined him there and progressed so well they were able to finance their missionary work in Brazil and other parts of the world. Since 63, Alex and Valerie have lived in San Fran and are in good health.

**Frances Schick** feels doubly blessed in having dau Marylou, husband, Ret. COL Paul C. Root Jr. '41, and their family settle near her in Carmel, CA; and son LTC John ('55) is not far away as PMS of Claremont Colleges.

The **Howards** enjoy Hacienda Carmel, a ret. community, and spend many weekends trout fishing at their mountain hideout further up the Valley. Dau Katty and husband, Bob Dixon, visited from Dallas, with grandau Beth joining in from UCA Berkeley. Oldest grandson Pete, a Stanford grad, now does graduate work at Carnegie Inst; and younger Dennis, UCA Berkeley grad, works in AK. Pete and Emily enjoyed a cruise there last fall, up the scenic Inside Passage.

**Watt** says, "Win and I (at 72 and 79) live a very quiet life. She's great healthwise and I'm not too bad, tho much less inclined to any physical activity. Win is in much church work and I in some photography, philately, reading, gardening, stock market, bridge and much writing—this last mostly in a file remindful of that slot in the wall for old razor blades..." Not bad for the lazy fellow you make yourself out to be, Bob.

**Grace Smyser's** education was interrupted when she married Kaydet. She's brought it up in May by graduating from U. of Redlands, and plans for a master's by 78. A new car is keeping her from usual summer European trip but she hopes for Maupin Tour of France and England next yr.

**Helen Bailey** is happy she was convinced to make our 55th reunion. She enjoys her home in Laguna Beach, "a charming resort town on the ocean."

In 61, **Strickland** "joined a few locals to form a fishing and conservation club in Fresno, CA." By 65 the idea spread and he became the first Secy-Treas of the Natl Federation of Fly Fishermen. It now has some 200 Clubs with about 20,000 members. And even spread to Canada, England, France, New Zealand... and "has brought me hundreds of friends from all over the country and the world," he says.

**Rhoda Adams** moved last Feb to Casa Dorinda, a beautiful ret. home in Montecito, CA. Since then she's traveled 6 wks for business and pleasure to San Diego and east to PA, VA and NC, and to family of son, Charles M. III (ex-'58), at Pebble Beach while he was 3 mos in Thailand. He's now taking an Army course in Hershey, PA, before duty at the Pentagon, where his family will join him.

A correction in the Jun 75 ASSEMBLY: Interchange the '20 and '25 group pictures on pp 37 and 42.

And another one, of my note on the Robinsons, for which I'm most grateful to **Cullum**: That Intl Wine Tasting Soc is the "Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin" (Brotherhood of Knights of the Tasting-cup). It has about 20 Chapters in U.S., one in DC with the Chief Justice and 6 Ambassadors as honorary members. Its primary purpose is to promote the wines of Burgundy. This takes many "tastings" (not just an annual one)—9 in first half of 76. And the one Robby and Alice headed for met in Clos de Vougeot (no relation to the Peugeot Auto Works) in eastern (not southern) France. And the **Cullums** didn't make it; Jim was over a mo in hosp last Dec-Jan and now has to take things easier. The **Robinsons** sent them a card from Taormina, Sicily.

# '21-'22

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It is with deep regret to report that **Bob Douglass** died on 28 May and "**DD**" **Thorpe** on 27 May. Bob was a very sick man for quite some time before his death. He suffered from leukemia and diabetes. He was buried in Arlington on 1 Jun. In addition to the **Kleins** (Bob was **Ginny Klein's** brother) who flew down from NY, **Conway**, **Cook**, **Kastner**, **Lawton**, **Leedy**, **McClure** and **Max Taylor** attended the burial and acted as honorary pallbearers. Bob is survived by his wife Irene, and son Robert, Class of '50. **DD Thorpe** was a victim of Parkinson's disease and had been in very poor health for several years. Here is a quote from Virginia's letter: "He did a great deal of reading and was always interested in WP news... The flowers from the class were lovely and greatly appreciated." **DD** is survived by his wife Virginia, a daughter, Mrs. Felice Mayer, and 2 grandchildren. On behalf of the Class I extend to the **Douglass** and **Thorpe** families our sincere condolences.

A letter from **Gertrude McClenaghan**, "Will you please convey my thanks to the Class for their gift to the Scout Memorial. Bob would be very pleased. He loved scouting and gave many years to the movement. Guess with 5 male offsprings it helped him understand and made him want to help."

More about the **McClenaghans**. Here is Gertrude's rundown about her 5 sons. Bob Jr. is advisor to the NG of TN, he has 2 sons and 2 daughters. Bill is prof. of Polit Sci at OR State U., he has 2 sons and 1 daughter, and is author of a textbook, "American Government" that is used in 85% of the country's high schools. Jack is controller for Centennial Mills, Portland, OR. He has a son and 2 daughters. Don is a CPA and lives in Juneau, AK, is married, no children, and is employed by the state. Gertrude planned to visit Don who had prepared a trip that covered pretty near all of AK except the pipe line. Dick is an investment broker in

Wilmington, DE, married and has 2 daughters. To keep up with a family like that is a bit of a chore, but Gertrude loves it.

After the Oriole Winter Reunion (OWR) the Kleins went off on a 5-weeks junket visiting their daughter and her family in Austin, TX. While in Austin the Bob Taylors and "PD" Lynch got together with the Kleins for a short visit. They went on to San Ant where Art's brother lives and then on to see Bob Douglass who at that time was in the hospital in Little Rock, AR. They completed the tour in Memphis, TN, Ginny's hometown.

George Olmsted appointed Art Klein chmn of the 55th Class Reunion cmte. Art accepted. (Did he have a choice?) Since our 55th is only 9 months away, it might be well to start thinking about attending and letting Art know you are coming. It will help him in his planning.

I suggested to Harry Stout that, as the authority on copper and its products, he develop a copper alloy that would prevent it from tarnishing so that copper based frying pans would always shine. Harry set me a can of "Totrust" free of charge. If you too have difficulty keeping your Revere Ware nice and shiny, contact Harry.

The Stouts had a new granddaughter last Apr. Now it is 2 boys and 2 girls. The Stouts' son lives in Georgetown, DC, where he runs the *National Journal* (a weekly magazine for business execs). Harry and Maxine plan to attend the Intl Standards Org. meeting on copper specifications in Berlin in Sept, and then spend a week or so in London. Maybe some German scientist could help Harry to develop a non-tarnishing copper.

Jake Stewart writes, "I stay busy with my various horticultural projects and in my own large garden. It must be good for me since I am in such good shape physically." That is what you call getting down to earth to stay healthy.

Sonoma, CA, hometown of the Ham Meyer family and Carol Woods, gained national publicity thru a TV deodorant commercial. But the towns folk who are very proud of Sonoma resent the town being known as the "Armpit of CA." The Meyers and Carol still like the town, the armpit deodorant to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ham and Katherine have been traveling in short spurts—Carmel, Salinas (to visit Georgie Grant), Lake Tahoe, San Fran, etc. They are thinking about a trip either before the 55th or after. They haven't decided where, but they definitely will attend the 55th. So Art you can bank on the Meyers and Haases being present.

Somewhat over a year ago, Blanche Stephens moved to James Monroe Manor in Sacramento and likes it very much with her friends and some Army and Navy folk. Since I had not heard from Frank Pirkey since taking over this job, I asked Blanche if she knew anything about the Pirkeys (also Sacramento residents). Frank was not at home when she called but she did speak with Jane who said she would try to get Frank to write me. So far—no soap.

Max Taylor's new book is "Precarious Security" and the publisher is W.W. Norton Co., Inc. I haven't read the book yet, but I am sure it will be as interesting as "Swords and Plowshares."

The May luncheon meeting of the DC classmates was well attended, all present except Conway and Babe Bryan. Orval Cook gave an accounting of his SE Asia trip;

George Olmsted spoke about the Lebanese; and Max Taylor covered various subjects. Here is a quote from Mark McClure's letter: "The only flaw was that we did not stick George for the drinks. He is both lucky and good at throwing the dice and seldom if ever is stuck for the drinks." With that kind of luck he should be able to make another million at Las Vegas.

More about George. On 2 Apr the building at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC, was officially named the Olmsted Bldg in honor of George. The building was constructed in '62 and has been the home of George's Intl Bank (IB) ever since. It has 42 tenants, 19 of which are part of the IB family.

Mark reported that the Jun meeting of the classmates was also well attended. Lots of good conversation but definite answers reached.

"Hop" Dance's daughter and her husband, LTG D.L. Crow '41, are now living in a DC suburb. GEN Crow is now with NASA.

Bill & Marge Lawton attended Bill's younger brother's 50th wedding anniv last Mar in Las Vegas and then proceeded to L.A. for a visit with Bill Jr. In early Jun they left the heat of DC, to spend the summer at Oganquit, ME.

Last 15 Mar Glenn Wilhide suffered severe abdominal pain which was diagnosed as gall bladder inflammation. The next day he was operated on and it was removed. After a 9-day stay in the hospital and a month later, he wrote me that he had seemingly recovered in pretty good shape. We hope that by now he is fully recovered and back on the golf course shooting his usual par. This operation happened at a most inopportune time. The Wilhides had sold their apartment in Naples and were getting ready to move their belongings back up to Newtown Square, PA. Glenn Jr. '48, Ret., COL, drove the loaded car north while Glenn and Jim flew. Then on top of all that Jim developed a scab in her nostril, but fortunately it wasn't cancerous and was successfully treated with an ointment. Glenn Wilhide's grandson (son of Glenn Jr.) entered the Academy last Jul (Class of '80). Another grandson, Glenn III, graduated from U. of CT and is pursuing some physical admin work. The granddaughter, Gretchen, married a Navy Academy graduate in '74. The husband is attending M.I.T.

Isabel Albert writes that she is still active in the law including being a director of the NY County Lawyers Assn (10,000 members) and a trustee of the hospital where Harry was very active.

In early Jun the Andersons attended the 61st anniv of their graduation from high school at Union City, MI. Their plans for travel are a bit uncertain as of this writing, but they are thinking about an automobile trip around western U.S. and Canada.

Beverly (Kane) and Len Ellsworth spent a month and a half in Germany last Jun and Jul visiting Bev's family. Before leaving Dulles Airport they attended a family get-together at Len's daughter's home in Beltsville, MD. There were 15 in attendance.

A note from Mrs. Patricia Pappas, San Rafael, CA, stated that Burt Pierce is well again after a bout with pneumonia last Xmas. Mrs. Pappas announced the engagement of her daughter "Meg" to LT Robert J. Goodman '75, grandson of Bob & Burt Pierce. You may recall Bob was presented with a tankard last year from our Class.

In a note from Mary Paul Freeman to Nelle Sue Branham she wrote that her son Allen lives in Atlanta and Jack is doing research work for the Kodak Co. in Rochester, NY.

Harold & Margarita Conway visited Panama last spring. Margarita's first husband was a Navy Academy graduate, Class of '26. The Conways were invited to attend the 50th Reunion of the N.A. Class of '26. They call Harold an honorary member of the class (or as Harold says ONERY member). Harold had an operation last fall. He didn't say for what. It might have been a case of fallen arm pits. Anyhow the doctors say he is OK but should watch it for 6 months.

While writing these notes I received a letter from Granger Anderson. Granger had a tumor removed from his left breast. Fortunately it was not cancerous. However he has high blood pressure and is doctoring for that. He wrote also that Dorothy Spalding has moved—see new address below.

Bill Lawton, our treas, reports that the Class treasury stands at \$946.50 and no debts.

Address changes: Jake Stewart, Route 6, Box 83 same town; Isabel Albert, 1 St. Pauls Court, Brooklyn, NY 11226; Blanche Stephens, 3225 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95818; Gertrude McClenaghan lives on 48th St not 49th; Dorothy Spalding, 1161 N.E. 24th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33062; Tel: (305) 782-2413.

As a parting shot: Write to Art Klein about your plans to attend our 55th.

# '23

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We assume you have the 10 Jun letter from the Supt to USMA graduates. It includes a copy of his address to AOG on 28 May. It gives the basic facts on the allegations of violations of the Honor Code and the action in progress in respect to them. We have had a number of comments from you about this matter. We believe ASSEMBLY is not a good vehicle for discussions on this subject at this time. It is quite sensitive and the time lag on ASSEMBLY issues is so great that it would make material on such a subject less effective than it would be if handled otherwise. It will be discussed at our 15 Sept luncheon here. We hope many of you will be able to attend. You are invited to send your views to me or anyone in this area. If you can attend, please make a reservation with Guevara (or, again anyone in this area). I will see that views you send me are considered. Naturally we believe individuals need not hesitate to let their views be known to authorities at WP. This is a proper time to show support of the Honor Code.

Our Class Reps have sent in enough information to indicate that there is a real interest in a 55th Reunion in '78. We will take up the planning for it at the Sept meeting.

At our 21 Apr luncheon the Group accepted the recommendations of the nominating cmte that the incumbents, viz, J. Smith—Chmn; Timberman—V-Chmn; Guevara—Secy; Adams—Treas; and Kehm—Scribe continue to serve for next year. We also heard reports about individual classmates (incorporated elsewhere in these notes) and agreed to continue having Class luncheons at Ft Myer.



1923: Tredennick presents our award to Cadet S.E. Fogarty.

Later Adams estimated our Class Fund would stand at \$2,645.00 on 30 Jun, down \$26.00 from a year ago, but down only \$17.50 from 1 Jan 76. To this estimate he adds: "Tally-Ho! and Geronimo!"

Tredennick presented the 1923 Memorial Award to the outstanding member of the Swimming Team, Cadet S.E. Fogarty, at the awards convocation during June Week. He says the ceremony was carried out with precision and dignity and noted: "the enthusiastic applause for Cadet W.E. Anderson, Chmn of the Cadet Honor Cmte, began when he was announced for an award and continued until he returned to his seat." Tred feels "it showed the support that the audience (parents, visitors and cadets) had for the Honor Code and the work being carried out by the Honor Cmte and WP officials to uphold it in the current episode."

Weikert presented the award he has established for the Outstanding Co. Cmdr, First Regiment, USCC, to Cadet Christopher J. Grates. P.D. commented favorably on the remarks made by the Supe to the cadets and parents at the convocation including noting that the Cadet Honor Cmte had handled all the cases reported and that none had come to him for action. Weikert also added: "We had lunch with the recipient of our award and his parents and brother who graduated 2 years ago. He has a brother who is a yearling and one who hopes to enter in 77. He thought the Honor Cmte was doing the right thing. His parents made no remark about it. However, if they are sending their 4th son there next year, they must not be disturbed about it."

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Hayselden—change Mary to Betty; Serig—delete Christine and change Far Hills, NJ 07911 to: Bedminster, NJ 07921.

#### SAD NEWS

The day after Lawrence sent in his notes for ASSEMBLY, he had to inform us of the death of Tom Lewis on 14 Jun. Tom was one of Charlie's close friends, as he was to many in our Class.

#### REPS REPORTS

Dwyer from PA and NJ: Notes for the last ASSEMBLY were lost in my rush of getting that manuscript out while getting over the "roto-rooter" job. Here they are now including new items.

Tredennick, Carrol and Dwyer attended the Founders Day dinner at Carlisle. The wives had a dinner on their own. At the dinner they met our Lew Morton's son, BG Richard Lew Morton '49, Ret., who lives at Carlisle with his wife and one son. Two other sons are Richard W. '74 and Glen USCC '77. GEN Morton spent some time in Saudi Arabia with Aramco after ret. and is now teaching German in high school. P Roy was Lew's roommate at WP. Lew's widow

Martha divides her time between their old home in Ft Wayne, IN and a summer place in Canada.

P Roy reports that Wilder beat me to the prostate operating table by having his in Feb. He is slowly regaining his health and ME is also doing better. These conditions reduced Wilder's political activity.

Tredennick continues finding good candidates for USMA. He has an enviable record on numbers graduating. He is also active in the Valley Forge Chapter of TROA. The Tredennicks went to WP after visiting their son William '65 at Ft Sill. They plan to attend Army home football games to further improve Dot's status as a whiz on the statistics of Army football.

P Roy is improving after physical problems of last Dec, but cataracts are still slowing down his reading. Mary is still able to keep up her work in a nursery school. By the time you see this their grandson, Stephen Roy Dwyer, will have entered USMA. Grandpa attended Stephen's graduation from USMAPS in May and was particularly pleased with the graduation address given by GEN Lemnitzer. He is continuing his editorship of the 102d Div Assn publication and is looking forward to their poster show at the annual reunion



1923: (L-R): Evans' daughter, R.B. and Dorothy Evans.

of the Div at Enfield, CT in Jul. On top of all that he has found time to write to classmates with physical problems (including mine), bringing attention to scurrilous attacks on WP like the one in the 16 May Philadelphia Inquirer and passing on lessons he learned in helping his grandson get to WP.

Lawrence from the San Ant area: Bob Hallock and Charlie were the only members of '23 at Founders Day dinner.

Timberlake came thru his operation for an abdominal aneurysm in good shape and is now getting in shape for the operation on his knee which he was pointing for when the abdominal problem came up. Shorty Keane has had a few mild strokes. He is ambulatory but cannot drive a car.

Bob Hallock has recovered completely after his roto-rooter job and feels bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Lillie Hallock is a big shot in the Daughters of the TX Republic. She has been pres of the local unit and State Pres and is State Treas and on a number of cmtes.

The Lawrences are now looking forward to a few weeks in HI this fall to balance their 21 days in Europe last Sept. Charlie says the back operation which prevented them from coming to the 50th Reunion hasn't really healed and one can put a couple of fingers in it to near his backbone. Now a few aspirins a day take care of the usual aches. So "God willing and the crick don't rise," they will be at the 55th.

G.H. Palmer from the San Fran area: "On 28 Mar 76 Roma and Fritz Breidster were welcomed to San Fran by 20 of the Class, wives, and widows resident in the Bay area: Virginia Post, Loriena Price and 2 each Binns, Fitzmaurice, Garrecht, Harmony, G.H. Palmer, Pierce, Rutte, O.C. Stewart, and J.H. White. We were all delighted to see Fritz in such good shape after our reading of his heart problem in the spring Class Notes.

"One interesting development revealed: Oscar Stewart now outweighs Breidster by a few pounds—a considerable change from their relative weights 53 years earlier. Both are close under 200. Most of the others of the NOCA group have stayed nearer their cadet weights.

"The Pitzers were unable to attend, as Rula doesn't drive at all nowadays and John's driving is limited pending removal of some cataracts. In his note of regret at not being present John recalled that Timberlake and Lawrence, with Fritz and John himself are the only ones of '23 still living who played in the 22 Army-Navy football game, all the others having joined the Long Gray Line in the skies.

"We were all glad to have an up-to-date report of Eleanor Buckley's progress after her recent stroke. Mike had recovered from a touch of the flu that caught him after Eleanor came home from Ft Ord hospital, and is now back on the golf course on occasion, but the trip to San Fran would have been too much for Eleanor. When Mike wants a really expert golfer on his team he rings in grandson, Steve Pope, who shows the old boys how a golf ball should be hit.

"Trooper Price had left a few days before the Breidsters' visit on an extensive and circuitous cross-country trip, autographing his earlier literary product and perhaps making a soft sell of a new book coming out soon.

"Ella Verne McGehee has so many medications to ingest each day that she and Jud don't have much time for traveling to SFO, while Mark Pesek sent his regrets with 'No Excuse, Sir.' Harmony made the photographic record of the luncheon for the Breidsters.

"The weekend of the Breidsters' visit to SFO was also the weekend on which the new DC Metro was opened. That reminds us in the SFO area of the trials and tribulations of our own Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) System, which has been operating for 2 years now. Among the triad of engr firms which produced BART was our own Ralph Tudor's Tudor Engr Co., while numerous other West Pointers shared in the planning and construction of BART. The prob-



1923: Luncheon, Presidio (L-R): Roma Breidster, Loriena Price and Palmer.

lems of both systems—financial and technical—are much the same. You Washingtonians: come on out and see ours some time. Genevieve & Einar Gjelsteen missed the Braidster visit because of driving to the SE. Afterwards Einer reported that Savannah is doing a tremendous job of restoring buildings, being ahead of Charleston in that respect. Bill Lucas, when queried on the subject, responded with appropriate enlightening comments which were passed to Gjelsteen for his future guidance. Briefly, those comments were to the effect that Savannah is merely an outpost of Charleston, established some 200 years ago to fend off the Floridians (Spanish in those days); further, that Charleston's Revolutionary and ante-bellum houses, as well as current restoration, are superior to those of Savannah. To date I have not been called on to referee any further conflict of views on the subject, but Bill has offered to serve as guide to Einar on the Gjelsteens' next visit thataway. Bill also remarked that he seldom sees classmates, so you others journeying southward, keep Lucas in mind, and let him show you some of the beauties of Charleston."

When Trooper Price was not available to take pictures of the luncheon Harmony was detailed to do the job. Jazz said his effort was not successful but we did find 2 that seemed O.K. Jazz also noted that accidents to which senior citizens are prone and other ills have not stopped the HABI BUST golf matches though perhaps slowed them up a bit.

Enslow from Western VA and NC: "We're off to listen to our granddaughter, Dorothea Bliss (Enslow), give her Valedictorian address as she graduates from high school. As a Senior she won a scholarship given by the Women's Club of Ft McPherson and has been accepted at Agnes Scott for next year.

"Called Wittkopf at Greenwood for an account of Louise's health. They have to leave their gorgeous home with all the beautiful things Louise has assembled in it and all the unbelievably intricate and wonderful gadgets Witt built and put in it. Their present plans call for going to Seattle in summer and San Ant in winter."

Rosenberg from the San Pedro area: Dave Dunne's grandson Jeffrey M. Weart whose father and grandfather Weart are WP Graduates, will enter WP in July.

Marion Enderton was stricken with another heart attack and blood clots. After intensive care in the hospital she says she feels too good for what apparently happened to her.

They visited with the Deke Stones and Florence Kelton, wife of a former CO of Lyle's and then called on Mary Short and found her comfortably settled at the La Jolla Chateau, a ret. home.

Gettys from Western FL: "Pooper Grove observes that he is getting more withdrawn than ever. He does comment in favor of a 55th Reunion. He also expressed thankfulness for hearing the Supe and the Com at our past 2 Founders Day meetings and feels that 'good men are in control of the present mess.'

"Battle Horton reports minor activities—handy-man duties around the house and yard—9 holes of golf nearly every morning. He didn't say NO to a 55th Reunion nor did he promise to attend—'It's a long trip up there.'

"Cecil & Ellen Nist report that in spite of some health problems they do reasonably well and a lot better than some. Ellen took a bad fall and broke a foot—thus nixing a



1923: (L-R): Braidster, Virginia Post, Marion Harmony, Roma Braidster, and Binns, Presidio, 28 March 1976.

planned trip to AZ last Xmas to visit son Cecil Jr. and his family. They were visited at Easter by son Allan and his family. Allan is a 53 Grad of U. of VA—granddaughter Alison is finishing her jr year there.

"R.B. Evans sent a brief note inviting us to drop in for a visit and meet the bride. He said he had already sent the essential news direct to Kehm.

"Bill Torpy reports from Clearwater that aside from minor ailments, he is in good health and enjoys 18 holes of golf 5 days per week—is known as 'down the middle Bill'—about 160 to 170 yards—when my putts drop I shoot about 6 or 7 strokes off par, when they don't—that's another story.

"Lela and I plan a trip north sometime this summer to include a visit to our daughter and her family. Our son-in-law, COL Jack Coon, is about to begin a 2d tour as instr at the AWC—specialty, Far East. Our grandson Dick is about to begin his 2d year in high school.

"Bruce King says they had to miss the 50th because of surgery for Nell and adds 'I plan to attend the 55th though I seriously doubt she will be able to travel. After 4 trips to, and 91 days in the hospital last year, she has now been out 10 months so we're feeling good. I get in a bit of boating and am active in a Power Sq. I see Phil Raymond occasionally. He is doing well.'

Newman from SC and GA: Opie has gotten off the shelf on which a heart condition put him for about a year and is playing 9 holes of golf. George Howell says he feels health conditions will not permit him to plan on the 55th. Opie wrote to classmates in his area but no news had arrived by the time of our deadline.

Heaney from Eastern FL: Al Johnson reports: "No trophies from my Mexican hunting trip—I shot only wild duck. I do no big game hunting. The end of this month I am leaving for N. Ontario for a month's fishing trip." Charley Blomme says: "Reflections of a Retired Captain" by James E. Hoffman Jr. '76 in the Jun 76 ASSEMBLY, reprinted from *The Pointer* by permission of Cadet Hoffman was most appropriate at this time considering some things which have occurred in the Corps."

Roy Foster reports: "We've just returned from a week at my home grounds in NE. Trooper finished up his visit with us on his return from the East. He's as Trooper was always—ready to make news, and I cautioned him at Kiwanis that I would introduce him—but they expected no speech. We sure enjoyed his visit. I've gotten through

the foreword of his big new book. Upon Trooper's departure we were off to DC for a granddaughter's wedding, which was joyful and hilarious for us both.

"I'm back in harness handing out scholarship awards, WP appointments, and setting up an invitational WP 'Prospects and Parents Night' at a high school at Orlando. We have the spirit of WP behind it. Program will be conducted by personnel from WP.

"Weikert told me they saw the Joe Smiths, Shafers, Towles and Kehms on their visit north to go to June Week and to celebrate the 55th Reunion of PD's Gettysburg College class of which he is pres."

Dwight Caswell says: "On our FL Key we had a record for backup cars when the Jew Fish Creek drawbridge remained up for a few hours and backed up cars for 12 miles. The rains have now come down as from flush bowls in the sky and we are getting ready for hurricanes."

Hayselden from HI: "The job of being the oldest grad at Founders Day here finally fell on old man Hayselden to carry on—and he, also, is going to quit and leave the job to Neal unless he can arrange for an ulcer prior to the next dinner. In a popular ret. resort like HI we just get too many permanent old timers and very little change at the senior table.

"You mention my boat accident. That appears to be one of the best things that ever happened to me. Instead of spending my weekends chasing mahimahi and opakapaka all over the ocean and spending a small fortune maintaining the 'Grand Banks' and all the fishing gear, I now have greatly improved my golf game, have produced dozens of items in leaded stained glass, and have learned to play my Baldwin Fun Machine and have recorded some 150 songs on tape. On top of that and along with many exotic plants and flowers on our 35th floor lanai, we raise tree tomatoes and dwarf limes, lemons, and oranges. Don't you think that is enough to keep a senile dirty old man out of excess mischief?"

"Ralph Neal and his son are presently vacationing in Europe."

After signing the letter "Betty and Don" he added: "Please do not infer that I have a new wife—Betty has always been her name but I have never bothered to change the record." The Class Roster has shown her as "Mary" for years.

#### OTHER PEARLS

Sydney, widow of G.S. Smith, sent in an issue of a publication of "The Regional Conference of Historical Agencies." It contains an article on efforts to save Madison Bks. The article shows she has played a leading role in this struggle. Sydney says so far these efforts have achieved no significant success. However, she and Budge had success in getting something done about the Sackets Harbor Battlefield. Sydney lives in the only dwelling house in Jefferson County, NY in the National Register of Historical Sites. It was built by her great, great grandfather who commanded the arty at the Battle of Sackets Harbor in 1813. Many classmates have served at Madison Bks and regret the dilapidated state of the attractive structures which once graced this beautiful Army post.

Two copies of an impressive article on the civ service Pesek continues to render to his local community, Los Altos, reached me. The pictures which accompanied the articles were not clear enough to submit. I am asking for a good print to accompany notes in our next column.

Deke Stone has made a contribution to "The West Point Fund of the AOG," and asked that it be credited to the Class. He reports that "all goes moderately well here." That seems to be par for us. He winds up with: Grip Hands! His note is written on a card showing polar bears sitting on the ice in the San Diego Zoo; any significance?

The Pierces, writing on stationery Mary "accepted" from an Anchorage Hotel last year against Ray's principles, say they plan to repeat a part of the trip to the Pacific NW we made with them last year. The family party will total 9. Daughter-in-law Zada cannot go because, like so many young wives working in schools, she has to go to summer school.

#### NOW HEAR THIS!

Jim Fry lost his position as most recent '23 bridegroom when Mrs. Dorothy May Bradley and R.B. Evans were married at Sarasota on 21 Apr. R.B. says none of our Class had met Dorothy before the wedding and he himself met her only in Feb. Ernie Harmon '17 was best man at the wedding.

#### AU REVOIR

A letter from Breidster describes their trek to CA as a remarkable experience Roma and he will long remember. They thoroughly appreciated the luncheon even if the substitute photographer did use the wrong camera!

Fritz also commented on Trooper's visit in early Jun. He had logged 8000 miles to their house and still had a long way to go. As others have, the Breidsters found Trooper inimitable and full of fun and wit.

Fritz had comments on the honor code matter along lines others have expressed. They will be presented at our Sept luncheon. He expresses the belief that the honor system MUST survive and is sure the Corps is of the same opinion.

He has asked me to send greetings and best wishes to all of you.

# '24

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The spring luncheon of the WP Society of DC was held at Ft Myer, VA, on 4 May. The principal speaker was Mr. M.W. Krzyzewski, USMA '69, who is the head coach of the USMA basketball squad. His talk was mostly a basketball pep talk. The luncheon was attended by Palmer, Hincke, Beurket and Van Way.

The big event of the year so far was the reunion of the West Coast Thundering Herd at Santa Barbara, CA, on 9 Apr. The affair was masterminded by Cam Du Val, chapter pres, assisted by Sam Fisher, Tom Malin and others. Invitations were sent to everybody west of the Rocky Mts. Those attending included: Ray & Peg Raymond, Frank & Marge Carpenter, Ray & Mae Coombs, Sandy & Yvonne Goodman, Sam & Emo Fisher, Ken & Melba Strother, George & Katy Vaughn, Briant & Ann Wells, Bob & Georgia Cameron, Harry & Betty Van Wyk, Tom & Gwen Malin, and Jim Loome. Some of those who could not make it, and their excuses, were: Tom Roberts who was recovering from a long spell in the hospital; Reeve Keiler who was buying a boat; Carol Lloyd who was recovering from a cruise in the Mediterranean; Zack Moores who hadn't recovered from the San Fran Founders Day dinner; Doug Smith in AZ

who will try to make it next year; Emil Lenzer, also from AZ, who says he is too old to make the long drive to CA; Em Itschner who is now fully ret. but still does free consulting; Jule Justice who was planning surgery; Gerry Gibbs who was expecting a new grandchild; Martha Conrad whose boy Mike was going to Ft Lewis to command a bde; Nye Elward whose mother was celebrating her centennial birthday; Pat Stebbins who was busy chasing around the country in connection with her DAR activities; and Sam Strohecker who was busy with his yard work. Sandy Goodman, the elected M. C., believed that at previous dinners of this sort, the celebrants got up from the table too soon. To insure that this did not happen again he employed the sheer force of his noted verbosity, telling stories about persons present and absent, some of which may have been true. Sandy claims that he established a record for nonstop yakking. It continued until near midnight with few interruptions. Finally, his lovely bride Yvonne cried out in pain, "You and your big mouth, don't open it again!" With this vote of confidence the party broke up, but not before it was unanimously agreed that when better reunions are held, the Thundering Herd will hold them.

Another recent celebration which established a record of some sort was that of the 50th wedding anniv of Duke & Lib Arnold. This started on 15 Feb with a buffet supper at the Ft Sheridan Officers Club to which 250 guests were invited. The celebrations were continued by the principals, all their children, and 15 of their 17 grandchildren for 3 days. Then on 28 Feb Duke and Lib rode the auto-train to FL where they relaxed for 7 weeks before driving back to Lake Forest, IL.

Word has been received that Bill Halligan, who was a pre-WW I radio operator prior to going to WP, has been honored with a PhD degree from Tufts U. in recognition of his promotion of electronic sciences and his contributions to the industry.

The Sammy Samouces went west in Jan and Feb, visiting son John and family at the NASA Space Cen, and then on to Ajijic, Mexico, a resort on Lake Chapala where they shared a villa for 18 days with a ret. Navy doctor and his wife. The weather was perfect, the golf daily and the cocktails frequent. The end of Jan found them in CA, calling on Erica's relatives and making their annual visit to BG Louis M. Nuttman, USMA '95, to celebrate his 102d birthday. The general is still the Military Academy's Oldest Living Graduate.

The last ASSEMBLY mentioned that the Triplets had recently celebrated their silver wedding anniv. The report was not correct. The occasion was their golden anniv. Bill does not have a new wife.

The last ASSEMBLY also mentioned that Duke Arnold's boy, Joe, USMA '64, was the last son of '24 to graduate from the Military Academy. This was incorrect. Dennis M. Moore's boy, Charles, USMA '71, was the last one.

Bob and Ella Stika celebrated their 50th wedding anniv by going to HI for 5 weeks last Dec and Jan. Paul Cooper had a black-out in Feb and fell and broke his hip. No information has been received as to his recovery but it can be assumed.

Benny Bennett had a reunion of his children and their families during the Easter vacation period. The tribe of 7 occupied all the sleeping space in the house. Benny keeps fit by playing golf 2 or 3 times a week and

delivering 900 copies of the *Miami Herald* every morning. He and the Art Trudeaus and the Logan Berrys had lunch together in the spring.

Dorothy Griffin had planned to go to the 50th Reunion in '74 but after a trip to the Orient, where she was grounded in Hong Kong for several days, and other expected activities, she decided that she could no longer do everything that came to her mind. However, with 3 of her 6 grandchildren married, Dorothy has offered a bounty to the first great-grandchild. To date there are no takers. Dorothy also announces a standing invitation to the Class of '24 to visit her apartment, known as Dorothy's Den in San Ant where the food and drinks are free and the bar never closes.

Doretta Murphy and her 2 sons-in-law have formed a corporation which operates a nursery and raises beef cattle on a 610-acre farm north of Chattanooga, TN. In Jan they planted thousands of seedlings, both flowers and vegetables. The calving season started in Mar and this meant riding the fields to check on the animals. Doretta says they all keep very busy.

Thirty-two of the "Wives of '24" in the DC area turned out for their quarterly luncheon on 26 Jan at The Westchester. The hostesses were Susie Smythe, Betty MacCloskey and Lorraine Gants. Tables were decorated with red flowers and valentine place cards. A 3-course luncheon was served. Then on 11 May, 26 members of the same group had their spring luncheon at the Army Distaff Hall. Officials in charge included Helen Dasher, Hazel Van Way, Dorothy Ford, and Mae Hincke. Two types of sherry, dry and not so dry, were provided before the meal.

Betty Poore spent last year in England where her son, James III, COL USAF, USMA '49, is a wg cmdr. We regret to learn that Betty's youngest, Tom, was killed in VN. Helena Liebel's son John, COL, USMA '45, has ret. and is living in VA. Daughter Margaret Liebel Overly is living in San Ant. Susie Smythe spent Xmas in CT where the weather was the coldest on record. Pat Stebbins is terminating her position as librarian of the CA DAR but has taken on the duties of State Registrar. Cappy Cureton went to Guatemala last Oct and is planning an air-sea cruise to Holland, Scandinavia, Poland and Russia next fall. Mary Kendall was much involved with the flower show in Sarasota, FL, last Mar. Also for the last 3 years she had been dir and secy of the Hidden Harbor Civic Assn. Maude Ives says she has reached the age in life when you have learned your way around but feel less and less like going. Marg Keeley's son Jim, USMA '56, resigned in 69 and is now Research Dir for the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain, living in Miami with his family. Marg is still in Honolulu where she says she is hale and hearty and where daughter Pat and her husband also live.

Louise Graves, together with her sister, has managed the Old Slave Mart Museum in Charleston, SC, for the past 12 years. Under their direction the institution has become quite well-known throughout the States. Louise invites all classmates and families who visit Charleston to give her a call.

Tip Bigelow reports that she has traveled a lot in the past 10 years. She was caught in the revolution in Peru last year and before that, in the coup d'etat in Uganda. In spite of these adventures she visited Israel and Egypt in May.

The Alamo chapter, this Class, held its

yearly election dinner at the Ft Sam Houston Officers Club on 4 Mar. A large turnout included: Chick Darling, Dillon McHugh, Jags & Louise Eyerly, David & Peg Bradford, Bob & Taggie Cullen, Genevieve Jennings, Joe & Nugie Massaro, Winnie Ramsey, Hannah Hawkins, Wally & Ann Short, Marcus & Agnes Stokes, Maria de la Rosa, Tip Bigelow, Hayden Boatner, Jessie & Fran Traywick, Gerry Gibbs, Margaret Hames and Maude Ives. Dick Mitchell was elected Pres for the coming year, Gerry Gibbs, VP, and Joe Massaro, Secy-Treas. The general health of the chapter members was reported to be good. The Mitchells, Stokes' and Boatners are active patrons of the Ft Sam golf course. Joe Massaro keeps busy with his yard maintenance, and Nugie likes the poker table.

With deep regret we announce the following: Harriet D. Wells, widow of Lucien, died on 14 Feb. She had been suffering from cancer for several years. Samuel G. Conley died on 26 Feb. Interment was in Arlington, attended by many classmates. Bruce W. Bidwell passed away in La Jolla, CA, on 10 Apr. The funeral in Arlington was also well attended. Albert Fox Glenn died on 26 Apr in Brooksville, MS, after a long illness. The Class made contributions to the WP Fund in memory of these departed classmates.

## '25

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We enjoyed a long distance conversation with Red Newman which he followed with a nice letter regarding classmates he had seen recently—both Mary Lou & George McManus and Sophie & Hoppie Hopkins had visited the Bradenton, FL area at separate times. The McManuses had lunch with Charlotte & Litt Roberts and Elizabeth & Bill Wood hosted a lunch for the Hopkins.

Also in Sarasota area John & Marge Roosma ('26) had a social lunch for the McManuses and present were Eloine & Mike DeArmond and Dorothy & Red Newman. Recently Stan Babcock and wife passed through on their trip around the world and the Newmans enjoyed having them in for dinner one evening.

The group in that area usually have a WP luncheon 3 times a year. Bill Wood assumes responsibility and one of those who attends is Ernest N. "Old Gravel Voice" Harmon, Class of Apr '17.

Classmates who have not paid their 1 July 76 Class dues please write your check payable to Treasurer (USMA Class of 1925) and mail same to COL Harmand Hopkins, 21 Ocean Dr, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Bill Nutter has already mailed his Class dues to us since he had not received the message that Hoppie is our new treat.

Sorry to learn that Bill's back and hips are causing him considerable trouble and preventing him from playing golf.

Last month (May 76) GEN Bruce Clarke together with 8 other former USAREUR and Seventh Army Cmdrs made a tour of Germany. Bruce and Bessie were invited to the office and lunch by the Rector (director) of the U. of Heidelberg "to congratulate you on your 75th birthday and to remember gratefully your distinguished attachment to Heidelberg." Fourteen years ago Bruce was honored by the U. conferring upon him the "Ehrensensator," making him an honorary

senator of the U. for using "his high post in a remarkable manner for the benefit of German-American relations." He was only the 5th American to receive this honor and is believed to be the first military man to receive it.

Jerry Galloway has secured 50 more of the pens because of numerous requests. Anyone wanting more of these 1975 pens (up to a maximum of 10) can procure them from Jerry at 4727 Exeter St, Annandale, VA 22003 by sending him a dollar for each pen ordered. Anything remaining when the pens are sold will be put in the Class of 1925 Fund.

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## '26

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The principal narrative of our 50th Reunion activities is contained in the features ("Up-Front") portion of this issue, courtesy of Pres Rodney Smith, Vald Heiberg, Bill Bayer and perhaps others, along with appropriate photos of prime events. Also, we have all just received, as these notes go to press, a great report from Rodney Smith direct, not only on the Reunion activities, but also on the business mtg, the Pershing Room photo and several appropriate inclosures. Accordingly, I will confine my remarks here to "A Woman's Point of View" from Marge Roosma, and the vital statistics as supplied to me by the Reunion Chmn himself, Red Corderman. Incidentally, I can't resist including one snapshot that arrived the other day from Johnny McFarland, taken on the boat trip on the Hudson on the Supe's "barge," of our sr aide, MAJ Mike Shaler and his charming wife, without whom the Reunion would not have been nearly so much fun!

Marge Roosma's report is quoted verbatim: "As I said 5 yrs ago—it was the best Reunion we ever had—and now I can certainly say it again—the planning and execution was so well organized by Red Corderman—just a superb job. The big factor of course was the fact that we have such a wonderful group of classmates and wives—all of whom pitched in to do their bit to make everyone happy." Thanks, Marge—I know you speak for all the gals—and all the men as well! As for those statistics, here they are: out of 93 living classmates, 67 were able to attend (a remarkable 72%) and they came from all over the USA, as well as Bo Riggs and Eileen from England. Also there were 2 ex-cadets, 55 wives, 4 widows, 1 widow's



1926: (L-R): Johnnie McFarland and Kay, and MAJ and Mrs. Shaler.

present husband (GOV Deane Davis, NH), a lady friend (Hank Ross' Nancy Coleman), a sister (Alice McDonough Nesbitt), a grandson (Clair Conzelman), 3 aides and wives, Cadet Schmitz (Class award winner) and his fiancée, making a grand total of 140. Six others who planned to attend had to cancel at the last minute due to health problems, including Johnnie Elliot (Cecie in hospital), Harry Johnson, Jack Ryan and Red Reeder. So much for the Reunion. I'm sure that as times goes on, there will be items of interest that are worthy of future reporting. For instance, I forgot to mention a new and invaluable "Reference Book" now on my desk, courtesy of Keith Barney—the very fine and complete reunion book he compiled, and which all attendees received during the Reunion. All others have received theirs by mail. We all thank Keith for his efforts and a task well done!

Bob McDonough told me about his contacts with our old and wonderful "P" in English our last 2 yrs as cadets—COL Alexander Wheeler Chilton, USMA '07, who lives in Las Cruces, NM and celebrated his 90th birthday 28 Jun! In his letter to Bob, "Sandy" closes with the following: "I am pleased that so many of '26 were able to be at the Reunion, and that you expressed to them the more than pleasant memories that I have of them. I hope that you are all male chauvinistic pigs who resent as deeply as I do a wholly unnecessary insult to an institution that, somehow, has been getting along very well without being "integrated!" I hope you made this last simon-pure celebration a noteworthy one!"

When Connie and I got back to Naples after a 2-month motor trip to New England and environs (reunion week at WP was the highlight), we found in our voluminous pile of mail a fine letter from Australia and Parker & Gwen Reeve, mainly expressing regret that due to several circumstances, they would not be able to attend the 50th, and sent their regards and best to all who did make it. Included was a clipping from the "Brisbane Courier Mail" of 19 May entitled, "Tamish on West Point Honour Code"—a very caustic article which they got from "The London Times," which in turn quotes the "New York Times" at length as a source—you can all guess easily and correctly the slant that gave to the whole article! Parker and I are very distressed, to say the least! The rest of the letter pretty much follows their write-up in the reunion booklet (p-44) so will not repeat.

Our Class poet, none other than Johnnie Roosma, sent me his latest composition, which some of you may have heard at the picnic; it goes as follows: "Here's to the Class of '26; here's to our Kaydet days; here's to our school so brave and true; here's to our service years. Here's to you who are present—and to those who are absent too; here's to our 50th Reunion—and that is my toast to you." Johnnie also mentioned that he and Marge will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 3 Aug aboard the Rotterdam at sea off the Virgin Is. Congratulations to both of you—from all the Class!

Via Benny Thurston (the only Pacific Northwesterner unable to attend the Reunion) and Johnnie McFarland, I have a copy of the 26 May "Rossmoor News," Walnut Creek, CA, extolling Dutch Van Syckle for his great and many accomplishments in and around that community where he and Anne live, and naming him recipient of the Bicentennial "Projects 200 Citizen Merit Award." He received a beautiful engraved plaque in ab-



1926: Reunion 1976

sentia—reason: Attendance at his 50th Class Reunion, of course! Many congratulations, Dutch, for this high honor. For more details about this and other matters, see P-55 of reunion booklet.

As most of the attendees at Reunion know, Gen Murphy was unable to attend because of a recent bout with the doctors, from which we all hope she is recovering nicely. Fortunately, Spud Murphy was able to be present, and gave us all a chance to catch up on their activities and interests—also amplified in the reunion write-up (P-38). For sad postscript, see *Necrology*.

About 10 yrs ago, when Frieddie Munson

was scribe, he started a grandchild derby, which created quite a bit of interest for a while; the winner at that time was Corderman with 9! Well, Freddie studied the Barney brochure and sez: "If the reports are correct and if I haven't busted my abacus, the present standings are as follows: 9—deShazo, Gross, Heiberg, House, Land and Wenzlaff; 11—Reeder; 13—Corderman; 14—Liz Plummer! This does not include merged families, such as yo' scribe and Connie with 5, plus 9 equals 14, etc. Freddie allows that the infinitesimal but prolific Class has really started a population explosion—thereby putting us in dutch with the planned parent-

hood societies of the USA! Bill Bowen—are you still active in that movement? Let's hear from all and sundry on this subject—and see what the real score is! Well, that's all for now. Hasta la vista 'til next time. Ankie

#### NECROLOGY

Died on 26 Apr in Sacramento, CA, Ann Simmons, daughter of classmate Spud & Gen Murphy, after sudden and short illness. Survived by husband, Richard Scott Simmons, practicing atty in hometown, Sacramento; 2 sons, Geoffrey, 15, and Matthew, 13; daughter, Margaret, 11; also brother, Earl J. Jr. and family, Miami Springs, FL.

Ann and husband met and married while both were in school in Columbia, MO; spent 4 years in U.S. Navy; then on to Hastings Law Sch, San Fran, where Dick was honor grad; moved to Sacramento for a year as law clerk to a justice of State Supreme Court; then on to private practice to present. Many condolences to all members of Murphy and Simmons families.

## '27

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In the "Last Roll Call" of Jun ASSEMBLY you doubtless noted the report of the deaths of 2 of our Class: Fred Wallace Kunesh and John Marion Moore. Fred Kunesh died in San Ant on 22 Mar 76 and was buried 25 Mar at the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Present from '27 were all who were available: Griffith, Mike Williams, Graybeal, Lepping, Kaylor, Aloe, and Nelson. As Chris Nelson wrote, "Fred is now at peace," he having had a very painful year since an almost fatal fall. He left no known kin. As of deadline, no further data have been received on the passing of Marion Moore. Perhaps we shall have it later. We will always remember these loyal classmates.

The Spring Luncheon of the WP Soc of DC, 4 May, at Ft Myer, had as guest speaker, Michael Kryzyzewski, head basketball coach at USMA. He was a forthright speaker, amusing and unusual, commenting that he was perhaps invited because he was "in his plebe year as coach." He will strive to develop a positive attitude in the team, and, of course, seek top-quality plebe players. COL Carey H. Brown, USMA '10, was the oldest grad present. From '27 were Matthews, Miller, Pence, Sterling, Zwicker, and Lillard.

Woody & Jean Burgess attended this year's June Week to witness the graduation of their grandson, Louis Graham Burgess, now 2d LT, Inf, "going Ranger and Korea." On the same trip Woody presented '27's Class Award, the wrist watch, to Cadet CPT Charles M. Allen, Third Regt, USCC, "a fine young man, choosing Armor (and Rangers)." Woody also talked with MAJ David E.R. Hale, recipient of the '27 Award in 67, who reported the watch is "still in use and in 'A-OK' condition."

Chuck Stone had "a very interesting and enjoyable experience at WP, a fine family reunion," 1-2 May, in his attendance at the celebration honoring the graduation of the Class of 1876, the 11th centennial celebration of a graduating class of USMA. Chuck was one of "about 275 descendants of the 48 members of the class, which confirms the population-growth statistics," as he observed, he descending from MAJ Charles Hartwell Bonesteel. Chuck was enthusiastic over the support by the Academy: facilities and as-



1927: A Oahu quartet (L-R): Martin, Betty Lovell, Jo Martin and Hutchison.

sistance, including a parade, banquet, and roll call with the Hell Cats. The accompanying photo shows Chuck with son, LTC Charles B. Stone IV, USMA '57, and his 3 daughters on the stoop of A Co, 1st Div. Chuck says that granddaughter Connie, "the wee one" in the photo, has stated that she "will attend the centennial of '27 in 2027, when she will be 65." That's planning ahead!

The DC Group held a Class luncheon at the Distaff Hall on 8 Jun, seizing as motivation the presence of Alice & Horace Quinn from UT to witness the graduation of daughter, Mary Ann Quinn Wood, from GWU, heading the list of grads of this year's class at GWU's Natl Law Center. The party was another successful one, bringing out to greet the Quinns a broad representation from those present in the area. Both Mucker and Alice seem in fine health and spirits, as they should be with their wonderful family, today even larger than it was delightfully pictured for you, if you will recall, in ASSEMBLY for Mar 74. The accompanying pictures partially reveal a reunion camaraderie which is always generated at the pleasant Distaff Hall luncheons. Those present with the Quinns were: Ruth & Mone Asensio, Ev Bixel, Kay Brown, Jean & Woody Burgess, Marian & Jimmy Collins, Lucile & Jerry Lillard, Katherine & Bob Lowe, Jean & Mac Miller, Bert & Bill Pence, Suzanne & Larry Shaw, Jack Sterling, Betty & Trap Trapnell, and Dot & Ralph Zwicker.

Jo & George Martin continue to have fun on Oahu and to find time to write the scribe of some of their doings. One of the latest interests concerns their bi-weekly visits to Honolulu's Cannon Club for dinner and dance, the latter to the music of the Harmony Islanders. The point here, as George admits, is that as he "fast approaches second childhood," ahem, his Jo has taken his dancing instruction in hand so that now he is improving and enjoying it, thus leaving



1927: A Waikiki view: George and Jo Martin.

behind any memories of having "just escaped being classified as an 'elephant' back in cadet days." George also continues his freelance writing, as the Jul Army article attested, and Jo is apparently commencing to think of writing also. Such activity! Such fun!

Bob Aloe reported on their enjoyable trip to the West. A new grandson had occasioned the journey, he being born into the son's family in Pleasanton, CA. En route, in El Paso, Bob and Natalie were "wined and dined" by the Wreans, who also invited the Kochevars over for a "grand evening." In San Diego the Hollands and Curtises made up a fine evening. In San Fran, staying at the Presidio, they went with the Roths on "one of their famous sightseeing tours"; Bob said, "We loved it." The subsequent gathering with the Berrigans plus the Roths, Davidsons, Janet Douglas, the Pachynskis, and Gil Allen was pictured in Jun ASSEMBLY. "It was a wonderful evening, and we certainly enjoyed seeing everyone," said Bob. Then at Las Vegas for a day ("This is enough") to enjoy "a good show and some very mild gambling." Then on to Lake Havesau to view London Bridge, to continue on through a dust storm, to experience snow in Tucson, and then on "home without incident." Evidently Bob and Natalie had a great time on their western expedition.



1927: Burgess presenting Class award to Cadet Captain Allen.

Ray Curtis added a real touch to the San Diego phase of the Aloe's trip. There on the evening of 19 Feb Donnie & Dutch Holland entertained for Natalie and Bob, and Barbara and Ray Curtis brought them to the Hollands' home in Rancho Bernado. After dinner out, they returned to the house for coffee and dessert. A spectacular dessert finally appeared, Ray stated, "a beautiful cake which had been baked and decorated by Dutch." Surprisingly, on it were 3 candles and a decoration reading "Happy Birthday 72 minus 3," thus anticipating precisely Ray's maturity score for a birthday of 22 Feb. Doubtless enjoyed by all, it was good baking, Dutch!

Betty Lovell came quickly through DC in late May and subsequently followed a brief phone conversation with a report of varied activities. In mid-Apr, as guest of the Dyers AFB Officers Wives Club, Abilene, she had related the details of the situation at her AF Village, San Ant. In the last weeks of Apr she was at the Hale Koa Hotel at Ft De Russy, Honolulu, which she terms "well appointed." Included there was visit with Esther & Hutch Hutchison, who had Jo & George Martin over also. At deadline Betty planned to spend July visiting friends in Scotland and England. Included with all of her goings and comings is her determination



1927: DC Luncheon for the Quinns (L-R): Quinn, Shaw, Burgess, Trapnell and Jean Miller.

to attend the 50th Reunion. Hooray! Let's all be there to greet her!

When you are reading this column in Sept, Jack Sterling will be readying himself for his journey to London's Farnborough Air Show. Although his presence at the show is almost habitual, it seems, this trip will be a big first in one way: from Dulles airport, he will be making his first Concorde flight. Z-o-o-m!

The Moseleys, Mary and Van, up MA way, attended, for the first time in several years, the latest Founders Day dinner at Lexington, finding it delightful. Van said that the presence of F.W. Moorman, USMA '34, with whom he had served, and Ed. Moseley Harris, USMA '35, a cousin whom he had not seen for "many years," made the dinner "a jolly good show."

Ed Glavin beat the deadline with news of his and Marney's intention to make the 50th. After the 45th, Ed was very busy with professional education attendances of various aspects in Europe, and experienced his final ret. in 73. Ed is occupied with county Bicentennial activities, and Marney continues "professional articles, historic and current on places, people, and events." So the busy Glavins continue to stir about as they ready themselves for the "real pleasure of the



1927: DC Luncheon for the Quinns (L-R): Pence, Asensio (rear, facing); Lucile Lillard, Ev Bixel, Alice Quinn, Jean Burgess (seated, facing).



1927: Chuck Stone with son and granddaughters at USMA's Bicentennial.

Reunion in '77." Let's all make similar plans—we all must hit that 50th!

Jean & Woody Burgess, at a festive late Jun gathering in Vienna, VA, further lightened a jolly party by having 2 sets of sparkling out-of-town guests. The exciting visitors were Dot & Blair Garland, down from Redbank, NJ, and Mary & Stu Wood, up from Fayetteville, NC. They were in fine fettle, full of pep which will surely carry over well into the 50th. Blair mentioned that in the spring at their FL house they had enjoyed seeing touring Jim & Merritt Green and Jack & Jiggs Stober.

Did some of you notice in the *Retired Army Bulletin*, Vol. II—1976, p-1, that picture of the U.S. Army Retiree Council of HI? If so, did you see, seated in the middle, the chmn, our Charles Hutchison? Yes, Hutch has that important assignment.

Reports had it that the Parmer Edwardses were in the DC area in early Jun, en route to England. Unfortunately they were not able to be got for the Class luncheon with the Quinns. Also Antulio & Magua Segarra went quickly through DC in late Jun.

At deadline the scribe received a card from Jean & Willis Matthews, in San Fran, announcing the end of their spring visit to the West Coast and their early return to the DC area. Briefly mentioned was their seeing both the Hockers and the Axups.

Jack Spurgeon's cheery, brief note of Class encouragement reads: "Primary goal is '27's 50th!" And that goal deserves all of our attention, for it is only some 9 mos away, and it must be a great gathering!

Oh, yes, please get off to the scribe a prompt mid-Sept report of your summer activities, your additions and subtractions, your day-to-day experiences. Just to hear of you and yours is what we all want! Everything is news!

# '28

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I am sad to report that Bill Billingsley died at Walter Reed on 23 May. Bill was ever a moving spirit in our Class; for years the writer of these notes, the planner of Class Reunions, and gracious host at his WP quarters, and after ret., at his home in Fredericksburg, VA. Bill was laid to rest on 27 May in the WP Cemetery with full Military and Masonic Honors. To Bill's family I can only say that we share your grief.

And I express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of John Paul Boland, who died at NYC on 21 Jun. A funeral mass was held there at the Carmelite Church followed by burial in the WP Cemetery on 24 Jun. It has been my privilege to know "J.P." since that first day in Beast Barracks, in old "M" Co., and through these years.

Skippy Harbold visited DC in early Apr which prompted a luncheon gathering of the local gang at the Naval Gun Factory Club. Attending were Billingsley, Boatner, Cummings, Gavan, Haskell, McNamara, Raymond, Seeman, W.D. Smith, Sirmyer, Tate and Sterling (of '27). A later note from Skippy reported that the annual Daedalian gathering this year at Pensacola, FL, was a good show with a day aboard the carrier *Lexington*; with himself and George Mundy present from San Ant, Rojo Goodrich and Howard Bunker from FL, and Bryant Boatner from DC.

Marge & Skip Seeman took a month's trip to Europe, 23 Apr-24 May, visiting Paris, Rome, Florence and Venice. Marge had a bad fall toward the end, which resulted in bruises, black eyes and such; but fortunately nothing worse. I understand that the Smysers took a trip to England and Ireland during that same period.

A letter from Paul Johnson reports that he was married to Mrs. Ruby Patch Brinza of Glendale, CA, on 26 Feb. Paul said "Ruby Patch and I lived in the same part of Johnstown (PA) and attended the same classes from 1st grade through high school." After going their separate ways they met again in Jan of this year. After 2 trips: one including Glendale, CA, and Lakeland and Fort Lauderdale, FL, to visit family; and the other to Johnstown, PA, and Selfridge Field for family visits; they went to Canada to Calgary (for the Stampede), Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, and Victoria, and were expecting to be home in Carmel, CA, about



1928: (L-R): Tommy and Ann Wells, Gene and Karla Harrison, Jean and Verdi Barnes in Honolulu.

21 Jul. Congratulations to both and many happy years together.

The DC area lost and San Ant gained. The Sirmyers new address is 4917 Ravenswood Dr, San Antonio, TX 78227.

A recent letter from Win Titus was brought on by another story about his father which appeared in the Jun issue of *Army Magazine*. The story was written by a Marine, no less. Win sent along a sort of "Believe It Or Not" story, and I quote:

"When my dad was spending his first years at the Academy, he was wont to 'drag' one each femme whose dad was quite famous in those days for being the first 'Master Of The Sword'—pretty sure a nickname, but she was 'Trixie' Koehler. They subsequently, for reasons I do not know, quit, and Miss Koehler then started PSing Ducrot E.L. Daley of the following '06 class. They were subsequently married and produced the 'Class Baby (godson)' of '06. They named him Edmund Koehler Daley. On 1 Jul 24 these 2 godsons (Win is godson of '05) entered the portals of WP to be graduated together in '28. What other class can boast of having 'godson graduates' from prior consecutive classes?"

Win has a very inefficient "ticker" which has led to surgery, hospitalizations, and a "take it easy" way of life.

A letter from Stu McLennan says that he and Dottie were visiting Stu Jr. and family in San Ant at the time of the Founders Day dinner. They were so taken with the place that they have a plan to sell in CA and move there; but this will probably take some time.

Verdi Barnes wrote that Karla King (Charlie's widow) visited Honolulu earlier this year with present husband, Gene Harrison, which led to a small gathering (and a picture) at the Wells' beautiful beach compound.

Madison Charles Schepps, grandson of our own "Maddy," is entering the Academy this Jul with the Class of '80. This info from his father, Madison Clinton Schepps Jr., Class of '55 (and soon to be promoted to full COL and our congratulations to him); stationed at Meade and living in Columbia, MD. Is this a first? Anyhow the best of luck from the Class to New Cadet Schepps.

# '29

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Jim & Molly Winns' dau Ellene was married on 19 Jun to Michael Mobbs at St. James Episc Church of Leesburg, VA, followed by a reception at the Winns' palatial home which was also the home of Molly's step-father, GEN George C. Marshall. Several classmates attended.

Bill & Dot McCulla passed thru DC recently after a trip to IA, TX, CA and back and passed on the following items: They saw Pearl Robey and Brendan Greeley at the Tucson Founders Day dinner and the Carns' and Krauses at Monterey. Cora Lynn Dent has married Wm. T. Hefley '28, and her new address is 18 Poquito Rd, Shalimar, FL 32579. Ruth Hamlin's new address is 106 Carswell Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33570. While at the rim of the Grand Canyon of the CO looking down, Bill and Dot saw Ralph & Bobby Strauss, who were on an 8-day boat trip on the Colorado River. Don't ask how they recognized them. (They found



1929: San Francisco Luncheon, 16 April 1976: Back Row: Cooper, Heidland, McKenzie, Coolidge, Geary, Hail, Wright, Theimer; Middle Row: Murray (Mary Lou La Page), Coolidge, Geary, Wright, Viney, McKenzie, Cooper, Brownlee; Bottom Row: Hail, Theimer, Heidland.

out later.) They also saw Ward Abbott in Albuquerque.

Marge Ghormley fell (at home) in mid-May and broke her hip, but is doing well now. Freddie Chaffee went to Walter Reed for hernia repair in early Jul, but should be back on the golf course taking my money again in about a month. He has spent a large part of his life at WRAH.

Nellie Lynde recently played host to a family of raccoons who bought a house and moved into his chimney. Due to the Equal Housing Opportunity laws in the DC area Nellie had to evict them personally.

Myles Brewster was in DC recently after having taken his wife Jimmie's ashes to WP for interment.

Allie Seward's health is improving.

Bennie Wimer reports that his wife Esther died in the hospital last 31 Mar. They had just implanted a pacemaker and everything seemed to be going fine when she had another heart attack while still in the recovery room and in spite of all they could do they were not able to save her. The sympathy of the entire Class goes out to Bennie. He has moved back from their apt in Newport News to their place in Mathews, VA.

The Spring Class Luncheon was held at the Army Distaff Hall with 16 classmates attending, and a good time was had by all.



1929: (L-R): Kraus, Rau, Carns, Freeman.

Bill Vestal reports these items from the San Ant area: "Roy Cuno is having the miseries with his leg, but Josie is playing nurse and they both hope to keep him out of the hospital. Zeke Napier says that he knows 3 doctors at Wilford Hall (USAF Hosp) that wish he'd take his business somewhere else, but Zeke sounds full of zip and zang over the phone! A new address: Air Force Village, 4917 Ravenswood Dr, Apt. 1104, San Antonio, TX 78227. Don Keirn & Martha are also contented residents of the AF Village (address as above), Apt. 1630 (a bungalow). They plan a trip to DC this summer. Tiny Jark & Caroline are going on a Greek island tour in Jul between hosting visiting dignitaries. Don Poorman reports all quiet on Lake LBJ (Marble Falls), and drummed up Steiner's address: COL W.A. Steiner, USAF (Ret.), Click Route, Llano, TX 78643 (Tel: (915) 388-6588). Jim Beynon sent his commencement exercises announcement from Texas A & I U., Corpus Christi, as of 14 May 76: B.A. Vivi will person-man the Vestal fortress while I plan to go to far northern British Columbia in Aug, via friends and sons in CA. I am in good order from our golfing trip last summer (Steamboat Spgs, Vail, etc.), and not only the wrath of the TX sun on her beautiful gardens, but a rash of hit-and-run house thieves keep us on our toes around San Ant."

Via John Phillips I received an issue of the "Herald of Arkansas State University" (student publication) which gave a glowing account of the ret. of Doctor Charles B. (Rabbit) McClelland, acting chmn of the Div of English, Philosophy & Languages from a 13-year teaching career. Mac plans to ret. with Anita to their home in Jonesboro. We all wish them a long and happy fully ret. life.

After many, many years I finally heard from Bob (Pinky) Crandall in Roswell, NM. He says, among other things: "For health reasons (Cathryne bothered by asthma and allergies) we moved out here in 69. We love it. The mild winters we spend in Roswell (average daytime temp 55). From early May

thru Labor Day we divide our time between Roswell and Ruidoso (75 mi west in the Sacramento Mts). The race track at Ruidoso Downs (10 min drive from our place) opens in mid-May and runs thru Labor Day. Do you know where the world's richest horse race is held? Not the Derby, nor Pimlico, nor the Belmont Stakes. It is a 440-yd Quarterhorse race run annually on Labor Day at Ruidoso Downs. Last year's purse for this one race was \$1,030,000.00, with the winner's share \$330,000. Because of an arthritic spine and bad eyes I've given up golf. So in the summer the racing at least provides a pleasant substitute."

From the San Fran Bay Area Johnny Theimer writes: "Nineteen '29ers, wives and widows turned out for the Spring Lunch on 16 Apr. Jack Geary, making a remarkable recovery from his stroke last fall, carried on an active conversation throughout lunch. Later he and Kay joined their Rossmoor Sportsmen Club, of which Jack was the first pres, at Paso Robles, Jack swimming and catching his share of fish. Mary Lou LaPage (Mrs. John E. Murray), looking young and beautiful, joined the widows' contingent. Address: 138-28th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121. Commodore Charlie Allan of the Royal Sylvan Beach Yacht Club (Idaho Branch) abstrusely admits to various peregrinations including an ocean voyage around the globe—with Myra. Dave & Charm Angluin, regretting the Spring Lunch, wrote that their dau Dana was awarded a PhD in elec engr & computer sci at U. of CA at Berkeley. George & Lois Carey moved to Apt 16, St. Paul's Towers, 100 Bay Pl, Oakland, CA 94610 on 27 May. George has had a tough bout with diabetes including clotting in his eyes but says it has been arrested. Paul Freeman had Theimer down for the Monterey CC Seniors Invitl (Gracie went too for the social events). Paul & Mary Anne had friends in for dinner including Bat & Jan Carns and Dutch & Hank Kraus, all looking tanned and athletic. The golf?—Dunt ask, but it was very enjoyable."

Johnny T also provided the following details on the last days of Airel B. (Chick) Cooper: "A month after the Spring Lunch Chick & Polly Cooper flew to Miami to begin a cruise on the "Fairwind," touching at Port-au-Prince, Curacao, Cartagena and other ports. After transiting the canal, where Chick had commanded a pack mule co. 1934-6, Fairwind stopped at Acapulco on 25 May. Chick was preparing to take a picture of the city when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Polly, with the help of good friends, brought his body back to San Mateo for the funeral on 1 Jun. Chick was a warm, congenial, and talented guy winning prizes for their gardens, and in flower shows. Interment was at Sky-lawn Memorial Park with Polly, her family,



1929: (L-R): Renshaw, Eileen Renshaw, Thompson.

classmates and other friends, and with Chick's son Jack, an instructor at Leavenworth." The Class extends its sympathy to Polly and Jack.

Bat Carns reports that he also played in the Senior Invtl Golf Tournament at the Monterey Peninsula CC (with Johnny Theimer and Paul Freeman) but no trophies were gained by anyone in '29.

# '30

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1930: Don and Margaret Neil.

Dear Gang:

You will all be deeply sorry to hear that Dodie MacLean died in Apr. After Mac was killed in the Korean War she continued to live in the home they had established in Albuquerque and was one of our most loyal respondents on Class matters. Their daughter Cathy was married in 68 to LT David Peixotto (USMA '67), at last report on duty in the Engr Dept at USMA. Cathy has pursued an intensive academic career; I understand that she has received her doctorate in Psychology and will become a member of the staff at the L. A. General Hospital this fall. It seems a pity that Dodie could not have lived to see her daughter's success.

In my previous notes I mentioned a trip that Jim & Marge Darrah made to the East Coast in Mar. It was actually in late Apr that they reached DC, and our dependable little amigo Ray Brisach arranged a luncheon at the Army-Navy CC to welcome Jim. Others he rounded up for the occasion were Bill Carter, George Duehring, Max Janairo, Adam Koscielniak, Mitch Mitchell, Ned Moore and Dick O'Keefe. He also reported that at the WP Soc of DC luncheon on 4 May we were represented by himself, Max Janairo, Bob Wood and Sid Wooten. Further, he told me of a camping trip that he and Chuck Heitman will be taking in Jun and Jul, starting in Chuck's bailiwick of Colo Spgs and going thence to sundry interesting spots in the Great NW; of that, more details in the next issue.

From JoJo Carrithers, word of a weekend in Sonoita, AZ, not far from Ft Huachuca, where he was helping to judge a horse show, which inspired him to get in touch with Lou & Helen Heath. Says JoJo: "They came over to our Trials that Sun afternoon, saw the last of the stadium jumping and then drove me back to their home in Hereford, where Lou barbecued excellent steaks. We yakked until about 9:00 p.m., when he drove me back to Sonoita. It was a very pleasant visit." He also reports having spent an hour with Pablo Blanchard in May and says: "Pablo and Janet have been looking at places up around Paradise, CA. His Achilles tendons are shot and he has to walk flat-footed, but other than this he is in pretty good health."

Charlie Dodge had to undergo some very uncomfortable but necessary plumbing surgery in May, but has recuperated well, his major complaint being that it threw a large monkey wrench into his plans for the summer, since the medicos severely restricted his physical activity for several months. John Guthrie tells of his pleasure in being able to play host to none other than our Class pres, Hutch Hutchinson, who went in early Jun to the 50th Reunion of his prep school in Owatonna, just south of Minneapolis. In a follow-up letter Hutch confirmed the pleasantness of his visit and raved about the

lush appearance of the Guthrie "estate," as well as their warm hospitality. John also mentioned that he and Bets have swapped houseguesting with Cayce & Mollie Odom in Chattanooga and at the Guthries' pad, which they acquired a year ago in Naples, FL.

A longish letter from Chuck Keller, the principal bit of news being that he has liquidated the Keller Construction Corp, of which he had been pres for some 30 years. This, incidentally, brings about a change of address; with his ret. from active business, he and Rosa have "retreated"—if that's the word—to their home at 1701 Arabella St, New Orleans, LA 70115, from which vantage point, he reports, they "indulge in a variety of good works," including stumping for Jimmy Carter. (Whether this latter activity comes under the heading of "good works" depends, of course, on one's viewpoint!) He also mentioned that at the Founders Day dinner in New Orleans he made contact with MAJ Paul T. "Pete" Weyrauch ('63), one of our Class Sons, who is doing post-grad work at Tulane. And in early Apr, on a trip to CA he was an overnight guest of Jim & Mary Louise Herbert, recently returned from an extended cruise to the Far East. From Phil Kromer, word that Anne Gibbs was able to sell her house profitably and has moved to Waterloo, IA, where she has engaged an apartment close to where their daughter Judy lives. At the Founders Day dinner in NYC we were represented by Jim & Natalie Lunn and Don & Margaret Neil.

It always gives me a lift to locate some former member of "The Gang" with whom we've been out of touch. This time it's Nix Nixdorff, who left us (academically) during Plebe year, but went on to become Sr Engr of the NY Telephone Co. and also managed to have an outstanding mil career in WW II, serving with the 27th and 42d Divs and ret. in 55 as a LTC. My contact with him came about through another "foundling," Frank Waldrop, who had Nix as a roommate 50 yrs ago. The Stones and the Waldrops bump into each other (sometimes quite literally!) at various social gatherings hereabouts and at one of them Frank told me that a small piece of typically irreverent stuff he had written to the *New York Times* had caught Nix's eye and sparked correspondence between them. My natural follow-up was rewarded by an amusing letter from Nix that informed me, among other things, that he's a longtime member of the WP Society and a subscriber to ASSEMBLY. For those who like to keep their address lists up to date, it's: LTC Boyce G. Nixdorff, 1044 76th St, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

From that durable aficionado of So Amer, Howie Quinn, a pleasantly surprising report of his (and Jean's) latest adventure in that

continent. After surviving the kinds of ailments and surgery that would have put most of us on the bench, if not in the bleachers, Howie accepted an invitation to be a volunteer exec with the Intl Exec Service Corps for a special 3-months project in Brazil. Quoting from his letter: "The IESC is a non-profit organization that sends ret. execs to under-developed countries to help them in economic development. My job was to analyze operations at ocean, lake and river terminals; improve their inland waterways system; and design an all-purpose inland waterways vessel. The so-called "volunteer executive" receives no remuneration, but they like to have the wives come along and they pay transportation and living expenses. We went first to Rio and then to Porto Alegre, where we stayed in an excellent suite at the Hotel Plaza Sao Rafael. It is quite new and compared favorably with the best hotels we've seen in London, Istanbul, Athens, Hamburg and Washington—the cleanest hotel we've ever seen!" He concluded with the remark: "So you see that after my serious operation 3 yrs ago this antique member of "The Gang" is still able to get around." I'd say that he has adequately demonstrated that! And another durable member, our oldest-living Don Quinto, reports a change of address to: 25798 Tierra Grande Dr, Carmel, CA 93921 and says his doctors are optimistic about his being able to attend our 50th Reunion. He says that Bill Taylor comes to see him each week and is looking very well.

Sandy and Dolly Stone, on the way north in early May from their annual hibernation in Palm Beach, had the pleasure of cocktailing with Al & Anne Watson in their charming Sea Is home and dining with them at that elegant hostelry, The Cloister. Both Watsons looked very well and were piping their visit to Ham & Mary Howze later that month. The Stones, incidentally, are in process of becoming Floridians; that is to say, we have severed our "legal residence" ties with the sovereign State of MD and have adopted 50 Middle Rd, Palm Beach, FL 33480 as the "official" address. It does not mean that I'm relinquishing my role as "the glue that holds the Class together"—as Cayce Odom once put it—but only that we'll be spending more time in P.B. than here. For the nonce, it will be a dichotomous existence until we decide what to do with this delightful, but demanding, bit of suburbia. We expect to live in P.B. from Nov to May and play the rest of the time by ear. In any event, as long as we have such stalwarts as Brisach, Dodge, King and Wooten in the DC area you can be assured that anything depending on that focal point will be competently handled.

From Fritz Weber, a note that he and Hank Royall represented us at the Founders Day dinner at Ft Bragg. And that at the age of 70 he has persuaded the FAA to grant him a Flight Instructor's Certificate! His next goal, one assumes, will be a soft landing on Mars! Should I say, "That's for the birds?"

And finally, on a note of most happy serendipity, a letter from Phil Wehle, telling me of a truly delightful coincidence. When he read about our re-locating Bill Glascock (in my previous column) he was inspired to get in touch with Bill because "Indian Banks," the charming old place that Phil and Eloise have so well restored, was built by one of Bill's earliest forebears in this country! Further, it turns out that Bill has a married

daughter (Mrs. John Bain) resident in Richmond and Phil immediately made contact with her and arranged to have her and her husband visit the original Glascock homestead. I can't think of a better justification for these random notes than that they occasionally play a part in such felicitous reunions.

**Periodic report on the Class Gift:** As of 1 Apr, what with some later individual contributions and accrued interest, it stands at \$13,500. Inasmuch as the original goal of the cmte chaired by Pete King was \$10,000 we can all be pleased and proud with this report. The Class can look forward to making a really substantial contribution to the Academy in connection with our 50th Reunion.

**Periodic report on the Class Fund:** Still deposited in the savings account at the Highland Falls branch of the Marine Midland Bank, as it has been since established by Fred Terry in 35, it currently shows a balance of just over \$800, a healthy amount to take care of foreseeable expenses.

So from this humid day in DC, my greetings to all. And this year—let's BEAT NAVY!

# '31

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The 45th has come and gone. Only 4 yrs and 8 mos to the next one. From all indications, the Reunion was successful and all there enjoyed the festivities and the pleasure of being with classmates not seen for a long time, and trading old stories of first posts. The pictures tell something of what we did and I will talk about it later.

I do have sad news to report. I have heard from Jack Gordon that Jim Mooney died in San Ant the last of May. Jim & Speed had moved to San Ant from Gulfport for the climate for Jim. The burial was at Ft Sam Houston with several of the class-



1931: (L-R): Nina Parker, Helley Little and Dee Spangler.



1931: (L-R): Charlotte Train, Chappell and Lois Chappell.

mates attending the services: Charlie Densford, Jack Gordon, Hector Truly, Leo Cather, and Johnny Sullivan. Lois Chappell, Julie's wife, died in Americus in Apr. Letters of sympathy have been sent for the Class.

There is a bit of news besides the Reunion. Charlie Hoy was here in DC for memorial services for Martha. Several of us attended the service and enjoyed having lunch with Charlie. Les Kunish sent me a letter with an article by Maggie Weber that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*. Les said the letter was written in such good English as would have pleased the heart of Prof Wheat. Rod & Maggie Moore didn't get to the Reunion on account of Rod had to perform grand jury duty. Something good had come before, however, as they have just returned from HI, at the Hale Koa, a nice place to meet old friends and enjoy the HI weather. I had a note that Bill Hampton was in CA in Apr for golf with Herb Mansfield, Bill Chandler and Ernie Easterbrook. I note that Nancy Easterbrook and her sister were in Peking for a visit, and the other 3 golfers helped Ernie avoid being lonely. I have just had a call from Ernie and he said that everything turned out all right. Cornie and Lottie Lichirie didn't get to the Reunion after many plans and letters about it. At the last minute, their daughter came to visit them in Munich and they couldn't make it. The last letter said that they were very busy selling the house, car, etc. preparing to move to Atlanta, at 821 N. Island Terr NW 30327.

I must correct an error in a previous column. Percy & Margaret Lash have not moved to FL. In the best interest of climate control, they are in the NH home in the summer and in FL in the winter. Some letters from Charlie Densford with regard to the obfuscations that I appeared to have made in the reunion affairs, caused mostly by my absent-mindedness, but all taken care of eventually. Jack & Peter Gordon had to decline at the last minute for the Reunion, because of knee trouble (Jack's knees). Jim & Marge King postponed the trip this year, saving health and money for the 50th. Hugh & Kay Harris started for the party, but had to cancel after Hugh got a touch of the flu. Our OLG, Louie Guenther, had to refuse at the last minute. I am sure that there were others who couldn't make the Reunion for many reasons. I can also assure those who didn't come that many times during the conversations their names were mentioned and we wished all of them good health and good luck.

Now for the Reunion. Most of you had poop sheets about it, but I will repeat it if I may. First of all, intensive, extensive and comprehensive thanks should be given to Clyde & Georgia McBride for the way everything was run and came out OK. There should be thanks also to Ockie & Doris Krueger for the help they gave for the reception and other things during the Reunion. And to the 3 aides who did everything they could to make us most comfortable. The aides were: MAJ Ralph A. Hollenback, CPT Joseph Visconti Jr, and CPT Stephen A. Williams and to their wives who didn't see them very often during the festivities. All the events that were scheduled went off as scheduled: the reception in Overlook Lodge, the picnic, the memorial services (by Elwin Eddy, Don Little and a post chaplain), the business meeting and lunch, the informal supper, the Supe's reception, the picture and the boat ride and Deke's movies (which lasted quite a while). I would be glad to talk of each



1931: (L-R): Buchwald, Damberg and Pachler.



1931: (L-R): Parker, Stroker, Marge Stroker and Troxel.



1931: (L-R): Krueger, Doris Krueger, Lee and Mary Lee.

of the meetings and mention things that went on but that would take too long and I would miss too much. The business meeting produced no economic or political crises that will shake the present status. Bill Dick reviewed the Class organization, Trick Troxel told a joke (not many laughs), John Berry showed that the Class was solvent, I made a plea for more letters for the column and Ockie Krueger reported on the Class Gift (more later).

For those who were there, here is the list. Andy & Dee Adams, Jack & Gwen Barclay, John & Norma Barr, Claire & Willie Bell, Val & Freddy Berg, John & Janet Berry, Klemm & Norma Boyd, Lightnin & Alice Brown, Sid & Betty Brown, Don & Edythe Buchwald, Champ & Chickie Buck, Paul & Irene Burns, Dan Callahan, Leo & Clara Belle Cather, Johnny Cave, Bill & Betty Chandler, Paul & Louise Chappell,



1931: Reunion 1976

Carl & Wanda Damberg, Johnny & Wilma Davis, Bill & Fran Dick, Bob & JoKathryn Eaton, Elwin Eddy, John Feagin and Mrs Margaret Jefferson, Bill & Cussie Hardick, Dick & Pat Harrison, Art Hercz, Dean & Martha Herman, Marion Hockenberry, Warren & Margot Hoover and their daughter Margacito, Charlie & Tommie Howze, Pat Hunter, Dick & Pris Jewett, Roy & Mary Catherine Kauffman, Ockie & Doris Krueger, Les & Ruth Kunish, Percy & Margaret Lash, Dick & Ruth Lawson, Bob & Mary Lee, Don & Kelly Little, Clyde & Georgia

McBride, Cam & Julie McConnell, Vic MacLaughlin, Charlie & Lou McNair, Bill Mahoney, Herb & Vesta Mansfield, Chet & Virginia Ott, Frank & Fay Pachler, Ted & Nina Parker, Pas & Marion Passarella, Mopey & Polly Perry, Jim Pumpelly, Charlie & Marcia Raymond, Jerry & Helen Rodenhauer, Deac Roller, Shorty Rothrock, Wilbur Skidmore, C.C. and Jean Smith, Dutch & Dee Spangler, George & Tommie Speidel, Ruth Stayton, Dick & Roz Steinbach, Phil Stiness, Jim & Marge Stroker, Trick & Lucy Troxel, Bill & Charlotte Train, Ben & Virginia Turpin, O.Z. & Allison Tyler, Peter Otey & Anne Ward, Maggie & Agnes Weber, Marian Wertz, Bobbie Westermeier, Chuck & Helen Westpheling, Curly & Marian Wilson, Bill & Ella Mae Woodward, Chet & Imogene Young. I think that was a pretty good turnout from the Class.

The following is a digest of what Ockie Krueger said at the business meeting on the Class Gift; there will be more in the letter you will receive before you get this. The Class Gift Cmte met on Thurs, 27 May. The current status of the gift is approximately

\$54,000, made up of interest (\$4,500); from the Class (\$17,000); from Dead-Eye (\$33,000). Although the fund is substantial, volunteer pledges will be circulated. Basic guidelines for the gift are: it will be permanent and eternal; it will be clearly identified with 1931; it will be in the main stream of traffic at WP. Ideas for gifts should be submitted to the gift cmte not later than 1 Jan 1977. It is hoped that several proposals will be available to be voted on by the Class by 1 Jul 1977. The 73 members of the Class that were at the meeting voted approval of the above report.

Maybe things have changed, but I have had 2 letters since the 1st of Jun. Roy Kauffman wrote to tell how much he enjoyed the Reunion and Herb Mansfield wrote from Mark Twain's house on his way back to San Fran. Maybe things have changed.

'32

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1931: (L-R): Percy and Margaret Lash, Perry and Buch.



1931: (L-R): Nina Parker, Bell, Henry and Parker.



1931: (L-R): Train, Perry, Mansfield, Ruth Kunish, Charlotte Train and Kunish.

The big news every Jun is the annual "off year" Class reunion that Fran & Johnnie Pugh so graciously and generously invite all classmates, wives, widows and ex-'32ers to enjoy at their lovely estate at Little Fiddlers Green in Round Hill, VA. This year in reply to their invitations that went out in Mar, they received 82 definite ayes, 8 probably and some "mays." Many sent regrets in time for the 22 May deadline. There were about 80 present due to some last minute cancellations. Some far away states were well represented and others from CO, MI and CA had good intentions but unforeseen obstacles prevented. The reason for this excellent showing is understandable when one realizes that Fran and Johnnie keep a roster of all Class members and valiantly try to discover unknown addresses. It's a big job and requires planning. Johnnie has increased his acreage to just under 600 and it is all kept in perfect condition. Meadows are green, neat barns and out buildings are white as snow, and roads and lanes are freshly graveled. It is a real show place. The hors d'oeuvres and repast are always "Michelin 3 star." The quiche Lorraine, served along with other delights during the early part of the afternoon, was super and so plentiful, one could have been tempted to indulge in that only but past experience has proved that when Fran rings the dinner bell to enter the dining room, the real show is about to begin. How would you like your beef—rare, medium or well done? Inge Scharmer carried on in the tradition she and her beloved, deceased husband Herman had done in previous years. Herman would have been proud and we all were delighted to see her smiling face. Although no other man's best friend could really replace the Pughs' Pericles, Fran and Johnny have a real dandy, delightful English Bull puppy, "Poodles." There is also a proud peacock to replace the one consumed by a prowler fox. The 2 large ponds are replete with several species of water fowl—some bred by them and others are visitors who drop by before heading south. Johnnie claims the guinea hens are there as an alarm for unwelcome visitors.

A few extracts from letters loaned to me by the Pughs. Ed Simenson has become a forester. He planted 5000 evergreens in one day by hand with the help of 11 high school boys plus a cook who prepared a steak din-



1932: Guys of '32.

ner that evening. He now has 86,000 plus 250,000 growing. Last Aug, Ed had a freak accident while assisting on construction, causing a detached retina followed by 2 operations. After more than a month's hospitalization, he reports he was back to normal by mid-Jan except lost vision in his left eye. He still plans to challenge Torg Wold to a skeet match. Dry humorist, Mac McFeely "couldn't get a plane ticket to Round Hill and is offering as much of his taxes as necessary to build an airport but the addressed Senator has not responded as yet—if you see a cloud of dust over Round Hill, it could mean they are hard at work." Anne Cochran wrote that she and Avery regretted they could not make it but when Helen & Archie Lyon are in San Fran 9-14 Jun, the Bay Area classmates plan to gather at Treasure Is and they would be thinking of all at Little Fiddlers Green. Both Dwight Beach and Ed Hartshorn are involved in summer affairs—particularly Dwight who is reshingling the barn, planting trees, shrubs and a garden. He manages it all with a tractor and a minimum of hand tools. Another surprisingly peripatetic guy is Pop Duncan who attended a conference at the U. of WA in Seattle and took La Trelle along for a brief vacation before the Primate Seminar began. We had a card from Victoria, B.C., Canada, in which La Trelle mentioned having been guests in the Seattle area at a party given by the Bill



1932: "C" Co. Rabble (L-R): Williams, Schorr, Huggins, Hunt, Reese, and Gavin.

Calls, Duke Hoehls, Al Clarks and several other Army friends. Bob & Billie Terrill wrote 16 Apr that they were enjoying life on an island in Indonesia; have visited Taiwan, Jakarta and were headed for Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Japan. They will rest awhile on the West Coast upon return. Jim Boswell's daughter is married to a wonderful French husband who is one of the outstanding vintners in Burgundy. After a visit with them last winter they stopped at WP and plan to return there and then on to Korea and Japan. Most of his expenses are paid as a guest of Korea when he goes to celebrate the anniv of the Korean war. He shells out for Pat who will accompany him. Gary Hall has become a grandfather for the 2d time with the arrival of F.G. Hall III. The new papa goes to the Math Dept at WP after C&GSC. Eloise Skidmore writes that MAJ Frank Skidmore will drop by WVA with family while en route to Germany to join the 24th Engr CB.

Suc Weber writes she and Jack will be at "The Tides" for their 44th wedding anniv on 11 Jun but if invited again, will celebrate at Little Fiddlers Green. By Paige states "It is hard to get away from a farmer's responsibilities." In an earlier letter he described his produce. He's really a full-time gentleman farmer. Johnny Steele, with apologies, says he does not know how he gets involved but he must be at a convention in New Orleans. Charley Herman had an illness that



1932: Jeanette Epley, Fran and Johnnie (host and hostess), Baer, and Mary Lou Britton.

rendered him quite helpless several years ago. Isabel says his condition keeps them very restricted but he's doing fine and keeps busy working on his stamp collection and model ships. Harriette Hassman, widow of Charley (who remembered WP in his will) is joining her son who will practice medicine in Temple, TX. There seemed to be a big SOS for her so she decided she had better answer the call. Dinny & Joe Kelly accepted but in May had to decline because daughter Ginger is graduating from UFW and so parental duties changed their plans, but sent everyone love and "would be with you in spirit." Walden Coffey's son is being married—nough said. Johnny Bowen writes "I'm going to re-ret. later on in the year and can't get away from my business at this time." Last year the Culps stated they definitely would make it this year but a letter I received from Rush Lincoln in May related Bill's stroke on 5 May in Chester, SC, where he and Winnie had gone to attend his mother's funeral. After hospitalization there, Bill was flown in a chartered ambulance plane to Christ Hospital in Cincinnati where he expected to spend some time. Although he tires easily, he is improving—his speech and handshake quite strong and is walking fairly well. He has been checking on new cars in catalogs with the idea of getting a new one for the 45th Reunion. Keep up the good spirits, Bill. Their daughter is at U. of Chicago for a PhD. Ed is home and elder son Bill has returned to L.A. In answer to Charlie Baer's offer for room and board, Chi Wang responded with thanks but suffered a stroke on 9 Apr and was hospitalized about a month, necessitating cancelling his trip east. He does plan to come to the States next year and hopes for a happy gathering. Tom Hannah reports he is still "pro" with the malignancy dept but has to await the exchange of surgeons as he must be present when the replacement arrives some time before 20 Jun. Among the not good news, Olive Many wrote that Ed Many died suddenly on 20 Feb 76. She said they always had hopes and dreams of attending the 44th Reunion. Sympathy and condolences to all those who had sad news to relate and a great deal of warm feelings flowing toward you all from the Class.

Lil & Bill Powers came up from FL via a sojourn at Sea Is, a visit to Norfolk, then to Pinehurst and up the Shenandoah to Little Fiddlers Green. They stayed with Sen and Mrs. McIntyre while in the area and planned to go on up north. Bill left his job with the Navigation Dist. He explained that tho' he worked only 3 days per week, he did not want to be confined. He appeared very jolly and fully recovered from a heart attack last Thanksgiving. Lil told Dossi that they are going to write a book on "Condo Capers" that should outdo Peyton Place. Some people never grow old. Mary & Click Rees also came from FL and also looked great and it was good to see them again. I visited them in their lovely home in Winter Park some years back. Click was a GEN even an Inf cmdr would respect. Ruth & John Sutherland, Rees' neighbors were present and seemed in fine spirits, but Jack is handicapped with bad knees. He's had them "bored out." Others from FL were Mary Lou & Frank Britton and Rita & Barney Bunch. Mary & Dave Schorr were up from NC still animated andregarious and a delight to see and an addition to any gathering. Of course, Esther & Stan Wray drove up again from FL and it was good to have

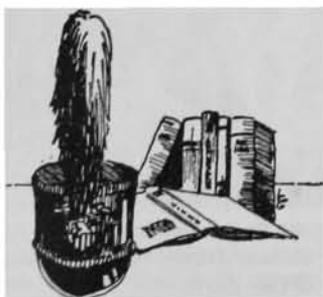


1932: Gals of '32.

them around. Widow Pat Ondrick came from TX and was with Helen & Dick Hunt. Pat is enrolled for college credit toward another degree. She remembered it's almost 9 yrs since she and Duke sat behind the Pughs at the A-N game in Phila.

Johnny Gavin and Al Schrader could well pose for Brooks Bros in their well tailored sports suits and their slim figures. Odette Spurgin drove over from Harrisburg with her young son and Billie Howarth. Joslin Morris looked very alert although she landed the night before at Dulles after 6 wks in Denmark where she visited friends and relatives and took a course in Danish in Copenhagen. Betty Wheeler drove from WV and looked her sparkling self. No wonder Rush Lincoln was #1 in our Class. He and Dot came down from MA and we learned his sister was coming from CO for her 40th reunion at Wellesley. Besides, his daughter graduated from Trinity College in Hartford (an acknowledged Ivy League school). Carrie Bess & Pinky Smith came up from AL and it was wonderful to see them and to note that Pinky, smartly garbed in a bright blue sports outfit, looked so well. Carrie Bess takes good care of that man. Pat & Ken Zitzman drove up in their Zitzman Zephyr from San Antone and were going on an extended trip to include visits to Hartshorns and Dwight Beach. Ruth & Andy Meulenber came from GA and expect to make a grand tour. A son, Andrew Jr., is with COMSAT as a nucl phys and lives in Gaithersburg, MD. The oldest son is an exec with Continental Can and lives in Old Greenwich, CT and the youngest son manufactures furniture in Boston. Ruth has a brother in Pittsburgh and their daughter is in Middletown, OH. Charlie Baer was present but Essie had to miss the great event as she had surgery on the 2d knee toward the end of May. She is a brave gal and we'll all be glad to greet her at the next gathering in the DC area.

Fran sent me Barbara Hinshaw's note explaining she and Pete had a last minute change of plans due to family affairs in Atlanta. Fran also noted that Dottie Hartshorn had called from MI during the party



to bid everyone hello. The Gavins furnished some colored pictures which hopefully can be reproduced in this issue. Johnny also gave me a study on how the stars fell on '32 compared with Eisenhower's class. Counting stars, '32 with 262 grads obtained a total of 145 compared with Ike's 164 grads and a total of 114. Johnny was fair—he figured percentage wise—'15 had .695 to '32's .533%. Besides they had 2 5-Stars. Interesting? Margaret and Desch were present which gladdened our hearts. Earlier we received a card from them from Honolulu where they were guests of Ben Webster and Hunter Harris. They wrote they "didn't know what they were doing in VA." But back home they came. Frank Besson and his bride of a yr, lovely Bea, were accompanied by Frank's mother, Mrs. Tyler. It was good to see the cheery smiles of Jeannette & Jerry Epley from NC. Roscoe Huggins was busy taking pictures as he does every year and we hope to have some to send with this column or for a later issue. Roscoe makes an attempt to get everyone at the party and that's not an easy task when people move around so much greeting and talking with one another. Bobbie & Danny Sundt were merry as always, and now that Danny has fully ret. from business life they are off to a family reunion in AZ and on to CA visiting friends and family en route and back in time to repack clothing and fly to Germany to visit their eldest son and family. Many others from this area included, Mary Cain with escort "J.B." Hansens, Gerhardts, Eleanor McCormack, Gillettes, Iseleys, Jamisons, McCawleys, Powells, Red Smiths, Grahams, Wallaces, Welborns, Alice & Charlie Williams and Farnsworths from a little south, Woolnoughs, McConnell, and the Davidsons. Believe that takes care of the localites and not so far away classmates. There were a few who did not show and were expected but such things happen.

Many others sent regrets but the Jun issue is a large one so all comments cannot be included. We hope to hear more from those who attended and those who did not and a rousing cheer once again for Fran and Johnnie and their great and gallant efforts.

The class of '32 USNA really outdid themselves. Last fall we hosted at Ft Myer where they invited us together with wives to the Yacht Club at Annapolis on 13 May. Beginning at 11:30 with free cocktails and dinner at 1:00. Everyone attending had a great time.



1932: The ever popular Bill Davidson and girl friends: Joslin Morris, Vi Gavin and Dossi Davidson.

# '33

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"The moving finger writes; and, having writ,  
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line  
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."  
Rubaiyat, stanza 71

The quarter just past has been a full one, bringing to some achievement, to others tragedy; some of us rejoice in fulfillment, some live in the Valley of the Shadow... To those for whom these days are sad, though we may not name you, our thoughts go out in sympathy and friendship.

In the sphere of Class affairs, 2 matters in particular have kept your Pres Abe well occupied: continued planning for our 45th Reunion gift to USMA: and the possible transfer to the State of MD, for use as a prison ship, of—hold your hats—the U.S.S. GEN William O. Darby! Both items will be discussed later.

For our beloved alma mater the period of this report has brought, besides preparing to receive the mandated female cadets, a second area of trauma in simultaneously defending the Honor Code and coping with apparently widespread violations of the Honor System. Responding to this latter crisis, several members of our Class authored really splendid multiple-signature appeals; excerpts: 1) To the Supt, USMA, LTG Berry, by Fritz Hartel: "... The wave of permissiveness and the lowering of standards now sweeping our country have no place at WP. Without 'Honor' there can be no meaning to 'Duty', and without 'Duty' our country will perish... We (the West Pointers who have signed below) stand behind you unequivocally in opposing any effort to change or destroy the Honor Code at WP, and to preserve it at all costs." 2) To the CS, U.S. Army, GEN Weyand, by Ed Ehlen: "Here in Sun City we, a typical group of ret. Army Officers having the best interests of our country and our army at heart, are dismayed to learn... of the situation involving the Honor Code... As you know, academic grades determine class standing, selection of arm or branch, assignment and seniority... Hence it would be tragic to allow academic grades to be manipulated through dishonesty... We urge you to preserve the Honor Code at WP and to nip in the bud the undisciplined and unwise actions of the (JAG) officers who would circumvent the entire chain of command."

A final letter for mention in this context is GEN Berry's message of 10 Jun 76 with his splendid address to the AOG on 28 May, which was sent to and merits thoughtful reading by all graduates.

If the uniformed professionals—men of the stature, integrity, courage and understanding possessed by GENs Weyand and Berry—are permitted to make the decisions in this matter, or if their recommendations are followed, then we of the Long Gray Line should have little to fear for the Honor Code.

Jack Rudolph joins Billy Harris in the ranks of our historians, with his just published "Birthplace of a Commonwealth, A Short [and very readable] History of Brown County, Wisconsin." And if anyone thinks the story of a midwestern county can't amount to much, maybe he hasn't read James Michener's Centennial.

With sadness we report the passing of 2



1933: (L-R): Quinn, Gee, Parker, Hurlbut, Polk.

esteemed classmates: Hoy Davis on 7 May 76, Bob Lawlor on 7 Jun, both of cancer. How stark and banal those words sound, the bare report—how little can any words reflect the lives and struggles, the loves and friendships, the hopes achieved and unachieved. . . .

Classmates attending memorial services for Hoy at the Chapel of the Treasure Is Naval Sta included Ed Herb ("who turned out the Class in the Bay area"), Bobby Tripp ("who rounded up the flags"), Steve Mack, Tom Kilday, Jim Boswell, and Ray Sellers. (Quotes are from Rosamond's letter to Abe; she mentioned others of other classes, more than space here permits naming.)

A scholarship tribute has been set up: The Hoy Davis Memorial Fund, PO Box 2337, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

More than a dozen of us from this more populated area ('33-wise) attended the beautiful services for Bob Lawlor at the Ft Myer Chapel, including Harry King and Emory Hackman, requested by Eleanore as honorary pallbearers. Daughters Carolyn and Ann, and Bob's mother, Mrs. Lawlor Sr., were present.

From our Hilton Head Is colony last month came 2 couples (traveling separately): Eddie & Louise Bastion, and Sim & Peg Whipple, the former staying with the Ryans, the latter with the Hurlbuts; and all looking very well indeed, a credit to their island habitat. (The Bastions were later reported by Billy Harris as having swung through San Ant.)

Tom Beck, reported earlier this spring as in Walter Reed, was out in time to make our last rowdy local luncheon, in May. (That will not of course be our last rowdy luncheon. . . .)

Russ Broshous reports beautiful weather in CO, following a mild winter (Scribenote: Now that the Gibbs are gone!): "Barbara and I have been religiously staying with our swimming. She has increased her record to 66 pool lengths (½ mi); I've recently done a mile. (All this) has helped her greatly. . . . (Son) Rusty writes that he'll get his early promotion in Jun or Jul and then be on the list for (CE) command asgmt." Bill Baumer was hospitalized in May (San Fran) for surgery, undergoing with Ned Gee at Walter Reed an identical operation, and on the same day. The locus operundus being abaft the beam, Ned reports that the experience made up in intensity for whatever it may have lacked in dignity. . . . Happily, Ned is doing well; Bill, we hope you are too.

Hurly told us (end of Apr) that Red Cahill also was hospitalized at Ft Sam. Must be contagious—enough's enough, '33! Red, we send our best.

From Charlie & Barbara Carver comes proud word of the appointment of their grandson, Michael Schneider, son of their daughter Barbara and COL William Schneider, to enter the USMA Class of '80 (they're driving him up this week). Concurrently, Charlie himself ret. from his post-ret. position

as Dir of AER. (Scribenote: Please all hands inform us of any known '33 grandsons/daughters entering Service Academies; young Mike is only the 2d known to me, the other being C.A. Selleck III, grandson of Bob & Bea Totten.)

Thanks to Old Salt & Nautical Expert John Brindley we learned last month that (1) the State of MD has too many prisoners for its facilities; (2) State authorities were shopping around for a troopship to house them; (3) they seemed about to acquire from the Maritime Comm the mothballed transport, U.S.S. GEN William O. Darby. With that info, and armed with no more than a phone, a typewriter, and his own broad knowledge, Pres Abe Lincoln swung into action with letters and calls to the SECNAV, the DA CINFO, Senators & Congressmen, the U.S. Army Ranger Soc, and others—all in an effort to remove Bill Darby's name from the ship prior to its use as a prisonship.

Meanwhile the media had their fun, with such headlines as "THE GOOD SHIP HOOSEGOW" and "OLD SHIP BECOMES PRISON, MARYLAND SAVES A BUNDLE." Our Annapolis contingent joined the fray; Sid Giffin and Bing Downing called the Gov. The Navy was reluctant to remove the vessel's name without assent from Darby's family. Abe met that one by locating Bill Darby's sister Doris (Mrs. Lydell Watkins of Cleveland, MS) who agreed that the ship's name should be removed. Action to this end has now been initiated and hopefully will succeed. It is ironic that in this era when black is white and wrong is right, an honored American war hero should have risked the association of his name with a penal expedition.

From Oahu, Eddie Doleman writes, "Hurly just arrived for his annual visit. John Honeycutt is visiting with his daughter Mary, who is studying nursing after graduating with a degree in Sociology. . . . Dorothy and I are still thinking of a possible move back to the Mainland and will be coming back for an extensive reconnaissance in late Aug or Sept." Bill & Irm Fletter completed a 2-month, 9500 mile trip to the West Coast and back to FL. "Our Class seems to be settling here in larger numbers. The Gees, Whites and Ferrises have condominiums; the Powells are in Orlando with the Olsons and Devines; the Senters are south of us. Most play golf. Hobbies? John Shinkle is a rock hound and makes settings to examine small gems under a microscope; he also raises orchids. Pic Vidal plays the organ and devotes much of his time to recruiting talent for the Academy. Mo Kaiser is still shooting; Kay Kaesser works on their beach front; Charlie Chase's hobby is education: going to school, as well as teaching. Me? I putter around the yard. . . . gardening here is tough! Irm makes rugs (incidentally, is a contented rug maker also called a happy hooker?)"—Oh, Bill. . . .

Thanks to Dick Montgomery we've re-established contact with Ernie Gabel's widow, Roberta J. (3800 Barcelona, Tampa, FL 33609) who writes, "I am Ernie's widow and the mother of his 3 children, the eldest of whom is a grad of the AF Academy (Class of '62). I would appreciate receiving your Newsletter and being placed on the Class Roster." Via Duncan Hallock-to-Hurly we are proud to have a Honolulu clipping concerning a heroic ocean rescue by Bob Hain's son, Officer Scott Hain, 35, who despite severe cuts and injuries to the ligaments

of his leg swam out through heavy surf to pull ashore Kaneohe Marine LT O'Donovan, who had become ill in the water while diving 1000 yards off the Blow Hole. This is the second time we've learned of young Hain saving a life—a worthy son of fine parents. Bob is reported to be in Tripler Hospital. Our thoughts are with you, Bob and Millie. By telecon and letter, Fritz Hartel reports that transplant eye surgery performed on Dottie in Gainesville succeeded in restoring much of the sight to the affected eye; as if in response to the many prayers offered, she is still improving.

Leo Heintz has also joined the writers on Honor with a splendid letter to Commentator Bill Gold: ". . . I hope that the young men and women at the Service Academies will not follow the example of many present leaders and lower their own high moral standards. I firmly believe they will not. . . . (We should realize that) the great majority of our younger people want to maintain the concept of personal integrity." Billy Harris, faithful and indefatigable correspondent from the SW sends: a) Bill Due's son-in-law, Tommy Smith, has been promoted to BG and assigned to HAFCE in Holland; b) Janey Grubbs purchased a condominium called The Executive Keys in Port Aransas, TX; she acts as asst mgr. Address: PO Box 1087, Port Aransas, TX 78373; c) Bill Baumer and I may go to London for the 32d, perhaps last annual dinner of British & American officers who were involved in strategic deception in WW II. Our activities appear in a recent book, *A Bodyguard of Lies*, by British author, Cave Brown. (Neither Bill nor Billy made it.); d) The TX/San Antone '33ers had a great "Dinner on the River" preceded by drinks at Thalia Frentzel's in Apr, for which 22 turned out.

In Apr Ole & Billie Olson had a Sun picnic for '33ers in central FL: "Though several could not come, many did, and it was a fun get-together. The active ones went swimming, boating and water-skiing while the more sensible relaxed, discussed world problems, and got reacquainted. Billie and I plan an extended trip this summer, going thru New Orleans, Denver, Salt Lake City to Seattle; flying to Kodiak and return; thence to Spokane, Helena, Minneapolis, Chicago, Arlington, VA and home. We'll look for classmates en route."

In the world of high finance, where apart from Phil Pope our representation is thin, we hear proud news: that our own CS, Johnny Johnson, after outstanding service on the board, has been named pres of Financial General Bankshares, Inc. Great work, Johnny!



1933: (L-R) Rear: Fletter, Kaesser, Shinkle, Divine, Ridsen; Front: Patterson, Vidal, Olson at Olson picnic.

—and now, if you'll just move in on inflation....

We've learned with concern that while Kay & Charlotte Kaesser were in the Bahamas last month (May), Kay was smitten suddenly with a rare virus disease involving loss of muscle control and so serious that Charlotte chartered a plane to get him to the hospital at Ft Lauderdale. There at last report he has started on the long road to full recovery. Mo Kaiser adds to the long list of '33-ers seen in FL, (whence) "Ryland and I have returned after a 3-mo stay... (while we were there) Milt & Val Summerfelt visited the Space Coast; our get-together included Ruth (VonG) Scott and Peg Shinkle... en route to Winter Haven saw Puddy Bartlett, who is still winning golf tournaments... speaking of which, I belatedly report an historic event: Charlie Chase, who habitually scores in the low or middle 90's, went hog wild on the difficult Harbor City course and shot a phenomenal 77—an achievement for which he modestly gives credit to one of Rod Gott's AMSTF golf balls (advt). In the Rifle Tournament, this being an Olympic Year, the competition was especially tough. In addition to our Gold Medal winner and his teammates from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Benning, we also had members of the Canadian and Swedish Olympic Teams... I shot a few good scores," Modest Mo continues, "and picked up a few pieces of loot. Ted Conway, with an assist from El, is teaching mil hist at the U. of Tampa, and working so hard that he no longer has time for tennis, ham radio, or boating. Still in good voice, tho, for O'Reilly's Daughter."

Harry & Grace King are back at Bailey's Is, ME, in the land of cold water and lobster pots. Latchstring's out 'til mid Sept.

More for us than for him, under the circumstances, was the pleasure of seeing Vic King at Walter Reed, whither he had wended from Old Lyme, CT, having busted a kneecap from an excess of zeal in his own garden. Actually he had intended to be at WRAMC anyway, preferably with both knees intact, to be on hand for surgery planned for his grandson, Stephen Jr, whose father (State Dept) is in Barbados. Grandfather and grandson are mending nicely. "In March," Vic reports, "Elise and I had a great fortnight with Stephen and Stephen Jr. in Barbados, followed by 4 days as guests of Dick Montgomery at Long Boat Key, FL—a super host! We felt like royalty as we basked in his cossetting care." Lyric, Vic!

Despite the heavy burdens of his office, including the flag project and the rescue of the Darby name, Abe Lincoln managed this spring to take his Mary on a 16-day tour to HI, where they stayed part of the time at the Halekoa (at DeRussey), and made contact with Hains' and Dolemans. In Jun he attended the 50th reunion of his high school class at Harbor Bch, MI.

Ed Herb writes that Steve Mack, who had a stroke about 2 yrs ago, "looks to be in good shape now." Let's hear from you, Steve! Jake Messersmith, who sent us a copy of Ed Ehlen's fine letter to GEN Weyand, says, "We settled in Sun City (AZ) in 70 to be near our daughter Mary, who had chosen the U/AZ following graduation from high school in St. Louis County, MO. The population here was then 17,500; we're now over 35,000 and continuing to grow. It's a well planned community for persons over 50, with 9 golf courses (3 private, 6 pub-

lic); shopping centers at hand; a very adequate hospital named for Jim Boswell's uncle, who donated the land. Ed and I see each other at monthly coffee meetings of our small WP group. Karl Truesdell lives in Litchfield Park, adjacent to Luke AFB and about 10 miles from us. Even with his atomic pacer he attends our meetings regularly; he and Vinny spend the summers at their place in ID." Thanks, Jake! Speaking of ID: A scribe who makes mistakes can be sure of mail; and I've just caught it from Ketchum! Says Posie, "Dear Bert: All of the quotes which you attributed to me in the current issue of ASSEMBLY are the fabrications of one Oren Eugene Hurlbut... Please! I have to live with Bob Neely." (Scribenote: Sorry, Bob. I can remember when you had hair; proof appears on p-193 of our HOWITZER.) But Posie isn't through. "And for the record: Tom was not a member of the 1964 Olympic Ski Team—his sport was Luge..." Then she atones with a great letter, first covering the trauma of wedding arrangements ("I no longer believe that the mother of the groom has only 2 duties: to wear beige lace and keep her mouth shut..."), then their trip to HI: "The new hotel at DeRussey was attractive and very convenient... We stayed on Paipu Beach in Kauai, and at the Mauna Kea on Hawaii—truly lovely spots... Doug & Lil Cairns had been "house sitting" at her sister's house near Kona. We saw them in Honolulu—went to Barbara & Duncan Hallocks' for drinks, then on for dinner at Ruger's Cannon Club—great! (Back home) haven't seen Lee & Cam Longley this winter, but a letter in Mar said they were going on a trip to Mexico."

Helen & Danny Parker have (1) sold their home in N. Arlington; (2) rented an apartment at River House III (S. Arl), (3) bought a house on Lake Winnepesaukee (NH), (4) left (2) for (3) for the summer. Very happy.

Janie & Phil Pope visited FL and Palm Spgs last winter and are to be at Cape Cod through Sept. These ret. bankers... Gerry Roberson reports 3 consecutive days of 105° heat in Lompoc, CA, and that Stan Lonning, "looking fine and always handsome" spent 2 days with him and Carolyn. Gerry hopes to start golf again "after 2 years and open heart surgery." Bill & Marge Ryan lucked into a highly successful Space-A round trip from Charleston AFB to Puerto Rico earlier this spring. Although Space-A is a very chancey way to go, Bill reports that the USAF MAT people, and the Navy at PR, had a fine attitude. Bill reports that Bill Jr. (VMI '65) is in the OML at USMA, a Dept of which Ned Gee was the first head.

From Lisa Shinberger, comes word of the marriage of their youngest daughter, Jane Randolph, to Peter A.R. Shmiro on 3 May in Newton, MA: the couple will live in Roslindale, MA, "Jane is one of the 4th of Jul twins; her brother John is unmarried; the 2 older girls are married and each has two boys. Adelaide is in Newton, Mary Baird is moving to Ft Meade (her husband is a MAJ, MSC, RA)."

Alden Sibley writes that 75 was a great year for him & Ellie. "Son Fred met and married a beautiful girl, direct descendant of both Thomas Edison and Samuel Morse; Sister Julia, one of the first 2 women to be ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church, continues her wonderful work as chaplain for the East Midtown Hospitals, where she brings solace to the sick and dying. Ellie,

a true artist, continues work at the Isabelle O'Neill Studio of Painted Furniture. I am now with the Economic Devel Council of NYC, squarely in the middle of NY's struggle to avert bankruptcy. We're screening dossiers of ret. officers for exec positions in the reorganized City Govt. Any interested classmates?" (Note: Sib's interesting contribution is published late—sorry!)

Of the Solomons, word is that son (LTC) John K. ('61) (5% zone twice) enters AWC from command of a Lance Bn in Europe; son Bill, likewise RA and outstanding, goes to 82d Abn at Bragg to command AAA Bn. Solly and Molly have good reason for pride in their 3 fine sons and families, incl grandchildren. Molly is reported ill. We extend a hand, and heartfelt wishes.

From Dodd Starbird, a splendid and readable sketch of the U.S. Energy R&D Admin, of which he is Asst Admin for Natl Security. Rather than hazard a bob-tailed version, I'll save it for next time.

Bob Thompson's lovely Lucy Lee has just climaxed a traumatic year of illness and a gallant recovery by an in-house fall in which she broke a hip. Undaunted, she has undergone ball and socket surgery from which Bob says she is beginning a good convalescence. One more hill to climb, Lucy Lee! we're with you.

To close our personal news, here's one for the books. On U.S. 1 in Alexandria there's a legitimate second-hand shop, "The Thieves Market," a mecca for antique hounds. Seems Al & Nancy Wellings' house was broken into in their absence by 2 teenagers on drugs, who lugged the family silver promptly to you-know-where, with a happier than usual outcome for law & order!

Class notes from the President and others: 1) Grandchildren graduating from Service Academies will be accorded trophies from '33 in token of our interest and pride, just as sons were; 2) We're interested in the well-being of Class widows and will include them on the roster and for distribution of letters, publications, etc.; 3) We pass the word re illnesses, hospital sojourns, etc, so that friends may visit; 4) Such enterprises are feasible only if we get the word from someone; 5) The flag project (our 45th reunion gift to WP) moves on apace. Lincoln, Ryan and Downing visited USMA to discuss it; the Supt has given approval to the concept; 6) Some gremlin at AOG tacked on the request for addresses of "missing" persons (Jun 76 Notes) and your scribe had some all along; 7) Please send photos, snapshots, etc. to your scribe, indicate whether you want 'em back, and identify by names and dates.

# '34

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I regret to have to report the deaths of 2 classmates: Jim Winn and Bob Warren. Jim died Easter night in El Paso, TX and was buried at the Ft Bliss National Cemetery. The local contingent paid final respects and flowers were sent in the name of the Class. Jim had not been in good health lately but he carried on with the same spirit he always displayed.

Bob Warren, who also had been in poor health recently, died on 7 Jun and was buried in Arlington on 11 Jun with full military honors. The Class was represented by

Joe Barton, Burt Bruce, Gene Corrigan, Hal & Faith Edson, Bill Kern, Sis MacDonnell, Jim & Elinore O'Hara, Travis Petty, Danny Still, and Lou Walsh. Flowers, again, were sent in the name of the Class. '34 has just lost 2 fine members who will be greatly missed.

A little more on Founders Day dinner: Bob Kyser told us that the Bill Craigs and Harry Hillyards spent a few days with the Kysers playing golf and attended the Orlando dinner on 16 Mar.

Bill Wise represented the Class at the dinner held at Schofield Bks on 5 Mar. It was particularly nostalgic for Bill since he had taken his WP entrance exams at Schofield exactly 46 years earlier—to the day.

Charlie Brown sent in a quote from a letter he received from Pee-Wee Fellenz, dated 15 Mar 76: "Mary and I are very happy here in FL. I had a stroke 8 months ago, but am slowly recovering. Can play tennis again and play several times a week, but not too well. At least, I'm out on the court again. Best to everyone." And our best to you, Pee-Wee, with our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

In a most interesting letter from Ireland, Tom Foote told that he and Foss had spent Xmas with their son in Naples, where he is stationed with the Navy. While there, they toured Herculaneum and Vesuvius by car and Capri by boat. In Mar, Tom, with Bob Rayburn ('33), attended the Founders Day dinner in London and later visited friends in England.

"Jabo" Jablonsky wrote in to say that he and Virgie had planned to come back to the States from Iran in Apr with Jabo becoming VP and senior corp XO of the Northrop Corp. However, their return has been delayed. He also mentioned that his daughter Lea was married in Dec.

Bert Bruce, our new treas, has informed us of the marriage of his son Burr to Ronda Lundberg of Pogoconock, CT, on 19 Jun. After the honeymoon, they will settle in Boston where both will be seniors at Tufts next year. Our best wishes to the couple.

Another upcoming wedding is that of Tom McCrary's daughter to Thomas Peil, a broker in Atlanta. Tom mentioned in the same letter that he and his wife had donated 22 acres of land to the county for a park. The establishment of public parks is one of Tom's pet projects.

Jim & Elinore O'Hara visited Bob & Lil Tyson at their home, Lucy's Find, in Whitestone, VA, on 18-19 May. They report a delightful stay as is evidenced by the jovial picture.

In the San Fran Bay Area, members of the Class were invited by Bill & Peggy Neal to convene about noon on Sat, 19 Jun 76, for a picnic on their extensive land holdings near Novato, about 30 miles north of San Fran. This is becoming an annual affair. It was attended this year by all members of the Class in the area and included a few from as much as 200 miles away. Those present included Travis & Marge Brown, Hal & Tina Browning, Bud & Helen Buehler, Frank & Catherine Caufield (and her sister, Charlotte Colee), Johnny & Dottie Franklin (and their daughter Cindy), Bob & Sue Erlenkotter, Paul & Jodi Hanley (who brought Patty Crystal), and Art & Helene Inman, Joe & Jean Killian, and finally, Tom & Lorraine O'Neal. It was a great outing, highlighted by the hospitality of the host and hostess.

Dale Huber informed us that he has moved to a condominium after 26½ years in



1934: (L-R): Jim and Elinore O'Hara and Lil and Bob Tyson.

the same house. Two of his 5 daughters are still aboard and his one son has produced the first grandchild, Eric Emerson Huber.

Stacy Gooch broke a 21-year silence to send in the following: "Stacy is ret. from teaching. At age 65, he now has a new profession—ski instructor at Taos Ski Valley, NM. He is having a ball! Since he and Nat spend most of the ski season at their condominium apartment on the ski slopes at Taos Ski Valley, they simplified their city life in Albuquerque by selling their home and ½ acre of fruit, flowers, and vegetables and building a townhouse. It is great and Nat is pleased about less work and worry and being able to come and go easily." Stacy, is the address: 3120 La Ronda Place, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87710, still valid?

Ken Cunin reported on the varied activities of the classmates in the San Ant area. George Dany is playing golf when he is not involved with his palette knife and brush; Fred Cook is still working for the city of San Ant; Rip Winkle is still with Bache Co.; Tom Wood continues his hobby of spelunking; Cy Betts is now a VP of the SW Research Inst; and Charlie White was conned into becoming a dir of a bank. As for Ken, himself, he is doing picture framing as a paying hobby which helps satisfy his golf debts.

In a note from Longboat Key, FL, Harvey Taylor says he stays pretty much in FL now despite many relatives back in Huntington, WV, and asks that any classmates who get in the Sarasota area give him a call.

That old salt, Tom Lipscomb, took time out from sailing up and down the New England coast and in the British Virgins to inform us that their grandson Peter is now living with them.

Charlie Fell has kept himself busy writing scientific papers. In 74 he copyrighted one entitled (in part) "Curvilinear Coordinate Systems, Described by the System Metric." That sounds most impressive.

Jack & Mary Seaman recently visited their daughter Penny, and son-in-law, CPT Carl Linke ('70) at Ft Benning. The Linkes are scheduled to go to WP in the near future as are the Seamans' other daughter Wendy and her husband, CPT James Wilson.

"Dave" Davis writes that he ret. from the Engr Experiment Sta of OH State U. last year but "Pop" Warner is still working with it.

Johnny & Janet Diefendorf were hosts in early Mar to Ruth & Ralph Bucknam who visited Williamsburg to celebrate the 33d anniv of their wedding in Bruton Parish Church. Ruth & Jack Renfroe and Tete & Charlie Brown were also on hand to help make it a memorable occasion.

Dave Hollingsworth allows that since he and his wife Josephine have been married for 42 years, her name should be listed on the Class roster. Sorry, Josephine, and apologies.

In a note from John Lawlor, we learn that Ike Walton's wife Sis has been elected a member of the Bd of Directors of the First National Bank of Blue Is, IL. Also, son Jay (who has presented Ike and Sis with 2 grand-children) is also distinguishing himself as a prof of Engl lit at the U. of Notre Dame. Congratulations to all.

In May, Francie & Johnny Stevens took a trip which included FL, where they had the pleasure of having lunch one day with Bill & Peggy Craig, the next with Rosa & Freddie Barnes, and the next at a party by Harry & Eddrea Hillyard, where they saw Jim and Louise Snee, Knox Yarbrough, and an unexpected visit by Lee and Mary Ingram. It was a real treat to renew these old friendships. On returning home, the Stevens' joined Hal & Faith Edson for a fishing trip visit with Tete & Charlie Brown in Reedville, VA. Although the weather was too rough to catch any fish, the men improved their education with a tour of the fascinating Menhaden plant and rejoined their wives for a most delightful renewal of old ties and discussions of the present.

Among those who have been traveling lately are Sandy & Beatrice Sanders who took their motorhome down to San Ant where they saw the Charlie Whites and the Cunins. From there they took a lazy trip down the Rio Grande valley, during which they talked to Cookie Darrah on the phone, and returned home.

In a note from B.J. Richardson, he announced that he and Farley had tripped to Grenada, W.I., during Mar for fun in the sea, sand, and sun. En route visits were made to Farley's father, one of 2 living members of the Class of '07, at his home on the FL Keys; to Jean Jenna at her delightful home in Tallahassee, FL; and to their son John, who has established his own CPA firm in Tallahassee.

Like the Sanders, the Stevens', and the Richardsons, your scribe and his frau Nancy took a little trip this spring to England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland to take a look at some castles and homes. In Ireland we based on Dublin, but being on a tight schedule I could only telephone to Tom Foote down on the South Coast. He seems fine and sent his best.

John Cary has submitted his resignation as Class Treas, as he and Gerry plan to move to San Ant on or about 15 Sept. We thank him for his work as treas and wish them a happy home in the SW. The Exec Cmte has appointed Burt Bruce as replacement in accord with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Results of the referendum on the revised Class Constitution were: ballots returned in favor—60; ballots against—1. Number of ballots unanswered—123 (assumed a vote for). Final, for—183; against—1.

The Exec Cmte has amended Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws as follows: after "Treasurer," insert: "from each Active member." Please annotate personal copies accordingly.

The status of the obit program as of the end of Jun, Decedent (Volunteer), was: Sieg (Brookhart), Brugge (Edson), Maury (Eatman), Stark (Pothier), W.L. Rogers, (J.W. White), Moseley (J.W. White), J.O. Baker (Higgins), Beazley (O'Hara), Crystal (Hanley),

Piram (R.R. Moorman), Weitzel (Stevens), Tibbets (J.E. Blair), Shuck (Cheston), Cummins (S.H. Smith), H.M. Baker (Cunningham), Forte (Ward), Van Nostrand (Fuller), Telford (Stevens), A.T. Wilson (Stuart), McPheron (Gerhart), R.H. Sanders (Diefendorf), Benner (Gilman), Barnwell (C.E. Brown), Davall (L.A. Walsh), Hills (L.A. Walsh), Ice (Waugh), Surrat (K.L. Davis OR Tyson), Ligon (Luehman), Mossman (Kern), Hennigar (Diefendorf), Winn (Elliott), Warren (Simenson). The following have had obits published since the program began: Donoghue, Darrah, Manlove, Vars, W.B. Bunker. The following still had no volunteers: Luttrell, Costain, Bondley, Wilkes, R.A. Smith. How about you non-volunteers giving us a hand? Take one of the above and notify Stevens, or write to one of the volunteers who is working on someone about whom you can make a contribution.

Charlie Brown asks for "air time" to send his hearty thanks to the dozens of classmates who answered his plea for info about Bill Barnwell. If and when the obit is published, Charlie hopes they will feel rewarded for their trouble, although none of the sources will be named for space reasons plus the fact he didn't get their permission. He enjoyed the news they sent about themselves and vows to reply to each in due time, which may mean a long time.

Changes of address: Arosemena—P.O. Box 7663, Panama 9, Republic of Panama; Martin—67 Colonial Dr, Homestead, FL 33030; Lardin—1561 Kanunu, Apt 1806, Honolulu, HI 96814; D.W. Johnston—Villa Folle Brise, Roc des Corsaires, 64600 Anglet, France; J.L. Johnson—223 Long Hill Rd, Great Notch, N.J. 07424; Donovan—The Colonnade (half of each year), 2801 New Mexico Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007; Hollingsworth—1560 Majestic Dr, Reno, NV 89503; D.E. Huber—3200 La Rotonda Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Please submit any notes for the Dec ASSEMBLY to your scribe to arrive not later than 23 Sept 76.

## '35

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It was a great shock to receive notice of Henry van Ormer's death, which occurred at Ft Huachuca hospital on 31 Mar 76. Subsequent reports from Johnny Morgan, Dave Stone, and George Jones reveal that Van



1935: Easter in Tucson (L-R): Ellerson, O'Neal, O'Connor, Morgon, Stone and Jones.



1935: Dottie and Les Wheeler at St. Basil's Church, Moscow—Kremlin in the left rear.

had not been very well for about a year, but that he did get to the Founders Day dinner in Tucson on 17 Mar. All our sympathy is with Helen and their 2 sons, Morgan, Stone, Jones, and Geoff Ellerson with 2 officers of the post were honorary pallbearers and the funeral service and interment were at Ft Huachuca.

Bob Glass has ret., again, from his 3-days-a-week job in nearby VA, and he and Phil have sold their lovely house in Arlington and are spending the summer at their place on the lake in ME, after which they plan to go to the West Coast and find a home in the Bay area. We will miss them here.

Russ Miner has left up-state NY and as of 22 Jun 76 resides at Apt 14-107, 100 Vista Royale Blvd, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Bernie & Harriett Waterman are proud to report a new granddaughter, Lauren Ann Waterman, born 13 Jun 76, 2d daughter to son Brad and his wife Susan. Brad is preparing for the bar exam in Boston and hopefully will qualify to practice law in MA later this summer. Waterman son-in-law, LTC Jim Broadus, has graduated from the Naval WC and will return to his assignment in the OCA.

Al and Jean Robbins' son Andy has graduated from VA Med Sch and has begun residency at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Herb & Ruth Gee were in DC for about 10 days in Apr and one day while Ruth was busy at meetings of the Natl Soc of Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Charlotte and I took Herb for his first sail on Chesapeake Bay. Another day Al Robbins and I took him to the annual (luncheon) meeting of the Army Mutual Aid, which was another first for Herb.

Les & Dottie Wheeler took a trip to Russia in May. They very much enjoyed their week spent in visiting palaces, churches, museums, and seeing the Bolshoi Ballet. They were taken by bus from Moscow to Kalinin on the Volga and then by train to Leningrad and flew home from there. They both returned more devoutly patriotic than ever and glad to be home, especially Les who kept thinking of his association with RAND a few years ago.

George & Edna Hill spent about a month in Europe to visit son, George P. Hill III, in Paris and also visited parts of Austria and Germany with a quick trip to England.

Young George is a mathematician with Honeywell-Bull in their Paris office.

Helen Jones sent the photo of our classmates at the annual Easter Brunch which she and George have. In her usual flawless handwriting Helen mentions how they all missed Helen & Henry van Ormer who had attended these affairs in previous years.

Harriett Waterman reports hearing from Judy Ashman in San Ant of a wedding to be held there 24 Jul when daughter Margaret Abbey Ashman becomes Mrs. Jerry Wm. Krueger at St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

A very fine picnic was held by the DC contingent on 22 May at the charming home of John & Jane Duffy on their farm near Charlestown, WV. A goodly gathering of 39 people included the usual faithful plus Jack & Arlene Howell here from FL, Frank & Denny Murdoch here from S. VA, and Seep & Jo Bassitt here from PA. John and Jane were delightful hosts and the food was superb.

The mini-reunion is now firm for 77 in Guadalajara. In response to some 200 letters Carmon Rogers sent out, as of Apr there were 119 replies and of these only 52 said "sorry, scrub." The buck will now be passed back to Jack Rhoades (and his volunteer assistant Ducky Farnsworth when he gets back from the world tour!) to lay on final plans for the 100 or so of us who intend to be there.

## '36

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Nature's and Fortune's bounties cascaded upon us as a greater assemblage of classmates and kin than ever before since graduation and sublime weather conditions favored our glorious 40th Reunion. By 30% more than at any previous meeting we returned to WP. There was a total of 82 classmates and classmates' widows, plus dependents. We had 3 newly-weds (Finley, McCarty, and Simpson); we had 3 widows (Hartman, Jakle, and Sievers); and we had uncounted children and grandchildren. There was no way of knowing how many were returning for the very first time—like Bell and Schrein. And Bud and Lucille Warfield later wrote that it was so great to come back, they wished they'd not missed all those of the past. But they were coming to all in the future. I estimate that 40 is a fair number to assume will appear at a reunion. Assuming this was the figure, Sutherland and Hiestler were dismayed to find that they kept



1936: "Van" Sutherland and Ellie at Reunion picnic. Van, English "P" at USMA, is the last '36er on active duty.

running out of available space. These 2 stalwart and energetic classmates expressed grave anxiety that they had been unable to satisfy all as they would have liked. In fact, Dave Hiester was absent from several of our Class functions because of his continuing duties while the rest of us played. Dutch Hartman told me that she now has 10 grandchildren and applies for a record. So far, I have not found her surpassed! The Sutherlands' museum-attractive quarters were again the scene of a memorable cocktail party for the Class. Although the Thayer seems somehow to have shrunk in size, the dinner party there was unsurpassed for service and enjoyment.

On a beautiful sunny morning almost 200 of us met in the Old Cadet Chapel (about the Corps' size which entered there during Dad's days). Westy gave a gracious eulogy notice of the passing of each classmate and wife who had passed away since our "35th" Reunion at WP. After the memorial service, all walked through the cemetery surrounding the Chapel. The thoughtful "aides" assigned to '36 had placed flowers marking the graves of classmates, wives, and children—Hanlon, Jack R. Kelly, Longley, Phelan, Reece, and Schwering, Edith Safford, Norma Yarborough (their daughter), Mary Ann Meany, Margaret Lampert, Virgil Reece Jr., Dave Hiester Jr., Tommy Hayes IV, and the Fergussons' son Bob whose headstone noted his DSC earned in Vietnam.

Perhaps another contributing factor to our Reunion's success was the attentions afforded us by wonderful WP aides: Entlich, Reed, and Delaplain. (Sally Entlich is the attractive daughter of our own Goldenberg.) Betsy Reed sent the Class a very warm thank-you for having the opportunity of being with such a wonderful crowd as '36. At our Class business meeting which Bill Connor turned over to Billingslea for over an hour, the subject of a soldier statue was probed in depth. Chuck indicated that interest in memorializing the soldier has been growing; that several classes are still considering financial support with 1936; and he opened the subject to questions.

Ted Clifton, a member of Chuck's 40th Reunion gift cmte, gave a summary of the exploration made considering a painting or a frieze, or bas relief, commemorating the American soldier, considering works by famous artists like Norman Rockwell, Andrew Wyeth, Peter Hurd, and the costs of anywhere from \$60,000 to \$150,000 for such works. Billingslea described the negotiations with the WP Supt, Sid Berry, and the Supe's cmte, which has resulted in enthusiastic support of the Supe for a statue—perhaps the last one to be allowed at USMA.

Our Class was so well represented that a large number obtained for the first time an "eyeball" confrontation with this subject. Janof, Hosmer, and Hiester voiced objections, while even more were of a supporting nature. Finally, Combs moved that the cmte continue and complete the Soldier gift program. Laurion furthered this motion. Later, Wort Williams stated that he hoped the Class would attempt to handle the gift solely as a '36 project. In connection with the financing of this gift, Turnage indicated that the Class Fund was \$6,000 cash. Jim Illig, the finance chmn, said that there are 235 members and 22 widows as potential givers. From this group he says he has already received pledges for \$14,000. He claims \$128 is the average pledge per person thus far.



1936: Reunion 1976.

Upon arrival at WP we found details of a fabulous reunion trip at the Hale Koa at Waikiki potentially for May 77. Few had had an opportunity to study it in detail, but at end of business meeting, 23 indicated an interest in attending such a meeting. For those of you who have not replied to Jim Landrum when you read this, he'd much appreciate your views and response. As of this writing and as best I recall, interest, perhaps even beyond the "talk stage" has been advanced for a Hawaiian trip by Gage, Evans, Fergusson, Kling, Hess, McCormick, Steele, Turnage, Hosmer, Dorland, Laurion. Timing and cost are essential factors, so furnishing Landrum our ideas will be most helpful.

But before the peripatetic '36ers go to HI, Randy Dickens would remind you that on 22, 23, and 24 Oct the Seventh '36 Intl Golf Tournament will be played at Whispering Pines with, as usual, a more enjoyable reunion than the one last year.

(I apologize for not listing all 82 classmates' names at WP—it would use too much space here.)

The Jul READERS DIGEST carried an unusually fine profile of Abe by Melvin Laird. I suggest reading. Larry Laurion wrote a masterful and restrained reply to TIME on the honor affair. I never suggest reading that. I Bob Breaks wrote that he didn't reach WP because of Honey's incapacity as a result of her pacemaker. He says he's still working with NASA. As at all reunions, Class-mentor Dorland, was out front taking pictures and distributing them on-the-spot. Highly decorated and apparently now, well talented and diversified, Gil Dorland (son) has co-authored an interesting (and valuable) little book, FROM IDEA TO MATURITY. Most of us have never been exposed (in Service) to the element which prompts the Society, the Economy, and the Civilization whose 200th anniversary we are now celebrating. Gil describes this IDEA as a small business which you, or anyone, can "plant" in this great nation. \$11.00 sent to G.N. Dorland, Box 513, La Jolla, CA 92038 will crystallize some thoughts you've once had about a business of your own; in fact, you might enjoy how our brilliantly motivated children are following in our footsteps.

Bob Fergusson phoned several times and found himself too busy to get to 40th. He was, however, able in early Apr to attend a bicentennial celebration in Bremen given by that city for U.S. businessmen. His eye is now O.K. Phil & Helen Greene were 2 who wrote expressing their extremely fine reaction to the Reunion. The Hesses "jitneyed" the Gages around WP, because the latter had no wheels. It was a great opportunity to have for extra confabulation. Helen sent the Gages a noteworthy piece: one side was addressed to "Liz"; the reverse, to "Phil." She also bore news of the startling and unexpected passing of Hank Brewerton. Hank was a wonderful man, friend, and scribe of the Class of '40. There will be no column to replace his in the ASSEMBLY. Right after Reunion, Hiesters went to Saudi Arabia for their 40th wedding anniv and to be with daughter, Darrell. Also after WP the McElhenys, Klocks, and Hosmers visited Ben & Mimi Whipple at Orleans, MA. Ben's physical condition precludes his movement. This is why he didn't join us. Pete Kieffer had a lymph operation near 1 Jun so he couldn't join us.

Jack Jackson wrote from Camp Hill, PA that his daughter, Sandra Lee, married in Feb. In late Mar, I was flattered in receiving a letter from Art Joyce stating that he was driving all the way down from Chicago to see me. He did; and spent all one evening reminiscing about his war exploits in south India in WWII. A month later we ran into him and Peggy at WP; and they obliged us greatly by driving us to LaGuardia. Art has some of the most fascinating stories told in the Class—and his memory seems fantastic. Dette Kimball remembered to write and ask us to stay with her on way to Reunion if possible. Ralph King sent in an address change to: 15400 Winchester Blvd #27, Los Gatos, CA 95030. Jack Kling called from airport on return from a visit to his Army son, stationed in Panama. Jack is quite busy in the steel manufacturing biz. Says he'd like to see more of us at Reunions. In Apr, Jim Landrum came thru Atlanta on way to visit a dying brother. At that time he started discussing possibility of a reunion at the Hale Koa in HI. I gave him (and still do) my blessing and all the encouragement I can.

The idea has tremendous possibilities—especially for West Coasters. Because of the unexpected Apr trip and one to Europe in Jul, Jim was not able to get to Reunion. Ken Madsen wrote from Palm Beach that although he and Hughes weren't going to be at WP, he sent his best regards to all. Mike wrote that because Mary had undergone surgery they were not able to attend the Reunion; later he wrote she is improving slowly. Nazzaros wrote of new address: 5200 Mission Hill Dr, Tucson, AZ 85718. Necrason said his address is Box 777, Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506. Bruce sent me his DEFENSE MAN-POWER REPORT to PRESIDENT. I read through the gist of it, and it is interesting to know the detail and information therein. I presume that Bruce is the chief composer, compiler, and publisher of this 2-year lucubration.

Bob Partridge called from airport the end of Jun. He had been out in San Fran where his father passed away at slightly under 90. Bob called COL Sears and Dad, both of Atlanta and both Class of '09 with his dad. Harry Elkins, who started in the Class of '36, wrote that Patterson, whom I've missed for ages, had this address: COL Eugene R. Patterson, 1844 East Elm St, Tucson, AZ 85719. He said Pat was a Presbyterian Minister in MS. He and Ruth had 5 children. He got back into service in the Korean War and ret. as a COL in 64. The Persons, who were at WP went to HI earlier with the Cordes and thought the Hale Koa was "magnificent." Bill Steele has a new address: 1017 Minor Ave. Seattle, WA 98104. The middle of Jun, Bill & Betty Connor came to Atlanta to visit children, Pat and Eileen. We visited and were impressed with how well Bill looks; and he did at WP too.

Here's to more and better 1936 Reunions! P.S. The DC Chapter asked the ASSEMBLY editor for this postscript because we knew that Phil Gage would never report that in our Reunion meeting a resolution was passed unanimously thanking Gage for his many years of faithful service as Class scribe for ASSEMBLY, and for his great and loyal enthusiasm for his classmates and their families. One of the big moments of the 40th was a chance for all attending to view the "Great Book" which Phil has assembled over the years with a photo or 2 of each and every classmate, and behind those photos an envelope of clippings, letters from, and items of interest about that individual. The book is now too huge to transport and has become a display possession of the WP Library where it can be perused whenever we visit.

The DC Chapter also wanted to emphasize the thanks of the Class to Van & Elly Sutherland for picking up the tentative plans made by the 40th Cmte—Dawalt, Austin, Hiester, Lampert and Sutherland—and bringing them to a most successful fruition, including extra never-ending hotel accommodations, arrangements with caterers, the financial accounting (which Van reports came out without any losses or gains), and even thoughtful gifts to our "aides" and their wives, who did such a splendid job, for which we are very grateful.

MAJ Richard E. Entlich and his wife Sally, who is the daughter of our classmate Goldenberg, were volunteers. Entlich, Class '63, is in the Math Dept. Assigned by the AOG were CPT & Mrs. Howard H. Reed, Class '65, in the Math Dept, and CPT & Mrs. Calvin B. Delaplain, Class '67, assigned to the Dept of Phys at USMA. His wife

Suda is from Thailand. A set of WP glasses was given each couple to show our appreciation for their gracious, and thoughtful attention to each and every '36er.

Last but not least, the Class resolution, speaking for all of us around the globe, registered our appreciation to the Class officers—Bill Connor, Westy, and Ben Turnage—who for 40 plus years have given needed guidance and care to Class affairs, to our hopes and ideas, and our previous gift efforts for both WP and the AFA. Bill's kindly responses make '36 Class business easy and pleasant to do.

Until the '45th—the "Senior" chapter.

# '37

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The Class Lunch in the DC area in Jun produced an unusually good turn-out: Unger, Drum, Wilhoyt, Forney, Diercks, Zehner, Hall, Malizewski, Brett, Frazier, Lemmon, Oden, Prentiss, Dave Parker, Mercado and Shive. Also, as reported by Don Shive, plans for the 40th Reunion are coming along fine—including the Class Memorial project which will be the Visiting Team Room in Washington Hall. So, as recommended earlier, you-all take your vitamins and hang in there for another 11 months or so!

We received a particularly excellent picture of Compton, Smalley, Seaman, Edwards and Young taken at the San Fran Bay Area Founders Day dinner on 12 Mar 76, which we're happy to include.

Jack Tolson, who most of you know is Secy of the Dept of Mil and Vet Affairs of the State of NC, writes from Raleigh that he misses contact with his classmates since he ret. 3 yrs ago and wants info on Class meetings in the DC area. Your scribe knows of the regular lunches on the 3d Thurs of each month at the Army-Navy Club on Farragut Square at which visitors and wives are more than welcome (always at 1200), but if others are planned, how about the instigators letting Jack know? Jack also informs us that he was lucky(?) enough to be inducted into the Army Avn Hall of Fame last year! Congratulations!

Via Gus Prentiss and the notes that come in with contributions to the 40th Reunion Fund, we heard from Mrs. Julia Brierley Wyman who made a contribution in honor of her brother, Jim Brierley. Also Curt Low who asked that his best regards be passed to all. Bill Easton from Stillwater, MN, says he is completely ret. now but does some community volunteer work. Others who have



1937: Founders Day dinner, San Francisco, 12 March 1976.



1937: Squatting—Reeves, Hodges; Kneeling—Black, Betty Splengler, Seedlock; Standing—Rose Marie Black, Tense Seedlock, Carol Reeves, Barbara Hodges.

responded to Gus—not much news for this column, but at least an address verification—are McElroy, Magoffin, Van Vliet, Simmons, Haltom, Graham and Holloway.

Bill Snouffer wrote a fine round-up of his career and present situation which will fill in some gaps: "come 1 Jul I will ret. from Harvard U. and move to Chapel Hill, NC. And this will be ret. in earnest. I have ret. twice before only to go to work again—from the USAF, then from industry, and now from Harvard. It has been a great career. Through the years I have not been one to send news of our family for ASSEMBLY, but Cornie (Corrine) and I have had a wonderful time and raised a wonderful (we think) family. Our 5 children are all married and have families of their own. All were fortunate enough to go through college and 4 have advanced degrees and the 5th is a registered nurse. We have 8 grandchildren. We expect most of them to descend on us at our summer place in NH again this summer for a week of reunion and fun. Cornie and I will move to Chapel Hill on 25 Jun. We have purchased a home at (1110 E. Franklin Ave, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) and expect to spend the months of Nov through Jun there and the months of Jul through Oct at Lake Nubanusit, Hancock, NH. And then we hope to travel a lot more than in the past. Cornie too is ret. She has been a teacher in the Lexington High School for the past 16 yrs. Has been teaching math. Regards to all our classmates." Appreciate this, Bill, but please don't wait too long for the next one!

Luke Elkins comes through again! Luke Elkins writes from Tucson that he and Betty have been looking around for a smaller house or condominium now that no more offspring are around. Son Bob is running an Indian jewelry sales outlet in the Holiday Inn in Flagstaff, AZ, supplying turquoise and silver items to tourists heading for the Grand Canyon and anyone else desiring such adornments. Daughter Nancy works at the hqs of Pier 1 Imports in Ft Worth with

hopes of eventually going on buying trips to Hong Kong and other Far East places. Daughter Trudy is in Santa Rosa, CA, hoping to set up a special sales business in that area. Luke was arm-twisted into the presidency of the WP Soc of S. AZ again, this time for the year May 76 to May 77. Betty is busy with AAUW (American Assn of U. Women) activities. Cynthia Cone's parents, BG and Mrs. Thomas L. Martin, USMA '16, report that she's still busy in Las Cruces, NM, with such things as local political campaign hqs, the cancer society, and designing the dress for Miss New Mexico to wear at the Miss USA contest. Her son John is with a TV station in Las Cruces. She gets to Tucson now and then. Bob Griffin and Margaret plan to go to IA again for a visit with her 90-year-old mother, and to escape the summer solar intensity of Tucson.

Bob Seedlock sent this picture of an Atlanta area Class gathering at the Seedlocks'. Honest folks—neither your scribe nor the editor left out the top of the ladies' heads! The party was held in honor of Betty Spengler who as Bob notes was the center of attraction. Bob saw Julian Sollohub recently—Julian just returned from DC where his son, LTC Charles J., had received the "Pace Award" for distinguished service from Frank Pace Jr., former SA backed up by a room full of former CS's and Secy's, all of which Bob reported as only natural for a sterling son of a '37 classmate! Bob also flew to NY with Bud Underwood recently on business. He says Bud looked great and the 2 of them managed to see a Broadway play and as much of the "Big Apple" as possible (sounds like a First Class weekend). Tense Seedlock added her own note with current addresses for Black and Joe Hodges which are appreciated.

To conclude with another very gratifying note, Bob Seedlock was named Metro-Atlanta's "Engineer of the Year" by the GA Professional Engineer in its Mar/Apr 76 issue. He and Tense received a very complimentary write-up with biographical sketch and summary of their current activities which also stated that Tense's activities made it appropriate for her to be called "Woman of the Year."

# '38

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Perusing the contemporary class columns of Jun ASSEMBLY, I find we scribes have a common lament on the dearth of current inputs. Now Mike Krisman has entered the fray with lists of missing persons, in some cases quite voluminous. The '38 list is not too long and not completely valid. I know I have written recently of Wally Ford (selling real estate in Cocoa Beach) and Mac & Barbara Macomber, (cattle ranching in central CA). Perhaps the inflated postage rates contributes to this difficulty.

Our 2 most ubiquitous and communicative correspondents are Carl & Dottie Daprich last seen in Apr on the beaches of Curacao, and Pat & Virginia Healy implementing their announced plan to visit Ireland, England, Italy and additional parts of France. With the years and miles covered the Healys are indubitably our leading authorities on France, if not all of Europe. Bobs and I are anticipating the return of our son Hal, wife Linda and our only 2 grandchildren



1938: Class Memorial Committee at proposed site.

Matthew and Betsy (the last of whom we have never seen) from Germany. Frank & Peg Miller will contribute a much greater influx when their 4 sons and families all return from Germany.

From Dartmouth comes word, via press release, of the early ret. of Hal Moorman as Dir of Employment Opportunities. Hal was PMS&T at Dartmouth in 56 to 60 and returned after ret. from the Army in 64. These 16 years seem to indicate that Hal became almost as enamored of Dartmouth as Jannarone at WP.

In a case paralleling the J.B. Colemans, Tracy Harrington's son Mike, a recent grad of the U. of VA Med Sch, has been commissioned as a LT Navy Dr. and assigned to the Nav AS Hospital at Pensacola. Speaking of J.B., I am hoping for a contribution from him this summer to match his and Pat's voluminous accounts of travels last year. This also applies to other '38ers planning summer trips.

Pete & Judy Peterson while visiting their daughter in Colo Spgs spotted a press release stating that Jack Ryan visited the AF Acad to receive the GEN Thomas S. White award for meritorious service to add to a formidable list of decorations. A perusal of the letterhead of the Natl Bank of Ft Sam Houston shows that Jack heads the list of directors of the bank.

Another prospective ret. is our DC entertainer of the past 10 yrs, now moonlighting as scribe. John Damon was elected by acclamation to assume these arduous duties effective in Jan 77. This change coincides with a shift of locale of lunches from the GOM at P'gon where we have held forth for 15 yrs to Ft Myer. This change simplifies scheduling and parking and enables us to set a firm date for each lunch throughout the year, proposed as the 3d Fri of each month in which we have a lunch—Jan, Apr, May, Sept, Oct and Dec. Dinners, at A/NCC will be in Feb, Jul, and Nov. We plan our last lunch at GOM to be 10 Dec 76. A joint affair with USNA '38. Presumably there will be a joint lunch hosted by USNA 38 in Mar. One thing this new office should do for Damon is improve his attendance record. During the present incumbent's 10 yr tenure, he and Bobs missed only one event, Taylor's dinner some time back. This was the result of concurrent cases of flu. This record is more inevitable than praiseworthy, since it is highly impractical to give a party without attending.

I don't know if there are designated entertainers in any of our other concentrations

of classmates. If so, I should appreciate their branching out into scribing to the extent of giving me accounts of activities. In this connection our best attended lunch in the GOM brought out: Bixby, Bob Brown, Des Brown, Collins, Damon, DuPuy, Connell, Mrazek, Hulse, Kopesac, Lewis, Harrington, Stout, WW Smith and Thomas (naturally).

A letter from Jim Taylor to Dick Stilwell, summarized below, is a report of the Class Memorial Cmte of Taylor, Jannarone, Lough and Amick. They recommend as their choice of projects an "overlook" at the site of the Old Hotel, about half way between Trophy Pt. and Ft Clinton. This was selected above a number of alternatives including the other "overlook" sites and joint projects with other classes. The overlook structure is Academy design, 90' wide and 6' deep to the rear wall with a dry stone retaining wall 3' to 4' high and a stone terrace surface. Historical marker plaques and a '38 donation plaque will be mounted on the rear wall. The terrace/patio will be 6" to 12" above the general ground level. The cmte agreed that the site selected is outstanding, by far the best available and requested COL Herbert, the Proj Officer to formalize the selection and provide sketches and cost estimate. Photos provided to me by Jim Taylor confirm the spectacular desirability of the site. Unfortunately matte finish color prints do not match ASSEMBLY criteria for photo reprints. If they cannot be shown herewith, they will be distributed with the fund raising letter for the project.

Timing plans include finalizing plans and completion of fund raising of a total of \$25,000-\$30,000, of which \$18,652 (124 donors) is now on hand, should be completed in the spring of 77. Hence it will have been in use a year when we present it to the Academy in 78.

The Class will be informed of progress and decisions in this project through these columns and separate bulletins.

# '39

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Tulane Game, New Orleans, 16 Oct. Sam Kail is confident that all going to the game will enjoy being in the Braniff Place Motel, which is within easy walking distance of both the French Quarter and the Superdome. Sam is keeping in touch with the mgr who has assured special treatment for all WP-ers. He will billet all '39ers close together if we



1939: Janowski swearing in his son after presenting Class gift to him.



1939: Mike Davidson presenting Bob Hope USO Man of the Year Award, San Francisco, June 1976.

let him know. Request reservations from Ed Frashier, Mgr, Braniff Place Motel, 1500 Canal St, Zip 70140, tel: (504) 523-4471. The sooner the better. Also keep Sam informed, 4722 Cherokee Trail, Dallas, Zip 75209.

A note from Speedy Hull reported that June Week activities found '39 represented even in a non-reunion year. Ray Janowski, Mike Krisman and Speedy walked in the Alumni review. Corp McFerren, Danny Nolan and Janowski attended probably the wettest graduation P-rade ever, administered the oath of office to their respective sons, and presented each with the engraved "Son of Class of 1939" silver tray. Speedy and Mike decorated the graves of 33 classmates and family members who are buried in the WP Cemetery. Other members of '39 on post during June Week were Andy Goodpaster, Johnny Wald and Mickey Laitman. Ray Janowski also took time to write about June Week activities and enclosed a note that former classmate Hank Brewerton died on 11 Jun. Sam Kail reported that Sid Martin's wife Mae died Sept a year ago. We all join in sympathy to the families. Sid has 2 children in the U. of TX: a married son in law sch and a daughter undergraduate.

At the AF Acad graduation, Jack Samuels presented the "Son of the Class of 1939" tray to George Jumper's son Geoffrey, USAFA '76.

Julian Ewell wants to tell those who have not already heard of it that the Class of '36 is organizing a campaign to erect a monument at WP to "The Soldier." The basic



1939: Yolande and Jimmy Collins with LTG Zhlin, the Soviet Military Historian, in front of the cruiser *Aurora* which fired the shot signaling the start of the Bolshevik Revolution.

idea is to impress the cadets that their goal in life as an Army officer is to prepare to lead the American soldier in combat. They are asking the high mortality, pre-WWII classes ('35-'39) to join in financing it. The authorities at WP are sympathetic to the idea. The sculptor, Felix de Weldon of Iwo Jima fame, is working on a design. Jack Samuel is anxious to keep abreast of developments so that he can give '36 an answer. Bob Curtin, our local rep, is keeping close tabs on progress of this proposal. If you have any ideas or reactions please pass them on to either so that a firm decision can be made soon. For more ideas see notes of the other involved classes, in both this and last Jun's ASSEMBLY.

While we are accumulating a sizeable amount toward a Class gift to WP about the time of our 40th Reunion, we are falling about 10% behind the schedule of \$40,000 by '79. On hand 31 Mar—\$21,336, of which \$6,101 was added last year. But get this—only a third of the Class contributed in '75. If each of us will kick in \$39 next fall, and the following years, and remind each other not to forget, we should get back on schedule and stay there. Let's get with it. WP needs our interest and support.

Jane and George Pickett's daughter Jane



1939: Goodpaster and Knapp, AUSA Century III Seminar, Omaha, March 1976.

was married in Jun. A note from Jack Fling says that after 17 yrs of teaching in the El Paso high schools he has now ret. and is living in Denton, TX, where he hopes to take time to write for publication. (Jack there's a steady requirement for Class Notes to be published each quarter in the ASSEMBLY.) Joe Kingsley has a new address: 480 Park Ave, NYC, and also a place in Naples, FL. I would call that 2 fun city addresses.

Clyde Sutton received the Atlanta Civitan Club's Citizen of the Year award. Congratulations, Clyde, and also for completing 17 yrs as Chief Probation Officer for the city court.

Mike Krisman is expanding his file of addresses. Please let us have the address of any '39 widow you may have. Incidentally, AOG and we are still trying to locate the following members of our Class. If you know an address for any of these, please notify the AOG, USMA: Bess, Brearley, Cooperider, Eaton, Frost, Grant, Herron, R.E. Jordan, J.P.A. Kelly, McKeever, and J.W. Watt.

Mike Davidson says that the Bob Hope birthday party the night before the Indianapolis 500 turned out 1200 people and was a whopping big fund raiser for the USO. Mike played golf with 73-year-old Bob who shoots in the low 80's and is full of fun, fit, active and nowhere as old as some of our classmates. In Jun in the Fairmont Hotel, San Fran, Mike presented the USO



1939: Nolan awarding Class gift to son Danny '76.

Man of the Year award to Bob. Also present were Nell & Swede Larsen, both looking extremely fit and well.

In late Jun Mil Hist Jimmy & Yolande Collins touched down briefly in DC after their trip to the Soviet Union and prior to their journey to Iran. In the Soviet Union they were guests of the govt and given VIP tours of Moscow, Borodino, Stalingrad (now called Volgograd) and Leningrad. The Russians are very proud of their WWII achievements to the point where they ignore the contribution of Lend Lease and the Western and Mediterranean fronts to the ultimate victory. They imply they defeated Hitler singlehandedly. Despite some heated arguments about recent mil hist they were most hospitable and friendly. In early Jul, in Teheran, Jimmy chaired a session of the Intl Comm on Mil Hist. The Iranian govt picked up the tab and included Shiraz, Isfahan and Persepolis on the itinerary. On their way home Yolande and Jim spent a week in France visiting her relatives.

The following comes in a letter from Danny Nolan after seeing his son graduate in the Class of '76: "Had a fantastic trip down the East Coast—one Class of '39 reunion after another. First was put on beautifully by Nernie & Tommy Thomason in Vienna, VA. In attendance were Charlie Duke, the Hamiltons, McCaffreys, Goodpasters, Allens, Chapmans, Bill Smiths, Morrisons, Simons, McClellans, Ewells and Meyers. Hope I haven't omitted anyone. Unforgivable in a reporter—but, then, a reporter I'm not! Thomasons and Nolans drove down to Hilton Head and stayed several days with Lucille & Jimmy Muir in their lovely 'Jimmy-built' house. The Muirs hosted a Hilton Head reunion cocktail party attended by Hallie Patterson, Dobsons, Vic Johnsons, Higgins', Ed Smiths, Collins'. Kobes', Kellers (in from St. Louis), Betty



1939: 2LT Jumper, USAF, displays Class gift as George and Sam look on.

Batson and Boyes. Again, I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Thomasons and Nolans then went over to Savannah to spend the nite with Betsy & Dave Goodwin. Went to the Country Club for dinner the nite of the 10th of Jun with Bob & Jeanne Williams, Corine & Vic Johnson, and Betsy and Dave. Know I didn't omit any '39-ers on that one! Thomasons went north the following day while Joan and I headed for Miami via the No. 2 company. Stopped for a martini, sandwich, and reminiscences with Mary Lee & Ken Scott in Ft. Lauderdale. Flew home to be met at L.A. Airport by new 2LT Danny III who had whipped across country in his TR6 much faster than we thought he could. Since then we've had a steady succession of the Class of '76 who have come out to check on the golden sun, golden beaches, and golden girls of the southern part of the Golden State."

At the time of writing we are anticipating the gathering at Dick & Adelaide Cleverlys', 10 Jul, to be a real bash. Out-of-towners expected are Frank Newcomber, Carl Buechner and Dan Nolan.

## '40

K. Dyke  
R. Kent  
W. Kasper

We dedicate the column this time to its writer of the past 36 years, Hank Brewerton. Many did not know that Hank's health had been failing in recent years and that a visit to Walter Reed last fall couldn't correct a heart condition. About suppertime on 11 Jun, at home with Jean, he had a seizure, and after treatment by doctors, seemed to be responding to medication. However, at 8:30 that evening, 36 years to the day after our graduation, he quietly passed away.

Hank's funeral at WP 15 Jun was a simple, military ceremony without taps or the firing of rifles. In the peace and quiet of the Old Cadet Chapel with its plaque covered walls, the 2 attending ministers alternately conducted the final service. Honorary pallbearers from the Class of '40, Bryce Denno, Frankie Devlin, Dick Kent, and Jack Wright, accompanied Hank in the procession. Remembrances of the walk from the circular drive in front of the chapel to the flower banked gravesite a short block back of the chapel are many—the slow cadence and muffled beat of the drums, the warmth and brightness of the sunny afternoon, and the beauty of the Academy. Among the host present in addition to Jean and Jeanacita and the many relatives, were the Supt of the NYMA, reps of the Supt, USMA, the AOG, the Assembly, and cadets of the NYMA. Mary Yeuell represented the widows of the Class and from her close friendship with the Brewertons provided continuously needed feminine advice and support.

Hank occupied a unique position in our Class for which we will always be grateful. We shall never forget his fondness for us and his love for our Academy.

"Think of him still as the same. I say, He is not dead—he is just away."

As most of you know, Hank performed a one man Class of '40 representation for us, fulfilling the functions that in most classes are carried out by the several class officers. Writing the column in the ASSEMBLY was just one item; he also represented us at alumni affairs, the AOG, organized reunions, etc., and generally bore the resulting admin



1940: Hank Brewerton

burdens of organization, scheduling, fund-raising, and acting as a treas when necessary. We cannot expect to find another Hank to perform all these tasks, so we of the DC contingent are undertaking a project to propose a slate of class reps to fulfill the functions carried out by Hank, considering their willingness to serve, their proximity to the functions to be performed, and availability of communications resources. At this point, we're looking for a scribe, a keeper of the stats, a compt, and an operator. It will be recommended that these class officers be elected for definite periods which seems to be the procedure followed by most classes. We do not intend to usurp any classmate's prerogative to nominate or vote for these reps; your nominations will be carefully considered and the slate presented for your approval by individual mail canvass. Coordination will be effected with Adams (Pres), Strong (VP) and Symroski (Secy/Treas).

There is some urgency to our actions as everything is being handled on an ad hoc basis until we can get regrouped. Please send any comments, nominations, volunteers, ideas, etc., to Bottle Kasper, who has volunteered to be cmte chmn of this action, c/o The Home Place, Rixeyville, VA 22737.

At the superb reunion we enjoyed so much last year, a number of classes expressed the idea of reuniting more often than every 5 years. Suggestions were made to regroup between reunions at various places like Colo Spgs. To test such an idea and to establish a precedent, some members of the DC contingent are planning to congregate at Myrtle Beach, SC generally for the week of 12 Sept. Denno, McKinney, and Burfening report the area has some 20 golf courses, great beaches, fine weather, a lot of motels, etc., and the price is right. Admittedly this is late news for those just hearing of the idea. Anyway, come on down, if you can. If not this time, give some thought to next year.



## '41

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"Here's to us; T'was ilk us; Damn few; And they're all deed!" The toast of one of Her Majesty's oldest and proudest regiments, The Scottish Light Infantry, seemed to reflect the somber tone. Although we had a bumper turn out, more than 200 stalwarts, brides, and widows; and although the love and fellowship we shared made the Reunion something to be cherished, the mood was clouded by the shattering news of Jack Millikin's death as he drove out of Washington en route to Highland Falls. And although we tried to let the beauty of the setting, the warmth of precious handshakes, and the assurances by the Supe that things were still OK, we could not help feeling a profound disquiet concerning our beloved alma mater.

My leader and editor, Mike Krisman, has instructed scribes... "not to include a recital of the general events of the Reunion such as the Alumni Dinner-dance, Luncheon or Review." These events are covered in the rest of the ASSEMBLY. The item of greatest importance was the presentation by the Class of '41 of our pledge to sponsor the Honor Committee Meeting Room to be named in honor of Sandy Nininger. Mike Greene made the presentation to the Supe at the Alumni Luncheon. This is a project that we can all be terribly proud of. And if you have not yet made your pledge, or if you know where additional funds can be had, contact Charlie Fletcher.

Representing A Co were: Tuck & Doty Brown, Molly Brown, Win & Jean Curley, Hugh & Mary Jane Foster, Woody Garrett, Scott Peddie, Dave Woods, and Walt & Betty Woolwine.

At the Class Luncheon we presented Jamie Fletcher with the silver mug and the framed picture of WP. We also elected Jack Norton as our new Class Pres. We were pleased to hear new LT Fletcher tell us that the Corps truly "had not" and we were happy to have our new pres voice our resolve to carry on in spite of the current trauma. We acknowledged the outstanding job done by outgoing pres, Mike Greene, and the tremendous job done by the Reunion Cmte.

B Co: Vince & Roberta Carlson, Howard Goodell, Jack & Betty Kelsey, Ken & Audrey Kennedy, Dick Kline, Tom Maxwell, Ben McCaffrey, Rod O'Connor, Ray Schnittke, Ted & Genevieve Shelton.

At the Memorial Service, appropriate words were said about those who have joined the Long Gray Line since the 30th: Bill Gleason, Jess Unger, John Lee, Bob Horn, Charlie Busbee, Maynard Moyer, John Zott, Dunc



1941: Tonetti presents Class gifts to 2LT John Tonetti, USAF.

Brown, Jim Roy and Jack Millikin. Scott Peddie did his usual superb job of conducting the service. And perhaps the words that will be best remembered were offered by Jess Unger's daughter, Rosa Lee Richards. As she drove Jess to a chemotherapy treatment she asked him what set of ideals, what code, he would like to see his grandchildren raised with. He answered, "What's wrong with Duty, Honor, Country?" Rosa Lee went on to say, "There are people today who are ready to tell us, at length and in detail, precisely what is wrong with Duty, Honor, Country. So it is appropriate to remember today a man who lived by that code and who, in the face of a death more certain than that of the battlefield, recommended that code to an infant generation." Her beautifully chosen words served as an inspiration to all of us.

C Co: Horace Brown, John & Lynn Callaway, Joe & Evelyn Canella, Pooge & Bucky Curtis, Moose & Betty Ann Male, Delly & Judy McMillan, Joe & Fran Myers, Jim & Terry Strain, Torg & Edith Torgerson, Dick Travis, Harry & Beth Trimble and Bob Johnson.

Had a chance to drive up with Pooge & Bucky Curtis from Philly. We stopped in Morristown and had a delightful lunch with Tom Cleary. Unfortunately Davey is still not recovered from her fall and Tom had to scrub his plans for the Reunion. Tom, lean and fit as ever, looks like he could take the mound against Navy tomorrow!

D Co: Ham & Hilda Avery, Bill & Marie Clifford, Rip & Ray Collins, Wendy Knowles, Wally & Doris Lauterbach, Buckey & Isabel Miller, George & Chris Pittman, Bob & Helen Reilly, Brad & Ruth Smith, Bill & Margaret Starr, Barney & Betty Woodruff, and Harry & Vera Wixon.

George & Skip Brown had to miss the Reunion because George had to be in Honolulu for a Far East Conf. I had the good fortune to be their guest in spite of the hectic pace they are required to maintain.

E Co: Butch & Ann Berger, Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Roger & Connie Lawson, Lee Ledford, George & Betty McIntyre, Jean Moody, Biss & Penny Moore, Mal & Alma Troup, and Ralph & Betty Upton.

On one of the routine checks following his heart attack, Tom Corbin was told by his doctor that things were not going well. While we were at the Reunion he was in Cleveland going through some rigorous tests. And on 1 Jun he went through the bypass procedure. Ten days later, this man of steel was back in CO where he continues to make excellent recovery. Tom is our nominee for the Class Stout Fella award—a year ago he had to undergo a laminectomy on his back. He looks fine now and vows he'll be on the ski runs this winter. Jean maintains her unbelievable equanimity.

F Co: Vic & Kay Campana, Zeke & Mary Ann Edger, Ruth Freese, Mickey & Mary Ann Moore, Herb & Rose Stern, Pete & Maxine Tanous, and Pat & Justine Tansey.

Back in CO a game of musical homes was going on. Kay's back decreed that she scrub her trip to Reunion, but we had promised our house to the Tonettis to have as a base of operations while John graduated from USAFA. Then when the Corbins had to go to Cleveland, Kay moved over and babysat their house while Tonettis covered ours. With them were Tony's brother John, and his lovely wife Joan from Terre Haute, and Helen's Mother, Mrs. Kellog. I got back in time to participate in the presentation of



1941: Reunion 1976

the picture and mug to LT John. He is on his way to med sch having graduated 23 in his class.

G Co: Joe & Ruth Adams, George & Georgia Adjemian, Jack & Marion Camp, Mike & Eileen Greene, Roy & Kay Kelley, Steve Kosiorek, John McIntyre, Walt & Marian Mather, Fox & Lid Rhynard; and Paul & Virginia Skoronek.

Attendees at the 16 Jun Class Luncheon: Winn Anderson, Hank Bodson, Ed Buttery, Joe Canella, Pete Crow, John Deane, Charlie

Fletcher, Stan Hays, Wendy Knowles, Al Muzyk, Walt Woolwine, Mike Greene, and Pete Tanous. Walt's note added, "Rumor has it Jack Christensen is joining Crowley in seeking some of that Mid East oil money—Curt Chapman in NH for summer."

H Co: Mike Aliotta, Bill & Jerry Brier, John & Janie Brooks, Gregg & Mickey McKee, Butch Rising, and Ben & Marge West.

I am saddened to report the passing of my fellow scribe Hank Brewerton. We stood together at the Alumni Review, he being the only rep of '40. He looked good and even acknowledged that he could still do a half gainer off the 30 ft tower at Delafield. A soldier, a poet and a hell of a great guy.

I Co: Earl & Marion Brown, Jack & Muriel Christensen, Howdy & Betty Clark, Gordon & Lois Gould, Charlie Murrah, Spec & Cleo Powell, Bill & Milda Purdy, Paul Root, and Chuck & Martha Schilling.

The CO contingent is looking forward to a visit to Cheyenne and to Frontier Days "The Granddaddy of 'em All" as guests of Bill & Jerry Brier on 24-25 Jul. We are also looking forward to a visit from Barney Woodruff as he makes his annual pilgrimage to the CO trout streams. Ed Rowny will be out in early Aug to give a talk to TROA on the SALT bit. Dave Gauvreau, at CU's graduation of his son, noted that when the Chancellor read off the name of the new PhD, Paul Skowronek, nobody marched forward! Lois Gould sent us a fix on Cuz Dillard: 23972 Hellhurst Dr, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

K Co: Al Dalby, Dave & Mary Gauvreau, John Henschke, Dick & Peggy Scott, and Jim & Ann Sykes.

Having known and loved Jack Millikin since our Boy Scout days at Riley, I have a tremendous feeling of loss. It would be hard to think of anyone in the Class more beloved and respected. In a phone call to Lucy in mid Jun, I was happy to have her say she was making a good recovery. She is a great woman and she certainly has nerves of steel.

Received notes from Bill Gurnee and Butch Kaiser saying they regretted missing the Reunion. Besides real estate, John Easton is getting into antique old time photos. He looked wonderful at the Reunion as did his bride, Julie. Ray White sent a clip from the Cincinnati Enquirer, one paper that still flies the flag. The editorial on the Honor problem said this: "... The West Point honor code stands as a beacon that merits every effort to strengthen and preserve it. Let no one receive the high honor, distinction and investment of the nation's resources that a cadet appointment entails without fullest reverence of the code."

L Co: Clint & Jeannie Ball, Potter & Betty Campbell, Curt & Terry Chapman, Cocky & Hope Cochran, George & Ruth Johnson, Sam & Linden Magruder, Al & Evelyn Muzyk, Steve & Tilla Plume, Dick & Dorothy Rastetter, and Bud & Carole Thompson.

As you all know by now, George Brown has been extended as Chmn of the JCS in spite of the sniveling opposition. Seems strange that this small minority with the disproportionate amount of influence chooses to overlook the fantastic job George did in WWII on a guy named Hitler.

M Co: Burt Andrus, Ted & Jane Brown, Herb & Pauline Clendening, Norm & Chappie Coker, Jim & Sara Cox, John & Ginger Deane, John & Julie Easton, Denis & Lucie Grace, Harry Harvey, Bill Hoge, Milo & Lillian

Moucha, Jack & Cheyney Norton, John & Laura Richards, Stan & Eva Hays, and Dick and Anna Von Schritlz.

Wray White, Charlie Murrah and Butch Rising have written strong letters to the editor in defense of the Honor System. Even though it is very disquieting, we must remember that our alma mater has been subjected to great pressure before. In fact the history book will show that a hillbilly congressman named Davy Crockett introduced a bill to disestablish the Military Academy. The rightness is ultimate and it will insure the strength that will enable a return to normal. And the Corps will continue to live according to the unique standards of a soldier. "Here's to us; And to all those like us; They are damn few; And they are all dead!"

# '42

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Despite what I thought were persuasive arguments, the Supe would not agree that the new plebes should be required to recite the number of days until "the great class of" foregathers on the banks of the Hudson for its 35th. It is thus left to me to remind you that there will be but 2 more of these columns before it's time to put your body to the stress test.

Us locals had a great warm-up on 29 May at Arlington Hall Club, courtesy of Charlie Mizell. Some 60 of us thoroughly enjoyed the great entertainment—each other! A special bonus was the number of out-of-towners, the Bartholomees', Bob Shorts, Pat Timothy, Wilders and Wises. The Marks' were scheduled, but Millie had to go help bear a granddaughter—and didn't trust Ted to be here alone with Pat Timothy! Despite being off in their castle in Spain, the Offleys were prominent participants via Butch's tapes of genuine, heart-warming swing music. Have you seen Lydie & Frank Clay do "the Shag" lately?!? Moments of repose in the other room and/or at the other bar were made most enjoyable with John Westenhoff's continuously operating slide projector showing his great candid photos from some of our prior indiscretions. The Wilders of course won the fur-lined for coming the longest distance just to attend a party. In truth, the excuse was a meeting of the Permanent Intl Assn of Navigation Congresses, Al being a member of the Permanent Intl Comm. Their great circle route—by car—included Yellowstone and Montreal—which should tell you something about the caliber of the members of the Navigator Congresses!

Incidentally, Ted Marks was apparently not getting enough help with all those Jr



1942: Cutler, Rienzi, Hughes, proud papa, and Roberts at Class gift presentation.

Leaguers, so he's tossed in the towel, and they've moved to 8-A Marsh Harbor, Lady's Is, Beaufort, SC 29902.

Also moved are the Roeckers, to 10965 DelNorte #211, Ventura, CA 93003. Bud says he finally realized that he didn't ret. to be a yard and maintenance man!

Word of his transfer to Oxnard, CA (still with the Naval Nuclear Power Unit) comes from Fred Rosell. How ironic that he should get away from Ft Belvoir and back west within weeks of Marga's death at Pasadena (25 Apr). Deepest sympathy from all, Fred.

Incidentally, the AOG has asked for addresses for all '42 widows. I've sent the listing from the back of our Xmas list. If you are in touch with any others, please send the names to the AOG—or me—or both. Let's make a concerted effort. And let's also dig for those missing classmates listed in the last column. Is Wayne Bart truly in San Angelo, Bill Plott? Didn't you tell me that you had seen Dick Field, Stan Josephson? or was it one of you other So. CA types?

Jack Barnes sent me an up-dated geographical roster. Call him friend or foe, depending on whether you're the visitor or the visitee!

The Bonassos must really be coming 'cause Bunny called in search of some 5% mortgage money! Also some help in getting his U. of SC master's degree program into Camp Lejeune where a Leavenworth High compatriot of mine—and Navy '42—runs the show.

Fran Roberts wrote that Helen & Bill Kraft had been up to NYMA so that Bill could be the commencement speaker on 29 May! Bill is on the list forever; he confined his remarks to 6 minutes! Helen wrote to determine the date of the DC summer party so hopefully, we'll have them here on 21 Aug. Fergussons had been up for a visit, Fergie having business at Princeton.

Fred Rowell sent me a copy of "Government Executive" which includes a tribute to Thomas M. Rienzi. In the article, Tom claims to be serious about obtaining reliable comm for the co. cmdr on the battlefield! Truly, it's an impressive summary of the requirements of his job and the talents he has brought to it.

Lee Marshall was the first with his message for the 76 Xmas Newsletter! Read and heed when it appears. In the meantime, note the license plate on the accompanying photo and observe that whatever the physical problems of the past, Lee looks like he could still get high marks on the floor exercise!

The bicentennial was upstaged on 24 Apr when our Sue exchanged vows with Roger Willis at the Ft Myer Chapel. As the proud father and chief bill payer, I must say it was a super occasion. The Club outdid itself on the reception, but my faith in our friends was sustained; the bar bill over-shadowed the food bill! The Baxters, Horridges and Plotts were welcome out-of-towners for the occasion. (Bette Lou and Bill didn't love us that much. They just happened to be in the Northeast for a family reunion!) The Cages and Kusters get no special credit. One wrong turn from Aberdeen and you're here anyhow! Josendales chickened out and went 180 degrees the wrong way for a board meeting in CA. The Gernerts were absentees due to more than their share of family troubles. Mary had been to Ft Bragg to help Peggy with a difficult pregnancy which eventuated in a perfect little "premie," Barbara, who just couldn't overcome the early arrival.



1942: Lee Marshall tells the world!

Peggy's now doing fine, but we know it has been tough for all concerned. Daughter Debbie ended up a protracted siege with the removal of her gall bladder, leaving Dad with the majority of the gall in the family. A last-second, happier bit of Gernert news. They were in New Orleans for an Intl Rotary Conv, Bill deserving our plaudits as Pres of the Colo Spgs Club. Willie says that except for breakfast at Brennans, things were somewhat different than when they spent 3 days of their honeymoon there!

Betty & Pat Williams had to let us down because himself had been wrestling with the doctors at Johns Hopkins and lost some meat in the area of his left chesticle (Pat says that a man doesn't have breasts). He has promised to be back in shape by mid-summer. Son Scott, approaching his last year at Kimball Acad, has decided that he wants Usmy Coll via the Prep Sch. If all goes well, Pat will challenge for the last entrant of our progeny. Pictures of the Williams' new home—in the snow—made me wonder why we haven't found an excuse to put Montpelier on the travel schedule. Gorgeous!

Pete Flor Cruz was the victim of an inside job at the hands of the medics. Juanita reports him doing well. Dave Clagett also underwent some major surgery recently but is now back at work.

Ted Michel called to say that they couldn't make the 29 May party but hoped to be on hand in Aug.

Pete and Nancy Russell were in our fair city in Apr. They expect to return to Los Estados Unidos permanently this fall.

Paul Woodward writes that he and LaVonne are both beset with an abundance of physical problems but carrying on as best they can. Let's all send some good vibes their way and hope for betterment!

Offleys are among the missing at this stage, having been in their playpen in Spain for the last 6 weeks. This classmate says let 'em stay over there. They're giving up that great pad in the Prospect House for a condominium in the Watergate—Alexandria—and just when this year's 4th of Jul fireworks display is to be the greatest ever! Boo!

Navy '42 invited us to share a cocktail-buffet at Myer in mid-Apr. Among the few of us who partook were the Ben Hills, Corcorans and Ulsakers. Ben's sister and husband were along, and my evening was ruined as I wracked my brain for nice things to tell her about those of you that she had dated!

Sheffey's had a spring trip to FL, making

Jim & Sue Bartholomees pay for being too close to I-95 and the Zimmermans for being at the end of the rainbow.

Hesselbachers DOD-chartered to 2 weeks in Merrie Olde, with a week operating out of the Cumberland Hotel in London and the balance enjoying Bath, Salisbury, etc.

The Wes Hydes breezed through in mid-May on a grand auto tour. The Rocky Mts were to be included in their jaunt home despite my pleas that they save their money on the basis that the Rockies would wait whereas the 35th is a one-time thing.

Shedds ventured to FL in search of a roof for after ret. They decided that despite the incipient pleasure of having the Sheltons for neighbors in Naples, they couldn't afford the neighborhood! Consequently, the Reinerts and Satellite Beach turned out to be the winners. With a house on a corner lot at the intersection of 2 canals, a dock for their beloved boat and Patrick AFB only minutes away, Bill and Kitty are counting the days. John Westenhoff reported on the reunion of the 42-K flying school class. They, the Lows and the Munns' were our only reps. John also forwarded news from Andy who is presently running some classes up at Pease AFB. He'd had a couple of visits with Peg & Ray Miller, with Ray serving as chef one evening. Ray has apparently worked hard to overcome bunches of physical problems, and we hope he saves up enough strength to face the rigors of the 35th. Andy also ran into Andy & Lib Anderson, over from their island for a commissary run.

George Rehkopf was up our way for his mother's 92d birthday! As of 15 May, son Ned went on the payroll at the Hotel Thayer as Asst Mgr. Daughter Lynn was to be married in St. Louis on 4 Aug. Presume she'll continue working at the nursing profession for a spell since the groom is in law school! Hope you survived the agony of trying to do it all long-distance, Helene!

Jack Deane was the AUSA speaker at Ft Riley and was given a certificate naming him an honorary Kansan. To think that 40 yrs ago he was known at Ft Leavenworth as an ornery Kansan! The Jun issue of "Soldiers" magazine carried a good interview with the head of DARCOM. Sounds as though he's well recovered from minor surgery in Apr and is busy moving and shaking.

Bob Spilman showed up for our Jun luncheon, thanks to his attendance at a brief school to learn how to stick the Navy for more softwear! Ann Ryan made sure that Jack—scuse John—could join us, and it was a treat to have him aboard.

Tom Rienzi was up at Usmay—bed and board courtesy of Kathy Flanagan and I presume that Claire was along—for June Week. He reported Ec deeply distressed by the current problems but coming out with chin up. The good CPT Baccei who drew up the plans for the patio was given a WP armchair as a thank you from us.

Ray & Elaine Murphy gave up a few days of Colo Spgs for a visit with the local young'uns. Since Lu & Betty Clay were heading that way, courtesy of the RCAF, the Clays and Murphys just swapped houses, with proper assurances that the respective bars and fridges were well stocked!

The subject of obituaries for ASSEMBLY has recently been discussed and needs to be brought to your attention. The AOC has valid reasons for requesting them; those of us who are left owe that labor of love to those who have gone before. There'll be detailed in-

formation in a mid-summer mailing about the Reunion. Suffice it to say that 40 of our classmates have not been recognized. When you receive the list of names, provide us locals with some input. Who was the roommate; if he's gone, who was a close friend in the cadet company, or later? Granted that it's a problem and may be a tough job. However, each of us hopes that there's a bond of affection somewhere that is adequate to the need, in our own case, so please pick up the challenge, as a last salute to one who shared a special time with you.

For you readers of other ASSEMBLY columns, I must mention the death of the '40 scribe, Hank Brewerton. The privilege of paying him the proper respect belongs to his classmates. However, I must say that his delightful contributions were a challenge to all who agonize over these quarterly efforts—and I just wish that the AOC would republish his report on the Class of '40's 35th Reunion as a classic demonstration of Hank's talent.

While on the serious side, I remind you all that the DC contingent has a coordinated calling system to get the word to everyone among the locals in the event of emergencies.

I also chide the distressing percentage who do not subscribe to ASSEMBLY. For example, it will take a special mailing to remind them of our need for obituaries. ASSEMBLY subscribers are marked with an asterisk on the Xmas list. Pick yourself an unmarked friend and offer to advance him the price of a year's subscription! We oughta do better!

Do let me know where you've been and whom you've seen. Don't let me find out in casual conversation when the news is stale. Shoot a 13¢ stamp with the satisfaction that Carl Ulsaker needs the money.

The graduation of Frank Jefferson Hughes, son of George & Jean Hughes, with the Class of '76, maintained unbroken our record of having a graduating son in every USMA class since 1964. Tom Rienzi did the honors for the Class in presenting the Class gift to Jeff. Emulating the 1-2 strategy of Billy Cavanaugh, Jeff got married the day after graduation to Kathy Palmer of Saratoga Spgs. The new LT selected the SC as his branch and will report to Ft Gordon at the conclusion of graduation leave.

## JAN '43

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The Class offers its hearty congratulations to Bill Knowlton, who became our first 4-Star Army GEN in May, and is now the CG, Allied Land Forces, SE Europe, in Izmir, Turkey. We understand that our ever-fluent Bill made his command acceptance speech in Turkish—now how about that? As of this time, we still have 10 classmates on active duty which, in addition to Bill, include Ted Seith (CS of SHAPE in Belgium), Lou Wilson (CG, PACAF in HI), Frank Camm (Dpty CG, TRADOC at Ft Monroe), Fly Flanagan (CG, Sixth Army in San Fran), Stew Meyer (Prog Mgr of what was until recently MASTER at Ft Hood), Tom Griess (Prof of Hist, USMA) and, here in DC, Adrian St. John (VDir of the JS, OJCS), Johnny Raaen (the new cmdr of the DFSC), and Bob Marshall (Prog Mgr of BMD).

The San Ant Light recently published an article featuring Bob McDermott as the 7th



Jan '43: Happy parents Joe and Marie Conmy (center) at wedding reception for their youngest daughter, Barbara Ann, and her husband, Ens Richard Lowell (USNA '75). Mary Alice (right), the Conmy's other daughter.



Jan '43: And when the music started, there was Conmy doing a mean bump.



Jan '43: Bill Knowlton has his fourth star pinned on by Peggy and CG R. Huyser.



Jan '43: Smokey Joe Lovett visits Pappy Doyle in Clearwater Beach, FL.



Jan '43: Jolly threesome at Ft McNair—Jack/Cecily Wood and Joe Conmy.

most powerful man in San Ant not only by virtue of the fact that he's Pres of the USAA (and is the largest private employer in the city; i.e., more than 3,700 people), but also because his "dynamic leadership on the Chamber (of Commerce), which also led to the establishment of the Economic Devl Fndn (which seeks out new industry and business for the city), is legend." Bob is a former pres of the Greater San Ant CC. Congratulations, "Big Mac!"

The annual summer dinner dance for our DC contingent, which was arranged at the Army-Navy CC by our Social Chmn, Joe Benson, was well-attended by a convivial group that included Jack/Jackie Armstrong, Dee/Kay Armstrong, Bob/Robin Baden, Ed/Dottie Bennett, Joe/Nancy Benson, Wendell/Nancy Bevan (Wendell seems to be involved in a number of different ventures here and there), Bob/Barbara Fiss (who were accompanied by her younger brother from the NY stock market and her daughter, Kathy), Jim/Alice Frankosky, Pete/Nancy Grimm (Pete's now with the Sys Planning Corp in Arlington, VA), Gregg/Billie Henry, Rex/Boots Minckler, John/Irene Norris, Johnnie/Emily Raaen, George Rebh (who has



Jan '43: Goldenthal, elected Mayor with the greatest number of votes ever recorded for that office, sworn in as Mayor of Hill Country Village, Texas.

just returned from Saudi Arabia and is considering some new prospects in the States), Jim Schofield (accompanied by his mother, who is in her 90's), Adrian/Penny St. John, Frank/Billie Shaw (Frank, who is a Dpty Dir in what is now the Directorate of Planning and Evaluation in OSD, is still traveling regularly to such places as Germany, Spain, Albuquerque, where he found Eddie/Romaine McGough completing their new swimming pool, and Memphis, where he participated in an annual reunion of the 22d Inf Regt with which he served in WW II), Fred/Isabel Spann (and our hats are off to Isabel who's now a practicing RN), Tote Talbott (who, with Wendell Bevan, is also involved in a variety of ventures), Howard/Liz Wehrle (from Hampton, VA), Charlie/Yutta Wirt, and Jack/Cecily Wood. The Class was very concerned over the absence of Joe/Marie Conmy who, so soon after the marriage of their youngest daughter, Barbara Ann, to Richard Lowell at Ft Myer on 29 May, were both just emerging from Bethesda Naval Hosp. Joe was there for a skin operation and Marie suffered some irregularity of the heart while on her way to visit him and was her-



Jan '43: Knowlton receiving colors of his new command—LANDSOUTHEAST

self admitted. Happily, they're both out and about now, and we wish them the very best for a complete recovery. In this context, our best wishes for a successful operation and recovery were also sent to Pappy Doyle, who is scheduled to undergo surgery for an aortic aneurysm and, if all goes well, for a "pesky hernia" in Jul.

Meanwhile, Barbara Barger writes from CA that those 2 fair-weather sailors, Bill Brady and Dave, competed in a race to Ensenada (along with 574 others) and crossed the finish line about the middle of the pack at 1:00 a.m. on a Sun morning—they ran out of wind.

Returning now for a few more extracts from the responses which Bob Cook (Class Secy) received to his questionnaire, did you know that:

- Keith Lindell is into his 14th year with the Garrett Corp in L. A.
- Ed/Anne Nygard are building a Swiss chalet, which was designed by their son (Rick) on the side of Moose Mt overlooking Lake Superior;
- Bill Smith is a Civ Engr for NY State in Plattsburgh;
- Dana Stewart has ret. from all mil activities in OH and is now caught up in politics as the Exec Dir of the OH Bldg Authority; and
- Joe A. (Jeb) Stuart is the Chief Air Pollution Control Officer in S. CA?



Jan '43: Alice and Jim Frankosky.

With that and best wishes to all, I'll close this column and pick up the remaining extracts next time.

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On the evening of 4 Jul 76, having set aside the comforts of TV in the rec room, we—and about a million other folks—watched the truly spectacular Bicentennial fireworks over the Washington Monument in what was said to be the greatest commemorative pyrotechnic display of all time. After the grand finale, we made our way back to Fairfax through what could probably be called with at least equal accuracy, the greatest traffic jam of all time. As we inched along through the night my thoughts turned to the Class and this column waiting to be finished, and it became clear to me that the way to lead off, regardless of chronology, should be with graduation week at USMA.

In the last number of ASSEMBLY I noted that Jun '43 had 5 Class sons in the Class of '76, and I'm happy to report that at about noon on 31 May they and members of their families assembled at the Class fountain (dedicated during the 30th Reunion, as you recall) near Michie Stadium. Don Spiece presented the Class gift (an engraved tray) to each of the soon-to-be grads, and Lee Spiece has provided us with the accompanying picture—of these young men and their respec-



Jun '43: McGregor pointing out microphone at Concorde noise monitoring site near Dulles Intl Airport.



Jun '43: USMA '76 and Jun '43, 31 May 1976.

tive sires. I understand that at graduation on 2 Jun, LTS McClure, Kidder, and Weyrick were commissioned in Inf, Cornell in Air Def, and Spiece in FA. We wish them well in this Bicentennial year—and in all the years that follow.

At the Awards Ceremony on 1 Jun, Bruce Weyrick received another tray, this one in recognition of his service as captain of the 150-lb football team. Harry Schroeder was also present at this formation, where he presented a gold medal to Cadet Stanley W. Golis on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of VA. This annual award was established in 70 for the First Class member of the Honor Cmte standing highest in the GOM.

Doubtless you received the Supt's letter of 10 Jun 76 enclosing a copy of his address to the annual meeting of the AOG on 28 May in which, as he said, he spoke "directly to the subject of honor at WP." In view of



Jun '43: Morris—1 Jul 76—Chief of Engineers.



June '43: Shirley Hill, Les Hardy.

the rolling barrage of publicity in all media on the reported honor violations at USMA, I for one appreciated the Supt's letter and read the address with great interest—as I know you must have done also. His last 2 sentences succinctly reaffirm the enduring theme that, regardless of whatever changes may occur in the admin of the system, the Code and the Academy will remain. At a well-attended Class dinner on 4 Jun I had noted with interest how little conversation there was on the subject of the alleged violations and all the attendant publicity. There seemed to be an unspoken consensus not calling for words that the matter was in the proper hands, that the system would work, and that this "particularly troubling time," as GEN Berry called it, would be survived. Upon returning from his short visit to USMA, Harry Schroeder observed: "You wouldn't have gotten the impression that the place was crumbling on its foundations." He added that cadets with whom he had spoken believed that the press had inadequately perceived and reported the support of the cadets themselves for the Code.

The above subject will be covered in detail elsewhere, in more appropriate and—I hope—more authoritative forums than this column, but I must add a final, grass-roots illustration. About the middle of Jun a neighbor came to our door one evening,

and I asked him to come in. I knew him only slightly, and thought when I first saw him with a stack of papers in his hands that he might be soliciting for local political candidates. No so—by no means! This gentleman—a former MSG and CPT in the U.S. Army, and a combat veteran—has a new yearling son in the Class of '79, and had recently received from the Supt's office a history and explanation of the Honor Code at USMA sent to all parents of cadets. He had reproduced this material at his own expense and was distributing it in the neighborhood to those he thought might be interested in helping "to get the story straight," as he put it. He did this out of respect and admiration for USMA and for the many graduates with whom he had served—and all of whom he remembered. So there's my down-home illustration... At the outset of his address to the AOG after the Alumni Exercises on 28 May, GEN Berry stated that GEN Saltzman, Pres of the AOG, had shortly before remarked to him: "It is difficult to keep your emotional composure at these ceremonies." As I hope my preceding story will indicate, this can also happen in the kitchen.

Now here's a Jun '43 item that is also national news—and good news, too. Reference the *Washington Post* for 26 May 76, page A-10: "MORRIS TO HEAD ARMY ENGINEERS. Pres Ford has named MG John W. Morris as the new head of the Army CE..." The appointment became effective on 1 Jul 76 in a ceremony at 1430 hours in the Pentagon. At the same time, Jack received the 3d star of a LTG, and if the mail comes through in time, we'll have a picture. If not, it will appear next issue. Congratulations, Jack. The whole Class, I know, takes pride in this well-deserved recognition... and we are looking forward to that new bridge across the Miss River (all across it!). Dutch Umlauf called my attention to the press notice about Jack. In this case, I had already spotted the item, but certainly want to thank Dutch and those like him who are thoughtful enough to call or write.

Turning back to a chronological sequence, here are other happenings of the past quarter as known to me.

Janie & Bill Glasgow were in the local area 24-25 Apr for the annual CE ball, and we are indebted to Bob Mathe for the excellent accompanying picture. The Glasgows have returned from Tehran and have relocated to the Carolinas, as projected in this column in the Mar 76 number. The address, I believe, is 2310 Hopedale Ave, Charlotte, NC 28207. Bill has taken a year's sabbatical from his employ with the J.A. Jones Co.; the Glasgows probably will not go back overseas after that time.



Jun '43: Cobe Hurley, Les Hardy.



Jun '43: (L-R): Tansey, Bettie and Clarke Baldwin.

Hank Fletcher's widow Becky had lived in Alexandria since Hank's death in 69, and attended Class functions from time to time. On 28 Apr 76, however, Becky suffered a heart attack and died. She was buried at Arlington on 30 Apr, a beautiful, sunny spring day. Marie Calnan, Cecile and I, Edie Gordy, Les & Betty Hardy, Arch Hamblen, Rita O'Connor, and Ann Silvester attended the graveside service. Hank's and Becky's son, Henry Jr., from Honolulu, and daughter Rebecca and her husband from Lancaster, SC, along with other relatives and friends, thanked the Class for expressions of sympathy and appreciated the remembrance.

May 1st in DC dawned clear, but as the morning wore on the forecaster's predictions came to pass—i.e., it rained—and rained. The prospects for the garden wedding of Wally & Peggy Magathans' daughter Pamela to Mr. Jacques (Coco) Roussel of Paris looked dim—at least as far as its happening in the garden. Bill Scott, who is trying to convert me into an Eastern European analyst, had insisted that I attend a learned symposium of the American Assn for the Advancement of Slavic Studies at GWU that day, so I missed the wedding but detached myself from the grove of academe as soon as possible and made it through the downpour to the Magathans for the reception. There I found (not unexpectedly) that Peggy Magathan, with her usual facility for rising to any and all emergencies, had switched the whole operation indoors. Wall-to-wall guests were happily eating cake and imbibing, and the young people were securely married. Best wishes to them both!

Harvey Short, long entrenched at Berkeley, CA, made his way east last May for some serious research at the Natl Archives. The last previous time I had seen him was in Wiesbaden in Feb 61 when he and Cecile



Jun '43: Surkamp and Edie Gordy.

and I and the George Campbells attended a performance of *Aida*, an opera about ancient Egyptians sung (presumably) in French, by a group of large Germans. Anyway, I spent a most pleasant evening with Harv on 18 May 76 at the old Army-Navy Club on Farragut Sq. It has been many years since I had been there, and I'm happy to say it hasn't changed. The cocktail lounge and dining room were well attended, and Harvey and I were (almost) the youngest persons there. He is working on a master's degree in U.S. Hist at CA State U. at Hayward, concentrating on strategic affairs and diplomacy at the start of the present century—the era of Elihu Root, et al—and has turned up some fascinating info on the early days of the Army GS and the mil problems of the times. Harvey's goal, after completing his academic work, is that of historical writing. So, the Class adds another quill-driver to its roster of writers. I'll bet we have more authors than the combined previous classes since the time of U.S. Grant, USMA (18)'43. I parted from Harv under the street light and carefully made my way back to Fairfax without running afoul of the county gendarmes, although I admit I did get lost in Georgetown



Jun '43: Arch Hill and Norma Weyrick.

on the way. Harv was later supposed to be available at W.C. Moore's place, but I could never reach him there so I suppose he got back to Berkeley all right—whether or not by way of Georgetown, I can't say.

During the first days of Jun, as I have it from Bill Malone, the old Argentine gaucho Bill Greenwalt galloped through here on a fast business trip to Las Vegas. As you can tell from your REGISTER, he has been located in Buenos Aires for several years. I don't know what business he has that takes him to Las Vegas. All I ever did there was look for those 3 peaches in the window—of the slot machine, that is. However, I understand he and Dickie are coming north for the wedding of one of their sons this fall, so perhaps we'll find out then.

As indicated earlier, the Class in this area met on 4 Jun for dinner at the Sheraton Motor Hotel, not far from the Pentagon. Alan & Lynn Jones along with Jack & Allayne Novak made the arrangements for another of these always successful and enjoyable evenings. Since it was Jun, and our graduation anniv plus only 3 days, a number of



Jun '43: (L-R): Betty Benson, Dick and Caroline Shaefer.

people brought and posted wedding pictures that evoked many a smile and sigh. After dinner, Bill Malone conducted a count down survey by show of hands to see how soon after graduation those present had been wed. The Novaks, married on graduation day, were first in the group. Those present included the Arnolds, Quint Atkinsons, Baldwins, Bensons, Burrs, Calnans, Covers, Davenport, Farleys, Gordys, Hardys, Heintzelmans, Hulls, Cobe Hurley, Hutchins, Johnstons, Jones', Malones, Mathes, Naylor, Novaks, Phillips, Sawyers, Bill Scotts, Sembachs, Dick Shaefers, Silvesters, Art Surkamp, Ted Tansey, and Woods. It was a pleasant surprise to see the Shaefers, who were visiting in the area and had stayed for a time with Cobe Hurley. Dick, who is continuing his recovery from cervical spondolosis, said he and Caroline have been enjoying a lot of leisurely travel but are going to give up the nomad life in early 77, when they plan to reoccupy their home here in the Lake Barcroft area. Trev & Helen Sawyer have already returned, and by the time you read this will be at 1327 Lynbrook Dr, Arlington, VA 22201, in "engrs court," where Mathe lives and where Glasgow and Morris have also resided in the past. Trev, who looked extremely fit after the serious operation he had last year, has left the Parsons Engr Co., and the West Coast, and is now with the Dept of Trans as dir of railroad reconstruction in the NE corridor—this means, as I understand it, rehabilitation of the railroad from DC to Boston. Don't ask him to get you a reduced fare. Things are tough in DC. But—maybe he could try for Johnny Cash's autograph!

Bill & Harriet Scott made the 4 Jun formation, although they had returned only a day or so earlier from a fascinating, colorful, and sometimes frustrating trip during the month of May to the Soviet Union. Previously the Scotts had lived for 4 years in the USSR



Jun '43: Bruce Arnold and Harriet Scott.



Jun '43: Bill Scott and Barbara Arnold.



Jun '43: Mathe (L), Janie and Bill Glasgow, 24 April 76.



Jun '43: (L-R): Chris Sembach, Ned and Nikki Burr.



Jun '43: Betty Hardy and Lee Spiece.

(1962-64 and 1970-72) when Bill was USAF Air Attaché. The purpose of their latest trip was to see for themselves what changes, if any, are taking place in the Soviet Union. Their itinerary took them from Moscow, and after a week there, eastward on the Trans-Siberia Railroad all the way across to Nakhodka, with stops en route at Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, and Khabarovsk. At Nakhodka, they took the Soviet ship "Baikal" to Yokohama, and flew home from there. Their trip was a private venture, reinforcing their widely-recognized capabilities in Soviet studies, and the writings and lectures sure to result from the trip will certainly arouse much interest. While in Moscow, the Scotts had the opportunity for discussions with several senior profs at the USSR's Inst of the USA and Canada. During their travels they noted an increased level of mil presence and attention to civil def, as compared to their earlier observations, but living conditions and problems, especially in the non-urban areas, seemed about the same. Upon leaving the Soviet Union, the Scotts were the cause of a 15-min delay in the ship's departure while officials searched their baggage and seized most of the books they had bought—on the open market—that related at all to mil affairs! The Scotts told these and many other anecdotes of the trip at a seminar on 18 Jun, attended by their old colleague and fellow Kremlinologist, Bill Spahr, who has also served 2 tours in the USSR.

Further news gleaned at the 4 Jun dinner: Les Hardy, having devoted about 3 yrs to getting Bill Malone's real estate business into shape, has now become employed as exec dir of the Potomac Valley Amateur Athletic Union. Hardys will remain at their present address in Annandale. However, we learned that as we welcome back the Sawyers and Shaefer's to this area, we would be regretfully saying "so long" to Clare & Jane Farley. Clare has left NASA, after about 8 yrs with the agency, to take a new and challenging job with Northrop Avn Corp where several positions in the mgmt had become available. Farleys left DC on 5 Jul to look for a new home in the L. A. area. So, Norm Keefer and all of you S. CA rancheros, take due note!

Joe & Norma Weyrick came back to Fairfax for a day on 12 Jun when (new) LT Bruce Weyrick and Robin Marie Jackson of Fairfax were married at Christ Lutheran Church. It was a gorgeous day, and the young people seemed supremely happy. Both Robin and Bruce had attended Fairfax High and had given each other "primary attention" during all the intervening years while Bruce was at the Prep Sch and USMA. It was good to see Joe and Norma again, even briefly, before their return to Punta Gorda.

I don't know whether to dedicate this column to the Bicentennial, the Class of '76, the Corps of Engrs, or the food and beverage industry. I seem to have a lot of pictures here of people holding glasses or sitting at tables. If I took one of you and it's not here, this is because I goofed. As a society photographer, I'm a great Middle East expert. Anyhow, the tumbler and table pics are from the Weyrick wedding reception or the 4 Jun Class dinner. As a change of pace, here is a topical late news item from the dir of avn tech studies at N. VA Community Coll—Jack McGregor, himself. Doubtless you recall the press coverage of the initial flights of British and French supersonic Concorde's into Dulles Airport on 24 May 76 and continuing since then. Jack's

interesting note describes his and his students' part in the project. He has also provided the accompanying picture. Notice how his attention seems to be riveted on the microphone, despite the presence of the visitor on his immediate right. (I can recall a time—possibly some of you can also—when he wouldn't even have seen the microphone.) But let him tell the story:

"Last Mar I had several conferences with people in the FAA and came up with a contract for my avn students to take the noise measurements of the 'Concorde' SST arrivals and departures at Dulles Intl Airport. FAA supplies the equipment, which is a multi-track tape recorder plus signal conditioner, calibration unit, and sensitive microphone. My students go out into the field and set the equipment up at 5 different pre-selected sites (according to the wind direction and active runway) and start recording for approximately a half-hour before and after the passage of the SST. The job requires careful handling, several calibrations, and almost continuous voice annotations on the 2d channel of the tape. The tapes are turned in daily to FAA, and are sent to their lab in Boston for data reduction and readout. My 10 students monitor every flight of the SST into and out of Dulles, and either one of my faculty or I am out there to supervise them.

"I'm obviously quite pleased with this project; however, I don't feel our students have received appropriate recognition. For instance, Time magazine carried a picture of an 'FAA technician' monitoring SST noise at Dulles Airport in a May issue. The FAA technician happened to be one of my avn students. Anyway, they are getting some excellent experience, and being well-paid for it, too. The project itself has attracted plenty of attention, including a letter from Mayor Beame's office in NYC requesting info about our procedures, equipment and results. Sincerely, Jack."

Last time you may have noticed the paragraph added by the ed at the end of the column, requesting address info on certain classmates. Some of those addresses have been identified, and some have not, but your cooperation in advising the AOG of current addresses is earnestly solicited. Sam Pinnell, who has been a VP of USAA since Aug 75, has already made a notable contribution to



Jun '43: Joe Weyrick

the address corrections. Finally, you also may have noticed that the news in this present column has all been either USMA oriented or generated in the DC area. This is because I have received no mail from elsewhere during the past quarter. The last thing I want to do is make this effort some kind of exclusive "DC Report;" but if you don't send it, I can't print it. Hope you had a good summer, and are refreshed and strengthened to withstand the political oratory of the fall!

**FLASH:** Congratulations to Bernie Rogers who was nominated by the President to replace GEN Weyand as Army Chief of Staff in Sept.

# '44

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As I write, the Capital swelters at 95° F. and braces for the "blow-out" of the Bicentennial Independence Day.

Lunch at the SA's Mess in the Pentagon was the occasion for the annual Class meeting on 7 Apr. A number of welcome out-of-towners enriched the content and conversation of the gathering: Bridewell—Fairborn, OH, Buzzett—Andover, MA, Charlie Johnson—Chatham, MA, Klingle and Patterson—New York. LOCAL troops: Callahan, who returns to GA Tech in Sept, Campbell, Carter, Cheadle, Connell, Cowherd, Cutrona, Czapar, DeArment, Farris, Graves, Gregory, Harris, McElvey, Morrison, Norman, Parson, Patton, Richards, Smith, Steger, Sullivan, and Young.

Ed Gregory made a series of photos of the gathering which smoothly shifted from cocktails to lunch to the business meeting, conducted by Jim Connell with style and dispatch. A planning cmte for 35th Reunion activities will be named late this year. It is intended that the 35th will NOT be the occasion for a major Class gift project to the Academy; any such effort will await the 40th Reunion.

Other minor business followed the Treas's report which, with minutes of the meeting, is available on request from Class box at Ft Myer. Considerable discussion centered on arrangements to support George Pappas in his offer to publish a 30-plus yearbook. Details are at the end of these notes.

The best measure, for me, of the worth of our Class luncheons is that they are never quite long enough. I see and greet classmates with whom I would like to spend some hours; minutes are my ration.

At the luncheon Ollie Patton pulled out the first copy off the press of his book



**1944:** Class Luncheon (L-R): Connell, Buzzett, Morrison, Parson, Patton—"Doing what we do best!"

"The Hollow Mountains." A few days later I bought a copy. Glad I did! It's a fine book and cracking good story about one of my favorite areas of the Wild, Wild West. I finished it at 3 a.m. Congratulations, Ollie.

Congratulations are in order for Bill McGlothlin on his graduation from American U. Law Sch. After a fortnight at the beach, Bill has been studying for bar exams. Good luck!

Jim Connell kindly shares a letter from Clark Kennedy, another member of the bar. Clark is a judge of the AZ Superior Court, Div I, Mojave County (Kingman), AZ since Sept 75. So remember all you travelers of Route 66 that the law between Gila and the Colorado R. is one of ours. Clark reports Joe Barnes to be in Prescott and that if Cutrona is looking for his "A" sweater, Clark has it; however, it's too small to button, for either.

It was great to receive a long letter from Bea Peterson's roommate, our former Class scribe, now in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. After an Aug 74 ret., Jack and Bea took time to buy a home overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, near the Desmonds, and arrived Riyadh in Sept. Jack is, at last, "back in Ord" as Adv to the Cmdr of Saudi Army Ord. Although bereft of classmates, golf, ski-lodges and liquor, Bea and Jack are "camping-out" in a villa with private pool et al. to fight the 120° heat. Bea chafes at the bar against women drivers in the Kingdom, but (I specu-



**1944:** Patterson, surrounded by the cast of "Hair."

late) wields a long ladle in the local social pot. A recent highlight was a side-trip visit with the Blanchards and Coopers in Heidelberg, validated by color snap. Their plebe year as grandparents has left the child, near Chicago, so far unspoiled. Special efforts to change that result are planned for home leave at Lake Morey, VT in Aug. Stiff upper lip, you 2!

George Pappas' generous offer to embark on a 30-plus yearbook has been accepted by the Class Officers. Its publication will complete the '44 Trilogy. A letter and poopsheet was sent to classmates world-wide in Jun explaining the project in detail and requested that classmates submit biographical material and photos by 1 Sept. I realize you will read this after Labor Day; however, I have called Pappas and the Class Officers to affirm that your materials are welcome in Sept and Oct as well. To remind:

**WHAT:** BIO—up to 350 words; Portrait—black and white glossy; Informal pics—black and white glossy;— Cheque—\$35.00 to "USMA Class of 1944."

**WHERE:** George S. Pappas, 77 Dominican Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901.

**WHEN:** By end Oct 76. Do it NOW!

As you read this, the aspen will be golden in CO and the maples in Concord where



**1944:** El Presidente speaks—and they hang on every word!

stood "the bridge that arched the flood" will approach their glory. What a great time of year!

Staser points to his progress from federal to state job, and now to one as Exec Asst to Mayor of Anchorage, faithfully keeping his trunk in the public trough! Rock sez Silver has crawled off Waikiki to help B.J. sell realty, that Nick Fuller is still in Antigua, and that Jimmy Lynch is doctoring in the old hometown, Martinez, CA. The last 2 will get together if Nick wants some free medicine from his old roomy. Staser feels rather safe in challenging me to tennis; but I just might try him if I ever take a wrong turn on the freeway and raise Anchorage.

Happy Labor Day!

# '45

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Our 30-year book is even better on the second reading than it was on the first. Our staff did an outstanding job. And I've had a lot of letters saying how much you enjoyed having the book. Rolfe Hillman said it well: "I hope you will include in a forthcoming column a great batch of thanks to all classmates who gave so much time and effort to producing our 30-year book. Calista has concluded that I have set out to memorize the entire contents. Not so—just fascinated to catch up on the news of old friends, unencountered many years, and to read their speculations on how the next 10 will be spent. Thanks to all the staff for a great job." Amen.

Jim Elkey is yearbook committeeman in charge of mailing operations. He's now trying to ensure that everyone who ordered a copy of the yearbook received it and also that those who still owe the 2d and final



**1945:** Driscoll, Nusbaum, L.M. Jones, Burgess, Vinson—E-2 classmates at the mini-reunion, Virginia Beach, 23-25 Apr.



1945: Jim Summer—Vice Chairman of the Board of General Mills.

\$10 payment remit same so that the budget stays in the black. The first step in getting this job done was Dick Haley's letter with the tear-off reply section at bottom. If you have not already done so, please write to Jim Elkey, USMA Class of 1945, Box 1145, Ft Myer, VA 22211. Tell him you did (or did not) receive your 30-year book. If you still owe money, send him a check. And be sure to include your current address. Any letters sent to me are forwarded to him.

At the annual Class meeting on 21 May held in the DC area, new Class officers and members of the board of governors were elected. Our new Pres is George Daoust; VP, John Fitzpatrick; members of the board, Hap Argo, George Benson, Jim Elkey, Dick Haley, Aus Yerks, Lynn Cummings, and Jim Holcomb. Appointed Class officers: Secy, Frank Pavia; Treas, Keith Nusbaum; Hist, Hap Macintire; USMA Liaison, Ted Adair; Data, Andy Favret.

Jim Connell from '44 wrote to tell me that George Forssell was recently in the news. It seems that Jim Connell and George are both natives of Titusville, PA. And the Titusville Herald of 15 May had George's picture together with a story which announced his promotion to Sr VP, Counsel, and Secy of Pennbank. Congratulations, George! (And thanks, Jim for the news.)

Alex Froede, commenting on the 30-year book, wonders how come the women are prettier but the men get older in each successive year book? Alex said that after doing nothing for 3 years he decided he'd better go to work and is now enjoying working with the Intl Travel Agcy in Tucson.

Burr Coldren, practicing law in Uniontown, PA, was elected to the lawyer's house of delegates, the policy-making body of the PA Bar Assn and took his seat during PBA's annual meeting 12-15 May in Phila. Burr is a Dir of the Fayette County Bar Assn, and past Pres of Fayette County Devl Council. He's been active with the Uniontown Rotary Club, Greater Uniontown United Fund, the JayCees (Advisor?) and the Uniontown Country Club. Good going, Burr!

A PR release by General Mills (Betty

Crocker's outfit, you know) told about a company reorganization and brought me up to date on Jim Summer. (We scribes really appreciate PR types as it's the only way we ever hear about some of you!) Anyway, Jim is to continue as General Mills' VChmn of the Bd and Chief Fin and Devl Officer. Jim has been with the company since 60. Before his present position, Jim has been Corporate Compt, Mgr of Smith Foods Group, Ltd., London, and Pres from 69-73. Good to hear about you, Jim.

The DC and Tidewater, VA Class groups held a mini-reunion in VA Beach, 23-25 Apr. Keith Nusbaum wrote that it was a huge success with "E-2" particularly well represented. Bob Krebs' letter gave considerable detail as follows: "The affair was proclaimed a rousing success by all who attended—so much so that we hope to make it an annual event. Fri evening was getting reacquainted conviviality at the Hilton. Sat during the day, with beautiful weather, was golf, tennis, swimming, and fishing. Sat eve started with a party at the Fortiers' beautiful home followed by dinner on the scenic Cavalier Orion's Roof. Class members attending were: Doody Adams, Harriet & Charlie Adler, Jane & Hap Argo, Alice & Bob Burgess, Marge & Paddy Driscoll, Lillian & Jim Elkey, Nancy & John Ferguson, Pat & FitzP Fitzpatrick, Maureen & Ren Fortier, Bunny & Robin Hall, Jimsy & Art Hanket, Anne & Jim Holcomb (and son Larry), Gene & Bob Ives, Janis & Larry Jones, Gillian & Ray Jones, Janis & Bob Krebs, Rachel & Mac McDaniel, Peg & Keith Nusbaum, Kitty & John Powers, Ingrid & John Swartz, Phyllis & Cliff White, Doris & Dick Williams, and Margaret & Bill Vinson." Bob said he realized despite good efforts that not everyone who would have liked to come got the word. So next year they plan to announce the event earlier and with a greater effort to reach all interested classmates.

We are sad to report that Andrea McNiel, daughter of Tom & Maura McNiel, was killed in an auto accident on 18 Jun. Andrea was driving with a friend when their car struck a tow truck which had spun out of control on the wet pavement. Two other cars then slammed into the wreckage. She is survived by her parents, two sisters, one brother and one grandmother. Our sympathies are with Tom and Maura and their family.

You're wondering why I didn't write about the classmates in your part of the country? It's because you didn't write to me or send me pix! Now's the time—as you read this—to write me your news. If you do it right away you'll make the next issue. Have a good autumn.

## '46

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(119) As for the 30th, I said it all in the earlier section of ASSEMBLY featuring pictures selected by AOG. Here, let me give our hearty thanks to the Class Cmte responsible for a job well done—Joe McKinney, Jack Burney and Bob Stewart to name just a few of those that did a tremendous job of putting together a memorable Reunion. Also, I would like to extend our thanks to the 2 class aides—CPTs Collie and Sorrow.

So many things happened during the Reunion, I can't possibly recall or retell them all. However, there are a few items of inter-

est to all, even if I did not get all the latest news from classmates. On Fri, 28 May, at the Memorial Svcs for our deceased classmates, we also took this time to present to our graduating sons, USMA '76, the Class gift of bookends to John E. Sterling Jr., Patrick J. Lusk and David A. Ball. Also, young Sterling, CE, was this year's recipient of the Troy L. Hutto Memorial Saber for being the most proficient in Physics of the graduating sons. Merl & Malada Hutto were at the Re-



1946: Reunion 1976



1946: Founders Day, Presidio SF: Jackson, Molchon, Rufsvold, Strain, Kane, Armstrong, Ingham.

union this year to help out in the presentation of the award in memory of their son. My notes tell me we now have 48 sons as graduates, USMA.

Back to the Memorial Svcs. I have received from both Tom McMinn and Joe Jordan their respective Invocation, Memorial Thoughts and Benediction as presented at the service. As those who were there know, despite the amplification system, it was difficult to hear. Therefore, I will include their statements at the end of this column in hopes AOG will not cut them out. Although reunions are 5 yrs apart, the Memorial Service is an annual affair. Each year on Memorial Day, the local classmates, led by Ed Saunders, decorate the graves of our classmates interred at USMA, of which there are 27. We were happy to join Ed this year and certainly wish to thank him for his past thoughtfulness. The brochure handed out at the service lists 111 deceased classmates, but other records would indicate 114, not counting Tom Catch, who is still officially missing on his balloon flight over the Atlantic.

At the annual AOG Alumni Luncheon, Roger Nye was voted in as a VP and Wes Posvar as a Trustee at Large to the AOG. Then thereafter at our Class meeting the Class Cmte for 76-78 was elected as follows: Dick Beckner, Pres; Frank Lester, VP; Minter Wilson, Secy; John Bartholf, and Dick Tuck members. The situation concerning our Class gift to USMA was also discussed. First, we were to give the Cadet Park next to Flirtation Walk and south thereof near the river. We had hoped to make it for cadets and guests only, but the Supt could not accept it on that basis, since he is in the position of not being able to dedicate any more space on post just for cadets; i.e., excluding the public. So our gift was not

extended to USMA pending further voting by the Class at large. You should be hearing from the cmte in writing in this regard.

As stated, I won't recall all that was said to me, and already it's close to a month since I heard same, but here are some of the items. Bob Shackleton is with the State Dept in Martinique, really enjoying it. Lloyd Dunlap is at the U. of AR. Joe Jordan is Acting Asst SECDEF for Intl Security Affairs, and just started the job, Tues after Reunion. Tom McMinn is the Chaplain at Ft Hood. Since it has not been confirmed, I will only mention that one of our daughters may have entered this Jul. I do know that Steve Matejov's daughter is working on getting in next year. Ed Houseworth's son Steve, USMA '74, has been accepted at Emery U. Med Sch, with the concurrence of the Surg Gen, USA. The Gruenthers are grandparents.

Before I forget, the list of "lost" classmates at the end of my last report has been materially reduced already, as a result of show-ups at Reunion. That list was made up by Joe McKinney as a result of Reunion mailings returned by the PO. The list had 88 names at least one of which has passed away—Talbot. I also remember seeing at least 8 of those men at Reunion and, in fact, some of them show up in the same column. Ted Montague, by the way, moved to OH a few years ago and has now purchased a business manufacturing saws. They have a farm outside of Columbus, and are really happy there. As an after thought, would each of you always inform AOG of latest address, since this is the best source of addresses for class mailings.

We have another reserve BG in Gilbert (Stu) Harper. His promotion was confirmed by the Senate on 10 Mar 76. Our congratulations to him, and best wishes. Stu had re-

signed in 60, but accepted a reserve AF commission. He plodded along enjoyable as a weekend warrior ever since, and has received a well earned reward for his loyalty. At his orientation for new BG's he received interesting and informative briefings from Bill Evans, Ken Tallman, Buck Buckingham, Guy Hairston and Andy Atkinson. He also chatted briefly with Lou Creveling. Stu was unable to be at Reunion since he was in Algeria on company business. He resides at 16 N. Dansby, Galveston, TX 77551.

Seen at Reunion, Guy Troy, ret. from Ft Bragg and now at 3400 Starmount Dr, Greensboro, NC 27403. Received from Bill McMaster, a physicist with the U. of CA Livermore Lab, a long newspaper article about his hobby as a wood carver. Seems Bill has really gotten into carving, having gone to special classes at the Woodcarving Guild and thereafter joined the local chapter of same. He's got all sorts of tools and has done a number of different types of carving, spending an average of 10-15 hours a week at his hobby. Bill's address: 351 Polk Way, Livermore 94550.

LTC Bryce Poe, VCINC of USAF in Europe has been named to command the new Acq Log Div at W-P AFB. The new organization, a part of the AF Log Cmd, is being established to provide a closer relationship between Log Cmd and the AF Sys Cmd, the design and devl arm of the AF. Bryce's operational cmd and log experience led to his selection for this important position which will emphasize the acquisition of new aircraft sys designed for greater reliability and ease of maintenance. The Poes have 2 daughters, Susan and Karen, and a son Bryce III.

An early issue of ASSEMBLY will include Andy Talbot's obituary as prepared by Harl Koch, who mailed same to AOG last Mar. Harl and Andy were cadet roommates. Harl did quite a bit of research over a year's time to put together the pieces. As you saw in last issue, Andy passed away in 69. Our belated sympathies to his wife and family. The Kochs' are still having great fun and hard work with their 4 stores in CA and HI. They received quite a nice writeup in the Honolulu Star Bulletin about that location. They were on the islands during Apr/May and again Sept/Oct. In Jun/Jul/Aug and Nov/Dec they're in San Fran while out buying Jan to Mar. Andy & Jule LaMar visited Harl last Mar in San Fran. They were touring the West Coast. Andy and Jule have a farm near Auburn, AL where he manages a large shopping center.

Rec'd from John Bodley Ex '46 a photo of Dick Bresnahan, Cmdr RR5, Ft Sheridan, IL, awarding Jim Dunham '44 the DSM. Same appeared in the ROA's The Officer Feb 76. Jim (BG in Res) is wearing his clerical collar as a permanent deacon in the RC Church. John was one of Steve Edwards' libation corporals for the 30th and really enjoyed being with us.

Bob Rufsvold, Dpty Div Engr. S. Pac Div, CE, in San Fran mailed in Founders Day photo of classmates at Presidio. Missing from same, but present at dinner, was Woody Collins.

McMinn's Invocation: Lord, 30 years ago we departed these hallowed grounds to go our several ways—in service to our country—in pursuit of our goals in life. It is with gladness of heart that we return this day in an act of commemoration. As we stand our hearts at attention before Thee, a multitude of fleeting memories crowd our minds.



1946: Bresnahan awards DSM to Dunham '44, Ft Sheridan.

We praise Thee for the good fortune with which Thou hast endowed us, which has brought us to this point in time; for our families and friends whose love has sustained us; for our children with whose care and guidance Thou hast entrusted us, and to whom we increasingly pass the responsibilities for the affairs of society and our nation; for our classmates, who, though sometimes distant, have served always to inspire us; for our alma mater, whose towering spirit has remained a perpetual reminder of Duty, Honor, Country.

We are mindful of those members of the Class of '46 who are not with us today. Especially for those who have succumbed to illness, those who have given their last full measure of devotion in the defense of our country, and for their widows and their orphans we pray. O God, may their souls be at peace as they now march with that ghostly assemblage.

For those of us who abide, fill us with an indomitable spirit, that though we are not now young in heart, that which we are, we are; one equal temper of heroic hearts, possibly made somewhat weaker by time and fate, but strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield. Bless and strengthen those ties which bind us, and never let us forget that life, lived in consonance with Thy will, is always a great adventure. Continue, we beseech Thee, to march with us through the coming years.

These things we pray in Thy Holy Name in this, our 30th Anniv Memorial Service. Amen.

**Jordan's Memorial Thoughts:** This, our 30th Reunion, is at once a joyful and a solemn occasion—Our 10th was pure delight. With Tacho's ship providing just the right touch, it was—up until the present—the biggest, happiest reunion in WP's history. The 25th, too, was unalloyed joy. At the 10th, our careers were still being launched; by the 25th we were in full-flight, throttles wide open, and we had a reunion characterized by just that kind of zest.

Now, at the 30th, the Class has reached a special milestone: careers have peaked and ret. from the Service is here for all but a handful wearing stars. It's not that the shadows have lengthened, but some Puckish character has been ripping off the pages of the calendar behind us when we weren't looking.

We are assembled here to memorialize, honor, and acclaim. We memorialize those 111 classmates who are gone, many of whom sleep in this hallowed ground behind us. We particularly remember those who died in the Service, especially in Korea and Vietnam; but we are grateful for all those who shared

and enriched our lives here and who are no longer with us.

We honor and extend our appreciation as a class to those who ret. this summer, or who have done so over the past few years. These are the men and wives who have dedicatedly carried the Army and AF on their backs, in highly responsible but comparatively unglamorous jobs requiring judgment, experience, integrity, and senior leadership. We also honor those who by high professionalism and hard work have earned stars, not a few of them considering our inauspicious start as a class. We are proud that they will continue for yet a time to represent us in positions of increasing responsibility.

We acclaim those who have carved out careers in other fields: business, educ, the professions, govt—we always were a diverse lot. We appreciate the fact that they are bringing their talents and WP's values to a broader society which greatly needs both.

Whatever the path or paths we have chosen in the past 30 yrs, the fact that we are here today says something important about us as a group. Each of us will have our own interpretation of this gathering; I would venture that it is testimony to our identification with this place (much as we complained about it 3 decades ago) and to our affection for the classmates with whom we shared its enriching experiences.

We have not come back, I trust, to relive the toughest plebe year ever, nor to reminisce about solid trig or English themes—though there are no doubt some interesting tales there. I think it is more likely that we have come in part to relive the pleasures of company picnics, football weekends, and all those things which highly charged youngsters could find to do beyond the Tac's watchful eyes. We've come, too, to renew friendships, swap stories of where we've been all these years, and to assure ourselves that Bill and Sally are wearing well (but not any better than we). Perhaps, more fundamentally, WP has pulled us back because 30 years ago here, we shared a powerful, character-forming experience together and somehow its stamp is still upon us.

Yes, we have passed an important milestone, but not since Chaucer's pilgrims has there been a livelier, more interesting company of travellers—travellers with a fascinating journey still ahead. Black '46 has come a long way in splendid fashion. And, as I tell Polly from time to time, "Hang in there baby, the best is yet to come."

**McMinn's Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. And in the unforgettable words of Chaplain Walthour: "May the



1946: Founders Day (L-R): Street, Keehn, Thurman, Barth.

good Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other." Amen.

#### NOTICE

The following item was found in the Class of '46 seating area, Washington Hall, following the Alumni Dinner-Dance on 27 May 76: One lady's white evening purse, brand name: **Debbie**. Purse is covered with mother of pearl sequins and trimmed with white beads. When found it contained the following items: a ten dollar bill, a Revlon lipstick, a pair of rhinestone pendant earrings and a comb. If purse and its contents are not claimed prior to the Class of '46's 35th Reunion in 81, the ten dollars will be given to the WP Fund.

# '47

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Time to start serious thinking about the 30th. Details will be shaping up in the next few months. Meanwhile, we're trying to revive a 30-year book. A cmte of Tom Benson and Pete and Frank Boerger have "volunteered" to try to put something together. We have what little material was gathered for the 25th, but we'd like pictures, information and update data as you'd like to see it. Send to Tom Benson, 20070 Doolittle St, Gaithersburg, MD 20760, phone: (301) 926-8374.

Congratulations to Ron Heiser on promotion to LTG and asgmt as CS, USEUCOM; Al Haig on award of the medal of the Order of Anthony Wayne for Distinguished Public Service in a ceremony at Valley Forge M.A.; Shirley & Mel Rosen on marriage of son Steve to Bonnie Segal of Boston in Aug; John Lerohl on receipt of Law Degree.

In the moves column: Gordon Duquemin from DCS Ops & Plans, FORSCOM, to DCSOPS, Seventh Army, Heidelberg; Jack Faith from CS, VII Corps, to CG 1st Inf Div Fwd, Göppingen, Germany; Ed Robertson to Chanute AFB from Germany.

George Lynn ret on 30 Jun. He and Lee have purchased a home near the ocean in Surfside Beach, SC, 10 miles south of Myrtle Beach on the Grand Strand. 712 Myrtle Dr. No., Surfside Beach, SC 29577. No plans a present other than work on the home, bask on the beach, and/or play golf. George says "I'm ready for the 'big step'—no regrets. Army life has been good, and I expect to enjoy ret. at least as much as active duty."

Note from Joe D. Johnston, 1800 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802: "As you know, I ret. last summer (75) and Fran and I have been doing a lot of traveling the last year, mostly in the West and Pacific. We are now in the process of moving to the ocean in Long Beach, CA and will take up residence there. All classmates welcome. If we can just complete the move OK, I'm sure it will be a true 'hardship assignment' and am looking forward to it."

Had a long call from Bob Lilley last week. He and Butch have settled in McCall, ID, about 100 miles north of Boise in the ski country, and are enjoying it very much. They promised a trip to So. CA in the fall for a visit. Last fall in III at the Yacht Harbor Club Restaurant at Waikiki, we had a great time at a beautiful spot, with Meade Wil-drick (bride was on a trip to Europe), the Scovilles, the Edingtons, and the Johnstons.



1947: Swearing In ceremony—Marleah and Tom Rogers at Train Station.

Meade is with Hawaiian Elec Corp, Wink is an exec with a Coffee Co., and Jim is in the planning dept of the state educ sys. Don Dexter tried but couldn't make it that night. We really had a great vacation over there.

End of May saw Mastins visiting with McAdoos in Rockville. May 28th Class Party at Ft Belvoir, hosted by that distinguished CG, Jim Johnson, saw: Ruth & Tom Benson, Shirley & Mel Rosen, Betty & Bill Reckmeyer, El & Ed Greene, Nancy & Bob McCord, Sylvia & Wally Lukens, Hazel & George Bland, Ruth & George Harrington, Dixie & Harry Kain, Ann & John Lerohl, Bunny & Bill Nairn, Stella & Mike Bellovin, Ann & Paul Callan, Naoma & Buck Fernandez, Betty & Pete Boerger and Pete's parents, Barbara & Dick McAdoo, Kay and Jim Johnson, Dot & Wayne Hauck, Jeanne & K.C. Kaericher, Sam Starobin, Jean & Hugh Bartley, Jean & Ted Mock, Nancy & John Gerrity, Janet & John Miller, Madeline & Bob Curtis, Jean & Don Robb, Margaret & Jim Kennedy. After all these years we find ourselves seated at an all Amherst table.

Reckmeyers were just back from 3 wks in Germany visiting children and grandchildren. Jeanne & K.C. Kaericher reported 1st grandchild, Stacy Lee Kingery, who K.C. claims is the "smartest kid in the world."

June Week saw Rick Rachmeler graduate with Class of '76. Class sword was presented by Lou, and Jack Schuder and Tom Rogers at an appropriate ceremony.

Class is planning a weekend at Bryce Mt Oct 10-12. Wayne Hauck is handling arrangements.

The following from Tom Rogers: "The June Week 77 countdown has begun and we are looking forward to your presence at our 30th in Jun. I hope all of you can come. The Class will stay at Ladycliff Coll and a letter will be mailed in Oct announcing some details.

"This last Jun, Lou & Marylou Rachmeler, accompanied by Marylou's father and mother, COL and Mrs. M.D. Johnson from Bessemer,



1947: Rick Rachmeler, Class of '76, presented with the Class sword.

AL, proudly presented the Class sabre to their son Rick who certainly represented the Class with flying colors. Rick was a member of the best golf team WP has ever produced and they finished the season with a 14-1 record. If you play him, GET STROKES!

"Bob Baer visited USMA as a guest lecturer for the Engr Dept and we had a nice visit. Bob did a great job in his lectures and seminars to the cadets in various engr electives. He expects to move on after the tank situation stabilizes.

"Tom & Jackie Hayes visited with Al & Pat Haig in Brussels and had a grand time. Tom was over in Germany on some gear business and was able to drop in for a visit.

"Ted & Vaike Biel will be returning to USMA this summer for duty with the Math Dept in his final year of service. They expect to ret. in this area.

"We are all sad to have Jack Schuder ret. as Ath Dir this Jul but I can truthfully say that I believe he has gotten things turned in the right direction and he deserves a lot of credit for his efforts. He and Betty are planning on going to FL, near Orlando.

"I proudly swore our daughter Marleah into the service as a 2LT on 9 Jul at the Train Station. Jack & Betty Schuder, Harry & Sally Buckley and many friends celebrated with champagne toasts on the ferryboat after the ceremony. The Train Station is a great gift we can all be proud of and I am sure you will concur when you see it in Jun. Plan on coming to our 30th in '77."

End of notes. More next time.

## '48

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A very happy Bicentennial present to Bob Kirwan was his 2d star. Congratulations from all, Bob. You are most deserving.

Mike Tashjian has followed the trail blazed by Tom Clark, Bill Travis, and Walt Plummer from active duty into ERDA. Mike is Dir of Procurement for ERDA, and is now just down Massachusetts Ave from me.

The media coverage of our classmates is picking up. The 22 Jun issue of the Washington Post carried a picture of Sid Berry on page 2, testifying before the Senate Armed Svs Subcommittee on Manpower & Personnel about the Honor Code. Then Harry Buckley was interviewed on ABC on the same subject, and the local outlet, WMAL, carried it. Then, the Today Show on NBC carried extensive footage of former Gov Reagan's visit to MS in mid-Jun, and at one dinner Bill Mounger was shown seated at his immediate left. Bill also made Evans' and Novak's column of 28 Jun, which dealt with the Republican delegate race.

Tom Hoffman has moved from Schweinfurt to Heidelberg, where he is with the Hqs, ACE Mobile Fc (Land), at Hammond Bks. New APO NY is 09099. The Founders Day dinner in NYC found the Bob Cushings in attendance. From the picture, they appear to be having a great time. The speaker of the evening was Sen Goldwater.

Tom Ware has been traveling a bit, and made contact with Ash Foote, Walt Meinzen, Jay Hatch, and Don Packard. He reports them well and as young as ever. The occasion was a CD conf at Ft Bliss. The Jim Macklins introduced daughter Peggy's fiance, Chris White, to the DC area recently. You know,



1948: Berry '48 presents Patterson '77, son of Patterson '48, with his class ring.

all these weddings and grandchildren are forcing me to look ever more carefully into the mirror each day. Hank Stelling apparently will be around DC for a while longer, which is very good news.

John Egbert had a most satisfying trip to Europe recently, and stayed one night at SHAPE with Ione & Arnold Braswell. Carol & Bob Pomeroy took the occasion to host a dinner party. Then John paid a call upon Letty & Donn Starry, who were still settling into their new qtrs. John also talked with Ash Foote, who reports from Bliss that Babs & John Wadsworth were down to see their son graduate from the Basic Crse. Ash's daughter Sissy graduated from Ole Miss on 9 May. Congrats Dad, Mom, and Sissy. Bill Smith was the speaker at the AF Day luncheon in my hometown of Battle Creek, MI. I had hoped to have a picture of Bill and my father taken at the time, but no luck. Our very good friend, the Hon Mary S. Coleman, first female State Supreme Court Justice of MI, introduced Bill.

John Bellinger reached the half-century mark in May, and to see him through the trauma, Anne threw a surprise party. Post-dinner activities included vesting John with appropriate presents, and giving him a "This is Your Life" dramatization. Since it was held outdoors, the neighbors got to participate vicariously.

Katy & Walt Plummer will shortly see a 3d chick fly the nest, when Greta is wed. More about that next time. Johnsie & Lee Doyle's son Tom burned up the course at VPI and graduated a year ahead of time. Congratulations to all. To compensate, our Michael will be a 5-yr student.

On 15 May, our older son, Dennis, received his MD degree from the Med Coll of VA. In spite of having 4 cameras on hand, we didn't get one shot of his being hooded and graduated. He and the family are now in Roanoke, VA, where he is in residency in family practice at Roanoke Memorial Hosp.

Let us hear from you, we're as near as your phone. Our numbers are: home 703-



1948: Judy and Bob Cushing.

860-3537; and offices (hers) 202-274-7156, and (his) 202-376-8434.

**STOP PRESS:** Andy Anderson has been nominated for a 3d star. Great going Andy. And Jack Capps adds the following from West Point:

The Class of '48 sent a record number of 6 sons into Army Blue on 2 Jun. All parents were on hand and cheering: Bill & Tudy Caldwell for Bill IV (Inf); Jack & Marie Capps for Steve (FA); Al & Barbara Cerow for Gordon (Engrs); Charlie & Mary Horn for Carl (Inf); Gerry & Marge Medsger for Willy (SC); and Hugh & Barby Perry for Hugh III (Inf). Sid & Ann Berry received the Class sons and their guests in the garden of Qtrs 100 just before the general reception for the Class of '76 began; Sid did the honors by presenting each graduating son with a set of appropriately engraved crested bookends on behalf of our Class. Several others of the Class were on hand for June Week: Bob & Jeffy Whitfield were about for the Awards Convocation, where they made their annual presentation in memory of Rick; the Wilhides and the Sheffields were in for the handsome Graduation Day wedding of Hugh Perry III to Charlotte Montez. A bad ankle had kept young Hugh from the bookend presentation, but he hobbled forth for his diploma on 2 Jun and showed no signs of a limp later that day at the Cadet Chapel.

On 7 Jul, the 6 graduated sons were replaced by 3 entering with the Class of '80: Tom Doyle, Jay Macklin, and Dave Wilhide. Among the intervening cadet classes, Denny & Joan Pattersons' son Ed, as chmn of his Ring and Crest Cmte, masterminded the presentation ceremonies for the Class of '77 during Ring Weekend this spring.

Although '48 has contributed no daughters to the current transition at USMA and USAFA, we nonetheless send along our support to Sid Berry and Jim Allen as they superintend the Academies during this controversial period.

# '49

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"Big Jim" Hartinger was the big news this quarter with his induction into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame on 30 May at WP. The ceremony took place at half-time of the Army-Navy game and both Jim and WP were awarded plaques for his accomplishment. Army was a decided underdog and for almost



1949: Back row (L-R): Tobin and Underwood; next row: Kirby, Steffy, Metzger, and Griffith; 2d row: Hartinger and Klemmer; front row: Hinchion, Rick Hinchion, Greg Kemble and Baumann.

3 quarters it looked like they might pull an upset, but then the "roof fell in." We turned out a few '49ers plus some cadet sons for the event. Andy Lay also made the event but missed the picture; the youthful appearance of the rest of us must have discouraged him.

The 2d big news is that our fund drive has reached \$94,700, and we haven't far to go to top the magic \$100K number—thanks to our field coordinators, checks are still coming in. Al Goering, hosted a Class luncheon in the L.A. area and according to Dick Henry did a bang-up job in reminding classmates of their opportunity to participate. Attendees were Henry, Schlosser, Parrish, Spry, Jamison, Craff, Steger, and Goering. Others in the area are Frank Brock, Bob Braun, Chet Gilbert, Jack Ryan, BWO Dickinson, Arnold Winter, and Mike McNamee.

Letter from Joan Weart. Doug is now D/A with ATC Hqs at Randolph. Norm Katz passed through San Ant on a visit from Europe and visited the Wearts. One of the Weart twins, Jeff, graduated from USMA Prep in May and enters WP in the Class of '80—played defensive tackle on the Prep team. Twin Steve just finished his "doolie" year at AFA where he is on the Supt's list; he will spend this summer at Benning in



1949: Coghland (L) and Bolte.

jump sch. Oldest son Doug just completed his junior year at AL and will be in ROTC at Ft Riley this summer. Daughter and son-in-law, LT Charles Franklin '73 made the Wearts happy grandparents with the birth of their daughter Amy last Oct. The Franklins are stationed at Ft Hood, TX. Doug's and Joan's only problem will be at future Army/AF games, but I'm sure old allegiances will win out. Thanks for the info, Joan.

Ted Wagner still living in Chappaqua, NY, sent along a note wishing Jim Hartinger the best on his induction. The Wagners had a son's graduation in RI on the same day. Likewise, Larry Ogden had a son graduate from Christ Sch in VA. The Ogdens' older son graduated from Johns Hopkins and is going on to grad studies in Economics at either Chicago U. or in London. That can't be Larry's son! Punch Jamison's note mentioned seeing Jim Spry out in Arrowhead where he is in the real estate business (since then Jim moved to San Diego where he's joined Leitch Realtors in North Park) and also having dinner with Dick & Cherry Henry—he's underway with his new venture in the L.A. area. George Crall is with C.F. Braun and Co. Engrs in Alhambra and was Program Mgr for a nuclear power plant until the environmentalists shut it down. Prior to that George was in Iran building a forest products complex on the Caspian Sea. Also made COL in



1949: Clarke (right) receives DSM from MG Powers, commander, TECOM, on his retirement 30 Jun.

the Marine Corps Res. Good to hear from you, George.

Tom Stockton sent along a note which he describes as his first ever to the ASSEMBLY—don't worry Tom, that puts you one up on 90 percent of your classmates; of course, I never wrote one either before I took over the column. Tom just missed my last issue, although I did forward the photo late, hoping to get that inserted. Tom is in the Naples, Italy, area. He located long-lost Herb Turner for us. Herb is a house designer and builder in Del Mar, CA; and as Tom says, he is also the world's worst correspondent. The Stocktons leave Italy this summer probably for Ft Knox and a Compt's job. Their son Corky lives in Dallas where he is a speech pathologist with the Easter Seal Soc.

Ed Heesacker ran into a heart problem the last couple of years which has forced his early ret. from the Thiokol Co. in UT where he's been a prog mgr in Large Solid Properties for some 20 yrs. Ed and Rosemary are moving to OR where they will build an ocean front home on their property there. Best of luck, Ed. Talked to Frank Clarke just before his ret. on 30 Jun; he had just purchased a trailer and they were going to make a leisurely journey across the U.S. with the intention of settling in CA.

Had some help from Ted Swett who contributed the following message: The DC contingent continues to be relatively active. Ken McIntyre again arranged for flowers to be placed on graves of '49ers in Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day. He was assisted by Wayne Norby, Al Singletary, and Ted Swett. They visited and decorated the graves of Doug Bush, Ralph Buffington, Joe Giddings, John Latimer, Bob Littell, Mo Magruder, Jim McDaniel, John Poulson, Bob Ritchie, Bill Smith, and George Smythe.

Thirty-two of the group gathered in Mar to enjoy a dinner theatre evening. George Pollin organized the affair. George, ever the ladies' man, has proved himself a women's libber by designing an idiot-proof party preference poopsheet which must be validated by the wife before the vote count. We anticipate a party caucus—or at least a rousing summer party.

Bob Nulsen turned over the presidency of the Class of '49 Assn to Ted Swett in Jan. (Contrary to the practice of national candidates for office, Ted was away on TDY when nominated!) George Pollin is VP, John Magnotti is Treas, and the friendly scribe remains the Secy. Trustees are Jack Albert, Hill Dickinson, and Bob Nulsen with the entire group constituting the Bd of Dirs. The Bd

meets 3 times a year, as prescribed in the Assn By-Laws. Stimulated by Bob Nulsen's hard work, its principal preoccupation this year had been the fund drive for the Class Memorial Fund, the status of which is discussed elsewhere in the column. The Bd has also arranged for scintillating speakers at the quarterly Class Luncheons. Bill Gorog, Dpty Asst to Pres Ford for Economic Affairs, discussed the economic outlook (somber) in Jan; Phil Feir in Apr recalled the lighter moments of his trials and tribulations as Cmdt of Cadets (hilarious); and John Magnotti, who served as Dir of Admin for much of the Reagan campaign, described behind-the-scenes aspects of a national campaign at the Jun lunch (eye-opening). Jack Forrest also filled us in on the DA approach to the current Honor Code problems. The Assn is alive and well. When you happen to be in DC, please call either Ted Swett (202-695-9088) or Frank Hinchion (703-979-6100) at the office to see if you might be in time for the next Class lunch. We are both in the MD phone book also. Please help us keep the roster up to date by letting us know when you arrive in the area.

Thanks Ted.

Late Notes—Dean McCarron arrives back in the States on 15 Jun after 6 yrs in Europe. Will be assigned to RRI at Ft Devens but with duty station at Wollaston, MA, with the 187th Inf Bde. Bette and I were proud parents at the commissioning of our daughter Jody as an Ens in the Coast Guard on 3 Jun. She's a Marine Biologist grad of VPI and will be assigned to Coast Guard Hqs in DC. Son Frank, WP '73, also was a grad this month from helicopter sch at Rucker and is on his way to Korea in Aug. The above reminds me that Jack Albert, Jack McDonald, and Jack Kiely all have daughters currently serving in the AF.

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With mid-90 registering on the thermometer, and about an equal percentage of humidity, we know that summer has arrived in DC. I'm wondering where everyone is, and how many of you have moved recently; drop me a line and let me know.

We had 9 Class Sons in the graduating class at WP in Jun, and the lovely silver trays were presented to each of them as a gift from all of us. Those who graduated were: Malcolm D. Johnson Jr. (Mal Sr.); Michael F. Kelley (Gerald P.); Edwin W. Kennedy Jr. (Ed Sr.); Kerry E. Murphy (Ken); Brian E. Osterndorf (Chuck); Mark J. Romaneski (A. Leo); James L. Trayers III (Jim II); Jerry B. Warner and Volney J. Warner (Volney).



1950: Boston Founders Day.



1950: Will Hill's visit to Redstone Arsenal.

June Week was a busy, happy time for all, as you can imagine. We wish the best for these fine young men as they begin their Army careers, and know how proud their parents are of them.

Gray Tate sent me the fine picture taken at Redstone Ars a few months ago when the Hon Will Hill Tankersley made a visit there.

There are 3 weddings to tell you about, one of a Class daughter, and 2 Class sons. Donna Prows Groseclose married Jerry Vale Carlin on 22 May 76 here in Alexandria; the picture shows not only the bride and groom, but happy parents, Gwyn and Bob, plus Donna's sister Nancy Ann. Donna and Jerry will move to Dallas in the fall where he will attend Dallas Theol Sem. On 19 Jun in the Walter Reed Memorial Chapel, Denise Cecilia Reilly married LT John Preston Mitcham, Jim's and Pat's son; Denise is a 1LT in the ANC and is assigned to Ft Sam Houston—Preston will go to Ft Benning unless the Army finds a way to assign them both to the same post. A week later, on 27 Jun, Russ & Pris Glenns' son, LT Russell Glenn, married Deirdre Jean Burns at the WP Chapel; Russ and Dee will go to Ft Riley for his next assignment.

Bill Ward is Pres of the WP Soc in NY and I understand he covered himself with glory the night Barry Goldwater was the guest speaker. A fine time was had by all.

I had a fine letter from Dick Strohm, giving a little info on Bud White's death which was reported in the last issue. Bud died after a year's illness, a combination of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and blood cancer. Bud was the brother of Dick's wife, Peg; his mother, Mrs. Edna C. White, lives at 960 Ocean Ave, Apt 4, Sea Bright, NJ 07760. Dick mentioned the Jun issue of Fortune mag, in which there was a brief article on oil exploration in Chad. There was a picture of Keith Loucks up to his eyeballs in jungle; he is currently a geophysicist with the Continental Oil Co. To quote Dick, "Members of '50 do get around." News of the Strohm's: Daughter Cathy was married in Nov and is living in NYC; daughter Susan graduated from Dickinson Coll in May and is currently backpacking through Europe; Julia is a sophomore in H.S. Dick is VP-Dis-

tribution for Airco Welding Products in Union, N.J.; Peg is a controller of a consulting engr firm in Red Bank, NJ.

Robin and I missed seeing Anne & Gray Tate when they came up to Alexandria in Jun to make arrangements for Debbie's wedding—but we were fortunate to have a quick visit with Pris & Russ Glenn as they came through after Russ and Dees' wedding. Sons Robert and Randy were with them, and they all looked great. Robert enters his sr year this fall at the U. of FL, and Randy will be a Yearling at WP.

Leo & Marilyn Romaneski paid us a weekend visit in Jun, and we were blessed with hot weather which gave us an excuse to relax and swim, and not do much else. John & Eileen Jones arrived the night before the Romaneskis left, and we decided that was the first time in over 26 yrs that the 3 former roommates had spent the night under the same roof. John and Eileen were here for a few days during their leave from Redstone Ars.

Back to the Romaneskis: The picture of them with son Mark, was taken at the Awards Ceremony at WP on 14 May, when Leo received the MSM. Jim Tormey, USMA CS made the presentation in the Supe's Conf



1950: Front row (L-R): Mike Kelley (G.P.'s son), Jerry Warner, Ed Kennedy and Jim Trayers; back row: Jimmy Warner, Mark Romaneski, and Mal Johnson. Missing were other two class sons, Brian Osterndorf and Kerry Murphy (Ken's boy).



1950: Class' NY contingent.

Room, a marvelous vaulted room with old battle flags on the walls; after the ceremony, classmates and wives gathered at the Club for luncheon in the Gold Room.

Leo told me that Manley Rogers has enlisted the aid of several classmates, as part of his vol Adm Fld Force; some of them were able to attend the annual conf at WP 13-16 May. Tut Parmly, Jack Baughan, and Leo were present from New England; Tom Sharp came from CA with news of his wife Bonnie, and life in Orange County.

Graduation was another occasion for many classmates and their wives to renew friendships. Art & Barbara Blair invited the graduating class sons and their families to their home in the afternoon on the day before graduation, at which time the silver trays mentioned above were presented. Most parents were there: Jim Trayers was back from his new job in Nurnberg, Germany, as Cdr of the 4th AD SUPCOM; Volney & Janice Warner came from Ft Lewis since both Jimmy and Jerry were graduating in the same class. Jimmy was Class Pres and participated in several of the June Week ceremonies; Mal & Fran Johnson were also there from Germany; Ed & Dolly Kennedy came from HI, probably the greatest distance traveled by any of the classmates present; G.P. Kelley, Facil Engr from Ft Leonard Wood, and his wife, Helen, were most pleased to see son Michael receive honors as a Distinguished Cadet, plus the Steuben award for highest standing in German. Another award winner was Mark Romaneski, for the highest standing in National Security and Public Affairs.

In telling of all the activities at June Week, Leo mentioned that Lou Genuario's mother and dad were there "among the most loyal friends of our class—they attended the Class Son ceremony at the Blair home and were as happy and fit as ever. It was wonderful



1950: Groseclose-Canlin wedding.

to see them and in a way, they are representative of all our parents, who have loved us so faithfully all these years." Leo reminded me that Carolyn & Dave Cameron will be off on a year's sabbatical at Carlisle Bks this fall. He ended his note with these appropriate remarks: "As women enter WP this summer, it becomes interesting to contemplate who will be the first Class daughter (s). As far as we know now, Debbie Lewis, Ben and Malvenes' daughter, is the only '50 daughter planning to enter as a member of the Class of '80. There may be others, and we just want to wish them every success in their cadet experience and future service careers."

Jack Hendry sent a note in Jun from the Presidio where he and Gen are assigned. They traveled Space A to HI in Apr, saw Dick Drury at Travis where he is VCdr of a MAC outfit. In HI they saw George & Bette Bell, Ev True, and Tug & Patty Greer. Locally, Jack said John Begley was at the Founders Day dinner; he also sees Ted Seely occasionally.

In May I received a newsy letter from Bill (J.W.) Lynes who in his own words was "a one semester member of the Class of '50." He told me of a one-in-million meeting between himself and C.J. Matthiesen in



1950: Koehler (L) and Frudden.

Hannibal, MO. They had driven through Monticello, IA that day, had watched for C.J.'s shingle as they went through town, but hadn't seen it. Bill, wife Muggs and son Jim checked into a Holiday Inn and at 10 p.m. that night Jim reported he'd been swimming in the pool with another boy whose father had attended WP! Who was it? C.J.'s son of course. So Bill and C.J. had a visit that night, and both families had breakfast the next morning. The Matthiesens were on their way to Six Flags. Talk about small worlds. Thanks for writing, Bill!

In Jun we bade farewell to Clyde & Marilyn Spence who were on their way to Bamberg, where Clyde will be an ADC with the 1st AD. After 2 yrs of playing handball with Clyde, I'll miss those early morning games at the Pentagon. Clyde told me just before he left that in Apr during a visit to TAC at Langley AFB he saw Bill Curry who is DCSLOG there, and Charlie Gabriel, the DCSOPS. Unfortunately he missed Mal Ryan, who is the IG.

Jim Wallace called to say he has an extra '50 HOWITZER, should anyone need one. In the course of our talk, he told me that Bobbie had just been chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Women" for her work as an author. Also, her first book, "Claudia" has been selected as one of the "best of the best" by the Intl Youth Library in Munich—where Bobbie joins such notables as Mark Twain. Congratulations,



1950: Leo receives the MSM.

Bobbie, for such honor and recognition. Incidentally, her next book "Patch Palmer" is due out before Xmas.

I have a few changes of assignments: John & Ann Wickham are at Ft Campbell, KY, where John is the CG of the 101st AD. Bill & Mary Ann Read are in Omaha, NB where Bill is the Div Engr. Russ & Pris Glenn go to Ft McPherson, GA, 1 Aug where Russ will be the FORSCOM Engr. Jack & Bev Mackmull are now at Ft Bragg.

Had a beautiful picture postcard from Dave Pettit, asking me if I'd ever spent May Day in Mozambique (I haven't, you name-dropper, you). S. Africa, Swaziland and Kruger Natl Park were behind him with Tanzania and Kenya ahead; he wrote, "remind me to tell you about my close call with the bull elephant." There's a good conversation-stopper when the talk is not very interesting at a cocktail party!

May visitors to Jeanie & Sid Steele here in Alexandria were Bobbie & Al Paulger who were in the DC area to attend the Mary Washington Coll graduation of their daughter Kathy. 2LT Tom Paulger stationed in AK, flew in to be with the family for the occasion. Al is City Mgr of Houlton, ME. Bobbie is in the throes of remodeling an old New England home, and says son David, a student of architecture, promises them good rates for his consulting svcs! Bobbie and Al have become proficient cross-country skiers, and are good PR people for New England. Their address is 15 Weeks St, Houlton, ME 04730. Sid and Jeanie have a new address. They'll be moving in early Aug to 11314 Hunt Farm Lane, Oakton, VA 22124, with the hope of settling prior to the whole family being together there in late Aug and early Sept. All Robin and I have to say to THAT, having moved over 2 months ago, "If you can get settled that fast, I think you'd better give lessons, and we'll be the first to sign up." But then we don't need the lessons, since our plan is to stay in this house until we're old and decrepit—then our children will come move us out, and we'll be so frail, they'll do all the work. Think it will work?

We had a great visit with Fran & Andy Pick and Lee & Bob Werner when they "came to town" for Castle Ball weekend 24 Apr. There were lots of others who came for the occasion, and it was so good to see old friends. They're the best part of Army life, and now that so many of us are ret., it means that much more when they are able to come see us.

Ed Crockett ret. the end of Jun. It seems the Army wanted to send him to, of all places, HI; anytime in the preceding 25 yrs, he and Marcia would have jumped at the chance to enjoy the balmy breezes, but with his family so enmeshed in the activities of Rockville, the uprooting seemed too much.

As a result, Ed is now getting set to learn the ins and outs of environmental work for the American Petroleum Inst in the heart of DC.

Ardath Wilson keeps busy in Houston. Goodloe (Scottie) is thinking about getting a master's degree in Sociology; Tracy graduated from H.S. and will be off to TX A&M in the fall; Kelly is at SW TX State U.; that leaves only Clay and Borden at home, and Ardath says it seems strange. She's gotten her real estate license, so that ought to keep her flying.

Our own Jean Eek (Laurie's wife) and 4 other Army wives have pooled their efforts to create "A Celebration of History," their contribution to our Bicentennial celebration. They are much in demand as they portray Army wives from the Revolutionary War days to the present. Attractively costumed, and carefully researched, this production makes our wives proud of their heritage as American women. And we're proud of you, Jean!

That about does it for this time. You should receive this issue just before the 30 Sept deadline; if you haven't written me in the last 3 months, DO!

# '51

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Satisfaction and enjoyment gained during participation in 25th Reunion activities for '51 exceeded the initial expectations of those in attendance. As a result, the primary objective of this column will be to discuss activities and associated interactions. AOG and Class functions were attended by 92 classmates, 79 wives, and many additional relatives and friends.

Representation included the following classmates and wives—Albenda-Eleanor, Aldrin-Beverly, Bob Anderson-Jean, Atkeson-Sally, Bangert-Elfriede, Barber-Claudette Barnett, Bernstein-Florence, Buffington-Sis, Canham-Jackie, Charney-D'Arcy, Cocke, Phil Connolly-Sybil, Dean-Peggy, Delano-Pat, Dickens-Marcy, Doerflinger-Martha, Dosh-Mary, Edler-Lil, Elmblad, Evans-Mary, Fant-Carolyn, Farrington-Pat, Foldberg-Mary, Foss-Marie, Galligan-Eleanor, Givens-Pat, Sel Graham, Guyer-Judy, Gwynn, Hendricks-Bobbie, Herring-Estelle, Herte-Mary Ann, Horgan, Ingram-Peg, Jester-Bert, Knight-Pat, Kuhn-Camillia, Leffler-Jean, Lemnitzer-Lydia, Lichtenberg, Lukert-Carol, Matthews-Jane, McGann-Elaine, McCrum-Kathy, Chuck McLean-Bonnie, McMullen-Clara, Mena-Cecilia, Meyer-Carol, Moffat, Moroney, Myers-Jean, Meighen-Anne, Neidringhaus-Gladys, Odderstol-Barbara, Owens, Peckham-Millie, Peixotto-Libby, Picado-Susan, Prehn, Prince-MaryJo, Reeve-Carol, Ring-Jean, Roth-Delores, Russell-Nancy, Dick Ryan-Helene, Samotis-Peggy, Scheurlein-Eleanor, Schuman,



1951: Wives at DC area party.



1951: Psihas, Roberge and Muller get together for West Point activities.

Stan Sheridan-Ruth, Sherman-Paula, Simpson, Sines-Dot, Gorman Smith-Mary, Starrett-Eileen, Steele-Dotsy, Stockdale-Alice, Tauch-Gerry, Bill Thomas-Mitzie, Thorsen-Nancy, Vellella-Holly, Waldman-Shiela, Wallens-Betty, Walthour-Shirley, Watsey-Marilyn, Webber-Millie, Howie Williams, Tom Williams-Jane, Jack Price-Pat and Roberge-Scotty.

The entire Class salutes Ernie Peixotto for his outstanding contributions in the planning, organization, and supervision of related activities. Ernie's principal asst was his nephew, Dave Peixotto, a CPT who works for Bill Stockdale in the Engr Dept. Aply assisted by 2 other Class aides, CPT Ray Puffer and Jared Florence, Ernie and Dave arranged and coordinated 3 memorable action and activity filled days to include a cocktail party, dinner-dance, picnics, Class meetings, and memorial services. These functions were scheduled in addition to those arranged by the AOG. Attendees were unanimous in their praise and grateful appreciation to Ernie and lovely Libby. In fact, many who stated this had been their first visit since graduation also indicated an intent to attend all future reunions.

Particularly inspiring during a period of enheartening, impressive and joyful surprises were the actions and physical capabilities of Bill Lemnitzer and Walt Russell. Their recoveries against unbelievable odds is indicative of their worth as individuals, as well as lasting tributes to the contributions of wives, Lydia and Nancy. Our heartiest and most sincere congratulations to both families. Incidentally, Walt is a candidate for the position of Chmn, Bd of Commissioners, DeKalb County, GA; Bill had also become active again professionally and acts as a consultant for Think-Tank and study agencies.

Sorely missed, but not forgotten, were some of our most consistent participants in '51 affairs who were unable to attend due to changes of plans at the last minute. Jim & Ann Rockwell cancelled due to Jim's last minute trip to Africa; at present, Jim is Vice Dir, DCA. George Psihas, Business Mgr at Chrysler, also bowed out due to a last minute trip overseas; while Billy Ellis, Dir of Ops, USAF, changed plans because of pressing obligations in DC. On the other hand, John and Delores Bohens' visit to CA precluded their attendance; John, ret. from the Army, works for GWU.

Buz Aldrin and wife Beverly participated in all reunion activities. Fellow AF officers initiated a Class project to facilitate Buz receiving appropriate recognition at WP for

his historic contributions. Progress is now under way to insure appropriate recognition.

The following provides a resume of Class business transacted during the Reunion. Class officers were elected for the following positions: Exec Pres—Ernie Peixotto; VP—Joe Fant; Treas—Don Zurawski; Secy—Red Leffler; Finance and Gift Selection Cmte—Chmn—Herb Roth; Asst Chmn—Jim Rockwell; and Career Opportunities/Job Transition Cmte—George Psihas, Chairman. Monthly Class meetings of above personnel will be scheduled in the DC area to conduct and coordinate Class activities.

In the absence of George Psihas, Gorman Smith addressed the subject of Job Opportunity/Career Transition. The presentation proposed establishment of a cmte composed of regional civ Class members to address job availability for Class members. Comments evoked enthusiastic response; action will be initiated during the first Class business meeting scheduled for Jul 76.

Class gifts and pledges prior to and during the Class Reunion have raised amounts pledged and on-hand to approximately \$200,000. Contributions and pledges have been made by 215 reps with the largest, a pledge of \$100,000, offered 27 May at WP.

Our appreciation goes out to all who have participated in funds collection—those include numerous individuals from Jim Rockwell, Pat Pattillo, Joe Fant, Don Zurawski, Howie Steele, to each of the individual co. reps who will be identified in the next edition of the ASSEMBLY.

Because of the significant increase in funds available and pledged, members of the Class at WP on 27 May revised plans for the Class gift. Discussion weighed the pros and cons of a facility to be constructed or adorned versus establishment of a Class fund which could provide a reservoir for continued gift disbursement. An overwhelming majority favored establishing the trust fund which could permit annual disbursements to meet current needs of the Corps of Cadets. Also a proposal was accepted to limit the use of the trust fund to no more than 90% of the annual interest generated. A goal was established for the accumulation of \$250,000, within 2 yrs (3 tax yrs). Fin Cmte members selected to assist Chmn Herb Roth and Asst Jim Rockwell were Al Lichtenberg, Phil Gwynn, Bruce Elmblad, Bill Givens, Tom Horgan, Pete Kuhn, Ernie Peixotto, George Psihas, Rudy Prince, Gorman Smith, Chuck Canham and Arlie Sherman. The chmn will be responsible for accomplishing the \$250,000 objective working with both civ and mil classmates. Full participation of each Class member is desired. The trust fund will remain under the control of the class; USMA will be asked to nominate projects annually, and



1951: Founders Day at Offutt AFB (L-R): Foster, Huff, Winner and Reed.



1951: Reunion 1976

class trustees will approve projects based on Class objectives. Quarterly meetings will be held which will have both Class officers and members of the Fin Cmte in attendance. It is intended that minutes of these meetings will be forwarded to Class members who desire to remain abreast of on-going activities. Incidentally, the previous Class project, adomment of Eisenhower Hall, remains a viable project for support by other classes. As a result, the outstanding efforts of Saul Jacobs and Klaus Klatt, his associate with Howard, Needles Tammen, and Bergendoff, are not in vain and will contribute significantly toward their initial Academy objectives.

Needles to say, the Class of '51 charted an ambitious course during 26-28 May with full realization of difficulties involved. Major efforts will be made to keep classmates informed of project and activity status. Com-



1951: Quarterly party at Andrews AFB.



1951: Swinging at Delafield during 25th Reunion.

plete Class rosters will be updated by Aug 76. Individuals who desire an updated version of the total Class please notify either Frank Vellella, 3904 Arnheim St., Annandale, VA 22003; Ernie Peixotto, 8801 Falkstone Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309, or me.

Now for other than Reunion activities. During mid-May Shy Meyer hosted a class luncheon in the SA's Mess. Attendance included Barber, Byers, Costanzo, Crouch, Godfrey Crowe, Doerflinger, Duke, Ellis, Hank Evans, Fant, Foldberg, Gelligan, Geordano, Sel Graham, Clint Granger, Harold, Brad & Ken Holle, Leffler, Lemnitzer, Luger, Meyer, Mulder, Peixotto, Robertson, Samotis, Stannard, Steele, Vellella, and Yerks.

During the week 16-20 Jun, numerous classmates in the DC area took advantage of

Bob Yerks invitation to attend the "Spirit of America." This spectacular which depicts the history of the Army is produced annually by the Mil Dist of DC. Always thoroughly enjoyable, the Bicentennial production was particularly impressive with its colorful skits, drills, music, and characterization of various eras with their associate songs and personages.

**ODDS AND ENDS.** If you think you're getting old, don't believe it. The Bob Deans are expecting in Sept. I believe Bob deserves personal congratulations from each of us. The Farringtons are building a home in Incline Village, NV, after Buck's ret. from the civ engr field. A concerned George Meighen asked Pat to be careful during construction; his anxiety is based on Buck's known agility and dexterity in the use of ladders; recent examples—2 broken bones and both hands in casts.

Dan Meyers reports 3 other '51ers are in the Knoxville vicinity: George Ritter with Westinghouse Nuclear facilities at Oakridge; Peyton Cook, ret. from the AF, Dean of Sewanee Acad; and Hal Shultz, also ret. from the AF, living in Maryville.

**HILITES AND SIDELIGHTS.** Tom Williams: Engr with GM; Chuck Wallens: Pres of WI WP Soc; Roy Herte: Supt of Public Works Dept, Salinas, CA; Guy Jester: VP of J S Alperici Constr Co.; Joe Rogers: Supervising USAA NE Activities from Highland Falls; Lew Buffington: Ret. from AF and now a lawyer in Harrisburg; George Meighen: Nation-wide traveler for Molten-Allen; Red Hemler: departing DDRE for reassignment in Albuquerque, NM; Frank Vellella: VP of the DC Area Harvard Bus Sch Club; Andy Remson: was reassigned from ODCSOPS to Chicago where he assumes Dist Engr duties; Buck Harris: leaving DA as Dir of Mgmt Info Sys to take over command at Ft Leonard Wood; and Reb Barber: assigned to OACSI after pinning on his star.

For those passing through Jacksonville: Carolyn Fant encourages all to drop by to see Shirley Walthour and Alice Irving who operate a household boutique. The visit will be both fruitful and enjoyable.

Bill & Betty Grugin recently announced the impending marriage in Aug of daughter Kimberly to Lt Bill Webster, USA, at Fort Polk, LA. Needless to say, the Grugins remain a total Army family.

Finally, a DC area Class party is tentatively scheduled for the 17th of Sept; by the date of this ASSEMBLY publication, details will be finalized and info will be provided to visitors for the price of either a phone call or a stamp. Persons outside DC are invited to socialize and participate in on-going Bicentennial activities.

Frank Vellella has graciously agreed to take over the column beginning with the Dec edition; this action will insure adequate emphasis on ASSEMBLY news and facilitate my functioning as Class Secy and VP for the AOG for the coming year.

# '52

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Dear Classmate:

Now is the time to consider seriously your plans for our 25th Reunion. The first mailing, containing the basic details, is scheduled for the week following Labor Day, which should be just about coincident with publication of this article. If you don't get the



1952: McGarry has his stars pinned on by Marilyn and MG Kelly.



1952: Koestner accepts retirement certificate from BG Gordon.



1952: Steve and Caroline Nichols, Dick and Donna Larkin, and George and Florrie Tronsrue, Fort Carson.



1952: Ayers and Alderman.

flyer within the next couple of weeks, send Al Griffin a reminder of your current address. Al can be reached in care of our Class box: West Point Class of '52, The Army & Navy Club, Box 52, Washington, DC 20006. Al tells me that the critical thing for you to arrange now is housing. Other recent reunion classes have reported that many classmates are left at the last minute without any convenient place to sleep. Our Reunion promises to be a great one from noon on Wed, 1 Jun, till noon on Sat, 4 Jun. Don't let yourself be left out.

Al also informed me that our 24th Reunion, at Bert Stubblebine's on 19 Jun, was a howling success. Al wasn't able to make it but he has heard that over 100 others did. I have no other details in time for this article but maybe I'll have a complete report in time for the Dec issue.

In keeping with thoughts about reunions, refer to the article in the Bulletin Board section of this issue about the new cannon at WP. Those cannon are part of the gift which you and your classmates are giving WP as our 25th Reunion gift. Dedication of the gift will be part of next Jun's festivities. When we started thinking about this project in 70 it seemed that time was definitely on our side. Now, here we are with just one year to go.

While response to fund-raising appeals has been encouraging, the following statistics show there are still many individual commitments to be made before we can consider this undertaking truly representative of the Class of '52. Here are the facts (as of 3 Jun 76): To date we have received pledges from 42% of the Class or 203 members. This leaves 285 uncommitted. Pledges now total \$47,180.60 or 121% of an original goal of \$39,000. In that the price of the cannon has gone up considerably (\$49,000), it has been suggested that \$52,000 would be a symbolic goal leaving us additional funds for other Class matters. Cash received from all sources now totals \$31,276.10. If your statistic is not yet part of the above, pick any number of dollars between one and a million and send your contribution in soon so that we can truly report that this gift is from the whole Class. Send your check or pledge to: West Point Class of '52, The Army & Navy Club - Box 52, Washington, DC 20006.

Steve Nichols sent me a late photo of Founders Day at Ft Carson. Of the 3 classmates there, only Steve expected to remain at Ft Carson. Florrie & George Tronsrue had already departed for Ft Baker, in San Fran, by the time Steve wrote. George will run the Western Region of the Recruiting Cmd. Dick Larkin had not yet received his star asgmt. Steve expected to become 4th Inf Div (Mech) CS when he gave up command of the 1st Bde this summer. Dick's son Mike was scheduled to enter USMA this summer; George's son Geordy is in the Class of '78; and Steve's son David was to graduate with the Class of '76. Steve also reported that Hank Carter, with the AF at Peterson Fld, stays on the road a lot inspecting AF units all over the western U.S.

Jack Hettinger, from Colo Spgs, sent me a clipping from the 8 Jun Sun, reporting that Dick Larkin remained at Ft Carson and assumed duties as Asst Div Cmdr for Spt following his promotion ceremony the preceding Thurs. Dick had been CS, following a tour as 2d Bde Cdr.

Pat Brown returned the photo that I didn't include last issue, so it's included



1952: Bartel, Moran, Thieme, and Brown.

herein. Otis Moran reports that Al Bracy joined the DC scene in Mar. Al is assigned to HQ AMC and resides with his wife Karen in Arlington, VA.

Ray Koestner reported his ret. on 1 Jun. BG Larry Gordon, who presented his certificate, is a brother-in-law of John Baldner. John is ret. and living at Triland Farm, Inc., Box 184 Star Route, Dunlap, TN 37327. John is now a full time farmer. Ray sees Jerry Kutz and Bob Woodward on occasion. Jerry is Dir of Safety for ATC at Randolph. Bob is ret. and spends much of his time laying sod for his new lawn. Ray's address is 1590 Richardson Rd, Merritt Is, FL 32952, and his phone number is (305) 452-7863. He invites classmates to look him up if you're in the area.

Al Lawrence showed up here in charge of an IG team inspecting my office. I think we parted still friends.

Drake Wilson has reported in as Dpty Dir of Civil Works in the OCE. Drake had been the Mobile Dist Engr until he made BG. Kerm Bell sent me a news clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal about another departing Dist Engr classmate. Carter Lehman ret. as Memphis DE on 31 May. Carter's plans included settling down in Memphis.

# '53

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Football Season-76 is upon us as you read this. As I write this, however, it is the middle of Jun and the Class of '80 is approaching its first day of Beast Barracks. Women cadets are about to join the Long Gray Line and make their unique contri-



1953: (L-R): Ayers, Breckenridge, Oblinger and Hayes.



1953: Eineigl awarding trophy to Outstanding Student at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

butions to its strength and character. (Although on a lighter note I can't help but speculate that the lyrics to the Alma Mater may have to lose something in the transition!)

First to Abbie McLennan who rightly takes me to task for reporting in the Dec column that she and Stu had ret. to TX. They haven't ret; Stu is still on active duty and I goofed! While we're on the subject, Cliff Worthy has ret. effective 1 Jun, but as yet I haven't learned his new location. Gail Freimark is ret. in Jul to sell Fords back home in Cajun Country. Put him in your address files c/o Cain Motor Co., Box 132, Leesville, LA 71446. Also heard from 2 sources that Graham McIntyre will ret. in the DC area sometime this summer.

Missing from the Mar column was a 2d bit of news from Ray Eineigl which I confessed to having misplaced. Well, I found it. Ray reported on his visit with Louise to the Canadian Forces Sch of Mil Engr at Chilliwack, B.C. to present (in Ray's capacity as Seattle Dist Engr and as pres of the Seattle Post, Soc of American Mil Engrs), a trophy to the Outstanding Student from amongst the graduating enlisted trainees.

Since then I've learned that Ray's new assignment in Germany will be Cdr, 130th Engr Bde at Hanau, replacing Chuck Faila, I believe.

A note from Vald Heiberg saying "hello," and passing on a copy of a great article in the Apr 76 Government Executive about Steve Vogel and his tremendous success to date as program mgr for a Joint Surveillance Sys for which the AF has the lead.

Charlie Neal arrived in town for a few days respite from the rigors of the Hawaiian summer to attend a seminar on organizational effectiveness, which subject area Charlie seems wonderfully to have mastered. We shared a barbecued chicken, a couple of glasses and a lot of memories. He and Patty plan to be in HI for at least another year.



1953: Kallman, O'Malley and Campbell at Founders Day dinner, Offutt AFB.

Word from the WP Soc of Omaha locates Mike Kallman as the Dir of Facilities, U. of NE at Omaha.

Jim Bamberry called in recently to report his whereabouts. Jim is PMS at, concurrently, Pittsburgh, Duquesne and Carnegie-Mellon. Says all 3 ROTC programs are alive and well. Weemo saw Bill Snead recently at Hampton, VA; says Bill "looks good."

Special kudos are in order for the USMA contingent. Al Grum is pulling his full load as the Class rep there and cheerfully bears up under the impositions visited upon him from the Class hq here. He was down in DC recently keeping up with the day-to-day activities and projects of the Army to make certain that a fresh breeze keeps blowing thru the ivory tower. Also, as I am sure you know or have guessed, Hal Rhyne has been up to his neck in alligators with the events of this spring and summer at WP. Still, Hal found the opportunity to present plaques to our 3 graduating Class sons: Thomas H. Jones, Jack W. Myers and Joseph T. Saffer.

On 16 Jun, the locals met at Ft Myer for the annual election of a slate of Class Officers. Price-Waterhouse was again rumored to have officiated at the balloting and, in



1953: Party at the Merritts' in Omaha: 1st Row: Merritt, O'Malley, Peggy Campbell; 2nd Row: Due Merritt, Marge Lustig, Diana O'Malley, Campbell; 3rd Row: Lustig.

the winners' envelopes were: Weemo Wubena for his return engagement as Pres; Jim Miley for his debut as VP; Walt Henderson and Larry Davis for their respective return roles as Treas and Secy; and Fred Reynolds as the newly discovered Hist. Bless you all!

Had a surprise note from LTG McAuliffe as a result of his recent trip to Caracas where he met Mike Bethencourt. Mike is a COL, presently the Cmdt of the Engr Sch at Caracas. The MOD had assigned him as hon aide to the CINC, who also reports that Mike and Maria Teresa were most gracious and hospitable hosts. Mike plans to ret. later this year, continuing to reside in Caracas.

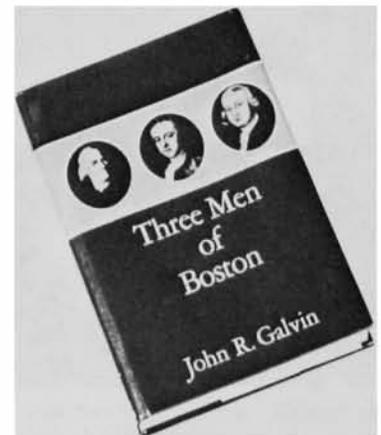
The Class of '53 Account in the WP Fund is growing due to your response to Fred Reynold's letter. About 140 replies have been received pledging from 100 to 500 dollars each. Particularly critical at the moment are your votes on the change to the constitution. Without a majority response, we can't act to readjust the Class funds to take advantage of interest producing deposits. Please send in your votes. Thanks. MIZPAH!

# '54

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Bud Gurney writes from Lompoc, CA, that Craig E. Mahaffy can be removed from the list of our missing classmates. Craig is at Arnold Air Devl Cen and—are you ready, guys?—his daughter Dorothy has entered USMA, Class of 1980! CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH for a fantastic first! Bud and Carol spent a pleasant evening with Stan Beck when Stan visited Vandenberg AFB from USAFA recently, the first time they'd seen each other since survival school before Vietnam stints. Bud is at the Western Test Range and says a "high point" of his tour was the "launch of the Minuteman Msl from a C-5A transport." (What really happened, Bud? Did someone inadvertently leave the aft cargo door open, and it fell out?) The test gave him a chance to work with Al Devereaux, then at Edwards, and with George Reiss, in civil service with USAF at W-P AFB). Early this year he saw Baron Fredericks, who's also at Wright-Pat, at a B-1 test coordination meeting at Edwards. Bud's son David is trying for USMA next year.

Bob Guidera is the new pres of the Elastimold Div of Amerace Corp in Hackettstown, NJ. Art Sirkis reports on some of our missing brethren: Dick Steimle is at Ft Leavenworth, Tom Watlington is still with Alex Brown & Co. in DC, and Dwane Erickson was last seen commanding Bolling AFB. Art is practicing law in (where else?) Hackettstown; attended Ed Hart's promotion party at WP and saw Don Alameda at Picatinny Ars late in May. Don's working for Westinghouse and puts in his reserve time as OIC searching for prospective candidates to WP from northern NJ. Martin Lachance, who was '54's last guy in Cambodia, is with the FA Bd at Ft Sill, where he reports that Don Rhea ret. in Jun, headed for southern TX to grow our morning grapefruit. Ken Bailey visited Sill prior to PCSing to Germany, where he commands 41st FA Gp. Corky Gabbert, Martin reports, somehow got from Japan, where he commands an MI unit, to Ft Sill to judge the 2-day Arty Hunt open horse show and "did a fantastic job." Jim Sloan (you remember '54's Kojak) visited Sill from Picatinny for Founders Day. Joe Ganahl also visited Sill from DARCOM, and when Martin returned



1954: Galvin's latest book, just released by T.Y. Crowell Publishing Company.



1954: Founders Day 1976: Amers S. Albro Jr.

the visit to him, in walked Ron Lemanski. Ron has one of "those" jobs, Martin says, behind green doors where anything beyond "good morning" is classified and requires 2 or 3 clearances. Martin tells us, however, that Ron "seems to be enjoying working at a job that no one else knows anything about." On the same trip, Martin had dinner with Dick & Ginny Sugg, and saw Bob Cottle, who may be headed back to Sill for a command. Still traveling, Martin saw Tom Mayberry at TRADOC. John Woodyard ret. a year ago and is completing his doctorate in Counseling Psych in Stillwater, OK, says he alternates "from harrassing liberal minded students to rearranging the dirt" in his front yard. He saw Len Fuller recently, who's ret. in Corsicana, TX. John wrote a few hundred letters in Jun urging all of us to speak out against any compromise of the Honor Code. "The Honor Code belongs as much to each graduate as it does to each cadet," he reminds us: "Don't let the class of '77 and a disbelieving public compromise the high standards the Honor Code embodies."

From Germany, Jack Galvin sent us a copy of his new book, *THREE MEN OF BOSTON*, just published by Crowell and selling at \$10.00. We've read it, and Jack has written a magnificently readable, enthralling history of 3 men whose political infighting over a decade and a half brought Boston and the colonies to the Revolution that gained us our freedom as a nation, but destroyed each other. It deserves one of the year's major literary prizes: Jack spent 7 years research-



1954: Carlisle, July 1976. Front row: Pappageorge, Boose, Lykke; second row: Chesbro, Helen Pappageorge, Nancy Boose, Reed and Carol Reed; third row: Palmer, Hampton, Stuart, Weaver and Hart.

ing it, and his narrative has that magic mix of a suspense novel and impeccably-researched history that reads as if Winston Churchill and Allen Drury had collaborated on a book. Jack is CO of 3d Inf Div Spt Cmd in Wurzburg. Let's all buy a copy of his book.

Bill Bathurst had a heart attack in late May, but a fast thinking Barbara got him to Bethesda Naval Hosp in time for the medics to tie him to a bed for 3 wks, and we're pleased to report that Bill's doing great. But it makes you wonder: Bill exercises regularly, doesn't smoke much, drinks moderately, and works like hell. He's taught us a lesson: from now on, I'm taking up a new life style—don't work much, and drink like a fish.

Dan Tobin's doing a splendid job of getting the Class together regularly in DC, with good assists from Jerry Parshall and Dion Johnson. About 30 troops turned out for a late Apr beer/business social at the Pentagon athletic club, and 32 at a stag luncheon at Ft McNair early in Jun. Fred Galloway, our treas, reports that as of early Apr, the Class fund showed a new worth of \$9,299.81—"approximately," Fred cautions. Chuck Debelius took over command of Hugh Robinson's Engr Sch Bde, and Hugh is now DE in L.A. Larry Drum's business ventures go well, he tells us, and his Sombrero Reef resort hotel in the FL Keys, in which a lot of classmates have invested, was due to go public this summer. Dick Littlefield and Fred Galloway are at sr service schools this year, Fred at ICAF, Dick at Carlisle. Roger Browne, Dick reports, has been picked to report back from the NATO Def Coll to Carlisle as well. We saw Quay Snyder at AWC's annual Natl Security Seminar and he's enjoyed a fantastic year on sabbatical at Shippensburg State Coll developing their business program. Dick Weaver is headed for FORSCOM in DCS/Intel. Wendell Gilbert is headed for command of 101st Div Arty. Bill Albright is civ, Spec Asst to the Dir of Def Res & Engr, working mainly in the public affairs and Congressional side of our nation's R&D business. Our 2 newest GENs, Joe Palastra and Lou Wagner, are back in DC, Joe as DIA's Dpty Dir for Estimates; Lou back in the R&D business. Carter Cobb, we learn, has been in the DC area at ERDA for 3 yrs and no one knew it; he's en route to Patrick AFB in FL.

Doug Stuart is in charge of the next DC area Class social, a cocktail/buffet at Andrews AFB O'Club on 16 Oct, a Sat. Bob Cottle, Al Jennings and Jim Henry are helping Doug make this our best DC social yet. Let's all be there. Doug, Jack Hincke and John D'Aura are all at the Army's CAA here. Lloyd Matthews had the lead article in the spring issue of *Parameters*, the AWC journal, 12 thoughtful pages which lay to rest 11 myths on "Security and Stability in the Post-Vietnam Era."

Planning is underway for a Class gift to be given at our 30th Reunion. Dan Tobin nominated and the Class voted John Bard as chmn of the gift cmte, made up of George Chancellor and Lloyd Matthews, Wade Hampton, the class pres (whoever he may then be) and Doug O'Connor, who gave WP the magnificent Blue and Gray Room in Washington Hall in memory of his wife.

Here at AFJ, Clif Berry has turned out a movie script of *THE RAID*, our Harper & Row book just out, and we hope you'll have a chance to see on film the story of what really happened at Son Tay prison in 70,

when a small group of dedicated military guys made no big deal about volunteering to risk their lives trying to rescue their fellow soldiers—men who were strangers to them.

Your letters, notes and calls are always a lot of fun—and Clif and I would enjoy seeing more of you personally as well.

# '55

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Congratulations to the 50 Army classmates who have pinned on their eagles effective 1 Jul. And let's hope that by the time you read this the AF classmates will have theirs also. Seems like some justifiable celebration is in order and you can be excused if you carry it a bit far.

Congratulations to Hank Meetze who was promoted to BG in the USAR in Feb 76. Hank resigned from the Army in 69 and joined the 310th Theater Army Area Cmd as a LTC (USAR). There he served in successive positions as G3, CS, and now as DCG. The 310th has its HQ at Ft Belvoir and is the largest TO&E HQ in the USAR. It provides the command and control necessary for a wide variety of attached units which have a combat service support mission in the theater army area. The CG of the 310th is a Nav Acad grad so we can see that Hank



1955: Founders Day 1976: Darrah, Bunden and Ray.



1955: Rod Vitty



1955: Dick and Carol Baker, Bill and Sharon Peters.

provides the necessary command balance. Hank hails from the DC area and he and Joan have called Fairfax their home since 65. In 67 Hank earned a MS degree from GWU. He now works at the Dept of Agriculture where he heads the Data Processing opn. Our best wishes to Hank for his continued success.

In the previous column I mentioned the wedding of Ski Ordway and the former Ute Knoll White on Sat, 3 Apr. Some photos taken at the reception at the Chevy Chase CC are included here. As you can see Ski & Ute make a lovely couple. Ute's family hails from Bad Hertzefel, Germany. She has 2 brothers and 1 sister. It was nice to see Ski's mother at the reception as well as COL (Ret.) Weller McCarthy, Tom McCarthy's dad. Again our best wishes to Ski and Ute.

Rod Vitty has again been singled out for an award by the CT General Life Ins Co. For the 3d consecutive year his Cherry Hill, NJ office has received the "Outstanding Agency Award." Rod's work involves the management of an extensive work force engaged in financial planning services including life and health ins protection as well as ret. and other pension plans. Rod has been very active with the WP Soc of Phila serving now as a dir. He is also a past pres of that chapter.

From Colo Spgs comes word of the promotion of Dave Finley from Assoc Prof to Prof. Dave joined the CO Coll faculty in 63.



1955: Mary Ann and Rich Miller, Connie Franklin, and Strati.

He was a visiting prof of polit sci at Stanford in 66-67 at which time he earned a PhD. Dave's primary area of interest centers around the Soviet Union.

Chuck Roades completed a tour with the OJCS this summer. He will spend a year in various schools prepping for an assignment as Air Attaché in Moscow beginning in the summer 77. Last I heard John Sloan was an Army Attaché there.

Jerry Crancer has changed jobs in the ODCSRDA and is now the XO to LTC Cooksey. According to Dorothy she's never quite sure what time he'll be arriving home. Jerry will be going to command probably in the summer of 77.

Don Poorman has completed command of the 13th Spt Bde at Ft Hood and moved to Ft Lee where he is the Dpty Cmdt for the QM Sch. Doug has completed his yearling year at the AFA and is following in his dad's footsteps as an outstanding swimmer. Scot is now a HS senior.

Don Olvey, Mike Garn, and Chaplain Ford were scheduled to sail into NY harbor on 4 Jul completing an exciting voyage from England in a 30 ft sailboat. I hope to have



1955: Brown, Sharon Peters, Pat Strati, Sandra and Dick Wargowsky, Peters, and Strati.

more info and photos in the next column.

Joe & Connie Franklin are now settled at Ft Knox. Their son Bill has enrolled at Dennison Coll in OH there to pursue his academic, tennis and other ambitions.

Matt & Betty Schepps returned from a 3-year MILGP assignment in Venezuela a year ago and Matt is now with NSA at Ft Meade. Bud & Bonnie DeMaris remain in the DC area. Bud recently shifted jobs from DNA near Ft Belvoir to a structural design analysis job at Arlington Hall Sta.

Now attending the Industrial Coll are Will Holbrook, Bill Peters, and Bob Newton. All come from other jobs in the DC area. Moving to the AWC from DC are Jim & Lynne Bergen and Bob & Marly Carpenter. Roland Nordlie and Dick Wargowski are both at the Air WC.

Lee & Linda McKinney have moved to the St. Louis area where Lee is the Dist Engr. After 7 years here it was hard to leave. Dan Ludwig is another Dist Engr designee. He and Donna are off to Buffalo, NY after a short 1 year at Ft Belvoir since finishing the Nav WC.

Rich & Mary Ann Miller remained in the DC area after Rich finished ICAF in Jun.



1955: Bob and Pat Strati, Will and Susan Holbrook.

He is now working at Ft Belvoir as the Dir, Facilities Engineering Support Agency. This job is in keeping with Rich's nuclear engineering background. He continues to pursue his doctorate degree with GWU and enjoys sailing his sailboat on the Potomac.

After a year of being a "roadrunner" between DC and Carlisle, Bob Chapman returns to the Pentagon and Phyllis on a full time basis. He will work in the ODCSOPS. Jim Eddins comes to town, also from AWC, and will work in the NE Asia Br, J5, OJCS. George Kennebeck has finished the NWC and moved to Langley AFB, where he is now the IG for HQ TAC. News from Ft Bliss has Paul Parks moving to a new job as Dir of Spt for the AD Sch. Dave Hufnagel has completed command of the AD Sch Bde and returned to the DC area.

Bill Goodwin ret. from the AF and DNA and has gone to Albuquerque where he is working for an energy laser co. Tom Herron is ret. from OTEA and planning to remain in the DC area.

Our thanks to Charlie Johnson who arranged for a delightful DC area class gathering at the Ft Myer Officers Club on 27 May. About 75 people attended the cocktail party. If you were not notified or if you are new in the area please contact either Charlie or me so we can update our roster. The next social activity hopefully will be this fall.

Late Jun finds me finished with an enjoy-



1955: Ray and Emily Karam, Ray and Ann Gunderson, and Hagedorn.



1955: Ski and Ute with Charlie and Brownie Johnson.

able year at the ICAF, spending a week on the beach at Ocean City, and contemplating my new job on the DA staff in DCSLOG as Chief, Tp Spt Div. Drop by to see me when you are in the building. Pat and I are happy to be remaining in the DC area for a while longer and remaining at the same address awaiting your news for the next column. See you at a football game this fall!

## '56

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First, I want to thank Jim Anderson for coming to my rescue last issue and saving this column from utter oblivion. His news about classmates at WP, the 20-Year Book, and the Reunion plans this coming Oct were all very refreshing and most welcome.

Maury Crallé furnished a swell run down on the doings at Ft Riley. He has been there as the Compt for the 1st Inf Div and Ft Riley for the past 1½ years. Maury and Penny plus their 5 girls and 2 boys have been esconced in a big old 1909 house on the parade ground directly across from Keith & Kay Barlows' residence. Keith finished the year as Dpty Cmdr of the U.S. Army Re-training Bde and is now with the III Region ROTC Hqs. He will be the G3 for the ROTC Adv Camp at Riley the summer of 76. Maury and Keith worked together as Chmn and Prog Cmte head, respectively, for the Riley Founders Day dinner. They invited the gals, had a great time and even made a modest profit on the deal.

Maury is looking forward to seeing Jack Nicholson and family this year. Jack will



1956: Founders Day 1976: Graesser and Wall.

take command of the 1st Inf Div, 2d Bde. Maury talks from time to time with his old roommate, Ernie Wilson, who is at the Sixth Army Hqs in San Fran managing Res Inf Tng. Ernie expects to see René Hart again this year. René will be leaving his command post of a tng bn at Ft Polk and will be re-assigned at the SGS of Sixth Army Hqs.

My ever faithful correspondent, Jesse Blackwell, sent along a good picture of the Founders Day gathering in NYC. He is the prog chmn for that soc. Jesse and his wife were joined by Sam Alward and his wife and Bert Tucker at the NYC affair this past spring.

Received a most welcome phone call from Bob Kurtz. He and Janice are extremely proud of their son, Bob Jr., who is a Plebe this year at the AFA. Bob is Chief-Info Sci Div at the Rome Air Devl Cen, Griffiss AFB, NY. Janice has a private pilot's license and meanwhile, has found time to obtain an AB in Engl from Eastern MI U. They have a daughter Carol who is a sr in high school and a cheerleader. Their next in line, Linda, is a 10th grader and also a cheerleader. Their youngest, David, is a 1st grader this year.

Perry Smith put in a plug for the AF Sch of Aerospace Medicine which has been conducting for the past 24 yrs a comprehensive phys exam program for members of our Class. The school pays the entire bill, including travel expenses for the 2-day exam. The impor-



1956: (L-R): Tucker, the Blackwells, and the Alwards.

tant thing for those of us who, through the years, have dropped out of the program is that we are welcome back. In fact, the school encourages returnees to increase the statistical base so that its findings can be validated and confirmed. Those interested should contact Dr. Dale A. Clark, USAFAAM/HGP, Brooks AFB, TX 78235.

Ray Cannon is a sys prog staff officer with the B1 Sys Prog Office (SPO) at W-P AFB. According to the AF News Service, he and the other members of the SPO earned the AF Organizational Excellence Award for exceptional meritorious service from 1 Jun 70 to 30 Jun 75. The B-1 SPO is part of the ASD and mgr of the overall B-1 sys devl. Ray, Carolyn and their 2 daughters still reside in Dayton.

Roger & Judy Roots' daughter Susan graduated from high school this year and will be attending college near Fairfax, VA. Their son Steve has earned his varsity letter in Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track and their youngest, Jonathan, is a normal 6-year-old and doing very well in school.

Betty is looking forward to teaching the 4th grade next year, instead of the 1st graders, and Carolynn at 15 has taken a real liking to high school. Life for me at TRW

continues to be very interesting, and I was recently designated a Certified Professional Contracts Mgr (CPCM) by the Natl Contracts Mgmt Assn. By the time you see this, the Wilkers should be packing our bags and looking forward to a very sentimental journey and visit with the majority of you on the Hudson. Hopefully, you will all be prepared at that time to refresh my fading memory as to your activities to date, your ever growing families, grandchildren et al, and other momentous happenings. It will be easy to spot me, because I will be the confused one who isn't up on the latest jargon and acronyms, and who will be addressing everybody by the wrong name. Actually, some things never change, do they?

## '57

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I looked into my mailbag to write the column and found myself closely akin to Old Mother Hubbard. This would give one the impression that '57 isn't running any more, and we all know that isn't true. Fortunately, I do have a few letters, which I'll cover first, and the Class in the DC area has been quite active, to include a great turnout at the annual bash at the Iversons'. I'll be using pictures from the party for the next few columns. Now to the letters. Betty Olson wrote from Carlisle following a homecoming party for J.D. Smith. Too bad J.D. didn't make it, because she says it was a great party; something of a cross between a pot luck and a barbecue which ended up around the fireplace at the Houses' when the weather turned cold. Betty sent some pictures along and more word on asgmts out of Carlisle. With regard to the asgmts, I'll just add to what was in the last column. Dick & Diane Stephenson, whom we also saw on the 12th, are going to Iran. Such a simple word and I couldn't figure it out last time. Both Tom McDonald and John McDonald are coming to the DC area; where, I know not. Marty & Valerie Carson are going to San Ant, TX. While the guys at Carlisle went to the Founders Day dinner, which must have been a success since '57 ran it, the women got together at the Olsons' for their own cocktail party and then went out to celebrate. Sounds like the close of a great year. I've included the pictures, but I don't know if they'll print because they're in color. You'll have to supply the names.

Got a couple of lovely letters from Jody Scott, with a picture of their very attractive daughter, Barbara Ellen, who will be entering Texas A&M in the fall. Jerry and Jody



1957: Founders Day 1976: (L-R): Kennett, Houser, Newsom, Dean and Peckham.

are stationed at Schofield Bks and have been for 3 yrs. Jerry will be taking a bde in the 2d AD at Ft Hood in Dec, which will be quite a change from his current asgmt with CINCPAC. Jody also mentioned that Bill Page is stationed at Wheeler AFB. Got a change of address card and then a letter from Sam Focer, who is departing the pleasant surroundings of Western MI U. in Kalamazoo, where he's been PMS for the last 3 yrs, for the "Land of the Morning Calm." He has been assigned to the UN Cmd but will be trying to get into the 2d Inf. If you're going to have a hardship tour, it might as well be hard. And that's the end of the mail. Obviously, some of you are not writing. Note that 2 out of the 3 letters were from wives, which is just great if more wives will write. We had another big turnout at our last Class luncheon on 19 May, a total of about 47, and the guest speaker was LTC Peers, the chmn of the cmte that made the My Lai investigation. His presentation was extremely interesting, as well as educational. Fletch Elder, our new social chmn, handed out a tentative schedule of events for the next year and I'm including a few dates for those of you who like to plan in advance: 29 Aug 76—Family Picnic at the USCG DC Radio Sta, Alexandria, VA; 22 Sept 76—Luncheon at Ft Myer; 23 Oct—Homecoming Gat at WP; 24 Nov—Joint Army-Navy '57 Luncheon; 27 Nov—Army-Navy Game; 11/18 Dec—Xmas Dinner Dance; 18 Mar 77—Founders Day dinner; Jun 77—June Week (20 yrs); Oct 77—Homecoming (20 yrs).

I don't know what the plans are yet for the 20th Reunion, but I'm guessing it'll be at WP in Oct 77. Any questions or comments on the above should be addressed to Fletch. His business phone in the Pentagon is 697-1182.

Also picked up the following info at the luncheon. Congratulations are in order to Ed & Julia Hildreth on the birth of a daughter on 2 Oct 75. This baby has got to be one of the latest in the Class. Please let me know of any other late arrivals. Ed is being re-assigned from the OCAR to the CAA in Bethesda. He obviously has a way with concepts. Don & Cynthia Bowman have joined OACSI, where Don is Chief, Pers Br. They just left Sioux Falls, SD, where Don commanded the DRC. Don said that Gerry Chase took the Des Moines Recruiting Dist in May. Don Davis is departing the DC area for Richards Gebaur AFB near Kansas City, MO, in Jul. He is assigned to AFCS HQ. John & Barbara Hocker left for Paris this month, after saying a last farewell at the party on the 12th. John will be a student in the Ecole Superieur de Guerre (The French War Coll) for 2 yrs. Look him up if you're over there. Jim & Barbara Kaiser are civs living in Vienna, VA. He is the asst to the Dir Admin Svs, Intl Monetary Fund. I'm not sure if that means he can make loans, but you can always try. Don Ley is presently a special asst to the Chief, Army Reserves, but he will be going to the NWC in Aug. Speaking of little kids, he and Pat have 4, the youngest of which is only one. Jerry Patterson recently arrived in the area and is assigned to the DAIG. He is still a bachelor and may hold out forever. He said that Jack Apperson is being assigned as Exec. Asst SA (I&L) as of 15 Jun. Fred Smith, another "bachelor par excellence" was back in the ZI in May on R&R from Buenos Aires. He said that Jay Toole, who is presently the Asst AA in Paris, is going to Heidelberg as S4 of the ACE Mobile Force. John & Mimi



1957: Party at Carlisle Barracks.



1957: Iversons' party.

Stokes have returned from Iran and he is now assigned to OTEA. They've been back since Apr but haven't found a place to live yet. Happy hunting. Mike Stein has received orders to London where he will be with the DIA Liaison Det, MOD. He and Eunice will leave in Jul. Now for the party on the 12th. Regretfully, not everyone filled out the poopsheets I provided, and I haven't got the complete list of who was there, but I did get the following info and a few pictures. I might mention that a pro photog took group pictures, but I haven't seen them yet. Two of the 3 group pictures I took came out and are in the column. Sorry about the 3d, with special apologies to those who were in it. Jim & Elizabeth Jenkins gave us a ride to the party, and Jim was kind enough to take some pictures also. You may see some of them in later editions. You may recall that Jim was the official photog for the HOWITZER, and so his work will no doubt be much better than mine. One of the big news items of the evening as the upcoming marriage of Bob Leard, who has fallen from the ranks of bachelorhood after 19 glorious years (according to him), to Marianne Burnette on 31 Jul. You will no doubt note that Dick Stephenson and Moon Mullins are also in the picture, and that Dick is holding a cup in his hand with some Hebrew writing. If you can read Hebrew, you'll realize that the picture is printed backwards, but since that's the only thing wrong with it, c'est la vie. The same is true for the 2 group pictures. See how many people you can name and send all entries to me, along with info about yourself. The other picture I've included from the party will explain why I write this column. Look at the contacts I make. The lady is the lovely Christina McGovern. After being in this one I took a picture of her with George but was so excited that it came out blurred. The following info came from some of the people at the party. Lou & Gail Barisano are living in Alexandria, and Lou is with the COL's Asgmt Branch, MILPERCEN. Archie & Miriam Barrett have just arrived in the area with their 3 children. Archie is a Plans and Programs Officer, HQUSAF/YODC. Bob & Denise Christy are with OCAR, where Bob is a Br Chief in the Compt Div. Bob & Jeanne Comeaus' eldest, Chris, will start the VPI Sch of Agriculture in the fall. Congrats! Bob is the Chief, Labor and Civ Pers Law, OTJAG, DA. He is also a member of the Natl PTA Bd of Mgrs and is a past pres of the European PTA. There's a man devoted to his kids. Jeanne is working on a master's in Sch Admin at George Mason. I think they're trying to cover both sides, school and parents. Jim Cortez was in from Ft Ord. He is being assigned to DCSOPS and is in the process of moving. Unfortunately Marie and his 2 sons are not with him yet. John & Cynthia Crater are with MILPERCEN, where he is the Chief of the Regulations Br. Jon & Judy Dunning, and their 6 children, are about to leave Arlington Hall Sta for Nellingen, Germany, where he will be MMIC, 2d Spt Cmd. Bud & Nancy Langworthy were up from Newport News, where Bud is a Civ Aero Engr, Eustis Dir, Air Mobility R&D Lab. Nancy is the chief of the hostesses at colonial Williamsburg. Their oldest son Bob is going to the U. of TX on a full NROTC scholarship, which is the way to go. Len & Dee Marrella have moved back to the DC area, since Len is leaving his job as Proj Mgr for the 1¼ ton truck to attend ICAF. As I recall, he just completed a 6-mo mgmt



1957: Goodson, Mary Campion, Hanigan, Beben, Dick and Pat Pastore, Whalen, Campion, Bernice and Max Kovel.

course at Belvoir prior to becoming proj mgr. Bud Miller was up from TRADOC where he is a civ OR Analyst. Regretfully, his wife was not with him. Dick & Pat Pastore told me that their oldest, Susan, is following in her mother's footsteps and is going to become a nurse. She will attend DePaul Hosp Sch of Nursing in Norfolk, VA. Rudy & Pat Pataro are getting back into the academic world as Rudy will attend the NWC in Aug. John & Alayne Ramsden are also headed into academia but John is going to ICAF. He was the LTC Asgmt Officer for Chem Corps officers. Didn't know we still had them. Bill & Bamby Ray are about to leave DC for Omaha, NE, where Bill will be the DE. Their oldest, Mark, is now a soph at Dartmouth. George & Debbie Richardson have just returned to the DC area (I think from Germany), and George is assigned to the CAA in Bethesda. Wade & Missy Shaddock are leaving DCSOPS for Lake Charles, LA, where Wade will be PMS at McNeese State U. Lake Charles is his hometown and he intends to stay there when this tour is completed. Norm & Jane Vaughn were also present, and this time I finally got the straight poop on where he works. He is the Exec, Directorate for Intel, DIA. Dick & Cynthia White were at the party, and Dick, who is now an AF COL, is assigned to OATSD(AE). Lofton & Joan White were also present, and it's a good thing because once again he provided the meat for the party. It was great! Don & Mary Winters were there, and Don



1957: Max Kovel and Christina McGovern.

indicated that he still works for OCRDA. Steve Quantannens was escorting a lovely young French lady, Nadine Sawicki by name (doesn't sound French), and for a fee he may let you have her address. These lawyers are all alike. Mike & Pam Higgins gave me a business card announcing their retail antiques venture. Mike says he's got all kinds, and will be happy to do business with you. He can be reached at 703-360-3916. Bob & Sara Tener are packing their gear for a move to Carlisle after only one year in VA. Bob was picked up for the AWC. Congrats! Other info from the party, provided by Jeanne Comeau, is that Dave Nottingham is currently the CO of an Engr Bn at Ft Bragg. Spoke to Tom Garigan, our venerable public affairs man at WP, and got a little human interest story. Following the death of Tony Bullotta's son in Highland Falls last year, a soccer memorial trophy was established for the most improved player in the Highland Falls H.S. jr class. This year the first award of the Anthony P. Bullotta trophy was made to Thomas P. Garrigan Jr. There should be a picture in the column showing the presentation. From the Army Times I noted that Tom Kehoe and Bruce Stout have just graduated from the DSM school mgmt crse. An AF news release in Apr re-



1957: (L-R): Mullins, Leard, Marianne Burnette (the blushing bride), Ellen Iverson, Stephenson.

ported that Jack Farris has been selected for 06. He and Nina are at Barksdale where he is the Cdr, 62d Bomb Sq. Rumor has it that Moon Mullins, our man on the Hill, is preparing for a travel agcy. I wonder if this is tied in with his frequent travels as the AF Chief of Congressional Liaison for the House, accompanying members of Congress to such far off places as the USSR, Romania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Spain, England, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, etc.

Last note. I watched the swearing-in ceremony for the Class of '80 at WP and was duly impressed. The list of classmates' children who entered is still forthcoming, and may be married up with the column at WP. However, I have no additional info on other service academies, or other civ universities for that matter, and would appreciate hearing from you all. I know that we have kids going to school all over the country and it's just possible that other classmates can help make their school year more pleasant if they know they're around. If for no reason other than the welfare of your offspring, drop me a line with the info. If you have no offspring going off to school, write anyhow—so that I'll have a more pleasant year.

# '58

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'58 deserves to feel a little older and a lot prouder this summer as the first of our sons joins the ranks. Kevin Kelly, Tom's son, has been accepted for the Class of '80 (coed) and will be fitted out in Cadet Gray by the time this issue hits the streets. Kevin was 17 on 23 Mar. Ann and Betsy Connell will also be headed off to coll this fall, back here in the East where Harriett and Terry can keep something of a watchful eye on them from Carlisle. Tom Kelly is with the CAA here in the DC area, while Terry has been out at Ft Carson trying to figure out where—and how much—land Carson needs for additional maneuver area.

Tom reports fellow stalwarts at the CAA: Troy Chappell, Mike Davall and Lou Genaro. Lou is on his way to Korea for a command assignment.

Others leaving DC for a stint with the "real" Army include Butch Saint (from Exec to the CS to command of the 11th ACR in Europe), Phil Dimauro (from OCSA to a command slot in Europe by way of a German language crse) and Linc Jones (from a plush years at NWC to a plush assignment as Dpty Cmdr of the 193d Inf Bde in Panama). Neil Williamson is moving down to Redstone Ars, while Mike Mahler will transition in place from DCSPER to ICAF.

New faces in the Pentagon and vicinity—no one can escape forever—feature Joe Moore in ODCSOPS, Gene Wentworth in ODCS-LOG and Van Van Fleet in ODCSRDA. Also reputed to be headed in this direction are Phil Pryor from the Nav WC, John Deely from USAREUR, Hugh Trumbull, Vic Gongola and Vin Barta. Larry Hunt is Exec to the DCG (Materiel Acquisition) of DARCOM (that's AMC after name change to Materiel Development and Readiness Command). Wes Loffert is in the recruiting business commanding the DRC here in DC.

Dick Graves recently visited—back from a few days in USAREUR to get the straight word. Chuck Cabell is up in OSD with ODDR&E. If you have an assignment problem and need some personal assistance, you should consider calling Tom Sands (COLs Div, 325-7870) or Doug Detlie and Claude Fernandez (LTCs Div, Inf, 325-9614). Thanks to Doug for pulling together a lot of the info in this article!

Off from this year's graduating class at the AWC, besides Chuck Teeter who has now joined your scribe here in the Mgmt Dir, are Gary Graves, for MAAG Iran, Bill Tuttle for HQ TRADOC at Ft Monroe and Barrie Williams for HQ FORSCOM at Ft McPherson.



1958: Founders Day 1976: Sutherland, Burke and Michael.

Tom Stevens is now residing on his peach plantation in Middleton, DE. After a stint with DuPont, he is now pres and owner of Process Industries, Inc. of Wilmington and is engaged in the design of specialized equipment for industry.

Bob Tallgren's name popped up recently in the local DC newspapers as one of the leaders in the Northern VA Amateur Golf Tourney, which leads one to wonder what the prerequisites for working for AMTRAK really are. Dave Umbaugh, a visitor at Carlisle during the last Founders Day, is apparently working out of the Mechanicsburg Naval Ships Parts Cen as an ADP expert. Understand that Dave has become a distance runner of no small repute.

Way up North—in AK—Brad Johnson has turned over command of the 222d Avn Bn and is now the XO of the 172d Inf Bde. Dick Bauchpies, having left Ft Bragg and the 82d AD, is now the Cmdt, Northern Warfare TC.

Pete Bahnsen called in early Jun to check out of the DC net. He is moving to Ft Bragg and command of the 1st PSYOPS Bn.

Daryl & Noni Jaschen have moved from Ft Belvoir to Falkstone Lane in Mount Vernon Manor, about halfway between your scribe and Jim & Dee Hall. This part of '58 is getting localized.

Late word as this edition was going to press indicates that Chuck Densford was in an OH-58 helicopter accident at Ft Hood on 29 Jun and is presently at Brooke AMC with an injured back and several broken bones. His hospital stay at this point was estimated at 4 to 8 wks. Good luck, Chuck! We're with you.

With some regret and a great deal of thanks to those of you who have helped keep this column going over the past 2 years, this will be the last issue for your present scribe. With an amazingly small amount of arm-twisting and only promises of an occasional letter, George Sibert, now firmly ensconced in ODCSRDA and the Pentagon, has agreed to pick up the quill commencing with the next issue. Send your cards and letters to George at 3160 North Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22007. Write to GEORGE!

# '59

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A total of 32 classmates, 25 wives, and about 70 kids attended the DC area picnic held at Belvoir on 20 Jun. Fred Manzo took the pix included here, and John McNerney did a magnificent job masterminding the affair and supplying the following list of invitees (classmates in this area) and their



1959: DC Picnic: Roeslers, Sue Manzo, Joyce Griffin.

addresses for those who would like to re-establish communications:

Jim Adams, ICAF; Bill Barry, Nav Med Cen; Lee Bell, Loyola College, Baltimore; Bert Bertils, DCSRDA; Craig Bertolett, Joppa, MD; Frank Besson, DCSLOG; Ray Beurket, Belvoir; Tom Borlund, SAGA; Bob Bowers, DCSRDA; Tom Boyle, DARCOM; Al Breuel, Alexandria; Irv Broocke, CAA; Ed Burba, NWC; Lou Caruso, DCSRDA; Dick Clark, FAA; Joe Coreth, Chevy Chase; Hank Covington, MILPERCEN; Bob Creteau, McLean; Chuck Darby, Ruxton, MD; Pete Dawkins, en route Ft Ord; George Day, MILPERCEN; John Eberhard, Rockville, MD; Don Eckelbarger, NWC; Rod Ferguson, PASED; Mike Gillette, World Bank; Roy Greene, AFXO; Art Griffin, DACA; John Grinalds, HQ, USMC; Bill Guild, MILPERCEN; John Gurr, Arlington; John Guthrie, Arlington; Jim Hahn, en route Korea; Wiley Harris, AFDSC; Buzz Haskin, Nav Sea Sys Cmd; Charlie Hayes, Chevy Chase; Monk Hilliard, TRADOC; Bob Holman, Alexandria; Powell Hutton, DACS; Steve Hurley, Rockville, MD; Bud Imler, DCSRDA; Jim Kennedy, Baltimore; George Kleb, DCSPER; Jack Knebel, Dept of Agr; Nick Kraciw, en route Europe; Dave Lewis, Clinton, MD; Mart Lidy, DARCOM; Charlie Lynn, SAGA; Jay Madden, JCS-J6; Fred Malek, McLean;



1959: DC Picnic: Gropo Greene inspecting the chow.

Fred Manzo, ACSI; Jim Massey, DARCOM; Bob McDonald, DCSPER; Tom McMorro, DCSOPS; John McNerney, AWC; Bruce Medaris, Aberdeen PG; John Meloy, DCSPER; Don Morgan, Burke, VA; Marv Moss, Cong Aide; Tom Munz, Rockville, MD; Bob Novogratz, DCSLOG; John O'Brien, Fairfax, VA; Roger Paquette, TRADOC; George Parolini, OCSA; John Patterson, For Svc Inst; Tony Pokorny, TRADOC; Bruce Porter, Anandale, VA; Ron Recher, Prince George, VA; Don Reinhard, Aberdeen PG; Jon Rindfleisch, HQ, USMC; Gil Roesler, DCSRDA; Jim Rowe, DARCOM; Bill Rowe, Carlisle, PA; Jim Satterwhite, DCSRDA; Skip Schow, Belvoir; Dan Schrader, HQ, USMC; Lou Schroeder, WRAMC; Bob Shain, Belvoir; Gerry Stadler, DCSOPS; Ed Stauch, AMSAA; Don Svendsen, OCE; Joe Todaro, DCSOPS; Dick Toye, State Dept; Bill Turpin, Alexandria; Harry Walters, Richmond; Jay Warren, IG; John Wilson, en route Europe; Walt Wosicki, DARCOM; Jim Vanlobensels, NWC.

News from WP comes from Ann Stromberg (bless her!), and I choose to quote her liberally:

"Fitchetts are going to Germany where Don is getting a bn. First, though, they are going to CA to language sch for 3 weeks and leave the kiddies with grandmother. Fitchetts say Bruce & Micki Williams are on their way to Ft Carson. Kubos are on their way to Ft Leonard Wood, but Art will go first to Seattle



1959: Founders Day Offutt AFB: Turner, Brass, McCoy, Moorhaus.

to give a paper on nuclear waste. This is quite a big deal with only a few special scientists invited. The Abrahamsons have no news except for their glorious trip to Bermuda over Spring Leave, and their yet more glorious month-long trip to England this summer. Hugh Servis has a new red Triumph and is very excited about it.

"Our life goes on hectically. Peter had his dream come true with the opening of 'The Academy Lyceum' this spring. This is a Sun afternoon series of conversations with important men in different fields. It is voluntary, and neither cadets nor instructors are required to attend. We simply attend because we are interested in what is going on in the world today. Not always true. The first one to come was George C. Scott, who far surpassed my expectations. The crowd that day was great. The next guest was none other than Norman Mailer. The crowd was acceptable but not good."

Mary Callaghan writes that Bill has been assigned to Richards-Gebaur AFB (just south of Kansas City, MO) since Nov 75, and that she has seen her first snow in a decade. The Callaghans can be reached at 5946 E. 129th St, Grandview, MO 64030.

Ed & Kathy Temple, who live in Metairie, LA, at 910 Zinnia Ave (70001), hosted a small party in Mar, and Ed writes as follows: "This past Mar Joe Shea and John Harrell were in New Orleans for an industrial exposition during which we were fortunate that they could



1959: Gil Dorland, author.



1959: DC Picnic: with kids.

find a free evening to come for dinner. John and Joe work for IRD, an elect instrument firm, with John living and working out of Baton Rouge and Joe in Houston. John's wife Marty drove over for the evening, and Al Hew and his wife, Mai Ling, who live here in Metairie, also were able to join us. It was a fun affair, as it always is when old friends get together, and we have made plans for a repeat this fall when Army plays Tulane. In the event there are other classmates who plan to attend the game, please let them know that in addition to the party planned by the local chapter of the WP Soc, the Temple bar will be open and we would love to have one and all.

"I have successfully navigated the first year at Tulane and am now immersed in summer sch. I hope to take my preliminary exams next spring, return to WP in the summer of 77, and then find time to write my dissertation." Good luck to you, Ed, and many thanks for the letter.

Gil Dorland has a mgmt consulting firm called Capital Svs, Ltd., in La Jolla, CA. "Since resigning from the service in 69," he writes, "I have had somewhat of a varied civ career. Initially, I was a sponge diver on a Greek island in the Aegean Sea, after which I started 2 companies and was pres of a



1959: DC Picnic: Borland, emcee.



1959: Founders Day 1976.

turnaround situation. I am presently seeking another situation to acquire. Please extend my best to our classmates."

Gil was kind enough to send me a copy of a book he has recently coauthored with John Van Der Wal, called "From Idea to Maturity: A Financially Oriented Handbook for The Chief Executive Officer and The Entrepreneur." As the dust jacket says, it is "a crisp and comprehensive discussion on the development of a business idea into a viable company." I have read it twice, have found it tremendously interesting and informative, and recommend it to anyone considering becoming either an entrepreneur or an executive. Gil will be happy to send anyone a copy for \$11.00 if you will write him at PO Box 513, La Jolla, CA 92038.

And that seems to be all the news that's fit to print.

## '60

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Well, the summer is upon us, so the possibility of the info covered in this column being outdated due to PCS's is very, very strong. In fact, a lot stronger than you might think since some of the info is already a year old. Not my fault—that's how long it takes some of our classmates to figure out where to send it—not to mention my habit of misplacing the letters. At any rate—to the news.

Since the last column, the LTC Cmd Sel Bd released the much anticipated list. A total of 41 classmates were on the list which means that in the next 18 mos, the Class of '60 will be pretty well represented throughout the Army in a number of significant ways—1st in DR's, giving blood, traffic accidents, etc., with the possibility of some kind of readiness test or the like thrown in. Listing the 41 names would be difficult since I left the list

somewhere, so, congratulations and pass on the asgmts when they become known.

Ft Bliss checked in in the form of a letter from Frank Cremer. El Paso has its fair share of '60. Bob Trodella is teaching FA in the Tac Dept. Mike Hynd is with the CDC, and Joe Stehling is stationed at White Sands. The accompanying picture shows what the average classmate looks like 16 yrs down the road. After I finished noticing Jack Fannings pockets, I did recognize Steve Scott and Kenny King—with the help of Frank's letter and caption. Steve is in the construction business in the El Paso area, and Kenny is an atty with an El Paso firm, Jack is dpty to the CS, and Frank is working in the Tng Devl business with the ADS.

The Dravo Corp, a diversified Pittsburgh-based firm, recently announced the promotion of Charles Schrankel to Dir of Corporate Marketing Service.

Phil Walker contributed the next bit of news from Ft Carson. Somehow, the group there convinced Phil that even though he was in the process of preparing a bn for shipment to USAREUR, the news to the scribe had to take some type of priority. Ed Osborne is teaching in the Dept of Mech at the AFA (and having difficulty coming to grips with the sliding block on an inclined plane). Mary Osborne is pursuing her career as a CPA, and keeping Ed in blocks. Bax Mowery is the G3 of the 4th Inf Div, and will take command of the 2/12th Inf this summer. Bonnie is kept busy with the OVC, assorted wives' activities, and 3 children. HB Smith is presently working in his secondary specialty as the DPM, Police Service. HB hopes to assume command of an ADA bn this summer at Carson also. Gail is assisting HB as a volunteer counselor at the confinement facility. To get back to Phil



1960: The Champs.



1960: (L-R): The Osbornes, Mowerys, Smiths and Walkers.



1960: Would you believe—Scott, Cremer, Fanning, King.

—he is commanding the 1/19 FA and currently on TDY for 6 mos to Weisbaden, Germany. Judy is maintaining her career as a realtor, and the driving force behind the "Chain of Concern"—250 waiting wives of the Bde 76.

Bill Tozer passed on some info from Korea where he is presently in the J3 shop of the tri hqs UNC/USFK/EUSA. Bill replaced Frank Farrell (more on him later). En route to Korea Bill spent some time with HB Smith and family in Carson, Wally Duncan and family in Laramie, and the Partlows at Ft Lewis. The Tozers are together as a family for the 2-year shot in the Land of whatever-they-call-it. Bill reports seeing Kelly O'Malley (now in the Pentagon), John Berti (now in the DC area), Larry Reber (S3, 1st Sig Bde), Mike Gilmartin (Sgt Bn SE of Seoul), Bill Carpenter (Inf Bn, 2d Div), and Frank Bochnowski (G1, 2d Div). (That's why Carpenter is getting 12 Bravos.)

Have a little European news. Al & Carol Champ are in Giessen where Al is the XO of the 42d FA Gp. Dick & Nancy Gates are due thru DC this summer en route to Giessen. I was fortunate about a week ago to take a trip to USAREUR (it only took 16 yrs for me to find out what TDY was). After finding out that I didn't have to tip the pilot, I arrived in Heidelberg only to find that they were in the middle of a Volksfest. Wanting to support the drive for the Youth Activity program, I was amazed to run into Mike & Mary Jezior who were also supporting the program. Naturally we "met" in the beer tent. Mike is hard at work in ODCSPER, Jack Misura working in ODCSOPS, and John Gibbs in ODCSRM. Which brings me to the bottom line—I was one of the fortunate 41 mentioned previously, and will soon be departing DC to take up residence in the 10th Engr Bn in Kitzingen. Frank Farrell, who not only has been recently elected as the Pres of the DC Class gp, has also consented to take over as the scribe for the Class column. I have agreed to be the USAREUR correspondent.



1960: Gilmartin, Bochnowski, Reber, Tozer.

At any rate, I have enjoyed doing the duty for the last 2 yrs—it has certainly brought back memories as I have received letters and news from all you out there. Thank you for the tremendous support—the news is only as good as the source, and you've done well. Please continue to feed Frank with the same volume.

Late news—Dick and Marie Healy to Ft Bragg; Bill Hanne to 3d Inf Div, USAREUR.

## '61

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For those classmates who read the spring issue of ASSEMBLY, you may recall that Bruce Holmberg passed the column to me and headed for Ft Ord. As the deadline for this issue approached I wondered how my first turn at fiction was going to work out, but at the last minute, the mail carrier drove around with news from several classmates.

Al Hokins, who is back on active duty in the AF after a few years of med dsblty ret., is a comm officer in the 9th AF at Shaw AFB, SC. He reports having participated in exercise Solid Shield 76, a large joint exercise, during which he ran into Fritz Hanson, who is an Army LnO to the AF. In a side trip to the Norfolk area, Al reports having



1961: Founders Day 1976: Hudell, Lynch and Hastings.

seen Phil Sykes who is the Dpty Dist Engr for the area. Al is fully recovered and thoroughly enjoying his renewed AF career.

Bruce Holmberg took a few minutes of his ample free time as a Bn Cdr at Ft Ord to fire off a status report from Vacationland West. Rita & Mike Hale are at DLI learning to order the big 2 litre mug in fluent German en route to a bn cmd in the Berlin Bde. Dale Shipley and Jim Loomam are Inf Bde XOs in the 7th Div and Joe Watt is the DIVARTY S4. Al Armstrong is commanding a prov bn in the Post Spt Cmd. Rod Granneman just finished a long stint at DLI with Arabic prior to a tour in Saudi Arabia which will be immediately followed by cmd of an Inf bn at Ft Campbell.

Meanwhile, from the lush watering spots of Korea (in 2d Div), Andy Sarzanini writes that he frequently sees Jim Lynch who heads the FSE in G3 and Gunnar Carlson who recently came on board as the DIVARTY S3. Andy reports that in spite of his growing attachment for the DMZ, he's going to the Italian War Coll near Rome where he will attend the sr service coll equiv crse for a year followed by in-country studies for 6 mos. He will be attached to Def Attaché in the Embassy, and extends an invitation to any classmates passing through the area.

Marty Ganderson who is just finishing the AFSC at Norfolk provided a wrap-up of our classmates in that area. Marty is headed for IMA at Ft Bragg then FSI and Tel Aviv as the Asst Attaché in Feb 78.

Ben Covington is off to USAREUR and troops, Joe Stewart to SHAPE Hq and Don Lewis is coming to the Army Staff. The WP Soc of Hampton Roads sponsored a 15th Reunion/Bicentennial picnic which drew most of the Class currently living in the Tidewater area: Jim Tedrick, Bob Dickson, Dave Dluzyn and Bill Griffiths were in attendance. Others in the area include Don Couvillion at Ft Eustis, Sam Wilder, Tom Magness and Bob Cairns are all at TRADOC where Howie DeWitt is expected to join them soon. Paul Devries says he's headed for 18th Abn Corps and Ron Beckett is off to IMA sometime this summer.

In closing, I would ask one and all to drop me a note before the 30 Sept deadline so that I can keep our Class informed as to your whereabouts and activities. I'm indebted to those who wrote this time and made this column possible.

## '62

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It seems that my news deadlines are causing classmates problems in having their news printed in a timely manner. Here are deadlines imposed upon me for ASSEMBLY notes:

30 Sept for the Dec issue.

5 Jan for the Mar issue.

30 Mar for the Jun issue.

30 Jun for the Sept issue.

So, while some of this letter's news may appear late, such as the news concerning Founders Day, I pass it on since I believe it is still of interest. Also, I notice from the enclosed photographs that few have changed in appearance since Jun of 62; what possible difference can the delay of a few months make?

The Class has an open invitation to visit (except Sun mornings) Denny Bennett in West Palm Beach. On 6 Jun, Denny received his Dr of Ministry degree and assumes the position of Assoc Pastor, Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach.

I received the following after action report:



1962: Finlayson (left) and Corr: Founders Day at Offutt AFB.



1962: (L-R): Susie Sarran, Faye Price, Sarran, Price and Mengle in Germany.



1962: The Bartlemes, Webbs, and Garveys in Germany.



1962: The Morgans, Canaries, and Morins in Germany.



1962: The Stanleys, Browns, and Gavans in Germany.

Departure Airfield: 110 Zucherman; Ft Benning, GA Primary Drop Zone: Martin Army Hospital IP Time (H-Hour): 0830, D-Day: 27 May 76 Jumpmaster: Frances Higinbotham. Stork Allowable Cargo Load: 6 lbs 14½ oz; 19 inches. Departure Airfield Control Officer: Lewis Higinbotham. Remarks: No equipment malfunctions, no weather delays; Drop executed on schedule, on primary drop zone; Paratrooper Kevin Lewis Higinbotham closed unit assembly area with no jump injuries, ready for action. Congratulations!

Bill Canthen recently arrived at Ft Sill and was appointed Ed of the Field Artillery Journal. Also at Sill is Al Robb who presently commands the 2d Bn, 36 FA. En route to Ft Sill, the Canthens visited Dick & Sally Helmuth at Ft Benning where Dick serves with the Arty Cmte; Bill said, "An island of red in a sea of blue." They had a mini-reunion at Ft Benning as they were joined by Tom & Rae Ann Murray from Ft Rucker.

Kaye Kelly writes from Ft Hood that she and J.J. have added to the family; Scott John was born on 9 Jun. J.J. was able to break from his duties of S3, 1/82 FA, to be with Kaye during birth. The Kellys also report a pleasant visit by Brian & Lil McEnany as the latter were on their way to Yellowstone.

Tom Eccleston has been named product mgr, SF6 Gas-Insulated Sys for the Greensburg, PA Div of I-T-E Imperial Corp Power Equipment Group.

Harry Meeth recently received a Master of Science degree from LaVerne Coll. This news was received from the coll so I can not report Harry's present location.

Finally, late news of Founders Day. Offutt AFB Founders Day dinner was attended by John Finlayson, now Sales Mgr, Ralph Printing Co, Omaha, and Jim Corr who is with HQs, SAC.

Ernie Webb sent lengthy news from Germany. Heidelberg was the site of this year's Founders Day and '62 took honors for the largest contingent present. Ernie writes, "We observed quietly as '75 was served salad, hungrily as '75 was served their main course, vociferously as we saw them receive dessert! Where was the respect due our seniority? Where was the protocol of ranks... Where was our food? The management apologized with a libation of free wine, sufficient in quantity to appease... we were eventually fed—during the speech by the oldest grad." Sorry that you all received your dinner late—from the photos I see that '62 had the benefit of quality entertainment as Ernie and Pat did their thing.

Pat & Ann Canary hosted a pre-Founders Day party in their quarters. '62ers arrived from all over. In addition to those shown in the photographs, others attending the party were Wayne & Tatjana Parker (now a civ with 3M), Gus & Darlene Zenker, Bill & Barbara Boozer, and Steve & Sue Arnold. The Berlin contingent did not make it to Heidelberg so Ernie & Pat went to Berlin. They



1962: Founders Day 1976: Harrison, Hettel and O'Brien.

stayed with Tom & Linda Simcox and had the pleasure of seeing Stu & Mary Ann Sherard and Frank & Sue Meehan.

New arrivals at Ft Bragg are John & Donna Nau. John occupies the desk next to mine so someone has longer to do in this office than I. Regards until next issue—thanks for the help.

# '63

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Having gone 13 years without contributing to this column, I guess it is justice that I'm your new scribe. Larry & Ann Anderson departed in Jun for Brussels, Belgium, where Larry will be the advisor on U.S. ADS to SACEUR, GEN Haig. Larry deserves a vote of thanks from all of us for the outstanding job he did as the scribe for the past year.

Very few letters were in the mailbag this summer. One that we did receive was from Jim "Bugs" Doherty, who wrote from Clyde River, Nova Scotia. Bugs says he lost his shorts in the stock market but is now a land baron! He also owns the largest resort complex in southern Nova Scotia, Scotian Manor Inn. It is an outdoor sportsman's paradise, and Bugs is offering a free stay at his inn to all his classmates. Write him at Clyde River (BOW 1 RO) or call (902) 637-2789.

Rich Entlich dropped a note from WP to let us know about the Class alumni fund which Leigh Fairbank has begun. Leigh works in the Alumni Affairs Office at USMA and has made a contribution to the WPF earmarked "Class of 1963." The fund will be used at the discretion of the Class. Similar funds have been used frequently for a Class Gift presented at one of the reunions. In looking over the Mar 76 issue of the ASSEMBLY, I noted that one class reported their fund totaled \$44,000+, so there is plenty of room for work on our part!

Attending "Founders Day" at the University Club in NYC were Frank Lennon and Dennis Murphy and his lovely wife. The Hon Barry Goldwater was the guest speaker at the 19 Mar event.

Sandy Wall has moved up to be Gp Product Mgr for Hanes Hosiery, Inc. Sandy has been with Hanes Corp in Winston-Salem, NC, since 71. Jay Westermeier, who has been practicing law in DC for the last couple of years and specializing in "computer law," was recently elected Secy and Member of the Bd of Dir for the Data Processing Mgmt Assn of DC.

As I hope most of you know by now, our Class hqs was transferred to DC from WP. A wine and cheese party for our 13th Reunion was held on 5 Jun 76. Those in at-



tendance included: Gordie & Dottie Arbogast, Clark & Nona Ballard, Norm & Arleen Betaque, Bill & Sue Boice, Don Byrne, Tom & Martha Casey, Bob & Susie Coulson, Dan & Barbara Demchuk, Bill & Glenda George, Jay & Janet McClatchey, Bob & Nancy McNeill, George & Judy Moses, Jack & Nancy Silvey, Glen & Karen Smith, Jay Westermeyer, J.B. & Georgia Wheeler, and Alex & Claire Whitaker. Many thanks to Don Byrne and his party committee for organizing the reunion.

Although your Scribe was unable to attend, Jay Westermeyer took good notes and passed on the following info: Glen Smith is leaving the Def Mapping Agency in Jan for the AFSC. Glen has been serving a utilization asgmt for his PhD in Geodesy. Sam Thompson, who like Glen has a PhD in Geodesy, is being reassigned from MILPERCEN to Australia, where he will be an exchange officer with an Australian geodetic survey unit. Don Reid departed the DC area in Jul for Palo Alto, CA, where he is employed in the Rsch Div of Lockheed. Don has a PhD from Stanford and has been consulting on behalf of the IDA in DC. George Moses and family are to be reassigned to a command assignment in Europe very shortly. George is completing an ORSA-related assignment in the Land Fcs Devl Div, OSD. Ray Nickla is headed for Gillis AFB, Rome, NY, where he will be flying B-52's. Ray is on the recent AF LTC's list and War College selection list. Congratulations on both, Ray! Frank Cardile and family have left the DC area for AK, where Frank is the OO for an Air Sea Rescue Sq. Before leaving for AK, Frank attended Helicopter Sch. Ted Wildrick has been reassigned from Ft Belvoir to Ft Hood, TX, where he is the Asst Div Engr, 2d AD. Gordi Arbogast has been reassigned from the DCA to DCSOPS in the Pentagon, where he joins Phil Mock, Mike Barry, Jim DeWire, and Ward Smith, who are also in DCSOPS. Another classmate moving into a command assignment is Bill Boice, who leaves his post as jr aide to the CS of the Army to go to Ft Carson. Bob Coulson is leaving his post at ASA for a signal officer billet in Europe. Mike Emerick is on his way to Ft Dix from the S&F at Ft Bliss. Todd Dolighan and Art Meier are recent arrivals in DC. Both are assigned to the OTEA, Falls Church, VA. Dick Scharf has also been transferred to the area and is working in the OCSA (PA&E).

Clark Ballard is presently in his last year of med sch, U. of TX (Galveston). Clark reports that Al Christensen, his wife's brother, is headed for Ft Hood; Woodie Hotman is working for a construction co. in Houston, TX; Will Wilson is going to Tripler AMC, HI, where he will be serving an internship after earning a PhD in Psych; and Colin Kelly is headed for the Chaplain's Adv Crse.

During the DC, 13th Reunion gathering, a Class meeting was conducted. The following members of the USMA Class of '63 Educational Fund, Inc., were elected to serve on the Bd of Dirs: Pres, Bob McNeill; Treas, Bill George; Secy, Norm Betaque; Members, Don Byrne, Todd Dolighan, Bob Handcox, and Jerry Harrison. The mgmt of the Fund was transferred from WP to DC, effective 1 Jun 76. This transfer was considered desirable since DC represents the single largest concentration of our classmates (approximately 50). Fund contributions made payable to the "USMA Class of 1963 Educational Fund" should be sent to: Bill George, 130 N. Oakland, Arlington, VA 22203. If you have



1963: Founders Day 1976: Drain, Schmidt and Bassett.

any ideas or info related to the Educational Fund, please include them when you send your check to Bill, or let Bob McNeill know.

A few more items on classmates that I picked up here and there: Jack Chase has left the Army, and he and Chris have settled down in VT. Jack is becoming quite well known for his sculptured art creations and hopes to make his hobby his life's work.

I ran into Dave Knowlton, another artist in the Class, at one of the local DC arts and crafts shows. Dave has left engr to devote full time to his painting and has gained quite a fine reputation in the DC area. He can't paint fast enough to keep up with the demand for his work. He and Carol are also building a new home. Their address is PO Box 224, Cross Junction, VA 22625.

Many of you will recall that Andy Seidel left the Army a few years ago to attend a seminary with the intention of returning as a chaplain. He and Gail have been in Dallas the past 4 years, where Andy was graduated this past May from Dallas Theological Seminary. Unfortunately, as of this writing, the Army has not accepted his application to return to active duty. That I don't understand, because they won't find a better chaplain anywhere!

Mike Vopotek and his family visited his parents in DC this past Jun. Mike addressed the American Bankers Assn Conv on behalf of the 1st Natl Bank of Chicago. Mike passed on that Steve Silvasy is on his way to an accompanied tour in Korea, and that Mike Boyle is working for a consulting firm in DC after working for several years for AMTRAK.

Also passing through the DC area in Jun to show off their latest addition to their family was Frank & Donna Hall. Their son, Francis G. Hall III, is nicknamed "Trey," and is healthy! Frank just finished C&GS and was on his way to USMA to join the Math Dept. He passed on some assignments coming out of Leavenworth: Gary Hall also to USMA to the Math Dept; Gale Yanagihara to MILPERCEN; Lee Earnest to Colo Spgs; and Joe Jaworski to Korea. Joe is taking Kathy and the 4 kids and will be near Kimpo.

Congratulations are also due Dick & Jane Eckert on the birth of their 4th child, Amanda Suzanne, on 30 Mar, just missing the deadline for the last issue. Dick is now stationed at Fitzsimons AH in Denver. We also have a new addition to the Mike Jenks family. Robert Forbes Jenks (Rob) finally arrived on 8 Jun weighing in at 9 lbs 5 oz.

If you can be in the DC area on 21 Sept 76, plan to attend our annual Class Luncheon at the Ft Myer Officers Club. The guest speaker will be Bill Raiford (Pres of the Class of '52, Pres of WP Soc of DC and on the Bd of Trustees, AOG. Contact Jay Wes-

termeyer at (202) 857-6051. In the meantime, keep those cards, letters and photographs (black and white are best) coming in. If you don't, who knows—you might be the next scribe!

# '64

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As this issue goes to press, the Academy has just admitted 119 women in the Class of '80. Although there was originally a good deal of soul-searching as to the wisdom of this policy, attitudes here have changed a great deal since Congress passed the law, and it seems that most involved look forward to women as well as men graduates making a positive contribution to the Army and the Republic.

We are sad to announce the death from leukemia of John Raymond Jr., son of our classmate John Raymond. Graveside services were conducted at the WP Cemetery on 14 Apr 76, and many here were deeply moved by the stories of John Jr.'s faith and courage.

There is a wide variety of news from the field. Dave Wade is leaving the Mil Traffic Mgmt command for C&GSC and reports having spent a week in the V. I. aboard a 3-masted sailing ship, the "Flying Cloud." Herb & Maddy Macia are living at 6106 Dabney Ct, Springfield, VA, and Herb is working at MILPERCEN on OER devl. I assume that if you have any ideas on this subject that Herb would welcome a letter from you. He reports that Roger Yankoupe and Leon Yourtee are also at MILPERCEN and that he occasionally sees Dave Fishback, Art West, and Tom Reese, also in the DC area.

Bill Murphy checked in with a long update on his activities and a report from AFSC where Mike Horstman, Bob Craighill, and John Raymond were also in attendance. Mike has since been reassigned to WP in the OMI, Bob is going to Ft Huachuca, and John is headed for Charleston AFB, SC. Bill is en route to Blythville AFB, AR to fly KC-135 tankers, and offers an open door to all who happen to be in the area. Bill also reported seeing Bill Landgraff, bound for Germany this summer, and Dan Evans at the Founders Day dinner at Ft Monroe, Bill Adair, up from GA for a TRADOC briefing, and Herb & Bobby Zimmerman in Loveland, CO. Herb is working for Hewlett-Packard and he and Bobby are both doing some teaching in a nearby coll. Bill also noted that John Murray who preceded him at AFSC is in Korea with Louise and the family waiting in TX. Thanks, Bill, for the very full report.



1964: Founders Day 1976: Walk, Brewer and Murray.



1964: Little at Pattani, Thailand, after his U-2 crashed in Gulf of Siam.

Dick Heydt writes that he, Penny, Mike (9) and Leslie (6) are enjoying their life in Cape Girardeau, MO, where Dick is working for Charmin Paper Products. He is in charge of the dept that produces Pampers, so all you mothers whose babies have dry bottoms now know who you have to thank. Dick reports that he and Penny are planning to go to the Tulane game on 16 Oct, so anyone else planning to attend might want to get in touch with them. Their address is 1729 Surrey Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Ged Brown passed on a note from Jeff & Gloria Warner who are also working in Cape Girardeau with Charmin. It's certainly a small world.

The most interesting news comes from Jon Little, now at Davis North AFB, AZ. In Aug of last year he was in a U-2, 60,000 feet over the Gulf of Siam when his aircraft went out of control and broke in half. He bailed out, was knocked unconscious, but landed safely, revived, and got into his raft. His "beeper," though, was not working, and he was reported lost at sea. Eight hours later he was picked up by a Thai fishing boat. He was taken to a small village, wined, dined, (and obviously stared at). His beeper later reactivated and he was soon picked up by CH 53. The full pressure suit which gives him the appearance of a spaceman is apparently standard wear for U-2 pilots. Jon was uninjured except for minor cuts and bruises, and reports that the only difference between his adventure and an Argosy story was the absence of the proverbial young virgin.

We've had a number of classmates passing through. Dan & Cynthia Evans were up in Apr and watched the Army baseball team get 3 hits off the Yankees and hold them to a 2-0 win. Dan will be leaving TRADOC soon en route to Germany where he will command an arty bn. Bill Murdy was up for a week to lecture on petroleum economics for Soc Sci. He and Mary are in HI where Bill works for the Hawaiian Independent Refinery Co. He reported seeing Larry Bramlette at the Schofield Bks Founders Day dinner, Mike Leonard at DOD, Joe Zengerle practicing law in DC and Jim Gantsoudes in NY. Tom & Carol Kerns were up squiring a football prospect around—hope we got him. Tom is in

the electrical supply business in PA and is planning to be at the Penn State game on 9 Oct. If you're interested in a party, contact him at 308 Shelley Ave, Altoona, PA. Morry Lent was doing 2 wks of reserve mobilization duty with the Law Dept. He is now at Seminary in Sewanee, TN and will be spending the summer in New Engl doing pastoral work at a hospital. Pat Graves, now practicing law in Huntsville, was here briefly for the June Week Alumni Reunion. Maurice Lough, who competed in the 68 Pentathlon at Mexico City as our Class' only Olympiad, is part of a group of athletes running a relay from DC to Montreal for the start of the Summer Olympics.

A number of classmates are departing WP this summer. Rog & Jane Baldwin and Jack & Judy Grubbs to the Naval Staff Coll; Hugh & Sandy Boyd, Jim & Jane Carson, Dave & Carla Corbett, Cris & Marty Crissman, Tom & Mary Jane Cunningham, Steve & Lucy Draper, Andy & Helen Dykes, Pete & Marty Elson, Don & Becky Renfro, and Bruce Sinclair are bound for CGSC. Don and Becky will be living on a farm south of Lansing where they will continue to raise and train huskies. Jay & Peggy Cope are bound for Heidelberg where Jay will be working in the plans div of USAREUR DCSOPS. Mike & Joyce Davison and Len & Barbara Hardy are going to the British Staff Coll at Camberley. George & Brenda Fisher are joining the Grunstats in Berlin. Max & Polly Johnson are off to Ft Sill where Max will command a Pershing btry. Buddy Kelton will be going to Holland for duty at AFCENT in Dec, Gwen will be staying here during the fall while Buddy is on TDY. Ted & Nardin Kobayashi are bound for Camp Zama, Japan, where Ted will head the Army Element of the Engr Dist. Jack & Rosalee Richards are off for Karlsruhe, Germany; Jim & Bonnie Pedersen are staying here for one more year, but Jim is moving from Hist to Soc Sci. Tony & Mary Ann Trifletti are going to the AFA.

New arrivals include Mike Horstman, already mentioned, Jeff Moakley and Andy Andrews, and Bill Major, also to OMI, Jim O'Donnell to Engl, Mike Goff to Math, and Jeff Kleb to For Lang, to teach Russian. This

leaves us with 24 classmates at our rock-bound highland home.

Best wishes from all of us to all of you for a good fall and BEAT NAVY!

# '65

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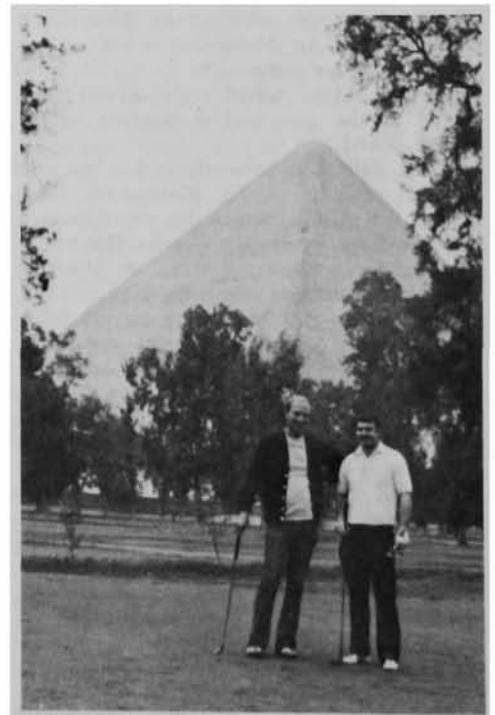
Please write as the incoming mail has slowed to only a few letters. I will publish all that is written. If it were not for Founders Day there would not be any photos.

Don Parrish was in Cairo, Egypt, with the United Nations living in Jerusalem, but he is now with the Math Dept, USMA, WP. "Take Boards Don." Speaking of Don, Don & Sue Erbes have moved to Gainesville, FL. Don just finished dental sch and will have his own practice in the Mill Hopper Shopping Center. Sue says the Hennesseys are at the Pentagon and they are living in Woodbridge, VA. Harry Joyner who was in dental sch with Don went back on active duty in the AF and he is doing his general practice residency at Eglin AFB.

A little closer to home Rusty Pullen, his wife Hope, and their 3 girls, Annemarie—8, Tracey—6 and Kathleen—1½ are residing at 120 Hickory Lane, Levittown, NY 11756. After going to med sch at the Downstate Med



1965: Founders Day 1976: Bushong and Harman.



1965: Parrish and Douglas '62 in Cairo, Egypt.



1965: (L-R): Paske, the Wollens, King, Pfeifer and Clay.

Cen in Brooklyn, Rusty has been doing residencies in Pediatrics and Surgery and he is now in his 2d year of Orthopedics at Nassau County Medical Center, East Meadow, NY. Rusty says Julio De Santis is selling insurance and doing well. Julio and Judy live in Bothell, WA and have a little girl.

Steve Davis and family have moved to Germany where Steve is assigned to the Avn Co., 1st AD, APO NY 09326. Carol & Ballard Barker are at Leavenworth. John & Donna Mogan are in Germany where John is the LTC's assignment officer USAEUR. How sweet it is.

Just one more thing. Write, if you just finished a letter write another as all will be published. Thanks. Bud

# '66

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I began the last ASSEMBLY column (Jun 76) on my knees, appealing to all classmates to "keep those cards and letters coming" and promising to "print all the news that fits." Allow me to open this report with the same appeal and promise. Not only do I personally enjoy your newsy notes but, candidly speaking, it greatly eases my task of reassuring the world every quarter (through this column) that the Class of '66, after 10 yrs of being on its own, is "alive and well."

To those who responded to my last appeal—many thanks! To those who intended to write but, at the last moment, could not because of a flare-up of "tennis elbow," or because the cat licked the glue off all the stamps, or because of injuries inflicted by the husband of "a friend"—don't despair! Get your info to me by 30 Sept and it will be included in the Class "Xmas card," published in the Dec issue. We'd all like to hear from you.

Reaching into the mailbag, I find a letter from Russ Grant who, with wife Janice and son Porter, is living in Aberdeen, MS, and practicing law with the firm of Patterson and Patterson (PO Box 663). After resigning his commission in Aug 72, Russ returned from Germany and by 74 had finished law sch at Ole Miss. He has maintained some military connections by being a trp cdr in a NG Cav Trp and spends the bulk of his spare time fixing up an old antebellum home that he and Janice purchased in Aberdeen. For classmates who anticipate passing through that area, let me relay this invitation from Russ: "Should your travels ever bring you to this remote corner of the world, by all means look us up. We have enough room for a co. out of USCC so space for a visit from old friends is no problem." I might mention here, as a personal postscript, that if you are ever in the market for used air

conditioners, Russ is a good man to know! He off-loaded a pair on me when he left Ft Knox (AOAC) in 70 and they're still keeping me cool, even (as a matter of fact) as I sit here jotting these notes.

In addition to bringing us "up to speed" on his activities, Russ forwarded an article from the Phi Delta Phi quarterly, *The Brief*, noting that Charlie Moore was named Int Grad of the Year 75 by that legal honorary fraternity. In 72, Charlie resigned to attend the Sch of Law at Southern Methodist U. Upon grad from SMU, he ranked no. one in his class and, in a special citation presented by the faculty, was honored for "the highest grade average ever attained in the history of the Law School." Now living in Albuquerque with wife Peggy Jo, he is associated with the firm of Keleher and McLeod. (Congratulations from us all, Charlie!)

In providing coverage of the Class' legal talent, I should note the current whereabouts of Rhesa Barksdale whom I last saw in 72 when, while clerking for a Supreme Court Justice in DC, he graciously took me on a private tour of the "hallowed chambers." Rhesa is also now practicing law in MS, working with the firm of Butler, Snow,



1966: Joanne and Jerry Edwards, Julieanne and Jay, at West Point prior to their Germany PCS.

O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada (PO Box 22567, Jackson).

While not intending to portray a Class as being composed solely of distinguished jurists, it just so happens that the next one out of the mailbag comes from Jack Wheeler (Lisa) who enters the law firm of Shea and Gardner in DC this fall (home address: 5303 Worthington Dr, DC) after spending a year clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals in DC. Jack is serving as DC contact for a recently suggested project, that being the creation of a memorial at WP to all SEA casualties from the Classes of the 1960's. The project is still in its embryonic stages and will be a matter of discussion, I would anticipate, during Homecoming weekend and thereafter. At the present time, attention appears to be focused upon the creation of a suitable monument or facility and for an endowed annual lectureship. It would be most helpful if we could get your initial feelings about such a multi-class memorial. Please direct any comments to Jack or to either Bob Seigle or me here at WP. (On a lighter note, Jack asks me to thank Roger Sherrard for recommending, while on the '66 Car Cmte, the purchase of a 66 Chevelle. As Jack notes, "I bought one, and it still takes me to work. If our

classmates on Wall St could give me advice that good, I could retire.")

Writing from Ventura (CA) is Joel Gartenberg. After leaving the 8th Inf Div in Germany last Dec, Joel received an asgmt with the USA Recruiting Cmd as Area Cmdr in Santa Barbara. Judging from his comments, he and wife Marge (and children, Craig, Michelle and Jeffrey) are enjoying the CA sunshine. Moreover, Joel notes that he has just completed an MS (Ed) at USC, a program begun while in Germany. Also assigned to recruiting duty on the West Coast area are Paul Roggenkamp (Lynwood, WA, Area Cmdr) and Danny Crawford (San Fran South Coastal Area Cmdr).

Definitely rising in the world but still "on the mat" is Ray Sepeta, head wrestling coach at the U. of Notre Dame. From the available info, one must conclude that Ray has had a great first year in his job. One of his wrestlers was selected to represent the U.S. in a meet against the Soviet Olympic Team and Ray himself was voted National Catholic Wrestling Coach of the Year. But, that's not all that his wife Marie and sons, Jeff (8) and Mark (5), have to be proud of. Ray is also Dr. Sepeta, having received a PhD in Math from Notre Dame for work analyzing "the Adjoint Chevally Group E" (don't ask me what that means!). Between coaching and serving on the Math Dept faculty, Ray is one busy man. But, a direct quote should provide a timely inspiration to all now contemplating the Reunion: "We are making plans to attend the Reunion in Oct and are looking forward to seeing many old friends."

In the Jun issue, I provided as much info as was available at deadline time (30 Mar) on the destinations of classmates at Leavenworth. That will not be repeated, but new data does follow. Mike & Tam Bailey are being assigned to the Dept of Hist, USMA; George & Patsy Norton are en route to Ft Riley where he will be S3 of 1/63 Armor. Bill O'Connor is joining the Corps staff in Korea (while Linda and family wait in NY); Carl and Joyce Drewes are bound for FL where he will be tng with Litton Industries. Chet Keith will be pushing troops in Korea while Mary Ann waits at Ft Hood where, by the way, Al & Sue Nason are going on a PCS. Don & Susan Murphy are relocating in DC, given his new asgmt with MAJs Div, MILPERCEN. Piers & Janis Wood will be going to Monterey for Turkish lang study, to be followed by a short tour in Turkey. Frank & Jean McGoogin are en route to Purdue U. where he will complete a year of grad sch, prior to being assigned to the Dept of Tac, USMA. For John & Sheri Hayes, the destination is Ft Carson.

From various assorted sources comes the following new data and reaffirmation of con-



1966: Founders Day 1976: Huston, Wright, Dunn, Campbell.



1966: Founders Day in Colorado Springs—the Loftheims and the Cruikshanks.

tinuing asgmts: Rick & Linda Gorski are finishing their first year in England where he is an exchange instr at the Royal Sch of Engr. Torrie Wilson (with Carol) has completed med sch and is in residency (urology) at Fitzsimons AH in CO; after receiving his MD from the U. of VT, Kevin Kelly (with Mary Catherine) is at the USAH, Ft Lewis (OB/GYN). Home from a year in Korea, Art Bonifas (with Marcia and children) is assigned as S3, 1/35 Arty at Hunter/Stewart in Savannah. Jerry & Joannie Edwards, after 3 yrs with the Math Dept at USMA, are heading for Germany (Heidelberg). Howie & Joyce Kirk are finishing their first year of instructor duty with the Dept of Tac, C&GSC. Wes & Gert Clark, after a year of "policy formulation" with the office of Management and Budget in DC, are bound for Germany where Wes will now be involved in "policy execution"; according to my sources, Wes' biggest worry is whether or not, if "the balloon goes up", he can beat the Russians to his motor pool! Bob Turner, newly resigned, is going to Tulane to study med admin. Jeff Rogers (and Susie), with a fresh MS from VPI, starts teaching in the Mech Dept, USMA, this fall. John Tillson and Matt Harrison are working at the Pentagon; Art Mosley is involved in real estate development in the DC area.

Having experienced the trauma which goes with the job of being an ASSEMBLY scribe, Bob Seigle faithfully contributes items gleaned during his travels. While at a conf in DC in Jun, Bob encountered Morris Faber. After C&GSC (75), Mo finished an MA in Speech Communications and Human Relations (U. of KS) and a 15 wk Organizational Effectiveness Staff Officer (OESO) crse at Ft Ord. Currently, he is applying his new skills in "shaping up" Hqs, USAREUR. While traveling somewhat closer to home (i.e., at the USMA O' Club), Bob "humped into" Chuck Hiller who was visiting as a member of a Pentagon group dealing with computer hard-

ware. As we understand it, Chuck is resigning this summer to return to his hometown in MN to manage his family's boutique.

To say "good-bye" to those in the Class leaving USMA this summer, we held an informal (extremely sol) get-together and pot luck supper at the Class of '49 Lodge in late May. Any efforts at decorum were quickly discarded after Tom Carhart arrived, bearing the greetings of several classmates who (like himself) are not located at USMA and insuring that appropriate toasts were accordingly offered. I shall not try to describe the occasion since, to be frank, most of it defies description. But—a good time was had by all.

As a final note, let me remind everyone of the 10th Reunion Homecoming (22-24 Oct). By the time this column is published, you will have received full details on the weekend from the AOG so I shall not go into detail. However, I do urge you to plan on attending and to urge all classmates in your area to do likewise. See you all in Oct!

# '67

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Greetings to all from WP! Another June Week has come and gone, and this summer a fairly large contingent of the Class is leaving, heading for points known or unknown. But first, congratulations are in order for Barbara & Colin Smith on the birth of their son, Ryan Stewart, on 21 Apr 76.

Those classmates who are leaving with their respective families for CONUS asgmts are: Bruce Baccei, to the Dist Engr Office in Norfolk, VA; Terry Hand to the Waterways Experiment Sta at Vicksburg, MS; Karl Jacobs to the XVIII Abn Corps at Ft Bragg, with a TDY stop at Ft Benning for Abn Sch; Tom McManus to the Pentagon, and Jeff Mills to the Dist Engr Office at Ft Benning.

A fairly large group is headed for Germany. John Caldwell is going to HQ V Corps in Frankfurt. Earl Hughes is headed for someplace in Germany, and Bob Angeli is going to Stuttgart. Rick Hausman is going to 1/22 Arty, 1st AD, at Zirndorf (near Nürnberg), and John James is headed for 1/59 ADA in Schwabach, also near Nürnberg. Paul Kern is destined for some place in the 3d AD, and Mike Kush is going to a Cav asgmt in Nürnberg.

Two classmates are heading for Korea—Bob Stromberg and Ed Dewey. On behalf of the WP contingent of the Class, I would like to extend our thanks to Ed for all of the work he has done for the Class while here—taking care of football tickets, organizing the Homecoming Pizza Blast, making



1967: Founders Day 1976: Beck, Dean, Miss Yoon (Korea Class Mascot), Dials.



1967: Pam and George Dials at Dragon Valley Ski Area, Korea.

sure it rained, etc. Thanks again Ed for all your work.

As far as new arrivals to the staff and faculty go, John Kuspa and Bob Love have arrived thus far.

On 1 May we had a Class party at the Clubhouse at the golf course, put on by the classmates in the Dept of Mech, and had a good turn-out, despite the downpour. Buz Altschuler was there, and after finishing up Grad Sch in Aug, plans on heading for the West Coast. Ed Locke and his wife Pat came over from CT, where Ed works for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. Dave & Nancy Blanchard came up from Long Is, where Dave has extended for another year at Hofstra U. Dave also picked up a master's in Education with distinction since he's been there.

Hank Uberecken was up during June for a conf on adm. Hank is presently with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, PA. I heard that Hank Berthelot was up, but didn't get a chance to see him. I also heard from Mike Spinello that Tim Gilbert is a CO in the 82d at Ft Bragg. Tim, if you're there, how about sending us your address.

Got a letter from Ed Marion the other day—Ed has left Johnson and Johnson and is now the Distribution Mgr for Saxon Paper of NY. Ed has just about enough trucks and people under him to have his own Motorized Inf Co., if he wanted to. He also mentioned that Adrienne is expecting their 3d, with the baby due "down range" in late Oct. Ed and Adrienne have 2 boys now, Brennan (7), and Andre (5). Thanks for the letter, Ed.

That's about it from WP, gang. Keep those cards and letters coming. Now I'll turn it over to our man from Cajun Country.

Hi y'all; Lavon and I visited WP in May when I attended an Adm Conf. Hank Uberecken also attended; he resides in Verona, PA, and like me, is assisting WP in coordinating admissions activities within his home state.

I have received numerous inquiries in re our 10th Reunion. Everything is still on the planning board; you will be notified as soon as possible after definite times, places, etc. are formulated. And, while on the subject of our Reunion, I spoke to Jeff Madsen, who is considering preparing a 10-year yearbook (to refresh your memory, Jeff was ed of the '67 HOWITZER). People are available to work on the book, and Jeff has some contacts with publishers. As the book is envisioned, each person will have a half to a full page, with his yearbook picture, a recent picture (family picture preferred), and an edited summary of his activities since graduation. Now the problem! Such a book would contain some 290-580 pages. There would be no advertising section



1967: The Sullivans, Koch and Senator Goldwater.

to help defray costs; the full publication cost would have to be borne by the subscribers, and of course, the more subscribers the less the cost. Are you interested? Contact Jeff at 323 S. Huron St, Cheboygan, MI 49721 with your orders, comments, and ideas.

Judy & Rob Herb, with daughters, Donielle and Stephanie, have settled in Cheyenne, WY (820 Lampman Ct). Bob was discharged in Sept 75, and is currently working for a pre-cast concrete firm as a proj engr. Sara Ann & Mike Steere, and son Andrew (2) are in Keene, NH, where Mike is a mgmt info coordinator with the Natl Grange Mutual (Ins) Cp. Dan Ragsdale is a field operations coordinator with the USAA in San Ant, TX.

Congratulations to the 3 new doctors in our Class. Kevin Kelley received his MD degree 28 May from the U. of VT Med Coll; Brian Hayes graduated from the U. of TX Med Sch 29 May, and is now assigned to Ft Lewis for his intern in surgery. Brian's new address is 7515 3d Ave, SE, Olympia, WA 98503; Kennie Ann & George Lupton are in San Fran where George is taking house officer training in internal medicine at Letterman AMC. George received his degree 17 May from the Bowman Gray Sch of Med of Wake Forest U. He received the Upjohn Achievement Award and was elected to the national medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. Grant Taylor completed his residency at Ft Lewis and is now on a fellowship in hematology at Walter Reed. Ward Dean is attending med sch in Seoul, Korea.

Pam & George Dials, along with Bill (8) and Heather (5) are in Seoul, Korea. George is serving an accompanied tour with the J3 div of HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA. For 8 months he was the AdminO for MG Koehler, but he is now the SW Plans O in J-3 Plans Br. Steve Frankiewicz is SGS at the 2d Inf Div, Camp Casey; Ed Dewey completed his tour at WP, and is now with the 2d Inf Div. Ed Beck de-



1967: Bill Koch delivers the "youngest grad" speech—Founders Day dinner, New York.

parted Seoul in Mar; he joined the civ ranks 1 Apr.

Patti & Jorgie Jorgenson are in DC where Jorgie is clerking for a U.S. Dist Court Judge. Em Mahle was promoted to MAJ in the Army Reserves on 15 Mar. He is a member of the 80th Div Manuever TC. Rich Mullane received a MS in aeronautical engr from the AFIT, W-P AFB. He and Donna are now assigned to Edwards AFB, CA.

Jan & Chris Commons have moved to New Orleans, where Chris has accepted a position with the Hibernia Natl Bank of New Orleans. Until next time...

## '68

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This is going to be very short and sweet. I received only 2 letters during the last quarter, one from the AOG and one from John & Mary Buckley. They said they were thoroughly enjoying themselves at Northern MI U. where John is on the ROTC staff. Their new baby is thriving and both John and Mary are going to sch working on adv degrees. My wife Pat spoke with Marianne Moe on the



1968: Founders Day dinner at West Point.

phone recently. She and Pat are still at Patuxent Riv Nav Air Sta where Pat stays busy in the test pilot program and Marianne with their 2 children. I ran into Larry Manning here at Ft Bliss recently. He has a btry in the ADA Tng Bde and was running a demonstration of Redeye for a GEN officer when I saw him. I also saw, along with at least 40 million other people, Larry Hart during the Olympic trials last month. At that time he was slated to represent the U.S. in the hammer throw in Montreal. Good Luck, Larry!

We have another doctor in the Class now. Mark Hansen received his MD from MI State on 13 Mar. The poop sheet I got thru AOG said he was on the Dean's list every semester and plans to specialize in Ophthalmology. Attaboy Mark!



I am moving to grad sch at Temple U. at the end of Jul. My new address will be: 229 Dickens Dr, Delran, NJ 08075.

That's it! I have no new info from anybody. I told you it was going to be short. How about some more letters next time! Until later, everybody take care.

## '69

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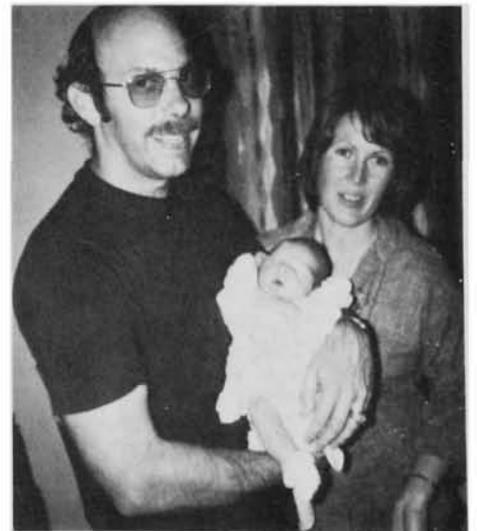
This column is being written on 28 Jun and covers news received since 30 Mar. While an opening sentence such as that is hardly imaginative prose, it does help to remind those of you who contribute that there is roughly a 2-mo time lag between my submission and publication. My personal thanks to all who contributed to this particular article, especially those of you who once again received form letters in reply from me. I apologize for using that impersonal medium, but the rush of exams left me far behind in my correspondence. I hope my use of form letters will not dissuade you, and others, from writing in the future.

As promised last time, here is the Class status, current as of 22 Jun. I mention that date because it is my impression that a number of classmates will be leaving the service later this summer, and if that number is significant, I'll report it later.

### CLASS STATUS—800 GRADUATES

Active Duty	426
Civilian Life	343
Foreign	4
Deceased	27

I was fortunate to be selected for summer duty with the National Security Council, and one of the better benefits of the position is the relative ease with which I can arrange lunch with friends passing through town. Just last week, I had lunch with Greg Foster, Tom Wheelock, and Ken Christian on successive days. Greg is now working for Litton Industries, and he and Susan have moved to an apartment in Annandale. Tom was in town between semesters at Harvard doing research on conventional arms transfers which, coincidentally, was one of my summer responsibilities at the NSC. Ken was visiting Armor Br prior to his departure from Ft Hood for the Adv Crse, and he gave me an update on some of the Co. E-2 crowd. Those still in the service (and their asgmts)



1969: Lew, Kimberly, and Patsy Killian.



1969: Founders Day at Ft Riley: (L-R): Legere, Wright, Gregor, Love and Zais.

included Bill Gregor (Ft Riley), Bruce Mc-Bane (recruiting in Albany, NY), Randy Peters and Max Terrien (Ft Polk), Wayne Renner (Nav PGS), Bryan Schempf (Ft Meade), Jon Smrtic (Harvard), Mike Speltz (U. of WI), Dale Straw (Ft Carson), and Dan Tigges (Ft McPherson). Those out of the service (and their current residences) included Jim Bachta (Germany), Terry Craig (Berkeley, CA), Mike Healy (Dublin, Ireland), Dick Luecke (Allentown, PA), Scott Nix (Palo Alto, CA), Hank Russell (Memphis), and Arnie Stankus (Cleveland).

Others I have seen or spoken to since the summer began are Bill Taylor who is working for the summer at the Congressional Budget Office, Glen Hirabayashi, who is working at CID Hqs, Pat Spann, out and working for DIA at the Pentagon, and Lucian Truscott, who was passing through town en route to NYC from New Orleans where he had seen Charlie Thensted. Charlie is at Tulane Law and is ed-in-chief of Tulane's Law Review. Steve Rhyne is EIC of George Washington's Law Review, and recently was selected to clerk for Judge Roger Robb of the U.S. Court of Appeals here in DC. If Defense approves, I will be clerking on the same court for Judge Edward Allen Tamm. Both clerkships would begin in Sept 77, so I hope to be in DC until at least Aug of 78.

Before beginning my summer duty, I attended a sister's graduation at Duke and a brother's at WP. While at Duke I stayed with Jim & Lois Johnson and had a thoroughly enjoyable visit. My family stayed in Marilyn & Steve Hammonds' apt while the Hammonds vacationed in FL. Before leaving, I saw Linda Christian and Brooks Boye who had just arrived at Duke from Ft Bragg, but I missed Janie & Mike Taylor who were just departing for the Engl Dept at WP. I stayed with Joan & George Demetriou while at WP, and saw Debbie & Jim Reams (and dau Carolyn Elizabeth), Gayle and Mike Colacicco, John Seck, and John Oristian. I also ran into (almost literally) Ed Rehkopf, who had recently graduated from Cornell and is the Asst Mgr at the Thayer Hotel. After graduation, I saw Jim O'Toole and Roger Hoopengardner, both of whom also had brothers graduating. Susie and Jim were en route from AOAC at Knox to an asgmt in Germany, while Bonnie and Rog were already settled over there, Rog having taken command of a btry in the 2d ACR. On the way home from WP, I stopped for a great supper with Cindi & Paul Raglin at Aber-

deen. I seem to recall some snide remarks about eating and running as I left late that evening!

I also spent some time in May with Steve & Marilyn Metcalf at Ft Campbell, KY. While I was there, Mick Zais also visited, and we spent a glorious (?) Sun afternoon driving around the post with Mick relating how things had been when he lived there as a 10 year old! Marilyn and Steve were due to leave Ft Campbell shortly for AOAC at Knox, while Mick was midway through his tour at Ft Riley. Now, on to your letters.

Since I relegated Bob Berry's newsletter to the end of the last column, I'll start with it this time. For those of you unfamiliar with Bob's newsletter, it is the means he uses to keep up with his many friends in a wide range of classes. I am sure a note to Bob updating him on your whereabouts and current status would garner you a place on the newsletter mailing list. Bob mentioned in this recent edition that Mary & Ralph Crosby will be at Harvard finishing the last year of his Olmsted scholarship, and that Pete Heesch was en route to WP to begin his instructorship in German. Bob Seitz extended a few months in Korea and was returning to this area for an asgmt with MILPERCEN.



1969: At West Point (L-R): the Reams', Kimmitt, Joan Demetriou, the Colaciccos and Seck.

Those classmates still in the service generally were in some stage of grad sch. Barbara & Bob Glacel sent a note from MIT where Bob has begun his second year. In May, Barbara and Bob were visiting family and friends here in town, and we got together for a short while. Bob suggested an idea for Army-Navy with which I totally agreed, and here are the details. In order to bring as large a number of classmates together that weekend as possible, Bob is going to reserve a suite at the Ben Franklin to be used solely as a Class gathering spot and party room. It will be available Fri through Sun, and we hope that as many of you as are able will stop by sometime during that period. While we will provide the ice and some snacks, it will be "bring your own" on liquid refreshment. In addition to reserving the suite, Bob has also asked the Ben Franklin to reserve rooms for the Class on the same floor as the suite, so mention our Class when you write for reservations. Of course, tickets for the game can be ordered through AAA at WP. The suite will be in Bob Glacel's name, so check at the desk then come on up. We look forward to seeing you then.

One of the many couples I saw at A-N

last year, Anita & Jim Nielson, wrote to announce the birth of Timothy Carl on 19 Apr. Jim is still teaching ROTC at Temple. Sherrye & Mike Landrum sent a note from UVA where Mike is between years in his English studies, while Patsy and Lew Killian were in touch from FL St where Lew had just finished law sch. The Killians and new daughter Kimberly Gayle are en route to Ft Eustis, VA after JAGOB at Charlottesville. Also at FL St were Jim McCullough and Linda & Bob Wells.

Shortly before my visit with them in Jun, Joan and George Demetriou sent a long letter updating me on the Class at WP. From the qtrs list, George named the following as summer arrivals at the Academy: Berenato, Bickel, Bornhoft, Brittenham, Brower, Bullock, Cantlay, Dibella, Diffley, Duvall, Eisenhardt, Furbank, Goff, Heesch, Helsel, Bob Hoffman, Ivany, Johnsmeyer, Morelock, Pohlmann, Pratt, Robyn, St. Onge, Savage, Speltz, Mike Taylor, Thorne and Yeisley. George said that we would have nearly 60 classmates at WP, and that the group was planning a boat ride and party for 10 Sept, the evening before the Lafayette game. George also mentioned that Bob King was leaving WP and the service en route to grad sch. Finally, Joan is expecting another Demetriou in the not-too-distant future. Almost forgot—George also sent a copy of a letter from Al Glazner, who commands a company at Ft Polk after recently completing IOAC.

Recent additions to the DC area included Randy Ho, whom Bill Smith mentioned in a call to my home, and Diane & Les Hunkele who are stationed at Ft Meade after completion of EOAC. MAJ Bill Illingworth, MC, and new wife Ruth Ann recently arrived for an internship at Walter Reed. Bill said Lynn & Jim Hillebrand were down from Chicago for the wedding, and that they had seen Paul Kessenich who was also in Chicago but expecting a move to St. Louis. Bill said others still in med sch included John Payne and Larry Wells, John in Des Moines and Larry in Chicago. Finally Bill had heard from Barb & Jim Johnston, who were leaving Ft Benning for grad studies in Baltimore prior to a tour with ES&GS at WP. The last new arrivals to the DC area were Mickey & Lee Rimmel, who were stationed at Quantico for the Marine AWS. Lee had recently transferred to the Marines, while Mickey had just been awarded her RN. Lee mentioned that Colette & Greg Smith were leaving TRADOC Hqs for sch at the U. of IN prior to an OPE asgmt at WP.

Pam & George Coan sent a nice note from Ft Leavenworth where George is assigned to



1969: In Littleton, CO: Front: the McCarvilles; Rear: the Mitchells and Sakis.



1969: Founders Day 1976: Seitz and Lindell.

CACDA. George had seen both Pete Mirakian and Bill Casey at KU, and Jean & Rob Wilson visited the Coans during a vacation from med sch in AZ. George mentioned that Jean was expecting the Wilsons' second child in early Jul. Also in KS, but leaving shortly for Germany, were Peggy & Jim Love at Ft Riley who welcomed a second daughter, Julia Marks, on 22 May. The final note from someone in the service was from Barb & Tom Whitaker at Ft Lewis who sent a copy of the C-4 newsletter. Included in that letter was word that Phil Clark was to be married on 25 Jun to Claudia Fischler, and that Joan & Bob St. Onge had been joined by Allison Ruth on 6 May. Carol and Doug Williams were en route to Naval PGS, while Peg & Jim Isenhower were settled in at Ft Lewis. The Whitakers were expecting their 2d child and planning to leave the service shortly after the arrival of their new addition.

The first note from the civ world was from Dave Hayes who had recently joined Merrill Lynch in Boston. Dave had spoken to Mike Williams, who was working in the Boston area for American Hosp Supply, and had seen Dani and John Leone in Ridgefield, NJ, after his recent visit to DC. Steve Allaire was completing his clerkship with the Chief Justice of the CT Supreme Court, and had been in touch with Bob Bassett, Joe Esposito, and Jim Narel. Bob was working for Union Carbide in Tarrytown, NY, while Joe had just received his MBA from Harvard and had accepted a job in Boston. Jim was beginning his 2d year at U. MA prior to an Engl asgmt at WP. Steve had also heard from Jim Kulbacki, who was in sch at the U. of CO, and Carl Oborski, who was working for Corning in Harrodsburg, KY. Finally, Steve mentioned that Joe Sjuco was an instructor at the Philippine War Coll after completing studies some time ago at the London Sch of Economics.

Galina & Doug Jeffrey wrote from Nanuet, NY, that the Glacels and Johnsons had visited on recent trips, and that Doug was hoping to be reassigned to a new Merrill Lynch office in Nanuet. Peg & Bill Smith dropped a card to announce the birth of Andrew Michael on 23 Mar, while Mart & Don Crosby wrote from Charlottesville to report on a recent vacation trip to St. Croix. Don said that Glenn Ferraro and Mike Modeen had graduated from bus sch at UVA, and that Skip Bacevich had completed his first year at Princeton. Don also mentioned that John Brundage was attending Vanderbilt Med Sch on an Army scholarship. A little farther south in Durham, NC, were Carol & Brian Wells, and Brian was in grad sch in hosp admin. Brian said that Rog Vandenberg had graduated from Dartmouth bus sch and had accepted a job with Continental Can in Greenwich, CT.

Carol & Gary Eiber wrote to announce the birth of Theresa Nicole, and to say that they were en route to Morocco for a 3-yr asgmt with General Tire. Barbara & Paul Campbell wrote from Memphis to say they had attended some of this year's June Week activities at WP. Joe & Diane McCarville sent 2 long letters with photos and clippings in each. Joe had just finished his 2d yr of law sch at Washburn and was working as a prosecutor in Lyon County, KS, for the summer. He mentioned that Steve McGue was in the Wharton Sch of Bus, while Pat & Nick Psaki were leaving Ft Carson for Stanford en route to teaching art at WP. Diane and Joe had joined the Psakis in visiting Claire & Hurley Mitchell in Littleton, CO, where Hurley works for Dearborn Plastics. Also in CO were Kathy & Gerry Ricker, who welcomed Erin Sullivan on 25 May.

Cheri & John Welsh had recently moved to a new townhouse in Santee, CA, while Kathy & Dutch Harmeling had just arrived from HI and were living in Thousand Oaks, CA, where Dutch works for Procter and Gamble. Both couples are planning to visit Linda & Walt Mischler, who lived near Los Angeles.

That's about it for letters, so let me clear up some odds and ends. Rick Duffy has taken time from his crowded law sch schedule and co-authored a book entitled "Where to go in Washington." Let me say that it details how to get to certain locations in the city that most tourists see only once, and then only when nature so dictates. It is hilarious, and I heartily commend it to you. To receive a copy, send \$.95 and \$.25 postage to "Where to go," P. O. Box 28514, Washington, DC 20005. In somewhat the same vein, I must report that Judy & Mark Kransdorf are now in Richmond where Mark is beginning MD studies at the Med Coll of VA, and that Judy unfortunately broke her leg just prior to revisiting the DC area to have dinner with Jenny & Joe Cornelison. The humorous part of that unpleasant experience is that those of us here in DC are sure Judy must have thought Jenny was taking a break from the kitchen, and she was just taking what she viewed as necessary action to avoid Joe's cooking. Since I lived with Joe for 2 yrs in his bachelor days, I can assure you Judy made the correct decision, painful though it was.

Two recent grads whose names I received from AOG are Denny Helsel, MA in Math from Penn State, and Dave Smith, MD from the Medical Coll of WI. Finally, elsewhere in this issue you will see mention of a Vietnam memorial which is being planned at WP. The project is in the incipient stages, but be assured that I am representing our Class' interests and honored dead, and I will keep you posted on developments as they occur.

The Class get-together planned for 17 Jul will be history when you receive this, but I'll have write-up and photo coverage in the Dec issue. Until then, take care and make an effort to be at Army-Navy if you can.

God bless to all in '69.



# '70

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This is the most difficult article I have had to write. The last week of May Tom Maertens called to let me know that Mike Hawley had been killed in an airplane crash. I was greatly saddened by the news of the passing of a truly kind, talented, and very generous classmate. I know I speak for all those in the Class who knew Mike as a friend in expressing our sorrow and our deepest condolences to Mike's family and relatives, particularly his wife, Leslie. Mike, a Transportation Corps CPT, was assigned as a pilot to the Army Engr Test Agcy at Edwards AFB, CA. He, a LTC, and a crewman were on a night mission in a T-42 on the evening of 26 May. They crashed that night and were found the following morning. Mike was buried in his home town of Oxford, OH on 1 Jun 76. The family requests that all expressions of sympathy be sent to the CPT Michael A. Hawley Memorial Scholarship Fund at Culver Military Acad, Culver, IN 46511.

Turning to the news I received in the mail the civ and the service contingents tied in the number of letters written this quarter—final score: CIVILIANS 3, SERVICE 3! Way to go team! Congratulations to the 6 of you who wrote; and "BOO" of the quarter to those of you who didn't. You don't have to write me a nice letter, just write. I'll print it—and the pictures?

First, from the service people, the AF was well represented accounting for 2 of the 3 letters I received. Bob Heaton wrote from Edwards AFB and brought to my attention my error in failing to mention that he and his wife Carol also attended the Homecoming festivities in Oct. They flew in from L. A. to enjoy the rainy gray weekend at our rockbound highland home. He is still stationed in the AF Rocket Propulsion Lab at Edwards, where he develops computer programs for the liquid rocket div. He is working on his master's at U. of S. CA in Sys Mgmt and is halfway through the Air C&S non-resident program. Carol was a CPT in USAF Nurse Corps until Feb when she got out to get her BS in nursing. The other zoomie letter was from Rocky & Debbie Verrochi from none other than Richards-Gebaur AFB in MO. A note from the desk of CPT "Rock" brought us up to date on some more of our fly boys in blue. Rocky is presently an instr in the flight inspection mission and expects to be there for another year. Rocky reports that Greg Webb is still at Richards-Gebaur and is still enjoying bachelorhood. Rock took a little TDY boondoggle out to Nellis AFB, LAS VEGAS, NV, where he saw Steve Madley and Tom Lampley. Steve is a WSO in F-111's and enjoying the flying. He and Cheryl were reported to be expecting a new addition to their family in Jul. Tom Lampley has fully recovered from the lung surgery that he underwent this past year and is back escorting GEN officers and flying F-4's. Tom is engaged and planning to be married in DC in Sept. The lucky girl is Jenny Nietz, but as Rocky says, "we're not sure about the spelling."

The last letter from a classmate still in the service was from Roy & Susan Marshall. Roy is at Ft Rucker going through fixed wing qualification before heading for Edwards AFB in Aug where he'll be assigned to the Army Avn Engr Flight Activity. Mark &



1970: Bud Paulson new USAF pilot.

Nancy Gilbert were slated to go to Teheran, Iran, when his slot got cancelled, so now they're headed for an oriental vacation asgmt in Japan in Sept. Gil Harper is en route to Stanford to get a master's in ORSA then on to WP to teach Math. Mike Glawe is attending the T-38 Talon IP crse at Randolph AFB, TX. In Aug he'll be heading to AZ to teach Undergrad Pilot Tng. Roy and Susan spent a few days in Clearwater with Joe McKinney's parents. Joe, Linda, and John (1½ years old) are stationed at Ft Polk with an Armor unit where Joe hopes to get a co.

On the civ side I heard from Hob Heinen and 2 more lawyers-to-be. Bob resigned last summer to go to grad sch in civil and environmental engr at U. of WI. Bob was in DC recently for 2 weeks reserve duty at Belvoir. He spent his last weekend with Jon, Lisa, and Kristin (1 month old) Deason. Jon also resigned his commission last summer to take a civ job with CE. Bob reports that his wife Kandy is teaching in the U. of WI sch of nursing and he has an appointment in research with the coll of engr. They were quite proud to announce the birth of their son Chris in Mar.

The first lawyer-to-be I heard from was Phil Krieger. He was stationed at Ft Hamilton, NY until May when he resigned his commission to attend Fordham Law Sch in Sept. Phil got an MBA in May before heading to HI for a summer tennis vacation. Phil also mentioned that Pete Nell is currently CO of the 563d MP Co. at Ft Hamilton and coach of every Ft Hamilton sports team imaginable.

My last letter was from Trevor Reid answering my plea in the last ASSEMBLY. He, Lorna, Danielle (4 yrs), and Kimberly (2½ yrs) are in Ithaca, NY, attending Cornell Law Sch as civs. Trevor spent the summer working as a legal aid intern in NYC before starting his 2d year this month. Trevor reports that John & Mary Mearsheimer are also at Cornell where John is getting his PhD in govt (à la Henry Kissinger). That's the end of my mail bag so let's turn to the rumor and gossip column.

We saw Wayne & Jeannie Barth in Apr when they were up from Ft Bragg staying with the Gandys. Wayne, Jeannie, and their daughter Lindsay have returned to their first asgmt haunting grounds in Fayetteville where Wayne has taken a job on div staff in the 82d to keep America's Guard of Honor squared away.

In Jun Brian Bryson stayed with us when he came back from Germany to resign his commission. He and Colleen are staying in Frankfort where Brian will be working for DA as a civil engr and Colleen is working in the hospital blood bank. With his new civ hours they should finally be able to see the sights of Europe.

Chuck & Lorraine Gandy came over one night in Jun and we heard all about their cruise on an Italian ship to the Caribbean to celebrate Chuck's graduation from med sch. Dick Moser also graduated from med sch at U. of MD this spring and as previously mentioned will be joining Chuck at Walter Reed. The same night the Gandys were over I got a call from Tom Anthony. He and Sue were in town during his summer break from law sch. Although we never got together Tom assured me that they are enjoying the free spirited life in CA. I got to see my old roommate John Joyce in Jun when he and Pam came to my brother's wedding in IL. John and Pam have one more year at IU before John graduates from law sch. We piled about 8 people into their lovely house in Bloomington for some much needed sleep on our way back to DC after the wedding. John is putting the talents he learned on the E&E course to good use in his tax courses. While Pam is spending her time as a free lance advertising writer, John is busy picking up a new sport on the tennis courts at Ft Ben Harrison, while playing F. Lee Bailey for the Army's indigents. John asked me if I knew where his old "amig" Al Fenty was, but I had to plead ignorance. Do you hear us, Al? Meet you in the Greek Is next summer John, right Pam? Right Debbie?

Sean & Nora Maxwell were expecting Charlie Thompson to come through DC in Jul on his way to join Pam and John at IU to get his master's before returning to WP in OPE! Ron Riggs informs me that Wally, Mimi, Joy, and Chris Kaine charged through DC on their way to WP after Wally finished his master's at GA Tech in the spring. He'll be assigned to the Registrar's Office responsible for recruiting in the Far West. Ron also told me that another of my roommates, Neil Ellis, is here in DC assigned to the litigation div of TJAG in the Pentagon. Neil and Ron are both involved in the legal process of WP's honor cases. John Boslego told me he has heard from a couple of the old D-3 boys, Dave Heineman and Dave Cortese. Dave H. resigned his commission and joined Procter & Gamble. They will be quite proud of their dual acquisition of a scratch golfer and a businessman. John last heard from Dave C. when he disappeared into the AZ desert on some secret mission about a year ago. We're sure that he'll finally emerge unscathed much to the benefit of Uncle Sam.

Finally, I received some more news about our zoomies that is somewhat old but very deserving of notice. During the past year Jimmie Avery graduated from the T-38 Talon IB crse at Randolph AFB, TX and Bud Paulson earned his silver wings by graduating from USAF pilot training at Craig AFB, AL. Bud and his wife Jane are reported to be

at Mather AFB, CA where Bud is flying B-52's for the Air TC.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Bicentennial summer. It's time to get the pigskin out and support the Army team. Have a nice fall and don't bombard me with the letters!

'71

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Welcome once again to DeMoya's amateur hour. Despite all the Bicentennial activities, my notes are unfortunately sparse. Hopefully as you wind down from the summer, you can drop a line at my new address. I do not want to bore you with a personal commentary on the Honor Code activities at WP, but would like very much to hear your views. Let me say only that the institution has weathered worse and I am confident that the school and we will leave the incident with a stronger bond and more equitable system.

Bard Mansager, Pat McDonald, Buster Hagenbeck, Mike Kendall and myself have completed our commands and 4 plus years in HI. We are now entrenched in a quite different atmosphere in IOAC. How can they hide places like this? Dave Hardman was married 12 Jun in Terre Haute. He and Jane will move to Boston in late Aug as Dave will excel in Harvard Bus Sch (as a civ) and Jane will continue to stew for PanAm. Paul Fasi left the service on 31 Jul for parts unknown. Don Hassin remains in HI until Oct to complete his cmd but has found solace in deep sea fishing. Cousteau, he is not, but he manages to keep the taxidermists occupied. Two new cdrs in HI include Bert Lennon in the 35th Inf and Ken Hartlein in the 725th Maint. Lest I forget, Pat & Susie McDonald were the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl in May.

Speaking of babies, I think we have one for the '71 book of records. Tom & Sher Peterson had Thomas Cass on 2 Jun at Ft Devens, weighing in at 11 lbs, ½ oz and 22½ in. long. As Tom says, a real monster! Dianne & Joe Holcombe had their 3d, Melissa Jane, on 18 Apr, coupled with a co. with the new AIT Bde at Benning, I would say Joe's work is cut out for him. Darrell & Sheila Harris are



1971: Bayar and Raymond (L-R), UVA Law graduates, May 1976.



1971: Founders Day (L-R): the Turners, Wenkers, Pawlickis and Smiths.

the happy parents of a new addition, Michael Patrick, on 11 Apr. They are now at Ft Bragg.

Denny Wenker writes from Ft Riley where Karen and the 20-month-old twins, Jason and Jamie, are enjoying KS living. After serving for awhile as the S2 of an engr gp, Denny took over an engr hqs co. in Mar. Others in the Big Red One, now commanded by Cal Benedict's father, include Ray Pawlicki and Dan Turner who are both adjutants with maint and inf bns respectively. O.D. Borcheller has left his Honest John Bn in Korea and is snowbirding at Sill before his Jan adv crse. Before he left he saw Wes Blaine who is in G3 tng at Camp Casey and Mike Nelson-Palmer, now a Sig Co Cdr at Camp Humphries. That will help you lose a few lbs, Napalm!

Pete Weddle has been honored by his selection to the 1976 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Criterion for inclusion includes community service, leadership, academic achievement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation. Obviously, Pete has expanded his fine accomplishments at school with public service and literary work which has been included in Army magazine, Soldiers and Overseas Life to name but a few. Pete, Mary K. and little Meagan are at Ft Monmouth where Pete is an instr in the Engl Dept of the newly transferred WP Prep Sch. During the summer, Pete pursues a master's in English at Middlebury Coll. Mary K enters Rutgers Law Sch in the fall to add to the kudos of the Weddle clan. The Prep Sch, as you may know, ran the pilot program for women at the Academy. The report is that they were light years ahead in academic performance and equally far behind in physical aptitude.

Bill Raymond and Charles Bayar graduated from the U. of VA Law Sch in May. Bill is



1971: Founders Day 1976.

currently studying for the VA Bar, after which he will take the JAG basic crse and head for an asgmt in Korea. While at UVA, Bill served as pres of the Moore Society of Intl Law and VP of the Assoc of Student Intl Law Societies (in DC). After taking the VA Bar, Charles will begin work as a staff atty for the Civ Aeronautics Bd in DC. In addition, he is finishing up a master's degree in Economics.

Dave & Jeri Albright are out of the service after Dave's final asgmt as installation Club Mgr at Ft Sheridan. He has accepted a position as an Asst Restaurant Mgr with one of the L.A. Velvet Turtle Restaurants. A first class chain in the Western U.S. Dave told of seeing George O'Brien in Aberdeen, happily flying his helicopters but not so jovial about the living area. Also in touch with the Albrights is Rick Mondadori, Ex-71, who has just completed his master's in Math. Rick has apparently mastered a mathematical "system" which has allowed him to win consistently at Vegas. Also from D-3, Steve Mirakian just finished his first year in law sch at Washburn U. in Topeka. The Miraks also brought a little one into the world last spring, Brian Meyer.

Tom Mannle left the service on 15 Jun and accepted a summer intern job with his Congressman in NY. In the fall he will attend the Kennedy Sch of Govt at Harvard. As if that is not enough, they also gave him a fellowship! Tom, Monica and Suzanne Teesdale are now in Monterey where Breeze is in the Nav post grad sch for a master's in Opns Rsch Sys Analysis. I've heard also that Chris & Sue Arney had a baby, Kristin Melia, on 5 May, 4 weeks overdue. News from Ft Bragg includes Carl Wake who has a co. in the 4/68 Arm and Jerry Thompson, Bob Elliot and Bucky Walker all in the Special Fcs.

Others that are rumored to have left the service include Max Miller to work for Merrill Lynch, Craig McGrath to work for the same Medical Equip Co. as Al Dudley. And Joe Albano as a mgmt trainee for Eastern Airlines.

A bit of Errata from last issue—Mike Nastasi is working with Citibank on Wall St in NYC, not Newburgh. My mistake. I never did well in reading comprehension.

One last item of command potpourri includes Terry Fullerton, a Mech Co. at Ft Lewis; Dell Dailey a rifle co. at Ft Stewart; and Dave Hardin, a BCT co. at Ft Jackson.

Have a nice fall. Pray for the Rabble.

# '72

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Here we are again, Sept 76, 3 months older since last issue and all experienced CPTs by now. Just prior to submission of this issue's notes, I received a copy of co. E-3's newsletter (Bill Harlan, Editor) in which I was chastised, roasted and slandered for finally getting his news out and getting it only half correct at that. Well, Bill, I promise full coverage this time, and if it isn't correct then don't look at me because I'm giving you full credit for the original publication! Bill's newsletter began with an interesting comment on the promotion to CPT which insinuated that, in some cases, the reason the Pres, Congress, and the Army gave out so many railroad tracks was because they had to come up with some way to make us

responsible for all the mistakes made the first 4 yrs. If that is, in fact, the truth, then I hope everyone has been holding the mistakes to a minimum, if not eliminating them completely. After all, those LTs make enough for everybody, right?

I know I promised, Bill, so here it is, the E-3 newsletter slightly condensed for convenience of printing. The Harlans' visited Craig & Joan McKee last May at Indianhead, MD Navy Base where Craig was attending EOD sch. Bill says "Their house was large, old and cozy, across the golf course from bluffs overlooking the Potomac." Craig is now at the Ord Adv Crse at APG and will finish up at Redstone Ars next Feb.

Rick Gorzelnik is at Benning with a crowd of others after spending an interesting tour in AK. This included some knee surgery this year. Rick's younger brother is sending home those slap shots as a left wing for the WP hockey team the past 2 yrs. "Puckeater" says he will never score on him, though. John & Kathy McWilliams are expecting this month, and I hope this is in print before babe is in arms. Mac was at school last spring for the Recent Graduate Program and reported it to be "very interesting—until the 40th Cadet asks you what the BOQ's are like at Ft Gordon." Mac is now a procurement officer at the Elect Cmd. Bob Ludwig married Martha Fox last 6 Apr in AZ. Congrats Bob and Martha. He, too, is at Elect Cmd having given up his aide job. Tom Hrivnak is in Korea while Anne Marie is at home in Phila with son Courtney for their short tour. Tom has been working as SO for an Arty bn close to the DMZ. Greg & Sharon Wong are now settled at Ft Benning for a few months. Greg attended the 1 Jun Adv Crse, after a variety of jobs at Ft Lewis with the 2/47th Inf and the Honor Guard Co. of the 89th MP Gp. Sharon too, gained some valuable experience at the hosp there in the Newborn and Intensive Care Nurseries. On the subject of Newborn Nurseries, the John Featherstones now have a John III. The entire family will be at Ft Benning in Sept for the Adv Crse in all probability. John says he couldn't get a co. cmd even if he extended because of the excess of CPTs. Bill & Sherrie Chamberlain are still at Bragg and expect to be there for at least another year, since Bill has clamped onto a co. cmd slot coming up in Oct. This will be in lieu of the Adv Crse for a while. Bill is now an Adj in 1/504. The Chamberlains also expect a child in Sept, and again I hope the ASSEMBLY arrives before the stork. Dave Grob has changed from the roommate I knew at WP that spent more time in the dying cockroach under blanket position than he did in the upright. Seems the SF stint has finally awakened the sleeper. Had to get that in, Dave. He is now Adj of 1st Bn 5th SF, but before that took his "A" team to UT for ski tng and mountaineering. How are you enjoying that new house, Dave? The Bill Millers and Paul Labontes are now at Ft Benning enjoying the Adv Crs. Bill says he hopes to move on to the 82d after sch. John Johnson should have started the SF Off Crs by now after his stint with ASA section of SF at Bragg. Oh yes, the Johnson's expect an addition in Nov. Hoot Gibson still, as usual, always seeking that piece of paper that will put him in the same sq mile as Bear Bryant at AL (AL Law Sch). There isn't room here to relate all the court cases he has handled in the past 2½ years, but suffice it to say, "Don't look now, F. Lee Bailey, but..." Hoot is in England for a vacation this



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month. Congrats to Lou & Carol Canonico, newlyweds in Aug. Lou is in charge of a utilities det at the Presidio, one of those luxury Engr jobs. They expect to attend Engr Adv Crs in Jun and then on to Europe. Lou says he may try to get to grad sch early, though, and curtail that asgmt. Chuck "FATC" Coleman and wife Holly still hanging on to Bragg homeplace and both enjoying their jobs. Last issue reported that Mike & Mary Jones had some career changes in the making. Here's an update. Mary has decided to stay in the AF for another year since she will be assigned close to Mike in Washington. Mike will be at Ft Lewis, Mary at McCord AFB. Mike is planning to attend med school this year or next.

Rolly Dessert is now at Ft Knox (Adv Crs) and no doubt Karin and family are excited to have him home from Korea. Bill Walsh is still there but will be back home shortly. Reg & Kelly Sterns are in Wurzburg, Germany, where Reg is a Hawk msl plt leader. By now he may have moved to the S2 shop. That would give Reg more time to spend with Kelly and daughter Meredith, whom I hear is a "daddy's girl" anyway. Wow, back to the Harlans, who provided all the previous news. Bill will enter Duke U. Law Sch this fall on the fully funded program. After that they head for Europe. His commitment goes to 1985, so he is set until then at least. Betty hopes to work on her master's or to continue in the occupational therapy field in Durham while Bill is in sch. Thanks for the poop, Bill.

Other reporters this time include Larry & Linda Best. Seems some precious news of theirs was misrouted, so we'll catch up on their announcement of the birth of son Michael last Oct. The Bests are still in Augsburg, Germany and enjoying it tremendously. Larry will receive his M.A. in Bus in Dec while Linda already received hers in Counseling in Apr. Glad to see you are trying to catch up Larry! In the same ASA unit with the Bests are Scott & Jill Beumer. A recent letter from Brian & Lois Travis at Ft Benning has a few tidbits of

news fit to print. First, the Travis' themselves had a 2d son, born 11 Apr 76. Brian is a Tac in BIOCC (OCS) at Benning. He and Lois have purchased a house in Columbus. Here's a short list from them of IOAC attendees: Jim Kelliher, Jim Benko, Gary Walvorn and Bill Walbueser. The Jul Adv Crse will include Jeff, Marie, and Christopher Spara and Charlie Zimmerman and family.

One other birth announcement before closing, of Robert D. Mattox III, son of Bob & Sarah Mattox, born in Apr 76. Congratulations to the proud parents, and we'll see you at Benning this summer, too.

I had a perchance meeting with Tim Luper just prior to my departing Germany. Tim thought he and Pam were settled at Ft Carson until he was sent to Germany for 6 mos. Tim was eating some of that good German Spiessbraten with Jerry and Barb Walker when I happened to run into them. Jerry and Barb are at Benning now for the Adv Crse. Finally, the Travis family wishes to report that Scott & Deborah Helgeson are not lost, but are at Ft Richardson, AK.

When this article was submitted I was on leave prior to reporting to Benning and Adv Crs, so any news that was sent to Germany and didn't catch up with me will be printed in Dec. Also, please use this address from now until Jan 77 for letters: 5908 Rimer-ton Dr, Charlotte, NC 28211.

One last reminder—pictures should be in black and white print.

Dec should be chock full with the availability of info at Benning, so those who aren't there drop a line to the previous address.

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The wonders of the USAREUR mail service—a letter from Craig Vanek 10 miles away took only 2 wks to arrive. Craig who is presently a Scout PL for 1/48 Inf in Gelnhausen, FRG, writes that Mark Vincent is the CO of

E/16 Engr in Nurnburg. Also over here are Pedro & Carmen Marrero (CSC/1-35Ar) in Bamberg, Rich Lyons with 3/35 FA and Buddy Bandler with the ADA. Pete Kai is FDC Off for 3/13 FA in HI. Dan Kaup is getting married (but Craig cannot recall the lady) and Phil Hill is at Barrow, AL, with USAF. Dennis Scott is still with the FA at Ft Hood. Bill & Mary Dee Heilman are married. Two more I almost overlooked here in FRG are Steve Medaglia (D/2/57 ADA) in Amberg and Kent Butts with the 501st Fin Co.

Bob Knight writes of his hard times while at UNY Med Sch where he is due to graduate next year. Among his more difficult extra duties he has been the CPT of the Downstate Rugby Team since 9/74. So he and Rhona are having a difficult time of it.

Ron Petricka (HHT, 1/1 Cav) who is stacking up the seniority over here in the Cav, sent me a newsletter with all the recent news he has. Don Coover is at flt sch and Gil Spencer is off to law sch. Bill Pearce is the COM-SEC Cust. for 275 Engr ADM and Mike James is with HHC, 4/73 Arm near Stuttgart. Bernie Kerbawy is XO of A/1/84 FA. And Ron? He can hardly wait for the snow so he can again migrate to the Austrian hills.

The final letter that I received was from Doug McIntyre. He took command of HHC U.S. Mil Com in Aschaffenburg last Apr and earned his M.S. in Bus Admin from Boston U. At the same ceremony Tom & Terri Fitzsimons both earned their master's in Educ. Not too bad considering I have trouble completing simple correspondence courses. Doug also writes that Bill & June Lane are back from HI and Bill has completed his first year of med sch in NC. Again on the eastern front: Scott Beatty finished his command in the 3d Med Bn and is now the S2/S3. Roger & Jane Rothwell (A/1/71 Inf) have a lovely little girl, Kelly. Mike Rzeplinski has gone from Recon PL to Motor Off in 1/4 Inf. Sonny Innes is in the S3 shop of 3d Bde 3d Inf. He and Cindy are expecting in Jul (their 2d). And finally, Pete & Charlene Correa were blessed with Adam while Pete is with Fin in Panama.

I've been writing this column for about 3 yrs now and have enjoyed keeping track and writing about the members of our Class. If there are any of you who would enjoy assuming this task, please let me know. As we migrate back to WP, one of us there would be in the best place to know the current happenings in the Class. So for variety, Doug McIntyre and I will begin looking into others to compile these Class Notes.

For a closing note on the wonders of the Army in its massiveness—while going thru I noticed that 2 of my troops looked a little familiar but new. Then Mike Mutz and Joe Watson evidently had similar thoughts with the looks they gave me. They had just come to Graf with Bde 76 all the way from Ft Carson. Funny who you meet, isn't it?



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Well, how does that silver bar look? On that memorable day, I was also promoted to sr co. armorer for 2 wks, when the original lost his job, suddenly. Need a rifle cleaned?

Since I usually get fewest letters from Germany, let me start with it. Ken and Jane St Cyr have added a daughter, Julie Alexandra, on 19 Apr 76. He's with D Btry, 2/59 ADA. Jimmie & Georgetta King added a 2d boy to the family. Michael Dennis, clear last 24 Jul 75. Jim has been a Plat ldr in 1/39 Inf and now commands 8th Inf Div Rplmt Det at Bad Kreuznach. Says it's snowing there on 24 Apr! Wow, a long gloom period. Eric Vonderscheer has a Set Plt now in 1/15 Inf. He and Jean are expecting in Sept. Says he checked out Paris with Greg Frazier and his wife. Pat Shado is XO, HHC, 2nd Bde, 3d Div and Gary Johnson is XO, 1/94 FA.

Got a monstrous letter from Steve Houseworth covering a lot of folks in Germany and CONUS. Steve, from Carson, was with the 1/18th Inf in Germany on Bde 76. Inf types in his unit are Bill Martinez, Tom Hinkel, Ken Popielis, and Jack Kromer, all from Ft Riley. Back at Riley are Don Seeber, Rick Phillips, Frank Roberts, Tony Messina, and Rich Goosen. Some of these may be assigned to Germany permanently. Steve saw Chris White at UVA Med Sch recently and says he's doing fine. Back in CO, Steve had a pad up in the mts. Don Demetz (at Huachuca), Dan O'Brien, and Bob Williams all paid a visit. In Mar 76, Ted Davis got married to Deni Blakemore in Colo Spgs. Steve along with Steve Trauth (at Huachuca) were in the wedding. Also there were Dean Russell, Jim McMillan, Don Harris, and Rich Dillon. Rich has Br transferred to FC. Steve, Nick Jarem, and Bob Williams played some lacrosse for a club at Colo Spgs. While on leave in CA, Steve was at Ord and ran into Harry Williams, Todd Troxell (XO of a WAC Co.), Marty Giandoni, and Bill Reinhart (AIT slot still). Marty is headed for Rgr Sch and to the 7th Div G2 shop. More news on Germany from Steve is that Rob Richards is S1 of 3/8 Cav, Coleman Bks and Kerry Pierce was to grad from Oxford, England in Jun and take a CE slot in Germany by Aug. Finally Steve (Houseworth still) is headed for med sch at Emory U. in Atlanta this fall. Good luck and thanks; I'll make you asst scribe some day.

Bill Martinez adds that in Bde 76 is 1/12 Inf to include Jeff Ginther, John Herrin, and Mark Vincent; the 1/77 Arm with Steve Vidmar, Gary Stinnet, and Mark Swinson; the 1/19 FA with Bill and Herb Male. Dan O'Brien is SO at Bde Hqs.

Jumping back to the world, Bill Higgs was married to Ann Mitchell 14 May at Ft Hood. Some news that just missed the last issue by a hair (but still current) comes from Gary & Pam Coleman. Back in Mar he attended an Int Of course at Huachuca, where he was with Kim & Chip Wentz (married Jun 75 in OH). Chip's on his way to the 23d Engr Bn, Hanau, Germany. Also there in AZ were Awilda & Dave Rogers, who'll be returning to 197th Bde at Ft Ben. Dave Gabbard is headed for the MP Bn at Ft Meade, MD. Gary is an asst S2, 3d Bde at Ft Carson. Also at Carson he notes Melinda & Bob Foreman (married Xmas 75), who's anti-tank plt ldr for 1/10 Inf. Gary's address is: Co B, 1/10 Inf, Ft Carson, CO 80913.

At Ft Lewis, George Oliver is off to jump-



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master sch and then to a sch in Coronado, CA. Jim Relyea married Joannie in Dec 75 and they are expecting this fall. Down at Ft Sill, Charlie & Linda Poure have a daughter, Melissa. He recently spent 6 mos in Germany, too.

Heard from Mary, Joe and "Pug" (dog) Bonnet in Campbell. He's now with the Air Asst Sch and may get a chance to attend Pathfinder Sch. "Lost in the Woods" Ft Leonard Wood, MO, reported in. Janice & Gerry Markham are surviving the tour along with Linda & Jeff Sachau, Margy & Joe Miller. Gerry and Jeff have their MA in Mgmt and Joe is working on his. Do you believe that! Janice informs that Glenn (Fuzzy) Webster is marrying Miss Kimberly in Aug at Ft Polk. Fuzzy is the GEN's aide there.

Some reasgmts include Mike Kirby rting from Korea to Ft Leavenworth to be the CG's aide there. Ralph Graves is back from Korea to med sch in the SF area; I forgot the sch but Jeff Karhohs told me about it when he passed through on his way to the Rgr Bn at Lewis. I promised not to mention Jeff's name, but think I blew it.

Further Korea returnees are Fred Stellar to Rucker, Tom Hoefert to Sill, and Cliff Krebs to Bragg. All at flt sch or on the way (or grad from) are Pat O'Sullivan, Jim Wright, Jerry Dixon, John Otte, Pat Pope, Jim Vestermark, Rod Cooley, and Joe Gonzalez. Going from flt sch are Chanpe Miller, Mike Clifford, Chris Sinclair, and Rick Vincent all to Germany, Paul Miller to Wh Sands, NM. A few ADA types are on the way to Korea for a tour: Al Landry, Tom McGinnis, Mike Pantaloni, and John Toth. Good chance for a PE in aircraft ID.

Saved the best poop for last, Hawaii poop. Mark & Cathy Scott have a new arrival, Marilyn Irene, on 14 May. Rick Oertel and Ed Filiberti spent a month tng in Australia and New Zealand, respectively. Lot of us have rotated into new jobs: Mark Andreotta has a 4.2" plt, Pete Breton is doing some Redeye, Bob McFetridge, Bill Johnson, Dave Flyer, Kingsley Fink are all XOs. Clint Blunier and John Martin have AT plts, as do Paul Lemley and myself. Mike Perry and Jim Doyle have Set plts, Brian Geehan is Mov Control Of for the Div.

AOG sent me a slew of classmates who have unknown addresses. I thought it important enough to list them here in hopes they or a friend can drop AOG a note. Here goes: Fastabend, Pierce, Green, Zieske, Cerrutti, Downar, TJ Anthony, Berner, Mowry, Morton, C. Peirce, Sihelnik, Pate, Sapanara, Murphy, Tanner, S. Smith, Conner, Pickett, Dutcher, Krueger, Fronberger, Lynch, Magness, Harvey Jones, Pat Johnson, Lucas, Czarzasty, Palmatier, Alexander, Ottessen, Bradley, Andren, Schmidt, Kure, Mallory, Proeschel, Wolf, Parker, Ed Jones, Ray Peterson, Bishop, Markley, Burdumy, Minier, Blanco, Tafone, De Wit, Gaudio, Dave Rogers, Jewart, Greer, Eagin, Cunningham,

Reid, Morrell, McGehee, Jensen, McMillan, Grazier, Brown, Bly, Pantaloni, Green, Hoffman, Rodvelt, Wiacek, Rancey, Wimberley, Dan Mahoney, Hughes, Barnes, Palguta, Dillon, Carito, O'Connell, Wilcox, Potter, Lewis, Marino, McLaughlin, Coggin, McCorvey, Dameron, Dance, Barker, Dave Brown, Hargan, Toothman, Russell, Beardsley, Dennis Miller, Krebs, Jackson, Rossi, Sanders, Rensema, Bryan Smith, Clark, Snyder, Richgels, Norman, Kaila, Kenny, Strickland, Crocker, Bennett, Williamson, Shelden, Peters, Ellington, Maclean, Sablan, Glenn Taylor, Hohnstine, Humphreys, Ballew, Silva, Molten, Wilkinson, Huffman, Banks, Hogan, Yeterian, Borman, Arn, Herbison, and Deaver.

Final note is that Bill Fierro recently got his MA in Intl Mgmt from the Am Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt, AZ. Like to note a few places from which I've heard little or nothing, Bragg, Ord, Bliss, Knox, Panama, AK, and always weak on Germany. My S2 even tells me we have troops in these places. Deadlines are 30 Sept and then 3 Jan. Go Rabble!

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The news continues to roll in. Wes Hayes is going to be married on 8 Jan to Sally Shurley back in SC. Bill & Pat O'Brien are busy with their new home in Fayetteville. Bill is with the SC. John Lane and Wes finished Jumpmaster back in May. Bob McDonald has a 4.2 plt while living with Pete Madsen and Paul Peterson. Bernie Spence won his EIB without a single retest. Dave Frenier was the DHG in his AMO course at Bragg. Keith Self, Rob Byers, Charlie Skaggs, John McNally, Mike Haith and George Mitchell are all working at Bragg while Bill Campsey relaxes as an FO.

Mike Kershner is working as a wpns plt ldr in the Ranger Bn at Lewis. Dan Bonney is FA but somehow managed to get to San Diego for Marine amphibious assault tng. Jim Dunphy is an AIT XO at Jackson going to grad sch nights. Hard to picture "Dump" from Brooklyn at the U. of SC. Drummond Taylor and Rosalind Markstrom were married 29 May at the Catholic Chapel followed closely by Vince Scully and Corinne Ann Cathcart on 30 May. Wonder if "Sculls" has been calmed down any.

Ft Hood has a big group with Jim & Barb Coffey, Tom & Mary Richwine, Jerry & Debbie Menzie and Bruce & Judy Yelverton getting together. Also seen is Dean Williams (still a bachelor and liking it) and Mike Colotti. Bob Goodman wrote to say he's getting married on New Year's Eve to Mary Poppas in San Fran. He went to Germany in Apr along with Jim Davis, Chuck Lee, Mike Genetti, Jack Cage, and Dean Silverburg, they'll be back in Oct.



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Forrest & Maureen Crain bought a home near Campbell. It's slowly taking shape but knowing Maureen, she has redecorated the whole place twice by now. Austin Omlie is reported to be in orbit somewhere in the area of Bliss. Mike Hart & Mary Ellen Harper were married on the 29th of Feb and are now in Bad Kissengen with the 2/11 ACR. Those present included George Kaight and Gordon McLeod from Polk, Steve Bellene and Doug MacMillan—Hood, Bill Partridge—Korea, John Chappell—Stewart, Sonny Gibson—Benning, Mike Hamilton—Bad Kraucznoch, John & Sue Brandt are enjoying Lewis and announce their first, Christina Marie, born on 18 Mar.

Tom Eccleston wrote from Polk where units are just getting off the ground. He's with the 2/21 FA while George Kaight is also. Dave Morris is with the 1/16 Inf, Mike Nichols is with Tng Cmd until 2d Bde activates. Tom and "Squeek" Connors are in HHC 3/77 Arm, Henry & Sandi Umanos are in A 1/40 Arm and Bill Hoffman is with CSC 1/40 Arm.

Roger Kaplan sent his Aloha from HI. Tom Berens has escaped being an FO with an AXO slot in A1/8FA, GS Bn. The 3/13 FA has Roger & Ray Riddle as FOs with Tom Warren as Survey Off. Gary Niederlander is with A 2/11FA as an FO. Engrs have Dave Rehbein and Jim Allaya in the 65th. Bob Boyko is with the 1/14 Inf, Ray Perkins is in the 1/12 Inf with Jerry Hill. Steve Harnois is dancing for the 1/15 like he did in Rgr Sch. John Gilbert is with the 1/19 Inf. Last but not least is Bill Ivy who is hiding over there somewhere not communicating with the rest of the world.

Morens McNulty wrote from Riley where Bob is with the 4/63 Arm to announce an addition to the family. Kathleen Jennifer born on 24 Mar. Bob & Jane Berlin are also in 4/63 while others at Riley include Terry & Debbie Campbell, Kerry & Barb Caulteux and Jim Hicks.

Pat Sapienza dropped me a note full of info from Germersheim where John is with B 2/56 ADA in Landau. There is a mixture of ADA and H-4 news. Larry & Dawn Baker are relaxing in FL. Lee & Terry Quisenberry are at Carson with Dan Judy and Scott Mooney. Jose & Valerie Picart are at Bliss, Keith & Kathy Sims are in AK. Germany has Pat & Janelle Van Schoyck in Mannheim, Shawn Mobley in Wiesbaden with Bob Dunn who's on TDY. Dean & Jan Ashbaugh are at Hahn AFB with B 5/6 ADA. Bill Downs is hiding somewhere in northern Germany and Ed Murdock is on the other side of the world in Korea. Gary & Marsha Nicholas are at Bragg with Chuck Rodriguez. HI has Chuck Vuchovic, Wayne Chalupa, John Cosgrove. Ord has Charles & Debbie Peddy. Bill Highfill is in med sch at the U. of CO.

Jim Harris sent some more ADA info. Ed Maney is with 101st (Chapparel/Vulcan) and Sidney Lewis is SASCOM (NIKE/HERC) with Hank Evans in Germany and in Hawk slots are Jim Benn, Joe Wilhelm, Brent Clark and Mike Smith. Bliss has George Koontz, Joe Jones, George Clark and Bob Patton, Korea holds Bob Reynolds, Dave Geck, James Olsen, Ron Smith, Mike Means, Rudy Acojedo and Jim. Belated congratulations to Ben Freakley for being DHG of Rgr 6-76.

Stewart has a lot of news. Steve Townes has been a scout plt ldr but has been selected to attend the Intl Rgr Sch of So. Amer. He'll see both the Amazon and the Andes during his 4 months. Red Burris has recovered from his Rgr Sch injuries and has a TOW plt. John Chappell and Don Smith are in the 2/21 Inf, Jeff Perry and Steve are in the 2/19

Inf. Dave Bentley, Lance Jordan, Dale Cederle are in the 2/34. Jim Ferrara and Doug Campbell are in the 92 Engrs. John Dornstadter and Wayne Hallgren are in FA.

On the plane over, I saw Jim Hughes who was heading for Augsburg with Bde 76. Angela Buckley sent a letter while waiting for travel to Aschaffenburg to meet Rich with the 9th Engrs, Greg & Allison Moldovan are in Ludwigsburg with the 34th Signal. Duane & Celeste Bjorlin are in Hanau with 568th Engrs. Tim & Kim Bolyard are in Wildflecken with John & Mary Whisler and the 54th Engrs. Randy & Judy Castro are in Karlsrue with Mike and Barb Lee. Lynn Westbrook is at Rucker, Jim & Nancy Abcauwer are at Benning and so is Kenny Decker. Heard that Dan & Judy Kinsey drove to Ord with a 100-lb dog in the back of the car. Pres Mitchum wrote to say he married Denise Reilly on the 19th of Jun at Walter Reed chapel in DC. They will be staying at Benning.

Here in Baumholder, life is full of sur-

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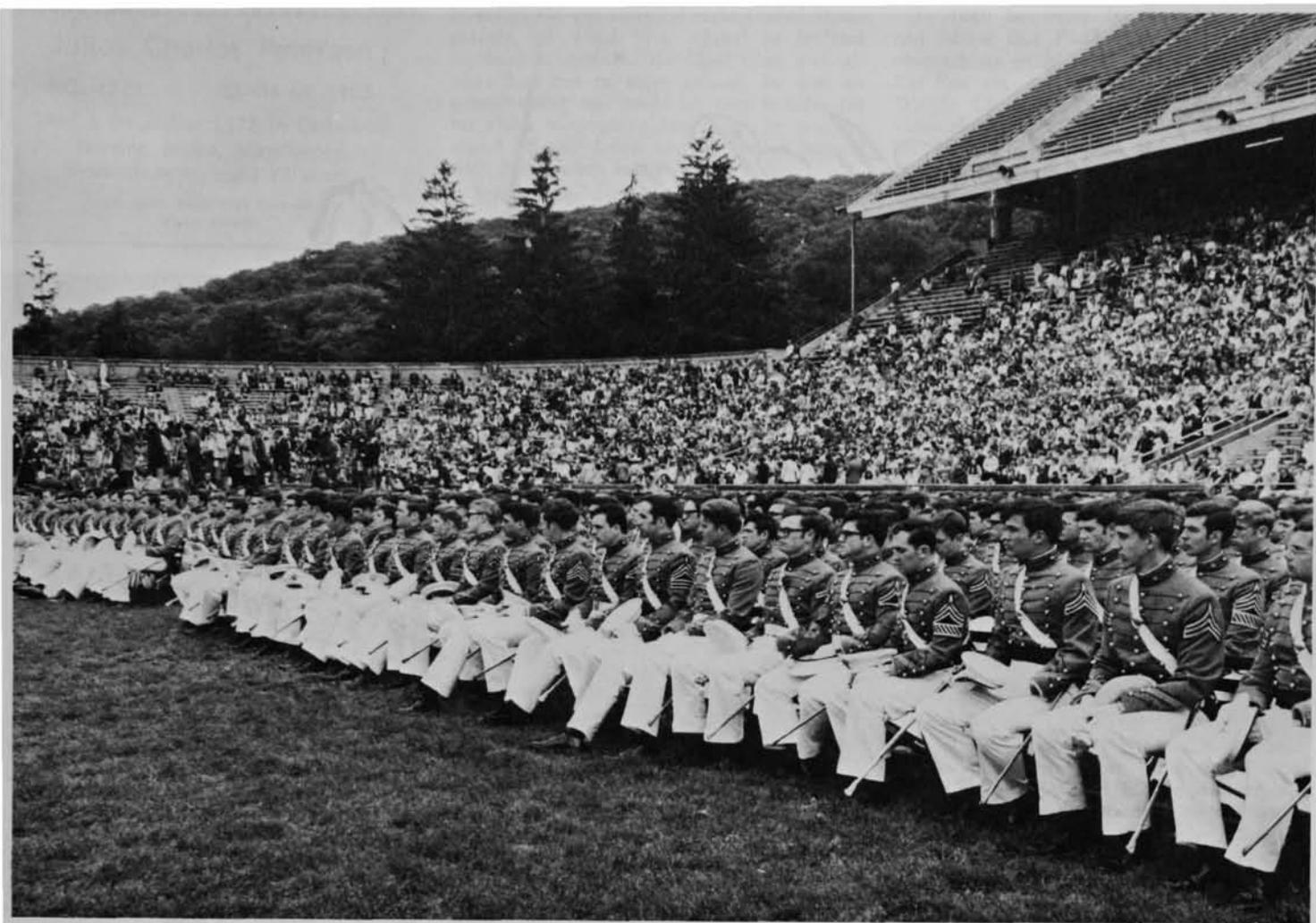
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prises. Dean Morningstar and I are in the 1/87 Inf. He separated his shoulder in Hohenfels jumping off a vehicle and landing in a camouflaged foxhole. Dennis Manganiello did not bring his bike but he bought a German car to chase people off the streets. Met Drew Stanley and Dave Morris at 8th Div Hq, they're stationed in Mannheim. In Jun, I saw Dan Monken in a car wash. Larry Ghormley was discovered in a snack bar in Hohenfels but the best one is that Rich Machemer and I have shared bathrooms for 3 months. Tom Fix is in the 1/13 Inf and he has that little blonde visitor from GA around. Bruce Ray is also hiding in the area. Dorian Anderson is really doing well as a plt ldr. Whoever it was that yelled at me from that Sherman in Hohenfels in Apr, hello! French Commando Sch has enabled me to promise never to eat French bread again—3 weeks, 4 times a day filled me up. Hope to see those in the 101st during Reforger and, lastly, the single ranks are now the decided minority. Write when you get a chance.



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ter camaraderie and wholesome development so vital for today's youth. Donated funds help to provide those challenges and to keep the Corps abreast of the society which they will serve as future officers."

We concluded that evening with a common understanding among the three of us that the cause was clearly justified. But each of us, having the benefit of our USMA vantage point, is in a privileged position. To share this with the reader, this article provides a collection of NOW and THEN pictures which should help convey our impressions to those unable to visit West Point in recent years.

Thanking him for his wise counsel, we left the Fort Putnam Oracle and stumbled through the darkness toward the Plain

below. As we moved down the rocky trail, we each heard him call out these last words of advice—

**"DON'T FORGET TO REMIND THEM THAT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE ON THEIR FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS."**



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and Navy (92-70). The Cadets also finished fifth at the Heptagonals.

Ivory Carson set an Academy record in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles when he finished second in the IC4A Championship in 51 seconds flat. He also set the Academy mark in the 440-yard inter-

mediate hurdles with a time of 52.2.

Dennis Trujillo cleaned up the gold hardware eight times during the spring, four times in the three-mile, twice in the mile, and once each in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs. Dan set an Academy record in the 10,000 when he finished 12th at the NCAA Championships in 29:11.05. Trujillo also established a Shea Stadium record in the three-mile with a time of 13:34.2 against Manhattan.

Curt Alitz set an Academy record in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 13:54.04 in the NCAA trials, although he placed fifth in the final with a 14:05 clocking.

Army's 440-yard relay team set an Academy mark with a 41.1 clocking against Navy, and the 1,600-meter relay team set a USMA standard with a 3:11.0 time in the IC4As.

John Randolph becomes the new head

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# Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you — You, sons of an earlier day.  
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



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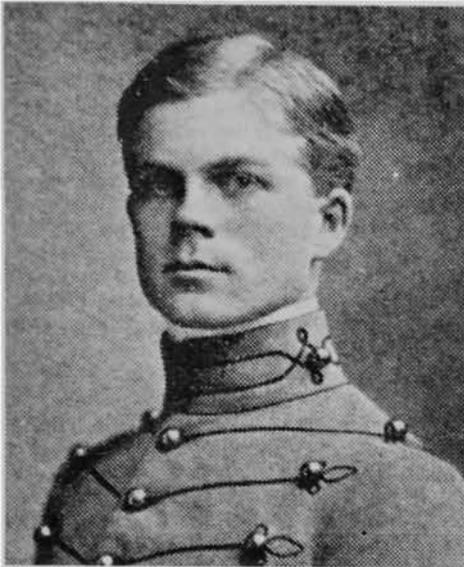
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## Julius Charles Peterson

NO. 4372 CLASS OF 1905

Died 6 December 1975 in Oakwood Nursing Home, Manchester, Massachusetts, aged 93 years.

Interment: Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin, Illinois



JULIUS CHARLES PETERSON

JULIUS CHARLES PETERSON was born on 11 April 1882 in Elgin, Illinois, to Julius Pedersen, from Bergen, Norway, and Kate Olsen, from Sweden. They emigrated to this country in 1870 and settled in Elgin, where Mr. Pedersen worked in the Elgin Watch factory and Anglicized his name to Peterson.

"J.C." or "Pete," as he was known to his friends, was educated in Elgin Grammar School and High School and Lake Forest Academy preparatory school. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Representative Mason from Illinois in 1901 and graduated 34th in his class of 114 cadets in 1905, as a second lieutenant in the Artillery Corps.

In 1906 he spent a month on relief work in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire. He attended the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, in 1909-1910 and was a distinguished graduate. During his military career he was stationed at a number of posts in California, Washington, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Missouri, and New Mexico. He served in the Philippines from 1915 until 1918, and resigned from the Army in 1919 with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Coast Artillery Corps.

He married Helen Leslie Sherman on 12 January 1909 on board the battle cruiser, "Philadelphia," at the Bremerton Navy Yard in Washington. She was the daughter of Captain Francis H. Sherman of the Navy, and the granddaughter of General Edward S. Bragg, Commander of the Iron Brigade from Wisconsin in the Civil War. They had one son, Francis S. Peterson, who rose to the rank of major, Army of the United States, in the Ordnance Department in World War II. They were divorced in 1918.

Following his resignation from the Army, Colonel Peterson worked for the Walgreen Company, Studebaker Corporation, and R.H. Donnelly and Company. In 1933 he became overseer of a large estate in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and spent his spare time as an

inventor. He was awarded eight United States patents, of which five related to internal combustion engines. He liked dogs and always had one or more around; he was an ardent golfer and made his own handles for his clubs to improve his game; he was an expert bridge player; and he busied himself with investments in the stock market.

Automobiles were his main hobby. During the 1930's he drove a big Marmon roadster which he equipped with homemade water injection to produce more power, and a homemade airspeed indicator. Later he was the proud owner of a 1936 prototype Duesenberg roadster. This gentleman's sports car, which never went into production, is now ensconced in a place of honor in the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, Indiana.

Colonel Peterson was a staunch supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and donated property and funds to it for a new headquarters.

He lived in a nursing home for the last ten years of his life. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law and two grandsons, Captain Kenneth S. Peterson and First Lieutenant David C. Peterson, both in the United States Air Force.

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## Charles McKew Parr

EX-CADET OF 1906

Died 7 February 1976 in the Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, aged 91 years.

Interment: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Connecticut

FORMER STATE SENATOR Charles McKew Parr of Chester, Connecticut, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on 23 November 1884. He was widely known as an industrialist, legislator, historian, author, and bibliophile.

After receiving his early education in Baltimore, he entered the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1906, but he did not graduate.

Displaying a remarkable facility with languages, he completed four years of Classic Greek through extension courses at Columbia University, and acquired a good working knowledge of Spanish, Portuguese, and Dutch, all largely self-taught. In 1961 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Bridgeport.

At the time of his death, he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Parr Electric Company, Inc., of Newark, New Jersey, which he founded in 1919. He was also a former director of Thomas Y. Crowell Company, book publishers, and of the Chamber of Commerce of Newark; and a former governor of the National Association of Electrical Distributors.

In World War I, he went to Europe as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of State and also to the Canary Islands as Vice Consul. In World War II he was a dollar-a-year man, serving as Senior Electrical Consultant on the War Production Board.

For the past 38 years he had lived in Chester, Connecticut, having previously made his home in Upper Montclair, New Jersey. He was active in Republican Party politics in Connecticut, and beginning in 1942, served three consecutive terms in the State House of Representatives, followed by two terms in the State Senate.

In 1940 he wrote his first book, "Over and Above Our Pacific," an account of his observations while on a business trip to the Far East via one of the early Pan American "Pacific Clippers." In it he warned of the vulnerability of Pearl Harbor, and because his book was published just prior to the Japanese attack of 7 December 1941, he was called upon to testify before a Naval Board of Inquiry.

He is also the author of "So Noble A Captain," a biography of Magellan, with a second edition published under the title "Ferdinand Magellan, Circumnavigator"; "Jan van Linschoten, the Dutch Marco Polo"; and "The Voyages of David de Vries." It was while researching the material for these books in the libraries of Spain, Portugal, and the Netherlands that Mr. Parr frequented the bookstalls of the rare booksellers of Europe and accumulated his multilingual collection of titles on the Age of Discovery, which he housed in a 200-year-old building in Chester, known as the McKew Parr Library. Some years ago he donated the main part of this collection to Brandeis University, and the remainder to the University of Bridgeport.

It was in keeping with his interest in libraries and the explorers of the Age of Discovery that Mr. Parr assisted in raising a fund to restore the library of the son of Christopher Columbus, known as the Biblioteca Capitular, in the Cathedral of Seville. The name of Mr. Parr appears, with those of the other contributors, on a stone tablet which has been placed on the wall of the Biblioteca to commemorate its restoration.

As a legislator, Mr. Parr was a tireless worker in behalf of the libraries of Connecticut and was an author of many bills to increase the state's aid for their expansion and upkeep. He was the founder and first chairman of the Middletown Service Center and head of the Trustees' Section of the Connecticut Library Association.

He was particularly proud of two other achievements of his political career in which he performed a leading role. Probably the more gratifying to him was that, as Senator, he was instrumental in having Governor Baldwin set aside 19 April 1943 as "Wainwright Day," in honor of General Jonathan Wainwright, Mr. Parr's classmate at West Point. At the time the general was suffering the horrors of a Japanese prison camp, but among those who attended the day-long ceremonies at Hartford were Mrs. Wainwright;



CHARLES MCKEW PARR

General Quezon, the President-in-exile of the Philippines; and 18 Army officers who were members of Wainwright's and Parr's class at West Point.

On another level, he took great satisfaction in his work as Chairman of the House Committee on Public Information, which was responsible for the publication of the booklet, "An Outline of Government in Connecticut." The booklet was distributed to new citizens and to the school children of Connecticut, and Mr. Parr had a copy sent to General Douglas MacArthur, who was then overseeing the reorganization of the government of Japan. The general was so impressed with the value of the publication as a guide to democracy that he had it printed in Japanese. During the past year, Mr. Parr was gratified to learn that Governor Ella Grasso had had the booklet reprinted for further distribution.

On 20 October 1962, one month before his 78th birthday, the town of Chester, Connecticut, honored him with a special celebration, known as "Parr Day." It was held at the Old Town Hall and was attended by several hundred of Mr. Parr's friends and neighbors, among them the Portuguese Ambassador to the United States; former Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut; and Captain Edward L. Beach, Commander of the submarine Triton, which had made an underwater passage around the world, following the course of Magellan's epic voyage.

Mr. Parr's wife, the former Ruth Butler of Hartford, died in 1971. She was the granddaughter of William D. Shipman, who was United States Judge for the District of Connecticut from 1860 to 1873. Since Mrs. Parr's death, Mr. Parr had devoted himself to the establishment of the Ruth Butler Parr and Charles McKew Parr Memorial at the University of Bridgeport. Located in the Founders Section on the fifth floor of the Magnus-Wahlstrom Library of the University, its purpose is to preserve the memorabilia of Mr. and Mrs. Parr's families for students of early American history.

Mr. Parr was honored by the governments of both Portugal and the Netherlands, which conferred on him the ranks of Commander of the Military Order of Christ and Commander of the Royal Order of Orange-Nassau, respectively.

Mr. Parr was a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Maryland Society of Colonial Wars, the West Point Society, the Hispanic Society of America, the Bibliophile Society of Brandeis University, and numerous library and historical associations, both here and abroad; also the Essex Electrical League of Newark, New Jersey, the Newark Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary International.

He was also a member of the Hartford Club and the Essex Club of Newark; and until recently, he had been for many years a member of the New York Athletic Club and the Players' Club of New York.

He is survived by a son, Alexander Shipman Parr, of Chatham, New Jersey; a brother, George M. Parr of Upper Montclair, New Jersey; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Another son, Charles McKew Parr Jr., died in 1969.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on 10 February 1976 at St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Connecticut, followed by interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

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## Jefferson Reese Davenport

NO. 5290 CLASS OF 1914

Died 12 December 1975 at Oak Grove, Louisiana, aged 86 years.

Interment: Oak Grove, Louisiana



JEFFERSON REESE DAVENPORT

BORN 27 AUGUST 1889, Jefferson R. Davenport was the son of Charles and Vandella Davenport.

While attending the University of Georgia he received his appointment and entered the Academy in 1910. His classmates knew him as "Davy."

Next to West Point, his love was baseball. He earned his "A" as catcher. While serving in Panama he was player-manager of the Army team. He thoroughly enjoyed telling the story of their defeating the professional team with Grover Cleveland Alexander pitching.

He resigned his commission as a major in September 1919 to go into the accounting field.

On 26 September 1927, Davy married Anne Marie Bruch. They were an ideal couple and shared many years of happiness until God called her in 1965.

Prior to, and during World War II, he was connected with the Army Quartermaster Corps.

Immediately following the war, Davy went to Oak Grove, Louisiana, where he opened accounting offices in both Oak Grove and Lake Providence, Louisiana. During 1972, illness forced him to retire from business.

His life was dedicated to "Duty, Honor, Country," and these three words were not only his creed, but truly, his religion.

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## Elmer Quillen Oliphant

NO. 5982 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 3 July 1975 in New Canaan, Connecticut, aged 81 years.

Interment: St. Mary's Cemetery, Richfield, Connecticut

He was selected as a member of: the Early All Time Football Team (1869-1919); the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame; the Indiana Football Hall of Fame; the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame. He was chosen as the best amateur athlete that the State of Indiana ever produced, by the Sports Writers of America as their favorite All Time Athlete (framed citation now at West Point), and by Knute Rockne for his All Time America Team. Ollie was very proud of the latter selection.

Ollie was the first athlete at West Point to win four letters in major sports. At Purdue, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and with an outstanding scholastic achievement, he had already won twelve letters.

There was not any aspect of football in which Ollie did not excel: running, passing, blocking, kicking field goals, punting and defense. He was unquestionably one of the greatest ever in all-around play. In his day, the same players played the entire game on offense and defense. Substitutions were made usually only for injuries, but Ollie never seemed to get badly hurt.

Ollie acquired his remarkable physique by working every summer in the coal mines in order to earn enough money to put himself through college. This clearly shows his determination to succeed as a facet of his character. No one ever helped him. His family lived in modest circumstances, and there were five other children. That fierce desire to be the best and succeed was clearly evident all through his life. He was not only physically strong but also morally strong. He was not one to say a mean thing ever.

He was cadet captain of Company D and acting major of the 2nd Battalion and as such showed the same dedication and ideals toward military life and discipline as he did in all of his athletic activities. He was very much interested in the problems and welfare of his company. He definitely was not an "athletic machine," but he loved athletic contests and bent all of his energies to win. He modestly avoided any appearance of seeming to wear the crown of a super-athlete.

Ollie remained in the service for about four years after graduation. He was assigned to the 13th Cavalry but attended a special war time course at the Infantry School of Arms, then at Fort Sill, and was retained as an instructor when the school moved to Camp Benning, Georgia, in September 1918. The years 1919 to 1922 were spent at West Point



ELMER QUILLEN OLIPHANT

OLLIE'S ATHLETIC EXPLOITS were well covered in an article in ASSEMBLY, March 1973, by Micky Kernan, Class of August 1917. Some of the data in that article are included here.

as an instructor in physical and athletic activities under Colonel Koehler, the Master of Sword. At this time, Ollie decided to go into civil life. Had he remained in the service there is no doubt that he would have been a leader in battle of armored forces on a par with Patton.

His civil career started as Director of Athletics at Union College, Schenectady, New York, and ended in 1957 after 33 years of outstanding service with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where he became a Supervisor of the Group Insurance Division for the New York area. At a dinner honoring his first twenty years with the company, the speakers reviewed his business accomplishments, his work in various charities, and his great contributions to the success of World War II United States Bond drives. A press report stated: "Yet in spite of all his glorious past and the attendant deference paid to such an outstanding figure in the world of sports, Ollie remains unassuming, unspoiled and generous to a fault. In vigorous health and spirits, he is a hard worker, puts in long hours and operates with the enthusiasm of a man twenty years his junior."

While Ollie was a cadet he became the Superintendent of the Sunday School held for post children. This was significant in that it was a prelude to the dominant interest of his later years in charitable and religious activities for which he became so well known among his friends.

Ollie experienced a great thrill when he attended the Navy-Purdue game at Annapolis in the late twenties. When it became known that he was there, the entire regiment of Midshipmen rose and gave him a rousing Four "N" Yell in spite of the fact that the Middies had never won a victory in any sport over the Army while he was a cadet.

The Army Athletic Association has established a permanent exhibit in the gymnasium of Ollie's many trophies and other memorabilia, which were donated by his widow, Bobbie.

She has received a citation from the White House which states under the Great Seal of the United States:

The United States of America honors  
the memory of  
Elmer Q. Oliphant

This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(Signed) Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States

Ollie was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, and was raised in Linton.

His health was very poor during his last two years. He became quite helpless and died at his home of a sudden cardiac ailment. This was just a week before his 83d birthday but on the very day of his wife's birthday.

He married Barbara Benedict at West Point on Graduation Day, 12 June 1918. His widow survives him and also a sister, Mrs. Jack Turner, of Long Island, New York.

He will long be remembered, not only for his athletic record, but also for his record of noble, innate goodness of character.

-E.W.G.



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## Reginald Worth Hubbell

NO. 6206 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 24 May 1975 in Naugatuck,  
Connecticut, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



REGINALD WORTH HUBBELL

"REG" HUBBELL WAS BORN at Fort Wadsworth, New York, 4 February 1896. His father, Brigadier General Henry W. Hubbell, an old Coast Artilleryman, was a captain stationed at Wadsworth at the time. Reg was the youngest of five children, three boys and two girls, and was the only boy to go into the service. One of Reg's older brothers was born on Alcatraz when his father was in command there. Reg's early childhood was typical of that of an Army child. He was moved from pillar to post, getting his schooling the hard way with a tour in the Philippines before he was eight. His father retired when he was nine. From eleven to seventeen Reg attended a preparatory school, St. Luke's, at Wayne, Pennsylvania, which, while in no sense a military school, was attended by many service juniors. Upon graduation from St. Luke's in 1913 he entered the new School of Journalism of Columbia University and was for a short time a cub reporter on the *Kansas City Star*. During that period he served in a Field Artillery battery of the Missouri National Guard, where he used to hear of one Corporal Truman.

Reg entered West Point in June 1915 on an appointment by a Florida Congressman. He was found in math his plebe June but readmitted in the fall on the strength of high standing in other subjects, and joined the new Fourth Class. He went on to graduate 1 November 1918. He held one "make," that of Color Sergeant during the last five months before graduation and was on the Beast Detail in 1917. He held one Academy record in swimming, which was broken the year following. Reg's plebe roommate was Sam Sturgis and in retrospect he always felt this to be an honor, although only slightly greater than the honor of having subsequently roomed with certain others. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Infantry.

Reg served for over 23 years and was retired as a lieutenant colonel 31 December 1941. Caught in the "hump" along with the rest of his classmates, he spent over sixteen years as a lieutenant. He graduated from both

The Infantry School and The Tank School, and had three tours of foreign service: Panama, Hawaii and the Philippines. He taught French at West Point for three years and had a year of preparation for that instructorship, one semester at Columbia University and seven months in France. He was the first officer to be sent to a foreign country to study the language before commencing a tour in the Language Department. He had a detail in the Quartermaster Corps for two years and was also in the Washington office of the Battle Monuments Commission. While on that duty he was one of several officers who assisted General Pershing in preparing his memoirs for publication. He was aide to two generals, and had a short tour with the War College Historical Section. Much of his troop duty was with tank units. In 1939-40 he commanded the only tank unit in the Hawaiian Department. At the time of his retirement he was with the First Tank Group at Fort Benning, having been for a short time before that with the First Armored Division at Fort Knox. He was the executive officer of the First Tank Group during the Louisiana maneuvers in the late summer of 1941.

Reg spent twenty very happy years as office manager of a law firm of some distinction in New York City. He lived four years in Boston, twelve in Englewood, New Jersey, and six in Patterson, New York, but traveled considerably both in the United States and in Europe. In 1923 he married Sybil Fletcher, daughter of Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, United States Navy. There were two children of the marriage, Frank Fletcher, born in 1924, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Charles G. Peters of Washington, D.C., born in 1935. They have given Reg two grandsons. In 1957 he married Catherine B. Creveling of New York City and Patterson, New York, an artist and interior designer, who survives him. The marriage proved extremely happy.

Those who knew Reg well knew one thing about him and that was that he had a profound and abiding love of the Academy. It was, indeed, the lodestar of his existence and the thing that pulled him through many difficult periods of his life. As a cadet he carried the Corps' colors, and he carried those colors the rest of his life. A thing that gave him particular satisfaction was his having been instrumental in having a plaque commemorating Major General William Jenkins Worth, the first Commandant of Cadets, placed on the Headquarters of the Corps of Cadets, within a few feet of the main entrance of that building. This was done in 1952. There was an appropriate ceremony and a review of the Corps at the time. General Worth, not a graduate of the Academy, but an officer with a fine combat record in the War of 1812, and the personal selection of Sylvanus Thayer for the post, was Reg's great-grandfather, for whom he was named. General Worth is interred on Fifth Avenue in New York City with a monument there in his honor. Fort Worth in Texas, Lake Worth



in Florida and many streets and towns have been named after him. If Thayer was Father of the Military Academy, it might be said in the same sense that Worth was the Father of the Corps of Cadets. This would seem to be a fitting note on which to close the obituary of a devoted son of the Academy, who, incidentally, was the only descendant of Worth to attend West Point.

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### Gerald Burnett O'Grady

NO. 6211 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 19 December 1975 in Wyckoff,  
New Jersey, aged 79 years.

Interment: Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey

GERALD BURNETT O'GRADY, of the class graduating 1 November 1918, passed away quite suddenly on 19 December 1975 from a cerebral hemorrhage while residing in the Christian Sanatorium in Wyckoff, New Jersey. He was interred beside his wife, Florence, in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Paterson, New Jersey, on 22 December 1975. Both sons, the Reverend Gerald B. O'Grady and David H. O'Grady, with all the families, were present at the service.

Upon Gerry's graduation he was assigned to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, the machine gun training center for World War I where he took the Machine Gun School's course for officers and upon graduation was selected to remain as an instructor. In May of 1919 he joined the first motorized machine gun company the Army had, at Camp Benning, Georgia. In September of 1919 he was assigned to the 29th Infantry at that station and resigned the next month. He became manager of the Allentown plant of the Benjamin Eastwood Company of Paterson, New Jersey, which engaged in the manufacture of textile machinery. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to production manager for the company in Paterson where he remained until December 1929 when he joined the Watson-Flagg Engineering Company, electrical contractors.

Gerry always kept an active interest in the military throughout his successful civilian career. He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in May 1921 and by 1928 was aide to the commanding general of the 44th Division, New Jersey National Guard as a captain.



GERALD BURNETT O'GRADY

Early in 1932 he graduated from the National Guard and Reserve Officers' Course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Then he spent 1932-1935 in the National Guard Bureau in Washington and in October of 1935 as a lieutenant colonel he was made G3 of the 44th Division. In the winter of 1940-1941 he took the Battalion Commander's Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning and in September of 1940 entered active federal service. Early in 1942 he attended The Ordnance School putting to good use his civilian experience. He was assigned as Assistant Ordnance Officer for the Third Army from February 1943 to June 1944 when he was assigned to the Advance Sector in the European Theater of Operations. Gerry was Chief of Industry Section for the American Zone and served as chief of various Ordnance operations in the Seventh Army until October of 1946 when he returned to the United States and to an inactive status in December. Besides several United States decorations and campaign ribbons with four stars, he held the French Medaille de Reconnaissance with Bronze Star.

He joined the Janus Company, specialists in machinery and castings, and then retired from industry and held key positions with the Central Intelligence Agency until his retirement in 1963. He had a varied, active and responsible career. He was always filled with many interests but forever loyal to his primary concern, the United States Army.

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### Donald Greeley White

NO. 6543 CLASS OF 1920

Died 30 November 1975 in State College,  
Pennsylvania, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia

DONALD GREELEY WHITE was born on 29 January 1898 in Melrose, Massachusetts. His parents were Elwin Hazen White and Kate Williams White. His mother was born in Axminster, England, the daughter of a clergyman; his father, whose ancestry in America dates from the beginnings of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was born in Danbury, New Hampshire. Don was the youngest of the family; his sister was older, and his brother was the eldest. Except for the five years, 1911-1916, during which Don's family lived in Concord, New Hampshire, Don lived the early part of his life in Melrose. Growing up in that New England atmosphere and environment, with the paternal ancestry of generations of New Englanders, and the maternal background of British clergy, developed the strong and sterling qualities which characterized Don throughout his life.

His early schooling was in Melrose, and his high schooling was in Concord. He was always an excellent student. Not athletically inclined—his high school extracurricular activities were manager of the football team, member of the Mandolin Club, and an officer in the Cadet Corps. That early military exposure, and the family lore of the experiences of Don's grandfather and three great uncles (one killed at Winchester, Virginia) in the Union Army during the Civil War, helped generate Don's interest in West Point. His initial seeking of appointment to the Academy was thwarted by the eye examination, and he enrolled in science and mathematics courses at Harvard University for the two years, 1916-1918. Don persevered in improving his eye acuity by outdoor exercise, and



DONALD GREELEY WHITE

in 1918 obtained an appointment to the Military Academy from Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.

On 14 June 1918, Don joined his mates of the class which in due time became the Class of 1920, graduating on 15 June 1920. His cadet career was typical of his character—diligent, dutiful, and dependable. He was Regimental Supply Sergeant, always in the first section in academics, "wore a star," and was No. 4 in the class of 271 graduates. His hobbies were hiking and horseback riding. His cadet intimates were intrigued by his pronunciation of words such as "port" and "poet." When the Prince of Wales visited a class in mathematics at West Point, the instructor selected Don to make the black-board presentation; at the completion Prince Edward complimented Don on the excellence of the presentation—with the added remark to the effect that "It was over my head."

The commissioning of the Class of 1920 was postponed by Congress from the 15 June graduation to 2 July, at which time Don became a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. His first duty assignment was The Engineer School Basic Course at Camp Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir, Virginia); duty with the 2d Engineer Regiment at Camp Travis (now part of Fort Sam Houston, Texas) followed. Don, with the other engineer members of his class, attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, from June 1921 to June 1922, graduating with the degree of Civil Engineer.

The next seven years' duty was with engineer troop units at various posts in continental United States, and three years in Hawaii. For the years 1929-1932 Don was the Engineer Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor at Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania. Then came a tour in the Savannah, Georgia, District of the Corps of Engineers, followed by duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Attendance at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1938-1939, was followed by duty in the Boston Engineer District; and in 1940 Don became the District Engineer in Bermuda, charged with construction of the airport there for the impending military requirements. During the years 1943-1948, Don's assignments were with the Corps of Engineers in Baltimore, New York, and Washington, as the District Engineer. For his wartime engineering ac-

complishments, Don was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Order of the British Empire decorations. After more than 27 years of devotion to duty, he was retired in the grade of colonel, 30 April 1948, at his request, to devote himself to the care of his seriously ill wife.

Don White and Bernice M. Maxwell were married in the First Congregational Church in Melrose, Massachusetts, on 23 May 1921. Bunny, as she was familiarly called, and Don, together, enjoyed years of activity and popularity at the many places they were stationed. Their marriage was blessed with two fine daughters, Fay and Phyllis. Sadly, in the late 1940's, Bunny developed an illness that resulted in her becoming an invalid, requiring constant care. Don decided that that care was his duty, and requested retirement for that purpose. Bunny died 4 November 1957.

One of Don's distinctive characteristics was his dedication—to his duty as an Army officer, and to his duty to his family. His father had acquired some land on an island in Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, and built a cottage there in 1906. Don's attachment and love of that island vacation spot, starting from that early date, continued throughout his life. He took his family there on every opportunity. Together they played tennis, before it was an "in" sport, rode horses, swam, sailed on the lake, and picnicked. He was a somewhat stern but loving and compassionate father to his two daughters—they revere him. In 1965, Don and his wife Mabelle built a cottage of their own on the island, near the original of Don's father, and the one of Don's older brother. During the early 1950's, Don activated his latent interest in "ham" radio, the non-professional, long range communication among radio buffs. With the thoroughness and intensiveness characteristic of Don, he assembled a set of most elaborate and technically superior equipment with which he regularly conversed with his many "ham" friends, and regularly operated a key station in the MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) net. He was a leader in the MARS Fest—a countrywide annual get-together of MARS members at State College. Another hobby of Don's in which he displayed his usual expert proficiency was woodworking, and his home was replete with his superb productions.

While stationed at State College, Pennsylvania, in the 1930's, the White and Taylor families became acquainted, and the friendship continued over the years. In the year following the loss of Bunny, Florence Mabelle Heacock Taylor, who had been alone for some years, and Don, were married. They established their home in State College near Penn State University, where Don enjoyed a daily walk through the campus, and where, in the scholarly and tranquil atmosphere of the University, their life together was happy and devoted.

During the last year of his life, Don developed a serious illness, and realizing the implications, he faced the future with impressive courage, and manfully and stoically made all the arrangements for the eventual. He was forced to forego attendance at our 55th Reunion at West Point, which he wanted "most of all," but he and Mabelle were gratefully granted one more visit to the lake in the late summer—a few months before the end. There is no better portrayal of Don's philosophy than to quote the verse he carried in his wallet—

*Let me go quickly  
Like a candle light  
Snuffed out just at*

*The heyday of its glow.  
Give me high noon—  
And let it then be night.  
Thus would I go.*

Don's survivors, in addition to his widow Mabelle, are his two daughters—Fay (Mrs. Borje O. Leonardson), and Phyllis (Mrs. Bertram C. Kelsey), a step-daughter, Jean (Mrs. John P. Ritenour), seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, and his sister Kathryn (Mrs. C.B. Larrabee).

To all who knew him, Don White was a fine man—the simple adjective "fine" denoting the highest attainable qualities of character. His devotion to his duty, and to his family, along with his devotion to his friends, classmates, the Academy, the Army, and our country, fulfills Duty, Honor, Country, to the ultimate degree.

—Charles Holle  
Classmate

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### Francis Henry Lanahan

NO. 6673 CLASS OF 1920

Died 4 December 1975 in Westwood,  
New Jersey, aged 78 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FRANCIS HENRY LANAHAN was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on 28 October 1897. He entered the Army on 28 March 1916 as a member of the New Jersey National Guard, and graduated from the United States Military Academy on 2 July 1920.

During 1920 he served in the Field Artillery at Camp Knox, Kentucky; San Antonio, Texas; Hawaii; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In the late 1920's, he transferred to the Signal Corps, graduated from the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and until the commencement of the second World War, served as Signal Officer at Fort Benning, Georgia; Chief Signal Corps instructor at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and as Director of Planning in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C.

In 1943 he was assigned as the Deputy Chief Signal Officer, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and was appointed Chief Signal Officer of the Allied Forces in 1945.

From June 1947 to April 1951 he was the



FRANCIS HENRY LANAHAN

Commanding General, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

In 1951 he returned to Europe as the Chief Signal Officer of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe.

Upon his return to the United States, he was appointed Deputy Director of Logistics, Department of the Army, from which position he retired on the 31st of March 1955, after 38 years of military service.

General Lanahan was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star Medal, and many campaign ribbons.

His foreign decorations include the Commander of the Order of the British Empire; the French Legion of Honor; Croix de Guerre; Luxembourg Grand Ducal de la Couronne de Chene, Degree of Commander; and the Belgian L'Order de la Couronne avec Palme.

In April 1955 General Lanahan joined the International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation as vice president of the Federal Electric Corporation, and was appointed president of the Federal Electric Corporation in 1957.

In 1958 he was appointed president of International Electric Corporation, a new subsidiary of ITT, with headquarters in Paramus, New Jersey, from which position he resigned in 1960 to become Chairman of the Board.

General Lanahan was a director of the Federal Electric Corporation, Paramus, New Jersey, and of the Peoples Trust Company of Bergen County, Hackensack, New Jersey.

General Lanahan resided at 56 Oak Trail Road, Hillsdale, New Jersey, with his wife, the former Dorothy M. Carey of Vineland, New Jersey. His surviving child, Mrs. Anne Lackman, is the wife of Colonel (United States Army Retired) William F. Lackman. Son Francis H. 3d died in 1953 while a cadet at the Military Academy, and son Michael C. died in 1964.

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### Julian Erskine Raymond

NO. 6754 CLASS OF 1920

Died 30 November 1975 at Patterson  
Army Hospital, Fort Monmouth,  
New Jersey, aged 77 years.

Cremated ashes scattered to the winds,  
at his behest

HE GOT HIS NICKNAME from Bugs Raymond, the erratic New York pitcher of 1909. He kept the name because it fit. What else would you call a fellow who could twiddle a piccolo, scribble a limerick, or tell a joke appropriate to any occasion? As the 1920 HOWITZER put it, "He seems to have captured a veritable fountain of joy, which he is unable to keep to himself." The fountain never ran dry.

Born in Washington, D.C., on 28 December 1897, Bugs graduated from Central High School in 1917, a high-school cadet captain of Company D, determined upon a military career. His father, Dr. John U. Raymond, had died the previous year; so his uncle, Major Thomas Raymond, of the Army Medical Corps, undertook to help Bugs get an appointment to West Point. Meanwhile Bugs became a field clerk with the Army Engineers, serving in France from November 1917 to May 1918, when he returned home to accept the long-coveted appointment which his uncle had obtained from Congressman Igoe of Missouri.

Bugs entered West Point on 14 June 1918. Twelve days later he wrote laconically in his diary, "Am just beginning to like this place." The liking grew to a love that was one of



JULIAN ERSKINE RAYMOND

the passions of his life. Because of the speeded-up graduation of wartime cadets, the Class of 1920 was at one point the only class at the Academy; and Bugs was always proud that he helped keep intact the thinning Long Gray Line. He was King of the Beasts in the summer of 1919 and captain of I Company in the fall, graduating after an abbreviated two-year course in June 1920.

As an Infantry lieutenant, Bugs served at Governor's Island, Camp Gaillard in the Canal Zone, and Fort Niagara. Meanwhile, a second dream came true. Back in eighth grade he had "fallen in love" with a beautiful little girl, Mildred Clark. In June 1922 he married her and they lived happily ever after. They had two daughters, Dorothy Ann, the wife of Colonel Augustine S. Puchrik (United States Military Academy, Class of 1945), United States Air Force, Retired, and Mary Jane, the wife of Lieutenant Colonel James R. Walpole, United States Army, Retired.

After a stint in the Signal Corps, where he sharpened his ham radio skills while serving at Forts Monmouth and Benning, Bugs became aide-de-camp to General John L. Dewitt, moving with him to Fort Wadsworth, New York, and the Philippines. After attending the 1938 class at Fort Leavenworth, he rejoined General DeWitt at the Army War College at Fort McNair. The impending war cancelled Bugs' orders as a student at the War College, and he joined the General Staff under General Leslie J. McNair. From there he became Chief of Staff of the 10th Armored Division in General Patton's Third Army and fought with it through France, Luxembourg, and Bastogne. This earned him two Bronze Star Medals for distinguished heroism in operations against the enemy, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Later, a Commendation Ribbon was added for distinguished service as Deputy Chief, Allied Airborne Reconnaissance Forces.

When the war ended, Bugs served as Commandant of the European Command Intelligence School in Oberammergau, Deputy Chief of the Counter Intelligence Corps at Fort Holabird, and Post Commander at Fort McNair. A lifelong interest in the assassination of Lincoln led him to request, as his retirement station, the command of Camp A.P. Hill, just outside Bowling Green, Virginia, for the Hill reservation includes the old Garrett farm, where John Wilkes Booth had died. One final tour as Commandant of Camp Chickamauga in Japan completed Bugs' thirty-four satisfying years as an Army officer.

Retirement couldn't slow down a man like Bugs. He became a traveling lecturer on Booth and Lincoln for Civil War round tables and ran successfully for mayor of Bowling Green. In 1957 the Philco Corporation brought him out of retirement as their technical representative with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth. He and Mildred moved to Pork Chop Lake in Lincroft, New Jersey, where they enjoyed their final years. Several months after Bugs' 50th Reunion at West Point, Mildred entered the hospital and died, following a brave siege, in January 1972. Bugs had himself been fighting off cancer for six years. Ever the optimist, he emerged from an operation in May 1975 in time to attend his 55th Reunion, then re-entered the hospital and died peacefully in November.

What can one say of a man who was as full of life and talents as Bugs? He was a dedicated soldier, a gentleman, a scholar. He knew more, perhaps, of the Lincoln assassination than any other person; and his collection of assassination documents is a valued donation to the Army Historical Library at Carlisle Barracks. His musical abilities ranged from the piccolo and flute to the piano. He composed "Old Doughboy," an Infantry marching song. He designed the 1920 class ring, painted, whittled, and was an avid amateur photographer. He sang in "The Red Mill" at Fort Benning, directed "Meet the Wife" at Fort McKinley, and acted in "The Flower Shop" at Fort Leavenworth. He was a loving husband, a good father, a loyal friend, a warm host. He had friends and correspondents around the world. He was—"Bugs." A lot of people miss him.

—Jane Raymond Walpole

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### Frederick Stevens Lee

NO. 6903 CLASS OF 1922

Died 12 June 1975 at Nantucket, Massachusetts, aged 74 years.

Cremation

BORN AT THE TURN of the century, Fritz spent his childhood in Washington, D.C., in what was then a suburb but is now mid-city. Veterans of the Spanish War and the Indian Wars were commonplace and he played with their children. Occasionally he saw a West Point cadet on furlough, and of course saw the Corps at each Inaugural Parade. This quite naturally created a desire to be a cadet himself. Having solicited an appointment from each of several Congressmen and Senators, some of them completely cold, he finally took the competitive exam given by the D.C. Commissioners.

No one in his family had ever been in the military service excepting those from Massachusetts and Connecticut who had fought in the Colonial and Revolutionary Wars, and his paternal grandfather who was a surgeon in the Union Army.

From the public grade schools in D.C. he transferred to Swavelly's Army-Navy Prep School in Washington where he took the college preparatory course. With the rapid graduation of wartime classes in World War I he entered the Military Academy in November 1918 expecting to graduate in 1921. He was one young man who seems to have enjoyed his entire West Point experience even though he was turned out for Plebe English. He was proud of being a high ranking corporal in his Yearling year and then the adjutant of the 2d Battalion. Among his proudest moments was when he substituted

for Bill Kyle as the adjutant at parades of the Corps.

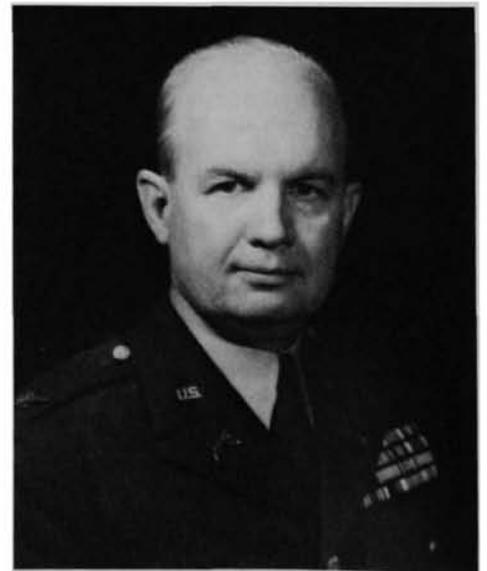
When 1922 was graduating and reporting to the first assignments, his first choice of branch was Field Artillery, but he was commissioned in the Infantry. Unbeknownst to him, however, something happened during Graduation Leave—he was assigned to the Field Artillery.

The Army itself was being reduced and a large percentage (about one-fifth) of the class resigned during the first year after graduation. This included Fritz who entered the security business in Philadelphia and Washington. After several lighthearted, unrewarding years he succumbed to the stock market crash of 1929 and was searching for a position in New York City and Washington. He finally joined American Telegraph and Telephone on 1 April 1932. While en route to Washington he came down with cerebral spinal meningitis. He felt himself fortunate to be able to spend the time of his illness and recuperation with his parents in D.C.

One year later President Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps and Fritz went on active duty as a camp commander in the wilds of the Pennsylvania mountains. These were excellent conditions for convalescence: good air, hard work, and responsibility. He stayed with the CCC for over four years, as long as the Army was in charge (and regained his unfailing good humor, vigor and capability of achieving his objectives which marked his career—Ed.).

In October 1940 Fritz was among the first Reserve Officers in Washington to be called to active duty for World War II. He served at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, then with a regiment and later the V Corps Headquarters in Europe.

On 22 January 1942 Fritz and Allie Burke Chapman were married at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In August 1942 Fritz was transferred overseas with V Corps Headquarters to be gone 46 months. He had various assignments in Europe including Provost Marshal of 8th Bomber Command of the 8th Air Force, ending as the head of the Confinement and Rehabilitation Section of the Theatre Provost Marshal. This consisted of nearly 25,000 American soldiers in stockades throughout Europe. When he returned to the United States he became a student at the Command & General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, upon completion of which he was ordered back to the staff and faculty. However, he decided that he did not want to be a teacher



FREDERICK STEVENS LEE

ASSEMBLY

and turned down this choice assignment to be assigned to Third Army Headquarters at Fort McPherson as Provost Marshal. In April 1948 he was posted to Military Advisory Group in Nanking, China.

His return from China in October 1948 was followed by two years as head of civilian components in the state of Colorado. In 1950 he returned to duty in the Pentagon as Deputy Provost Marshal General to Major General Edwin Parker.

In 1955 he took an assignment as Provost Marshal of Headquarters, United States Forces, Austria, in Salzburg, where he and Allie had a very pleasant tour of two and one-half years.

Upon their return to Washington and Fritz's retirement in October 1955 he worked for several years at St. Stephen's School for Boys in Alexandria, Virginia. After that he was in the investment business with Burton, Dana & Co. in D.C. In 1971 the Lees sold their Georgetown house and retired permanently to Siasconset on Nantucket Island, where they had had a summer home since 1956. This they winterized and except for two months spent in Florida in the winter-time, they were there until Fritz's final illness.

Most of the above is verbatim dictation by Fritz to Allie during the second month of his four months in the Nantucket Hospital. During the last two months of his life he was in almost constant pain and/or under sedation.

I would like to quote from a letter I received from a classmate after Fritz's death, because it expresses so beautifully what so many of his friends and relatives felt about him. "Among all his outstanding qualities, Fritz certainly set an example for all of us in the great strength, faith and moral courage he displayed in those last weeks of what was such a complete life in service to his country and his fellow man. We—all who knew him—loved him for his rightness, his thoughtfulness of others and his admiration, respect and support of all the good and decent things in life. Fritz was not only physically but morally strong—surely what is known as a good man. I have always held him in highest regard and am truly proud to have known him."

Besides Allie, Fritz is survived by a stepson, Edwin N. Chapman III, and three step-grandchildren.

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### Charles Trovilla Myers

NO. 7072 CLASS OF 1923

Died 27 December 1975 in Wilford Hall Hospital, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, aged 75 years.

Interment: Sunset Memorial Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

To CHARLIE MYERS' classmates and his many friends, the news of his passing was hard to believe. This rugged medium-sized West Virginia mountaineer seemed indestructible, but he died of cancer in a few short months.

Charles Trovilla Myers was born in Mannington, West Virginia, on the 10th day of February 1900. After graduating from high school in 1918 he spent a year at Virginia Military Institute and then was appointed to the United States Military Academy, entering in June 1919. His record at the Academy was really something! Weighing only 148 pounds and being only 5 feet 9 inches tall, he played first team end on the Army football team for two years, 1921 and 1922, and

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CHARLES TROVILLA MYERS

remember, this was when one played defense as well as offense. During his First Class year he was Cadet Captain of "M" Company and still only 5 feet 9 inches tall, he led the flankers during the entire academic year, graduating in June 1923.

After being commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Service, he was assigned to flying training at Brooks Field, then Kelly Field, and won his wings as a pilot in September 1924. His first assignment was as a flying instructor back at Brooks Field, but he immediately went on temporary duty to West Point as end coach on John McEwan's Army team. He went again for the fall football season in 1925, then returned to Brooks and was a flying instructor at Brooks until late 1929.

Charlie Myers and Fanabel Hull were married in 1928. In 1929 they served at Nichols Field in the Philippines for two years and then he was transferred to Randolph Field where he served as a flight commander on the Primary Stage for six years.

In September 1937 he entered the Army Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. After graduation his next assignment was Regular Army instructor with the New York Air National Guard Squadron at Miller Field, Staten Island. In 1941 he was assigned to the Central Flying Training Command Headquarters back at Randolph as Chief of Plans and Training. This was followed in September 1944 with duty as Chief of Staff of the 12th Air Force in Italy.

In 1945 Myers (by that time Brigadier General Myers) returned again to Randolph as Deputy Commander of the Central Flying Training Command. In May 1947 he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the Far East Materiel Command and in December 1948 he was appointed Commanding General of the 13th Air Force in Fuchu, Japan. He was promoted to major general in 1952.

He served as Vice Commander, Continental Air Command at Mitchel Air Force Base and then at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, from 1950 until in March 1952, General Myers was appointed Commander in Chief, United States Northeast Command, with Headquarters at St. Johns, Newfoundland, and was promoted to lieutenant general in 1953. In July 1954 his assignment was Commander of the Air Training Command at Scott Air Force Base and he held this command until he retired in 1958. General and Mrs. Myers remained in San Antonio, Texas.

Charlie passed away on 17 December 1975.

Simple graveside services were held on Tuesday morning, the 30th of December, with full military honors. He is survived by his wife, Fanabel, his son, Army Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Myers Jr., presently stationed in Germany, and his three grandchildren.

Writing about a man I played football with for three years at West Point, then lived next door to at Randolph Field for six years, and with whom I played golf and occasionally split a bottle with since our retirement, I can truthfully say I had the greatest respect for this quiet unassuming man who grew not in size but in professional stature to be one of the most dedicated, honest and able officers I have ever known. We enjoyed a most wonderful close friendship during the years since our graduation.

The General was for two years Vice Commander of the Order of Daedalians, the fraternal order of military pilots, and we therefore give him the Airman's Salute—"Hail, Farewell and Happy Landing."

—C.W. Lawrence

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### Francis John Graling

NO. 7555 CLASS OF 1924

Died 29 September 1975 in Washington, D.C., aged 76 years.

Remains Donated to Georgetown University Hospital

FRANK GRALING was born on 3 October 1898 in Spring Valley, Minnesota. He attended Spring Valley public schools through high school, graduating in June 1916. He spent a short time at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota. A year spent at Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, made a lasting impression on him, and he maintained close contact with this splendid academy throughout his life. This deep interest was commemorated by the Institute by their putting his name on a plate in a new military book.

He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1919 and on 12 June 1924 was graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Frank's first assignment was to the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Other assignments include temporary duty with the historical section of the Army War College,



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then in Washington, D.C.; junior military aide at the White House; student in The Infantry School at Fort Benning; the 11th Infantry, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; student, Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. From 1931 to 1934 he served in the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, and then in the 10th Infantry, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and back to Schofield Barracks where he was commanding officer of the Division Pack Train. In 1940 he returned to the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston.

In March 1941 Colonel Graling was assigned to temporary duty with the Intelligence Division, General Staff, United States Army for a brief period before going to Ottawa in the Office of the Military Attaché. In March 1943 he was appointed Military Attaché, American Embassy, Ottawa, Canada, where he served until April 1946. He then returned to duty in Washington, D.C., in the Foreign Liaison Office, where he served from 1946 to 1950. A second tour of three years as Army Attaché in Ottawa followed. Then he served on the Joint Board of Defense until his retirement in 1954.

Colonel Graling has been awarded the Legion of Merit and many foreign awards including Commander (Military Division) of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and high awards from Italy, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Greece, Egypt, Mexico, China, Brazil, Denmark and others.

Frank Graling was married on 14 September 1931 to Margaret Hansard Gibson. They have a daughter, Patricia, married to J. Fergus Maclaren, now residing in Ottawa, Canada, and a son, Thomas R. Graling, now living in McLean, Virginia, and eight grandchildren and a great-grandson. Mrs. Graling resides at The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

At West Point "Griz" Graling became well known in his class and the Corps for his imaginative innovations and his determined leadership. He was a leading spirit in the reactivation of the cadet magazine, renamed the "Pointer," which has continued a success to this date. He also, by persuasion and perseverance, created, coached and counseled a successful hockey squad, the descendant of which is still consistently winning victories. Through his initiative, he also arranged for annual exchanges of visits and hockey games between the Royal Military College of Kingston, Ontario, and West Point, a source of pride and pleasure to both institutions. This enjoyable feature of the hockey program still continues. During this period he also found time to be assistant editor of the plebe bible.

Frank's faithful and self-effacing loyalty and service to his class and alma mater has been characteristic of his performance of duty throughout his life. He has been unsparing in his efforts to accomplish each task efficiently and completely. As stated by the then Army Chief of Staff, General Matthew B. Ridgway, in a commendation letter to him on his retirement:

"Throughout your service, culminating in your outstanding performance as an Army Member of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, you worked untiringly in behalf of the security and welfare of our country.

"As you review your record, you may well take pride in your many accomplishments. You have fully earned the gratitude of the Army and its best wishes in all your future undertakings."

Frank's devotion to the service of his community and colleagues was not ended with his retirement from the Army. For more

than twenty years he demonstrated, by serving faithfully in many volunteer posts, his characteristic and unassuming generosity with his time and efforts.

He was secretary-treasurer of his West Point class, the active Thundering Herd, and served also as its president. He served on the Board of Directors of the Westchester Corporation, guiding the fortunes of this important cooperative apartment complex, and for many years as the treasurer of the Corporation, as well as a working member or chairman of several of the committees of the Board. Always his interest was in the welfare of the apartment community, its member-owners and employees.

He was a devoted family man, being kind, loving and supportive toward his wife Margie and a gentle and understanding guide, counselor and friend to his children. His death came suddenly, as he would have wished, after many years of failing health.

The world has been made much the better because of Frank Graling's life. We will miss him but will share in the pride he may have felt, but never expressed, in his accomplishments and faithful giving of himself in service to others.

He was quietly successful in his efforts to realize the ideals of West Point in doing his duty to God, his family and our country.

—A Friend and Classmate.

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### Richard Gernant Herbine

NO. 7603 CLASS OF 1924

Died 19 June 1972 at Orlando, Florida, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BORN IN READING, Pennsylvania, on 14 July 1902, Dick, known at the Point as "Kewpie" and the Pennsylvania "Dutchman" from Wales, grew up as the new invention, the airplane, was being developed. A growing love of this fantastic new machine and the military prompted the young man to attend West Point, from which he graduated in 1924. After completing pilot training, the young second lieutenant was wearing the wings of an aviator in the Army Air Service. Finding that the early Air Service lacked enough planes to satisfy his urge to fly, Dick accepted a Reserve commission and went to work for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. During this time, he served as private pilot to three successive governors and as Air Inspector for the Pennsylvania Civil Aeronautics Administration.

When war clouds threatened on the horizon, Dick saw the chance to go back to his first love—military aircraft. Recommissioned in the new Army Air Corps in 1940 as a major, he spent the war years organizing new training bases and training new pilots. In 1947, when the Army Air Corps became the United States Air Force, Dick received a new challenge in the form of the Berlin Airlift, and joined with hundreds of other pilots to ferry badly needed supplies to the beleaguered city.

Upon return to the States, Dick was assigned as Air Inspector at Orlando Air Force Base, Florida, attended the Air Force Command and Staff School, and subsequently was assigned as base commander at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, at which time he reached the rank of colonel. One more tour of duty as Base Commander and then head of maintenance and supply at George



RICHARD GERNANT HERBINE

Air Force Base, California, and Dick was ready to retire from the Air Force with 28 years total service. With a total of 31 years as an active pilot, Dick had flown everything with wings, from the old biplanes and "Jennies" to the F-100 jets of the fifties—truly a career of "High Flight."

Upon his retirement, Dick moved to Satellite Beach, Florida, and went to work as Finance Administrator for Pan American World Airways, a government contractor involved in the space effort at Cape Kennedy. At the same time, he was elected a city councilman in Satellite Beach and served as chairman of the council for fourteen years.

In 1968 Dick retired from Pan American and in 1970 he and his wife, the former Valere Kennedy, decided to stay home and be proud grandparents to their first grandson. All of Dick's life was well spent. He always worked hard and steadfastly for the things he believed in and for the people he loved. He will always be remembered as a loyal friend, a devoted husband and father and a proud and doting grandfather.

—Your proud and loving daughter

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### George Harvey Doane

NO. 7607 CLASS OF 1924

Died 24 April 1975 in Indianapolis, Indiana, aged 73 years.

Interment: Crown Hill, Indianapolis, Indiana

GEORGE HARVEY DOANE was born in Wilbur, Nebraska, on 12 August 1901, the son of Justin and Elizabeth Doane. While attending grammar school and high school in Wilbur, due to the death of his parents he lived with his aunt and uncle, James and Lucille Harvey.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Nebraska, he graduated in June 1924 as one of "The Thundering Herd." He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry on 12 June 1924 and assigned to Headquarters, 73d Infantry Brigade at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he served until 20 June 1926.

On 3 July 1926 he married Violet West Holtzman, the daughter of the former Mayor of Indianapolis, John W. Holtzman and Viola Holtzman, and a graduate of Tudor Hall Academy for Women. In June of 1926, he was



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transferred as a first lieutenant to the Ohio National Guard, 37th Division, serving on a brigade staff until 1930.

For the next twelve years he was employed in civilian life as an industrial engineer with Citizens Gas and Coke Utility in Indianapolis.

On 15 August 1942 he reenlisted as a captain, Chief Officer Procurement Service in Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio, until his discharge as major on 15 February 1945. From 1945 to 1951 he owned a home insulation company and a heating contracting firm. From August of 1960 to March of 1965 he served as an Industrial Security Specialist, United States Air Force, Central Contract Management Region, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. On 8 March 1965 until his retirement on 15 March 1966, he was Personnel Security Specialist, Department of Defense, Columbus, Ohio. When he retired, he and his wife returned to Indianapolis where he resided at 5614 Brouse Avenue until his death on 24 April 1975.

Through the years he and his wife were active in the Robert E. Kennington American Legion Post where his wife served as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and other offices while he worked primarily in the assistance program for needy families, receiving a national citation. He was also a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church, Blue Valley Masonic Lodge and the West Point Club of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Violet W. Doane, daughter Viola E. Skard, son George H. Doane Jr., eight granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter. His daughter, Henrietta Smith, predeceased him in March of 1975. His family will attest the fact that he lived his life in the highest exemplification of the ideals of West Point and at his death added new luster to the Long Gray Line he loved so much.

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### Arthur Bliss

NO. 7725 CLASS OF 1925

Died 12 October 1975 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

I WRITE IN SADNESS to pay tribute to a wonderful man who left this world on 12 October last. As he had so expressed the wish, he

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was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. This ceremony is beautiful beyond description but I remembered hearing once in England "the wife of a Colonel does not cry."

During my last visit to France I went to a cemetery in a small Normandy village and on the marble slab were these words:

*Le livre de la vie est le livre suprême  
Qu'on ne peut ni ouvrir ni fermer à son choix,  
Le passage adoré ne s'y lit pas deaux fois.  
Puis le feuillet fatal se tourne de lui-même,  
On voudrait retourner à la page ou l'on aime,  
Et la page ou l'on meurt est déjà sous vos doigts.*

The book of life is the supreme book  
Which one can neither open nor close at will,  
The adored paragraph cannot be read twice.  
Then the fatal page turns by itself,  
One really wants to return to the page where one loves,  
But the page where one dies is already under our fingers.

(simple translation)

Art, age 17, went to fight for France and one immediately thinks of Lafayette and Rochambeau. In a letter to his father (10 August 1918) he said, "France is beautiful as well as ancient; we saw more colors in the fields, more wonderful cloudscapes and landscapes on that delicious trip on our luxurious pulmans than I have in any other trip, and I had 48 hours to enjoy; then followed later shattered bricks, ruined dwellings and silent shops, not a single person, decaying city, but this is now a frequent sight throughout France and that is why we must get the Huns out of there." He admired its beauty and later its architectural wonders and its culture. Our two great nations have so much in common: he has taught me to love America, my new country, great yet so different.

In a speech to the "Alliance Francaise" (purpose: spreading of the language and the culture) reference was made again to the wooden crosses and red poppies—Verdun, Normandy, the Bulge, Ste. Mere l'Eglise—these are names which bear witness to the depth of the abiding friendship between our two nations.

Tributes have come to me from friends,



ARTHUR BLISS

"he was brilliant yet compassionate." General Elliot under whom he served at Plattsburgh Barracks wrote, "I came to have a very high regard for Art; he was sincere, forthright and capable, and a delightful person to know." The local French are equally fond of him: he spoke French perfectly. From another source, "there was never a devoted officer more worthy of all West Point stands for."

The experience in London was different. Almost at any time V1, V2, incendiaries, life did not mean much—it could end at any time, anywhere, buildings were blown up or cut in two; there were speeches to listen to: Churchill, De Gaulle . . .

He loved West Point and taught me to love it too.

For me this is another goodbye. Since I had to lose him it must be God's will but I had a wonderful life with him, which is a compensation not given to every one. If, as I believe it is in the scheme of things, some day we shall meet again as we are meant to.

This is my tribute to a great and modest man: he was my best friend and husband.

—Mireille Bliss

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### Francis Xavier Purcell

NO. 7880 CLASS OF 1926

Died 26 May 1975 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia, aged 70 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"I SAW HIM only once after graduation, and I am embarrassed to say that I didn't recognize him. The curly-haired pink-cheeked boy had changed to a baldish tanned man. I don't think there was a more kind, considerate man in our class. He was too smart to have been in any of my sections." That is what was written about Colonel Frank X. Purcell by his plebe and yearling roommate. It says almost everything about what he was like, but nothing about his life. Throughout his service his assignments were such that few of his classmates, even in his own branch, ever came in contact with him. Only after he retired did those of us in Washington, and those others passing through who attended the monthly class luncheons, come to know him.

Frank was born in New York City, the second of three children of Francis X. and Margaret E. Purcell of East Orange, New Jersey. He had only a high school education and entered the Military Academy by competitive appointment. A cherubic, earnest plebe with an irrepressible Irish twinkle, he was at once the butt and the darling of the upperclassmen. As an upperclassman himself he was unobtrusive but in his quiet thorough way he participated fully in every aspect of cadet life—academic, social, athletic and extracurricular. Studies never bothered him. He would quickly scan the assignments and then turn to other things—helping his goat classmates and underclassmen, drawing and painting, and listening to classical music on his hidden radio. He never boned tenths or files; yet graduation found him in the top 5% of the class, and art editor of the HOWITZER, of which much of the art work was his own.

Colonel Purcell's prewar assignments were those normal for an engineer lieutenant: two tours of troop duty with the 1st Engineers at Fort Dupont, Delaware; a Civil Engineer-



FRANCIS XAVIER PURCELL

ing degree at Cornell; the Engineer and Chemical Warfare Schools; an overseas tour in Panama with the 11th Engineers; flood control work in the Zanesville, Ohio, Engineer District. Then a second tour overseas, as a company commander and adjutant with the 14th Engineers in the Philippines, and finally, Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor at the Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, New York, until the outbreak of war.

While in Panama Frank was married to Mary Louise Jones, a daughter and granddaughter of men who wore the Army blue. Her grandfather, Colonel Thaddeus W. Jones, Cavalry, United States Military Academy, Class of 1872, wore the Silver Star for gallantry in action at the battle of Santiago, Cuba, 1 July 1898. Colonel Alexander Jones, her father, was reputed to be the best horse trainer in the Cavalry; her maternal grandfather was Doctor James Stewart Kennedy, Surgeon, United States Army.

When war came Colonel Purcell was assigned as Engineer 2d Air Force, despite his extensive experience with engineer troops. Although disappointed not to be given a command, he applied himself with enthusiasm, rare good judgment and unfailing humor to the work of planning and supervising the construction of infrastructure for the exploding Army Air Forces, which at that time had first priority. The results of his work soon became apparent as the power of the groups and wings trained at his bases began to be felt by the enemy in the Far East, Africa, and Europe. But his real reward came in 1943, with command of the 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment (heavy construction). He organized, trained and equipped his unit, and led it to Europe in time to assist in the Third Army's mad pursuit across northern France, and the frustrating battles in Alsace-Lorraine in the rain and mud of the wettest fall and winter in 80 years.

During the Von Rundstedt offensive a bedraggled and exhausted Colonel Purcell appeared unexpectedly in Luxembourg City where he spent Christmas Eve with a classmate. For the first time in months he slept under a roof in a warm bed. The next day he was hospitalized with an acute case of pneumonia which almost finished him. However, he recovered in time to direct his regiment in constructing in record time the first heavy fixed bridge across the Rhine, near Oppenheim. This was the work for which

all his previous service had been the preparation. It was the proudest accomplishment of his life.

After the war Frank went back to the Philippines, as Assistant District Engineer, returning in 1947 to transfer to the newly autonomous United States Air Force. He remained in Washington for five years, serving on the Air Staff and the Defense Department Research and Development Board, and graduating from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Then, after two years at Scott Field, Illinois, as Deputy Chief of Staff (A4) of the Air Training Command, he received his final assignment—Deputy Commander of the United States Air Force Aviation Engineer Force at Mineral Wells, Texas. The end of his military career found him as at its start, with the engineer troops he knew and loved so well.

Of this period his commander, a classmate, wrote: "I needed a new deputy who could plan and think clearly through monstrous problems—one experienced in command of troops and in heavy troop construction, and one willing to try for troop construction efficiency on a dollar-spent basis. I specifically wanted Frank, and asked for him. He was a most able staff officer, with a rare gift of analysis. Although he was my senior in files, this did not affect his work for me. Frank was solid and firm—a man who knew where things had to be watched and when they should be done. He did loyally for me the hardest thing in the world—working on a job he could have run superbly himself."

Retired at age 52 for physical disability, and with four children to educate, Frank could not relax. He took a position in Saigon with a New York engineering firm under the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Vietnam, as advisor to the Chief Engineer of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam (1956-1959). From there he and Mary Louise went to live for several years near Malaga, Spain, eking out their retired pay by writing and painting, while their daughter completed her secondary education in Switzerland. In 1964 they came to Washington, D.C., where they lived near their children until Frank's death from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Colonel Purcell was a soldier, an engineer, an artist, and a gentleman. He is survived by his widow, Mary Louise, of Oxon Hill, Maryland, and four children: Frances Alexander and John Patrick of Washington, D.C., James Stewart Kennedy of Montgomery, Alabama, and Mrs. Louise O'Toole Kyanko of Laurel, Maryland; and by six grandchildren. A brother, Gerald Griffin Purcell, and a sister, Marjorie L. Purcell, live in New York City.

Rest in peace.

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### Lewis Sherrill Griffing

NO. 7913 CLASS OF 1926

Died 29 January 1976 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 71 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

THOSE WHO HAD THE fortunate experience to know Lew soon realized that he was a professional, a perfectionist, a "can-do" leader rather than a driver. He tackled his initial Field Artillery assignments with the objective of becoming an outstanding gunnery expert. His many superlative and loyal students and their success in peace and war attest to the attainment of this goal. Too, his repetitive assignments as gunnery instructor and Di-

rector of Gunnery indicate that his superiors were highly pleased with the quality of his teaching. Throughout his career he never took advantage of his contemporaries or his subordinates to advance his personal gain; rather, he exerted his efforts to help and advance others. Feeling that loyalty was a two-way street he accepted responsibility for his and subordinates' actions and gave complete loyalty to his superiors. As an indication of his esteem in the hearts and minds of fellow artillerymen and the civilian community of Lawton, Oklahoma, his funeral services at Fort Sill brought forth an overflowing of the Post Chapel for a memorial service. At the door a caisson drawn by six perfectly matched horses, with three extra spooony Artillery drivers received Lew's coffin for the caisson ride to his last resting place in the Post Cemetery.

Lewis Sherrill Griffing was born 15 September 1904 in East Hampton, Long Island, New York. Here he attended local schools prior to that long climb from railroad station to Plain on 1 July 1922. Though a conscientious student, Lew was not overly prone to lose sleeping time in favor of extra study. He was satisfied with above average academics to permit more time to appreciate and enjoy West Point and all it had to offer. From the beginning he displayed a tremendous enthusiasm at outdoor sporting events. Here the perfectionist came to the forefront and during the final two years at West Point, he showed that tenacity in practice combined with innate physical coordination would enable him to perform all the flipping and tumbling acts of the best college cheerleaders.

Upon graduation from West Point in 1926, he chose the Field Artillery and was assigned to the Sixth Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. Here, soon after arrival, he met Elizabeth Lee Angell who was on Post visiting her sister and brother-in-law (E.T. Williams, 1920). To Lew she was his first, only and lasting love, and on 18 June 1927 he and Elizabeth (Wis or Wissie to their many friends and relatives) were married at Staten Island, New York. Throughout each and all of the following years, Lew was a dedicated husband and father with an ever-increasing love and devotion to his Wis.

After tours at Fort Hoyle and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, he was ordered to the Battery Officer's Course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduating in 1932. This was the first of his many tours of duty at the school and Sill. Like so many



LEWIS SHERRILL GRIFFING

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others, some time between his first arrival and retirement, the friendship of the people and esprit of the school made his Valhalla, Fort Sill, or close to the gates thereof, all a retired mortal artilleryman could anticipate. Lew graduated from the Advanced Horsemanship Course of the Field Artillery School in 1933. His next assignment at Fort Sill was as a member of the Field Artillery Horse Show Team. This team won the International Horse Show in Mexico City in 1938. During a two-year tour as an Instructor of Gunnery at the Field Artillery School, he helped in the development of Artillery fire direction systems which were so effective during World War II and which largely remain in use today. He was transferred from the school to the 18th Field Artillery Brigade as Executive Officer, and upon the activation of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, he became the Director of Gunnery of that school. Following assignments to the 70th Infantry Division Artillery, and as Field Artillery member of the Army Ground Forces Board in the Italian Theater, he was ordered again to Fort Sill. Here during the latter phase of World War II he became Director, Department of Gunnery, the Field Artillery School. He had watched Fort Sill and the Field Artillery School grow from the French artillery weapons of World War I to the potent and fast-moving artillery, missiles and rockets of awesome destructive power, and in this he played a key role in establishing gunnery systems compatible with the highly increased sophistication of the modern battlefield. His final assignment again returned Lew to Fort Sill. This time he was designated Commanding General, United States Army Artillery and Missile Center, and Commandant of the United States Army Artillery and Missile School.

Following World War II he served in a series of challenging and rewarding assignments. These included staff of the Panama Canal Department and United States Army Caribbean, the National War College, Chief of the Research Branch of the Army Research and Development Division, and staff of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Central Army Group Headquarters in Germany. With promotion to brigadier general he became Division Artillery Commander of the 4th Infantry Division in Germany. Returning to the United States he became Chief of the Texas Military District in Austin and upon promotion to major general he became Chief of Staff of the Eighth United States Army in Korea. This was followed by his assignment as Deputy Commanding General for Reserve Forces of the Fourth United States Army at San Antonio, Texas, and thence to the aforementioned final assignment to Fort Sill.

After almost 38 years of commissioned service he retired with 70 percent physical disability at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on 1 April 1964. His retirement review was an awe-inspiring event to the thousands of friends in the reviewing area. The troops and their weapons from the smallest cannon to the most massive rockets were shined and displayed to perfection. Following retirement he became Assistant to the President of the Security Bank and Trust Company of Lawton from July 1964 to April 1966. In July 1971 he moved from his beloved Fort Sill area, first to El Paso and later to San Antonio. The period after retirement was especially trying to both Lew and Wis with doctors determining how to prolong life so he could enjoy a few more days with his beloved Wis. First there was the problem of blood circulation to the legs. This was followed by re-

current cancer with operations, cobalt treatments, chemo therapy and finally an operation for a brain tumor from which he failed to recover. A few weeks before he died, apparently realizing that the end was approaching, Lew told Wis that he wanted to "move back home." They procured the familiar Lawton apartment which had been home during the early years following retirement—one close to Fort Sill where Lew had served in all ranks, but one, from lieutenant to major general.

He is survived by his wife "Wis" of Lawton, Oklahoma; a daughter Jane (Mrs. W.A. Woodyard) of El Paso, Texas; and two grandchildren.

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## Mortimer Ernest Sprague

NO. 8622 CLASS OF 1929

Died 25 April 1973 in New York,  
New York, aged 68 years.

Interment: Moravian Cemetery,  
Staten Island, New York

THE TIME NOW draws close toward three years since my father died, and uncounted sheets of paper have been discarded trying to write this obituary for West Point, his alma mater he loved so much, and by whose precepts he lived his life honorably and tried to teach me. As I sit and try to write about his life, the pangs of absence seem no less keen than the day he died. But, awkward withal, this time I will finish.

Bud Sprague came to West Point from the University of Texas where he had been a star football player and track star. For a big man—six-three and playing at 240 pounds—my father was quick; he once ran the 100 yard dash in 9.7. He and his large family were from Dallas, and his brothers, Charlie (now president of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Dallas), Howard (now a rancher near Weatherford, Texas), and Johnny (who, as a Ranger captain in the 36th Division was killed in action near Anzio), all distinguished themselves as fine athletes. While at West Point, my father won his letter for all four years, was named All-American tackle, and elected captain of the football team in 1928. He played in all the great games of that time and it seemed to me growing up that every man in the world (and a good many of the women, too) had



MORTIMER ERNEST SPRAGUE

watched him on those marvelous Saturdays in the late 20's when the world was a different place. (In December of 1970, he was elected to the National Football Hall of Fame.)

My father did not make the Army a career; upon graduation, he opted to resign and went straightaway to work for the Home Insurance Company of New York City, where he was employed until he retired in 1968, attaining (at various times) the position of director, vice-president, and secretary of many of the subsidiary insurance companies, working in many different departments over the years, and traveling a great deal. My father was president of the New York Board of Trade in 1949, and later became a director of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He remained active with his West Point associations.

When the second World War broke out, my father volunteered for the Army, serving in the Transportation Corps and, as part of the Planning Division, being privileged to attend the meetings at Teheran, Potsdam and Yalta. At war's end, he returned to civilian life.

My father's last years were painful: he lost his beloved wife, my mother, Kathryn Schlich Sprague, in 1970; he himself had been undergoing therapy for the treatment of throat cancer since 1968; routine operations for cataracts in the summer of 1970, shortly before my mother's death, resulted in the loss of one eye. An exploratory operation in the summer of 1972 revealed cancer of the lung, and it was from this that he eventually died on 25 April 1973.

I list these sad afflictions, not from any desire to enumerate in detail the deterioration of a man, but to tell that during this incredible period of physical agony my father was every inch and for every day the finest kind of man. I was an only child; through many of my years of early manhood we had not seen eye-to-eye on a lot of matters, but from the time of my mother's death in the late summer of 1970 until his own, only little less than three years afterward, I had the honor to be with him many times, making many trips to New York from Texas where I live, to help him in and out of the soul-devastating succession of modern hospitals while his immense physical resources dwindled.

But his mental and spiritual qualities were never depleted: his character never shone so bright, so pure, as near the end; my father passed his last winter with me, and with my family, three generations of us under the same roof, and the lessons of his steadfastness and courage in the face of pain and adversity will, I know, be a great blessing to my children as long as they shall live. For my own part, I was of course pleased that at last he would have peace; but the manner with which he met his Maker was the greatest inspiration I have yet had in my life, and I am grateful to God that He allowed me to help with and attend my father after the many years when we were apart.

He leaves me, his son, Kurth Sprague, and three grandchildren, Quin, David and Charlotte Sprague, survivors.

In the hours after my father's death, the following sonnet suggested itself to me, and it was read at my father's funeral:

IN MEMORIAM  
M.E.S.

*My father's mighty heart has cracked at last  
And knelled the belling tumult in his blood  
And quelled the questing mind, and felled  
the grasp*

*Of how things work: men's motives understood.*

*His loosened sinews now are stilled, disposing  
The giant's frame—God's gift—a celebration  
Those seven seasons played and now, re-  
posing,*

*My father knows green fields and adulation.  
His kindling warmth, the firelight of his smile,  
His voice's thunder that could beckon  
echoes—*

*His signet stayed a steadfast friendship while  
He graced our earth until his spirit rose.*

*May God us grant like immortality  
To be locked in the heart in memory!  
—Kurth Sprague*

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## William Herschel Allen Jr.

NO. 8817 CLASS OF 1930

Died 21 February 1975 in Melbourne,  
Florida, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia

AS THE SON and grandson of military and naval officers, it was natural for Bill Allen to enter into the service of his country. Following a year at Virginia Military Institute he entered West Point in 1926 with a Presidential appointment.

Bill enjoyed the academics, particularly English and physical geography, and finished high in his class. Many hours were spent in helping other cadets with their studies. He later returned to teach English at West Point. His interest in physical geography was reflected in later years in a professional article he wrote for *The Field Artillery Journal* about his personal experiences in surveying and gunnery during the Vella Lavella campaign. As a cadet Bill was a rifle expert and a member of the rifle team for three years.

At West Point Bill exhibited those personal qualities which were to serve him well throughout his life: constancy, self-discipline, commitment, and modesty. The 1930 HOWITZER described Bill in the following words: "Generous and helping always, a gentleman throughout, he is known by all with whom he comes in contact as a true soldier."

Bill was commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1930. During the first five years of his Army career, he served at Fort Sam Houston, in the Philippines, and at Fort Sill. It was at Fort Sam Houston that Bill married Betty Bascom Reynolds, the daughter of another Army family, whom he had known while growing up on various Army posts. Their daughter Joyce was born in the Philippines. Joyce and her husband, Mr. F.S. Davenport, now live in Florida. Bill is also survived by Joyce's three children: Julie Reynolds Huff, Roy Prewett Huff Jr., and David Fairfax Huff.

A happy four years was spent at West Point where Bill was in his element as an instructor in English and public speaking. He continued his academic interests by studying at Columbia University. A second daughter was born during this tour at West Point. Betty Little and her children, William Herschel and Robert David, live with Betty's husband, Major David R. Little, United States Marine Corps, in California.

In 1941 Bill joined the 64th Field Artillery Battalion at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii where he and his family weathered the Japanese attack. He served with the 64th through Guadalcanal and Central Solomons campaigns until 1944, holding a succession



WILLIAM HERSCHEL ALLEN JR.

of jobs which culminated in his serving as commanding officer. In a letter written to Betty thirty years ago, his successor as commanding officer described the unit as bearing the stamp of one officer whose leadership inspired respect and reverence among the men. Bill remained overseas with the 25th Infantry Division and the Sixth Army through 1945, participating in the liberation of the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. For his wartime service he received the Legion of Merit and two Bronze Stars.

After the war Bill returned to the States for various assignments including duty at the Pentagon, at the Armed Forces Staff College as a student and as an instructor, and at the Army War College. In 1954 he was transferred to Europe for duty with United States Army Europe and as the commanding officer of the 36th Field Artillery Group. At the completion of this tour he was awarded the Commendation Medal.

Colonel Allen's final Army assignment was again in teaching as the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Cornell University. Bill received his second Legion of Merit upon his retirement in 1960. Following his Army retirement, Bill was a member of the staff at Cornell until illness forced his full retirement in 1967. Bill and Betty continued to live in Ithaca, New York, until 1971. During that period he was active in community activities and civic groups. He also pursued many personal interests including boating, electronics, photography, and public speaking. A close Ithaca friend described Bill as "a gentleman of the old school whose heart and head were in balance."

In 1971 Bill and Betty moved to Florida where they enjoyed a reunion with many old friends and joined the retirement community in Satellite Beach.

The world is poorer by Bill's departure, yet many lives were enriched by his presence. He will be remembered as a quiet, kind, understanding friend, a fine soldier who carried out his duties in a superior manner, a devotee of music and the arts, and a loving husband and father. Surely he was one "of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence" (George Eliot).

—Betty Reynolds Allen  
assisted by  
Colonel John D. Payne, USAF (Ret.)  
Major and Mrs. David R. Little, USMA '63

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## Edwin John Messinger

NO. 9197 CLASS OF 1931

Died 28 January 1965 in Walter Reed Army  
Medical Center, Washington, D.C.,  
aged 57 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DAD: AT THE time of your death, some ten years ago, I was sixteen and while I realized the terrible loss, I don't think I quite recognized how much your death affected so many other people and how much your contact with these people had meant to them over an extended period of years. These last ten years have given me the opportunity to learn so much more about your career and its personification of the words, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Your four years at West Point brought you great honor in the military and academic as well as athletic fields. Your selection as a football All-American was but one mark in an athletic career that brought you major "A's" in three sports. To me, the highlight was the comment in your HOWITZER by your classmates that, "We who know him agree both wholly and sincerely that he embodies all those principles and characteristics which we secretly strive to attain."

Following your graduation when you moved on to your first unit, Company A, 28th Infantry, at Fort Niagara, you carried with you those leadership characteristics which had served you so well at West Point. A former private in the 28th noted "Big Ed was a great man, the best junior officer leader I have observed. Most other officers of equal or greater service could only *command* respect; he was accorded instant respect, obedience, and admiration." This same ability to garner the respect of those working for you served you well when you joined the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China, during those difficult years prior to World War II. On your death we got a letter from a former enlisted man in the 15th who spoke at length in glowing terms of your empathy for the plight of the young soldier and the mutual respect which you all shared for each other. When you returned to West Point in 1939 to be assigned to the Physical Education Department, you were able to again work closely with the young men who were soon to become the junior leaders of the nation's Armed Forces in World War II. Few cadets of that era will forget your compassionate but firm "instruction." Many of today's general officers still remember being invited to our house and on arrival being set at ease by "the Major" who gave them sport shirts to replace their dress coats.

After a brief trip to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, you again found yourself in a leadership position serving as G3 of the 17th Airborne Division from the time it was getting started in North Carolina through its difficult operations in Central Europe. Those who were with you in that fine division remember your role in the planning of the first Airborne invasion over the Rhine into Germany, Operation Varsity, and your personal bravery in the field which brought you a Silver Star. Maybe it was this combination of courage in combat and recognized leadership that prompted the Army to move you to the business of helping our Allies. In 1946, after studying Latin American affairs at the University of Michigan, you became the Chief of the United States Military Mission to Costa

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Rica. Many officers of that country's armed forces still remember your friendly ways and great contributions to their national security.

After a brief battalion command at Fort Lewis, Washington, you moved to the Korean battlefield with the 2d Infantry Division as Exec and then commander of the 23d Infantry. Your presence was felt everywhere as the 23d fought through the critical days of the Naktong Perimeter and the breakout and march to the Yalu River. The real test came, however, when you assumed command of the 9th Infantry. You led it through six months of practically continuous action at Kananur, Yuanju, Jubore, Honjon, Hangchow, and Inja. The regiment was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its action during this period, and your personal bravery brought you two awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, another Silver Star, two more Legions of Merit, and another Bronze Star for Valor. Those who served around you and the citations themselves spell out your indomitable courage and inspiring leadership as well as your extraordinary heroism. You were always with those in trouble. Where there was action, there you went. Your mind was on "Duty."

Your return to Washington to attend the National War College and to serve in the Office of Secretary of Defense gave us a chance to be with you. Unfortunately, your promotion to brigadier general in 1953 was accompanied by your return to Korea, by way of Japan, to serve as Assistant Division Commander of the 24th Infantry Division. Again your role was one of working with the troops, assuring smooth prisoner of war exchange, and the smooth execution of the relief of the 45th Infantry Division by the 24th. Your obvious leadership traits did not go unnoticed and in 1954 you were selected as the Commandant of Cadets at West Point. The members of the Classes of 1955 and 1956 who worked most closely with you still will speak of your straightforward, honest approach to cadet problems—an approach which was always accompanied with the right amount of compassion. I personally will never forget the extraordinary relationship that developed between you and Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik and Cadet Donald Hollender. The conversion of All-American end Don Hollender to quarterback of brilliant performance on his new mission was possible only by virtue of the strong moral support given to him by you and Colonel Blaik. Your selection, in 1956, as commander of the 25th Infantry

Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, gave us all another opportunity to renew the acquaintances you had throughout the Army. Again you were immediately faced with a tough assignment as you converted the 25th from a regular "division" to a new pentomic, while at the same time maintaining, in the midst of turmoil, a dynamic combat ready force. Schofield Barracks still remembers you as a man who spent so much time working with the junior officers and soldiers selling leadership and compassion. After tours of duty with Commander in Chief, Pacific, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Foreign Military Assistance and in Washington as the Director of Military Assistance Affairs for the Joint Staff, you moved on to Turkey to become Chief of the United States Military Mission in Turkey. There again you demonstrated your awareness of the plight of the young officers and soldiers of both our Army and our Allies as you strove to inculcate with them the same spirit of duty, honor, country that had served you so well. Your concentration on small unit tactics and individual training on fundamentals did much to improve the status of our Middle Eastern Allies.

After a short assignment in Washington as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at the Department of the Army, you were selected for promotion to lieutenant general and designated the Deputy Commander of the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe. Your principal mission, working with the service schools and our reserve components, brought you new opportunities to share your leadership. Your travels took you all around the country and everywhere you went you left the same impression—there goes a real soldier who has an obvious interest in the human side of the fighting man. It was during the same period that you met the one foe you could not conquer—cancer, and in January 1965 you lost your only battle.

It is a source of some great pride to me that everywhere I go those who served with you, above you, and before you got the same impression of your professionalism. Your classmates mourned your death as a loss of a true friend. The Secretary of the Army spoke of his deepest respect for your service and his personal fondness for you as an individual. Those who were working for you spoke to me of the loss of someone with whom they could really talk and have their positions understood. Soldiers wrote to tell us of their personal loss. One young Air Force sergeant noted that you always "recognized even the smallest contribution by any member of your organization" and that he, too, "felt the loss of a wonderful and outstanding soldier."

It all comes down to being a big man. A man who developed in the traditions of Duty, Honor, Country. A man of dedicated competence. Red Smith wrote in an article shortly after your death of your encounter with a cadet who was at the wrong place at the wrong time. You made him relax under what could have been a very bad situation. He titled the column "Big Ed" and finished



by saying that while you won many decorations, you also won the admiration of one terrified cadet and maybe that's what makes a man. I think it is for this reason we around you miss you. You gave me some big shoes to fill; but you also left the path clearly marked.

—"Biff"

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## Edward Kenly Purnell

NO. 9233 CLASS OF 1931

Died 3 September 1975 near Easton, Maryland, aged 67 years.

Interment: Woodlawn Memorial Park, Easton, Maryland

ON A SOFT AND SUNNY September day of 1975 Ned Purnell was laid to rest in a tranquil cemetery near his home in Easton, Maryland. Family and close friends who had come to make their goodbyes went back to lives and to a world that had been diminished by Ned's going. Others, friends and associates who had been privileged to know him well, felt real loss when word came to them.

Edward Kenly Purnell was born in 1908 at Fort McKenzie, Wyoming, the son of Harry S. and Elizabeth Kenly Purnell. His father was an officer of the Medical Corps, United States Army.

Appointed to the Military Academy from North Dakota, Ned was commissioned in the Infantry upon being graduated in the Class of 1931. He and Dorothy Fowler were married later that year in Washington, D.C. Ned served in the Infantry as a company officer until his transfer in 1939 to the Ordnance Corps. After varied assignments in the Corps, he served in World War II and immediately thereafter as Ordnance Officer of the IX Corps in Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan. The Bronze Star for this service was among his awards. After ensuing duty in the offices of the Chief of Ordnance and the Chief of Army Field Forces, he was retired in 1950 for physical disability.

Undaunted by either his retirement or his disability, Ned began a second career in 1952 when he joined the staff of the Operations Research Office of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. In his eleven years there as a senior administrator he won the admiration of both the technical and the administrative staffs for his capable, pleas-



EDWARD KENLY PURNELL

antly efficient management of the matters that came under his direction and for his acumen in anticipating problems and developing improved procedures.

In 1969 Ned and Dorothy—their two daughters were by then married—moved from Washington to a beautiful home they had built on Trippe Creek on the eastern shore of Maryland, near Easton, in the region where Ned's ancestors had settled generations earlier.

Ned was devoted to Dorothy and their children. He and Dorothy were happy in their deep affection for each other and in their unusually close and felicitous companionship. To his daughters he was a father whose love and understanding, whose guidance, were counted on and valued from their early childhood to the end of his life. Those of the family surviving are his wife, Dorothy Fowler Purnell of the Easton home; two daughters, Jacquelyn Purnell Moseman of Columbia, Maryland, and Judith Purnell Lansdell of Potomac, Maryland; his mother, Elizabeth Kenly Purnell of Berlin, Maryland; two brothers, Harry S. Purnell Jr., of Ocean City, Maryland, and R. Franklin Purnell of Seaford, Delaware; a sister, Sarah P. White, Ocean City, Maryland; and five grandchildren.

For twenty-five years, with quiet gallantry, Ned contended with severe physical problems. In all that long time he never succumbed to self-pity or bitterness or despair. Instead, carrying on a new professional career and retaining an appetite for life, he was as ardent a participant as possible in all the affairs and activities to which his wide range of interests and his own keen feeling of responsibility brought him. He made no compromise to physical adversity that he could possibly avoid. Thus, although his health increasingly circumscribed his physical activity, there was no complaint ever and no withdrawal from family, friends or life.

Ned was strongly interested in hand and shoulder weapons, and his collection contained valuable specimens. He was a craftsman with tools. He loved the outdoors and the water. The home on the eastern shore brought him to the waters of Chesapeake Bay in a beautiful setting. At his pier there was always a boat, and he found the fishing and crabbing good.

Ned Purnell was a man of decency, compassion and grace in his human relationships. Always and everywhere he attracted esteem and affection by the natural and unaffected showing of his character. He was a man of innate good will, generous and totally without spite; yet he was absolutely his own man. He was a humane person whom it was good to be with and whose contribution or mere presence brightened every situation into which he entered. His uncommon devotion to family and friends, his concern with their happiness and welfare, marked him as a truly rare person. Ned's death leaves us bereft.

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### Russell Franklin Akers Jr.

NO. 9874 CLASS OF 1933

Died 6 February 1976 in Front Royal, Virginia, aged 64 years.

Interment: Prospect Hill Cemetery, Front Royal, Virginia

OF RUSSELL F. AKERS JR. one remembers that his interests and activities embraced a broad segment in the affairs of mankind: military, business, civic.

Colonel Russell F. Akers Jr. (United States Army Retired), born in Nelson County, Vir-



RUSSELL FRANKLIN AKERS JR.

ginia, 17 December 1911, died of cancer on 6 February 1976 in Warren Memorial Hospital, Front Royal, Virginia, where his interests in civic affairs were a contribution to the community since his retirement there in 1968. Colonel Akers was a 1933 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Later in his career he attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Following his graduation from West Point, he served in a number of posts in the United States and abroad immediately preceding World War II.

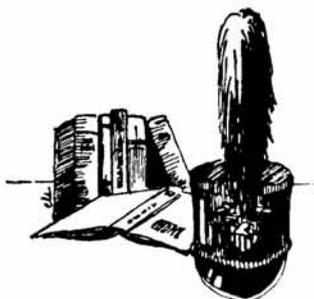
During World War II, he was Operations Officer, Headquarters II Corps, and from 1943-45 was Operations Officer for the First Army during actions in North Africa, Sicily, France and Germany. Peacetime posts after the war included assignments at the Pentagon, Fort Dix and Governor's Island.

During the Korean War he first served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters IX Corps, and later commanded the 15th Infantry Regiment.

Colonel Akers was the recipient of the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star for Valor, 11 campaign stars, the Greek Medal of Honor, the Greek Order of the Phoenix, and Korean Ulchi with Silver Star.

Following his military retirement in 1961, Colonel Akers was sales manager for Founders Mutual Fund in Germany, Italy and England for seven years. In 1968 he moved to Front Royal where he was a member of the Lions Club and was active in numerous civic affairs and the American Legion Post 53.

Colonel Akers is survived by his wife, Friedel, of the home; a son, Richard Graham Akers of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; his mother, Mrs. R.F. Akers of Arlington; a sister, Lucille A. Harvey of Falls Church; and two grandchildren.



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### John de Peyster Townsend Hills

NO. 10026 CLASS OF 1934

Died 17 August 1975 at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

AN ERA PASSES and the Long Gray Line swells when a First Captain marches on ahead. So it is for us with Townie gone. That Long Gray Line receives each of us twice: first, as plebes when we come for testing on the forge of discipline, academics and an enlightened concept of honor; and then, for the last time, on that day of final reckoning, when we arrive on our Spartan shield proudly bearing the scars of life's testing. May all of us, like Townie, deserve the accolade, "Well Done! Be Thou at Peace." He made his contribution to Duty, Honor, Country, and all of us are richer for his having passed close to us.

Born in Albany, New York, Townie sampled "things military" when he attended the Albany Academy. The mold of leader was already cast for in 1927 he graduated, captain of his company. In 1928 he attended Yale University and that summer joined the Civilian Military Training Camp. This experience seems to have crystalized his intention to follow a military career and he now oriented his efforts toward admission to the Military Academy. He enrolled in the Stanton Military Academy and enlisted in the New York National Guard where as Sergeant, Company "D," 10th Infantry, he won the competitive examination for appointment to West Point.

From his first days as a cadet he was clearly marked for highest honors. Years later a classmate, Bill Kern, was to note: "I knew he'd be our First Captain the first time I saw him . . . he just had that way about him." Most of us shared that view for Townie was a natural leader who both looked and lived the part. He was active in all fields of cadet interest. He was a "B" Squadder in football, played "A" Squad lacrosse, sang in the Cadet Choir, was on the Rifle Team, was Editor of the HOWITZER, Chairman of the Honor Committee and First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. A fair student, on graduation he had many branch options but elected Infantry. He also requested and was granted detail in the Air Corps for flight



JOHN DE PEYSTER TOWNSEND HILLS

training. He proved to be a natural flyer and in 1935 was awarded the coveted pilot rating in Pursuit Aviation and so began a long and varied career in the military life to which he aspired.

His early recognition and understanding of the true significance of weather in the application of air power led him to seek more detailed knowledge in that specialty. He was thus selected to attend the California Institute of Technology where in 1939 he was awarded a master's degree in Meteorology. This training was to influence and dominate his early duty assignments. Then in 1941 his interest in and understanding of the events building up in Europe occasioned his assignment as Assistant Air Attaché in England. When United States participation in World War II became a reality, he was ordered to the Air Section of the G3 Division of the newly designated European Theatre of Operations. As the Allied effort moved eastward across Africa, his leadership, poise and technical skills were recognized in a series of vital base commands from French Morocco to Cairo, Egypt. These duties were followed by a short tour with the Army Air Forces Headquarters in Washington before he was again reassigned to the active combat areas, this time in the Pacific as Deputy Chief of Staff, 20th Air Force on Guam. With the termination of World War II, he joined the Occupation Forces in Japan as special assistant to the Commanding General, Strategic Air Forces. This duty led to further Washington assignment, this time as Chief, World Survey Branch, Plans and Operations Division, United States Air Force.

In 1948 he was again assigned to England where he attended the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College. Upon completion of this course he was ordered to Randolph Field to be Executive Officer and Commandant of Students. Following this duty he became Commanding Officer, Perrin AFB, before being reassigned to Washington to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Upon this graduation he became Executive Officer of the Plans Directorate in Air Force Headquarters. This was followed by a short tour in Tokyo from which he was selected to be the Deputy Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, Korea.

In 1958 he was designated Professor of Air Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He particularly enjoyed this opportunity to work with young people but it was in this period too that his health began to deteriorate, foretelling an end to his military career. In 1961 he was retired as colonel. Unwilling even then to concede fully to the limitations imposed by physical handicap, he sought and accepted appointment as Administrator, University of the Seven Seas and, additionally, found the energy to instruct in the international implications of applied psychological warfare and propaganda. The first year with the university he made the world cruise in these capacities. However, physical demand exceeded capacity and the second year he retained only the administrative function, remaining in Norwalk, California, during the cruise period. Finally, further restricted, he elected to remain in the Washington area and became instructor in mathematics at the Bullis Preparatory School and the Gonzaga College High School, continuing in these capacities until it became necessary to retire fully in 1967.

In July 1975 Townie's long illness became critical. Admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital, he was retained in the intensive care unit where for more than a month only his great heart and the dedication and skills

of the personnel in that medical facility overcame one crisis after another. Then, just when it seemed that despite the long odds against him he just might pull through, his tired heart gave out. On 20 August 1975 at Arlington National Cemetery, family, friends and classmates paid him final tribute in a simple but impressive graveside service. For us who loved him, an era had passed. Now again the Long Gray Line received him, embraced him as faithful friend, far-sighted, talented professional airman whose adult life symbolized the greatness of his dedication to Duty, Honor, Country.

He is survived by his widow, Eleanor Hornby Hills, four devoted children and ten grandchildren. He'll be missed!

—Lou Walsh  
Friend and Classmate

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## Sidney Thompson Telford

NO. 10124 CLASS OF 1934

Killed in action in Langfeld, Germany,

14 September 1944, aged 33 years.

Interment: Family Plot, Derby Line, Vermont

SIDNEY THOMPSON TELFORD was born at the Canadian border, in Derby Line, Vermont, 28 February 1911, the only son of Sidney B. Telford and Adah Thompson. He attended Derby Line Elementary School and Derby Academy, graduating from the latter in 1928. Sid attended Norwich University from 1928 to 1929. Sid worked the next year while hoping that his appointment to the United States Military Academy would come through. It did, and he would be able to continue the winter sport he had begun to love so well, ice hockey.

Sid entered West Point on a Senatorial appointment in July 1930 with the Class of 1934. From the first, his engaging good humor and boisterous enthusiasm made him one of the most popular members of the noisy "E" Company gang. His fighting spirit and wiry strength made him a worthy opponent in any sport and he gave it all to his first love, as an outstanding member of cadet hockey teams for four years. His boundless energy kept him always on the go—looking for adventure or excitement, or, for a friend in need. In fact, his company-mates agreed that Sid was the kind who would give the shirt off his back to a friend. As fate would have it, this (to them) un-typical Northerner landed with two Southerners, Billy Craig and Johnny Stevens, as roommates who would spend three of their four years in "riding halls." The first was in the old 7th Division fourth floor, four-staller, with Clark Lynn; after plebe year, Telford, Craig, and Stevens spent yearling and Second Class years in the 18th Division's fourth floor, three-staller, trying to stay ahead of Lieutenant Ordway and others. In this period, Sid was an active member of the 18th Division washing machine "corporation," which saved laundry money for a while but inevitably went into "receivership" to the Tactical Department. It was during these years that for intimate arguments Craig started calling Sid "Tophie," for he could be a little devil, sometimes. This was later elided to "Bophie," his HOWITZER nickname, for we both agreed he was the best—in fact, the biggest-hearted "Damyantee" that we two "Rebels" had ever met.

Sid was pleased that his first post was Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He organized his company's hockey team, the post hockey



SIDNEY THOMPSON TELFORD

team, played with the St. Paul hockey team and "fun-skated" with Shipstead and Johnson, when the "Follies" were being organized. However, in spite of these affairs, he found a better and truer love on this, his first tour. He met the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F.B. Allen, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, who had come north from Okeene, Oklahoma, and it was not long before he entered on the game of life with his beloved "Susie" (Virginia Allen), whom he married 27 July 1935.

In 1937 the Telfords were ordered to Fort Benning, Georgia, where Sid attended The Infantry School. In 1938 he attended The Tank School at Benning. It was during this tour that the first important family event occurred: Sidney Thompson Jr. arrived in 1938, later to serve as a Marine and Foreign Service Officer. While his family spent the winter of 1940 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, Sid traveled during the organization of the Armored Branch, bringing his wife and son back to Benning in 1940 where the organization was then centered. Another big family event occurred at Benning with the arrival there in 1940 of a darling baby girl (in Sid's words: "another Georgia Cracker"), who developed into their lovely daughter, Mary Shelby.

In 1941 the Telfords were ordered to Puerto Rico, based at Borinquen Field, although Sid spent most of his time in Jamaica. The family was shipped back to the United States shortly after Pearl Harbor. In 1943, Sid was traveling with Armored inspection teams most of the time, out of the future Armored Center. By this time the family had set up in Miami, with Sid visiting as often as possible.

By 1944 Sid was in Europe as a lieutenant colonel in the 32d Armored Regiment, 3d Armored (Spearhead) Division. The Spearhead Division was committed to breach the thought-to-be "invulnerable" Siegfried Line. In its leading elements was the 2d Battalion of the 32d Armored Regiment. The intensity of combat during the approach march to the objective is attested by the fact that three of the 2d's battalion commanders were severely wounded by the time the line of departure for the assault on the line, itself, had been reached. Sid took command of the battalion at this point, on 13 September 1944. According to Sid's commander, the successful actions by the 2d Battalion in this campaign cut short a task which might have consumed months.

The ferocity of the fighting must not have

diminished. I wasn't there, of course, but I am sure Sid led his unit into the Siegfried Line with the same spirit and determination he showed back in cadet days, leading the hockey forward line toward the opponent's goal. He must have, for in this charge he won the Silver Star. I said he'd give the shirt off his back for a friend; in this case he gave his life for all of us, in the spirit of West Point, probably without even thinking about it.

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Susie became a successful teacher and now resides at 16 North Avenue, Newport, Vermont 05855. Her precept and example are reflected in the kids whom she brought up to be true and responsible citizens of the America which their father died to preserve. Mary Shelby Paull and son J.P. live at 5 Elm Street, Newport, Vermont. As of this writing, Sid Jr. is Security Officer, American Embassy, Beirut.

—Johnny Stevens '34



VON ROY SHORES

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### Von Roy Shores

NO. 10683 CLASS OF 1936

Died 12 January 1974 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MAJOR GENERAL Von R. Shores, a 1936 West Point graduate, died 12 January 1974. General Shores was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, 29 September 1912, the son of Von Roy Shores and Faye Hamilton Shores, both deceased.

He attended both grade school and high school in Ardmore, and after graduating from high school in 1930, attended Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma, from 1930 to 1932. General Shores received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1936. He then completed primary and advanced pilot's training at Randolph and Kelly Field, Texas, and was transferred to the Army Air Corps in October 1937.

General Shores' first assignment with the Army Air Corps was in the Panama Canal Zone with the 29th Pursuit Squadron where he served as a fighter pilot until June 1939 when he became commander of the 24th Pursuit Squadron. He was transferred to the First Pursuit Squadron, Selfridge Field, Michigan, in 1940 and served with this unit as a pilot and group adjutant. In June 1940 General Shores was enrolled in the California Institute of Technology for postgraduate work and in 1941 received his Master of Science degree.

General Shores served as base operations and weather officer at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, until August 1942. He then went to England as one of the initial cadre of the 12th Air Force Headquarters. While a staff officer at 12th Air Force Headquarters he flew 29 combat missions in Spitfires. During the period following the planning phase of the North African invasion, he participated in the "D-Day" Operations. General Shores returned from North Africa in February 1943 and was again transferred to the Panama Canal Zone. He served as deputy commander and executive officer of the XXVI Fighter Command until May 1945. During this period he was associated with the Brazilian Air Force in the initial organization and training of a fighter squadron

which later participated in active operations against the Axis powers.

General Shores returned to the United States and was assigned as Commander, Fighter Combat Crew Training Center at Venice, Florida. When that center was closed at the end of World War II, he was assigned as base commander at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma. Following these assignments he went to Rapid City Air Force Base (now Ellsworth Air Force Base), South Dakota, then to Kearney Air Force Base, Nebraska, as base commander. In June 1946 he went to the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. Upon graduation in June 1947 he was ordered to the Operations Division of the Directorate of Plans and Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Headquarters, United States Air Force. At the time of his transfer to Oslo, Norway, in December 1949, he was assistant chief of the Operations Division.

In Oslo he was assigned as chief of the Air Force Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group to Norway. In July 1952 General Shores returned to the United States and the Air Defense Command as vice commander of the 27th Air Division at Norton Air Force Base, California.

General Shores was assigned in July 1954 to the National War College, Washington, D.C. Upon completion of this course, he was reassigned to the Air Defense Command as commander of the 58th Air Division which he activated at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Two years later he moved to Headquarters Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base, New York, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. With the phase-in of the SAGE (semiautomatic ground environment) system in the Eastern Air Defense Force, he assumed command of the Boston Air Defense Sector.

In August 1959, General Shores became commander, 25th Air Division (SAGE), McChord Air Force Base, Washington, with the additional responsibility of commander, 25th North American Air Defense Region (NORAD), and converted that division from a manual air defense system to the SAGE system. In August 1962 he was assigned to Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel. Six months prior to his departure, General Shores was named acting Chief of Staff for the Air Defense Command.

In July 1964, General Shores went to Stewart Air Force Base, New York, as commander of the 26th NORAD/CONAD (Continental Air Defense Command) Region and 26th Air Division. The 26th Region had responsibility for providing air defense for more than 95,000,000 people living in the eastern half of North America.

In August 1965, General Shores became the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Allied Air Forces Central Europe (AIRCENT) and in September 1966 he became the Chief of Staff and guided the consolidation of AIRCENT into the reorganized single headquarters of Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), composed of the three former NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) headquarters. With the reorganization, he became the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Intelligence, Allied Forces Central Europe. He had the primary planning responsibility for moving the newly reorganized headquarters from Fontainebleau, France, to Brunssum, the Netherlands, which was accomplished in February-March of 1967. During this entire period of NATO assignment, he was the Senior United States Representative in the Allied Forces Central Europe Headquarters.

In September 1967 General Shores was reassigned to Headquarters United States Air Force as the Director, Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council on the staff of the Secretary of the Air Force, an assignment he held until his retirement in July 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of Colorado Springs; two daughters, Mrs. James R. Brown, of Virginia, and Mrs. Richard B. Gadd, of Florida; a son, John, of Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, of Oklahoma; and a brother, Edward, of Texas.

It is impossible to recount a man's life by stark and lonely statistics. None of Roy's warmth and humor, dedication and success break through these dates and times but he enriched the lives of so many in ways that cannot be subtracted. He is remembered with love and appreciation by his wife, his children and his many compadres.

—Roger Crewse and Sandra Brown

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### William Henderson Patterson Jr.

NO. 11714 CLASS OF 1939

Died 22 January 1974 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Savannah, Georgia, aged 60 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"IT IS DIFFICULT for a professional officer to express in words his feeling for his chosen profession. . . . For myself, all I can say is that since I was fifteen I have loved the Army. I have served in peace and war. . . . Now that my privilege to serve is threatened, I realize more than ever what an impact it would have on my sense of purposefulness. If I did not feel that I could serve our Army with distinction, I would be the first to withdraw, for I do not want my Army burdened. But I am confident that the Army has a need for me just as sorely as I make this appeal to continue to serve" (WHP - 1955).

Pat was born in Hudson, Ohio, on 8 October 1913, the son of William H. and Helen Bliss Patterson. He grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania, and entered West Point via the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1935.



WILLIAM HENDERSON PATTERSON JR.

"I first became aware of Pat some time during the first day at West Point, during one or more of the endless formations. . . . Fresh from Beanie Millard's prep school, Pat already had a small nucleus of friends in M Company, in contrast to most of us who knew nobody, but by the end of the second or third day he seemed to know every fellow plebe in the company. . . . He was constantly available for helping us raw recruits disassemble our unfamiliar Springfield rifles and for cheering those of us who found the pressures of plebedom in those first few days almost unbearable. Under his red hair, his ruddy complexion quickly earned him the name of 'Pink-Puss,' which he bore cheerfully for the remaining four years and, indeed, throughout his career, knowing it was bestowed not with malice but affection. . . .

"Pat's interest and compassion for people made him well known and liked throughout the Corps and its environs, by cadets of all classes and companies, barracks policemen, mess hall waiters, construction workers. He was less fortunate in also being well known to tactical officers, who confused his easy-going nature with indifference, and seemed to seek him out when below quota on demerits. As a result he spent many hours walking the area and many weeks each year sweating out his inevitable approach to the borderline of total allowable demerits" (VLJ).

During plebe Christmas Pat met Hallie Franklin of Cranford, New Jersey, whom he courted with reasonable constancy until graduation, married two days later, and for almost thirty-five years thereafter honored with his devotion and delighted with his joyous companionship.

His first permanent assignment was with the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, where his first troop commander, Clarence Clendenen, was continuously amazed at his boundless enthusiasm. In June of 1942 he joined the cadre of the reactivated 94th Infantry Division as reconnaissance troop commander under the leadership of his beloved "mon général," the late Harry J. Malony. He served with the 94th throughout the war, as G1 through northern France, the Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes campaigns, and as Chief of Staff on occupation duty in Czechoslovakia, a country whose freedom was of profound concern to him and whose later fall to Communism was a personal tragedy. Always concerned with the freedom of persons and nations, he participated with great interest in the prisoner of war exchange supervised

by the division staff in western France, and as a member of General Malony's staff for the Allied Election Mission to Greece in 1946.

Postwar assignments included duty with the Constabulary in Germany; participation in the Greek Plebescite of 1946; reluctant acquisition of a master's degree from Ohio State University; three years on the Staff and Faculty at Fort Leavenworth; and a return to Germany with assignment as tank battalion commander with the 12th Infantry. It was during this period that Pat's annual physical of 1953 showed a prior, though never diagnosed, heart attack, which was followed by a second, early in 1954. As a result, a Physical Evaluation Board declared him "not fit for active duty, permanently disabled. . . ." and recommended that he be retired.

When Pat was notified of the Board's recommendation he promptly went to work, rallied strong professional and medical support on behalf of his retention in the Army, and prepared an "Appeal of Findings" to submit to the Adjutant General. The opening paragraph above is quoted from his statement of motivation in this appeal.

In recognition of the validity of his arguments, the Adjutant General's Department rejected the Physical Evaluation Board's recommendation of retirement, and he was retained on active, though limited, duty. He subsequently made repeated requests for a physical reevaluation, and was finally granted a board hearing in 1960; however, that board's recommendation that his physical status be upgraded was denied.

Following his return to duty in 1955 (with the stricture "no strenuous or prolonged exertion, confined to duty of sedentary type"), he was graduated from the Army War College in 1956. He subsequently served at Continental Army Headquarters at Fort Monroe; as deputy president of the Armor Board at Fort Knox; as J5, Military Assistance Command Vietnam; and with Headquarters, United States Army Pacific in Hawaii. He was retired from the Army at Fort Stewart-Hunter, Georgia, in 1967.

Pat's many military decorations include the Legion of Merit (four), the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, and the Czech War Cross of 1939. His varied accomplishments included sometimes-scratch golf, a profound knowledge of politics and history, and a spectacularly successful way with people. His outstanding quality was absolute integrity.

After his retirement he and Hallie moved to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where he served his community as one of the prime movers in the establishment of the local fire department, and as manager of the Spanish Wells Golf Club and Plantation. He suffered a massive heart attack on Christmas morning of 1973, and his tremendous zest for living was finally stilled a few weeks later.

The terms of his eloquent "appeal" had been fulfilled: as he had pledged, he had served his Army with distinction; his passion to serve his country never wavered; nor did he ever burden his professional associates, his family or his vast acquaintances with the least hint of despair over the heavy personal burden that he bore, the constant awareness that his wings had been clipped in mid-flight.

Pat is survived by his wife Hallie; his sons, William H. III and George Franklin; his daughter, Hallie Herr (Mrs. Louis S.) Crouch; his sister Helen (Mrs. Paul J.) Crosby; his uncle, Sam S. Bliss; and by three grandsons and a granddaughter.

"I never had the good luck to serve with Pat, but reports which came my way from those who did, and observation of his meth-

ods and results on occasional visits to his various duty stations, clearly indicated that his unique style of performance, based on genuine liking and concern for and identification with people, exemplified true leadership, such as the Army has always sought and seldom obtained.

"At the time of Pat's retirement a large group of classmates and former military and civilian associates gathered, having flown from all parts of the country to inaccessible Fort Stewart to honor him. All had one thing in common, a feeling that Pat was their 'best friend,' and that they in turn were his. While most of us generate only a handful of enduring close friendships, Pat wound up with a huge collection of them. His departure leaves an unfillable void in the hearts of all of us" (VLJ).

-VLJ and HFP

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## Thomas Rees Cramer

NO. 12484 CLASS OF 1941

Killed 2 July 1943 during an air mission over Lecce, Italy, aged 24 years.

Interment: Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky

THOMAS REES CRAMER was born at West Point, New York, on 23 April 1919, the only son of then Major Raymond Vincent Cramer and Dorothy Rees. Tommy was Army born and bred. His father was Class of 1912; his maternal grandfather, Brigadier General Thomas H. Rees, Class of 1886, was a Cadet Captain with Pershing; and another maternal grandfather was Major J.C.G. Happersett. Tommy grew up on Army posts, showing the same zest for fun and the good humored wit which were to be always the hallmarks of his personality.

Tommy graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. Of course he was a high school cadet and a member of one of the competitive drills which was won by Western. He was always interested in flying, and as his mother said, that was his trouble in driving a car—like it was an airplane. After high school, Tommy went to Millard's Prep School, subsequently demonstrating his native intelligence by ranking high enough in a Presidential examination to win a coveted At-Large appointment to West Point. He entered with the Class of 1941 in July 1937.



THOMAS REES CRAMER

Tommy took West Point in stride, never too seriously worried by academics. He sampled most of the cadet extra-curricular activities, including membership in the Boulder Rollers, Stationwagon Set, Buck's Black, Parties in the Hills and, naturally, Club 23 (A.B.).

Tommy's life after graduation was brief, hectic and eventually heroic. He was commissioned in his father's branch, the Coast Artillery Corps, but went directly to the Air Corps' Randolph Field, Texas, from which he graduated in the first wartime Basic Flying Class, 9 January, a month after Pearl Harbor. He graduated from Kelly Field's Advanced Course, 6 March 1942, and was assigned as an instructor at Tulsa's Will Rogers Field. It was there that he met Dorothy Jayne (Dusty) Dustin, and not long afterward they were engaged. It was not long afterward, either, before Tommy's unit had reached full strength; by 30 September 1942 it was in Manchester, New Hampshire, ready to take off for England. Before leaving, Tommy sent money to his mother to buy a miniature for Dusty. He was never to see her wear it, but she did until his death. He is undoubtedly happy knowing she later married one of his best friends and fellow pilot in arms.

Tommy's unit arrived in Prestwick on 9 October 1942. He was promoted to captain on 10 October. His squadron participated in diversionary missions over the European coast during November, and Tommy led his squadron on its first actual bombing raid against Abbeville Airfield on 6 December 1942. He completed five missions before 1 February 1943 and won his first Air Medal. On his 10th mission returning from Dunkirk, his B-42 Liberator was heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire and forced out of formation, upon which eight enemy fighters attacked with the result that three out of the four Liberator's engines were knocked out. Three of his crew jumped to their deaths over the Channel lightening the airplane so that Tommy was able to bring it in "on a wing and a prayer" to crash land in the waves on an English beach, thus saving the Liberator and surviving crew to fly again. For this Tommy received the Distinguished Flying Cross on 15 February 1943. By 6 April 1943 he received the first Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. In the raids that followed closely, Tommy led his squadron in the famous May 1943 attack on Kiel in which he lost five out of the twenty B-24's in his unit. On 6 June 1943, he won his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Throughout this period Tommy retained his zest for life and his letters to his mother were full of remarks to buoy her spirits, such as: "We've had a beautiful spring—I've taken to walking wherever I go, the only trouble is it takes all morning to get anywhere, what with looking at the sunshine on the green grass or throwing rocks at bottles and birds. I've broken several bottles but haven't even scared the birds, so far." By June 1943, he wrote: "... out of the first ten pilots I came over with, only two are flying regularly now, but things are looking up since the last two missions. La Pallice and Bordeaux were easy, with no losses and I don't think we'll be going to places like Kiel anymore; furthermore, the unit is receiving reinforcements finally, and I think we're going to get along OK." In his last letter he wrote: "Quite some time no write, but maybe if you read this close you'll see there is a reason. The hot weather has really set in here in the Middle East and I got to swim in the Mediterranean yesterday—you've never seen such blue water—if it weren't for a little barbed wire and a sign announcing the 8th Army School of Mine Removal, I'd think it was the beach at Fort Monroe. The only females within field glass range are camels and jackasses—I must try to get a more even tan." Despite the humor, the 68th Squadron, 44th Bomb Group was in the 9th Air Force at Benghazi, Libya.

Tom was a major by now and despite his desire to return to Dusty and his family, he assumed the responsibility, as both squadron commander and operation officer, for breaking in one of the new crews on its first combat mission. It had become customary for one of the "older" hands to do this, although naturally, it was not a job every one was eager to take. Tommy chose to do it himself rather than ask some one else to do it. So, he was not leading his squadron on what was to be his last flight; rather, he was trying to help a new crew to successfully accomplish their first combat mission. The plane was shot down over Lecce, with all hands lost.

A classmate, who survived the war and rose to the highest military post, has this to say of Tommy:

"It was written in our HOWITZER of Tommy that his 'peculiar humor entranced us, his friendship warmed us.' How true! In our class 25-year book it was written, 'It's men like you who gave real meaning to The Long Gray Line!' Also true. Tommy's outward indifference, daring, good humor, and warm friendship were the elements that made

him a dedicated, relaxed, effective combat leader whose loss we all felt very keenly."

George S. Brown '41, General, USAF  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Tommy's commander, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his part in the Ploesti raid, pays this tribute:

"Tommy Cramer was a member of a Heavy Bombardment Group (Liberator) in England when I became its commander on 4 January 1943. The group had been on combat operations for the preceding three months. Its losses had been heavy and no replacement crews had arrived.

"Living in the mud of an incompleated airfield, enduring the poor flying conditions of an English winter, facing enemy fighters and flak on operational missions, these things were not conducive to high morale; even so, I found a group of determined, willing and capable men prepared to perform any duty or mission which higher authority ordered. This was due to the dedication and sense of responsibility of the leaders of the squadron, flights, and individual crews.

"Tommy attracted my attention, I saw in him all the qualities of a great leader.

"My close association with him, until he was shot down at Lecce, Italy, six months later, reinforced my early impressions. He had advanced to the well earned position of squadron commander. On his last mission he was instructing a new crew on combat procedures when two German planes made an attack from out of the sun on his plane, knocking it down.

"His loss was deeply felt by all of us associated with him. Even worse than his loss to his loved ones and to our unit, was his loss to our country.

"After all these years I still consider he had as much or more development potential than any other young officer I ever served with.

"He had charm, enthusiasm, judgment and 'guts.' He lived the Academy motto, probably without even realizing it."

Leon W. Johnson '26  
General, USAF (Ret.)

Tommy is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Rees Cramer, now living at the Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20015, and two sisters. His older sister, Francie, is married to Brigadier General J.D. Stevens, United States Army Retired, of Falls Church, Virginia. His younger sister, Doty, is married to Mr. W.S. Dodson of Quincey, Florida.

—Johnny Stevens '34

## Down the Field

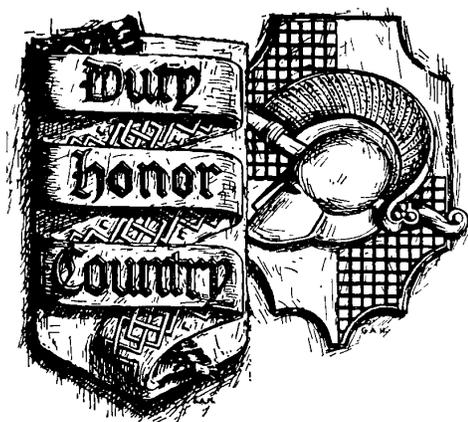
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coach next spring and Carson will serve as his captain.

**RABBLE RAMBLINGS**—Here's a rundown of the remaining captains for the 1976-77 sports year: Ken Miller (light-weight football), Wayne Chiusano, (cross country), Jim Johnson (soccer), Stan Ford and Jeff Jancek (football), Eric Stanhagen (rifle), John Luther (pistol), Matt Holm (gymnastics), Ted Kanamine and Ray Bosse (swimming), Bob Carter (fencing), Mike Hodges, (skiing), Leishman (indoor track), Tom Carver (hockey), Bob Vottero (wrestling), Andy Bowers (water polo)... LTC James V. Hartinger, a three time lacrosse all-America during his career at West Point (1947-49) was inducted into the Lacrosse

Hall of Fame at the Army-Navy lacrosse game. . . Ron Pifer, a successful wrestling coach in the Pennsylvania high school system returns to West Point as an assistant to Leroy Alitz. Pifer coached the plebe team 1963-66 while on active duty. . . Army swimming coach Jack Ryan was elected president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Coaches Association. . . Youngsters 18-years-old and under will be admitted to Army's opening football game against Lafayette 11 Sept. for half price (\$3.50). . . Youth groups of 50 or more will be admitted to the Holy Cross (18 Sept.) and Colgate (13 Nov.) games for the reduced price of \$3.00 per person. . . Thirty-one cadets were honored for their athletic accomplishments and six First Classmen—Trujillo, Allen, Gillogly, Staerkel, Fogarty and Piermarini were recipients of two apiece.

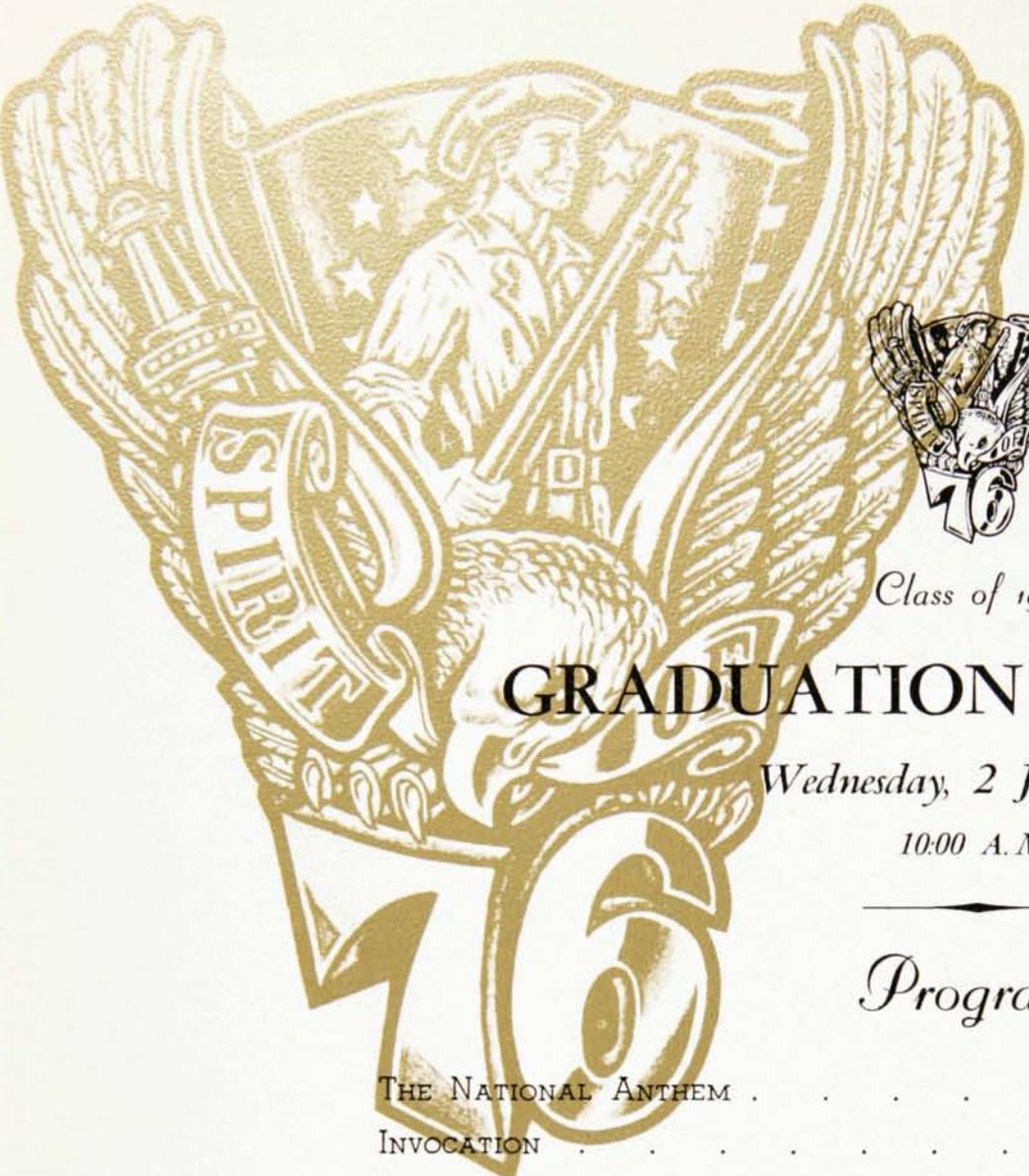
See the article on June Week awards in this issue for their awards. . . The fledgling Cadet Orienteering Team swept three of the first four individual places and won the team title at the National Orienteering Championships held in Kalamazoo, Michigan on 2 May. The following weekend, at Bear Brook, New Hampshire, the cadet team also won the team title in the Eastern Regional Championships. . . In its first competitive season the Cadet Handball Team traveled to the 1976 NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, on 7-9 May and defeated Ohio State University, University of California at Los Angeles, and the Air Force Academy to bring the national title trophy to West Point. In the open competition the cadets lost three games to strong amateur club teams whose members make up much of the United States Olympic Team.



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the June 1976 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
John H. Hester	1908....11	February	1976....Atlanta, Georgia
Clarence E. Partridge	1909....20	June	1976....San Francisco, California
Frederick E. Uhl	1910....26	June	1976....Chevy Chase, Maryland
John A. Brooks	1914.... 6	May	1976....Stuart, Florida
Dabney O. Elliott	1914....20	June	1976....Glenview, Illinois
Ira A. Crump	Apr 1917.... 1	October	1975....Washington, D.C.
John T.B. Bissell	Aug 1917....14	July	1976....Carmel, California
Samuel D. Ringsdorf	Aug 1917.... 6	June	1976....Kingston, Pennsylvania
Philip E. Gallagher	Jun 1918....18	July	1976....Columbus, Georgia
Linson E. Dzau	Nov 1918....15	April	1976....Macau
Albert W. Johnson	Nov 1918....13	July	1976....Richmond, Virginia
Nathaniel A. Burnell 2d	1919....27	June	1976....Edgewater, Maryland
Winfred G. Skelton	1919....26	March	1976....Columbus, Georgia
Wayne L. Barker	1920.... 2	March	1976....Berkeley, California
James L. Lake Jr.	1920.... 2	June	1976....El Paso, Texas
Loper B. Lowry	1920....25	April	1976....Tampa, Florida
Richard C. Partridge	1920.... 23	July	1976....New London, Connecticut
Robert W. Douglass Jr.	1922....27	May	1976....Heber Springs, Arkansas
Darius D. Thorpe	1922....27	May	1976....Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Houston V. Evans	1924....22	July	1976....Washington, D.C.
Leo D. Vichules	1924....28	July	1976....Los Angeles, California
Mitchell A. Giddens	1925....24	July	1976....El Paso, Texas
John D. Billingsley	1928....23	May	1976....Washington, D.C.
John P. Boland	1928....21	June	1976....New York, New York
Airel B. Cooper	1929....25	May	1976....Acapulco, Mexico
Joseph R. Ranck	1929....22	May	1976....Augusta, Georgia
Lucian A. Rowell	Ex-1929.... 5	July	1976....Beverly, Massachusetts
John S. Donnellan	Ex-1930....15	July	1976....Rockville, Maryland
Henry K. Mooney	1931....29	May	1976....San Antonio, Texas
William W. Ragland	1931....30	July	1976....Angwin, California
Edward J. Burke	1932....24	July	1976....Bayport, New York
Hoy D. Davis Jr.	1933.... 7	May	1976....Oakland, California
Robert J. Lawlor	1933.... 7	June	1976....Washington, D.C.
John G. Benner	1934....	May	1972....Mexico
Robert B. Warren	1934.... 7	June	1976....Hampton, Virginia
James R. Winn	1934....18	April	1976....El Paso, Texas
Robert Besson	1937....24	May	1976....Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Charles J. Blake Jr.	1938....13	January	1976....El Paso, Texas
John J. Wald	1939....31	July	1976....Cornwall on the Hudson, New York
Henry R. Brewerton	1940....11	June	1976....Cornwall on the Hudson, New York
John Millikin Jr.	1941....26	May	1976....Alexandria, Virginia
Barney G. Schneckloth	1945....14	August	1975....Tucson, Arizona
Martin White III	1950....24	March	1976....New York, New York
Charles H. Martin Jr.	1955....13	July	1976....Newburgh, New York
Thomas N. Whitmore	1960....	April	1971....Cleveland, Ohio
Michael A. Hawley	1970....26	May	1976....Bishop, California
John M. Ruzicka	1975....20	June	1976....Woodbridge, Virginia
Jon C. Lewis	1976.... 2	August	1976....Prince George County, Virginia
Clayton J. Gardiner	Ex-1976....12	May	1976....West Point, New York



*Class of 1976*

# GRADUATION EXERCISES

*Wednesday, 2 June 1976*

*10:00 A.M.*

## *Program*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM . . . . .	U. S. M. A. Band
INVOCATION . . . . .	Rabbi Avraham Soltes <i>Jewish Chaplain</i>
REMARKS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER . . . . .	Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry
GRADUATION ADDRESS . . . . .	Honorable Martin R. Hoffmann <i>Secretary of the Army</i>
"THE CORPS" . . . . .	Combined Chapel Choirs
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS . . . . .	Honorable Martin R. Hoffmann Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, Jr. <i>Dean of the Academic Board</i> Brigadier General Walter F. Ulmer <i>Commandant of Cadets</i>
PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS . . . . .	The Reverend James J. Tubridy <i>Pastor, Catholic Chapel</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE . . . . .	Superintendent
"ALMA MATER" . . . . .	The Corps of Cadets
BENEDICTION . . . . .	The Reverend Richard Camp, Jr. <i>Chaplain, U. S. M. A.</i>

