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Dear Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

On 9 September 1976, the Secretary of the Army created the Special Commission on the United States Military Academy and charged it to "conduct a comprehensive and independent assessment of the current (EE 304) cheating incident and its underlying causes in context of the Honor Code and Honor System and their place in the Military Academy." On 15 December 1976, the Commission delivered its Report to the Secretary. On 5 January 1977, Secretary Hoffmann announced his response to the Commission's findings and recommendations. This ASSEMBLY prints in toto the Commission's Report and the Secretary's responses.

The Commission's Report is an ambitious attempt to deal comprehensively with a dynamic situation and complex set of issues. You will find the Report wide-ranging, critical, disturbing and thought-provoking.

The Report expresses strong support of the Military Academy as an essential, unique national institution and endorses the Honor Code as it now stands. It highlights some areas of concern already under study and identifies others where there is the need or potential for strengthening and improving the Military Academy.

The Report, in my opinion, accords insufficient recognition to several significant considerations. These include:

--The fact that the ultimate responsibility for a person's actions--to lie or not to lie; to cheat or not to cheat; to steal or not to steal--rests in the individual's free moral choice, institutional shortcomings and environmental factors notwithstanding.

--The fact that the great majority of the Corps of Cadets believe in, support, and are guided in their lives by the spirit of the Honor Code and are not honor violators.

--The fact that the institution, in acknowledgment of its responsibility in the creation of a supportive environment for the Honor System, had already taken the initiative to investigate the health of the system and had begun implementation of a number of significant actions designed to strengthen and improve the Honor System and the supporting environment. Examples include actions undertaken as a result of the Superintendent's Special Study Group on Honor (Buckley-Reid Report, completed in May 1975), the changes to academic procedures adopted by the Academic Board in July 1976, and the significant procedural improvements to the Honor System adopted by Corps vote in November 1976.

The Commission makes a variety of recommendations intended to improve institutional effectiveness. The Department of the Army and the Military Academy have actions and studies under way now in response to these recommendations. Actions which can be properly done quickly are being undertaken now. Others, however, involve substantive changes in critical and sensitive educational and environmental areas and will require careful, far-sighted study before implementation.

One unfortunate impression which may have been created by stated or implied criticism in the Report is the idea that West Point's Corps of Professors falls short in dedication, competence, or professionalism. My experience is to the contrary. I have never been associated with a more dedicated, competent, professional group of officers. The West Point Professors' personal integrity, professional competence, academic freedom, and independence of thought are essential to the continued academic excellence of the United States Military Academy.

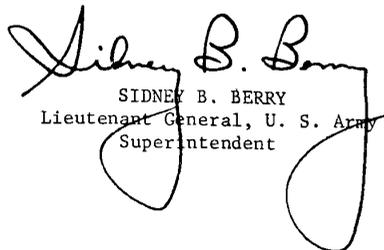
We thank the distinguished Americans who comprised the Special Commission on USMA for their time, effort, and concern for the health and well being of West Point. Their aim--like ours--is to strengthen and improve this national institution.

Most of you are being exposed for the first time to the detailed findings of the Report. You, no doubt, will pass through the emotional stages experienced by those of us who have been close to the honor situation as it developed. First, there will be disbelief, then disappointment, and finally a renewed sense of commitment to support policies and actions that reinforce the values, ideals, and quality traditionally associated with the graduates of West Point. What is needed now is objectivity to recognize past mistakes and determination to bring about constructive change.

It is heartwarming to note the manner in which the people who comprise the Military Academy have continued to perform their mission enthusiastically and effectively during this difficult period. Women were integrated into the institution with remarkably few problems. A significant academic curricular study has been completed. Physical and military training programs have gained in effectiveness. Athletic team performance has improved. Anyone who personally observes the ongoing, dynamic activity at West Point cannot fail to be impressed by the young men and women of the Corps of Cadets and by the fundamental soundness of the institution.

We proceed with optimism regarding the Military Academy's strengths and promise for the future and with confidence in the vitality of the Corps of Cadets and the resilience of the institution. I believe that West Point is stronger now than it was one year ago and that in the years ahead West Point will be still stronger and even better able to serve the needs of our Nation.

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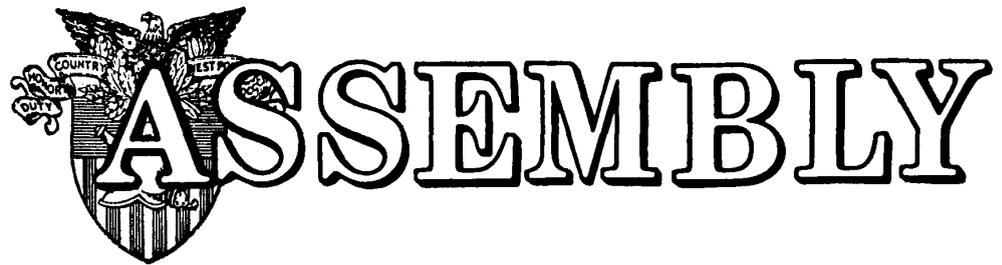
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Borman Commission at initial session with Secretary of the Army Hoffmann (L-R): Hoffmann, Wilcox, Tate, Borman, Pye, Johnson. (Walker not present.)

## INTRODUCTION

Dear Fellow Graduate:

I am pleased that the editors of the ASSEMBLY have seen fit to publish the report of the Special Commission on the United States Military Academy, which I chaired.

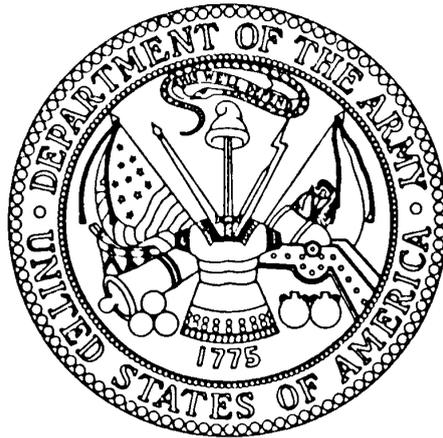
I shall not comment on our findings -- the report speaks for itself. I would like to assure you of two points: first, the Commission enjoyed the complete cooperation of the authorities, both at West Point and in the Department of the Army; and second, the members of the Commission unanimously expressed support for the Military Academy and belief in its importance to our free society.

All of us hope that our efforts will help strengthen and posture West Point for the demanding years ahead.

  
Frank Borman

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# BORMAN COMMISSION REPORT



## 15 DECEMBER 1976

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THE SPECIAL COMMISSION  
ON THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

15 December 1976

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Special Commission on the United States Military Academy has completed its examination of the Honor Code, the Honor System, and conditions surrounding the Honor System at West Point, and submits its findings and recommendations.

The six members of the Commission are in complete accord with respect to these findings and recommendations.

The United States Military Academy has, throughout its long history, produced leaders of the highest character and quality. West Point remains a unique institution where young men and women, in a spartan military environment, learn the academic and military skills necessary to be a professional soldier. West Point must retain its unique nature. We strongly support the United States Military Academy. This report is presented with the hope that the Academy's great strengths will be revitalized and renewed.

The cadets we met at West Point were a remarkable group, with unquestionable devotion to the Academy, the Army, and the Nation. The failure of some cadets to adhere fully to the Honor Code cannot detract from the fact that the overwhelming number of cadets are honorable men and women who will, we are certain, become fine officers in the United States Army.

With these basic thoughts in mind, the Commission makes three statements of position.

First--The Commission unanimously endorses the Honor Code as it now exists.

Second--We believe that education concerning the Honor Code has been inadequate and the administration of the Honor Code has been inconsistent and, at times, corrupt. There must be improvement in both education and administration.

Third--The Commission concurs unanimously with the actions that you have taken to provide a "second chance" for certain cadets involved in the Electrical Engineering cheating incident last spring. Moreover, the Commission believes that the same consideration should be given to all other cadets who were involved in cheating, or tolerating cheating, on the examination in question.

The Commission recognizes that there is a body of opinion that believes your action resulted in a lowering of standards at West Point. We disagree. The cadets did cheat, but were not solely at fault. Their culpability must be viewed against the unrestrained growth of the "cool-on-honor" subculture at the Academy, the widespread violations of the Honor Code, the gross inadequacies in the Honor System, the failure of the Academy to act decisively with respect to known honor problems, and the other Academy shortcomings. Your action did not condone cheating; rather, it recognized that, in light of the grave institutional responsibility, the implicated cadets should be given another opportunity to meet the ideals of the Honor Code.

The time has come to end this unfortunate episode. The Academy must recognize that it is not treating a disease that can be cured simply by isolating those who have been infected. The Academy must now acknowledge the causes of the breakdown and devote its full energies to rebuilding an improved and strengthened institution. We see nothing to be gained by further action against these cadets and much to be lost by continuing with the divisive and unrealistic attempt to purge all who have violated an Honor Code that is perceived in widely differing ways. What is needed are reform and regeneration, not retribution.

We make several recommendations designed to correct institutional shortcomings we have discerned. Many of our recommendations have been made by other bodies in the past, but were not adopted. We urge that the conclusions and recommendations of this report receive your personal and prompt attention.

The Commission received complete cooperation from those members of the Corps of Cadets with whom we were privileged to meet; from the Department of the Army; from officials of the Academy; from members of the Tactical, Academic, and Athletic Departments; from graduates; and from officers who have served in past years in various capacities at the Military Academy.

Sincerely,



FRANK BORMAN  
Chairman

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The Special Commission on the United States Military Academy was appointed by the Secretary of the Army on September 9, 1976 "to conduct a comprehensive and independent assessment of the . . . (EE 304) cheating incident and its underlying causes in the context of the Honor Code and Honor System and their place in the Military Academy."

The Report to the Secretary of the Army, by the Special Commission, is organized into three parts. Part One states the findings and recommendations. Part Two is a discussion of supporting material. Part Three contains a concluding statement.

## Part One – Findings and Recommendations

### THE HONOR CODE

*"A cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do."*

**T**HE Commission fully supports the Honor Code as a simple statement of essential standards of integrity to which every honorable person aspires. We believe that individuals are not born with honor and that its attainment is an ongoing educational process. Some are unable to accept and assimilate these values as rapidly and to as great a degree as others. Nonetheless, these ideals should be inculcated into every cadet at the United States Military Academy. It is critically important that all leaders in whom the people confer both trust and power achieve the highest degree of personal integrity.

We have been impressed by the importance attached to the Honor Code by cadets with whom we have spoken. They generally agree that the Code, insofar as it proscribes lying, stealing and cheating, is sound and that it espouses ethical principles in which they have the strongest personal belief. Indeed, most cadets treasure the Honor Code. Many of those implicated in the Electrical Engineering 304 (EE 304) incident express support for its ideals.

One aspect of the Honor Code is not fully supported—the nontoleration clause, which as now interpreted requires a cadet to report and thereby cause the sep-

aration of another cadet for an honor violation. Many individuals are reluctant to place duty to community over loyalty to friends. This dilemma is particularly acute at West Point, where loyalty to friends is emphasized in other aspects of Academy life. Cadets generally recognize, however, that if the Honor Code is to have any meaning, they cannot ignore the dishonorable acts of others; some action on their part, to express disapproval of honor violations, is necessary. In this sense, the Commission fully supports the principle embodied in the nontoleration clause.

### THE HONOR SYSTEM

**D**espite support for the ideals of the Honor Code, cadet compliance with the Honor Code, by the Spring of 1976, had become disturbingly lax.

The number of cadets who have resigned or otherwise been separated in connection with the EE 304 incident, 134 cadets as of December 6, 1976, does not, in our opinion, reveal the true extent of honor violations in EE 304. The Commission is convinced that many cadets who either collaborated or tolerated collaboration on the EE 304 take-

home examination have not been detected or punished. The Commission is equally persuaded that scores of other violations of the Honor Code have gone undetected or unpunished and that, during recent years, a substantial number of cadets have been involved in dishonesty, toleration, and, on occasion, misconduct as honor representatives.

We agree with the remarks of Academy officers who served on the Internal Review Panel or Officer Boards:

*"Cheating was not confined to EE 304 nor to the Class of 1977. . . . [S]ufficient evidence was forthcoming that there were widescale incidents involving academic cheating in other courses at other times."*

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*"The Class of '77 is not unique. . . . [C]ollaboration and toleration are common at West Point. . . . Undoubtedly other classes have been, and still are involved in cheating on a scale at least equal to '77."*

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*"[W]e are seeing only the tip of the cheating iceberg."*

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*"[T]estimony . . . indicates that cadet cheating on the EE 304 problem is only a small corner of the total problem. . . . [C]heating on a large scale has gone on before in previous classes. . . ."*

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*"[P]rior to serving on an Officer Board, I was personally convinced that reports of widespread cheating were little more than legally useful propaganda, perpetrated by clever defense lawyers. I no longer believe that to be the case."*

We also agree with the Cadet Honor Committee's current Vice Chairman for Investigations, who recently informed the Corps of Cadets:

*"There have been cases of board fixing that can be documented, not only for the past year but for the past several years. For example, during the Electrical Engineering controversy this past summer, 30 of the 35 cadets who were found guilty by Officer Boards were previously found not guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee. Testimony arising out of the Officer Boards and the Internal Review Panel this summer has indicated that many of these were tampered with at the Honor Committee Board level. One cadet found guilty in the EE 304 controversy had previously been exonerated by 8 Cadet Honor Boards in his cadet career. Strong evidence, also from the Internal Review Panel, and from the Officer Boards held over the summer, indicates that he was protected by friends on the Honor Committee. Last year 16 first classmen were forwarded to full Honor Boards, yet not one was found guilty by his peers' on the 1976 Honor Committee. One was found guilty by the 1977 Honor Committee. However, in contrast to those statistics, last year 20 fourth classmen were forwarded to full Honor Boards and of these 16 were found guilty by the 1977 and 1976 Honor Committees. Now this suggests that if not board tampering that there may be just an unwillingness for a cadet to find his peer guilty, if not it does demonstrate gross inadequacies existing in the system. . . ." (emphasis added)*

It is distressingly apparent to the Commission that the Honor System, the means by which the Code is taught, supervised and enforced, had indeed become grossly inadequate by the Spring of 1976.

Even more disturbing is that this inadequacy was known to Academy leadership well before EE 304, but no decisive action was taken. In July of 1974, the departing Superintendent of the Academy provided the incoming Superintendent with a report concerning honor at West Point. The report, which had been prepared earlier by former faculty members, concluded that the Honor System was "in trouble" and that its reclaiming would be a "formidable task." This conclusion was fully supported in a 1975 Academy study which revealed widespread disaffection with the Honor System. Nevertheless, some Academy officials persisted, even after the EE 304 incident, in publicly proclaiming the health of the Honor System.

## THE EE 304 CHEATING INCIDENT

Those cadets who collaborated on the EE 304 examination knew beyond any doubt that such action was prohibited. Although they may not have believed that their conduct made them morally corrupt or dishonorable, they knew it was wrong. Their action cannot be excused. But to place full blame on these cadets is to ignore institutional factors which contributed significantly to such a "choice." Inadequacies in the Honor System, in the Academy environment which was to have supported this System, and in the administration of the EE 304 examination combined to make a cheating incident practically inevitable.

### A. Honor System

Perhaps the most fundamental of the Honor System's inadequacies has been the expansion of the Code well beyond its intended purpose. Cadets have been found guilty for isolated conduct which cannot fairly be characterized as having made them dishonorable. Recently, for example, a cadet who *reported himself* for stating that he had done 20 sit-ups, when in fact he had done only 18, was found guilty of violating the Honor Code. A similar incident had occurred in 1970. In July of 1974, a new cadet who *reported himself* for telling his squad leader, who "did not remember the particular incident," that he had shaved, when in fact he had not, was separated. In 1975, a third classman was found guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee of "intentionally deceiving" in that "he wore a second class dress coat to a motion picture" during the week (a regulation prohibited third classmen from attending weeknight movies).

If these cases were aberrations, our concerns would not be as great. They are, however, representative of a significant number of the approximately 180 non-EE 304 cases which have resulted in findings of guilt by the respective Cadet Honor Committees during the 1970s. The Honor Code too frequently has been interpreted and taught in a technical, highly legalistic fashion. As a result, the Honor Code's basic purpose—insuring that our military leaders are honorable men and women—has been obscured.

One of the more demoralizing shortcomings of the Honor System has been confusion and inconsistency in the interpretation and application of the Honor Code. There is evidence of a critical lack of agreement on these matters among the administration, tactical staff, faculty, Honor Committee, cadets, and alumni. For example, actions such as "bed stuffing," covering windows with blankets after "lights out," and keeping liquor in hair tonic bottles have at times been considered honor violations—depending upon who is construing the Honor Code. As an Academy Study Group noted, "Operational interpretations of the Honor Code vary widely and are modified frequently without the benefit of any regularized process. . . ."

Far from being a statement of immutable principles, the Honor Code as defined has become a compendium of changing rules. The body which has been entrusted with the primary responsibility for interpreting and applying the Code—the Honor Committee—annually changes its leadership, thereby precluding development of a stabilizing institutional memory.

Equally troublesome is the fact that the Honor Code has been exploited as a means of enforcing regulations—a view shared by 76 percent of the Cadet Corps in 1974. Cadets and officers have taken the shortcut of placing a cadet on his honor rather than themselves assuming necessary responsibility for the enforcement of regulations. Consequently, the Honor Code, by merging with the extensive Academy regulations, has lost much of its unique meaning. It has become part of the “system to be beaten.”

A rigid and narrow interpretation of what constitutes nontoleration has also been detrimental to the Honor System. Cadets who become aware of honor violations have no legitimate option other than to report the violator and to cause his separation with the possibility of enlisted service. As already suggested, this sole option imposes demands on many cadets which they are unwilling to accept. Consequently, toleration has become widespread. Indeed, in 1974, 73 percent of the Corps stated that they would not report a good friend for a possible honor violation. Toleration weakens the Honor System by depriving it of a major element of enforcement. Furthermore, since the tolerator, in the eyes of the Honor Code, is as guilty as the violator, future violations by tolerators become more likely. In 1967 the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee, a group of 3 Academy officers charged with monitoring the Honor Code and System, prophetically advised the Superintendent:

*“The cadets interviewed, as well as this Committee, are in agreement that any ‘cheating’ scandal would find its beginning in a ‘toleration’ situation, i.e., a cadet would observe a friend or roommate cheating but because of their closeness would not report the incident. From that point a vicious chain would gradually find its way to other cadets.”*

Closely related to the growth of toleration has been the mandatory sanction of separation for all honor violations. The single sanction assumes that a cadet becomes instantaneously honorable upon entering the Academy; that all violations of the Honor Code are of equal gravity; and that all violators are of equal culpability. This has contributed significantly to the breakdown of nontoleration, to questionable Cadet Honor Board acquittals by a single negative vote, and, in some cases, to questionable reversals by reviewing authorities. In every other aspect of Academy life, the cadet is expected to mature and develop. Only in matters of honor has a plebe been expected to meet the same standard as a first classman.

Recognizing these problems, in early 1976, a majority of the Corps, but less than the required two-thirds, supported the end of the single sanction. Recently, after the EE 304 crisis, the Corps again voted on a proposal to eliminate mandatory separation. The proposal failed to carry by less than 1 percent. The Commission believes that Cadet Honor Boards and reviewing authorities should have available to them a range of other actions to recommend in addition to separation, including, for example, suspension, probation, or course failure.

Other shortcomings may be seen in the Cadet Honor Committee. Comprised of a limited number of first and second classmen, the Committee has been charged with

almost exclusive responsibility for insuring the effectiveness of the Honor System. Some Honor Representatives have been considered overly zealous; others have been “cool-on-honor,” a phrase denoting a lax attitude toward the Honor Code and System. The granting of cadet rank to the Honor Committee leaders has identified the Committee with the cadet chain of command and, therefore, the duty to enforce regulations. Such rank, we believe, is an unnecessary accompaniment to service on the Committee. By the Fall of 1974 only 41 percent of the Corps believed that the Honor Committee accurately reflected the Corps' attitude about the Honor System.

Many cadets have felt that the Honor Committee is part of the structure that has taken away “their” Honor Code. Significant changes in the Honor System have, in some instances, been made without the knowledge and approval of the Corps of Cadets. Furthermore, the dubious 11-1 acquittals, the lack of convictions for toleration, the absence of fundamental fairness in some Honor Board proceedings, and the rare convictions of first classmen have resulted in the perception of many cadets that the Honor System has been hypocritical, corrupt, and unfair.

The validity of this view was acknowledged by the current Cadet Honor Committee when it proposed several changes which were recently adopted by the Corps. The “due process” hearing is now at the Cadet Honor Board level; the Officer Board has been eliminated; a less than unanimous vote is required for a finding of guilty; and cadets other than Honor Representatives will participate in the investigation and adjudication of honor violators. We have some reservations about the specifics of these changes; however, we agree with their purpose.

Another problem has been the failure of Academy officers to participate fully in the Honor System. Responsibility for honor education, for example, has been placed almost completely in the hands of the Cadet Honor Committee; in 1974 less than 1 percent of the Corps believed that they had gained most of their knowledge about the Honor Code and System from tactical officers and professors. The Academic Department has made little effort in the curriculum to assist cadets in discerning and coping with the moral dilemmas that inevitably confront individuals in general and military officers in particular.

Because of preoccupation with the notion that reform must be initiated by the Corps if the Honor Code and System are to be accepted, the Academy had not assumed sufficient responsibility for insuring that needed changes were effected. The role of the Academy's officers had largely been confined to reporting honor violations or reviewing Cadet Honor Board adjudications.

The lack of officer involvement in the Honor System is consistent with the Academy's apparent policy of placing more responsibility on the cadets themselves in every aspect of cadet life. This lack of involvement contributed to the belief that the Honor Code and System belong exclusively or primarily to the cadets and that any participation by officers constituted interference. This, in turn, generated cadet antagonism when decisions by the Superintendent and Officer Boards differed from Cadet Honor Committee determinations.

These inadequacies have combined to foster cadet cynicism toward and estrangement from the Honor System, thereby weakening the System itself. There has developed within the Corps what has been referred to as a “cool-on-honor” subculture—a largely unorganized group of cadets who justify certain honor violations and “beating” the Honor System. This subculture and its accompanying peer pres-

sure have influenced many additional cadets to commit honor violations. In some instances the Academy's Leadership Evaluation System has been used by cadets to enforce at least toleration of the subculture. With each violation, the subculture grew and its influence became more formidable.

## B. Academy Environment

The inadequacies in the Honor System cannot be viewed in isolation. If the System is to operate effectively, the total setting must be supportive. Factors such as the rapid growth in Corps size from 2,500 in 1964 to its current strength of 4,400, instability caused by the modification of some Academy traditions, and certain societal attitudes and turmoil may have militated against this support. While we recognize the influence of these factors, we believe other institutional problems were the primary causes of the erosion of respect for the Honor System.

There has, for example, been serious disagreement over the proper role of education in the mission of the Academy: Should West Point train combat leaders for immediate service in the junior ranks, or should it provide the fundamental education and study to allow graduates (a) to assimilate quickly the special skills required for junior officer service in the basic branches of the Army, and (b) after experience and further study, to provide the senior military leadership on which the nation depends for its security. We are convinced that the acquisition of a college education within a military environment must, during the academic year, have first call on the time and energies of each cadet; military training should be concentrated in the summer months. The failure of Academy constituencies to agree on the relative importance of the educational component of the mission has hindered the development of an academic atmosphere which discourages dishonesty.

Development of such an atmosphere has also been impeded by the failure to determine priorities among competing claims on cadets' time. Prior to curriculum changes adopted this Fall, cadets needed far more credit hours to graduate than are required by most institutions of higher education. The academic pressures have been intensified by the increase, during the academic year, of military and physical training and cadet leadership responsibilities. In excess of two-thirds of the cadets surveyed in 1975 stated that they did not have sufficient time to satisfy overall demands. While cadets may not have been overworked, they clearly have been overscheduled. The result, as well described by a recent honor graduate, has been that:

*"In the present West Point system, mediocrity is not a choice for it is the sole alternative. It is not surprising that in an atmosphere of nonstop running and meeting deadlines that conformity and mere adequacy march to the forefront hand-in-hand."*

The Academy has not been structured in such a way as to encourage academic excellence. Superintendents have often been selected primarily for their military leadership abilities; because of their limited tour length, they have frequently not had the opportunity to become effective educational leaders. Furthermore, Superintendents have not, in most cases, been given an adequate voice in the selection of other Academy leaders such as the Dean, the Commandant, and members of the Academic Board. Nor has the Academy had the benefit of the continuing advice provided most institutions of higher education by their boards of trustees.

Equally troublesome has been the failure to develop

an appropriate state of discipline. In recent years, the Academy has delegated much of the authority for supervising cadets to the cadet chain of command. This has had the effect not only of increasing the time pressures on some cadets, but also of weakening the state of discipline. Confusion over the proper role of the company tactical officer has further contributed to this problem. By law, the tactical officer is the company commander. While all cadets and officers have some responsibility for discipline, the tactical officer must ensure that the Academy's high standards of discipline are met.

Finally, adherence to the Honor Code is more difficult when cadets perceive dishonesty around them. The standards of the Academy have appropriately been set at a level much higher than the lowest common denominator of society at large and, for that matter, of the "real Army." While the so-called "double standard" can be disillusioning, its existence must be acknowledged. West Point, however, has always and must continue to set the standards for the Army. It is of utmost importance that every officer at the Academy lead by example; they, in particular, must aspire to the high ideals of the Honor Code if the cadets are to do so. The degree to which Academy officers at different echelons have, in fact, demonstrated such leadership is open to question. Clearly, cadets have perceived failure on the part of some.

## C. The EE 304 Examination

The nature of EE 304 as well as the method of administering the take home examination contributed, perhaps most directly, to the occurrence and magnitude of the cheating incident.

In our opinion, allowing 823 cadets 2 weeks to solve an out-of-class examination in a course for which the relevance had not been established by the Department and which was almost universally disdained by cadets as irrelevant and "spec and dump" (memorize and forget) placed unwise and unnecessary temptation before each cadet. The situation was exacerbated by the fact that, throughout the EE 304 course, cadets had been allowed and even encouraged to collaborate on home-study problems similar to that of the March 3 and 4 examination. Indeed, not only was one such problem due on the same day, but the second part of the examination also permitted collaboration. It became common practice for cadets—who had difficulty with their problems or who simply did not have the time or motivation to complete them—to go to the room of an individual known to be proficient in Electrical Engineering, take his EE notebook, and extract the needed information. Such action, which inevitably increased dependency on collaboration, had never been considered a violation of the Honor Code or, for that matter, any regulation.

We agree with the statement of a former Commandant of Cadets who advised the Commission:

*"In my view the [Electrical Engineering] Department invited violations of the Code by the manner in which it administered EE 304. At the very least, it placed the cadets under great pressure, needlessly."*

Implicitly acknowledging the shortcomings of the EE 304 pedagogy, the Academy changed the rules for take-home assignments shortly after the EE 304 incident. Henceforth, cadets will be allowed to seek assistance, provided its nature and extent are clearly indicated on the paper. We are, however, troubled by the fact that some academic authorities, despite the change, see nothing wrong in the manner the EE 304 examination was administered.

## RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE SECRETARY

In the mandate establishing this Commission the Secretary posed eight questions. We have discussed these basic and essential queries elsewhere in this report. Nevertheless, in view of their importance, direct answers are provided at this point.

1. What were the causative and contributing factors underlying the recent Electrical Engineering 304 cheating incident?

The EE 304 incident resulted from a progressive decay in individual respect for and adherence to the Honor Code. While specific conditions involving the nature of EE 304 and the administration of the examination are directly responsible for the occurrence and magnitude of the incident, underlying institutional deficiencies, including those related specifically to the Honor Code and System, contributed to the general conditions making it more likely that an incident of this kind would take place.

2. Does the Honor Code and System impose a realistic and reasonable set of standards?

The Honor Code establishes a set of standards for integrity and self-discipline that should be the constant objective of every honorable person. It is the belief of many cadets that they *can* adhere and *are* in fact adhering to the Honor Code. In contrast, the Honor System, as presently interpreted and administered, is neither realistic nor reasonable.

3. Is the Honor Code accepted by cadets as a way of life or do cadets adhere to it merely because of the consequences of a violation?

It is impossible to answer the question as to all cadets. Some cadets do adhere to the Code because they genuinely accept it. Some do so because they fear the consequences of a violation. Some comply for a combination of these reasons. Other cadets, at least until the EE 304 incident, neither complied fully with the Code nor believed that the System gave them any real cause to fear the consequences of a violation.

4. Are high standards of moral and ethical conduct emphasized in all aspects of cadet life?

High standards of moral and ethical conduct are expected of all cadets at West Point. However, the core curriculum does not provide an educational basis for a cadet to develop an understanding of ethical conduct. In this sense, high standards of moral and ethical conduct are not appropriately emphasized.

5. Are the pressures on cadets generated by the academic, athletic, and military training at the Academy realistic and do they contribute effectively to the mission of the Academy?

The combination of academic study, athletics, and military training (including cadet chain of command duties) at the Academy imposes unrealistically heavy pressures on many cadets. There is at present no effective means of establishing priorities among the departments competing for cadet time.

6. Is the ethical base adequately provided for cadets to develop a strong sense of integrity, exclusive of the Honor Code and System?

No.

7. Does the institution in its structure, its policies and doctrine, and in its operation appropriately support the Cadet Honor Code and System?

No. The Honor Code belongs to every person who values personal integrity. The entire institution must take a strong role in the development of the honor concept, the implementation of Honor System procedures, and the ultimate review

of the exercise of cadet responsibilities. Recent history demonstrates that, in some respects, the Academy by its structure, policies, and doctrine has not appropriately supported the Honor Code and System.

8. Is there sufficient emphasis and effectiveness in formal instruction on honor matters at the Academy?

No. Honor instruction to the extent it exists has been almost totally handled by the Cadet Honor Committee. There must be instruction in ethics introduced into the core curriculum, to provide a base for continuing instruction in honor matters.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Cadets Involved in EE 304

The Commission has considered its primary responsibility to formulate recommendations concerning the institutional deficiencies it has found to exist. Unlike many other advisory bodies, however, this Commission has undertaken its work during the very crisis studied. It has thus been impossible to ignore the most fundamental question raised by this entire matter—what must be done with respect to the cadets involved in EE 304.

At the outset, we emphasize our strong support for the Secretary of the Army's August 23, 1976 policy to allow readmission of separated cadets. In recognizing the extraordinary nature of the situation, the Secretary, we believe, acted wisely and compassionately. The cadets did cheat, but were not solely at fault. Their culpability must be viewed against the unrestrained growth of the "cool-on-honor" subculture at the Academy, the widespread violations of the Honor Code, the gross inadequacies in the Honor System, the failure of the Academy to act decisively with respect to known honor problems, and the other Academy shortcomings. The Secretary's action did not condone cheating; rather, it recognized that, in light of the grave institutional responsibility, the implicated cadets should be given another opportunity to meet the ideals of the Honor Code.

The time has come to end this unfortunate episode. The Academy must recognize that it is not treating a disease that can be cured simply by isolating those who have been infected. The Academy must now acknowledge the causes of the breakdown and devote its full energies to rebuilding an improved and strengthened institution. We see nothing to be gained by further action against these cadets and much to be lost by continuing with the divisive and unrealistic attempt to purge all who have violated an Honor Code that is perceived in widely differing ways. What is needed are reform and regeneration, not retribution.

Under these circumstances, we must recommend, as to those cadets implicated in connection with the EE 304 incident, that:

1. All such cadets who left the Academy should be allowed to return to the Academy as soon as possible;

2. All such cadets presently at the Academy, whose separations have not yet been effected, should be allowed to remain at the Academy; and

3. All investigations of such cadets based upon allegations in the affidavits should cease.

We stress that the implicated cadets came from a cross section of the Corps; indeed, some had been leaders of their class. We do not believe that the single act of collaborating on the EE 304 examination makes these cadets unworthy of becoming West Point graduates. The Superintendent, speaking to a group of these cadets on August 28, 1976, expressed our feeling:

*"[I]f one has been found to have violated the Honor*

*Code, in this case by cheating on EE 304, I think that was the wrong decision that the individual made; I think that under the terms of the Honor Code it can be called a dishonorable act; but as I look at those of you whom I know, I do not think that that one error in itself means that you are a dishonorable man—not at all."*

Moreover, punishment or continued punishment of these persons can no longer be justified knowing, as we do now, that a substantial number of even more culpable cadets have gone undetected or unpunished. As one member of the Cadet Honor Committee perceptively remarked, if the separated cadets are to be "branded," they ought to be branded only as "the ones who got caught."

We recognize that some of the implicated cadets undoubtedly deserved to have been expelled long ago. The Academy, however, has not, in its procedures, distinguished between such cadets and other highly motivated young men who became entangled in this affair. Failure to do justice to some should not be allowed to preclude mercy to others. All of the cadets should have a final opportunity to prove that they are indeed honorable or, conversely for some, to prove that they are not.

## B. The Honor Code and System

With respect to the Honor Code and System, the Commission makes the following recommendations:

1. The Honor Code should be retained in its present form: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do."

2. The nontoleration clause should be retained. However, a cadet should have options in addition to reporting an honor violation. A cadet who perceives a violation must counsel, warn, or report the violator. Some action is required, as distinguished from tacit acquiescence.

3. Sanctions other than dismissal should be authorized for violations of the Honor Code. The Cadet Honor Committee and reviewing authorities should be authorized to consider the facts and circumstances of each case to determine an appropriate penalty. Any recommendation less than separation should be fully justified. Cadets who are separated should not be required to serve on active duty as a result of their separation.

4. All officers and cadets at the Academy must understand the fundamentals which underlie the importance of the Honor Code and the health of the Honor System:

a. The Honor Code must be viewed as a goal toward which every honorable person aspires, and not as a minimum standard of behavior for cadets alone. Furthermore, its proscriptions do not encompass all forms of dishonorable conduct; the test of whether conduct is honorable or dishonorable does not depend solely upon whether it is proscribed by the Honor Code.

b. The Honor Code must not be extended beyond its intended purpose of insuring that only honorable individuals become Academy graduates. Nor should it be exploited as a means of enforcing regulations.

c. The Honor Code and Honor System must be considered the joint responsibility of all cadets and all officers at the Academy. It must be understood that the Superintendent has the responsibility of reviewing and, if necessary, reversing cadet honor determinations. No one "owns" the Honor Code. Everyone must work to insure the effectiveness of the Honor System.

5. The Academy should seek ways to insure that the

above fundamentals work on a continuing basis. As a minimum, the following should be accomplished:

a. There must be academic instruction which provides an intellectual base for character development. All cadets should be required, *early in their careers* at West Point, to begin formal ethics study. This study, which must be *part of the core curriculum*, should include those ethical problems likely to be faced by a military officer. Ethics should be stressed throughout the entire curriculum and by all constituencies at West Point: Academic, Tactical, Athletic, and Administrative.

b. The content of honor instruction must emphasize the spirit of the Honor Code. A "cook book" approach makes the Code equivalent to another regulation.

c. The method of honor instruction and the environment in which it is conducted must be improved.

d. There must be greater participation by all cadets and officers in the operation of the Honor System. Cadet rank should not be awarded for Honor Committee service.

e. The Superintendent's Honor Review Committee should be continued, but its membership should include cadets and alumni. The Committee should meet at least annually with the mission of guarding the Honor Code against misuse, misinterpretation, and inconsistent interpretation. The Committee should have the ultimate power to interpret the Honor Code.

f. An officer should be appointed to advise the Cadet Honor Committee and the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee. This officer should report to the Academic Board (and not the Commandant alone) concerning all honor matters. Continuity is required in this position.

## C. The Environment of West Point

With respect to the environment of the Academy, the Commission makes the following recommendations:

1. A permanent and independent advisory board should be established to provide the continuing assistance that most institutions of higher education receive from their boards of trustees. Such a board, established by the Secretary of the Army, should (1) be non-political; (2) include members who recognize the proper mission of the Academy; (3) convene often enough to insure current knowledge of the institution; and (4) report to the Secretary of the Army its observations and recommendations.

2. The West Point mission statement should be revised to insure that everyone understands the importance of education in the mission of the Academy. The acquisition of a quality college education within a military environment must have first call during the academic year on the time and energies of a cadet. Everyone must understand that this is the primary mission of the Academy from September to June. Military training should be concentrated in the summer months.

3. The Superintendent should have responsibility for all aspects of the internal administration of the Academy, including resolving the competing demands made by subordinate authorities upon individual cadets. His selection should be based upon his interest in education and a demonstrated ability to provide educational and military leadership. He should be assigned to the Academy for a minimum of 5 years and should be consulted as to the selection and length of service of the Commandant of Cadets and Dean of the Academic Board.

4. Permanent professors should serve on active duty for no more than 30 years, unless requested to continue on a term basis by the Superintendent with the approval of the Secretary of the Army.

5. The Professor of Physical Education should be a member of the Academic Board.

6. The Office of Military Leadership, a department concerned in large part with providing academic instruction in behavioral sciences, should be transferred to the Academic Department. The Director of that Office should be a member of the Academic Board.

7. There should be an expansion of programs which bring outside viewpoints to the Academy, e.g., visiting professors to and from the Academy.

8. The Academy must reaffirm the role of the tactical officer as a company commander and ensure that this role is uniformly adhered to throughout the Tactical Department.

9. Tactical officers should be selected from officers who have completed Command and General Staff College or equivalent education.

10. The Leadership Evaluation System should be reviewed to determine whether it is a constructive force in the cadets' leadership development.

#### D. Military Defense Counsel

We are disturbed by allegations that several military defense counsel suffered harassment and injury to their Army careers because of their vigorous defense of cadets. Inasmuch as the Secretary of the Army had commenced an investigation into these charges, we did not review these allegations in depth.

The defense function places counsel in an adversary relationship with West Point—the institution that seeks to discipline or otherwise punish his client. This adversary relationship is too often viewed as an act of disloyalty. A cadet client should feel secure that the legal defense presented is in no way compromised by the lawyer's fear of adverse personnel actions.

The present system of having the same officer teach law and act as defense counsel places him in the difficult position of attacking the basic policies of the institution to which he owes allegiance in his role as a faculty member. As a partial solution the Commission makes the following recommendations:

1. Judge Advocates who defend cadets should have no teaching duties.

2. Military leadership courses should include examination of the role of the lawyer as an advisor to the commander and the role of defense counsel in the justice system.

## Part Two — Discussion

### THE EE 304 CHEATING INCIDENT

On March 3 and 4, 1976, the Electrical Engineering 304 instructors gave 823 second classmen a take-home computer examination which was worth approximately 5 percent of their semester grade. The only second classmen not given this exam were those cadets in the top academic sections of EE 304. The instructions which accompanied the examination were clear:

*"There will be no collaboration on Part I of this problem (Part II will be done as a team project and appropriate collaboration instructions will be issued with Part II). Upon issuance of this problem there will be no discussion of the problem with anyone except Department of Electrical Engineering Instructors..." (Emphasis in original)*

When the EE 304 papers were returned on March 17 and 18, 1976, one cadet wrote on his exam that he had, in violation of the instructions, received assistance. Similarities were then detected in other exam papers and, consequently, the head of the Electrical Engineering Department ordered that all papers be compared by cadet company.

On April 4, 1976, the Electrical Engineering Department forwarded to the Cadet Honor Committee the names of 117 cadets believed to have collaborated on the assignment. Cadet Honor Boards were convened; and by April 21, 50 cadets were found guilty ("found") of either giving or receiving assistance; 2 others resigned without appearing before Honor Boards. On May 3, 1976, 10 military defense counsel representing the accused cadets wrote the Secretary of the Army, advising him that cheating at the Academy was "widespread"; that "upwards of 300 members of the Class of 1977" had cheated in EE 304; and that the Cadet Honor Committee "not only acted arbitrarily and improperly in some cases but that certain of its members affirmatively conspired and acted to conceal and cover up violations of the Cadet Honor Code."

On May 23, 1976, the Superintendent appointed the Internal Review Panel (IRP) to "...investigate and examine all relevant evidence of violations of the Cadet Honor Code and other [USMA] regulations...arising from the EE 304 Computer Problem..." and to "...recommend for referral to Boards of Officers all cases for which [it] determines that there is probable cause of a violation." The Superintendent, in an August 26, 1976 letter to Academy staff and faculty, explained his decision to establish the IRP as follows:

*"[T]he emergence of new large numbers of alleged violators in late May and the attendant administrative requirements necessary to respond to them was complicated by additional factors. Final exams were scheduled from May 17th to May 27th. They were followed by the traditional 'June Week' activities and the graduation and commissioning of the Class of 1976, including one-half of the 88-member Honor Committee membership. At the same time, charges of improper influence and the existence of 'tainted' members of cadet honor boards in the initial hearings in April were being partially substantiated by recorder interviews of accused cadets and by board witnesses. There was possible involvement of large numbers of the Class of 1977, including an undetermined number of Honor Committee members. All of these factors argued for creating an investigative panel, with cadet representation, to substitute for the Honor Committee, which is not structured to investigate or process violations of such a large scale."*

The IRP was comprised of 12 officers and 5 cadets and sat in panels of 3. Each panel, which consisted of 2 field grade officers and 1 cadet, made its own decision on whether a case should be referred to an Officer Board. The IRP screened those cases which had been referred to it by a team of 3 Electrical Engineering instructors. This team reviewed all 823 examination papers and forwarded over a quarter of them to the IRP. As a result of hearings before the IRP and Officer Boards, additional cases were screened by the IRP.

The names of 150 cadets, in addition to the 50 already found by the Honor Committee, were ultimately referred to Officer Boards by the IRP. Eighteen cadets resigned, and 103 were found guilty. Twenty-nine of the 103 cadets had initially been found not guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee. The cases of all found cadets were reviewed by officials at the

Academy and Department of the Army, including the Superintendent and Secretary of the Army.

Academy regulations require that any cadet found guilty of an honor violation will be separated from West Point; no other penalties are allowed. Separated cadets, if they are first or second classmen, may also be required to serve on active duty as enlisted men. On August 23, 1976, the Secretary of the Army announced a plan whereby any cadet who had cheated in EE 304 and who resigned from the Academy would be eligible for readmission to the Academy after 1 year; the requirement of enlisted service would be waived in each case. As of December 6, 1976, 134 cadets have resigned under the provisions of this plan; 49 of these cadets either had not been referred to or had not been found guilty by the Officer Boards.

On September 16, 1976, the Cadet Honor Committee received 159 documents which had been prepared by cadets implicated in EE 304 to demonstrate the scope of the problem. These documents alleged that 259 cadets had cheated in EE 304. Allegations were made against 72 cadets who had not previously been investigated as well as 37 who had been found innocent. The affidavits also implicated several hundred cadets in honor violations other than those arising out of EE 304; of this group, 191 had already graduated from West Point. The Honor Committee is investigating the charges against cadets who are currently at West Point.

As of December 6, 1976, 134 cadets have resigned or otherwise been separated in connection with EE 304. In terms of background and performance at the Academy, these cadets came from a cross section of the Corps. Some companies had many implicated cadets; others had few. All but 3 of the 36 cadet companies had at least one. In most cases, only a small number of individuals worked together—often roommates or friends. There was, in other words, no widespread organized effort to cheat. Some of the cadets implicated had violated the Honor Code on several prior occasions; others had done so rarely or, perhaps, not at all. According to the Superintendent, in his August 26, 1976 letter to the Academy staff and faculty:

*"Among those cadets involved we have found many individuals of high quality who remain motivated toward commissioned service in the U. S. Army. . . . [T]hey continue to be aware of the differences between right and wrong and they remain independent, responsible young men capable of making hard moral choices. Others have exhibited varying degrees of motivation, self-discipline and commitment to the principles of integrity that are essential to a healthy Code."*

Many of those involved in the investigation and adjudication of EE 304 charges believe that not all cadets who collaborated or tolerated collaboration were detected or punished. The problems of investigating and proving cases have led some officers, such as those in the Electrical Engineering Department, to conclude that approximately 400 cadets collaborated or tolerated in EE 304. They have pointed to the lack of proper investigative tools, the difficulties in relying mainly upon exam comparisons, the differing approaches of the various investigative bodies and Officer Boards, and the fact that many cadets cleared by one body were later shown to have been involved. As one Officer Board member advised the Superintendent:

*"If you or I had complete and perfect information, I now believe that we would find that several hundred cadets collaborated—more or less—on the EE 304 problem. If the names of those tolerating such activity were added, the number would probably increase sub-*

*stantially. . . . I would caution anyone from drawing any conclusions from the numbers of cases sustained or not sustained by Officer Boards. Insufficient evidence should not be interpreted as innocence."*

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*"I do perceive that, when the Boards have run their course, they will have expelled (for all practical purposes) some cheaters who should have been expelled. They will have expelled some fine, honorable young men who were basically victims of circumstances that they did not have the strength to control. And, the Boards will leave a large number of cadets who are unable to rid themselves of their own sense of complicity. Few, indeed, will be the cadets who can start rebuilding the honor concept with a clear conscience."*

The EE 304 course in which the cheating incident occurred is described in the 1975-76 West Point catalogue as follows:

*"EE 304 Electronics*

*Frequency selectivity in communication circuits. Characteristics and modelling of electronic devices. Diode circuits, amplifiers, oscillators, and modulation methods. Radio and other electronic systems. Laboratory exercises reinforce key points."*

A group of cadets gave the following description of progressing through this required course:

*"[EE 304] is a 'number crunching' course. All one has to do is plug values into a calculator and out comes an answer. The reasoning and theory behind the answers are not fully understood. . . . Generally, we are given an assignment in one of the departmental texts to read, and then three questions to do for homework. The questions are of medium to easy difficulty, and the tougher ones can be done by referring to the assignment. The class, after a lesson assignment was to be read, is given a quiz on that reading assignment. The quiz tests our ability to put the numbers in the right equations and answer them. The cadet who does not take a particular interest in the course or does not feel the need to keep a high grade overall, completes the questions on that quiz and then forgets them. When a written partial review or term end exam comes up he can be found trying to regain the knowledge he learned or supposedly learned over the duration of the course. This phenomenon also happens in other courses. . . ."*

As this description suggests, most cadets considered EE 304 to be irrelevant and uninteresting—a course to be suffered through. One faculty member in the Electrical Engineering Department expressed doubt that any cadet would take the course if it were not required. The cadets infrequently read text assignments and gained little understanding of basic electrical engineering principles. Rather, they memorized what was necessary to get by each class and then forgot it at the earliest opportunity. According to one member of the Cadet Honor Committee:

*"If one were to look at all the courses for second class year, Electrical Engineering would by far have the lowest rating as far as a worthwhile course. The class as a whole seemed to rebel against this course. Very few people showed any great interest in learning electrical engineering; therefore, one has a class that does not really care if they learn in electrical engineering or not. Everyone is just trying to 'get by' with the smallest amount of effort."*

It is thus not surprising that, as one faculty member remarked, "a majority of second classmen know almost nothing about electrical engineering. And this after a two semester/seven credit hour course!"

The EE 304 instructors regularly gave Assigned Study Problems (ASPs) to be completed outside the class. Indeed, between March 3 and 18, 1976, the cadets were given 5 ASPs; 1 was due on the same day that the March 3 and 4 exam was due. The EE 304 instructors authorized and even encouraged cadets to collaborate on ASPs. As a result, many cadets did not work the ASPs; they relied upon copying another's work and studying it before class in preparation for the periodic quizzes. One faculty member observed:

*"Full collaboration has been allowed in the completion of ASPs to the extent that it is not considered dishonorable to simply copy a classmate's ASP just before class and then use this copy as a reference for a graded exercise. The practice of copying grew to the extent that cadets would go to another cadet's room, one who usually did the ASPs, take the cadet's notebook, and copy problems. It was not infrequently heard that cadets who had worked the EE 304 problem [on which collaboration was explicitly prohibited] had also left it in their electrical engineering notebook. This was done with full knowledge that other cadets would most probably be coming to their room to get ASPs and would then have available a solution to the take-home problem. Testimony usually followed the pattern that cadets were aware of the situation but were relying on others to be honorable."*

## THE STATE OF HONOR AT WEST POINT

During the last quarter century there have been repeated incidents of academic dishonesty involving significant numbers of cadets. In 1951 the Academy separated 90 cadets characterized by an Academy investigative board as having been part of an "organized ring or conspiracy" which had existed for "several years." A witness before the Commission alleged that the Academy uncovered a cheating incident two years later involving 174 cadets, but separated no one. The Commission did not investigate the allegation.

The 1964 Report of the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee, composed of 3 Academy officers charged with monitoring the Honor System, refers to "the problems of last spring which culminated in the separation of a group of cadets" and notes that "there exists the feeling on the part of some that not all of the guilty may have been detected and eliminated." No further details are provided. According to a senior officer serving at that time in the Tactical Department:

*"During my tenure... a serious honor situation developed in the Corps of Cadets that had the appearance of being extensive and deep rooted. This took place in the spring of 1963. . . . As a result some outstanding youngsters resigned and others, whose feeling for the Honor System left something to be desired, stayed on and graduated."*

Academy figures show that in 1966-67, 19 cadets resigned or were dismissed for cheating or toleration of cheating in Physics and Chemistry.

In the Winter of 1972-73, the Cadet Honor Committee suspected that possibly 100 cadets were cheating. By late Winter, the Committee still had a feeling that cheating existed but, according to an Academy official, that it "had been unable to get hold of it." Twenty cadets were ultimately separated for cheating in Physics.

The EE 304 episode may be viewed as part of what has become a recurring pattern during the preceding 25 years. The incident is even less surprising when one considers the state of honor at West Point during the past few years. Specifically, violations of the Honor Code, including toleration, have become increasingly widespread, yet few have been detected or punished. Disaffection with the Honor System has, for a variety of reasons, become even more pervasive. It was in this environment that 823 second classmen approached their EE 304 computer examination. Before discussing the situation, we consider the Academy's awareness of the general problem.

### A. Academy Awareness

At the completion of his term, the 1969 Honor Chairman wrote in the Cadet Chairman's "Honor Book" that although "great support for the Honor Code still exists within the Corps," a "significant number of cadets are alienated from the Code" and that "many cadets currently feel that the Honor Code works against them rather than for them." The Chairman of the 1971 Superintendent's Honor Review Committee advised the Superintendent that he:

*"... has never felt before the degree of uneasiness about the Honor Code and System that he feels this year. He is convinced that a concerted effort by appropriate elements at the Military Academy is required to retain what we now have of the Cadet Honor Code and that a routine acceptance of this report without positive action is not the answer."*

These comments stand in dramatic contrast to the Honor Review Committee's reports of the mid- and late 60s, which concluded that the Honor Code and Honor System were "highly regarded, well understood, and strongly subscribed to by the members of the Corps of Cadets" (1964) and that they "continued to hold their high place as matters of special trust and regard by the Corps" (1967).

In July of 1974, the departing Superintendent provided the incoming Superintendent with a report concerning honor at West Point. The report, which had been prepared for him in 1970, made the following observations:

*"I believe, based on close contact with many cadets during my assignment to the faculty, conversations with others similarly assigned at that time and since, and comparison with my own cadet experience only a decade before, that the Honor Code is in trouble at West Point."*

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*"Reclaiming the Honor Code is a formidable task. There no doubt are in the Corps of Cadets (extrapolating from my faculty experience) a number of cadets who have violated the Honor Code and who have gotten away with it and know that they have. Some members of the Honor Committee share this knowledge. Cadets in general are aware of falling short of the cherished ideal in this area. The starting point for any improvement would have to be a mutual recognition on the part of cadets and faculty that a problem exists."*

Partially in response to this strong warning, the new Superintendent established, in October 1974, a joint officer-cadet "Special Study Group on Honor at West Point" with the mission to "examine and challenge all tenets and facets of the Honor Code and System and to consider nothing sacrosanct or above question." On May 23, 1975, the Study

Group issued a report which contained a number of conclusions:

- The "Honor Code is a clear and simple statement of an unattainable level of human behavior." It "is a goal suitable for the entire professional life of a military man and is a goal to which he should aspire in the challenging environments outside the Academy as well as in the training period of his cadetship."
- The nontoleration clause makes the Honor Code "philosophically hard to digest by American society in general and, to a degree, by the Army Officer Corps."
- "[O]perational interpretations of the Honor Code vary widely and are modified frequently without the benefit of any regularized process. . . ."
- The Honor System has "relied on mystique to cloak the very many issues and difficult judgments involved in prescribing and enforcing a system of ethics."
- The "inflexible application" of the single sanction of separation "in conjunction with an idealistic code is certain to place considerable strain on a human system."
- "The drift . . . toward an increasing list of specifics . . . tends to obscure the spirit of the Code and exacerbate the conflict that cadets conjure up between honor and regulations."

The Study Group prepared and administered a survey to all cadets and officers concerning attitudes toward the Honor Code and System. This 1974 survey revealed in part that:

- 70 percent of the cadets deny that the Honor Code is uniformly adhered to throughout the Corps.
- 60 percent of the cadets and 61 percent of the officers agree that adherence to the spirit of the Honor Code is deteriorating.
- 39 percent of the cadets and 24 percent of the officers do not believe the Honor System is fair and just.
- 26 percent of the cadets do not believe that the Honor System is effective in accomplishing its mission of imparting to cadets a sense of personal honor; an additional 16 percent were "neutral" on whether the Honor System has this effect.
- 45 percent of the cadets and 45 percent of the officers do not believe that the Honor Code is realistically interpreted by the Corps.
- 76 percent of the cadets believe that the Honor Code is used to enforce regulations.
- 73 percent of the cadets would not report a good friend for a possible honor violation and 34 percent of the cadets would not report a good friend for a clear-cut violation.
- 45 percent of the cadets want toleration removed as an honor violation.

Approximately 2 weeks after the Study Group's report was issued, the 1975 Cadet Honor Committee Chairman, a member of the Study Group, wrote the following to his successor:

*"This past year has been very difficult. The Honor System is in transition, and has come very close to failing altogether. Although we may perhaps have arrested the demise of the System, there is still a great deal more to be done to restore a healthy one."*

The admonitions of several individuals charged with monitoring the System, the memorandum provided the incoming Superintendent in 1974, and the Study Group's report

and survey results revealed widespread disaffection with the Honor System. The Study Group's report was forwarded by the Superintendent to the Academic Board and the Cadet Honor Committee as a "working document."

## B. Nature and Extent of Honor Violations

As the Study Group's survey suggests, violations of the Honor Code, including toleration, have not been uncommon.

### 1. "A Cadet Will Not Lie, Cheat, or Steal. . . ."

The Academy's Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor interviewed many of the cadets separated in connection with EE 304. In an August 20, 1976 memorandum he described some of the honor violations which they said had occurred during recent years:

*"Cadets have participated in violations of the Honor Code by exchanging information during the time break between class hours. This information has been passed openly between regiments and usually always in hallways of academic buildings but also possibly at prearranged meetings in the hostess' office.*

*"Some cadets have established prearranged times during written partial reviews (WPRs) and term end examinations to meet in the bathroom to exchange answers for an examination which was in progress.*

*"One cadet indicated that, in his company, an attitude prevailed which would prevent lying to another cadet but would support lying to members of the Staff and Faculty because the latter is viewed as 'beating the system.'*

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*"Marking of the absence card and signature in departure books is viewed as a portion of the Honor Code frequently violated. Many of the cadets I interviewed consider this to be a matter of regulations as opposed to making any type of official statement.*

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*"Cadets in charge of quarters and room inspection frequently, in a few companies, gave oral and signed false reports. Additionally, cadets in charge of quarters often mark absence cards for cadets they know to be on an unauthorized absence."*

Two officer members of the Internal Review Panel made similar observations:

*"Information given both to IRP and Law Department personnel indicates that there have been widespread violations involving lying, stealing, and toleration. For example, it is apparently not uncommon for cadets to mark their cards indicating an authorized absence and then deliberately go off limits. Others allegedly lie to help friends. This appears to be most common at honor investigations, honor hearings, and Officer Boards. There are also allegations of stealing to include calculators, stereo equipment and books, plus items taken from the Cadet Store, PX, Book Store, and cadet activities such as the parachute club. Reference books are apparently either stolen from or deliberately hidden in libraries in order to gain unfair advantage over classmates. Beyond these, there are a variety of allegations about cadets deliberately manipulating LES ratings, revealing confidential times for inspections, misusing credit cards, conveniently overlooking absentees, miscounting repetitions on PT tests, etc., etc. Finally, there is the almost*

certain presence of widespread toleration of all of the above."

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"...[T]estimony before the IRP indicates that cadet cheating on the EE 304 problem is only a small corner of the total problem...[C]heating on a large scale has gone on before in previous classes and... includes:

1. Group collaboration/discussion of case studies.
2. Efforts by cadets to pass on to 'second-hour' cadets, questions that were asked on 'first-hour' writs and WPRs, and similar efforts to pass to 'second-day' cadets, questions asked on 'first-day' writs and WPRs.
3. Cheating on in-class graded work by passing calculators containing answers, looking at the completed work of others which is conveniently left hanging over the edge of a desk, passing answers in latrines, and using crib sheets.
4. Lying under oath by cadets testifying before Cadet Honor Boards, Officer Boards, and the IRP.
5. Fixing of Cadet Honor Boards by having a cadet sit on the Board who will vote 'not guilty,' in any case.
6. Larceny of club equipment."

The precise extent to which these and other violations have occurred will never be known. The observations of many of those officers who sat on the IRP or EE 304 Officer Boards are illuminating. In their after action reports, they wrote:

"I believe this recent cheating episode is only the tip of a much larger, more complex iceberg. The diffuse, unconnected, unconspiratorial character of the cheating indicates to me we happen to have lighted on one particular skeleton in our academic closet. Statistically, it is unreasonable to assume the Class of 1977 is anomalous, an unhappy convergence of reprobates and bounders. That simply does not make sense given our admissions procedures. Moreover, I find it difficult to believe that Fortune guided us to 21 percent of a class the first and only time it ever cheated so that we could purge the miscreants and maintain unsullied the purity of the institution. If I am correct in so arguing, then there is something much more fundamentally wrong."

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"Cheating was not confined to EE 304 nor to the Class of 1977. Early indication that this was the case was amply corroborated in testimony throughout the summer that the specific incidents implicating Class of '77 members in the EE 304 problem were only the first manifestation of widespread problems with honor, the Honor Code, and the Honor System. Even though it would be fair to say that the vast majority of the persons called before the subpanels [of the IRP] perjured themselves regarding the EE 304 matter and other related incidents, sufficient evidence was forthcoming that there were widescale incidents involving academic cheating in other courses at other times."

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"I am convinced that the cheating which took place on the EE 304 computer problem is much more widespread than most people would like to believe. By this I mean, I believe that cheating has taken place long before the EE 304 problem was given out. Cheating, to certain degrees, has become a way of life and cadets aren't sure what is cheating and what is not. Of those who have not cheated or collaborated, many (I would say most) have tolerated this situation...I now wonder

if there is a single cadet at USMA now who could say he had not in any way broken the Honor Code."

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"Although a large portion of the Class of 1977 is currently facing dismissal for cheating, there is no reason to assume that this is the only time members of this class have cheated on a large scale nor to assume that there have not been cases of comparable size in this class and classes previously and presently here."

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"The Class of 1977 is not unique. The isolated yet widespread nature of cheating on the EE problem suggests that collaboration and toleration are common at West Point. This condition seems to be the result of a long term erosion of the Honor Code. Undoubtedly, other classes have been, and still are involved in cheating on a scale at least equal to '77. The Honor Code and System seem to have become a part of a game. Cadets are not concerned with being honorable. Some are concerned with finding ways to get away with as much as possible while staying within the bounds of the letter of the Code as they interpret it. Others simply are concerned with not getting caught."

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"It appears to me that this situation indicates that large numbers of cadets either did not accept the Honor Code or did not consider collaboration on academic exercises to be a violation of 'their code.'"

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"Testimony given before my IRP convinced me that we are seeing only the tip of the cheating iceberg by looking at the EE 304 exercise. It is totally illogical to assume that this was the first time that the majority of these cadets engaged in unauthorized collaboration. It is equally illogical to assume that the Class of 1977 is the only class involved in such activities...I am convinced that many cadets, both in the Class of 1977 and in other classes, had been cheating prior to the EE 304 incident. This was not a spontaneous capitulation to pressure; rather it is a disease which has spread and is only now being diagnosed. The attitudes and perceptions influenced by major events over the past three years may have been exacerbated by a variety of other circumstances, some of them peculiar to EE 304."

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"At no time did I get the impression that the EE 304 problem created a unique situation. It may have involved cadets who had previously remained aloof from—or even unaware of—other unauthorized group efforts; but, it seems apparent that collaboration was not uncommon or unusual among certain cadets. Nor Sir, am I any longer inclined to think that the problem was confined to the Class of '77...[P]rior to serving on an Officer Board I was personally convinced that reports of widespread cheating were little more than legally useful propaganda, perpetrated by clever defense lawyers. I no longer believe that to be the case."

One officer, in his termination of tour report, similarly wrote:

"[I]t can be factually stated that the current problem did not just happen. From knowledge gained over the past three years, it was entirely predictable. Nor is the current problem confined to reported proportions within the Class of 1977, or to that particular class. There exists concrete evidence that it is very much more

widespread. . . The Honor System is not alive and well at West Point. In truth it is very sick. . . The dismissal of 100 or 600 cadets will not solve the problem because it is much deeper than 600 cadets. The problem is the system itself. . . The extent of the current crisis is widespread and known to few outside the Corps of Cadets."

2. ". . . Nor Tolerate Those Who Do."

The Honor Code states that a cadet will not "tolerate" those who lie, cheat, or steal. Although the toleration clause was not added to the Code until 1970, toleration has, according to the Study Group on Honor, been considered an honor violation at least since the turn of the century. Cadets who tolerate are, as explained in the Honor Committee's orientation booklet, perpetrating "as serious an offense as they would if they themselves were the violators." Although the Code proscribes toleration, it does not delineate the type of conduct which constitutes toleration or nontoleration.

The Honor Committee, however, has interpreted nontoleration as the "willful failure to report" an "observed or known" honor violation. Cadets are thus required to report themselves, as well as fellow cadets. The cadets' responsibility has been further defined by the Honor Committee in its honor orientation booklet:

*"If you observe a situation in which you believe that an honor violation might have occurred, you are encouraged to confront the individual you suspect. Your discussion with the cadet should clearly point out how you believe an honor violation has occurred and provide the suspected cadet an opportunity to explain the situation. Situations will arise often which immediately may appear to be a violation of the Honor Code, but after hearing the facts of what actually occurred or what was intended by the other cadet, you may be convinced that a violation did not occur. If you remain convinced that a violation did occur, you should encourage the other cadet to report it to your Company Honor Representative. You, in turn, must report the suspected violation to your Company Honor Representative who will ensure that the violation is investigated following Honor Committee procedures described elsewhere in this booklet. After the investigation is completed, you will be informed personally of the outcome of the investigation. The key point to remember is that you must be completely convinced that an honor violation did not occur or you must report the circumstances to the Cadet Honor Representative. (Emphasis added)*

As this makes clear, the cadet who observes or becomes aware of a possible honor violation has no alternative except to report the offender. Nontoleration cannot be expressed by, for example, confronting the violator, counseling him, or warning him. Nothing has been entrusted to the responsible judgment of the cadet.

The Honor Committee has explained, also in the orientation booklet, the importance of the nontoleration clause:

*"The Honor Code is a training vehicle to ingrain in the cadet the fundamental basis for a code of professional ethics. Any Army officer is expected to put loyalty to organization and country above loyalty to family, friends, or even to self-interest. The efficiency of our Army, soldiers' lives, and even our national security depend upon it. The cadet must learn that the requirements of the service and Corps of Cadets transcend loyalty that one feels for fellow cadets. Requiring the cadet to report honor violations is a major element in this indoctrination. The only way the Honor Code can work is if*

*it is policed by the cadets themselves. When each cadet knows that every other cadet is responsible for reporting violations, it strengthens cadet resolve to report violations. It provides a feeling of confidence that the system is being monitored continuously by those who are responsible for its operation."*

However, as noted by the Study Group on Honor, the nontoleration clause has been considered "philosophically hard to digest by American society in general and, to a degree, by the Army Officer Corps." Indeed, one former Commandant of Cadets advised the Commission that the clause should be eliminated, explaining, "it seems to signify that cadets will spy on each other like a 'Gestapo.' This should not be." Many cadets have similar problems:

*"The subject of turning in someone on a violation is very sensitive. All of the cadets I have met that have expressed their views complain that it is very hard to turn in a friend. Part of this comes from being taught as a youngster not to tell on your friends so as to help them out when they make a mistake. Coming to West Point one is asked to do just the opposite by the Honor Code. If this is good or not is another question. This does however put pressure on a cadet. He has to decide to either go along with what he has been taught and violate the Honor Code or he has to go against what for eighteen years has been told and abide by the Honor Code. For a few cadets this is a hard decision to make."*

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*"I have found that most of the cadets to whom I have spoken feel that to lie, cheat, or steal is wrong and that they are able to accept that portion of the [Honor] Code. The 'toleration clause,' however, evokes mixed feelings. Although it is generally accepted that the 'toleration clause' is essential to the enforcement of the Code, cadets still find it difficult to accept. Having come from a society which teaches that to 'tell on someone' or to 'fink on someone' is wrong, and then having been told constantly during the first weeks at West Point to work together, and to cover for each other, cadets find it hard to accept the 'toleration clause.' It seems to run contrary to all that they have previously been taught."*

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*"Just about everyone whom I spoke to agreed that it is reasonable to expect a cadet to not lie, cheat, or steal. However, several cadets questioned the reasonableness of the toleration clause. Throughout a person's life, society dictates that a person does not 'squeal' on his buddy for minor offenses such as lying. West Point is one of the few places in modern society which not only looks favorably upon reporting a friend for lying, it demands it."*

The reluctance many cadets feel about taking action which they consider tantamount to "finking" or "tattling" is intensified by having a single sanction. Reporting a fellow cadet is even more difficult if an accuser knows that the only penalty is separation and, in certain cases, mandatory enlisted service.

These feelings are apparently shared by a number of cadets, for toleration at the Academy has become a serious problem. In 1972 the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee wrote:

*"The Committee is convinced that toleration is the greatest single threat to the current health of the Honor System. Almost all cadets interviewed agree that 'no*

*toleration' is not completely supported by the Corps. Several cadets stated that toleration is widespread. At least two cadets stated that witnesses who testified against other cadets at Honor Committee Hearings were subsequently harassed and subjected to pressure by fellow cadets because of their testimony. The Committee believes this problem deserves the urgent attention of the new Honor Committee."*

In 1973, the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee stated that the "problem of toleration remains a serious threat to continued health and viability of the Honor Code." And in 1974 the Committee remarked again that "toleration is one of the biggest problems." Similar remarks made by members of the IRP and Officer Boards in 1976 have already been quoted.

Notwithstanding widespread toleration, very few cadets have been found guilty of toleration. During the 10 years preceding the EE 304 incident, only 2 cadets were found solely for this offense; 5 others were found in 1 year for toleration and other offenses. Convictions for tolerating violations thus accounted for less than 2 percent of the total convictions.

### C. Disaffection with the Honor System

The state of honor at West Point is directly related to the viability of the Honor System, the means by which the Honor Code is taught, enforced, and supervised. "[T]o have a strong Code," testified the 1976 Honor Chairman, "there must be a strong system behind it. . . ." As the nature and extent of honor violations suggest, the Honor System has not been "alive and well." Cadet disaffection with the System has been the product of many factors, including the failure to detect or punish scores of honor violations, the rigid and narrow interpretation of the nontoleration clause and the single sanction of separation (when combined, in some cases, with mandatory enlisted service). Other factors have also increased cadet cynicism toward and estrangement from the Honor System. The Cadet Honor Committee itself, interference with "cadet ownership" of the Honor Code, the nature and method of honor and ethics instruction, the application of the Code and the fairness of the System are the most significant of these factors.

#### 1. Cadet Honor Committee

The Cadet Honor Committee, formally recognized in 1921, is responsible for the "supervision and administration of the Cadet Honor Code and Honor System." The Committee consists of 1 first classman elected from each company (Honor Representatives), 4 Regimental Honor Representatives, a Secretary, 2 Vice Chairmen, and a Chairman. Each company also elects one second classman every fall as an apprentice. When the Committee was first established, the position of the Chairman of the Honor Committee was, according to the Academy's 1921-22 *Bugle Notes* (newspaper), automatically filled by the senior class president. Furthermore, all of the upper classes were represented on the Committee.

The Academy's 1937 *Howitzer* (yearbook) described the Committee as "not a law-making body, not a court to try [offenders];" the Committee "functions only as an advisory and instructive council." However, after tracing the history of the Committee, the 1968 Honor Chairman wrote:

*"The Commandant of Cadets theoretically still has ultimate responsibility for actions and decisions of the*

*Honor Committee, but in practice the Honor Committee has progressed from the position of advisor to that of almost sole responsibility and power in the administration of the Honor System."*

Because of the role of the Committee, cadet attitudes toward the System depend in part upon cadet perceptions of the Committee.

By the Spring of 1976 many cadets had lost confidence in the Cadet Honor Committee. As one faculty member who sat on the IRP remarked, "it is the strong perception of the Corps that its Honor Committee is undeserving of confidence." This conclusion is consistent with the Study Group's survey which revealed that only 41 percent of the Corps believed the Cadet Honor Committee accurately reflected the Corps' attitude about the Honor System.

The Cadet Honor Committee constitutes only 2 percent of the Corps. A few representatives are usually considered overly zealous—the "guys with the black hoods" in the cadets' vernacular. One group of cadets not implicated in EE 304 advised the Commission that the Cadet Honor Committee "placed themselves upon a pedestal above the rest of the Corps of Cadets, resulting in a 'holier than thou' attitude among some of them, and perhaps a loss of reality for others."

Many cadets, with good cause, believe that some members of the Honor Committee were corrupt. The cadet who gave the Class of 1977 its honor orientation was himself implicated in an honor charge. Based upon medical advice, the Academy chose not to pursue this charge and allowed him to graduate without a commission. As one cadet remarked, "I feel that [my] class [1977] saw the case as a big cover up and lost a lot of faith in the system at that point." Affidavits executed in connection with the EE 304 episode contain allegations against 23 cadets on the Honor Committee. The Superintendent, in setting forth his several reasons for the creation of the IRP, explained:

*"[C]harges of improper influence and the existence of 'tainted' members of cadet honor boards in the initial hearings in April were being partially substantiated by recorded interviews of accused cadets and by board witnesses. There was possible involvement of large numbers of the Class of 1977, including an undetermined number of Honor Committee members."*

As of December 6, 1976, Officer Boards have found 4 Honor Representatives in connection with EE 304; 1 other resigned from the Academy while under investigation.

The Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor in an August 20, 1976 memorandum further noted:

*"For a number of years it has been customary for some companies (probably at least three) to elect honor representatives who take a liberal view toward the interpretation of the Honor Code. In at least one company, a group of cadets combined to campaign for and were successful in electing an honor representative who openly and blatantly participated in and tolerated violations of the Honor Code. He also attempted to assist his friends should they appear before an Honor Board."*

Similar comments were made by officers who had served on the IRP:

*"It is not at all uncommon to have a company elect a representative who the other members know will act to keep the company out of trouble, one who is indifferent to the Honor System or one who has been involved in various violations prior to his election. This certainly*

does not apply to all representatives, but the condition is widespread enough as to cast serious doubt on the workability of the system as presently constituted."

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"Many cadets claim that the entire Honor System has lost credibility due to improprieties on the part of members of the Honor Committee. Some cadets were apparently elected to that body on the basis of a campaign promise to take care of their friends. Others, once elected, apparently circumvented established procedures to suit their own whims."

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"The most generous interpretation of evidence at hand is that the process of selection of Honor Representatives for their probity has been a failure. The current membership of the Honor Committee may include persons whose philosophy is quite antithetical to the Honor Code."

The perception that the Cadet Honor Committee was corrupt derived further support from the failure of first classmen on the Committee to convict fellow first classmen. During the 10 years preceding EE 304, the Honor Committee, on the average, found only 3 first classmen per year guilty of honor violations; this represented approximately 8.5 percent of the total number found in all classes. In 1975-76, 16 first classmen were referred to Honor Boards; only 1 of these cadets was ultimately found guilty and he by the 1977 Honor Committee. This first classmen "conviction" rate of 6.2 percent stands in dramatic contrast to the 80 percent rate for plebes during this same period.

The several 11-1 acquittals also suggested improprieties. In their 1970 report on honor at West Point, former faculty members advised the Superintendent that there "have been outright flagrant cases of disregard for the imperatives of the Code, with guilty cadets absolved by the Honor Committee when there was incontrovertible evidence that a violation of the Honor Code had occurred." Similarly, the Cadet Honor Committee's current Vice Chairman for investigations recently informed the Corps of Cadets:

"There have been cases of board fixing that can be documented. Not only for the past year but for the past several years. For example, during the Electrical Engineering controversy this past summer, 30 of the 35 cadets were found guilty by Officer Boards who were previously found not guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee. Testimony arising out of the Officer Boards and the Internal Review Panel this summer has indicated that many of these were tampered with at the Honor Committee Board level. One cadet found guilty in the EE 304 controversy had previously been exonerated by 8 Cadet Honor Boards in his cadet career. Strong evidence also from the summer indicates that he was protected by friends on the Honor Committee."

Recognizing the problem, the Corps recently replaced the requirement of an unanimous vote to convict with a new provision requiring a 10-2 vote. According to the Vice Chairman for Investigations, "In order for anyone to tamper now with a full board under these systems, at least three voting members would have to be approached."

Many cadets also believe that the Cadet Honor Committee is part of the structure that has taken "their Code" away from them. As noted by the Commandant of Cadets in a memorandum concerning the recent "honor problem," the "Honor Committee processes were . . . surrounded with an aura of secrecy." Furthermore, the Committee has in

some instances made significant changes in the Honor System without the knowledge or approval of the Corps. During a February 1976 speech urging adoption of discretionary sanctions, the 1976 Honor Chairman informed the Corps:

"It may be of interest to you to know that, if you vote for the Honor Committee to in some cases consider alternatives to resignation, it would not be the first time that the Honor System functioned in such a manner. Of the many examples, I could give you, let's use a recent one. The Honor Committee of the Class of 1972 voted in a discretionary clause without the knowledge of the Corps. The Class of 1973, again without the knowledge of the Corps, dropped the procedure."

Similarly, without the benefit of any regularized procedure to govern change in the Honor System, the 1976 Cadet Honor Committee unilaterally adopted a two-thirds requirement for passage of the discretionary sanctions referendum. Feelings were intensified shortly before EE 304 when a majority, but not the required two-thirds, of the Corps voted to abolish the single sanction. Recent changes have also been secured through procedures which have not been approved by the Corps.

## 2. Interference With "Cadet Ownership"

The Honor Code derived from the "Code of Honor" of the Officer Corps of the late 1700's. According to the Study Group on Honor, it was Superintendent Sylvanus Thayer whose "strong convictions in this area are thought to have elevated the Code to the almost sanctimonious level of respect that it now traditionally occupies in the perception of cadets and graduates." The Superintendent in 1907 "decided finally that cheating should be considered to be in the domain of honor." General Douglas MacArthur, during his Superintendency, perceived a "deterioration in the Corps' sense of 'duty, honor, country,'" and, in the early 1920s, "formalized" the Honor System.

The Corps and the Honor Committee have never had any punitive authority. Honor Committee findings of guilt have always been subject to officer review, including administrative board action and Uniform Code of Military Justice proceedings.

Nevertheless, for several years cadets have been told and they have believed that the Code and System are "theirs;" the belief that the Corps "owns" the Code and System has persisted. In his May 28, 1976 address to the Association of Graduates, the Superintendent stated:

"The cadets want full responsibility for the Honor System. That is a healthy attitude. No Superintendent can run the Honor System. No Commandant of Cadets can. No Dean of Academics, no Association of Graduates, no outside group can run the Honor System—only the Corps of Cadets themselves can do so." (Emphasis added)

The Academy has often emphasized that, as in any military society, the cadets must expect to be subordinate to their military superiors. However, the conflict between the concept of cadet ownership on the one hand and the concept of appellate review on the other has not been resolved.

The concept of cadet ownership can be attributed to several sources. For many years, Honor Board findings had in fact been final determinations. Very few were appealed; even fewer were reversed. In a case where the decision was reversed and the found cadet "returned to the Corps," the "silence" (described below) was available to enforce the Board's determination.

Cadet ownership is also related to the lack of officer

involvement in the Honor System. In an August 24, 1976 speech, the Superintendent noted:

*"Some of my predecessors and some of the Commandant's predecessors have literally told Tactical Officers and I guess Superintendents have told Academic Officers to remain aloof of the Honor System because 'that belongs to the cadets and it's theirs,' and the implication is exclusively."*

In a recent memorandum the Commandant of Cadets similarly noted: "The staff and faculty were not comfortable as active guardians of the spirit of the Honor Code because they were not adequately briefed."

During the 1970s a series of events occurred which made serious inroads on the concept of cadet ownership. Undoubtedly the most significant of these events were the abolition of the "silence" and the number of reversals of Cadet Honor Committee determinations by Boards of Officers and the Superintendent.

#### a. The End of the Silence

For over 100 years the Corps of Cadets had been allowed to "silence" cadets. The silence was employed in those instances when, despite the Cadet Honor Committee's determination of guilt, the found cadet was "returned to the Corps." Custom required that the silenced cadet live and eat alone and that cadets converse with him only in the course of official duties. Most silenced cadets resigned from the Academy within a short period. One cadet, however, endured the treatment for 19 months between 1971 and his graduation and commissioning in 1973. Subsequent public disclosure of this treatment brought strong demand for the end of the silence.

The Academy, anticipating a court challenge to the silence, prepared a statement of its position in the Summer of 1973:

*"The present officials at USMA...believe that if the 'Silence' is outlawed it is tantamount to telling the cadets that they can no longer aspire to a code of honor that is any higher than the Uniform Code of Military Justice. They believe: 'The Code works only because the cadets operate it... Denial of such authority inevitably would deny responsibility for the operation of the Code. It would also mark the end of the Honor Code as an effective instrument at USMA. Specifically, the silence is the ultimate power available to the Corps to insure its effectiveness.'"*

Despite these strong feelings, the Corps, in the Fall of 1973, voted to abolish the practice. It is a decision that some cadets still blame on the courts and the public. Many cadets believe that the abolition of the silence was the beginning of the loss of "their" Honor Code and System.

#### b. Reversals of Honor Committee Determinations

From 1965 to June of 1973, 305 cadets were found guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee. Of those, only 15 chose to exercise their right to go before Boards of Officers. The others immediately resigned. Of the 15, only 3 were found not guilty. Thus, in over 99 percent of the cases, the Honor Committee's initial finding was in fact the final determination.

Commencing in the Fall of 1973, cadets in larger numbers began to request *de novo* hearings before Boards of Officers. During the academic year 1973-74, of the 25 cadets found guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee, 10 sought review by Officer Boards. Five were found not guilty. Thus, in one year the Cadet Honor Committee was reversed by

Officer Boards more times that it had been in the previous 8 years. This trend continued in 1974-75 when, out of 24 cases in which cadets were found guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee, 14 requested Boards of Officers, and 7 were found guilty. Two of those 7 were reversed by the Superintendent. In 1975-76 (excluding EE 304 cases), 14 of 24 found cadets requested Boards of Officers. In 4 of those cases, the Cadet Honor Committee was reversed. Thus, for the first time in the history of the Honor System, large numbers of found cadets were being returned to the Corps. Coming immediately after the abolition of silence, the one means the Corps believes it had to express disapproval of the returned cadets, this new pattern has caused great unrest in the Corps. As one group of cadets explained in a memorandum for the Commission:

*"The Corps felt that the honor that was supposed to be there was not there. Cadets who the Corps felt had violated the Code were able to remain at the Academy and graduate. If this was the case, someone could possibly figure honor was not as important as it was purported to be. The general attitude about honor and the Code was relaxed in that cadets would not concern themselves much with watching out for honor violations or preventing honor violations. Cadets of the upperclass at that time were not unknown to make jokes about honor and in some ways not believe in it. This... was because the Honor System, as far as some of the Corps felt, was not doing what it stated it should do to enforce the Honor Code... [T]he Corps was being short-changed because cadets they felt had violated the Honor Code were still at the Academy."*

A case in 1975-76 brought this issue into sharp focus. A plebe, still in Beast Barracks (summer orientation for new cadets), was seen crying by an upperclassman. When asked the reason, he told the upperclassman that his parents had been injured in an automobile accident. After the story proved to be false, the plebe was charged with an honor violation. The Cadet Honor Committee and a Board of Officers found the cadet guilty.

During the period of these hearings, the cadet was placed in transient barracks and allegedly isolated and mistreated by fellow cadets and Academy officers. The case received national attention in the press. In early March of 1976, the Superintendent, concluding that the cadet lacked the requisite intent to deceive, reversed the Cadet Honor Committee and the Officer Board's findings of guilt and ordered the cadet returned to the Corps. This decision was for many the final straw. Several members of the Corps expressed outrage at these actions, and there was talk of physical revenge against the returned cadet. The Cadet Honor Chairman advised the Corps by memorandum:

*"We must remember, no matter how hard it may be for some of us, that all individuals should be given the respect due them as human beings and that we have no authority or right to infringe on their human dignity. We have the right to choose who we associate with, and who we speak to; but we do not have the right to take any physical actions toward others."*

The feelings of the Cadet Honor Committee members were so strong that a number of them submitted resignations:

*"As a result of moral and ethical considerations, I can no longer, in good conscience, serve on the Cadet Honor Committee. Much thought has gone into this decision and it is final."*

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"I fail to understand the Superintendent's reasoning in overturning the . . . . . case. I have tried to justify the Superintendent's decision for quite some time now, but have been unable to. For these reasons I have decided to leave the Committee in protest, and do hereby resign my position."

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"I feel the decision to reinstate the cadet in question and the manner in which he was reinstated are incompatible with my personal beliefs about the Honor Code. . . . a. First, it would mean I must officially accept as a cadet in good standing a person who has violated the Cadet Honor Code. This is contrary to everything I have ever believed about the portion of the Code which states, 'a cadet does not . . . tolerate one who does (lie).'"

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"The most disturbing thing that I have seen as a result of this decision is that the Superintendent apparently does not feel that he must use the same criteria for judging guilt or innocence under the Honor Code that the cadets and the Officer Boards use. . . . At this time, due to the decision in the . . . . . case the Superintendent has caused many cadets to lose faith in the Honor System and therefore in the Honor Committee also. Many cadets have been forced to take the position of 'Who Cares?' It is of the utmost importance that the Corps is shown that someone definitely does care, and that those people who care can be found in the Honor Committee. The Corps wants somehow to voice their feeling that we have come to the point where 'enough is enough.'"

In the Fall of 1975 another controversial case occurred. A cadet, when confronted with evidence that he had plagiarized an English paper, submitted his resignation from the Academy. He subsequently withdrew that resignation and advised the Cadet Honor Committee that, while the paper submitted was indeed plagiarized, he did not intend to deceive anyone; it was his intention to admit the plagiarism and use it as a way of resigning from the Academy. He told the Cadet Honor Committee that he had changed his mind and now wanted to remain at the Academy. Eleven members of the Honor Committee believed the cadet to be guilty; one voted not guilty. Because a finding of guilt required an unanimous vote, the cadet was not found guilty.

A number of faculty members and Honor Committee members were outraged. Although all voting is supposed to be secret, the Cadet Honor Chairman requested and received from the Cadet Honor Representative who voted not guilty a written statement of the reasons for that vote. This statement was forwarded to the Commandant of Cadets who, after reviewing the matter, referred the case to an Officer Board. The cadet, despite his acquittal by the Honor Committee, was found guilty by the Officer Board.

### 3. Honor Instruction

The importance of character development at West Point is beyond dispute. In his often-quoted observation, Secretary of War Newton Baker said: "In the final analysis of the West Point product, character is the most precious component." The Superintendent similarly stated that a "system of ethical development" is "absolutely essential if we are to fulfill our obligations in providing the best possible leadership to the soldiers of this country." Nevertheless, the core curriculum offers no ethics instruction which would

provide an intellectual base for honor education and assist cadets to make value judgments concerning moral issues they may face. Only one ethics course—an elective—is offered in the senior year. The Superintendent, during an August 24, 1976 talk, noted:

"[T]here has been great thought given to ethics courses, putting some leadership instruction earlier in the cadet life, but not nearly as sensitive attention as we're about to give to it right now. We have just had a month long study under the Academic Board on ethics instruction. We have a curricular study underway, which has been underway since January, and I'll just say to the Chairman of that curricular study group, let's incorporate into this the ethics and the leadership and the proposal or the proposition of putting some leadership training earlier. As you know, it's easy to say we need an ethics course, but can you define what ethics you're talking [about] and how you teach it, and what qualified faculty do you have to teach it. It becomes extremely complex. There's another part of it—the number of courses you have required for graduation."

The Academy has considered the Honor Code and System to be "the principal method for developing habitual honesty and integrity." Yet honor instruction has been entrusted almost solely to the Honor Committee. In 1974 less than 1 percent of the Corps believed that they had gained most of their knowledge about the Honor Code and System from tactical officers and professors. Cadets who are not members of the Honor Committee also have failed to take an active role in honor instruction. As noted by the 1957 Honor Chairman:

"Nothing so frustrates Honor Education as having members of the Corps believe that only Honor Reps understand Honor. . . . The quickest way to defeat this is to so orient the first class that squad leaders can help orient plebes from that first day."

Similar sentiments were expressed by current cadets:

"[I]f every squad leader possessed the knowledge to present a class on the Honor System and discuss the ethical concepts of being an honorable man, this would possibly generate the spirit of the Code throughout the Corps of Cadets."

Unlike most academic courses, honor instruction frequently has been presented in large groups. One cadet, during the Superintendent's September 8, 1976 address to the Class of 1979, queried whether

"there has been any consideration in changing the method of honor instruction from the M1, A1 Army method to make it more personal and some sort of instruction where the person can actually benefit and actually question his own morals."

According to a faculty member, "even when Honor Committee Representatives hold company sessions to address [honor] matters, there is frequent high absenteeism because attendance is not absolutely mandatory." The criticism most often made, however, concerns the nature of honor education.

Upon entering West Point, cadets consider the Honor Code to be a special, sacred trust—something to be exalted and something quite different from the numerous regulations which govern every aspect of cadet life. Unless the spirit and simplicity of the Code are impressed upon cadets, the unique nature of the Code is lost, and it becomes part of

the "system to be beaten." Avoiding this result has apparently been a perennial problem. For example, the 1934 Honor Chairman advised his successor: "Above all, be ever guided by the spirit of our Code." The 1947 Honor Chairman similarly wrote:

*"Here is a place to stress personal honor by letting the man figure it out himself within his own mind with you furnishing the guides or rudiments. This implies simplification, and certainly this should be your goal. Make the Honor System a cadet system of certain basic points with emphasis on lying, stealing, cheating, etc. Do away with the many poop sheets and interpretations that have come down through the years while attempting to consolidate and simplify the Honor Code and its application to the Corps. Just remember that the Honor Code that has worked here at West Point has worked because of its simplicity. This point I can't stress enough."*

And the 1953 Honor Chairman:

*"[A] great concern for the Committee should be the promotion of the spirit of the Code throughout the Corps."*

And the 1957 Honor Chairman:

*"When we took office we inherited from past Committees a 13 page mimeographed poopsheet on Committee stands on everything under the sun. . . . It was the practice of the Committee to sit down with their respective companies the first of September and recite as dogma this pamphlet of answers to problems. "On the surface this appears to be a good, businesslike way to run a factory, but the unfortunate consequence of this action was to cause most of the Corps of Cadets to quit thinking for itself.*

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*"[A]ny time the Honor Committee gets more involved than 'lie, cheat, or steal,' . . . trouble lies ahead. The function of the Honor Committee is to teach people to think and act honestly and to insure that they do."*

Nevertheless, the Honor Committees during recent years have utilized a "cook book" approach in honor education. One cadet remarked:

*"With the exception of the Class of 1980, most of the cadets I talked with feel that the initial instruction they received on the Honor System did not emphasize the spirit of the Code."*

The Study Group on Honor similarly noted that the "drift . . . toward an increasing list of specifics . . . tends to obscure the spirit of the Code and exacerbate the conflict that cadets conjure up between honor and regulations."

Although, subsequent to EE 304, the Honor Committee attempted to place greater emphasis on the spirit of the Code, its instructional material continues to read like a set of regulations with snap answers to difficult questions. Cadets are, for example, told:

*"In general, an honor violation is any statement or act made with the intent to mislead or misrepresent or which would give the violator or other individuals involved undeserved immunity or unfair advantage over other cadets. This involves either lying (which includes quibbling, i.e., concealing the truth through technicalities, presenting a half truth instead of the facts), cheating, stealing, or tolerating any of these actions by another cadet."*

Thus, they are informed:

*"Cadets may not register in a hotel with members of the opposite sex by signing Mr. and Mrs."*

but:

*"If an additional person spends the night in your room or you spend the night in their room, you are bound to report this fact to the management with an offer to pay for the additional guest. If both you and your guest had rooms in the same hotel, it would make no difference where either of you slept."*

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*"You may tell your hostess that you enjoyed the meal, when in fact you did not like the meal."*

but:

*"Social honor cannot be used to get yourself out of an uncomfortable situation, i.e., you cannot cancel a date because you are room orderly."*

The failure of the Academy to provide necessary ethics and honor instruction as well as the nature and method of the instruction given have caused some cadet dissatisfaction with the Honor System. The needed instruction would not, of course, be a complete answer. As Derek C. Bok, President of Harvard University, recently wrote:

*"[I]f a university expects to overcome the sense of moral cynicism among its students, it must not merely offer courses; it will have to demonstrate its own commitment to principled behavior. . . ."*

#### 4. Application of the Honor Code

The Commandant of Cadets in a memorandum concerning the "honor problem" stated:

*"A feeling of confidence in the fairness of the entire system is today the key to complete intellectual as well as emotional commitment toward the system by intelligent young Americans."*

Such a feeling was lacking prior to EE 304. Indeed, the Study Group's 1974 survey revealed that only 39 percent of the cadets believed the Honor System to be fair and just.

To a large extent the perceptions of unfairness have been the product of an inflexible single sanction. Recently, for example, a cadet who reported himself for stating that he had done 20 sit-ups, when in fact he had done only 18, was found guilty of an honor violation. The Academy recommended to the Department of the Army that the cadet be separated. While this particular incident has been publicized, it is not unique; other similar cases have occurred during recent years. Indeed, in 1970 a cadet who reported himself for telling his squad leader that he had done 10 pull-ups when in fact he had done only 2 was also found guilty by the Honor Committee and resigned. Cadets soon realize that those who have enough integrity to admit their mistakes suffer the rigid penalty of expulsion (and, in some cases, enlisted service), while others violate the Code with impunity and go on to graduate.

Furthermore, as a result of technical, highly legalistic interpretations of the Code, cadets have, pursuant to the single sanction, been effectively deprived of a career as an Army officer for conduct which cannot fairly be characterized as having made them dishonorable. The 1975 Honor Committee, for example, ruled that "bedstuffing" is an honor violation. The 1933 Committee, in reaching the opposite conclusion, stated that while "bedstuffing" is "deceitful," it is "certainly not dishonorable."

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The perceptions of unfairness are also attributable to confusion and inconsistency in the interpretation of the Honor Code. As the Study Group on Honor noted: "Operational interpretations of the Honor Code vary widely and are modified frequently without the benefit of any regularized process. . . ." Not only has there been disagreement as to the application of the Code in individual cases, but there also exist differing views on its very nature. The Study Group concluded that the Code "is a clear and simple statement of an *unattainable level* of human behavior. It is an *idealistic code* and not a picture of reality." The Honor Committee, however, describes the Code in its orientation booklet as a "vital and valued tradition which establishes the *minimum standard* of integrity and self-discipline essential to the soldier-leader." The difference in emphasis is significant. The first accepts the standard reflected in the Code, seeks adherence, but recognizes that human frailty may preclude realization of the ideals to which all should aspire. The second treats the Code not as an ideal but as the lowest common denominator of acceptable conduct, assumes that all not only should but can comply, and inherently justifies ostracism for anyone found inadequate. Concepts of human weakness, the possibility of failure, contrition, and redemption are absent. It also assumes that honor is either innate or self-generated; that it is not an acquired trait resulting from education and understanding.

Furthermore, cadets have seen other cadets and officers exploit the Honor Code as a means of evading their own responsibilities. Throughout the history of the Honor Code and System, Honor Chairmen have warned against the use of honor to enforce regulations. The 1937 Chairman, for example, advised:

*"The lost of interest [in the Honor System] may also be due to the fact that the Tactical Department . . . has placed too heavy a burden on the System by its insistence upon including more and more pure regulations in the System. . . . [D]o all in your power to prevent the burdening of the System with petty regulations. . . ."*

And in 1953, the Chairman wrote that the "Honor Committee is dominated by the Tactical Department" and that the Code "is becoming too involved with regulations and administrative requirements." The problem still exists. In 1974, 76 percent of the cadets believed that the Honor Code is used to enforce regulations. The role of officers in the Honor System has been limited to reporting honor violations and reviewing Honor Board determinations. Indeed, through the 6 years ending June 1976 (excluding EE 304 cases), 44 percent of the cadets found guilty by an Honor Board were reported by officers.

Finally, as the Commandant of Cadets wrote in his memorandum on the "honor problem," Honor Committee "operating procedures had not moved to keep pace with societal expectations for open hearings and due process." Complaints have been made concerning Honor Committee procedures: 1) inadequate notice of Committee proceedings and of the specific charges and evidence against the accused; 2) lack of an adequate opportunity to confront witnesses against the accused and to present witnesses on his behalf; and 3) no right to consult with counsel prior to a hearing. Investigative procedures have often been alleged to be inadequate. Cadets are told, in the Honor Committee's orientation booklet, that they are required to give evidence against themselves because:

*"Cadets are being prepared to assume the responsibilities of leadership in our Army. As officers they must give accurate reports or answers to questions no mat-*

*ter what the personal cost or whom they might incriminate. Officers cannot fulfill heavy responsibilities for lives, property, and the national interest if they equivocate or fail to respond with the whole truth."*

According to one federal court, "it is clear that the proceedings before the Cadet Honor Committee . . . [are] wholly lacking in procedural safeguards. . . ." *Andrews v. Knowlton*, 509 F. 2d 898, 907 (2d Cir. 1975).

Procedural rights, however, have been considered "legal technicalities" which have little to do with the guilt or innocence of accused cadets. According to the Academy and the courts, the "due process" hearing at the Officer Board level "legally" cured the defects in the Honor Committee procedures. To some cadets, however, this did not justify the unfairness, because the finding of guilty by the Honor Board has its own consequences. These consequences are perhaps evident from the remarks of one cadet:

*"Cadets who have been found guilty by the Cadet Honor Committee should not merely be transferred to other companies, but rather placed in some form of transient barracks. Having the guilty cadets intermingle with the Corps creates the possibility of their antagonistic attitude towards the Honor Code tainting gullible individuals."*

As one memorandum on the Honor Code and System also concludes:

*"It is probably true that individuals within the Corps continued to ostracize an individual who is believed to have violated the Honor Code but has remained in the Academy. However, this ostracism is in fact individually exercised and the cadet chain of command as well as the Tactical Department take pains to insure there is neither physical abuse nor official recognition of this action."*

The Cadet Honor Committee proposed and the Corps recently accepted certain changes in their procedures so as to provide "due process." While most would agree with the purpose of these changes, some have been critical of their specifics. For example, one former Commandant remarked:

*"The new procedure for conducting hearings of honor cases before cadet boards, as voted by the Corps of Cadets in a recent referendum, is believed to be fraught with such serious dangers that it might in the course of a few years have disastrous consequences for the Honor Code and the Academy. Hitherto Honor Board hearings have been a simple and straightforward action by cadets themselves without involvement of officers or lawyers, concerned only and directly with determination of the facts as to the truth or falsity of the alleged honor violation. Courts have consistently ruled that the outcome of these honor committee actions are not subject to appeal to courts, since they are not legalized/formal court trials, but informal cadet investigative hearings for fact finding conducted entirely within the jurisdiction of the Cadet Corps itself. The new procedure takes these hearings outside the sole province of the Corps of Cadets, and by introducing a "trial by jury" court-like procedure with defense lawyer, trial attorney, and legal advisor automatically becomes involved with a multitude of legal and technical matters which can become so long drawn out as to bog the Cadet Board down in confusion and hopelessly tie up these young and inexperienced cadets in legal niceties instead of their being solely concerned with the relatively sim-*

ple matter of determining whether or not the facts support the alleged honor violation. I speak from the experience of having been a member of the Honor Committee of my Class."

#### D. The "Cool-on-Honor" Subculture

An environment of numerous unpunished honor violations and widespread disaffection with the Honor System has supported the development of what has been termed the "cool-on-honor" subculture. This subculture is a largely unorganized group of cadets who justify certain honor violations and "beating" the Honor System. It is comprised of cadets who fall along the continuum from the "hard core" violators to the tolerators to the indifferent. The Commandant of Cadets, in an August 30, 1976 address to the Third Class, described the method by which individuals have often been "recruited" into this subculture. Referring to those cadets implicated in EE 304, he stated:

*"In every single case that was disclosed it happened either in Plebe year, or perhaps early in Yearling year. Whether or not this is just rationalization or whether it's true, the story goes something like this. I came out of Beast Barracks and I felt kind of good about this thing. Back home a lot of guys cheated, but one of the reasons I came to the Army is because I thought people here didn't. And I came to West Point and I was enthusiastic about the Honor System and, while I was a little bit skeptical, I thought for the first time in my life I was with a whole batch of people who were straight. They weren't taking advantage of me. I wasn't taking advantage of them and the whole thing seemed to make sense. One day I was in the corridor and I heard a couple of people—they were talking about something and obviously they weren't—what they were talking about was an unauthorized getting together regarding some academic matters. And from then on I kind of wondered if I was the only guy here who was straight, then they allowed—well within their small group they didn't quite abide by the rules and from then on I just sort of took only parts of the Honor System."*

The Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor, in a memorandum dated August 20, 1976, similarly wrote:

*"Several cadets indicated that cheating was a way of life for them which began during fourth class year. Often as fourth classmen, they overheard upper classmen exchanging information on examinations, which was a violation of the Honor Code. Some also overheard upper classmen make such comments as 'I'm thankful that my friend was on my honor board last night so he could vote not guilty. Had he not been there they would have got me for sure.' They thus became tolerators of honor violations and did not know what to do. Subsequent violations became easier."*

Of course, more has been involved than simply observing a couple of other cadets violating the Code. Many cadets who confronted violators or discussed the matter with someone else have been told "Don't worry about it—you'll understand when you get older." Because of obvious peer pressure, present especially in cadet companies or athletic squads, many cadets have avoided taking action which resembles "finking" or "squealing" and which might result in a fellow cadet being expelled from the Academy.

These pressures have often been intensified by the Academy's Leadership Evaluation System (LES), the method by which cadets rate each other's leadership abilities (see

discussion in Part Two, Section III.C.). Referring to the LES, one cadet IRP member noted:

*"The presence of definite cliques in certain companies became evident through the testimony of certain witnesses. These cliques are apparently so strong in some companies that they are able to control the companies by illegal (or at least unethical) means."*

In other cases, the pressures have been reinforced by simple fear. As one IRP officer member wrote:

*"A large number of cadets told me they were not sure they could turn in a classmate for cheating. They knew it was hard but they feared what might happen to them. This fear was both from a physical as well as social level."*

In those instances where a plebe observed an upper classman commit an honor violation, the situation has been even more difficult. The difficulties are apparent from the following comments of one group of cadets:

*"In his military life at West Point, each cadet progresses from a state of lowest inferiority (fourth class) to a state of superiority (first class). In this development, everyone begins to perceive the functioning of the hierarchical order in his own way.*

....

*"[T]he distinction between classes leads to a situation of difficulty of a specific nature. It is generally understood (and overwhelmingly practiced) that the upper classmen should correct the lower classmen. Here there is no problem. . . . [There] arises the question of whether or not under classmen should correct upper classmen (even if only in extreme situations). Politically (as seen by Congress) all cadets possess an equal status. . . . And yet, the hierarchical order here greatly overrides this tendency. . . ." (Emphasis added)*

Academy figures indicate that, of those approximately 70 cases where the Honor Committee found an upper classman guilty during the past 10 years, not one violation was reported by a plebe. As one former Academy official told the Commission, "It would take more than courage for a plebe to report an upper classman."

"Recruitment" into the subculture can, in some cases, be attributed to other factors. One cadet found guilty of collaborating in EE 304 testified before Congress:

*"The reason I did, I know, is at the time I didn't look at it as cheating, trying to get over on somebody, taking unfair advantage of my classmates. My roommates were having a rough time on the problem. Electrical Engineering was my major. I had done a problem a week ahead of time. I thought it was easy. These guys were struggling over it, and asked me for help. And just out of the comradeship that we have, the comradeship that West Point tries to instill in everybody—stick in there together—these guys are going to be in the same fox-hole with you some day, you have to try to rely on that person."*

In 1967, the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee observed:

*"The cadets interviewed, as well as this Committee, are in agreement that any 'cheating' scandal would find its beginning in a 'toleration' situation, i.e., a cadet would observe a friend or roommate cheating but because of their closeness would not report the incident. From*

*that point a vicious chain would gradually find its way to other cadets."*

Cadets not implicated in the EE 304 incident also advised the Commission:

*"This sort of thinking leads right into the policing of the Honor Code by the cadets. When this sort of attitude toward the Honor Code is present a series of incidents could lead to a person doing much cheating because he can get away with it or mass cheating because he then brings into his habits other people who are led down the wrong path."*

In an environment that promotes honor, such a chain of events is neither necessary nor inevitable. The state of honor at West Point prior to EE 304 was, however, different.

### ENVIRONMENT OF THE ACADEMY

The Honor System cannot be viewed in isolation. The Commission has therefore looked beyond the System to determine whether the total Academy setting has been supportive of the Honor Code and System. We have concluded that the institution has not appropriately supported the Honor Code and System.

Since 1964, the size of the Corps has increased from 2,500 to its current strength of 4,400. Commenting on this increase, the Superintendent, in a June 15, 1976 address to the Royal Military College (RMC), stated:

*"Some believe that the expanded Corps has radically changed the institution. While the expansion of the Corps of Cadets and of West Point's staff and faculty is bound to have affected the cohesiveness, attitudes, outlook, and environment of people and institution, it is too early to evaluate accurately these effects. There is reason to believe that West Point's expansion occurred at a faster rate than its assimilative processes and that it became more impersonal and less cohesive."*

The 1938 Honor Committee wrote:

*"The lack of interest—and what is worse, a growing lack of faith—in the system may be due to several things. It is possible that it is the result of the large classes that have been admitted as plebes these last 2 years."*

During this period, the Academy has commendably sought cadets from disadvantaged economic and social backgrounds, some of whom bring with them values which differ from the concepts of the Honor Code. Some cadets from advantaged backgrounds also have values antithetical to the Code. The difference from earlier periods is only one of degree. As the 1948 Cadet Honor Chairman noted:

*"[A] very large percentage of the men entering the Academy have ideas on the importance of lying, cheating, and stealing which differ greatly from the concepts of our code of honor. To change their mode of thinking in a month or two requires a great deal of work since it must, in some cases, overthrow the training of the preceding 20 years."*

The argument about changing societal values was rejected by one faculty member:

*"Individuals have been deploring the changing values of youth since the time of Socrates, and to say that society is changing is simply trite. If the Honor Code is accepted to be a correct guide, then it is immutable in the same manner as the Ten Commandments. . . ."*

The Commission recognizes that the size of the Corps and differing values of some cadets may have militated against support for the Honor System and believes that the Academy has not adequately adjusted to these changes. It further believes that other institutional problems were the primary causes of the erosion of respect for the Honor System.

### A. Mission

The official mission of the Academy is "To instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate will have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a career as an officer of the regular army." The word "educate" nowhere appears in the mission statement. The Academy has, without success, requested an amendment to the mission statement to include the word "educate."

Few disagree with the goal of an Academy education as set out in the Report of the Superintendent's 1966 Curriculum Review Group (Bonesteel Report): "The cadet when he graduates should have had academically a modern, high quality, useful, and stimulating undergraduate education in which he can take pride." The problem is determining how much attention should be accorded to the academic component of the overall Academy mission. The Commission has heard widely divergent opinions on this issue. One view, relegating academic study to a low priority, is that the new graduate should be ready to lead a platoon into combat. This view is an extension of certain recent Academy practices. Specifically, the Academy has, by incorporating various military skill competitions into the academic year program and by increasing cadet participation in the administration of the Cadet Corps, tried to bring the training programs "closer to those of the field Army." This trend was described by the Superintendent in his RMC speech:

*"Between 1964 and 1976, the focus of military training of cadets tended to change from preparation for generalship to preparation for lieutenantship. . . . Training programs and techniques have generally moved closer to those of the field Army as West Point increasingly has focused more on officership than on cadetship and on practical, motivational military training. Military skill competition similar to the competitive exercises at Sandhurst have been incorporated in the professional curriculum during the academic year, and cadet company teams compete in land navigation and weapons firing." (Emphasis added)*

As further evidence of this thinking, the Superintendent's 1976 Curricular Study Group in its report noted it had considered proposals that "envisaged inserting short periods of field training during selected weeks or on weekends spread throughout the year" as well as the "insertion of a 4 week mini-term for military training in the middle of the year, between terms." Many officers in the Academic Department are disturbed by what they see as a growing displacement of the academic curriculum and study time by military skill training. The Curricular Study Group itself noted this problem when it observed:

*"The exchange program during the fall of 1975 produced indications that academic activities are accorded a higher place in the perceptions of midshipmen and Air Force cadets than is the case at USMA."*

Many Academy officers and cadets do not believe that the cadet can obtain "a high quality, useful, and stimulating undergraduate education" while simultaneously attempting

to meet increased military training and cadet leadership responsibilities. Cadets themselves do not believe that they have adequate time to meet the demands of their weekly schedule. For example, in a March 1976 cadet time study, three-quarters of the cadets surveyed reported that they needed more time for their academic work.

The 1966 Bonesteel Report, noting the "detectable tendency for the academic faculty to view the qualitative requirements of the basic mission somewhat differently than do those in the Tactical Department," called for:

*"[A] clearer recognition on the part of all concerned of the need for a commonly understood, well-integrated, internally consistent, total perspective on how the mission of the Academy is to be best carried out. The Military Academy, of all institutions, should avoid all possibilities of operating as a loose confederation of autonomous elements each holding its own concept of how best to contribute to the total mission."*

The failure over the last decade to achieve a commonly understood perspective on how the Academy's mission is to be carried out contributed to the pre-EE 304 atmosphere—an atmosphere described by one faculty member as follows:

*"There appears to be a general disdain for academics among a significant number of cadets. Academics are considered to be something relatively unimportant and to be suffered through but not really very useful. A good part of this appears to stem from the emphasis placed by the institution on military skills.*

....

*"A final point with respect to the attitude toward academics is the reluctance of many Distinguished Cadets to wear stars for fear of criticism from contemporaries. A Distinguished Cadet is a departure from the norm and is thus frequently not well received."*

## B. Academic Curriculum

The academic curriculum includes required or "core" courses. Of the required courses, approximately one-half are science, engineering, or math courses. Each cadet is allowed, depending on his chosen area of concentration, a number of additional electives, not to exceed 8. A cadet may concentrate his electives in: applied sciences and engineering; basic science; humanities; or national security and public affairs. The Academy stresses that an area of concentration is not a major.

The curriculum has undergone major revisions since the founding of the Academy as an engineering school in 1802. Current curriculum changes have their origin in a 1957-58 curriculum review which recommended advanced and elective work. As a result of this study, cadets in 1960 were allowed for the first time to select 2 electives. By 1964, the number of allowed electives had increased to 4, and in 1967, the election option increased to the present number of 6, 7, or 8. Cadets can choose their electives from 173 different elective offerings.

In 1972, a Curriculum Review Committee (Kappel Committee), composed of 4 civilians, stated:

*"We have been impressed with the progress made by the Academy during the past decade in keeping the curriculum in tune with the recent social changes and the changing requirements of a modern Army. Contrary to the general perception of the Academy as an engineering school, we find a well-balanced program which is*

*dual-track in nature—a mathematics, science, and engineering track on the one hand; and a social sciences and humanities track on the other. The flexibility provided to the young officer by this program is an asset to both the officer and the Army."*

The Kappel Committee urged continuing periodic curriculum reviews.

On January 13, 1976, the Superintendent established a Curricular Study Group to:

*"[C]onduct a comprehensive study of the United States Military Academy's academic program and curriculum and... recommend those modifications and changes considered necessary to strengthen and improve the quality and appropriateness of the program and curriculum within the continuum of education of the United States Regular Army officer."*

A group of young officers advised the Curricular Study Group that:

*"We feel that the most compelling reason for changing the curriculum is that the cadets are so overloaded with work, so burdened by their fragmented and hyperactive daily schedule, that they do not profit intellectually from their educational experience. In terms of semester hours alone, cadets are required to have 153 for graduation (including MS and PE) compared to 123-130 at a civilian institution. In terms of class contact hours, cadets are in class for longer periods a day and for more total hours per day than comparable (ROTC) students at other institutions. When the additional military and athletic requirements are added in, the resulting time commitments effectively preclude adequate academic preparation, in our opinion, and are extremely detrimental to the unseen side of educational growth—time for reading, thinking, investigating, and reflecting. It appears that almost every course has increased the amount and difficulty of work required of students... While many of these changes may be necessary or even desirable in isolation, the combined impact has been to overburden the cadet. The result is a superficial academic experience. This superficiality is reinforced by instructors and cadets alike in order to protect the over-scheduled cadet."*

The Curricular Study Group recommended that the number of courses required for graduation be reduced from 48 to 42. The Study Group based its recommendation on its belief that a reduction in the number of courses per semester from 6 to 5 would reduce the "multiplicity of simultaneous courses which tends to produce fragmentation of focus and of effort." The Curricular Study Group did point out, however, that this change would reduce cadet class time by only about 5 percent or 12 lessons per semester. The Study Group recommendation was adopted by the Academic Board on November 20, 1976, and forwarded to the Army Chief of Staff.

The proposed changes do not meet the criticism of some cadets, faculty members, and graduates who characterize the curriculum as unstimulating and stifling to intellectual curiosity. While the curriculum revision may allow greater cadet attention in each academic course, it does not significantly lighten the time pressures on cadets, nor does it consider teaching methods. It certainly does not meet the request of the young officers made in a memorandum to the Curricular Study Group:

*"[T]o re-evaluate the entire cadet experience as an integrated totality—academics, athletics, military training,*

*extracurricular activities, etc.—to determine if the Academy is fulfilling its mission in the most effective way. There are many issues of balance and priorities that need to be addressed that are beyond the scope of our curriculum revision that impact on the effectiveness of the academic experience at West Point."*

### C. Academy Leadership

#### 1. The Superintendent

The Superintendent is charged by law with responsibility for the "immediate government of the Academy." 10 U.S.C. sec. 4334 (b). Selected from the ranks of Army general officers, the Superintendent has traditionally been an outstanding combat leader. His selection has normally not been predicated upon an ability and interest in providing educational leadership. Assignment as Superintendent is considered to be a step toward higher responsibility; transfer to other responsibilities and promotion are the expected pattern. On the way to this higher responsibility, a Superintendent spends slightly less than 3 years at the Academy.

Many of those interviewed by the Commission believe the 3-year tour is too short to allow the Superintendent to provide educational leadership. Concern was expressed that each Superintendent seeks to leave his distinctive mark on the Academy. This results in frequent shifts of emphasis without the continuity necessary to effect evolutionary change. As noted by a committee of permanent associate professors in their 1965 Special Report to the Superintendent:

*"It is felt that such tours are too short to contribute to maximum required stability, and that longer tours would tend to reduce institutional fluctuation and instability in programs."*

Questions have also been raised about the emphasis placed in selection of the Superintendent on combat command experience; effective combat leadership does not necessarily ensure the ability to provide educational leadership.

In carrying out his responsibilities, the Superintendent is assisted by the Academic Board. Unlike most civilian college presidents, the Superintendent has had no authority to participate actively in the selection of his ranking aides. The Commission believes that the authority of the Superintendent should be redefined. In addition to his status as a commander, he is the principal executive officer of an educational institution and should have the powers normally associated with such status.

#### 2. The Academic Department

##### a. Dean of the Academic Board

The Dean of the Academic Board is selected from among the permanent professors who have served as heads of departments of instruction and performs "such duties as the Superintendent of the Academy may prescribe with the approval of the Secretary of the Army." 10 U.S.C. sec. 4335. The Dean, during his period of service, holds the grade of brigadier general. 10 U.S.C. sec. 4335. Under Academy regulations, the Dean advises the Superintendent "on academic matters and questions of general policy." Additionally, he serves as "the Superintendent's Deputy for the activities of the Academic Board and the academic departments."

The Dean has no set term of office. The current Dean was selected in 1974, his predecessor having served 9 years. Frequently, an officer selected as Dean has remained in that position until his retirement from active military service with the result that successive Superintendents have had no opportunity to participate in the selection of the Dean who serves under them.

##### b. The Academic Board

The Academic Board is composed, by Academy regulation, of the Superintendent, the Dean of the Academic Board, the Commandant of Cadets, the Professor of Military Hygiene, and the heads of the academic departments. Each department head is a full permanent professor allowed to remain on active duty until age 64. 10 U.S.C. sec. 3886. The Academic Board is, by regulation, charged with the responsibility for "the course of studies and methods of instruction."

The Academic Board has its origin in a perceived need for a system of checks and balances. It is described in a 1975 Academy "Information Paper" as:

*"[A] unique crucible for a melding of viewpoints. The Superintendent and the Commandant, newly assigned approximately every three years, represent the guidance of the Secretary of the Army, the Army Chief of Staff, and a current senior officer view of the Army. The strong influence they have on the board is directly proportional to their experience, prestige, rank, and merited respect. The Department Heads, for their part, are able to maintain a current view of the young Army through their junior officer faculty members and are also influenced by their own and the younger officers' contacts with civilian academic institutions. . . . The resulting consensus reached by the Board, reflecting the operation of a classic check and balance system, is therefore based on a variety of experiences and backgrounds, and changes have traditionally been moderate, gradual, and evolutionary, governed by commitment to the mission of the Military Academy. . . ."*

A contrasting view was provided the Commission. The Academic Board was frequently criticized as unduly resistant to change and nonrepresentative of the viewpoints of the "young Army." Some Academic Board members acknowledged a lack of communication between the Board and members of the junior faculty.

The Director of the Office of Military Leadership and the Professor of Physical Education have not served as full members of the Academic Board. As structured, therefore, the Board may exclude these individuals from discussions of scheduling and curriculum. The Director of the Office of Military Leadership is the head of the department responsible for all academic courses in leadership (behavioral science). The Professor of Physical Education heads a program that significantly impacts upon the cadets' daily schedule.

##### c. The Faculty

The academic faculty is composed of 540 officers, 3 foreign officers, and 9 civilians. Of the 540 officers, there are 21 permanent full professors, positions created by statute. 10 U.S.C. sec. 4331. There are 41 permanent associate professors, a position authorized by the Department of the Army. With the advent of associate professor rank, 11.6 percent of the faculty can now be considered tenured. Ninety-nine percent of the members of the faculty hold graduate degrees; 15 percent of the degrees are at the doctorate level. Sixty-three percent of all faculty members are West Point graduates. Approximately 80 percent of the permanent faculty members are Academy graduates. Three of the 21 permanent full professors are non-Academy graduates; none of the 3 is on the Academic Board. At present, 33 faculty members (6.1 percent) are Reserve Army officers. Of the 9 civilians, there are 2 visiting professors, 1 foreign service officer, and 6 foreign-born linguists. There are also 10 officers from other Service academies.

Permanent full professors are usually selected from among the officers of the Regular Army who have completed a teaching tour at the Academy and have at least 15 years of military service. If the selected officer does not have the necessary academic credentials, he obtains a doctorate degree. A permanent professor is allowed to remain on active duty until age 64, about 10 years beyond his normal retirement age. It is argued that this job security is necessary to persuade an Army officer to accept a professorship and thus surrender a chance to become a general officer. Permanent associate professors, however, make a similar career decision without any promise of an extended active duty life; their motivation for accepting a teaching appointment is other than a desire to add 10 years to a military career.

While the Secretary of the Army, by law, may require the retirement of a permanent professor after 30 years of commissioned service, no one can recall an instance in which this has happened. The result is that a permanent professor may remain, and on occasion does remain, on active duty for over 40 years (8 years longer than the average for brigadier generals). In some cases this extended service has been beneficial to the Academy; in other cases, it has prevented the development of new leadership and the retirement of those who, according to some faculty members, have "stacked arms."

The teaching faculty is comprised almost entirely of junior Regular Army officers (captains and majors); most are Academy graduates. They are selected by the Academic Departments and sent to graduate school for training in their chosen disciplines. In selecting candidates, the Academy looks for officers with 5 to 14 years of service, from the top quarter of their branches, and having a variety of Army assignments. Additionally, the Academy seeks officers with high standards of military bearing, personal appearance, and physical conditioning.

Upon completion of graduate training, the young officer returns to the Academy for a 3-year tour. The Commission has been impressed by the intelligence, knowledge, and devotion to teaching of these officers, some of whom have expressed interest in remaining beyond the 3-year tour. A flexible assignment policy which would allow selected officers to extend teaching tours for 1 or 2 additional years would seem to be in the best interest of the Academy.

There are currently 2 civilian visiting professors—one each in the History and English departments; a third will be added in Mathematics next year. The visiting professor program is considered by Academy officials to be an overwhelming success. The Academy, without departing from the tradition of the officer-teacher, would benefit from an expansion of its visiting professor program. Additionally, Academy permanent professors and associate professors would benefit from visiting teaching appointments at civilian institutions.

### 3. The Tactical Department

#### a. Commandant of Cadets

The Commandant of Cadets, as the "immediate commander of the Corps of Cadets" is responsible for the "instruction of the Corps in tactics." 10 U.S.C. sec. 4334 (c). The Commandant, in recent years, has been a brigadier general. Service as Commandant is viewed as a step toward higher responsibility. The Commandant's tour is short—usually 2 to 3 years. He is also in charge of the Tactical Department which includes all of the company tactical officers, the physical training program, the Leadership Evaluation System, and the Office of Military Leadership. The

responsibility for supervision of the Honor System also rests with the Commandant.

#### b. Tactical Officers

There is a tactical officer (Tac) assigned to each of the 36 cadet companies to be, by law, the company commander. 10 U.S.C. sec 4349 (a). Of the 36 Tacs now at the Academy, 22 are graduates of the Military Academy. There are 15 majors, 20 captains, and 1 lieutenant (Navy) in the group. Seven Tacs have completed the Command and General Staff College or its equivalent. In recent years, the Academy's practice has been to delegate much of the authority for supervising cadet companies to the cadet chain of command and to emphasize the Tac's position as "counselor" and "role model." In 1966, the Commandant's Policy File advised the tactical officer of his relationship with the cadet chain of command: "The balance, a difficult one to calculate and maintain, should be in favor of the cadet command functions." Currently, tactical officers are advised (1972 Company Tactical Officers Manual) that:

*"The Tactical Officer is the commanding officer of the cadets in his company, and is responsible for the performance of individual cadets and the company as a unit. This responsibility will, to a degree consistent with good order and discipline, be discharged through the cadet chain of command."*

The 1966 Bonesteel Report raised some questions about the value of this "leadership experience" for cadets:

*"The policy of assigning the First Class administrative responsibilities is clearly designed to provide experience in leadership, but we have some reservations about the system in practice. There appeared to us that there has been a significant increase in the number of cadet meetings and staff conferences and perhaps a feeling that this is in itself a way to exercise leadership and command responsibilities. In fact, to the extent this situation be true, it seems to indicate more attention to management than to leadership and could develop dangerous aspects of 'make work' rather than sound training in company administration. It is clear that the cadets sincerely appreciate the responsibilities reposed in the First Class for the conduct of affairs within the Corps. This is good and any imposition of drastic change would be counterproductive. We are not suggesting substantive change but instead an even more careful inculcation in the young men of the subtleties of true leadership and command and the equally careful weeding out of unimportant administrative burdens. The question we have concerns the value of the alleged leadership benefits relative to loss of study time. Another consequence of the policy appears to be that the cadet company officers are oriented more in the direction of the Tactical Officers than toward their own contemporaries. It is not obvious to us that this dipole effect necessarily contributes to the future fellowship and effectiveness of graduates."*

Many tactical officers express unhappiness over the amount of paper work and also confusion about their leadership role. One tactical officer said:

*"As a result of [my] experience as a tactical officer, it is my finding that as an institution, we are not certain about our goals, that we have not specified what we want our graduates to be, that we do not have a unified philosophy of leadership, that we exhibit contradictory attitudes on how to teach and develop cadets...."*

The Commission recommends that the role of tactical officer as company commander be reaffirmed. Tactical officers are integral to the education and training of cadets. They help maintain a supportive environment for academic study, reinforce the Honor Code, maintain institutional standards, enforce military discipline, and evaluate the potential of cadets for future effectiveness as Army officers. Because these duties are demanding and crucial to the mission of the Academy, tactical officers should be mature field grade officers who have completed advanced Army schooling, preferably Command and General Staff College or its equivalent.

When new tactical officers report for duty they receive a 2-day orientation which serves as a brief introduction to the institution. This orientation does not, according to Tacs, adequately address the complexities of the Honor System, the Fourth Class System, the Leadership Evaluation System, the Disciplinary System, and the relationship of the Tactical Department to the Academic Department. A more comprehensive training program for new tactical officers, including workshops on leadership policies and practices to be used in commanding a cadet company, according to many Tacs, would help them to cope with the inherent conflict of operating both as a cadet counselor and as unit disciplinarian.

### c. Leadership Evaluation System

The Leadership Evaluation System requires cadets to rank others in their company as to leadership skills and potential. The rankings form a part of the cadet leadership grade which in turn affects selection for chain of command positions and overall class standing. Some cadets perceive the LES as a way of pressuring them to conform to peer norms—norms which may not reflect the stated official values of the Academy. Some officers acknowledge instances in which the LES was, in fact, used by cadets improperly to force fellow cadets into line. An officer member of the IRP commented:

*"The Leadership Evaluation System (LES) pervades all aspects of the current problem. Cadet after cadet testified that, aside from the matter of friendship, they would be quite reluctant to stand strongly for the Honor System for fear of being marked low in leadership. The stress here is the necessity to follow norms as guides for behavior, and the following of norms is apparently one of the central causes of the current problems now existing within the Honor System. It became obvious to all panel members that neither the USMA, the USCC, the cadet, nor the cadet regiments has single norms for behavior. The element which establishes criteria for acceptable behavior is the company. This was borne out by testimony and the wide variations in numbers of cadets referred to boards when a company-by-company count is considered."*

The Commandant of Cadets, in an August 26, 1976 meeting with cadets acknowledged these difficulties:

*"[T]he business of fear of being poop sheeted, if you really check at bed check or if you confront somebody who may be violating the Honor Code . . . is an old, old discussion. That doesn't mean that we have all the answers to it because I don't think we do."*

Another criticism of the LES was voiced by a tactical officer:

*"The LES . . . rests on the assumption that cadets understand leadership concepts and criteria and they know*

*how to evaluate each other's leadership ability. It rests on the assumption that the particular company has functional informal norms on leadership. It also rests on the assumption that peer leadership ratings are not 'peer popularity ratings.' I do not believe that we can assume any of these things. It is my finding that we have not taught cadets an adequate philosophy of leadership concepts, that some companies do have dysfunctional informal norms on leadership, and that we have not taught cadets how to evaluate other people's leadership ability. I have also found that most cadets view LES as a popularity contest. Therefore, quantified LES results rest on questionable assumptions. The problems of LES will be solved only when we develop an overall leadership philosophy for the institution, and determine how to effectively teach cadets a philosophy of leadership." (Emphasis in original)*

The Commission recommends a review of the Leadership Evaluation System to determine whether it is a constructive force in the cadet's leadership development.

### d. Office of Military Leadership

This Office of Military Leadership is responsible for academic instruction in leadership and behavioral sciences. It is properly an Academic Department. We concur in the recommendation of the 1972 Kappel Report that "academic instruction in . . . the behavioral sciences [should be] transferred to the academic area." The Office of Military Leadership should be under the administrative control of the Dean of the Academic Board. As any other Academic Department, it should be available to assist the Commandant of Cadets.

## D. External Review

Most civilian institutions of higher education have Boards of Trustees to provide continuity, experience, and advice. The Academy does not have the support of a permanent and independent advisory board.

In establishing the Board of Visitors, Congress recognized the need for external overseers to "inquire into the morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic method, and other matters relating to the Academy. . . ." 10 U.S.C. sec. 4355. Composed of Congressmen and Presidential appointees, the Board meets annually for a few days of briefings; its required report to the President is prepared, in large part, by Academy officers. The Board of Visitors lacks both time and staff to provide effective continuing external review.

Various isolated reviews, such as the work of this Commission, do not compensate for the absence of a permanent group having the characteristics and responsibilities of a university board of trustees. We recommend that a permanent, independent advisory board be established to provide continuing assistance. Such a board should be established by the Secretary of the Army and should (1) be nonpolitical; (2) include members who recognize the proper mission of the Academy; (3) convene often enough to insure current knowledge of the institution; and (4) report to the Secretary of the Army its observations and recommendations.

## E. Cadet Schedule

The cadet faces an increasingly demanding academic curriculum as well as increased pressure from the Tactical Department. This problem was noted in the 1966 Bonesteel Report:

"[W]e doubt that the overall load is insupportable, though from our observations there seems to be a growing problem of overscheduling or overdistraction which appears to arise from the complex of activities, including those of the Corps athletic squads, the seven groups of extracurricular activities, and the extensive responsibility of the First Class for the administration of cadet life. . . . In some way the cadet's time needs to be protected or organized so that there are adequate, solid blocks for studies, and time for athletics, for other non-curricular activities, and for genuinely free time.

"The competition for the cadet's time outside of the section room arises from the purest of motives—honest enthusiasm for a given activity whether it be in one of the clubs in the academic group, a sport, the glee club, a hobby, military indoctrination, or in publications. Both the Academic and the Tactical Departments appear to enter the competition with zest."

The Bonesteel Report went on to express "reservations" about the loss of study time resulting from increased cadet leadership responsibilities. The report concluded with a cautionary note:

"One of the most obvious aims of any organized training effort, whether in civilian or military fields, is to induce intellectual curiosity and the continuing inclination to learn on one's own. This aim is not easy to realize and its achievement is made much more difficult if inadequate provision is made for the possibility of an individual's development on his own time during his formative undergraduate years."

In 1972, the Kappel Report recommended:

"That continuous and aggressive action be taken to eliminate cadet duties which do not contribute directly to the development of the Academy objectives.

....

That the Academy authorities renew their efforts to reduce the scheduling of the cadet's time.

....

That consideration be given to establishing priorities to govern the demands on cadet time."

In partial response to these recommendations, the Academic Board reduced by 10 percent the class time of all core courses. With the introduction of the proposed new curriculum reducing the number of courses from 6 to 5 a semester, the Academic Board would rescind the 10 percent class drop plan. Under the new curriculum (with the class drop), a cadet would have 204 class hours a semester. Without the class drop the number increases to 228, only 12 hours a semester less than the present schedule.

In 1976, 10 years after the Bonesteel Report and 4 years after the Kappel Report, cadets are still overscheduled:

—A cadet time survey showed that 75 percent of the cadets do not believe that they have adequate time for academics. Sixty-eight percent do not believe that they have adequate time for all demands.

—An officer member of the IRP concluded:

"Cadets did not testify in general that they were overloaded academically but that there was an overload due to multiple requirements falling due in the same time-frame and the impact of military duties and athletic participation."

—A cadet described his day to the Commission: "Everything at West Point competes with the individual cadet's time. There exists a heavy academic load which

requires both class preparation and class attendance. Academics take up the majority of the cadets' 24-hour day. Military training incorporates mandatory formation, drills, parades as well as personal and room inspection. Athletics consist of mandatory intramurals, physical education class and the Academy's physical education testing. All of these combined with the basic necessities (like eating, sleeping, etc.) result in the cadet having to allot his time to accomplish as much as possible in the limited 24-hour day."

In addition, cadets believe that no one at the Academy genuinely understands their chronic frustration with overscheduled days. Numerous cadets told the Commission about futile attempts to get a hearing for a constructive idea or a personal concern. While Academy officials often talk with cadets in large groups, these meetings tend to become briefings or question and answer sessions rather than discussion with a satisfying exchange of views.

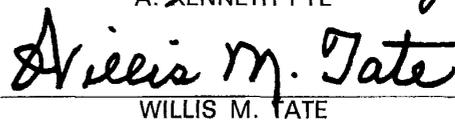
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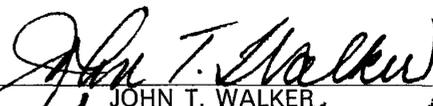
The Commission has not attempted to study all areas of Academy life. Specifically, we have not examined the Academy's recruitment and admissions program. During our study, questions, which we believe warrant consideration, were raised concerning the effectiveness of present admission criteria in predicting career success and the effect of the five-year active duty requirement on the quality of applicants.

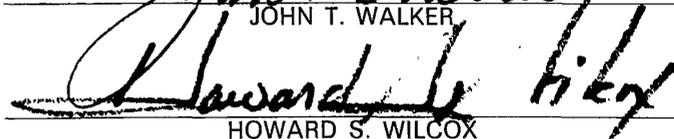
The Commission has considered its primary responsibility to formulate recommendations concerning the Honor Code, the Honor System, and the institutional deficiencies discussed in Parts I and II. We recognize that many of our recommendations are not unique; they are the same as or similar to those made in the past. Most of the studies upon which we have relied were prepared by Academy personnel, including the Academy's Office of Institutional Research. However, these past studies and recommendations have often gone unheeded. We trust that the Academy need not endure another crisis, such as the one in EE 304, before vitally needed changes are made.

  
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# Department of the Army Position on Borman Commission Report

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## PART ONE: WEST POINT ACTIONS

THE Report of the Special Commission on the United States Military Academy (Borman Commission) has proven a powerful catalyst for and major contribution to an in-depth review of every facet of Academy operation. The Army will proceed in a deliberate and prudent manner to ensure that necessary changes are made not only to restore the full health of the Honor system, but to provide new strength to the Academy while retaining and reinforcing essential values of the institution. The Secretary of the Army has approved the attached Army responses to the report of the Borman Commission.

With regard to current honor matters at the Academy, those cadets separated in connection with the EE304 cheating episode who apply and are accepted after screening by the special readmissions committee at West Point will be readmitted in July 1977. Further, as an immediate measure, the Regulations for United States Military Academy and procedures will be amended to allow greater latitude in the application of separation as the sanction for honor violations.

The Borman Commission's recommendations on the application of the meaning of nontoleration, and the many significant and far-reaching implications of such application is being referred to the Academy for evaluation and resolution during the upcoming academic semester. The Superintendent will also institute changes to ensure the Honor Code is not used as a disciplinary device to enforce regulations, and that the boundaries between honor violations and breaches of regulation are made clear.

In seeking to enhance the environment in which the concepts of Duty, Honor, Country can be fully instilled and matured a formal four-year program of instruction in ethics and professionalism that will complement and undergird the operation of the code will be developed and initiated. The Office of Military Leadership with certain changes, will be redesignated as the Department of Military Leadership and Behavioral Sciences. Action will also be initiated to make the department head a permanent professor and a member of the Academic Board.

In order to concentrate in the hands of the responsible officer the authority to balance properly the demands made on the available cadet time between those competing requirements of academic education, professional military skill development, and extracurricular activities, the role and authority of the Superintendent will be strengthened. Correspondingly, the authority and influence of the Academic Board will be focused on academic matters. It is contemplated that the Superintendent and Commandant of Cadets will no longer be members of the Academic Board and it shall be chaired by the Dean.

At the Academy, there are major functions such as those of the Admissions Office, the Army Athletic Association, Post Support Activities and others that currently fall directly under the Superintendent. These activities will be placed under a general officer, the Provost, which will be a

newly established position to permit the Superintendent to devote more of his time to essential USMA issues.

Directions have been given to implement a number of specific recommendations of the Borman Commission together with additional recommendations that have flowed from the Army's continuing review of the situation. The Superintendent will be given the necessary latitude and authority to institute these and other appropriate reforms which Department of the Army will monitor. Intimate knowledge of day-to-day operations and awareness of the need to avoid unnecessary disruption of activities of the Corps of Cadets and turbulence at the institution will permit expeditious but thoughtful implementation.

A new Superintendent will be named to the office in the spring. He will undergo a period of special orientation and preparation prior to assuming the office and would be expected to serve as Superintendent for 4-8 years.

As a result of the Borman Report a wide ranging series of studies will be initiated most of which will be completed before the summer. These studies will be conducted by the Department of the Army with input from the Military Academy. The approved recommendations of these studies will begin to take effect as soon as possible but no later than the beginning of the next academic year.

## PART TWO: SPECIFIC RESPONSE

On 15 December 1976 The Special Commission on the United States Military Academy (Borman Commission) presented its report to the Secretary of the Army. Since that time the Department of the Army has reviewed the report and the recommendations contained therein in great detail. Included below are the recommendations and the actions the Army is planning or has already taken in response.

### A. CADETS INVOLVED IN EE304

1. *Borman Recommendation:* All cadets implicated in connection with the EE304 incident who left the Academy should be allowed to return to the Academy as soon as possible.

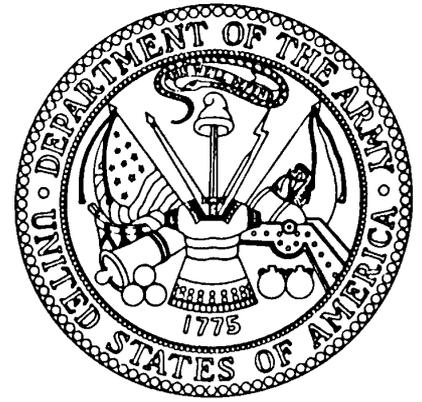
*Army Response:* Army concurs. Cadets who apply and are accepted after screening by the Superintendent's Readmissions Committee, will be readmitted in July 1977.

2. *Borman Recommendation:* All cadets implicated in connection with the EE304 incident presently at the Academy, whose separations have not yet been effected, should be allowed to remain at the Academy.

*Army Response:* All cadets with the exception of one have been separated. The remaining cadet at the Academy will be separated if the court restraining order is lifted and will be permitted to apply for readmission with those cadets already separated.

3. *Borman Recommendation:* All investigations of such cadets based upon allegations in the affidavits should cease.

*Army Response:* Twelve cadets remain at West Point under investigation for violation of the Honor Code as alleged in affidavits. These investigations and hearings will be continued.



## B. THE HONOR CODE AND SYSTEM

4. *Borman Recommendation:* The Honor Code should be retained in its present form: "A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do."

*Army Response:* Army concurs. The Honor Code will be retained in its present form.

5. *Borman Recommendation:* The nontolerance clause should be retained. However, a cadet should have options in addition to reporting an honor violation.

*Army Response:* The recommendation is being analyzed by the Department of the Army and is being referred to the Academy for evaluation and resolution during the upcoming academic semester.

6. *Borman Recommendation:* Sanctions other than dismissal should be authorized for violations of the Honor Code. The Cadet Honor Committee and reviewing authorities should be authorized to consider the facts and circumstances of each case to determine an appropriate penalty. Any recommendation less than separation should be fully justified. Cadets who are separated should not be required to serve on active duty as a result of their separation.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. The Regulations for the United States Military Academy and procedures will be amended to provide greater latitude in the application of separation for honor violations upon recommendation of the Honor Committee. A change in the requirement that separated cadets be required to serve on active duty has been recommended to the Secretary of Defense who reserves authority in that area.

7. *Borman Recommendation:* All officers and cadets at the Academy must understand the fundamentals which underlie the importance of the Honor Code and the health of the Honor System.

a. The Honor Code must be viewed as a goal toward which every honorable person aspires, and not as a minimum standard of behavior for cadets alone. Furthermore, its prescriptions do not encompass all forms of dishonorable conduct; the test of whether conduct is honorable or dishonorable does not depend solely upon whether it is proscribed by the Honor Code.

b. The Honor Code must not be extended beyond its intended purpose of ensuring that only honorable individuals become Academy graduates. Nor should it be exploited as a means of enforcing regulations.

c. The Honor Code and Honor System must be considered the joint responsibility of all cadets and all officers at the Academy. It must be understood that the Superintendent has the responsibility of reviewing and, if necessary, reversing cadet honor determinations. No one "owns" the Honor Code. Everyone must work to ensure the effectiveness of the Honor System.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. A number of actions have been underway since summer and the Army is intensifying efforts to ensure implementation of these recommendations and as well that the total environment at West Point is fully supportive of the spirit and the provisions of the Honor Code and Honor System. Changes will be instituted seeking

to preclude honor being used as a means of enforcing regulations.

8. *Borman Recommendation:* The Academy should seek ways to ensure that the fundamentals which underlie the importance of the Honor Code work on a continuing basis. As a minimum, the following should be accomplished:

a. There must be academic instructions which provide an intellectual base for character development. All cadets should be required, *early in their careers* at West Point, to begin formal ethics study. This study, which must be *part of the core curriculum*, should include those ethical problems likely to be faced by a military officer. Ethics should be stressed throughout the entire curriculum and by all constituencies at West Point: Academic, Tactical, Athletic, and Administrative.

b. The content of honor instruction must emphasize the spirit of the Honor Code. A "cook book" approach makes the Code equivalent to another regulation.

c. The method of honor instruction and the environment in which it is conducted must be improved.

d. There must be greater participation by all cadets and officers in the operation of the Honor System. Cadet rank should not be awarded for Honor Committee service.

e. The Superintendent's Honor Review Committee should be continued, but its membership should include cadets and alumni. The Committee should meet at least annually with the mission of guarding the Honor Code against misuse, misinterpretation, and inconsistent interpretation. The Committee should have the ultimate power to interpret the Honor Code.

f. An officer should be appointed to advise the Cadet Honor Committee and the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee. This officer should report to the Academic Board (and not the Commandant alone) concerning all honor matters. Continuity is required in this position.

*Army Response:*

8a. Army concurs. Action has been taken to develop a four-year program on ethics/professionalism as part of the core curriculum. Elements of this comprehensive program will be in effect for AY 1977-78.

8b, c, d. Army concurs. Action is being taken, for the spring semester 1977, to internalize the spirit of honor and to increase significantly greater participation by all cadets and officers in the operation of the Honor System. Cadet rank for Honor Committee service is being reviewed and evaluated.

8e, f. Army concurs. Action is being taken to determine the appropriate composition and functions of the Superintendent Review Committee.

## C. THE ENVIRONMENT OF WEST POINT

9. *Borman Recommendation:* A permanent and independent advisory board should be established to provide the continuing assistance that most institutions of higher education receive from their boards of trustees.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Such a permanent ad-

visory board will be formed to evaluate all aspects of the USMA operations and to report findings and recommendations to the Chief of Staff on a continuing basis.

10. *Borman Recommendation:* The West Point mission statement should be revised to ensure that everyone understands the importance of education in the mission of the Academy. Everyone must understand that this is the primary mission of the Academy from September to June. Military training should be concentrated in the summer months.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. USMA mission statement is being revised. Primacy of academics will be maintained from September to June. In addition, curriculum changes have been proposed and an in-depth evaluation will be made under the supervision of the Chief of Staff.

11. *Borman Recommendation:* The Superintendent should have responsibility for all aspects of the internal administration of the Academy, including resolving the competing demands made by subordinate authorities upon individual cadets.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. The Superintendent's authority has been significantly increased, while the academic board's effort has been redirected to emphasize academic excellence. A new general officer position, the Provost, is being created to supervise many of the functions which now fall directly under the Superintendent, such as admissions, athletics, post support activities and others. This will assist the Superintendent in better focusing internal administration to rationalize competing demands placed upon individual cadets.

12. *Borman Recommendation:* Superintendent selection should be based upon his interest in education and a demonstrated ability to provide educational and military leadership.

*Army Response:* Army concurs.

13. *Borman Recommendation:* Superintendent should be assigned to the Academy for a minimum of 5 years and should be consulted as to the selection and length of service of the Commandant of Cadets and Dean of the Academic Board.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. The tour should be normally 4 to 8 years. The Superintendent will be consulted on the selection and length of service of his key aides.

14. *Borman Recommendation:* Permanent professors should serve on active duty for no more than 30 years, unless requested to continue on a term basis by the Superintendent with the approval of the Secretary of the Army.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Current law provides permanent professors may be retired by the SA when they have more than 30 years of service as a commissioned officer. Possible revisions to present procedures are being addressed by the Army staff and the Academy.

15. *Borman Recommendation:* The Professor of Physical Education should be a member of the Academic Board.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Instructions have been given to change USMA regulations accordingly.

16. *Borman Recommendation:* The Office of Military Leadership, a department concerned in large part with pro-

viding academic instruction in behavioral sciences, should be transferred to the Academic Department. The Director of that department should be a member of the Academic Board.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. The Office of Military Leadership will be retitled the Department of Military Leadership and Behavioral Sciences. Changes are being taken to make the Director a permanent professor and member of the Academic Board.

17. *Borman Recommendation:* There should be an expansion of programs which bring outside viewpoints to the Academy, e.g., visiting professors to and from the Academy.

*Army Response:* Action has already been taken to expand the visiting professor program from 2 to 5 and to the stimulus bring additional outside viewpoints to the Academy. Furthermore, the program will be broadened to permit selected professors to participate as visiting professors at civilian institutions and to provide for service on active duty tours with military units.

18. *Borman Recommendation:* The Academy must reaffirm the role of the tactical officer as a company commander and ensure that this role is uniformly adhered to throughout the Tactical Department.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Superintendent has been directed to reaffirm the role of the tactical officer which will be promulgated throughout the staff, faculty and corps of cadets.

19. *Borman Recommendation:* Tactical officers should be selected from officers who have completed Command and General Staff College or equivalent education.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Tactical officers selected will be mature officers normally with C&GSC level and graduate level schooling.

20. *Borman Recommendation:* The Leadership Evaluation System should be reviewed to determine whether it is a constructive force in the cadets' leadership development.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. A study group will intensively review the Leadership Evaluation System on a priority basis.

#### D. MILITARY DEFENSE COUNSEL

21. *Borman Recommendation:* Judge Advocates who defend cadets should have no teaching duties.

*Army Response:* Army concurs for the near term. There will be continuing review to ensure the spirit of the recommendation is being pursued. In addition a USMA post Staff Judge Advocate office has been approved and will be established.

22. *Borman Recommendation:* Military Leadership courses should include examination of the role of the lawyer as an advisor to the commander, and the role of defense counsel in the justice system.

*Army Response:* Army concurs. Course in ethics and professionalism will include the role of the lawyer as advisor to commander and his duties and responsibilities to the command as a defense counsel. The role of defense counsel is contained in courses taught in Department of Law. This will be reinforced in the ethics/professionalism course.

# Secy Hoffmann Directs Change in USMA Regulations

Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffmann recently directed a change in regulations, to provide an alternative (in certain cases) to the single sanction of separation for cadets found in violation of the Honor Code. The full text of Secretary Hoffmann's letter, with its enclosures, is presented here:

20 January 1977

LTG Sidney B. Berry  
Superintendent  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York 10996

Dear General Berry:

The attached change to "Regulations for the United States Military Academy" directs that a "cadet who violates the Cadet Honor Code shall normally be separated from the Military Academy." This revision is a result of considerable deliberation over the report of the Special Commission on the United States Military Academy, various reports on studies of the Honor Code and System, the implied message in the two 1976 votes by the Corps of Cadets on the question of alternatives to the single sanction system, and my consideration that the change is essential to effective operation of the Honor Code and System at West Point.

Although the regulation has been changed to provide latitude in the application of separation for Honor Code violators, I have, after careful thought, elected not to direct changes in the Cadet Honor Committee procedures. These have been and should continue to be reserved for the Corps of Cadets. You must, therefore, be prepared to act unilaterally in fulfilling the spirit of the new regulation.

In exercising the prerogative which the revised regulation permits, the Superintendent will act conservatively, as the language of the regulation suggests. In acting to retain in the Corps a cadet who has violated the Code, the Superintendent will be bound by the procedures set forth in the proposal voted on by the Corps last fall, a copy of which is attached. A careful examination of the accused cadet's experience level under the Code, the presence of duress in the situation, whether the violation was self-reported, and the cadet's resolve to live honorably in the future must precede any decision to retain an Honor Code violator in the Corps. In those few cases where that decision is made, the Superintendent will insure that his reasoning is clearly understood by the Corps, its leadership, and the Community at West Point.

In changing the regulation, I have granted the Superintendent a prerogative normally due a senior commander to exercise his judgment in sensitive and important personnel actions. I am confident that you and your successors will exercise that judgment in a manner consistent with our joint desires to strengthen both the Honor Code and the System at the Military Academy.

Sincerely,



Martin R. Hoffmann

## Honor Committee Proposal For Sanction Less Than Separation

In cases resulting in a finding of a violation, the President of the Board, after announcing that finding, will inform the respondent that he may now bring to the Board's attention any matters which may warrant a recommendation to the convening authority for a sanction other than separation from the Corps of Cadets. The respondent may then, with the aid of counsel, present to the board evidence of any matter relevant to this consideration.

Factors which may be appropriate for consideration of a sanction other than separation from the Corps of Cadets are the following:

a. *Self Reported Violation.* This implies that a cadet voluntarily turns himself in without any pressure other than his own conscience. Involved in this consideration might be the possibility of the violation going undetected without the cadet's confession.

b. *Education and Experience.* This guideline applies if the cadet clearly shows a sincere lack of knowledge of the Honor Code or lack of experience within the provisions of the Code.

c. *Attitude.* This implies that the cadet has truly learned from this experience and demonstrates an understanding of the value of personal honor now and for the future.

d. *Previous Violations.* A cadet's demonstration of prior disregard for the Honor Code by a previous violation must be considered.

The above factors are only possible considerations by any board. While one board may consider many or all of the above factors, another board may feel such considerations less appropriate under different circumstances. This in no way implies that a "checklist" exists, completion of which would result in automatic retention.

At the conclusion of this part of the proceeding, the Board will again enter into closed deliberations. The Board will vote by secret ballot, and a recommendation for a sanction other than separation from the Corps of Cadets will require the affirmative vote of at least ten of the twelve Board members. The ballots will be counted by a member of the Board designated by the President who will thereafter destroy the ballots. At the conclusion of the deliberations the Board will arrive at a recommendation based on the evidence heard. These findings will be announced to the respondent by the President of the Board when the proceeding is reconvened.

## Regulation USMA, P12.14, is amended as follows:

*VIOLATION OF THE CADET HONOR CODE. The Cadet Honor Code states that a cadet will not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do. A cadet who violates the Cadet Honor Code shall normally be separated from the Military Academy.*

# New Commandant of Cadets

THE Commandant of Cadets is the immediate Commander of the Corps of Cadets and is in charge of the instruction of the Corps in tactics." So states Section 4334(c), Title 10 of the US code. Not content with so unadorned a charter, Part I, Regulations, USMA in paragraph 1.07 elaborates directing that "The Commandant of Cadets shall be the Head of the Department of Tactics and under the Superintendent shall be charged with the administration, discipline, military training, physical training, and leadership development of the Corps of Cadets." To those mandates and the many others written and unwritten attendant this sensitive assignment, did BG John C. Bard begin his response on January 11th when he became the 57th Commandant of Cadets replacing BG Walter F. Ulmer Jr. Probably no two Commandants in the long and illustrious line of those who have served in that position could have been or will be in command of the Corps of Cadets at a more critical time in its history.

General Ulmer departed West Point on January 7th to become an Assistant Division Commander in the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He left a distinguished record of accomplishments at West Point which will continue to have a beneficial effect on the Military Academy for years to come. His strength, his perseverance, his integrity served West Point well during a time when the very best qualities of leadership were required. He demonstrated the Academy's ideals as it underwent the trauma of the EE304 honor matter; a lesser man might have faltered reacting to the tremendous pressures generated by this situation. There is an irony too because in the shadow of the honor situation many of the Commandant's most significant accomplishments went almost unnoted. The arrival of women at West Point certainly made headlines but only a graduate could appreciate the magnitude of the effort put forth in getting ready for the eventful day. The research, the planning, the exhaustive effort directed by General Ulmer in preparation for the arrival of women was responsible for what has been to date a remarkably smooth assimilation.

The Commandant's expertise in training provided a very positive influence on all military programs at the Academy

but in particular provided an upgrading to the cadets' summer experience. His insight into contemporary leadership problems, so evident in the contribution he made to the 1970 Professionalism Study at the Army War College, was also shown at West Point as he addressed certain techniques used by and within the Corps of Cadets. His attack on "angry leadership" for example, practiced over the years by some upper class cadets as they assumed their roles in running the Fourth Class System, has set about a long needed atrophy of such behavior.

A complete list of contributions to West Point made by General Ulmer, so ably assisted by his gracious wife, Marty, could fill a single long ASSEMBLY article. He was, as were his predecessors, and will be his replacement, a man devoted to the Military Academy's mission.

General Bard, who arrived at West Point from an assignment as Executive to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, was born in Akron, Ohio, on 22 November 1929. He graduated as First Captain from the Military Academy in 1954 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Infantry. Immediately following graduation he attended Oxford University, as a Rhodes Scholar finishing there in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. General Bard's initial troop assignment was with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He departed that assignment in 1959 for the Infantry Officers Advanced Course followed by attendance at the University of Michigan where he obtained a MSE degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering in preparation for a teaching assignment at West Point in the Department of Mechanics. After attending the United States Army Command and General Staff College in 1964-65, General Bard was assigned to Vietnam, where he served in MACV and later in the 1st Infantry Division. After finishing the Armed Forces Staff College in early 1967, General Bard was assigned as the Military Assistant to Under Secretary of the Army and then as an exchange officer to the State Department in the State-Defense Exchange Program. He attended the National War College from 1969 to 1970 and then returned to Vietnam to serve as a Brigade Executive Officer, Battalion Commander and Assistant Chief of Staff



BG Walter F. Ulmer Jr.



BG John C. Bard

G3 in the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). Duty in Vietnam was followed by a tour with the Joint Chiefs of Staff where initially he was the Pacific Area desk officer in the National Military Command Center and later the Chief, Worldwide Military Command and Control System Council (WWMCCS) Support Section, then Chief, Plans Branch, Plans and Requirements Division, WWMCCS, Operations Directorate, and finally the Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Command and Control, J3. He left the Washington, D.C. area in 1974 to assume duty as Commander, 2d Brigade, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, a position he held until his move to Europe in August 1975.

General Bard's decorations include: The Legion of Merit with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, 6 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge.

# REPORT ON THE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE AND GIFTS FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF

FOR the past few years the March issue of ASSEMBLY has contained a fund raising report covering the calendar year just completed. This report has included, among their things, the results of the Annual Fund Drive and a breakout of the giving record of each USMA class during the calendar year. The practice of reporting on a calendar year basis has caused certain problems. West Point's Annual Fund Drive has still been in progress at the end of the calendar year, thus making it difficult to inform our graduates and friends of its final results in a timely manner. To correct this situation, the complete West Point Fund Committee Report will be published, henceforth, in the June ASSEMBLY. That report will include fund raising results through March 31, which is the official ending of the AOG's fiscal year.

Recognizing that a number of our graduates and friends are interested in our progress in fund raising, an interim report as of 31 December 1976 is provided in this ASSEMBLY. Its purpose is to report on progress made during this year's Annual Fund Drive and gifts for artificial turf.

Both the 1975 and 1976 Annual Fund Drive began the first week in October. The results in 1976, through December 31, are 52% better than the 1975 results. The figures in 1975 include a gift of \$50,000 from the Marie Heye Clemens Fund, Inc. The figures in 1976 include a challenge matching gift of just over \$65,000 which was offered for this year's drive.

Gifts to the West Point Fund include such funds as the proceeds contributed by many USMA classes who are saving for class memorial projects. The West Point Fund amount also includes unrestricted gifts which may be used by West Point to support high priority projects and activities for the direct benefit of the Corps and USMA for which appropriated funds are not available or are unlikely to become available.

Gifts designated for the Association of Graduates may be used to help defray the general and administration costs of operating the Association. Some of these AOG gifts are designated for the AOG Endowment Fund.

Undesignated gifts are those for which the donor specifies no purpose. They are, at a later date, distributed between the West Point Fund and the Association of Graduates according to an agreed formula.

This year's Annual Fund Drive will not end officially until March 31, 1977. As part of this drive, the West Point Fund Committee has included a Phonathon. A Phonathon is a proven fund raising technique whereby certain alumni are contacted by telephone and asked to make a contribution to their Alma Mater. West Point's Phonathon, conducted for eight evenings in mid-February, contacted about 4500 USMA graduates who had not responded to this year's direct mail appeal and whose USMA classes were not conducting an active drive of their own for some class memorial project. Phonathon results are not available at this writing.

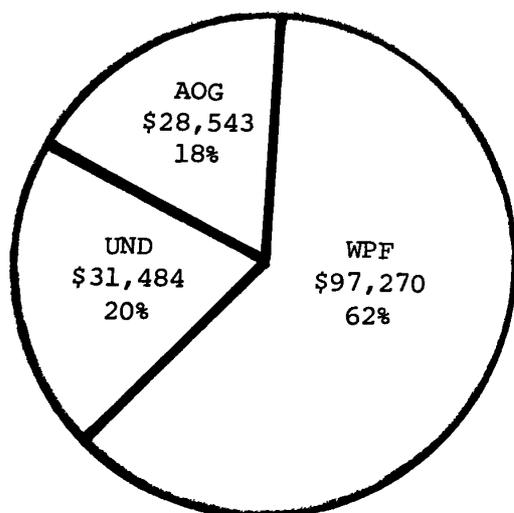
Those graduates who made pledges during the Phonathon are encouraged to forward their gifts as soon as possible so that they may be included in the results of this year's Annual Drive.

During the period of the Annual Drive, we have also conducted a separate limited appeal for funds for artificial turf in Michie Stadium. At the Homecoming meeting of the West Point Fund Committee the Superintendent informed the Committee that he had exhausted every possibility of financing the project with appropriated funds and that he planned to proceed with the installation of artificial turf in Michie Stadium as soon as possible with AAA and West Point Fund monies which could be used for that purpose. His hope and expectation was that the turf could be in place before the start of the 1977 football season. Responding to the Superintendent's request for support of the project, the West Point Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees approved a limited fund raising effort. By December 31, 1976 a total of \$280,028 had been allocated for the project, \$82,124 of which was contributed to the turf project by USMA graduates and friends.

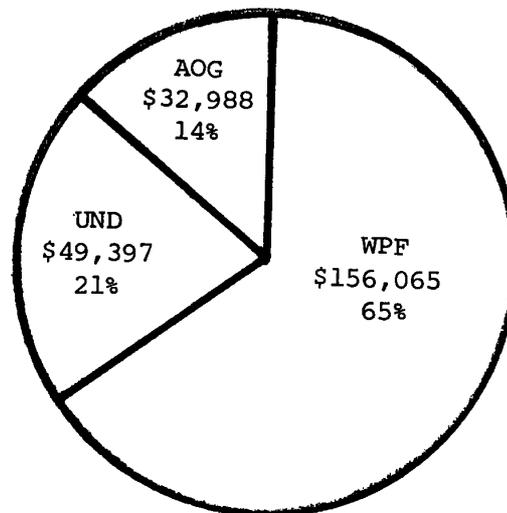
In summary, the response to this year's Annual Drive and appeal for funds for artificial turf has been most heartening. West Point's alumni and friends have demonstrated tremendous loyalty to the institution by their ever increasing generosity. To each who has given, from the smallest amount to the most significant gift, goes a heartfelt expression of thanks.

## COMPARISON OF ANNUAL FUND DRIVE RESULTS

1975 = \$157,297



1976 = \$238,450 (52% Increase)



# June Week...

# 1977

The following schedule of alumni activities for June Week 1977 has been approved by the Superintendent USMA:

## Wednesday, 1 June 1977

1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall  
1700—Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall  
1700—Class Dinners (or Picnics)  
1900—Movie\*\*\*\*\*

## Thursday, 2 June 1977

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall  
0800–1630—Open House, USMA Library  
0915—Class of 1937 Dedication Ceremony, Regimental Room, Washington Hall  
0930–1000—Multi-Media Presentation, Thayer Hall  
1000—Class of 1952 Dedication Ceremony, Fort Putnam  
1000–1615—Open House, West Point Museum  
1000–1200—Colonel Thayer's Office Open (Qtrs 100)  
1100—Class of 1947 Dedication Ceremony, Railroad Station  
1200–1500—Class Luncheons and Meetings  
1330—Class of 1927 Dedication Ceremony, 1st Floor, USMA Library  
1430—Class of 1932 Dedication Ceremony, Camp Buckner, Skeet Range  
1500–1530—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon  
1700—Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall  
1900—Movie\*\*\*\*\*  
2000—Alumni Dinner, Washington Hall\*\* (Pre-dinner cocktails begin at 1900 in Washington Hall.)  
2100—Superintendent's Reception for Alumni, Washington Hall  
2200—Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall

## Friday, 3 June 1977

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall  
0800–1630—Open House, USMA Library  
0830—Army-Navy Golf Match, West Point Golf Course†  
0845—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, USMA Library  
0900—Catholic Alumni Mass, Catholic Chapel (Alumni Coffee, Cloister Room)  
1000–1615—Open House, West Point Museum  
1030—Assembly for Alumni Exercises, Jefferson Road\*\*\*  
1045—Alumni March to Thayer Monument\*\*\*  
1100—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument\* \*\*\*\*  
1115—Alumni Review, The Plain\*\*\*  
1230—Alumni Luncheon, AOG Annual Meeting, Washington Hall\*\*  
1230—Alumni Ladies Luncheon, WPAM\*\*  
1400—Army-Navy Baseball, Doubleday Field\*\*†  
1430–1630—Open House, Designated Cadet Barracks  
1700—Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall  
1700—Class Dinners (or Picnics)  
1900—Movie\*\*\*\*\*  
1930—Jewish Chapel Services, Old Cadet Chapel

## Saturday, 4 June 1977

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall  
0900—Army-Navy Tennis Match, Library Courts

0800–1200—Open House, USMA Library  
1000–1615—Open House, West Point Museum  
1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall  
(Official Alumni Portion of June Week Ends)

\* To be conducted indoors in the event of inclement weather.

\*\* Admission by ticket.

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

\*\*\*\* Alumni wives and dependents should be seated by 10:45 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\* Call Recreational Services Automatic Information tape at 938-3175 for site and title of movie.

† Postponed to following day in event of inclement weather.

## REUNION INFORMATION

In the interest of economy, the June Week Reunion Bulletin will be mailed to reunion classes only: 1912, April 1917, August 1917, 1921-22, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952. All other graduates who desire to attend June Week activities are requested to cut out the accompanying tear sheet in this issue of ASSEMBLY and mail it with a check made payable to the Association of Graduates, to the Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996. Remember to order tickets for the Alumni and Ladies Luncheons and the Alumni Dinner-Dance early. The closing date for reservations is Monday, 20 May 1977. In the event of cancellation prior to 20 May 1977, your deposit will be refunded. Since arrangements for services, with agreement to pay for specific numbers of people, must be made in advance, refunds cannot be made for notifications postmarked after 20 May 1977.

## Billets

The limited space available for alumni at the U.S. Hotel Thayer during June Week is traditionally reserved for allocation to alumni of the 50th reunion class. At this time, all rooms in the main hotel are reserved.

Unaccompanied alumni are accommodated in the Dormitory Wing of the Hotel Thayer according to seniority and individual preference. These reservations are monitored by the Alumni Affairs Office. All requests for reservations in the Hotel Thayer should be forwarded 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, USMA, West Point, New York 10996, upon request. Reservations to area hotel and motels must be made by the individual directly to the hotel or motel concerned. It must be noted that during June Week, all facilities at West Point are programmed exclusively for cadets and their guests commencing Saturday afternoon. The Class Committee of the graduating class coordinates reservations in the Hotel Thayer during this time. Alumni who are relatives of cadets should have their cadet sponsor arrange for hotel/motel accommodations for this latter portion of June Week.

### Alumni Headquarters

Alumni Headquarters will open in Cullum Hall at 12 noon on Wednesday, 1 June. Alumni should register. During registration reserved tickets, ID cards (for riding USMA buses and seating in the stands during the Alumni Parade and Review), parking passes, information bulletin, schedules and rosters of returning alumni will be provided. Alumni Headquarters' hours of operation are as follows: Wednesday, 1 June—12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 2 June—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 3 June—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 4 June—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Association of Graduates will provide a complimentary continental breakfast in Cullum Hall on 1, 2, and 3 June.

### Transportation

Most graduates arrive in personal cars. Parking in front of Cullum Hall will be limited to ten minutes or long enough for you to sign in and secure your information packet and any tickets you requested. As always, open unrestricted parking in the mid-post area is extremely limited during duty hours. It is suggested that after registration you park your car in the Hotel Thayer parking lot and leave it there during your stay at West Point. Regularly scheduled bus service will be provided from Buffalo Soldier Field to the mid-post area. This bus service will be coordinated with the schedule to arrive in time for all special events.

If you arrive in New York City by rail, take a train from the railroad station to the Port Authority Bus Terminal (41st Street and 8th Avenue) and then take the Mohawk bus to West Point. If you arrive at JFK or LaGuardia Airports, take a limousine from the airport to the East Side Airline Terminal. From there, take a taxi to Port Authority Bus Terminal. If you arrive at Newark Airport, take a Transport of New Jersey bus from the airport to the Port Authority Bus Terminal. From the Port Authority, take a Mohawk bus to West Point. If you plan to fly to Stewart Army-Subpost (formerly Stewart Air Force Base), there are Rent-A-Cars and commercial taxis available at the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Terminal, Building 140. The airfield is under civilian control, but both civil and military aircraft are welcome. A parking fee of \$2.00 for each 24-hour period is charged for single engine aircraft.

NOTAMS, airport directories and other flight advisory publications will provide a listing of services available and hours of operation. Tower operations: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week.

### Association of Graduates Sales Items

The Association of Graduates will operate a gift shop in Alumni Headquarters during June Week. They will have alumni badges, lapel rosettes, West Point chairs, glassware, china and other commemorative items.

### 1977 JUNE WEEK TICKET REQUESTS AND INFORMATION

You may use this form to request tickets for the functions indicated. Requests for reservations at hotels or motels must be made by the individual directly to the hotel or motel concerned. Request for tickets to athletic events should be made directly to the Army Athletic Association. If you have any special requests or questions, include them below (or phone 914-938-3700/3024).

CLASS .....

NAME .....  
(LAST) (FIRST) (RANK)

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS .....

.....

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING YOU .....

PLANNED DATES OF ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE .....

LOCAL ADDRESS DURING JUNE WEEK .....

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### ALUMNI FUNCTIONS

Indicate the number of tickets you desire and inclose a check for the total amount made payable to the ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES.

	Number	Amount
Alumni Dinner Dance (\$7.00 per person) INFORMAL	.....	.....
Alumni Luncheon (\$3.50 per person)	.....	.....
Alumni Ladies Luncheon (\$4.00 per person)	.....	.....

Your cancelled check is your receipt, there will be no written confirmation of these reservations.

Indicate the number of tickets you desire for Graduation Exercises, 8 June. Tickets will be distributed by class seniority.

All tickets will be held at Alumni Headquarters in Cullum Hall for you unless class has made special arrangements.

### REMARKS OR SPECIAL REQUESTS

**RESERVATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 20 MAY 1977. REFUNDS WILL ONLY BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO 20 MAY 1977. RETURN YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996**

# Life Goes On



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second of a series of articles by cadets giving graduates the view from the "sinks" on subjects of current interest to West Pointers.

**R**ECENT news coverage of the Military Academy has pointed out significant changes here—some proposed, others already implemented:

... The Corps of Cadets voted for revisions to Honor System, incorporating the legalities of due process in the procedures.

... USMA's command structure will have another general officer to relieve the Superintendent of the post command burden.

... Ethics instruction will be integrated formally into the academic program.

... Academic testing procedures have been changed and the cadet course load may be altered.

The focus of attention is on the institution and its system, but it is still the individual cadet who will feel the effect of the changes and help assimilate them into cadet life.

These changes are viewed by most cadets as actions which will make a good system better. The Corps realizes that each cadet has a little more responsibility to devote a little more time than usual to keep things running smoothly. The Corps has accepted the challenges of innovation and are meeting them successfully.

The individual cadet continues to perform duties that help run the Corps, and continues to meet day-to-day requirements of the rigorous cadet programs:

... Every day each cadet goes into the academic "trenches" to fight for tenths.

... Seventy-nine extracurricular activities and clubs provide every cadet with the opportunity to exercise interests and hobbies.

... Intercollegiate sports demand an athlete's time and dedication everyday.

... Company intramurals are fierce rivalries that keep up the companies' spirits as well as test a cadet's stamina.

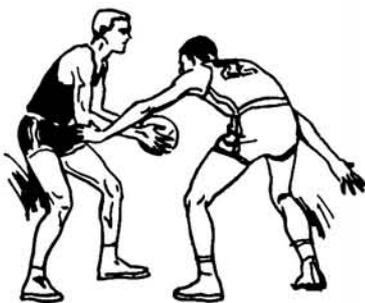
... The cadet chain of command has successfully combined flexibility with its routine administrative tasks.

The Corps of Cadets has not collapsed as a result of its recent crisis. Life goes on. The Military Academy will still produce leaders; each graduate will still have pride of accomplishment and look forward with pride to the future. The challenges of change will be accepted by the individual cadet.

The Long Gray Line marches onward.

by CADET DAVID E. MECHTLY

*ABOUT THE AUTHOR:* Cadet David E. Mechtly, Class of 1977, from Pennsylvania, is the Brigade Public Affairs Officer—a new position established this year.



# down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

ARMY'S lightweight football team finished unbeaten and won its 13th league title in 20 years; Dave Rost set Army's career hockey scoring mark; Curt Alitz earned All-America honors in cross country and Clennie Brundidge was a second-team UPI All-America pick in football, but the big story this issue has to be the continued inspired play of basketball captain Gary Winton.

Snubbed by the Eastern College Athletic Conference voters last year (who tabbed him their rookie of the year two years ago) and the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, Winton has yet to manifest his disappointment or anger. Instead, he takes it out on whichever team has the misfortune of playing on the same basketball court... and also takes it out on the scorekeepers, whom the 6-foot-5, 225-pound junior forward has kept working overtime.

With a season-and-a-half still remaining in his fabulous career, the mild-mannered All-America candidate already has rewritten the Army record book when he scored 33 points against Manhattan to boost his career total to 1,361 and shatter the previous mark of 1,342 held by Mike Silliman, former All-America and captain of the 1968 Olympic team which won a gold medal at Mexico City.

More about Gary and his winter playmates later, but first a recap of the fall follies:

Curt Alitz leading against Penn.

## FOOTBALL (5-6)

Coach Homer Smith's gridders are beginning to understand how the Japanese felt after the Battle of Midway. The Cadets absorbed a similar punishment from the Navy for the fourth straight season at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia in a game that spelled the difference between a good season and a poor one and Coach Smith still doesn't know what went wrong.

Going into the annual arch rivalry, the Cadets' season had to be deemed successful, what with victories over Lafayette, Holy Cross, Air Force, Stanford (upset) and Colgate (another upset) and an incredible near miss against North Carolina.

In our last report, we left the Black Knights with a 3-4 record and we'll pick up the action with the Air Force contest.

### Army 24, Air Force 7

Halfback King scored two touchdowns, including a 33-yarder with just 2:29 to play, before a capacity crowd of 42,283 at Michie Stadium as the home court advantage in this series paid off again. The victory evened the series at 5-5-1 and represented the most wins in a season for Army since 1972. Their 24 points also was a Cadet record against the "Army Air Corps."

### Pittsburgh 37, Army 7

Logue caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from Hall in the third quarter, but

Gary Winton about to score in Army-Manhattan game.

the damage was done long before as the Cadets ran into the Heisman Express-Dorsett. Destined to become college football's No. 1 player for the nation's No. 1 team, Dorsett scored three touchdowns, ran for 212 yards and shattered three NCAA records as the Panthers built up a 27-0 lead before Army scored.

### Army 29, Colgate 13

The Cadets bounced back and stunned the East by handing Colgate its first loss of the year behind the passing of Hall, who fired three TD passes and set two more career records. Hall passed for 195 yards and Maness rushed for 101 as Army bolted to an early lead before sweating out the ultimate outcome.

### Navy 38, Army 10

The smallest crowd ever to witness an Army-Navy game in JFK Stadium (77,612) watched Middie quarterback Leszczynski and tailback Gattuso combine for 273 yards and all the Navy points except for those Bob Tata added with his toe.

Leading, 14-10, Navy erupted for 17 points in the third period to salt away the decision as Gattuso tallied his second and third TD's and Tata added a 33-yard field goal. All of which made Navy's fourth-quarter TD hardly matter.

"This loss hurt so much it is unbelievable," Coach Smith said afterward. "To say we didn't get ready for this game is silly. I don't think I would change any of the preparation we made. We would have the same spirit buildup and work just as hard as we did.

"We simply were unable to stop them in the third quarter," continued the bewildered coach, "and I really can't explain why we had so much trouble trying to stop the tailback play. Gattuso was simply going right up the middle.

"A loss to Navy is very different than another defeat," Smith concluded. "It hurts much more. Nothing compares to the pain of defeat against Navy. You have to live with it every day because at West Point you live to beat Navy."

Coach Smith's agony was tempered slightly by post-season honors bestowed upon several of his talented players. Brundidge was named to UPI's second team All-America squad, UPI's All-East and the All-Eastern College Athletic Conference first team. Hall joined his aerial sidekick on the UPI All-East and All-ECAC squads, while guard Curt Downs was selected to the All-ECAC team.



## LIGHTWEIGHT FOOTBALL (6-0)

Perhaps Coach Eric Tipton should bottle the secret of his success and share it with his varsity colleagues. Tip's 150-pounders rolled to back-to-back 34-0 victories over Penn and Columbia to complete their undefeated season and capture their 13th Eastern Intercollegiate Lightweight Football League championship in 20 years. Coach Tipton's record at the Cadet helm is a remarkable 104-14-1.

### Army 34, Pennsylvania 0

Miller threw a 31-yard pass to Woodcock and a 25-yarder to Collins; Bassa ran for a pair of three-yard TDs and Adams dashed five yards for another while Seeger kicked the extra points.

### Army 34, Columbia 0

Army's defense allowed only one first down—and that with only four minutes to play—to highlight the title-clinching triumph. Key opened the scoring with a five yard run, Miller added one from 34 yards out and Adams bulled over from the two for a 20-0 first quarter lead. Nagy's one-yard plunge and Brophy's one-yarder closed out the scoring.

After the season, eight Cadets were named to the EILFL all-star squad and two others were tabbed for second-team honors. First-team repeaters were Seeger and offensive tackle Ken Miller; other offensive selections were guard Campbell and halfback Cameron, while the defensive unit (which allowed just 42 points and recorded three shutouts) was represented by tackle Altomare, end Acker, linebacker Mitroka and defensive back Butler. Second-team honors went to quarterback Ted Miller and Collins.

## CROSS COUNTRY (7-4)

Curt Alitz gained All-America honors for the second straight year by finishing 27th in the NCAA Cross Country championship at No. Texas State in Denton, Texas. Alitz, who posted his 14th straight dual meet victory against Navy only 48 hours earlier to complete an unbeaten dual meet season, toured the 10,000 meter NCAA course in 19:15.7. He earned All-America recognition for being among the top 25 American finishers.

Against Navy, Coach John Randolph's harriers lost out in the final 20 yards by a 26-29 margin despite Alitz's victory in 25:12. Bega finished fifth, Moratz was sixth and Enright and Baker came across eighth and ninth, respectively. Had Baker and Enright slipped past Middies' Kevin Walsh in the final 20 yards, the decision would have gone to the Cadets.

In their only other competition since our last report, the Cadets placed sixth at the Heptagonals and 12th at the IC4As, with Alitz capturing both events.

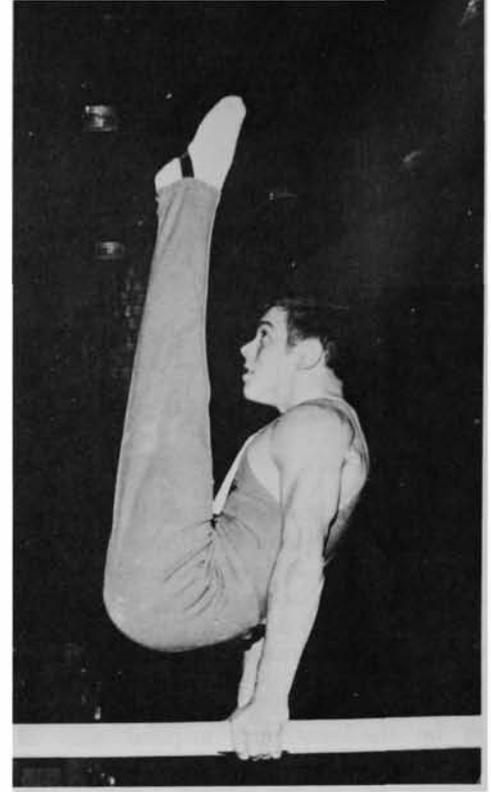
The Cadets were voted the No. 1 cross country squad in New York State by the state's coaches.

## SOCCER (8-4-1)

Coach Joe Palone's booters were 5-2 at last glance, but the Cadets lost two of their last six games and tied another.



Dave Rost—USMA's all-time leading scorer.



George Roberta

The Cadets edged Air Force, 2-1 in overtime before bowing consecutively to RPI, 3-1, and Colgate, 2-1. They rebounded with 2-0 triumphs over the Merchant Marine Academy and West Chester State, but closed out the campaign with a frustrating 1-1 tie against Navy.

Rodemers' unassisted goal at 7:56 of overtime gave Army its fourth straight win of the season and 10th in 11 meetings with arch rival Air Force. Yerks tallied the other goal at 4:55 of the first half on a pass from Hetherington. Yerks also scored Army's lone goals against RPI and Colgate on assists from Wiggins and Rodemers, respectively.

Goalie Stevens allowed only one goal through the final three games, with shutouts against USMMA and West Chester State. Rodemers tallied twice and Yerks assisted once against the Merchant Mariners, while Rodemers scored unassisted and Yerks converted a McCoy pass in the West Chester State triumph. Rodemers booted the lone Cadet goal against Navy.

Yerks, with nine goals and four assists, led the Army scoring with 13 points this year, followed by Rodemers, who had nine goals and two assists. Vinson was third with five goals and one feed. Stevens finished the season as the top goalie with 25 saves and one goal-against.

And now, on to the winter campaigns:

## BASKETBALL (11-4)

Off to their finest start since 1963-64, coach Mike Krzyzewski's cagers are writing a brand new chapter in the history of Army basketball. Led by Winton, most valuable player of both the Birmingham and Vermont Classics and a member of every ECAC weekly all-star team thus far, Army is shooting for a post-season tournament berth.

The Cadets broke from the starting gate with seven straight victories following a 94-73 exhibition triumph over St.

Mary's of Canada. The Black Knights' early victims were Merrimack (87-78), Lehigh (73-66), Upsala (65-51), Northeastern (69-66), St. Peters (63-60 in overtime), Merchant Marine Academy (76-52) and Samford (67-60 in the first round of the Birmingham Classic). South Alabama broke the spell in the tourney final (58-54) and powerful DePaul handed Army a second straight setback (77-66) before the Cadets regained their winning ways.

Army captured the Vermont Classic with one-point victories over Florida State (72-71) and Yale (50-49) before ripping Buffalo, 75-56. Losses to Lafayette (76-62) and Manhattan (75-68) sandwiched another overtime triumph, this time against Scranton (72-67) in the final three games before we went to press.

Behind Winton's 22.6 scoring average and 10.3 rebounding pace are starters Brown (13.4), Easton (9.1), Brundidge (7.9) and Harris (7.4). In addition to his national ranking in scoring and rebounding, Winton is among the country's most accurate shooters (.596 field goal percentage).

## HOCKEY (12-0)

Thanks to Rost, coach Jack Riley's skaters are only one game shy of the Academy's record for consecutive victories (13) and just eight away from tying another mark for most triumphs in a season (20).

Rost, Army's All-East forward, became USMA's all-time career scoring leader with a three goal/six assist performance in the Cadets' 11-2 victory over Bryant College when he shattered All-America George Clark's two-year old record of 266 points. At press time, Rost had scored 22 goals and 34 assists this season for 56 points which gave him career totals of 83 points and 195 assists for 278 points.

The Cadets opened the campaign with a 5-4 overtime triumph over Norwich and has enjoyed more than their share of "laughers" the rest of the way. Army trounced Framingham State (11-5), Plattsburgh State (11-1), New England (7-2), Bridgewater State (10-4), and Massachusetts (7-2) before sweating out a 6-5 victory over Holy Cross. Next came easy triumphs over Wesleyan (6-1), Bryant (11-2), St. Nick's (14-3), Elmira (10-4) and Oswego State (4-2).

Included in their 12-0 record is a 9-0 mark in the ECAC that keeps the cadets atop the Division II West standings.

While Dave Rost continues to pace the Army pointmakers, brother Tom Rost is second with 19 goals and 18 assists, followed by Harrison with 11 goals and 22 assists and Murrett with 13 goals and 18 assists. Goalie Garver, who has 242 saves, lowered his goals-against average to 2.99.

#### FENCING (3-4)

Although rookie coach CPT Ron Feher inherited only four lettermen from A. John Geraci's 4-9 team, the Cadets already are only one triumph away from matching last year's total.

Army opened by winning two of its first three before experiencing a three-match slide but turned in another victory as we headed to the printer. USMA kicked off the season with a 14-13 decision over William Paterson and a 17-10 loss to Yale before splitting a triangular by downing Baruch, 20-7, and bowing to Penn State, 22-5. Rutgers (14-13) and St. John's (20-7) also defeated the Cadets before they rallied to spear Dartmouth (18-9).

The foil squad owns the only winning record (32-31) among the three weapons and is led by Hamilton's 14-3 record and Carter's 9-8 mark. The sabre unit (29-34) is paced by Clay (12-7), while the epee duelers (26-37) are spearheaded by Naudain and Johnson, each at 10-10.

#### GYMNASTICS (5-1)

Coach Ned Crossley's acrobats had a healthy five-meet winning streak going before bowing to powerful Southern Connecticut State. The Cadets ripped Long Island (197.50 to 141.05), edged Massachusetts (198.50 to 198.40), swept a triangular from West Chester State (185.65 to 169.25) and East Stroudsburg State (185.65 to 116.60) and ripped Boston State (189.35 to 166.60) before losing to So. Connecticut (211.55 to 186.70).

Leading individual performers are Lee Jourdan on the still rings, Shorr in the floor exercise, Holm on the parallel bars and Holm in the all-around (all with three firsts apiece) and Roberta with two triumphs on the pommel horse.

#### PISTOL (2-0)

Stanhagen fired a 791 and All-America Malcolm chipped in with a 788 as coach SFC John Smith's sidearmers swept a tri-

angular from the Coast Guard Academy and Penn. Army fired a 3122 against Coast Guard's 3032 and Penn's 2923. Sanders hit a 784 and Greenwase fired a 759 to round out the top Army shooters.

#### RIFLE (6-0)

Coach MSG Ken Hammill's marksmen also enjoyed an undefeated record through the early going. The cadets opened with a 2720 total to sweep Coast Guard (2684) and MIT (2683) in a triangular before outshooting St. Peter's, 2217-1044, and Norwich, 2741-2683. Army then swept another triangular with a 2704 total that topped Dartmouth (2623) and the 77th ARCOM (2432).

Luther's 547 topped the Cadet shooters in the opening triangular and his 555 set the pace in the other three-corner shoot-out. Bento's 560 set the pace against St. Peter's while Szarenski's 565 blitzed Norwich.

#### SQUASH (2-1)

It's been feast or famine for coach LTC John Bradley's racquetmen with an 8-1 victory over MIT, a 9-0 loss to Harvard and a 9-0 triumph over Fordham.

Brian Smith, Zack Smith, Hammond, Andrews, Lai, Krahn and Greer all have two triumphs and one loss, while Struble, Doede and Iorio own the other single victories.

#### SWIMMING (2-4)

Other than Ted Kanamine, the mer-men of coach Jack Ryan have not reminded anyone of grey-clad Tarzans. Kanamine remains unbeaten in 11 events while only Ravrides and Nishimura have shown any other semblance of consistency.

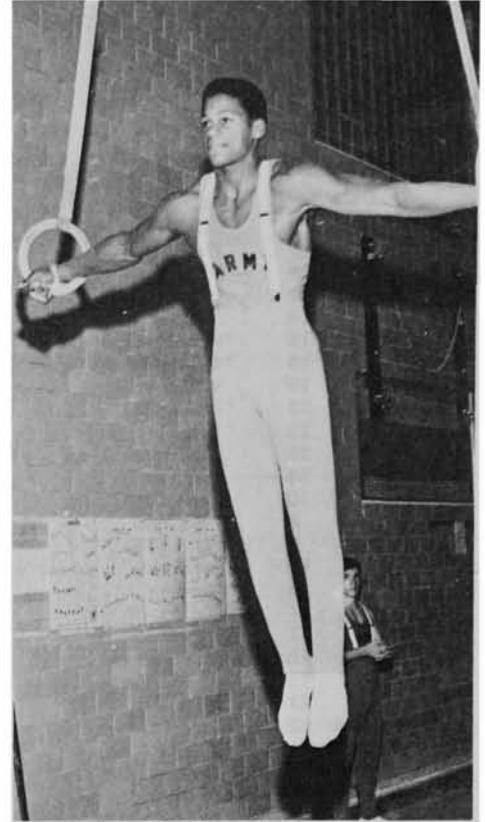
The Cadets swamped Cornell, 62-51, before dropping back-to-back 65-48 losses to Columbia and Harvard. They rebounded to drown Rutgers, 80-29, but lost consecutively to Princeton, 64-49, and Yale, 62-51.

Kanamine has won once in the 1,000-yard freestyle, twice in 200-yard freestyle, once in the 200-yard individual medley, four times in 500-yard freestyle and three times in the 200-yard butterfly.

#### TRACK (6-0)

Coach Randolph's thinclads own Army's fifth undefeated slate thus far and haven't really been pressed yet. They ran away from FDU (83-33) and Adelphi (83-44) in the opening triangular, did the same to Connecticut (81-55) and New Hampshire (81-12) in the second and topped Penn (63.5-50.5) and Manhattan (63.5-34) in the third triangular.

Leading performers include undefeated Alitz, who has won a pair of one-mile runs and a pair of two-miles; Wells, 4-0 in the 60-yard high hurdles; Johnson, 3-0 in the long jump; and Dunaway, 2-0 in the 60-yard dash. Other top athletes include Handy (600-yard run), Price (high jump), Leishman (35 pound weight), Opich (shot) and Piazza (pole vault), all with two firsts apiece.



Leland Jourdan

#### WRESTLING (5-5-1)

Coach Leroy Alitz' grapplers have had an up-and-down season after placing second in the Lafayette Tournament. They twisted Yale, 24-6; Georgia, 25-15; and Ohio St., 22-18 to get off to a 3-0 start. But they managed only a 15-15 tie with Rider in a quadrangular while bowing to Princeton, 26-8, and Ashland, 22-15. The Cadets then bounced Rutgers, 26-17, before losing to North Carolina, 22-15. Army then split a triangular by beating Lafayette, 25-10, and losing to Brockport State, 22-18; and finally dropped a 10-16 decision to Springfield.

Top wrestlers thus far have been McPhee, who is 4-1-1 at 177 pounds and 6-1 at 190 pounds; Culp, 9-1 at 167 pounds; Votiero, 9-1 at 134 pounds; and Coleman, 7-3 at 118 pounds.

#### ARMY ADDENDUM

Army's fall sports compiled a composite 26-14-1 record (football had the only losing slate), while thus far the winter teams have a 54-19-1 record (only fencing and swimming own losing marks; restling is at .500). That gives the Cadets a total record of 90-33-2 halfway through the athletic calendar.

The Cadet Orienteering Team traveled to Indiana, Pennsylvania, on 20-21 October and won the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Open Trophy on the red course, and placed second on the blue course in the senior men's elite division in the Western Pennsylvania Open Orienteering Meet. At the nationally sanctioned Fall Appalachian Festival in Athens, Ohio, 20-21 November, the team turned in another outstanding performance. Rush '78 finished second on the world class blue course to four-time national champion, Captain Turbyfill, United States Marine Corps (USMC). The cadet team finished

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# USMA SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Apr 5	CCNY	3:30
7	Wagner	3:30
9	Seton Hall	2:30
12	RPI (A)	3:00
14	Rutgers	3:30
15	*Pennsylvania (A)	3:00
16	*Columbia (A) (dh)	1:00
19	Villanova	3:30
22	*Brown (A)	3:00
23	*Yale (A) (dh)	1:00
25	New York Mets	3:00
26	Manhattan	3:30
30	*Cornell (A) (dh)	1:00
May 6	*Princeton	3:30
7	*Navy (dh)	1:30
10	Fordham	3:30
13	*Harvard	3:30
14	*Dartmouth (dh)	1:30
17	St. John's	3:30
18	Lafayette (A)	3:30
19	US Merchant Marine Academy	3:30
21	John Jay	2:30
June 3	Navy	2:00

Coach: Mr. Eric Tipton  
 Officer Representative: CPT S. M. Gulyas  
 Captain: Cadet Warren Chellman  
 \*League Game  
 (A) Away Games  
 (dh) Doubleheader

## PLEBE BASEBALL

Apr 2	Massachusetts Bay Comm. Coll.	2:00
8	North Andover High School	3:30
9	Columbia-Greene Comm. Coll.	2:00
13	Kent School	3:30
14	Montclair State	3:30
16	USMA Prep School	2:00
18	Columbia	3:30
21	Nassau Community College	3:30
23	Hotchkiss School	2:00
28	Rockland Community College	3:30
30	Rumson-Fair Haven Regional H.S.	2:00
May 4	Northern Valley Regional H.S.	3:30
7	St. John's	2:00
14	Natick High School	2:00
18	Choate School	3:30
21	Windsor High School	2:00

## VARSITY GOLF

Apr 9	Quadrangular—Manhattan Princeton Bucknell	1:00
15	Boston College (A)	1:00
16	Connecticut (A)	1:00
20	Quadrangular—Rutgers (A) NYU Hofstra	1:00
23	Triangular—Cornell Columbia	1:30
30	Quadrangular— US Mer. Marine Academy Villanova Central Conn State	1:30
May 6-7-8	EIGL	
14	Triangular—Fordham Fairleigh Dickinson	1:30
21	St. John's	1:30
June 3	Navy	8:30 AM

Coach: MAJ P. J. Kirkegaard  
 Officer Representative: CPT B. H. Laswell  
 Captain: Cadet Sean Powers

## JV/PLEBE GOLF

Apr 9	Princeton	2:00
16	Triangular—USMA Prep School Ridgewood H.S.	2:00
23	Quadrangular— Middlesex County Comm Coll Ocean County College Somerset County College	1:15
30	Rutgers (A)	
May 14	Choate School	2:00
21	Triangular—Hotchkiss School Nassau Comm College	2:00

## VARSITY LACROSSE

Date	Opponent	Time-PM
Mar 23	NY Inst of Technology	4:00
Apr 2	Rutgers (A)	2:00
9	Hofstra	2:15
20	Lafayette	4:00
23	Connecticut (A)	2:00
30	Johns Hopkins	2:15
May 4	Yale	4:00
7	C.W. Post	2:15
14	Princeton	2:15
21	Dartmouth	2:15
June 4	Navy (A)	2:00

Coach: Mr. Dick Edell  
 Officer Representative: COL A. H. Blair  
 Captain: Cadet Kevin Scherrer

## JV/PLEBE LACROSSE

Apr 9	North Country Comm Coll (?)	2:15
16	USMA Prep School	2:15
20	Farmingdale State	4:00
22	West Chester State	4:00
27	Nassau Community College	4:00
29	Cornell (A)	
May 6	Suffolk County Comm Coll	4:00
14	Princeton	2:15
18	Hotchkiss School	4:00
21	Morris County College	2:15

## VARSITY TENNIS

Apr 9	Williams	1:30
15	Pennsylvania (A)	3:00
16	Columbia (A)	2:00
20	East Stroudsburg	3:45
22	Brown (A)	3:00
23	Yale (A)	2:00
27	Upsala	3:45
29	Colgate (A)	3:00
30	Cornell (A)	2:00
May 3	Fordham	3:45
6	Princeton	3:45
10	Albany	3:45
13	Harvard	3:45
14	Dartmouth	1:30
June 4	Navy	9:00 AM

Coach: SP5 Paul Assaiante  
 Officer Representative: CPT D. M. Merhar  
 Captain: Cadet Zach Smith

## JV/PLEBE TENNIS

Apr 9	Kent School	1:30
11	Columbia	3:45
15	Nassau Community College	3:45
16	USMA Prep School	1:30
20	Hotchkiss School	3:45
23	Rutgers (A)	1:00
30	Lawrenceville School	1:30
May 4	Princeton	3:45
7	Albany	1:30
14	Fordham Prep	1:30
18	Trinity Pawling School	3:45

## VARSITY OUTDOOR TRACK

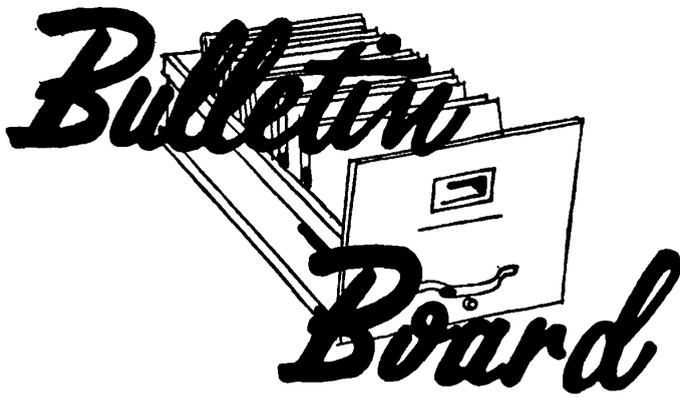
Apr 2	Princeton	1:30
9	Triangular—Yale Columbia	1:30
16	Pennsylvania (A)	12 Noon
23	Manhattan	1:30
30	Penn Relays (A)	
May 7	Heptagonals (A)	
14	Harvard (A)	12 Noon
21	IC4A (A)	
June 4	Navy (A)	

Coach: Mr. John Randolph  
 Officer Representative: MAJ J. I. Alger  
 Captain: Cadet Ivory Carson

## JV/PLEBE OUTDOOR TRACK

Apr 2	Princeton	1:30
9	Triangular—Yale Columbia	1:30
16	Triangular—USMA Prep School Farmingdale State	1:30
23	Nassau Community College	1:30
27	Suffolk Community College	3:30
May 14	Dartmouth (A)	1:00

# Bulletin Board



## Unique Tour For Military History Fans

The Center for International Studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania will offer next spring a unique European tour program of special interest to military history fans.

Dr. James Oliver of the history department announced that the program, which will run from 28 May through 18 June 1977, is entitled "Major Battlefields, Military Museums, and Military Cemeteries of Western Europe." It will visit France, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium and England and include such major cities as Paris, Luxembourg, Cologne, Brussels and London.

"In addition to visiting famous battlefields which rank high in the annals of American military honor, Bastogne, Remagen Bridge, Omaha Beach," Oliver said, "the tour will also visit Verdun, Ypres and the Somme from World War I, Waterloo, famous in its own right, and some of the disused portions of the Maginot Line."

The tour flies by trans-Atlantic jet from New York and begins in Paris with visits to Napoleon's Tomb, the French Army Museum and old Parisian fortifications as well as providing the opportunity to visit the famous traditional sites of the city. The program then moves to Reims, the center of the champagne industry in eastern France, to visit the house where Eisenhower received the German surrender at the end of World War II, the great cathedral of Reims, and to have a taste of champagne at the cave of a champagne manufacturer. Continuing east, according to the IUP professor, the group will visit the largest American military cemetery in Europe, Romagensous-Montfaucon from the Meuse-Argonne campaign of World War I. Participants will spend a night in Verdun and tour that famous battlefield before moving on to Luxembourg city for two nights. From there the tour will visit the Ardennes Forest and Bastogne, the location of the Battle of the Bulge in December-January 1944-45.

"The program next travels into Germany, touching Trier, Koblenz, Remagen, and Cologne, before entering Belgium," Oliver pointed out. "At Lieges, Belgium, the group will visit the famous arms museum and the nearby American military cemetery at Henri Chapelle. At Brussels for two days the participants will visit NATO headquarters, the Belgium military

museum, and have a full day on the battlefield of Waterloo."

From Brussels the tour travels to Ypres, Belgium, scene of some of the most bitter fighting of World War I. In addition to the battlefield the tour will see some of the many British cemeteries in the area and hear a British bugler, who daily honors the more than 60,000 unknown dead by playing their "taps" at the Menen Gate.

Moving out of Belgium the tour returns to France for a visit to World War I battlefield of the Somme and then travels to Normandy for the highpoint of the trip—a three-day visit to the invasion beaches and a look at the Normandy campaign. Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, Cherbourg and Arromanches, in addition to several museums in the area will all be visited.

"The tour crosses the channel by ferry from Dieppe, site of the famous Canadian raid in World War II, to Newhaven, England," he said. "The program concludes with two days in London and visits to the Imperial War Museum and the Greenwich Naval Museum."

The estimated price for the 23-day program is \$995. This includes transportation, all accommodations, continental breakfast and some main meals. Persons interested in additional information about this program in military history should contact Oliver at Dept of History, IUP, Indiana, PA 15701. Telephone: 412-357-2287.

Oliver emphasized that while the program is a University credit program, it is open to the general public. Persons not now enrolled in the University or persons not needing college credit, may enroll on an audit basis (no credit—no grade) with the payment of University tuition.

## Search For Professor

The Superintendent USMA has appointed a committee to search for a Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. Anyone interested in the position should address an application, together with supporting materials, to Major Tarey B. Schell, Office of the Dean, USMA, West Point, New York, 10996 prior to 1 April 1977. An applicant should have at least a master's degree in a foreign language, have competence in at least two foreign languages,

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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

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and have taught a foreign language at the college level. If he does not have his doctorate, he should have the demonstrated academic ability and desire to satisfy the requirements for this degree.

## Whitfield Gifts to USMA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whitfield '48 have made three major gifts to the Military Academy. Two trusts have been established in memory of their son Richard A. Whitfield. The first establishes the Protestant Sunday School Cadet Retreats and Honorariums Fund. The \$2,000 trust is to be used to provide honorariums for speakers who come to West Point to assist in training cadet Sunday School teachers, and to finance retreats for cadet Sunday School teachers.

The second trust, also for \$2,000, will be used to purchase trophies for individuals and teams competing in the annual West Point Invitational Debate Tournament.

Additionally, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield have donated \$2,000 to the Army basketball team. Coach Krzyzewski has used this gift to purchase a small, portable video tape camera and playback unit that will permit analysis of practice and games, and two "toss-backs." The "toss-backs" are vitally needed items of practice equipment that improve reaction time, speed, and passing skills.

The West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates and the Army Athletic Association are grateful for these generous gifts.

## Bicentennial Book Gift by the German Army

The USMA Library has received a special Bicentennial collection of 71 military and historical books from the German Army. These special volumes represent authoritative works on the economic, social, cultural, political and military fields and are of considerable value in support of academic programs in the areas of social sciences, history and the German language. They were formally presented on 15 November by Lieutenant General Horst Hildebrandt, German Army Chief of Staff, to General Bernard W. Rogers, United States Army Chief of Staff, and General George S. Blanchard, Commander in Chief, United States Army, Europe, on the occasion of their recent visit to the Federal Ministry of Defense in Bonn.

## Founders Day 1977

The following is a partial listing as of 20 January of the Founders Day gatherings for 1977. Graduates who wish to attend a Founders Day celebration should be able to find a location they can reach for this occasion. For more information, see those in charge of individual gatherings. All groups, whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report in photos and print the highlights of their gatherings to ASSEMBLY prior to 30 March 1977.

DATE	LOCATION
4 March	Ft. Rucker, AL.
10 March	Canal Zone†.
12 March	Air Force Academy, CO; Managua, Nicaragua; Miami, FL†.
15 March	Lake Helen, FL; Kinshasa, Zaire.
16 March	West Point; St. Petersburg, FL; Carlisle Barracks, PA; Tucson, AZ; Cocoa Beach, FL; Naples, FL.
17 March	Savannah, GA; Caracas, Venezuela.
18 March	Ft. Benning, GA†; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC; Seoul, Korea; Ithaca, NY; Lake Oswego, OR; Ft. Ord, CA; NYC°.
19 March	Detroit, MI*; Ft. Hood, TX*; Charleston, SC†; Wayne, PA; Ft. Leonard Wood, MO; Ft. Stewart, GA; Ft. Campbell, KY.
23 March	Ft. Bliss, TX*; Columbia, SC.
24 March	San Diego, CA°; San Antonio, TX*.
25 March	Los Angeles, CA°; Fulda, Germany; Vaihingen, Germany.
26 March	San Francisco, CA°; Omaha, NB*; Tulsa, OK*; Redstone Arsenal, AL; Hamilton, OH.
27 March	Ft. Riley, KS*.
28 March	Ft. Lewis, Washington°.
29 March	Minneapolis, MN°; Ft. Monroe, VA†.
30 March	Dallas, TX°; Ft. Knox, KY†; Cleveland, OH*.

DATE UNKNOWN: Vicenza, Italy; Pompano Beach, FL; Tehran, Iran.

\* Superintendent scheduled to make Founders Day address.

† Commandant scheduled to make Founders Day address.

★ Dean scheduled to make Founders Day address.

## Homecoming 1977

Homecoming weekend 1977 is scheduled for Friday, 21 October through Sunday, 23 October. Classes electing to have reunions on this weekend include '57, '62, '67 and '72. A firm schedule will be published at a later date. For additional information contact the Alumni Affairs & Gifts Program Division, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 or telephone (914) 938-3700/3024 or AUTOVON 688-3700.

Friday, 21 October 1977

- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 1600—Cross Country, Triangle, Army, Montclair State, and NY Maritime College.
- 1600—J.V. Plebe Cross Country vs. St. John's University
- 1600—Varsity Soccer vs. Brown University
- 1700—Reunion Class Picnics, Dinners and Social Activities
- 1900—Jewish Services, Room 420, Bartlett Hall
- 2000—Alumni Headquarters Closes

Saturday, 22 October 1977

- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 0845—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting
- 0900—Open House at the following:
  - Designated Cadet Barracks (Specific barracks TBA)
  - USMA Library
  - West Point Museum
  - Selected Academic Departments (Specific Depts TBA)

## The West Point Parents of Ohio

A holiday luncheon was held at the Motor Mall in Dayton, Ohio, for cadets and their families on 26 December.

We all thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the cadets on this informal occasion.

We were happy to greet new members to our club; however, we missed visiting with our regular members who were unable to attend because of prior commitments.

The organization regrets that as a result of the Privacy Act, we can no longer

request addresses from the Academy. Therefore, some families do not receive notification of our meetings.

Anyone who is interested may write to Mrs. Joan Schwegman, 944 Richwood Drive, Hamilton, Ohio 45013 or telephone, 513-869-6077.

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—West Point Army Mess Open to the public for lunch; no tickets necessary

1300—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon

1330—Football, Army vs. Lafayette, Michie Stadium\*\*

1700—Reunion Class and Individual Alumni Social Activities

1715—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel (Fulfills obligation for Sunday Mass)

1900—Alumni pre-dinner Social Hour, Washington Hall

2000—Alumni Headquarters Closes

2000—Alumni Dinner and Superintendent's Reception, Washington Hall (Dress—Civilian, Informal)\*\*

2200—Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall  
Sunday, 23 October 1977

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens

0800, 0900, 1030, 1200 and 1700—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel

1030—Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel

1100—Reunion Class Brunches

1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes

1215—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon.

\*Conducted indoors in event of inclement weather.

\*\*Admission by ticket.

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

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

## Comparison of Admissions Data:

### Classes of 1961 thru 1980

USMA Class	Files Opened	Nominated Applicants	Qualified Nominees	Enrolled for CBT	Mean SAT <sup>o</sup> Math	Mean SAT <sup>o</sup> Verbal	Mean H.S. <sup>oo</sup> Rank Score
61	—	2270	1005	737	630	540	—
62	—	2470	1185	811	630	530	—
63	—	2430	1130	738	630	560	—
64	—	2700	1228	802	640	570	—
65	—	3010	1582	847	640	570	540
66	—	2950	1419	807	640	570	550
67	—	3100	1478	824	640	570	550
68	—	3220	1465	991	650	580	560
69	—	4480	2017	1138	660	580	560
70	—	4340	1871	1019	650	580	560
71	—	4330	1541	1054	650	570	550
72	—	4420	1514	1244	640	580	540
73	—	5320	1895	1439	640	560	540
74	8810	6000	2203	1377	630	560	550
75	8980	5520	2102	1339	620	550	550
76	8470	5320	2081	1378	620	550	540
77	9700	5630	2131	1376	620	550	540
78	10530	6120	2416	1435	640	560	560
79	10410	5850	2360	1435	630	550	560
80	12210	6760	2647	1485	640	550	570

\*The SAT means are for the cadets admitted based on College Board Scores. Beginning with the Class of '76, some cadets each year were admitted based on American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Program Scores. The Educational Testing Service is now reporting College Board Admissions Testing Program scores in two significant digits. For ease of comparison and to avoid conveying a false sense of exactness, all means have been displayed in only two significant digits.

\*\*The high school rank score is a score for rank in class, developed by the Educational Testing Service, with a scale of 200–800; 550 is comparable to a class standing at the 88th percentile.

## Cadets Disapprove Further Revision of Honor System

By a slim margin the Corps of Cadets voted on 9 December 1976 to disapprove further proposed revisions in the Cadet Honor System. 3818 cadets voted on the proposal, following extensive cadet discussion, debate, and modification of the proposal. Of those casting ballots, 66.08 percent, less than the required two-thirds majority, favored the proposal which was:

"1. GENERAL. The Cadet Honor Committee proposes to the Corps of Cadets that it be given the authority to recommend an exception to the sanction of mandatory separation.

"2. CONSIDERATIONS. As an aid to the consideration of an exception to the sanction of separation by an Honor Board, discussion might include the following topics:

a. *Self-Reported*. This implies that a cadet voluntarily turns himself in without any pressure other than his own conscience. Involved in this consideration might be the possibility of the violation going undetected without the cadet's confession.

b. *Education and Experience*. This guideline applies if the cadet clearly shows a sincere lack of knowledge of the Honor Code or lack of experience within the provisions of the Code.

c. *Attitude*. This implies that the cadet has truly learned from this experience and demonstrates an understanding of the value of personal honor now and for the future.

d. *Previous Violations*. A cadet's demonstration of prior disregard for the Honor Code by a previous violation must be considered.

e. The above topics are only possible considerations by any board. While one board may consider many or all of the above topics, another board may feel such considerations less appropriate under different circumstances. This in no way implies that a "checklist" exists, completion of which would result in an automatic retention.

"3. RECOMMENDATIONS. In addition to the normal sanction of separation, the Honor Committee also proposes:

a. Should a cadet be found guilty, the Board will recommend to the Commandant either separation or retention accompanied by appropriate counseling.

b. A cadet found guilty and not separated has the option of transferring to another company based upon the subsequent decision of the Honor Representative and the individual involved, with approval by the Commandant.

"4. DETERMINATION OF RETENTION. The following procedures will apply to Honor Boards for a consideration of retention:

a. In cases resulting in a finding of a violation, the President of the Board, after announcing that finding, will inform the accused cadet that he may bring to the Board's attention any matters which may warrant a recommendation to the convening authority for an exception to the sanction of separation from the Corps of Cadets. The accused cadet may then, with the aid of counsel, present to the Board evidence of any matter relevant to this consideration. It is the responsibility of the Board President to insure that no discussion of retention takes place during deliberation of the allegation.

b. After thorough discussion of retention a vote of the board is taken by secret ballot. Ten affirmative votes of the twelve board members is required for retention.

c. If the vote for retention fails, those favoring retention may write a dissenting opinion. Likewise, if the vote for retention passes, those favoring separation may write dissenting opinions. Those opinions will be forwarded to the Commandant with the Honor Committee's recommendation.

"5. ADOPTION OF PROPOSAL. Two-thirds of the Corps of Cadets must vote for this proposal for its acceptance."

Separation from the Military Academy has traditionally been the only sanction for Honor Code violators. December's vote marked the second time this year that an exception to the normal policy of separation has failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority: A February 1976 vote showed 54% favoring possible exceptions.

The cadets in a previous vote on 9 November 1976 approved a revision of the Honor System which would essentially place administration of the system in cadet hands while eliminating the need for boards of commissioned Army officers as a second level of adjudication. This change is described in detail in the Bulletin Board section of the December 1976 ASSEMBLY.

## DUSA Donates \$15,000 to USMA

At a ceremony in the office of United States Military Academy Superintendent, Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry, the West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army presented a check for \$15,000 as a contribution to the West Point Fund. Mrs. Grosvenor W. Fish Jr., President of the West Point Chapter, and Mrs. Richard R. Entlich, Chairperson of the donations committee, presented the check to LTG Berry.

The gift is a part of the group's annual donation to the West Point community. The organization runs gift shops in the Thayer Hotel, West Point Museum, and at the Visitors Information Center. During the past year, DUSA has contributed

to the support of child care, Cadet activities and clubs, Operation Crossroads Africa and the American Red Cross.

The group has requested that this donation be used to pay for over half of the new Accutrack scoreboard and timing system for the indoor track to be installed this winter at the West Point Field House. The integrated system includes a computer, an 8-by-12 foot scoreboard that will register individual times for six competitors in each event, and automatic finishline camera and starter's gun.

## Expansion of Visiting Professor Program

On 4 October, the Academic Board approved the recommendation that the number of visiting professorships beginning Academic Year (AY) 1977-78 be increased from two to five. One of these positions will be filled with a Visiting Professor of Mathematics. Two will remain unfilled until the following year. The English Department was authorized to retain its visiting professor position for AY 1977-78. Along with the permanent Visiting Professor of Military History there will be three such positions filled at West Point next academic year.

## 200th Anniversary of Engineer School

Under the initiative of General Bruce C. Clarke, USA (Ret), USMA, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is currently making plans to observe the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the first training in engineering in America.

The actual event was the order of General George Washington, at Valley Forge on 9 June 1778, which stated:

"3 Captains and 9 Lieutenants are wanted to officer a company of sappers: As this Corps will be a School of Engineering it opens a prospect to such gentlemen as enter it, and will pursue the necessary studies with diligence, of becoming engineers and rising to the important employments attached to that profession. . . ."

Washington's troops departed Valley Forge by 21 June 1778. The concept of this training was continued at West Point, New York.

Presently, this event is commemorated with a stone monument located on the grounds of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

The initial plans at this time include an initiation of the observance during the week of Washington's Birthday, which in recent years has been celebrated as "Engineering Week" by Professional Engineers and engineering societies. The final observance will take place at Valley Forge, 9 June 1978 with appropriate military ceremonies, dinner, and a speech by a national figure. The occasion will thus be observed by the Army, the civilian and military engineering professions, as well as by engineering educators. USMA is actively participating in the planning for this event.

## Medical School Change

The Department of the Army, by message on 31 August, has changed the eligibility criteria for the U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program. Those officers who enter Active Duty on or after July 1977 must fulfill their initial Active Duty obligations prior to being eligible for participation in this program. This means graduates of all service academies must complete their 5 year obligation prior to entrance into the program. It is not yet certain how this applies to ROTC Scholarship recipients.

## Rotary Make-Up

You can make-up with the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club, "The Bicentennial Club" at its regular 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting on Thursday, 2 June 1977, U.S. Thayer Hotel. There will be a special program for USMA Alumni.

## Jewish Chapel at West Point

On Saturday, 22 January 1977, the last official action was taken to clear the way for construction of a Jewish Chapel at West Point. In a ceremony attended by the Superintendent, LTC Sidney B. Berry, Mr. Herbert Ames, Chairman of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, Inc., and Major General James L. Kelly, USMA '50, North Atlantic Division Engineer, the Right of Entry Document for a Jewish Chapel was signed in the West Point Room of the Cadet Library. The West Point Jewish Chapel Fund Committee is now in the process of raising \$5,500,000 for the chapel, which will be located on Merritt Road, almost midway between the Catholic Chapel and the Cadet Chapel. Members of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund Committee who attended the ceremony and luncheon that followed included Mr. Leonard Kaplan, USMA '39, Mr. Jerome N. Waldor, USMA '50, and Mr. Robert B. Peltz, USMA '50. No date has been set for the ground breaking.

## A Synthetic Field for Michie Stadium

The West Point Fund Committee of the Association of Graduates, in cooperation with the Army Athletic Association, is now raising funds to finance installation of an artificial turf field in Michie Stadium. This project has been under study and review for over two years, and has only recently received a tentative "go-ahead" from the Superintendent. West Point is now actively planning to install an artificial turf field in 1977. But before contracts are signed and work undertaken next spring, two requirements must be met. First, the project must be approved by the Office, Secretary of Defense. Second, enough funds to pay for the entire project must be available and in hand.

Artificial turf has generated a great deal of interest and has raised many questions. As a result Colonel Morris J. Herbert, Chief of Alumni Affairs and Gifts Programs and project officer for artificial

turf, answers some of the most frequently asked questions on artificial turf.

*Exactly what is artificial turf?* Artificial turf is a synthetic surface designed for athletic and recreational use. It normally consists of a base layer, an energy absorbing underpad, and the synthetic fiber turf itself. For example, *AstroTurf*, a leading brand of artificial turf, is constructed of a base of stable, compacted earth, crushed stone, and asphalt, graded to provide good drainage and sealed to prevent frost heave. The moisture and shock absorbing underpad, bonded to the asphalt is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch thick. The grass like top layer is made of nylon ribbon bonded to an all-synthetic backing.

*Why do we need an artificial turf field at West Point?* The primary reasons are to increase use of the available outdoor athletic fields, and to provide an all-weather field for varsity football, lacrosse, and soccer. During the past ten years the size of the Corps of Cadets has almost doubled. We have also concurrently added many new facilities including new barracks, a new science building, a new swimming pool, a cadet activities and recreational building (Eisenhower Hall), improvements to our indoor athletic facilities in the gymnasium, and a Jewish chapel has been approved for construction through private funding. We have done very little to improve our outdoor athletic facilities, and there is just no more readily available space that can be economically used for additional outdoor fields. Also, studies of weather at West Point over the past twenty years show that during the months of November and March, we have inclement weather about 48% of the time. This means that our outdoor athletic fields are often not useable during these bad weather days.

An artificial turf field does not deteriorate as a consequence of bad weather. It can be used continuously—it need not be "rested." Some universities, such as Northeastern and University of Pennsylvania, have shown as use factor of 20 to 30 times that of natural turf fields. An artificial turf field at West Point can be used for intercollegiate and intramural sports, recreational activities and summer training.

*Why can't our athletic teams practice in the Field House in bad weather?* Several reasons. The lighting is poor. The space is severely limited, since the basketball court is so old and warped it cannot be taken up, but must remain permanently in place. Worse, the surface breaks into clods and pot holes, and is dangerous to practice on. Coaches of our outdoor athletic teams are unanimous in their opinion that the Field House is an unsatisfactory place to practice.

*How much will an artificial turf field cost?* A lot! The outside estimate is \$750,000 for 1977 installation. Depending on contract bids, the cost could be less.

*Who is going to pay for it?* The Military Academy has attempted to fund the

artificial turf field through appropriated funds, but without success. Since this avenue is not open to West Point, the artificial turf field will be paid for jointly by the West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates through gifts and bequests, and by the Army Athletic Association out of their reserves. Coordination of the fund-raising efforts is the responsibility of Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, USA Retired, Director of Development of the AOG.

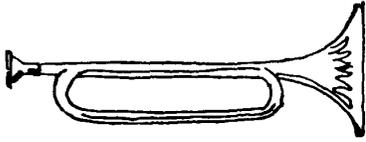
*What about injuries on artificial turf?* Despite everything you hear, the consensus is that injuries on artificial turf are no worse nor better than those on natural turf. Some *types* of injuries are more prevalent, for instance skin burns from sliding. The fields being installed now are much improved over those put in ten years ago—the energy absorbing cushion is not affected by changes in temperature, and should last longer and retain its resiliency.

*I've heard that many artificial turf fields are being replaced by natural turf. Why?* First, the fields being replaced were installed by manufacturers not now in business. The fields apparently were not satisfactory. Second, in an area such as Florida, where the weather is usually good, the need for artificial turf is not as great as it is further north. And, if you plan to play on a field only once a week, artificial turf may not be as satisfactory as natural grass. At West Point, we need a field that can be used continuously for practice as well as games, and is not affected by adverse weather.

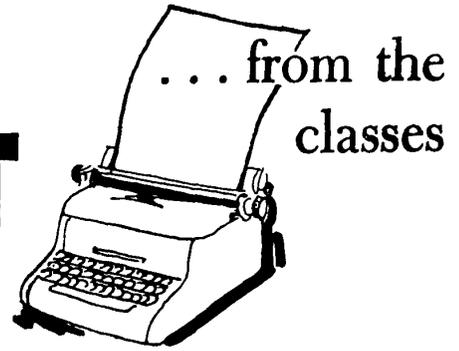
*I suppose maintenance costs should be less with artificial turf?* Well, not really. A natural turf field must be watered, cut and occasionally reseeded and resodded. Artificial turf needs to be hosed down every week or so, and vacuumed occasionally. This takes a special piece of equipment. Also, tears must be mended. We believe maintenance costs just about even out.

*How long will an artificial turf field last?* One leading manufacturer now estimates their new field will last 9–12 years under continuous use. Of course, only the "rug" itself is replaced; the asphalt base is permanent. Interestingly enough, the three major causes of failure of an artificial turf field are: first, atmospheric pollutants; second, ultra-violet radiation from the sun breaking down the synthetic fibers; and third, wear and tear.

*Any other points we ought to mention?* Yes. Artificial turf has significant advantages for all sports. It's a "faster" field. Al Staerkel, last year's football co-captain, said he preferred to play on an artificial surface because it gave him an extra step on receivers (he was a defensive back). It's a major advantage in practicing for games against fast, mobile opponents. And, your team is familiar with your own field—no two artificial turf fields are exactly alike. This gives you an advantage. Lastly, it has superior appearance.



# REPORT



## '09

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Jake Devers says he and his wife are going strong and all is well. Jake says anent the election of our new President of the U.S., Jimmy Carter, that a change may be all to the good but "there is a lot of work to be done to get this great nation of ours on the road and running smoothly again. We have the talent—all we need is co-ordination and the good ones will appear and come from every corner." It is doubtful if any of us will disagree with these remarks, regardless of our party affiliations.

Fordyce Perego says his health is good but he is very thin. For a gent 90 years old, that's probably why his health is good. Bob Sears also is very thin and should be an example to all of us. Last time he mentioned the subject he said he weighed but 121 pounds.

Peep Reed commenting on the Navy Game debacle last fall, and endeavoring to console himself somewhat, says we are still one game up on the total Navy Games played, with many years yet to go. "The Spirit of West Point will not forget to stay in the fight." At-a-boy Peep!

Bill Simpson is getting on very well and doubtless will be back in his suite in the Menger Hotel (204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205) by the time this is read. However, your Scribe has not heard from him personally in a very long time and greatly misses his newsy letters. His hand has been in such shape that he cannot sign his name legibly, much less write a letter. However, he says he loves to get letters from his old comrades-in-arms and his many civilian friends. These are answered by a COL H.G. Yoppa, Ret, 149 Vassar Lane, San Antonio, TX 78212. So Bill leaves "no stone unturned" to keep contact with his friends. Of course all '09ers wish you a prompt and complete recovery, Bill. All of us doubtless received before Xmas a splendid "newsletter" from Bill, wishing us "A Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years," for which we send our sincerest thanks.

Effie Van Deusen 'phoned from Monmouth Beach, where she lives, the night of 29 Nov. She said George is comfortable and happy, has a good appetite but that without question has suffered brain damage. He knows Effie—but probably she is the only one. George has been ill now 8 long years during 4 of which he has been "non-compos-mentus." Effie says she has not missed one day looking after and caring for George in all those 8 years. Can such devotion be beaten!! George's address is: Medical Center, Red Bank, NJ, should any of you care to write him through Effie. Claud Thummel has been researching in the recently distributed 1976 REGISTER OF GRADUATES and furnishes the rather

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

the June issue by — 30 Mar 77

the September issue by — 30 Jun 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.

doleful statistic that there are at present 19 grads in the "Long Gray Line" older than he. We other '09 men, by a little calculating on our own situation, can figure where each of us stands, if we have the temerity to do so.

### DISTAFF NOTES

Not much news from the distaff side this quarter, sorry to relate. "Tony" Goetz will be at her home in Ft Lauderdale, FL, till 15 Apr 77 having gone down there on 15 Dec 76 from her home in Greenwich, CT.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Carlotta Herkness, widow of Lindsey Herkness, it would be appreciated if it would be made known to your Scribe.

### COMMENTS BY SCRIBE

It seems to be the belief of all from whom your Scribe has sought opinions in '09 and many others in and out of the Service that the admission of women into the Military Academy bodes ill for our great alma mater. No doubt the article beginning on page 4 of the Dec ASSEMBLY strengthens their belief. The 4th paragraph of the middle column on p. 7 is particularly disturbing. It is evident that the decades-old custom of bracing Plebes at meals has been done away with, and goodness knows where else about the Academy. Bracing never was pleasant and neither was sitting through meals on the edge of the chair in a bracing attitude. Neither was it pleasant, if a "water-corporal," to have an upper classman at the end of the table bang his empty glass just once on the table then shoot it, "by air," to you to refill. Woe to the Plebe if he didn't catch it. Crude table manners also were summarily stamped out by upper classmen with such comments that they were never forgotten. Though Plebes knew this was rough and humiliating, they also knew it was part of WP and the making of "an officer and a gentleman." Now women come on the scene and we are proudly told: "Bracing of Plebes at meals has been done away with." Bracing at the Academy is what gave cadets their life-long military posture and a physical prestige they enjoyed throughout life. Now women come to the Academy, women who up until the present era have been considered the "gentler sex," and the sex which should be shielded from the harshness considered pertaining to the life of a man. For

heaven's sake though, if her desire is acceded to: to become integrated with the life of a man in a great National Academy, don't let it be the cause of feminizing it, making it soft and lowering its prestige. Let us still be able to hear: "There goes a West Pointer." Don't let the Corps of Cadets' rugged vigor decline because some "Women's Lib" enthusiasts caught the ear of Congress and are now WP Cadets.

## '10

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We are very sad to report the loss of 2 '10ers since our last ASSEMBLY Notes. Mrs. Dorothy Capwell Cocroft died on Sun, 17 Oct 76, at the Loudoun Memorial Hospital, Hamilton, VA. Funeral services were held on Thurs, 21 Oct, at the Ft Myer Chapel with burial in Arlington beside her husband, COL Reginald B. Cocroft, who passed away on 7 Jan 58. Surviving Dorothy is a sister, Cebert E. Capwell; one son, Reginald B. Cocroft Jr.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Jean Griffith and Mrs. Erwin R. Brigham; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Our classmate MG Jack W. Heard who died in San Antonio, TX, on 25 Oct 76, was the 3d in line of a 5-generation mil family. Upon graduation in '10 Jack was commissioned in the Cavalry.

By 1912, while on duty in the Philippines, he was assigned to the Aviation Section of the SC and began teaching himself to fly. In 1916 he attended a regular pilot training school in CA earning his Military Aviation Certificate No. 13. He was the first commander of Kelly Field, established in 1917 during World War I.

In 1921 Jack returned to the Cavalry and became interested in motorization. In World War II he was in command of the 5th Armored Div. He ret. in 46 after more than 40 years of active service.

Ella & Jack Heard selected 219 Burr Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209, as their ret. home. Here, they lived happily for the past 25 years and Ella will continue living there. Also surviving is Jack's daughter Elizabeth who is married to GEN John R. Deane Jr.; 2 sons in the Army; a grandson at WP and other grandchildren.

The number of living graduates of the Class of '10 is now 5: Fritz Strong, Carey Brown, Hal Pillans, Bo Lewis, and Guy Chipman. The number of wives is 3: Gwladys Brown, Katherine Lewis, and Mary Chipman.

Will my readers please let me know of any errors in the "List of 1910 Widows" published in the Dec Class Notes. The Assn of Graduates at WP has requested this list and I would like it to be as accurate as possible. Thank you.

**FOREWORD:** This summer, Sid Spalding resigned as Class Pres, and I resigned as Class Scribe. A few classmates protested, without avail. But the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world! Dot Malony, Mary Littlejohn, Alice Phelan, Margaret Barrett, and Charlie Hauser wrote sorrowfully. I could never resist feminine handwriting, tears and other blandishments! So here we are again—Pres Spalding and Scribe Chynoweth with a bulletin for Xmas.

**ALIBI:** My problem is not lack of Class spirit. It is fading eyesight. My right eye, which won me various shooting medals in the past, is now fogged out. Left eye not much better. But my typewriter is trained, and responds by instinct. I use a magnifying glass to read your handwriting. Charlie Drake's last letter was written with crayon. I cannot read it even with a glass! We must all learn the language of the spheres. Do you watch STAR TREK on TV? They bring the dead back to life by animating rays. That is what we need in the old Class of '12!

**ANDERSON:** No news from Anne.

**BARRETT:** In her lovely home on Flood Circle, Margaret remains a faithful supporter of the Class of '12. As a lawyer, I wonder how she feels about this era of LAW and DISORDER?

**BROWN, A.E.:** No news from Burphy and Jessie. They are exiled from their home in Asheville. I hope they are readjusted to life in Nashville, TN.

**6200 OREGON AVE, NW:** No news from Emily Chase, Dot Cramer, Dot McLane, in their ultima thule.

**CRAWFORD, R.C.:** Red (and Frank Mallon) are my most faithful correspondents. Red and I argue endlessly about everything. He is adroit at turning every argument to fit his case. A born lawyer! But we fully agree on the sad state of Army athletics. In our time, with 350 cadets, Army could compete with the greatest. Do you remember when we beat Yale! Today, with 4000 cadets, Army is a pushover! There is something wrong in the State of Denmark! To find a clue, read the voluminous evidence in the recent cheating scandal. I believe that a house cleaning is needed.

**CRITTENBERGER:** Critt is a loyal member of '13. He will not talk to '12.

**DEUEL:** Thorne is a human dynamo. He recently published an erudite volume: **POWER ADAPTATIONS AND CHANGING CULTURES**. It is worthy of study. You cannot read it casually, unless you are a student of archeology. He was hoping to attend Reunion in 77 if his health permits.

**DICK:** Carl had to give up his old apartment in Hudson, OH, and feared that he might have to move to another town. At last account, he still had a room in Hudson. Carl is a hard-working and loyal member of our Class. He is always on the side of patriotism and high ideals.

**DRAKE:** Charlie and I have been faithful correspondents until he ran out of ink and I suffered fading eyesight. He and I were POW's together which is a real bond. Also we both loved hunting, fishing and boating, and enjoyed writing letters about it. He is a wheelchair patient. I am not far from it. But Charlie has an undefeated love for life, joy and humor. For this, I honor him. When he goes into the Beyond, the angels will

welcome him with song. He himself sang in the Cadet Choir.

**DUBOIS:** Bird was always strong and silent. I have had few words from him. Every word is welcome. At last accounts he and Pauline were living in an auto-court.

**DUNMORE:** No news from Earl for a long while.

**EDWARDS, B.D.:** No news from Bess. She was always a staunch Democrat. Both she and Duke. Do you remember Duke's 4th of Jul speech back in First Class camp? All Hail to the new Democratic regime. They have a difficult task to guide us in this darkling era.

**GREENWALD:** When I resigned as scribe, Karl congratulated me. When he gets this bulletin, he will laugh. So do I. Though silent to an extreme, Karl is always on the side of good order and military discipline. His avocation which used to be horses, is now golf, with Johnny Hatch. Keep your eye on the ball, Karl.

**HAISLIP:** I once reported erroneously that Alice had demised. Since then I have heard nothing from her. I hope that she has forgiven me.

**HARRISON:** No news of Marj in a long time.

**HAUSER:** Charlie is indefatigable. She keeps active in sports and in social welfare. She just reported a visit of her son Bill who is stationed in Germany but was home on a Board. Bill is a very capable officer and should become a general. He has written fearlessly on vital Army questions which is not always conducive to promotion. Let's pull for him.

**HAYES:** Mary leads a secluded life in her home in Falls Church. Her son, T.J. Hayes III, is a successful engineer in San Fran.

**HINEMON:** No news from Mildred for a long time.

**HOBSON:** Mary used to write me. I neglected replying, and I fear she has dropped me. As the daughter of dear old Bun, she belongs to our '12 circle.

**HOCHWALT:** Mary used to write in, but I neglected to keep up the correspondence. I have heard nothing from her. She used to be dedicated to sports afield.

**LINDT:** No news from Riverside. At last accounts Patty led a secluded life. Her one activity was bridge. Hiram was one of the wheel-horses of '12. Greetings to Patty!

**LITTLEJOHN:** Mary has been a faithful prop for dear old B-John who is a helpless bed-patient, scarcely able even to converse. But Mary herself has had a series of infirmities, including eye operations. She would like to move into a ladies' consortium, but has remained in her apartment to be in closer touch with John. She is not optimistic about our new administration. She and John have always been middle-of-the-road Republicans. John nearly showed me to the door once because I was rooting for Taft vs Ike.

**MALLON:** Frank continues to plug all of the news that is fit to print. I seldom catch him in error, though he frequently gets me. Recently, he nailed me in re the UN which I said is a menace. He replied: "Forget it! UN is dead." I claim a draw on that interchange. The Council can do nothing. But the General Assembly (composed of a mass of emerging states, mostly too small for nationality) is a sounding-board for propaganda which is mostly against us. Frank, though our eldest, is a tough boy who may outlive us all.

**MALONY:** Nice letter from Dot. She continues to live in her old home, but gets

around frequently with the other girls of '12. In his lifetime Harry was in frequent touch with the "little men" who haunt the backwoods of Old Ireland. No doubt, make nocturnal visits in Dot's home.

**MAXWELL:** Katherine has been crippled with arthritis, but she still accompanies the other '12 girls on occasional visits to Charlie Drake. Charlie has a way with the ladies. They cannot resist him!

**DAVIDSON:** No word from Charlotte for some time.

**NALLE:** Bill is one of the indestructibles! He has been plagued with physical infirmities for a long time, but he never fails to write me a cheery letter when I need it most.

**PHELAN:** Alice is another example of the biological superiority of the fair sex. In First Class camp, I lived with Cy. I had to do all of the housekeeping labor in our tent because Cy was in a state of fog. He had been mesmerized by fair Alice!

**RAYNER:** No word from Josephine. Harold Rayner was one of the toughest, most honest members of our Class. He was too honest for his own advancement.

**READ:** Had a fine letter from Burton who is back on his feet after some operations. He sends holiday greetings to the Class of '12. He still walks 2 miles daily. Sadie, who also had an operation, says that Burton is a "tough old boy!"

**SCHNEIDER:** No news from Helen.

**SIBERT:** No news from Mucker. He and I once marched together in ranks, lived across the hall and rassed together in barracks, and had regiments in the same division. His heart is in the right place, but he refused to talk.

**SPALDING, I.:** I have heard occasionally from Alice, but old Ike will not talk. He spends his time watching talking-pictures.

**SPALDING, S.P.:** Had a nice visit from Sid's newly graduated son. The Class had given him a plaque commemorating the Academy record in span of years between father and son graduates. Sid is a true and silent New Englander. He tried to resign as Class Pres and proposed Red Crawford as successor. Red invoked his Scotch-Irish subtlety in rejecting this—pointing out that a class pres cannot resign. This is correct. I so wrote Sid, suggesting that he table all inconsequential requests for his action. This leaves Sid as our strong and silent pres, down on the farm.

**THOMAS:** I hear of Gladys only as one of the girls of '12 who get together frequently.

**WALKER:** No news from Caroline. She was always a dynamo. I hope that she is still fishing, as usual.

**WHITESIDE:** No news from Whitey. He was always one of the strong silent members. He had to curtail most of his hunting and fishing adventures. I always think of Whitey as he covered the ground between shortstop and third base.

**WILBUR:** One of our sturdiest members. In the midst of writing an important documentary on the life of George Washington, Bill fell on a railway platform and badly injured his leg. He is confined to a wheelchair but he promises to come back and resume his historical writing. His faithful partner Larry is keeping the home-fire burning.

**WOOD:** No news from Abigail. She is something of a world traveller. She passed through this Bay Area early this year, but I was unable to see her.

If I have omitted anybody, apologies! My filing system is not good.

**CHYNOWETH:** When there is space available in my Class bulletins, I always exploit

it for expanding my personal views. At the present moment the most important subject for all USMA graduates is WP MORALE.

Last summer's cheating scandal brought out a wealth of evidence which is disturbing to me. A large segment of the Second Class was dismissed. The Supe, who has been such for some years, has a large staff. The Academic Board also has a large staff. They should not have been caught by surprise. The voluminous evidence brought out during the investigation disclosed a lamentable state of affairs for which they are fully responsible.

For example: The cadet store will not admit cadets wearing raincoats because of a prevalent practice of stealing objects and hiding them under raincoats! During the investigations, there were many cadet informers, eager to testify against other cadets. They disclosed great uncertainty as to what is honorable and what is not. If a cadet performed certain acts while in uniform, he could be punished but was not deemed dishonorable. But if he did such things while wearing a sweat shirt, he was deemed dishonorable. Such are just a few of the proofs of confusion and uncertainty concerning "cadet honor."

The present code: A cadet will not cheat, lie, steal, or tolerate those who do. Graduates in general have accepted this code and are rather proud of it. The cheating investigations prove to me that it is a perfectionist code, suitable for angels but not for human teenagers.

Without "white lies" human society would fall apart. If another cadet asked you to drag his girl to a hop, he assured you: "She is a queen!" Actually she might have been an L.P. Should he be dismissed for lying? If a hostess asked you if you enjoyed her party, should you reply: "It was a dead bore!" These are just 2 of innumerable examples of the necessity for white lies.

In past years, cadets and officers were punished, properly, for making false official statements. Under General MacArthur (a perfectionist in theory) the code was perfected to reject any lie.

How about the statement: "Nor tolerate those who do?" As disclosed in the recent investigations, this brought into action a horde of eager informers. This is lamentable! The Tacs and instructors have the duty of informing; cadet officers to a limited extent. But cadets in general have enough to do to look out for their own shortcomings. It is a crime to tempt them all to be spies on their fellow cadets.

I know that some or many of you will defend the present code. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Read over the full evidence in the recent hearings. This proved to me that cadet morale is of an extremely low order. The Code is "perfect" but the conduct resulting from the Code is lamentable.

The cheating scandal brought a horde of lawyers to WP. Nowadays, every man in uniform must have a lawyer. I believe that lawyers can ruin any army. In World War II, both Russians and Germans were ruthless. Hitler upset the applecart by his plan to exterminate the Jewish population. Largely as a result of this, civil and military law, which traditionally were separate, were unified.

War results from the breakdown of civil law. A war zone is a realm of barbarism. The primary need is to defeat your ruthless foe. To hamper our own generals by imposing the intricacies of civil law is a crime against our own society. It is not a question of justice. Under military law, as we once knew it, justice was at least as certain and

far swifter than is possible under the complicated inhibitions of civil law.

I plead for a return to the time-honored principles of military law and military justice as affecting our armed forces. I believe that we should do everything possible to restore WP as a military society. There has been too much liberalizing at WP. The Civil Liberties Union and other liberal groups have weakened the militarization of WP. Military society has always been religious in character. They tried to do away with Cadet Chapel. Failing that, they have made it voluntary. This is just one example of their determined efforts to make WP like a civilian university. Unfortunately some of our military superintendents have gone along with this.

Just a few years ago, it was considered sinful to talk about war. Today, both political parties are frank in recognizing that war is still a human possibility. In war, there can be no temporizing. You win or you lose. Woe to the vanquished!

As plebes, we had to memorize General Scott's proclamation about the part played by the graduated cadets in winning victory in Mexico. Let us graduates use our influence to restore WP as our Military Shrine. DUTY-HONOR-COUNTRY. And by Honor let us think of soldierly honor, not of a perfectionist code of angelism.

So much for preaching. How about football? In our day, there were about 350 cadets at WP. Yet our teams played creditably against the great universities. Today, with about 4000 cadets, WP has difficulty in competing with small colleges. I recognize that the huge salaries paid to professionals militate against the service academies. Yet I cannot help believing that if WP today had the spirit that pervaded in our teams, they could do better. Perhaps I am wholly wrong.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE CLASS OF 1912. We are on the way out. Let's go out with flying colors. IT'S FOR THE HONOR OF THE ARMY!

# '13

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Each year the Class of '13 sends out just before Xmas a zerox copy of letters from each classmate and all the ladies of the Class who will send in to us the news of year on the family. Yet we do have a bit of news for 1977.

Ella Roberts (Roberts, W.L.) is enjoying life at Redland, CA. Had her daughter with her for Thanksgiving, is 100% OK so she writes.

Dan and Ella Colhoun have gone to FL for the winter. The Colhouns' daughter is GEN George Brown's (Chairman JCS) wife, "Skip" to all of us.

Minna Crutcher (Jack Crutcher's wife) who lives in KY but usually spends Xmas with her daughter in Elizabeth City, NC reports that due to painful arthritis she won't be up this Xmas but stay with her other children in KY.

Chas (Chief to us) Rowley who lives in CA writes that he is in good health and would like to see any of us who travel near Downey, CA.

Chas Lyman, and Polly his wife, have a large horse farm at Winchester, PA. All are in good health for his age and he lets his son run the establishment. Says all children

and grandchildren are good athletes so enjoy horseshows often.

Bill & Gertrude Rosevear live in Edenton, NC. Bill formerly drove up to Norfolk so I could see him but last year he didn't do it—getting too old maybe—yet both report good health and busy with gardens, relatives, etc. Gertrude does most of the reporting.

Gus Lunsford Oliver (Bug to us) and Janet his wife returned to Deltona, FL, for the winter. They came thru VA Beach and we were so delighted to find both "OK." Bug, who doesn't drive, lets Janet do all the driving. For the summer they return to their farm near Williamsburg, MA.

Eloise Considine (Mrs. Jack) sent me a note from Lake Tahoe, CA, where she had Thanksgiving dinner with her children and grandchildren. Last month (Oct) she flew to New England for an historic tour. She, like all of us, didn't like the A-N game—who did? She says her alma mater—Stanford—did better against CA so she did have some comfort.

Archie Dorst phoned me that his eyes are not too good but that otherwise the Dorst family are in good health.

# '14

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The Dec issue of ASSEMBLY showed in the "Last Roll Call" the death of our classmate, Harold (Pink) Bull, in DC. Earl and I were close friends of Pink and Betty, and I was glad that Pink and I had been roommates at the Point. Pink had a varied and distinguished career and was thoroughly prepared for it by his graduation from such schools as The Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School, the Army and Naval War Colleges, to name only a few. He had combat duty in both World Wars, and became G3 of GEN Eisenhower's hqs in WW2. After that, he took command of the National War College in Washington. He had the sterling qualities of a New Englander.

In a letter from Mary Ryan she mentioned that Bill has recovered from a slight stroke and gets around quite well. They are leading a quiet and happy life surrounded by friends. Mary wrote that Betty Doe had a slight stroke, which put her in the hospital, but was home for Xmas and is improving.

Muriel Thurber is wintering, as usual, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu.

Ruth & Ben Weir have given up their home in ME and are permanently located at 1035 Spanish River Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33432. Both are in good shape.

I hope that 1977 will be kinder to us than 1976 was.

# '15

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RAISON D'ETRE: Our notes will be scanty this issue thanks to the wealth of news in the Xmas Letter, and for his work in getting out the Letter, Det Ellis rates a super vote of thanks. No doubt he will get his just reward in Heaven assuming, of course, that he eventually attains that abode. Necessarily a few items from the Letter will be repeated here for the information of our friends in other classes.

MAS DOLOR: From Horace Stringfellow

comes the sad news that May died in Montgomery on 11 Oct. No details were given us.

In Santa Barbara on 12 Oct occurred the death of Vesta McDermott. Services were held in Mt. Carmel Church with burial in the Calvary Cemetery. Surviving are sons, John A. II and Michael A.; daughter Vesta Marie; and one grandchild.

Ed Kelton died 3 Nov in San Diego Naval Hospital. Services were held 8 Nov at the Greenwood Mortuary followed by entombment in the mortuary mausoleum. Ed is survived by his son, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

On 4 Dec Ronnie Bragdon died in Distaff Hall, DC. Memorial Mass was held 8 Dec at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and burial was in WP Cemetery. Surviving are son John, 2 daughters, a sister, a brother, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Class extends its sympathy to the bereaved family members.

**HOMECOMING:** Blister Evans, Jake Meneely and Dick Richards attended with Jake, the oldest grad present, laying the wreath at Thayer Monument. This completed a Bicentennial doubleheader for us, Det Ellis having had the same honor at graduation, earlier. Sitting near Blister Evans at the Boston College game (and the less said about that the better) were a son of Bob Lorch and a son of Herb Struble.

**NAVY GAME:** Again Blister Evans and Dick Richards upheld the honor of '15. As for the game, "wait till next year."

**WEDDING BELLS:** In Jan will occur the wedding of the Van Fleets' granddaughter, Anne McChristian (daughter of MG and Mrs. McChristian of Hobe Sound), and Francis Stanton Blake. They will probably reside in DC.

**THIS & THAT:** Hennie and Eddie Moale paid a short Oct visit to DC. . . . To continue with Det Ellis's fall visit to SC, a phone call to Doc White in Fayetteville brought no answer. . . . Later Det had an enjoyable luncheon in Charleston with the Moales and Laura Brownell. Laura can now boast of TEN great-grandchildren. Anybody top that? . . . In Oct Mary Larkin spent 10 days or so in DC seeing old friends. . . . The Dec Class Luncheon at the AN Club saw a maximum attendance of the DC classmates "available for duty": Ellis, Evans, Gillette and Harris. Same day the Distaff Gals won though, 6-4.

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**FINALE:** May we "requote" from Byron (see page 357, '15 HOWITZER): "What is writ is writ, / Would it were worthier."

# '16

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I start off with a very sad note because it happened only a few days before I started putting these notes together. Maurice Miller died on the night of 11-12 Dec at Brooke Army Hospital in San Ant where he had been for nearly 3 weeks. Maurice had lost his first wife Nola several years ago in a tragic accident aboard a Navy transport returning from HI. He married Edna some years later and she had become a Sixteener and had attended 2 of our 5-year reunions. Maurice is survived by Edna; by one son, COL Maurice Guthrie Miller, Ret. (USMA '41), 2 daughters, Barbara MacDonald, who lives in Alamo, CA, and Betty Barrett, who



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lives in San Ant; by 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

I cannot say enough in praise of the dedication to '16 which Maurice showed in sending material for these Class Notes from our Sixteeners in the San Ant area.

Another of my Class Notes "helpers" is Fay Prickett of the DC area. Here is news from his latest report:

The Pricketts have another great-grandchild, Rebecca Lynn Cage, born at Ft Polk, LA, 16 Nov to CPT and Mrs. Jon Cage (USMA '72). Rebecca is the number 78 of '16's "greats."

Mary & Stanley Scott spent the last 2 weeks of Oct at Dallas, TX, visiting the families of sons Bill and Gilbert (USMA '52) there.

Savilla Bliss has moved back to DC where she lives at the Kennedy-Warren apts, 3133 Connecticut Ave, NW, Apt 715, Zip 20008.

Susan Cockrill has returned home from Walter Reed Hospital where a hip joint was replaced. Fay says her mobility is remarkable.

Tom Finley took a trip to Germany to visit his daughter and son-in-law.

Eve and Bob McBride report a "great," '16's number 79. She is Erin Michelle Conyer, born 14 Sept at Marquette, MI.

Dz Britton reports in late Oct that Ellen and he had returned to Thomasville, GA, after 5 fine months in the mountains of NC (Highlands). Their granddaughter, Ellen Cox, was married there and is now Mrs. Timothy Hayes of Philadelphia.

Marion Robb's close friends received her Xmas greetings by way of a 5-page type-written account of her trip this last year, with her daughter Ellie, covering western Europe, Turkey, Greece, Iran, British Isles and Ireland, and taking 6 months to do it. She sounded happy to be home, referring to Sun City, AZ, as a "wonderful place to live." Ellie lives near her in Phoenix.

Edith Cabell reported on her Xmas card that she and her daughter were in an auto accident in Jun. She says both have recovered now. Thank goodness, Edith!

We hope you all appreciated Fay's job in sending out the Class Xmas card again. He said he addressed, sealed, and stamped them to 35 classmates and 36 widows. Good for you, Fay!

Laura and your scribe assembled the Bay Area Sixteeners to watch the Army-Navy game on TV on 27 Nov at our home in Piedmont. The accompanying picture shows

the 4 men. Virginia Doney was also present. Also some neighbors, COL & Mrs. Harold S. Ruth (USMA '19), COL & Mrs. John Harrett (USMA '40), and son, Dwight F. Johns Jr. (ex-USMA '43) and daughter-in-law Betty.

Tom & Dolly Martin at Tucson, AZ, report "we are still on our feet—alho our pace is somewhat slower." Charles & Maybelle Haskins write from cold Bradford, VT—8° and 10° below zero several times, along with a bitter cold wind. But they still do get around!

Savilla Bliss wrote a news item into her Xmas card! Good for her! Marion Scofield went to spend the holidays with an invalid sister in Jacksonville, FL.

Helen & Woody Woodward spent Xmas with Helen's son Doug Inglis at Los Altos, CA. At New Year's time, Barbara McCausland, Helen's daughter who lives in Seattle, was visiting them. Barbara is an artist, an artist teacher, and a lithographer.

Virginia Doney and her daughter spent Xmas at Carmel, CA, and had a restful time.

A P R  
'17

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A Xmas card from George Wooley says, "We are all well here, although Mary is still in a wheelchair. We had Thanksgiving turkey with Bob at his Scottsdale home, 3 miles east of here, and we plan to be there again for Xmas dinner and tree presents. Our granddaughter Marilyn and 8-year-old great-granddaughter Jessica will drive up from Tucson for a family reunion."

Mark Clark wrote that he plans to be up for our 60th, and he added that Pete Kilburn had told him that he planned to go. He said also, "I phoned my roommate, McMahan, and he said he's not sure, but I told him he had better get on his horse and be up there."

At my request, Mark wrote, "As to my activities, I had a few bouts with the medicos, primarily with a heart problem. They thought it desirable to put in a pacemaker, which they did, and it's working well. I'm getting back on my feet in good shape."

"I keep busy at The Citadel as Pres Emeritus, the chairman of the committee which advises the governing board of The Citadel, and being on their Foundation Board keeps me active. That's a great college, and I thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to be there for so many years."

"I went to Indianapolis on Armistice Day at the invitation of the Governor to do a parade and a big banquet. I was instructor with the IN National Guard before the war, so I have many friends and thoroughly enjoyed it. My son went along with me, which made it fine. He's now Dpty Asst SA for Reserve Affairs. He has a big job and he's doing it well. He was in the Class of '45, as you probably know. As the Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Comm, I have some duties to perform there, but I have a good staff in DC and they keep me fully advised, and carry on in fine shape."

"I still take my hikes and get in my boat and go fishing."

We regret to report that Aaron Bradshaw died 8 Nov at Walter Reed. As Antiaircraft Cmdr of the Fifth Army, he was with Mark Clark during the Italian campaign in WW II. He organized the antiaircraft defense of installations in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, including Anzio, in 1942-44. A DC native,

Bradshaw was a member of an old DC family. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Brasenose College, Oxford. He leaves his wife, the former Gwendoline Doulton, a son, ret. AF COL Robert of Dunedin, FL, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

We'll miss Alene Olmstead, who died 15 Dec in DC. She always attended class functions when she could. She was a member of the Colonial Dames, First Families of VA, Descendants of Lords of the Maryland Manors, Nat'l Soc of the Barons of Runnymede and the DAR. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Charles Barber, a brother, John Crittenden, 2 nieces and one nephew. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

Alice & Mac McMahan have sent in 2 corrections to our list of widows. "Sadly, Happy Wood died some years ago in Winter Park." Also, Gladys Gurney's address is now: 9 Village Green, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

AUG  
'17

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Beloved by all who knew him was our correspondent south of the Border, Jack Johnson. After serving well in 2 wars, he went to live in San Miguel de Allende. Doctors prescribed a lower altitude but Jack quickly returned to his cherished home from which he and Florence had explored most of Mexico. He went to the Veterans' Hospital in San Ant for an aneurism operation and came out of it beautifully, but 2 days later had cardiac and respiratory arrests. He died on 23 November, 17 days before his 84th birthday. Florence took his ashes to WP for interment. She and Jack's stepson, Worth Bruntjen, have our deep sympathy.

In more happy vein was an action by the vets of the 7th Armored. They presented an oil portrait of their wartime commander, Bob Hasbrouck, to the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor, to be hung along with those of other great GENs of the Armored Force. Bob derived great pleasure from the fact that this action was spontaneous on the part of his former command. Marjorie was unable to attend but she is improving slowly and we hope that she and Bob will make our 60th.

Our annual Heterosexual Luncheon in Nov mustered only 24 but we enjoyed one another's company. Now we are looking forward to our 60th Reunion and expect to do much better. Doc Faust & Anny are laying their plans to come from Beaulieu-sur-Mer. Bill & Louise Paca who have been plagued by accident and disease, have not given up and expect to come if at all possible. On 23 Dec Froggy Reed called Your Scribe from Pasadena to inquire about the dates of reunion events. From Winter Park we feel certain to get at least Pinkey & Nan Rolfe, Phil & Tommie Day, Clyde & Vera Morgan. Dutch & Teddy Gerhardt will be driving up. Your Scribe hopes that with a knapsack full of pills and his Little Chickadee as nurse, he can make it. Other locals who are virtual certainties are Biff & Elizabeth Jones, Leo & Miriam Conner. It's too soon to be sure of Red & Dorothy Warner. An optimistic note from LA says that Jack & Mary Knight plan to come. If they do, it will be compulsory for Bill Chapman, Jack's

former roommate, to fly east even if alone. (Toodles doesn't fancy travel.) Lew & Elaine Griffith are going to drive up from TX. Rudy & Georgie Whitelegg are still close though they have moved back to 102 Jagger Mill Rd, Sanford, ME 04073. Bunny & Mary Harding are nearby and are inquiring about dates. Of course Honus & Emmaline Wagner roam at will and can be counted on. Henry Gantt missed the Heterosexual but he'd better show up for the 60th. Hi Ely said at the Heterosexual that he'd be there. Mickey Kernan wrote that he had hopes of tearing Frankie Carr away from his ponies, also that Bill Wilson is recovering so well from his operation that he considers making the trip. Perhaps Virginia Harloe will join them. One may assume that all of those above are in good spirits and in health range from tolerable to blooming.

Mickey and Frankie would love to see Bill Reinburg but Bill is a doubtful starter. Nor have we anything positive from Ted Futch. Jack Bellinger, now our oldest survivor, has to preserve his health so carefully that the 60th is off his books. Mary Buechler says that Teddy will have to stay home: Jules Schaefer is not in shape for such an occasion. Although Girard Troland is a regular source for Your Scribe, he may not come. George Herbert wrote but didn't mention the 60th.

Loessa Coffey went to San Fran for Xmas with Deedee. Lois Stamps and Dorothe Matlack stayed home but each had a gathering of descendants to make merry with them at Yuletide. Ellanor Sharp has to devote 3 days a week to dialysis: the remaining 4 she's her wonderful self. May Heavey is sweet and thoughtful as ever in spite of asthma, etc. Dorothy Huff came to the Heterosexual and we loved seeing her. Your Scribe has had charming letters or notes from Eleanor Custis, Laura Cole, Edith Shaffer, Georgie Graham, and Betty Ford. He phoned Peggy Moore and found her pretty snappy.

Pity your poor Scribe. The Class letter will be 6 times as long as this and he uses only 2 fingers on the typewriter.

JUN  
'18

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The Blanchards flew to Yucatan last Xmas to see the Mayan ruins. The Caseys' plans: (a) spring cruise to the Bahamas; (b) 15-day trip in early Jun to Russia with son Keith. Mary Elliott made her usual Xmas visit to DC.

Mike Grenata married Betty Bauman of Allentown, PA, on last 11 Nov, at Leesburg, where they are now living. Betty was a very dear friend of Aline's. After a trip to Bermuda, Betty and Mike had a reception in Leesburg for their relatives and friends, including the Jadwins, Siberts, Louise Dean and Marian Ross. Betty and Mike were at that awful Navy game. They saw Mike's grandson, Michael McIntyre '78, a corporal with 3 female cadets in his squad. Son-in-law, BG McIntyre, was transferred to be Div Engr at Atlanta, where a big Grenata family reunion was held at Xmas.

Charlie Hoffman chased 3 million wild geese, 30 of which had fattened at our local village pond on their way south. Rita and he are 78-pipers. The Jadwins spent some of

the winter in FL visiting Peg's daughter, plus a Carib cruise. Back in Mar so that the farmer could struggle with 12 income tax forms. Also 78-pipers.

Ann Kreber returned safely from her long trip to the Orient. Enjoyed seeing Norma and Scip on the way back.

Spike Lorence has given credit to a lot of physical therapy in the form of drainage ditch digging for the improvement in his vision which had started to fail and for the amelioration of a very painful 5th cranial nerve. Everyone who read the details, in his Xmas letter, of his great determination, though half-blind and suffering from that nerve, must greatly admire such a man. Some credit to Anna Mary also.

The McKees were in FL in Jan visiting his brother and sister. Dick spends much of his time caring for his Rhodesian Ridgeback (sic). Maureen Mielenz has her own Tara, built by her father in 1892. Church, music, her children, grandchildren and a great-grandson are her interests. The Mussils left our chilly north and spent Xmas with their daughter and family in FL. Tex still works 2 hours a day. Also 78-pipers.

Eleanore Offley spent Xmas in HI, her 3d trip there of the year. Mildred Pichel spent Xmas at Palm Springs, Jan in Maui for golf, swimming and fishing. Bea Rundell was also in Maui in Jan with daughter Bobbie and son-in-law. Off to Iran in Apr to visit son Bud. Sylvia Shattuck proudly announced her first grandchild, Christopher, born 12 Dec in Teheran. The Wards spent the winter in FL.

I regret to report the death of our classmate, Meyer Casman, in his apartment, 11 Nov. Also, of Helen Barriger, who died 25 Nov in DC. The sympathy of the Class is extended to their relatives.

NOV  
'18

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It must be that our Class is in that unpleasant task of heavy losses as the past 2 years seem to indicate. Of course our average age is 80. We pray we are on the downward trend of these losses of classmates, wives and widows. Since the last article, H.W. Blair died on 26 Sept; on 18 Nov Harrison Shaler left us; and Bryan Conrad, who wrote this Class report for many years for ASSEMBLY, died on Sat, 11 Dec.

Bryan's ashes were interred in Old Church Cemetery near Boyce, VA, with full military honors beside his little daughter, Katharine. Bryan Evans arranged for a bugler, the firing squad, and pallbearers from the Honor Guard at Ft Myer to participate. One of Bryan Conrad's hunters was caparisoned, boots reversed, and in the cortege to the graveside service. Many local friends attended as did many from DC including classmates Barnes, Evans, Gullatt, Holbrook and Valentine who made up the honorary pallbearers with Farrell and McClure of '22 and Lindsey of '29. Bryan Jr. was with his mother, Ethel. She stays on at their place, Sunnybrook, at White Post, VA.

Harrison Shaler who had been failing for some months died about a week before Thanksgiving while a patient in the Saddleback Hospital in Laguna Hills, CA. His ashes were held at home in Laguna Hills for future burial in Arlington. Harrison retired in 54 and held many key assignments

before and after and had an enviable war record. His final retirement was from the Aerojet-General Corp in 65 when he and Dot moved to Laguna Hills. Another California loss was Harriet Ramsey who died on 16 Oct in Pacific Palisades where she and Tom have resided for many years. On 24 Nov Barbara Jenkins was lost to us. Barb and Mike had enjoyed many fine cruises in recent years but her health had given considerable concern to all for the past several months.

Against this sadness Arch Colwell has rescued us. He has been presented the AOT (Automotive Organization Team) Distinguished Service Citation for 77 in New Orleans at its annual luncheon meeting. Also the pres of the Society of Automotive Engrs wrote Arch, "I am highly pleased to inform you of the action taken by the SAE's Board of Directors in honoring your outstanding contributions to the advancement of automotive technology through your election to the Society's new Fellow grade of membership." We can all take pride in Arch's double recognition. He has earned them and we are happy he was well enough to attend the presentation ceremonies. Unfortunately he must now go through some cataract surgery. Jess Norman celebrated his 80th birthday on 4 Dec and Bob Coolidge turned his 80th on 13 Dec. Dave Taylor made it on 16 Dec. On 1 Jan it was Usis' turn and Dietrick on 11 Feb when more than half the living classmates were over 80. Boyd Fitzpatrick and his bride went on their yearly vacation on 16 Jan for a couple months.

To celebrate our graduation on 1 Nov '18 the DC group had its annual banquet at Ft McNair on 1 Nov. Bryan Evans managed it as usual with help from his Ruth and from Millie Stice in a masterful way. Mc Monroe came all the way from CA and brought his 2 lovely daughters, Barbara Morrison from New Canaan, CT, and Martha Henderson and her husband Gene, local residents. Beckie & Jack Curtis were there as were Julia & John Mitchell ('20), Jeannene & Bryan Evans Jr., Susan & Willard Holbrook Jr., Gene Gullatt Barnes, and Mollie & Howard Peckham from FL. Toasts were offered by Mc Monroe our oldest member present, by Don Sawtelle our youngest and by Hunk Holbrook our Class pres. Kester Hastings was MC. These are always very good parties with elaborate decorations. The Hastings had over 5 nice weeks in HI in Nov and Dec and Holbrooks were off on a 3-weeks break in Puerto Rico in Jan and Feb. Charlie Hixon is almost house bound with foot problems which refuse to respond to several medicaments the docs have tried. Howie Canan spent the holidays in Detroit then down to FL for a short time. Millie Stice thinks she is Walter Reed's best customer but remains her very happy self in spite of many problems and 3 days a week in the outpatient clinic. 76 gave her her first great-grandchild. Jimmy Peckham spent the holidays in FL with Howie & Mollie Peckham. Buddha Groves had daughter, Gwen Robinson, and Gwen's family with her for the holidays. Gwen's husband, Prof Robinson, and their 2 children put on a very fine concert in Distaff Hall on Tues eve, 28 Dec. The 2 children play the flute and the violin and their father accompanies on the piano.

Bill Wanamaker had a visit in Oct from COL Beverly C. Snow Jr., Ret. ('44), and his wife Cathy. Bev Jr. is Exec Dir of the Coastal Plains Cen for Marine Devl Svcs in

Wilmington, NC. He had the unique experience of serving as U.S. Dist Engr, Wilmington, NC in 1965-68, 20 yrs after his father had had that same assignment. Wannie had a fine note from Dave Ross who has a distinguished war record, and who now lives in Carrollton, AL. Also one from Eric Molitor. He and Puss enjoy golf 2 or 3 times a week. They are keeping their big home in Hendersonville, NC. Jim & Carolyn Christiansen still keep very busy and had a happy year. Carolyn belongs to the Reading Club and takes art lessons while Jim walks and plays golf. They made no long trips but saw much of the children and their families this last year. Two groups in FL among others watched the Army-Navy Game, one at the Bath Club to which Reed Yeager and Fuzzy Fasnacht attended, and then the Schows and the B.G. Stevens were together for it. Skipper Schow and his family were with Bob and Tiny in Boca Raton for Xmas.

Lela Dunkelberg had to have some major surgery on 2 Dec and came through in fine shape. Alex Mackenzie says his 3 pet hates in the brush country around his home in Divine (and he's trying to keep it that way), TX, are the bulldozer, the developer and the hunter. Mark Boatner had his 80th birthday on 2 Nov and he sent a nice note to Howell Cocke. He felt it so difficult to write that we should not expect to have many more notes from him. Mark's son, Mark III ('43), is with him, and a grandson also.

Vi O'Rouark from her home in Dallas, OR, wrote she was sad on a recent visit to HI to see the "progress" in Oahu, crowded Honolulu with its freeways and how very glad she was that she and Gerry had known it, and so well, when it was really HI. Vi has many roses and enjoys them so much. Joe Glasgow had a hard last year, leg and lung clots and a broken hip from which he is now recovering. Jim C. Styron I is proud to have James C. IV his 3d great grandee. The Knudsens announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Constance Moncrief, to Mr. Edward J. Wofford Jr. on 6 Nov 76 in Charleston, SC. Jake Freeman in McAllen, TX, the "Magic Valley" was expecting a great influx of winter visitors, and with the decreased value of the Mexican peso sales would increase South of the border; gin at \$3.00 a half gallon. Fred Pearson is fortunate in having son Jack now living in San Ant where he can be watched and looked after a bit by Jack. Harry Krieger had an extended trip last year to FL, NE and CA. Home again in Maywood, IL, he is spending several days a week as an instructor in recreational therapy in the Veterans Hospital, where he is a volunteer, and also in helping the Boy Scouts and the Suburban Artists' Guild. Isobel Lock was wealthy, for a short time only, when she won 2 jackpots at Las Vegas. She also had a fine trip to HI with daughter Gerry and her husband Kort. They visited Kauai staying at the beautiful Coco Palms where they saw the torch-lighting ceremony. They did all of Oahu—outriggers, Polynesian Village and its dances, La Ronda, surf-boarding, Schofield Barracks, etc., but oh so many changes. Hal & Barbara Cocke are a good team at news gathering as Hal has not been in the best of health and Barbara carries on. In Nov Cornie Hahn was put out of action by a wickedly painful back; a disc? Chief Brimmer had his 2d cataract operation also in Nov; it seems to have gone well. Josephine Eddy spent some time last year with son George in England and Scotland, then was in Puerto

Rico in Dec for 10 days. Bill Blair is always busy with his 2 places in CO and his Class work. Ethel Gambil's letters from her home in Las Vegas are always exciting, this time it was the Xmas season visitors.

Kathleen Epes is recovering from her 2d cataract slowly but surely. She has been under treatment for glaucoma for many years which rather retards her progress. And then her activities are curtailed due to the surrender of her driver's license. Fred Butler reports that Philippi is recovering but still needs a cane and has difficulty getting up the stairs, but Fred is OK. Dr. Peter Sherrill says his father, Fred, is nearly house bound due to difficulty in walking and loss of hearing. Jimmy Carroll was crippled most of the time for 2 yrs without much help from the doctors nor hospitals. He got on a list of a Dr. Fan from Singapore who is on the UCLA staff and the treatments have him so he is walking and bowling again. The Bowmans and Alice Pope are all doing very well. Margaret Aaron, who lives with daughter Margaret in Honolulu wants to make one more trip to Australia to see daughter Jean and family before venturing to the mainland again. The Gillespies and Gorlinskis all report they are in good shape, just slowed down, and Rita Cambre feels the same way. Lark Gilland says his glaucoma is in good control and the cataracts are advancing slowly—he doesn't need glasses even for driving. Juliette Wilson spent Thanksgiving with her son and his family in TX and is hoping for a visit from Laura Bell Badger, her sister. Al Miller who has worried us no end with his emergency surgery for a serious aortic aneurysm has been gradually gaining strength. He felt so smart that he and Ruth were starting on a trip to Palm Springs to celebrate their anniv. He was still a bit unsteady and just as they were leaving he fell in their kitchen. They made their trip but Al had a black eye and a few bruises. Chuck Gildart who has been in the middle of updating our Class history also had to suffer through an aortic aneurysm repair, but bless God and the good surgeons he is recovering well. Dick & Coral Ericson are proud to be great-grandparents of a little boy. On Charlie Morrison's 80th birthday, on 31 Oct, he and Ruth enjoyed having both daughters and their husbands with them. Just after Thanksgiving they had 2 days in Las Vegas, saw 2 good shows and won a little money. They stayed overnight in Riverside with Muriel Carter and her 98-year-old mother. The latter uses a walker but is as bright as a 10-year-old. For her 98th birthday she received 9 bottles of liquor. Jim & Mary Carroll were thrilled to see their cadet granddaughter on TV marching at the Army-Navy Game, once with her hat on and once with it off. George McReynolds furnished some good information on a few lost classmates and widows; he and Lucy sound fine.

# '19

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Dick Ovenshine reports that Stu Barden seems to have recovered well from his heart attack. Stu & Helen were to leave Bethesda in Dec for 2 or 3 months in FL.

The marker for our Class Memorial at WP was to be moved in Dec. Consisting of a stone base with bronze plate, the marker has raised objections as being too far from the

memorial, and not clearly identifying the Class with the memorial; and was to be moved to a point about half way between its first position, and the memorial. Photos of the old and new positions of the marker are expected soon.

Paul Miller, who has been in a nursing home near DC for about 6 yrs, has moved to Columbia, SC, where he will be near his dau-in-law and grandau. Helen Barriger, widow of our classmate Pinky Bryan, died in Nov. She had married Barriger, (USMA Jun '18), a few years ago. Her only son died several years ago. Margie Lawrence has moved to 8400 Vamo Rd, Osprey, FL 33581. This is a large, new ret. home, a little south of Sarasota.

Carl Molitor wrote Dick to inquire about Benjamin Alvord Jr., one of the foundlings of our class whose father (USMA 1882) and grandfather (USMA 1833) were both BC's. Carl, a free-lance writer, lives in FL, and recently wrote a small historical book, "To Key West With Love." In 1836, Co. B, 4th Inf, commanded by Alvord (USMA 1833), was in Key West having been detached at Tampa shortly before the rest of the bn was ambushed and wiped out by Seminoles.

Obviously Viv & Ham Hamilton don't just fool around with travel, but attack it with verve. In May they were at the Hale Koa Hotel, Ft DeRussy; then to Kauai and the Coco Palms Hotel, which Ham calls "the most beautiful we've seen in the world." Since we left them in OR in the last ASSEMBLY, they have returned to El Paso via the Olympic Peninsula in WA, Hell's Canyon on the Snake and Lake Powell on the Colorado. Ham sent the photo of 5 classmates with Italian Navy friend on the beach at Lido Is (no names).

In Nov Al Wedemeyer was the house guest of Rhoda & Bob Springer. Bob explains in some detail what a pleasure it was to have Al as a guest. Bunker Bean and his attractive wife Fay appeared on the scene the same evening that Al arrived. The Beans and the Springers met Al at the airport. Bunker and Fay took off early next morning for Indianapolis. In Dec Bobby Gard's son was promoted to LTC; first 3-star son in the Class, it is believed. Pewee Collier says his eyes are "deteriorating"; but in all other respects Pewee is quick and alert as always, reports Bob. Lib has gained a little weight and on her it is becoming. Both Elsie and Chic Noble are ill, but they are fighting their illnesses. Alex Bennet continues to advise the Admin by mail, but without tangible results so far. The Springers plan to visit Waikiki for a month of what Bob so quaintly calls "bikini-watching," and he hopes to look up the "elusive Benny Byrne."

Effe May Isaacs writes from Tucson that Bill has shown great improvement (from Parkinson's disease and a stroke in 68). This results from the use of a new medicine, and he has gained over 20 pounds. She reports also a change in their phone number. They enjoy life in AZ.

Don Nelson furnishes some shavetail anecdotes of our early days. His first troop assignment was to the 10th Cav, (colored), at Ft Huachuca. With Lilly cap, Scotty uniform, Peel boots, "long sabre clinking against a spur, gloves and orders in hand," Don reported to his first COL, who, "silent and curious," looked Don over for a while. Don wondered if something was amiss; but later realized that his elegant appearance contrasted with the appearance of the rest of the COL's "collection." Eventually the COL



1919: Summer 1919: '19ers visit Venice-Lido Beach.

emerged from his reverie, told Don "You go down to 'L' Troop and take over... You listen to 1st Sgt George Washington and you'll get along."

At officers' call, the Adj told Don, "Polo practice at 2:30." "Oh, I'm checking property," said Don. "When I speak, it's an order. Polo at 2:30." At the formation a horse was already saddled, ready for Don, and in an early play his saddle girth parted. Don and saddle landed on the hard adobe sharp-grit-covered field. Play stopped. Players and audience gathered round, howling with delight: "The drinks are on you. The drinks are on you." A tea break and much banter. The play resumed and lo, the whole scenario was repeated—a girth cut to the threads on inner side parted. Don avers that it cost him half a month's pay for the drinks.

Pay day for the troop. Don gave the envelope containing the troop collections for the Commissary to the troop clerk, who took off. Ten days later Don was reported delinquent in payment. "Corporal, didn't I give you the QM payment?" "Yass, Suh." "Well?" "Lootinint, I got took at a crap game on the way up."

Soon Don was appointed TJA of a Special Court, taking over all pending cases, recording proceedings and typing those very exacting, no erasure reports in each case. Then Post Engr Officer, then Post Signal Officer. Then TJA of the General Court, with the same arrangements as for the Special Court. But his presence was no longer demanded at polo.

At the bachelor officers' mess some characters would spear a tough steak, whistle, throw it to the pet bull terrier, who would catch it in midair and swallow it without closing his jaws. Once a CPT, sitting next to the COL, inadvertently deposited his steak in the COL's lap. "Excuse me, COL, that's my steak," he said, and with a deep thrust speared the dripping steak back out of the COL's lap. Don is a talented raconteur and has other stirring tales of our early days, showing how exciting life in the Army was back then.

In Oct Elton Hammond put on one of his well-organized, semi-annual brunches at the Officers Club, (Ft McNair. Attendance was 26, absentees (class members, wives and widows on the DC list), 34. The participants in these affairs seem really to enjoy them, and this party was a very good one.

Wallace Bruner reports enthusiastically from Tulsa: What fun to see Fay & Bunker Bean, who visited her in Nov; the marriage and successes of her grandchildren. Wallace plans to move to an apartment with kitchenette some time this year.

Jack Vance reports a dearth of news in the San Fran Bay Area but says that all

classmates around there send their best wishes. He hopes for a better Navy game this year.

George Elms reports good spirit among the approximately 250 grads around El Paso, though he and Ham Hamilton are the only '19ers there. The local WP Society holds a dutch treat lunch at the Ft Bliss Officers Mess the second Tues of each month. The building is close to Hinman Hall, Hq of the Guided Missile Cen, so they get attendance of active duty people as well as rets. Ote & Nina Wood visited El Paso recently and were in good spirit. Sid Stovall, too, drove down for a day's visit with George and another friend. Bunker Bean and Fay also visited George, who took them around. George and Bunker had been stationed together at Ft Stotsenberg many years ago. George telephones Elsie and Chic Noble frequently, says that Chic is quite ill, but likes to hear from his friends.

Mary Dickinson, widow of Russ Nelson, has returned from her trip "down under," having visited, among many other places, Alice Springs. You understand, of course, that this is a place, not a girl, and is nearly in the center of Australia—remote, man—and is connected with southern Australia by a railroad which ends at Alice Spgs. Fred & Lynne Marlow also have returned from their trip to Malaya, Indonesia and Japan, a journey they thoroughly enjoyed.

Carleen Holly's post-shingles pains persist and Joe has been in the hospital with a blood clot. Elaine McFarland is ret. after over 30 years with AZ State U. She plans a trip to Taiwan, Singapore and Australia in the spring. Davis Hale continues to travel, visiting his great grandchildren and other relatives, climbing hills, playing golf and tennis; and he plans a trip to HI. John & Eunice Denny visited HI this past fall, talked to Phil Whitney, but because of tour schedule did not see Phil or Benny Byrne. In Oct Helen Kanaga, Clarence's widow, went to Kansas City to attend at reunion of 24 first cousins. Wow! She expects to visit Springfield, MA, this spring. Bobby Broberg feels wonderful after her two heart attacks in 75, and recently visited Las Vegas where she took in shows, played the slots and enjoyed herself.

In Oct and Nov Fay and Bunker Bean reveled in a 7-week, 6300-mile trip through the great SW. In Albuquerque Bunker talked to Ote Wood, but Sid Stovall was not home. Fay and Bunker visited Ann & Tom Crawford and Bob Hill in Scottsdale, AZ; had lunch with George Elms in El Paso; dinner with Al Wedemeyer, Bob & Rhoda Springer in San Ant. Also in San Ant Bunker talked with Mildred Stearley and Bobby Gard, but could not see them because of commitments; and for the same reason could not attend a reunion of classmates while Al Wedemeyer was there—commitments with officers who had served formerly in Bunker's command, and their wives. The Beans had a very enjoyable visit in Tulsa with Wallace Bruner. Tom Crawford is gravely ill; yet he seemed cheerful and glad to have Bunker visit him. Says Bunker, "We came home with warmth in our hearts after seeing dear old friends."

Whitey Gard has been troubled with osteoarthritis and Bobby has been persuaded to let someone else keep up his lawn.

In Nov, Conchita & Stone Sorley flew to Vancouver, BC. They and son Lewis motored to Banff, Lake Louise and Calgary. An ideal time: off-season, no mobs, magnificent

weather. Son James, Marine pilot, flew up from Cp Pendleton for a weekend.

In a recent circular to scribes, COL Krisman, Editor of ASSEMBLY and REGISTER, said "Our thanks to those of you who have helped improve communications by getting more of your classmates to subscribe to alumni publications."

#### ADDRESS AND PHONE CHANGES

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#### DECEASED

Helen Barriger, widow of Pinky Bryan, died 25 Nov 1976; Gladys Foss, widow of Simon Foss, died 26 Sept 1976. Interment, Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery 29 Sept 76. The Class expresses deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

#### VITAL STATS

Ret USA-80, AUS-6, Civil Life-22, Status Unk-2, Deceased-174.



1920: Don and Kay Burns' reunion of Kay's Withers' ('25) family, June 76.

# '20

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With great sadness I report Margaret Mac-Millan (AR) died 22 Nov 76 at Stillman Infirmary of Harvard U. She had been ill with cancer since May. Memorial services were held in Carbondale, IL, her home, with burial of ashes to be at WP. Our deepest sympathies go to Mac; their dau Anne; sons, William and James, and their loved ones.

On 5 Oct the WP Soc of DC held its quarterly meeting and luncheon at Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA. Farrell, Holle, John Mitchell, Rehm, Samouce and Stratton were there. The principal speaker, USMA Supe, LTC Sidney B. Berry, gave an interesting summation of the status of the alleged honor violations in the EE304 home study project of last Apr, and the progress of the first women cadets ever admitted in USMA history.

The Class Gov Cmte held its annual meeting 11 Oct and welcomed Stratton as a new member in this year's elections. By unanimous agreement, the Cmte reelected its officers for another year ending 30 Sep 77: Holle, Pres; Plank, VP; Farrell, Secy; Rehm, Treas; and Samouce, Scribe.

Vic Erickson was hospitalized in Nov after suffering failing health. After various tests he returned home and now has to take things more easily. "Believe it or not," he wrote, "this is my first hospitalization since that horrible 1918 flu epidemic when we were cadets." Last Jun, he and Fern were mighty proud to see oldest grandson Todd (son of dau Carol Jean, Mrs. Paul W. Spangler of Glenmont, NY) graduate from the AF Academy.

Margaret Partridge was briefly in intensive care at Walter Reed following a heart disturbance 26 Oct.

From Marian Johnston (EC) came word that Lillian Bessell had a bad fall in Oct, breaking her hip. For several weeks she was down the hall from Bill in the WP Hosp, before going to Annandale, VA, to recuperate at dau Anne's, wife of COL Oliver B. Combs Jr. '54. Marian kept her posted on Bill. By Xmas she was much improved, even to watch grandson Peter play basketball, and expected to return home after New Year's. Bill continues very poorly, though occasion-

ally his good humor flashes through. He will be transferred to a VA Hosp across the Hudson from Newburgh when a vacancy opens up.

In Nov Marian and Johnny visited son David ('56) in Germany.

Vascular troubles plagued Red Sharrar all through 76. First operated on at a hosp in Salisbury, MD, his home, he was later sent to Dr. DeBakey's hosp in Houston for more drastic surgery. However, this also was to no avail, so in Sept his right foot was amputated. The doctors did not expect him to pull through but he fooled them. And it doesn't daunt him that the spare 186 lbs of his husky over-6-foot frame plummeted to 133, and by Dec had climbed back to only 140. "I can't complain," he says. "I'm 77 and have never been sick a day in my life before. . . . The pain is about gone now and I know I'll be all right. I plan to sell my business and ret. And one of these days I'll even hitch up with Chitterling in Annapolis and surprise you at one of your monthly Class luncheons in DC." That's the spirit, Red!

After Alex George recovered from a minor leg operation in Oct, he and Louise planned to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniv (6 Nov) with a trip to Bombay to see son Bill (Chase Manhattan's SE Asia Chief) and his family. There was to be a stopover in Greece on the way and in Turkey on return. But, at the last minute, Alex developed symptoms which had led to brain surgery last spring. These quickly passed but returned again, so Xmas Eve found him again at Walter Reed undergoing tests. Their dau Louise, Prof Comparative Renaissance Lit at Berkeley, who was in Italy lecturing and gathering material for a book, arrived to spend a few days with her parents.

"Spent 2 days in hosp," wrote Tomey in Sept. "Plenty wrong with me. . . . Cannot use typewriter now."

"Was in Scandinavia 3 wks," Withers wrote in late Oct. "After we got back, I stepped on a wet spot on the patio and landed on point of hip. No break but pulled ligament kept me on crutches 6 wks. We were delighted with visit by Johnny Johnston (OR). To my consternation he was riding a motorcycle!"

With his dues to Class Fund, Chuck Smith (CW) wrote Rehm, "Just out of hosp after an operation. Otherwise am in good health."

After 10 days with what was thought to be a cold, Charles Holle's son Bradford entered Arlington, VA, hosp day after Xmas, and is now in intensive care there with encephalitis.

After Lily Jane's death, Freddie Pitts visited with son John and his family in CO and son Fred and his family in WI. In Mar he was back in CO for John's ret. from the Army after 20 yrs, so he and Maureen could devote full time to the Gun Shop in Colo Spgs they had long planned. On 1 Jun Freddie had corrective surgery on his left eye and was cleared for planned air trip to Athens, 7-day cruise of several Greek islands and Istanbul, and a flight to Cairo (Pyramids and Sphinx) and Luxor (Temples). Late Aug he visited a friend in Portland, OR, returning via CO and WI to visit with sons. He'll divide the Xmas Holidays with them.

Leland Smith reported the WP Soc of FL W. Coast held its annual Xmas party 17 Dec at the Bath Club in Redington Beach. Among those there with him and Myra were Dan & Katie Daniel, John & Kathryn McNulty and Van & Priscilla Van Sickler.

The Van Sicklers won 2d prize in the annual ME Tree Farm Competition. Congratulations!

The Tullys had an old-fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner at their home with Jo's son, Archie McLachlen, wife Nora and dau Colleen; Terry's dau Margot and dau Pat, husband Crandall Alford and children, Susan and Tully. And, on 12 Dec they left for Redington Beach, FL, for 2 mos at the Travis' home while Bigun and Madeline visit son Dr. Tom at Gorgas Army Hosp in Panama. Seems that's an annual event now.

Evelyn Vanture stayed home in 76, paying for a new roof, she says. But son Van (Ret COL Chaplain) flew in for 10 days in Jun from Honolulu where he is an Episcopal Minister. And dau Jan visited several long weekends and will spend Xmas Holidays with her.

Gerrie Leehey had a 10-day visit from dau Anne, Mrs. John W. Connolly Jr. of

Jacksonville, FL. "Enjoying every minute," she wrote Selby Stratton. "Yesterday, we did the waterfront, lunched at end of pier overlooking all the ship activity on Puget Sound, with the Olympic Mts as backdrop. Today we're driving to a new winery built like a castle on the Rhine! Tomorrow a trip into the Mts. . . . Next week by hydrofoil to Victoria, BC, and 2 days at The Empress Hotel. After that we fly to CA for 3 weeks with Don Jr. and Sara. . . . All so lively after my quiet life here. . . . Hope I can take it all."

Eddie Plank writes that LT Frank Roberts Jr. (74) is headed for duty in Germany; and Reuter visited his mother in KS on her 101st birthday before going to his tree farm in WA State.

The Engelharts vacationed at Desert Hot Springs. Carl is hard at his memoirs of Corregidor and the POW yrs. "But I have run into an odd impediment," he writes. "After several hrs on the typewriter I can't turn off my recollections, and stay sleepless for a couple of nights. Or I'd dream, like I did for a couple of years after the war, of being caught in a bombing."

The Bartletts' (WH) Xmas card was an enticing view, through a break in the trees, of sunset on Monterey Bay "from our guest room. Our garden has thrown away the calendar and looks like it's Jul," they wrote.

"In addition to his other duties" (VP CO School Bd Dist 38; member City Planning Comm; lay reader and member of Bishop's Cmte in Episcopal Church) Carl Duffner is Chmn Palmer Lake Centennial-Bicentennial Cmte. "Our main project is rebuilding a large star on the 60-degree slope of Sundance Mt at the foot of which our town lies, and winding up raising \$5000 to do it with. It was built in 1934 and has deteriorated badly. It is 500 ft from point to point and is lit up by 91 bulbs. Work was to start today (26 Oct) but we're in the grip of a snowstorm. Must finish by 30 Nov so we can keep it lit nights through Dec. Hope the storm quits so I can get to the Town Hall for a meeting tonight. . . . Claudia keeps very busy, too, taking care of the house, being Vice Regent of Kinnikinnick DAR Chapter in Colo Spgs, and playing bridge at which she is very good. . . . Must not overlook our cat DUDE (he thinks of himself in Capital letters). . . . And we feed raccoons, birds, foxes and skunks, living as we do at the canyon's edge almost in Pike National Forest. . . . Particularly glad to get Herrick's address. . . . not far away. Have already written him."

The 13 Oct issue of *The San Antonio Light* had an article headed "Ret. COL Given Award" and reading "Army COL Millard Pierson has been selected for the annual National Commander Award by the MOWW. . . . He is the first Texan to be so honored since 1961." This was presented to him at the annual MOWW Convention in Phila where the Dallas Chapter of his Region VIII (TX & OK) also copped the other highest award, Best Chapter in the Order. And he was reelected Region VIII Cdr. Congratulations, Millard!

Millard writes he and Phyllis are fine after some illnesses in 75. They enjoyed several surprise drop-ins from old friends, visits from son Bill (Ret AF LTC) and a delightful one from married granddau Dale and husband Don Parent. They were looking to Xmas with dau Dorothy and her family in San Diego.

Chesty Haswell, a Past Dist Gov of Rotary Intl Dist 617, was signally honored by the



1920: Sharrar and Lemnitzer on boat trip at 55th Reunion.

Rotary Club of El Dorado 20 Sept at a special dinner where the Club Pres gave a resumé of his many yrs of devoted and unselfish service and where he was made a Paul Harris Fellow "in recognition of Claude's exemplifying during 38 yrs of membership the service principle of Rotary." Congratulations, Chesty!

The Lemnitzers returned to DC mid-Oct from summer at their home in Honesdale, PA.

The Densons visited Williamsburg, VA, for Xmas and their 45th wedding anniv. They were married at The Bruton Parish Church there.

Doll Dillon's guest in Oct was Mrs. Franklin C. Wolfe (widow of AF COL) of L.A. where she is spending the Xmas Holidays and Jan with her son's and dau's families.

Martha Merritt writes Xmas, "All well here. I baby-sit lots. Have 8 great-grandchildren now—whew!"

Ed and Betty Ward Fisher have kept well this past year, Betty writes. "I made my usual trip to John's" (Betty's and Tubby's son) "and they were fine. John III and Nancy were here a few wks ago and we walked over the Zoo taking pictures." Betty and Ed felt most thankful and blessed because, in early Nov, John's 2 youngest, Betty Jane 13 and Peter 9, barely escaped from a burning skating rink with 300 children, some overcome by smoke, after Betty Jane helped break open a stuck fire door.

In Oct, Pinky Loupret flew from Phila to San Juan, PR, for a week's cruise on the brand new Cunard Cruise Ship "Countess." "Excellent food, drink, dancing, floor shows, movies. . . . Visited Venezuela—superb hwy, built from POL profits, from sea level to beautiful Caracas at 3000-ft level, a living monument to Simon Bolivar, the Great Liberator. And visited islands Grenada, Barbados, St Lucia and St Thomas. . . . subtropical, very few whites, no sign of reported hostility to tourists."

Don & Kay Burns had 8 interesting days in Russia. "Overawed by Moscow's splendors and lovely Leningrad. But communism left us as cold as the ice cakes floating down the Neva River in May. . . . and the ever-present fear inherent in a police state," Kay wrote. Early in Jun they had a visit from lawyer Don Jr. and Katy, joined in by Don's Rosemary, husband Ed Kutchman and their 6 children. Much music and song but no one could master the balalaika brought from Russia.

More reunions later in Jun when Kay's Withers' ('25) family gathered full strength for the first time in 17 yrs (see p. 52, col 3 of Sept ASSEMBLY and picture in this Dec issue) occasioned by the fact all were in

eastern US when oldest, Ken, returned from Germany to be Baltimore Dist Engr; Bill at Pentagon; Jeff and Ben at Bragg; Peter in Atlanta; and grandson George K. III, a yearling at WP. "For 5 action-packed days the 21 of us, en masse, partied, played, explored the Smithsonian, the sights of DC, the quiet beauty of Mt. Vernon, and even managed to get little Peter baptized!" I nominate Kay for Army Mother of the Bicentennial! Any challengers?

Please send me Founders Day attendance news immediately after, so I can include them in the Notes I must mail 28 Mar for the Jun ASSEMBLY.

May 77 be a blessed one for all of you!

**'21-'22**

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"55th"

If you have not already done so get out the pen and paper and sign up to attend the reunion. The detailed schedule was sent to you earlier this year. You are also reminded to contact Mark McClure if you want to take advantage of the bus service between DC and WP. Our 55th anniv of graduation is less than 3 months away. Don't miss it. For some of us it may be our last. It's later than you think.

Mark McClure reported on the 3 Class luncheons of the DC group in Oct, Nov, and Dec. The Oct luncheon was well attended. Al Kastner put in an appearance after several absences. Mark wrote that the DC WP Society held a luncheon at which LTG S.B. Berry, Supt of the Academy was the guest speaker. He talked about the honor problem at the Academy and the admission of female cadets. By the way, to see girls in cadet uniforms should be incentive enough to make all us old timers get to WP for our 55th. This I "gotta" see! Only 5 classmates showed up for the Nov meeting. With the exception of Harold Conway there was 100% attendance at the Dec meeting. Unfortunately Harold fell off a ladder while doing some house chores—nothing serious, just a bit of discomfort. I guess taking it on the chin year after year at the A-N game is old hat. There was more discussion about how the Red Skins beat the Cowboys than about the A-N game. I recall what Red Blaik said following the Founders Day dinner in NY in 40: "I'll teach them how to block and tackle, but it is up to you to get me football players." That ought to be a good project for our WP Societies.

Harry Stout finally reported about his European trip. Quote: "We spent a week in Berlin (you can have it) in Sept representing the USA on some copper specifications. Then on to London—Theatre top flight talent and at reasonable admission prices (compared to NY), food expensive and liquor astronomical." Harry also reported that Eddie Clark came to Plainfield for a visit at Thanksgiving and that he was in good shape. Eddie displayed a remarkable recollection of places and people. I can vouch for that. In a telephone conversation I had with Eddie last year he inquired about a girl I got him to drag when we were cadets. He even remembered her name. Harry has some meetings coming up the latter part of May and early Jun that may conflict with their attending the 55th, but he will try.

Here is an excerpt from Carroll Sullivan's letter of 10 Nov: "After a lengthy illness, Grace passed away on 1 Nov. Chemotherapy

kept her alive for the past 2 years, then we lost the fight." We are sorry to learn this sad news. On behalf of the Class I extend to Carroll our sincere sympathy.

While at Lake Tahoe last Aug Ilamary Svihra developed a case of bursitis that has persisted ever since and slowed her down. She feels that her traveling days are over, but hasn't given up the idea of attending the 55th. Here's hoping she will be there.

At last report Wes Yale was still working on his new book.

Johnny Johnson has 50 big game trophies on the walls of his home in Bronxville, NY, but he did not have an American buffalo nor an antelope. So last year he arranged a hunting trip in Montana and he shot a fine specimen of each to add to his collection of a lion, tiger, leopard, African buffalo, polar bear, kodiak bear and zebra. Prior to the animal hunt he spent some time on the Madeira Islands and enjoyed the visit tremendously.

We have lost contact with Blanch Stephens and Marie Lee Mitchell. If anyone has any information about them please write me. For some time we have been trying to locate the widows of Charles R. Smith and Bill Schildroth.

There are only 8 members of the Class who are not subscribers to this magazine. While we have a good percentage of subscribers as compared to other classes we should be in the 100% class.

#### Address Changes

Granger & Lucile Anderson: 1301 Hillsboro Blvd, Hillsboro Cove Apts, Apt No. 604, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Tel: (305) 427-2857. The Southfield, MI address remains the same. Frank & Clare Crary: 2851 S. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton, FL, Patricia Apts, 33432. Isabel Albert: 1 St. Paul Ct, Brooklyn, NY 11226.

As a parting shot—Plan to attend the 55th.

# '23

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1976 closed with all of us older and with varying indications of enfeeblement, with disturbing reports that proposals for the future of WP and the Corps were under development, and with some disquieting reports on the prospective posture of the new government on national defense and particularly on those matters that shape programs and policies on personnel affairs in the armed services.

The Nov Class luncheon was coed with 14 ladies present. The out-of-town reps were: the Arch Colemans from VA Beach, VA; the Phil Enslows from Staunton, VA; the Ken Sweanys from Baltimore and, the Don Tredennicks from Reading, PA. Tredennick, commenting on his attendance at WP football games, said morale was high and the team was playing well but was prone to make errors.

D'Espinosa, Chmn of the 55th Reunion, reported that negotiations are under way for rooms at the Thayer and for bus transportation to, from, and at WP.

A discussion of the efforts to secure correction of the military records of Frank Dodd covered a letter written by Craigie to the SA and one by Joe Smith to the SA on behalf of the Class. Later, when Joe's letter had not been answered he wrote a follow-up. Receipt of that letter was acknowl-



1923: Standing (L-R): Pesek granddaughter, McGehee, Ellaverne McGehee, Augur, Pierce, Cary King '24, Pesek; Sitting (L-R): Loriena Price, Martha Conrad, Harriette Pesek, Mary Pierce, Virginia Post, and Mrs. Moody at the Pesek Breakfast Party, 4 Sept 76.

edged but there was no reply by the time these notes went to WP.

The consensus of the group was that Frank had been denied "due process" in the matter.

Increasingly, we hear reports of help classmates are giving to others of the Class and their dependents. Letters, visits and assistance in personal affairs seem to be of particular significance. While we suspect that most of you are aware of the kinds of help that are available, we in this area repeat our readiness to help in such matters. When we are unable to give the help personally we can almost always find someone who can.

At this luncheon Guevara reported that Jim Early was in the Baltimore VA Hospital with complications from a broken leg sustained when he entered the hospital for treatment for matters related to diabetes. Ken Sweany has visited him and kept us informed.

Some time after the luncheon Adams told us that when the big ball comes down on Times Square on 31 Dec the Class Fund would be at \$2,650.55, up \$2.96 from 1 Jan 76.

#### BE THOU AT PEACE

O.P. Newman died 8 Oct. I served only briefly with O.P. but found that and other contacts most enjoyable. He was our Class Rep in the Carolina area.

Bob Hallock died at his home from cancer on 31 Dec. I served with Bob at Madison Bks and for a short time at Ft Sill and had a chance to see him briefly in the combat area in Italy in WWII. He contributed notes for ASSEMBLY on classmates and Class affairs from time to time.

The Navy Game brought out only the Frys, the Kehms, the Tredennicks, Osborne's daughter Dorothy with her husband, and Dwyer who had 6 grandchildren at the game including Steve Dwyer, Class of '80. The following extracts from PROY's letter do not express the real anguish that he showed so forcefully during the game: "The Navy Game was not a complete disaster, as the cadets outmarched and outparaded the Midshipmen, a real source of satisfaction! Mary watched the game at home in bed and it sure did not aid her final recovery."

#### POTPOURRI

The Breidsters report the birth of their 4th granddaughter in Apr, their son joining

Fritz in business, visits from Price and Lueder and an impressive 150-mile RR trip into Canada as key events preparing them for Xmas greetings to all of us.

Trooper Price sent in (somewhat late for good reasons) the photo of the Pesek breakfast and reported that Virginia Post is full of her old-time sparkle and that Pesek seems to be in much better shape. The Peseks have told me that Cary King '24 and Martha Conrad have been married since the picture was taken.

The Gjelsteens vacationed in HI in Aug with their daughter and son Andy, Class of 77, and seemed to enjoy it as much as we did in Nov at the Hale Koa Hotel. Einer is helping Harmony on biographical notes on Binns and will welcome any information you may be able to give him. He says Harmony is doing a great job helping Jess in personal affairs.

Aida Bowen had a tour of France last summer and was in Bermuda for a duplicate bridge tournament in Jan. In the interim she keeps busy in civic affairs, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, etc. Her Army and AF sons are now ret. and living in the DC area.

Craigie took an air trip to Nepal while Victoria and Gale were touring Europe. He says the elephants and rhinos were a new experience but photography was not as good as it had been on their 74 trip. In Nov they both spent 3 weeks in the Far East.

Sweany tells us that Laura has recovered from a gall bladder operation but has eye trouble which impairs sewing. They managed to get in 6½ weeks in New England.

From Blomme via Heaney we have had copies of editorials and comment in FL papers relating to the honor system.

Enderton is dragging his feet on having a pacemaker installed while Marion is doing well after 2 operations this year. Herb did accomplish his bicentennial project, completing "The Enderton Family." He has typed 4 copies each with 445 photos and had them bound.

Cavender was publicly commended for helping save a man from drowning in the Sun City Swim Club pool about a year ago. This year Robinson tells us Moe was awarded a silver medal for clocking 500 miles in the pool. Rosenberg's comment was

"pretty good for an old man near 80." He reported that Dave Stone, the Dunnes, the Deke Stones and the Rosenbergs saw the Navy Game with a silent and deflated Army group in San Diego.

Howell says Felicia is home now but goes to the Ft Jackson Hospital weekly for chemotherapy.

Fowler tells us the elections had a special interest for him because Senator Dole had been in the 10th Mtn Div with him in WWII. He sent in some information on Castner on whom we need biographical information. He says Esther's cancer is in check and that he has made progress after his stroke and heart problems, and now is troubled only with arthritis and blurred vision.

The Kehms visit to HI in Nov was a great treat. We travelled with the Buerkets '24 and stayed at the Hale Koa Hotel on Oahu, and visited Maui, Hawaii and Kauai during the trip. The hotel is excellent and well run. It is able to arrange for all sorts of recreation.

On Hawaii we stayed at the Kilauea Military Camp where we saw our first volcanoes and experienced two earth tremors. I slept through both of them. I had been to Hawaii only about one day before, so it was really a new experience for both of us. We visited Schofield Bks where Ray Beurket has been stationed. There we found ourselves on a day honoring ret. I, as the oldest ret. present, received a digital clock radio as a gift.

Highlights of the trip were visiting the Hayseldens in their 35th-floor penthouse in a high-rise condominium in Oahu and having a visit from Neal just before we left. Neal plans to make the 55th. The Hayseldens are still considering it. All sent you best wishes. We recommend a trip to HI as well worthwhile.

Dwyer sent in these notes on people from his area:

"Howard Serig: reports he is concerned by things at WP. He says it reminds him of the lines from Tennyson's "The Passing of King Arthur" which go "the old order changeth, yielding place to the new."

Frank Wilder recovered most of his strength since his operation. He and M.E. take periodic rests at an inn in the backwoods near their home. Their granddaughter is doing well in school. She is due to be in a show at church which the Wilders will attend. Frank says he has done his "Swan Song" in politics and now will concentrate on battling the spread of communism.

Jimmy Carroll and Helen are enjoying their home in Carlisle, PA with Jimmy adding new things to the house and grounds. They enjoy the facilities of the Army War College. The Clinic seems to be helping Helen's arthritis. They plan a Xmas holiday visit with her family near Syracuse, NY.

Don Treddennick and Dot enjoy their bridge club, dancing club, singing club and church work in Reading, PA. Don continues recruiting future USMA cadets and maintains his great record for the success of the cadets he has secured. He is VP of the Valley Forge Chapter of TROA. They made it to all the football games at WP and the Navy Game. Don and Roy attended the Army-West Chester State soccer game in the bitter cold and saw Army win. Dot and Tred plan to visit their son Dan and family in Winston Salem, NC during the Xmas holidays. They will visit the Dwyers in Jan to attend the Valley Forge TROA Chapter dinner at the Willow Grove Air Sta in Jan.

Roy Dwyer and Mary have an apartment next to the quiet and beautiful campus of Immaculata College in Chester County, PA. Mary had a severe case of bronchitis-pneumonia the latter part of Nov when she sat thru the bitter cold of WP at the Colgate game in Nov. By Thanksgiving it was a matter of real concern. But she is back to her saucy self and with her beloved kids at nursery school. That is her best medicine. Roy has had no more blackouts and the blood pressure is under control. If he could build a little character and control that healthy appetite he would help himself by taking off a few pounds. The cataracts are still giving him trouble particularly at football games, but he still hopes to be able to put out the 50-page OZARK NOTES for the 102d Inf Div Assn in the spring.

The Fosters attended the Thayer Award to the Hon Gordon Gray. It was held in the Cadet Mess with cadets and visitors present. They also visited the Admissions and Athletic Offices. Roy has been active and successful in getting good candidates for WP. He is still Pres of the WP Society of Central FL.

The Wendell Johnsons visited the DC area in Nov after a trip in the European Alpine areas. They are already interested in one to Portugal in the early part of 77. They report good news about Jan White and the Bings. Johnny is now a Rotarian, and is also active in WP and historical societies. They had a family reunion with their 2 sons in Barrington, RI at Xmas time.

In Dec Clare Barroll wrote the Johnsons that Larry was undergoing surgery on both knees. Her book on medieval Sweden is being published by Scribner in Jan in hard cover. The paperback rights have also sold.

In addition to the above, cards from the following also sent all of you Merry Xmas and best wishes for the New Year: Lucas, Coleman, Enslow, Grombach, Dave Stone, Carraway, Serig & Heaney.

#### ADDRESSES

Deke Stone sent in corrections on the 76 REGISTER. Two noted that we had sent in notices on the deaths of Barley and Burnside not reflected in the issue and one stating his birth month was shown as Dec. It was Sept. Our Nov 72 Class list has been kept up-to-date thru ASSEMBLY. We are going over that and the REGISTER now in order to get up a valid list for use in preparing for the 55th Reunion. You can help us by sending us any errors due to recent address changes.

#### NEW ADDRESS

Lutwack, Mrs. Edward E. (Mae): 4626 Westfield Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32210; Pierce, COL Wilbur R. (Mary): 501 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA 94025.

#### EPILOGUE

We here trust that the New Year has started well for all of you. We hope you will follow the precept of the old special order for sentries which told us to be: "keeping always on the alert, observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing" especially as regards our national defense, and particularly in personnel programs governing the men and women whose loyal service is vital if that defense is to be able to meet the challenges it will face.

#### HOLD THE PRESS!

Another member of '23 has become a late-blooming bridegroom. Kenner Hertford has been married recently! Details later! All we know is that the couple are living at Kenner's current address for the present.

# '24

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Twenty-four members of the '24 Wives Club, an organization comprising the better halves of your classmates in the DC area, held their quarterly luncheon on 4 Oct at the Ft McNair Officers Club. The affair was engineered by Emily Polsgrove, Fran Blanchard and Bo Craig.

The next day, 5 Oct, the WP Soc of DC held its quarterly luncheon at the Officers Club at Ft Myer. Among those present were: Beurket, Dewey, Glasgow, Hart, Hincke, Palmer, Van Way and Vogel. The speaker was LTC Sidney B. Berry, Supt at WP. About half of his talk was devoted to the new women cadets. He explained how their training is exactly the same as that of the men, with only few exceptions. Similarities include the manner of their handling during beast bks and their relations with the upper classmen. The Supe is optimistic about the situation and expects about 50 percent of the girls to survive the 4 years. Those who graduate will be exemplary commissioned officers. The other half of his speech covered the alleged violations of the Honor Code last spring and the resulting investigations. He explained these matters in detail and at great length. In answer to a question about what inspired the recently reported changes in administration of the Honor System, as directed by the SA, the Supt stated that these measures were necessary in order to prevent a destructive Congressional investigation. He also acknowledged the influence of societal changes in attitudes throughout the country toward these matters. He gave assurance that all relative questions and problems are being met head on. Again, he is optimistic about the eventual outcome.

Judge Hardy Dillard of the Intl Court at the Hague was one of the 5 arbitrators appointed by Queen Elizabeth II of England to arbitrate a boundary dispute between Argentina and Chile last fall. The UK was named arbitrator in a 02 Treaty of Friendship between Argentina and Chile in the event those 2 countries could not reach agreement over the sovereignty of a group of islands at the southern tip of S. Amer. In 71 the parties agreed to invoke the 02 treaty and turn the dispute over to the Queen. The oral arguments were heard in Sept and Oct in Geneva. Hardy says the Queen's role is chiefly nominal and symbolic as the matters are handled exclusively by the foreign offices of the 2 countries involved and the UK. The tribunal traveled to S.Amer last Mar. Hardy says the islands in dispute are beautiful country and the people are mostly sheep raisers.

Peter Hains attended the Olympic Games in Montreal as VP of the Intl Union for Pentathlon and as the head of the jury which decided questions and claims regarding abidance by the rules of competition. Of interest is an incident involving a Russian named Boris Onischenko who competed for his team in the epee fencing event. The weapon used by each contestant was equipped with a small electric light at the point. The light would burn to register a touch. Well, Boris modified his foil by connecting the light to a switch in the grip so he could cause the light to flash without actually making a touch. When the jury discovered this alteration, Peter saw to it that Boris was removed

from the competition. Peter also believes it is time to infuse new blood in the activities of the Olympics in which he has been involved. So he is resigning his membership on the Bd of Dir of the U.S. Olympic Cmte and will not run for reelection to other positions. He expects to be free to travel, fish, play golf, garden and just loaf.

George & Kitty Finnegan went to their San Mateo house in Feb for a month's vacation, but Kitty promptly came down with an unknown malady which laid her up for 3 months, in and out of the hospital. Fortunately a remedy was found and she is now recovered. While in CA, George attended the Malins' golden wedding reception in Monterey and later they both were among those present at the Class luncheon at the Naval PG Officers Club at Monterey. Others present included Ray & Mae Coombs, Cam & Elizabeth Du Val, Walter & Betty French and Harry & Betty Van Wyk.

Onto Bragan had a rather rough summer with an operation for a spot on his left lung, but is now playing golf and bowling again. Doris Kirkendal reports that John has been ill for several years. He is in the Gulfport VA Hosp where he gets excellent care. Their daughter Tami is married and has 2 children. Stubby Stubblebine says that in addition to having arthritis he had to have a complete knee replacement last Feb. Although it knocked the dickens out of him then, he is now feeling great. Hannah Hawkins reports that all the '24 Class in San Ant are young, clever, smart, kind and beautiful.

Bob Ellsworth spent some time during Aug at Las Vegas which he describes as a grand spot but which he left dead broke. Doretta Murphy repeats her invitation to anyone passing her way in TN and says her farm is always open. It includes many lovely places to camp where privacy is assured. Helene Ely reports that her son Mike, who is in the Foreign Service, has returned from station in Rome and is now in DC with the State Dept. Tommy Holmes and Lucie visited Hinsdale, IL, in Jul for the wedding of their 4th granddaughter. They have 5 granddaughters and 5 great-grandsons. Also, Tommy's cookbooks are now on sale at the Smithsonian Inst Bookstore. Mark A.H. Smith is still a director of the Burke Herbert Bank & Trust Co. in Alexandria, VA. He is also on the Bd of Trustees of the Warren Memorial Hosp in Warren County, and holds several positions on 5 of the hospital cmtes. If he is being paid for all these jobs, he should be pretty well off.

Fifty-two classmates, wives, widows and guests attended the annual Class party at Ft Myer on 16 Oct. The affair was as usual a great success. Unfortunately, however, the only out-of-towners were Doug & Kitty Smith. Others who had made reservations had been forced by one calamity or another to cancel out.

More about the Cary King-Martha Conrad wedding mentioned in the last bulletin. The West Coast chapter of the Thundering Herd assembled at Monterey on 29 Oct to honor the happy couple. Twenty-eight attended, headed by Pres Tom Malin and Gwen. Also present were Harry & Betty Van Wyk, George & Kay Vaughn, Cam & Elizabeth Du Val, Pat Stebbins, Walter & Beth French with their guests, Bill Gilmore (USMA '25) and wife, Onto & Maxine Bragan with their guests, Bob Holmes (USMA '43) and wife Jane, Joe & Margaret Kilty, Carol Lloyd, Ray & Mae Coombs, Sam & Emo Fisher,

and Don Conrad (USMA '63) and wife Diane. Ray & Peg Raymond from Escondido were delayed en route, arriving the next day. Regards and best wishes were received from the following unable to attend for various reasons: Busbey, Stika, Cameron, Strother, T.D. Roberts, Finnegan, Goodman, Regnier, Strohecker, Keiler, Loomer, Carpenter, Briant Wells, Julie Justice, Ruth Robins, Gillette, Stephens and Zach Moores. The DC chapter takes this opportunity to offer its congratulations and best wishes to Martha and Cary.

George Cameron recently suffered a stroke but is recovering nicely. Onto Bragan was operated on recently for lung cancer but is now well. Gus Regnier needs constant attention of a heart specialist. Keiler had cancer of the prostate surgery and is facing another period of hospitalization. Julie Justice had one successful ear operation and another is scheduled. Dick Stephens is home again after another serious hospitalization.

Harry & Betty Van Wyk have completed an extensive trip through many countries in Europe. The spring meeting of the West Coast chapter is scheduled to be held in Santa Barbara with Sam Fisher in charge.

Wally & Dot Merrill got back in Sept from visiting their daughter in Paris where she is married and living with her French husband. They enjoy Paris but report that the inflation is terrible and do not advise spending much time in the city. They also drove to Nice and visited Villa d'Este on Lake Como for a few weeks where Wally played golf.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mildred L. Moore who died on 25 Sept at the Walter Reed AMC. Interment was in Arlington. Most of the classmates in the DC area attended the funeral. A floral tribute from the Class was provided.

We also regret to announce the death on 30 Sept of William H. Arnold who passed away at the hospital in Lake Forest, IL, of pneumonia following several minor strokes. He was buried at Ft Sheridan beside his wife Elizabeth who preceded him in death by only one month. The Class made a contribution to the WP Fund in Duke's memory.

And also it is with deep regret that we announce the death on 24 Nov of Madelaine Miller, widow of Bob. Death followed a period of hospitalization at the Beaumont AMC for cardiac insufficiency. Graveside services at the Ft Bliss National Cemetery were attended by the 3 children, Robert Jr., Mrs. Patricia de las Cuevas and Mrs. Adrienne Perner, as well as Peter & Mabel Shunk, Bill & Frances Reardon, Pat & Dotty Digan, Hank & Annie Frierson, Ernie & Ora Merkle and Pete & Helen Shumate. The Class provided a floral tribute.

# '25

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The biggest Class affair this fall was the ceremony dedicating the Tulley Gate at Ft Belvoir. There were enough Tulleys (at least 3 generations) to make a crowd, not to mention the DC contingent of classmates plus the Myers from Chesapeake City (125 miles). Shiek Grayeb as a grandparent supervised the "small fry" who all seemed to have the Tulley friendliness and very much at ease with all of us. Dave really must have done a good job of selling as this problem of the

badly needed 2d exit and entrance to Belvoir had been fought over for several years.

The outstanding bit of news was the happy letter from the E.L. Johnsons stating that after a year or more of illness and loss of sight, Johnny and Genevieve both were enjoying the best of health and were now able to drive the car, visit relatives and friends and really circulate. This letter greatly encouraged us although our combined problems were much greater. It appears that we may get our 2d cataract operation taking final care of plus new glasses by spring.

The Withers and D.S. Burns merger with all members of both families present for photography and several days of visiting together in and around the area was the biggest family (2) get-together we have ever heard of. More details on this in our next letter to all classmates.

From the Nutters we learned that Dolores is entered in Colo Coll where she can keep up her skiing and skating (nearby) plus a college curriculum she likes.

From Tucson a letter from Alice Tulley with memories of the gala affair at Belvoir in Dave's honor. She is apparently enjoying her fine home in Green Valley, AZ.

The Baileys have been enjoying FL for many days and report playing a lot of golf among other things. Versa & Swede Underwood are happy to have their family back in the States and were getting lined up for a big Xmas with all present for the first time in some 6 years! Also Swede has added a canoe to his inland fleet of small craft.

Frances & Red Long are in residence at 19 Clearview Court, San Francisco, CA 91131. Incidentally to you all—please refer to your copies of the ASSEMBLY for both 75 and 76 in which we have entered the various changes of addresses which we have received.

The Johnsons added that son Douglas ret. from the AF after 20 years of service to accept an attractive offer from Texas Instruments and that son Bruce is enjoying his tour in Europe. Betty Westphalinger enjoys the life in the El Paso area group and Bill Nutter spoke of sitting next to her at a recent dinner party.

Audrey & Duke Gardner have apparently jacked up their fine mobile home for a rest, and after some 65,000 miles of touring in this hemisphere over the past few years are now basking in the CA sun at their Beverly Hills home.

Mary Lou and Mac McManus still in their beach home in Rehoboth but scheduled for a visit in FL before the winter season here is over. Henrietta & Pete Liwski report that their grandson Jimmy is doing well at WP (a plebe) and that they are planning to visit DC for the 10 Jan 77 meeting.

Evelyn Sears writes their family news, i.e., daughter, Nancy Nottingham, and family have moved into their new home at Mary Ester, FL close to the Air Base and not far from Eglin Field and also Pensacola. They enjoy a fine view of the Intra-Coastal Waterway. Ralph went down to see them and while there visited with Sue & Hayden Grubbs at Shalimar, FL. Ralph still eats grits and red eye gravy! Evelyn has always written their letters and Ralph OK's them with a "Me Too" endorsement.

Florence Cleland will be off to Korea to visit the Kenneth Kaiser School on 6 Jan 77 (see Jun issue of ASSEMBLY). She will present the first awards in memory of Joe on 15 Jan. Hopes to visit in San Fran going and coming and plans to see both Joey

Cannon and Randall's daughter, Jean. Expects to make WP in Jun.

Charlotte & Lit Roberts have news for our next letter to classmates (probably the last of Jan 77). Mary & Marcel Crombez still hoping for Mary's recovery from her accident nearly a year ago. Mercelle & Bud Hankins write from Paris re one operation each (see newsletter later). They are on their way to the Cannes residence from which they promise to write more details. They move around a lot, going to Germany for their medical treatments (3 trips lately). Bud always reminds us that he keeps busy with his "boule," swimming, hiking and art work.

Dollie Pheris plans to move to a condominium on the edge of the golf course in Apr—in the meantime she's still at home at "The Green," RFD #2, Weems, VA 22576. Tel: (804) 438-4471.

The Xmas letter from Bessie & Bruce Clarke reports that Bruce still has a lot of time on the road speaking at various Army installations and visiting friends en route. Bruce completed his 4-year tour at The Engr School (Belvoir) in Jun (occupied the GEN Douglas MacArthur Chair of Military Science). Our Class Godson, Bruce Jr., still in Austria; David in Panama; Gordon in Korea; only Lisa here in MD. Hopes to have all back in the USA in 77.

We usually call Robertson from Carol's but since we couldn't go anywhere (except Walter Reed) at Thanksgiving we had a lot to make up for during our few days at Xmas and planned only one short visit to neighbors while enjoying the Xmas snow and keeping close in.

Hoppie (our treas) suggests we remind you that his first name is "Armand," not "Harmand"—a misprint in the ASSEMBLY notice! Bee & Chas Cavelli plan to fly to Ocean Spgs, MS, for the holidays with daughter Susan and family and to celebrate the first birthday of their son John on 27 Dec. They spent 3 weeks (Sept) in Denver area enjoying the most beautiful autumn colors in the aspens, scrub oaks and Colo spruce. They are planning HI after the holidays.

The Toms happy to report that son David is well located in the USAF PX system, daughter Raye Liz still in Fleet St but no longer dining in the best places due to cut-backs and soaring food prices! Son Llellyn landscaping around Devon and Somerset. Ray in his electric wheelchair and trying an electric ioniger to assist breathing. Agnes busy improving house and garden as usual and transformed an old swimming pool into a covered patio.

Jean & Soap Suttles apparently resting up for their planned trip through the West then on to HI for a month or so. Mildred Smith busy as usual with golf, bridge, bowling and walks and thanks God each night for her good health. Planned to go to Columbia, SC for the holidays with son Carl and family—his children now teenagers. Son Wayne Jr. ret. in Aug and daughter Cecil graduated last May from college. Son Bob has 2 fine girls in college and so goes life in the 2d and 3d generations. We enjoyed the entire Smith family when we lived close together at Ft Dix.

Sylvia & Bill Gillmore had a good year fishing in the spring and summer in northern CA and plenty of golf near home. Daughter and families all well. Optimistic about the New Year (as always). In conjunction with holiday greetings Bernice & Ed Garbisch

send a replica of "Fruit and Flowers" from the National Gallery of Art.

We congratulate Ann Damas for not changing her address as so many have done in the past 2 years—she is still Shangrila Lane, Middletown, RI 02840. She sent a beautiful colored picture of children and families skating in a lovely park area.

And another message from HI—Bee & George Helmick still worrying about that Army-Navy Game (don't we all!). They had a great Aug this year when son John's wife and family (4 children) came to spend the month with them (practically teenagers now). John was transferred from his position at Chrysler to Detroit so the family will now live in a cold northern climate for awhile. The Helmicks plan to come back to the mainland in May and Jun and look forward to seeing the rest of the family then.

The Dave Bradfords just returned from a 3-weeks "hardship tour" at the Hale-Koa hostel on the Ft DeRussy area. They made a 3-day quickie visit to Maui where they saw Loni & Ernie Holmes—made the trip by hydro-foil and flew back. Saw the Frank Steers in Honolulu. The USAA travel agency sponsors tours. The Ft DeRussy Guest House is a 14 story bldg including a PX and Class VI store nearby. Son Bill has been a Lt Cmdr and is quite active in the local Reserve Unit.

We were still getting holiday letters when we left a couple of days early to beat the snow in northern NJ. About 98% of the Class appears to be in most excellent health and "living it up." Relief to hear Minnie & Dick Clark (R.T.) admit that they had been slowing up in some of their activities! They know of no other '25ers in their area. Suggest they contact Mrs. Andy Barlow who moved from their area sometime ago to a rest home. They have enjoyed fine weather in the Salt Lake City area with only one light touch of snow.

We expect enough late mail awaiting us at home to make 76 Holidays a record.

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For such a great many years the Class of '26 has had the good fortune to have this column headed by the familiar name of MG Francis L. Ankenbrandt. Year after year, Anky has pulled together news of the Class and turned out a lively, readable and interesting account for each issue of ASSEMBLY. It is with great sadness and personal grief felt by his classmates that on 1 Dec 76 death suddenly claimed Anky without advance warning. He had played 18 holes of golf the day before and was feeling fine, when early on the morning of the 1st of Dec he suffered a massive stroke which quickly snuffed out his life. Ank was buried in Arlington on a clear cold day, at an impressive gravesite ceremony with full military honors. We shall all miss too much this good friend.

Until someone is found to take on the task of permanent Scribe for the Class I have undertaken to put together items for these Class notes in ASSEMBLY. The help and cooperation of all the Class are requested in sending along to me the latest news items about yourselves and your families and other members of the Class.

As reported in an earlier Class bulletin, our

new Class officers to take office on 1 Jul 77 have been voted in unanimously by a record number who sent in their ballots (save for modest abstentions by nominees themselves), validating the slate selected by the Nominating Cmte composed of "Admiral" Sims as Chmn, "Bud" Black, Bill Dean, "Red" Duffy, Ray Maude and "Spud" Murphy. We salute and congratulate our new "officers-elect": Vald Heiberg as Pres, Harry Storke and Freddy Munson as VPs, and Pick Collins as Secy-Treas. Many of the ballots contained notations expressing strong support of the slate; for example, Bill Burwell, "All good guys and wish them good luck"; Bill Creasy, "Superb slate"; Red Corderman, "An excellent group"; Hal Doud, "With hearty concurrence"; Al Heidner, "An excellent slate"; Roy Herte, "Leadership of the Class will be in good hands"; Church Hutton, "Fine slate"; Walt Young, "I sign proudly 100% YES." There was one notable dissent: Vald Heiberg crossed off his name for Pres and wrote: "I vote for Corderman!"

Red Reeder faithfully reports with his incomparable spirit and wit, on events at WP and "HOME PLATE," Garrison, which he now sometimes calls "Guillane-Barré-on-the-Hudson." Red has made marvelous progress in the terrific battle he has fought with truly indomitable tenacity in recovering from his mid-75 attack of Guillane-Barré. At Homecoming events last Oct, the best part of all for me was finding Red, with Dort, at the Army-Boston College football game, and having a wonderful between-halves talk with them. Both looked fine, Red was in great fettle, and it was an inspiring thing to see Red having come along so far since last Jun as to be making it to the football games. In one of his letters Red wrote, "I have one great factor in my corner: Dort, a great and wonderful wife. Without her, I'd be struck out completely." In another, "Please tell Sparky Baird that I saw 35 WP baseball teams in my time—maybe more than any other graduate—and no 2d baseman could ever cover ground or make the double play like he."

From Vald Heiberg: "Evelyn and I have decided to spend Xmas in Mexico, so we have signed up for an AAA-conducted tour flying from Tampa to Mexico City on 18 Dec, from where we will make numerous excursions including a 3-day visit to Aca-pulco, where we will spend Xmas Day. This is our first visit to Mexico except for the usual raids of border towns."

Betty & Harry Storke have been "travelling people" in the past year; in their words, "touring and visiting, going 'round and 'round," including ME, DC, and Washington State, IL, Brooklyn, MD, DE, FL, WP, of course, NC, and for most of Jan to the Caribbean aboard the MS Kungsholm.

Dick McMaster adds to the earlier account of a cruise to AK, during which he had "many '26 reunions with Peg McKinney who was travelling with Jane Bender, widow of BG Jim Bender, Citiadel '26, on the Sun Princess and the 5 jets to and from Vancouver. The trip was out of this world. A train trip up the Yukon Trail through Dead Horse Gulch to Lake Bennet, topped by sourdough stew of moose meat. Aboard ship in Glacier Bay, seals looking us over from perches on the floating ice, Juneau, Skagway and Sitka where carpenters were getting \$35 an hour." Dick also wrote of attending the Army-Tulane game, "with a huge pre-game party for 250 put on by the WP Society of the Gulf Coast; adding to the excitement

were our girl cadet cheerleaders (it having been announced over the loudspeakers at the game that 'our girls can do more push-ups than yours, Tulane!')."

Last June Week the affairs of our 50th were made much more smooth and pleasant by the efficient, attractive and helpful wives of our Class aides. A note received from Sheila Shaler deserves sharing with the Class: "The warmth and generosity of the members and ladies of the Class of 1926 in sharing your 50th Reunion with us made it a unique, totally delightful moment in my life—one that I shall treasure each time I wear my bracelet or see the bowl you gave me. How unexpectedly tremendous it was—and how I thank you for the opportunity to experience it!"

Hazel & Bill Bayer did a great job (and a whale of a lot of work) designing, ordering, and distributing the 50th Reunion bracelets. At year-end there were still 4 available and uncommitted, which Red Corderman has taken over—if anyone wants one just let Red know, along with a check for nine dollars.

Paul Carroll writes: "This Monterey Peninsula area is a fine place for ret, owing principally to the all year round favorable weather. There are a horde of military retirees in the area."

We were distressed to learn that Deane Davis, husband of Marjorie (Conzelman) Davis, suffered a heart attack in mid-Sept. After 6 weeks in the hospital he was home again but still under his doctor's close supervision. Those of us at the Reunion thoroughly enjoyed having Deane participating with us, together with Marjorie, her son, COL Peter Smith Conzelman of the Class of '53, and his son Clair Conzelman, our only Class grandson currently at the Academy. The Class wish Deane a rapid and complete recovery. Deane, who served with great distinction as multi-term Gov of VT, wrote in warm and typical style immediately after the Reunion "to express my deep appreciation . . . to the members of the Class of '26 for the privilege of attending your 50th anniv. . . . It was an historic and most enjoyable occasion . . . the members belong to a very close-knit group. . . . It was most educational to get a glimpse of the Academy life as it now is and to be reassured that despite press indications to the contrary, the Academy and its notable Code of quality still is alive and doing well. I enjoyed, too, the expression on the faces of some class members who did strive mightily to remember me, and when that failed, to suddenly remark 'Oh yes, of course', lying in their teeth for courtesy's sake, as gentlemen of honor should! It was a wonderfully organized and managed affair. . . . With deep gratitude I say thanks." Marjorie wrote: "For Deane and me, including our plebe grandson made the visit to WP a special joy." [To which your Scribe adds particular pleasure in this family group participating in our 50th with us, since "Conz" of '26 was my roommate, and his son Peter a classmate of my son Rodney.]

Bob Broadhurst finally joined the ret. ranks this year, having topped off his long C.P.A. business firm career with 3 years as a full member of the LA Tax Commission. Mimi and he report a busy year, with much travel and family get togethers, "liking ret. more and more." They flew to the Reunion by private jet—2½ hours to WP. Remember Bob's invitation for classmates to be his guests at the Army-Tulane game in the New Orleans Superdome in October? Bob wrote: "We ended up with 5 classmates and 4 wives—

Anky and Connie, Jack Doyle and Effie, Johnny Johnson and Muffet, Bill Creasy (Lillian was unable to attend), Mimi and me. We started with lunch Sat noon . . . continued with the game (ouch!), and then dinner, in a Skybox at the Superdome Sat night, and ended up with breakfast on Sun. [Ed: We wonder, was all that non-stop?] Anky was so lively and full of fun. . . . I am thankful that the 5 of us had that get-together. Anky and Connie celebrated their 18th wedding anniv while there."

In previous notes, the 50th wedding anniv of Big & Bob Nourse, Hazel & Paul Carroll, and Gen & Spud Murphy were reported. To these can be added the 50th for Babe & Tom deShazo and Ted & Marvin Peck. The deShazos wrote: "The highlight of the year was the marvelous 50th wedding anniv reception the 3 children gave for us on 12 Jun. Friends and relatives from near and far warmed our hearts by sharing the joyous occasion. Wish all of you could have been with us!" Ted Peck wrote: "Our daughter Frances Dickens and Lou, Marvin Jr and their spouses gave a beautiful 50th wedding anniv celebration for us on the day, June 12th—it was a gala affair. That evening Marvin & I entertained at dinner the 43 relatives who came from AL and GA to help us celebrate—wonderful!"

Babe & Tom deShazo, as is their custom now, escape from the cold of DC in Winter Park, FL, where they "are enjoying good health and good weather." Tommy rubs it in a bit with "FL is great! I have a promising crop of tomatoes and strawberries blooming, and many beautiful flowers. Come on down." He adds "Babe and I visited Beth McNaughton in Monterey. She has designed and donated a graceful assembly patio in memory of Ken and their grandchild, Erin, at St. John's Chapel in Monterey. It is beautifully located in the garden between the Sunday School and Church."

Peg McKinney writes: "Maybe I have turned the clock back a bit! I joined the FL Cultural Student Exch Prog. The result being, come late Jan I shall be getting a teen-age foreign student to live with me. The prospect has me busy preparing and anxiously anticipating." We also have another interesting item about Peggy. Last fall she wrote to ask if she could possibly get another 50th anniv pen, which she highly treasured, but had lost when she "foolishly took it with me on a trip when I should have left it safely at home." I mentioned this at a DC group luncheon with classmates, whereupon Morry Nelson whipped out his anniv pen and said "Please send this one to Peggy with the warm regards of the DC classmates." This I did immediately, in my letter mentioning that I had earlier lost my pen on a trip, then when I got home turned my case upside down, and out it had dropped! A few days later a letter came from Peggy: "Your letter and Nellie's pen received. What a lovely surprise—but you are going to be surprised when you hear what happened! When I read that you had found your pen after shaking your briefcase, I decided to look through my bag again—this time I lifted the fabric holding the bottom of the bag in shape and there was my pen! You can picture my surprise and delight. I am writing Nellie and returning his pen—how much his thoughtfulness and generosity mean to me. Marvin truly has outstanding classmates!"

The mails continue to bring in enthusiastic comments about how much those present enjoyed the 50th Reunion, and how much those

who could not be there appreciated receiving the material about the reunion sent out to them. Examples: Flossie Strickler: "How considerate the Class of '26 to have sent to those of us who couldn't be with you, the reunion booklet, pertinent news of the meeting and the lovely pen. Memories of our years in the service with such wonderful friends are very warm and rewarding"; Frank Miter: "Truly a most memorable occasion—if I can I will make the next one too"; Don Booth: "We'll long remember the superb Reunion"; Jimmy Burwell: "Our 50th was such a success . . . Marcy and I enjoyed it very much and have no complaints or changes to suggest. We are looking forward to the 55th. Health permitting, we'll both be there"; Paul Carroll: "I repeat what I said to Red Corderman about the 50th Reunion—we all owe a load of thanks for the time and effort expended in making it such a success. Every detail was perfectly arranged . . . again, appreciation from Hazel and me for the many things done for us . . . it was a wonderful get together"; Bill Dean: "Johnnie Johnson came by for a short visit. He too feels that the Reunion was near perfect"; Pinky Burns: "The Reunion was great and we feel so fortunate to have been there"; Esther Andersen: "I was delighted to receive the Reunion booklet and all enclosures"; Timmy Daniels: "Wish I could write to each one of '26 who have been so kind and thoughtful to keep us widows informed about the 50th—I'm so grateful. Certainly was the next best thing to being there with you. My family and Danny's brother enjoyed reading all the details and it meant a lot to them"; Bill Deyo: "My thanks for the goodies. The anniv booklet was especially well done and I was happy to tell Keith so. Regret that because of Ethel's health we had to cancel out on the 50th. . . ."; Ted Peck: "Marvin and I appreciated sending all the bulletins for him to 'speck,' and the reunion book with all of the write-ups of each one of the Class—of course we read each word with interest and were so sorry we could not attend the reunion"; Johnny Roosma: "Our Class has enjoyed 2 wonderful reunions plus developed a Class spirit second to none. I feel lucky to be a member"; Egon Tausch: "I'm very grateful for the completeness and variety of the good poop on our Reunion. . . . With great nostalgia I've read it all and studied the signatures of those attending, and of course the biographical sketches all well done by Keith Barney, and finally, appreciated the beautiful photo of the Pershing Room—I'm sure many had wondered what it looked like, as I had"; Johnnie Elliott: "A large package of USMA '26 50th Reunion material arrived by stagecoach today to our delight. We wanted to see everybody, but just couldn't make it. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the present remembering the absent"; Red Duffy: "A huge success and thoroughly enjoyed . . . the program was what it should be for a 50th reunion. It's really amazing that after 50 years one can see a classmate and feel that no time has passed at all. At least that's the way I felt toward many"; "Mac" McFarland: "A very memorable reunion"; Ted Wenzlaff: "It was wonderful seeing so many classmates after all those years. . . . The program couldn't have been planned better."

Betsy & Hal Forde had a busy 1976: ". . . A Feb trip to Death Valley . . . camping with the Jolleys (daughter Ann & husband John) is a gourmet's delight: Crab Louis Salad, Filet Mignon for dinner, Eggs Benedict for breakfast. In Apr we visited San

Diego and went to look at Rancho Bernardo . . . we liked what we saw, enquired about a possible move. The '26 Reunion was an outstanding experience for Hal. Afterwards he visited a WWII comrade in DC, and went on to FL to spend a few days with Ev & Bill House. In Jun we sold our house in just 30 hours, Hal made a quick trip to Rancho Bernardo, bought a condominium . . . the next 30 days were hectic. . . . Just a month after moving we left for Betsy's family reunion in Cheyenne . . . total of 34, aged one to 72. . . . Back in CA . . . new friends . . . new activities. We love our new location. A year of surprises and fun."

Mal Harwell calls attention to the fact that Kay and he: "have 14 grandchildren," which appears to put them in a tie with the Plummers and Connie's and Ank's 14.

Doris Jones Salisbury writes: "Are we ever enjoying the wonderful package, with 50 years of news bringing yesteryear up to the present! What a time-consuming project it was, but how rewarding, to give so many so much pleasure. Think of our country celebrating its 200th birthday and we have known each other a quarter of that time! Lincoln III leaves for his new assignment as CO of Fort Kobbe, Panama. Our best to all, and thanks so much for the lovely pen—I'm using it now."

Apropos of that anniv pen, for which Freddy Munson is responsible and gets the credit, it has received innumerable favorable comments. Kathy says it's THE BEST ball point pen she's ever seen, and refuses to write with any other pen.

Emmy Sloane writes that: "Charles is about the same"—he is in the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto, CA, getting around in a wheelchair.

Hazel Toftoy was in DC late last summer visiting her son Chuck ('58); she was then putting the finishing touches on her book about Ludy, which we're looking forward to and hope it gets published soon.

We report with much sadness that Jimmy Van Horne died on 12 Oct after a brief period in the hospital at Ft Lauderdale. He was buried at Arlington on 15 Oct with family and classmates from the area present. Mary wrote a letter saying "thanks very much to all the Class members of '26 for the beautiful wreath of flowers." She will continue to reside at the same Ft Lauderdale address, at 2735 NE 14th Street.

Further grief came to our Class with the death of Jack Ryan on 8 Dec at Walter Reed Hospital. Jack had been going up to Walter Reed periodically for treatments; returning there after Thanksgiving he took a sudden turn for the worse. He was buried at WP on 10 Dec. Lucy telephoned to thank the Class for sending flowers. At present she remains at the same address at 5200 Brittany Drive South, St Petersburg, FL.

Betty Bowen wrote "Please express to the Class my appreciation for the lovely flowers. Bill would have been so pleased. Luckily, Bill was not ill long. He was in the hospital only 4 days. I am grateful that God spared him a long drawn-out illness. We did enjoy the Reunion and had many happy memories of it. The services at WP were with dignity and it was a beautiful day. It will be a peaceful resting place for Bill who was so proud of WP and his classmates."

The New York Times carried a fine write-up of Bill, referring to him as one of the nation's most decorated soldiers, including the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal,

Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Yangtze Patrol (Navy), and other awards.

From Lucy & Pinky Burns: "The Burns' story for 76: From mid-Apr until Aug we spent most of our time in Arlington, VA, due to Bob's mother's illness. We want to thank our classmates in the DC area whose company and hospitality gave us so much pleasure in the 'midst of worry and frustration'. . . . We returned South on 1 Jul and were at Hilton Head for our granddaughter's wedding—Susan Duncan married Rex Kern, a VMI grad, on 3 Jul. . . . Bob's mother died 20 Jul at 96. Back home in Aug we celebrated Pinky's 74th B-Day with a party for 150. On 24 Sept we received word that Bill Bowen had passed away. . . . and went to Columbia to try and help Betty. She was marvelous! The service in the chapel at Ft Jackson was beautiful. Pinky McDonough flew over from Atlanta, and Harry Johnson was there en route to DC. In Nov we went on a cruise to the Virgin Is, celebrating our 49th wedding anniv. Then Xmas in Hilton Head with our daughter. We wish for all a happy 77. Ret. and Old Age is not for Sissies!"

Virginia & Red Corderman, with Hazel & Bill Bayer, took off at Xmas time from Tampa on a 16-day Caribbean holiday cruise.

Remember the standing ovation given at our 50th Reunion to the reading of Hal Brusher's letter of nostalgic memories of cadet days? When Hal received the Reunion material he wrote: "The description of the '26 Reunion meetings affected me considerably. All I can say is—thank you. Congratulations to all for the painstaking Reunion task. Now, gird your loins for the 'next one.' I've always wanted to be the 'oldest living grad'—my next objective. Best wishes to all."

Early in the year Esther Andersen wrote: "Sorry I cannot made the Reunion. I'm sure it will be a big and good one. But my doctors (a mere 6!) said no to such a longish trip. I'm sorry for I'd love to see everyone." In a recent letter Esther wrote: "About my health. . . I have learned to cope, am down to one doctor and see him only every 2 months. . . . Go to and give parties as before and am dubbed Perla Mesta!" Now that is real progress and good news!

From Harry Johnson: "Terribly disappointed in not being at the 50th—I had been counting the days—guess I'll just have to wait for the 100th! Dick McMaster gave me a blow-by-blow report. The poop sheets sent out to us absentees were superb. . . . I'll probably get out of the hospital in a few days." [This was late last summer.]

George Hickman writes: "Your total package of 'our 50th' is filled with gems. . . . what expert planning. . . the booklet with Keith's superb, fascinating biographical material. . . all are top flight. It must have been a memorable and fascinating reunion, and what an intensively entertaining and nostalgic package to those of us who were not able to be there."

And Churchill Hutton: "What a superb job was done to put across the 50th and make it such a booming success—Red Corderman, Keith Barney and all deserve the thanks of the Class, and certainly have mine."

On 27 Nov there gathered at our house, for lunch and to watch the Army-Navy game on TV (the score was promptly forgotten) classmates and wives of the DC area: Carleen & Admiral Sims, Sparky Baird, Herb Ehr Gott, Helen and TEP Barbour, Ida McGeehan, Lucile & Morry Nelson (and 2 bright and attractive grandchildren of theirs), Ada

& Pick Collins, Lucille & Leon Johnson, Edwina & Tom White, Louisa & Walter Stanton, and from Charlottesville Frances & Churchill Hutton with their son Powell from DC. As always when classmates and families get together, there was much fun and talk and reminiscing of better football days, and also a lot of cheering of this Army team, and never mind the score! Still, as Red Reeder wrote a few days after the game: "Scores for the last 4 years: Navy 138 points, Army 16—that must tell us something!"

Excellent snapshots of fellow classmates and wives have been received, and I'd hoped to get some in this issue of ASSEMBLY, but unfortunately, while beautiful colored pictures, their soft definition would not reproduce with the clear detail which black & white photos give.

Just received from Connie Ankenbrandt: "Please express my sincere gratitude to the Class of '26 for the lovely flowers that helped brighten that dreary day. You know only too well Ank's loyalty to his Class and to West Point and to his friends. Wasn't it a blessing that he had his wonderful reunion last May!"

As a final word, these happy observations from our Cadet First Captain, Ray Maude: "Our Class has something few classes can enjoy. We were small in numbers and most of us really knew almost every other classmate while we were cadets, and our friendships have grown ever since in a way not possible with large classes. I will never forget 26-29 May 1976—certainly a superb and happy 50th. Incidentally, I thought we were the youngest and best looking group of 50th Reunioners I had ever seen! Could I be biased? [ED—Absolutely not, Ray! Not a classmate could be found who disagrees with you!]

With extremely sad and heavy heart we report the death at Walter Reed on 12 Jan of our close friend and comrade-in-arms, Keith Barney, after a short illness. Keith's tremendous contribution to the Class' 50th Reunion in the time, effort, ability, wit and rapport with his classmates, which went into his writing of the biographical sketches for the Reunion Booklet, stands in the hearts and minds of all of us in the Class as a permanent last monument to his memory. Keith was buried at Arlington on 14 Jan. The condolences of all the Class go to his widow Frances, and the family. Her address is 312 N. Lincoln St, Arlington, VA 22201.

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This has been a period of great personal loss to us all. Five more have passed on. As you probably noted, the death of our Herbert B. Kirkpatrick, a real stalwart of F Co., was cited in the "Last Roll Call" of the Dec ASSEMBLY as occurring on 6 Aug at Columbus, OH. We have no further details.

The 2d death was that of Meta Fooks, beloved wife of our Nelly Fooks, in Oct, with burial at Grace Church where they were married, at Cismont, VA.

On 9 Nov at Walter Reed Hospital, our William P. Pence lost his long fight with cancer. The funeral service was at Ft Myer Memorial Chapel, 12 Nov, with interment in Arlington. Pallbearers from the Class were: Burgess, Collins, Hines, Lillard, Lowe, Miller, Matthews, Shaw, Sterling, and Zwicker.



1927: In Honolulu (L-R): Jo Martin, Jennings, Hocker, Betty Hocker, Hutchison, lone Jennings, and Martin.

Bill and his Bert had long been a beloved couple in the DC area.

Then on 30 Nov, in his apartment in Arlington, John M. Sterling died unexpectedly although heart difficulties had been present for some years. Jack was cremated, and his ashes buried with graveside service in Arlington on 9 Dec. Jack had been a loyal member of the DC group.

The 5th loss was that of George Van Horn Moseley Jr, on 6 Dec at Montague, MA, apparently the result of an unexpected heart attack. Interment was on 9 Dec in the Old South Cemetery, Montague. He leaves wife Mary.

The deep condolence of the Class is extended anew to all survivors.

A very moving letter arrived from CA just before deadline. Chubby Roth reports that "Louise & Dike Deichelmann were in San Fran over Xmas. They visited Big Basin State Redwoods Park nearby to see the 2 redwood groves they have given to the State Parks System in memory of their sons, Sam, MAJ USAF, MIA VN, and Steve, CPT USAF, killed in a mid-air collision. These beautiful living memorials are a project of the Save-the-Redwoods League, whose goal is to protect and extend the public ownership of these trees for posterity." The action of the Deichelmanns in the donation of these memorials must impress us all. Let us hope that a new, purposeful Congressional committee is organized, one that will go after the MIA problem with force and effectiveness.

The Fall Luncheon of the WP Soc of DC, held at Ft Myer's Patton Hall 5 Oct, was a convivial gathering, highlighted by the



1927: Masculine quartet on Ahina Street (L-R): Hocker, Jennings, Hutchison, Martin.



1927: Rose (L) and Nelson at Homecoming.

presence of LTG Sidney B. Berry, Supt, as guest speaker. He did a superb job in his coverage of the honor code situation, reporting that he felt "the spirit of the Corps has been unbroken... they continue their superb performance and carry on a great tradition." He further stated that the women cadets and the Academy are learning and adapting to each other, that the women who graduate with the Class of '80 can be the finest women officers in the Army. Present from '27 were: Asensio, Miller, Sterling, Lowe, Pence, Collins, Matthews, and Lillard.

Ray Bell continues to hold the Class record, ahem, in peregrination. In Oct he attended at the NWC the reunion of the Class of 1946-47, the first class at the college—and the first to think of a reunion! There he saw college-mate Ralph & Dotty Zwicker and enjoyed GEN Al Gruenther as the luncheon speaker. Following the reunion, he flew to Maxwell AFB where he failed to get in contact with Dike Deichelmann, "busy at a fair." Then came a few days in Birmingham and a "pleasant visit with Mary & Ty Cobb." He also visited Trussville, AL, and "had lunch with our ex-classmate J. Alton Williams, mayor of this very progressive town." Ray followed the Oct report with a near Xmas letter and a Jul picture of him and Pachynski. Ray also said that he had just returned from 18 days in Rio de Janeiro, which he describes as "one of my old stamping grounds, plenty of sunshine, beautiful beaches, and a superb golf course." He added, "I think world travelers are missing a good bet by not exploring S. Amer."

From Dot & Blair Garland came announcement that they were heading for FL "after

the last home game as usual," and enclosing that photo of the Woods taken at the Army-NC game when Stu and Mary had driven up to join the Garlands and go up to Michie Stadium.

Jack Hines states that Buck Wiley, ex-27, and wife Catherine were in DC around 27 Oct, visiting a sister locally and a son in VA.

Did your sport pages in your local papers, on or about 27 Nov, make mention of the City of Phila honoring 13 players in the Army-Navy game of 26, at Soldiers' Field, Chicago, and did they include the comment of Merrell Whittlesey, Wash Star writer, of that game being "conceded to be the most memorable of the 77 service classics, and one of the greatest football games ever played?" If so, you learned that our Gar Davidson was there, both as a player in that game and as a later WP coach. Gar was briefly quoted as making some sharp remarks about present-day college football—but no forecast on the latest Navy game.

The events of the summer for the Hawaiian Hutchisons principally were those associated with their fine 2 weeks in Germany, visiting son LTC Joseph Hutchison and family, CO 1st Bn, 81st FA. Included were some days in Heidelberg, looking over the old stamping grounds, and "feeling like standing still" on the autobahns when being passed by the speedy German drivers. Included in their return was a stopoff in DC area and then a visit with son Charles Jr. and family in Birmingham before returning home. Hutch then reported on affairs on Oahu. One welcome meeting was that with Irvine Paris, ex-'27, who lives in Kona, HI, but whom



1927: Four Reunion smiles in Honolulu (L-R): lone Jennings, Betty Hocker, Esther Hutchison, Jo Martin.



1927: George and Linda Bender in Honolulu.



1927: Mary and Stu Wood at the Army-NC game.



1927: Bell and Pachynski at Mill Valley.



1927: Rothenberg in Sept (L-R): Vald Heiberg, Dot Garland, Evelyn Heiberg, Blair Garland.

Hutch had not seen since kaydet days. Another significant meeting, as pictures show, was with Paul Jennings, ex-'27, and wife Ione. Then George & Linda Bender made a trip over from GA, and the Hockers from CA. Visitors got together with Esther and Hutch and George & Jo Martin.

As George Martin commented on the above Honolulu appearances, "It's wonderful to renew old friendships after so many years. We have so much in common. We feel it has been like a preview of the 50th." George also mentioned seeing Ev Bixel, she being there visiting daughter Gay and avoiding the DC's wintry blasts. Oh, yes, by the way, you AUSA members doubtless read George's latest amusing article in Army. He goes write along, ahem.

Mac & Jean Miller enjoyed a trip to Ft Knox over Thanksgiving to visit son CPT A.M. Miller IV, "Rusty," and his wife Carol. Mac particularly enjoyed noting the changes at the Armor post over the "some 19 years" since he was assigned there. They also found the new Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor "well worth the visit." Their return trip was one of driving frequently over snow and ice, the result of this winter's early storming, "slithering" a bit, but they made it!

Chris Nelson got in his welcome reports of his doings and those of the San Ant group. He was at the Homecoming, seeing there Bernie Rose, his wife, and his granddaughter, and Wink Ehr Gott. His later Xmas report included his opinion that our gang in San Antone will be well represented at the 50th. Hooray!

A few notes from Xmas communications may be passed along for info. Betty & Woody Hocker of CA had done 4 weeks in the Orient, including that stopover in Honolulu for the first time, which had included the Hutchisons, Martins, and Jenningses. Jans & Bob Turner of VA reported spending 2 weeks in Mexico and 1 at Myrtle Beach. Harry & Peggy Paxson, NM, are "still actively busy with amateur radio; have switched over to 'esoteric' experimental transmissions on low frequencies." Dotty & Blair Garland, with their traveling mates Evelyn & Vald Heiberg, apparently passed Xmas in Acapulco, Mex. Everyone, we hope, was getting in good New Year shape for that Big 50th which is getting closer by the minute!

You will have received Woody's Bulletin No. 5 ere this. Things will be shaping up for the Reunion; it is hoped that we will have the biggest turnout ever! This will be the time to start really concentrating on those thrilling dates of 1-4 Jun. Whether you fly, drive, or bus from Ft Myer with the scribe and spouse Lucile, it won't be long now!

But don't forget to dash off something to the scribe for the next Mar column deadline! Be seen' you!

# '28

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Stu & Dottie McLennan have abandoned CA and moved to 722 Windrock Circle, San Antonio, TX 78239. Hal & Wini Half have moved to 422 Eagle (Lakeway), Austin, TX 78734, Tel: 512-261-6503. Hal says this is a resort community in the hill country near Lake Travis and a golf course; and all who live nearby, or are passing through, are invited to visit their new home.

Buck & Kitty Wiley, and Jerry & Toni Smyser visited the DC area in Oct. It sure was good to see them and the many gatherings they inspired were most enjoyable. A most notable one was the '28 party given by Ralph & Ruth Butchers at their home in Vienna, VA. Present, in addition to the hosts, the Smysers, and the Wileys, were the Cralles, Cummings, Gavans, Haskell, Maxwells, Raymonds, W.D. Smiths, Tottens, and Jean Lane. After returning to FL, Buck reported that their trip East was of the best, with visits to family and friends, as well as the '28 gatherings. The Smysers trip, leaving St Louis on 7 Oct; going to Bedford, MA, visiting son Craig (Class of '57) and 3 grandchildren; then Albany, NY with an evening with Dave & Shula Traub; then Princeton, NJ for a stay with Jim & Nancy Green; then DC; then home (via Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, and Salisbury, NC); arriving 25 Oct.

A Xmas card from Carl Sturies extended greetings to all of '28. Carl said that he is still going but losing steam (I wish I had half of his head of steam). Also had a Xmas note from Win Titus (Amateur K6ART Radio, in case anyone is interested) saying that he had some expensive tooth trouble and a bout with pneumonia (10 days in hospital in late Sept-early Oct and a month at home to recuperate) but now feeling just great. That is good Win and do take care.

I am happy to report that Skip Seaman continues to improve. He sent me some gleanings from the many notes and cards he has received. From his ranch, Corral de Tierra in CA, Jack Hinrichs reported that the weather was too dry and the cattle feed too costly. Blondy Saunders reported that Jo is holding her own. Will & Ann Tunner have recovered somewhat from the Guatemala earthquake; their home there has been rebuilt but it will be early spring before they return there. Bob Butler from up MA way keeps busy with his wood carving and Carola with the running of the Centerville Historical Gift Shop. The Wilkinsons took a 53-day cruise by freighter in the Mediterranean from late May to mid Jul. Myrtle Billingsley keeps busy with settling Bill's estate and travels (Lake Placid, Bermuda and thinking of a winter sojourn in FL and a spring visit to CA). Bob Flemming still has his eye trouble and depends on Ruth to be his "seeing eye"; will see his doctor in Jan for the decision on operations. The Harbolas made a recent trip to New Engl and the maritime provinces of Canada. Skippy says beware of the rough waters between Bar Harbour and Yarmouth, N.S. Ruth and I can vouch for that, having made the same trip some years ago. Skippy and the other football veterans of that '26 game in Chi received special invitations to see this year's game (50th anniv and all); but neither Skippy or any of the other '28ers could make it. A good game to miss, I think.

I had more news from Paul Perry. He was married on 29 Aug to Dolores Wunder of West Germany. Paul says that her optimism, youth, and good spirits have already added 10 yrs to his life. The newlyweds are at home in Coronado, CA. Paul's recent Xmas carillon recital in Balboa Park marked his 30th anniv as official carillonneur for San Diego. Newspaper writeups of this were most kind. And lastly, Paul was recently selected as "the most deserving citizen of San Diego in the area of Cultural Integrity and World Harmony." Hearty congratulations from '28.

The Somervilles reported that they visited CO, NM, and AZ for 2 weeks, returning home in early Oct. Had dinner with Bob & Beth Browning in Tucson. Since, Dunc has had some eye trouble, and Din some oral surgery. Do hope all are now well.

Jim Lamont had some very serious open-heart surgery at NIH on 23 Nov. All went well and Jim flew home to Asheville on 1 Dec. Take care, Jim, and have a most successful recuperation.

A fine 1977 to all.

# '29

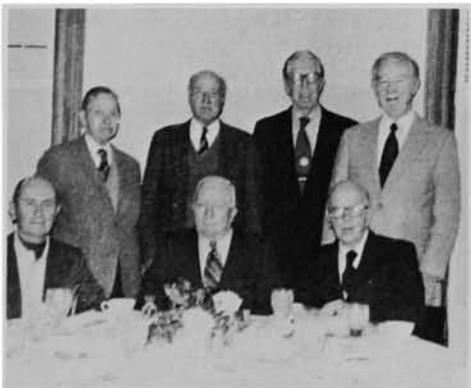
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Please note above change in Scribe's address for future contributions to this column.

Bat & Jan Carns came East from Pebble Beach, CA, just before Xmas for a family reunion of their 2 sons, 2 daughters, and all their families. Shortly after their arrival Bat and Jan went "down country" in VA to visit some old cavalry friends and promptly came down sick. They got back to DC all right, but when I talked to Bat on the phone shortly after, Jan was still plenty ill, although Bat himself was ambulant. I didn't get to see them and never did hear how their health or the reunion turned out. They were returning to CA 2 days after Xmas.

John & Mary Lee Hammond reported 2 trips in their annual Xmas letter: a Caribbean cruise in Dec 75-Jan 76 from Ft Lauderdale, on which they met Tony & Fran Costello; and a 2 weeks jaunt in Europe (Switzerland, the Rhine, and Holland) in summer 76. In summer 77 they plan to go to Europe again, this time to Scandinavia and possibly Russia.

Jack Horton, from Austin, TX, reports he and Virginia were unable to do much traveling this year other than Virginia's usual visit to DC and a couple of trips to points in TX for DAR & DAC meetings and Jack's flight to Vandenberg AFB for an AFA meeting. Son Wilmot is keeping busy with real estate and property management, while son John graduated in May from U. of TX in Bus Adm and has moved to Dallas where he is starting a banking career with the Republic Natl Bank. Helen Poinier still lives in Austin and made a trip last summer to Spain and Portugal visiting friends made when Norm was MA in Lisbon. Mish & Martha Roth say they went to Panama to spend Xmas with son Bill, stationed there.



1929: Washington Committee meeting, Army-Navy Club, 8 Dec 76. Standing: Caraway, Nichols, W.J. Thompson, Conner; Seated: Wentworth, Lindsey, McKee.



1929: Class Luncheon, 29 Aug 76: Clockwise around table: Jones, Wentworth, Lindsey, Caraway, Calloway, Bowyer, Reilly, Vickrey, W.J. Thompson, McCulla, Lynde, Strauss (photographer).



1929: Class Luncheon, 29 Aug 76: (L-R) Calloway, Reilly, Thompson, Wentworth, Bowyer, Lindsey, Vickrey, McCulla, Sykes and Lynde.

Bill Vestal (super-scribe) reports as follows: "San Antonio's 29ers Xmased everywhere: Freddy & Martha Smith visited their son in FL; Tiny & Caroline Jark are reported by Billie Greear to be visiting children on the West Coast (via Las Vegas), but decided to pass up HI, the apple of their roving tourists' eyes; Hunt & Anita Bassett were with dau and family in Dallas; and Roy & Josie Cuno ditto in Wichita Falls. Roy is now an H&R Block grad and will enjoy your business; Roy sez 'Get the best.' Marilou Hammack had her '#1 pre-war son Bob,' per her phrase last report and family here for Xmas. Phase uno of home remodeling finished, she's revving up to give a big party at the Ft Sam Club late in Jan. Zeke & Libby Napier spent Xmas here with a dau and family at Randolph AFB. Zeke is delighted that they are building a 'second-career' home just NE of Randolph. Billy Greear has announced his ret. as of 15 Feb after many yrs as City Manager of Terrell Hills, bedroom burg of San Ant. Don & Martha Keirn built a home at Mt Dora, FL, but came to San Ant about a yr ago. They plan a 2-wks visit to Mt Dora in Feb. Don & Margaret Van Meter have a new mailing address as of 1 Feb: 300 Hot Springs Rd, #211, Montecito, CA 93108. After eye surgery and a Jan check-up they go to their ret. home, ensconced on a huge estate. All

of us are enjoying the San Ant 'winter,' but same does have its casual days of drizzle to accent its normal clear and cool (32-68) climate. For a figurative arm and a leg, plus a 9½ yr old Chevy, Vivi & I have a 77 LeSabre, 665 lbs lighter and 10 inches shorter than those old 76's. Should be all set for an escape in Aug from the San Ant humidity, almost as bad here then as DC, Eglin, or Orlando, to name a few. There is a gang missing from the above: Moore, Poorman, Beynon and Steiner. I've gotten zilch from the 4 in the past, but will crank out pleading letters for the next report. In any event, to you and yours, and all '29ers everywhere, a healthy and Happy New Year."

Your DC Cmte held a meeting at the Army-Navy Club on 8 Dec 76 at which our Fuhrer, Jupe Lindsey, gave his report on the opening of the Class of '29 Gallery in Eisenhower Hall, WP. The Cmte commended Paul Caraway for his proposal of the Gallery as the Class Gift for "Project 50."

The DC Area Class Stag Luncheon was held on 29 Aug at the Knoll House and Army Distaff Hall, and the annual Class Cocktail-Buffer with the ladies was held again on 20 Nov at the McNair Room of the Ft McNair Officers Mess. A good attendance turned out and a fine time was had by all.

#### In Memoriam

Jack Seward's beloved Allie finally lost



1929: Class Luncheon, 29 Aug 76: (L-R) Vickrey, Sikes, Jones and McCulla.

her courageous fight against myelofibrosis, a disease of the bone marrow, on 19 Oct. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack, Allie's sister and their 2 sons.

Johnny Theimer reported the death on 20 Nov of Robert G.H. (Bob) Meyer at Arcadia (?), CA. His wife Lee planned a memorial service and then to take his ashes to Arlington for burial.

# '30

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Dear Gang:

Although you won't see this until Mar, it is written on New Year's Day 1977 and brings with it not only my warm personal greetings to all hands, the hope that this will be a year that treats us all decently, and some cheerful grist from the Xmas mill.

The notes from hither and yon include a variety of items, mostly on the good side, although it is my regretful duty to report another fallen file; Mac McCoy gave in after a long fight with the "Big C" on 12 Oct. We in the DC area at that time were glad we were able to be on hand with Polly and several of her relatives for his interment in Arlington on a gentle slope overlooking the Potomac, just the sort of resting place Mac would have liked. Pete King gave us the news and joined us for Mac's final rites, also attended by Ray & Charlotte Brisach, George & Sis Duehring, Max & Amelia Janairo, Dick & Louise O'Keefe and Sid & Mary Wooten. It was also sad to hear from Thad Broom that Ethel died in late Sept. As a result he has moved to an apartment nearer their children; the new address: 5200 Quarry Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

A cheerful letter from Betty Allen informed us that she has decided to stay on in their home in Satellite Beach. One married daughter lives nearby in Indialantic and the other in Quantico, which makes family visiting easy and pleasant, very good for Betty without her beloved Bill. Happy Brooks reported that he and Lonie had another good year, mostly traveling to such varied spots as Bermuda, the FL Panhandle, Las Vegas, the National Parks of UT and a week at "Hale Koa," the Army's guest house on Oahu that is, from all accounts, a most charming place and not very expensive. Jim & Libby Curtis are enjoying the happy excitement of building a new home, the plans for which were drawn up by her architect father and completed just a month before his death a year ago. An interesting sidelight: When Libby was clearing out his home in Greenwich she found her grandparents' guest book and noted therein the entry of "Guy V. Henry, Capt. 12th Cavalry, 21 July '04." That distinguished soldier was later Chief of Cav and, as we all know, father of Mary Howe, and this delightful bit of serendipity was duly communicated to Ham and Mary. The Curtises hope to move into the new chalet by the 1st of Jun, after which the address will be: "Lime Rock," 3 Cedar Walk, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Jack & Lillian Dudley were among others who spent some time traveling last year, the highlight an 18-day trip to New Zealand. Because of the International Date Line they left Auckland one evening and were back in L. A. the afternoon of the same day! Small world, indeed! Jack still teaches 2 days a week and they greatly enjoy plays and concerts at the L. A. Music

Center. Jack Gordon, who was physically ret. in 49, then had a long association with the Lone Star Brewing Co., from which he ret. in 70. Living in San Ant, he reports occasional contacts with Happy Brooks, Tommy Dunn, Johnnie Kilborn and Wendell Langdon. John & Lola Greco, in their move to Poway, found themselves not too far from Bill & Wilma Perry, and were able to get together for a drink or 2 to celebrate their first contact since graduating! Ham & Fran Hamlett found their nice place at Hilton Head was getting too big to handle and have disposed of it in favor of an apartment in Charleston. The new address is: 330 Concord Street, Charleston, SC 29402. Ted Kimpton has officially ret. from his full-time teaching job at Bethany College, but still conducts classes in French there and at another nearby school on a 2-days-a-week basis. Phil & Frances Kromer took a Thanksgiving trip to visit their 4th daughter and newest grandchild—"number 13," says Phil. They "hope to have a grandson in WP next year, and one of the granddaughters is seriously WP minded!" I think Phil will agree that at this juncture my best comment is: "No comment." From Cayce & Mollie Odom: "We are anticipating a quiet holiday season, since we have no plans for the young to gather at our fireside this year. We are maintaining a state of alert to go to Darien, CT to help welcome the arrival of a new grandchild that our daughter Mollie is promising most any day now. We are still enjoying our simplified living plan here in TN; running back and forth between DC and Signal Mt was just too dislocating." Howie & Jean Quinn, after their big S. Amer venture last spring, spent a quiet summer at home redecorating their house, had a lovely 10-day trip to New Engl in Sept, and in Oct went to Phila for the American Port meetings. They stayed at the now defunct Bellevue-Stratford but, happily, suffered no ill effects from that strange malady that seemed to pick on American Legionnaires. More travelers: Hank & Mayme Royall took 2 major automobile trips this past year. The first was to WP for June Week and then on through New Engl into the eastern Canadian provinces. And in the fall they set out on a cross-country tour that took them to the far NW, with "a most joyous night with Jerry & Alvine Pospisil in Lincoln, NE en route." Their trek then went on by boat and car-ferry through most of British Columbia and back to Tacoma. Says Hank: "On these 2 trips we put a total of 10,616 miles on the old 71 Plymouth, miles that make one want to sing 'America the Beautiful' continuously and pray that God will continue to bless our bounteous land. It is easier to love it if you see it." Sentiment? Yes. But what good, solid sentiment from 2 of our staunchest members. Echoes may have drifted to some of you that Dolly and I had a bad automobile accident while traveling in France in Sept. 'Tis true, alas; a near head-on collision that laid us up for 8 days in the hospital in Saint Tropez, I with a skull fracture and Dolly with a fractured rib. We are thankful to report complete recovery and no permanent damage except to the exchequer; French hospitals are very expensive, even by American standards! And on our way south in early Dec to take up our officially permanent abode here we had the great pleasure of over-nighting with Al & Anne Watson in their charming home in Sea Is. As always, their gracious hospitality—extended also to our

elderly keeshond—was a boon to weary travelers. They both look extremely fit, enjoying their frequent golf, Anne her beautiful needlepoint work, and Al taking up whatever "leisure" time he has with Boy Scout activities in SE Georgia.

**Financial note:** The Class Fund continues to hold at just over \$800. And the Memorial Fund, thanks in no small measure to a generous gift of Sun Oil Co. stock by Fergie Ferguson, has now topped the \$15,000 mark. As we approach the 50th Reunion year of 80 your Memorial Cmte, chaired by Pete King, will review all the suggestions that have been made and consult with appropriate officials at WP as to the form that our gift should take. Until next time, this is 30 for '30.

# '31

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It is with great regret that I start this column with some sad news. I have to report the death of Merle Fisher in San Ant on 15 Oct. Merle had returned from the hospital and was stricken with a heart attack. Many of the classmates in San Ant attended the funeral.

Jack & Petey Gordon had an Army-Navy party(?) at their house. Among those attending were John & Mary Anne McGee, John & Florence Sullivan, Charlie Densford, Hector & Mildred Truly, Jimmy & Marge Stroker, Al & Kay Greene, Harriet Humber, Kay Daley, Grace Mayo, John Feagin with Mrs. Jefferson, Leo & Clara Belle Cather, Harry & Mary Ann Candler and, of course, Jack and Petey. They were supposed to have a meeting after the party to discuss Class business. I guess the score drove many people away before the game was over. There may have been other reasons why business was not discussed. Jim & Lil Maloney write that hunting, fishing and golf are still as usual in Boise, but the weather has been cool there this past month or so. It has been about the same in DC.

Dick & Lucille Danek were in NC in Sept and visited Dick & Pres Jewett for a delightful evening. Big Swede & May Carlson attended May's high school reunion in May at the Rock Is Ars and had a good time visiting the old quarters they were living in some time ago. Chuck & Helen Westpheling report a fine year visiting family and friends on the East Coast this summer and look forward to another banner year in 77. I have been acquainted with another error in the address list. George Hartman writes that his wife's name is still Louise. So please add that to the list. In case you run into a lake that is hip deep in plastic worms, George says that his factory is now making 275,000 a week. He does say that if anybody can invent a biodegradable worm, he will buy it. Sambo & Virginia Sams stay well and enjoy visits around Indialantic with the Cassidys, the Dishmans and the Lashes (only half a year). I had a nice letter from Deke and after I finally managed to decipher and read it, I found that his trip was a good trip, but he managed to see only one classmate, A.J. & Alice McVea. Unfortunately, A.J. mentioned that there was work to do on the farm, so Deke stayed only one day. I did gather from the letter that Deke had a bit of trouble with his Air-stream. Bill & Ella Mae Woodward really enjoyed the holidays since they



1931: Dick, Hardick, Troxell, JJ Davis, and Decker at Gibson Island, MD, 7 Oct 76.

were enlivened by visits from the children in Atlanta. Ted (now recovered with flying colors) & Nina Parker are in Tucson for the winter. I imagine that being in Tucson and reading the daily Blatz from Albany giving the weather there would be a very good tonic for most anything that bothers you. Dick & Pris Jewett keep busy seeing classmates around about; visited Fletch & Ann Cole and OZ & Allison Tyler at somewhere—I think the letter said it was at Cashiers party. They had lunch with Bill & Helen Cassidy and Bill & Charlotte Train. They had dinner with the Trains and Little Swede & Jo Carlson at Grove Park Inn. And as I mentioned before they had dinner with Dick Danek. Pris said that the Carlsons (Little) have sold their home in Hendersonville and have gone to Cape Cod for a few months. Speaking of OZ as I did just above, I hope that you know that his epic poem about Osceola has now been published and from the foreword from Prof Mahon of U. of FL, it is a very sympathetic treatment of the Indian Chief.

Chet Young says he has the same knee trouble as Jack Gordon but he will be repaired in Jan. Chet and Imogene are looking forward to seeing their daughter and family being very close to Annandale in Ft Belvoir as son-in-law Jim has been transferred from Bragg. Helen Irvine is still managing the Thrift Shop at the Presidio and keeping busy. She also said that if and when I saw Deke to say hello for her. So there it is Deke. We had quite a few photographers at the Reunion and Bill Chandler was one of them. He just wrote me to say that he had used slides for his pictures so he didn't have any pictures to send me. So maybe next time. Pac & Fay Pachler note they see various classmates down FL way at various luncheons and such, including the Bells, Skidmores, Workizers and Rodenhauers. Mopey & Polly Perry are recovering from an auto accident in East Lansing. There were no great bruises, but Polly had her right arm in a cast and Mopey had some rib bruises. Mopey says they drove 25,000 miles this past year in their trailer and then got clobbered almost within sight of their home. Their 77 plans include FL for now and then a swing through the West to end up in Lansing next Sept. All this in a new car.

George & Tommie Speidel are spending Xmas and New Year visiting in Mexico. Hugh & Kay Harris keep busy with their motor-home trips, golf, fishing, hunting and entertaining and visiting friends. If only there were 25 hours in each day, maybe we could get something done. Things are going well on the West Coast for Gin & Chet Diestel, who see Herb & Vesta Mansfield and Bill &

Betty Chandler quite frequently. I haven't heard anything about the golf games out there recently.

You learn something every day. I have just received a letter from the USMA Centennial Cmte, a society that celebrates the anniv of classes that graduated 100 years ago. No, we are not on the list yet. This year they celebrated the Class of 1876 and Tick Bonesteel was "Pres of the day" this year. Tick is a grandson of C.H. Bonesteel of that class. The letter went on to say that for next year, Russ Griffith is the grandson of BG King Hunter of the Class of 1877. If any of you reading this have any information on Russ Griffith please send it to me. Russ was an usher in my wedding and then was killed in an airplane crash. Howard & Marie Dudley state that the picture in the previous column was taken by Deke, so blame him if it doesn't look like them. I think I covered Charlie & Marcia Raymonds' trips to the Canary Is, the CG Academy, Plymouth, MA, and then a 6 day "bird watching" tour of the Cape Cod waters. An experience heartedly recommended for those who want to get away from it all. And you can count birds if you want to, 96 of them if you can count. Dick & Ruth Lawson are very proud that their house is being shown on the annual Williamsburg Xmas House Tour. So for a while they were doing all the things around the house and yard that they had been meaning to do for years. Dick and Ruth made a trip to OR and had dinner with Chet & Virginia Ott.

Skid & Billie Skidmore are now in the re-ret. group, Skid having given up teaching this past year, and are now planning a trip to HI this spring. We had nice cards from Ben & Ginnie Turpin and Fred & Val Berg, both with some glowing words of praise for the Reunion. Marcellus Duffy sent me a clipping about the death of Ed Wallnau in Sept. Ed was connected with the Picadilly Hotel, when we were at the Academy. Marc also mentioned that his daughter Michelle had just been graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the Maine Military Academy and Marc pinned on his 45-year-old 2LT bars for the commissioning. Klemm Boyd had



1931: Charlie and Cora Densford

a golf get-together in Oct on Gibson Is. Warren Hoover, Clyde McBride, Benny Kreuger and Fred Warren played the slowest foursome that has ever been recorded on the course, very close to the Guinness record. Trick Troxel, Bill Hardick and Klemm played a very nice game and had time for an hour's refresh of the game before the others came in. Bill Dick, Johnny Davis and Ted Decker came in for lunch and for the 19th hole. I submit a picture that shows some of them at the club. I also have a picture of Charlie & Cora Densford taken at the Thanksgiving dinner at Pipe Creek.

Wouldn't it be nice if some time after you had read this some of you sat down and wrote a little card saying how you are and what you are doing these days. If one hundred of you write, we will just about take up the next issue of the ASSEMBLY.

Happy New Year to all of you.

'32

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Well, last news last! Many thanks to all for Xmas greetings and particularly the newsy notes from Gale & Gary Hall and Isabel & Harry Porter. Gale and Gary had just returned from 2 wks in AL with Gary's brother. While there they drove to Anniston to see Pinky & Carrie Bess Smith and found them looking great and Pinky improving steadily. Gale was elated with the great success of a total knee replacement Gary had last fall "as a guest of the Navy at their hospital in Orlando for 5 wks." He no longer has constant pain and his leg is completely straightened. Their youngest son George is pres of the Wilshire Insurance Co. in L.A. and they hope to visit him in 77. They plan a trip to San Ant this Jan where they hope to see classmates and a stop en route to see the Wrays. The beginning of a busy year as in May, Gale will attend the 50th reunion of her high school class at St. Mary's in Leavenworth and they also plan on making the 45th. Gary's new hobby is genealogy and he recommends it highly... so far he has found 7 Revolutionary War ancestors and is now a member of the S.A.R. (Gale is a D.A.R. but so far can only prove one ancestor—a private from ME!?! Pinky & Carrie Bess Smith were planning on spending the Jollies at their daughter's home in Richmond and also some time at the younger daughter's home in Fairfax. Gale also wrote that the Seawards had flown to San Diego to spend the holidays with their eldest son, Rusty. Kit had most of her aorta replaced at Dr. De Bakey's Hospital in Houston last fall—another miracle like Gary's knee.

The Porters' annual report included their trip to Perth, Western Australia, to visit daughter Paige, and husband Stuart for 3 wks and then a few days in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney... traveled the Southern and Northern Is of New Zealand in 10 days and then on to HI for 2 wks of reminiscing, east to San Diego and up the coast by car to San Fran, visiting old friends on the way. Returned to MN middle of Mar and in late May went to Burt Lake where they stayed until late Oct as they decided to do some remodeling on the cottage. They purchased a new townhouse in Apr so they can spend summers at the Lake w/o worry of yardcare. New address is: 5839 Hyland Court Dr, Bloomington, MN 55437. A hand-

written note told us they expect to be at the 45th.

Lou & Mary **Coutts'** "chronicle" began on the sad note of Mary's mother's death on 14 Feb. Mary and her sister traveled to the graveside services at Jefferson Bks National Cemetery in St. Louis where Mary's dad and brother Bill are buried. They then drove to her mother's home in Kennett, MO, and stayed 7 wks going through yrs of memories and finally, exhausted, they headed for CA where Lou had been juggling 2 homes, 2 gardens and 4 cats. In Jul the clan gathered at the home Mary's grandfather had built when her mother was 3 yrs old to help sort out keepsakes. Kathy, Erin and Ian from Leavenworth, Mary and Peter from Italy, a niece and family (5 in all) from San Diego and Lou flew in from Walnut Creek. In May daughter Mary and husband, Peter, experienced some trauma (as did the **Coutts** in Walnut Creek) when the disastrous earthquake struck Friuli Province in Italy where Mary and Peter live. Frantic telephone calls and cables finally reassured Mary and Lou that all was well. They plan a trip to Italy this coming summer before Mary and Peter leave for a new assignment and also were planning to spend the Xmas season with daughter Kathy and family... but no word about the 45th!! The news ended with their "split personalities"—not knowing whether to be Missourians and/or Californians, or whether to keep the old homeplace in town. They are keeping the farm in MO and say "You all buy cotton, you he-ah!"

Dot & Rush **Lincoln** write that Debbie graduated from Trinity and works for a bank in Boston and Rushie is a sophomore at Colgate. Ed & Miriam **Simenson** say thanks for the good work for the Class of '32. Every year Ed sends me an Executive Planner with his name and address embossed inside. It is a most complete type of reminder for a busy business man. I try to live up to it. Thanks again!! Billie **Howarth** writes everything is fine and Beverly is still in DC and Shirley in MI. A note from Charlie **Murray** indicates he wants to be included in the attendance at the 45th. Apparently Charlie has missed or misplaced the bulletins per his note.

We were fortunate in having our son Bill fly home for Thanksgiving weekend and for the Xmas holidays. We had a surprise call from Barbara & Pete **Hinshaw** on Xmas Day and happy to hear them sound so well and happy. They had made the "circuit" in the fall visiting the scattered families. Jody is enjoying being the "Colonel's Lady" at Ft Hood (can WE be that old?), Molly and husband are in Atlanta and Freddie is going to Boston U. to get his master's. How time whizzes by!!

The dinner party the evening of 9 Oct at Ft Myer was well attended by **Baers, Bessons, Davidsons, D'Orsas, Gillettes, Gavins, Hunts, Horners, Iseleys, Jamisons, McCawleys, Sinclairs, Sundts, Woolnoughs, Red & Janie Smith** and **Joslin Morris, Bedie Keating, Roscoe Huggins** and **Joe Gill**. **Ward Gillette** did his usual remarkable and artistic table decorations which were admired by all. It was quite a task with all the rain that fell about that time—Ward waded through rain and mud to select flowers and bring them into the "mud room" to dry out with electric fans. Each table had a very beautiful arrangement. Ward and Mary Ellen never fail to come through with a magnificent accomplishment each dinner they host.

On 16 Oct **Jay Morris**, son of **Joslin** and **Luke**, married **Beverly Ann Blair** at the Church of the Pilgrims in DC. The wedding was impressive with many attendants and was followed by a very large reception at the Pisces Club in Georgetown. More recently, **Joslin** flew to Atlanta for a large party the **Duncans** gave at their home, and in a matter of days **Joslin** will take off for a visit with relatives and friends in Copenhagen, and then a short stay in London and a week with old friend in Inverness-Shire, Scotland.

**Helen & Archie Lyon** hosted a dinner-theater party 19 Nov for 12. The evening was a great success with a superb dinner cooked by **Helen** in their lovely home and then off to an amusing play at the Little Theater of Alexandria. Excellent performances throughout.

Sun, 28 Nov a Memorial service was held at Army Distaff Hall in DC for **Jim Cunningham's** mother. **Jim's** widow **Kay**, who later married **Bruce Scott '33**, was present along with **Jim Cunningham III** and **Jim Cunningham IV** and other members of the family. **Bobbie Sundt**, who plays the organ at the Chapel services every Sun at the Distaff Hall, also played for the Memorial services. Others representing the Class were the **Gillettes** and the **Lyons**. **Eleanor McCormack** had planned a small reception after the services but was taken ill suddenly and had to be hospitalized at **Walter Reed**. At the time of our Xmas luncheon with wives at Ft Myer on 9 Dec, **Al Gerhardt** reported that **Eleanor** was doing very well and back in her apt at Distaff. Several of the gals had brought everything from gingerbread houses to angels to Santas to Xmas trees to add the holiday look and those present included: **Bessons, Mary Cain, Davidsons, D'Orsas, Gavins, Ward Gillette, Grahams, Hansens, Hunts, Roscoe Huggins, Gills, Gerhardts, Joslin Morris, McCawleys, Pughs, Bob Schukraft, Sinclairs, Red Smiths, Sundts, Woolnoughs** and **Betty Wheeler** who drove over from WV. **Roscoe Huggins** drove to NJ to spend the first part of the holiday season with **Jo's** sister. Before Xmas he drove to WP for a few days and then back to NJ to have Xmas dinner and a few more days with **Jo's** family.

**Frank & Bea Besson** had a gala at their beautiful new home on 19 Dec. Service, cuisine and cordiality were up to the **Besson** standards. Sipping, supping and sitting around sharing the past, present and future made for a delightful afternoon. **Danny & Bobbie Sundt** had one of their fun-filled parties on New Year's Eve. A houseful of guests and so much in the way of liquid and solid refreshments, no one could want for anything. **Bobbie** entertained everyone with her terrific performance at the organ playing anything and everything requested. There was much singing and merrymaking. Their nephew, **Butch Robertson** (a MAJ) and his beautiful new bride, **Barbara**, added much with his singing and playing the ukelele. **Barbara** really is a bride—of only 2 weeks. A niece with her husband **Carl** and their 2 adorable daughters were houseguests, so relatives, classmates and neighbors all joined in the festivities. The solo singing of **Butch** silenced ex-tenor **Davidson** completely.

**Jack Price** in a letter to **Joe Gill** tells about his travels. Writing from MS, he had just visited Ft Walton Beach; next to Eglin AFB; thinking of summers at Sarasota; makes frequent trips to Colombia, S. Amer; and was en route to visit his daughter who is a high school teacher near Ft Worth, TX,

coaches the basketball team and **Jack** expected to watch her operate at 2 games he expected to see on his visit; then to San Ant to AF Med Cen to check osteoarthritis in right hip; then drive west to AZ and NM and gas with the Indians. In closing he said: "I like to move around. Every day is a new experience." We believe you, **Jack**.

**Andy Meulenberg** and **Ruth** have also turned into Nomads. In a recently acquired motor home they traveled 12,000 miles in 90 days. Visited following classmates: **D.B. Johnson, Benny Webster** and **Cal Smith**; **Bill Call, Ken Hobson, Norm Lankenau, Karl Scherer, Bill Moore** and **Frank Johnston**; **Torg Wold** in the Redlands, CA; **Ken Zitzman, Chuck Clark** and **Chas Longanecker** and **Ed Rowan** in San Antone; then **Rom Puryear** and **Leo Dahl** on the home stretch. Note the broad sweep started in Roswell, GA and in general covered the South, Southwest, Far West and West Coast. They saw dozens of highlights and didn't miss a National Park west of Denver. To him, our classmates all look well, happy and well preserved. He alleges this is due in no small part to the ladies. We quote: "Now more than ever we should appreciate what the 'little gal by our side' has done for us all thru the years." All visits were enjoyable and outstanding but one delightful aspect of the return was the visit with **Rom & Alice Puryear** to find that **Leo & Nancy Dahl** arrived just an hour earlier. He'd always known **Rom** and **Leo** had married sisters but had never met **Alice**. What a pair! and what a pair of pairs! They hope to tie in a visit on the "Eastern Tour" with their trip to the 45th. Their motor home "Our Folly" stands by waiting.

One added note is that **Mary Cain** took off on the spur of the moment to spend Thanksgiving with the **Fischers** in TX accompanied by "J.B." and was planning to spend a long Xmas holiday with her daughter and family.

Don't fail to fill me in. Happy 1977 to all! **Bill Davidson**.

The following is from **Ken Zitzman** in San Ant:

What better way to start the 1st day of our 45th Reunion year than by taking pen in hand (eraser in the other) to do my duty for the news west of the Red River. Got a call from **Dick Coiner** that **Stan & Esther Wray** had just flown in to town after a visit in CA with their 2 sons; one in an important position in UCLA, the other with the postal service. After cocktails at the **Coiners**, to dinner at the Argyle Club where **Stan** showed once again that he is as sharp as a tack after his mild stroke. Only a slight impediment in his eating hand, which can stand an occasional respite with no loss to **Stan**. Next day they left for a visit in Lampassas before returning home to FL.

Next evening to **Ann & Bob Blanchards'** (USMA '33) for a party honoring their house guests, **Tom & Ermine Hannah**. About 50 friends of the **Hannahs'**, all services, all classes, in what I would call a roving cocktail-buffet. Among '32ers were the **Godwins, McDonalds** and some whose names I forgot to record. Next stop for **Tom** and **Ermine** was Lampassas then back to S.C.

A week later, **Al** and **Norah Gerhardt** drove to town from Lampassas on their long motor trip from DC. Dinner chez-nous; they wanted it small but the quality was high, **Daveys, McDonalds** and **Godwins**. It was seated because **Pat** likes candles on the table and I don't want any coward to step out of

earshot when the conversation gets animated. The week after that, Beanie and Mary Ellis Goodwin hosted a fine black tie dinner at the Ft Sam Officers' Club—lots of interesting people to talk to during the cocktail hour, followed by an excellent dinner. The only odd thing about it was that no one was going to Lampassas the next day.

I don't know what's going on up there but I do know that it all started after Harvey & Dort Fischer moved there from DC.

Andy & Ruth Meulenberg stopped by toward the end of their 3 mos trip in their new motor home. Parked it nearby and had cocktails, victuals and election returns at our house with Charlie & Dorothy Longa-necker. Andy also wanted the Coiners but Dick was due for another heart check-up (happy ending, since) and the Rowans (see below) but it was a pleasant occasion even though all my candidates were monumentally unsuccessful in their search for office.

Cal Smith wrote from CO that there's not much snow there yet but it's so cold that they take the brass monkey in every night. Honolulu scheduled for Jan but Cal complained that the \$20 greens fees will eat up all his winnings from the friendly pigeons who fancy themselves as golfers.

We've had our share of hard luck out here. I always hesitate to write about such personal things, but when I do it's to cheer a classmate or one close to him who is coming out of it and to let them know we're all pulling for them. A good letter from Lou & Mary Coumts was the first I knew of Johnnie Bowen's medical probs. When we saw him in San Fran 18 mos ago, Johnnie looked the same as ever; cadet, WWII regimental CO, and then paratroop general. Later Johnnie wrote that after 2 tough mos in and out of Letterman, 2 major ops and a blood clot, all is on the up and up and he's returning to normal. With Reina there, he has plenty of incentive.

Maxine McDonald has had a tough go for the past month in Brooke General here. Tom visits her 3 times a day and when she expected to spend a couple of days home over New Year's, had to go back New Year's Eve. Again, she's doing OK now, and was cheered by the thought that dau Lynne, who has been visiting here, has just received a significant promotion from news editor of the prestigious *Houston Post* to Asst Managing Editor.

And it shouldn't happen to a nice guy like Ed Rowan but it did. Eileen can't get around very well and Ed does everything including the cooking. He's capable at it but while momentarily distracted, a pot of boiling cooking oil caught fire and Ed badly burned both hands disposing of it. Fortunately his home is 3 miles from the famed Brooke burn center and he got the best medical treatment available anywhere in the world. After various skin grafts from other parts of his body, he's well out of it, but anyone who walked through that ward as a visitor and talked to some of the pathetic cases there who should have been home for Thanksgiving, will never feel sorry for himself again. Tom Darcy will remember our insouciant slogan of cadet days, "if the jungle doesn't get you, the desert will." Roughly translated 49 yrs later, it means that if I become a basket case to-morrow, I'm still ahead of the game.

On a journey through nostalgia land to attend my 50th high school reunion in northern NJ, made the homecoming football weekend at WP. Spoke to Jim Boswell be-

tween the halves; same debonair guy who is his own best argument that life shouldn't be taken too seriously. He graciously accepted my unspoken offer of the 1st drink at our 45th in Jun. Next day, drove to Bayport, L.I., to spend Sun afternoon with Marion Burke, sons Andy, Donny and Jimmy, and dau Kathy visiting from the next town with her 7 mos old son. It was Jimmy, now a teacher, who kept Marion from participating in our 20th Reunion, although she and Ed had made all the arrangements and Ed was the gracious host with 17-yr-old dau Maureen on his arm. As you recall, Jimmy decided to enter this world at the WP hospital on the 1st day of our reunion.

From where I sit on the fringes of civilization, it appears that attendance at our 45th should be good. Many said in their Xmas notes that they will definitely attend and even some good guys in '37, viz., Kate & Stu O'Malley in St Pete said they would see us there during their own 40th.

All it takes is people for a good reunion, I always say.

What do you always say?

# '33

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"Our lives are waves that come up out of the ocean of eternity, break upon the beach of earth, and lapse back..." Austin O'Malley

Those words are part of a quotation which was read at the unusual and very beautiful informal service at the seaside home of Millicent & Bob Hain at Haleiwa, on the north shore of Oahu, HI. Bob died 22 Nov of lymphoma. Present at the service were the Darnells, Dolemans, Hallocks, and Hap Tubbs. A portion of the ashes, and a lei, were taken by surfboard by son Scott to a spot beyond a distant reef; the remainder were buried at WP, where Steve Fuqua made arrangements.

The quarter year just past dealt heavily with '33. By phone from his son we received word that Larry Merriam died suddenly of a heart attack while driving home from shopping (LaGrange, GA). Besides his son Nicholas he leaves his wife Wendy and daughters, Sarah and Wendy.

Steve Mack, who had previously had a stroke, died of heart arrest while watching a football game on TV, on 31 Oct. E.V., his wife, said she'd heard him cheering just moments before he died... A way to go...

Finally, on 23 Dec we lost Milt Summerfelt's lovely wife Val, who died of a heart attack following brief illness in TX. Services at Ft Myer, VA were attended by many classmates in DC as well as from more distant areas.

We do not send to see for whom toll those bells; all of us who have known with affection these friends and classmates, share in the sorrow of their families, and we know that our beachhead in this world is diminished by their departure from it.

Your normally garrulous Scribe is circumscribed, to coin his predicament, by news of some 70 among us; we'll tackle it in alphabetical order for reasons which will surface when/if you get to Zierath. Much of this is courtesy of Harry and Gracie Kings' Xmas cards.

Kay Bonner writes from Barbados, "Glad I got down here early—no autumn at all in

New England... Young Steve King (Elise's & Vic's son) still here at the Embassy..."

Jim Boswell says "Everything is copacetic with us. I'm back in real estate, and playing golf..." Billy Clarke spent Dec in Arl Hosp with multiple ailments; he's mending, his spirit unflinching. Doug & Lil Cairns strayed from Redlands (CA) to visit Mimi (youngest dtr) and Monterey, with golf at Ft Ord; may trip east but don't know when. Fred & Laura Coleman spent Aug in Carmel, visited Fred IV and wife Linda, golfed, saw Bobbie Meals, George Van Way ("hasn't changed one iota: handsome, slim, charming—and with a full head of hair"); saw also Ben & Harriet Harrel, couldn't find Jack Kimmel... "Ernie Easterbrook ('31) lives with wife Nancy (Stilwell); they just got back from 2-mo trip to China with her sister Allison... I asked about 'Little Joe' and Ernie said there had never been a trace found of the plane in which he went down en route to HI... While at Carmel we briefly saw Ed Schull, up to get out of the heat of Tucson."

Jonel Cowhey says, "I'm completely ret. and love it!" (New London, CT.) Good news of Joe (Brice) Crawford, whose Marjorie writes, "[We've had] a steady stream of houseguests... Brice is stronger than he has been for years... Dtr Anne, husband Phillip and their Brice here for Xmas—a busy, happy time..."

From Don & Molly Cubbison, "We're off in Jan to visit Ted in Nairobi, where he has a house. Hope to stay a month or so. Chris and Linda have just bought a house in St. Pete, where he is an asst city editor..." Ed & Dottie Doleman describe their visit to the Mainland: "Started out in ID visiting old friends, then southwards, visiting our 3 sons respectively still at Ft Carson, Santa Fe, and White Sands. Eddie fished all the way, catching at least one 'keeper' in each state... Visited Austin, Scottsdale, L.A., Carmel and the Bay Area, making our perennial search [for possible relocation]. It takes a lot to beat HI; only its distance and the leasehold system are against it. Here [Oahu] Eddie pursues his same activities, being frustrated by the govt, etc., Dottie working for Freedoms Foundation and other causes. We'll spend Xmas at Kuilima Hotel on the north shore. Hope to come east this spring." From Newport News, Chuck Dunn says that copies of his Anthology and Cookbook have run out but that he (Anthologist) and Cook (Dana) are still going strong. "Dana is now safely past the long, trying period of 'waiting and wondering.' I continue to progress with my avocational painting—have now reached the point where basic techniques come quite easily and naturally. Have recently sold 3 paintings (one on commission). We both continue actively in St Andrews Episcopal, Dana with the women's circles and I as chmn of our Pastoral Care Comm, with 7 action groups covering the areas of illness, bereavement, family crises, etc.—a great challenge. The pin/pendant idea for our gals for the 45th sounds great."

Bill & Helen Ely are spending Jan at the Whipples' house at Hilton Head, while the Whipples swing west through Reno to visit their architect son, then on to CA & TX.

Desertions from FL? Bill & Irm Fletter, "Westerners at heart," have bought a lot on Fox Is, "across the narrows from Tacoma," and are selling their home on Merritt Island. "Our family all on W. Coast... We want to be near them, though we've loved it here."

Mainiacs Maggie & Marty Frames' daugh-



1933: Class of '34 still learning from '33 (in this case, the time of day): (L-R) Brown, Renfro, Edson, Bucknam, Petty.

ter Marsha and family spent 2 months with them this summer, then took off for Japan. The Frames are thinking of Europe ("Marty wants to go to Ireland"). (And why not, the map of it having always been with him? Look up Bob Rayburn, Marty; and Tom Foote ('34).

Ruthie Gibb, "... a lovely summer. Sailed with my brother from Saybrook into Newport to see all the Tall Ships—a glorious sight!" "Son David Jr.," say Dave & Betty Gibbs, "is at Air War Col, so we hope to get that far East in Feb or Mar before he heads for distant parts. . . . Our move to AZ was a smart one—we're extremely happy here."

Pat & Rita Guiney had "young Cadet Schull (3d Classman) in for dinner the other day. Pat and Ted Schull were roommates, you-know-when. . . . Our son Pat III, a freshman at Dartmouth, is a line-backer on the Freshman football team and one of only 3 of his classmates enrolled in the recently revived ROTC program. Homecoming weekend here found '33 represented by Hurlbut, Boswell, Fritz, Lewis, Carver, Eyler, Bernard, Speiser, and Gott. . . . These assembled at Guiney House after the game for drinks and buffet supper prepared by Rita with much generous help from Connie Eyler and Lillian Lewis; bottled gifts also enlivened the festivities. The alumni march to Thayer Monument is getting downright embarrassing. '33 was right up in front of the line of march, preceded by only a handful of the walking wounded from the classes of the '20's. It won't be long before one of us is being pushed over to the monument in a wheelchair to lay the wreath in person." (Vintage Guiney, Pat! You sit in the wheelchair, your Scribe will push it.)

From Fritz & Dottie Hartel, the important word is that Dot's sight is better, being now partially restored; and they both looked great when we saw them in Nov. They've stayed in close touch with Charlotte & Kay Kaesser (below).

Frank & Holly Henley, up from Charleston, have divested themselves of their boat (doctor's orders for Frank's ticker), but Frank has lost none of his verve. He told us about his nautical friend who sold his yacht for 50 grand and promptly spent 10 of it on women, liquor, and riotous living, after which "he just frittered the rest of it away!" An interesting letter from Clyde Hibler brings us up to date. Notwithstanding a period of rough years, both physically and financially, "Due to a miraculous operation my sight is restored; thanks to the VA my heart seems to be coming along fine—I still expect to live to be 100. Since I've been unable

to work I've been working on a family saga which keeps me busy—I don't know whether the research or the writing is the more fun. . . ." Best o' luck, Clyde, and here's to your fighting spirit! Hurly Hurlbut, who claims your Scribe don't know how to spill Flungfani, reports receiving a most thoughtful call from Bob Cyr, in company with Jensen, Blanchard and Thorlin after midnite on his (Hurly's) birthday. Hurly requests all such calls be made an hour before dawn (he's more alert then).—And congrats, Polly & Hurly, on your 40th—you've a lot to show for it.

Speaking of Jensen, Walt says, "I'm not planning on moving to FL—just spent 4 wks driving thru it visiting old friends. Stayed with the Conways and had a grand time including 2 days of tennis with Ted, who's just as good as ever." (meaning what, Walt?) "My therapy has been to keep busy and see old friends. May come thru DC, possibly en route to Germany next summer. . . ."

Further word on our Jose Jiménez (-Velazquez), via Charlie Densford ('31): he's out of the Boston hospital (where last reported), back in Caracas. Charlotte & Kay Kaesser's long ordeal with his now-famous Guillian-Barré Syndrome is progressing toward a successful outcome: By telecon today I confirmed the good news that he is safely home (Cocoa Beach), that our classmates in the area have rallied 'round,, and the word is "We'll make the 45th!"

From Vic King by telecon we've word that his young grandson, Stephen Jr., has a clean bill of health following surgery at Walter Reed; that his son Stephen is being reassigned from Barbados to Costa Rica, and that the CT Kings are prospering.

Charlie & Hilda Leydecker swung thru TX visiting San Antone and "staying with the Ed Hales in Los Fresnos over Thanksgiving." The biggest current news in the Messersmith family is the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Mary to one Peter N. Louras Jr., in San Fran, where Jake & Dottie "hope to see some of the 33ers." Jake's regards to me "and Gracie" were noted with interest by June Sparrow and Harry King. . . . But she is a pretty girl, Jake! The prize for the year's most fortunate and fortuitous accident surely goes to Ole Olson who en route from Orlando to Seattle with wife Billie had a serious auto accident in LA necessitating removal of a kidney, which was then found to be malignant. Happily he's believed OK; he looked great when he came through here.

Jimmy & Joey Polk celebrated their 40th in El Paso (Nov) with a party given by son Jamie (pres of Property Trust of America) and his wife Mary, together with daughter Jodie and her atty husband, Jonathan Schwartz; many guests from the original wedding day attended, along with friends and relatives to include all 4 grandchildren. J&J commute frequently between their house in DC and small apt in El Paso. Jimmy still works for Vought Corp and is also pres of Army Emergency Relief. In addition to the Active Army, AER provides help to retirees, widows and orphans. Jimmy urges that all of us pass the word. Eligibles needing help should apply directly to the AER DC office. Chloe & Bud Powell were here fleetingly. Now residing in Winter Park, they may move to the Miami area.

Teeny & George Powers (the "limited edition" group) update: "Past 6 months tumultuous: All our kinder (& theirs) rallied for Mary's wedding; happily she, groom and Rick Torrett (?) are now stationed at Bliss.

Tom has moved in with us; Pen, Brooks and Sue live nearby—and John's entourage comes from Tucson for the holidays. Jim's busy doctoring in Galveston and Polly's relocated in Arlington, TX—so I'll be cooking Xmas for only 20."

From Hester & Hadley Richardson: "... busy: Hester with the Fine Arts Gallery, me with my hobby of stock market analysis; cycling 10 mi/day for physical therapy; sailing when time permits (too seldom). . . . A lovely 5-wk trip: in Scotland to attend the Edinburgh Mil Tattoo and visit an old family homestead; then to Brittany to visit friends at Tregastel and to roam the beautiful countryside. Saw Bob Meals and Gerry Roberson 3 weeks ago—both fine."

Now Caroline and Gerry speak: "The past year has been good and we are grateful. Gerry, busy with his garden, goes to Santa Barbara to attend his old school games and activities, keeps up with sports on TV. . . . I (C) keep busy with the 'care and feeding' bit. (Dtr) Carly & (husband) Phil are still in Tubingen, Germany. The boys (Tom and Brud) were with us for Thanksgiving. Stan Lonning feels fine again!"

Leora & Jack Rudolph, our writers from WI, came through DC in Nov en route to inspect the pyramids and other antiquities in Egypt. Full report, please! "Still in FL, soaking up sunshine" are Carolyn & Oscar Senter, who with the Elys stayed with the Whipples during the Southern Seniors Golf Tournament (Hilton Hd, Nov). "Saw the Bastions, will check on Pottengers in Jan." Of the Solomons, Molly & Solly, the important news is that our fightin' Molly is doing well in her battle, and is seen among us again. One son with them for Xmas, the others in their own homes.

"For us, this was the year of the condominium," say Carol & Robin Speiser, "We've fallen in love with Naples [FL]. Bob finished his job as reader at the Science Church but continues as devl advr at St. Francis College (Brklyn); in Jul Robin Jr. ret. from the Army after 20 yrs and moved to Colo Spgs, where he's in securities. Speisers will winter in Naples."

It appears, says Bob, that Lucy Lee Thompson may have been the first of us to suffer the G-B-Syndrome; happily she too is recovering. All's well with Bob & Lillian Tripp, connoisseurs in sampling new CA



1933: Tere Versace in hard hat, shooting damage from typhoon Pamela (Guam).

wines. Bob's still working. Young Bob is in Northern Quebec Province working (at -35°F) on a project for Bechtel Corp. B&L hope for Europe next year.

Our "flying nun," Tere Versace, checked into the net with a welcome letter from Guam, whither she wended from Germany. She's free-lancing, working on a satirical story about an island (Guam?) on a strange planet (Earth?). Among her adventures was that of shooting typhoon Pamela damage from the top of a power plant with a hard hat.

Lee & Bill (the Sphynx) Whelihan report having had a fine visit with the Solomons when latter were at Carlisle visiting their son. Bill Jr. is due back from Germany in May.

From Fred Zierath, this: "Your 'reverse alphabetical' brings to mind an 'it happened before' in our Kaydet days—a book-drawing formation. Weary of having brought up the rear for 3½ years at such formations, I told First Captain Ken Fields that this ignoble position had damaged my psyche: why not have the last formation in reverse? Ken agreed, and it was so ordered. Result: the most fouled up book-drawing in USMA history. My Pavlovian reflex classmates were each so accustomed to the back of the neck of the man alphabetically ahead, that to substitute the face of the man behind was pure chaos—the bookstore people all but went berserk!" Thanks, Fred; as the after-shave man says on TV: "We needed that!"

**CLOSING NOTES.** (1) Over 50 of us attended the '33 annual autumn binge at Knoll House (ADH, DC), in a minireunion which happily drowned out another doleful A-N debacle. . . . (2) The newest Class Roster having been painstakingly compiled, printed and distributed, a spate of address corrections poured in at once; President Abe will issue a correction sheet. (3) The Honor ordeals of WP, not to be readily resolved, continue. But please note: The Report of the Borman Commission (on which our Johnny (HK) Johnson was a member and to which there was some '33 input/testimony, thanks to our Pres Abe and others)—that Report, though grim reading, constitutes a careful, conscientious and thoughtful assessment, whether we like its judgments or not. To reach an informed opinion, and to discuss it intelligently, one must in fairness read it; the news summaries alone will not suffice. And (4) Deadline for next '33 Notes is end of Mar 77. Give!

(Ed Note: Read Borman Report in this issue of ASSEMBLY.)

# '34

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I have learned, belatedly, in a letter from Dutch Sebastian, of a devastating fire that took the life of his beloved wife Tillie, and destroyed his home. After a period of travelling, he has resettled in Abilene (see new address). Our sincerest sympathies go to Dutch in this great tragedy.

Pete Peca informed us that Ellen underwent surgery last Jun. Everything is now fine but what with tests beforehand and recuperation afterwards, a whole year was knocked out. Pete, himself, continues with Golf America—now deeply into real estate.

Ted Hoffman, in a recent note to John Cary, mentioned that he and Irma had taken an 18-day cruise from L.A. to the Hawaiian



1934: El Paso group, Army-Navy game.

Is. As Ted expressed it, "While on Kauai, we became real tourists because we had never been over to Kauai previously."

Hal & Faith Edson took the occasion of a visit from Cy & Pat Betts to have a few of the Class in for a buffet supper on 2 Oct. Present were: Cris Bunker, Bob & Nancy Fuller, Bill & Anne Kern, Bob & Sis MacDonnell, Jim O'Hara, Johnny & Francie Stevens, and Lou & Louise Walsh.

Frances Gilman, in a Xmas card, wrote that Si was operated on for a herniated disc which will prevent him from skiing this winter. However, he "vows that a year from now he'll be out there." She also added that he is completely ret. in Feb of 77.

George & Salye Gerhart have bought a condominium in Largo, FL and expect to move permanently to the Sunny South about 1 Jun. At present they are somewhat between their Arlington, VA, house and their new home.

Tom Foote came over from Ireland in Nov followed by Foss in Dec. Their son Fred arrived from Naples, where he has been stationed, in time for Xmas. Fred got out of the Navy on 1 Jan and plans to enter St. John's Coll in Annapolis. Tom and Foss

returned to their home in southern Ireland in late Jan. Tom says he thought prices in Ireland were high until he came to the DC area.

Our usual correspondent from El Paso, Dick Moorman, was laid up for a few days, so Alex Stuart sent a picture of those who assembled at the Moorman's house to watch the Navy game. Those attending: Eleanor Winn, Dotty & Axel Waugh, Phil Kingsley (Navy '34), Betty & Dick Moorman, Helen (Bob's new wife) & Bob McDonald '35, Mim & Alex Stuart, Polly & Charley Elliott and Charlotte & Harry Hubbard, all of whom are doing fine.

On Sat, 27 Nov, members of the Class of '34 assembled in the Edsons' rec room for lunch at 11:30 and the Army-Navy game on 2 color TV's. Jim & Eleanor O'Hara and Faith & Hal Edson worked up the details, sent out the notices and collected the setups, the fried chicken, salad and dessert. Drinks were BYOL. In addition to the Edsons and O'Haras, the following attended: Charley Brown, Cris Bunker, Dan & Betty Anne Cheston, Gene & Hope Corrigan, Tom Foote, Emory & Loretta Lewis, Larry Sievers, Johnny Walker, B.J. & Farley Richardson,



1934: Washington group, Army-Navy game.



1934: Bill Barnwell and his bride, the former Mary Frances Mullins, on their wedding day, 16 Jun 39. Mary died in an auto accident 30 Aug 66. (Bill's obituary appears in this issue.)

Pete & Evelyn Ward and their daughter Chartley. Everything was super delightful except the miserable SCORE. Most agreed that they will have the same thing next year except to keep the TV off!

Anyone knowing the present address of Holzapfel, please notify your scribe.

Please submit any notes for the Jun ASSEMBLY to your scribe to arrive not later than 24 Mar 77.

New and changed addresses: Luehman, 10108 Donegal Ct, Potomac, MD 20854; Gregory, 659 Birch Dr, Euclid, OH 44132; Mrs. Lawson S. Moseley Jr. (Betty), 5751 Calmar Dr, Apt 5, Montgomery, AL 36116; Sebastian, 2813-D S. 25th St, Abilene, TX 79605; Gerhart (after 1 Jun), 14130 Rosemary Lane, Apt 3320, Largo, FL 33540.

# '35

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Ironman Russell underwent major surgery at Ft Dix in Oct, but their note at Xmas-time indicates that he is back to near normal and planning to ret. (again) next Jun and he and Dottie will do a little traveling after that.

Carl Miller has already ret. from his teaching job in Van Nuys, CA, and moved to 1977

N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs CO 80909. Otto Rohde mailed in this information soon after our last roster went out without address for Carl, and the 76 REGISTER confirms.

Bob McDonald married Helen E. Smith on 6 Sept, and Bob's grandson Douglas, age 5, came to live with them. They have all moved "up the mountain" to a new home at 3017 Devil's Tower, El Paso, TX 79904. Bob writes that older grandson Robert came to visit also at Xmas and things were quite lively!

Curly Edwards married Joanne Lee Pastor on 28 Oct. Joanne's children are Craig, 20, away at college most of the time, Robert, 16, and Linda, 14. Curly says that with the help of the Salvation Army and Good Will they have finally been able to compress their combined households so they can get their 2 cars into his 3-car garage.

In Sept Ed & Marie Ferris made a rather extensive trip to Ft Lewis to visit son Danny, who is a chopper pilot with the 9th Div. Danny and his wife Patti have a boy, Brian, now almost a year old. On their return via San Fran they stayed for 3 days with Brad & Berneice Means and also saw the Clows and the Armogidas. Ed says that Armo has also ret. from his city engr position, and that he and Pat are "rattling around" in a big house making signs that they might relocate. In L.A. Ed and Marie stayed with J.D. Cole and Arlene at their beautiful home with pool and detached guest house, and had a great get-together with Al & Dee Shower, Ken Bergquist, Bill Baynes, Curly Edwards, and the (then) Joanne Lee Pastor.

As mentioned in last issue Tom & Billie Gillis made a 2-months trip last fall, and enjoyed it so much that they are ready to start over. Tom says neither flat nor spat on the whole trip. We are indebted to Tom for 3 pictures, with Russ Smith in PA, the Du Moulins in SC, and with Isham and Cummings in FL.

There was a '35 coed luncheon held at Ft McNair on 29 Nov with a very good turnout of 45 including Jeff & Sarah Jeffus, who were invited up from Greensboro by the Rogers to tell us about their trip to Mexico and give us a few pointers on what we may be doing there next fall. It was very interesting. Jeff is also a photographer and for these 3 pictures we are indebted to him. As you will note Seep & Jo Bassitt were down from PA for the luncheon and Jack & Retta Davis were able to make it as they were in the area visiting Jack's son and family who live in Bowie, MD.



1935: Norman and Joanne Edwards, married 28 Oct 76.



1935: L-R: Patterson, JJ Davis, Skinrod, Keating, Ft McNair, 29 Nov 76.



1935: L-R: Rumsey, Rogers, Schlanser, Waterman, Ft McNair, 29 Nov 76.



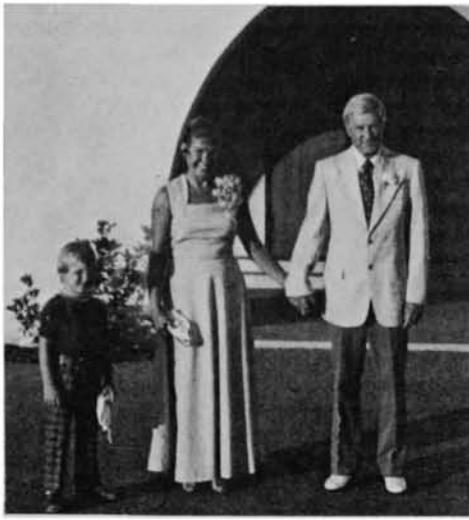
1935: Gillis and Al and Bobbie DuMoulin, Columbia, SC, Sept 76.



1935: Tom Gillis and Russ Smith, Sept 76, Middleburg, PA.



1935: Isham, Gillis and Cummings (L-R), Sept 76, Cocoa Beach, FL.



1935: Douglas, Helen and Bob McDonald in front of Ft Bliss Chapel, 6 Sept 76.



1935: (L-R) Jeffus, Rogers, Bassitt, Robbins, Arlington, Nov 76.

In Dec Charlie & Marge Leonard came through DC on their way to visit son Chip, USMA '70, who has an engr co. in Germany. Charlotte and I are happy to report that our older son, David, got home from his USMC active duty in Norway (followed by a few days of reminiscent touring of Europe) with just 4 days to spare to greet his and Judy's 5th child (4th son), Wayne Rumsey, 9 lbs 1 oz, on 6 Oct 76. All concerned are doing well.

# '36

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Whispering Pines continued to be the best annual '36 clam bake" (as they would say down in Plains, GA) that anyone has yet devised. Although we didn't have quite the number as the year before, and the weather was one week colder—these matters will be



1936: O'Briens, Estes, Shulers.

remedied next year. Randy gives early notice that the dates are 14, 15 and 16 Oct. There will also be "a 13th" if enough interest (as this year) is indicated in tennis. I'm not positive but I'm beginning to feel that there is yet another activity afforded at WP: Bob Joerg's and Phil Gage's tour with the ladies!

At this first of the year no late news has been added from Jim Landrum. However, as of several months back, here are those who are packing for HI: Broyles, Chaffin, Chappellear, Cordes, Curran, Daly, Dawalt, Dorland, Drain, Evans, Finkel, Finley, Gage, Greene, Hayes, Kieffer, Klock, Laurion, Layne, McElheny, Michaelis, Peck, Schrein, Sievers, Steve Smith, Stewart, Trout, Turnage, Warfield, Weaver.

In early Dec the Austins did something very rewarding; they went classmate visiting on East Coast. They spent 2 nights each with the Snyders in Columbus and with Connors at Charleston. They say Olie Haywood has ret. and has a beautiful condo at 500 Beach Dr, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Olie and Helen were on a vacation in HI, but Gordon and Joyce had a very fine visit with (dau) Barbara Haywood. Gordon talked to Beggs, Cairnes and Madsen who're also in the vicinity. Bob Fisher took Gordie fishing one day. On return loop of their drive they afforded me a pleasant lunch overlooking the Chatahoochee. They plan going to Europe early in 77. Cec Combs wrote that he'd visited Covington on way back from 40th and that he might have gone to Whispering Pines except for a cataract operation. The Covingtons, Hosmers, and Gage had a long visit in NC. Bill appears in fine spirits—and hopefully, someday, he'll be a lot better in health. Quite an argument developed as to who carried whom back from Coldspring after an icy river crossing. Perhaps my diary of 1934 settled the dispute, a week later! Got a nice note from Tom Davis. He says he hasn't moved far from San Ant and occasionally sees classmates at Founders dinners. Randy sent a lot of good WP pictures from which I've selected a couple. Lazelle has achieved bridge's Nobel equivalent; she was made a Life Master. Dorlands wrote about their trip to Germany and Holland, including a return to both of their ancestral towns of several centuries past. Their children and grandchildren all doing well. Bob Fergusson called just before Xmas. He said he has heard no up-date news on the '36-gift-statue. Pete & Jo Garland wrote about confusion in their home address. It seems they used to live in Gastonia; then they changed to Charlotte; but now they're back in Gastonia, ret., at St. Regis Dr, Rt 3, Gastonia, NC 28052. A son's graduation prevented their attending our 40th in May. Phil Greene called one evening and chatted about the available transportation methods to HI in May. Helen and he are looking forward to the trip. Bob & Lois Capen claim I've fouled up their address too; it should be 134 Redwing Rd, Tavernier, FL 33070. Tommy Hayes conducted a sales meeting aboard a luxury cruise ship in Central America; recommends the idea and results. Tom and Jean were alone for Xmas first time in 32 yrs; went down to Monterey. Will see us in HI. The Hesses were in Ireland this fall and then came to Whispering Pines for first time. Hi & Paule Hiatt are looking forward to the 41st Reunion in HI. Enjoyed some very fine company for several days when the Hosmers drove to NC for the '36 golf tournament. The Hanekes used to come thru Atlanta when dau Carolyn lived



1936: Sally Beard, Lazelle Dickens, Midge Evans, Marg Kling, Marion Haneke, Grace Layne and Joerg's pate.

here. Now she's been promoted away and I probably won't see any of them often. Josh Finkel wrote that he'd like to visit someday in Atlanta; it's been quite a few years since he last did. The Faiks thought the 40th was wonderful, but school exams will prevent going to Honolulu. The Drains, Currans, and Cordes wrote with anticipation about the May islands trip. Bill & Betty Connor sent their poetic Xmas letter which relates that physical travels have more or less been transplanted into book travels. Bill's courage and our hope for its continuation are tremendous. The Chappellears were in the Caribbean in the fall and were in DC for Xmas. The Heisters went to Saudi Arabia right after the 40th; they spent Xmas in TX; can't get to HI. The Jacobys said they visited Oahu last spring; otherwise they'd go; they plan to move to a house up the beach; they're tired of apt living. Bob Joerg and I were neighbors at Whispering Pines and partook of the bachelor-non athlete facilities. He even drove me back to Atlanta where he has a headquarters near his invalid mother. He has recently announced that he has ret. from the NRA. Bill Jones cites among his other accomplishments—taking organ and voice lessons. Ely and he may go to HI. The Bill Kinards said they had not moved around much in 76, and the reason—it was already so pleasant in Monterey. Grace Layne wrote one of her special Xmas letters containing much affection and very good pictures of Whispering Pines. Maddy & Mick McCormick find graduation interferes with our mid-Pacific meeting. The Madsens wrote them and said they were with Hughes and Austins for the TV A-N game.

Dave Milne wrote that he lost Dorothy—in her sleep on 7 Nov. She'd had open heart surgery in May and was apparently recovering very well—until Nov.

Bruce Palmer said he was in Walter Reed all of Jul and even Kay was in a short time. Then both of them went to FL to rest. They saw Bill Sibert, Hosmers, and True. Then



1936: The Abrams tank.



1936: Klock, Page, Pack, Turnage, Dorland, Dickens, Hess, Joerg, Edwards, Evans, Spencer, Broyles and Stokes; kneeling: Layne, Kling, Katz, Partridge, and Haneke.

at Hilton Head they visited the Holderness'. The Persons are renting a condo with the Cordes on Kauai during the May trip; they're looking forward to the "41st." After all those years of snow and cold, the Quinns finally moved to Savannah. Their new address will be: 3 Cameron Lane, Box 14222, The Landings, Savannah, GA 31406. The Saffords enjoyed weddings, reunions, and an Alaskan trip this last year. Bob also took some excellent pictures. In Oct the Snyders had a dinner for Westy and Holtons. Later Howie came to Atlanta and there was a get-together with his doctor-son, daughter-in-law, Joerg, and Gage at Betty Gage Cox's. Bill Steele has moved. His new address is—The Highlands, Seattle, WA 98177. The Thompsons recited on their year, mentioning that much of earlier peace and quiet had changed. It seems that son Andrew, Rachael, and Tommy started getting too involved in doing things. Warfields went on a Mexican cruise; Lucille's foot is well; and Bud is looking ahead to see if he can locate his old quarters at deRussy. The Wort Williams brought their camper across the nation to the 40th. They dispensed apples and made many friends along the way. Back in Seattle, Wort had a little eye trouble, but did a lot of golf.

Our old friend and Class booster of 45 years passed away this fall. Ed Wallnau died, but I don't yet have particulars.

So many of you sent season's greetings in addition to those already named. May I acknowledge Carmichaels, Chaffins, Dawalts, Finleys, Holderness', Hughes, Janofs, Jack Kellys, Bee Kelly Suarez, Dette LaFlamme Kimball, Jim Billy Leers, McCorkles, Millers, Nazzaros, Partridges, Twaddells, Torreys.



None of the above report may be even slightly associated with anything of current news. However, the following may be: Sometime in 1980 a final test approval will trigger production of the main battle tank for this nation to be used for the balance of this century. What mission the B-1 bomber is to fill for our supremacy in the skies, this new tank is planned to perform on the fields of battle. Available statistics now indicate it is to weigh 58 tons, have a 1,500 horsepower engine, travel more than 45 mph on hard surfaces, be less than 93 inches tall, and employ day/night sighting and computer controlled firing. There are supposed to be at least 3,000 of these pieces of hardware and the news accounts say the present cost estimate is \$4 billions. The most thrilling bit of information however, is that this awesome venture into our future is to bear the name of the "Abrams!"

Since this is the last ASSEMBLY that will reach you before we assemble for the 40th Reunion, and our cmte has recently issued Bulletin #2, let's summarize: correct dates are 1,2,3 Jun 77; Gus Prentiss is accepting reservations for motel rooms for those dates with \$30.00 deposit on a first-come-first-served basis. So get yours in—and don't fade away like old soldiers before then!

To George McDowell—your scribe didn't forget your tape from Ray Cheal's party. Copy for the last ASSEMBLY that came out in Dec went in the end of Sept, just before your tape arrived. More on that later.

Success: In response to the appeal in last ASSEMBLY, received a note from Ed Lee living at P.O. Box 737, Puyallup, WA 98371. Ed ret. last May from brokering real estate in the same area and now boats and fishes on Puget Sound in his own boat. Now I'll be able to send Ed a letter which was sent to scribe to forward to Ed, was returned and now will go out again!

Also heard from W.E. (Duke) Davis, 3313 Heritage Dr, Wilmington, DE 19808 who went to the Navy game last Dec and felt rather lonesome as only member of '37 in our section of the stadium (that must be at least the 10-yd line by now). Duke said that this was a disappointment to him—as well as the game!

Randy & Marge Hines sent a long, newsy Xmas letter—which we'll try to summarize—mainly by their extensive trips. First was a trip to Nurnberg to visit son Pete, then to the Austrian Tyrol for skiing, and home via Frankfurt: the whole thing was cranked up between 2 p.m. when Randy called Marge that space was available and 9 p.m. when they took off! Somebody in the family had to be a super logistics planner! In Mar Randy and Marge spent 2 weeks in FL golfing; in May they made a trip up the Intracoastal Waterway to Portsmouth, VA with friends in



1936: Tuck Partridge, Helen Spencer, Fronnie Turnage, Eileen Page, Peg Klock, Peggy Covington.

their Morgan 38 sailboat (that should make you boaters drool); in Jun they made a swing up through New Engl visiting daughter Bunny and husband Jim in Columbia, MD; on to Randy's 45th Reunion at Kent School in CT and home via WP. Then in late Sept they made a 4500-mile trip to Colo Spgs to visit daughter Carolyn and husband Bill, on south to San Ant where they visited with Chester & Molly Johnson and then to New Orleans to see old friends for the Army-Tulane game. They visited George & Mary Sloan in St. Louis and then rendezvoused with the Sloans and the Barksdales at the Tulane game. It sound as though the Hines are really enjoying Randy's 2d ret. and giving the Smalleys a good run for our most-traveling classmates!

Bob & Mary Marr did a switch for this past Xmas which sounds like it has possibilities for some of the rest of us—they turned their house over to the youngsters (14 of them!) while Bob and Mary went to a near-by motel. On the not-so-good-a-solution side, Bob reported piling a brand new car into a canyon in a rainstorm which totalled the car, but fortunately, left Bob with only damaged pride! The accident did cancel out their plan to visit ME last summer. So they hope to plan better this coming summer—maybe include the 40th Reunion?

Don Shive reported on the 14 Oct Class lunch in DC which, as usual, coincided with the AUSA annual meeting. Couples present were Fraziers, Grahams, Luteses, Mercados, Prentisses, Odens, Shives, Tolsons, Underwoods, Taylors (BF), Zehners: also Betty Drum, Fred Diercks and Mal Malizewski. In the way of newsy conversation they talked up the 40th and just talked Army football.

Your scribe just received 4 copies of the report by Borman Commission on the USMA which, as intended, will go to Finn Unger and our other Class officers. Similar distribution went to other classes. It is "must" reading for anyone who has a continuing interest in USMA—(Ed. Note: The complete Borman Commission Report is included in this issue of Assembly.)

Kim Kimbrell—please check into the net—over and waiting.

Now back to George McDowell and the tape: it is approached with some trepidation; Ray Cheal hosted a party for classmates in the San Ant area on 10 Oct and George brought a tape recorder to register some remarks of the assembled luminaries. He recorded some data upon arrival, some one hour later, some 2 hours later and finally a wrap-up at the end when George & Ray McDowell and Ray & Edna Cheal were soberly (?) reflecting on the event. It was a good party—George enjoined your scribe to use discretion—hence the trepidation. First the classmates present: McDowell, Cheal, Brant, Duffy Brown, Calvert, Denson, Gray, Burton, Ohman, DeBill, Frankie Harrison, Davisson, plus Lorrie Spaulding and Frances Blaha, and Cheals' daughter Lorry. Hope your scribe and Ginny read the tape correctly—it tended to become more difficult as the evening wore on! George required each person to give his ID when he or she arrived so all addresses were confirmed or changed. George also authorized reporting of the absentees as backsliders: Holcombe, McGee, Graham, Haltom, Browning, Sanborn, Chester Johnson, Chenoweth. Their "B-aches" ranged all the way from those meriting removal of the "skin" to those worth "5 and 5." Much talent was revealed—particularly at the one and two-hour intervals. It ranged from

poetry recitation to cogent comments on plans for the 40th Reunion. There was speculation on the possibility of a charter flight to get the bulk of the TX contingent up to the 40th. Hope it works out. The whole party was evidently a real success and the tape scintillating. Scribe and spouse enlivened a dull day running it over and over to try to decypher the more obscure parts toward the middle of the evening!

Bud and Trix Zehner again hosted the DC area gathering for the ARMY-NAVY game. As you know, our worst fears were confirmed. But it was a large turn-out and very enjoyable. Eventually you get inured to disaster. Unfortunately Bud Zehner was scheduled into Walter Reed for some plumbing repair in early Dec. As of early Jan he is well on the mend, as reported in person on the phone.

This is being written early Jan for Mar ASSEMBLY—the last issue that will reach you until the Reunion is history. This is the BIG one so y'all don't miss it!

# '38

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In deference to AOG's constant interest in current addresses, the following: From Bill Smith's 1 Dec DC roster: David W. (Mike) Hayes, 5513 33d St, N. Arlington, VA 22207; Frank M. Izenour, 614 N. Armistead St, Alexandria, VA 22312; Joseph B. Missal Jr., 205 Yoakum Pkwy, Alexandria, VA 22304; Ward S. Ryan, 1506 N. Scott St, Arlington, VA 22301; Richard G. Stilwell, 6171 Leesburg Pike, Apt. 322, Falls Church, VA 22044. From letters: Charles M. Young, #17 Oakwood Mobile Home Pk, Jacksonville, AR 72076; Carter Duncan, Box 131, Hawi, HI 96719.

Oldest item: Des Brown, on 12 Jun 76, married Catherine Vorder Brugge of Memphis, TN.

The following from Carter Duncan on the Big Is: "After reading your quarterly laments over the dearth of information, and yielding to a desire to see my name mentioned occasionally in ASSEMBLY, herewith my unworthy contribution: After yrs in CA, principally in San Fran, I quit my teaching job there and spent a year and a half traveling in the South Seas in 75 and 76, finally settling to earth on the big island of HI, where I have taken a house for 2 yrs in the hope of finding a place for myself in a rural community and enjoying the peace and quiet, the pure air, the breath-taking scenery and the mild climate of these islands. Visiting classmates would be welcome any time any of them finds his way to this remote spot. Before leaving the mainland I saw P.M. Spicer in Fallbrook, CA where he has recovered completely from open-heart surgery. I also saw Maude Spangler, wife of J.H. Spangler, who suffered a massive stroke and was rendered completely "hors de combat": and is now, I presume, permanently in a hospital. In San Fran, at the Presidio, site of many USMA gatherings, I would see occasionally Pete Peterson and M.R. Russell. I am now completely ret. although hardly a basket case. I am in good health and active both mentally and physically and fill in for the mentors at a local school, when called. I'd be happy to hear from classmates. The only communication, aside from annual Xmas cards, has been a request from

Dick Stilwell for \$100 for the Class Fund, which I obediently forwarded in the name of R.A. Jones, my deceased roommate. I remain one of the die-hards who opposes women in the Corps, as well as leniency for honor code violators. I hope both of these messes, indeed scandals can be cleaned up quickly. Please pass on to any classmates my personal and fraternal regards if any should remember me and my best to you and Bobs. Personally, Carter."

This seems to be the season for long lost AF types to report in and join the Memorial Fund. The following, in part from Chuck Young in AR. "Dear Jess, Enclosed is my check for a hundred bucks for the class fund. This is in response to Dick Stilwell's letter about the Class monument. I wish I could give more, but can't at this time. I am living a bachelor's life here in AR, my home state. Divorced last Aug—lost my home and bank account at that time. I have an acct w/ a newspaper as a journalist, editorialist and columnist. Also do a bit of freelancing. Could make some dough were I not so lazy. I was ret. from the AF for alcoholism in 63 and since that time I have overcome the disease and recovered. I devote much of my time to helping others who have been afflicted. I wrote a piece about my disease and recovery for the TROA Mag. last Aug—perhaps you saw it. One reason I openly declare my problem is the hope that someday the stupid social stigma attached to a baffling disease will be overcome. Chuck."

Another letter of acct comes from Beverley and I quote: "From 22 Nov-6 Dec, Margaret and I visited our son, MAJ Bill Jr., his wife Betty and our 2 grandsons in HI. We had a delightful time—a wonderful visit. Our son was able to take vacation during our stay there. He is now S3, 2d Bn, 11th FA. We attended the St. Barbara's Dinner and Ball with the 25th Inf Div Artymen and met several old friends. Phoned our classmates living in Honolulu several times but was able to contact only Chuck Jackson. Heard from Ann and Bob Kasper—they are now living in Los Altos, CA while he is working for Bechtel Corp. They have built a home on Mercer Is. (Lake Washington), Seattle, where they plan to ret. in 79. All are well—Polly at Monterey, Robert Jr. passed CA Bar and is slated to be stationed at USNA in Jan 77 as LT (JG) Ln JAG Corps. Heard from Jean & Ed Bailey—they have a jeep and Airstream trailer—expect to do lots of travelling. They are thoroughly enjoying Sequim, WA."

George Bixby reports that he and Betty took a 4-wk trip to Europe during the early fall. They visited Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece. After their initial flight to Zurich from Dulles they took the train from Zurich to Salzburg to Vienna to Budapest to Belgrade, spent some time in each of those cities and their surroundings. They found that the train ride gave them a good chance to see a bit more of the countryside and try to talk to a few more of the people. From Belgrade they took the short flight over Dubrovnik on the Dalmation coast for a stay of several days and then a flight to Athens for a week of visiting many of the important sites of ancient Greece. The trip was not with a tour but they outlined to a travel agent about what they wanted to do and he made their reservations. They had good weather, good health, made all connections and had a good time. Before penetrating the Iron Curtain as described above, the Bixbys undertook management of a dinner at A/NCC for 13 Nov. Fortunately for the scribe and

back-up manager they arrived in late Oct in time to mail notices and receive replys. Attending were, D. Browns, Chavasse & Doris Krudner, Collinses, Harringtons, Johnsons, Lemons, Lewises, Bill Smith, Taylors and Thomases. Our next dinner, same place, will be our annual joint affair with USNA '38, which usually celebrates Valentine's Day, but this yr seems to fall on Lincoln's B-Day. Our last joint luncheon, the last at the P-gon GOM was on 10 Dec. Present from USNA '38 were: Homer Conrad, Rett Trickey, Frank Jones, Steve Mann (new DC pres), Phil Beshany (his predecessor), Jack Rayner, and Carl Dwyer, (new entertainer, replacing Art Johnson whose illness we deeply regret. USMA '38 present were: Beverley, Bixby, B. Brown, Collins, Corbett, Dapprich, DuPuy, Hayes, Hulse, Kopsak, Izenour, Praeger, Sloan '56 (guest of DuPuy), Skaer and son-in-law Wayne Colton, Norris, W. Smith, Taylor and Thomas. Dick Stilwell regrettably missed the 1st lunch since his return due to the death of his mother. Frank Miller, our new entertainer, also penetrated the Iron Curtain, making a TROA tour of Moscow in early Dec. I'll have to get the details at his 1st lunch at Ft Myer in Jan.

A further addition to the address list is Mrs. Elizabeth Cook (Cookie) Bassett, widow of Jim, who is now married to CPT (NAVY Ret.) Arthur C. Cason Jr. Their address is: 9903 Colony Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Junie Lotz provides the following on his Xmas card: "In Jun, Shirley, Anne and I spent 10 days in FL. After several days in Palm Beach we gravitated to Cocoa Beach and spent several days golfing, dining and working over old times w/Myrt & Gene Kelsey. They have a really great place on the water—sailboat in the back yard and golf course just off the front yard. We then drove up to Gainesville and spent several days w/ J.B. & Pat Coleman. J.B. introduced our daughter Anne to water skiing on the lake in his back yard. Had lunch w/ the Sherrards watching golfers hook balls into Dave's back yard. These people in FL—the Colemans, the Jucunskis, Riordans and Sherrards—are really set up for a Class celebration. We took pictures but they weren't worth sending you to forward to the column. Look forward to 77 when the Carter team will transition me back into ret.—more time for classmates. Junie & Shirley Lotz"

The foregoing contributions represent, by all odds, the best response in my whole tenure as scribe. Other classes have formal organizations of regional scribes, but I believe spontaneity produces a better result. I heartily thank all of the above authors for giving us an interesting column and your scribe a Merry Xmas.

Referring to the addresses at the top of the column they represent, with the exception of Missal new additions to a previously dwindling DC group. Mike Hayes is in the Arlington house he has owned for years, planning to sell and build "somewhere in Tidewater, VA." Dick & Alice Stilwell are aspiring to leave their apt for a country home in the vicinity of Leesburg. In this enterprise they will no doubt enjoy the collaboration of Bert & Jan Harrison. Izenour's arrival was previously reported. Gailon McHaney reports that he & Bettye have acquired a new red Datsun and went to New Orleans for the Tulane game, finding no classmates present. The car has a CB radio, so Mac is "Red Rooster" & Bettye is "Little Red Hen."

Stilwell and Taylor are away for the holidays, hence no progress report on class fund

except that Carter Duncan, Young and Thomas have contributed. I shall ask Mike Krisman to amend this column if information becomes available in time.

Late information: Fund raising for the Class of '38 gift (an Overlook at the Old Hotel site) has taken on added zest as a result of Dick Stilwell's letter of 29 Oct 76. At the end of Dec 76 we had a gift fund for a total of \$27,565 from 164 contributors.

Lastly, we regret to advise that Mo Lemon died suddenly on 31 Dec 76 and was buried at Arlington on 5 Jan 77. Our deepest sympathy to Lennie and their family.

## '39

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Both Sam Kail and Speedy Hull wrote re the Tulane game. The Kails, Lasches, Ken Scotts, Hamiltons, Krismans, Flings, plus Carl Buechner, Sterling Beaumont ex'39 and Cecil Hines '37 had luncheon at Brennan's ("unquestionably the most glamorous of New Orleans restaurants" says Deidre Stanforth in the New Orleans Cookbook). This same group plus the Trahans, Atwells and Speedy Hull attended the bash put on before the game by the WP Soc of New Orleans. But what do you know—Sam, who worked so hard finding the nearest and best accommodations for visiting classmates, ended up with no reservation for himself. He and Mary Margarete, who arrived at 2200 hours Thurs, had to go find a place to put down their tired heads. Seems the manager Sam had made the arrangements with left the employment of the hotel without completing his end of the bargain. In spite of that snafu all had a good time and enjoyed seeing so many classmates and their wives.

Walt Higgins reports from Hilton Head, SC—life continues enjoyable in the low country. Bob Williams has relocated from Savannah to Hilton Head. Bob and Jeanne have joined the many golfing groups and are well above the average golfer. Jim Muir, after successful minor surgery, is back actively keeping the island shipshape. The Van Harlingens were very active in politics last year. The Lady Is group hosted a '39 party in Oct. First—lunch at Page & Freddie Boyes', then golf where Freddie and Vic

Johnson, ably assisted by Allie Lou Collins and Ann Hoopes were winners in the scramble. Lydia Kobes and Higgy managed to hit the ball closest to the hole in their contests. After golf Audry and Frank Mildren served a sumptuous supper in their home. In addition to those mentioned, others attending were Ginny Batson, Hallie Patterson, the Ed Smiths, Frankie Joe Kobes, Ken Collins and Ed Hoopes. It was a beautiful day for the 2d and hopefully annual fall gathering for all classmates in the area. Hope to see a lot of out-of-towners next Oct.

From HI and Dick White. In Oct the Fitzgeralds, Jacobys plus grandson, Abbie Boylan (Moe out of town selling real estate), Hal Wilson (whose son, in the Secret Service put in much time guarding Presidential candidates, is glad the election is over so he can stay closer to home and his bride—the daughter of Rienzi '42) and the Whites assembled at Mac MacFarland's for a good time and a grand view of the Aloha Festival Parade. The following week Mike Davison was in town after a tour of WEST-PAC. Mike's sister Jean and her husband joined Mike during his week's visit. Mike was featured in a half page spread in the newspaper by columnist Coby Black, wife of Ed Black '40. Dick said Jim & Liv Taylor spent a month or so in Europe. Livy's best story is of one afternoon in Scotland when he caught salmon and shot both grouse and pheasants. Through his Panama connection, (Nena is the Panamanian Consul in HI) Dick understands that Eloy Alfaro is fine and doing well. In addition to teaching 9 credit hours of economics [ugh] and accounting, he has taken on the additional job of coordinator for the HI Pacific College Army program with 250 part-time mil students. What with counselling students and working with post educ officers this has turned out to be another full time job.

Shortly after you receive this column you will probably get the pitch to sign up for next year's ASSEMBLY and REGISTER. Those who didn't get the current REGISTER have missed a good one. Mike Krisman, Editor, has added more information than in any year since 1960 and just look at all the new addresses. I strongly urge all classmates to subscribe to these alumni publication for 2 reasons. Foremost you'll enjoy having them, and secondly it will be a big



1939: On sofa: Dot Fitzgerald, Nena White, Rosene Jacoby; On floor: Fitzgerald, Wilson, White, McFarland, and Jacoby with grandson at McFarlands' for Aloha Parade, Oct 76.



1939: Congressman Burke of Florida and Ed Hamilton at Tomb of Unknown Soldier during 90 Inf Div reunion in honor of the Divisions' unknown dead.

help to Mike and the AOG—but one shock is in store. You'll be amazed to find the Class of '39 in the front half of the REGISTER!

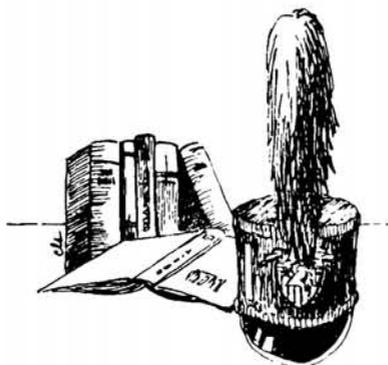
Julian Ewell says our memorial fund drive picked up considerable speed this fall. In Oct alone, with the assistance of matching funds, our fund grew from 22 to 30 thousand dollars. The Class of '36 has engaged another sculptor—who is working on some sketches for a memorial. We will see how they come out. (For those who may have forgotten or never heard, there is a suggestion that the Classes of '35-'39 join in erecting one memorial at WP).

Bits and pieces from all over: Dick Wolfe from Piedmont, CA, reports all well with him and Lorraine. He is not sold on a statue as a Class project. Julian welcomes concrete ideas for a project. Hope Dick comes up with a project and plan that the whole Class will enthusiastically endorse. Al Ginder had word from Smokey DeVille of whom little had been heard to these many years since he ret. in 46 to return to LA to take over a family lumber business. Smokey has 12 children and the lumber business is again on the rise. From TN comes word that Mary Gilchrist fell and broke her hip. Not to be outdone or maybe to keep company with Mary while she was in the hospital having a couple of pins implanted, Frank slipped off a chair and broke 2 ribs. Both, I hope, are fully recovered by the time you read this. John Pavick has remarried and lives in Carmel, CA. Fran Bestic came East to visit her son. She brought word of Chuck Medinnis, Huey Long, and Riggs Sullivan—all doing well. Bill McCaffrey has re-ret.—this time to civilian life. Understand that Stan Dziuban didn't take that big trip through the U.S. Instead he took a job and now is located in Canada—and there goes what hopefully would have been a perfect roving reporter for this column. Ernie Brockman reports that his daughter is working on her MA at UNC. He hopes that all classmates traveling near Winston Salem, NC will look him up. Earle Lurette has succumbed to the lure of the water and moved further out of town to be closer to a pier and a boat. He is busy redoing his house in Leonardtown, MD, and being his own architect. Riel Crandall who is keeping everything ship-shape at Trinity in New Haven, CT, took Bea and daughter Fern for an extended tour of Ireland, England, Scotland last summer. Fern

is studying Civil Engr at MIT. Did you catch Mike Davison on "Good Morning America" TV on 24 Dec? This ABC report on the USO by Jim Kincaid was also carried on many local TV stations throughout the country. It ran 3 times in DC. Mike is really stirring up things for the USO. On 5 Dec he was on WMAL Radio (DC) for 2 hours with Disc Jockey Ed Walker and a program of reminiscences and WWII music. A picture of George Pickett announces that he is the new exec VP of the U.S. Independent Telephone Assn which represents telephone companies around the country not a part of the Bell network. Jeanne & Rocky Crawford came East from Colo Spgs to visit Rocky's mother in Alexandria and their son (dau?) in WV. In Nov Dave Dillard underwent emergency surgery for a blockage in an artery in his brain. Bridget said that all was well in mid-Dec and that Dave was back at work. They were off for a FL vacation in late Dec.

Speedy Hull continues to hold title as one of our most consistent world travelers. From his Dec letter: "Just returned from Indonesia with 2-day stopovers in Anchorage, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Singapore. I didn't find any classmates on that side of the Pacific but did find graduates and friends of classmates in all places. Stopped by Phoenix, AZ, where Sarah & Joel Walker are living in a fine desert style ranch house. They showed me a marvelous time. They are in the phone book and are great hosts. Dottie and I are scheduled for Australia and New Zealand in Feb and Mar."

Entertainment Side: Over 50 total classmates and brides assembled at Jean & Dick Morrisons' in Alexandria for the Army-Navy game. The party arranged by the Morrisons,



Bunch Duke, Tommy Thomasons and Bob Richardsons was excellent (forget the game). Please note the following information from Ed Hamilton (703) 256-2433 and mark your calendar accordingly. A dinner dance in late Mar, golf and a big shindig at Adelaide & Dick Cleverlys' on 9 Jul, and another bash at Trudy & JD Richardsons' place in Harpers Ferry 10 Sept. Plan ahead and join the fun.

## '40

As Hank Brewerton quoted so often, "The voice of the turtle is heard throughout the land," which probably means spring has sprung, and for our ret. classies in the north country it means one less layer of clothing and the imminent approach of another golf season. Bidwell Moore has been seen throughout the winter at Army Navy CC preparing for some early season winnings from Stu McKenney. Sherry & Dr. Bryce Denno took their clubs on a long tour through Mexico, via CA. A postcard from Mazatlan reported that Montezuma had not extracted his revenge. Careful planning from expert advice. Bill & Fay Roedy are our most inveterate travelers. Bill and Fay went to Germany, Italy, and England for the summer. For the fall, went to Myrtle Beach and for the winter to FL. He is going to buy a house near Cape Kennedy. Ed Wynn is looking for one for him.

As the GA Mafia prepares to take over DC one of our classies has also shown up in the White House. John Burfening recently performed there—with a choir. John doesn't expect many encores as he is with Pres Ford's church choir. Sid & Sug Fisher now in DC; Sid manages the admin affairs of one of the capital's biggest law firms, Arnold & Porter. There's some sort of risk managing the interests of 100 lawyers. The Parkers are in the San Fran area. Dave still using the engr's manual and is building things out there. Ralph & Charlotte Ross in Charlottesville. Ralph putting it all together for Navy Intel. Beta Witt is managing 1,300 apartments in El Paso. What do they go for, Lanny? Jake Taylor teaching school in El Paso. Looks like real estate and teaching are the big things for '40 at this point. Hank Adams sold Kim Novak's place in CA about a year ago, so it's not all dull work. Hal Brown ret. from Boeing, now consulting in Seattle area. Kitty is doing better. Bill Saunders' liquid diet has been reduced to Sprite and Kool Aid. Mandel & Harry Stella in Tacoma.

Shanahan reports that the last of his line of 6 will enter college this fall. He has two M.D. sons in the Army and a PhD son-in-law. Wally Clements' daughter Sara going for PhD with fellowship at Columbia. Frank DeLatour's oldest boy Francis, who is attending dental school, will be married by this writing. Frank has 3 other boys, one in college. A lot of very smart kids have issued forth from the '40 line. Must have been some latent smarts that took a while to show. Harry Miley is doing a bang-up job trying to regenerate the ADPA. Woody Vaughan is still on active duty as our last contribution to the mil. Lots of luck to Ray Renola trying to straighten out the Postal Service. Things should look up as Jack Kenney runs the Postal Tng Cen. Abbey has son at White

Sands. There will now be 2 LT Dykes in the services. Our AF 2LT son marrying an Army 1LT dietician in TX. Our daughter Patti was recently married in the Ft Myer Chapel in the beautiful setting of the 1940 stained glass window. Kasper's cmte is still organizing for us and will have something to report in the next issue—for sure. In the meantime, have a nice spring. K.R. Dyke.

# '41

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In Book II of Plato's Republic Socrates tells Glaucon and Adeimantus that in the Ideal State, "...our soldiers must be... professional ones; they will be the 'Guardians' of the state." He goes on to detail the requirements of a Guardian/Soldier, "...swiftness, strength, courage, and the philosophic temperament," (or love of knowledge). He emphasizes the importance of character and in the training, the need for exposure to stress... "toils, pains and conflicts prescribed for them." After stating that "falsehood is hated not only by the Gods, but also by men" he relates lying by Guardian/Soldiers to "subversion to the state." This statement of requirements is dated about 335 B.C.

After the preliminary briefing for the Pres Elect by the JCS, a luncheon was laid on in the SECDEF's dining room. As the formation broke up, Jimmy Carter walked over, took the hand of our classmate, and said, "GEN Brown, I got into some trouble as the result of an interview and so did you; so if you'll forgive me I'll forgive you."

The scratch late dept was smaller than usual—which may mean that us sexagenarians are getting more nimble in our old age. The first one was in from Budapest from our newest PhD, Dr. Paul Skowronek. Said the sky-diver who loves to play James Bond, "Am wandering around Eastern Europe keeping my new degree up-to-date. Virginia is wintering in Scottsdale and Trish returned from summer art studies in Florence to start Jr Yr at C.U. May all of our special class of '41 have another happy year complete with a joyous Xmas."

Bill & Marie Cliffords' card said, "We plan to make the Class Xmas party at Belvoir and look forward to having the girls here in Apr for the '41 luncheon. Jane and Rich are planning to be home for Xmas. He works long hours and Jane will finish her cancer research soon and should have her PhD in Jun. Paul and Chantel were here for Jane's wedding; unfortunately he and Nancy are divorced. Mark continues to improve little



1941: Brad & Ruth Smith, Clara & Poopie Ellis, Anne & Wire Cookley, D Co, USCC.

by little and we have him for dinner each night from the nearby Nursing Home. Sorry we missed the Xmas letter."

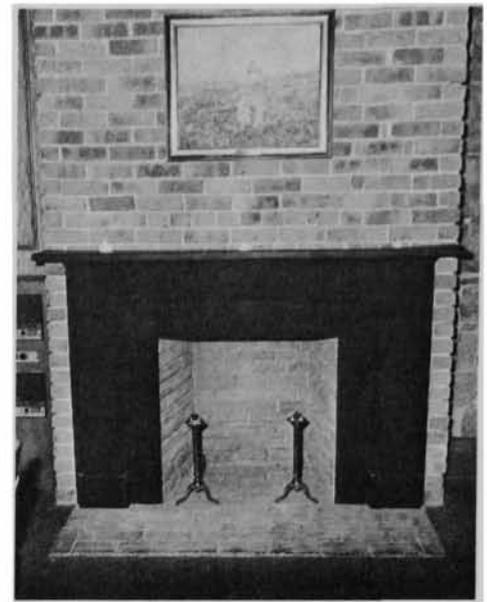
Hank & Betty Irwin who have never missed an Xmas letter before came in with a "No Excuse, Sir." Hank suggested that it may be time to determine in the atomic age how modern cadets polish the wash basin for AMI. Ruth Sharkey reports her trip to the Galapagos—fabulous. "While I was viewing Blue-Fooged Boobies, Megan Emma was born on 12 May and at the same hour the DNA (where she works) fired the Mighty Eispc underground test. Spent Aug in Manchester with granddaughter June, and Sept in CA with Megan Emma and her older sister Heather. 76 was a great year!"

From Sun City, Bea & Jack Higgins report: "Ret. is great; come see us in our desert paradise." From Gadsden, AL, a Xmas letter reports Tom Bentley loving his job at the World Bank which leads to excursions to Africa and S. Amer. Brother Jack got a research grant this fall and in Sept presented a paper to the Am Psychological Assn in DC. Granddaughter Diana in 2d grade and a Brownie." Barbara reports good health from the Gulf Coast.

Even before Carter assembled his cabinet, our hard-charging leader, Jack Norton assembled his. In the elegant offices of the Dpty Admin of NASA, Pete Crow, your officers assembled. Others present: John Deane (Treas); Curt Chapman (Secy); Fletcher (Ninninger Hall Project), and representing all of us in the hinterlands, Jack Christensen, on TDY to DC from San Fran. To get our nation's 3d century started with an appropriate BANG, Jack identified as an objective: getting a fix on every man in the Class plus as many ex-'41ers as care to participate. The name of the game: a max effort to get them all into the fold for the ride into the sunset. You'll get a separate communique on this vital project, but keep in mind that there are approximately 25 guys who "paid their dues" to join our unique fraternity and since have, for various reasons drifted away. Let's find them and urge them to fall back in ranks.

And we have another author. Peer deSilva has been commissioned by Quadrangle, a New York Times-owned publishing company, to write 2 books on his life as one of "the nameless soldiers on the cold war front, or as he calls it, the 'cutting edge.'" The headline says, "Much Nonsense Already in Print—Ex-Spy Turns Author To Set Record Straight." "deSilva's first book, tentatively entitled, 'Fools, Knaves, and Heroes' is now about half completed. In about 50 column inches, Tom Brew tells how Peer plans to put Marchetti and Agee into their proper niches in history. And he observes, "We went astray [in the SEA war] because our political and military leaders, Westmoreland, McNamara, and Taylor, never understood the nature of the war." I can't wait to read the full account.

Another newspaper clipping, this one from A. Wray White, was on the opposite tack. The title: "Closed, arbitrary society fostered cheating at West Point" by Lucian K. Truscott IV. This, a horrible example of the media's effort to destroy the Honor System by using as a pawn—a with a soldier's name who somehow managed to graduate in '69—resigned within a year and has turned "author" to help undermine the system by testifying as a convert. If you don't think that much of the U.S. Media is as irresponsible as a Liberian tanker spilling oil in our



1941: Andirons donated by Betty Kelsey—Honor Committee Room fireplace.

oceans, read *The Manipulators* (America in the Media Age) by Robert Sobel. It will scare the hell out of you.

Julie Easton's Xmas input revealed the loss of her father, COL Paul M. Crawford on 15 Oct. The grand old man of the MC who gave us such fun lectures on mil sanitation and the concupiscence of a jr officer was killed by a Cuban woman who ran a red light. Julie's mother who was badly injured has managed to recover. John has a new venture: he is a distributor and representative of Seyforth Labs, Inc, SLENDER NOW. This new and safe system of losing weight is not available through retail-type selling. Thus for the guy who wants to set up a good distributorship at minimum cost, John says he can set you up. Write him at 29 Tory Hole Rd, Darien, CT 06820.

Add this address to your interpolation sheet: Tom Collison (soon to be a PhD), 5410 190th St, #59, Torrance, CA 90503.

News from the Colo Spgs front is all favorable. Tom Corbin is doing great after his bypass surgery in Jun. He walks about 3 miles a day and plans to get back on the slopes if we ever get any snow this winter. Wait till you hear his war story about getting his daughter to the hospital with just 12 minutes to go after a 50 minute race with the stork through Houston's 5 o'clock traffic in a downpour! George McIntyre is back up to full speed after his surgery. The news that has our family on their knees in thanksgiving is that Kay, who six months ago had every symptom that led to spinal surgery while we were in Switzerland, is now good as new thanks to an exercise regime that would keep a guy in the NFL. We all rallied at the Spillers' for the Swine Flu injection of the Football Season. Best news here are the prospects of '41 PCS's by Curt & Terry Chapman plus feelers on the part of the Auby Hausers, Jim Carrols, and Earl Browns.

There was an outstanding harvest of news from the Xmas cards. The proliferation award would have to go to Wire Cookley who made 6 repeat 6 inputs between Nov and New Year's. (1) A cartoon featuring George Bown and Earl Butts; (2) The alphabet soup funny in the Xmas ltr; (3) The invitation to a party at Midge & Moose Mathers in which he promised pix of the VA Beachers; (4) A birthday card which missed target by 25%



1941: Standing: Thompson, Carlson, Tarbox, Tyndall, Borman, Christensen, McElroy; Kneeling: Mullane, Elder, Hendrickson and Tuttle.

and a free lesson on the philosophy of Abraham Maslow; (5) Pix taken at the party by a photographer who was out of focus. The second, taken by Anne is included. Besides the D Coers in the good pix, others present were Danforth, Kaiser, Mather, and Boswell; (6) Was a Get Well card announcing, "Andrus Given Interior Seat."

Paul Gray reported his daughter Barbara back in Denver counseling juveniles. "Eldest son is a PhD Prof of EE at Berkeley. Second son also a EE (MS) works in Phoenix/Tucson for own co. Robert after Army tour, started architecture but was very ill for 2 years. Is now back in Grad School at U. of IL (minus thyroid gland) and enjoying master's pursuit in Urban planning."

Walt Woolwine's card had the excellent suggestion that next time I do the Class roster with addresses, "How about pop's full name and preferred rank or Mr.—rather than nickname—every year when I write these Xmas Cards I find my memory gets fuzzier." Pete Tanous sent me a book for my thesis by Transemanatics, Inc. which he reports he, "... may be taking to Saudi." Kay & Fred Ascanis' card gave a full run down on all the kids and reported the nest empty. Fred is an "adjunct prof" in Mgmt for USC teaching at Belvoir and Kay is with the Human Resource Dept. And of course the big news from DC is the wedding on 19 Dec of Ruth Freese and Jasper Vaughn. By now they should be combat ready camel pilots in Jeddah.

"Who knows, maybe this Annapolis grad will be able to do many of the things he promised." Says Davie & Tom Cleary, "Gina graduates from Rutgers, and Tommy from HS in Jun. Davie is well and spends much of her time sketching and sewing. Big Tom still strives at handball, golf and the stock market: Ralph & Betty Uptons' card said after mentioning other football contests, "Thank goodness for the Wolverines." Wray & Charlotte White missed a planned trip to Canton to see the Rastetters. Class son, John Ward reports in from law sch (his final year): 931 Kings Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. Bob & Nancy Cooper: "Robin, USAFA '73 will graduate from the CU Med Sch in Jun and

then on to Travis. Gary is a fit attendant with Frontier and David a senior at CSU."

Karma Gleason included a wonderful note with her card: "I was sorry to miss the 35th, but couldn't face it without Bill. We had planned on being there together. Instead, I went to Arlington to visit his grave. My thanks to dear Jim Sykes for his beautiful tribute at the Memorial Services. In Cheyenne in July to greet my 4th grandchild. Liz and USAF LT husband stationed at Warren and Liz loving being back in the Service again!" Mike & Ann Cochran: "Mike has been fighting a circulation problem; he spent several weeks in Santa Barbara with a Dr. who has had remarkable results reversing arteriosclerosis. In 30 days Mike got off all medication and dropped some 25 lbs." Jim King sent a card with a reproduction of the building, circa 1790, where he works. Bob Kramer and Jo sent Xmas msg: "Good to see all of you last summer. We did it 2 in a row. Haven't received my travel orders for next year yet." Fran & Joe Myers sent a full letter: "Cadet Mark Johnson was here at Lewis for 3d Lt and Bob & Bev came up for a visit and some fishing. George & Georgia Adjemian crossed the mts from Spokane to join us for some golf. 2LT Patrick is a FO and spends his time in the boonies as all good shavetails should." Joe and Fran spent 10 days at Kilauea in Dec.

From Brewster comes the Lauterbach apple and bridge report: "Doris played in the Mexican Nationals in Mexico City, then Cuernavaca, Taxco and Acapulco [what a rough season]. Wally is hoping Jeff, 22, will run the orchard into the black this year. Mike, 28 (ouch) was home in Nov and the boys took off for a month in Mexico." Pat & Justine Tansey: "A Thanksgiving rendezvous with Pat III and Victor at the national skydiving meet at Tampa," ... during which they picked up their 120th and 320th jumps, respectively.

Walt Mullane sent the other pix and it looks like Aliotta will not be unseated as Class photographer by either Walt or Wire. The ever-so-active SSBABBC chapter rallied for the Swine Flu game and to make matters more terse the host was one Ben

Johnston, USNA '39. Anyway there was a good turn out of very young looking sexagenarians. It did serve as a suitable forum to honor Vince & Roberta Carlson, 2 displaced Californians, back for a Xmas visit. Another member of that illustrious chapter got through to me on "the long line" to say that the West Coast Class of '41 Golf Championship had just been concluded and that Bill Gurnee had emerged victorious over the considerable field of Felix Gerace and the caller, Jack Christensen! Our card from the champ said his beautiful red-headed granddaughter, and handsome bouncing grandson were well and that he and Ruth were traveling constantly, "but never in the right direction."

Other inputs from the second best state in the Union included a card from Paul & Marylou Root and her poodle and his palomino—praising Carmel. Roy & Marj Hendrickson reported that Babe was quite ill for 2 months in the spring but they spent most of the rest of the year traveling. The DC chapter continues to be most active. Walt Woolwine asked that the dates of the luncheons for 77 be announced: 15 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul, 16 Aug, 20 Sept, 18 Oct, and 15 Nov. Mark them if you see a chance to attend the best luncheon spread any Class can brag of.

That's all for now, Lawrence Welk Fans, let's hope that our new C-in-C, who is fraternally related to us, points the way, sets the pace and gets the right people to heed the advice of the Greek Philosopher which has managed to pretty well epitomize our profession for about 2300 years!

## '42

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The latest late for the Xmas Newsletter was Wally Frank whose message was the soul of brevity, if not of wit, "Bah, humbug!" I ruefully confess that that note is not inappropriate as I contemplate the unwritten Xmas cards and unfinished shopping! Guilt, guilt, guilt! And Ye Editor's early Jan deadline necessitates this being done before Ye Scribe departs for a FL Yuletide!

On the bright side, the usual slim pickin's for this time of year are happily expanded by the messages of the other lates. (Xmas greetings eliminated for brevity.) Viz:

Bringham—The contract with the MD CD & Disaster Preparedness Agcy is about to end so look out, we may come a visitin' after the Holidays.

Cockrill—To those who still love me, greetings.

Finney—We're eagerly looking forward to the 35th. Both still working but giving increasing thought to our 2d ret. Two grandchildren close by liven our days.

Garvin—Fished the AK boonies this fall with Bill Gernert who updated his Cherokee flying time. Somewhat dampened by a surprise 36' tide rise! Son Honi wed in Boylston, MA, this month and back to Elmendorf AFB for his 4th year. The veterinary ophthalmology practice still grows.

Gates—Esther and I just returned from Pensacola and Larry's wedding. New daughter-in-law Jamye Jones is a beautiful, charming interior designer. Larry is signed up with Routh Robbins. Anyone need help with real estate transactions?

Hennessee—All is well at the Hennessee

Ranch in Corrales, NM. Enclosed is a picture of the south portal of the hacienda. Come see us and we'll show you the rest—stables, etc.

**Martinez**—Sorry we cannot make the Reunion due to my teaching commitments. Great to see some classmates at Marshalls' last Jun.

**Mattina**—After all these years, a promotion—to VP of the engr and constr firm where I work. Nell spent the summer at Channel Is Harbor and finally got her own boat. CPT Johnnie received his grad degree from the U. of Albuquerque and is now at Ft Bragg where our 2d grandson Patrick was born and where we plan to spend Xmas. Mary is completing college. Talk to the Crowleys by phone occasionally but haven't seen them. Hope to make the Reunion.

**Ogden**—Nonnie and I very much looking forward to the 35th. Mike and Wendy have left for a year in Scotland. Mark and Jean live in L.A. where he is a tape librarian for a computer.

**Pendergrast**—No change. (From what, Jim!?!)

**Rew**—Sorry to be late. Had to return to the States on a family matter. All is warm and sunny here as usual. So am I.

**Rice**—Alice and I are enjoying the Big Apple although few classmates seem to pass this way. As VP Opns RCA American (satellite comm) I have lots of travel to L.A., San Fran, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta and DC—hope to see some of you natives along the way.

**Seifert**—Late again! One of these days—! Elizabeth and I were delighted to see Bill Shedd at the 14th AD Reunion in Denver last Jul. Typical of my poor planning, we took off on a week's vacation on 18 Sept—the same week that Lydie & Frank Clay came to Denver. At least daughter Lucy got to enjoy a phone visit with Lydie.

**Sheffey**—We sold our big house in Jun to GEN Frank Besson and moved to a townhouse—with guest room—just outside the Beltway. I'm working for an architect-engr group marketing their services in Latin America, but I don't let it interfere with my golf.

**Voegeli**—Take it from one starting his 61st year, no news is good news!

**Wachendorf**—Look forward to seeing many of you in Philly. Our loyalties are split, with Ben being a JG on the USS Gato. Let us know if you get to Cincinnati. Still with P&C's Engr Div.

**Watson**—I late. (We noticed, Jack!)

I goofed on the Stapletons' address. Please change your rosters to show 609 Weatherly, San Antone 78839.

My pleasure at seeing an envelope from Joe Cannon was rapidly destroyed when I found that he was writing to report Dottie's sudden death from an aneurysm on 25 Oct. A later letter reports the death of his father in Nov, following a stroke. His mother at the tender age of 87 had a fall just before the funeral and fractured a hip but is doing fine now. Helping is the fact that son Jack is back in CONUS from a 3-year AF tour in Italy and that the other 4 boys are close by. Words can't suffice Joe, but we all send you our deepest sympathy and moral strength to carry on.

Other recent losses are Hank Harmeling's father as well as Jack & Betty Heard Deanes' dad. And with deep regret I have last minute word from the AOC that Jack (John C.) Adams died at the VA Hospital in Long Beach on 22 Dec. Barbara can be

reached at 3401 Delmonte Dr, Apt. #7, Anaheim 92804.

Word from the McAdams that son Randy was wed in Phoenix on 28 Nov and from the Josendales that son John took the fatal step on 18 Dec in Springfield, MO. As I mused about the attendant festivities, I suddenly understand the male urge to have a son. It's not the male ego at all. It's a little cell in his mental computer yelling "make sure that someone else cries over payment for the wedding!"

And speaking of the Josendales, they were off to Marco Is in late Jan for a meeting, with a couple of spare days in Naples where Barbara and her mother stayed to avoid the frozen north. Their next stop was Nassau, then Rio to plan for a convention of the World Business Council. Wouldn't you think they'd need a caddy? The wedding—if not the rehearsal dinner—had gone off without a hitch. Xmas was apparently mass confusion, with great comings and goings of various segments of the family.

A letter from Fran Roberts announcing the decision on and purchase of their eventual ret. home. I'm tempted not to give the location as superfluous, but for those who don't know Fran too well, I'll tell you that it's at Pinehurst! Surprise! Sounds super. The girl cadets at NYMA number 26 and have a salutary (as in "salut" and not "salacious") effect on the young lads. Forty per cent of the youngsters are trying for a service academy or an ROTC Scholarship. Presumably not included are the 11 from Saudi Arabia who are encouraged to pay tuition by the barrel, I spose.

Al Hunter sent the news that Larry & Mae Caruthers had spent some 3 weeks in Austria, Germany and mostly Holland where their son and his wife live.

Hunters had a visit with the Krafts in Oct and one with Dick & Ann Wise in Sept. Wises' son Peter is at Millards, looking toward USMA. A few weeks ago the cover of the Easton Star-Democrat "Weekend" magazine featured a great picture of Al, headed "Al Hunter's ret. is a can of worms." The accompanying article was amusing and highly complimentary. Lastly, Al passed along the word that at the invitation of the Mayor of Stoney Point, Al Thompson dedicated a Colonial Soldier Monument in recognition of all servicemen in all wars. What a shame that I don't have a picture of Tommy participating in those Veterans Day services.

Claire Horridge sent the good news that Jean (Mrs. Roy) Smith is now Mrs. Robert Leu and lives at 447 E. High Point Drive in her old hometown of Peoria 61614.

Tom Rienzi Octoberfested with Bud Ryder in Stuttgart, Caldly being forewarned in time to plan a trip home. Tom saw John Murphy when John came up for Dick Stilwell's ret. and found him quite content with ret. and homeowning.

Phil Wyman, Honeywell's Special Asst for Energy Education, stopped by one day and dazzled us with his recitation of what Honeywell is doing to produce and conserve energy.

In the 27 Sept issue of the Army Sports-letter, "Palone (the soccer coach) also cited the play of the Cadet defense, particularly that of halfback Brendan Flanagan." Is that one of your Flanagan's, Kathy?

Gernerts wrote of a session or 2 with George & Jean Hughes when the latter were out to visit their son.

While in FL in Oct, we got over to the East Coast, and I managed to track down Bev & Dave Rowland. He's happily running

a small real estate office, and they both sounded fit as could be. I think I may have motivated them toward the 35th. Incidentally, we have in mid-Dec well over 100 yeses and about 20 maybes. Let's all work hard to avoid any attrition in the former, move the latter to a positive stance and get some of the noes to reconsider.

Alas and alack, our thin active duty ranks will be even skinnier when you read this. Jack Deane came by the office during my FL absence to get his ducks in a row for his 1 Feb ret. which came as a complete surprise. Happily, they'll be staying in the area, and my 2d echelon informant says that Jack will be doing consulting work.

An early Jan meeting of the Class O's in Tom Rienzi's office supposedly provided the Reunion workers with their final guidance. But be not afraid. You know that the final product will far surpass the quality of the guidance!

One last plea to you to zero in on someone on that Reunion "no" list and convince them to move into the "yes" column. And you take your vitamins, get plenty of bed rest and save up your plasma. Zis will be ze best 35th evair.

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A good representation of the DC contingent of our Class turned out for a business luncheon at the A-N CC on 3 Nov to elect new Class Officers, to discuss other Class business, and to enjoy each other's company. Duly nominated and promptly elected to the positions of Pres and VP, respectively, were Joe Conmy and Tote Talbott (in absentia). Bob Cook, who provided us with new rosters of the DC contingent, and Wendell Bevan remained as Secy and Treas, respectively, for another year in accordance with the provision of our Class Constitution. During the course of the luncheon, Jack Shaffer, our outgoing pres and jester, provided a few jokes and welcomed Fred Ladd (on his first appearance at our business luncheons), Johnnie Nazzaro (on his rare appearance), and T.Q. Donaldson (who drove down from his farm at Walnut Bottom, PA to be with us). Pete Grimm also presented his analysis of the responses to the questionnaire which Bob Cook sent out to all classmates some time



Jan '43: A few minutes after this photo was taken at the Bangers in L.A. Dave/Barbara Barger (right) were advised they had become grandparents. Also Helen Taliaferro (center), Boots Minckler, and Buck Taliaferro.



**Jan '43:** Visit of "Mainland Classmates" at Lou Wilson's quarters Hickam AFB, Honolulu. Back row (L-R): Barbara Barger, Gorman, Alice McDermott, Betty Schugg (Barbara's sister), Lucy Gorman and Berenzweig; front row (L-R): Wilson, Priscilla Berenzweig, Barger, Anita Wilson, McDermott, Mary Dee/Bill Starnes.

ago on such subjects as our 35th Class Reunion and a 35th yearbook. According to Pete, 100 of the 308 living members of our Class are in favor of the reunion and 76 stated that they would attend such a reunion at USMA in Jun 78. With reference to the yearbook, however, only 22% of the respondents firmly endorse the idea at this time. A possible alternative appears to be a Reunion Special which would describe the Class events at the reunion and would include photographs and information on the participants. In any event, the questions with respect to the reunion and the yearbook now rest in the capable hands of our new Class Pres, Joe Conmy.

The Xmas period brought greetings and welcome news from such classmates/wives as:

• **Tut/Frances Frakes** in Greenville, AL, who had a little "clambake" at their Ft Walton Beach abode with the Ted Lutreys, John Shortalls, and Cleo Bishops this past Jul. Recent visitors in Frances' needlecraft shop in Greenville were Lee/Kathleen James from Huntsville, AL. Tut's "beating the drum" for our 35th Reunion loud and strong so that Bob Maloney, Sonny Pitts, Jim Demp-



**Jan '43:** Baden receives Certificate of Special Achievement from John Rhinelander (Under Secy of the Dept of Housing and Urban Devl) while Thomas Cody (Asst Secy for Admin) reads the citation.

sey, Bob Whitlow, and Jim Hackler will take heed.

• **Ralph/Sally Hofmann** in Columbia, SC, who visited their daughter Barbara and her husband (who's a Troop Cmdr in the 7th Cav) in Schweinfurt, Germany, and then spent 2 weeks in Italy this past summer.

• **Stew/Jane Meyer** at Ft Hood, TX, where Stew is "on the road" about half the time and Jane has gone back to work halftime.

• **Priscilla/B-wig Berenzweig** in Honolulu, HI, where B-wig is a planner for the State with respect to national disasters, and Priscilla is a docent for the aquarium—conducting tours several days a week. Their son, John, married Suzann Ley in Oxford, OH, this past Aug.

• **Stewart/Susan MacVeigh** in Seattle, WA, where Stew is still highway engr for King County and Susan is just out of the hospital recovering from a bit of surgery.

• **Ed/Romaine McGough** in Placitas, NM, who had all 4 daughters home for Xmas and are now looking forward to visiting their oldest daughter and F-4 pilot husband in Spain later this year.

• **Brad/Millie Lundberg** in Cocoa Beach, FL, who were at home with a "goodly"

number of their family this Xmas, but have been taking several trips, mostly associated with some type of a ball (e.g., golf and foot).

• **Jim/Jean Cobb** in Atlanta, GA, where Jim is the Dpty Dir of the Health Sys Agcy (a Federally supported, nonprofit corp dedicated to solving the health care problems of half of the residents of GA), while Jean manages the social/home activities.

• **Ted/Marge Seith** at SHAPE Hqs in Belgium, where they plan to stay until mid-summer of 77.

• **Bill/Peggy Knowlton** at LANSOUTH-EAST Hqs in Turkey, where they have traveled extensively by foot, car/jeep, plane, and helicopter—with a donkey, camel or magic carpet yet to come. After 2 years in Tunis in the 60's, they feel very much at home in Izmir.

• **Bill/Dolly Neale** in Colo Spgs, CO, where Bill (as Quality Control Reviewer for the CO Dept of Soc Svcs) could write a book about the world of welfare aid, food stamps, and Medicaid, while Dolly continues to combat arthritis with gold shots and do "her bit" for the Symphony Guild, the American Assn of U. Women, Schools and Family.

• **Dave/Barbara Barger** in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA (i.e., L.A.), who are the proud grandparents of their first grandson whose name is longer than he is and who's already equipped with everything except his own Honda. The Bargers recently discovered Lucy Yount living in Beverly Hills, after leaving Madrid and trying DC. Lucy may do a bit of decorating again.

• **Jim/Jo Hackler** in Myrtle Beach, SC, where Jim's Dist Gov of the Rotary which has involved their visiting some 39 clubs—interesting, but tiring

• **Bill/Marilyn Stewart** in San Ant, TX, who hope to visit HI next summer after missing the junket last fall with MacD et al.

• **John/Chris Mitchell** in Columbia, SC, who, along with the Charlie Burrs, have



**Jan 43:** West Coast contingent in L.A. include (L-R) Barger, Taliaferro, Lindell and Porter.



**Jan '43:** George Kinney and helpers at opening of new flower shop in Clearwater.



**Jan '43:** McDermott (President of USAA) with 1925 Elcar touring sedan, similar to first one insured by USAA in 1922.



Jan '43: Harmonizing with Barbar Fiss at the organ are (L-R) Marie/Joe Conmy and Joe Benson.

bought a villa on Hilton Head Is and now spend half of their time there.

•Hank/Mary Greenberg in Stillwater, OK, where Hank keeps well occupied as Prod Mgr of the National Standard Co. and Mary works in the OSU library.

With reference to several of the photographs that you see elsewhere in this column, George Kinney (grandson of the founder of the nationwide Kinney Shoe Store chain) moved to Clearwater from Tampa, FL, where he opened a flower store that, according to Pappy Doyle, was an instant success. George eventually hopes to develop this venture into a nationwide operation. Bob Baden's award at HUD reflected his leadership of a series of special Departmental Task Forces dealing with the problem of process analysis. It was Bob McDermott who initiated the search for the Elcar landau touring sedan with which he is pictured. Incidentally, Bob was also selected as the Volunteer Industrial Developer of the Year among TX' largest cities by the TX Industrial Devl Council.

Some other bits of info from here and there include word from Lou Wilson that he and Anita do a considerable amount of traveling for PACAF—she particularly enjoys Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore. Lou expects to ret. this spring, which will leave Ted Seith as our only remaining AF classmate on active duty. Bob Cook is the Dir of Review for the FEA here in DC, while Darrie Richards alternates as Pres, VP, and Secy of 3 holding companies in Alexandria, VA. At the Army-Colgate football game last fall, Ben Edwards saw Wray Page, Bill Cucolo, and Jimmy Changaris. Dottie/Ernie Raulin have returned to their delightful home high in the Santa Barbara Hills after a fabulous trip to England where they visited their daughter (Jean), son-in-law (Alex), and his family.

In closing, the Class extends its deepest sympathies to Ed Bennett, whose father (a Coast Artillery officer) died in Bradenton, FL in Oct, and Frank Camm, whose father (an Arty officer and first Chief of the MAAG in Portugal) died in Newport News, VA in Dec.

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Something has gone wrong with the calendar. Having just finished writing the column that appeared in Dec 76, I suddenly find it is time to do it again. DC and its metropolitan environs are covered with the heaviest snowfall of the season, traffic is—naturally—

in a state of paralysis, and one is confined to quarters in company of a large, dark grey, yellow-eyed cat who keeps staring at me accusingly, as if she were getting messages from an editor up the Hudson. Poe's raven at least talked. This cat just stares.

Well, that is ridiculous, of course. However, you can't always be sure about these things. As someone—I think it was Wickert—once said, "It takes one to know one." Last Oct, on the night before Halloween, if you please, our son John was leaving the house, but turned back and remarked: "There is a cat sitting out here in front of the door, looking in." He then carefully stepped over her, and went bowling. Left alone with this visitor, I gave her a saucer of milk—simply as a seasonal appeasement. And, I've been appealing her every since. ("OK—OK! Go away—I'll write!")

The Xmas-New Year's mail was gratifying, and I do thank all of you who wrote or called. From Satellite Beach, FL here is warming news from Lee & Ann Hogan, who advise: "Our news is all good. We love this part of FL, and recommend it highly to any contemporaries still looking for the place to settle down." The Hogans' 3 youngest are with them in FL; eldest daughter Robin up in ND, has presented them with granddaughter #3; and 2d daughter Christine, who is practicing law with the ND Supreme Court, married a fellow lawyer, Mr. Larry Dopson of Bismarck, last Oct. If I read the 25th Yearbook correctly, Robin's husband is also in the law, so it appears Lee should be well-furnished with counsel if he ever gets a parking ticket in Bismarck. What's more, Bill Daner, long an eminent fixture at the ND bar, is there to back them up.

Burdetts send New Year's greetings from San Ant, and Al has provided the accompanying picture taken outside their quarters at Ft Sam, as he said, "during a break from viewing the Army-Navy debacle on Nov 27th..." He added that Jim Harrold had also been present, but had to leave early. In a separate card, Jim said he had a prior requirement but had hoped that at least watching the first half at the quarters of the CG, Fifth Army might bring Army luck, but soon saw this wasn't going to work either. Anyhow, next year is coming. Think positive, like the man said.

Over in Temple, TX, John & Peggy Lucas visited Dan & Peggy Cullinane for a week last Oct. It was a particularly fitting and proper time, for Cullinanes had been introduced by the Lucas', and the 33d Cullinane nuptial anniv occurred during the Oct visit. There was a certain amount of cork-popping, and, as Dan wrote, "We sat up late swapping stories of days of yore." Dan also sent me a picture of one of his Cadillacs, with the comment "I've had them for several years—gave Johnny Lucas an old one for his 31' ketch." My first reaction was, "Wow—I don't know where Lucas will put it on a 31' ketch, but that sure is TX-style for you!" A second glance, however, showed that Dan was referring to the license plate on the pictured car, which plainly reads: "USMA-43." As you may recall, we had reports of several such plates about a year ago; Dan now seems to have staked a claim as earliest license-plate Class booster.

(Incidentally, let me note again that I refrain from giving street addresses if they are currently and correctly shown in the REGISTER. This helps on the printing and paper costs and also encourages you to subscribe to the REGISTER, which is far

and away the best easily-available compilation of address information.)

Had a clever Xmas poem from Jess & Jane Fishback in Cookeville, TN, accounting for their engr and tanker sons, John and Jim, their doctor daughter, Jill, and the balance of their brood. Jane remains, I'm told, "top sgt of the group and queen of the coop." They have occasional visits with the Bells of Nashville and Ingwersens of Atlanta, and are contemplating a trip west in Jun to visit relatives and Farleys in L.A., and on to see John in Honolulu. Jess, who has been with the TN Dept of Transp, says he is now "serving another 'temporary' appointment with the Civil Engr Dept." (of TN Polytechnic), and concludes with the following:

"Professor Jess must confess,  
His teaching's somewhat rusty;  
His garden's weedy—  
His yard looks seedy.  
Though it's bum—  
You all come,  
We'll give you greetings lusty."

CA is very much back in the news this time, with a long and welcome letter from Dave Galas reporting on the Galas family and the big Jun '43 echelon in southern Cal. Dave himself is still with System Safety Engr at Hughes Aircraft, and Kaye stays more than busy with family, church, and civic activities, and tennis. Their oldest son, David J., has recently been offered a post with the Dept of Molecular Biology at the U. of Geneva in Switzerland. Both married daughters, Cynthia and Cathie, in Albuquerque and Redondo Beach respectively, are teachers working with handicapped children. Cathie's husband has been invited to teach Engl at USMA (AF exch) in 77, so this may bring Dave & Kay east to visit this year. The 2 younger offspring, Steve and Debra, are in high school.

Here's the rest, in Dave's own words: "Bob Rooker has been in the hospital for a hip repair. He was doing fine but had a setback when hepatitis developed from the transfusion. Bette is looking after him and they are planning their usual New Year's Day open house. Dick Wheeler has an airplane, several shade and drape stores, a regular job, one wife and some children, but I really don't know what he does in his spare time. He promised me I could fly safety pilot for him next chance he got to practice instrument flying. Hasn't called yet. Alice must help him a lot, to keep things going. Dan Shea keeps busy trying to provide pers and admin support to Logicon in San Pedro. Paula would like more of his time to be free, but so would all the wives like to see more of their mates—Kaye just talked to



Jun '43: The Grady Bunch—Thanksgiving '76.



Jun '43: Bill Roos in Algeria.

Paula and they agreed we would try to get together during the holidays. Perhaps at Papadakis Greek Taverna in San Pedro. Ann and Pres Easley just quietly and graciously keep busy with entertaining, children, and work. Steve & Bernie Sherrill live just over the hill in a beautiful setting, a stone's throw from Marineland. They keep so active that even when sighted they are moving too fast to stop. Norm Keefer decided to keep the townhouse condominium community in which he lives under his wing. He spends a lot of time on homeowner problems and negotiations. Norm & Ruth Pehrson are not far from us; Norm is still trying to keep Parsons Engr from going astray. Ruth loves her teaching job. Chuck & Marion Dickinson live quite far from the Marineland area, and Marion works in Encino. Chuck is also at Hughes, with the Space and Comm Gp. He is doing some student flying and may go all the way to get his license—if Marion lives through it. Elaine & Jay Wethe are over in Whittier, and Dave & Juanita Schwartz are in Covina. We all see one another, but not often enough."

Separately, Norm Keefer has provided some amplification on the Rancho Palos Verdes round-up and the trials of condominium mgt. He tells me Dave & Juanita Schwartz got the Class contingent together last summer for a great outdoor affair in their San Gabriel Valley home. Most of those named above by Dave Galas were present, plus Mike & Maura Davis, Wes & Bonnie Maughn, and Ed and Peg Shaifer. Later last summer, the Easleys entertained the group at their townhouse in San Pedro, and in early fall Pehrsons got some of the nearby troops together for an evening at Palos Verdes when Bill Roos appeared briefly on the scene. Keefer confirms that Dick & Alice Wheeler have gone into the woven wood drapery business. They started with one store in Torrance, and now have another one down in Orange County at Mission Viejo—and Dick is still with McDonnell-Douglas, too.

About his own activities, Norm wrote; "In a 352 unit townhouse complex like the one I live in, the job of running it is quite demanding. Having volunteered to help write the rules and regulations, I became Chmn of the Rules Cmte, which led to appointment on the Bd of Directors, and finally, to election as Pres of the Home Owners' Assn. Very time consuming—organizing and motivating the 7-man board, 6 cmnts, and 9 service contractors has completely absorbed me for 2 yrs. Now I remember someone telling me a long time ago not to volunteer for any-

thing!" His 2-year stint being done, Norm resigned, he says, and took a long trip to the northern CA wilds. Galas, however, says Norm still has that project under his wing. All those homeowners must have refused to let him go! It's nice to be wanted, Norm.

Clare & Jane Farley, as noted in this column in the Sept 76 ASSEMBLY, left the DC area last summer for L.A. Dave Galas said he had talked with Clare on the phone but had not yet been able to get together with him. However, I am now able to provide the Farleys' address from a different source—and not from the files of Malone Real Estate, either. On 10 Dec 76, at my desk at General Rsch Corp, McLean, VA, (where I am employed from time to time by Harry Schroeder) I received a welcome and unexpected call from Lorry Thomas in Chicago. After exchanging news, Lorry informed me that Clare Farley is exec asst to the pres of Northrop Corp, and that Farley's address is now 10320 Clusterberry Center, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Lorry followed-up his call with a card and letter a week later, extracts herewith: "The Windy City class contingent increased by 50% with the arrival over a year ago of Lemon & Kathy Blank. After ret. in 74 as USAF Asst DCS/Sys & Log, Lem took Kathy on a long trip to FL, CA, and the Pacific area. (On the return trip they met Dave Schwartz in HI and hitched a space available ride back on the same flight.) Lem is now VP of Litton Med Sys, Inc., located in Des Plaines. Hi & Dottie Fuller are in Palatine. He is a sr engr with Inland Const Co. of Chicago, builders of the fantastic new Water Tower Place, housing the Ritz-Carlton, Marshall Field, Lord & Taylor, and many apartments, shops, and theatre. I am continuing in marketing activities as mgr of market planning and rsch. The Hallicrafters Co. has changed from a subsidiary of Northrop to a dept, and in Jan 77 will become Def Sys Div, Northrop Corp. Our principal business is electronic defense equipment to improve aircraft survivability. Betty and I have been lucky enough to retain our home in Rancho Palos Verdes, near where so many friends live. Our present address in Palatine, IL is just 5 minutes from Northrop and 20 minutes from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Just give us a call!" Thank you, Lorry. Can it be true—only 3 classmates in the Chicago area? Perhaps this will smoke others out. (Note: Blank, Fuller, and Thomas addresses all correct in REGISTER.)

Here's a news release from the American Grad Sch of Intl Mgt in Glendale, AZ advising merely that Bob MacMullin is now registered at this institution. Mac—how about filling us in on the details? It is long since we heard from you. I remember when we sat together at the Pointer table, with Hilsman, Campbell, Grady, et al. Speaking of Grady, please note the accompanying picture of the Grady bunch, as of Thanksgiving 76. My identifications are, in part, tentative, but here goes: seated, Barbara and granddaughters; standing (l to r)—daughter Beth Dixon, William Dixon, Grady himself (who else?), a nephew—believed to be son of Larry Jones, '45, and daughter Molly. Here is a state-side address for the Gradys: 10 NW Bern St., RR-3, Albuquerque, NM 87120. I understand they are coming east in the spring again, en route back to Spain.

Moving east now, I have a good letter from John Cochran in Lexington, VA, who deposes and says: "I ran into young Bob Wilson, VMI '77, son of Bill and Teddy

Wilson, at a polo match on the VMI parade ground several weeks ago. He tells me that Teddy is teaching in a hospital facility in Roanoke, and Bill, who has been in the real estate business there, is casting around for wider horizons in the area. As you know, Hal & Helen Head are local residents. Hal is the Registrar of Washington & Lee U. They had an enjoyable trip this past summer to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and HI and return. . . . Al & Barbara Tucker have a farm in the county, not far from Lexington. Al, who works with me in the local unit of the American Cancer Society as a volunteer, is responsible for having raised the largest amount in contributions ever achieved in this community on behalf of the Cancer Society. Al and Barbara spend a good deal of the summer months cruising the east coast in their sail boat. In 75 they sailed down the inland waterway and spent several months in the Bahamas and this past summer they visited the tall ships off Providence, RI, while Teri and I were touring down the East Coast to places of Bicentennial interest.

"Late in Sept Roger Hilsman came down from Columbia U. to rural southwestern VA to tell us about his new book, *The Crouching Future*. If the title sounds a little ominous, I think it is intended to be so. The Heads and the Cochrans attended and enjoyed the brief opportunity to reminisce with Roger. I hadn't seen him since graduation. (We were both in that outstanding company in the first half of the Corps, D-1.) The lecture was sponsored by the Mil Sci Dept at Washington & Lee." John closed his letter with a quote from an Ogden Nash verse in which the author is conversing with a small fossil: "Cheer up, old man," he said, and winked—"It's kind of fun to be extinct." I hope that's not what Roger's book is about, because if it is, I'm not going to read it. . . . That yellow-eyed cat crouching in the corner is bugging me enough right now. When I get done with this column, then I'll worry about the future.

Also from southern VA, but a little closer to Washington metro, there is a mysterious card mailed from High Point Farm, P.O. Box 231, Orange, VA 22960 simply advising that the permanent residence of Frank Jones is "Woodlands," Steele Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057. Editors: please note. Frank, we solicit your news in 77 and any other time.

Jim & Helen Phillips' daughter Laura was married on 19 Dec 76—her parents 33d wedding anniv—to LT Wm. A. Tillman, USAF,



Jun '43: At Burdett's Qtrs 27 Nov 76 (Front L-R): Georgene Hagen, Antoinette Burdett, Liz Teller, Betty Metts; (Second row L-R): Joe Eastmead, Burdett and Teller; (Rear): Metts.

at a beautiful ceremony in the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA. Afterwards, there was an elegant reception at the Phillips home, with a grand crowd of young people, including Laura's brother Jay and sister Jean with her husband, as well as some not so young—except at heart. Jim, beaming benevolently, announced (triumphantly, I thought), "Enjoy yourselves—this is my last daughter!" He wore blues to take Laura down the aisle, and a civilian neighbor lady remarked to me at the reception: "Why, why—Mr. Phillips never looks like that in the back yard! Did you need to look exactly like that, too?" To which I solemnly replied: "No—I'm a little shorter." And how about this for planning: Helen Philips thinks of everything, so as the bride and groom were preparing to leave, the guests lined up along the front walk leading down to the car were provided with small packets of dried sunflower seeds, in lieu of rice, which were then tossed over the departing happy couple. Thus, tradition was observed, the birds were fed, and Jim was relieved of any need to turn out a police detail. Beautiful.

The Class in the DC area last met for dinner on 30 Oct 76 at Ft McNair. Cecile and I were unable to make this one, but I have it on good authority—from Les Hardy, that is—that those present included Aarons, Atkinsons, Childs, Gordys, Arch Hamblen, Hardys, Heintzelmans, Alan and Lynn Jones, Malones, Moores, Morris, Jack Novak, O'Hares, Parkers, Piggs, Pinnells, Pletts, Raspers, Ned Schramm, Umlaufs, and the Wickert. Les learned that Jack Morris had visited with George Cantlay and SHAPE Belgium not long before, and that Bill & Marion Moore were about to move to Austin, TX. George and Bill—take a moment from your strategic ruminations and send us a card.

Other items on the local scene: Mark Boatner came back to Arlington for the holidays from the family farm near Jackson, LA. His severe asthma of last year is gone, and he tells me he is resuming work on his Encyclopedia of World War II. Sam Pinnell sent me a card showing an interior perspective of the Washington Cathedral, in color, from the choir straight down the long nave to the great circular stained glass window above the narthex. Reminded me that those of us in this area have one of the architectural wonders of the world right here at hand, but we forget about it.

Earlier in this column, I noted that Bill Roos had been reported at that Palos Verdes Shangri-La in southern Cal. Now I have a letter from him in Seattle. By the time you read this, he, Miriam, and Christine, their youngest daughter, will have moved from Seattle to this area, where I happen to know (courtesy of Malone Real Estate) that their new address will be 4849 Old Dominion Dr, Arlington, VA 22207. Here's the Bill Roos story: "I am still a Sr Proj Mgr with the engr firm of Ralph M. Parsons and have just completed a master plan for a harbor in Algeria to out-load liquid natural gas to the U.S. and Europe. [There follows a gratifying passage complimentary of the Army Area Handbook for Algeria, which Bill used for background preparation and of which your scribe is a co-author.] Am now being transferred to DC as part of the mgt team on a contract for the gov't's NE Corridor Improvement Program to improve tracks, bridges, and tunnels between DC and Boston so that passenger trains will be able to run the entire distance at speeds of 120 mph." In

this capacity, it seems certain Bill will be in a professional relationship with Trev Sawyer, who is the Director of the NE Corridor Project under the Federal Railroad Admin of the Dept of Trans. Welcome back, Bill and Miriam.

On 10 Nov 76, George Campbell died at Letterman Army Hospital, San Fran of complications following a massive stroke. Olivia (now Mrs. Don Mauritsen of 4104 South Florence Court, Tulsa, OK 74105) called me on 13 Nov and said that George would be buried at WP on 15 Nov. George's and Olivia's son Charles, age 18, had been named as heir; and he and his mother came east for the services. Cecile and I and Peggy Magathan, who rode with us, were also present. WP, with all its changes, did not seem strange to me, but rather seemed intensely and personally familiar, and I think George would have sensed it the same way. Full military honors were accorded. After the funeral mass at the Catholic Chapel, the procession formed and moved slowly down to the cemetery. At the grave site, the Chaplain pronounced the final words of the service, the 3 volleys rang out, the bugler blew "Taps," and I could not help feeling that George's tempestuous life had at the end been put back into order by the traditional last ceremonies at the place I think he loved best on earth. Charles and Olivia thanked the Class for the flowers that were sent, and returned to Tulsa. (In this connection, there is a small fund here under Bill Malone's charge that enables flowers to be sent if he is aware of the occasion.)

Bob Sonstefie in Miami Lakes, FL sends regards to all and has forwarded a clipping from the Miami Herald of 30 Dec 76 containing his letter expressing disagreement with the recommendations (as given in the press coverage) of the commission headed by COL Frank Borman '50 on the Honor Code and System. I have just received 4 copies of the Borman Commission's Report to the SA, forwarded by GEN Harold K. Johnson '33, a member of the commission, with the request that Class secretaries pass these copies to the officers of each class. GEN Johnson, in his letter of transmittal, advises that a "thorough reading of the entire report is necessary for an understanding of the recommendations. . . ."

As shown in the REGISTER, we have only 3 formal Class officers: Hogan (pres), Westbrook (treas), and Grady (hist). (These were elected, as you recall, shortly before we graduated, and have never been changed.) In addition, by long standing consensus Bill Malone has acted here as exec VP, because by far the largest single concentration of classmates has been and still is in the DC metropolitan area, and because circumstances, dispersion, etc. have precluded regular operation of the formal organizational structure. (As scribe, I am not an elected officer—just a "volunteer pen.")

I will comply with GEN Johnson's request on distribution of the Borman Report, plus a copy to Malone. However, I have also learned that the report and the SA's implementing memorandum are both to be reproduced in this present number of ASSEMBLY. Each of us, therefore, can study these documents free from media inaccuracy and distortion, and thus be able better to form our individual opinions.

So, the story of 76 ended and 77 began, like all years do, as a spectrum of both light and somber hues which this column will continue trying to reflect to you. Now, let me

leap at one jump from philosophy to practice; do send pictures, but be advised that I do not do the layout. Last time, you may have noticed that the pictures of Bernie Roger's accession as U.S. Army CS, and our other pictures, were not placed adjacent to the respective stories—logical though this might seem to have been. Technical requirements, I'm told, preclude this kind of detailed placement. Finally, please do not send news by ESP messages to the cat, for I'm not quite spook enough to read out that inscrutable stare. ("There—I'm done. So shut it off!") So long for now.

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Chan & Marie Gilsons' planned Bicentennial auto tour from L.A. to Phila and return was impressive. Better yet, they did it! Proof is available at checkpoints in Gunnison, CO (Barnett), Rochester, MI (Rojo & Sugar Aldrich), DC (Peughs and Smiths), Boonton, NJ (Murrays), Virginia Beach (Roy & Sylvia Bahls) and Raleigh, NC (Joe & Francie Hale). We accept New Orleans and El Paso on faith. It was a pleasure to have them here. It was gratifying to learn that Gil discovered in Independence Hall a water-fountain which he designed several years ago. Cheers!

We are informed that Blanchard, Hennessey and McAuliffe were present in DC for an Army Cmdrs' Conference. Though not sure of the exact date, it reportedly wound up in time for those interested to see the Army-Navy game. We were glad to hear all brought their live-in chaperones so they too could get relief from the "cabin fever" endemic in Germany, Florida and Panama.

On 20 Oct, Donna Parson, with her mother, Mrs. Hart, attending, hosted a luncheon for the ladies in "The Parsonage," a Swiss Chalet which floats in a sea of autumn colors on the wave made by the Blue Ridge near Washington, VA. The colors, the view to the east, the menu and the conversation made a 3.0 day for the visiting better halves of the families Carlson, Cowherd, Cumberpatch, Daly, Moore, O'Brien, Peugh, Smith, Sullivan, Tkacik and White. No tenths were taken off for the rainstorm en route home. The ladies were pleased with the courtesies of the handsome gardener-chauffeur who apparently is on best of terms with the hostess, and has house privileges.

On 26 Oct, 27 DC area classmates lunched at Ft Myer Officers Club. The roster: Callaghan, Carter, Cheadle, Connell, Cowherd, Cumberpatch, Cutrona, DeArment, Ginsburgh, Harris, Hayman, Ingersoll, Maish, McElvey, McGlothlin, McGuire, Muller, Parson, Patton, Carl Peterson, Peugh, Phillips, Robinson, Schardt, Steger, Sullivan, White. Your scribbler regrets he was out of town since once we were lovers, then fighters, but now tellers of tall tales.

The day Don Carter ret., Eleanor went to work. (Like my bride, I believe, Eleanor married for better or worse, but not for lunch.) She chose the Savings and Loan business and within months moved up to open and manage a new branch in Arlington, which is going gang-busters. With Eleanor's personality and big brown eyes, small wonder, sez I. You ret. too late, Don, by about 30 yrs.

In another letter, Staser jiggles the bait to lure me to Anchorage for a tennis lesson

from him in their new indoor club—5 courts, sauna, jacousie, etc. (He lays down that gauntlet to anybody!) Of course, Dave Silver just laughs from HI and claims he is the best. Rock suggests we set up a world-wide '44 tennis tournament—then lets it drop that he plays daily at 6 a.m. before going to his work as exec asst to the mayor of Anchorage—looking after half of AK's souls. From your perspective, Staser, instead of a Southern "Desire Under the Elms," how about whomping up a Northern classic on "Urban Polar Crime," "Vice Under the Borealis," or "Pipeline Passions?"

Gene Callaghan has moved from Energy R&D Admin to ACTION, the Volunteer Agency of the U.S. where he is director of the planning div, plotting for VISTA, Foster Grandparents, Ret. Senior Volunteers and the Peace Corps. (Gene's always looking for French-speaking country directors!) Some guys keep breaking trail for the rest of us!

George Pappas has passed the word through Jim Connell that over 210 classmates have participated in the 30th Yearbook with bios, pictures and funds. A deadline of 30 Nov was set and work proceeds toward early summer publication. Again, our thanks to George; isn't it great to have a guy like that as a classmate: crazily unselfish!

I mentioned a half-year ago that Chuck Nye, our atty in Durham, has won the "Other Cup" with the help of his wife, Mary Jane, and daughter, Rosemary, born 6 Dec 74. On 1 Nov Chuck and I met for lunch at the Army-Navy Club in DC where I presented him the "Other Cup." In about 1951, after seeing Chuck through law school, Mary Jane appeared at her desk at home with a 4 ft stack of books and announced her intent to go to med sch; did so! Graduated, she specialized in pediatrics and informed Chuck she was going to build a clinic wing onto their house; did so! Meanwhile, 2 children came along, staying on the "private" side of the door joining home and clinic, equally close to the care of mother and physician. Our "Other Cup" child was at one point professionally diagnosed as a tumor, a diagnosis successfully contested by the Nyes' house pediatrician who presented her professional and maternal proof on 6 Dec 74. To very special parents and a very special child: "and may they bring our God-child up..."

"Dear Lee—It's snowy, it's dark and it's cold here. But does a little thing like that deter the hardy '44-er? No! Bob & Betty Rodden called us from the (Anchorage) airport at 6 a.m., just before boarding to continue their return from the Far East. They sat in the terminal from 2 a.m. before waking us—from our long winter's nap! The two Bettys did all the talking—while I was still stumbling around looking for the phone. Only wish we could have seen them.

"Bill Marks wants me to help him peddle igloos to the Eskimos. He is now Pres of Precast Structures, Inc., which makes houses that look exactly like igloos—from styrofoam with 3" of concrete poured over. Bill never quits; he's got the dexterity and longevity of a cat. He's also got courage; he's having Tank DeArment and George Hayman as house guests for the Army-Navy game. I doubt if he invited them; I think they just notified him.

"Dave 'Big Daddy' Silver will be able to ret. a 2d time when he collects the commission from selling us a yet-to-be-built condo in Honolulu. I'm sure it's the only sale he's

made in 2 yrs; he can't seem to pass a tennis court.

"Coots Mitchell wants all 'mates to come visit him at Pebble Beach for the Crosby Tournament in Jan. (WATCH OUT!)

"Nick Fuller, who holds the all-time record on the Area (and in only 3 yrs!) writes that the stamina built up on Central Area and no smoking while walking tours has enabled him to consume more rum than any 2 average planters on Antigua. He's not sure of the effect on his longevity since he has no feeling in any extremities—and isn't sure they're still all there.

"Tell Joe Cutrona to get his hair cut. Your last picture of a DC luncheon showed you should have invited a barber. It's bad enough that David Linton Silver is coloring his silver hair—his only distinction! We better start a buck-up. Best, Rocko."

Bill McGlothlin writes that he and Jeanette spent a week in Sept at the Lord Nelson Inn on Antigua. Host Nick Fuller also owns the Callaloo Club for the sun-seeking vacationer. If the facilities reflect Nick's sense of fun, a stay there should be a blast. Maybe we'll add Antigua to our trip in late winter. Nick apparently got confused in his navigation since he wound up in DC for a week in Oct. The Caribbean clan includes the Fullers, the Millers in Barbados, and the Ginsburghs (part-time) in the Virgins. Wouldn't be surprised to see the McGlothlins, who move to San Ant in the spring, join the clan part-time, since they went back to Antigua for a fortnight in Nov to see for sure if it and Nick were real.

The numerous Holiday cards are appreciated and hereby acknowledged. It would be helpful to the Class and to the AOG if addresses (and current names) of widows of deceased classmates could be furnished—along with any news you wish to put thru this mish-mash. Happy Easter!

I much enjoyed lunch at the Saints & Sinners "roast" of GEN Doolittle as guest of Bill Peugh recently. Ted Muller, who's with IBM here, was a good companion also. Saw Bob Ginsburgh there, too.

Over at the ski chalet where his son's foot is going through almost all the ski-boot sizes, your scribe encountered George Ingersoll doing the same thing for his teen-age daughter. It's great to have young-uns around but is there no end—to their feet?

After stumbling around on crutches for a couple of months, finally got back to tennis in Sept and took a first ski outing in Dec in PA. My son and Clay Sanders raced up and down the slopes all day plus 4 hours under the lights. I did that one day, while they went onto a 2d evening on skis followed by a dance commencing at 11 p.m. I eased my aches into early bed.

Audrey and I will open the New Year with a week at the ski slopes after saying goodbye to a daughter who is moving to Europe. Guess where we'll go next winter?

# '45

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Hope you had as fine a time over the Xmas holidays as we did. And as your scribe, I welcome the Xmas cards as a source of Class news. Put me on your card list, and also on your news list.

Bob & Janice Krebs at VA Beach had son Bill home for Xmas from his station at Ft

Stewart. Son Rob and his wife will return from Germany this summer. Daughter Jan and her husband Bill were expecting the Krebs' 2d grandchild about Xmastime.

Ras & Martha Rasmussen planned a wonderful holiday trip which included spending Xmas with son Kai in Bangkok and a visit to Hong Kong. Son Steve and wife made them grandparents in Apr when grandson Jacob arrived.

Mick & MJ McMurdo report they're both busy moving Hawaiian real estate. Daughter Dahlis has been accepted for U. of HI Med Sch while her husband Frank and brother Keith were graduated from same. MJ allowed that since son Mike also aspires to Med Sch that they'll be rolling in doctors soon. Meanwhile the old folks still enjoy sailing and are now in their new home at 608 Paipua Loop, Kailua, HI 96734.

Bob Zeidner writes of a happy, hectic 76. Jun was time for Christine and Bob to dash east to see #1 son graduate from Princeton (where he was also born). Then they took a week to do bicentennial areas followed by Bob flying to Turkey for a summer of research. Christine joined him for 1st 3 wks of Sept having stayed at Salt Lake City to get #1 son into law sch, #2 son graduated from HS, and a promotion for herself to asst prof. Their daughter Jan is still working as a nurse in Tulsa, and #3 son still at home. Next summer they plan a trip to London and Paris for more research. As Bob sez: "You can afford it if you have tax-free research grants."

Hank Starkey is keeping extra busy with Penn State teaching and his own engr office. Nancy closed her knit shop in Apr and is full time housewife until she can find a new location. Family: Gayle working with drug-store chain in Youngstown, John graduating from Fordham in Feb 77 to enter "Regency" in Roman Catholic clergy, Joyce in Pre-Law at Penn State, Rusty and Martha in HS.

Dick & Harriet Hartline had a great time on their trip to Europe. Visited son Doug in Italy, then traveled to Austria and Germany including golf in Garmisch. They saw Pat & Dick Groves in Heidelberg, and Bob & Lei Eye at the Xmas Bazaar in Frankfurt, Fyes had just come from a HS football playoff in which their son was playing. All looked great!

A Xmas letter from "Twinkleperson and Bullmeese" Root arrived with a rundown on their clan. It was too good not to quote in part, so here goes: "Last year we got Judy into her grad sch and held on 'til she got her master's in Legal Analysis. She landed a great job as a paralegal with a local law firm—that lasted 3 whole months. The lure of the Park City, UT, ski slopes, and a ski instructor her brothers call 'Thunder Thighs' was too great! So off she went until the snow or romance melts, whichever comes first. Garry, #3 son, is a carpenter's apprentice, which is a damn sight better than the things he used to be an 'apprentice' at. He goes to college 2 nights a week and builds bks at Ft Ord every day. He lives in the back bedroom which is an improvement over the back of his pick-up truck." Jim and Bette spent May in HI and continue to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

FitzP Fitzpatrick sent me news of a number of classmates. Dan Farr seems to be returning to normal health after a recent heart attack following other illness. Dan and Liz are living in Litchfield Park, AZ. John and Mary Stoer joined the McQuarries in Angel Fire, NM to watch the (ugh!) Army-



1945: Bob Pine and daughter Catherine Anne, born 26 Mar 1976!

Navy game. The Stoers are in Albuquerque where John will finish teaching in Jun. Slade & Mike Nash are in Madrid after he traded his MAAG job in Taiwan for the one in Spain. Homer & Squeak Minckler were visiting in the DC area for the holidays from their home in L.A. where Minck is teaching Pers Mgt. George & Barbara Benson were scheduled to host the annual DC area Class Xmas party again at their home on 28 Dec. The Fitzpatricks added a FL room to their home in McLean, attended the annual SETP Symposium in L.A. in Sept, purchased a "chalet" near Bryce Mountain, VA on the 17th fairway and near ski slopes. Mike is stationed at Hanscom AFB working with computers. Barb continues as a labor law specialist with American Trucking Assn. Robert, Beth, and Colin live in Annandale. Brian is a HS senior playing football, basketball, and taking SAT's.

Jim Elkey writes that there is still unfinished business re: 30-year book. 204 class members have not acknowledged receipt of book as requested. 48 still owe the final \$10 payment. Write Jim at Box 1145, Ft Myer, VA 22211 and help close out these records.

Bob Pine's wife Trina wrote to tell of their new daughter born 26 Mar 76 who weighed 7 lb 5 oz at birth and is named Catherine Anne. In late summer they all took a trip to Europe, touring England, Bob attending an economics convention in Scotland, visited Trina's native Sweden where Catherine Anne was baptized, traveled to Germany to visit some of Bob's former stations, then had a look at Austria, Italy, France, and Andorra before returning to Houston. Congratulations to you both. And, hey, Bob, this is some kind of a record, isn't it?

Atlanta regional reporter, Tom Longino, said news is slim with all the troops digging in for the onslaught of holiday visitors. But he did have the following news. Jim (J.W.) & Mary Morris were having 3 children, 3 children-in-law, and 3 grandchildren added to their own 2 still at home. A holiday-houseful. Art Ringler recently joined a management consultant firm as Mgr of Opns. Daughter from U. of GA joined them for a quiet Xmas. Dick Hartline recently saw Bill Ekberg who is now a big radio and TV mogul in ND. A recent addition to the Atlanta area is Pete Dillard. Pete has been hiding behind the log for almost a year, and now has a GA Real Estate license. He and Rena recently moved to their beautiful new home at Big Canoe, the posh residential mountain-lake community north of Atlanta. Tom Longino had a holiday visit from youngest daughter

Camille while Marion & Martha Trotti visited family in Columbia, SC. Jack & Sandee Geer, who delayed their honeymoon to get their children enrolled in HS (how's that for a delaying action), finally got off for a 4-week tour of Europe. Two weddings involving "45 children" occurred this past fall. Marian and Al Childress' son Albert III married Debbie Coker at a small informal affair; and Virginia & Donn Gross' youngest son Charles was married to the lovely Jenni Kemp. Claire & Jim Gilland moved into the Atlanta area about 18 months ago when Jim signed on as an Exec Asst for Transit System Devl of MARTA, and is rapidly getting Atlanta's rapid-transit system in line. A visit to Jody & Dick Minor in early Dec found that Dick had finally caught up on his grass cutting but was a little behind the power curve on leaf raking. (Such are the perennial problems of the landowning aristocracy). A call to C.B. & Tom Maertens found them still enjoying life on Lake Seneca and expecting young Tommy and wife for holiday visit. Tom joined Tom Longino in obtaining USMA 45 for a license plate, giving us coverage in GA and SC, so let's hear it from the rest of you guys in the other states. Tom's call to the clan McCunniff in Macon resulted in the news that Tom and Nina had just been in Atlanta (mid-Dec) where they witnessed the marriage of Bill & D.A. Hankins' son Brev to Patty Kuchenmeister.

Marty Brewer sent a welcome roundup of Class news he'd heard. Marty's ex-wife, Bob Hippert, and Bob's wife Jody spent the better part of his last year on active duty searching for THE ret. home. They both like to fix-up, refinish, and refurbish things around the home. So they found what they wanted in Appomattox—an 1800-vintage home on 40 acres complete with stream, cows, chickens, haystacks and all that goes with country living. Walt & Billie Carter are down the CA coast from the Brewers living at 29351 Troon Lane, Laguna Niguel. Walt is the reigning logistics mogul for a company in the nuclear power business. Walt was Vandenberg AFB Cdr when John Pauly was Div Cdr before going to DC. Jane and Marty attended Walt's ret. party and were highly gratified to see the obvious appreciation of Walt's service by his contemporaries, superiors, and local civic leaders. Besides being a fine cdr, Marty reports that Walt was a fair-to-middling huckster on the golf course, but a lousy putter. Marty also attended Toby Gandy's ret. awhile back. Toby had a bout with cancer—discovered during ret. physical. Surgery apparently fixed him up fine. He ret. from the job as SAMTEC VCdr. John & Bobby Pauly visited with Brewers last summer when John was at Vandenberg for some high-level conference where he was a speaker. Marty said they both looked so great he thinks they could go another 30 years! After doing a lot of traveling, Bob & Gaye Dingeman settled in San Diego at 10292 Aviary Dr. Stoney Brenneman is working for the same company that Marty does—Federal Electric Corp. He is a quality-control man for the co. Marty is in his 3d year with FEC which is the Tech Svs contractor for SAMTEC and he works in the test planning/program mgt area and enjoys it immensely. Daughter Debbie graduates from UCLA in spring 77 with 2d master's degree—in Lib Science. Son Jack is at U. of NM's Coll of Engr. Son Tim graduated from HIS in Jun and now goes to Allan Hancock Jr. Coll in Santa Maria. Jane is in her 2d year of selling local real

estate and doing well. She's going to night school to meet requirements for her broker's license. Marty says he may ret. for the 2d time to manage her!

John Carley writes: "We are all fine and very happy. Son Chris is an Army CPT at Ft Lewis; daughter Terry is in Law Sch at FL State; Lolly is painting very proficiently these days and involved in lots of community doings. I am the pres of Auto Tech, Inc., a small but growing business which my partner and I have built from the ground up. It has been a grand experience to start a new business—like starting out in Plebe year all over again. We have our own plant, run a couple of assembly lines, rebuild top quality alternators and starters which are marketed by our distributors in 8 SE states. Haven't played a game of golf since ret. in 73 but have gotten my kicks from the business. Other classmates here in the Shalimar-Ft Walton Beach area are Al Blue, Frank Davies and Ed Munyon. Frank Davies has been working on another master's degree, sailing his tri-hull sailboat, and has developed a very ingenious piling called 'Permapile' which has a great potential in this water area where pilings have to be replaced every 10 years or so. Frank's piling is forever. Hope Frank will market it someday—I need some for my boat dock and would like to be Frank's first customer."

Paul Nelson wrote me the very sad news about his wife Jane's death. About 3:00 a.m., 19 Nov Jane got out of bed to go to the bathroom, became disoriented in their bedroom, wandered into the hall and fell down the staircase. Despite prompt help, Jane never regained consciousness. Our sympathies are with Paul and his children, Carol, Paul, and Susan.

Thanks to each of you who contributed news this time. It's great to hear from you!

# '46

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(121) The Santa Claus season brought a number of Xmas cards with news of classmates. As 76 comes to a close memories of our 30th still linger, as does the entry of women into WP. A glance at page 36, Dec 76 "Assembly" shows the list of sons, Mike Brown, John Stratis and Jim Williams, along with daughter Rebecca Blyth. I had heard at Reunion that Rodney's daughter might enter, but was asked to hold back until sure. Our best to our offspring, Class of '80!

The 1976-77 pres of the State Bar of MT is Tom Mahan, having been elected by secret ballot as pres-elect in Apr 75. They have about 1600 members including all judges in the state and 42 women. Their law sch accepts 75 freshmen each year, and this year 25 are women. That ratio is certainly a lot higher than the Point's. Tom can be reached in Helena at his office of Mahan and Strope. He and his wife Erys enjoyed the 30th very much and although Tom missed seeing Bernie Petrie there, he did see him in Spokane this summer during the 9th Circuit federal judicial conference. Bernie is an atty in San Fran.

From Colo Spgs, Gunnar & Anne Andersson check in as to what's new. He is going to law sch, enjoying each minute, and has one more year to go. Although their son Norman, USMA '74, was not home for Xmas, they plan to visit him in Europe this spring. Gun-



1946: Tom Mahan—President State Bar of Montana.

nar's dad and their daughter Laura were there for the tree-trimming party and events thereafter.

At last they have a home of their own! It's a townhouse condominium and it suits them very much. Who—why Kibbey & Peggy Home at 1080 Palo Verde Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815. They too enjoyed the 30th. Lea & Marie Parnly left their FL condominium to spend Xmas with a daughter and 2 grandsons in MD.

Some more from CO. George & Jean MacDonald are still in Englewood with Bill Cound only a block away, as is Dave Hutchison. Dave is now with Merrill Lynch and Bill is pursuing a master's in Library Science. George and Bill sing in their church choir. George is now pres of WP Society of CO, succeeding GEN Broshous. This past summer George participated with a Denver hockey team at the Senior Olympics in Santa Rosa. He joined forces with Gene Mechling '49 from Aspen as defense men. They played 7 games in 3 days, allowing only 9 goals, and took a Silver Medal. They enjoyed it so much they plan to do it again in 77.

In Spain, as VC, 16th AF, we find Phyllis & Bill Yancey (BG) at Box 1, APO NY 09283. They also enjoyed Reunion. Another couple at the 30th were Colleen & Goose Gosling who live in DC area. Their son Skip and wife were up for Xmas from Nashville, where he is subbing at Vanderbilt for a prof. Skip hopes to land a more permanent teaching job. Dick Kinney with C of C in Nashville has checked in on Skip as well as having them over. Colleen is making a quilt on a frame in red, white and blue (Bicentennial) and finds the work fun and restful albeit making her fingers sore.

Our CA correspondents, Skip & Irish Strain, included quite a bit of news with their card. He's worried about how dry it is out there and hopes his well can hold out. Skip enjoyed his trip east in May to visit with the Black Sheep of '46. Again, as for the past 3 losing years, they all got together at Kanes' for A-N game. They even had a USNA '46 among them to make it worse. Kane's Presidio Press doing well and growing, has 6-8 mil hist and related books in print, with more on the way. Dayton, still at

Lake Tahoe, has sold furniture store, but still is in floor coverings. Jack and Val continue to be very active in local and county politics. George Fink, ret. as a BG last year, is now an independent engr consultant. Molchan is still with Santa Clara County Register of Voters, but expects to move to Santa Cruz County in same job.

Armstrong, who is in finance planning, got hit with gold fever this past summer. He and a partner undertook a dredging operation on the north fork of American River in Sierra foothills using a helicopter to lift and place the dredge in a very inaccessible area. They didn't hit the big time but apparently made expenses. Skip expects to be a marshal for Crosby Pro-Am golf tournament again. Irish has 4 horses, 3 that she broke herself. Others at Kanes' included Conner, Cameron and Elsaesser.

Our good friend and former classmate, John Bodley, is home in CA for the holidays. Since the 30th he has seen Frank Lester and lunched with him too. Also lunches with Steve Edwards about once a month. He tells me Bob Malley has left Picatinny Ars and joined the DC crew. John saw Kent Berge in a DC dept store while shopping.

Still with NATO, we find Marty & Danny Colladay (LTG) who also were at our most enjoyable 30th. They believe they will return to USA this summer. They have enjoyed this assignment in Brussels, meeting so many people from the other allied countries. Their 4 girls have each found many things to keep them very busy and happy with their tour in Europe. Their oldest, Carrie, is now a freshman at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, MN. She was in Europe for Xmas. During Thanksgiving the Colladays visited London and were in Berchtesgaden on 26 Dec for a holiday in Bavaria.

Jumping back to the USA, Ft Hood, TX, to be exact, we find (MG) George & Joanne Patton into his 2d year, since Aug, with the 2d AD. Their card has a beautiful picture of the div's Memorial Chapel. They are quartered at 6794 Patton Dr. George has twice been to both Germany and CA to ob-



1946: Cairns, Graham, Eichenberg, Newport Beach, CA.

serve his troops in Brigade 75 maneuvers and desert opns. Joanne accompanied George to Phila last summer to the "Hell on Wheels" Assn reunion where they met the many loyal alumni of the div. They are looking forward to the next reunion in Jul at Hood. Their daughter Margaret graduated from Dartmouth last Jun although her last year was an exch stu at Wesleyan. As a member of the national Teacher Corps program, she is taking graduate studies in PA, while on a teaching assignment at duPont HS in Wilmington, DE. Their son George has had his hands full with farm and stable duties at his Devereux Foundation School in PA. Son Robert, Brown U. soph, is into lacrosse and now is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, along with ROTC weekend training. The two youngest, Helen and Ben, are at Hood. Joanne is involved with a new Child Devl Cen at Hood and the many activities involving wives of the 2d Armd.

Going out to the islands of HI we encounter Dave Peters now exec asst in charge of Sen Daniel Inouye's Honolulu office. He's really enjoying the work which he started last Nov 1. Dave was dir of the Small Business Mgt Program at the U. of HI since Jan. He saw Joe Jordan on a recent trip to Honolulu. You never know when Harlan & Judy Koch are in HI or San Fran. But starting on 28 Dec they were off for Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Singapore and Indonesia in search of Fabulous Things from Asia. Koch also had a letter published in Jul issue of Time, reference the Honor Code at WP; maybe many of you saw it then. One thing I must report is that Andy Talbot's obit, prepared by Harlan, will be delayed in publishing until certain details of approval by Andy's wife are worked out.

At the American Education League Luncheon 15 Nov 76, Marriott Hotel, Newport Beach, CA, the principal speaker was LTG (Ret) Danny Graham. Also at the meeting were Jack Cairns and Bob Eichenberg (who mailed this poop). The subject matter and straight poop from our former chief of the DIA was the U.S.-Soviet Military Balance and who's ahead. Bob has invited Danny to appear as guest speaker to the convention of the CA State AF Assn which is to be held 20-22 May 77 at the Marriott too. Dan has agreed and Bob as pres of the Orange County GEN LeMay Chapter of the AFA has invited all grads in the area to attend and also enjoy the banquet Sat, 21 May.

As I wind up this effort, the last written in 76, I should bring you up-to-date on my own activities. My son Bill, 1LT, CE, USMA '74, and his wife Debbie were with us for Xmas. He's stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. They are making tours longer now, so they'll be there into 78. Also, in Oct I made a 2d change in 76, when I joined Air and Heat Corp, Newark, NJ. Again, I'm still doing the same thing, trying to sell to a segment of the construction industry that has been hard hit as of late. We're all hoping for bigger and better things in 77!!





1947: (Top row): Haskin, Dunham, Knowles, Mastin, Pearce and Curry; (Second row): Lannie Dunham, Pat Haskin, Ann Pearce, Jane Mastin, Betty (Crosby) Knowles; (Bottom row): Bobbi Geraci, Geraci and Joan Curry.

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Another year come and gone, and we're that much closer to the big one. By now you should not only have gotten the first reunion bulletin from Tom Rogers but you should also have answered it. Ladycliff is waiting. So mark your calendars in big red letters for Jun 1-4 and the biggest and best 30th Reunion ever. By the time you read this you should also have received a flyer from Tom Benson on the 30-year book. We have the people to do the work and get the book put together and out, IF you respond and give us the material. So please answer the mail.

One of the main events of June Week will be the formal dedication of the Train Station. We would like very much to have it paid for by then so those of you who haven't yet completed your pledges please do so.

From the notes on Xmas Cards there should be a good turnout. A quick rundown: Ginny & Jake Jacobson report their new home in the country now ready for guests. Jake can't figure how time has flown, says he was only 28, last birthday. Dick Steinborn still enjoying being ret. Last year he had about a year's worth of work to do around the house, and most of it is still there. Dick has kept up his P.E. license though just in case Mil gets tired of having him underfoot. Mary & Hap Beuhler send regards from Ann Arbor. Merlin Anderson still persisting in a ret. routine and the illogic of Chicago. This year it's geomorphology. Andy advises son John, a senior in HS, and Jim on leave from his ship in Mayport. June & Jean Burner looking forward to June Week, note there are only 5 months to get in shape. June also notes that while it is hard enough to work on the waistline the hairline is darned near impossible.

Jean continues with MI Pros. Atty Assn, and June with Hospital Auxiliary. Had a good visit with Hap Beuhler. Marion & Don Steining report from Westport. Marion completed a 2-yr Interior Design Program at U. of CT and will continue at Fairfield U. Don doing a lot of traveling, and took Marion with him to London, the English Countryside and Paris in Sept. Evelyn & Dave Jarvis expect to come in with the CA contingent, also report a new grandson, Jeremy Scott. Credit for long distance this year goes to Annabelle & Bill Smith in Teheran. Bill still trying to improve the telephone system, and Annabelle teaching Iranian gifted children. Bobbie & Al Geraci getting really settled down after 9 months of work on their new home. Al working full time as Dir of Comm Sys for TX Tech U. Sch of Med, and still working on PhD. Bobbie and Al have visited the Haskins in El Paso and report on a mini-reunion at the Mastins in Roswell, about which more later. In addition to the usual card, Jane Mastin followed up with a summary of other notes. Jane confirms that if everyone who has said they are coming, shows up, the 30th will be a blast. Other new grandparents—Fraser's, Basses and Thompsons. During the month of Sept Mastins and Dunhams toured Grand, Bryce and Zion Canyons. While walking the dog in the campground at Vegas John bumped into Jack Coyne who had spotted the WP tag on the car. Coyne's have a home base in Scottsdale, AZ, but are still traveling. Jane also mentioned the Class gathering in Nov. John & Jack Dunham were instrumental in organizing a TROA Chapter and both are officers. Meg & Howie Sargent report from the Big Apple. This past year Howie completed the draft of his book on mgt, and Meg has continued her many activities including the portrait of Gerald Ford in TIME's issue of American Presidents; featured in an article in Money magazine; acting in "As The World Turns" on TV, commercials, a play at Lincoln Center, and an Easter TV spe-

cial, animated, "The Easter Bunny is Comin' to Town." Meg is the voice of Lily Longtooth, with Fred Astaire the postman. Lita & Bernie De Gil report going to Army-AF game with Marcia & Bernie Gardner, and seeing the Sargents and the Cosgroves.

Betty & Bill Conger in Birmingham, saw Bob Haldane and Bob Koch at the Tulane game in New Orleans. Still enjoying civ life but every summer at moving time get the feeling it's "time to pack up and go."

Betty & Jack Schuder settled in sunny FL, just north of Orlando, in record low temperatures for Nov. Jack tried to live the life of a ret. gentleman but wound up instead as Dir of Public Works for Seminole County.

Jack Dunham filed the report on the Roswell reunion in Nov. The accompanying pic shows the "Best of the West." Haskins, Dunhams, Mastins, Currys, Pearces, Geracis, LTG Dick Knowles, who is married to Stan Crosby's widow Betty. Young Stan is married to Knowles' daughter. Dick and Betty operate an antique shop just up the street from where the Dunhams live. The weekend started at Mastins' on Fri evening with drinks and dinner. Sat the group had a tour of NM Mil Inst and a quarter horse breeding ranch. Sat evenings at the Dunhams', where the pic was taken. Sun morning back at the Mastins' for breakfast. The Albuquerque group promises to host the next meeting in the spring. Jack & Ann Pearce have bought a piece of property at Angel Fire in the ski area of Northern NM. They plan to start construction of a home next spring and move in in the fall. They plan to have a contractor put up the shell and do the rest of the work themselves. Dunhams send regards to all and all are invited to visit the land of enchantment.

Catching up on other notes: Congratulations to Jack Faith on selection for MG. Bob Haldane moving from Ft Polk to FORSCOM. Note from Bernie Abrams in Atlanta looking forward to 30th.

Long note from Wally Veaudry, Asst Cmdt at Benning from 74 until his ret. in Dec. Wally recovering nicely from a bout with open heart surgery at Walter Reed last summer. He had a 3 artery bypass and can't say enough in praise of the surgeons. Wally says he has seen surprisingly few classmates at Benning—Haldane, Duke Duquemin a few times. Has seen Hank Emerson, Bernie Abrams in Atlanta when they were working on a fund drive for the National Inf Museum, and Bill & Betty Conger.

Jim Johnson and Peter Boerger visited Wally at Walter Reed and Tom Benson played chauffeur to the airport on the way home. Wally says "one guy that did a tremendous amount for me and I am most grateful for is my good friend, Hank Emerson. When he heard about the surgery at Walter Reed he flew up from Ft Bragg to spend the night before surgery with me for moral support, and to be available to assist Pauline in case things did not turn out well. I guess you might say that this is what friendship is all about and I sure appreciated it." Wally also says he hears infrequently from Dave Odell who resides both in CA and FL.

The Assn is attempting to compile a roster of class widows. I have addresses for Jane Shields, Dottie McGee, Evelyn Hollander, Nancy Cronin, June Becker and now Betty Crosby. I would appreciate a note from anyone with any others so that we can keep them a part of us. As the greater numbers of us are now ret. it is more difficult

to keep up through the "normal" sources. I need your help. Particularly to be sure we get in touch with everyone for the 30th. So as you hear of moves or "discoveries" drop me a line. See you all in Jun.

# '48

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Three of our number have added to their education by receiving their doctorates. John Bollinger, Jim McCray, and Randy Boime all achieved this coveted honor in late Dec. Congratulations.

George Rutter has been named VCdr of the AF Acquisition Log Cmd at W-P AFB. Great going, George, and you have many classmates already there to greet you.

Returnees to DC include, but probably aren't limited to (there are always some who slip into town and escape my notice), the Whitleys, the Gilloglys, the McCuens, the Brattons, and the Whiteheads. Welcome back. And, at least one has left, Joe Aron, who is now at 15, bd Victor Hugo, 92200 Neuilly, France, a suburb of Paris. Lyle Walter sent a note to the effect that he is now at 1000 Ignacio Blvd, #31, Novato, CA, just north of San Fran. Al & Austy Pabst have built and moved into a very handsome home at 345 Blackheath Dr, St Cloud, MN. Must be in the country, since Rt 5 is also part of the address.

Part of the welcoming party for George Rutter were Dick & Kay Brill. They planned to visit Dick's parents in Indianapolis over the holidays. Jim & Sylvia Dingeman are now in HI, having visited 11 states en route west, plus five national parks. Jim is Cmpt, USA Spt Cmd. Sylvia helps at their daughter Linda's school, while son Bill, who attained Eagle Scout rank at Benning, is a freshman in HS. Jim's brother Dave and family are also in the islands, while their father, now 83, is still witty and loving life in Lakeland, FL. Jim reports also that Scotty & Dusty Scott are there, he as CG, 25th Inf Div, along with Phil & Caroline Whitney, and Al & Rae Alfonso.

Gene Forrester has now settled at Ft Sheridan, IL. Last fall he was guest speaker at a function in my home town where he and my father renewed acquaintances. Nelson & Emmy French have started to build their new home, too. Must be an epidemic. Their co. has a new branch in Newark, OH, which is being run by Andy Kerr, Emmy's eldest, and so far the branch is ahead of target projections.

Norm & Carol Robinson, now ret. in San José, have all the time in the world to go skiing, but there has been no snow. We'll send you some, folks. John and Connie McEnery are enjoying Ft Knox very much, although he's on the go all the time. Connie says that the quarters are magnificent; they didn't know such elegance existed when they were at Knox for the AOAC, and she figures the area must have been off limits then. John gets all out on the courts every Sun, this time of year in ear muffs, gloves and "long johns." They were off to Key West for R&R after son Doug's arrival home, and a cocktail buffet for about 200 people. Although Connie didn't mention it, the other intelligence tells me that Bill & Tudy Caldwell are also at Knox.

Arnold and Ione Braswell are still in Belgium, far from daughter Sally, who is in



1948: Buckleys, Wares and Brennans at costume party, West Point.

Portland, OR, continuing her coll studies in music, and son Jeff and his wife Jessica, who are in San Fran. Ione supplied some missing addresses: Stew Young is ret. and lives at 350 Gunston Hall Ct, Hampton, VA; while Lou & Charlie LoConte are proud owners of The Blossom Shop, Minden, IA. Thanks very much. Ione. Bill Cook sent news of his impending marriage to Christine Lowe in Feb. Their new address will be 2012 Windward Dr, Newport Beach, CA. Chris has 2 teenagers, so Bill's family will double. In spite of Bill's predictions last year, daughter Kathy did not get married, and son Bill did not go to Yale, but continues school in Denver. Bill is still with Emerson, and hopes Mr. Carter will improve the capital goods business.

Wally & Nancy Williams are in Baton Rouge, and she reports that he is making a true Southern gal out of a NY/OH lass. Rob & Judy Cushing have moved to 40 E. 84th St, NYC. Rob is with L.F. Stowell and Assoc, 30 blocks south. Bob & Peg VanArsdall are in a new career with Pan Am Tech Svs, Inc. Bob is already in Cocoa Beach, FL, and they look forward to moving back there and building their "dream" home.

Art & Marge Barondes decided to stay right here instead of moving west, and Art is the Washington rep for R&D Assoc. Tom & Smockie Hoffman were both in Walter Reed recently for various and sundry overhauls and repairs. Tom looks great, and Smockie looks even better. Nice to be roommates at such a prestigious place as WRAMC. They have since returned to Europe.

Bill & Deena Buckner celebrated her achievement of an M.S. in Biology. She teaches the subject in a jr coll in Kansas City, MO. Number 2 son Pete spent last summer in Finland as part of the American Field Service program. Otis & Sherry Moore are proudly watching Otis III grow up in Qrs 32 at nearby Bolling AFB.

Tom & Joan Tyree sent along a picture of their 4th, David, another handsome red-head, who seems to have the 2 rabbits he's holding well trained. Joe & Ginnie Meyer are looking for football talent for USMA among the high schools in and around San Diego. Bill Byers is the WP Society pres there, and Patt is really the power behind the throne. The Withers were down their way when their son enrolled at San Diego State. Joe's & Ginnie's daughter Barbara received her M.D. from the U. of MI in Jun, and is in her 3-year residency in family practice at Detroit Med Cen. I know how proud the parents are. Joe is now a licensed real estate broker, and still gets his golf in, as well as singing in the LaJolla Presbyterian Church choir. Ginnie's well into com-

munity activities and her garden, which was replete with roses, poinsettias, and camellias when she wrote. Jim and Bev Hall have sold their condo in St. Thomas, and are concentrating on their Lyn-Lee Farm. Bev had major surgery in the fall, and managed an early release from the hospital with a combination of her excellent attitude, a lingering summer tan, and a handy lipstick. Their Patti is an asst bookkeeper and receptionist with Jim's co., Sonobond Corp, spent 5 months in San Fran last spring, and is seriously considering becoming a flight attendant in 77—watch for her, guys. And, Jan is now at West Chester State majoring in Special Ed, horses, and a boyfriend.

Hank & Lucille Stelling are up Bedford, MA way, where he is VCdr of AFSC's Electronic Sys Cmd. Bill Lyon is with Hank as a dpty prog dir for one of the larger SPO's dealing with a number of CCC programs. They live on base in a large and beautiful home, and welcome all.

Jack & Pat Osteen are in one of the nicest places the Army has, Presidio, San Fran. Son Luke graduated from HS and started at Brevard College, NC, near my Eloise's hometown of Waynesville. Daughter Lindsay spent the summer in Europe, and then returned to Auburn for her sr year. Her sister Ann is a soph in HS. On their way west, Jack and Pat stopped to see her parents in IA, and spent a night with the Cal Benedicts in Qtrs 1 at Ft Riley. These quarters are familiar to certain members of a former establishment at Ft Riley known as the Triple B Bar.

Irv & Ann Schoenberg are hoping that David will get into an Ivy League sch, which will give them good reason to visit up this way again. We all hope so, too. Mercedes Hughes' welcome mat has been crossed in 76 by Arnie & Kit Sargeant, Jim & Chris McCray, and Ash & Happy Foote. So, she's adding a guest house. Dorothy and Susie are now in HS, the former in dramatics, the latter playing flute in the marching band. Sarah is dancing, and John is in Indian Guides—an organization that we and our 2 boys went through and feel is really great. Mercedes and her younger 3 went to Steamboat Spgs in Jul, and she had a most enjoyable visit with Fred Tibbetts. Then, she and Dorothy went to AK for a vacation, and loved it. The holidays have an added dividend—getting to see the Class offspring. I don't see why we all should be so blessed with such talented, fine looking, and charming children. But, then again, we aren't bad ourselves. I must hasten to state that my sample, while random and small, is indeed statistically valid.

Updates on new locations, or those which seem to be new: Stan Thevenet—Dist Mgr of Equitable Life Assurance Society in Albuquerque; the Packards—Presidio of Monterey; the Chanatrys—3709 Big Sky Dr, NE, Albuquerque; the Wursters—Maxwell AFB; the Hueys—2522 Kingsley Dr, NE, Marietta, GA; the Chittys—1648 Sea Oats Dr, Atlantic Beach, FL; Ken Webber—Rt 3, Box 26N, Ridgeway, VA; the Skinners—Maxwell AFB; the Walks—4 Hevey Lane, Hanover, NM; the Callanans—6235 Barcelona Pl, Norcross, GA; the Hollidays—654 Old Friars Rd, Columbia, SC; the Les Carters—MacDill AFB; Whitey Emerson—NATO INS, CCIS Div, APO NY 09667; the Olsons—610 W. Moore Rd, Rt 1, Tucson; and the Kipfers—Qtrs 108 N. Highlands, CA. Don Kipfer and I met in the Holiday Inn in Burlington, VT, of all places, in Nov. He was up to talk

with GE, while I was visiting our Regional Office (Immigration and Naturalization Service, Dept of Justice) there.

A final note: the new officers are Jack Waggoner, Pres; John Bellinger, VP; Tom Jones, Treas; Ennis Whitehead and Steve Griffith, Board Members; and yours truly, Secy. With the departure of Jack Brennan and Hank Stelling, 2 new board members will be appointed.

# '49

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I'll begin by thanking all of you who sent notes along with your Memorial Fund gifts or Xmas cards; it is without doubt the most contributed material I've had available to write this column.

Great news. We successfully went over the top on our Memorial Fund drive. As I write this column at the end of the year, we had contributed a total of almost \$104,000 which completely pays off our debt on the '49er Lodge plus enough funds to do some finishing touches on the place—congratulations, one and all.

More good news—Xmas presents for Hill Dickinson, Chuck Heiden, and Jim Stansberry, all of whom were selected for their 2d stars.

On the other side of the ledger, we are sorry to report the death of Paul Fleri who succumbed to a heart attack last fall. Paul had ret. from the Army and was an exec with J.C. Penney on L.I. Our sympathy to his family who can be reached at 100 South Bay Ave, Islip, NY 11751.

The highest AF noncombat medal was awarded to Frank Barnes, posthumously by GEN Rogers, Cdr AFLC, who presented the DSM to Patty and other family members in Dec.

Chuck Agnew underwent open heart surgery early in Dec in Houston, TX. Reports are that he is at home and recovering nicely. Chuck can be reached at 1606 Tidwell Rd, Houston, TX 77093.

Bob Noce with the help of Mary's parents relocated Ed Hilton for us. Ed is still in England, lo these many years can't see an A-N game there, Ed. On the other hand perhaps he's better off; at the game this year

I saw Joe Kingston, the Mays, the Miers Johnsons, the Jack Wallaces, Web Ivy, and Ed Wilford. In the DC area, Marie & George Wentsch hosted an A/N party which was well attended as attested by the accompanying photos provided by Ted Swett. Tom Crawford now Dir of Space Plans at NORAD saw Roy Brunhart on one of his Alaskan trips; also he and Sandy had a visit from Ralph & Anita Raabe who were in CO on vacation last summer. Tom was recently awarded his 3d LM. Bruce Carswell reports that George Sylvester lectured at the Navy PG school in Oct, also that he had seen Frank Clarke in the vicinity of San Fran. The Nulsens were busily engaged in Oct with the marriage of young Alice to Jock Willers; the young couple was off to St. Louis for a couple of months but have now transferred to CT. One of the highlights of the reception was the cake-cutting performed with the sword now used for marriages of 3 generations of Nulsens. Another wedding of note was Molly Pfeiffer to CPT Bob Curran '72 which occurred in Germany in Apr 76. Their wedding was celebrated in Trier Dom Cathedral, the oldest Catholic church in Germany and was distinguished by being the first wedding there in 300 years; the first time ever that Americans were married there. Bob Pfeiffer is now Cdr of



1949: Fitz', Marders, Pollins, Ross', Liz Nordin, Audrey English, Kathy Knapp, Cay Swett, Wentschs' and Kinneys at Army/Navy game party at the Wentschs'.

Dan McGurk spent the last few months of the Ford Admin with OMB as an Asst Dir. Dan & Bill Gorog who has been an economic advisor at the White House will leave their posts in Jan. Tiger Howell, who has become a regular in the Jack Anderson columns, 3 mentions I have seen, is "sweating out" his post at FEA where he has been in charge of admin.

Another voice from the past was a note from Tom Baker up in CT, haven't crossed paths since grad. George Sylvester came through with some addresses for us including Jack Gillette, Dpty for T&E at Eglin AFB; Gene Hustad at FTD at Wright Field; and Hugh Mitchell who winters in Belen, NM, and still heads back to his old NH stamping grounds in the summer. Mal Lewis now at Lake Clarke Shores in Palm Beach, FL.

Mort Cameron sent along the news report on son Duncan, USMA '77, who was selected on the EIAC 150 pound All-Star Team as an offensive halfback netting 596 yards on 94 carries to lead the championship Army team. Mort also made the homecoming game this fall and mentioned a great get-together at the Kirbys' after the game.

Ray Rasmussen all the way from Wayzata, MN, wrote that he and Marian visited Bob & Helen Kemble in NM last summer where he also ran into Jack Rust and Red Ronald. Ray is teaching math in the HS there and lives only a few miles from Jim Hendricks and Bob Johnson, but they rarely see each other. With those winters to face, I can believe that.

The above is a good lead-in to a letter from Jack Rust which he describes as his



1949: Pfeiffer with new son-in-law, Curran '72, 10 Apr 76 in Trier, West Germany.

Spangdahlen AFB and will return to the states next Aug. Jane & Bill Gustafson were hoping to move into their new home in Pittsburgh around Xmas. Pete Palmer is in Spartanburg, SC. Jack Forrest has left DC for Carson where he is CG of the 4th Div. A nice note was received from Paul Terrien now located in East Amherst, NY. Kelso Jones just missed my last deadline with a letter from Birmingham, AL. Kelly received his JD degree in May 76 from Samford U. and is now working in the Trust Dept of the First National Bank in Birmingham after passing the AL bar in Sept. Kelly is now considering combining his engr and law background by entering patent law—good luck!!

Dick Rosenblatt had some big news—he was on his way to London where wife Lois was to be inducted into Lloyd's of London as an underwriting member (partner). So far as he knows, they are probably the only U.S. husband-wife members of that prestigious firm. The Rosenblatts plan to move to Rancho Santa Fe in CA, north of San Diego, next Jun where they have purchased a home. Oldest daughter Amy is a student at the U. of London, son Michael is at Blair Academy playing football, and their 3 youngest are still at home.



1949: Hubers, Al English, Norbys, Kinneys, Wentschs', Swetts and Stuharts at Army/Navy game party at the Wentschs'.



1949: Tom Crawford

first ever to the ASSEMBLY, that puts him one up on about 450 of the rest of you. Jack's news related to a lengthy newspaper article on Bob Kemble; I wish I could print it all for it was very complimentary. The occasion was Bob's decision to leave NM Mil Inst in Jan for the presidency of Lamar U. in Beaumont, TX, a growing school with over 12,000 students. The Chmn of the Bd at NMMI was high in his praise of Bob's 4½ years as pres there, citing both enrollment growth and the financial health of the sch. Jack in his letter mentions that when Bob accepted the post, NMMI was at an all-time low and that he can personally attest to the fantastic job Bob has done in putting the sch in the best shape it has ever enjoyed. It now supplies more ROTC officers than any other school with the possible exception of VMI. Thanks Jack, and good luck to Bob in his new assignment.

# '50

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1950: Leavitt-Ramstein AB

With several inches of snow on the ground, it really feels like winter. Christmas is a memory; Robin and I just finished putting away the lights, ornaments, etc.—so with the new year only a few days old, I'll sort through all the Xmas cards and notes which have come since the last ASSEMBLY deadline. It's great to hear from so many of you; the next deadline is the one when we hear from the least number of classmates, so if you didn't write this time, send me a note as soon as you read this column. Don't procrastinate! As Rumbles Varoom, famous motorcycle enthusiast, once said, "Get off your big Honda and write!"

Cloyce and Joan Mangas sent greetings from Richmond, IN, just after Dave and Tom had trimmed their tree—they were expecting Lee from IN U. Law Sch and Ron from Purdue, so they would all be together. Joan and Cloyce went to Yale in May for Lee's graduation, had a vacation in FL in Nov. Cloyce is busy with the real estate business and active in Kiwanis. . . . Lots of news from John and Margaret Irwin and their family. Bill is continuing Accounting courses at Cal Poly, and manages a deli-liquor store; Patti will graduate in 77 from OSU in Microbiology and then goes off to Portland for Med Tech tng; Muffin married Dan Park in Portland in Jun—she will finish her major in Hotel and Restaurant Management this year; Libby was married to Jim Spalding in Mar 76, recd her BS in Actg from Cal Poly in Dec; little John (6'5") is vacationing from "head work," is engaged in "foot work," selling shoes as an asst mgr in a nearby shopping mall; Lisa is in a pre-Nursing course at the local jr. college; Kelly is a soph at Claremont High. John and Margaret find the days full; they have fun traveling and showing (and winning) at dog shows. . . . Claude and Maureen Doughtie are delighted to be back in HI—bought a lovely house on Oahu, a ten minute walk from the beach. The girls live near the U. HI, are happy to have them close by. . . . Carm and Barb Milia will see two sons grad in Jun: Mark from WP and Chris from Wayne State U. Mary Carmen and their two young boys at home keep them on their toes.

Leo and Muriel Wegner are enjoying their second year at Carlisle Barracks, where they are with Hooper and Helen Adams, Lou and

Elaine Dixon, Ed and Vera Freedman, plus Dave and Carolyn Cameron (on a sabbatical from WP). Muriel says stateside life is pretty terrific after their Beirut tour. . . . Carolyn Cameron writes that she and Dave love the change of pace being at Carlisle, and feel it's good for them. Leslie graduated from college in May, is looking for a job in editing or publishing; David's a Sr at St. Lawrence; Susan is with them at Carlisle. . . . Dick and Marilyn Hunt are in their third year in the Canal Zone where Dick is the Lt Gov. They've recd an extension for a fourth year, which pleases them, because Susan will finish her Sr year at Balboa High. Sherri is with them, attending the C.Z. college; she will get her assoc degree in P.E. in the spring, and continue her education in the States. Steve will graduate from WP in Jun, and the entire Hunt clan will be there to share that special time.

Warde and Dode Wheaton have had another great year. Warde is VP and Gen Mgr of one of Honeywell's Divs; Dode is studying Actg, and putting her knowledge to work in a practical way, via employment. Cheryl, 23, graduated from college, is on her own and is engaged to be married; David, 22, graduated from Notre Dame, is an accountant in Minneapolis; John, 21, is a Jr at Northwestern, studying philosophy and economics; Jim, 19, a Soph at Brown, needs more hours than there are in a day for academics, work, the theater and his social life; Susan, a Sr in HS, is in the School-Within-a-School program—she teaches a course in outdoor biology to second graders; Liza, 16, is a HS Soph, likes to sail and play tennis; Paul, 13, the only male worker left at home to help Warde, plays so much touch football in the back yard, there's no more grass left; the youngest, Anne, is 11, in the fifth grade, loves school and any other activity, is hard to stay ahead of. The number of cars at the Wheaton residence has gone up to five—all, according to Warde, are old and in constant need of repair. Everyone had a great time with the new sailboat on Lake Minnetonka last summer. Sounds as if there's never a dull moment around that house.

Fred and Joan Nickerson took a trip to Philadelphia last summer to join in the Bicentennial festivities and had a fine vacation.

Oldest son, John, is in AK on Kodiak Is working in the crab canneries; Jeff is a Sr and has his own band; Scott, a freshman, loves fishing. Nancy and Terry live close by and they see them often. Joan is going to real estate school, says she and Fred are always busy. I can't help but recall when Robin and I were at Purdue with the Nickersons back in 1952. Gwyn, our oldest, was 15 to 27 months of age and whenever our two families would get together, Gwyn would say, "See Joanfrednan? (all one word)" . . . Where have the years gone?

Briggs and Betty Jones are out in MI. Son Howard is a Soph at MI State; Cathy is a Sr in HS, looking at colleges. . . . Bob and Troy Chambers retired to Houston, are very enthusiastic about their life there; Carol is in college in Durango, CO, preparing for vocal music; Dave is living at home, going to college, expects to go to Stephen F. Austin State U. in 77. . . . Carl and Dottie Stone live in Albuquerque where Carl has a counseling service; he also instructs the AF Jr ROTC Sqdn at Del Norte HS. Dottie keeps busy with her sewing and painting; Tex (Carl Jr.) recd his BS in History from SUNY in 76. In his spare time he's assembling a military museum; he has militaries dating back to the Civil War, and is constantly on the lookout for addl items—from buttons and insignia to uniforms and weapons. . . . Stan and B.J. Prouty retired to MA. They skitoured in the White Mtns last Feb, plan to do the same in 77; highlight of the year was their trip to Boston in Jul to see the Tall Ships on parade. Son Doug is a lad of the wide open spaces, lives in the Jackson Hole country of WY; he and Toby traveled to CA together to visit friends. Leslie is in her Sr year at Mt Holyoke, having spent the spring semester at Goldsmith College in London.

Herb and Florence Underwood, having been semi-retired for several years, gave it all up and really retired. They're having a wonderful time enjoying their hobbies and taking life easy. Herb's major interest is building and flying radio control model planes. Florence still plays bridge several times a week, but is now putting in more time on genealogy, which she's dabbled in for several years. Their young people are pretty well grown and gone. Son Keith and his wife Carol live nearby in Huntsville; Diane graduated from Auburn in Dec; Karen has applied for stewardess training; Herby is in the AF, stationed in Cheyenne, WY.

Burke and Lish Lee were looking forward to a big family reunion from Xmas through New Year's Day as they prepared for Patti's wedding to Carl Russell Richardson on 1 Jan in Charleston, SC. . . . Near to the Lees in Boston are Leo and Marilyn Romaneski, who welcomed Peter home from Penn State for the holidays. Son Mark, newly engaged, was home for a few days. Then right after Xmas, Marilyn and Leo went to Geneseo, IL, to welcome in 1977 with dau Joanne Nash and her husband Jim—and we'd better not forget grandson Drew, who just might have been the main attraction out there. . . . John and Ann Howard are in their ret. home on Merritt Is, FL; they're on a canal, and love to look at the water every day—John has a 22' sailboat for this year (next year, a job). Ginger was married just before they moved; Darby graduated in Jun. Judy had a second boy in Sept. Lynda Gail, the last at home, keeps the Howards running with all her activities.

Kelly and Betty Jane Veley have had



1950: Crawford Retirement (L-R): Eek, Reinken, Renatta Reinken, Al, Bettie, Bess Banister, Banister, Smith, Wassenberg.

their usual busy year in and out of the Philadelphia area. Rick got his Navy wings in Jun, and was engaged in Nov; a Mar wedding is planned. Craig led the USCGA drill team in the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day. Beth is freshman at Goucher College. . . . Terry Parsons must meet himself coming and going. In addition to being pres of the Murray Clan Society of N.A., and continuing with his property management business, he is teaching management seminars in various parts of the country; he and Joan are also marketing Amway products.

Monty Coffin is still at Wright-Pat AFB, but changed his job from Engineering to Dir of Proc for ASD, which he finds is a real challenge. David is a freshman at U. of KY, and Cathy has been accepted for entrance next year. . . . Dick and Anne Leavitt are at Ramstein AB, Ger. where Dick (see picture) is DCS for Opns and Intell, Hq USAFE. They've seen several classmates passing through: True, Streit, Patterson, Gabriel. Anne hopes to go to OK City in Jan to welcome their first grandchild. . . . Bill and Bettie Curry are back in Tucson at DMAFB; if you happen in on them you might find Bettie on the golf course and Bill in the cockpit. Chip and Linda will both graduate in Jun and "leave the fold." . . . George Cannon is the senior AF officer in Canada and really enjoying it. Bob Groseclose saw him in Sept and says he looks great. . . . Ty Tandler is Dir of AF Armament Lab at Eglin AFB, FL. I talked to him in Oct and he says things are busy there—that Mal Ryan has taken over the TAWC at Eglin, having escaped his post at Langley, and traded the charms of Williamsburg for the balmy breezes of the Gulf.

Frank and Fran Thompson are ret. and living in Charleston, SC, where Frank got a real estate license "to guard against boredom." Cylde Cloar is running an employment agency there, and Frank says they can take care of any classmates retiring to that beautiful and historic city. I apparently didn't get the facts exactly right in a previous issue when describing the story of the Thompsons as they left France. Sorry about any discrepancies, Frank. We scribes are so happy to hear news of classmates, but sometimes when the info is passed from one to another,

details don't remain accurate. Frank mentioned seeing Ray and Lis McCauley in Nov when the Thompsons were en route to visit Steve and Julie and their new baby in Panama. The McCauleys are living in Wilmington, NC, where Ray will be practicing law. Dau Beth is living in Boston, where she works at the Harvard Library; son Steve will be a CPT in Jun; Cley is a freshman at UNC in Wilmington; Lucy is active in the band—flute is her instrument.

Chuck and Fae Watters ret. to Mobile, AL, a year and a half ago and rave about it. Chuck works for the Mitchell Co which builds shopping centers, malls, homes, apts, etc. Chuck has about 17 shopping centers to account for, so his days are full. They've built a new home and are settled in—but miss their Army friends. . . . Chuck and Betty Newcomb are thriving in Miami, FL, where Chuck is a CLU with the NY Life Insurance Co. Betty is busy as an interior designer with a Coral Gables commercial bldg firm. Debbie is married, lives in Springfield, VA; Steve is in the Navy, Karen and Keith are at home, in Jr College and HS. Chuck is VP of the local WP Society, says he and Betty see John and Dee Pennekamp frequently.

Ross and Lee Franklin say Benning is great and they will be happy to stay there as long as possible. Ross is responsible for Founders Day this year, says Sid Hinds is the only classmate left there. Ross wrote, "Happy you stay young like us, and only the rest grow old." . . . In nearby Auburn, AL, Andy and Fran Pick have realized a



1950: DeGraf Wedding

few dreams this past year: No. 1—They finished the restoration of the olde (1846) Auburn Railroad Depot, rented the shops and opened Cary-Pick Realty. No. 2—finished their Shelton Park Townhouse complex, and No. 3—went to work in earnest on their F.R.P. (Final Resting Place) and will move in, hopefully in Jan 77. Their current project is a 240-unit student apt complex to be completed fall 77. Betsy returned in Dec from a year of study in Paris and travel in Europe—will Hollins seem tame after gay Paree? Andy III is finishing Auburn High, and looking at colleges (Robin and I were lucky enough to have the two Andrews here for one night in Dec when they came up for an interview at U. VA). He was starting tackle on the football team, and also swings a mean tennis racquet. Charles, at eleven, "lost his appendix, most of his baby teeth—and his radio while working on the townhouses."

Ben and Malvene Lewis will be leaving Rock Island Arsenal this month, and moving to Picatinny Arsenal where Ben will be CG of the Armament R&D Command. Most of you all over the country probably saw the article in the Fall Sunday news supplement (the Parade section of the Washington Post here in the DC area) entitled "Military Family." It was a good article on the Lewis family, with pictures of their two pebes: Debra at WP and Alan at Annapolis. . . . G.C. and Shirley Thomas left Bragg in Sept and are now at Ft McPherson, GA, where G.C. has Plans Div DCSOPS, FORSCOM. Wes is at TX A&M; Temple is at Woodward Acad and both are doing well. . . . Also at Ft McPherson are Russ and Pris Glenn, whose Xmas letter brought us up to date on everyone in their family. Unfortunately I cannot find it, much to my dismay. We feel very organized, having a special ASSEMBLY drawer, but every once in a while something like this happens. Are you big on forgiveness, Russ and Pris? . . . Bob and Martha Morrison wrote from Hampton, VA, that they picked up their Westsail 32 sailboat in Wrightsville Beach, NC, on 19 Nov and sailed her back. It took 5½ days, was terribly cold (ice on the decks and in the portholes) and was a REAL experience, which Martha said she wouldn't have missed for anything. Jim and Jack were both with them for the holidays.

Sandy and Ruth Sanderson are still in Italy where Sandy is with Hq LANDSOUTH. . . . Clyde and Marilyn Spence report that the troop duty in Bamberg, Ger. keeps them busy, and the tour is great. Marilyn was in Egypt right before Xmas, so Clyde was writing the cards; have you found any handball partners? . . . Hugh and Ann Holt will be in Heidelberg until Jun 78; Hugh is Dep Chief of Resource Mgt Hq USAREUR. Carter and John spent \$1,000 to ship their musical equipment from the States in Jun; they formed a band called BAAR SOUP, are playing in officers' clubs, NCO clubs, high schools, ski clubs, and parties. Laura will graduate in Jun. Libby came to see them in Sept. Hugh and Jim Curtis spent ten days playing golf in Scotland, on 7 different courses. Ann said with them in Heidelberg are Prentisses, Lynch, Curtises and McDaniels. Bob White is Chief of Def Fuel Supply in Stuttgart; Ron Snoko left in Jul for Ft Leonard Wood.

Phil Harper ret. 31 Dec and he and Jean will be going to Montgomery to live. Harry is engaged to be married; he and his fiancée are at Seminary in IL; Chi-Chi was home from San Francisco for Xmas; Kim is transferring to U. of AL to attend nursing school.

... Jack and Bev Mackmull are at Ft Bragg; Kim graduated from college 20 Dec, wants to work with children in some special way. ... Bill and Mary Ann Read are in Omaha, sent greetings from "the little house on the prairie." Ginger is a Jr at U. of NE; Ann is a Soph at Southern Illinois; Sallie, at 14, is the only one at home, busy with gymnastics and ballet. ... Paul and Ruth Gorman "are still at Ft Monroe—we're growing barnacles." They've had a couple of trips away (one was a two-week trip to Paris where they stayed with Blackie and Mary Bolduc); John will be a freshman at U. of VA in the fall; Sarah will be a HS soph and Tim will be an eighth grader. ... Bob and Alma Hoisington love Huntsville and expect to retire there. Four young Hoisingtons are at home: Nancy will enter U. of AL (Huntsville) in the fall; Gregory, 17, is enjoying HS band; Barbara Jean is city and state track star; Douglas at 11 is WP oriented. ...

Bob and Lucy Gard are moving from Ft Belvoir to Ft McNair shortly, where Bob will become the 2d pres of the newly formed Natl Def U., getting his third star in the process. The university is composed of the NWC and ICAF, which continue to be separate schools, but both will function under Bob's overall direction. Anyway, congratulations, Bob, on both the promotion and the assignment. I can't think of a better choice for such a senior service task as training our future leaders.

Others in line for kudos are those who came out on the MG list just before Xmas. Five from '50 were among that group: Blackie Bolduc, Chuck Graham, Jack Mackmull, Lou Prentiss and Jere Sharp. Great news for all of them; Robin and I had a special thrill by passing the news to Blackie's parents in CO before word reached them from Paris.

The one '50 name on the BG list was a familiar one that we were so happy to see: Phil Bolte. I guess giving up that big set of quarters at Ft Knox for an attaché case and a two-suitier in the XM-1 program has its rewards. Phil and Lorel moved to Picatinny Arsenal in Sept where Phil's title (Asst Project Mgr—Tank Main Armament Development) "is bigger than the office!" Phil called during a visit to his parents in Dec; he spends most of his time here or in Europe, leaving the home front to Lorel—Phil saw Blackie in Paris when he was looking at some French R&D work on tanks; he also saw Dave and Carolyn Cameron during Alumni Day at Carlisle Barracks where, as mentioned above, Dave is taking a break from his post as Prof of Math at WP; while out at Rock Is, Phil was a guest of Ben and Malvene Lewis in their "unbelievable" quarters at the Arsenal. He reported that he measured off his guest bedroom at 24 x 35 feet, and that the adjoining bath seemed almost as large. Now to catch you up on the young Boltes: David is in his last year at WP, gets home most weekends in his new Toyota; Chris is a Jr at Rose-Hulman with a double major in EE and Computer Science, has a 2-year ROTC scholarship and still makes the Dean's List; Jim is in special education in the public HS—a fine program; Andy is a HS Soph, and working hard. And let's not forget Lorel who is a good soldier's wife through all of the temporary quarters, husband away, etc. They also serve who stand and wait. ...

Ray and Peg Singer came home from Brussels to the Presidio of Monterey in May 76. Ray is ADC (Support) and enjoying troop



1950: Johnson Wedding

duty; both like living in that lovely part of CA. ... Pat and Elaine Wilson are at WSMR where Pat is Dpty for Tech Opns; they've seen Bob and Lou Lunn (who are at Bliss where Bob is CG). The Wilsons' daughter, Pat Briggs, and her husband and two little ones were all with them for Xmas—and this time next year, Pat and Elaine hope to be with them in Germany.

Had lunch with Norris Harrell during his fall trip to Washington. He had been in DCSOPS at FORSCOM for a year and a half, but last summer went down to Ft Sam Houston to be the Sr Reserve Advisor to GEN Burdett, CG Fifth Army. In addition to catching me up on how the reserve programs are going, Norris told me that Faulkner Heard is the Fifth Army IG. ... Chuck Graham gave me a full report on his recent trip to the Far East. In Seoul he saw Helen and Jack Koehler, where Jack is still the J-3. Bill Steinberg is the "mayor" of Yongson, as the installation cdr for that area. In Japan Chuck saw Ed Kennedy, who is CS USARJ. Back in HI, Chuck had lunch with Ros Round, who is an ADC with the 25th Div there; he saw Ray Maladowitz who was over in the Islands on a trip from his stamping grounds at the JFK Center at Ft Bragg—and he had dinner with Tug and Patti Greer; Dick and Roxanne Ewan joined them, for they were up from Malaysia where Dick is the Defense Attaché.

In early Dec, Ev True hailed me in the halls of the Pentagon, where he was getting briefed before a visit to see Stan Fye in Ethiopia. Ev looked great and seemed to be enjoying his assignment away from the pressures of the Chairman's office. ... Then came a long newsy card from the Fyes telling of Ev's visit and of their own family. Stan and Joan find it a fascinating tour, as one could imagine. Daughter Ellen is here, majoring in Linguistics at Georgetown U.; Stan says she has learned both Arabic and Amharic. Son Rich is stationed at Ft Meade with a wife and daughter (I can't think of Joan as a grandmother!). Stephen is at ODU (Norfolk) studying electrical design; David is living with his aunt and uncle in Severna Park, MD. With 4 of your 5 centered in this area, what are you Fyes doing out there in Addis Ababa? At least you have Ann there to keep you company—can hardly believe she's a freshman in HS. Surely it was just a couple of years ago when we were all at Leavenworth together, and she was born on Valentine's Day.

John and Barbara Miller live in Tacoma, WA, where John has his own JEM accounting and bookkeeping service. His Barbershop Quartet sang at Tacoma's Bicentennial Pavilion last summer, where Volney Warner (CG—Ft Lewis) was the speaker. They had

a lot of catching up to do. News of the young Millers: Kathy, 21, is studying to be a physician's aide; Debbie, 20, shares an apt with Kathy, and works; John Jr, 18, participated in the Youth Conservation Corps last summer, hopes to receive his Eagle Scout award soon; Sharon, 16, and Jean, 15, must follow in their dad's footsteps, for they both belong to high school choral groups. ... When Bob Shade was in DC in Nov, we got together for lunch. Bob is the Dir for Energy Conservation for Boise Cascade in ID and he has been busy. Recently he gave a paper on energy conservation in the forest products industry at a seminar on "Wood as an Energy Source." Out in Boise, Bob saw Jim Thompson, who was visiting his brother there. Also, Bob Hoover lives in that area. Bob and Audrey's son Neil, 22, is working for Gibson and Cox here in Crystal City as an engineering aide, while 19-year-old Leslie is taking photo journalism at UCSD at La Jolla, CA.

Al Crawford ret. 30 Nov as Cdr of ECOM at Ft Monmouth—at which time he received the DSM. Al and Bettie have bought a house in Sudbury, MA, where Al has joined a fast-growing computer outfit called Digital Equipment Corp; his initial work at DEC will be to computerize the company's operations. Both he and Bettie will be busy setting up in a new life. Al sent a note in mid-Nov in which he said, "The post is in good hands. Bob Cheney, Lou Reinken and Lloyd Mielenz are still here on active duty; Ken Ebner joined us a couple of months ago from Bangkok; of course, Grady Banister is here with ARTADS as a 'super civilian.'" Laurie Eek, John Wassenberg and Rufe Smith were able to be at Monmouth for the ret., and they said it was very sentimental, with all the touches to honor Al's service.

I talked with Mary Hall in the fall and learned that our Class godson graduated from U. of GA Law Sch last summer and is now at Ft Benning, having received his commission by way of ROTC. Daughter Carolyn is a detective with the Columbus Police Dept while Sarah is married and living in West Palm Beach. Jennifer is attending Columbus Coll and Nelson is at the U. of GA. With those two in coll that leaves Ken Jr. and Tyler home with Mary, and working their way toward that graduation from HS. ... Lou and Rose Genuario took their family up to CT for Thanksgiving with their parents—and an Army-Navy game (ugh!) party at the Senior Genuarios'. Among the guests were Stud and Carol Heit, over from their home in Wilton, CT. Stud is still with Greyhound Lines and is their VP for world travel, operating out of NY. Lou reports that the years haven't diminished his sense of humor one bit.

Jack Wagner gave me a list of the retirees during the past 4 months, in addition to Al Crawford's: Bill Gearan, Nel Thompson, Kilbert Lockwood, Jake Jacobson, Howard Kessinger, Don Cruziger, Ed Crockett, and Otto Kuckhahn. Nel, Jake, Don, and Ed are all staying here in the DC area. Nel is doing some independent consulting while running his father's business in ME by remote control; Jake has joined our (SAI's) rival study house, BDM, which is close enough to my office that we share rides once in a while; Don has joined SDC nearby; Ed heads up Air Quality at the American Petroleum Inst. Any retirees, particularly those who move to new places, please send along your ret. address and the new job you may be starting.

The sports buffs are already aware of Bill

Yeoman's success this year, but for the rest of you, Bill coached his Houston football team to the championship of the SW Conference in the first year Houston belonged, to a victory over favored (and undefeated) MD in the Cotton Bowl—and to a final national ranking as number 4. I'd say that was a pretty good year for Bill and Houston. Here's to more success, if that's possible, Bill, for next year. Just wish some of those winning ways would rub off on the Black Knights.

I'm sure everyone is aware of Frank Borman's recent role as head of the board that investigated the honor system at WP. In fact, there is an article on that board in this issue of ASSEMBLY. It was a difficult and unpleasant task, yet one that will be vital to the reestablishment of a very prized part of Cadet life and training. I think we all owe thanks to Frank, and for that matter to all the members of the board for their efforts—and our appreciation for a hard-hitting report.

We have a few weddings to report: Elizabeth Jane Nutting married Chief Petty Officer Jack Nolan Hood at Ft Belvoir on 5 Jun 76. Jack is in the Navy Diving School here, so Wally and Jane are glad to have them close by. . . . Dick and Phyllis Johnson's daughter Jennifer married William D. Carpenter, US-AFA '73 in May 76 at the USAFA Chapel. Al Breitweiser and Stu and Pat Wood were able to be there, and Dick sent a picture which we hope will accompany this article. Dick ret. and he and Phyllis are living in W. Lafayette, IN, where Dick builds custom homes. . . . Our own Leslie Adele married David Martin Jones in Surrey, VA on 10 Oct 76. We fixed all the food and took it down there—had a real family weekend as Gwyn came from NYC, Brad from Charlottesville, Scot from Blacksburg. We had a beautiful fall day which was a blessing because it was an outdoor wedding.

There are even 2 babies to tell you about. Ruth and Denny Roush had a boy, Paul Maurice, on 3 May 76. . . . Pam and Phil Samsey had a girl, Kathleen Michelle, on 4 Nov 76. Congratulations!

Marshall and Marion Talbott are here in nearby Springfield, VA. Despite the oil industry crises, gas stations have survived. Marshall's interest in land development allows him to work outdoors, which he enjoys despite the LOW temperatures we've had. Patty graduated from Sweet Briar in May last year, works in DC. Step is a freshman at Berry College in GA. In the fall, Marshall and Marion had a week in London—great vacation! . . . Bill and Woodie Aman assess themselves as working hard and playing hard. They have a place in the Blue Ridge Mtns where they retreat on weekends, if they aren't flying somewhere else to visit friends or family. Joanne, 21, joined the Army in Dec for training as an LPN; Jeanne Marie is a student at No. VA Comm College; Billy is in HS; Paul, 14, isn't wild about academics, but loves shop courses; Mary at 10 is a star soccer player.

Ardath Wilson writes from Houston that she expects to move to Indian Rock Beach, FL, in the summer. Scottie, Kelly and Tracy will probably remain in TX; Clay has been accepted at the U. of FL; that leaves Borden as the only one who will really be at home with Ardath.

On 6 Oct, the weekly TV program Jewish Dimension on WPIX-TV in New York featured a half hour program entitled "Jews at West Point." GEN Berry appeared for

WP, and the major topic of discussion was the Jewish Chapel. Bob Peltz, Chairman of the Flagstaff Corp, appeared on the program and talked about how much the 4 years at WP has meant to him in his career. I did not see the program, but I understand Bob did a grand job and was very effective.

I mentioned in the last column of Jim Fooshe's fight with cancer, and now I must pass on the unfortunate news of his death on 22 Nov 76. Jim's love of WP was known to all of us, for he was vitally interested in helping young men who wanted to attend the Academy. The memorial service here was a testimony of faith, and the church was filled with his friends. Jim was buried at WP on Mon, 29 Nov, where our classmates surrounded Macon and the children plus members of Jim's family with their support. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Macon, to Ann Carter, 8, and James Cabell, 6. Their address is 3409 N. Abingdon Drive, Arlington, VA 22207.

I'll close with a wish for all of you that 1977 will be a year of purpose, of fulfillment, of joy—and for me: letters from all of you.

# '51

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"Shy's claim to fame since coming to WP has been his ability to talk and act. Be it on the athletic field or bridge table, in the boondlers or dragging, discussing sports or world affairs, Ed was always in front. . . ." How prophetic. Twenty-five years have passed and Ed is still in the front. On 1 Nov 76 the new Army CS pinned the 3d star on the new DCS for Opns and Plans: Edward C. Meyer. Carol helped the CS pin stars on her husband, as happy and as enthusiastic as members of the Class. Congrats Shy!

My last column thanked the "fund raisers" and listed Ted Charney from F-2. (My apologies to F-2). To show Ted that I really knew

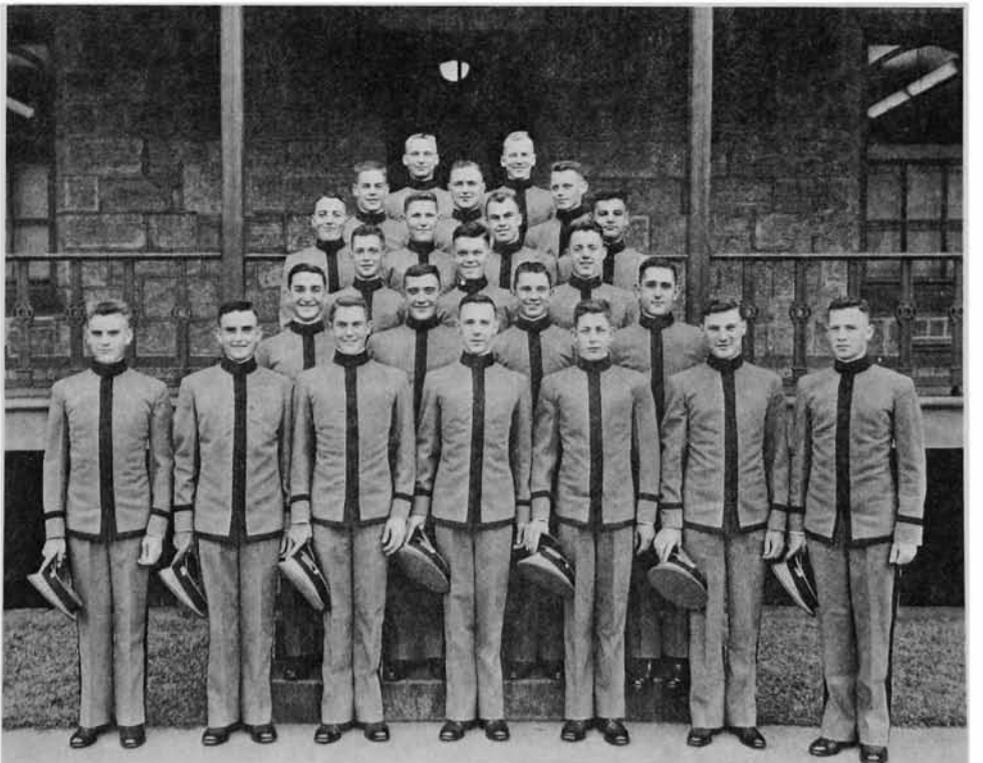


1951: L-R: Price, Holly Vellella, Alice Birdseye.

he is an F-1 member, a photo of his co-classmates (circa 1947) is included in this column.

Another point trying to be made here, with the sterling photo of that all-around, all American co. is that this column desperately needs photos from you readers. Although a plea was made in the last issue for photos—no one has sent any in to date. As a reminder—your photos and notes should be in here by the first day of Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec. That gives 30 days to put the column together and get it to WP. About 2 months later the ASSEMBLY is published and distributed. (Therefore, this column you are reading was put together in Dec 76).

If you drop notes to anyone on the Exec Cmte in the DC area, he will ensure that information gets to the column. The listing of the Exec Cmte is in TAB E of the first issue of the Class of '51 NEWSLETTER distributed by the AOG in Dec. Better yet, stop in at one of our monthly luncheons and pass on your information and snapshots in person. The luncheon schedule is in Tab C of the Newsletter. The next 2 luncheons



1951: Company F-1—Ted Charney, 1st row, 2d from end.



1951: L-R: Leffler, Vellella, Rockwell.

will be Tues, 27 Mar and Thurs, 28 Apr. Mark your calendars and plan to be in the DC area those dates.

Remember, the goal for the Class fund is 100% participation. Please send any amount to COL D.C. Zurawski, 15712 Bradford Dr, Laurel, MD 20810. Make checks out to "West Point Fund—Class of 1951." Send it in today.

Bill & Alice Stockdale hosted a party after the AF game last year at their WP qtrs. Attending were the Bernsteins, Dickens, Fants, Hoffs, Kuhns, Lemnitzers, Rockwells, Rogers, Tooles, and Zurawskis. Seen at the game but unable to attend the party were the Peixottos, Sandersons, Sharps and the Roths.

A less happy "game" party was hosted by Bill and Lydia Lemnitzer in Arlington just a few weeks later. The Galligans, Peixottos, Ryans (Dick and Helene), and Thomases drowned their sorrows after a very disheartening 2d half on 27 Nov.

Congratulations are in order for our pres Dan Foldberg and wife Mary who are still flying high since daughter Sally presented them with a granddaughter on 10 Nov.

Jim Rockwell left Ann to "vacation" again this past year. En route to Africa he was "fogged-in" for 3 days in England and then stopped in Madrid to see Pud Keesling who is the Defense and AA for Spain. Pud and Joannie are fine—all 4 offspring are in the States: oldest boy is in the AF in CA, daughter at college in New Engl, and the 2 youngest boys attending the Episcopal Sch in Alexandria, VA. Pud was escorting the Spanish equivalent to the CJCS in the States during the first part of Dec. He would also like everyone to know that his correct address is Defense Attaché Office, Madrid, APO NY 09285. Drop him a line. From Madrid Rocky went on to Nuremberg where he saw Ed & Fran Partain, who are doing well and enjoying his job as a div ADC, as well as his daughter Martie and her husband who are stationed also in Nuremberg.



1951: L-R: Peixotto, Edler, Samotis, Galligan, Mary and Gorman Smith, Pat Ryan.

Meanwhile, back in the States, Norm Jorstad hung up his uniform the end of Dec to become an entrepreneur. He is VP and one of the founders of the AGTECH Co. located in the Rosslyn Plaza in Northern VA. AGTECH is an overseas marketing consultant co. involved with putting together large joint ventures. If you are in the area Norm would like you to drop by and say hello. Pete Foss is now the Dept Chmn of Media and Comm at North Shore, a MA Community Coll. Since he has ties to WP and Boston Coll—his oldest daughter is at BC—Pete and Marie spent an enjoyable weekend with the Stockdales since one of those colleges they had ties to, won. Jack & Lea Morgan will finally be leaving Europe and heading for Huachuca soon according to the Army Times. People in Europe never seem to want to come back. Fran & Bambi Craig are still lost over there. Saw Fran once many, many years ago in the Pentagon course—racing for a bus—and that was many, many years after he'd arrived in Europe.

George Meighen, Asst VP at Molton Allen, and Williams in Birmingham, AL, writes that George & Kiki Psihas are in Huntsville and are favorably impressed with the beauty



1951: L-R: Leonor and Steve Galligan, Nancy Mulder.

of northern AL—as compared to the beauty of the just plain North? Joe & Tove Rawlings are also in the area—they have a catering business and resort NW of Nashville just a hop and skip away. Gary Owens has his master's degree and is teaching math in Jr HS in Fayetteville. Wife Jessie reports that their oldest son, Mike, graduates from USMA in Jun 77—as does my son Frank Jr. Will publish the graduating list in the next column.

Walt Russell was elected Chmn in DeKalb County and when Red Leffler tried to call him after the election he was already off vacationing—even before Carter and Ford began their vacations! He was off to HI to visit with Joe & Cecil Clemons. Joe wrote that plans were indefinite at the time whether or not he would be staying, but expected decisions by the Dec time frame. Hank Otten writes from Bigfork, MT, that he was sorry he couldn't make the reunion but his daughter was graduating at the same time. Russ Walthour is keeping in touch with classmates in the FL area. As an example, he talks with John Tatum in SC and Howie Williams in Reno, NV by phone and corresponds with Howie Steele in VA. Never realized how big FL was! Ron Roberge is still at the War Coll. I missed lunch with him and Steve Galligan when Steve and I were



1951: L-R: GEN Rogers '43, Shy and Carol Meyer pinning 3d star.

up there for a conference (I had to work, Steve). Ron reports that Kermit Johnson graduated this past year from the college and became the Staff Chaplain at Ft McPherson. Joe Rogers writes all the way from Highland Falls—where he runs the USAA operation (and has in stock those large packs of USAA matches which are not available in VA)—that Walt & Judy Johnson now live at 3445 52d St, Molina, IL 61265 and that Walt is stationed at the Rock Is Ars.

I'm asking Howie Steele to finish this column for me. This weekend Frank Jr. comes home to take final possession of my favorite car so that he can "get-around" at the Academy. Holly takes Polo, our chihuahua, to our Kenosha, WI, parent (sorry we won't be able to see Chuck & Betty Wallens just a few miles up the road in Milwaukee). Then we're off for a 30-day leave—space available hopefully—to visit our daughter Margie and our 3 grandchildren in Brisbane, Australia. We return in Jan.

Taking up from where Frank left off, the first order of business is to send congratulations to Ed Partain, Al Akers, Jim Boatner, and Gerry Hendricks, (USAF), upon their nominations for 2d stars. Also, our heartiest congratulations to Bud Bacon, USAF, IG at TAC, who was nominated for his star.

Potpourri: Nub Reed, BG, USAF from SAC, Offutt AFB, visited STRATOPS J3, OJCS on 9 Dec, but was gone before our intrepid Class reporter Hank Evans could garner any news from him; Bob MacDonald is with ISA, OSDIS, preparing to leave the USAF for ret.; Sam Dickens, HQUSAF Regl Opns, went on a nostalgia trip when he



1951: Atkeson pointing the way for Bill Thomas.

visited Buenos Aires for the first time since '47; '51 has established an enclave at Ft Meade with Dan Foldberg, Charley Crowe, Chan Goodnow, and Ted Charney all in residence there; Charley Knapp, Walt Steiger, and Dave Phillips are at Ft Knox; Gordon Danforth is at Tinker AFB, OK, and Bud Bacon moved to Langley from Homestead, AFB, FL; Bucky Harris, after his penance tour in the Pentagon as Dir of the Army's Mgt Info Sys, enjoys being back with the troops as the CG at Ft Leonard Wood.

Class Business: The Memorandum of Understanding between the AOG and the Class of '51 concerning the admin of the Class of '51 Endowment Fund was signed on 10 Dec. We're now moving out on our final campaign to achieve the goals of \$250,000 for the trust fund, and 100% participation by the Class. Incidentally it is believed that both goals would be "firsts" for WP, and would set a standard for all classes.

# '52

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! By now, each of you should be completing your plans concerning our 25th Reunion at WP from 1 to 4 Jun. A grand time is expected for all who can make it. And please bring with you any notes you can assemble about classmates. I'll be there and most anxious to gather any and all info. All contributions delivered to me by mid-Jun will make the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY. (If you have any info now that can reach me by mid-Mar, it can still make the Jun issue.)

Also, prior to the Reunion, everyone should make a concerted effort to add a surge of contributions to our Class Gift Fund. As of 28 Dec, the statistics are:

*227 Classmates have pledged	\$44,107.00
3 Ex-classmates have pledged	250.00
3 Friends of '52 have given	1,250.00
8 Matching Gifts	4,200.00
Interest	1,123.09

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241 Donors \$50,930.09

(97.9% of our revised goal of \$52,000)

Cash on hand: \$39,173.59 (75.3%)

\*227 = 46.8% of our living classmates

Now, with each of you focusing your attention on the future (our gala 25th), I'll distract that attention to consider the happenings of the recent past. As I look through my notes, I can't help but wonder whether much of the following will make sense. (Did you ever try to decipher cold hen scratches hastily jotted on the backs of stray envelopes during animated conversations with rushed classmates after surprise encounters?) However, my first report concerns grand news, carefully printed, about events which may not yet have taken place. We have 5 more Active Army classmates nominated to be BG's: Steve Nichols, who is CS, 4th Inf Div (Mech), Ft Carson, CO; Jim Armstrong, Hqs, 2d Armd Div, Ft Hood, TX; Don Weinert, Chief, Engr Studies Gp, OCE, DC; Bert Stubblebine, Dir of Intell Sys, Directorate for Battlefield Sys Integration, Mat'l Devl & Readiness Cmd, Alexandria, VA; and Don Lasher, Dir, Psn Location Reporting Sys/Tac Integrated Distribution Sys, Tac Data Sys, Electronics Cmd, Ft Monmouth, NJ. In addition, on the same list, 2 classmates were



1952: Sluga, Joanne Benedict, Benedict, Parks and Deverill.

nominated for their 2d stars: Jim Jagers at Ft Hood, TX; and Ed Thompson, CG, Army Intell Agcy, Ft Meade, MD. Congratulations to all 7 of you! When I saw this Army list, one of my first thoughts was that no one has reported an AF GEN Officer list to me in some time. I'm sure that there are, therefore, some AF GENs or nominees who have not been congratulated by the Class. I'd appreciate a list from anyone of all the Class of '52 GEN Officers in all branches (including Reserves and NG). (If I get enough partial lists, together they should include all.)

After the Army-Stanford football cliff-hanger, Meredith & John Garver hosted a gathering of classmates and classmate cadet sons. The following garbled account pretty well sums up what I can piece together about what happened there. Joan & Gene Lane were either there or someone told me about them. They are now living in Stone Mtn. (I hope that is a city and not the real mountain.) Gene ret. about 3 yrs ago and is working for a co. which makes rubber tubing in MA. Gene is involved with Southwestern distribution. Kay & Denny Mullane missed that football game, being on Cape Cod on business, so were unable to make the party; but they were represented by 3 children—son Gerard, a cadet; Kevin, a HS jr; and Denise, a HS soph. Bob Meikle, plebe son of Charles Meikle, was there. He reports that his father is now Dr. Meikle, a general practitioner in Sayre, PA. Meredith Garver reported that other plebe sons of classmates are Alfred T. Jelinek, son of Pat and Howie; Michael P. Larkin, son of Donna and Dick; Gerard Mullane (mentioned above); and Philip R. Obach, son of Peg and Ron. Gloria & Jerry Brisman were there. Gloria has heard from the Hulleys at Ft Sill. They have had 3 marriages in the family (one of them 4 yrs ago). They are grandparents twice. Someone (perhaps it was Gloria) reported that George Miller is teaching in VA. George's wife's name is reported to be "Luddy." Cadet Pete Selleck was there and he reported that his father and Don Weinert were to switch



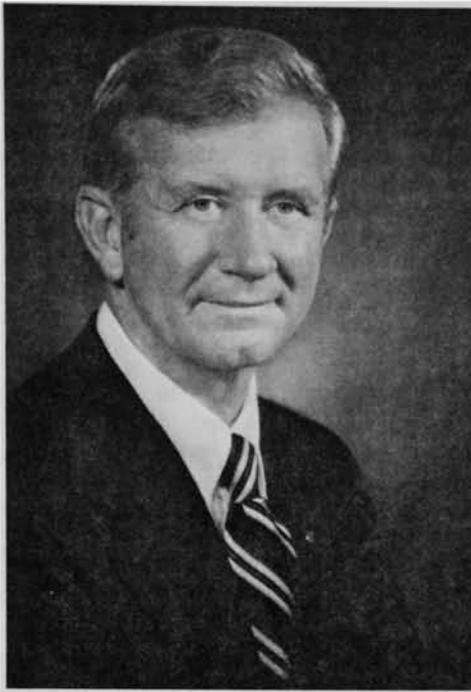
1952: Walt & Marty Ulmer, Dick & Vonny Stanier, John & Meredith Garver.

jobs in Jan (between Engr Studies Gp and Ft Riley Engr Gp Cmd). (It's possible that this new BG list may alter that somewhat.) Pat & Howie Jelinek and son Ted were there, as were Dottie & Tom Cole; also Vonny & Dick Stanier and the newlyweds—daughter Linda and her new husband, Tony Triponi. (Vonny tells me that I've lost some hair since graduation.) Connie & Charlie Watkins were there, too. Connie says that Hanny & Hank West are in DC going to sch. Hank is to be Def Attaché in one of the Scandinavian countries. Both of the West children are in CA going to school. Marty & Walt Ulmer, Mary Ann & Tom Nelson, Maxine & Jack Gilkey, and Phyllis & Gil Burns were there. Gil is ret. and lives in Hastings on the Hudson, where he is Dir of Public Works & Public Util. Cadet Chuck Jelinek was there. Connie Watkins later reported that Nicki & John Pelton are at Ft Devens. And Tom Nelson reported that he had visited Carlisle and met Carol & Bob Turner there. They have a beautiful home.

Following the Army-B.C. football game, the Ulmers hosted a class gathering. Charlotte and I were only able to stay for a short time as our son, Ralph III, was coming home with us for the weekend and we didn't want to delay the beginning of same too long. Before we left, the following had arrived at the party: Marty and Walt, Dottie & Tom Cole, Kay & Denny Mullane, Mary Ann & Tom Nelson, Connie & Charlie Watkins, Marilyn & Bob McGarry, Metz Seebach, Vince Bailey, and Maxine & Jack Gilkey.

We missed one Army home football game this year (against NC) and, following said game, Dottie & Tom Cole hosted a gathering of classmates. Tom Nelson sent me the following report: "All the local folks were there and out of towners included Loyd & Liz Rhiddlehoover, staying with the Coles; Bill Reilly and Nicky Bramer, who were staying with us; and Bob McGarry. Of course, Denny & Kay Mullane were up, too. Loyd is at Ft Monroe with TRADOC, and has been for 2 yrs, I think. Bill is with Nuclear Projects, Inc., out of Gaithersburg, VA, after ret. at the beginning of the month [Sept]. As I wrote you, he's going to a nuclear constr site in MO in Nov. Bob McGarry is Dpty of Computer Sys Cmd or something like that at Belvoir. Not at Coles but up for the game were Gordo Hahn and Ron Obach who have season tickets. Ron is at Monmouth. He told me what he's doing but I forgot. Something signalish. Ron has a boy in the plebe class."

Noting the 3 parties above, held by classmates stationed at WP, I feel that a word of thanks is due for services above and beyond the call of duty to each of the classmates located in the vicinity of WP, both on and off-post. Each in his own way has allowed himself (and wife) to be imposed upon uncountable times by those of us classmates who pass by. (And they don't complain. They just help!) At the Reunion, please find the opportunity to individually express your thanks. That will be a particularly appropriate time because they will once again be helping the Reunion Cmte with bits and pieces of the Reunion. Further, please find the time to approach each member of the Reunion Cmte to express your appreciation. (Their names will be listed somewhere among the paraphernalia.) And, especially, please take advantage of the opportunity to say "Thanks" to Bill Raiford. The total of the things he has done for classmates and families will never be fully known. Bill's actions



1952: Denny Mullane.

on behalf of the Class are truly "above and beyond." Any time I have discovered an event with significance to the Class, I have also found that Bill Raiford cared enough to spend countless amounts of his time, money, and/or energy to insure that the Class was represented. Others have also frequently given of themselves and I would not want to slight anyone, but a special vote of thanks is due Bill.

I received a notice that Lou Tomasetti, effective 1 Oct 76, is appointed Gen Mgr of the Military Engine Proj Div in Cincinnati, OH. The notice didn't identify the company, but Lou has been reported for several years in increasingly responsible positions with GE, so I'm reasonably sure that's the company.

I also received an announcement that Stephen Bruce Pickering, son of Claire and Bruce, was married on 2 Oct in Drexel Hill, PA, to Mary Louise Geuting.

Nancy & Burny Knight and the 3 youngest of 5 kids (including the newest member, Robert Michael, born 19 Mar 75) arrived at Ft Rucker, AL, in Jul. Dan III, 22, stayed in TX where he has a job. Jeff, 21, stayed to attend SW TX State at San Marcos. Burny is doing Material Devl work in Combat Devl at Rucker.

Bill Reilly wrote to report on several events, including the Army-NC game and party after (mentioned above). He also filled in some of the details in the brief report about him by Tom Nelson last issue. "I ret. 31 Aug and am now working for Nuclear Projects, Inc., on the Standardized Nuclear Unit Power Plant Sys (SNUPPS) staff. Great job! Small outfit; about 10 guys. We manage design and procurement of 5 standard plants (1125 MWe each) for 5 utilities." Bill's job involves keeping track of "lessons learned" during construction for follow-on plants. The first plant will be near Fulton, MO.

Jack Foley also ret. in Aug and became the first gen mgr of the Aliso Water Mgt Agcy in Laguna Niguel, CA. Jack ret. from his post as Dist Engr, L.A. John Carlson flew in from Tucson to attend Jack's ret. luncheon. John is reported spending a good deal of his time in Saudi Arabia with Sundt Const Co.

Frank Benedict ret. 1 Nov from Chief, Studies, Anal and Lit Div, U.S. Army Nuclear Agcy, Ft Bliss. A picture is included from the ret. luncheon (five days after ret.) where Gray Parks presented Frank a LM. Len Sluga and Art Deverill were also at the luncheon. Jim Crow, Cmdt of the Sgt Majors Academy at Ft Bliss, couldn't make the luncheon.

While briefly in the Pentagon on business the other day, I ran into several classmates. Loyd Rhiddlehoover was also just visiting in the building. He reported that Ray Espey is ret. and living in VA Beach teaching school. Later, I bumped into Al Bracy and Dan Danford, who seem to be "at home" there. Al said that I had just missed Harley & Agnes Washburn. That's a shame. I notice they haven't been heard from since 64. According to Al, however, the only event worth noting is that Harley legally changed the spelling of his last name from Washbourne to Washburn shortly after Win Holt misspelled it that way in 64.

Congratulations are once again in order for Denny Mullane, named pres of CT Mutual Life in Hartford, CT. Denny is the 2d youngest pres in the insurance co.'s 130-year history. Denny is also a dir of CT Natural Gas Co., as well as St. Francis Hospital, the Inst of Living, the Greater Hartford Arts Council, and the Hartford Stage Co. Kay and Denny and 3 children live in West Hartford, CT. (And Denny's PR man sent me a different photo this time.)

Al Dombrowsky is the new asst dpty CS for tng at Hq, Fifth Army, Ft Sam Houston, TX. He moved to this assignment from Ft. Sheridan, IL, where he was chief of opns, Army RRV.

Warren Hayford, pres of Continental Can Co. and exec VP of the parent company, The Continental Group, Inc., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the College of New Rochelle, NY.

As usual, Xmas cards are still arriving as I rush to meet my deadline. Marianne & John Brewer had the whole family home at some time during the holidays. Gloria & Jerry Brisman are still busy around WP in the bus business. Mary & Dan Danford had the whole family home for Xmas. Meredith &



1952: Al Dombrowsky

John Garver are following Army hockey rather closely with son Tom the goalie and team captain. (Charlotte and I have been joining them for games in New Engl.) Maxine & Jack Gilkey are enjoying their tour as Facility Engr at WP. Cathy & Al Griffin are especially busy with preparations for the Reunion. Elaine & Ken Kronlund and their 4 children send their best. Anita & Ralph Leonard had all the children home. MG Jim McInerney (USAF) sent his best from the Pentagon. Joan & Bill Schroeder report that Bill is doing well as a stockbroker in Ocala, FL. Gloria & Gil Scott say "Hi" from Richardson, TX. Jane & Charlie Sell are still in Northern VA. Vonny & Dick Stanier reported the marriage of their daughter Linda (mentioned last issue). Fern & Bob Woodward are still enjoying their ret. in FL. And Charlotte and I had our whole family home for Xmas.

Don Weinert visited my office in Nov to give my staff a briefing on new procedures for evaluating our org. Time was so short, though, that we didn't get a chance to discuss classmate stories. Warren Spaulding called me in Dec, from Newport, RI, to find out what I knew about the Reunion just prior to my receiving the info letter. I was no help, but he didn't have any Class news to report either.

I reported a wrong date last issue for Class events. This time, I called Bill Raiford to verify. This year's event schedule is: Class luncheon, Ft McNair, 3 Mar; Founders Day dinner, Ft Myer, 18 Mar; Reunion, WP, 1-4 Jun; Class luncheon, Ft McNair, 1 Sept; ditto, 1 Dec. In the meantime, keep those cards and letters coming!

'53

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The New Year has come, "Gloom Period" has started, and by the time you read this you will have started remembering to write "77" on your checks. So how about writing one for the Class Gift Fund? Make it payable to "West Point Fund of the AOG, Class of 1953" and mail to AOG, WP, NY 10996. Amount? Your 77 installment of your pledge, or your 76-77 installments if last year slipped by too fast, or the whole amount if you want the fund to get full interest benefits, or at least \$100 if you haven't pledged yet, or \$10,000 if the check won't bounce. Although the initial response was reported as encouraging, the later responses have been a mere trickle. We like to think this reflects only procrastination, not disinterest, because the gift should be from the whole Class and we have asked for only a modest amount from everyone (plus more from those who can and want to contribute more).

Look up in the sky! The stars are falling again! and several are landing on the shoulders of '53. In the AF, Jerry O'Malley has been nominated for promotion to MG and assignment to OJCS as a Dpty J3. Jim Pfautz, now Exec of OSD (ISA) is a BG-selectee. In the Army, Sandy Meloy, John Seigle, and Tom Brain will be promoted to MG, and the new BG's are: Ed Dinges, Charlie Fiala, Neal Creighton, and Max Noah. Congratulations to all (and to their spouses who suffered along and/or helped in the process)—and a hope they will let us know their new assignments. Then we will know

who to credit or blame for whatever good or bad develops in the Armed Forces.

New assignments heard of or read about: Frank Drew is moving from the joint Brazil-US Military Commission to become Dpty CG of Nellis Air Force Base. Jim Lammie has become gen mgr for construction of the Atlanta subway system. MARTA opens in 1978.

Recent military retirements (I don't think we have any total retirements to report yet): Bib Barton from ODCSOPS—his plans are not declassified yet. Bob Segal from OSD—to go with a construction firm in the Baltimore area, but retaining McLean, VA, residence for the time being. Monty Speir from ODCSOPS—to become Exec Scty of the NC State Bd of Registration for Prof Engrs and Land Surveyors. Monty is going to Raleigh in Jan and Joanne will follow in Jun. Their daughter will enter U. of NC this fall and their son, of course, is at the "old school." Harl Graham from ODCSRDA—to stay in the R&D business and remain in the DC area. Harl received the LM as he departed active service.

Misc notes from all over the place: Gerry Goetz reports running into Dave Horner at the Cameron Station gas pumps (figuratively, I hope). Dave was on 2 weeks Xmas leave from Saudi Arabia. His contract there with Vinnel Corp is up in Jun 77, but stand by to see if he decides to rent his burnoose for a while longer. Dave's son is at U. of VA in ROTC. Weemo Wubbena was in HI last Dec and tried to contact 'mates known to be in the area. He did see Chuck Neal and Howie Thompson, but struck out on calls to J.D. Smythe, Joe Volpe and Ed Davis. No two way telephones in SCUBA gear sets yet, I guess. Rich Leonard's dau, Mary Lou, a student at Wm and Mary Coll, was seriously ill and hospitalized in Portsmouth, VA. Ann came East and stayed with Max and Priscilla Noah for a while. After treatment, including transfusion of 51 pints of blood donated by her dorm-mates, Mary Lou was well enough to be med-evaced to Albuquerque, at last report was expected to be able to return to school in Jan. Stu McLennan and Abby were in DC recently to attend the Army Avn Conference. They have bought a home near Ft Sam Houston. Wally Leland is retired but still flying—not specified whether it is Concorde, Gooney Birds, or Cubs. Art Sovern is at Randolph AFB, keeping 'em flying with professional maintenance.

The social blasts in the DC area continue at a merry pace. A pre-Xmas hoe-down was held at Arlington Hall Station with the following attendance: Blum, Blastos, Collona, Edwards, Larry Davis, Gilster, Glasgow, Jolin, Clay Jackson, Kaplan, Kinnie, Tom McGregor, McIntyre, Miley, Nielson, Ramsay, Reynolds, Segal, Speir, and Wubbena. And wives. It must have been a good party—I have some "reporter's notes" that are almost too illegible to translate into information for this issue, but let's try: Gary Colonna's son John is in pre-med at VMI on an ROTC scholarship and his daughter Anne is in her last year at Georgetown in Army ROTC. The Jolins' daughter Karen has an AFROTC scholarship at U. of MD School of Nursing. From another source I learn that Bob Carter's daughter Susan Elizabeth has entered the Coast Guard Academy. Add on Bob Fernandez' daughter at the USAFA and I begin to wonder if Class daughters will outnumber sons in the military. Is there a libber (male or fem) who would like to research this and

report as the majority of our children reach that age?

We were saddened to receive reports on the deaths of 2 classmates.

On 5 Oct 76, Bob White died near Denver, CO. He had recently retired and was working with Scientific Applications Inc. in Denver. Memorial services were held on 8 Oct. Suzy will remain at 7074 S. Cherry St, Littleton, CO 80122.

On 27 Nov 76, Bill Hilley died in Greenville, SC. He had been the DIO at Ft Bragg, NC, and had retired in Sept 76. The funeral was held on 1 Dec. Adrienne remains at Carriage House Apt #30, 300 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC. Our deepest sympathy goes to Suzy and Adrienne and their families; neither Bob nor Bill will be forgotten by the Class.

Reflecting again on the sad news reminds me that there are several of our deceased classmates for whom no obituary has been published in the ASSEMBLY. I know of no established protocol to assign responsibility for this but hopefully the following list will energize some volunteers: C-1 Bob Alexander 31 Oct 69, RVN; H-1 Mort O'Connor 1 Apr 68, RVN; M-1 John Martin 31 Jan 68, RVN; C-1 Don Dunnuck 7 Jan 72; E-2 Jack Pimental 23 May 55; A-1 Dan Christman 17 Jan 75; I-2 Ben Tant 28 Jan 66; L-2 Rog Roderick 11 Mar 63; F-1 John Stoneburner 9 Dec 64, RVN; G-1 Ralph Rich 29 Mar 63; D-1 Fred Agather 1 Jun 69, RVN; A-1 Rich Flather 22 Sept 73; H-2 John Cochran 24 Mar 59; C-2 John Calvert 3 Feb 58; H-1 Jerry Dresner 25 Dec 70.

Don't let the length of this article fool you—I have not been swamped with your cards and letters and photos. The test is not whether you want to see your own name in print; rather whether your WP wife, company mates, and the folks who shared the last section of MT and Go Blind with you would possibly like to know where you are and what you are doing. Think about that and then send me some poop. All the news that fits, we'll print. Cheers!

# '54

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CONGRATULATIONS: To Bill Hillsman and Jim Ahmann and the 2 stars they now wear. Those promoted to BG include: John Ballantyne (in Frankfurt), Tom Healy, Bob Elton (CS, 3d Inf Div, Germany), Ames Albro (Korea), John Hudachek and Jim Williams (back in DC area with DIA). Last but not least, congratulations to our First Captain, John Bard, now Cmdt at WP. Our best wishes are with you in your new assignment, John.

The fall party for the DC area was held in Oct at the O Club at Andrews AFB. Many classmates and wives attended. Thanks to Doug Stuart, Bob Cottle, and Al Jennings for making the arrangements for a fine cocktail hour and sit down dinner. The activities following dinner included the drawing of numbers for door prizes (which were the floral table centerpieces) and the election of Yale Weatherby as Class Pres (and in that order—first things first!).

Doug Stuart attended the A-N game and reported seeing Bill Paul, Howie Hunter, Bill Hillsman, Bob Marcum, Jerry Curtis, Bill Welsh, and Bill Egan.

RETIREMENTS: Bill Bathurst ret. in the fall and moved to Ft Lauderdale. Wade

Hampton, Dick Sugg and John Shafer ret. 1 Jan. Wade is in L.A. with a law firm, John is with Litton, and Dick is with BDM in McLean, VA. George Bennet is living in Oscela, IA, managing his jewelry store and farm. Tom Mayberry is now living in Williamsburg, VA. Hal Howes is the Corporate Dir of Govt Rels, with Fairchild in Germantown, MD.

NEWS VIA THE GRAPEVINE: Jim Zerke is in the constr business in MO, and Craig Spence has hung out his shingle as a lawyer in San Ant, TX. Bob Stewart got even with New Engl and transplanted the family to AZ, where he's managing a string of franchise bakery stores. Ron Button also headed for the Sunbelt and unpacked in Tampa, FL. Perrin Mawhinney runs a real estate shop in Tucson, AZ; his wife Dee reads the fine print for him. Ed Pawlouski is back with us in Springfield, VA. No one is sure what he's up to because, when asked, Ed replies only in Russian. Glenn Matsumoto is with the S&F at ICAF. Roy Muth is with Intl Snowmobile Ind Assoc, in DC. He's easily recognizable by the wide smile he's sporting because of the nation's unusually bad weather. Pete Jones has written a book (subject unknown) at Ft Ben Harrison. Sally Luckey, Ken's widow, lives at East Petersburg, PA, where she is Program Coordinator for the Heart Assn, and does private duty nursing. Daughter Paula has graduated from PA State and son Chris is at USC.

It is always a sad duty to report a death in this column but especially so now. Bob Linton's lovely wife Peggy and their 13-year-old daughter Dede were killed in a tragic auto accident near their home in early Dec. The small car in which they were driving home from a pony stable was struck head-on by another car. Peggy was killed instantly and Dede died later of her injuries. The driver of the other car was charged with drunk driving. Jan & Jerry Parshall and Yale & Phil Weatherby attended the prayer service. The Class was represented at the large funeral and interment by Chuck Debelius, Bill Clark, Lou Wagner, Yale Weatherby and their wives, along with Gene Donnelly, Chet Pjolunek and Gene Broumas. Bob and Peggy had 6 children. The family address is 6900 Clifton Rd, Clifton, VA. The Class extends our heartfelt sympathy to Bob and his family.

The Class column information for the next issue should be sent to Fred Qualls, 4417 Wakefield Chapel Rd, Annandale, VA 22003. Fred will be writing our next few columns.

# '55

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The DC area clan gathered at the lovely home of Carl & Marcia Cathey on Sat eve 20 Nov for a pre-game BEAT NAVY rally. We tried! Bill Peters had obtained 2 films, one on summer tng and other highlights of the 74 football season which helped set the stage and put us all in the right frame of mind. Next year we'll try a little harder! Close to 100 people were in attendance and as is always the case, many old acquaintances were renewed. It was good to see everyone. We are grateful to the Catheys for having us into their home and hosting the group. Others who assisted were Al & Edie Edwards, Dick & Greta Masson, and Bob & Jill Wiegand. Party photos were also furnished by Carl. News gathered from the party and from Xmas cards follows:



1955: Ken Wilson

Rich Miller is enjoying his Fac Engr job at Belvoir and looking forward to some traveling to such places as Amer Samoa, Guam, etc. as part of his job. Marianne has completed work on her master's degree and is now counselling delinquent boys in Rockville, MD.

Wayne Smith came down from Ft Meade where he is with the RR. His duties keep him on the road throughout MD and DE.

John & Ruth Sloan are back from 2 yrs in London. John has ret. and is now pursuing his favorite endeavor as a civ—Soviet Mil historical studies.

Dave Hufnagel and Bob Chapman are both gainfully employed in DA DCSOPS working on current operations and strategic planning respectively.

Al Edwards ret. in Jul 75 and he and Edie have settled in N. VA. He works for A-T-O, a conglomerate. He is on the road weekly as a corporate level troubleshooter working with several of its divisions.

Dick & Greta Masson have been in town since Jul 75. Dick is on active duty but working at the State Dept involved among other things in the negotiation of Base rights with Greece. Dick has had several interesting trips. Both of their children are in coll: Rich at VA Wesleyan in Norfolk and Lisa

at Eastern TN State at Johnson City. Things are quiet at the Masson home this year. I guess many of us are experiencing similar situations as the children go off to coll.

Cliff & Jean Fralen are comfortably settled outside of Boston. Pat and I were able to visit with them briefly this fall when we were in the Boston area. Cliff ret. in the summer of 75 and is now working at North-eastern Coll as Dir of Fac. Michael is now a Jr at Annapolis.

Al & Ellie Raymond have ret. Al was PMS at N. MI U. and they are remaining in Marquette, MI where Al is now the Dir of the Area C of C. Their oldest son, Dwight, is a member of the Class of '79, their daughter is a freshman at Claremont College in CA and Ted is making his way through HS.

Tom & Sue Weaver continue to enjoy the San Ant area. Tom is in the Fac Engr business at Randolph AFB. Their oldest son, Michael, was home from TX A&M for the holidays—"crew cut and all." Tom says of their 3d child, "Robert is the biggest horse in his first grade by half a head." Keep him growing and maybe there will be a football player! Susan (12) and Claire (5) complete the Weaver family. Tom also reports that "Pop" Warner is the Dpty Cmdr for a C-5/C-141 wing at Travis AFB, CA.

News from Lou & Joanne Crandall and



1955: Cathey

their 5 children has them enjoying the great NW especially skiing and year round golf. Lou is with Boeing working on the AWACS program for NATO. Previously Lou was with the SRAM program and visited with Don Law several times at Tinker AFB, OK. Lou has recently seen Bill Edwards now with ARCO in L.A., Bob & Helene Brown in MT, and Dan Ludwig who was on a business trip to Seattle. On the children front their oldest 3 are girls and Lcu reports no WP candidates yet! However their youngest daughter Laura 15, and son Robert 13, are showing some interest. Lou is all for them if they want a mil career.

News from John & Ellen Schick is that their tour at Claremont, CA is coming to an end as all good things must. Ellen writes that they will probably be moving to Izmir, Turkey come summer for a tour at Halfsee.

From the long lost dept comes word that Billy "Gaylord" and Rac Arthur have settled in Columbus, GA. Billy was the PAO for the Berlin Cmd in his last job before ret. They are now building a house and adjusting to ret. life. And across the Chattahoochee River in Enterprise, AL is where Bill Graham now calls home. Bill's last assignment prior to



1955: Holbrook, Masson, Herron, Malone, Doyle, Giddings, and Smith.

ret. was at Ft Rucker. He is now in the real estate business.

Rich & Inez Cardillo are now well settled in Denver. Rich is with the RR there and doing some traveling through the Rocky Mt area. Rich Jr. is doing well at OR St and Robert is a HS soph playing varsity basketball and couldn't be happier. Robert has had several years of expert tutoring at Bob Knight's basketball camps. Paul Parks reports that Rich came to Ft Bliss recently and spent several days with him and Bobbie. It was a great visit with lots of basketball discussion about Army and Indiana among other things. Under Mike Krzyzewski ('69) the basketball program at WP is back to winning ways which is good for all of us avid followers. Paul reports a full house for Xmas. Charron now a sophomore at the U. of IN was home along with Chuck from CT. Of course Chris is still home on a permanent basis to keep things lively.

Walt & Nancy McCrillis are finishing 5 yrs at England AFB, LA. Walt is with the NCO Leadership Sch there and working on an Advanced Counselling degree at LA Tech. Nancy recently received her degree in Psychology, also from LA Tech. The McCrillis' have 2 daughters, Polly working in Houston and Lois an enthusiastic, active HS jr.

Jack & Joan Matteson have ret. and continue in the DC area. Jack is working for a research/consulting firm at Tyson's Corners. His office mate there is Ed Zaborowski. Two of their children are attending Wake Forest so continued living in VA is convenient. Joan writes that Jack has been



1955: Giddings and Miller



1955: Peters, Sloan, Miller, Newton and Blahuta.



1955: Edwards and Maurer

coaching a silent soccer team of 10 year olds. He enjoys it very much. Jack and Joan report a recent visit with Barry Turner ('56). Barry is in the real estate business in Hendersonville, NC.

Jim Eddins, now with J5, OJCS spent 2 days at WP in early Dec participating in SCUSA along with Donne Olvey and Bill Wix. Hank Hollensbee is now based in Atlanta working for a steel import co. Phil Bouchard is with the AF Sys cmd at W-P AFB as a R&D dir. Ken Wilson has been reassigned from Panama to Hill AFB, UT where he is the Dpty Base Cdr. Ken is with the AF Log Cmd.

Dave Maurer was in town TDY to Belvoir taking a mapping course, then back to Monterey around Xmas for some study of Spanish and then he and Toni will be off to Bolivia. Dave will be working with the Inter-American Geodetic Survey.

Bob & Jill Wiegand are enjoying Bob's tour as Cdr of the 3d Inf (Old Guard). Time is slipping by all too fast for Bob who will turn over that Cmd to Don Hilbert this summer.

After several changes Jerry & Dorothy Crancer are looking forward to a Cmd tour at Ft Jackson beginning in May 77. Carol Johnson and boys Rick and Mark are doing well, still in the Ft Lauderdale area. Bill & Jackie Streett continue to enjoy WP.

Mary Andrews called from Ft Meade to say Don and she were moving from CT to the U. of WI area for an ROTC assignment but first Don would be TDY to Ft Knox. They are not too happy to be leaving CT since it is "home" to Mary.

Pete Booras sends word from Ft Sheridan



1955: Wilcox, Maurer, and Newton.

that he and Edie keep busy. Pete is responsible for 23 AF Exam and Entrance Stations (AFEES) located in 18 states from ND to LA. With that job Pete travels quite a bit. Pete is also enjoying the AWC correspondence course which is demanding but not enough to interfere with his active racquet ball program. Edie keeps busy as a computer language tng instr with Allstate.

Dannie & Maggie Dugan and their 4 children have settled in San José. Danny ret. last Jan after selection for O-6 in order to accept a job with NASA in the flight rch program. Maggie is busy with a program leading to a degree as an Animal Health Technician.

Congratulations to the Army classmates selected for senior service colleges beginning in Aug. Jack Jeter, Bob Nourse and Rex Perkins to the AWC; Dan Moses to the Nav WC; and Dan Malone and Frank Robertson to the ICAF.

Thanks for all of your input in helping to make this column meaningful for all of us.

'56

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Because of space limitations, this report is dedicated entirely to those who participated in our 20th Reunion festivities last Oct. I hope those of you who so thoughtfully sent cards, letters and other messages this past holiday season will forgive me this once for waiting until next issue to report your news.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Ward Le Hardy has volunteered to help me with this column. You are all familiar with his considerable writing talents, and I feel most fortunate to have him as a regular contributor. I feel this may encourage more of you, particularly in the East, to write or at least keep in touch; however, in no way do I want to discourage any of you from continuing to correspond with me personally. Either way, you may rest assured that your news will be reported. Please address any letters to Ward & Judy Le Hardy to their home address 5203 Holden St, Fairfax, VA 22030. They would also be delighted to talk to you by phone when you are in the DC area. Their phone number at present is (703) 978-5612.

As nearly as I can count, approximately one-quarter of the entire Class plus wives, children (including cadet sons), parents, friends, etc. took part in our 20th Reunion. All of us owe a great debt of gratitude to Jim Anderson who was the overall coordinator and leader of the Homecoming Cmte at WP which made this gathering such a memorable one. Cmte members and others who deserve special thanks are Arv West and Mark Sisin-yak, who put on the cocktail buffet for us at the WP Golf Club, Mike Sirkis, who handled the Memorial Service activities at the WP Library, Jim Strozier and Bill Wehl, who took care of all arrangements for the pre-game luncheon, Jim McNulty, who made all the arrangements for our Sun Brunch at the Hotel Thayer, Farrell Patrick, who took charge of our Class 20th Year Book, and Ward Le Hardy, who wrote such a fine article about our Reunion for the Dec 76 issue of the ASSEMBLY.

I asked all those I could button-hole at the Reunion to give me as much information about themselves as could be written on a 5x8 card. Unfortunately, I was unable to

gather as much news in this way as I would have liked, and there were several classmates I missed altogether, but in any event, here is what I gleaned from them for all of you.

Mike Alexander and Bridget, their 4 children, 7 horses, 4 dogs and 6 cats are all living on a small farm near Hanscom AFB, MA. Mike and Bridget were leaving the following week for the Washington Intl Horse Show to "groom" for their daughter Bonnie who was a participant in this prestigious event.

Jim Anderson is Prof and Dir of PE (better known as "Master of the Sword") at WP. Since this is a permanent position, he expects to be at WP for some time. He did his Doctoral work at IN U. from 1971-73, and has also found time to write a book on "Physical Fitness—West Point Style" for the entire family which he expects to be published early this year. Jim and Joyce have a daughter, Terri Lynn (15), and a son, James David (10).

Bob & Jeanette Barrett and their children, Todd and Wendy, left Carswell AFB last Nov. Bob's new assignment is Chief of Clinical Medicine on the staff of the TAC Surgeon at Langley AFB. Steve & Margaret Boylan and their boys, Peter (14) and Kees (11) are at Ft Monmouth, NJ, where Steve is involved with the mgt of the AN/TPQ-37 Arty Locating Radar Project. For recreation, they enjoy electronics, airplanes, boats, the Jersey shore and the boys are active in soccer.

Mike & Fran Cavanaugh and their children, Lisa (11) and Danny (8), are living in Baltimore where Mike has been a broker with Merrill Lynch since 62. The Cavanaugh's enjoy tennis, antiques and sea food and are certainly in the right area for all 3.

Dick & Eva Maria Chase and their children Stephanie (13), Frederick (11), Tanya (8) and their Bicentennial baby, Sabrina, born just a few weeks before the Reunion (7 Oct 76) are residing in Cambridge, MA. Dick is a scientist at American Science & Engr, Inc., and his work involves designing and building X-ray imaging systems for satellite and rocket experiments and the analysis of data taken by these instruments. Eva Maria was born of German parents in Estonia, raised in Stuttgart, Germany, and graduated from NY State U. Dick earned an M.S. in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1962, and a PhD in Physics from Northeastern U. in 66.

Rita Clark (J.J.'s widow) is still living in DC at the same place she and the children consider their permanent home. Mike (19) is a soph at Harvard, there on a scholastic scholarship, but also starting for the Harvard football team. The twins, Sofia and Margaret, are both freshmen in coll: Sofia at Fairfield in CT, and Margaret at St. Michael's in VT. John is a senior in high school, he has heard from several colleges and expects he'll get a scholarship somewhere. Jill is a soph in high school, a class officer, and cheerleader. Rita is happy to have Patrick (10) still around to fill the home with his happy noise. In addition to looking after her children, Rita is going to school part time, and hopes to be in Foreign Service work in about 10 yrs.

Jack Conklin is in Poughkeepsie, NY, and since 66 has been Pres and Chief XO of the DeLaval Separator Co. He is also res and Chmn of the Bd of 4 subsidiary companies—American Heat Reclaiming Co., Con-therm Corp., G&H Products, and Sullivan Systems, Inc. He is also a director of the Dutchess Bank & Trust Co., a director of the Fargo Manufacturing Co., serving on the

advisory board of the Northeastern U. and Regl Adv for the Conference Bd.

Bill Crites is presently the Chief of the New Hosp Proj Office at the Walter Reed AMC in DC. He is responsible for management of the construction and occupation of the new hospital and finds this project both interesting and challenging. He transferred from the Inf to MSC in '72 and earned a master's in Hospital Admin from Baylor in '75.

Rude & Maude De France are still at Carlisle Bks and expect to be there for at least one more year. Rude is on the faculty and they both enjoy riding their 2 horses. Charlie Des Islets was remarried in '75 to Ann (his former wife) after a 10-year separation. Presently, he is Dist Mgr for the CMC Corp Service Dept in Atlanta, GA.

Dick & Sandy Dowell are residing in Alexandria, VA. Dick ret. from the AF 1 Jan '77, and has accepted a position with the BDM Corp of Vienna, VA. Bob & Chris Easton arrived at WP in Jul '76. Bob is assigned to the Facility Engr Directorate as Environmental & Energy Control Officer. The Eastons have 2 sons, Derek (12) and Kirk (5).

Phil & Carlisle Farmer are at the Picatinny Ars, Dover, NJ, where Phil is Asst Proj Mgr for Nuclear Munitions. They have 3 children, Susan (18), a freshman at Old Dominion U., Bill (14) and John (9).

Gene & Chantal Fox and their sons, Nicholas (16) and Laurent (15) have been living in Arlington, VA, for the last 4 yrs. Gene is with the HQDA-DCSPER, and is Chief of the Classifications and Standards Branch. Gene earned a master's in Public Admin at George Washington U. and Bob Sullivan was one of his instructors. Running has become a high point for Gene and his boys and he hopes to be in the Boston Marathon this year. Gene and Chantal vacationed in Egypt last Aug.

Rick & Marina Frederick and their children, Rich (14) and Kirsten (7), call Alexandria, VA, home. Rich presently is a member of the Chmn's Staff Group, OCJCS.

Sam & Emma Gates are living in the NYC area. While at the DNA in DC, Sam studied law at Georgetown U. Last Aug he ret. and started work as an atty with the law firm of Kenyon & Kenyon, Reilly, Carr and Chapin (Kenyon & Kenyon) in downtown Manhattan. The firm specializes in patents, copyrights and trademarks. Once settled, the Gates' will move uptown on the East Side.

"Knobby" & Pat Glock are presently living in the DC area where "Knobby" is a coordinator for the XMI Tank Sys with the DA. Their daughter, Patty Ann (18), attends the College of William & Mary. They also have a son, Michael (5).

Bob & Judy Goodwyn live in Alexandria, VA. Bob is Dpty Dir for Scientific & Technical Intel assigned to the DIA. Judy manages 2 houses (plus yards) and also is a secy at the Future Farmers of America Hqs. They have 3 children, Leslie (19), a jr at Mary Washington Coll, Robert (16), a high school jr, and Reid (13), a frosh in high school.

Chuck & Mariel Gorlinski and their 3, Charlie (16), Gini (15), and Julie (2), live in Arlington, VA. Chuck is in the Pentagon with USACC and expects to remain in the Pentagon 2 more years. Merrill & Irene Green are living in Hollis, NH, while Merrill is stationed with Hqs ESD at the Hanscom AFB. Their daughter, Cheryl Ann (19), is a sophomore at Clemson U. They have 2 other children, Gary Alan (16), and Pamela Allison (14) in high school.



1956: Loggins presented JSCM by MG Rushworth at Kirtland AFB, NM.

Tom & Jane Griffin are living in Burke, VA. Tom is assigned to the MPA (LTC assignments office). They have a son, Tom, attending Wake Forest and 2 girls, Molly and Ginny. Hawley & Carol Oakes are living in Chevy Chase, MD, while Hawley has a Pentagon assignment. They have 3 children, Caroline (19) at Hollins Coll, and Jack (17) and Sue (16) in high school.

Pat & Gingie Haley are living in Burke, VA, while Pat is assigned with the DA IG. Pat plans to ret. in May of this year and return to South Bend, IN, where he will join Midland Engr, a specialty constr co. The Haleys plan to build a new house for themselves in South Bend. Pat also reports that Dick Daleski is assigned to the Brookings Inst in DC, and that Jim Straub is still with IBM's Boca Raton, FL, office.

Bill & Sandra Haponski are at Fordham U. where Bill is the Prof of Mil Sci. Their daughter Maura (19) is a jr at Yale. She was also on the '76 U.S. Olympic Team competing in the luge at Innsbruck. Bill and Sandra are looking forward to making Lake Placid, NY, their home in the reasonably near future.

Ren & Barbara Hart are looking forward to staying in San Fran at least until 1980, and probably forever. In short, it is their home and they can't think of any assignment that could entice them away. Ren is currently Info Coordinator for RR IX and works at the Presidio of San Fran. The Harts have a son, Lee (19), and a daughter, Laura (16).

Bob & Suzanne Hewitt are now "roughing it" in Pebble Beach, CA. Bob ret. from the Army last Aug and is now a financial advisor in Monterey, CA. Pete & Pat Judson are at Ft Rucker, AL, where Pete is Chief of the light observation helicopter/cargo helicopter branch of the Directorate of Aircraft Accident Anal & Inves, U.S. Army Agcy for Avn Safety. Their daughter, Jan, and son-in-law, Kirk, live in New Zealand, and have already presented Pete and Pat two grandchildren, Shannon and Martin. The Judsons have another son Steven (7) and an Irish setter. The Judsons also see Dick & Sue Mackin occasionally. Dick is with the CS at Ft Rucker. They also report that John & Margo Hampton are located in Montgomery, AL, where John is attending the Air WC. The Hamptons have 3 teenage sons, one working in AZ in the construction business with his grandfather; the other 2 are at home.

Ward & Judy Le Hardy expect to move on to the War College at the Carlisle Bks this Jul. They are anxious to help me keep tabs on all of you and their address and phone number identified above should be used whenever convenient. I will let you know of their change of address when the time comes. Ward and Judy have 3 sons and a daughter.

Norm & Sandy Levy are residing in Englewood, CO. They have 3 children, Diane (19) at the University of Colorado, Jeff (18) and Linda (16) in high school. Norm earned a master's in Govt and Urban Affairs, ret. from the Army last Jul and is now working as a Sr Prog Anal for the Regl Trans Dist in Denver.

Mike & Jane Lion are at Princeton U. where Mike is a prof of Engr. Jane is a secy with the Princeton Regl Sch Dist. Their offspring are Dave (19), at the U. of PA, Jim (18), at Bucknell U., Tommy (15) and Billy (12). "Buck" & Carole Loggins are currently at Kirtland AFB, NM, where "Buck" is Prog Mgr for DOD Joint Test in Target Acq. He was awarded the JSCM for his outstanding service in performance of this job. Earlier, "Buck" was at TX Tech U. for 3 yrs working on a PhD in EE. "Buck" and Carole have 4 children, the oldest is a frosh at the U. of NM.

Dirk & Ann Lueders live on a golf course in Dumfries, VA. After receiving a PhD in Physics at Tulane, Dirk is now at the DNA in DC. They have 4 children, Mary, Donald, Jeanne and Dirk II. Dirk has been attending for the past few years the alumni hockey reunions with Chester Chesnauskas, the hockey alumni pres. Dirk was looking forward to their next reunion during the Royal Canadian Mil Coll weekend this past winter.

Gene & Ginny Lynch are at Ft Jackson, SC, where Gene commands the 4th Bn, 1st BCT Bde. Their eldest, Mike, is a frosh at the U. of SC. Two of their children, Bill and Kathy, are in high school, and the youngest, Pam and Brian, are in elementary sch. Gene expects to be reassigned in Jun of this year. Stan Meader is a pilot with United Airlines and a LTC in the USAF Res. He recently earned an MBA from George Washington U. and lives in Annandale, VA.

Jim & Carol McNulty have found a home at WP where Jim is a perm Assoc Prof of Math and Dir of Plebe Math. Last year, Jim was a fellow at the Math Rsch Cen, U. of WI. Their eldest, Jim (18), is attending the USMA Prep Sch at Ft Monmouth and hoping to join the Class of '81. Mike (17) is a high school sr, Mary (16) is a jr, Steve (15) is a soph and a wrestler and runner, and Ann (12) is "Ruler of the Roost" according to Jim and Carol.

Russ & Terry Mericle drove up from Annandale, VA. Russ is in the Manpower Div of ODCSPER in the Pentagon. They have 3 girls, Andree (15), Elizabeth (13) and Tara (11). Bob & Carolyn Nicholson are living in MI at the Selfridge Air NG Base. Bob is assigned to the Proj Mgr's Office, XMI Tank Sys in Warren, MI. Their son, Bob Jr., is in the Class of '80, Company C-4. They have another son, Allen, in high school, and 2 daughters, Connie and Cynthia, in the 9th and 8th grade, respectively. The Nicholsons are in the process of building a house in FL on the Morasota Key, about 40 miles south of Sarasota.

Tony & Bonnie Omer are living in the St. Louis area. Tony earned an MS in Aeronautics at GA Tech and is starting up a new Sys Integration Office in the AVSCOM which involves helicopter R&D. Their daughter, Deanna (16), had a delightful time at the Reunion activities in addition to dating a plebe, sitting with the Corps for the game, and attending the hop in Eisenhower Hall.

Jack & Marianne Polickoski and their children, Pat (17), a high school sr, Rob (14), a frosh, and Jimmy (4), live in Springfield, VA. Jack is assigned to the U.S. Army

Audit Agcy Hqs located in Falls Church, VA. Marianne sings with the "Sweet Adelines" as well as the church choir, and Jack is teaching religious education to the high school students of their parish. Bob & Mary Quackenbush and their four, Bob (14), John (14), Jim (11), and David (7) are all well entrenched now in the DC area. Jack is assigned to the JCS/J5 office at the Pentagon. The boys are active swimmers and soccer players.

Bob & Marcia Randall brought 3 of their 5 children, Bob Jr., Ken and Scott from Portland, OR, to enjoy the 20th Reunion. This was part of a 2 week Bicentennial tour of the East for the Randalls. Roger & Judy Root and their children were great hosts for the Wilker clan during our visit to the East. We were their house guests for 2 unforgettable days at their lovely home in New City, NY, near WP. Roger is with IBM in that area. Their daughter Susan is a freshman at Marymount Coll in VA, and their sons, Steve, a high school sr and star cross-country runner, and Jonathan, bright as a new penny, are enough to make any parents proud.

Don & Dorrie Sheehan are living in Lowell, MA, where Don is PAS (AF ROTC) at the U. of Lowell. They have 7 children, Stacy (16), Gigi (15), Chris (14), Mia (13), Mike (11), Matthew (10) and Adam (6). Don earned a master's from the U. of IL and has done a couple of tours with the Dept of Engl at the AFA.

Mike & Susan Sirkis and their children, Robert (18), James (16), and Lisa (14) are enjoying WP where Mike is currently serving as CAO. Susan, in addition to her family activities, also writes and publishes the "Wish Booklets," a 17-book series on doll costuming and miniatures.

Larry Stebleton ret. from the AF and is now living in Albuquerque, NM. His wife is working as an intensive care nurse. Larry's present plans call for a sabbatical to do all the things he's been wanting to do (one of which, of course, was to attend our Reunion).

Jim & Doris Strozier and their family, Jim Jr. (17) and Kathy (15), are in residence at WP where Jim is a perm Assoc Prof of Mech. Jim has just returned from a sabbatical at the AWC as the USMA Fellow. Doris works in the USMA Bookstore.

Heath & Peggy Twitchell are residing in Newport, RI, where Heath is a student at the NavWC. He hopes to stay on at the NavWC as an instr in the Strat Dept. Their daughter Kate (17) is backpacking in Europe for a year before starting college at Tulane. Their youngest, Ruth (13), is, according to Heath, a typical teenager. You may recall from my previous reports that Heath has been an instr at WP in the Dept of Soc Sci (Hist), earned a PhD in Hist from the American U. and published a much acclaimed book in 74 entitled "Allen, the Biography of an Army Officer 1859-1930."

Bill & Jan Wehl are residing at WP where Bill is assigned as S1/S3 Dept of Tac. None of us will forget Bill's moving talk at the Reunion Memorial Services in the WP Library.

Gary & Mary Williams and their sons, Gary Jr. (12) and John (7), live in Falls Church, VA. His current assignment is in the Pentagon as OpnsO in the National Mil Cmd Cen. He is responsible for monitoring Europe, the Middle East and Africa (that must take a heap of looking!). Mary plays

tennis and the boys like swimming and they all enjoy the VA area around DC.

Greg & Shirley Wold live in Delmar, NY (a suburb of Albany). Their children at home are Becky (14), Greg II (5) and Erik (3). Greg is Plant Mgr of Ford Motor's Green Island, NY, plant. Greg also reports that Jerry Huff has recently joined Ford in Detroit as an engr in advance chassis engr.

Dick & Mary Woods and their family, Sharon (17), Stephen (12), and Shawn (11) are starting their 4th year in the DC area. They live in Alexandria, VA. Dick is the Chief Bud Div, ODCSPER, HQDA. He is responsible for programs and budgets for mil pay, ret. pay, the training establishment and the recruiting establishment. The Woods family enjoys camping, swimming and water skiing.

Of course, this report would not be complete without at least calling the roll of all those who were present and accounted for at the Reunion, but for some reason I could not get information cards from. For this I apologize to them as well as to the rest of you; however, I hope that they will all make it a point to be there for the 25th so that I can try again. They are Ackerman, Amlong, Bacon, Bagnal (our first BG), Bahnsen, Beauchamp, Blackwell, Blocher, Brown, Bynell, Cannon, Chesnauskas, Cross, Curl, Day, Devoto, Joe Dougherty, Paul Dougherty, Ernst, Flory, Hamm, Harbold, Hattler, Haydon, Johnson, Keinath, Keutmann, Kime, Krutz, Linder, Luft, Malin, McAniff, McGinn, McMahon, McPeck, Muntz, Nicolais, Ogren, Parker, Pozuelo, Raymond, Richardson, Ruffner, Salomone, Schannep, Scully, Skatvold, Sorley, St. Louis, Suddath, Tindall, Tucker, Updike, Verfurth, Waldeck, Wien, Withers, Woodmansee and Woods.

Once again, it was a fantastic affair. Let's do it again in 1981!

# '57

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Greetings from snowy VA and a Happy New Year to you all. With the new year comes a new era for '57 and some very special congratulations, both in the Army and the AF. Varl Vuono (Army) and Moon Mullins (AF) have been selected for BG, "running" well ahead of the rest of the Class. Carl is number 12 on a list of 50, and when I asked to what he owes his success, he said he was just very lucky. He, in turn, asked that I don't give him too much publicity—but I can't resist a few words. I did look up his write-up in the yearbook and tried to figure out if there was some clue to his success. After careful study I reached the conclusion that his nickname wasn't



1957: Jesse, Joan, Jeff and Scott.



1957: The Millers, Kennedy and Christys.

"Voodoo" for nothing. Moon is number 44 on a list of 44, and once again his nickname may give a hint—it's unearthly. The only thing the two had in common as cadets was being in the French Club Yearling year. Hml In all seriousness (and some awe), continued luck to you both and may your stars multiply. Another list that came out in Dec, and which the class scored on, was the one for Senior Service College. Congratulations to the guys on it, who are: Bokovoy to the AWC; Caldwell, Hickey, Kehoe, Kovel and McGovern to ICAF; Britt, Christenson, Merrick, and J.D. Smith to NWC; Dodson to Air WC; Vardimis to Naval WC; and Alsheimer, Chase, Patterson, Peckham and Shaddock deferred. The new category of deferred was introduced this year to avoid moving those who have just moved. They are guaranteed attendance next year. A few more congrats are in order, and the first is to Frank Redd, who received a PhD from Brigham Young U. The second is to Marie Cortez, for a truly superb performance in an Alexandria Little Theater presentation. She had the lead role in *Finishing Touches* by Jean Kerr, (Jim was kind enough to provide the picture) and I can honestly say that it was the best performance I've had the pleasure of seeing since arriving in Washington 3½ years ago. One more accomplishment in the civilian world. The Apr 1976 edition of *Fortune* magazine had a six page spread on the 2000 acre corn belt farm owned by John Block. Some of John's equipment was also featured on the cover. John harvests a 300,000 bushel corn crop in the fall of every year—and that is impressive. Congratulations, John, on being in the big time. If any of you have questions on how to farm in the big time, John and Sue will be at the reunion in Oct.

On to the news. Just before the Navy game—if you can call it that—we had a joint Army-Navy '57 luncheon, and had a great turnout. The team didn't quite have it a week later. Actually, the first half was encouraging, and the 4th Qtr wasn't terrible, but the 3d Qtr was a disaster. Anyway, I picked up the following info at the luncheon J.O. Hanford is the Dir Opns at Williams AFB, AZ, and is involved in teaching women to fly. Wonder if he says—Hi, I'm J.O., fly me. Bob Gadd is with HQS, ATC, Randolph AFB, TX. Don Baughman is the leader of a Hawaiian Hula Troop called the Aloha Serenaders, with the eight prettiest (according to him) dancers in town. They can be hired for 1, 2, and 3 hour shows. All you have to do is call Don at 376-7974, where he works for the Dept of Labor (in DC) during the daytime. They'd probably be great for promotion parties. Also learned that Bill Koch's son David won the Michigan High School State Golf championship this year—with 4 stitches in his hand. Sounds like



1957: Marie Cortez, as the professor's wife in **Finishing Touches** by Jean Kerr.

a trooper. We had a fairly good contingent at the game, with a considerable number of offspring. Bud and Suzanne Miller were there with two kids. Bill Burke with wife and 2 kids, and John and Ellie Dubbelde with their kids. They have just moved to the DC area from the "great Northwest" (Ft Lewis), and John is with MILPERCEN. This is their first tour in the east since graduation. Walt Rabe and part of his family, they have six kids from 6 mos to 16 yrs, sat next to us. Walt is with HQ AFSC and works for the DCS, Systems. Unfortunately they're missing from the picture that Valerie Christy was kind enough to take. The center is dominated by Bryan Kennedy, who is now a NJ state assemblyman and will be running for the State Senate next year. In the row above are Suzanne and Bud Miller, Bob, Denis—and Stephanie Christie, and right behind Stephanie is yours truly. Also at the game were Milt Ewanus, who was up from Ft Bragg, and the Deegans. The nicest thing about the holidays is that I do get some notes from classmates around the world. Sue and Cliff Goodson sent a note from K.C., where Cliff is the dpty Dist Engr, and said they're planning to be back for the reunion. Jimmie and Joan Armstrong sent a card from Atlanta, and since he didn't say he not going back to the Math Dept I guess that's the same as a confirmation. Got a lovely card, with family picture—which should be in the column, from another B-2 file, Jesse and Joan James. They are still living it up in Japan—where they find it "interesting, exciting, frustrating, crowded, safe and impossible to understand!" Jesse is working on a master's in Public Admin, and Joan has also picked up quite a few credits towards a degree. The family that goes to school together stays together—I think. Both their boys are certified athletes, and their oldest is looking for a college that offers Anthropology. Any recommendations? Got a card from Champ and Pat Buck—and he didn't even ask for his tape measure, which I borrowed in 1969. Champ is commanding the 2/8 Cav, 1st Cav Div, and spent the last six months on BART. That is, Basic Armory Reliability Test; which could affect which way the Army goes in tank develop-

ment/improvement over the next five years. Their oldest son, Bill, won the first meet of the track season with two fractured bones in his foot, and right after the doctor pronounced him recovered he went out and won the decathlon at the Regional Explorer Olympics. This seems to be the year for the wounded, but battle hardened and heroic athletes. During the football season he was the split end on the High School football team, which had an 8-2 record. I know they're waiting for him at WP. Pat was recently awarded Boy Scouting's highest service award, the Silver Beaver, for her work with Cubs. Congrats, Pat. Got a note from Bill Golden, asking for an up to date listing of classmates addresses. Unfortunately, I don't have nearly as many as I'd like. Bill is doing a 20 yr follow-up on a questionnaire survey of '57. If you haven't written in a while—or would like to help in the survey, please drop a line to Bill at Stu Det, 76-77, USAWC, Carlisle Bks, PA 17013. Got a card from Bob and Pat Olmstead, who are living in CT, where Bob teaches science in a Jr. HS. Wally and Pat Summers wrote from sunny CA to say I made a mistake on Wally's assignment. He is the Chief of Readiness Grp, ARR IX., and is enjoying working with the Natl Guard. Lori Radler wrote from her new home in Highland Falls. She lives just about 5 min from the main gate, and her address is Drury Ln, Cragston Estates, Highland Falls, NY 10928. Lori maintains contact with the Mech Dept and works in the USMA bookstore. I recall my son's surprise when "a woman in the bookstore knew who I was." It's always a nice feeling to see a friendly face. Chuck Jr is a freshman at Lehigh and really enjoys it. I know WP is missing his high jumping talent, but we can't win them all. Got a letter from Chuck Raymond, and he asked that I extend his appreciation to the Class for the many kind cards, letters and donations to the Leukemia Fund following the loss of his wife. On the upbeat side, Charles Jr. is a cadet candidate at USMAPS and the rest of the family is standing tall. Got our yearly Xmas letter from Ed and Maureen Wilhelm, who are still in Iran, will be returning in Jun. Their second son, Bill, was an end on the first place football team—very appropriately called the Raiders, and is applying for WP. There are so many Wilhelms, and they all do so much that there really isn't enough room to include all in the column. Suffice it to say they cover every sport, all of scouting, theatrics, music, teaching, religion, etc. Got a letter from Mike Hazegrigs, who is now with Lockheed in Houston, TX. Mike was retired medically from the AF in 1966 with a terminal kidney disease, but was fortunate enough to receive a kidney from his sister, and is now as "healthy as a horse." He is an Alderman in Taylor Lake Village, a scoutmaster and a Dir of the Houston Kidney Fdtn. Mike asks that anyone coming through the area give him a call and drop by. His office number is 333-6401 and the home number is 333-3529. His oldest, Mike, is in his first year in college in Hospital Admin. Dick Fadel passed on the following info. Nick and Pat Robinson came through the DC area following Nick's retirement at Ft Hood. They are now living in Killeen and Nick is going to school. His son is a sophomore at TX A&M and his dau is a soph at Sweetbriar in VA. Saw Dan DeLany while he was TDY in the Pentagon. He is now the PM for 30mm Ammo development, assigned to the AAH office in St Louis with duty at

Picatinny Ars in NJ. Dan just graduated from the Defense System Mgmt School's PM course at Belvoir. He really gets around. Speaking of Belvoir, Frank Hanigan's family has just joined him there and we welcome them to the area. Saw Don Bowman in the PX. He is the CS of the Mgmt Office in OACSI.

Dana Mead's first reunion letter arrived in Dec and by this time you may have received a second one. If not, let us know where you are. Also, a suggestion was made to include activities for children. Any comments? Send them to Dana. Please note my address at the top of the column. Somehow it was printed incorrectly last time (should be 5712) and some of your mail may have been returned. If so, please send them again. That's it for now. Once again, hope you are having a good year. Almost forgot, for those of you who may be coming to the DC area, there will be a class luncheon on 27 Apr and a class picnic—with family—on 14 May. The date for the Jun social has not yet been determined, but if you're around—call me.

## '58

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Second column. More information and pictures that I can organize and properly communicate. In the words of a famous bugler, "I'll try, sir." Merry Xmas (written on the 12th day thereof) and Happy New Year (5 Jan, in case you couldn't break the code). It will be almost Happy Easter by the time this column is read.

Congratulations to the Hon Adam Benjamin, Mbr, U.S. House of Rep! Welcome to Washington. He gets the additional duty of squad leader of the '58 Capitol Hill squad which includes Denny Sharon (USAF Senate Liaison), Tom Conti (USAF Legislative Liaison), Joe Luman (Stf Dir, House Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing), Mark Sigurski (Lobbyist for Motorola), and Van VanFleet (DA, ODCSRDA Congressional Affairs). How can anyone question the competency of the government with such stalwarts at the helm?

Congratulations to the following SSC selectees: AWC: Ron Andreson (Ft Hood now), Pete Brintnall (Brazil), Pete Hidalgo (Cdr, Ind Army Ammo Plant), Jim Jones (G1, 4th Div, Ft Carson), Tony Nadal, Jim Ramsden (Edgewood Ars), Al Salisbury, Joe Schwarz; ICAF: Sam Collins (DCSOPS, Pentagon—still working on screen porch); Chuck LeMere (DCEC, sorry I forgot the translation); Naval WC: Wes Loffert (still recruiting); Gerry Schurtz, John Shetler, Len Shrader; Deferees for 78-79: Mike Daley (USAREUR), Doug



1958: Joe Luman receiving mustache award. (Photo by Dee Ellisor for **Northern VA Sun**.)



1958: 1st row L-R: Ryans, Roosmas, Hudsons; 2d row: McCulloughs and Jones' at the Air War College.

Detlie (MILPERCEN), Jim Frick (S&F, AWC, Carlisle), Pete Groh (Cincinnati, OH), Orlie Hill, Jack Madigan (DACS-DSP, Pentagon), Bruce Packard, Jim Sigler, Ray Tomlinson (survived Bde 75) and Ed Weckel (DCSOPS, Pentagon). In the last column I covered who went to which SSC for 76-77, but I only knew of those at Army, National and ICAF. Ron Hudson provided the names of Air WC attendees in addition to himself: Will Roosma (third roommate of mine to an SSC, quite naturally I take full credit for their success), and AF files Mike Jones (full COL, Congrats), Don McCullough, and Jim Ryan. Please see picture with wives. Thanks, Ron. How about Nav WC, anyone?

I talked to Bev Tallgren before Xmas; son Robert's leukemia is in remission and he was expected home from the hospital. Robert had a leg amputated and his spleen removed as a result of infection. You can write or send cards to 2106 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308. Our thanks are extended to all who responded to requests for leukapheresis testing: 37 classmates and friends in the Pentagon, among them the following (omissions are regretted, but I am certain my records are inaccurate): Franks (OSD-DTACCS), Gall (DAMA-CSM), Kusek (KACS-DMS), Mellin (DAMA-WSA, my office), Moore (DAMO-ODM), Myers (DAMA-WSW), Nun (DARCOM), Puscheck (OSD/M&RA), Schaffer (DIA), Teeter (DACS-DMA), Theibert (DAPE), Toftoy (DAMA-PPM), Trainer (JCS), Waddell (DAMA-WSA, my office also), Weis (DAMO-TCF), and Van Fleet



1958: Karin, Shirley, Craig, Dale and Ron Hudson.



1958: Ed Weckel and Duff Manges.

(DAMA-PPC). Of those tested, only four were selected as white cell donors; three were from my office (none classmates): LTC Bill Dillingham, LTC Bob Machen, and LTC Stan Cass (USMA '57).

I had a grand letter from George Walker's parents following their pre-Xmas visit to Cary Martin. Their number two son, Rick, is an AF LTC (P) at Norton AFB. Rick and sisters Pat, Karen and Diane have provided the Walkers ten grandchildren! Mr. Walker sold his store (H-2 plebe boodle supply point a mere 22 years ago) and retired six months ago (1808 New York Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210).

Spot reports, more or less in order received: In Oct I talked to Jay Tirre at TRADOC. Jay reported seeing Bud Moentmann who is stationed at Air Mobility R&D Lab, NASA Ames, Moffett Field, CA. 22 Oct 76 article in Northern VA Sun reported that Joe Luman (see photo) received Distinguished District award at Toastmaster's International Convention in New Orleans. Joe is a charter member of Capitol Hill club and immediate past president of District 36 (DC, VA and MD). Ed Weckel wrote that on 10 Sept 76 he turned over command of the Combat Equip Bn East to Duff Manges (see photo). The bn stores some \$250 million worth of POMCUS prepositioned equipment at Karlsruhe. Tom Maliska is the Dpty Community Cdr of Karlsruhe and attended the ceremony. Ed is now in DCSOPS. He ran into Daryl Jaschen, also in DCSOPS, the first day in Pentagon. Daryl moved to Pentagon from OTEA at Ft Bel-

voir via OTEA at Bailey's Crossroads. A bit like a civil war report of the Army of Northern Virginia approaching DC.

In Nov I served my country by a two week TDY to London, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Bonn. Sacrifices in the life of a soldier! Judy went along to keep me out of trouble. At NATO I saw Dick Price who went to US Mission in Jan 76 from AFRD, Pentagon. Dick and Janet along with daughters Heather (6) and Allison (5) camped on the Riviera at Easter and in Scandinavia last summer. He saw Bill Foulkes, a teacher in Europe, at a Dep School picnic. He also saw Don McCullough at SHAPE before Don went to Maxwell. Dick and I came up with an incomplete and inaccurate list of USAF COLS and/or promotable LTCs: Chuck Cabell (Mil Asst to AF Chief Scientist); Al Chase (Asst SPO for AMST at W-P), Chuck Davis, Mike Dugan (XO to VC, USAF), Jud Ellis (AFPR, Pentagon), Mike Jones (Maxwell), Bob McCann, Denny Sharon (DC) and Mac Williams.

Dick Bauchspies' brother Jim (USMA '56) called recently. Dick went from bn cmd at Ft Bragg to Cmdt, Cold Wx School in AK. Dick broke both hands and arms and received a concussion in a fall on a glacier last May. He's been on convalescent leave. I received a DD Form 1175 (change of address card, an excellent way to communicate with scribe, it is FREE, one of the bennies) from Bob Tredway. Bob left cmd of 2d Bn (BCT) at Jackson for DCSOPS, and I quote, "thanks to Doug Detlie." Estelle, kids, dog and cat accompanied Bob, according to a marginal note. Garry Roosma wrote that he commands the 3/42Arty, a 155mm towed USAR bn. Jill has returned to nursing full time. Garry reports that he saw Larry Bullis, Joe Paes, and Don Williams (DAMO-ODC, Pnt) at USAR School CGSC at Indiantown Gap last summer. I saw John Sutherland at Ft Huachuca on 9 Dec. He's at the Army Intel Cen and Sch.

David A. Lyon called asking about Ted Hepner—they served together in Korea in 61. Told him Ted is a Chaplain (MAJ) at TRADOC. Nice card from Jim Ramsden, at Edgewood since 73. Jim is AWC bound and his son is looking forward to USMA next July. Jim also wrote that Rae "has been selling her 'string art' locally for the past year." Letter from Tom (TK) Smith (Civ) in Minnetonka, MN. Tom and Cathie were blessed with Brian Christopher on 16 Aug 76 (Don Palladino and Bob Julian point out hastily that TK is an ex-engr). Brian joins TK Jr (13) and Wendy Sue (7). Tom is president of the S.A.M.E. chapter with VP Ted Gray (USMA '55) whose first baby arrived in Jul 76, another engineer. Tom reports that he's seen two classmates in the past nine years: Palmer



1958: Tracey, Sandy, Will and Kelsey Roosma.



1958: Parks, Siberts and Collins'.

McGrew who was in ROTC at St John's (now in JCS, Pentagon and was the alert classmate who heard the radio call for blood donors for Robert Tallgren) and Dave Parsons ("can hardly miss seeing Dave fairly often... he is my brother-in-law"). Somebody please visit Minnetonka and call Tom and Cathie. I haven't seen TK since Abn and Ranger days, but I remember driving off Shirley Hwy while he was asleep in the back seat after the 1958 Army victory over Navy. TK woke up and insisted on driving while I slept! Don Johnson wrote his tri-annual or once-for-each new-scribe (whichever comes first) letter. Don and Pat have three sons: Mark (almost 16), Andy (14) and Tim (10). Don is an Asst Prof of Business at Lynchburg Col. He also is Dir of the Mgmt Inst, a consulting branch of the col. They have a motor home and have logged 35,000 miles the past three years, but missed Minnetonka. Tom, Don will come to MN next summer. PS: Ernie Geipel's mother is Registrar for City of Lynchburg; Don must be a voter also.

Pete Hidalgo called, his first contact with a scribe in 18 years. He commands the IN Army Ammo Plant at Charleston, IN (the town is famous as the home town of Jack Bradshaw). Life is tough at Pete's qtrs on the bluff overlooking the Ohio River with only five bedrooms and five baths. The current Carlisle contingent can chuckle considering Pete's space adjustment next August. Bill Serchak called from Campbell where he commands 3d Bn, 319th FA. He was last in Sweden where the rumors of the good life were all true. He and Edna have three children, Bridget (14), Mary Ellen (13) and William Joseph (9). Bill reports that Ben Crosby took command of 1st Bn, 501st Inf on 17 Dec and that Jay Stanton departed for Iran (unaccompanied) following command of an Inf bn. I don't know where Annie and the children are waiting for Jay. More news from Ron Hudson (see family photo). Ron and Karin are enjoying Maxwell and vicinity along with children Shirley (11th grade), Dale (9th grade) and Craig (5th grade). Ron is active as Cub Cmte Chairman and is an FAA rated instructor pilot (did not realize that Air WC was so practical). A press release via the USMA IO provided info on Burt Miller who assumed command of 418th Tac Fighter Trng Sqdn at Luke AFB in Sept.

Dick Reidy called (local call). He's at Computer Sys Cmd following ROTC at Gettysburg College. He saw Larry Hunt while both were TDY in Germany. Larry is PM-Pershing at Huntsville. Dick reports that George Yurick lives in Gettysburg and is involved with security at some nuclear power plant construction job. All environmentalists are heartened by that news. Dick has been in touch with Tom Cartwright who is at HQ TAC, Langley AFB. Apparently Tom doesn't like his job because he has to work with the Army and has even been TDY to Ft Sill (USAF constructive credit for a hard-

ship tour). Tom's claim to fame as a cadet was sending signal flag messages to middies in Phila (he had four years enlisted service in USN)—wish he'd send them a message next year!

Ran into Vic Gongola at the Xerox machine. ODCSRDA is his reward for not blowing up the Holston Army Ammo Plant, Kingsport, TN during his command tour. HAAP made explosives such as C4, A1, A2, A3, A4, PBX, etc. Roger Waddell, next desk to mine, saw Don Roberts in the john at Belvoir PX. Don was en route to India, but they were so busy that Roger cannot remember what Don will do in India. The significance of the last two accounts is that Roger and I have risen to the exalted levels of Xerox machines and PX latrines after a mere 18 years of soldiering. Next we may be cleared for solo patrols on the Concourse.

Bill Badger (USMA '54) called looking for Hugh Trumbull, Randy Rodenberg and Bob Julian; I provided info, addresses, phone numbers. Keep the scribe informed and I'll pass it on in accordance with Freedom of Information and in contravention of Privacy Acts.

Ellie Wilson wrote that Gene is enjoying ROTC at LaCross, WI. She is back in school working on a masters in Special ED. Gene also called. Among other benefits of ROTC, he's a card carrying member of the Reserve Officers Assn. Engineers, back to work! Jennifer Wilson arrived in Sept 76 giving the Field Artillery the current title for most recent baby.

Phil Pryor is doing Pentagon penance after Naval WC (or was it Naval War? sounds like a contact sport). He heard from Joe McElroy who's at Fountain Valley AFB? CA. Bob Puff is there with Joe. Strube Jackson is still at CENTAG, but should return to CONUS in Summer 77. Phil saw Peter Mills-paugh, an attorney in Fairfax, and Marc Sigurski, the power of Capitol Hill, at a recent party. Unfortunately, Phil omitted descriptive details of the gathering. Corky Henninger is still at WP coaching soccer. Wonder if he'd consider switching to football? Phil also reports that Bill and Jan Barta arrived recently in the DC area. Bill is in the Pentagon (no acronym, cannot decypher my notes).

Otto Thamasett dropped in my office (Rm 3B454) with news. He's at Natl Mil Cmd Cen in JCS. Ted and Mae Hepner either visited Otto and Shirley or vice versa; it's late and my notes are illegible. Next entry is worse, one family or the other has three children: Doug (16), David (13), and Diana (9). Ken and Valerie Lager are in Kearney, NE. Ken is in ROTC at Kearney State. Mel and Kay Farrar are in Chicago area where he's a Dep Dist Engr. Walt and Sue Patter-



1958: Sam, Patty, Ken and Joan Collins.

son are at an unremembered (by Otto) AFB in AR, but are moving to MAC, Scott AFB, IL in Spring/Summer 77. Tommy Thompson (Army) is at Offutt AFB where he works in joint/strategic plans. Phil and Isolde Di-Mauro departed DC area last Aug for a command tour (Signal Bn) in Heilbronn, Germany. Bob Clewell is commanding an Arty Bn in HI. Paul Vanture is in AK. Thanks, Otto.

Sam Myers also came by with welcome poop. Stan and Jill Bacon will depart Canberra, Australia in Jan 77 en route to ACASI or Ft Hood, not certain which. Tony Nadal is rumored to be in the Pentagon on a special study for CSA. Probably some weighty subject. Larry Bullis is now the Headmaster of Bullis School. Sam saw John Abernathy in the halls. He's an AFRDQRT (your guess is as good as mine). John George, Deputy DPCA at Ft Lewis, wrote Roger Waddell that Cliff Victorine is also at Lewis enjoying the great NW. John Stone (same source) will relinquish command of 570 Arty Group in March and go to Exercise Div, ODSCOPS, Heidelberg. My last letter, from Ann and Linc Jones, provided info that son Peter (14) received the Eagle Scout Award at 14 Dec Court of Honor in Ft Kobbe, Canal Zone. As a former Webelos Den Leader and Asst Scoutmaster of Peter's, I am pleased to extend our congratulations to him. Both Peter and Linc are wearing eagles: one ranks me as a scout, the other as a soldier. Keeping up with the Joneses is difficult!

Thanks for the input from nine letters/cards, one change of address card, nine phone calls, two newspapers, two visitors, and two TDY trips. Also thanks to Roger Waddell and Bob Higgins for reading the draft (I ignored their unwarranted criticism). Special thanks to Ed Weckel, Ron Hudson, Joan Collins and Northern VA Sun for photographs. NEXT DEADLINE 30 MAR 77. It is better to write and be the informer than wind up the informee—I'll get you one way or the other.

# '59

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It is bitter cold outside, and, as I write this, I am celebrating my 40th birthday. A helluva note.

Jim Abrahamson, as you know, is PAP in history at WP, and he and Marigold report a "very full year." Despite the entry of women, curriculum changes, and the honor problem, they still managed to spend a week in Bermuda and a month touring England and Scotland. Their address is 261 Beaugard Pl.

Julie Demont writes that Bob took over the 15th BCT Bn at Ft Knox in Sept and is enthusiastic. Notwithstanding her new responsibilities as the CO's wife, Julie is still finding time for her thing, which is stained glass. She sold several pieces at their "starving artists fair" last spring and taught a beginners class for the OWC in the fall. Bobby Jr., she says, is wrestling and playing football for her old high school, while Pam and Lynn keep busy with piano, dancing, and the Brownies. They can be reached at 1445-A 5th Ave.

The AOG finds its files lacking in the addresses of widows of our deceased classmates. Could you please help by sending me those of any you know?



1959: Templeton being bemedaled.

John & Norwood Grinalds, along with Drummond, Southy, Kate and Allen, "will have been in the DC area for 3 yrs come next Aug, and it appears we will have a 4th yr after that while I attend the NWC. That suits us fine because the children are well situated at school and we all enjoy the activities DC offers. Come visit us and let us share them with you. The latch string is always out," and it is located at 810 N. Overlook Dr in Alexandria.

Dick Hotchkiss writes that "some of the most exciting and rewarding events have happened to me this year, and it is still hard to grasp the significance of all of them. The most significant has been my appointment as Coordinator of the mgt devl prog here at Manatee Jr Coll. . . . I plan to return to grad sch part-time and earn a master's degree in Rehabilitative Counseling. Pat continues to excel in the real estate business, and her latest achievement has been the receipt of her broker's license." Dick and Pat, along with Lory, Rick, and Mark, live at 4718 Lark Ridge Circle, Sarasota, FL 33581.

Ron Templeton, who is now stationed in Brunsum, The Netherlands, is shown in an accompanying photo receiving the AF CM for his previous work at Andrews AFB. Another photo shows Chuck Millick and Greg Kadlec in a moment of conviviality at the WP Society of KY in late Dec.

Mark Magnussen sends word from the Canal Zone that John Orndorff still has the 4/10 Inf and has been selected for AWC this summer. A newspaper picture, which will not reprint for these pages, shows John looking about as he did in First Class year. As for Mark, he has had the 535th Engr Det and operated the floating nuclear power plant, STURGIS. "We are currently in the process of moving the plant and unit from the Canal Zone to Ft Belvoir," he says, "so it appears that we will leave the solitude of little Ft Sherman and join the DC area grind again."



1959: Kadlec and Millick in conference.

A note, handwritten by somebody in the quarterly AOG packet, gives the following info on Will Weber. His address is 117 Riverbank Rd, Northampton, MA 01066. He received an assoc degree in Arboriculture at Stockbridge Sch in 74, a BS at U. MA in 75, and he is now working on his master's in Plant and Soil Science.

Paul & Cindy Sper have moved from Raleigh, NC, to Tampa, where, at Paul's writing, they were still looking for a house. He is now a VP of Lamalie Assoc, Inc., who are exec search consultants; and he can be reached at their office: 13902 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL 33624.

## '60

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Lots of news this time—the Class of '60 communications system was really in operation during the Xmas season.

Congratulations to the 9 classmates who are on the SSC list published this fall. This honored group includes Lee Clark, Norm Kuklinski, Charlie Otstott, Bill Carpenter, Lee Allen, Jack Dice, Pat Holland, Mike Ferguson and Joe Cote.

For the geographical coverage I'll turn first to those classmates either in Europe or in a holding pattern for asgmt there. While visiting Germany in Nov Lee Clark en-



1960: Joe and Becky Hutchison visiting Joe's boyhood home.

countered John Getgood who is leaving a faculty job at Vilseck to take cmd of the 2d Sqdn, 2d ACR at Bamberg. Lee Allen became Dir of Instr at Vilseck after turning over cmd of the 2d Sqdn, 11th ACR at Bad Kitzingen this summer. Jack Dice, commanding the 3d Sqdn, 11th ACR, has been extended in cmd until Jun 77. Joel Sugdinis is in USAREUR DCSOPS trying to figure out how to get sufficient work done without impinging on time for skiing. Randy Perkins, after turning over cmd of an arty bn at Bad Kitzingen, is scheduled to join USAREUR SGS. Jon Searles, having completed a tour with Bde 75 at Grafenwohr, is presently with VII Corps GI in Stuttgart. Jon is scheduled to take cmd of a divisional cav sqdn this spring. Joe and Becky Hutchinson are at Neu Ulm where Joe is taking cmd of the 1st Bn 81st FA (Pershing) in Jan. Jack Tichenor is presently working in USAREUR DCSLOG. Paul Cerjan just arrived in Germany where he is becoming an expert on barrier planning (should be natural for him!). Paul will assume cmd of an engr bn this summer. Faithfully performing his duties as the Class correspondent, Paul informed the home office that Packy White was at DLI



1960: Bob Ammerman and friend.

taking Arabic en route to sun and sand; and Hank Carmean is scheduled to get an engr bn this spring.

Bob Ammerman reported in from the Monterey Language Sch that he had run into Russ Baldwin and Ira Dorsey, who were also trying to learn German before heading to Europe. Russ will take a corps signal bn in Stuttgart and Ira a FA bn in Aschaffenburg. Bob is scheduled to cmd the 39th Sig Bn at Bremerhaven in Feb. Bob also reported that Hank Maloney is PCS at the DLI. Bud & Shirley Robocker are on orders to Germany where Bud will take a FA bn; Joe Fortier is in Copenhagen working for the Drug Enforcement Agcy as a GS-15. The Ammermans continue to pursue some unusual sports. Recently they journeyed to CO for their annual bowhunt for elk. This trip was squeezed in between their skydiving feats. Peg jumped once to "see what it was like" and Bob is on crutches after 24 free falls.

Word comes from Ft Carson that Ed & Joyce Post are settling down to post life after their DC area tour. Ed is scheduled to be 3d Bde XO in Jan. Heard from Jerry & Mary Lewis at Ft Hood where Jerry has hung his shingle. T. Eubanks, also at Hood as Rec Services Officer for III Corps, will soon be leaving for his bn in Korea. The Lewises recently saw Jack Hug at the Charlottesville JAG conf. Sue Breit has settled near Hood with sons Scott and John while they await Bill's return from Korea next summer. Bill is serving with the 4th Msl Cmd at Camp Page.

On the AF side, Frank & Durelle Cloutier have been living at W-P AFB where Frank served with the Aeronautical Sys Div of AFSC.

Even though our numbers in the DC area have dwindled with the summer exodus, a few new faces have come on the scene. Jim & Pauline O'Connell arrived from London where Jim served as an exchange officer with the British Army. Trips throughout Africa and Europe kept the O'Connells busy for the better part of the 2 yrs. Norm Kuklinski just arrived and is assigned to MILPERCEN. Bill Carpenter has assumed duties as a mil asst

to the SA. We recently saw Buck & Carol Bochnowski during their visit with Buck's sister and brother-in-law, Gerrie and Tom Noel. On the political scene, Ed Deagle is currently serving as a member of the Pres Transition Team for the Carter Admin.

Now that you've heard the latest news of some of our classmates, why not make a New Year's resolution to contact your scribe at least once during 77! May it be a good year for each of you.

# '61

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# '62

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We are back at Ft Bragg after a pleasant 5 mos in CA. Moving about has not helped the friendly mailman in keeping me up on the Class news I would like to have so that I might pass it on.

Upon arriving back here, I was surprised to find that our neighbors include Buzz Kriesel. Buzz has a cmd in one of the Sp Fcs Gps here and although I saw him biking to work one day, I doubt if he does it too often. Those of you so fortunate as to have attended Ranger Sch with Buzz might recall that when the weather was good, Buzz was the toughest; but, when it was cold and rainy, his whimpering kept all of us awake. The weather has been terrible lately.

Sally Dargle wrote that they have extended another year in the Canal Zone while John serves as XO of the 4/20 Inf. And, Bob Tarbet writes that the Army finally accepted him back on active duty as a chaplain although he had to resign his MAJ's commission and accept the grade of CPT. He and Bev are overjoyed and are assigned to Ft Stewart, GA, as of 10 Jan.

Chris Robbins received First-Year Honors at the Harvard Business Sch and is now in his 2d yr of Harvard's M.B.A. program. Larry Smith was recently elected to the Bd of Dir of Grubbs & Ellis Commercial Brokerage Co. Larry is VP and Dist Mgr of the company's South Bay office in Carson, CA, and he and his family reside in Newport Beach.

Received another letter from the Hudaks. They are in their new house in West Boylston, MA, where Seth has taken over his new job as Supt of Schools. They saw Joe Wojcik at Homecoming. My Xmas present from Seth was an offer to take over the writing of this column. I have passed the info on to Jim Ellis and trust that he will seek out the powers who make the momentous decision as to who writes this column. If Seth has any competitors, please make your desires



known. I will write the next column so do not continue your boycott of the Postal Service. At any rate, you can be assured that I will always pass your letters on to whoever accepts the task of writing this column. Until next time—

# '63

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I received several letters for this issue of the ASSEMBLY, all bringing good and happy news. So let me get the one sour note taken care of first—Navy did it to us again. In case any of you missed the game, it was like old times. Pat Tate and I ventured to Phila to see the annual classic. Unfortunately, Army just couldn't get it in gear. One bright spot—we ran into an old friend, Al Scott, at the pizza stand. Al, in full beard, is in his 3d year of med sch in Phila. He is pres of his class student body and intends to go into private practice in AZ after his graduation.

My desk partner from the Engr Career Cse, Joe Lengyel, wrote to announce his marriage to the former Barbara Wilson Jaun. They were married 23 Oct 76 in Pittsburgh, where Joe is Product Dir, Water and Waste Water Sys for PA Engr Corp. Joe says he has his hands full with a new operation to plan, engr, build and guarantee total waste water treatment sys for the steel industry that meet the most rigid EPA standards. Barb is a registered PE in PA and a proj engr with the CE Pittsburgh Dist. So welcome back to the Corps, Joe! And congratulations to you both!

Congratulations are also in store for Steve Popielarski and his bride, Kristine. Steve broke his extended bachelorhood on 1 Jan 77 with his marriage to Dr. Kristine Soly, M.D. Guests at the reception at the Germantown Cricket Club in Phila included classmates Al Scott, Joe & Barb Lengyel, Bob & Kay Boehlke, and Jay Westermeier. In addition to his legal practice, Steve is the campaign manager for Arlen Spectre, running for Governor of PA in 78. Jay reported that Bob Boehlke recently made partner in the NY investment brokerage firm of



1963: Pat, Fred, Kent and Chris Schaum.



1963: The Dapra family.

Peabody, et al. If you are interested in buying ships, see Bob.

In looking over the Borman Commission report on the WP honor system, I noted that Homer Holland was a special consultant. From what I have read, the report has received good marks for being fair and objective, as much as we may not like to hear some of the findings and conclusions.

Larry Dapra dropped a note from Richards-Gebaur AFB in Kansas City, MO, and inclosed a picture of his fine looking family. They visited WP last summer to see the female cadets in training. Larry says his 3 girls, Suzanne, Michelle and Laura, are candidates for the Classes of '86, '89, and '92 respectively! Larry made the last AF lists for both LTC and the War College.

Before being assigned to DCSPER in DC, Gary Coe dropped me a note from Korea where he was XO of a Hawk Bn. He had run into Lew Rice (I Corps Arty) and Joe Jaworski (Sign Bn XO) at IG school. He also reported that Rudy Ehrenberg was in the 2d Div G3 shop and Fred Gantzer was the XO of a Maint Bn.

Received a Xmas card from Matt Miller in Greenville, SC where he is with a Readiness Region. He says he is staying busy, especially on weekends, on Reserve Advisor duty.

Al & Sandra Shine also dropped us a Xmas card from Ft Campbell, KY. Al is now a BN S3 and spent some time in Panama this winter in jungle training.

More good news! Bob Scheidig informed me that Marcelle gave birth to their first child, Marc Christopher, on 10 Aug 76. Marc weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and is doing fine, as is Marcelle. Bob is with MISD (OCSA) but hoping to leave for Germany this summer to get back to troops. Pete & Karen Kelly are also proud new parents of their first child. Kristine Ann was born 28 Oct 76 and weighed 7 lbs 14 oz. Congratulations to both the Scheidigs and Kellys.

Bob Foley took command of his bn on 19 Nov 76 in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and Julie gave birth to Sara Caroline on 2 Nov 76. So congratulations are due on both counts. This is their 3d child but first girl, so they are really thrilled. Mike & Kay Keaveney are the Godparents in absentia. Julie wrote



1963: Foley takes command of 1/7th Inf.

that Steve & Lynn Husted and Bob & Daniela O'Toole (newlyweds) are also in Aschaffenburg. Nearby are Dave Cole and Tom Carr in Wuerzburg. We received a Xmas card from Tom & Judy Brendle, who are also in Germany, Bad Kissingen, I think. I believe Judy said Tom recently switched jobs, from troops to staff, but my son (7 months) ate the card, so I'm not sure.

In closing, let me add one final note. GEN Richard Stilwell ret. in Oct 76 with ceremonies held at Ft Myer, VA. The following message was sent to GEN Stilwell on behalf of the Class: "Through our 4 years together at WP, you earned the respect, admiration, and loyalty of all members of our Class. Since graduation, we have followed your distinguished career which has exemplified the ideals of 'Duty, Honor, Country.' You have been, are now, and will remain 'OUR GENERAL.' Warm regards. Sincerely, The Class of 1963"

'64

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from our ice-bound highland home. As this issue goes to press, NY is experiencing the coldest winter in the 20th century. The Hudson has frozen down to the Tappan Zee Bridge, and the wind whistling across the snow-covered plain has been absolutely chilling. Hopefully, by the first of Mar, the crocuses will not be far away.

Although the snow is a boon to the skiers and sledgers, it is not without its attendant casualties. Ann Brown took a nasty spill on the slopes, and will be laid up for a while with a broken leg. Her spirit, however, has not been conquered; and Ged has set up a command post with all the electronic marvels—coffee pot, remote TV, etc.—at her fingertips.

On a much happier note, the congratulations of the command are due to Bill &



1964: The Vaughans—Deborah, Gwynn, Kit, David, and Daniel.

Dorsey Chescavage for the birth of their son John Dorsey on 23 Dec 76. Dave & Ruth Baratto appear to have the inside track on the first Class birth of 77, date, gender, etc. TBA. Pete Elson also reports that Bill & Mary Lynn Landgraf were married in Jul in DC and are on an extended honeymoon in Germany where Bill also serves as a Bn S3 in the 3d Inf Div.

Dan & Cynthia Evans recently came through WP for a last visit before they pick up stakes from Ft Monroe and head toward Germany. Dan reported, among other things, that Terry Covington is working for the Def ARPA and has shaved off his beard, that Ted Morgan and Ron Cross are at TRADOC, that Jim Adams and Tom Reese are still at DCSPER, DA, and that Art West is in Korea.

Leon Yourtee is alive and well in DC, apparently still enjoying his asgmt in the plans div of MILPERCEN. Infantrymen should note that John Otjen is also at MILPERCEN handling overseas assignments for Inf O-4's. Dick & Sue Dexter are at Bragg where Dick has been active coaching soccer and Ellen and Richard Paul engaged in swimming.



1964: Mike and Susie Amrine en route to Engineer Ball.

Dick & Linda McAdams are in FL where Dick is working for FL Gas and scouting out WP prospects for Congressman Frey. Linda has been active in the Cancer Drive, scouting, and bridge. For their 12th anniv, they took a trip to the Bahamas, a course of action which Linda highly recommends. Bob & Edie Cary are now at Ft Bliss where Bob is the Dir of Eval for the USA Sgt Maj Academy. Susan and Teresa are active in ballet, scouts, piano, etc. Their new son John Robert III is investigating everything in sight, and Bob and Edie are having a great time trying to keep up. John & Nancy Clark are rejoicing in the arrival of their son Daniel Scott who was born in their home in Carmel, IN. John is out of the Army now, working as a management consultant with Robert Jones Assoc. Nancy is active in Bible studies and ceramics. Kelly is in her 3d year of piano lessons and Richard is into 1st grade. Tom & Karen Woolsey report that they anticipate an asgmt in Germany this year, and that their new daughter Laura, who



1964: Class party at Japanese Restaurant. L-R: Sims, Russo, Ruth Baratto, Baratto, Jo Kleb and Sprague.

was in a cast for many months to heal her dislocated hips, is recovering beautifully.

Our large contingent at Leavenworth continues to hold the Class standard high. A long report from Pete Elson indicates that Andy & Helen Dyke and Larry & Kathy Bramlette have received awards for area beautification. Pete also informs us that he and Marty are anticipating 3 mos TDY at Ft Ord after Leavenworth followed by an overseas asgmt to either HI or Germany. Marty has been active in the PWOC at Leavenworth, Betsy has become a voracious 1st grade reader, Christy is enjoying preschool and Sun school, and Amanda has kept all the Elsons chasing after her. Pete also reported seeing Bob Crowder in Highland Falls in Jun. Bob is at 12741 Woodside Lane, Newport News, VA 23602. Gwynn & Kit Vaughan are in the student body as is Gwynn's brother Curry ('63). Gwynn has coached soccer; and Kit served as team mother, earning many medals as well as a concussion when hit on the head with a soccer ball. David is playing ball and the piano, Daniel is taking swim lessons, and Deborah has become smitten with a young 3-year-old neighbor. (Watch out, Gwynn—you'll be walking her down the aisle before you know it.)

Bob Ballagh reports that he and Ellagh are continuing to enjoy the relaxed pace at Leavenworth and that he has been recruited to serve in the tng devl agcy of CACDA. Denny & Jackie Culp reported mixed emotions at the prospect of leaving Leavenworth for Germany. They have enjoyed a variety of activities including sailboating, camping, etc. during their 4 yrs there. Denny has been involved in a special study group and will be getting an MA in Intl Rel; Jackie has been teaching a slimnastics class; Deke has played soccer for 4 yrs and taken judo for 2. Ed Haydash has taken the lead as social chmn, having organized 2 Class parties. Denny's old home of Joint and Unified Cmd & Strat is still occupied by Jim Foster and



1964: The Elsons—Christy, Marty, Betsy, Pete, and Amanda.



1964: The Copes—John, Peggy and Jay.

Mark Brennan. A 76 grad of C&GSC, Dave Bramlett has published a superb article on Soviet Airmobility in the Jan 77 Military Review.

The next largest contingent of the Class is in Europe. George & Brenda Fisher and Norm & Holly Grunstad are in Berlin. Norm is moving out of G1 business into a Bn XO slot, and George is also hoping to get into a Bn soon. Jay & Peggy Cope have gotten in trips to Berlin and England from their location in Heidelberg. Jay still in the plans work and Peggy is teaching kindergarten. Denny & Marily Gillem took a trip to the Holy Land which both found to be moving and impressive. They have enjoyed their 3 years in Germany and will be coming home either in Mar or May to be stationed at McDill w/REDCOM. Lanny & Barbara Fly will soon be completing a tour in Germany where they have been ministering to the spiritual needs of the Army community in Bamberg. They have also traveled to Mallorca and Great Britain. Kevin, 5th grade, has played baseball and football and Kristin, 1st grade, is active in Brownies and studying ballet. Lanny and Barbara are anticipating returning to the U.S. in Jun for a 6-mo asgmt at the Army Chaplain Sch on Staten Is. Mike & Susie Amrine will also be coming home this summer and are anticipating an asgmt in the DC area. Susie says that they have enjoyed their skiing and a trip to London and that Michelle (6) and Mikey (2) are "more active than most children their ages"—Where have we heard that one before? She also reports contact with Ray & Iris Knell, Jim and Vicky Harding in Nurnberg, Bill & Ann Reynolds in Karlsruhe, and Bob & Angie Magruder in Bamberg.

Bev Winter has written that she will be returning to school this Jan to begin work for a teaching certificate and a minor in



1964: The Flies—Barbara, Kristin, Lanny, and Kevin.

health ed. Ultimately she hopes that this will lead to an M.A. in the health field. She is still doing vol work for the American Cancer Society, has become a member of the board of the local Montessori sch, and is working on her private pilot's license to boot. Curt, now 9, is growing up quickly and doing well in sch.

Thanks again for all the great news, and please write soon—the next deadline is at the end of Mar!

# '65

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Please excuse the condition of the Class notes. I am just coming down off my marriage encounter weekend. Enough said about that, but if you want to discuss please write—I will answer.

On another subject, I received great news releases from the AF but no personal letters from that element of the Class. Again write, we want to hear from you. While on the subject, Hershall D. Hall (B-2) was promoted to MAJ in the USAF. He and Barbara reside at Francis E. Warren AFB, WY. Great work Don! Also in the AF Ed Zabka (B-2) received the AF CM for meritorious service as a sys prog staff officer at HQ, AFSC, Andrews AFB, MD. Ed is currently assigned at Patrick AFB, FL.

The following mass of info comes from Denny Coll (F-2) who is the pres of Barrington Financial Service in the Chicago area. As an active recruiter of candidates for WP, Denny visits WP several times each year. L.C. Briggs (L-2) is with Backe Halsey Stewart Brokerage Firm in NYC and he is quoted in the 16 Sept issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. Ed Foehl (A-2) is in banking in Pittsburgh. Jack Cooley (E-2) is using his Notre Dame law degree as the assistant U.S. Atty for the N. Dist of Chicago. Ken Slutsky (E-2) is with an Intl Security firm in Pittsburgh. Alex Alexander (A-1) is in banking in CA. Tom White (H-2) is on staff at USAREC, Ft Sheridan, IL. Karl Savatiel (B-1) is the sr Engr of Fac for ATT&T, Long Lines Chicago. "The Prince" Principe (C-2) is living in the Chicago area. Wayne Scholl



1965: Volksmarching at Boxberg: Mogans, Timmermans, Fergusons, Fabers, and Heckers.

(F-2) is in Korea and due to be reassigned to DC. Steve Ellenbogen (M-2) is using his MBA from Harvard with J.R. Gottlieb & Co., a commercial real estate company in Chicago. Lee Atteberry (F-2) works for Exxon in NJ. Chuck Bugardt (I-2) is practicing law in NC.

Bill Griffin (I-1) is the dist mgr for Dearborn Chemical a div of Chemed Corp. Mike O'Grady (E-2) is in real estate on the coast of SC. Bill Zadel (K-1) works for Johnson & Johnson in Boling Brook outside Chicago. And Jay Stewart (F-2) is in the diaper business in Germany.

Speaking of Germany, the Heckers, the McCloskeys and the Swenssons have sent letters and the following is a composite of the info provided. Chuck & Rosemary McCloskey (E-2) are in USAREUR at DCS-ENGR and are hoping for a baby girl in Feb. Joe & Diane Barkly (E-2) are with USAREUR DCS Resource Mgt (riding herd on DCSLOG spending). Tim & Sue Timmerman (D-1) are with DCSPER in the leadership program. John & Donna Mogan (F-1) are still at MILPERCENEUR. Ed & Lee Simpson (B-2) are with Chuck and Rosemary and Jim & Karen Ferguson (H-2) are with DCS-OPS. All of the above got together at Bob & Pauline DeLaars' (F-1) who have since departed for Kitzinger. Others seen by Chuck are Bob Molepshe (I-2) who is the G3 section of the 32d Army Air Def Cmd, Darmstadt. He also saw Preston Motes (D-2) who



1965: Get-together at the DeLaars' in Germany.



1965: Ed Zabka

had just finished his tour as an Arty TPI Team. Chuck also says the Simpsons are expecting in Feb and that he saw Chuck Pfeifer (K-1) in Dec Esquire. Right on Chuck!

Nancy & Bill Hecker (K-2) say that Bill is on the TID div of the IG office. He appears to travel all over Europe inspecting U.S. and NATO units and the family gets to travel every once in a while. It also seems 65 is big in the Volksmarches—a 10 Km. hike across the German countryside. Everyone gets a beautiful medal at the end. In addition we're also big in scouting in the Heilberg area. Dottey & Jack Keith (G-1) are at Schwalsish Gmund where Jack has a Pershing Btry. Lee & Sandy Hewitt (K-2) are in Stuttgart. Nancy said John & Susie Swenson (D-2) dropped in on them TDY from Zaire, Africa. She also talked to Bill & Cathy Bradburn (G-2) they are building a home in DC. Ed & Sue McMillan (A-2) are in Tallahassee, FL. Doug & Diane Kline (B-1) are headed for Germany. Mike Drinkwater (M-1) is on his way to Korea.

John Swenson saw Clair & Sheery Gill (C-1) in Karlsruhe where Clair is the Engr. Peggy & Ray Pollard (A-2) are at Longly Court, Arlington, MD. Ray just finished his law degree from U. of MD. The Barons (A-2) Tom & Tosh have redone their apt at 929 Park Ave, Apt 6-C, NYC. The Rellers (M-1) Frank & Donna write from Leavenworth that Larry Leskovjan (G-2) was married on 4 Sept in Miami, FL, that John Wattendorf (G-1) is going for his doctorate in Psychology, that Tad Ono (L-1) was sending photos of the Class get-together, that Lou & Judy Csoka (K-1) were over for a few nights to play "LIE, CHEAT, & STEAL," that Jim & Lynn Helberg (D-1) are with CACDA. Collen & Cooky Leverett (H-1) report that his new name is HUB. He is flying C-141's in the AF. Frank & Suzan Arnoll (M-1) had their 3d child in Jul—a baby girl, Ouida, in Sanford, FL. Donna also reports that John and Celia Bohannon (E-1) are headed for Germany, that Ed Winstead (M-1) stopped en route from Japan to Ft Bragg, that Ron Bailey (M-1), Bob Frank (D-1) and Bob Doughty (G-1) are instruc-

tors at CG&SC, that Anglo & Carl Letterie (C-1) are off to Bahrain (a small island in the Persian Gulf). Carl will be Quality Control Officer for fuel procurement for the U.S. Army (2 years).

A little closer to home, Steve & Olive Peak (K-1) are due in Montgomery, AL in Jul.

On the local scene, Pat & Alice Kenny (G-2) had a baby boy. That's 4 for them. On 22 May there will be a Class picnic at WP. For info write me. Well, I am late as usual. Love, Peace, Strength & Drive and write.

'66

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It is with both a sense of sadness—and relief—that I "put pen to paper." I have immensely enjoyed the flow of letters and news which comes with the job of being Class scribe. But, with one foot out the door en route to Leavenworth, I also welcome the opportunity to "pass the buck" to another stalwart classmate. Accordingly (wiping away the tears and wearing a big smile), I hereby announce that all forthcoming bits of Class-related flotsam and jetsam be directed toward MAJ Jack A. LeCuyer, Dept of Social Sciences. Rumor has it that, armed with sharpened pencils and yellow legal pad, Jack is eagerly awaiting his first opportunity to contribute, via the ASSEMBLY, to the printed history of mankind. Help ole Jack out by sending him a few pages of grist for his journalistic debut...

First item on the agenda must be proper recognition of those classmates who carried the administrative burdens for the 1966 Homecoming. As noted in the last issue, it was a great occasion, one leaving us all with rekindled friendships, a renewed sense of purpose, and a rejuvenated unity of spirit. Major thanks must go to Dick Manlove who, as Reunion Chairman, oversaw all arrangements and coordination. Assisting him were Jack Norris and Frank Hock who served as treas and dir of registration activities, respectively. Directly responsible for specific social functions were: Jim Lee (buffet/dance); Tim Daly (Sat pre-game luncheon); and Art Grant (memorial service/brunch). Providing support, whenever and wherever needed, were our assigned Class aides, Palmer J. Penny and John Behrens, both from '67 and the Dept of Mech.

Of course, some classmates were unable to join in the fall festivities because of the long travel distances involved in returning. But, others did log quite a few miles in making the pilgrimage. If my data is correct, Al Gimian, based in Germany, won the honors for traveling the farthest distance. But he would have been challenged had Manuel Velazquez and Guillermo (Bill) Sevilla Somoza not had to cancel at the last moment because of business conflicts. Both of the latter have asked that I convey their regards to everyone in the Class. In doing so, let me provide an update on their activities.

Manuel notes that, after leaving the Academy, he "didn't expect to travel as much as a soldier or live from camp to camp" but that "reality has been quite different." Judging from his itinerary over the years, I tend to see what he means. After graduation and two years at Purdue for a couple of masters' degrees (where Rick Thoden and Paul Mlakar were also sojourning), he returned to Costa Rica. After spending 2 years there (and ac-

quiring a wife and baby dau in the process), he moved first to New York and then to Miami, El Salvador, Colombia and Mexico. His travels have been under the auspices (and, I would assume, at the behest of) EXXON by which he is employed. As he sums it all up: "Now I have a wife, two girls and the corresponding debts of a member of the consumer society."

Bill Sevilla Somoza (and Louise) had to forego what he termed "my most looked forward to weekend in many years" because of his responsibilities as president of Nicaraguense de Turismo, S.A. As the picture accompanying this column indicates, Bill was busily involved with finalizing arrangements for the construction of a major Holiday Inn in Managua, Nicaragua, during the Reunion period.

Also unable to attend the Reunion but sending the latest news is Chet Keith, now serving as SGS 2d Inf Div in Korea. The biggest event for Chet recently was the birth of his fourth son, Christopher Edward, on 22 Oct at Ft Hood. His wife, Mary Ann, and his other sons (Michael, 6; Stephen, 3½; Jeffrey) are residing in Killeen, TX, awaiting his return from Korea in Jul 77.

A month following the arrival of the "newest member" of Chet Keith's "team," Wil and Barb Kone also became parents again, bringing them to a grand total of two boys and three girls. Currently located at Ft Rucker (where he is working with Tng Development), the Kones are planning to move to the St. Louis area for a tour at AVSCOM HQ next winter. While at Rucker, Wil has been serving as the USMA Area Coordinator, frequently talking with Bill Pier (of USMA Admissions) about prospective candidates. Apparently he has been maintaining contact with other classmates as well since he notes that George Alexander is at Ft Gordon and will be entering C&GSC in Aug; that Mike Wynne is at Ft Worth working for Geneva Dynamics on the F-16 program; and that Doc Crants is still in Nashville, practicing law.

Also assisting (along with Doc Crants) in the pursuit of law and order in the southland is Russ Grant, "reading law" in the town of Aberdeen in northeast MS. As noted in earlier columns, Russ spends his spare time in the National Guard and in fixing up an old home (vintage 1846) which they acquired. When not taking care of Russ or young Porter, Janice (armed with a recently earned masters) works as a school psychologist.

A conscientious contributor to this column (and thereby a recipient of this scribe's earnest thanks...) is Walt Piskun, M.D. Assigned currently to Wilford Hull AF Med Cen in San Ant as a neurosurgery internist. Walt notes that several classmates are in that area either in medicine or dentistry: Keith Markey (orthopedics), Russ Jenna (radiology), Rich Hlista (oral surgery), and Mike Brennan (med school). He also passes on the info that Bill and Cita Helkie are living in Silver Spgs, MD, where Bill (with a Ph.D. in economics) is working for the State Dept. However, the biggest news from Walt is that he has added yet another medical-type to our Class contingent—by marriage. His newly acquired wife, Mary Ann, is an Army general surgeon at Brooke AMC...

The last letter in the old mailbag is one which, in all honesty, turns me green with envy. Writing from England where husband Rick is instructing at the Royal School of Mil Engr, Linda Gorski has kindly brought

us "up to speed" on their activities during 76. While I know that Rick must be working, it's hard to ascertain such, given the continuing whirl of golf trips to Scotland, soccer games, sightseeing around the English countryside and weekend visits to magnificent "country homes" of acquaintances.

Somehow, amidst their other activities, Rick and Linda found time to bring the American Bicentennial to Britain. And, given the significance of that, I'm taking the liberty of quoting Linda directly and at some length as she describes their ventures: "To begin with, in April a local school asked Rick to preside over a ceremony at which six American oak trees were planted to commemorate 200 years of American Independence. . . . I've given talks at several local schools on America and I think in all I've handed out about 500 American flags to eager little kids and am now known locally as The Flag Lady. On July 4th we awakened at 6:30 a.m. to the LOUD strains of 'Stars and Stripes Forever'—our innovative Regimental CO had hooked loudspeakers into our bedroom window sometime during the night!! After some nervous moments with the unpredictable rain, we threw a birthday party for 200 people . . . a real down-home American picnic with games, prizes, beer, loads of food and a huge red, white and blue birthday cake. It was a day Rick and I shall cherish in our memories always—especially the moment at the end of the party when every single person in the crowd—200 Brits, a few Australians, Canadians and Germans and three Americans stood and saluted Old Glory as the 'Star Spangled Banner' rang out in the background!!"

In closing, I wish to note that contributions to the Arthur G. Bonifas Memorial Fund have been used to establish an annual award, in Art's name, to be presented to the outgoing captain of the Army Water Polo Team. Given Art's dedicated support of the team while assigned to the USMA faculty, it is a most fitting and proper memorial. As now funded, the Bonifas Award will have a life of 15-20 years. In order to establish the award "in perpetuity," additional contributions of \$1400 will eventually be necessary. Please keep that in mind should you now—or later—wish to contribute. Any donations should be mailed to "West Point Fund—Bonifas Memorial," The West Point Fund, Alumni Affairs Office, West Point, NY 10996.

# '67

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Congratulations and best wishes to Joan (Johansen) and Art Lau on their 31 Oct marriage at the Cadet Chapel.

Ken Strong is now a "bonafide gentleman farmer." He and Sara built a home on a 110-acre spread in Elba, AL, where Ken has established his optometry practice. Phil Burkett has returned to NYC, and is employed with Citibank. Evelyn & Lee Cage, along with Carolyn, Brad and Josh are at Ft Bragg, where Lee is a Social Worker at the Army Community Service; Suzanne & Jim Saine are also at Bragg.

Barbara & Em Mahles' new address is 24 Caselli Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. They, along with Tom Curtis, a jr law stu at Berkeley, had Xmas dinner at Joan & Dave Hadlys' home. Dave, now a member of the CA Bar, is presently an Asst Dist Atty in the Sacramento Youth Div.



1967: Homecoming 76: Visconti, Newton and Cates.



1967: Homecoming 76: Richards, Izzo, Threadgill and Arango.



1967: Homecoming 76: Kuspa, Ray and Sally Winkel and houseguest.



1967: Homecoming 76: Held and Colin Smith.

Al Seyfer is in his 3d year of a gen surgery residency at Fitzsimons; he, Glenna, Tara and Jessie reside at 11624 E. 11th Pl, Aurora, CO. Lee & Dick Releford, with children, Craig (7), Krista (4), and Renae (2) are in Omaha, NE (14024 Poppleton Circle, 68144). Dick is a sr at Creighton Dental Sch. On 30 Nov, Bob Carpenter was appointed Dir of Planning, Fenwal Div of Travenol Labs. The Carpenters reside in Deerfield, IL.

Outside CONUS, Rich Kiper and Bob Evans are assigned to Schofield Bks, and Steve Sears is at Tripler AH, HI. Steve Viney is stationed at Camp Casey, Korea. Sally & Bob Segal are in Bangkok, Thailand (American Embassy, DEA, APO San Fran 96346), where Bob is a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Admin's Regl Office. The Kinneys, Phil, Joy, Jill and Sally are in Ansbach, Germany. Phil, after serving as CO of the Cmbt Spt Co, 1/52d Inf in Bamberg, began work as the Asst G1, 1st AD. Also there as Asst G3 is Don Helmstadter. John James is with the 2/59th ADA at Schwabach, and Mike Kush is an Asst S3 with the 2 ACR. Now here's Bill Eggering's report:

Greetings to all from WP. We were all saddened to learn of the death of Paul Kokonowski on the night of 8-9 Oct as a result of an automobile accident on the interstate between Boston and Springfield, MA. Paul was a campaign mgr for Jimmy Carter in western MA. To Paul's wife Frances and family our deepest sympathy. Frances is living at 46 Lombard Rd, Chicopee Falls MA.

Questions have been coming up about our 10th yr Reunion. It will be celebrated on Homecoming Weekend, 21-23 Oct 77 (Lafayette game). As far as having facilities available to us at WP and the surrounding area, this is the best time to have it. Also, the whole place is geared to taking care of the younger classes then, as opposed to June Week, when the older classes have priority on everything. The Homecoming Planning Cmte consists of Jack Wood and John Kuspa (Mech), Chuck Sutton (Elec Engr), Rich Estes (ES&GS), Bob Knapp (OML), Ed Smith (Engl) and Woody Held (DFL). John Kuspa, by the way, will shortly start writing the ASSEMBLY article for our WP Contingent in that I will be PCSing to Germany soon. John's addresses are: Dept of Mech, USMA, or 545-A Winans Rd, West Point NY 10996.

The CGSC List came out, and the following classmates stationed here at WP will be heading for the places indicated in the summer: CGSC: Mike Andrews, Rog Arango, Ace Clark, Bob Frank, Dave Hale, Larry Izzo, Jimmy Johnson, Dave Peixotto, Tom Swett and Jack Wood. AFSC: Class 62: Hobie Pillsbury; Class 63: Ray Roe (presently stationed in England). Nav Cmd and Staff: Chuck Thomas. Marine Cmd and Staff: Steve May, Bud Shumate and Dick Waterman. Deferrees are Doug Brown, Bob Love and Ed Smith. To all classmates both here and in the field who made the list, congratulations!

Homecoming has come and gone, and we had a good group get-together. The traditional beer and pizza blast, run this year by Harry Rothmann, was excellent, and a good time seemed to be had by all. Thanx for all your effort, Harry! Mike Aiello and wife came down from MA (c/o TRW, Holyoke Wire and Cable, 775 New Ludlow Rd, South Hadley, MA 01075) and Bob & Kathy Nolan came up from FL. Bob is a co-pilot for Eastern Airlines, and moves between Miami and NYC. The Aiellos, Nolans, Ron Naples' parents and I joined other classmates at the Union Hotel in Peekskill after the game,



1967: Carpenter, new Dir Planning, Fenwal Div Travenol Labs.

where old memories were relived and new memories were made.

Xmas brought an influx of up-to-date addresses of classmates near and far, which will come in handy getting "the poop" out to you about the details of Homecoming. Jim Balkom is VP of the Allied Sports Co. (One Hummingbird Lane, Eufala, AL 36027), a manufacturer of marine electr equipment. Rich Jones is in Korea (HHB, 1/38 Arty, APO SF 96358), while wife Sally and children are in Lawton, OK. Mike Mullane and family are now at Eglin AFB, FL (41 Oakdale Rd NW, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548), where Mike is with the 3246th Test Wg. Mike graduated last Jul from the Test Engr Cse at the USAF Test Pilot Sch at Edwards AFB, CA. Bill Petruzal writes that he is a sys engr with the FAA, and is living in Springfield, VA (5224 Kepler Lane, Zip: 22151). Bill is going to school nights at GWU. for his master's in Engr Admin, and says that he, wife Mare-



1967: Homecoming 76: The Mas Browns and the Bob Loves.

ike and son Oliver (3) are enjoying the area tremendously.

I also got a note from Tim & Carolyn Gilbert. Tim is presently AdC to the CG of the 82d Abn at Ft Bragg. Tim and Carolyn are living at 218 Timberlake Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304. I received a super letter from Tom & Joannie Parr (12010 Los Cerdos, San Antonio, TX 78233) with all sorts of poop in it. Joannie writes that Al Seyfer will be down their way on TDY shortly, and that he is still at Fitzsimons (Dr. & Mrs, 16624 E. 11th Place, Aurora, CO 80011). Joe Jackson and wife are at Ft Sam Houston (Dr. & Mrs, 470 Wheaton, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234). Don & Karen Helmstadter are in Germany, where Don has extended until Oct to complete his master's. Don and Karen's address: G3, HHC, 1st AD, APO NY 09326. Brian Hayes graduated from med sch last May and is an intern at Madigan AMC at Ft Lewis, WA. Bob Miller is in FL (Dr. & Mrs, 10327 SW 118th St, Miami, FL 33176) and he and his wife are enjoying the area. Monty Meigs and wife are currently in WI (1034 W. Andrews, Sun Prairie, WI 53590), where Monty is working on his master's in History. Thanks again for the letter, Joannie.

Also, I'd like to extend our congratulations to Paul & Vivian Haseaman on the birth of their daughter on 18 Oct at Walter Reed.



1967: Homecoming 76: Burket and Wood.

As I pass on the pen to John Kuspa, I'd like to thank all of you who have taken the time to write. Keep those cards and letters coming, only please, send them to John or Hank. See you in Germany....

# '68

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Weatherwise the "gloom" period is upon us here at WP; however, news wise everything is great. The CGSC list came out with 23 from the Class included. Congratulations to Audrain, Baerman, Benson, Brace, Buckley, Burnette, Crawford, Gatlin, Greeby, D. Johnson, Keane, Mayer, McDonald, Nash, Nettesheim, O'Meara, Powell, Sheaffer, Shoener, Sowa, Tuccillo, Vehlow and Vitters.

New additions to the Class are Benjamin Newell Easton, born 3 Dec to Bill and Jennifer; Demaree Knight Kympton born 4 Jan to Skeeter and Sherry; Meredith Ann Mulvey born 8 Dec to Bill and Susan; and Ashleigh Strand to John and Jenny. Also William Scott Robinson born 25 Sept to Dan and Paula.

Kathleen Ptasnik wrote that Paul is Opns Officer with Hq Recruiting Cmd, Ft Sheridan for one year. In his spare time, Paul is working on a master's in Mgt. Also Kathleen mentioned she teaches pre-kindergarten and one of her students is Danny Nettesheim, son



1968: Dick and Charmaine Kent with Dan, Lisa and Steven.

of Dan & Betty Nettesheim, also with USAREC.

Charmaine Kent wrote from Livermore, CA, where Dick is working at Lawrence Livermore Labs. They are coming to WP in the Physics Dept. Charmaine mentioned Danny Limbaugh who finished law sch at Puget Sound and is now stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, and also Lou Pierce, out of the Army, in law sch at U. of CO. Lou and Sandy expect #5 in Aug.

Jim & Fran Altemose wrote from Charleston AFB, SC, where Jim is commanding an F-106 (Fighter Interceptor) Alert Det. Also in updating our figures on majority selections, Jim stated he had caught up with the "Army Toads" after having to live down making CPT a year later. Congratulations, Jim! Jim also mentioned the catastrophic impact of Balliet and Llewellyn in the same town—Columbia. He also mentioned Fred & Margo Klein in Raleigh, NC; Bob and Jan Beahm in Baltimore with the Gas and Electric Com-



1968: Art and Pam Sands and family.



1968: Joe and Connie Cinquind on their wedding day.



1968: Mike and Samar with Jason and Britten.



1968: Mark, Diane and Meredith at Flagstaff, AZ.

1968: Enjoying Homecoming was certainly no task too great for the above 68ers.

pany; Art Torres at Ft Jackson and Roy Mase in Germany.

Another update came from Dave Martin. Since graduating with Mike Palone from Harvard Business Sch, May 75, he has been with GTE as a Program Mgr on Intl Satellite Comm jobs. Having completed 2 projects in Brazil, Dave is now involved in the Upper Volta and also in Mali/Algeria.

Speaking of Brazil, Dan, Paula and William Scott Robinson left NY in Feb for a new asgmt in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A promotion to Planning Assoc gives Dan the opportunity to work in the Intl Div of Mobil Oil. He has been with Mobil since Jun 73. Also Dan

mentioned Paula is becoming quite an accomplished artist mainly painting building views of NYC in free abstract manner.

Army-Navy was the mini-reunion for F-1. Fred & Diane Johnson met Danny & Vicki Bunnell up from ROTC duty at U. of PA; Dan Adams from WP; Ed Millson from Presidio of San Fran; Mike O'Neil RSD at Charlottesville, VA, and Chris Iaconis who was leaving recruiting duty for Germany.

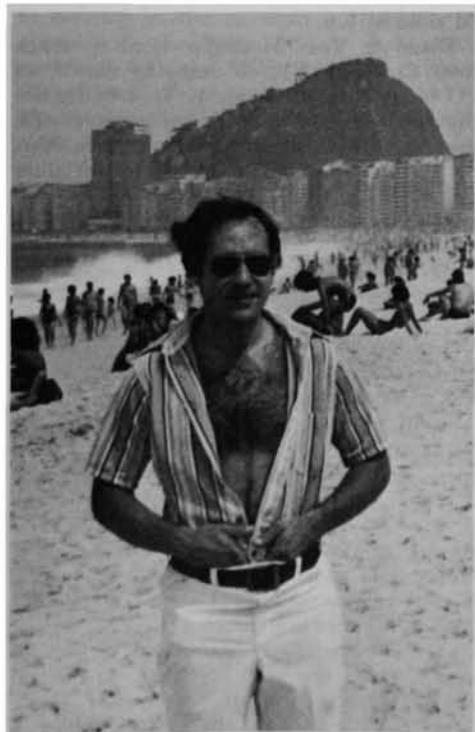
Fred also mentioned Mike & Charlie McLary living in VA; Warren Bowland, who had been operated on for cancer of the pancreas—now cured, in his 3d yr med sch at Creighton in Omaha, NE; Bruce & Sany Erion in CT



1968: William Scott Robinson with proud parents, Dan and Paula.



1968: L-R: Margaret Clark, Mason, Cindy Mason, Vehlow, Clark, Katy Vehlow, Locher and Norma Locher.



1968: Dave Martin hard at work at Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro.

working for Bell Helicopter; John & Jenny Strand with CAA in DC, and Bob & Carmen Lorbeer at MILPERCEN in DC.

Xmas is always a great correspondence time as well as the time we all look forward to the gifts from the little chubby one. Hope I didn't step on your toes, anyone. Anyway, Xmas news was plentiful. While on leave in CO, Patti and I visited Ray & Ruby Lynch at Ft Carson, where Ray is S3 for a mech bn. The Lynchs heard from Mark & Diane Hansen who are in Brooke AMC, TX, where Mark received a residency in Radiology. Mark said VN was easier since he's now working about 120 hours per week. Mark, Diane and Meredith expect to be there 3 yrs plus. In a letter to Ray, Bill & Carol McCrone reported that they will be civ in 77 and Bill will be practicing law in San Fran or Carmel. Also while in CO, the Halsteads saw Mike & Samar Fay. Mike will be in DC doing his internship in orthopedics at Walter Reed following graduation in May. With Mike are Bill Grabowski, residency in radiology, Ron Warncke, residency in orthopedics, and Eddie Mendoza, neurosurgery. Mike also said that Glen Hewitt was at Ft Meade along with Neil & Diane Lark; Dan & Jane Carroll were leaving Ft Sill headed for Monterey; John Cruden was in Germany. Speaking of doctors, received a card and picture from Art & Pam Sands. Art is out of the AF and has hung a shingle out in CA. Also a doctor in CA is Walt Curl, who, according to Kay, is doing his children's orthopedics at the San Fran Shriners' Hosp while simultaneously organizing an amputee ski program—anything to promote skiing. The Curls have Michael, 1 year, and Douglas, 4½ years.

Received a news release from Bethesda, MD, stating that Jared Florance was admitted to the charter class of the sch of med of the Uniformed Svs U. of the Health Sciences. Jar plans to serve as a physician in the AF following graduation. Also heard that Ronnie Joe and Harriet & Kayln Lane are out of the Army and practicing law in Colquitt, GA. Tom Margrave wrote from Gelnhausen, Germany, and was much happier now that Marianne had finally joined him. Tom is commanding a Bde HHC which has allowed him trips to Munich and Vilsech for various Army courses. Back recently from Germany is Bob Alexander who will complete his master's

in Industrial Engr at GA Tech this summer. Bob, his wife Tricia, and 18-month-old Alicia will join us here at WP in Jul in ES&GS.

The Class received a letter from Ray MacDonald, our Class Pres, who is now out of the Army working in Madison, WI. He stated that one of COL Love's recommendations during our First Class year was that when the largest concentration of our classmates were at WP we should hold elections to elect reps for running the Class from those at WP. Dave Ohle, John Throckmorton, and Sam Brooks conducted a Class meeting on 16 Dec 76 to recommend and vote on a procedure for obtaining the needed Class reps. The procedure approved at the meeting was that each dept or office would elect the acting Class Chmn, Treas, Scribe, and Social Chmn from among its members. Each individual would serve one year with the exception of any real Class Officer assigned to WP who would hold the position for his tenure at the Academy. Since we still have 106 classmates now stationed at WP, this seems to be the most profitable procedure.

Thanks for your letters and pictures everyone! Keep them coming. Black and white pictures turn out the best. Talk to you in Jun.

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This column is being written on 4 Jan covering news received since 3 Oct. I want especially to thank those of you who sent holiday greetings, since it is news from these missives which comprise the greatest portion of this column. As we advance in the new year, particularly toward the summer months with their inevitable transfers, I would ask that you take a moment to drop me a short note bringing the class up to date on your activities. Of course, photographs are always welcome, particularly black and white close-ups of class groups.

Another means of communication used by a number of classmates has been phone calls to the number atop this column. While I am not at that location too often, someone there always knows where to reach me. Among



1968: Enjoying Homecoming



1969: Classmates at Army-Navy postgame party (L-R): Glacel, Lynch, Metcalf, Jeffrey, Hayes, Kimmitt, Nelson, Hofstetter, Scull, McCloy, DeClerq, Zais, Maasberg and Haney.

those calling were Tom McCord, who recently left the service and is working for a trucking firm in Tulsa, OK (I wonder if Tom is commuting to Ft Sill on weekends to work on cars in the BOQ parking lot as he did during the basic course?). Lindy Blackburn called en route to the Royal Armour Corps Centre at Bovington in Great Britain. He and Barbie will be there for at least a year and asked that any classmates touring that part of the world get in touch. Lindy also mentioned that Barbie and he welcomed Mandy Robin on 11 Feb 76.

Also in touch were Vince Corica and Bruce Helmich. Vince had recently returned from Panama and was stationed at Ft Campbell, while Bruce was assigned to the Miami area. Dutch Harmeling called from MD while vacationing from his job in CA. He mentioned having seen Don Randolph, who is working as an atty for L.A. County, and Joe Schatz, who was also working in the L.A. area. Dutch also said that Bob Allardice and Barry Robella were in CO, Bob out and working in Denver and Barry commanding a unit at Ft Carson. The final call I received was from Bob Seitz, who recently returned from Korea and was assigned to MILPERCEN. I understand that Jack Von Kaenel is also at MILPERCEN, working at FA branch.

Although the results on the field were less than encouraging, the Army-Navy game did provide the occasion for a large Class gathering. Over 60 classmates were at the game, including Barber, Barszcz, Behncke, Bosshard, Mike Brennan, Burke, Capiello, Carpenter, Carrigan, Church, Colacicco, Craft, DeClerq, Dillon, Dolton, Eisenhardt, Eyer-mann, Freeman, Furbank, Glacel, Goff, Paul Grant, Guernsey, Halloran, Haney, Dave Hayes, Heesch, Hoege, Hofstetter, Jaccard, Jarvis, Jeffrey, Ken Johnson, Jim Johnston, Bill Jones, Luecke, Lynch, Maasberg, McCloy, McCullough, Mesite, Metcalf, Morelock, Nelson, Pohlmann, Ramos, Sautter, Scull, Simmons, Steele, Wheelock, Rick Whitaker, Mike Wright, Yeisley, and Zais. A good number of this group made it to the Class parties held on Fri and Sat nights at the Ben Franklin. Barbara & Bob Glacel deserve a special word of thanks for their taking on responsibility for the festivities. We plan to do the same again next year, and hopefully each year after that, so in your long term planning, please keep the game in mind. Now, on to your news, starting with letters received from those in civ life.

Steve Allaire wrote from Bristol, CT, where he has established a two-person law firm after completion of his clerkship with the Chief Justice of the CT Supreme Court. During a visit to WP, Steve had seen the following classmates from B-4: Bassett, Brower, Bullock, Narel, and Shean. On touch from NYC was Lucian Truscott, who mentioned that anyone desiring free copies of the newsletters he is writing as part of his fellowship can request them from the Alicia Patterson Foundation, 535 Fifth Ave, NYC 10017. Also in NYC were Mary Ann & Ernie Albanese. Ernie had just started work with Citibank, and they were planning to buy a house in Ossining. Mary Ann said that Donna & Tom Ramos were expecting their 2d child in Apr.

Barb & Bob Riddell wrote from Morristown, NJ, announcing the birth of Keri Anne on 4 Nov. Bob is now working for Warner Lambert. Diane & Bob Pitz were also living in NJ, with Bob recently having received a promotion at Citibank. Pat & Mike Barszcz sent a letter from New Castle, DE and mentioned that Kathy & Bob Setzer were in Elyria, OH, where Bob is working for a tool and die co. following his grad from Cornell. Pat also said that Bill Zook grad from law sch at the U. of TX and was preparing to take the bar exam.

Terry & Bob Jenkins wrote from Chantilly, VA, where they are living now, that Bob has been promoted and transferred to Alexandria. Further south in Laurel, MS, were Chel and Al Edwards, who mentioned that John Abbott was out of the service and living in Richardson, TX. Also in the Deep South are Linda & Ken Bevis in Dothan, AL,



1969: L-R: Denny and Marcia Tighe, Tom and Diane Mastaglio with Scott and Todd, and Bonnie and Roger Hoopengardner with Andy at Kreuzberg Monastery in Germany.

where Ken is working for an accounting firm. Judy & Steve Anthony sent a letter from New Orleans, where Steve is a regional engr for Aircor. The final note from southern reaches was an announcement from Cathy & Hugh Stirts of the birth of their twin daughters, Cara and Hollie.

Barb & Tom Whitaker are settled in Ft Wayne, IN, where Tom is a field sales engr for TX Instruments. Nan & Dennis Pogany wrote from Bolingbrook, IL, where Dennis is a production supervisor with Johnson and Johnson. Dennis said that John Bolger, Gary Cantrell, and Phil Holden had a get-together at Ft Sill in Nov, and that John Ahlbrecht was in IA working for 3M. Barbara & Paul Campbell sent a letter from Memphis, TN, where they had recently graduated from Memphis St, Paul with an MSME and Barbara with a BA in Pub Admin.

Dick Jarman wrote from Kansas City, where he had recently been promoted in the Butler Mfg org. Jar said that Bob Yaap had also been promoted and was transferred to TX. Jar had seen Cor Westerhoff, who is completing studies at KS U. prior to an asgmt at WP. Roger Loder wrote from KS U., where he is working on his MBA and said that Bill Bahr is working on his doctorate in business.

Jeanette & Jerry Hayton sent a long letter from Visalia, CA, where Jerry is a stockholder with Dean Witter and Co. Nancy & Jim Rohacik had visited the Haytons prior to heading east for a teaching asgmt at WP. The Haytons are expecting their 4th child shortly. The last bit of news I have from a civ source was garnered at Army-Navy: Bob Jannarone is due to marry Diane Davison in NY on 12 Feb.

The first letter from someone in the service was sent by Val & Jon Smrtic, who are finishing their tour at Harvard's Kennedy Sch, where Jon was elected stu govt pres for this academic year. Also in MA are Maggie & Mike Kelly, who are living in Belchertown while Mike teaches ROTC at U. MA. Mike received his MBA in May and will teach for at least 2 years. A phone call to Maggie today confirmed that she is expecting their 3d child in Jun.

Diane & Tom Mastaglio were in touch from Cornwall, NY, en route to the U. of CO after 3 yrs in Germany. Tom is due for computer studies until the summer of 78, then an ROTC asgmt. Susan & Mike Nardotti wrote from Pomona, NY to announce the birth of Sarah Elizabeth on 28 Nov. Susan also said that Sylvia & Jack Guernsey welcomed their new son Brian in early Dec. Peggy & Jerry Hackett also announced a new addition to their family, Byrna DeAnne, born 23 Jun at WP. Finally, Joan & George Demetriou were joined by Julie Marie on 19 Oct. The IRS must be wondering about this flood of year-end tax deductions!

Cindi & Paul Raglin wrote that Janice & Paul Albright had visited in Aberdeen en route from Germany to USC where Paul is due to begin graduate studies this semester. Paul Feyereisen will complete his int'l rel studies at GWU in Jun 77, while Donna Hirabayashi, who just made LTJG in the Navy, will be at OH U. for studies this spring. Also, indicating that the DC crowd does not intend to be outdone in this category, word reached me that Jacqueline Kristin Ho was born on 7 Oct.

Lois & Jim Johnson spent the holidays in Rock Eagle, GA, and were joined there by the Hammonds, who had been in FL, prior to a joint return to Durham, NC, for their



1969: At the Sculls at Stewart (L-R): Sandy, Jody, and Jody Glore; KC, Megan, and Michy Scull; Susan and Bill Johnsmeyer; and Jennette and Bob Pratt.

last semesters. Eileen & Dan Tigges are in Atlanta, GA and said that Bo Moore graduated from law sch at the U. of SC in Dec. Also in Atlanta, but spending more time at the Omni than Ft McPherson, is Dave Hofstetter. I had the distinct pleasure of riding to and from the Army-Navy game with Hof as my navigator—let me assure you, I will never fly with him after that experience. Julie & Rich Ashley had finished their first semester at GA Tech, while Phil Coyle and Bill Friese had one semester remaining there. The Ashleys saw Mary & Jim Moeller over the holidays. Also wrapping up studies at GA Tech were Diane & Rick Frykman. Rick said that Mary & Ricky Kolb had departed for WP after earning a double master's, while Rick had passed his comprehensives, obviating the need for a thesis. I imagine that accomplishment was due in large part to the fact that Rick and I roomed together for most of firstie year (or perhaps it was in spite of that fact). Rick also mentioned that Suzanne & Bill Rice and new daughter Lesley (28 Nov) were at Washington U. in St. Louis, while Adrienne & Dave Harvey were in Juneau, AK, where Dave is working as a bank controller and hunting bear, not necessarily in that order!

Donna & Tom Piazza were due to leave Ft Benning in Mar en route to DLI prior to a tour with the 509th BCT in Italy. Dick Anshus is with the 509th now and is sponsoring Tom. Tom said that others at Ft Benning included Ernie Adams, Tom Garrett, Hank Richmond, and Joe Sebes. Recently de-



1969: Jerry, Peggy, and Bryna De Hackett.

parted after IOAC was Terry Hoffman, who was headed to grad sch, while J.T. Sanders was at Ft Gordon. Randy Peters said that he, Joel Snow, and Max Terrien were continuing their defense of the southern flank at Ft Polk.

Colette & Greg Smith were due to finish studies this summer at the U. of IN and join OPE at WP, while Pat & Pete Bazzel will leave Purdue at the same time bound for an OML posting. Dee Dee & Larry Sadoff also are leaving the Midwest this summer, bound for a tour in Germany. Larry said that Terry Rice is at the U. of IL, and will leave for WP this summer while Les Hunkele is continuing his tour with the Baltimore district at Ft Meade.

Paula & Bob Brigham will join us here in DC after graduating from Med Sch at Wayne St this summer. Remaining in the Detroit area will be Carol & Jerry Zilinskas. Jerry is in the production branch of the XM1 project mgr's office, and mentioned that Frank LaPenta will graduate from Harvard Business Sch this year. Jo & Denny Moulder were scheduled to leave Ft Sill in Dec bound for Hanaau, Germany. Jo said that Jim Fouché was still at Ft Sill assigned to TAC-FIRE. Also at Ft Sill were Randi & Vern



1969: Anne Marie, Jay, and JayJay Harper.

Bettencourt, who were expecting their 3d child in Jun.

Pat & Hugh Donohue are settled at Madigan Hosp at Ft Lewis and had seen Jim Eisenhower and Denny Wance who are also at Ft Lewis. Ike wrote and said that Mike Snell is also there. Frank Finch was in touch from San Fran to say that he planned to grad and marry in Jun prior to leaving for WP in Jul. Julene and Harry Logan had returned to Travis AFB after Harry completed Sqd Officers Sch, where Harry was a distinguished grad. Further south in CA were new parents Ginny & Doug Rogers, who greeted Matthew Champlin on 20 Oct at Ft Ord. Howie Curtis wrote from San Diego that he had seen Rob Leslie and Bob Noreen at the Presidio during his summer OJT between years at law sch. From sunny HI came word from Pam & Bruce Wheeler that John Clapper was also in orthopedics at Tripler.

Overseas mail was a bit sparse as usual. Susie & Jim O'Toole were in Detmold, Germany, with the British 855th Sqdn, after completing a transition TDY in Great Britain. Susie said the only problem during Jim's transition tng was a significant language barrier! Bonnie & Roger Hoopengardner also are in Germany and mentioned that Marcia & Denny Tighe were to leave there in Jun



1969: Harry and Julene Logan

for grad sch. Also due to rotate this summer are Genie & Don Warner.

Finally, Anne Marie & Jay Harper were still in Stuttgart, and Jay had seen Ken Wanless at an arty conference.

The final bit of news I received was from the ACO noting that Tony Guerrerio had been awarded first year honors at Harvard Business School.

I will close by again asking you to get in touch by whatever means is most convenient for you. My deadline for the Jun issue is 30 Mar, and I guarantee your news will be printed if it reaches me by 25 Mar. I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time, have a happy spring. God bless to all in '69.

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There is no joy in Mudville for mighty Casey has struck out. Based on my last football prediction, Jimmy the Greek doesn't have to worry about me muscling in on his business. However, let it be e'er said, Army football is back.

Alas, turning to the present, springtime is in the air. As those railroad tracks settle permanently into our shoulders we remain hopefully, vibrant, and as the new CS once called us, "the most uninhibited class ever." There is good news everywhere. We are conquering new frontiers and challenging new horizons. As always the Xmas season was filled with great joy and much news.

Before the Xmas cards began arriving I received several news-filled letters. Betsy Blakeslee wrote from San Fran informing us of the birth of their new daughter Jennette on 10/11/76. Don graduated from med sch at Northwestern last year and is interning at Letterman. Betsy got her M.A. in Engl Lit in Jun. Frank Monaco sent news from the 82d where he, Paulette, Frankie and Michael have rejoined the 1/320 FA for their 2d tour in that Bn, where Frank is now A Btry CO. Mike Pearce also wrote from the 82d where he is presently the Asst Div G1 for office mgt. Since he is responsible for officer assignments in the 82d he took time to give us a complete rundown on the boys at Bragg. Mark Barbour had a co. in 2/505 and was Bn S4 before departing for



1970: Wearing the bicycle shirt—Scott Troxell—and Amy and Barb and Jeff.

IOAC, grad sch, USMA, and points north. Wayne Barth, who had a co. in 1/505, was in G3 training before leaving for the now famous route—IOAC, grad sch, and USMA. Paul Dixon had HHC in 1/508 and is now Bn S4 headed for IOAC in Jun 77. John Ekman had a co. in 1/504 and was then REPTRAIN CO until departing for IOAC. Al Fenty, another of Bobby Knight's wayward youths and our long lost amig, was last heard commanding HHC of 82d Avn Bn. Steve Garrett is CO of 182d Cbt Spt Co. in DISCOM and headed for IOAC in Jun. John Grenwalt has a co. in 1/505 and is headed for an advanced course this summer, grad sch, and none other than the infamous WP Math Dept! John Hennessey completed IOAC and joined 82d Div G1. Terry Hildebrand had a co. in 2/504, is currently Bn S1, and also headed for IOAC in Jun. Brad Larsen was part of the 82d MI Co. before heading to MIOAC (and that does not stand for Mickey Inf OAC for all you Inf types). John Marcello, after completing FAOAC, was Bn S4 and is now a BC in 2/321. Ah, what fond memories—the 2/321 was my first battalion asgmt way back when. Bob Millard is CO of C/2/325 headed for AOAC, grad sch, and you guessed it, USMA. Lynn Moore has a co. in 3/325. Jon Noll is our resident lawyer in the SJA of the 82d. Rich Rutledge is a CO in 1/505 and also headed for an adv crse, grad sch and USMA. Dave Smith was the S1 of DISCOM before departing for IOAC, grad sch, and ..... (fill in the blank). Shelby Stevens was CO of B/2/325 before going over to 82d AVN and will be heading to IOAC in Jun. Charlie Velez is CO of B/2/508 after completing IOAC. Phil Viehl is the Asst Bde S3 of 2d Bde. Jack Zoeller was the S1 of 1/508 and is presently CO of B/2/504. That, according to Mike, represents our contribution to America's Guard of Honor, but Bragg, being the large heavenly hunting ground that it is, can lay claim to a few more of our illustrious mates. Jack Sabia was a BC in Corps Arty and is now Asst S1 of Corps Arty. Randy Cox was a BC in Corps Arty until he landed a TDY boondoggle to Ft Ord for an Organizational Effectiveness Crse. Pat Moran was a BC and a Bn S1 in Corps Arty before he bade farewell to Ft Bragg to return to civ life and his beloved Baltimore. Mike Gyovai is a det CO in 7th SFG and will be heading for an adv crse this spring. EK Smith is a Bn S3 in 5th SFG but will be heading for a co. cmd in the 82d prior to that classic path—adv crse, grad sch, and USMA. Jim Osman, now alive and well at Bragg, is also a det CO in 7th SFG. Bill Prince is on the SF Officer's Crse at Camp McCall. Bill Coy is the Protocol Off in JFK Ctr for Mil Asst and will be joining the 82d in 77. Phil

Richards is the Asst S3 in 312th ASA Bn. Steve Bagstad is in the 189th Maint Bn of Corps Spt Cmd. Mike also mentioned a few others who had recently departed. Steve Homoleski was in the ADA Bn before leaving for the adv crse. Jack McGill was a BC in the ADA Bn but resigned to go to law sch in MA. Bill Bennett was in 5th SFG before leaving for Ft Riley with his wife and 4 sons. He is now an Asst Bde S3 in the 1st Div. Thanks, Mike, for the voluminous amount of news from Ft Bragg. Mike also mentions that Bobbie was expecting in Dec. As would be expected of the author of that letter, Mike is heading for AOAC in Aug and then grad sch and USMA.

To assure me that my pleas have not fallen on deaf ears, Bill Knowlton wrote from the 4th Div to bring us up to date on what's happening at Carson. He is completing a year in the Div G1 out there and should now be in FAOAC. Dave Forinash was also scheduled to leave Carson for the same FAOAC class. Mark Quimby, Marty Knorr, and Ron Rold are all on Div staff in G1, G3, and G4, respectively. Scott Bailey is a Bde S1 and Nick Constantino and Bill Patterson are on bn staffs. John Decker has an Inf Co, Will Etzler and Loren Todd have Cav troops, and Larry Clark and Bob Garman are BC's. Bill also mentioned that Don Meinhold is a



1970: An after taps rally in New South—the Dinsmores, Coulmans, and Bennetts.

lawyer with JAG, Jeff Schmidt is working for the Comptr, and Gene Helmich is also in an Inf Bn.

Doug Byrd wrote from the Monterey Peninsula where he is now residing since becoming a civ. After 3 yrs in the Canal Zone he was reassigned to CDEC at Ord where he worked for Hunter-Liggett. He made his break for civ life in Sept 75 and landed a job as Asst-to-the-City Mgr for Gonzales, CA. Last summer he became the City Mgr of Gonzales and is now in the process of finishing his master's in Public Admin.

Before moving on to the Xmas cards I'll share the final letter of the quarter that I received from Lafayette, IN, dated New Year's Eve from none other than Carl Linke. Carl, I hope you got Penny a date for New Year's Eve since you obviously stayed home writing to me. Carl's literary talents have far outstripped anything he ever turned in to the Engl Dept. He reports that he has completed the Army's version of the James Bond Prep Crse at Ft Benign. After such a stellar performance in his favorite stomping ground, academia, DA decided he should return to the books for another degree and then they could send him somewhere where he couldn't affect national security or the SALT talks. As a result Carl is now married, with no kids, one dumb Dalmatian, and cold feet in Lafayette getting his MS at Purdue in prepa-

ration for an important asgmt on the Banks of the Hudson as a member of "The Green Machine." Penny is also spending the time getting her MS and they are enjoying student life at Purdue. Carl reports that Mo Larsen is also a boilermaker, civ vintage, getting his MS there. Carl says he'll be happy to help anyone thinking about going to Purdue (2428 Oxford St, Lafayette, IN 47905).

Turning to holiday greetings we received Xmas cards from many classmates, wives, and kids. We got cards from Dick, Kathi, Traci, and Kimberly Wennerberg; John & Pam Joyce; Bob Hales; Diane & Chach Morris; Steve Schwaderer; Paul, Paulette, Paul, and Amy Cunningham; John, Mary Ann, Kristina, and Michael Connors; Chuck Hicks; Fred Lough; Jerry & Rocky Sidio; and Phil, Margie, and Jason Doleac.

From the AF we got a card from Rocky, Debbie, and Meredith Erin Verrochi. Meredith Erin was born on 9 Dec at 7 lbs, 4½ oz. Rocky mentioned that the Madleys had a PCS from Nellis to Lakenheath AB in England where Steve will continue to fly F-111's.

We also heard from a few civs at Xmas time. George, Charlene, Christopher, and Brian Alcorn wrote from PA that they have been quite happy at home and haven't moved, changed jobs or seen a soul in a year, except Dave & Kathy Porreca who have since moved from Pittsburgh to Charleston, WV. Brian & Colleen Bryson sent us a card from Frankfurt where civ life has also been very kind to them. Brian has a new position and is in line for a promotion. They traveled to London, Munich, and Switzerland this past fall enjoying their new freedom. And from New Orleans came news of those civ cajuns, Jeff, Barb, Amy, and Scott Troxell in the form of a mass produced letter. Jeff continues in school, work, and sports while Barb is teaching, sewing, and keeping tabs on the kids. Amy is quite a little lady now, but Scott is reported to be more along the lines of his father—the proverbial bull in the china shop. By way of fair warning to the East Coast, the Troxells are planning a trip to NY this summer and are threatening to drop in on anyone who will offer them a hot beer or a cold meal!

We got cards from a couple of the aforementioned Braggsters. Betsy Bagstad wrote that Steve had taken over the 180th Ord Co. in Dec and their first son, Kenneth, was born the same month. Cindy Millard included a note telling us that Bob will be giving up the co. to take the S3 air job until the adv crse this summer. She is still teaching and looking forward to ret.

We got three cards from the folks out at Sill. Bob, Toni, and Hank Pantier have been there since Jun but will be departing soon—Bob to Korea and Toni and Hank to Carson



1970: The gang of four—Reitz, White, Curtis, Johnson.



1970: From the Clown and Circus Lounge in Lawton—the Lynchs, Churchills, Whites, and Brenners.

where they bought a house. Dave, Sue Ann, and Shawn Dinsmore are now firmly settled in their new home in Lawton. Dave's co., unlike its CO, is reported to still be in a state of confusion 9 mos after activation. Sue has been busy with the house, decorating, classes, and mostly Shawn, who is reputed to have a great left arm. A card from George, Chris, and Adrienne Allin brought news that they liked Sill so much that they decided to stay for 3 yrs to keep the Dinsmores company. For all you FA types, George is going to replace that strict old instr you had in the Gunnery Dept.

Xmas wouldn't be complete without a couple of cards from the center of the universe—WP. Gary, Mona, Sage, and Chad Steele wrote that Gary got his branch transfer to AG and they will be departing the Big Rabble for the likes of Ft Ben Harrison. Jim & Jo Ann Crawford continued with the news from WP. As of his report the hockey team was 9-0 and Dave Young was going ape at the Holy Cross and U. MA games. And as you were to report—Curt Newcomb is still an Avn Co. OPS Off at Campbell but does plan to be out in 77. The Crawfords saw the Hildebrands, Johnsons, Frankes, Rutledges, and Greenwalts after the Navy game. Lynn Moore and his bride of 1 yr, Patsy, were up for the AF game after which they joined the Crawfords for dinner. Reports indicate that Ron Spears is due at WP early in 77. Finally, Jim notes that Lee & Kathy Carlson are with Crown-Z in San Diego and have taken up sailing full time.

Tommy & Karen Maertens sent Xmas greetings from warm AL where Tom is assigned to the U.S. Army Aircraft Devl Test Activity. They mentioned that the Beziats and Ginns were at Rucker with them. Bob Ginn is resigning to join IBM in Montgomery. Dave, Cris, and Maxwell Carr wrote from El Paso where they bought a house in the Upper Valley. Dave has a co. and Cris is getting real experience teaching the GED program to prisoners at La Tuna (La what?)



1970: Frank, with an ever ready smirk, assumes command of A Btry, 1/320 FA, 82d Abn Div.

Federal Prison. Sally O'Meara sent us a card from Madigan where Tom is doing his med residency. They took a getaway vacation to HI in Oct and saw Dean Nickles who is doing his med residency at Tripler. Sally is kept busy by ladylike Kari and Collin the terror.

Paul & Kathy Passaro sent us a card from Bucknell where they were expecting their first child in Jan. Gil Pritchard was planning a New Year's F-2 Reunion at Paul's parents' house. Gil was expecting Larry & Jenny Brown, Ralph & Anne Churchill, Vic & Bonnie Paris, Ron Riggs, Tom & Andy Haller, and Wally & Mimi Kaine. Tom and Andy were reportedly on their way to Deutschland in Jan. Jane Forsythe was also expecting in Jan. Down at Chapel Hill where, I am informed, Barney has been accepted for a PhD in Ed. The DeCorts are alive and well in San Ant. Don is studying hard while Bryan and the twins are keeping Susie busy. Susie mentioned that John & Kathy Norris are there now while John also attends law sch. Susie also mentioned that Ed & Linda Kelly are now civs in CT where Ed is going to grad sch and, who would have guessed, tend-



1970: The La Tuna Trio—Dave, Cris, and Maxwell Carr.

ing bar at night. Also heard through the grapevine that Linda had their 2d son this fall.

Finally, although Deb & Chick Edmonston did send us a Xmas card they are now officially off our Xmas list. They returned to DC in Jul and finally called us in Oct to let us know they were here. They have already managed to miss 2 of the famous Brown parties since their arrival in DC.

We also received a card from our favorite Tac, F-1's own Joe Gross. He, Janice, and the kids have been "suffering" in Teheran, Iran, for a couple of years with their subsidized mansion, swimming pool, maid, and chauffeur. Joe has been a mil adv to the Iranian Army since leaving the 82d. They will be giving up the good life this summer to return to the States.

I got a few phone calls this quarter from a few classmates. John Riley called when he was in town on TDY. He, Pam, and John (2½) are out at Ft Lewis where John



1970: Phil offering one more "good deal" to Margie and Jason.

is another of our own apparently numerous Asst Div C1's for Off Asgmts. He will be leaving Div Staff to take over his 3d co. soon. John mentioned that Roly Carter, Mike Froncek, Ken Jaccard, John Bickel, Bill Wallis, and Bob Wagner are all at Ft Lewis. Tom Gerard called me from Ft Belvoir when he was there in EOAC. Tom got married in Jan before he and his new bride headed west for a tour at Ft Leonard Wood. Tom told us that he and Roger Cross attended Mike Muelner's wedding last year before the Muelners headed for Ft Lewis. John Lewis called me when he was in town on a business trip/vacation from CO. John has joined the ranks of our civ entrepreneurs. He is working on his fortune in CO real estate and lowering his handicap full time. Charlie Ennis called me from APG where he is attending OOAC after a very enjoyable tour in AK. He, too, is taking that enviable route back to grad sch and WP. Mike Johnson called from Boston in Dec after he got the last ASSEMBLY. Knowing he would never write, he knew he'd better pick up the phone and call. He is now a civ earning his fortune as a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch. Mike got his MS in IR from USC while they were in Germany. Now he plans to go back to Harvard for his PhD in the fall. Mike, Jeanine, and Benjamin (3½) live in a Boston suburb and are expecting their 2d early in 77. Mike mentioned that Steve Swain, Tom Millar, and Pete Lilly are all at Harvard Business Sch. John, Kristi, and Jason Boehm are in Lincoln, NE, where John is in his 2d yr of law sch. Lastly, John Reitz called from Ft Sill on 23 Oct to let me know they were having a Class of '70 mini reunion that night. In attendance were Terry & Ginny Johnson, Ted & Janie Bennett, Jim & Gail Lovelace, Dave & Sue Ann Dinsmore, Mike Hobson, Bob & Carol Wetherill, Hans & Cathy Becker, Phil & Cathy Curtis, John & Ginny Brenner, Ralph & Anne Churchill, Lanny & Pam White, George & Chris Allin, Mike & Judy Coulman, Bob & Debbie Brand, Tom Lenox and wife, and Dan Lynch and wife. Although not in attendance but also at Sill are John Biddle, John & Linda Bryant, Bob & Rosy Thompson, Tom DeVito, Roger McCormick, Chach & Diane Morris, Bill Esman, and Cal Purdin. Glancing over a few comments from the party it is evident a good time was had by all. After censoring most of the notes written after midnight at the party there are only a few printable ones left. The Johnsons are headed to Cobra transition and then to AK after FAOAC. The Coulmans are scheduled to go to Schweinfurt, Germany. The Bennets, Bren-

nuers, and Lovelaces are all permanent party in gorgeous Lawton, OK (where?).

Over the Xmas holidays we got together with the Maxwells, Gandys, Sidios, Reeders, and Reitzes. The latter were in town on their way to UNC and then the USMA Engr Dept.

Thank you for the abundance of news, pictures, and help this quarter; I appreciate all of it. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

# '71

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Rather than begin once again with a plaintive request for news, I would like to touch briefly on the philosophy of this column after all these years. My sole purpose each quarter is to consolidate and transcribe personal and informational letters sent to me and facts or anecdotes expressed to me in person by another classmate. In accomplishing this, I hope that I can provide some interesting news from our sometimes-displaced classmates and can further a camaraderie that began some 10 yrs ago. There is never any intent to misquote, discredit, or sensationalize any classmate. I mention this only as I re-read past articles that may be misconstrued. I am committed to the job of espousing factual, sometimes humorous, but always sincere information. What I suppose that I am trying to parlay here is that I thank all of you who have had enough interest and faith in this magazine to write me. It contributes greatly to a better column and to a more close-knit class, which was remarkably evident at Homecoming 76.

I was fortunate enough to find the finances and the time to make the excursion to WP last Oct. Most of us were a bit apprehensive about what changes to expect and even more uneasy about putting names and faces together. Needless to say, all doubters were quickly enmeshed in a fantastically good time. At my final count there were 147 classmates present. With wives and friends, the total turnout reached 220. After the initial reception Fri in Cullum Hall, the day was spent wandering and gapping around the reservation before heading to Thayer Hotel for a '71 get-together that night. Bright and early Sat we were back on post visiting open houses and participating in the Alumni Review. I am sure the crowds looked warily at the last class to march across diagonal walk who were predominately civ, all a bit disheveled, and most, grossly out of step. A tailgate party at the refurbished train station came before and after a disappointing football game. Supper in the Mess Hall was followed by the Class highlight of the weekend, a free-for-all at the Ski Lodge which lasted well into the night. I can still see John Andreini going through his poop on top of the bar! Only the stouthearted were up for brunch and chapel on Sun, but I think I can say for all who attended that the beauty and spirit that is WP still exists and that a weekend there with friends is most rejuvenating. My personal thanks to Mike Van Buskirk, Tom Cafaro, and Robin Miller for their outstanding efforts in organizing the weekend.

I will not reap the editor's wrath by printing the names of all 147 classmates present at Homecoming, but rather, I will mention only a few with whom I came into contact. For your next trivia game, H-1 had the most returnees with 8.

Many of you have requested the latest

figures on the number of classmates in the civ ranks. Although the number changes weekly and many classmates do not notify the AOG of their new status, I have tried to compile the most accurate figures available, to wit: Total graduated—729, Active duty—567, Civ life—152, Foreign living—5, Deceased—5.

Let me talk for awhile about those who have started a 2d career. Gene Baker recently left Ft Sill and the service. Along with Jean-Anne, Brent, and Meridith, he has moved to Dearborn, MI, where Gene has begun work as a Devl Engr for Ford. They mention that Ranger Roy Carper is working with an oil co. in Houston, and that Pat & Bill Bearden are still serving at Sill with their daughters, Jennifer and Emily Jeanne. Maury Mussa ret. last Jun and is now an indl engr for Intl Paper Co. in Peoria while Linda teaches high school social studies. Linda & Bill Mann are in Idaho Falls where Bill is a nucl engr for Westinghouse. In addition to raising 2-yr-old Brigham, Linda has completed her master's in Ed. Up in Green Bay where Bob Johnson and Paul Watkins are working for a trucking co., Eric & Charlene Jensen have bought a beautiful home where they are now settled. Eric works for Proctor & Gamble, which incidentally employs a great number of classmates and graduates. Eric mentions that he has not met the infamous Mr. Whipple, but contrary to popular belief, you cannot squeeze a 2000 lb. roll of Charmin. Charlene has her hands full with Michael 3, and Amanda Marie, born last 14 Apr. I do not know much about pregnancies, but isn't it rather unusual to only gain 12 lbs and have a 10 lb baby? Across the Great Lakes in Tunkhannock, PA, Ray Halvatgis is a prod mgr with Proctor & Gamble. Leigh and the kids, Jenna 4, and Kara 16 mos, are quite happy there. Also working for P&G in that area are Randy & Kathy Mace and their 2 children and Bob, Donna and little Bobby Kulbick. One more classmate working for the P&G people is Rich Register in Cape Girardeau, MO. Rich completed a MBA at the U. of OK while Joanne is working on her master's in Clinical Psych. They pass on a special welcome to all visitors from D-2.

Dan & Eileen Howard, with their brood of 3, are in Missoula, MT, where Dan is a law stu at the State U. Bill Tryon was released from the service in Sept and is now putting his law degree to good use for a firm in Albuquerque. Debbie has her hands full with Brett and Erin. Did I tell you that John & Lisa Mitchell are at Cornell? John left the service in Aug and is in his first year in the law sch there. After completing law sch and the JAG basic course, Dave Bernard is now with the SJA at Sill. My old friend, Mr. James G. Floyd Jr, is still emotionally attached (or detached) to cows and horses and the like at LSU where he is taking preliminary animal sci crses before entering vet sch. His cohort, Jim Edwards, is still breezing his way through the U. of TX law program. Ben George received a med disch in Dec and is now pursuing a grad degree at the U. of AL. The Army has sent Ron Knight to their dental sch program at the Med Coll of VA. Joe Fox is putting his Army maintenance experience to good use as the Asst Dir of Plant Opns at a hospital in Troy, NY. Joe, Jan and Patrick recently spent a weekend with John Andreini who is attending CT law sch. I saw Dan Scioletti when he was visiting The Inf Sch on TDY. He informed me he would be exchanging his

fatigues for some double breasted tweeds soon.

Jim Lindeman and Bill Wier, 2 of our very few classmates sent to RVN, have also departed the svcs of Uncle Samuel. Jim is an engr stu at Berkeley while Nancy is working as a nurse in the local community. In addition to letting his physical appearance conform to CA standards, Jim is taking flight lessons for his anticipated vacations. Five classmates are now working for Mueller & Co., a division of American Hospital Supply Corp. They are Al Dudley, in Chicago as a pers mgr; Craig McGrath in CT; Craig Hughes in San Diego; Ardie Jensen in Orlando; and Bill Wier in Grand Rapids (the last 4 all working in sales). Paul Fasi resigned and stayed in HI to be the campaign mgr for the Mayor of Honolulu. I understand also that old man Dick Graf was throwing in his boots.

There are still a few diehards who prefer the mil lifestyle. Down at Ft Stewart, Dell Dailey just transferred from a hqs to a line co. command. A week after his change he was off to AK for a month. Are you sure you want to be a line dog, Dell? Bo Rudzinskij is now the S3 Air for the 1/75 Ranger Bn but he has sights on a newly activated CPT-led Ranger scout platoon. Steve & Marsha Moses and their baby remain at Stewart where Steve is the S1 of the 2d Bde (Prov). Bruce Nead and Bill Ewing are btry cdrs with the 1/35 FA. Bill & Sherrill Cullina and their 2 kids are enjoying the southern hospitality of Savannah while Bill is the Post pers mgr at Stewart. Jerry Edwards is the Safety Officer of the 2/9 Cav and Rick Jones is an Avn Sec Ldr.

Hiding out at Ft Jackson are John Beard, Dave Hardin, Mike Grissett, Rich Williams, Mike Christler, Joe Curry and Gus Bremer. They are all picking up some training command time. Steve Wright recently arrived at Jackson. Warren & Janet Greer bought a nice house in Columbia, outside Jackson. Warren serves in the post directorate of training office. John Beard tells me that Joe Cerami just completed cmd of a battery in Germany and is now at Sill for the Adv Crse. I understand that Gerry Cummins is there also. Alan & Mary Oaks and their twin 3-yr-olds are now in UT where Alan is out and pursuing a master's.

Dwayne Aaron assumed command of a co. in the prestigious bn combat team in Italy. I heard from Cal Benedict at the U. of Grenoble where he is learning a great deal, both culturally and spiritually. A Calgram to Steve White reads, "I will soon be ready to grant you that 880 rematch." Sounds like Cal has been working out quite a bit since his serious accident at Ft Hood. Mike & Renee Ciferri are in Berchtesgaden where Mike is the Chief of Hotel Opns after spending 18 mos at Chiemssee. What a fantastic place to raise their 2 kids!

From Ft Bragg I received a nice personalized Xmas card from Eileen & Jerry Thompson. Jerry & Kevin James continue their highly successful careers as both are honor grads from their SF Crse and are now detachment cdrs. Unfortunately, they find themselves on frequent operations to places like FL, NY, and AK. Also undergoing the rigors of SF are Rick Kelley, Buck Walker, and Luis Nido. Before Bragg, Rick and Olgui were at Benning where they spent some good times with Mike, Jean and Amanda Ritchie, Danny & Patty Ferris (and son), and the Keith von Seggerns (and twins). Since then, they have heard from Mike & Maria Richardson who are just leaving Ft Belvoir. Maria

should have had her baby in Jan. Olgui finally gave up that good teachers education from Mount Saint Mary's and has become a state employee with the Employment Security Comm. Any new civs seeking employment? Nearby, Gary Nickel is completing his MD at Duke. Other doctors include Larry Sakas at Tripler Hospital in HI and Bill Roden at Fitzsimons.

In MD, Jeff & Betty Weinstock with Jennifer 4, are in Bel Air. Jeff is a co. cdr in the school bde at Aberdeen. Dave Amos is with a security squadron at Ft Meade while Jackie and Amanda 2, are settled in Columbia. Chip & Janice Hindes are now in 29 Palms, CA, after a year separated by the Marine Corps. Chip served an unaccompanied tour first as a BC in Okinawa and then as a S4 in Camp Fuji, Japan. Janice passed the time with their son Kevin at Stewart Airfield, but still managed a few trips to see friends. Moving up the seaboard, I received a short note from Joe Visinski at Ft Devens. He has heard from Larry & Barbara Kaden at Mercer U. in Macon, GA, and from Bob & Janice Lundy out at Stanford. Switching seaboard, I heard from Ken & Susan Kobes at Ft Lewis where they are expecting their first child in May. Ken works for Post Housing but spends most of his time practicing triathlon events. He saw Carl Marriott and Bob Snyder at the FORSCOM triathlon championships at Ft Hood. Unfortunately, their team nosed out Ken's for 2d place. Bob Mohn is in the Dist Engrs Office in AK and really enjoys the lifestyle. Bob, by the way, made the trip to Homecoming. I saw Joe Passanante last Aug heading for Korea. Pass, how are you making it? Neal & Molly Jensen recently added Kelly Anne to their family at Ft Riley.

Tom Metz married Pamela Elizabeth Redmond on 12 Jun 76 in Columbus before moving to Ft Jackson. Classmates serving as saber bearers included Bob Allaire and Bob Bishop. Tom is now the aide to MG Caldwell at Ft Knox. Incidentally, Bob Allaire resigned from the service in Oct and seemed all the merrier at Homecoming. Buzz, Dona, Teresa and Michael Fay are at Ft Gordon as are John, Nancy, and Julie Fogarty and Joanne & Bill Reilly and their 3 sons. The Fays write of news from A-2: Mary Joan & Roy Gogel are in Chicago where Mr. Gogel is pursuing a law degree. Al & Janet Payne are in Okla City working for ITT. Pat & Jon Forest remain at Ft McClellan while Phyllis & Kevin Cogan are with the 32d SIG in Germany. We have spent some partying time with Bob & Nancy Fitzgerald. Along with little Gwen, they have settled into a cozy home in Columbia, SC, while Fitz works for Merrill, Lynch.

Back in the Inf capital, Joe Holcombe and Dave Sitler are Co. COs in the AIT bde. After his IOAC graduation, Jim Hickok decided to blackbird as an S4 in the same bde while waiting to enter the U. of WI in the summer. Eventually, he will end up at WP as will Bill Lennox. Bill, an artilleryman, finished 3d in his Inf adv crse. I am not sure if it was a punishment, but he is blackbirding as a basic crse tac before pursuing his graduate degree in Engl. I understand that Mike Maples is being schooled in CA en route to his tac officer assignment at WP. Jack Klevecz is at the U. of IN for a master's prior to returning to OPE. Terry Tighe, upon his graduation in Feb, went directly to USMA as the asst hockey coach. Gary Alexander decided to keep his flight pay and returned to an avn assignment at Ft Campbell. John Hamer is going to try Germany for awhile.

New arrivals in the Inf adv crse here include Don Hassin, Jack Chiles, Bob Kramer, Bill Diehl, Roy Hedtke (ADA), Terry Moss, Jim Ford, John Reed, and Tom Stone. Command must have treated Don Hassin well as his hair has mysteriously grown back in.

If the Army Times is correct (sometimes I wonder, as 6 months ago they separated me from the service), we have had quite a few honor grads from adv crses. The latest class at Belvoir had Steve Baber, Jim Conrad, Mike Richardson and Chuck Wilson. At Sill, it was Chris Shoemaker, Steve Barneby, Jack Ogren, John Pitts and Randy Smith. Congratulations to you all.

This has been a great quarter for news. There is even more from Homecoming that must wait for later. I will soon respond to those requesting addresses and information. Although I am moving around, please continue to send letters to the above permanent address. Have a jolly Founders Day!

# '72

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Whew! Made it just in time for this issue due to a time consuming (though not too difficult) job. Last issue hopefully set a precedent in terms of column quantity. Though certainly not the pacesetting Class yet, recent 72 Class notes have inspired more pen-to-paper activity throughout our throngs. Glad to see (literally) it! Makes the column a pleasure to write, but even more importantly, a greater pleasure for you readers. Thanks for the ever increasing support for a cause that actually belongs to you anyway.

Since this author likes to save the best for last, or something like that, I will get some of my own news out of the way. Yours truly will be leaving the Army fold in Jun and on to that home-grown civ life (emphasis on life). The good Lord has been exactly that in helping me to reach a decision. Beth still can't believe it, but will snap out of it on her first day back to work. This is all background for you to decide on another scribe, if you are so inclined. It's only fair, I think, for the Class to determine whether or not an "active duty" scribe would be in the best interest. I would like very much to continue, and will do so if there is no reaction to the above comments.

Now let's get on with the tales of '72ers everywhere. From Panama, Chris North makes his annual appearance in the column and, like last year, is staying away from CONUS as much as possible. Prior to going to the 3/7th SFG in the Canal Zone, Chris was with the 1/7th SFG, which included a trip to AK. While on leave last Aug, Chris saw Mel Kimsey and Joe Ivey at Ft Bragg. Chris sends an open invitation to anyone en route to Panama, so look him up at Ft Gulick if you pass that way. Also, Chris says to contact him if you are assigned there and he will give you the "straight poop" before you arrive. Bobby Curran finally came out of his low profile status in Germany, but not before he was married to Molly Pfeiffer last Apr in Trier, Germany. The wedding took place in the Dom Cathedral, the oldest Catholic church in Germany (built in 349 A.D.). Dave Hartman was best man, taking time out from his Nike Herc battery and job. Also in attendance were Bill & Jean Henry, Jim & Lynn Demar, Jim & Chris Gilly, Jay & Ilsa Augustenborg. Curran and Hartman both are

now at the Adv Cse at Ft Bliss, and the Gillys are at Ft Riley. The Currans managed to see a few folks on their way to Bliss, including a visit with Mike & Terri Donaghy at Ft Bragg. Further down the road, John & Rosemary Bonin housed the traveling Currans at Ft Benning. Upon arriving at Bliss, Curran ran into Bob Jeska, who was just completing the Adv Cse. Jeska then went to DLI, Monterey prior to joining a German msl unit. Curran's same adv Class included Marv Steinman, Mike Jackson, Ken Searcy, Dan Lally. Finally got a fix on Gary Mirzoian, after all these months, and wouldn't you know it, Mirz was tracked down en route to MI-MI St football game last fall. Alas, you have escaped us again Gary, but if you happen to read this, remember the high hard one? SWOOSH!

Got a letter from Mr. Inspiration, Tom Spears during the holidays past. (Glad you kept me on your mailing list, Tom). For those who haven't heard, he is now at U. of S. FL, Tampa, as a grad student in Sys Engr. Tom says the U. is well set up for wheelchair students and is convenient to everything he needs, including pro football and Cincinnati Reds training camp. Tom would like to hear from anybody and everybody. Address is: 2202 Westway Court, Apt 1032, Tampa, FL 33612. Rick & Debbie Redd write from Brooke AMC, Ft Sam Houston where Rick is doing his internship. He is training in internal medicine and seems to be enjoying it. With Rick spending so much time working, Deb keeps herself busy with the Interns' Wives Club and the BAMC Wives' Club, as well as some substitute teaching on occasion.

Ft Sill and the home of the Arty gets a good plug this time from Bob Strong. Bob is now Asst S3, 75th FA Group at Sill, after completing the FAOC 2-76. Also in Bob's class, Rick Kerin (Distinguished Grad), John Ranier, Doug Timmerberg (now assigned to Arty Sch), Tony Jacobs (Korea), Chuck Clements (Cdr, HHB, III Corps Arty), Tony Di-Rienzo, Bob Edwards (III Corps Arty), Steve Keehn, Rick Kinder, Jim Lefebvre (III Corps Arty), Jim Lyon (Z-10 FA, Ft Benning), Don MacMichael (III Corps Arty), Tom Pawlowski, Scott Rowen, Steve Tallman, Bill Welch (BC, III Corps Arty), Dave Pedersen, Howard Smith, Chick Warner, Bob Hanson, Ray Idzior, Bill Sterrett, Steve Grantham, and Scott Helgeson. Jim & Kathy Lyon had their 3d child during the course, daughter Natasha. Strong would like for everyone to be aware of Chuck Clement's skill on the video games (tennis, racquet ball, etc.) especially since Chuck is ranked No. 1 in the club. Thanks for the info, Bob, and I hope you have inspired your arty cohorts to become regular contributors to the Class notes. We need it.

Our Ft Stewart correspondent, George Higgins, finally found his pen and paper! Could it be you are still honeymooning, George? Here's what George and Marilyn (married last Apr) have to say. Chuck & Judy Blakeley (married last summer) are at Hunter Army Airfield where Chuck is flying helicopters with the 2d Sqdn, 9th Cav. Congrats (belated) to Chuck and Judy. With them at Hunter is Charlie Frost. Charlie has really moved around since he's been at Hunter. Assigned originally to 1st Ranger Bn, the promotion to CPT sent him to 1/35FA. Most recently Charlie has taken cmd of Btry B, 1/35 FA and obviously is glad to be back in the Arty and away from the Inf. Over at Ft Stewart proper with the Rangers are Bill & Paula McDaniel and Gary & Kathy Speer. The McDaniels now have 2 other



1972: L-R: The Dernars, Gillys, Hartmanns, Currans, Augustenborg, and Henrys.

family members, or will have soon anyway. Bill is S1, 1st Ranger Bn; Gary is S4 in the Bn. We don't envy that job, Gary. Sonny Burns is on the DPCA stoll at Stewart post. He and Validia and 2 daughters are doing well at last report. Also at Stewart are Mark & Susie Gay and year old Christopher. Mark is BC, 1/13 FA and, like Frost had a good dose of Inf for awhile.

Since Higgins provided this report from Stewart it's only fair to mention him. After his duties as ADC to CG, 24th Div, George spent some time with 2/19Inf. Last Dec he assumed command of Co 2, 3/19Inf. Seems all the '72ers at Stewart really enjoy it there and look forward to having anyone join them.

Rolly & Karen Dessert are expecting their 4th child in Jun. Rolly says the Mrs. has an amazing capacity for standing up under the demands the kids place on her. We never doubted that Karen would not be as young as on your wedding day, Rolly, but what about you? The Desserts pass on this info on classmates—Paul & Bonnie Burton are en route to the Canal Zone after AOAC. Paul hopes they at least have racketball courts down there. Brad & Lynn Holtz will return to Ft Rucker for an avn agsmt. Holtz' were there a few months ago and saw Ted & Mary Lynn Whitley, who are in the midst of a short tour right now. Other recent reassignments from AOAC include Steve & Cheryl Main (Ft Bliss), John & Lynn Moncure (Europe), Ken & Elaine Walker (Ft Bragg), Bobby & Marcia Wines (Homestead AFB), John Wheelock and George Wildrick will return to Korea. Others, whose assignments I don't have are Tom & Jennifer Sweeney, Ken & Kathy Rash, Ed & Lisa Koger, and Jim Ritter. Thanks for the info, Rolly. Should announce here that Rolly & Jim Wold have been doing some groundwork for the Reunion this fall. Rolly says Homecoming weekend is set for 21-23 Oct (Army-Lafayette football game) and that details will follow in the next 2 issues, allowing time for personal plans as well as organization of activities.

As ever, Bill & Betty Harlan sent their quarterly book on E-3 news, so let's bring you up to date. John McWilliams has applied for the JAG funded law sch program and the U. of MD. He still plans to hit the

Adv Crs next summer while the Army decides what he will study in grad sch. Jim, Rosemary and Jessica Barnes are still at Ft Eustis, for a while at least, while Jim finishes his master's. The Tom Hrivnaks are on the last leg of a short tour in Korea, while Bill Walsh and family have been at Ft Carson since his return from Korea last fall. Greg & Sharon Wong spent Xmas in HI. The Wongs are now at APG where Greg is a Bde S3 at the Ord Sch. After several moves within the past year, the Craig McKees will be settled for a while in Germany. This is after Craig's graduation from the Ord Adv Crs. The Reggie Sterns are still in Germany and by now may have added a 4th family member. Seems like Reggie has been with that Hawk Bn a long time. Some good detective work finally tracked down Ralph Cericola at Loyola (New Orleans) U. Law Sch, where Ralph is in his first year. Among his varied interests there was a Republican Party campaign job last fall and a chance to rub shoulders with Reagan, Rogers Morton, Earl Butz and others. Guess your party needed some help that wasn't there, huh, Ralph? The Bill Chamberlains and Chuck Colemans are still hanging on at Bragg, and the Harlans are quite busy at Duke U. Sounds like Bill has the easiest work—law studies. Betty works at the VA hospital during the day and at night gives racketball instruction! Bill has already learned a new camouflage technique for the ears and neck. Thanks for the update, Bill, and let us know when you are ready to handle your first case.

After a super-long tour in Germany, Stan & Sandy Graff have returned to home soil and are destined for Ft Ord. Stan is in the Ord Adv Crs as of this writing, after a branch transfer from ADA. Spencer, 3 years, is keeping papa Stan busy. Must be the luck of the dart throw that keeps you hanging around the combat arms, Stan. To close for this issue, we have the proverbial "laundry-list" of new/semi-new asgmts. Bruce & Leann Lavigne are at Ft Hood where Bruce is EOSO, 1st CAV. Congrats to the Lavignes on son Justin's arrival last Oct. Rick Jones is also at Hood and also an EOSO (2d AD). Perm party at Ft Benning are Steve Hicks, Dan Ostrowski, John Lynch (trying for Law Sch in the fall), John Bentley, Russ Bolling (starving for the local Rugby team), Pete Rich,

Bruce Barlow, Jeff Dufault, Paul Doppel, Roger Hershmann, Dave Lueneburg, Bill Martin, and Bruce Ritter (Maureen expecting in Jun). Ft Campbell has Dave Bradford, Jeff Spara, and Mick Hanratty. Joe Drach, Tom Innamorato, Karl Johnson, and Chet Phillips are getting settled in at Ft Bragg. New arrivals in Germany include Gary Dobija, Bobby Doyle, and Steve Sheppard, while Korea has Jeff Donald, Willy Snader, Rick Luczak, and Greg Lossius. Ft Dix is the new home of Ray Ritacco, John Siemer, John Simar, Tony Colby, Howie Kuschick, and Dan Hennebry. George Heyworth and Joe Wismann are now at Ft Lewis and Tom Pollard is in flight school. Charlie Zimmermann is at Ft Riley and Chuck Hiatt is at Ft Hood. The final note is a high one. Diehard Harry Stumpf was lost Dec to Brenda Cox in Hamilton, AL. Congrats, Harry and Brenda.

That's about all, so I'll sign off. Again, thanks for the support for your column.

# '73

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Greetings from beautiful Camp Humphreys, Korea! Happy New Year too! All is well in the land of winter kimchi and I hope that this new scribe's first installment spreads many good tidings!

Speaking of good news, in Nov I got a letter from the AOG bearing news that Tim Georgelas will soon be known as Dr. George-las. He was among the 32 selected from 1,712 applicants to attend the Sch of Med, Uniformed Svcs, U. of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Many congratulations! Classes started on 15 Nov and I know that Tim and Martha are happy to be back in the DC area. Tim's parents live in McLean (where he and I went to HS) and Martha's home is in Arlington.

All is well at Ft Bragg too, according to Rick Rodrigues. Rick finally left his job as Asst S1, 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div to become XO, B/1/508 Inf. Although he and Lisa are well established in their luxury 3 Colonies condo, they're looking forward to IOAC as a much needed/deserved change of scenery. In the meantime, Rick is working toward a MBA through the U. of UT. Lisa, in addition to working as a GS-4 on post, is helping to manage the family investment portfolio. Little Julie is getting bigger all the time too. Rick reported that Chuck Sargent is now commanding HHC/2/325 Inf and Dana Keeney is in the 96 CA Bn. Incidentally, Dana used to head the 82d Abn Div "All-American" chorus, played bass fiddle in the chorus jug band, and is active in the Fayetteville barbershop singers assn.

Offering a report from Ft Benning was Chris Mortensen. Mortey is still a swinging bachelor in cosmopolitan Columbus and trucks to rugby games in his gleaming Datsun 280-Z. Such a deal. That gung-ho troop finished pathfinder sch in Apr 76 and has been S1, 2/10 FA since Oct. With him in the 2/10 FA are Steve Church, XO, B Btry, and Bob McCullough, FDO. Also at Benning in the 197th Inf Bde (Sept) are Jerry Miller, S1, 2/69 Arm, Barney Oakes, Bde Legal Officer, Donnie O'Donnell, XO, A Trp, 1/15 Cav, and Pete Baldwin, Bde Asst S5 and Community Rel.

I know there's a bunch of '73 grads here in Korea, but it's hard to find them from this

rear echelon. I did run into Jeff Cartwright though, in the Humphreys PX arcade. Jeff recently got here from Ft Stewart and is now the XO, A/1/44 ADA. Over lunch on 9 Dec I heard a veritable wealth of news. Back at Stewart, Bob Portante, Bucky Garrison, and Mike Anderson are maintaining a sense of humor in the Rgr Bn. And here with Jeff in the 1/44 are Steve Gerhardt, Fire PL, and Bart Clare, Cdr, HHB. In the 2/44 ADA, Tom Trettin is working as the Bn Fire Control Officer along with Doug Warren. Keeping us safe down South is Ben Scott who's commanding a chaparral btry in the 2/61 ADA. The only other '73 grad who is actually here at Humphreys is Bill Chancellor. He's flying hueys for the 3d Avn Det, 19th Avn Bn.

Switching to the other side of the world—a recent letter from Bill Quinn reported that Don Ponikvar is now S4, 3/12 Cav and that Charlie & Ann Bonner are at Weisbaden with Bde 76. Charlie's a Bn SO.

A cheerful card from Paul & Kathy Peterson announced the birth of Kari Beth—born 26 Sept 76, 8 lbs 4 oz. Fantastic! Paul is in K/3/11 ACR and notes that he had the pleasure of visiting John & Teri Holly in Augsburg a few months ago. John is the sq maint officer of 3/2 ACR and a proud father of 2-year-old Kim. In their travels, Paul and Kathy also had a chance to visit Lanny & Sally Smith in Nurnberg where Lanny is S2, 3/17 FA. Holding the fort with the Petersons are Norm & Terri Hoerer. Norm is now XO, I Trp, 3/2 ACR.

Reading "The Eighth Hog Newsletter" (a notorious H-4 publication) sent by Ron Petricka was an unexpected Xmas surprise just packed with humor and assorted hot poop. Accordingly, Bill ("Strac Willie") and Sarah Pearce are looking forward to returning to Belvoir for the EOAC and proceeding to MIT for grad studies. It's with a heavy heart that I announce too that Chip Martz suffered a broken toe and is currently convalescing. Those Volksmarches will do it every time! All humor aside, I hope the injury is well healed by now. After 10 separate operations and 11 months in the hospital, I know what the breaks are, so to speak. Also in the news is Paul "General" Shaffer. Paul's anticipating a transfer to MI and recently purchased a new home in Fayetteville, NC. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you. His new address is 5809 Shenandoah Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Some of the hottest news in this installment is that Rick Poccia married Sybil Diana in Galena, IL, on 13 Nov. More congratulations! (Geeez... whatever happened to all those "resolute" bachelors in '73?)

From the DC area, Joe Fitzharris announces with great happiness that Debbie is pregnant and due to deliver in Jun. When he graduates from the GWU Med Sch in Jul he'll be proceeding to Tripler AMC in Honolulu for a family practice residency program. Off the cuff though, I think Joe's family practice will begin in Jun—in his residence! What do you think?

Finally, according to the infallible Army Times orders section, Dave Jamroz is due in Korea in Feb along with Frank Garabato (from 1/502 Inf, Ft Campbell). Going the other direction—to Frankfurt—are Marty O'Shaughnessy (from 2/7 Cav, Ft Hood) and Tom McKenzie (from Bragg). Be on the lookout to lend them a helping hand.

In the interim, if anyone gets a chance to dash off a note, I would love to hear from you.

Times are good. Very soon now we can

get rid of these stigmatic bars and put on RR tracks. Sure, being a 1LT isn't bad—but as a CPT you have that added edge of credibility—not to mention the commensurate raise. We've got a good year ahead of us.

# '74

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Spring at last, you say. Really enjoyed all the cards and letters I received this time. Everyone is in the writing mood at Xmas and I certainly benefit from the occasion.

Start off with some fall letters. Down at Ft Polk, Danny & Marie Deaver let me know about some missing classmates. Danny is XO of A/3/10 Inf, one of the newly activated units in 2d Bde, 5th Div. Gary Bishop is the Wpns PL in the same co. Steve & Linda Arn are doing fine and Steve is XO of B/3/10. Others on post are Tom Bennett (doing great in squash tournaments), David Shelden, Mike Williamson, Tracy Strickland, Mike Crocker, Fuzzy & Kimberly Webster. Danny's been keeping close contact with Ft Hood types such as Lonnie & Mary Nesrsta, Bob Landseadel, and Bob Visnovsky, both still single. Danny adds that Ft Polk has a massive building program ongoing and the old structures are coming down. A paradise at last, eh?

And at Ft Riley Frank Roberts is on his way, probably gone, to Germany (Wiesbaden) with 3/28 Inf on a major PCS move establishing the 4th Div Fwd. Rick Phillips and Denny Bilter both are comp XO's in the same unit. Frank went to the Mort PL course at Ft Ben last Aug with Ted Davis and Dan French. Ted is staying at Carson and Dan went to Pathfinder Sch before rtning to the 4.2" plt in 3/47 Inf, Ft Lewis. Frank has the 4.2" plt in 3/28. Have fun in Germany.

Another note on Riley from Bob & Barbara Kocher. Bob Jr. arrived in Nov 75, already 1½ yrs old. Bob has been PL and XO of A/1/63 Arm. Randy Hughes is there too with 2/63 Arm and Tony Messina is with 3/28 Inf which left for Germany. Jim Kelley left Riley for Ft Leavenworth to be a GEN's aide. Thanks Bob and sorry I've got no word on Hy Rothstein.

Everytime I hear from Dave McCracken (Bragg), I hook up and shuffle on out... Dave has been Set PL, and HHC XO of 1/508 AIR, left for SFOC at Ft Bragg until Apr 77, then to DLI for Spanish and on to 3/7 SF, Pan CZ. R.C. Anderson is doing similar. He's been AT PL for 2/505 AIR and goes to SFOC with Dave, then on to the 10th SF, Bad Tolz, Germany. After finishing SFOC, Charles Letcher should be at 10th SF, Ft Devens by now. Steve Rybczynski is still 81 mm PL in C/1/508 AIR



1974: Graduation Ft Rucker: Pierce '73, Ritt '73, Clifford and Sinclair.



1974: Charlie Gleichenhaus (—) and —

and was best in his bde in 76 with good scores. Steve Hughes is A/S-1 in 4/68 Arm and was due to be a daddy early in 77. Bill Mather is 4.2" PL in 2/505 AIR and recently was married to Linda Harrell (previous homecoming queen candidate at sch). Chuck Herrick is Set PL for 1/504 AIR as is Bob Neelson in 1/325 AIR. James O'Rourke is A/S-4 in the 50th Sig Bn of the 35th Sig Gp at Bragg. Dave adds that Bernie Crosby is in med sch in Dallas, TX (Southeastern U). Also Jim Stratton is with 1/75 Rgrs at Ft Stewart.

Heard a great deal on our aviator classmates. Ollie Hunter and Chris Sinclair reported on 23 classmates. Here goes: Chris Sinclair is Cobra/TOW trained and, along with Mary Pat, will be with AHT, 2d ACR, Nürnberg and probably flying border duty. Rich Clifford is now TC, Cobra trained (dist grad in instruments), and attended AAMOC at Ft Eustis before heading for CSC, 2d ACR, Nürnberg, around Mar 77. Rick Vincent is Cobra/TOW and is now at Ansbach, Germany with wife and baby. I know they have names but the mailman forgot to tell me. Champe Miller, Bill Hastie, Blaine Hyten (dist grad), and Fred Stellar are all Cobra/TOW and Germany bound. Denny Patrick is Cobra/TOW to Ft Lewis, Paul Miller at White Sands, NM, in msl recovery, Larry Milam to AK, John Mainwaring is Cobra/TOW to Korea, Paul O'Sullivan to Benning, Mike Rogers headed for Korea, Frank Taylor to Ord, Carl Arunski, Jim Vestermark, Mike Rusho, John Porter, and Roger Astin all to Campbell; Jim Wright to Lewis, Jim Loy (now a daddy) and Jeff Smith to Germany. Ollie even tells me a little more: Jack Pattison has been the dpty CG's aide at Ben and, with a little prodding from Mike Kirby, is headed for Korea this spring. Also Don & Sherry Jenkins are at Campbell with old Wolfman doing a little DJ on the side. Neil Krugar finished MIOBC and is now back at Polk, and Russ Wolfe has been to Australia on an exchange. Almost forgot Ollie: he met Dianne at Polk, married and by now is Cobra/TOW trained and headed for the 11th ACR, Fulda, Germany by Mar 77. He also br trans to Arm (Inf's loss). Read closely now, Ollie quotes, "Those of us here at Rucker miss the rest of the gang of

the 74th Atk Hel Sqd at Ft Wolters during Cow summer." Hope they get the drift...

Let's auto-rotate down to Ft Lewis a bit. Anne Oliver writes that George is now Spt PL for 2/75 Rgrs and the unit has been up to AK recently. Anne's busy with teaching in Army and AF programs. Jeff Karhohs has a 77 'Vet (!) and Craig Robinson is around. Anne heard from Norm Andersson in Germany, where he likes the asgmt. Also Pat Schado, Germany, is a GEN's aide.

Speaking of Germany, George Gay has some news from Bamberg, 1st AD stomping grounds. He's the S4 in 3/35 Arm and his wife is a Red Cross secy. Rich Rowe is the Set PL in the same and his wife Linda is substitute teaching. Dave & Debey Siegel are there, he's XO of 1/54 Inf. Also in 1/54 is Jim Hogan. Glen Wilkinson left the 1/52 Inf and is now head of the TMP. Mark & Mary Beth Jensen are in the 2/78 FA, she's teaching at the Ed Cen. FA types there are the Gary Rodvelts, Tom Froneberger, and Gordon Lester. Jerry Mohr is with 82d Engr. Tom Reidy and Bob Duncan are in the Cav there, Tom an XO in 2/2 Cav. George has met various ones at Grafenwohr to include: Steve Smith (S4 for 78th Engr). Pat Potter (XO, H Trp, 2/11 Cav), and Mark Russell (1/13 Arm at Illesheim). Thanks George, back in the world appreciates.

Chuck Kuklenski was in Germany on Bde 75 with 2d AD and worked in some good traveling. Pete Zeigler, S2 for 3/67 Arm, was at Graf, Chuck at Hohonfels. Chuck ran into Dave Sauer, Doug Darling, and Dan Duesler in his work. Jean & Eric Vonderscheer (CSC, 1/15 Inf, Germany) were blessed with Andrea Mary on 20 Sept 76. Send me a cigar.

Xmas card time. Bob & Ruth Mixon are still with 3/11 Cav where Bob spends most of his time in the mtr pool as XO of L Trp. Bob and I agree that 79 and our first class reunion will be here sooner than you think. Therefore we'd like to open up for ideas and suggestions along these lines. The reunion will most likely be at the Homecoming game and a check of the '70 and '71 classes shows approx 175-200 classmates were in attendance. So get psyched!

Bill & Ann Higgs reported in from Ft Hood. Bill is XO of HHC, 8th Inf there. They pass on that Lonnie Nestrta is now in the same unit. Also John & Rhoda Koehler have a baby girl now. John McCoy in AK was married last summer to Laraine, now expecting this summer. Ted Krawczyk has been XO of E Co, attends SF tng this spring and then on to Germany.

Charlie Gleichenhaus (-) barely made the presses with an Xmas letter. From his picture, he's obviously involved in some serious work, but he found the time to cover a lot of classmates. He's in CSC of 6/31 Inf as Sct PL (Rat Patrol). Todd Troxell and Steve Stevenson are in A Co, Steve the XO and Todd missing some skiing last winter, it's called a "no snow." Todd is sharing a house with Bill Reinhart. Bill Kenny (B Co) and his wife (1LT nurse type) are living on the beach, in a house of course. Frank Sablan is a PL in C Co, and Geary Bauman left Ord in Jan for flt sch but had taken a large no. of trophies in post sports activities. Sean Murray is an XO of CSC, 2/32 Inf, but is headed for flt sch. Johnny Walker is in A/2/17 Inf. Russ Quimby is in QM now and working the sup div at Ord. Marty Giandoni is with the G2 shop but doing a 6-mo TDY recruiting spree for USMA. Sooo, you want to be a cadet. Harry



1974: Ollie and Diane Hunter.

Williams (TC) is in the S&T still. SP4 Pete Jackson's running the post gym but getting "short" and headed for an asst BB coaching job. Other news is that Chuck Alexander (Mr) has a master's in Nuc Engr and working in the Knoxville, TN area and still single. Sig Kirchner was married to a T-10? Oh, to another jumper way last Nov 75. He's an LNO of 443 Inf in AK. Lou Vozzo (Lewis) is XO of CSC, 3/39 Inf. Charlie heard from Mike Headly (Bragg) recently. Mike's in Ord now and running a Fwd Supt Co. He says Jim Inskeep (FA) has been to Bragg and on to Korea on a TDY Nike Prog. Vic Roeske is doing fine and the Rick Pates recently had a new baby. Bruce Palmatier is now the S4 of 319 FA and Rick Morton is his A/S-4. Pat Thomas has a boy, Pat Jr. Thanks Charlie.

Bill Hopkinson writes from Loyola U. Med Sch where he's been since grad and is glad to say this Jun he'll be finished. Our first O-3?! Also he plans to marry in Jun to Debby who is a nurse. After that he'll be an intern in surgery at Fitzsimons AH, Denver. His "Wildhogs" flag-ftball tm was tops at the Med Cen. Bill notes that John Schaefer is at law sch at U. of Mami, FL, rooming with his brother (circa 75) in med sch there.

Rick & Lisa Schwamb dropped a note. He's a mgr for Xerox's Cheshire Div at Seattle and Lisa is a secy for a lobbyist gp. Besides they have a 26' sailboat and into the charter business.

From here this article gets extraneous. Here in HI, Kingsley Fink coached and QBed the DISCOM team to the 8-man tackle ftball island championship (3 services). Jim Doyle spent an exchange with the Japanese forces. Mike & Gloria Reopel have a son, Joseph, as of fall 76 and Clint & Lynn Blunier had Clint III. Also Mike Detore is an Inf Bn S2 at Carson, Tom & Lynn Wills were blessed with Jennifer in fall 76, they're in Germany; Joe & JoAnn Murphy are at Benning with a new boy, Joseph V. Mike Helford is a GEN's aide in the 8th Inf Div, Germany. Ed Fox was married last year. The Rich Neskes have a boy in Germany. Jeff Sachau, Terry Callahan, Ron Miller, and Jim Martin are all in Korea on a short tour. Gary Miller is a GEN's aide at Ft Sill. Dave Burget is in Korea as are ADA types John Blanco, Hal Hedberg, and Paul

Millner. Jim Mitcham was an hon grad in his Rgr class last fall at Benning.

Here's a good summary of AF classmates. I hope it's current. Jim Chafin is in 20th Bb Sqd, Carswell AFB, Ralph Bower flying F-4's in Germany, Doug Cathcart has a MMgmt and is at Andrews AFB, Terry Barton in 314 TA Wg at Little Rock, Adrian Conley in 463 TA Wg at Dyess AFB, Doug Crewse is with OSI, Carswell; Mark Lennon with 56 TF Wg at MacDill AFB, FL, Dan Hulsey is with 97 FT Sq, Williams AFB, AZ; Will Fletcher at 35 TF Wg, George AFB, Mike McConnell with OSI, Langley AFB, Dave Lambert and Mike Weidner both at Data SvCtr, Pentagon, Ted Martin at AFFTC, Edwards AFB, CA; Charlie Westenhoff in Air Tfc Ctl, Yakota AB, Japan; Vayl Oxford with AFAC, Eglin, FL, Adrian Robbe has his MSME at CASt and is at 6555 Aero T Gp, Patrick AFB; Skip Scott with 8th MA Sq, McChord AFB, WA. Don Borje (MC) is now at MCAS, Cherry Pt after finishing flt sch. Bill Allinder is at Columbia Law Sch, Perry Falk at Purdue, and Reggie Coats (civ) at AZ St. Dave Mitchell (Navy) recently was at UDT, San Diego. Jim Mitchell (SC) got his MSEE at Purdue. There's a lot more relatively current info in the REGISTER—check it out.

Until next time, keep those cameras clicking and enjoy the Founders Day in your area. My deadline is the last week of Mar.

'75

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Hi, I've got so much info I almost don't know where to start. Turning to the cold North, George Clark wrote from AK. He's been chasing moose, catching salmon, and playing hockey. Being ADA he works that wonderful schedule of 24 on, 48 off. Tom Noreen is playing in an Anchorage band and beating Bob Busick's dog for messing up their BOQ at the same time. Keith & Kathy Sims have a new baby while Tom & Leigh Ayers are busy enjoying the North Country. George reported that Bittner, Schaeffer and Gillig were tearing up Bliss last year before heading for assignments.

Korea finds everyone back in the States by now, but George Cherolis sent a Xmas card to proclaim that he's alive and headed for Ord in Mar. His Btry placed 1st in 2d Div Arty competition. Neal Begley emergency derosed to the States due to illness in his family. Mike Wimmer wrote that he's going to Bragg for SF then straight to Monterey for Spanish and the Canal Zone for an assignment. Pete Guth started grad sch in geology at MIT in Jan while Jay Dodd's headed for the 1st Rgr Bn. Dan Fey and Inf Br have been waging war over him going to the Old Guard. He even took leave from Korea to make a personal visit to Branch to evade that assignment. Haven't heard the outcome yet.

HI found Roger Kaplan and the boys traveling around the world. In Jun, Roger, Bill Whitesel and John Gilbert were in New Zealand for training. While Australia saw Jerry Hill and Wayne Chalupa for 30 days in a major exercise in her NE corner. John Hug as Redeye Sct Ldr in the 3/13 FA went to Japan for 2 wks on some sort of exch. Bob Boyko is the Sct Plt Ldr for the 1/14 Inf. Lew Kovar is recently married and working with the 1/27 Inf. Tom Warren was Survey Officer for 3/13 FA but moved to FO just in time to spend months in the

field with maneuver units. Good training though we all know these boys spend all the time on the beach when not on volcanoes.

Chris & Joanie Gaston wrote from Davis-Monthan AFB in AZ where he's with Rich & Mary Baldwin as Dpty Cdr of an Alt Cmd Post msl site. Joanie's a LT AF nurse. Dave Bently has the job of teaching new LT's about msls. Sounds dangerous. Tom Helms and Dave Digiacinto graduated from UPT at Williams AFB. Tom's flying KC-135's at McConnell AFB. Bill Ivy is in HI; close friends with Chris' sister Debby. Something might happen if he can figure out how to climb out of a can of Bud.

Moving Eastward, Ord and Lewis were empty of news but Carson sends a lot. Paul Bonney wrote to pass along that his brother Dan (Lewis) and Bob Caslen are getting married in May. Aleric, Layton Cain's huge white shepherd, is destroying BOQ's and leaving contaminated areas over furniture, floors, halls and stairs.

Jim Jarvis sent a big letter. The 1/11 Inf had Tom Wallace, Harry Pontious, Art Haral, Pat O'Connor and Larry Murphy. Murph went to Weisbaden with the 2/22 on a PCS move along with Mr. Williams, Fred Abt and Paul Martin. Paul's ADA, Fred's got an AT plt. MR's up to something! Tom Wallace has a sct plt while Harry is an XO along with Art. Pat & Jim are Wpns Plt Ldrs with Jim just back from Knox (Maint) and Benning (Mortars) in late Jan.

Others include Bob Dunn, just back from Bde 76 (4 Engrs) with Ray Menard. Dan Krueger, 52 Engrs, hits every "all you can eat" special with the rest of the bachelors while Brian Fitzpatrick is working himself crazy with the 4th Engrs. Dave & Judy Clark are looking for a new member of their family while Mike & Liz Weinstein have their 2d as of Feb. The skiers report Carson's great!

Eric Diener wrote from Leonard Wood where he and Debbie celebrated Stephen's birth back in Oct. Debbie was known to us WP hospital vets as LT Stambaugh back in 75. Others down there include Rich Darar, Gary Melton, Nick Kolar, Joe Barget and Bob Strom.

Riley finds Barb Cailteux writing with Kerry receiving a CM in Oct for his work last summer with ROTC summer camp. Bill and Donna Wittman are with the 1/63 Arm and Steve & Diane Benkufski find Steve as SC attached to Div Arty.

Drummond Taylor writes from Jackson where he is the CO of C Co., USA Reception Sta. His old D Co. took Honor Co., 5 of 6 cycles when he was there. He and Rosalind were married back in May with Dave Milton as best man.

Chuck Rodriguez wrote from Campbell he's the SO for the 1/327 Inf; he was over here for Reforger. He and Cappy were wed in Jul but she's post locator at Ft Eustis and they haven't been able to get transferred to Campbell yet. Forest & Maureen Crain sent greetings. The 101st invaded Europe with Greg Howard, Keith Lochard, Mike Pinkney, Jim McIntyre, Joe Koch, Bob Jackson, Bruce Hulsart, Norm Walker, Bruce Bachus, Dale Nunaley, Jim Slavin, Spider Marks and Forest for Reforger. Forest did more drinking than Reforgerring. Ben Freakley somehow managed to stay back at Campbell. Maureen reports Ken & Carol George were married back in Aug and Ben & Sue Freakley were wed in Jul. The Walkers have a new baby whereas Austin Omlie's having an affair with tanks at Bliss cuz girls ignore him.

Sue & Leo Flor wrote from Hood where he builds MAB's. She's expecting a "little engr" in Apr. Pat & Sherry Owens are with 2d AD along with Tim Kish and Carl Aoki. Joe & Jeana Scalo live at Huachuca, but Joe travels a lot on TDY. They're expecting in Mar.

John Beeman's at Belvoir with the 11th Engrs and enjoys DC night life. If he does, who knows what Don Gagliano does nights over there? Eph & Sue Martin are at Gordon both busy working. Jake & Joanne Wooley (married May 76) are down at Benning.

Wes Hayes wrote from Bragg. Now that he's married, Schaeffer and I are the only bachelor officers left and we ask your continued support. Steve Hetz was DHG from Air Movement Ops Sch. Rich Langhorst spent 4 wks in AK while John McFarland is in SF sch. John Lane and Bob Smith have AT plts and John's getting married in Jun. Ed Borman's getting married in Mar and Greg Holder was married in Oct. The Ghents and Haiths have recently enlarged families. Jack Kilian gave up a week's leave for his Bn ARTEP. Wes was at IMPOC at Benning with Mike Snyder, Pat O'Connor, Bob Berlin and Glenn McDermitt. Glenn has DHG for the class. Chick Leal has bought a home for himself at Bragg somewhere. Bill Lloyd was selected as a charter member of the Uniformed Svs U. of Health Sci. He traveled the States for 5 wks and then started med sch classes on 15 Nov. Congrats, Bill.

Dan Monken's mom sent me a lot of info on that elusive St. Louis bunch. Jim & Nancy Abcouwer are at Benning with little Jason. Jim's a Combat Hvy Engr Plt Ldr. He testified in Jun before the Senate Sub-Cmte on the honor situation. Neil Ahle is at Hanau with the 23d Engrs. He's working on his MSBA in his spare time and managed to wreck his Capri. Ken Canny is in Wiesbaden, PCS move from Carson. He was living in the American Arms in downtown Wiesbaden enjoying the food, especially schnitzel. The beer speaks for itself. Sue & Mark Hertling are in Schweinfurt with the 2/64th AR, he's got the sct plt. Sue is teaching at the Conn Nursery Sch. Randy Rapp was moved from Baumholder to Darmstadt where he's working on constr. One of his men backed a bulldozer over his car—must be fun being an engr. Dave & Carol Sykora are in Kitzingen with the 1/15th Inf. He and Carol were wed in Oct and enjoy living off the economy. Mike & Joanne Snyder are at Hood and added David on 18 May 76. Mike's with 57th Signal. Bob Enzenaur is still studying hard at U. of MO Med Sch.

The news from in and around Germany finds Dan & Justine Monker with me in Baumholder. Those 2 are still "Rabble Rousers." She's coaching high school cheerleaders and has moved up in the secy's world to GEN Brophy's secy at post. Dan's terrorizing the housing areas on his cycle because he keeps falling off. Steve Bellene wrote from Wildflicker where he's TDY from Nov-May with 2/12th Cav. Sue's back in the States working in TX as a nurse. Al Brown is an AT Plt Ldr but they both agree it's quite a change from their "home base" Hood.

Chuck Baker wrote that he enjoyed umpiring the 101st during Reforger especially Bruce Bachus. Greg Ellison, Chuck Lee and John Davis have returned home from "Bde 76"; hope they enjoyed Germany. In Gelnhausen are Dave Blackledge, Tom Corbett, Rick Mazzoli, Doug & Carolyn Frazier, Gary & Kathy Combs, Rich Aslanian and Chuck. "One big happy family." John Fiedler is playing hockey with a German team while

Tom Douglas and Chuck work out with a German rugby team.

Bill & Pat Venema wrote from "the Rock" at Bindlach. Doug Lute is with him in the 1/2 ACR. Carl Johnson is in Bamberg with the 1/54 Inf, with Matt Richardson in 2 ACR.

Graf back in Nov found a big reunion. I was working with 1/2 FA as their Inf support for ARTEP especially John Deacon's btry. Vern Bice was seen as I passed through his tank range. He and Vickie are expecting soon. Reinhart Ratz and Mike Cannon were there for tank gunnery with the 11th ACR. Tupper Hillard was found in the club partying with his 2/39 FA. He's now their Bn Motor Officer. He and Eva are up in Schweinfurt with his brother (firstie Engl P) and Mike Kirby, Charlie Hammond. The 1/6 Inf has Pete Kinney and Vince Guiazdowski. They were out firing TOW's when I stumbled across them. Vilsech at this time had Deacon, Don Brown, Doyle Weishar, Rich Gourley, Steve Wallace, Mike Hart and Mark Oetken together for Log 69, Special Wpns or NBC. News generated found Rich & Mary Kline in Crailsheim with the 1/51 Inf and expecting a baby along with Rich & Sally Conniff. Iwanni & Pat Keehu had a baby girl, Kriste, on the 4th of Jul. Happy Independence Day! Howie Barton and Bob Herron out in HI sunk their boat and had to be rescued by the Coast Guard. Serves them right for having it so good. Late Nov found me in Fulda, where I ran into Greg Tharp and Fred Abt; we all were sleeping in the BOQ attic with Reinhart Ratz in qtrs just below us. Dave Washechek was staying in the next BOQ.

Navy party in Baumholder found people all over with Bubs Florie, Dan & Justine Monken, Steve & Suzie Wallace, Dean & Mary Morningstar, Tom & Diane Fix, Charlie Haddon, Bob Altman, Denny Manganiello, Bernie Farmer, Jack Gulden and Vic & Faith Bero. Doug Blankenship was found to be in Berlin. Schaffensburg has Doug Stickley and Lloyd Austin in the 1/7th. Bob McConnell is with the 3/68 Arm in Mannheim with Doug Brown. Cody Scace is with 5/68 Arm running around Baumholder in Jan. Dorian Anderson is still wrestling; he took the Baumholder Invl in Dec over Mike Tixier ('74). Lastly I can't conclude without mentioning Tom Fix. "Fixer" has been out of it for months but for him to get married on his lunch hour! You've got your hands full, Diane.

Keep the letters coming. If I missed anyone, I'm sorry—especially you, John Garland, floating with an FA unit in Baumholder.

# '76

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Before we start with current news, congratulations are due to '76 for repopulating the Super Dome in New Orleans for the Army-Tulane game. Although Army lost, the turnout (must have been over 200) goes to show that the word "spirit" deserves to be in our Class motto.

Distinguished grads of a number of courses are in. Dusty Huscher in Engrs, Tom Landwermeyer in Arm and Dave Heeken in AD. Honor grads in ADA were Jerry Sullivan, Mike Kazmierski, and Scott Myers.

J.C. Brown and company inform me that about 80 out of his IOBC class are staying for Ranger. Apparently George Greenlee had the dubious honor of being the first man to drop for 20 in his greens. 40 members of the Experimental IOBC class won EIB's.



1976: Would you trust these men with your daughter?

Bill Walsh won the Physical Fitness award.

Bruce Hoelsher sends perhaps the most interesting news: Leon and Karen Begeman got married 5 Jun and Karen's expecting.

Looks like they'll be the first in the Class. Stan Drawl is engaged to a LT he met at Sig Sch and Kevin Olson is getting married on May 19th.

Bob McClure sent the Ranger haircut picture. He says it took a case of beer to get all of it cut. Jim Donovan married Karen Pederson right before Xmas. Greg Mallon is apparently going AG 'cause of his knees.

Got a note from Wayne Crafton's folks. They say he's enjoying himself with the 2d Med Bn at Camp Stanley, Korea.

John McDaniel sent news from EOBC. Ed McCarthy met and got engaged to a nurse at Walter Reed. Mark Elgaway just got married at Belvoir. Grey Schmitz graduated #1 in the course. Apparently a bunch of the Engineers were told they'd be sent to Ranger first and then Airborne. They all shaved their heads and then were told that their courses had been switched when they arrived at Benning.



1976: ADA Halloween Party

Finally, Bob Lynch was the first to inform me that he was outside CONUS along with Paul Goldich in the 26th Sig Bn in Heilbronn, Germany.

Thanks for the letters—keep them coming.

## Down the Field

(Continued from page 41)

second to the USMC Orienteering Team from Quantico, Virginia. The cadet team placed third on the men's red course, led by an individual second place finish from O'Shaughnessy '78. On the women's red course, Sue Baker '80 outran the United States women's champion to win first place. Beach, '80 placed third on the junior men's Orange course.

The Army Cycling Team wrapped up this fall season with a trip to Annapolis November 21 to compete in the Annual Annapolis Street Classic. It was the first opportunity for the spinning wheels of the Army Cycling Team to meet the riders for the Midshipmen. With five riders working in a team effort, the black and

gold of Army finished well above other teams entered in the challenging 15-mile event. Sullivan '78 led the Army team with a strong third place finish, losing only by a few feet in the final sprint. Team Captain Watkins '77, who had some difficulty early in the race, came through with a strong push at the end and finished in 6th place.

In occasional ankle-deep water, pouring rain and chilling cold, the U.S. Corps of Cadets set a new world record in the 200-Man and Woman, 200-Mile Marathon on a November weekend at West Point. The first of 197 men and three women cadets began this mile run at 6 p.m. Saturday. A scant 18 hours, three minutes and 48 seconds later the last cadet crossed the finish line, diminishing by more than three hours, the previous world record, set by the Marine Corps at Quantico, Vir-

ginia last spring. The 200 runners represented all four classes and 36 companies in the Corps of Cadets. They ran the 200 miles in an average time of 5:24. Stavish '78 completed the fastest mile of the event, dashing the four laps in 4:23. The Corps plans to try entering their feat in the Guinness Book of World Records. And the Naval and Air Force Academies should not be surprised to receive a written challenge in the near future.

### Late Scores:

Hockey: 26 Jan 77—Army 6, North Adams State 4

28 Jan 77—Air Force 6, Army 3

29 Jan 77—Air Force 6, Army 2

Gymnastics: 25 Jan 77—Army 192.3, Lowell 162.6

Basketball: 29 Jan 77—Army 68, Air Force 49.

# 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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## John Hutchison Hester

NO. 4715 CLASS OF 1908

Died 11 February 1976 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 89 years.

Interment: Arlington Cemetery  
Sandy Springs, Georgia



JOHN HUTCHISON HESTER

JOHN HUTCHISON HESTER was born in Albany, Georgia, on 11 September 1886. He attended the University of Georgia in 1903 and 1904, then was appointed to the United States Military Academy where he graduated in 1908. The Army benevolently sent him back to Georgia as a new infantry second lieutenant at Fort McPherson. He was stationed there until 1913, and it was during this time that he met and married the girl who was to share the entire remainder of his life—his beloved Leila Richardson of Atlanta.

John Hester's first field experience came on the Punitive Expedition in Mexico in 1916, and in 1918 he was assigned to duty with the General Staff in Washington, D.C.

Schooling followed rapidly—The Infantry School, Fort Leavenworth Staff College, and the Army War College. In 1940 he received his promotion to brigadier general while again a member of the War Department General Staff (G3), and he became the Executive for Reserve and Reserve Officers Training Corps Affairs.

His World War II combat record built up rapidly from the time he took command of the 43d Infantry Division in October 1941. He soon received his second star, and commanded the landings on Russell Islands and New Georgia Islands in 1943. These actions earned him the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. It was in the heat of action that ill health forced his withdrawal to a stateside command.

General Hester was retired for physical disability on 28 February 1946, and he and Leila began their own campaign through Florida and Georgia and Florida and back again, building or buying homes and trying them out for a while before moving on to the next objective. It is a true measure of the respect and affection of their many friends that whenever and wherever the Hesters came to a halt, there were friends old and new to greet them, share their interests, and wish them Godspeed on their next adventure.

Finally, as the years made the miles longer and the household goods heavier, they settled in Atlanta, always Leila and John to their friends and loved ones. He tried a few hobbies but the most notable one he had was a collection of photos and descriptions of—yes, the homes he and Leila had lived in during their sixty-six years together. I believe the collection went into its third volume. And during his retirement, as well as during his busy active duty life, he always found time for his wife and sons.

A brief anecdote here may shed more light on the man known as John Hester. Once, early in my own military career, I, his son, then an infantry officer, asked his advice about transferring to a technical branch. His steel grey eyes held me with gentle firmness as he said, "Son, the Infantry is the 'Queen of Battles.'" He didn't waste words.

The story of this man's life on earth ended in an Atlanta hospital on 11 February 1976, when Major General John Hutchison Hester died of complications from failing health. He is survived by his wife, Leila Richardson Hester, and his two sons, Henry and John Jr. No one who knew him will forget his solid dedication to his country, to the United States Military Academy, to the "Queen of Battles," and to his Leila.

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## William Edward Raab Covell

NO. 5313 CLASS OF 1915

Died 16 August 1975 at Fort Ord, California, aged 82 years.

Cremation

*"Such souls forever live  
In boundless measure of  
the love they give"*

ON 29 NOVEMBER 1892 a star was born, a star of brilliant luminescence which shone as a heavenly nova until the sinking of the sun 16 August 1975.

Billy, we called him. He was a Washington, D.C. boy, a product of her schools, a quiet, likeable fellow of smiling mien, the same unprepossessing type of youngster as several hundred other youths who were to become the nucleus of the Class of 1915. Billy was easy to know and we liked him. He was affable and kindly and self-possessed and seemed to have a rare gift, as a plebe, for reading his superior's mind even before that estimable gentleman knew it himself. This remark is entered merely to note a prevailing precocity which Billy possessed as the years passed, whether on the drill field or in the abysmal depths of the classrooms where he never lacked for a word or for the insouciance which lulled his instructors into the belief that he was infallible, though always smoothly tractable.

Billy had a brave and astringent mind, a magnetic personality, a warm projection of friendliness and an immeasurable instinct of worthiness resembling the stirring of a latent bud in the morning's sun. There was no illusory aspect to his character, no unhappy moralistic tradition. He was "all man," without trace of despair, but filled with an ebullient spirit. He had a soldier's heart and a soldier's will with the spontaneity of a soldier's happy word which visualized the day when wars will cease and hatred subside in the decadent inequity of man. He subscribed to the intimate law that life is an instrument

of Divine accomplishment; that success comes to no man unless he has abounding faith in the unity of humanity as a measure of life's true worth; and that the infinitism of life itself is the measure of eternal good. He looked for the good in all about him and, in the zest of sharing, found the highest expression of fellowship.

We knew him as a kindly man whose thoughts were steeped in science and intellectual pursuits, a man who could always stop to lend a hand to a friend or to explain, in layman language, any proposition abstruse to lesser minds which became understandable with his clarity of expression and explanation. There were many one-time plebes, once lost in the maze of math, and other unfathomables, who candidly ascribe their eventual graduation to the generous time and kindly guidance of Billy Covell. The star on his collar as the meritorious badge of a distinguished cadet was more than an award of academic attainment. He had a legitimate ambition to excel, not alone for himself, but for his fellows, maintaining that a small thing well done has its own quality of greatness and that man's greatest contribution to God's order of things is himself. He had no patience with the noisy inanities of little worlds, searching always for the qualities which elevated mind and spirit alike. He cast a singular spell of radiance about him, a blitheness of spirit which captivated and enthralled us all. It has often been said that his presence was like the glowing ebb of darkness which precedes the dawn.

As in so many great men, great soldiers included, Billy was a Godly man. As a mark of the gentility exuding within him, in the simple pleasure of a kindly deed, rhythmically equating mind and spirit with a capacity both to define and to lead—a sort of sophisticated symmetry which lent a singular quality to the man. He honored the nobility of human individuality as the basic concept of humanity's unit and looked on life as the saving spark between two worlds. His look was ever upward to the immensity of the untrammelled sky. He maintained that life was fragile but likewise precious—fragile because of its brevity, precious because of its potentiality. For, in his credo, he could not unqualifiedly affirm the infinite power of God without recognizing the potentiality of man as a consequence of God's love. He could discourse absorbingly on this theme,



WILLIAM EDWARD RAAB COVELL

ASSEMBLY

with the ease and fluency of a bright waterfall, in exotic and tumbling phrase.

Upon graduation Billy was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, an organization in which he was destined to render conspicuous service. He underwent the usual routine for second lieutenants, a sort of training period to apprise them of their duties and their proper orderly place in this best of all possible worlds. Billy was fortunate in his first assignment which took him to Hawaii. Paradise, however, is apt to be short-lived, and the outbreak of World War I found him with his regiment in the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Those of us who coveted overseas duty were envious of his assignment. Following a period of valuable educational experience with the Operations Section of the General Staff, First Army, he was assigned Commanding Officer, 2d Engineer Regiment, 2d Division, following which in natural sequence, he became the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, 2d Division; and at the age of 25, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, thus becoming the first and youngest member of his class to attain that rank. During this period he experienced active combat on the advance of American troops to the Rhine and, as Division Engineer, was responsible for a large and successful program.

Following his service in France, he served a brief period at The Engineer School preparatory to his assignment as District Engineer of the Buffalo District, Corps of Engineers. This factor is mentioned since it was the incubation period of a life of conspicuous service in various civil divisions of the Corps of Engineers, the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and as Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia. In the latter capacity, he devised and promulgated the famous "Engineer Plan" for the control of electric utilities in the District, a plan which brought to Washington one of the cheapest electrical rate schedules of any American city of that period.

A continued recital of Billy's accomplishments in his various assignments would be redundant since his official record speaks for itself and is beyond the scope of this inept scribe to justly define; suffice it to say that his work was always of outstanding quality and was interrupted only by his retirement from the service. Noteworthy, however, was his service as Engineer of Maintenance of the Panama Canal, and important flood control work throughout the United States. We should note in passing, however, that he graduated at the head of his class, and that, in addition to his graduation from the Army Engineer School, Billy was an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and an honor graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Following his graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was appointed a term member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1936 to 1941.

Following his retirement in 1940, Billy became associated with the Crossett Arkansas Companies, Crossett, Arkansas, as General Manager. His tenure in this position was short-lived as he was recalled to active duty as a colonel in the Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, followed by an assignment to the Office of the Under Secretary of War. His former experience in Panama, however, was the basis of a recall to that area as Division Engineer, Caribbean

Division, which included responsibility for lend-lease in the area. Finally, in 1943, he was assigned as commanding officer of the China, Burma, India Theatre with rank of major general, a position which he held until the conclusion of World War II.

On his return to civilian life Billy became associated as a partner of the engineering and construction firm of Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Hogan, and McDonald. He acted as representative of this firm in South America; and it is reported that by diligent application and study he became proficient in Spanish, his high standing in the course of Spanish which he underwent at West Point being possibly of basic assistance to him in this endeavor. In any case, his lingual proficiency and his work and competent experience in engineering and construction, as well as his professional supervisory and managerial experience gained in many areas of Army Command, played no little part in the unqualified success he made of his job. It was with profound regret that the inroads of age and physique dictated his final retirement to civilian life.

Billy's restless spirit was unwilling to accept a passive role and he thereafter devoted his energies to the successful promotion of many social and cultural pursuits, first in San Francisco and in his later home in Carmel, California. He enjoyed the confidence and love of a host of friends and his death brought a sense of sorrow to all those who loved him, those who knew and loved him for himself and those, commissioned and enlisted, who had been privileged to serve under his command. The competence and high performance of his duties, and the exceptional quality of his service, were recognized by the award of numerous medals and citations by his own and foreign governments. It is not our purpose to list these many awards as they are a matter of official record. We make exceptional note, however, to the two decorations in which he took the greatest pride: The United States Distinguished Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Medal of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

Billy belonged to the breed of doers. His life was steeped in tradition and his success was the mark of a clear gift of leadership. For he was a leader; not the crass, overbearing type, but one who led by precept and example, and by the inspiration of accomplishment. A dedicated individual, he took his leadership seriously—an apotheosis of belief which held that he, with others like him, had a job to do, an obligation to fulfill which visualized the security and welfare of his country, present and future. This was a compelling and repetitive thought during all the years of his active service and retirement, a vision beyond the reach of mere professional attainment which foresaw the restoration and preservation of his ideals of living: brotherhood, freedom, justice, truth, honor. In furtherance of these ideals he nourished an increasing love for his alma mater and for the precepts for which she stood, all that vast body of his predecessors who held sacred the maxim of "duty, honor, country," his most cherished creed.

In evanescent pattern of Billy's youth, there was a constant and immutable faith in himself, a belief that no meritorious goal was beyond the horizon of his dreams. As he matured, his thinking and analysis of troublesome problems were veritably a fortified and enlivened process of computerized intelligence. The facility and clarity of this thought

were manifest in a ready ease of speech characterized by fluent phrase, thematically woven with intricate skill, which crested consistently above the surf of language.

In conclusion it is cogent and appropriate to say that Billy was a genius who never lost the human touch, a master who never forfeited the rules of fellowship and fairplay, an outstanding and lovable character whose image will long live in our memory and in our hearts.

*"... the brightness of his being  
Shall ever endure as a monument  
of good."  
—J.E.H. '15*

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## Roscoe Barnett Woodruff

NO. 5368 CLASS OF 1915

Died 24 July 1975 in San Antonio,  
Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery,  
San Antonio, Texas

ROScoe BARNETT WOODRUFF, known affectionately by his comrades and friends by the nickname of either "Woody" or "Spike," was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on 9 February 1891, the only child of Rhoda Barnett Woodruff and Calvin Woodruff. He attended the public schools in Oskaloosa and subsequently was enrolled at the State University at Ames for his freshman year of college training. He applied and qualified for entrance into the United States Military Academy in 1911 as a member of what later was to be adjudged the distinguished Class of 1915. The choice of a military career was largely influenced by his father, "Cap" Woodruff, who had conspicuously served as a captain in the Infantry in the Federal Iowa militia from Oskaloosa during the Civil War. He also gained from his father the various skills of craftsmanship, the satisfaction of outdoor activities in nature's realm, competitive sportsmanship, marksmanship and a thorough indoctrination in the arts of fishing, hunting, canoeing and backpacking. All of these skills he retained and practiced throughout his lifetime.

With this background it is understandable that as a cadet he excelled in physical fitness challenges. He established a new record for the hammer throw and had the distinction of kicking the winning field goal in the Colgate-Army football game of 1913. He earned his coveted "A" in both football and the hammer throw. However, the capstone of his cadet career was selection as First Captain of the Corps in his First Class year. Based on his own desires, upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry together with his fellow classmates Omar Bradley and "Ike" Eisenhower and many more of the Class of 1915 destined to achieve distinction in their later years of military and public service.

After graduation Woody was posted along with several classmates to the Infantry, then positioned on the Texas-Mexican border, to counter the Mexican threats of the Pancho Villa regime. It was there that he met Alice Wallace Gray, daughter of Colonel Alonzo Gray, United States Military Academy Class of 1887, a hearty Cavalryman of the 14th Cavalry. Woody and Alice were married at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, Texas on 17 May 1917. Of this union there were two children, Roscoe B. Woodruff Jr. (United States Mil-



ROScoe BARNETT WOODRUFF

tary Academy Class of 1941) and Dorothy Woodruff Daniels, with nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Woody would often quip that in 58 years of married life with a "Cavalry girl" there were never any family arguments about the relative merits of the Cavalry and Infantry; although he was never completely comfortable in his required Academy equitation classes!

After the Mexican border difficulties, Woody as a young captain in the Infantry in command of Company "H," 9th Infantry, was among the first of his classmates to enter combat in World War II in the fall of 1917. This combat experience during 1917-18 served him in good stead in his later command and staff assignments during the final stages of the war and in the post-war operations.

During the fallow times between World War I and II, Woody's assignments followed the normal course of events of a Regular Army officer of the combat arms: staff, command, schooling, instructorships and overseas stationing in Panama in 1921-24. He was designated an honor graduate at the Command and General Staff College in 1927. As a result, following graduation he was detailed as an instructor at the College during 1927-1931. Other significant highlights in his career included duty as a Tactical Officer at the United States Military Academy during 1932-1936. It was during this tour he earned the nickname "Spike," awarded to him secretly by the cadets since Woody had been assigned the additional impossible duty as the official censor of the contents of the "Pointer!"

After attendance at the War College in 1931 and duty with the War Department General Staff during 1936-1940, the days immediately prior to World War II found Woody as a battalion commander and later the regimental commander of the distinguished 23d Infantry Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division; the same organization he had served in World War I. Subsequently, he was designated as the Assistant Division Commander of the newly activated 77th Infantry Division in early 1942 and later became the division commander. Other wartime assignments included command of VII Corps, the 84th Infantry Division, Army Garrison Force 248 in the Pacific area, and later commander of the 24th Infantry Division during the campaigns on Leyte, Luzon and Min-

danao in the Philippines. In the occupation of Japan from 1945 to 1948 he commanded I Corps of the Eighth United States Army. Upon return to the United States in 1948 he served as the Deputy Commander, First United States Army at Governors Island, New York, and briefly as the Army Commander. His last duty assignment was the Commanding General, XV Corps at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Alice and Woody retired from the Service in 1953 at Fort Polk after a total of 42 years in uniform and faithful service to his country. Actually, Alice topped Woody's record by several years with a rightful claim to "service" as an Army "brat" with her Cavalry father including an overseas tour in the Philippines as early as 1903.

As might be expected, Alice and Woody retired in San Antonio close by Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the area where so much of their respective lifetimes in the Service had been spent. In retirement Woody continued to pursue his hobbies of craftsmanship, active participation in physical fitness activities such as tennis, and without exception always maintaining his avid interest in the out-of-doors—hunting, fishing and marksmanship.

After retirement, within the family circle, when quizzed on the question of what he thought were his significant accomplishments in a lifetime of military service, he would reticently suggest the honor accorded him as selection as First Captain of the Corps; the recognition accorded him to command Infantry troops in every grade from second lieutenant to major general; the deep appreciation of being afforded the opportunity of serving as a tactical officer at the United States Military Academy for four years from 1932-1936 where he felt deeply his responsibility in contributing to moulding the character and development of literally hundreds of "his cadets" during their impressionable and formative years.

Woody has left us now... further depleting the thinning ranks of the distinguished Class of 1915. He will be remembered by literally thousands of service men and women whom he touched in his 42 years in uniform in his command assignments and staff associations... a stern but fair commander and let's not forget his ever sparkling sense of humor and imperturbability to adverse conditions when the going was rough. He was ever proud to be a commander and above all, an Infantryman!

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### Charles Samuel Ritchel

NO. 5417 CLASS OF 1915

Died 1 October 1975 in Louisville, Kentucky, aged 86 years.

Interment: Thorngrove Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee

CHARLES SAMUEL RITCHEL grew up in Centerville, Iowa, the fifth in a family of nine children, seven of whom were girls. He early met and overcame numerous hardships placed upon the family by an accident in which his father was injured severely.

The boyhood years were not without their lighter moments, many of which might well have provided Mark Twain with exploits rivaling those of Tom Sawyer.

His early training served him in good stead when he later had to obtain his ap-

pointment to West Point through a series of competitive examinations.

The family was a cohesive unit whose younger members were avid in their desire and thirst for learning and knowledge. Some of them became school teachers, and one later engaged in the profession of lecturing. Charles Ritchel himself taught school for a brief interval pending his entrance to the Academy.

Colonel Ritchel graduated from West Point in the Class of 1915. Among his classmates were President Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Omar N. Bradley.

After graduation he joined the 26th Infantry in the Brownsville, Texas, area, then engaged against Mexican revolutionaries. On 1 July 1916, as a first lieutenant, he was transferred to the 36th Infantry in the same area. When all National Guard units were ordered to lower Texas for training, he became the instructor of the 5th Nebraska Infantry at Camp Llano Grande near Mercedes, Texas. When the regiment was ordered home in February 1917, he rejoined the 36th when it was moved to Del Rio, Texas.

In June of that year, the regiment was transferred to Fort Snelling, near Saint Paul, Minnesota. Soon after its arrival the 36th was split into the 36th, the 40th and 41st Regiments. He was assigned to the 40th and took part in its organization. He had now reached the grade of captain, commanding "C" Company.

On 1 August the 40th arrived at Camp Custer, Michigan, to become a part of the 14th division, newly organized and preparing for overseas duty. Shortly after his arrival he was promoted to major and took command of the 1st Battalion.

In the latter part of October 1918 he was recommended for promotion to lieutenant colonel and placed in charge of the advance party of the Division which was to move to England. When the Armistice came on 11 November, all orders for promotion and overseas movements were cancelled.

The 40th soon thereafter was transferred to Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, Ohio. It was joined there by four other infantry regiments.

When the Knights of Columbus, Young Men's Christian Association and the Jewish Welfare Board were relieved from their activities throughout the Army, educational and recreational establishments took their



CHARLES SAMUEL RITCHEL

places. Major Ritchel was assigned the task of taking over, including all buildings and property. As Educational and Recreational officer he established trade schools of all sorts. Men attended on a voluntary basis, attending schools for half a day and engaging in military duties the other half.

In August 1923 the camp was disbanded and the units moved to various stations. Major Ritchel was ordered to the 31st Infantry for assignment.

A few weeks after arriving in Manila, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Army-Navy Club. The Board in turn elected him secretary-treasurer and chairman of the house committee. Several improvements were made, including a pavillion for dining and dancing.

During his tour of duty in Manila, he took advantage of the established procedure and on detached service toured Japan, Korea, Manchuria and China. He also visited Cebu, Zamboanga and other places in the Islands, as well as the Sulu Islands and Sandakan, North Borneo.

At the end of his tour of duty in the Philippines, his next assignment was to the 400th Infantry (reserve) with station in Louisville. He always considered this one of the most pleasant assignments he had throughout his career. Everybody in the regiment cooperated in every way. He made many personal friends and while in Louisville, Kentucky, he met and married Scotty L. Nipper—a union that continued happily throughout the years.

In 1926 after three years in Louisville, he was ordered to the 14th Infantry, stationed at Camp Davis, Canal Zone.

Upon leaving Panama, he joined the 24th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. After a year, he attended The Infantry School at the same place.

In June 1931 he was assigned as instructor to the 149th Infantry, National Guard, again with station in Louisville. In March 1932 he was moved to Chicago, where he became executive officer of the instructional personnel of the 33d Division. Colonel George C. Marshall was the senior instructor. He profited greatly from this association and they became close friends.

When the Civilian Conservation Corps was placed under Army command, practically all regular officers on civilian assignment were ordered to that duty. Major Ritchel became commander of a 13-camp district in Northern Wisconsin. After this duty he returned to his duties in Chicago.

He was later sent to Penn State as a member of the Army instructional staff, serving part of the time as senior instructor. In 1940 he moved to Indianapolis where he was again senior instructor of all infantry units throughout the state. Shortly after this he received a request from the Army Inspector General to become a member of his department. He was stationed as such with the 5th Service Command at Fort Hayes, Ohio. However he remained there but a few months before he received orders to the 44th Division (National Guard) and was placed in command of a regiment. He joined the regiment on maneuvers in the Carolinas. A short time later, he appeared before a retirement board and was found physically unfit for active duty. General Marshall, now Chief of Staff, had him kept in the service as an Inspector General assigned to the 4th Service Command at Atlanta.

After a year in Atlanta, he was requested by General Kells, in command of the Boston

Port of Embarkation, to serve as the Inspector General of the Port, including substations in Montreal, Quebec and Halifax as well as Camp Miles Standish which served the processing and the fitting out of divisions for overseas duty.

In 1946 he again reported for retirement and he moved to Louisville for residence, where he spent his last years.

During his career he received many commendations, some of which were: from General Lewis, commander of Camp Llano Grande, for his training of the 5th Nebraska; from the Commanding General of the 14th Division for his infantry training in the division; from General Edward Glenn for his accomplishments as Educational and Recreational officer of Camp Sherman; from the Commanding Officer of the 400th Infantry—there were numerous letters from the members of the 400th Infantry to the War Department to retain Colonel Ritchel as instructor for a longer period; from General Waldron, senior instructor of the 100th Division of which the 400th was a part; from General Marshall for his work with the 33d Division; from General Tom Hammond, at the end of the 33d Division's summer camp of training; from General Peterson and General Sultan his successor for his performance as an Inspector General.

A noteworthy accomplishment was his compilation of a guide for inspectors of units, which was published and used by all inspectors throughout the Army.

He was always deeply interested in the morale and well-being of the enlisted men. He obtained a building and established a Non-commissioned Officers Club at Camp Sherman for the men of the 40th Infantry.

In Boston he secured a five-story building in Copley Plaza, in the main part of the city, from a group of owners who not only fixed up the building, but spent some \$25,000 to furnish it. The club was managed by the membership (all enlisted men in the Port) but Colonel Ritchel served as advisor and sponsor until the Port was closed at the end of the War.

Colonel Charles S. Ritchel was a man of infinite patience and reserve, sprinkled with all due consideration and seasonable humor. He was an ideal person in and out of uniform. He was the type of man whom just to know warmed the heart and smoothed the wrinkled furrows of the mind. He was a friend to cherish and to remember. That he possessed a delightful sense of humor is best illustrated by the following, elicited during the many pleasant years of our acquaintance. These incidents are related as he recalled them, often in the first person.

"My roommate, Earl Price, could be quite eccentric at times. He invited five girls, none of whom knew each other, to one of the big hops. He believed one would accept which would assure him a date. Lo and behold, the five all accepted. He finally got five cadets to escort them, while he tried to break into the hospital. He reported to sick call. The sergeant on duty placed a thermometer in his mouth and stepped out of the room. Price immediately put the thermometer against the electric light. The sergeant found his temperature to be about 112 or so. Poor Price, not only missed the hop, but got the area for two months.

"Major General Thomas H. Barry, then Superintendent of the Academy, was inclined to be hard on delinquents. His punishments always fitted the crime. Once he caught a cadet crossing a prohibited plot of grass.

The offending cadet was assigned to keep others off the grass during his leisure periods.

"Another event occurred when in their summer camp some yearlings of 1914 hauled a field piece one night, across number nine sentry post, into the camp, against all orders of the sentry to halt. The punishment meted out by the Superintendent was for the group to pull the field piece a mile to the south gate and back on Wednesdays and Saturdays, to lose their Christmas leaves, and not be permitted to go to the Army-Navy game.

"One of the most blasé yearlings was V.V. Taylor. He prevailed on me to get on sick call to avoid the weekend march. We got the company sick book and went to the hospital, claiming sickness. Taylor made the mistake of smoking a cigarette in the presence of the sergeant in charge. Calling the senior surgeon, the latter told him about us, saying 'Mr. Taylor, V.V., is smoking and so he is all right to go on the march. Mr. Ritchel may be admitted. He has a slight cold.'

"Going back to horsemanship, the First Classmen, in the spring, would have marksmanship practice at a standing bull's-eye, followed by a gallop on a row of silhouettes. One cadet on a fractious horse accidentally shot the horse in the head and killed him. It looked for a while that he would have to pay for the horse, but that was finally decided against. Anyway, he was told if he'd kill Sherman, a horse with the worst reputation of all and one generally avoided, the class would pay for him.

"We began our riding classes shortly after we got to the yearling camp. Many in the class—city boys—had never been on a horse and, naturally, were a bit nervous. When standing to horse, one of them asked the groom if the horse was gentle, that he had never ridden before. The groom replied that the horse had never been ridden, so they could start out together."

Thus ends the obituary of Charles S. Ritchel, who died a colonel, retired, in the Army of the United States of America. Destined, along with so many other members of his class, to bask in the reflected brilliance and glory of a General-President classmate and the fame of another General of the Army classmate. With just a little favor from fate, perhaps the slightest nod, he too might have matched strides with the greats of history and he, also, might have sat in a seat of the mighty.

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## John Tupper Cole

NO. 5648 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 24 April 1975 in Denville,  
New Jersey, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN Tupper Cole, retired, died in Saint Clare's Hospital, Denville, New Jersey, on 24 April 1975. He was graduated from the Military Academy in April of 1917 and immediately entered the Cavalry. Tupper was born at West Point on 23 July 1895, the son of James A. Cole of the Class of 1884 who retired as a colonel in the Cavalry, and of Mary Tupper, daughter of Major Tullius Tupper, also a Cavalryman and West Point graduate.

As a cadet Tupper Cole captained the bas-



JOHN TUPPER COLE

ketball team and won his "A" at football. He served in World War I with the 3d Cavalry in France, and in 1919 became an instructor in the Tank School at Bourges. In 1923, after rejoining the 3d Cavalry, he was sent back to the United States Military Academy as tactical officer and instructor in equitation.

A long association with equestrian events began shortly after that. Tupper became a member and later captain of the United States Show Team competing in the Olympic Games in 1932. The team was ready for competition in the 1940 Helsinki Olympics when other circumstances intervened. He was also an outstanding polo player both indoors and out. After World War II he was for many years a member of the United States Equestrian Team, also serving as its captain and chef d'equipe.

On 6 January 1927, Tupper was married to Janet French MacKay, also a leading rider whom he met at the Brooklyn Horse Show. When their days of competition were over, both Janet and Tupper spent many years as judges and officials at horse events all over the Western Hemisphere including a stint for Tupper as the American delegate to the Federacion Internationale Equestrien.

After service at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and at Riley and Bliss, Lieutenant Colonel Cole became Executive Officer and later Commander of the 2d Cavalry. At the urging of his old and admired friend, General George F. Patton Jr., he transferred to the 5th Armored Division and led Combat Command B on the long offensive through France and Germany. His command was less than thirty miles from Berlin when the still inscrutable decision was made to allow the Russians to go in first. His American decorations include the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star with four clusters, and the Purple Heart. Among foreign decorations are the French Légion d'honneur, and Croix de Guerre avec palme; from Luxembourg the Order of Adolph and Croix de Guerre, from Belgium the Order of Leopold and Croix de Guerre and from the Netherlands the Royal Order of Orange-Nassau.

In 1946 Tupper returned to the United States of America and became Chief of Staff, later Commanding Officer of the Military District of Washington. Four years later he

was attached to the Security Council of the United Nations.

In 1951 Tupper organized the United States Military Assistance Advisory Group in Thailand and was decorated with the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant, second class, Knight Commander, by the Thai Government. At the same time Tupper served in his third war as an observer of Thai troops in Korea.

After retirement in 1953 as commander of the 3d Armored at Knox, the Coles built a house in Huntington Bay, Long Island, where they lived for more than twenty years. Tupper was nominated for Supervisor of Huntington Township by the United Citizens Party, a reform group. Until his last years, Tupper rode and trained Olympic prospects regularly and greatly enjoyed his golf.

He was buried with full military honors on 28 April 1975 at Arlington. Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Gascoigne of Boonton, New Jersey; a son, Frederick MacKay Cole of McLean, Virginia; five grandchildren; and a brother, James Marshall Cole of New Hope, Pennsylvania.

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### Arthur Joseph Sheridan

NO. 6066 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 3 August 1976 at Sarasota, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery, Long Island, New York

ARTHUR WAS BORN in New York City on 27 March 1896, and attended parochial school and a public high school there. He entered the Military Academy directly from high school in June 1916.

At the height of World War I his class was graduated early, eleven days before the armistice. Those assigned to the Corps of Engineers, of which "Trooper" was one, were ordered to Camp A.A. Humphreys, Virginia, later renamed Fort Belvoir. The War Department soon thereafter organized a new Engineer School to which all of the new Academy engineer graduates were assigned. There they completed the courses curtailed at West Point. Then after a few months troop duty practically all of the group were again assigned to The Engineer School. During that second postgraduate schooling the group was sent on a tour of study of European battlefields.

Normal assignments followed thereafter; in Trooper's case with the 7th Engineers of the 5th Division, with the 9th Engineer Mounted Battalion on the Mexican border and in 1921 with the 1st Engineers at Camp Dix, New Jersey. While assigned to the 1st Engineers, Arthur met Florence Caldwell of Windber, Pennsylvania. They were married in the Corpus Christi Church in his native New York City on 19 July 1922.

In 1925 upon completion of the tour of duty with the 1st Engineers, then stationed at Fort Dupont, Delaware, the Sheridans were ordered to the Philippines, and there assigned to Fort Mills, Corregidor, where the only engineer officer on the "Rock" acquired a string of letters after his name; he was officially known as the EOLCDW—"Engineer Officer in Local Charge of Defensive Works, Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays."

Returning to stateside, duty was with the Calveston Engineer District from 1927 to 1929. This civil-works tour of duty was

followed by two successive Reserve Officers Training Corps assignments, a one-year one with the University of Cincinnati and a four-year one at Yale University. Following the five years of Reserve Officers Training Corps there were five years in Washington, D.C., four at the Army Map Service, and one as a student at the Army Industrial College.

In the summer of 1939 came a transfer to the New York Engineer District, a second civil-works tour. World War II meant an early reassignment to troops. Just previously, Major Clinton Ball, Corps of Engineers, and the then Captain Sheridan, Corps of Engineers, were notified by the Adjutant General of their assignment to the next class at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. However, this was not to be; the school system was then changed to short courses for the many new reserve officers ordered to active duty.

Early in World War II Colonel Sheridan organized and commanded at Camp Crowder, Missouri, the 44th Engineer Combat Regiment. This was soon redesignated the 1109th Combat Engineer Group and, commanded by Colonel Sheridan, was ordered to the European Theatre. Before D-Day, Sheridan was transferred to the First Army Group in Southern England, then planning the invasion of the continent. Counter-intelligence operations changed this unit designation to Twelfth Army Group while the ghost "First" Army Group presumably remained in England. On the continent with the Twelfth Army Group, Colonel Sheridan, as Deputy Engineer of the Group, served with the Group Headquarters from Omaha Beach in Normandy through central Europe to central Germany. Decorations awarded him in the European Theatre of War included the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. Foreign decorations were the Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palme, the French Croix de Guerre with gold star, and the Luxemburg "Officer of the Grand Ducal Order of the Oaken Wreath."

At the end of 1946 after the war, Colonel Sheridan was retired for physical disability—stomach ulcer. However, in 1952 the Korean War and physical disability notwithstanding, he was recalled to extended active duty from April 1952 to July 1954 as an Inspector General in charge of inspection of the Corps of Engineers civil-works and military construction in the Southeastern United States, Puerto



ARTHUR JOSEPH SHERIDAN

ASSEMBLY

Rico and Panama. Although this assignment was to the Office, Chief of Engineers, the area office was in Atlanta, Georgia.

Still another retirement was in store, but not from the Army. In September 1955 Colonel Sheridan accepted an appointment on the faculty of Georgia Institute of Technology as a "special lecturer" (so designated to permit pay advances) in Engineering Graphics. At the Military Academy he had considered this his strong subject (there known as descriptive geometry and under the math department). The Military Academy course in this subject, though over forty years past, was more than ample training for the simpler course at Georgia Tech.

In 1960, after his third "retirement," Colonel Sheridan settled in Sarasota, Florida. He died at Sarasota, Florida, on 3 August 1976. Remains were interred in the family plot in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island, New York, following a Requiem Mass in Saint Francis Xavier Church in Brooklyn, New York.

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## John Hinton

NO. 6110 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 20 June 1967 in Columbia, Missouri, aged 72 years.

Interment: Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Missouri

IT WAS ON 20 June 1967 that one of our leading humorists, John Hinton, left us. He was always known to all as "Jack." There was never a dull moment around him, nor an unhappy one. He could always see the laughable side of his many experiences and loved to tell of them all.

Jack was born in Columbia on 11 February 1895 to Edward Wilcox Hinton and Mary Hood Turner Hinton. His father had been Dean of the University of Missouri School of Law. Jack started out in the University there but joined the West Point class entering in June 1916 and graduating 1 November 1918. While a cadet Jack wrote the original five verses of the "Hike Song" so well known to all of us. He was a very popular classmate, serving on many class committees and participating in many class affairs.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the Field Artillery where he spent his entire service. In March of 1919 he took the course



JOHN HINTON

at the School of Fire at Fort Sill where Colonel R. E. DeR. Hoyle was the Commandant, and then a short course at the Field Artillery Basic School at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky followed by several brief assignments in France. In October of 1919 he was back at Zachary Taylor for the full basic course, graduating in June 1920. He spent the next four years with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Chicago after which he joined the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston. Jack then had three years with the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. From May 1930 to 30 June 1934 he was adjutant of the 3d Field Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. From then until August of 1937 he was again on Reserve Officers Training Corps duty at Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. He took the Command and General Staff School course at Fort Leavenworth in 1937-38 and went from there to Fort Hoyle, Maryland as S3 of the 6th Field Artillery. In 1940 he was transferred to the 9th Division Artillery as S3 at Fort Bragg under General Hoyle, his original mentor at Fort Sill. He spent 1942 on the War Department General Staff and with the British Eighth Army as an observer during the El 'Alamein Campaign. For a short time he commanded the 9th Armored Regiment of the 20th Armored Division and from June through December of 1944 he commanded the 228th Field Artillery Group of the XIX Corps. He spent several months on the Planning Board of Army Ground Forces and in July of 1945 he was detailed to the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Missouri for four fine years in his old hometown. In September of 1949 he was in the European Command and in 1953 he was retired at Fort Monroe for physical disability, temporarily. In 1958 the physical disability retirement as a colonel became permanent.

Jack held the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Commendation Ribbon and a Purple Heart plus the French Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm. He was by nature a tremendous morale builder, loved by all.

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## Kenneth Seymour Stice

NO. 6140 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 11 August 1956 in Danville, Illinois, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

AFTER A LONG and debilitating illness, Kenneth Seymour Stice died on 11 August 1956. The memorial service for Kenneth reflected two of his strong interests: it was conducted jointly by the officers of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the University of Illinois and by his brethren of the Urbana, Illinois, Masonic Lodge.

Kenneth had deep roots in Illinois and with the University of Illinois. He was born in Waverly, in Southern Illinois, on 31 October 1894. He gained his early education in a one-room schoolhouse using a double slate as his academic tool. In his junior year, his family moved to Urbana so that Kenneth could receive a better high school education and could attend the University there. Upon his graduation from high school in 1911 he made his first commitment to the Army when he enlisted in the Cavalry troop of the Illinois National Guard—in part because he could



KENNETH SEYMOUR STICE

then keep his horse in the troop's stables. Kenneth entered the University of Illinois and majored in ceramics engineering. During his junior summer in 1915, as a sergeant in the Illinois National Guard, Kenneth volunteered for duty on the Mexican Border, taking with him his own mount.

While he was stationed in Brownsville, Texas, his commanding officer required that all in his troop take the entrance examinations to the United States Military Academy. Kenneth was notified in the spring of 1916 that he had received the highest rating in those competitive examinations and was appointed as the first Illinoian to enter the Academy on a National Guard appointment. Ken continued his earlier interests at the Academy by playing hockey and as a member of the riding club and the expert rifleman club. When the class graduated two years early, Kenneth chose the Coast Artillery, and while a student of the Coast Artillery School made an extensive tour of the World War I battlefields in France and Italy.

Throughout Ken's career he showed an avid interest in new technology. He was detailed to the Signal Corps in 1922, attended The Signal School in 1923-24, then transferred to the Signal Corps in 1924. This gave him a firm base in communications. During 1924-25 he studied meteorology at the Harvard Graduate School. While attending Harvard, Ken met Mildred Bickmore of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Milly and Ken were married on 18 August 1925. Kenneth was then assigned to the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, until 1927. Following a pleasant three-year Signal Corps duty in Hawaii at Schofield Barracks, Ken was then assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Field where he was placed on flying duty with the responsibility of coordinating communications and meteorological activities. During this time Kenneth took flying lessons with the hope of transferring into the Army's fledgling Air Corps. However, it was decided that his rank of captain was too high to allow that transfer.

In June 1934 Kenneth and Milly returned to his hometown of Urbana, Illinois, where he began a six-year assignment as Instructor and Director of the Signal Corps unit of the University of Illinois Reserve Officers Training Corps. This brought the rare opportunity for a military family to re-establish roots. The Stice family quickly became an integral

part of the community and university life—which was reflected by Milly's decision to return to Urbana while Kenneth spent World War II in the European Theater of Operations.

As war clouds gathered in 1940, Ken was called upon to gather together the scientific talent of highly selected college engineering students coming into the Signal Corps as the Director of the Electronics Training Group at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; then to take that group to Britain for the first real work by the United States Army with radar. In his long stay in Britain, Ken earned the respect and admiration of his British counterparts, with many of whom he remained in contact after his retirement. He expressed some disturbance at times with the activities of the English as teas, swim meets, cricket matches, and races were carried on despite the heavy bombing that England was suffering at the time.

In 1944 Kenneth founded the radio countermeasures and deception effort which contributed so strongly to making the Normandy Invasion a success. This work led to keeping a large German force in the Calais area away from the Normandy Beachhead, expecting the brunt of the Allied Invasion to strike there. At the end of the war, Ken was in Berlin—then returned to the States where he completed his Army service as the commanding officer of the Signal Training Regiment at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Kenneth's health had deteriorated to such a degree from his three and one-half years in England that he retired for physical disability on 30 November 1946. Sadly, while at Percy Jones General Hospital taking his retirement physical examination, someone stole his "short-snorter" of forty-two bills which included the signatures of General Eisenhower, Beatrice Lillie, and a number of distinguished Britons with whom he served.

After retirement he returned again to his hometown in Urbana, Illinois, where he resumed his many hobbies. He was an active Thirty-Second Degree Mason in the Danville, Illinois consistory. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Kenneth was a direct descendant of William Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He spent many hours working on his family genealogy. He was also an avid stamp collector.

Kenneth was a quiet and unassuming man who was greatly admired by all who knew him. His active mind, always looking for the practical application of new technology, coupled with his ability to teach and work with students, caused him to leave a strong mark on the Army of the future—both in ideas and in the development of our young leaders. Our nation is better protected now because of the foresight of Kenneth Stice. He was a credit to the Long Gray Line. He lived by Duty, Honor, Country in every manner of his life. He was a respected and beloved citizen both in and out of uniform—a true gentleman and a scholar!

—Albion W. Knight Jr. '45  
Son-in-Law



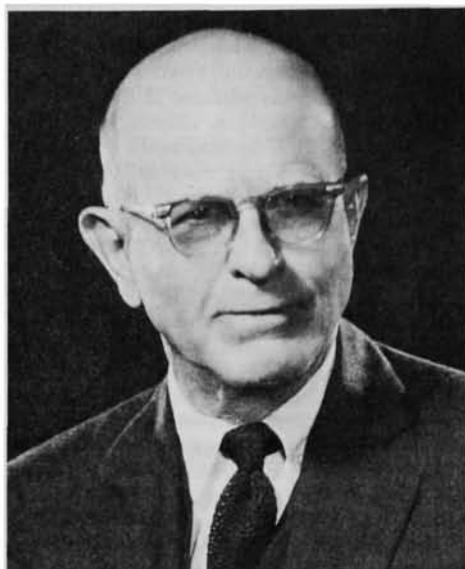
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## Loper Bailey Lowry

NO. 6591 CLASS OF 1920

Died 25 April 1976 in Tampa,  
Florida, aged 77 years.

Interment: Myrtle Hill Memorial Park,  
Tampa, Florida



LOPER BAILEY LOWRY

LOPER BAILEY LOWRY was born in Tampa, Florida, on 4 October 1898, son of Sumter de Leon and Willie M. Lowry. He attended public schools of Tampa and in 1916-1918 Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Florida, he graduated in the upper fifth of his class in 1920. Though of light stature he won athletic distinction as quarterback and captain of the Cullum Hall football squad. The tribute paid him in the HOWITZER proved true throughout his life—"... Loper... always ready to help anyone over a tough problem... or to do any other favor in his power. He has achieved the biggest accomplishment that anyone may hope to gain—he has made a host of friends and no enemies."

As student officer, Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia, he graduated as first lieutenant, 1 August 1921. After serving at Fort Worden, Washington, and Fort Winfield Scott, California, he resigned and was honorably discharged 15 December 1922 to join the Gulf Life Insurance Company of Florida. Accepting a commission as first lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Florida National Guard, 5 April 1923, he was ordered to active duty as lieutenant colonel, Army of the United States, 25 November 1940. After duty as Assistant G3, 4th Army Corps, and Executive Officer, MacDill Field, he served as Executive Officer, Pacific Wing, Air Transport Command, Pacific Theater. Here he contracted pulmonary tuberculosis and following long hospitalization was retired for disability in 1945 as colonel, United States Air Force.

Though life after retirement from the Army was handicapped due to lengthy hospitalization, his spirit was more than willing and he stepped back into a wide, interesting, fruitful and successful life insurance field where he headed a leading Gulf Life agency

and retired as Chairman Emeritus, Founders Life Assurance Company of Florida. With his many talents and an outgoing, warm personality, he helped organize and was actively associated with many other community, business and military affairs. As vestryman of the Episcopal Church, he was generously interested in charity. He was especially proud of having helped organize the "West Point Society of Florida West Coast" for which he served as first president. Eagerly anticipating reunions of his United States Military Academy classmates, he was able to attend all except that of 1975.

Finally, Loper became a victim of a long and disabling illness—Parkinson's disease. He continued active until forced to enter a convalescent hospital, where he passed away quietly and at peace early one Sunday morning. His appeal seemed to reach all with whom he came in contact. At ease with all people he lived according to an old adage—"Be something—Do something—See something—Leave something." Indeed he was an enthusiastic participant in the great game of life. The referee has blown the whistle, the game has been called.

Colonel Lowry is survived by his devoted wife Anne H. Lowry; two daughters, Suzanne Lowry Crist (Mrs. John L. Jr.), and Sara Lowry Baldwin (Mrs. Walter A. Jr.); one stepdaughter, Mrs. John C. Mills Jr.; two brothers, Lieutenant General Sumter L. Lowry, Florida National Guard, Retired; Dr. Blackburn V. Lowry, Doctor of Medicine; and eight grandchildren, all of Tampa, Florida.

—Classmate

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## Esher Claflin Burkart

NO. 6717 CLASS OF 1920

Died 28 October 1975 in Fort Myers,  
Florida, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia

ESHER DIED in his home at Fort Myers, Florida, as calmly as he had lived. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on 3 November 1975. Attending were his son, Dr. Edward I. Burkart and wife Birgitta, many classmates, relatives and close friends.

Esher was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 5 March 1898, the second of three sons born to Louise Parmalee and Edwin Howard Burkart. His family moved soon after to a farm near New Britain in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where he lived until he realized his boyhood ambition by entering West Point on 2 July 1918. His early life on the farm probably provided the basis for his expertise in the handling and training of horses, which was to become one of his lasting interests. In later years he became a member of several regimental polo teams, the Field Artillery Horse Show Team, Head Coach of the Princeton University Polo Team, and after retirement he trained and coached local equestrians as a hobby.

After graduation from West Point, Esher was commissioned in the Cavalry in which he served for seven years. In August 1927 he was transferred to the Field Artillery at his own request. He served in that arm until he retired in 1954 after 34 years of commissioned service during which he exemplified



ESHER CLAFLIN BURKART

the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Esher's professional training provided a breadth of knowledge and experience which prepared him well for his service during the war years. He graduated from The Cavalry School, the Field Artillery School (Battery Officers Course in 1929 and a Special Advanced Course in 1941), the Command and General Staff College, and the Army and Navy Staff College.

Esher also attended the Naval War College in 1942 but was transferred before graduation, by request of the Navy Department, to a more important assignment: G3 for Army Operations on the Joint Staff of the Amphibious Force, United States Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Hewitt commanding. In this capacity he participated in the planning and execution of the assault on Morocco in 1942. Later as Deputy Chief of Staff, Army of the same Joint Staff, Admiral Kirk commanding, he participated in the planning and execution of the assault on Sicily in 1943. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service with the Amphibious Force.

By this time, Esher had become a recognized Army authority on amphibious warfare and was detailed to the Army and Navy Staff College as an instructor in that subject. Lieutenant General DeWitt, Commandant of the Army and Navy Staff College, made the following notation on his efficiency report: "Qualified by staff experience and careful study as (an) outstanding Amphibious Warfare Specialist."

He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service at the Army and Navy Staff College. During his two-year detail he was a student, as well as an instructor, graduating from the College in June 1945; and, as an observer from the College, he participated in the assaults on Saipan, Guam and Tinian. Admiral Nimitz awarded him the Navy Commendation Ribbon for service during the Saipan Campaign described in the following citation:

"For outstanding performance of duty during the Saipan Campaign from 15 June to 16 July 1944. Although detailed as an observer accompanying a landing force, he volunteered for assignment to the staff of the Commanding General, and cheerfully accepted duties as subordinate to a staff section chief many years his junior in rank and years of service. His manner of performance was

at all times competent, energetic, and tactful. He closely supervised shore party operations and the distribution of supplies. As a result of his varied experience and sound judgment, transportation facilities were most efficiently utilized. Frequent personal visits to combat units under fire made authentic information available so that difficulties might be anticipated and corrective measures taken. His conduct was an inspiration to all with whom he served and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Military Service."

Upon completion of his tour of duty at the Army and Navy Staff College in June 1945, Esher was ordered to the Philippines for assignment to General MacArthur's staff. His outstanding service on that assignment is described in the following citation for the Legion of Merit:

"... For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Southwest Pacific Area and Japan, from 6 July 1945 to 20 June 1946. As Executive, and later as Chief, Operations Division, G3 Section, General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific, Colonel Burkart demonstrated superior ability in the preparation of all operations instructions issued to subordinate commands within the theater. These instructions included the projected invasion of Kyushu, the military occupation of Japan and Korea, and those issued upon the establishment of General Headquarters in Tokyo. In addition, he inaugurated and implemented plans for the repatriation of Japanese and foreign enemy nationals from former Japanese-occupied areas. Through his extensive professional knowledge, sound judgment, and devotion to duty, Colonel Burkart made a significant contribution to the effectiveness of G3, General Headquarters."

Following the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, Esher was assigned as Chief of Staff of the X Corps, General Almond commanding, which was to make the famous wide envelopment of the North Koreans by an amphibious assault on Inchon, more than 100 miles behind the enemy front lines. His services on this assignment are described in the following citation for the Legion of Merit (Oak Leaf Cluster):

"Colonel Esher C. Burkart... distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as Deputy Chief of Staff, X Corps, during the period 23 August to 2 November 1950. Following the outbreak of hostilities in Korea and with the swift activation of the X Corps, Colonel Burkart, through his extraordinary knowledge of staff procedures and able leadership, materially assisted the Commanding General in molding the newly created corps into an effective fighting force. With rare skill, he resolved numerous and complex problems incident to the formation of the headquarters and to the organization and employment of its staff during a rapidly moving situation, encompassing the assault landing at Inchon and the subsequent seizure of Seoul, Capital City of Korea. Furthermore, initially acting as Commander of Corps Artillery, he prepared the detailed plans for that support. Through his professional competence, sound tactical judgment and unremitting devotion to duty, Colonel Burkart made a distinguished contribution to the successful operations of the X Corps, reflecting highest credit on himself and the time-honored traditions of the military service."

Esher's last assignment was in the office of the Inspector General of the Army in

Washington, D.C., from April 1952 until his retirement in June 1954.

His retirement ceremony included a parade and review at Fort Myer, Virginia, but the most impressive accolade anyone could aspire to is recorded in a leather bound book containing hand written farewell notes by about 35 of his colleagues. These notes repeatedly described him as being: "calm, friendly and loyal; honest, sincere and fair; patient, kind and tolerant; unselfish, compassionate; and anxious to help others."

There could be no finer tribute to any man. Esher was one of a very few men who could qualify for such a tribute. He may well have valued this recognition above all other honors.

After his retirement he moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where he was active in the Little Theatre, the United States Power Squadron, and the Royal Palm Yacht Club. He also tutored students and instructed in equitation and stable management as a hobby.

He is survived by one son, Edward Ingersoll Burkart, Doctor of Philosophy, Associate Professor of Languages and Linguistics at American University, Washington, D.C.

—A fellow West Pointer

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## Robert Wilkins Douglass Jr.

NO. 6905 CLASS OF 1922

Died 27 May 1976 at Eden Isle, Heber Springs, Arkansas, aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ROBERT WILKINS DOUGLASS JR. was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on 8 March 1900. He served in the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Tennessee prior to entering the United States Military Academy on 3 November 1918. He was graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry on 13 June 1922.

After serving with the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, he entered Primary Training School at Brooks Field, Texas, in March of 1924, then to the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, graduating in 1925. He was assigned to the 94th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, in 1926 and later went to the 24th Pursuit Squadron at France Field, Panama Canal



ROBERT WILKINS DOUGLASS JR.

Zone. His transfer to Air Service occurred on 13 April 1926.

In 1929 he became an instructor in the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas. The next year he became aide to General F. P. Lahm at Duncan Field, Texas, and the following year became aide to General Charles H. Danforth.

In 1934 he attended the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, graduating in 1935, and was appointed intelligence and operations officer of the 20th Pursuit Group at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He then entered and graduated from the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1937.

Going to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1937, he served with the 18th Pursuit Group for two years, returning to the states to serve with the 18th Reconnaissance Squadron at Mitchel Field, New York.

In 1940 until January 1941 he was an Observer in England returning to Mitchel Field, New York, to attend Air Defense School. In 1941 he was named Executive Officer of the Third Interceptor Command at Tampa, Florida, and later became Operations Officer of the same unit. The following year he was named a member of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense of Canada and the United States.

In 1942 he returned to Hawaii to command the Seventh Fighter Command until 1944 at which time he assumed command of the Seventh Air Force in the Central Pacific. His unit covered the Gilberts, Marshalls, Mariannas and Bonin Islands.

After World War II ended he became Commanding General of the 1st Air Force at Mitchel Field, New York, and later transferred his headquarters to Fort Slocum, New York. In 1947 he was assigned as Commanding General of the Indoctrination Division of the Air Training Command at San Antonio, Texas.

His new assignment in 1948 was to the United States Air Forces in Europe as Chief of Staff at Wiesbaden, Germany, thereafter becoming Acting Commander of the 12th Air Force and then Special Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Air Force in Europe. Following this he became Commanding General of the 18th Air Force, Tactical Air Command, Greenville, South Carolina.

In 1954 he was assigned to Air Force Headquarters, Washington, D.C., and named Senior USAF Member of the Joint Mexican-United States Defense Commission, and also Senior USAF Delegate, Inter-American Defense Board, and Senior Member of the United States Delegation of the Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission.

He retired from the Air Force on 28 February 1957 at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina.

This was not to end his active career. Shortly after retiring he accepted a position as New York representative for United Aircraft International in New York City, which was later known as United Technologies Corporation. He served in this capacity for a period of ten years.

During the same period he served as president of the Wings Club of New York.

In 1967 he re-retired and moved to Eden Isle, Arkansas, where he had built a beautiful home and spent his time with gardening, fishing, golf and just enjoying himself.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; his son, Robert W. Douglass III, Class of 1950,

United States Military Academy; two grandchildren, Susan Douglass and Robert W. Douglass IV; and one great-grandchild, Christopher Douglass. He also leaves four sisters.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal and Air Medal.

Bob's devotion to his class and West Point was shown in his activity in the West Point Society of New York and by his participation in the sports and reunions at West Point.

In summation, Bob's life and service can best be described by the words of *Alma Mater*. "Well Done, Be Thou at Peace."

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## Darius Donald Thorpe

NO. 6921 CLASS OF 1921

Died 27 May 1976 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, aged 78 years.

Interment: Elmwood Cemetery,  
Detroit, Michigan

DARIUS DONALD (Deed) Thorpe was born in Lansing, Michigan, on 17 February 1898, the son of Edgar and Olivia Thorpe. After attending grammar and high schools in Lansing, he went to the University of Michigan until his appointment to West Point in 1918.

After twenty years as a civilian, Deed decided to return to the service at the beginning of World War II. He applied for a commission and was accepted by the Air Corps and assigned to Chanute Field, Illinois, with the rank of captain. From there he was assigned to Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina, as Post Defense coordinator and later Commanding Officer of the 794th Technical School Squadron.

As a major his next assignment took him to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Virginia, to command the 71st Army Air Force Technical Training Detachment, an assignment he enjoyed very much, for a year. After a short tour as commanding officer of the 3538th Base Unit at Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut, he was retired for physical disability and returned to his home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Deed had patience, understanding and a delightful sense of humor. He inspired respect and admiration from his men and per-



DARIUS DONALD THORPE

sonal friends. As a young man he was an excellent horseman and was on the polo squad at the Point. All through the years trout fishing was his favorite hobby.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Virginia Lyon Thorpe; daughter, Felice Meyer; sister, Helen Webster; and grandsons, Mike and Mark Maple.

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## William Harold Schaffer

NO. 7208 CLASS OF 1923

Died 19 November 1975 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 74 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

FOLLOWING A LONG and painful illness, W. Harold Schaffer lost his long fight against insurmountable odds at his home in San Antonio, Texas, on 19 November 1975. He was buried after a brief memorial service with full military honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

"Schaf" as he was known to all since West Point days, excelled as soldier and teacher, and all with whom he came in contact—military associates, students, and civilians—were strongly impressed by his forthrightness, strength of character and capabilities. He appeared to many as a very forceful individual, tough and rugged, but on the other hand fair, square, sincere and with a heart of gold to those who knew him well. Only the best in effort was considered good enough for Schaf in everything he did or expected others to do.

Schaf was born in Stockton, California, on 8 December 1900, the son of William Henry Schaffer (born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) and Carrie Alice (Nason) Schaffer (born in Waterloo, California, the daughter of Major Robert Nason, a member of California volunteers from 1861 to 1865). He is survived by his beloved wife Edythe, at home in San Antonio; by one daughter, Shelley (Mrs. George A.) Millener of El Paso, Texas; three sons: Donald C. (Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Retired) of Crofton, Maryland; William R. (Commander, United States Navy Reserve) of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Harold N. of Miami, Florida, who served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps from 1960 to 1963; and eight grandchildren. Schaf and his family have been truly service oriented.

His early years were eventful, developing him into a person of marked individuality. He left high school before graduation, and went to work as a telegrapher and part-time station master for a western railroad. Being interested in a military career, he studied for, took and passed the West Point entrance examinations, then was admitted to the Academy in June 1919. His cadet days were also eventful; no problems in academics, active participation in sports—soccer, baseball, polo, cross country—many hours in Com's backyard—a rugged individualist. The big event of his life occurred in his yearling year. On the last day of the 1923 class return hike from Camp Dix—at a barn dance given for cadets by the friendly folks of Monroe, New York, he met his one and only, Miss Edythe Fancher of Fanwood, New Jersey. After a three-year engagement, many visits to West Point, sometimes being escorted by Schaf's friends, and many surreptitious glances at her cadet while he walked the



WILLIAM HAROLD SCHAFER

area, they were married on 9 July 1923 in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Following a long honeymoon in Europe, they reported for their first duty at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington with the 4th Infantry. Then followed more eventful years: duty with the 31st Infantry in Manila, then with the 45th, Philippine Scouts at Camp John Hay in the Philippine Islands from 1925 to 1928; Fort Eustis, Virginia with 34th Infantry 1928-30; Fort Benning, Georgia, where he graduated from the Infantry Officers' Course in 1931; to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, 1931-34 with a year of Civilian Conservation Corps duty in North Carolina in 1933 and then duty in 1934 at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

At this stage of his career, after twelve years of duty with infantry units, Schaf decided to broaden his service capabilities and accepted a detail with the Quartermaster Corps with assignment at the Boston Army Base, Boston, Massachusetts from 1935 to 1939. This decision with change of duty had a profound effect on Schaf's future career, for although he sought a change, his first love was the Infantry. Having accepted a detail in the Quartermaster Corps, he was not permitted by the War Department to transfer back to the Infantry until after World War II. He served with distinction at many key Quartermaster installations: Wheeler Field, Hawaii, from 1939 through 1941; Fort Mason, San Francisco, California, from 1941-1942; Seattle General Depot, Seattle Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Washington 1942-1944 where he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Following this tour he attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and then Army Navy Staff College, Washington, D.C. He was then given a key assignment as Commanding Officer of the Quartermaster Depot and 51st Base Command Pacific Ocean Area, Honolulu, Hawaii, where again he served with distinction in a difficult situation and for this was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

In the reorganization after the war, he chose to return to the Infantry Branch. He was assigned to duty at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Schofield Barracks through 1947 at which time he was transferred to Washington, D.C., with assignment on General Staff as Chief, Storage Branch, Logistics Division, The Pentagon. From there he was de-

tailed, 1949 through 1951, as student, Strategic Intelligence School, then as United States Military and Army Attaché in Havana, Cuba. His study and thorough knowledge of Spanish led him to a teaching career in a later period. Upon completion of his tour in Cuba, Schaf returned to his major interest, duty with the Infantry at Camp Pickett, Virginia, from where he went to duty with Korean Military Advisory Group in Korea, always with the personal desire of commanding an Infantry regiment in combat. But that was not to be for on a field mission he suffered a heart attack, was returned to the States and finally retired in 1953 for medical reasons. This ended thirty years of outstanding military service—he had served his country faithfully and well.

It has been said that Schaf was all Army. Each post and duty was a challenge and he left each one better than he found it. He was an unhappy civilian in his retirement.

This was to be, then, the beginning of a teaching career in which he also excelled, and a few other eventful years for this sturdy soldier-teacher. He went to Spain to further his knowledge of the Spanish language and its history and enrolled in the University of Madrid which awarded the Master of Arts degree. He then returned to the United States and attended Middlebury College in Vermont where in 1957 he earned another Master of Arts degree, specializing in Spanish. Later in 1957, he accepted a teaching position at Iolani School, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and taught there for four years. Here he introduced a Spanish program, taught Spanish but also assisted in other subjects (Latin, French, Mathematics and History) and also coached the golf team. During his vacation period in the summer of 1959 he went to Japan and was seriously injured while riding in a taxi in the area of Zama when that vehicle was struck broadside by a loaded gravel truck. He amazingly survived extensive injuries—spending nearly three months at the Zama hospital.

He was evacuated to Hawaii, recovered, and after this almost tragic ordeal, returned to teaching at Iolani for two more years. In 1961 he retired from Iolani and returned to the mainland, settling down for a number of years of happy retirement in San Antonio, Texas. Unfortunately the last couple of years were sad and difficult ones for Schaf. He had to undergo a serious operation in 1972. His health continued to deteriorate until he finally succumbed at his home. He had lived a full measure of life with fortitude, individual strength of character, and selfless service to his country in the military and in academics. His classmates of 1923, his many service and civilian friends and family will miss him tremendously.

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### Bruce Woodward Bidwell

NO. 7277 CLASS OF 1924

Died 10 April 1976 in La Jolla, California, aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BRUCE BIDWELL was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 2 December 1901. He spent his boyhood days and attended school as a Protestant in a Mormon community, an unusual situation of which he frequently spoke but which seemed to cause him no problem.

He entered West Point in 1920 with the Class of 1924. A natural scholar, he succeeded in getting high grades with little noticeable effort. He enjoyed the life in the Corps and its members cherished him.

Of his many activities, he gained much satisfaction from the Hundredth Night Shows, in three of which he took an active part. As he said he gained his place as an end girl in the chorus line because the "other handsome gentlemen . . . seemed to have too many well developed muscles in exactly the wrong places."

He was an accomplished golfer and served as assistant manager and then manager of the Academy golf team.

Despite a rather relaxed view of boning tenths he succeeded in standing fifty-seventh out of a graduating class of four hundred and four. He was one of the senior members of the class to select as his branch of service the Infantry, in which he remained for thirty years of active service.

He was married at the Presidio in May 1927 to Azalea Frances Bliven and was soon assigned to the 21st Infantry at Schofield Barracks. The couple had two daughters, Barbara and Beverly. The former is married to an architect, Neal Hammon, and is now living in Louisville, Kentucky; and the latter to Colonel Frank A. Engelhardt, United States Air Force (Retired), a pilot. They are living in La Jolla, California. The Hammons have two children, Stratton O. and Scott W. The Engelhardts have three children, Bruce Bidwell Engelhardt, Lieutenant, United States Navy, United States Naval Academy '72, Carl F. II, United States Military Academy '77, and Barbara A. There also is a great-granddaughter, Stacey Ann, less than two years old, the daughter of the Bruce Bidwell Engelhardts.

The Bidwell marriage ended after ten years and Bruce shared the responsibilities of raising two daughters. He was a devoted and wise father, counselor and guide to his children and later to their children, in whom he took great pride. He was particularly pleased to have his grandsons enter the military service of our country through their two service academies.

Bruce served in both the European and Pacific Theaters during World War II. He helped start the former campaign most dramatically and dangerously by making a combat landing in a glider behind the enemy



BRUCE WOODWARD BIDWELL

lines on Utah Beach several hours before the D-Day amphibious assault.

Shortly after this he was reassigned to Hollandia, New Guinea, where he became Chief of the Operational Planning Unit Section of G-3, General Headquarters. Here he was in direct charge of the development of the Plan "Olympic," for a larger operation than "Overlord." Also he played a major part in the writing of the "Surrender Instrument" and the "Initial Occupation Directives," which were formally submitted to the Japanese Government. On his return and toward the end of his years of active duty he was engaged in writing a history of Military Intelligence from 1776 to date.

His wartime decorations include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Ribbon, French Fourragere, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. He also received the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau with Swords, for service as Army Attaché to the Netherlands after World War II. He was a qualified gliderist.

After retirement Bruce remained in Arlington, Virginia, near Fort Myer. Here he devoted himself to his family, his classmates and his lifelong hobby of stamp collecting, having amassed a large and valuable stamp collection.

Another interest of his younger days which he developed to a professional level, was his knowledge of the principal forms of athletic contests and his ability and skill as a referee. He maintained in his mind, available for instant recall, an encyclopedic knowledge of the rules of baseball, basketball and football as well as many minor sports. He was by temperament well fitted to be a referee or umpire. He had complete confidence in his knowledge and interpretation of the rules of the games and had no misgivings whatever of the correctness of his decisions and calls, which were no doubt as accurate as he believed them to be.

He was a kind and amiable person, always pleasant to be around and interested in his colleagues. He was a loving and devoted father and grandfather to his family, which was ever in his mind. He will be missed, with sorrow and a sense of profound loss, by his family, classmates and friends alike. We will revere his memory as that of a distinguished member of the "Long Gray Line" who served well his country, alma mater, family and friends.

—A friend and classmate.

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## Darwin Denison Martin

NO. 7403 CLASS OF 1924

Died 13 March 1975 in Miami Beach,  
Florida, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON THE THIRTEENTH of March, 1975, Darwin Denison Martin, known affectionately by all his classmates in the "Thundering Herd," and his many friends, as "DD," died suddenly while vacationing in Miami Beach, Florida.

DD was born 10 November 1899 in Detroit, Michigan, the sixth child of ten, the son of William and Susan Martin. He received his strong sense of devotion to duty and his fellow man from his childhood experiences. He showed his very early interest in a career of service when at the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Michigan National Guard.



DARWIN DENISON MARTIN

Characteristically he chose Infantry. When border trouble developed with Pancho Villa, the National Guard was called to active duty in 1917 and DD saw his first field action. His unit returned to Detroit but was again called to active duty when the clouds of war swept the United States into World War I. He was sent to France and participated in three campaigns as a rifleman and infantry sergeant. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry and the Croix de Guerre. When the Allied Forces crossed the Rhine River he went with the Occupation Force and remained until his unit was released from active duty. DD resumed his twice-interrupted schooling and returned to high school. Although small in stature he was massive in spirit and was a star end on the football team at the robust weight of 140 pounds. It was in one of these games that while playing with an injured left shoulder he permanently damaged the major muscle. This did not daunt him or his competitive spirit. He was able to participate in athletics at West Point and throughout his career and into retirement. His prowess as a golfer and bowler was well known from the Philippines to the Pentagon to Grosse Pointe, Michigan, where he made his retirement home.

Graduating with honors from high school, DD was appointed to West Point by Congressman Doremus. As a highly decorated combat soldier and veteran of the trench warfare in France, his classmates remember the aplomb with which he accepted Beast Barracks and his willingness to assist classmates lacking his extensive military background. It was at West Point he developed his deep devotion to his alma mater and to her principles which guided his life from that point.

Upon graduation with the then largest class in West Point history, DD chose the Coast Artillery. He also married his childhood sweetheart, Gay Kronberg, on 14 June 1924. A high point in their life was the celebrating of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Grosse Pointe, Michigan, shortly after returning from the class reunion at West Point. Surrounded by their family, friends and members of their wedding party, they counted their blessings and were grateful. Truly this was a blessed marriage. It was a lifetime of happiness together, fulfillment and contributions to others. Theirs was the happiest of relationships and a model for

other couples to follow. They were as free with their affections and love for others as they were with one another. They were an inspiration to their family and friends.

DD's first assignment was a brief one with the 7th Coast Artillery at Fort Hancock as he shortly received orders to the Panama Canal Zone. There he served in the 65th Coast Artillery Regiment as a battery officer and aerial observer at Fort Randolph. Their first child, Gaye Suzanne, was born there. Returning to the United States in 1927, he was assigned to the 52d Coast Artillery Regiment (Railway) at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where their son, Darwin D. Jr. was born. DD then attended the Battery Officer Course at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where their second daughter, Barbara Joan, was born. Upon graduation he was sent to Fort Sheridan as a battery officer in the 61st Coast Artillery. Receiving second overseas orders Gay and DD packed up for Corregidor, Philippine Islands, as a battery officer in the 91st Coast Artillery (Philippine Scouts). It was in this assignment that he began to show his real flair for gunnery. While returning from Corregidor Gay and DD took their family on a tour of China and Japan. He received a coveted assignment as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Michigan State University. This was to be a short but pleasant tour in the civilian sector when he was selected for attendance at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as one of the youngest captains selected. As tribute to his demonstrated potential for high positions he was sent directly to the Air Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Alabama. While there he received his orders to Hawaii, where he was a battery commander at Fort Kamehameha. It was here as commander of an 8-inch railway battery that he excelled in the annual gunnery exercise and his battery was awarded the Knox Trophy. He was promoted to major and moved to the Hawaiian Separate Coast Artillery Brigade where he served in several positions including G2 and upon promotion to lieutenant colonel and then colonel as Chief of Staff, receiving the Legion of Merit for outstanding service upon his departure.

With his high standards of discipline, genuine interest in training, and expertise in gunnery there was no other place for his next assignment than as Director of Training at the largest anti-aircraft training center, Camp Davis, North Carolina, during 1943 and 1944. He received a Commendation Medal for his work there. He then became Anti-aircraft Officer for the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Volunteering for combat, he departed for the Philippines, where he served as Deputy to the Special Assistant, Far East Air Forces for the period 1945. Contracting a severe tropical fungus infection, he was sent back to the United States and assigned to the Pentagon as Anti-aircraft Officer and Air Defense Officer in the headquarters of the fledging Air Force. He resisted their blandishments to transfer, remaining with his beloved Army.

Overseas orders came again in 1948, this time for Japan, a tour DD thoroughly enjoyed. He was Deputy Inspector General Far East Command. He was also able to visit his daughter and grandson in Sendai, where I was stationed with Headquarters IX Corps. DD continued his exemplary service to our nation during the hectic days of the Korean War. I saw him many times during the sixteen months of combat in which I was a participant. He handled the most difficult of

problems involving race relations with courtesy, fairness and a strong sense of discipline. One of the men with whom he dealt on a number of occasions was Thurgood Marshall, now a Supreme Court Justice. It was in Japan that their daughter Barbara married Robert Walker, Captain, Armor, who died tragically at an early age at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in January 1961.

DD returned to the United States in 1952 to be Commander of the 19th Group and the 35th Brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland. Here he continued his outstanding leadership and ability as a commander. He counted this as a real high point of his professional career. This was to be a short assignment, however, as he was selected to be Chief of Artillery Career Management during the integration of the two artilleries. He discharged this duty in an exemplary manner and was clearly earmarked for his long overdue selection as General Officer when a change of policy dictated that he retire at 30 years' service. He accepted this with his characteristically soldierly attitude, although it was a sore disappointment and contrary to commitments made to him. He retired at Fort Myer, Virginia, in September 1954, with more than 34 years of service.

DD and Gay thoroughly enjoyed their more than twenty years of retirement in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. DD was active as a real estate appraiser and salesman, a member of the West Point Society of Michigan and many clubs and activities. Devoted to West Point, he could always be counted on to assist in recruiting candidates. DD and Gay never missed a reunion or get-together of his class and travelled extensively. They made two trips to Europe while we were stationed there. On one they joined the Al Gays on a tour of southern Europe after visiting us in France. On the second they reestablished contact with the German family with whom DD was billeted as a member of the Occupation Force in World War I. He began to speak German like he had been gone a week and not 35 years. DD and Gay made an annual trip to Florida or elsewhere to get away from the winter cold and were frequently members of our family over these years.

DD had a full and rich life blessed with friends by the legion. He had the complete respect, admiration and affection of all who knew him. He was a soldier's soldier and that rare military officer who always retained the personal and human touch in dealing with others. A stern taskmaster when required, he was a well loved commander and master of his trade. DD's departure has left a void in the ranks of the Thundering Herd and the Long Gray Line.

DD is survived by his wife Gay, residing in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, daughter Gaye (wife of Colonel Robert E. Dingman, United States Army, retired), son Darwin, and daughter Barbara (wife of Charles W.

Youngs), nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a fine man, a fine soldier, a fine husband, a fine father—we miss him sorely. An honorable man, he was well loved and a credit to his alma mater, his country and to his family.

—Robert E. Dingman '45  
DD's second son (in law)

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## Donald Hudson Bratton

NO. 7778 CLASS OF 1925

Died 28 November 1975 in Phoenix, Arizona, aged 74 years.

Interment: Phoenix Memorial Park, Phoenix, Arizona

DON BRATTON WAS born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 24 June 1901. He grew up in Altoona, Pennsylvania, graduating from Altoona High School in 1920. His singing ability got a good start with St. Luke's Episcopal Church Choir, continuing in the West Point Choir, and following along with the Barber Shop Quartet Society wherever he lived.

Don graduated from the Military Academy in 1925, a second lieutenant in the Air Corps, and was sent to Brooks Field, Texas, as a student officer in the Air Service Primary Flying School. He did not make it in flying, however, and this was his greatest disappointment in life because he loved flying.

Transferred to the Cavalry, he was sent first to the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1925, then to Fort Riley, Kansas, as a student officer in the Cavalry School until 1930 when he was graduated and sent to the Philippines.

In the Philippines Don had the great good fortune to find Frances Barker, United States Army nurse, a first lieutenant. Frances had been a school teacher in Texas before going into nursing. She was born 25 December 1902 and grew up in Texas, where she graduated from San Marcos Normal School and from the Jackson Hospital Training School in San Antonio. Don and Fran were married 21 April 1932 at Fort William McKinley in the Philippines.

Leaving the service when the forces were cut in the early thirties, Don went into Civil Service work in Arizona as a civil engineer. He worked on various water projects around



DONALD HUDSON BRATTON

the state, finishing up with the Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Arizona.

With retirement at age 65, Don and Fran returned to their home in Phoenix. Frances died there 27 February 1975.

A very happy life for both.

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## George Albert Smith Jr.

NO. 7975 CLASS OF 1926

Killed in action 1 March 1945 in Sindorf, Germany, aged 42 years.

GEORGE ALBERT SMITH Junior was born on 29 March 1902 in Denver, Colorado, where his parents, George A. and Edith Pierce Smith had resided for many years. He had one sister eleven years older than he. George attended East Denver High School for two years before transferring to Wentworth Military Academy and later to Marion Military Institute from which he received a Presidential appointment to West Point.

George spent all four years in "D" Company, and a classmate writes: "His background at Marion Institute had prepared him to be a precise, military, efficient, soldierly cadet who knew how to bark out commands. During the absence of upper classmen George was appointed acting company commander, and he accomplished this assignment with great efficiency."

George was a corporal his Second Class year, and in June 1925 was made company supply sergeant. He was a member of the Beast Detail, and there his ability was recognized for at the end of the summer he was appointed the fourth ranking cadet captain and became a battalion commander. No other cadet in our time at the Academy had such a meteoric rise.

Although he had the choice of several branches upon graduation, George chose the Infantry and in August reported to Fort Douglas, Utah, where he was assigned to the 38th Infantry. A classmate who served with him stated: "George was a dedicated officer who inspired trust and was a born leader. Those under him knew him to be firm but always fair. Even in those days when promotion looked anything but rosy, George took his job seriously and on many afternoons when the rest of us might be free, he was more often than not down at the Company busying himself in some way." The duties of a second lieutenant then as now were numerous and challenging. George's system for each was simple and constant—do it well and get it done.

It was while he was stationed at Fort Douglas that George met his bride—Jean Delphine Haviland, and they were married in Salt Lake City, 8 August 1928. Jean was the daughter of David J. and Leta Wells Haviland of that city. The next month the couple sailed for Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, where George was assigned to the 21st Infantry. There the Smiths enjoyed swimming, horseback riding and the other activities available to military personnel serving on Oahu.

In 1931 the Smiths returned to the States. George was assigned to the 25th Infantry where he served for three years as a company commander at Camp Stephen D. Little, Nogales, Arizona, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He was promoted to first lieutenant 1 February 1932, and their daughter, Patricia Ann, was born in Fort Huachuca 25 May





GEORGE ALBERT SMITH JR.

1934. George was sent to Fort Benning in August 1934 and there he spent his longest tour of peacetime duty at one post. He graduated from the Regular Course and the Tank Course of The Infantry School and served with the 66th Infantry and with the 94th Antitank Battalion. George was promoted to captain on 12 June 1936 and their son, George A. Smith III, was born 5 December 1939. Promotion to major came in January 1941, and in April George was ordered to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. The Army was in the midst of its reorganization and training programs, and from that time on reunions with his beloved family for George were few and far between.

Successive assignments were: Group Plans and Training Officer and Battalion Executive Officer, Camp Wheeler; Military Observer, Office of the Military Attaché, London; Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, General Headquarters, Army War College; member, Future Operations Section, Strategy and Policy Group, Operations and Plans Division, War Department General Staff, and Assistant to Operations Officer, G3, Armed Forces Headquarters, London, Gibraltar and Algeria. George was promoted to lieutenant colonel 1 February 1942 and to colonel 23 November of that year.

George's superiors were aware of his capabilities and in May 1943 he received the assignment that is most sought after by all Infantry officers—command of a regiment in combat. He commanded the 18th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Division, and his regiment participated in the Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace and Rhineland Campaigns. Another laurel wreath was added in February 1945, when George was appointed Assistant Division Commander of the 104th (Timberwolf) Division, an assignment that normally meant promotion to brigadier general.

According to the Division's history, on 1 March George and the commander of the 414th Infantry Regiment went forward to the command post of the 2nd Battalion to direct coming operations. The command post was in Sindorf, Germany. Just prior to 3 a.m. a heavy artillery shell demolished the command post, instantly killing George and the regimental and battalion commanders. During the brief time that George had been with the Timberwolves he had earned the respect and admiration of the Division for

his fearlessness and unswerving devotion to duty.

Among George's many decorations were the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, and the Belgian Fourragere.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jean of Thousand Oaks, California, his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Pettit, his son, George Junior, also of Thousand Oaks and six grandchildren.

Nothing could be truer than the description of George in his class HOWITZER: "Even as he has won himself a high place among us here, so will he win laurels wherever he goes."

—F.P.M.

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## John Thomas Westermeier

NO. 9187 CLASS OF 1931

Died 2 March 1976 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., aged 67 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IN MARCH 1976, on a fine day, unusual for that time of year in New York state, John Westermeier was buried with military honors in the old section of the West Point cemetery. A truly good man, and a rarely courageous one, had gone. Family, friends and the world had lost one of a nearly vanished American breed.

John Thomas Westermeier was born in 1908 in Carlinville, Illinois, the son of George and Hortense Gleason Westermeier. His father was a doctor of medicine. At the age of fifteen John entered Blackburn College in Carlinville with the intention of becoming a Presbyterian minister. However, that was not to be, for an appointment to the Military Academy that came his way in 1927 upon his graduation from Blackburn was to lead him to quite another career.

At the Academy Westy was able to find fun in many aspects of the cadet life generally regarded as so grim. He took neither academics nor the rewards and punishments of the Department of Tactics very seriously—although he sampled the latter liberally, spending many hours in the area. Without effort that could have been regarded as undue he was always in the first section in English (though not in Spanish!) and was graduated near the middle of the class academically, but he was able to hold his sleeves inviolate of chevrons and was proud to be a first class buck. Westy's talent in drawing was great, and his decorations on hop cards and envelopes to "one and onlys" were much sought and generously provided. Contributing to the HOWITZERS as well, he drew inimitable sketches for the *Pointer* that humorously chronicled the four-year history of the Class of 1931, from beast barracks to the final June Week. During First Class year he was Art Editor for the *Pointer*, and his always keen observation of life under the stern grey walls together with his laughingly trenchant comment on it came to fullest flower.

One month after his graduation John and Louise W. (Bobbie) Melick were married and began their life together.

After assignments, in the Infantry, at Jefferson Barracks, Schofield Barracks, Governors Island and Plattsburg Barracks, John

was ordered back to the Academy in 1940 as an instructor in English. He was happy in that assignment for he loved English as he excelled in it, he was among old friends, and he was able for a while to work at Columbia toward a master's degree. However, after Pearl Harbor, wanting to be more directly involved in the war, he chafed at West Point. Change of a kind came when he was sent to the short course at the Command and General Staff School. From there he went to the 71st Division at Camp Carson for a time before being detailed to the Armed Forces Staff College. Then he was ordered to an active theater, being assigned to General Headquarters, Allied Forces, Southwest Pacific, where he was made briefing officer to General MacArthur.

In 1946 John's family was able to rejoin him in Tokyo. Two years later he was ordered to the Pentagon, from whence he went to the Army War College and then on to Headquarters, United States Army, Pacific, in Hawaii where he was engaged in high level planning. There followed a tour as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, First Army, at Governors Island. During this assignment John became seriously ill and had to undergo major surgery. He made a good recovery however and went on to gain the master's degree at Columbia while completing the tour.

Retired in 1961, John accepted an appointment in the Department of English at Orange County Community College, Middletown, New York, where he went on to become professor. In 1975 John became very ill. He resolutely finished his work for the spring semester before he entered Walter Reed, there to be told that he had cancer in an advanced stage. After gallantly enduring repeated surgery and other exceedingly painful treatment over a period of many months, John died on 2 March 1976. His quietly cheerful fortitude through so much suffering won the admiration and affection of the hospital staff.

One may note how John Westermeier's two professional careers—and his attainments in each of them—were brought out by the wording of the headline to the notice of his death that appeared in the student newspaper of Orange County Community College: "Colonel Westermeier, Beloved Teacher of English."

Apart from the two professional careers that he pursued with such distinction, John



JOHN THOMAS WESTERMEIER

ASSEMBLY

displayed high qualities in a third field—that of husband and father. With respect for the individuality of wife and sons, with sympathy, insight and understanding, and above all with unbounded patience and affection, he won the love of his family as few men do. His companionship with his wife was something treasured by them both, and his rapport with his sons was extraordinary. In effect he had followed a third career in developing a family relationship that was totally felicitous and that was prized at the time as it is now in memory.

Surviving John are his wife of Middletown, New York; three sons: John Thomas Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia, Harry M. of Middletown, and Thomas G. of Bordeaux, France; and a brother, George of Levittown, Pennsylvania.

John's death leaves an emptiness in the lives of his family and all who knew him well. In the course of his life he had had three careers, each of singular achievement: one in the Army; one in teaching at the college level; and one in giving of himself to all who had need of him, especially his family. A kind, loyal, generous and chivalrous person of great moral and physical courage, John Thomas Westermeier was one of a nearly vanished American breed.

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**William Ruthven Smith Jr.**

NO. 9329 CLASS OF 1932

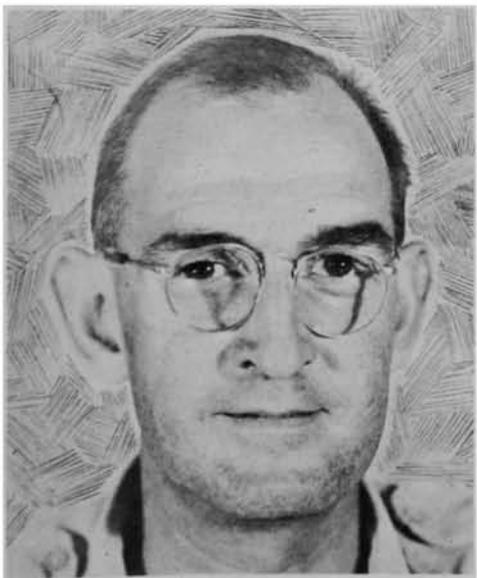
Died 12 October 1971 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aged 62 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON WHAT USED to be Columbus Day, in 1971 Bill Smith passed away. After an active youth and an ever-busy life, he was struck down by Hodgkin's disease.

He was the son and grandson of West Pointers, and lived the code as well as any man. Duty and honor above all.

Upon graduation, Bill joined the Corps of Engineers and was assigned to Civil Works duty on the lower Mississippi River. There he met and married Marelle Yongue. After a tour with the 11th Engineers in Panama, he attended The Engineer School at Fort Belvoir and then returned to West Point as an instructor in chemistry and electricity in 1938.



WILLIAM RUTHVEN SMITH JR.

When World War II broke out, Bill went off to the Southwest Pacific for a protracted tour of military engineering work in the combat zone. His accomplishments during this period, starting as commander of the 828th Engineer Aviation Battalion and ending as the commanding officer of the 1179th Engineer Construction Group, are well recorded and we are all proud of Bill's contributions to the military effort. During that period he compiled an impressive list of airfields, ports, camps and utility facilities constructed or rehabilitated.

Bill's character and personality underwent no change during the war period. He searched always for simple, sensible, logical and human answers to every problem. He accepted the existence of various human foibles and failings as a necessary fact of life and always found the best way to weave them into a fine pattern of accomplishment.

During the post-war years, Bill served in the Fissionable Material Production Facility at Oak Ridge and with the Joint Military Special Weapons Project. This was followed by a tour as Assistant Division Engineer, North Atlantic Division, working on both civil and military construction responsibilities of the Corps of Engineers. After a short tour in Casablanca as an Engineer Inspector General, Bill commanded the 403d Engineers in Germany, returning to Washington in 1955 to be assistant to the Chief of Engineers for military construction throughout the United States.

Just before he retired in February 1959 Bill had a short tour as Comptroller at Fort Belvoir. He became a registered professional engineer in New York and a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers. Although he had at first planned on getting into teaching or into construction work, Bill was sidetracked by an old love—boating. After a couple of boats and finding themselves loose after the marriage of their son, Bill and Marelle took off for Florida via the Intracoastal Waterway. The last ten years of his life were spent there enjoying boating, tinkering with various projects around his home and the homes of friends, and becoming a fixture in the local community. He participated in numerous community activities and in addition to his boating he spent many happy hours working with his fine collection of tools and playing golf. During the last couple of years of his life physical adversity abounded—first, a burst colon which was remarkably repaired, then a bout with kidney stones and, finally, the discovery of Hodgkins disease. Right to the last he continued living and planning for the future.

Bill has gone now. A devoted husband and father—a highly qualified and experienced engineer—an ever loyal and true son of West Point. He was a meticulous craftsman and more critical of himself than of others. He expected more of himself than of others and as a result he gave more of himself. He is gone—but he has left a legacy of love, honor, respect and devotion to duty for all those whose lives he touched.



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**Joe Free Surratt**

NO. 10044 CLASS OF 1934

Died 12 September 1975 in Indianapolis, Indiana, aged 63 years.

Interment: Tipton, Indiana



JOE FREE SURRATT

WHEN I QUITE literally bumped into Joe, I didn't realize I was meeting the best friend I ever had. The collision occurred in a night snow storm on the parade ground at Fort Ben Harrison in March 1930. We were both lost and trying to find the Noncommissioned Officers Club where West Point candidates were to be billeted. After that first meeting, and for nine continuous years after graduation, we were in the same units. I knew him well.

Joe hit Fort Sheridan in September 1934 along with six other green classmates. There he married his hometown girl, Sidenia Yetman, in March 1935. The four years at Sheridan were happy ones with congenial contemporaries and semi-pleasant horse-drawn artillery duty. The "semi" pleasant was caused by a horsey commanding officer who lived, breathed and slept horses, and expected all juniors to do likewise. Joe did not conform, so in summer camp as punishment he was given command of two batteries, was made battalion and camp supply officer, and camp post exchange officer. He juggled all these jobs in such exemplary fashion that even the horsey commanding officer was impressed and harassment ceased.

After a stint as a battery officer in the 3d Division Artillery at Fort Lewis, Joe was the Division Artillery S3 when the 3d landed in North Africa in November 1942. In April 1943, he went to General Patton's newly formed I Armored Corps and successively to the Seventh Army as assistant G3 and acting G3 until the war was over. In Seventh Army, Joe was, more often than not, in effect G3.

Following the war, Seventh Army occupied a fancy schloss in Heidelberg. In the formal garden was a nude, life-sized bronze statue of a girl contemplating a bird bath she held in her hands. Joe, our noted art lover and critic, named it "Naked Girl with Hair in Soup." His way-out sense of humor and whimsy made him fun.

He was honored by being selected to attend the first command class at Leaven-

worth in September 1945 and was held over as instructor. From there he was assigned to Organization and Training Division in the office of the Chief of Staff in the Pentagon for three years and then to G1, Manpower Control Division for a few months. During this tour, his wife Dean died suddenly, leaving him with two children.

He married Dr. Mary Alice Norris in July 1950. They were assigned to the Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission in Brazil in September 1951, then returned to the Army War College in 1952. After graduation he served in Office Chief of Army Field Forces (later Continental Army Command) for 3 years as general director, Combat Developments.

He then shipped overseas to Darmstadt as Assistant Artillery Officer V Corps. Two years later he became Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the Northern Area Command. During three months of this period he was Northern Area Commander in the absence of the Commanding General. In August 1959 he became G3 of the Fifth Army in Chicago.

He took early retirement in 1961 and plunged into his new life with his usual vigor and enthusiasm. In his new home in Indianapolis his days were so filled with his job as a stockbroker, his successful efforts to make his place a horticultural gem, and his being a complete family man, that he spent little time on the usual "retired" social activities.

How to describe him? I thought he was the most gentle and kind man I have ever known. Gentle and kind; that's a soldier? That was Joe and he was one helluva soldier. He could also be as rough as a cob when anyone—from his contemporaries to his children—was guilty of slip-shod work or did not reach his standards. He was conscientious, generous, honorable, patriotic and home-loving. He was also a terror in the kitchen, as Mary Alice could testify while cleaning up after one of his gourmet-type efforts.

Joe's illness was diagnosed as cancer in June 1975. Development was rapid, but until his death on 12 September 1975 he was meticulously directing his wife and daughters on what to do to make his passing easier for them. He ordered the fall plantings for his beloved garden and explained the necessary paper work. Until the very end he thought of others first, himself last.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Alice; son, Joe Jr.; and daughters, Stephanie Cohoon, Nancy and Catherine Surratt, both students at Purdue.

Interment was at Tipton, Indiana.

—Peace, my friend,  
A Classmate

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## Joseph Michael Cummins Jr.

NO. 10069 CLASS OF 1934

Killed in action 1 March 1945 at  
Sindorf, Germany, aged 34 years.

Interment: United States National Cemetery in Belgium



JOSEPH MICHAEL CUMMINS JR.

pression not only on us, his classmates, but on the Military Academy and the United States Army as well.

Joe was born at Fort McKenzie, Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1911, the son of (later Major General) Joseph M. Cummins and Eileen Davis Cummins, the oldest of four children. We know little of his early life, but judging from his riding activities at West Point, he must have been born on a horse. ("Gentlemen, observe Mr. Cummins' seat in the saddle.") Joe got an early start on leadership training by captaining the polo team and serving as a cadet first sergeant of G Company. As a cadet and later as an officer, he was the epitome of the phrase "officer and gentleman."

After graduation, Joe, like his father and grandfather before him, joined the Infantry. His early service paralleled that of most of us "doughs," with service at Fort Benning, with the 3d "Foot" at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and in Panama. While at Fort Benning he married Jane Crea, also an "Army brat," and they had two children. He was assigned to the 104th "Timberwolf" Division when it was activated early in World War II, trained with it in Oregon, and accompanied it to Europe where he commanded the 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry. In this capacity he was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and the Purple Heart for his performance in combat. He met his death from enemy artillery fire in his command post in Sindorf, near Cologne, Germany. Had he had his choice, I am sure Joe would have preferred to die in this manner, "with his boots on."

Joe's brother Tom (USNA '35) died in the crash of a Navy plane in 1940, and his father died after retirement, in 1959. He is survived by his widow, now the wife of another classmate, Major General R.H. (Bob) Adams; his mother; his two sisters, Eileen Page (married to R.J.B. Page, Class of 1936), and Kathleen Cummins; and by his son, Michael, who gave him 3 grandchildren, and his daughter, Mary Jane (Swindley) and her two children.

We, his classmates, salute Joe as he marches in the Long Gray Line. I can think of no better epitaph than the following citation for his Silver Star:

"...for gallantry in action in Holland on 25 and 26 October 1944. Advancing with the leading elements of his battalion in their initial combat engagement, Colonel Cummins,

courageously and at great risk of his life, crawled forward to within forty yards of enemy positions to issue orders to his subordinate leaders when his battalion encountered withering fire from a well entrenched enemy. Only after personally contacting each of his company commanders did Colonel Cummins return to the comparative safety of his command post. The intrepid courage and superb leadership displayed by Colonel Cummins saved the lives of many of his men and set an example worthy of emulation by all..."

—S.H. Smith '34

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## James Richard Winn

NO. 10074 CLASS OF 1934

Died 18 April 1976 at William Beaumont  
Army Hospital, El Paso, Texas,  
aged 65 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

JIM WAS BORN 2 August 1910, in Scott County, Kentucky. He attended the University of Kentucky for two years where he played football. At West Point we know he played football!

Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery with his first station at Fort Riley, Kansas. At Fort Riley he met Eleanor Mayo, daughter of Colonel Charles R. Mayo. He and Eleanor were married on 6 May 1936.

In 1941 Jim earned a master's degree in Applied Physics from the University of California at Los Angeles. Upon completion of this and a short weather course at California Tech, he served in the 14th Field Artillery Observation Battalion becoming its commander in July 1942. He went to the European Theater of Operations in January 1944. His combat service was principally in Headquarters XIX Corps Artillery where he became the Corps Artillery Executive in July 1944.

After returning from the war, he served at Headquarters First Army until he went as Operations Officer to Joint United States Military Assistance Group, Greece in January 1948.

Upon graduation from the National War College in 1950, he served in the Department



JAMES RICHARD WINN

of the Army until 1953 followed by a tour in the J3 Section, European Command, and one as commander of the 72d Field Artillery Group. He was a course director at the Army War College from 1956 to 1959.

During a 2 year tour at Headquarters, Continental Army Command he was promoted to brigadier general. He took command of the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery in July 1961 in Korea, and then upon receiving his second star in 1962 he became the senior member of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission. It was in this position that he gave a perfect example of his ability to solve problems quickly. When the North Koreans accused the United Nations Command of preparing for war, Jim told them that they were absolutely correct as that was exactly what we were doing.

From 1963 thru 1964 he commanded the 2d Region Army Air Defense Command. He then commanded our Joint United States Military Assistance Group, Philippines, until April 1967.

He retired on New Year's Eve 1969 from Hamilton Air Force Base. Upon retirement he and Eleanor lived in El Paso.

Attending his funeral were four of his former aides and a former enlisted aide, indicating the esteem in which Jim was held by junior officers and men who served with him.

Jim is survived by his widow, Eleanor; his daughter, Mrs. Laura Winn Frazier; two grandchildren; and a host of friends.

—A Classmate

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### Elvin Seth Ligon Jr.

NO. 10080 CLASS OF 1934

Died 19 November 1975 in Washington, D.C., aged 64 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BORN IN FORT UNION, Virginia, "Junie" attended the Blackstone Military Academy in Virginia and the University of Richmond before being appointed to the United States Military Academy from the 4th Virginia District. He was sworn in as a cadet at West Point in July 1930, and on that same day began "Beast Barracks." Four tough, demanding and gruelling years followed. Four



ELVIN SETH LIGON JR.

years of cadet life changed many a man, but not so with Junie. He was the same ebullient, incorruptible, innocent, friendly, gentle person on graduation day in 1934 as the day he entered cadet life. Always an active, enthusiastic participant in athletics and other student activities, he earned the total respect, admiration and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. For four years he sang in the Cadet Choir and in his last year was elected to the Cadet Honor Committee—the true measure of his classmates' esteem.

After graduation, as new second lieutenants, Junie and I along with a few dozen classmates were selected for flying training and reported to Randolph Field, Texas. The "wash-out" rate was high and the few of us who reached Kelly Field for advanced training were very close.

Lieutenant Ligon and I were sent to the Pursuit Section and there I got to know him as a man. He was competent, irrepressible and a real joy to be with—we worked hard and we had fun. Upon receiving our wings in 1935, Junie and I were sent to March Field, California, and assigned to the 19th Bombardment Group. Several years of flying together cemented a bond of real friendship. He was good to be with, his days were never routine, each day was something new, something special—he was a comrade.

When World War II came Junie was ready. He got command of the 466th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force and all of his meticulous training paid off with distinction. He came out of the war, unscarred, with a Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Cluster, a Bronze Star, and the French Croix de Guerre. From then on it was steadily onward and upward—the Air War College, National War College, Commander Air Force Recruiting Service and promotion to major general. He did duty in the Personnel Office in Washington and later served with distinction in international commands. He was the United States representative to the Central Treaty Organization in Ankara, Turkey, and the Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy.

General Ligon retired in 1965 and became the New York Representative for United Aircraft Corporation, a post he held for several years.

With deep grief we learned that shortly after his second retirement Junie was felled by a stroke and died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., on 19 November 1975. This was a sad day for his classmates and hosts of friends around the world—we miss him and will always remember him as a gallant airman and real gentleman.

He is survived by his wife Margaretta ("Peg" Flannigan) of 2111 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia; his son, Elvin S. III; his brother, John Dickey of Raleigh, North Carolina; and three grandchildren.

Be at peace Junie.

—Arno Luehman '34



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### William Graham Barnwell Jr.

NO. 10175 CLASS OF 1934

Died 10 June 1949 at Alexandria, Virginia, aged 38 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



WILLIAM GRAHAM BARNWELL JR.

BILL BARNWELL was a truly remarkable person—like no other I have known.

Five feet eight, blue-eyed, sturdy, and vibrant with energy he was. Quick-witted, light-hearted, gaily beguiling, and full of fun. Mischievous as Old Nick. The marshal's baton he carried in his heart; his knapsack was filled with devilment.

Bill was impartial with his mischief. Any unwary target of opportunity would do, regardless of rank or station. Of course, he paid the going price for his fun. At the United States Military Academy he moved in a sort of disciplinary no man's land of his own making. Worry? Not Bill. He was serious about soldiering, and very good at it. But he saw no conflict between doing a good job and enjoying a little merriment now and then. Nothing could change that, and it was well that nothing ever did.

The Barnwell family had included military men in each of the eight generations since Colonel John "Tuscarora Jack" Barnwell came from Ireland to Charles Town (Carolina) around 1700, and won his nickname leading a bitter but victorious winter expedition to end serious Indian depredations in the region of New Bern, North Carolina.

The Old South's romance and chivalry were part of Bill. So was a strong trace of *bon vivant*. (Bill's father, who had large land holdings, lost heavily in the Great Depression. But Bill's upbringing was such that his kin say he came up "like a rich man's son.") He knew how to live in style, and favored doing so when possible.

As a boy Bill dreamed of going to West Point. He was an honor student at Porter Military Academy in Charleston, South Carolina, where he graduated in 1927. By September of that year he was a Regular Army enlistee (29th Infantry, Fort Benning) and already applying for the West Point Prep School at Fort McPherson.

With his background and experience, he soon became known at the Military Academy

as a valued friend-in-need to unnerved fellow beasties who turned to him for help with the myriad strange details of cadet life.

Their respect for his know-how turned to awe as Bill's monumental insouciance toward officialdom revealed itself. For as long as we knew him, he seemed to have an almost compulsive need to deflate the over-pompous; to confound the nit-picker; and to assert his independence generally.

As a cadet, consequently, he gathered demerits about as fast as a frisky spaniel picks up cockle-burs. Tacs and instructors alike seemed to appreciate Bill's officer potential. Privately they probably enjoyed his audacity. Still, they "leaned on him" as needed. But that is not to say they ever squelched him for long.

It is said that Bill was once skinned for "Kissing young lady on balcony of Cullum Hall." His explanation:

1. The report is incorrect.
2. The young lady kissed me.
3. I was powerless to resist.

One classmate recalls that Bill and a fellow area-bird, when their walking days were finally over, each chose a suitable piece of area gravel and had the stones polished and set in their class rings—a sort of *trophée du combat*.

Bill Barnwell is legendary to his classmates, who still retell their many stories of his bold cadet capers. And to all these stories there is the ring of integrity—an uncompromising consistency. For amusement he played chancy games with the authorities. When he lost, fair and square, he would shrug it off with a grin.

But if his treatment seemed unfair, he would protest vigorously. He stuck to his guns under the heaviest pressure, and if he went down, he would go down fighting. Later, this same stubborn integrity was to display itself on the battlefield as a single-minded, intense devotion to duty. It was Bill's strongest quality, and it earned for him an enviable combat record.

On graduation, Bill went first to the 5th Infantry, headquartered at Fort Williams, Maine. In September 1938 he left there for Fort Benning, graduating from The Infantry School the following June. There, on 16 June 1939 he took himself a lovely bride—Mary Frances Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter H. Mullins. Mary was a native of Harris County, Georgia.

Fate grudgingly allowed them a little more than two years of pleasant peacetime living at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where Bill served with the 19th Infantry from August 1939 to late 1942.

After Pearl Harbor plunged us into war, Mary returned stateside before Bill's Hawaii tour was up, to have their first child at home. Mary Mullins Barnwell was born 26 April 1942 in Newnan, Georgia. There was little time for the Barnwells to be together during the next three years.

The 3d Armored Division was engaged in intensive, round-the-clock training when Bill joined it in the Mojave Desert in the late fall of 1942. Now he had found his destiny, as a soldier; he was to remain with this division throughout its five major campaigns in Europe and into the post-combat occupation period.

The now-famous "Spearhead" Division crossed the Channel shortly after D-Day and was committed 29 June 1944 with Bill's element (Combat Command A) being the first to engage the enemy. In the dense bocage country before St. Lo, the mission was

to reduce a salient around the village of Villiers Fossard and secure the village.

From this action to the last, 221 combat days later and far to the east at a place called Dessau, on the soil of a beaten enemy, the gallant story of this great division has been well told in a book entitled *Spearhead In The West—1941-45*, printed in Germany and distributed by the 3d Armored Division. (Copies are in military libraries and in the hands of the many surviving 3d Armored veterans.)

Reading this book is rewarding, especially for anyone tracing Bill Barnwell's story. In one passage it describes him with these words: "Lieutenant Colonel William G. Barnwell, irascible, keen old-army soldier, allowed himself only an occasional cat-nap in lieu of sleep during the long rat races."

Bill went with the "Spearhead" all the way, in the same job—Exec Officer, Combat Command A. He was fortunate, for he served a succession of outstanding commanders who had great faith in him, and to whom he could give unstinted loyalty.

His citations include three for the Bronze Star. One of these recounts "heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on August 18, 1944," in which his timely and courageous action under a heavy and extremely accurate artillery concentration "undoubtedly saved many lives and much equipment."

Bill's citation for the Silver Star medal describes gallant action at Namur, Belgium, on the night of 5 September 1944 in which Bill volunteered to run enemy lines twice in order to reach division headquarters and return with necessary operations orders. His success made possible an effective, coordinated division attack the next morning.

Bill was entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Citation, awarded to Headquarters, Combat Command A for heroic action at Mons, Belgium, in early September 1944. He also held the Legion of Merit for "extraordinary fidelity and exceptionally meritorious" service in the European Theater of Operations from 15 September 1944 to 25 April 1945; the Purple Heart for wounds received in France 1 September 1944; and the French Croix de Guerre with Palme for "exceptional services, June-December 1944."

He never lost his zest for tilting with the bureaucracy and its chafing regulations. So it must have been with wry satisfaction that he found, when those hard months of fighting were ended, the rear-echelon bookkeepers had duly recorded ten straight "Manner of Performance" ratings for him from 1 January 1943 through 16 September 1945—all "Superior."

Among Bill's papers is a fine commendation from the last of the wartime Combat Command A commanders—one of the 3d Armored Division's ablest leaders. His letter to Bill covers six months of close association in combat and afterward. It praises Bill for "thorough knowledge of staff procedure and superior direction of the staff work," and thanks him for his loyalty, sound judgment, initiative, and inspiring example to others. Knowing its author, we can imagine how Bill treasured this letter.

A close wartime associate (Colonel Dale E. Brown, Retired) gives this recollection of Bill's work with the 3d Armored Division:

"Barnwell, at Indiantown Gap, wrote the training problems used by the division, in tank-infantry cooperation. General Hickey was very pleased with these. They were laid out in the valley Northwest of our area and

I'm sure contributed a lot to the battle efficiency of our division.

"Barnwell was also quite an innovator. He built for General Hickey the best (mobile) combat Command Post made during the war. At Stolberg, during a lull, using a damaged anti-aircraft gun mount, he enclosed it with armor from destroyed vehicles, and included in it a hinged map board, working desk, bed, sink with running water, shower, toilet, and forced air ventilation. There was room inside for about five officers, for briefing.

"He also modified a half-track into a mobile, armored office with desk space, duplicating and other office equipment. It was very practical."

Another "Spearhead" associate, Major General Franklin M. Davis Jr., retired, during the fighting sketches this picture of Bill in action:

"I . . . recall him as an ebullient, aggressive personality around whom legend, commentary, and stories gathered like iron filings around a magnet. This was, I think, due to Bill's extra irreverence for the artificial, stuffy aspects of things military . . . his sense of humor, including a sublime sense of the ridiculous, precluded his taking the minor vicissitudes of combat life too seriously.

"But he would not compromise his professionalism. I remember some truly violent arguments he had with my battalion commander over operational instructions. He would not conform to the traditional stereotype of lieutenant colonels of that era.

" . . . in the myriad of operations involved, Bill was always 'up to something,' always teetering on the edge of some outrageous activity to brighten the corner where he was.

"He was a bouncy, breezy, stocky figure, quick with the needle, quick with the riposte, eyes glittering behind the glasses he always wore, always a friend, a good comrade, and in the eyes of those who served close to him, a good soldier."

Bill was back home with his wife and little girl by late 1945. For a year he was based at Fort Benning with Army Ground Forces Board number three. He graduated from Command and General Staff College in October 1947 and from Armed Forces Staff College in March 1948.

A second child, William G. III, was born to the Barnwells at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 4 August 1946.

After completing the Staff College course, Bill's next assignment, which was to be his last, was a job in the Pentagon identified only as "with a Pentagon personnel record board." It probably bored him stiff.

Bill Barnwell's death was sudden, shocking, and tragic—a crushing blow to his family, and a sad loss to all of us who had known him well and loved him accordingly. It took away a genuine, thorough-going soldier the Army could ill afford to lose.

Bill knew war firsthand, and close up. He knew it for the hideous abomination it is. He had witnessed its horror, felt its cold and hunger and bone-deep exhaustion—all its cruel demands on mind and body. He met these things not only with a good countenance, but with an irrepressible good humor that lifted others' spirits around him.

He was a rare one, all right. In matters that counted most, he never let the Army or his alma mater down, for here he was at one with them both. But, for as long as he lived, he accepted no detente with injustice, made no compact with official muddle-headedness. There is great integrity in a man like that.

*His place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.*

If Bill could see how things turned out for his classmates, I think he would be proud and happy for all of them who are still around. But I also think he would quickly point out the one who wore the most stars, and have the last word with something like, "Look! There, but for a few harmless pranks, go II"

—C.E.B., '34, with the help of Bill's family, classmates, and associates.

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## Edward Chandler Spaulding

NO. 10755 CLASS OF 1937

Died 31 July 1975 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 63 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

EDWARD WAS BORN 16 May 1912 in Washington, D.C., the son of Brigadier General and Alice C. Spaulding. He died 31 July 1975 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.

Edward's preparation for West Point included some of the finest schools in the country. Two of these schools are Punahou Schools, Territory of Hawaii (1929) and the University of Michigan (Bachelor of Arts degree, 1933). The late Senator Vandenberg from Michigan appointed Ed to West Point in 1933. As noted by the late "Poopy" Connor, Edward became "Dink" and ranked up there in the rarified sector of the class with little effort on his part. In addition to his academic achievements, he was appointed cadet lieutenant. He participated in soccer, baseball, *Pointer*, and Dialectic Society.

After graduation from West Point, Dink was one of the carefree 1937 bachelors aboard the United States Army Transport REPUBLIC seeking fame and fortune in Honolulu or other points west. Aboard the transport *Republic* in November 1937, he first met "Lorrie," Lorraine Frances Shute, daughter of Colonel Martyn Hall Shute (United States Military Academy Class of 1906) and Marjory Masi Shute. Fortune came to Edward on 4 March 1939 when he married Lorrie at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.



EDWARD CHANDLER SPAULDING

He served with Battery A, 13th Field Artillery, at Schofield Barracks until May 1940. During the summer of 1940 he reported to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery with which he departed for the European Theater of Operations at the start of World War II. He told many stories of the shipwreck some 500 miles east of Bermuda and his eventual arrival in North Africa. In North Africa he was assigned to Headquarters, Seventh United States Army. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as Acting Artillery Officer, Seventh United States Army. Early in 1945, he was ordered to the Supply Division, G4, War Department General Staff, Washington, D.C. In June 1947 he was transferred to Headquarters, Caribbean Command, Panama.

In Panama on 2 July 1947, Edward Oliver Spaulding joined the family. From Panama Dink was ordered to the 1802 Special Regiment, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. There on 27 March 1950, William Bradford Spaulding joined the family. The assignment to West Point was followed by an unaccompanied assignment to a training team in Bursa, Turkey. During the assignment to Turkey, Ed was promoted to colonel. In 1953 he was ordered to the Military District of Washington to be Assistant Chief of Staff. He attended the National War College in 1956. Upon graduation from the War College, he was assigned to the Military Assistance Group, Pentagon. Following this assignment, he drew another unaccompanied tour of duty in Korea from February 1959 until 1960. In Korea he was Headquarters Commandant, and J4 US Forces/United Nations Command, Korea. Upon completion of this tour, he was assigned as G4, Second Region Army Air Defense Command, at Fort Meade, Maryland. During this assignment he became a lay reader in the Episcopal Church. He and his family moved with the Army Air Defense Command to the vicinity of Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the years 1961-1963. During the Cuban Missile Crises, Ed was Chief of Staff, 2d Region, Army Air Defense Command. From the Army Air Defense Command assignment, Ed was assigned as head of Fourth United States Army Recruiting District. He retired in 1967 and bought a home in San Antonio, Texas, where he went back to school to earn a teaching certificate. He joined the staff of Texas Military Institute where he served as an instructor during 1968 and 1969.

While in Washington, D.C., and at Fort Meade, he was active in the Boy Scouts, serving as a Cub Master. He also was an active member of Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Chapter, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Those of us who knew Ed intimately through the years will always remember him for his insistence on and admiration of preciseness for both the written and spoken word. His entire service exemplified the



motto of our alma mater—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. We join those of the Long Gray Line that have gone before him in saying, "Well done, be thou at peace."

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## Harold Ballard Wohlford

NO. 14943 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 March 1976 in Pearson, Oklahoma, aged 55 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



HAROLD BALLARD WOHLFORD

HAROLD BALLARD WOHLFORD, or "Pug" Wohlford as he was known to his friends, was born in Breckenridge, Texas, 15 January 1921, the son of John Harrison and Elizabeth (Martin) Wohlford. He attended grade school and high school in Breckenridge and graduated in 1938.

In June 1945 Harold graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Upon graduation he was sent to pilot transition training in B-25 and B-17 type aircraft. In January 1946 he completed the Junior Staff Officer's Course at Orlando Air Force Base, Florida, and in February of that year he was sent overseas and stationed at Rhein Main Air Force Base, Germany. There his assigned duties were, Base Legal Officer, Legal Assistance Officer, and Courts and Boards Officer. During that time he was one of the pilots who participated in the Berlin Air-Lift.

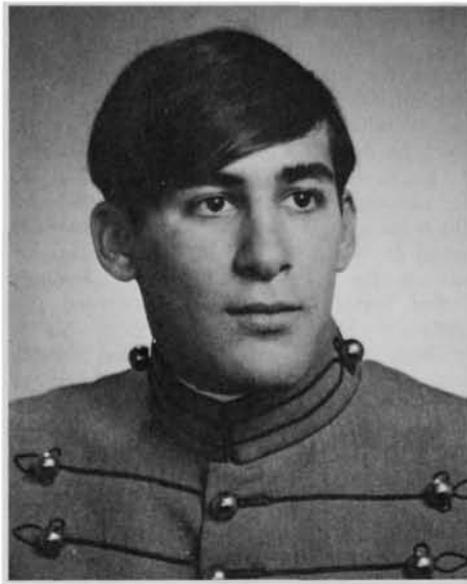
On his return from Europe he was assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and later to Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as a cadet Tactical and Ground School instructor. In 1949 he completed the Atomic Energy Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and in September 1952 he was a graduate of Industrial Administration from the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, Ohio.

Harold was then assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he received training as a B-29 Aircraft Commander. He served in this capacity in the Strategic Air Command at Schilling AFB, Kansas, until July 1953, at which time his Bomb Wing was converted to B-47 type aircraft and he received training to become a B-47 Aircraft Commander and Bomb Commander at Wichita, Kansas. He served in this capacity until

his resignation was accepted in October 1957.

He was then employed by the Eclipse-Pioneer Division of the Bendix Corporation, and later by Unipak Aviation Corporation, as sales manager, directing all marketing activities for military systems and equipments, until entering his own business in New York State. He held both a private license and commercial pilot's license and remained active in the Air Force Reserve until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in July 1970.

Pug was a tall Texan with a friendly smile, a happy disposition, and a heart as big as the State he came from. He never complained, and about himself he was modest and unassuming. Indeed, the degree of his skills, knowledge and accomplishments were often only learned of from those with whom he worked. His favorite pastimes were reading, everything and anything—mostly Westerns—and watching football games. Pug was an honorable man, loyal to his values, beliefs, and country. He was born with strength of character and a gentle, loving heart. We thank God for letting us share his life, which so enriched our own, and Pug, for the love and kindness he left in the hearts of his wife Elvira; daughters, Sandra and Pamela; grandchildren, Todd and Pam; brother H.C. "Chubby" Wohlford; and a sister, Loma Clara Kile.



JOHN MARTIN RUZICKA

together, second lieutenant John Ruzicka retired with his wife and twin sons shortly after midnight for a peaceful night of rest. Aroused from his sleep once during the night to comfort one of his restless sons, Lieutenant Ruzicka went back to sleep, never again to waken. He died peacefully in his sleep at 0730 hours on the morning of 20

June 1976 an apparent victim of a heart attack.

John's life revolved around two things, his dedication to his wife and children and to the Engineers of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he so proudly served as Executive Officer of Company A, 30th Engineer Battalion.

John was born in Palmerton, Pennsylvania on 8 June 1953, the son of Martin Ruzicka and the late Josephine Baratta Ruzicka. He attended the Northampton County schools, and was graduated with honors from Northampton High school with the Class of 1971. While in school he achieved many honors. He was president of his high school class for three years and also headed the school's National Honor Society. While at high school he was named boy of the month in November 1971 by the Borough Exchange Club, and also took the award as the outstanding teenager in America that year.

He started as a quarterback on the high school varsity football team in the 1969-70 school year and made the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Football Foundation in that position in 1970. That same year he led his team to the league championship with nine wins and one loss. During his senior year he was the Big 33 nominee and played on both the basketball and track teams at the school.

Entering West Point in July of 1971, John concentrated all his efforts on his studies rather than dividing his time between that and sports. He did, however, play varsity lacrosse for three years.

Funeral services were conducted from the Charles H. Campton Funeral Home in Palmerton, Pennsylvania on Thursday, 24 June 1976, with the Reverend David S. Mohr, Pastor of Trinity Church, officiating. Interment was in the Towamensing Cemetery, Palmerton, where John was laid to rest beside his mother, who also passed away at a young age.

John is survived by his wife Jane, twin sons, Jay M. and Mark J., his father, and two brothers.

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### John Martin Ruzicka

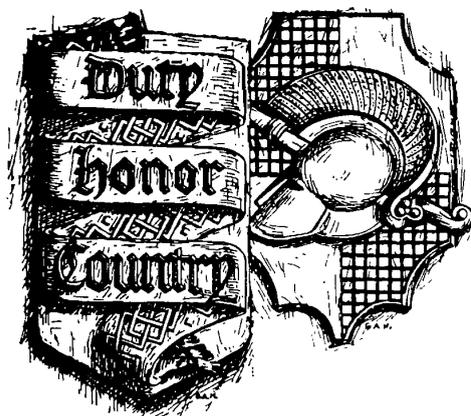
NO. 32902 CLASS OF 1975

Died 20 June 1976 in Woodbridge,  
Virginia, aged 22 years.

Interment: Towamensing Cemetery,  
Palmerton, Pennsylvania



AFTER SPENDING A weekend of joyful reminiscing with dear friends from his hometown, talking about their high school football days



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the December 1976 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
David C. Seagrave	1905....19	December	1976....Santa Clara, California
Leland Wadsworth Jr.	1907.... 9	July	1976....Leavenworth, Kansas
Claude B. Thummel	1909....29	January	1977....Fort Riley, Kansas
George L. Van Deusen	1909....12	January	1977....Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
Maurice L. Miller	1916....11	December	1976....Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Aaron Bradshaw Jr.	Apr 1917.... 8	November	1976....Washington, D.C.
John M. Johnson	Aug 1917....23	November	1976....San Antonio, Texas
Meyer L. Casman	Jun 1918....17	November	1976....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
G. Bryan Conrad	Nov 1918....11	December	1976....Winchester, Virginia
Harrison Shaler	Nov 1918....18	November	1976....Laguna Hills, California
William W. Bessell Jr.	1920....13	January	1977....West Point, New York
Robert F. Hallock	1923....31	December	1976....San Antonio, Texas
Joseph C. King	1923....27	January	1977....Washington, D.C.
Russell A. Baker	1924....25	November	1976....Lompoc, California
Richard W. Stephens	1924.... 3	January	1977....Pacific Grove, California
Francis L. Ankenbrandt	1926.... 1	December	1976....Naples, Florida
Keith R. Barney	1926....12	January	1977....Washington, D.C.
John L. Ryan Jr.	1926.... 8	December	1976....Washington, D.C.
Henri A. Luebbermann	1927....14	January	1977....Osprey, Florida
George V.H. Moseley Jr.	1927.... 6	December	1976....Montague, Massachusetts
William P. Pence	1927.... 9	November	1976....Washington, D.C.
John M. Sterling	1927....30	November	1976....Arlington, Virginia
Robert G.H. Meyer	1929....20	November	1976....Arcadia, California
Charles R. Conroy	Ex-1929....13	December	1976....Garden City, South Carolina
Keith H. Ewbank	1930....15	January	1977....Palm Beach, Florida
Merle L. Fisher	1931....15	October	1976....San Antonio, Texas
Ernest C. Peters	1931.... 1	March	1976....San Antonio, Texas
Robert W. Hain	1933....22	November	1976....Honolulu, Hawaii
Stephen B. Mack	1933....31	October	1976....San Francisco, California
William F. Nesbitt	Ex-1935....21	November	1976....Berlin, Germany
William M. Connor	1936....12	January	1977....Charleston, South Carolina
Harold S. Bibo	Ex-1937....14	November	1976....Santa Fe, New Mexico
Maurice R. Lemon	1938....31	December	1976....Falls Church, Virginia
Walter C. Dolle	1939....15	December	1976....San Antonio, Texas
James R. Sykes	1941....24	January	1977....Palm Beach, Florida
John C. Adams Jr.	1942....22	December	1976....Long Beach, California
George T. Campbell Jr.	Jun 1943....10	November	1976....San Francisco, California
James F. Fooshé III	1950....23	November	1976....Arlington, Virginia
William W. Hilley	1953....29	November	1976....Greenville, South Carolina
Lawrence B. Tatum*	1953....10	November	1976....North Vietnam
Charles H. Wheeler	1957.... 2	October	1976....Carswell AFB, Texas
William A. Denson	1958....23	October	1975....Maryland
David S. Price	1961....16	December	1976....Augusta, Georgia
Gaylyn F. Jones	1973....28	December	1976....El Paso, Texas
Todd W. Brewner	Ex-1979....24	December	1976....Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
James M. Davis	Ex-1980.... 2	January	1977....Washington, D.C.

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