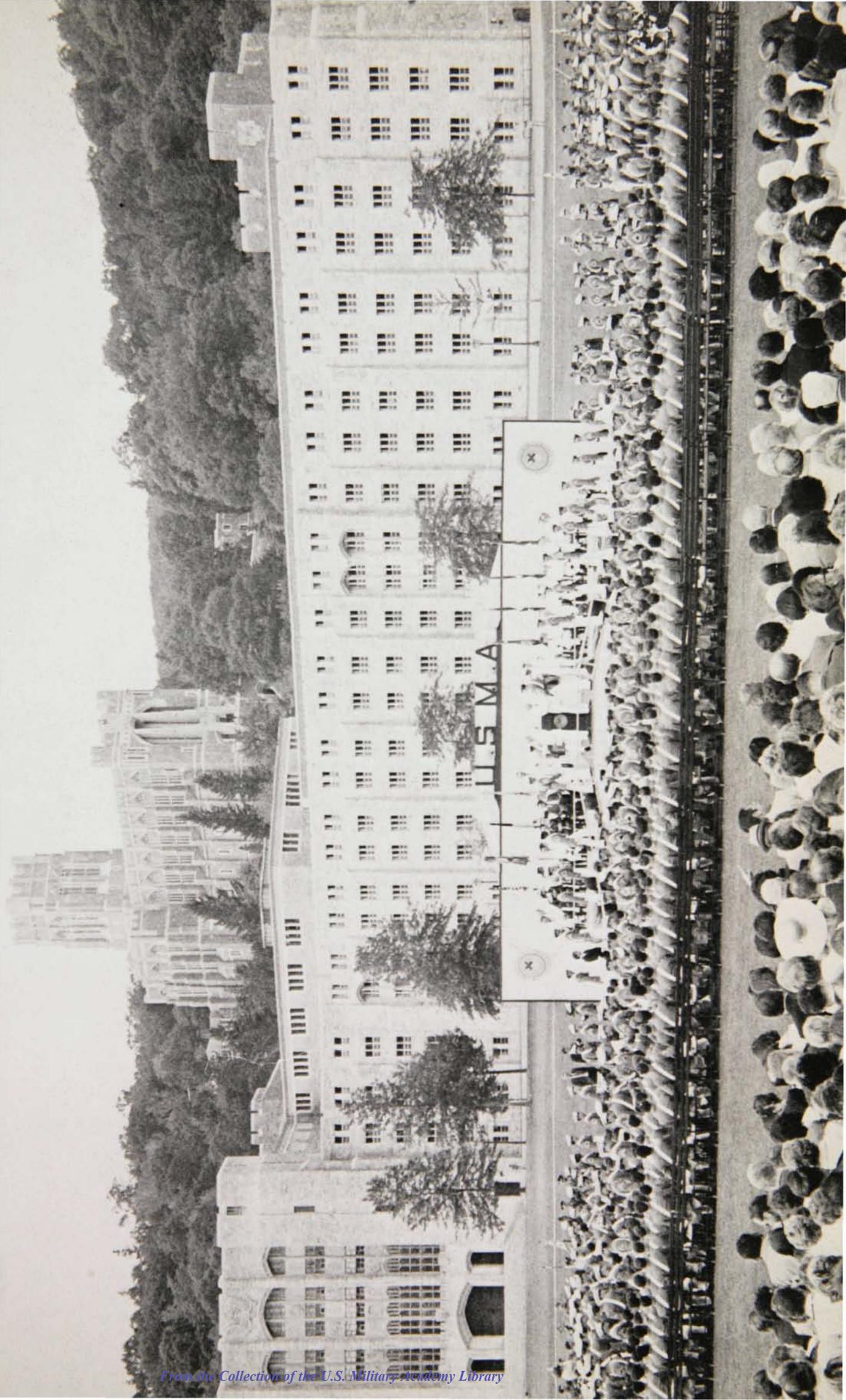


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SEPTEMBER 1977





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Dear Fellow Graduates:

At the change of command ceremony held on June 13 at Trophy Point, my remarks were as follows:

"First, let me join in expressing appreciation to General Berry for his skill and dedication in guiding West Point through a turbulent and challenging time. To him and Mrs. Berry, my wife and I say Godspeed, bon voyage and best wishes in the important new duties he will be assuming in Germany.

"To General Rogers I extend special appreciation for his presence here, and for his personal participation in these ceremonies--evidence of his keen interest and concern in the role of West Point and in the successful conduct of its affairs.

"At this early moment in my service as Superintendent, it is best, I am sure, to keep my remarks brief. My wife and I are happy to be here, at this place we have known and loved for so long. We welcome the opportunity to serve with the tremendously dedicated and talented members of the West Point Community whom we now join.

"The essential reason I am here, so far as I am concerned, is my deep belief in the role and importance of this Academy, and my commitment to the principles and purposes to which, in my opinion, it is and should be dedicated. West Point exists to provide to the cadets of the Corps an intellectual, military, physical and moral/ethical experience of such high quality that it can serve as a bedrock upon which they as future military leaders can build the capability to take their responsibilities in due time for the security and well-being of our country. It is an experience both demanding and rewarding for all who provide it and all who receive it.

"This is the central goal that will guide me as I shape and guide our collective activities here at West Point in the time ahead. This is the goal to which I propose to concentrate the attention and priority of all who bear and share responsibility with me here. I pledge to you in this regard just what I shall expect from you--the utmost in dedicated effort directed to the fulfillment of our common mission.

"We will build upon the strengths of West Point and the enduring values of its past, as we adapt and respond--with readiness and initiative--to the challenges and opportunities of the present and the future. We will face our problems with confidence and resolution, with integrity, justice, human understanding and, not the least, with good humor and good will. Our common standard will be excellence. Our common inspiration will be duty, honor and country."

You may be interested in some of the initial measures taken since that time. In many cases, these are simply actions--in one form or another--that have been under consideration or development for a number of months.

--We have dropped the General Order of Merit for the Corps of Cadets in favor of use of the grade-point average to evaluate individual performance.

--We have abolished the Leadership Evaluation System in its present form.

--We have ended the 80-minute academic period. Beginning with the fall semester, academic periods will be of no more than 60 minutes duration throughout the day.

--We have launched a broad process of strengthening and enhancing the role of the Tactical Department--and specifically the duties and functions of the company tactical officer.

--We have oriented the Plebe System strictly on the rigorous requirements of military performance, in which overtones of abuse and harassment have no place.

It is my hope that these and other actions will help clear the way for a systematic and thorough-going reappraisal of the whole range of our major activities, and for prompt institution of changes where needed, as we move forward. As you know, three Study Groups, working directly for the Chief of Staff of the Army in the substantive areas of West Point Environment, Academics, and Military Professional Development, have recently completed their reports. A great deal of hard work and dedicated effort by Army and Military Academy staff members have gone into these studies. We have begun the preparatory work leading to a detailed and comprehensive review and analysis of these important studies.

During the month of June, some 98 of the cadets separated in 1977 as a result of honor violations were readmitted to the Corps. The readmissions went smoothly, and the process of reintegration seems to have been successfully accomplished.

The coming months will see a heavy concentration on the academic life of the Academy. The summer's military activities, in my judgment, were a credit to the cadets, enlisted personnel and officers who took part in them.

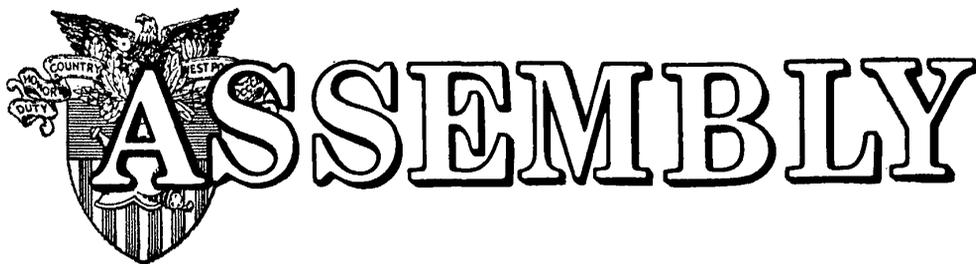
I greatly appreciate the many expressions of support I have received on assuming command. In turn, I extend my best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

  
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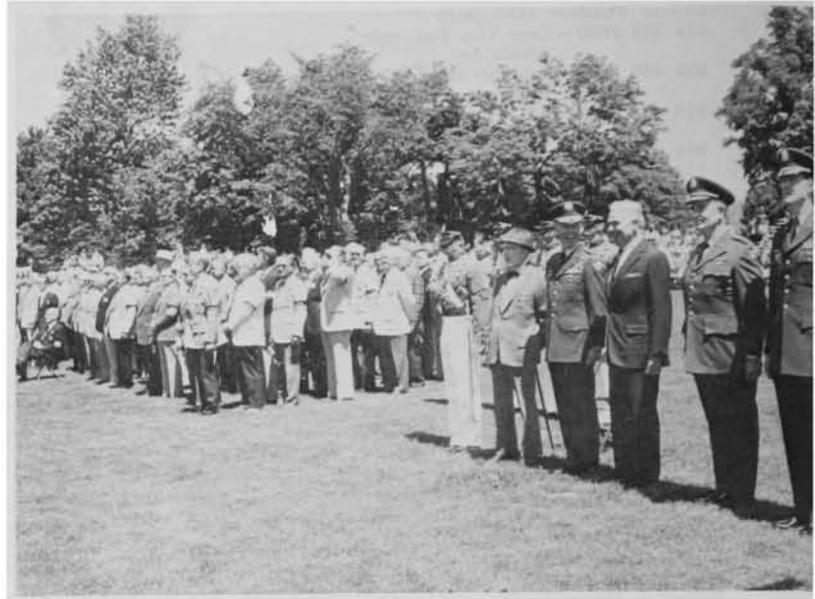
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OVER 538 GRADUATES assembled at West Point for class reunions on 1-3 June under clear skies. Reunion Classes present included April '17, August '17, '21-'22, '27, '32, '37, '42, '47 and '52. The oldest graduate present was Farman '09. The Class of 1952 was the largest Reunion Class present with 145 graduates. Fourteen 4-star generals returned with their classes: Clark and Collins, Class of April 1917; Cook, Schuyler and Taylor, Class of 1921-1922; Collins and Kuter, Class of 1927; Beach, Besson, Mather and Woolnough, Class of 1932; Preston and Underwood, Class of 1937; Haig, Class of 1947. Former Superintendents USMA, Irving, Class of April 1917, Davidson, Class of 1927 and Koster, Class of 1942 were also present. The Classes of '27, '32, '37, '42, '47 and '52 formally presented class gifts to USMA.

# Reunion:

First Captain with Alumni at Review.



Alumni line at Review.

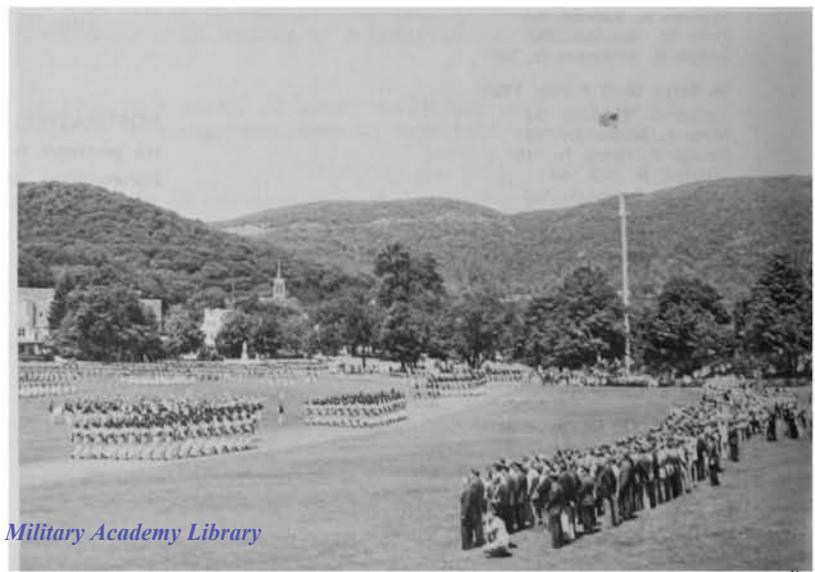


President AOG, Oldest Grad, and Superintendent USMA lead march to Thayer Monument.

Oldest Grad with First Captain at Thayer Monument.



Alumni Review



# 1977



Class of 1927 dedicates Memory Book Corner—class gift to USMA.

The Class of 1947 formally donates renovated Railroad Station to USMA.



Superintendent USMA receives gift of Class of 1942: Fountain and Garden east of Eisenhower Hall.

Class of 1932 dedicates Skeet Range to General Earle Wheeler.



Oden '37 speaking at dedication of Regimental Room, gift of the class to USMA.



Class of 1952 gift of Cannon for restored Ft Putnam received by the Superintendent, USMA.





## April 1917

OUR 60-YEAR reunion was thoroughly a happy one. There to enjoy it were 12 classmates, seven wives, two daughters, one son, and three friends; and the reunion was a highlight in all our lives. At our class luncheon Fred Irving and Harris Jones recalled many interesting episodes of their many years at West Point, and Mark Clark gave a short but eloquent talk on what West Point has meant to him. At the Alumni Luncheon the two cadets who served each table as "gunner and coffee corporal" gave us first-hand answers to our questions about late developments in the Corps. And we came home convinced that the Corps is healthy and strong and that the Honor System is in excellent shape.—JACKSON





# August 1917

OUR REUNION BROUGHT to mind a song from Carrousel. "It was a real nice clambake and we all had a real good time. The vittles we et were good you bet: the company was the same. Our hearts were beating together and we were feeling prime. It was a real nice clambake and we all had a real good time." We mourned those who could not be with us but rejoiced in being with those who could come. Gemutlichkeit! It was fine to be joined by Karl Greenwald '12; he seemed one of us. The boat ride was a highlight: the Hudson was placid for us landlubbers. Everyone was kind to us geriatrics but especially Captains Jewell and Hutchinson and their lovely wives. They made it easy for us to get the most pleasure possible out of August 1917's 60th Reunion.

—REEDER

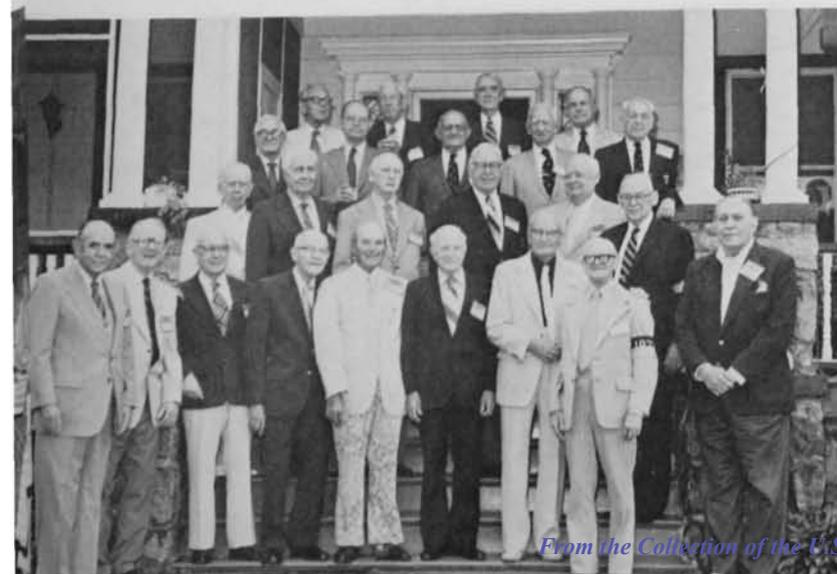




# 1921-1922

THE 48 WHO ATTENDED our 55th Reunion was made up of 18 classmates with their wives, six stags, an ex-classmate and his wife and four widows. Festivities started with a buffet dinner at the Hotel Thayer. Then the following morning memorial services were held at the Cadet Chapel to pay honor to our departed classmates. In the evening a cocktail party was held at the beautiful Bassett home in Highland Falls overlooking the Hudson River. All the usual Alumni exercises and activities were well attended. Our hospitality room at the Thayer was a popular meeting place to visit and shoot-the-breeze with one another. The final activity was a steak cook-out picnic at Round Pond. Art Klein and the two aides, Majors Girardi and Redmond, deserve a vote of thanks for a job well done. It was the consensus of those who attended that this was the best reunion ever.—HAAS





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# 1927

ON 14 JUNE 1927, 203 graduated, of which 93 have passed on, leaving 110, from which 56 returned for the 50th Reunion, with 53 wives, 3 widows, 5 ex-class members with 3 wives, and 14 family members, thus bringing 134 together for a wondrous gathering. The purpose of this Reunion was the natural one of making possible the meeting with old friends, the renewal of friendships with those separated from over the years, and to make some new acquaintances. All was accomplished amid the beauty of West Point, the magnificence of our beloved Academy, and the stimulation experienced from viewing the splendid Corps as it carries on our ideals and traditions. The June Week ceremonies and social gatherings and our dedication of Memory Book Corner in the Library gave opportunities for all to feel moved by the good fortune to be so reassembled. The few days of Reunion were marked by an exceptional camaraderie, gayety, joy, and delight—never could one experience more of the rewarding feeling of a good purpose well achieved.—LILLARD



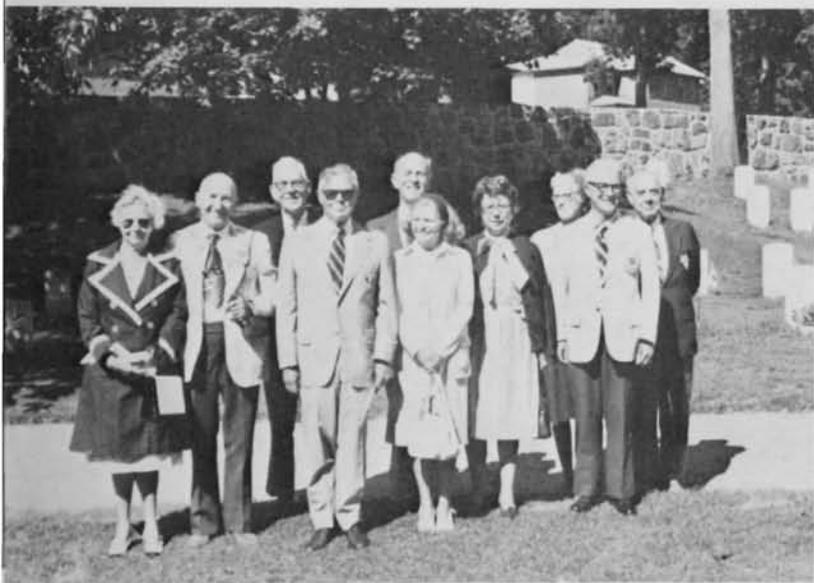


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# 1932

THEY CAME FROM East, West, North and South. From as far away as Hawaii, Taipei and Thailand. The heroes were George Mather, Bill Culp, Pinky Smith and Barney Bunch. All made the various formations. The latter three had suffered strokes and George had a painful hip joint causing him to walk in a semi-crouch with a cane. Bill Culp's handsome son, Bill Jr. flew in from Los Angeles to Cincinnati to pick up his father and fly to West Point. He escorted Bill to ceremonies in a wheelchair. Other highlights so memorable included the re-dedication of the Cadet Skeet Range in honor of Bus Wheeler... the memorial service at the old Cadet Chapel and the grand finale of the boat ride up the Hudson.—DAVIDSON





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# 1937

THE 40TH REUNION of the USMA Class of 1937 was characterized by a feeling of "coming home" to a place, associations with classmates and, above all, the traditions, ideals and philosophy that have so profoundly shaped our lives. Much has changed in the physical appearance of the plant and the Corps—yet the feeling of continuity was unmistakable. The centerpiece of the reunion for our class was our presentation to the Academy of the Regimental Room in the enlarged Mess Hall. It is an impressive, appropriate and enduring contribution to the life of the Corps. Statistically, including wives, widows, children, the attendance count was 180. They were from all over CONUS as well as two from Manila, Philippine Islands, two from Honolulu and one from Naples, Italy. Our appreciation must go to the Superintendent and his staff, the AOG, the troops and cadets at West Point and our own class officers for their efficiency and courtesy that made our reunion enjoyable and logistically painless.

—PEARSALL





# 1942

*SIMPLY STATED, it was the best yet—and that's the truth! As expected, we partied formally and informally—and told each other outrageous tales—and disturbed the peace, with the irrepressible '42 spirit. We broke ground for the Class Gift, marched in a column of bunches to the Alumni Exercises, startled the Corps—and the Supe—with an umbrella salute at the Alumni Review, conducted a modicum of class business and paid our respects to our departed comrades. But the real story of our 35th Reunion is a deeper one, a story of unity and warmth and affection—a closeness which pervaded every encounter, an acceptance of each other as we are, and the maturity to unashamedly express our sentiments.—HANST*





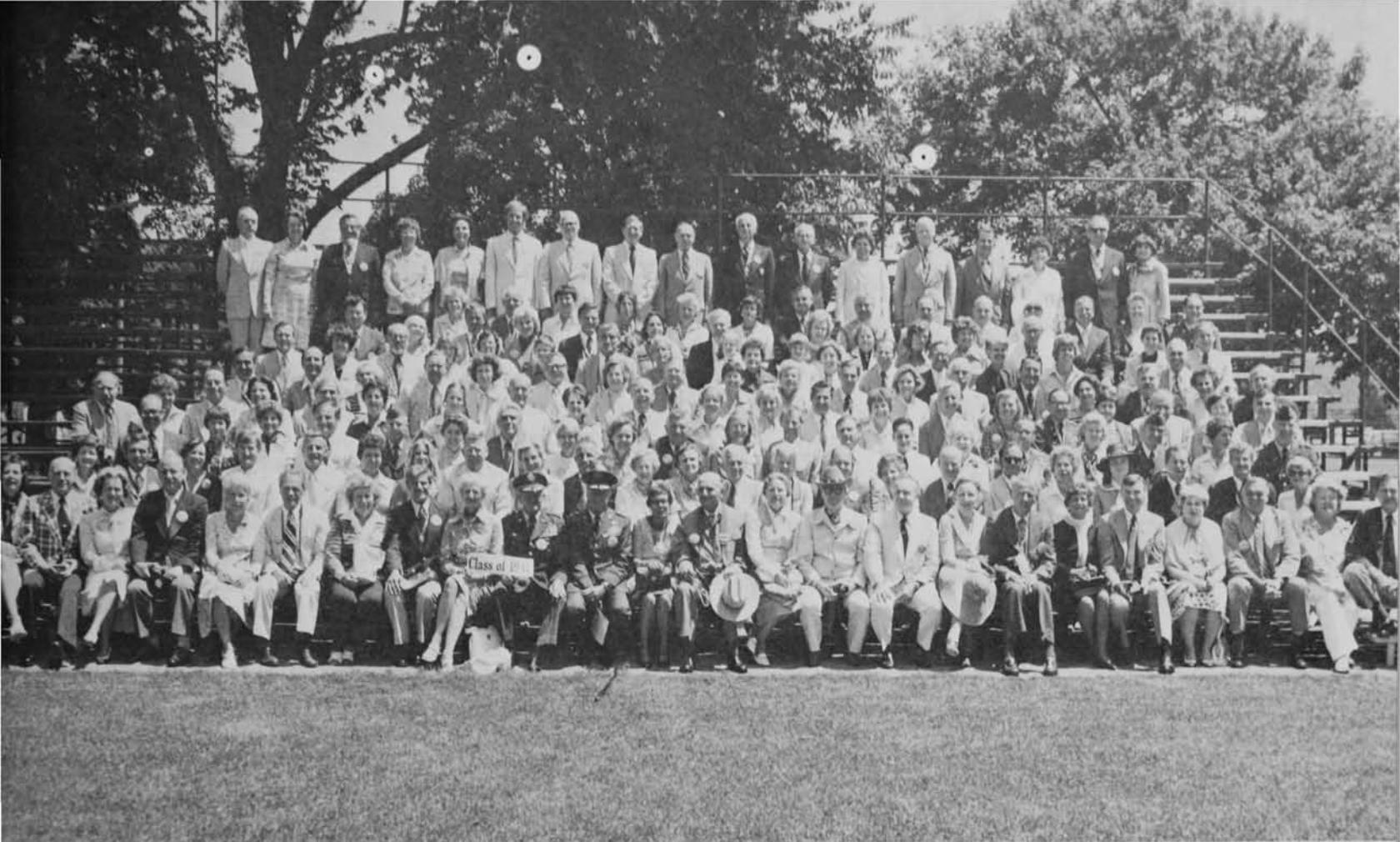
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# 1947

*THERE WAS NO preplanned theme for 47's Thirtieth. But as the euphoria of the first evening's festivities was followed by a feeling of well-being during the dedication of the train station, the Alumni dinner dance, Alumni services and parade, the many parties, mini-reunions, and finally, in leave taking, we, for perhaps the first time, began to verbalize a theme that has characterized our activities thru the years. That theme has been "COMMITMENT." In the words of Chaplain Camp at the Memorial Service: "...A commitment to wisdom and truth...to stand in line and die for..." There has been a commitment to our alma mater and to the Corps; to our country; to our families and our cherished ones; to the memory of those who gave their lives in two wars and in peace. The commitment is evidenced in dedication and accomplishment; in religion; in contributions to progress in an era of advancing science and technology; and always there is that firm commitment to those that continue after us.—ROSEN*





# 1952

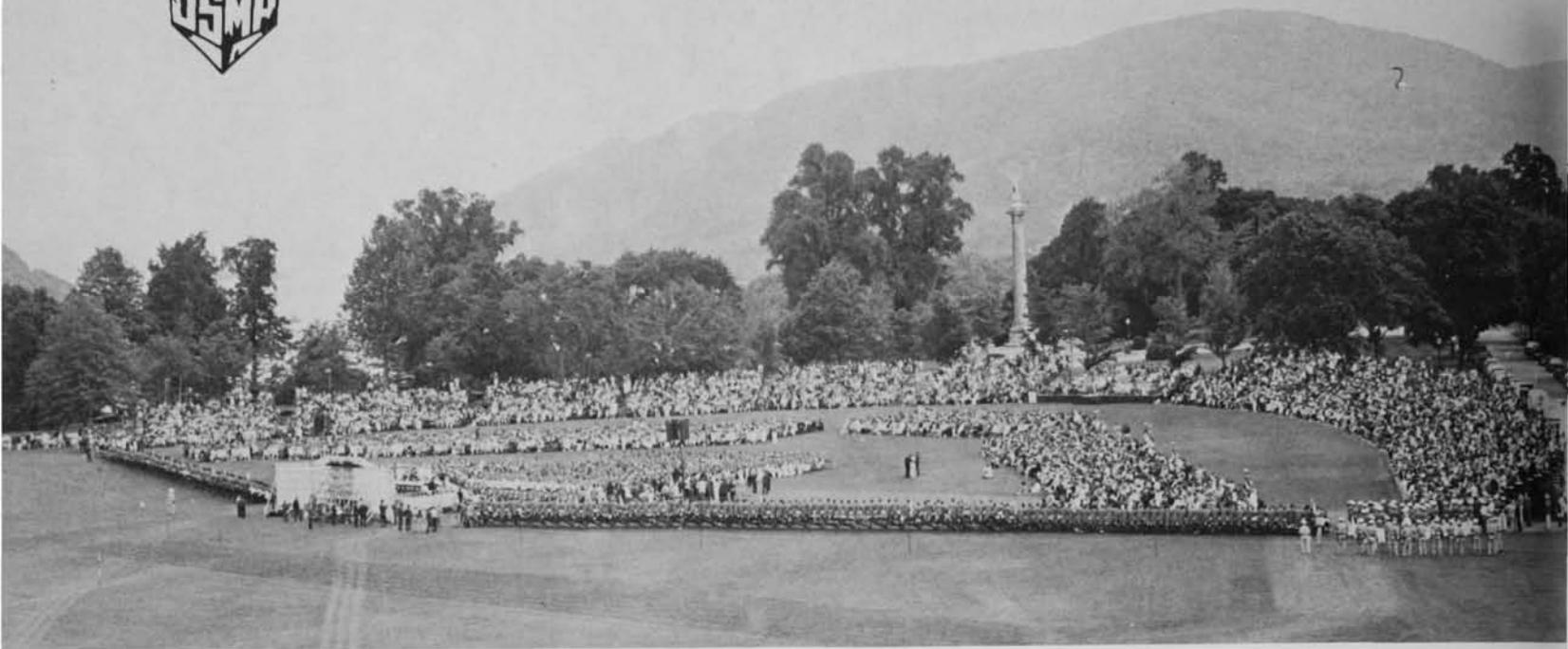
WE CAME FROM as far away as Alaska, Marbella Spain, Heidelberg and Brussels to attend the 25th Reunion of our Sesquicentennial Class. Many may not have noticed it, but in our honor, as we marched in for the Alumni exercises at Thayer Monument, they played the Sesquicentennial March. Only 7 of those expected failed to make it, and 147 classmates, 130 wives, and 12 children (not counting cadets) were recorded as present. In addition to the activities for all reunion classes, our activities included a cocktail buffet on our first evening; the presentation of our class gift (14 cannon and mortars to rearm Ft Putnam) followed by a class luncheon and a class meeting on 2 June; and a class memorial service on 3 June. Bill Reilly and Skip Wensyel prepared and presented very moving words about our class and classmates at the meeting and the memorial service. Even the bus rides between events provided interesting memories. Several arranged to repeat their marriage vows for their 25th anniversary following our reunion. All departed with happy feelings for renewed friendships and pledged increased effort to attend the succeeding 5-year reunions.—GARVER







# GRADUATION



Graduation 1977 on the Plain.

**I**N July 1973, 1372 new cadets paraded to Trophy Point to be sworn in as the Class of 1977. The Commandant of Cadets on that day reminded them that "West Point is tough on purpose. It does not seek those who choose the easy way."

The Class of 1977 saw four tough years marked by three changes in commandants, a change in superintendents, deletion of the "silence" and addition of new honor system procedures after probably the most serious honor incident in Academy history. It was the first class to see

women join the Corps and had not in four years seen Army beat Navy in football.

On 8 June 1977, 697 members of the class marched to the Plain to be sworn in as the newest second lieutenants in the Army after these four years of changes and controversy. Twenty-seven more members of the class graduated in July and August 1977 after extra instruction.

Secretary of the Army, Clifford Alexander Jr., guest speaker at the graduation exercises, in addressing the graduates said:

"... This past year, as we all know, has been a difficult one for the Academy. It is a tribute to the inherent strength of the institution that despite the furor your work has continued and from my observation equipped you well to meet the challenges ahead.

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"You are entering a profession. And while it is like other professions in our society in some fundamental ways, it is very unlike them in one overwhelmingly important way: the calling you enter to-

June Week Awards Review.

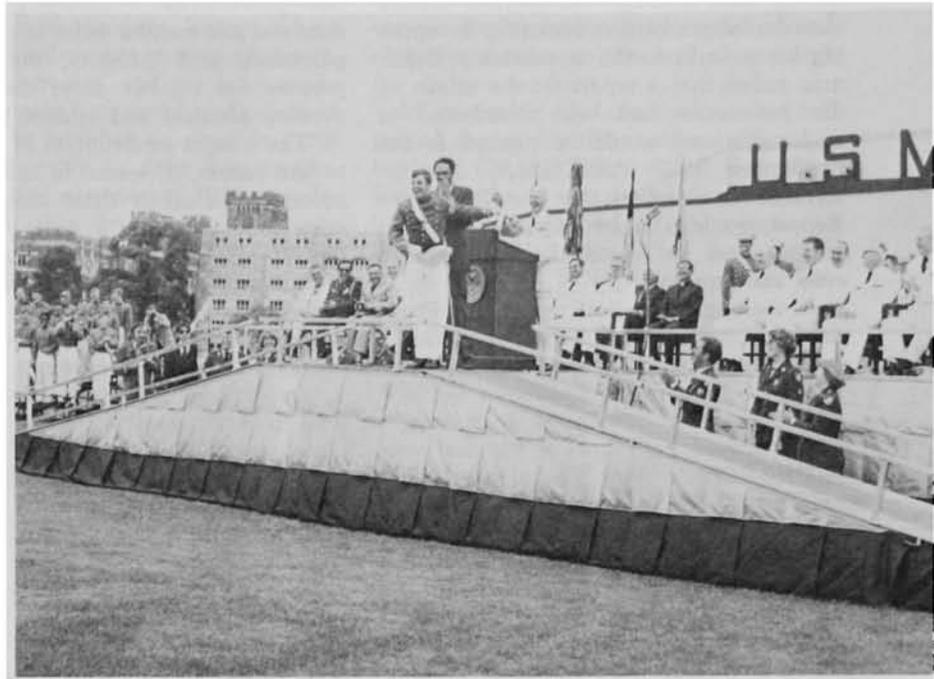


# WEEK 1977

2LT G.D. Harrington '77 with his relatives. He is first Comanche to graduate. First Indian graduate was Moniac, USMA 1822, a Creek.



Secretary of the Army Alexander leads applause for last graduate in order of merit—2LT L.J. Joustra.



day may demand from you—on a tomorrow we all hope will never come—the ultimate personal sacrifice. . . .

“I personally think that today’s heightened public scrutiny is very healthy. No matter how complex one’s occupation, no matter how crucial one’s mission, one can always benefit from the common sense questions the layman asks about one’s way of operating. . . .

“... discipline, important as it is, can never be a substitute for leadership. And

a leader who cannot inform, who cannot communicate with, those whom he leads is no leader at all. . . .

“... The personal risk which you don with your gold bars may make it especially difficult to understand and accept public criticism. . . .

“There are three different forums to consider with regard to voicing opinion. The first is within the military itself. The second is in appearances before Congress.

The third is in dealing with the general public, or with the media through which the public receives news and opinion. In each of these forums, the professional soldier has different responsibilities, depending whether the National policy on the matter under discussion is in the formative stage, or has been officially decided and promulgated.

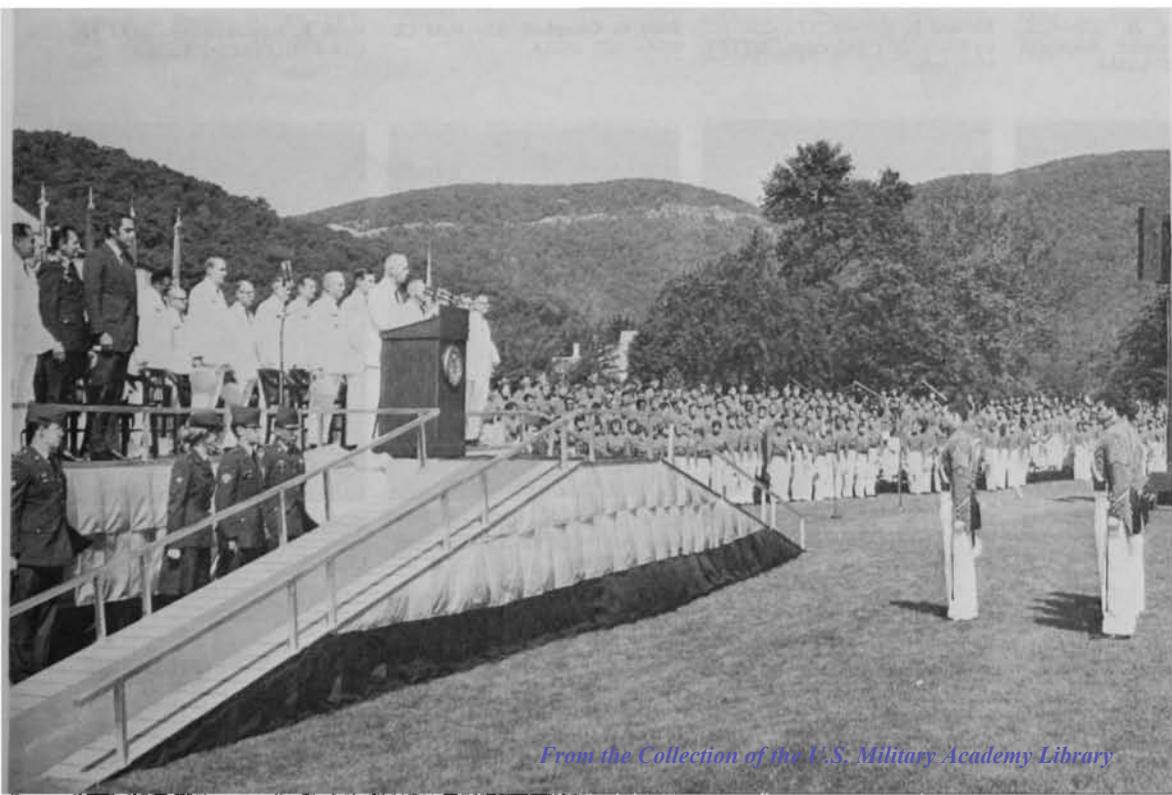
“Within the military, opinions based on careful consideration of all the facts at one’s disposal should be voiced freely  
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Remarks by the Superintendent USMA.

Mrs. Alexander S. Wojcicki presents The Robert E. Lee Memorial Award for highest rating in law to Mengel.



BG Atilio Lopez presents The Peruvian Army Award to Bowers.



# 1977 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

**T**HE President of the Association, Saltzman '25 presided over the meeting and began by introducing those seated on the dais and the ten reunion classes in order of graduation seniority. In opening his remarks to the membership, Saltzman noted that a report on the affairs of the Association had been distributed to each table and would be printed in the September 1977 ASSEMBLY. He informed the members that the Treasurer's Report would also be published in September and he urged the members to read the reports.

In making his annual report, the President focused on "a question to which I believe each of us should have an answer." . . . In stating the question, he said: "As I, like other graduates, have sought to understand the events of the past year as they relate to West Point, I have asked myself: 'What is unique about West Point?' or, stated another way: 'What are the essential characteristics which have justified its existence for 175 years and which justify it today and for the future?'"

After suggesting that "too often we define the long term benefits of West Point to the nation in terms that . . . do not describe the broad purpose of the Military Academy" Saltzman said: "In an-

swering the question we can assert, I believe, with full confidence and justification that the Military Academy does not *just* provide an outstanding education; does not *just* instill a sense of duty, honor, patriotism and integrity, does not *just* prepare for combat duty; does not *just* develop physical and athletic skills.

"The unique contribution of West Point to the nation, it seems to me, is that it accomplishes all of those objectives in a very good mixture in order to produce individuals of dependable character and of military, professional competence who possess a willingness to serve the nation whenever needed, in whatever duty they are called upon to perform.

"By combining professional competence with a willingness to serve the nation when needed, West Point distinguishes itself, as do its sister academies at Annapolis and Colorado Springs, from outstanding civilian colleges and other professional schools."

In concluding his remarks, General Saltzman said: "Our nation has needed and continues to need men and women who possess that professional competence and willingness to serve which have characterized West Point graduates throughout the Academy's history."

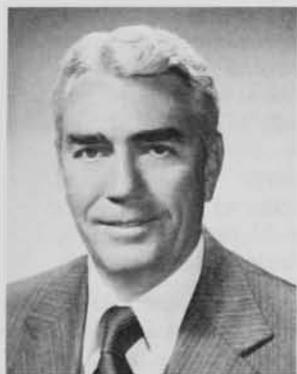
General Berry opened his remarks by noting that it would be his "third and final report as the 50th Superintendent." He said his report would deal with further developments of the honor situation, progress of the first women cadets in the Corps, some observations and reflections gained during his Superintendency and his appraisal of the state of the institution.

In reviewing the honor situation, he noted some statistics concerning the violations of the code, the procedures under which the violations were handled and the readmission of cadets who were found

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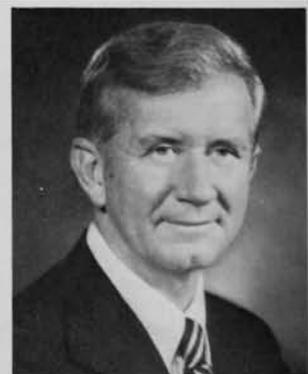
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to have violated the code. Concerning the latter, he said: "But those young men who have been separated have had a lot of time to think, and to reflect and re-assess and reevaluate. Those who will be coming back, I predict, having been on the other side of the river, will be in the vanguard of the strongest and staunchest supporters of West Point and all of its values and ideals and standards, especially the honor system."

Turning to his discussion of the progress of the first women cadets, General Berry reported that "our philosophy in

the planning stage was, is now and I hope ever shall be this: that women cadets will take the same training, the same education, follow the same program as men, in the words of the law, 'except where physiological differences require minimum, essential adjustment,' and we have made those minimum, essential adjustments just as few in number as possible. . . . It simply is too early to draw any conclusions about this experience. 1980 may be too early. It may be fifteen or twenty years before we will have enough data on which to base conclusions. But in the

meantime, we are doing what all soldiers and all soldierly institutions do under similar circumstances: We have taken the mission which we have been given, we are implementing it in a professional, objective manner to the best of our ability, and we are learning as we go."

In reviewing the observations he had gained during his three years as Superintendent, General Berry noted that West Point, "truly is a national institution. It belongs to the nation, to the people, to the Army." He said: "This is an inter-

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**Rolland A. Dessert Jr. '72—CPT Arm USA—HQ 72 Aviation Bn, Fort Bragg.**

## TRUSTEES



**Arthur G. Trudeau '24—LTG USA Ret.—Management Consultant; Member Bd AOG 1974.**



**Alvin L. Mente Jr. '36—COL USA Ret.—Member Bd AOG 1974.**



**George F. Dixon Jr. '40—LTC USA Resd—Chairman Bd, Carlisle Corp.; Member Bd AOG 1974.**



**Lee D. Olvey '55—COL Arm USA—Rhodes Scholar; Professor Social Sciences USMA; Member Bd AOG 1974.**



**Peter J. Vann '56—1LT USA Resd—Pres Computer Accounting Inc.**



**Joseph J. McCann Jr. '61—1LT USA Resd—VP Keyes Fibre Co.; Member Bd AOG 1974.**



**C. Hilton Dunn Jr. '66—MAJ CE USA—Sr Engr Instructor, Dept of Tactics USMA.**



**James D. Fowler Jr. '67—CPT USA Resd—Manager Staffing ITT Corp.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

### ASSETS

	March 31	
	1976	1977
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand .....	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Cash in Bank:		
Checking .....	17,273.56	17,029.34
Savings .....	143,469.72	305,060.02
Endowments (AOG and Class of '51) .....	2,910.77	2,488.14
Inventories (at cost):		
Gift Shop Inventoried		
Merchandise .....	90,734.21	93,023.19
Bicentennial Medals .....	—0—	4,428.60
<b>Total Current Assets</b> .....	<u>254,538.26</u>	<u>422,179.29</u>
<b>Investments and Time Deposits</b> (cost) .....	4,643,675.98	5,294,253.83
<b>Land</b> .....	—0—	500.00
<b>Property and Equipment</b> (cost)		
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment .....	52,163.81	55,062.91
Less Accumulated Depreciation .....	52,163.81	52,150.28
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b> .....	—0—	2,912.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<u>\$4,898,214.24</u>	<u>\$5,719,845.75</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Employee Benefits, New York		
State Sales Tax .....	\$ 396.16	\$ 407.05
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b> .....	<u>396.16</u>	<u>407.05</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
<b>Restricted by Donor or Donation</b>		
Cullum Fund .....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cullum Bio Register Trust Fund .....	25,942.28	27,160.78
Faculty Development Fund .....	24,001.58	23,685.91
Groves Fund .....	5,882.92	6,061.78
Hodges Fund .....	5,950.11	6,253.47
Richards Fund .....	21,112.26	28,183.80
Class of 1916 Fund .....	1,905.69	1,914.17
Class of April 1917 Fund .....	2,172.58	2,222.73
Class of 1964 Fund .....	4,684.60	5,012.63
Class of 1973 Fund .....	13,362.54	14,122.53
Class of 1974 Fund .....	222.36	236.08
Class of 1975 Fund .....	6,331.98	6,686.99
Non-Negotiable Securities Account .....	1,197.51	1,697.51
<b>Total Restricted by Donor or Donation</b> .....	<u>122,766.41</u>	<u>133,238.38</u>
<b>Restricted by Constitution/Board</b>		
Endowment Fund Principal .....	3,649,492.67	3,792,292.16
MacArthur Fund .....	38,337.90	35,737.29
Trott Memorial Fund .....	3,293.50	3,379.27
Deferred Compensation Fund .....	42,681.07	55,090.59
Equipment Reserve Account .....	5,000.00	7,504.01
<b>Total Restricted by Constitution/Board</b> .....	<u>3,738,805.14</u>	<u>3,894,003.32</u>
<b>Restricted by Agreement</b>		
<b>West Point Fund</b>		
Interest Account .....	—0—	49,272.65(1)
Chapel Organ and Mayer Recital Fund .....	1,687.76	1,564.39
Unrestricted .....	184,373.02	129,466.16
Special Gifts .....	849.38	—0—
History Symposium .....	10,907.74	—0—
Artificial Turf .....	30.00	376,197.05
Admissions Support .....	5,676.87	2,350.46
Cadet Education .....	27,481.94	12,046.53
General Development .....	68,421.56	124,436.37
Cadet Activities .....	3,745.43	12,316.50
Fort Putnam Restoration .....	10,377.16	8,852.06
Class Gifts .....	375,455.20	453,020.86
Cadet Emergency .....	6,394.92	10,543.41
Constitution Island .....	42,533.95	24,252.38
1912 Room Maintenance .....	—0—	10,247.38(2)
Riding Hall and Horsemanship .....	—0—	31,587.35(2)
Wallace Scholarship Fund .....	—0—	8,000.0(2)
1951 Endowment .....	—0—	129,265.68(2)
<b>Total Restricted by Agreement</b> .....	<u>737,934.93</u>	<u>1,383,419.23</u>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> .....	<u>4,599,506.48</u>	<u>5,410,660.93</u>

### Unrestricted

Operations Fund .....	264,631.59	270,926.90
Endowment Fund Income .....	33,680.01	37,850.87
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> .....	<u>298,311.60</u>	<u>308,777.77</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b> ..	<u>4,897,818.08</u>	<u>5,719,438.70</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b> .....	<u>\$4,898,214.24</u>	<u>\$5,719,845.75</u>

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

	Year Ending March 31	
	1976	1977
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Dues and Membership .....	\$ 13,835.00	\$ 13,731.00
Contributions .....	42,428.25	41,423.10
Gains (losses) on Sale of Securities .....	112.33	37.42
Transfers from Restricted Funds .....	12,375.04	55,979.49
Reimbursements .....	37,290.17	31,918.27
Sales (Gross Profit):		
Inventoried Items .....	43,327.97	45,766.10
Bicentennial Medals .....	4,634.84	1,368.85
Non-Inventoried Items .....	1,414.09	1,535.81
Publications:		
Subscriptions/Sales .....	154,448.53	172,655.60
Advertising .....	11,500.00	7,500.02
Interest and Dividends .....	185,415.33	202,241.06
Other .....	1,956.60	2,008.52
<b>Total Revenue</b> .....	<u>508,738.15</u>	<u>576,165.24</u>
<b>EXPENSE—BUDGETED PROGRAMS:</b>		
General and Administrative:		
Personnel and Related Expense ..	98,343.07	105,889.61
Awards/Grants .....	1,889.70	1,963.50
Depreciation Expense .....	—0—	145.27
Supplies and Equipment .....	5,595.97	8,047.81
Services .....	15,328.73	29,220.54
Dues, Travel, Conferences .....	4,588.25	5,859.45
Investment Management .....	9,529.74	10,863.37
Reimbursable Expenses .....	30,935.89	19,803.53
Publications:		
Personnel and Related Expense ..	67,987.37	63,016.14
Manufacture and Distribution .....	120,852.92	121,969.67
Other .....	12,405.74	12,460.33
Sales—Gift Shop:		
Personnel and Related Expense ..	31,262.16	31,063.74
Other .....	16,413.11	15,416.00
Development:		
Personnel and Related Expense ..	34,867.11	44,624.72
Other .....	17,698.20	26,092.16
Other Expenses .....	774.09	3,908.23
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<u>468,472.05</u>	<u>500,344.07</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE BUDGETED PROGRAMS</b> .....	<u>40,266.10</u>	<u>75,821.17</u>
<b>REVENUE—ADDITIONAL</b>		
Restricted Contributions .....	32,700.60	104,909.09
<b>Total Revenue Additional</b> ..	<u>32,700.60</u>	<u>104,909.09</u>
<b>EXPENSE—ADDITIONAL</b>		
Transfers—Restricted Contributions	32,700.60	105,264.09
Transfers—Operations Surplus ..	35,000.00	35,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Account .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer to Bicentennial Book Project .....	5,443.38	—0—
Equipment (unbudgeted) .....	8,869.80	—0—
MacArthur Premiere .....	—0—	25,000.00(3)
<b>Total Expense Additional</b> ..	<u>87,013.78</u>	<u>170,264.09</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b> .....	<u>(14,047.08)</u>	<u>10,466.17</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (beginning of year) .....	<u>312,358.68</u>	<u>298,311.60</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (end of year) .....	<u>\$ 298,311.60</u>	<u>\$ 308,777.77</u>

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

	Year Ending March 31	
	1976	1977
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Contributions/Bequests	\$ 931,354.80	\$ 725,236.46
Grants	72,344.25	217,750.94
Royalties	—0—	45,150.00
Transfers from Unrestricted Funds	73,646.29	52,950.00
Gains (losses) on Sale of Securities	28,768.20	37,316.20
Interest and Dividends	43,562.31	62,260.15
Reimbursements	20,230.16	960.18
Property and Equipment	—0—	3,027.24
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,169,906.01</b>	<b>1,144,651.17</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Transfers to Unrestricted Funds	12,383.88	56,028.74
Awards, Grants, Contributions	419,679.16	265,665.15
Equipment	—0—	3,027.24
Administrative	17,946.61	8,775.59
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>450,009.65</b>	<b>333,496.72</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>719,896.36</b>	<b>811,154.45</b>
<b>EXPENSE—ADDITIONAL</b>		
Revaluation of Securities	25,200.00	—0—
Transfer to AOG, USMA Pension Fund	147,406.78	—0—
<b>Total Expense Additional</b>	<b>172,606.78</b>	<b>—0—</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>547,289.58</b>	<b>811,154.45</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b>		
(beginning of year)	4,052,216.90	4,599,506.48
<b>RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,599,506.48</b>	<b>\$5,410,660.93</b>
(end of year)		

**NOTES:**

- (1) Account established 1 April 1976; in prior years interest earned was credited to the unrestricted account pending allocation to other accounts.
- (2) New account opened during FY 77.
- (3) Grant to West Point Society of New York for restricted use in connection with the premiere of movie "MacArthur."



ROBERT J. LAMB  
Colonel, USA (Retired)  
Treasurer

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



J. H. POMERANTZ  
Auditor  
ODSCOMPT



CHARLES F. SISK  
Auditor  
ODSCOMPT



**REPORT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES,  
USMA 1976-1977**

I. **Membership.** Membership stands at 25,413, including 409 Associate members. Over 98% of all living graduates are members, including 690 members of the Class of 1977, 96% of the Class strength. During the past year 172 members have been dropped from the rolls, because of death or other reasons.

II. **Oldest Graduate.** The oldest living graduate of the Academy is Brigadier General Louis M. Nuttman, Class of 1895. General Nuttman celebrated his 103rd birthday on 28 January 1977 and lives in San Francisco, California.

III. **Publications Program.** The total number of subscribers increased from 16,649 to 16,952, to either ASSEMBLY magazine, the REGISTER OF GRADUATES or both. The publications program is supported financially by subscriptions and advertising revenue. While costs increased during the year, internal economies permitted maintenance of the subscription price of \$12 for both publications. The broadest possible support from members and friends of West Point is essential in order to continue the quality of the publications at a minimum subscription price.

IV. **Gift Shop.** The Association continued its sale of West Point commemorative ware. Net sales for the year ending 31 March 1977 were \$129,792.38, with a net gain after costs of \$7,943.57. In addition to normal Gift Shop sales, at the request of the Superintendent the Association produced and sold additional official USMA Bicentennial Medallions at approximate cost.

V. **Funds Development Program.** The Association continued its expanded program of fund raising for the benefit of the West Point Fund and the Association itself. During the year, \$1,029,560.50 was received in contributions, grants, bequests and royalties, of which amount \$895,041.42 was for the West Point Fund. Over \$200,000 was expended for projects and activities which are of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets and which did not appear to be appropriate for use of public funds. While contributions by Association members for restricted use, especially class gifts to the Military Academy, continue to be a desirable way to help West Point, the Association needs unrestricted contributions for the West Point Fund and for the Association's Endowment Fund to insure that in the long term the Association's support of the Military Academy and Association members is financed.

VI. **Financial Status.** The formal report of the Treasurer, based on the annual audit of the accounts, will be published in the September issue of ASSEMBLY magazine. The financial statement for

Fiscal Year 1977 (1 April 1976-31 March 1977) reflects that total assets for the period increased from \$4,898,214.24 to \$5,719,845.75. The statement shows that with operations revenue of \$576,165.24, there was an excess of revenue over expense for budgeted programs of \$75,821.17. During the period the balance in the principal of the Endowment Fund increased from \$3,649,492.67 to \$3,792,292.16 and the balance in the West Point Fund increased from \$737,934.93 to \$1,383,419.23. The remainder of the assets, \$544,134.36, consists of balances in the Operations Account and other, smaller restricted use accounts.

VII. **Class Reunions.** The Association provided assistance for Class reunions at West Point held by the Classes of 1916, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, and 1971.

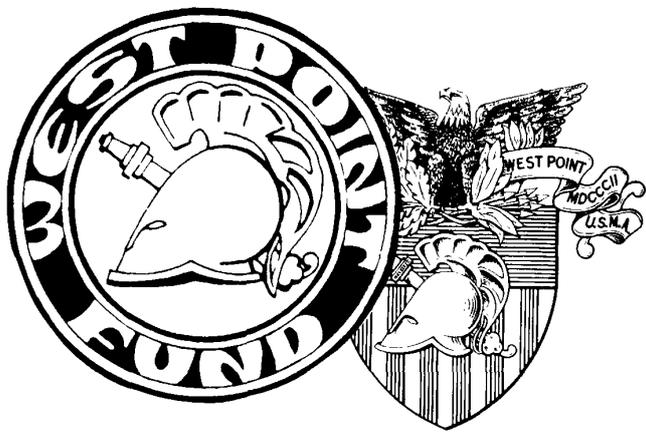
VIII. **Founders Day.** The Association provided administrative and other support to Founders Day celebrations at 70 locations in this country and abroad.

IX. **West Point Classes and Societies.** The Association continued to provide maximum possible assistance to USMA Classes and West Point Societies. The number of West Point Societies at the end of the year was 78.

X. **Sylvanus Thayer Award.** The 1976 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to the Honorable Gordon Gray at West Point on 18 October 1976.

XI. **1976 Electrical Engineering 304 Honor Incident.** Pursuant to its Constitutional mission, the Association disseminated information concerning the 1976 Honor incident and the resulting investigations and actions. Both ASSEMBLY magazine and direct mail were used to provide graduates and members of the Association with all authoritative information available to the Association. In addition, subsequent to the issuance of the Borman Commission Report and the Department of the Army response thereto, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Association met with the Chief of Staff of the Army to express the Committee's concern lest actions taken with regard to the Military Academy as a result of the Report and other studies would diminish the quality of the academic and military programs at West Point.

XII. **Summary.** The loyalty of members of the Association of Graduates to West Point and their support of the Association's mission and objectives continue to enable the Association to provide increasing assistance to the Military Academy.



# ANNOUNCING...

## A PROGRAM OF DEFERRED GIVING TO WEST POINT

For the past few months legal firms which specialize in estate planning have been suggesting to their clients that they revise their wills and other estate arrangements. The reason for this flurry of activity is not the fear of some impending catastrophe but, rather, the enactment of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 which makes the most sweeping changes in estate and gift tax laws in decades.

Some of the provisions of the new tax law make this a propitious time for the Association of Graduates to launch West Point's Deferred Giving Program. A charitable gift to West Point, in particular a deferred gift by a graduate or friend, could have certain estate benefits which deserve special attention. This article will highlight some of the intricacies of the tax laws and the manner in which our Deferred Giving Program is enhanced by them.

### DEFERRED GIVING NOT A "TAX LOOPHOLE"

There are, no doubt, a variety of perceptions of what a tax loophole is; however, there is general agreement that a provision in the law that saves individual tax dollars is not a loophole if that saving was indeed what Congress intended when it enacted the law.

Since the early income tax laws, Congress has recognized the need to grant tax benefits for those who support charitable institutions such as colleges and universities. Thus, the government is compensated for any loss in tax revenue by its relief from financial burdens which otherwise might have to be met by appropriations from public funds.

West Point's Deferred Giving Program will feature three ways of making lifetime gifts to West Point. A lifetime gift is one in which the donor, who might otherwise choose to give by Will, decides to make an irrevocable gift during his or her lifetime, thereby: enjoying, while alive, the satisfaction of giving; receiving an income for life; receiving certain tax benefits while still alive; and preserving the estate tax benefits which would accrue to a gift given by Will.

West Point's Deferred Giving Program includes the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund, a Charitable Remainder Unitrust and a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. Each of these will be discussed in this article.

### A DONOR'S PRIME MOTIVE FOR CONTRIBUTING IS TO SUPPORT WEST POINT

Since its inception, West Point has received over 70 bequests, the total value of which has exceeded 4 million dollars. The best known of these, but not the largest, was a gift in the Will of General George W. Cullum, Class of 1833, which provided for the alumni building, Cullum Hall. Each of these bequests was motivated by a sense of loyalty and gratitude to West Point. Similarly, a life-income gift would have its roots in a donor's feelings about West Point. But having decided to contribute, the donor surely should plan his gift to obtain maximum tax and financial benefits.

### A GIFT BY WILL VS A LIFETIME GIFT

A gift by Will can be changed; however, a lifetime gift is irrevocable. For those who cannot afford to surrender control of the capital involved, a lifetime gift is obviously ill advised. On the other hand, an individual who can contemplate surrendering control of the capital involved and who intends to make a testamentary gift to West Point, may be overlooking significant tax (and other) benefits if he fails to explore the possibilities in deferred giving.

### DISCUSSION OF THREE DEFERRED GIVING PLANS

The Deferred Giving Program for West Point has been under study by the West Point Fund Committee of the AOG for over two years. The elements of this program have been prepared in consultation with the New York law firm of Prerau and Teitell. Only after the most thorough review by the AOG has the program described here been approved for implementation.

### THE WEST POINT POOLED LIFE INCOME FUND

The Association of Graduates is the Trustee of the Fund. The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company (CBT) of Hartford, Connecticut has been selected as Co-Trustee. CBT is a highly reputable financial institution which has pioneered programs in college deferred giving and has the demonstrated experience and the performance record required for West Point's Fund. The Internal Revenue Service has granted formal approval of the Fund's plan.

Several members of the West Point Fund Committee have already indicated an intention to contribute to the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund. Under the established procedures, all gifts to the Fund are commingled for investment purposes in the manner of a mutual fund. The proceeds from the investment are paid to participants in the Fund on a pro rata basis. After the death of the last beneficiary, the corpus of the gift is transferred from the Fund to West Point to be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Details of the procedure can best be presented by way of a concrete example:

### EXAMPLE OF HOW THE WEST POINT POOLED LIFE INCOME FUND WORKS

*An alumnus, age sixty-four, bought securities at a cost of \$2,000. Now with these securities worth \$10,000 and paying \$200 annually in dividends, he gives them to West Point via the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund. He reserves the right to the resulting income for his life, naming his wife, age sixty-two, as second beneficiary, if she survives him (i.e., the "two-life" option). This Donor has avoided all capital gains taxes. He has acquired an income tax deduction of \$3,236 on his federal tax returns. Assuming the Pooled Life Income Fund earns 7%, our alumnus receives an annual income of \$700. He has accrued no gift tax and estate taxes and probate costs will have been reduced. On the death of the last surviving beneficiary, the corpus of his gift will be conveyed to the AOG for uses benefitting West Point and as specified by the Donor.*

The West Point Pooled Life Income Fund is recommended for donors who are interested in a good annual income (other than growth of assets), and a substantial income tax deduction and, perhaps, the avoidance of taxes on capital gains.

The minimum gift to the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund is \$3,000. Additions of \$1,000 can be made.

### THE CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST

Occasionally, an alumnus or a friend of West Point may find that the investment objective or some other aspect of the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund does not completely satisfy his or her purposes. For example, an individual may

prefer growth of assets to income. For such an individual, it may be desirable to establish a "Charitable Remainder Unitrust" (or—see below—a "Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust"). This may be accomplished with the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company serving as Trustee or, if the donor chooses, a bank of his own choice serving that purpose. In either case, West Point would be designated as the ultimate recipient (the "remainderman") of the gift. Again, an example will make the procedure clear.

**EXAMPLE OF HOW THE UNITRUST WORKS**

*A retired colonel, age sixty, and his wife, age fifty-four, bought securities some years ago at a total cost of \$30,000 which are currently valued at \$80,000 and which yield 2½% (i.e., \$2,000 a year). This couple is interested in increased income. However, to sell their securities would incur a substantial taxable gain. Our couple decides to use the securities to establish a unitrust with West Point as the ultimate beneficiary after their deaths. Doing so, they have avoided all capital gains tax and their contribution to the unitrust is valued at the full \$80,000. They choose to receive 6% on the value of the assets in the trust as determined each year and they specify that the investment objective provide for some growth. In the first year of the trust, with the value of assets assumed remaining at \$80,000, they receive \$4,800. If the value of the assets increases, say to \$100,000, our couple's income would increase to \$6,000 per year. Of course, if the value of the assets decreases, our couple's income will decrease also. Meanwhile, they have an immediate income tax deduction of \$17,582. They have avoided gift taxes. Their estate taxes and probate costs have been reduced. Eventually, West Point will receive a substantial sum (hopefully, in excess of the original*

*\$80,000) to be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor.*

A unitrust is especially attractive to a donor of substantial means who is looking for a hedge against inflation, who wants a fair income and a substantial income tax deduction. Obviously, our plan is all the more attractive if the donor possesses appreciated securities of low yield.

The minimum gift for a unitrust (with CBT acting as Trustee) is \$20,000. Additions of \$5,000 or more can be made.

**THE CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST**

There are two significant differences between the annuity trust and the unitrust. A unitrust yields a fixed percentage of income—by law, a minimum of 5% (in our example above, 6%), while an annuity trust yields a fixed dollar amount which by law cannot be less than 5% of the original gift. The second difference is that by law no additions are authorized to an annuity trust.

**EXAMPLE OF HOW THE ANNUITY TRUST WORKS**

*Some years ago a widow, now sixty-nine years of age, bought securities at a total cost of \$25,000. These securities are now worth \$50,000. Her annual dividend from these securities is \$1,000. She wants to make a gift to West Point and at the same time augment her income. So she arranges with a trustee (perhaps the CBT) to establish a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust with West Point as the ultimate recipient. She chooses to receive \$3,000 a year for life. She avoids a capital gains tax. She has acquired an immediate income tax deduction of \$25,380 (as determined from IRS actuarial tables). She has avoided estate taxes on \$50,000 and has reduced probate costs. Because the assets of the trust are invested in growth stocks, the Donor would receive*

*part of her income in the form of capital gains at favorable tax rates. She knows that the eventual proceeds will go to West Point to be used in accordance with her wishes.*

An annuity trust is recommended for a donor who wants to receive an annual income of a fixed amount (usually in excess of present income), who welcomes an immediate and substantial income tax deduction, and who desires to reduce estate taxes.

The minimum gift investment for an annuity trust (with CBT acting as Trustee) is \$20,000. No additions are authorized.

While each of these examples depicts a gift of appreciated securities, donors may choose to use their savings account or cash as the basis for their gift.

**WHY DOES WEST POINT NEED A DEFERRED GIVING PROGRAM?**

The total educational environment at West Point includes a variety of intellectual, cultural and athletic activities. The Congress has not provided for all these activities in the past nor can it be expected to do so in the future. It was this realization which caused the Superintendent in the early 1960's to request a formal program for increasing private contributions to West Point. This need is even more apparent today.

The Corps of Cadets has doubled in size since 1964. Its interests are broader than ever before. To satisfy these interests, West Point offers a number of constructive outlets such as the Debate Council, the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs and the Cadet Fine Arts Forum, which brings to West Point outstanding showings of the performing arts. Many of the most popular and successful sports activities are organized as clubs—rugby and sports parachuting for example—which require support from nonappro-  
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Date.....

**Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, USA (Ret)**  
**Director of Development**  
**Association of Graduates, USMA**  
**West Point, New York 10996**

Dear Colonel Gruenther:

- I might be interested in the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund (minimum entry level \$3,000). Please get in touch with me.
- I would like to receive more information on the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (minimum entry level suggested is \$20,000).
- I desire more information on the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (minimum entry level suggested is \$20,000).
- I am not presently interested in making a living gift to West Point but I would like some information on how to include West Point in my Will.
- I have already included West Point in my Will.

Very truly yours,

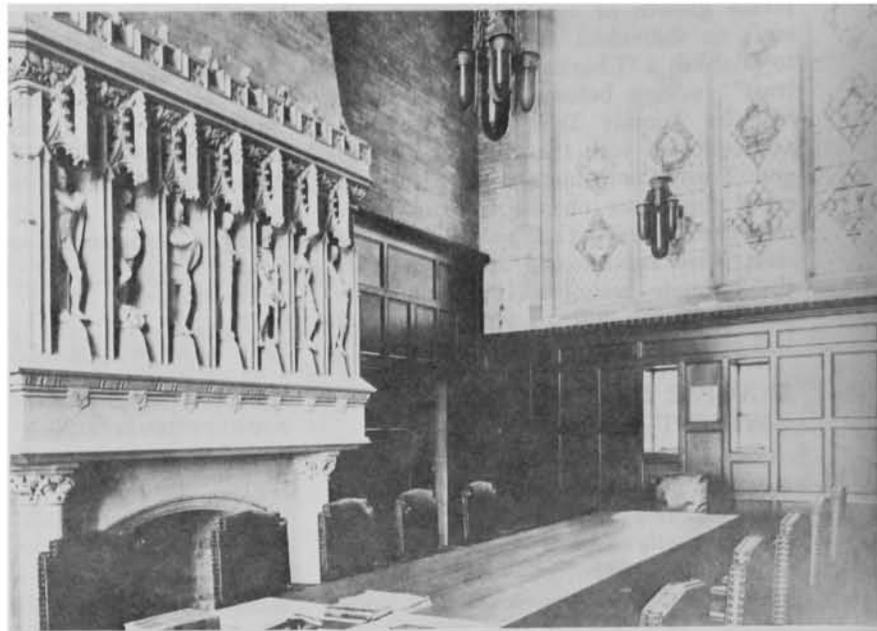
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by ROGER J. ARANGO JR.



Present Academic Board Room

# The Academic Board of

**T**HE operation of the Academic Board of the Military Academy has engendered an aura of mystery that seems to be totally unwarranted. Reasons for this aura must surely stem, in part, from the physical appearance of the board room. The Academic Board meets on the second floor of the Administration building. Massive wooden doors open to reveal a long table surrounded by chairs, on the backs of which are brass plates engraved with the names of the Professors who have served as heads of departments. For those cadets who have had to appear before the board, usually in less than pleasant circumstances, the appearance of the board room must conjure up images of feudal barons assembled in some Arthurian castle to judge the case of a wretched supplicant. These impressions, conveyed to classmates, seep into the folklore of the institution, and are magnified in each retelling. Ganoe reports in his book *Close-up* that even so august a person as Douglas MacArthur was not immune to such feelings when he became Superintendent.

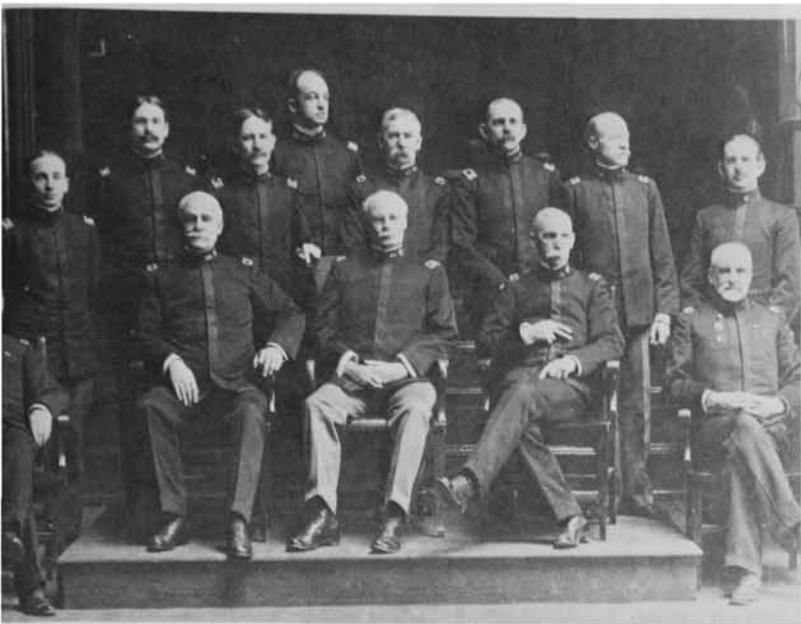
In order to put the Academic Board in a more realistic perspective, it is necessary to understand how and why the board has evolved to its present form. Unfortunately, there has been no published history of the Board, although the West Point histories of Edgar Denton, James Morrison, and Roger Nye discuss the Academic Board. This short history, which draws liberally from those sources as well as the Academy archives, is undertaken in order to strip away some of the mystery that apparently surrounds the Academic Board.

The unique feature of the governance of the Military Academy is the collegial decision-making process in academic matters embodied in the Academic Board. While the Superintendent is charged by regulation with the immediate "government of USMA and the military post of West Point," his prerogatives as a commander are restricted in areas pertaining to academic matters. Rule 6, under the heading "Course of Instruction and Studies," of the 1816 regulations which specifies the responsibility of the Superintendent and Academic Staff to recommend curriculum changes to the Secretary of War, also provides that such changes be proposed as the Superintendent and Academic Staff "*conjointly deem necessary for the good of the institution; the whole, or a majority of them agreeing to such alterations and amendments.*" (emphasis mine) Rule 7 extends this requirement for collegial decision making to the internal operation of USMA with respect to academics by requiring that courses transferred from one class to another have the approval of the Superintendent and the Academic Staff. "... the whole, or a majority of them, agreeing to such transfer. . . ." (emphasis mine)

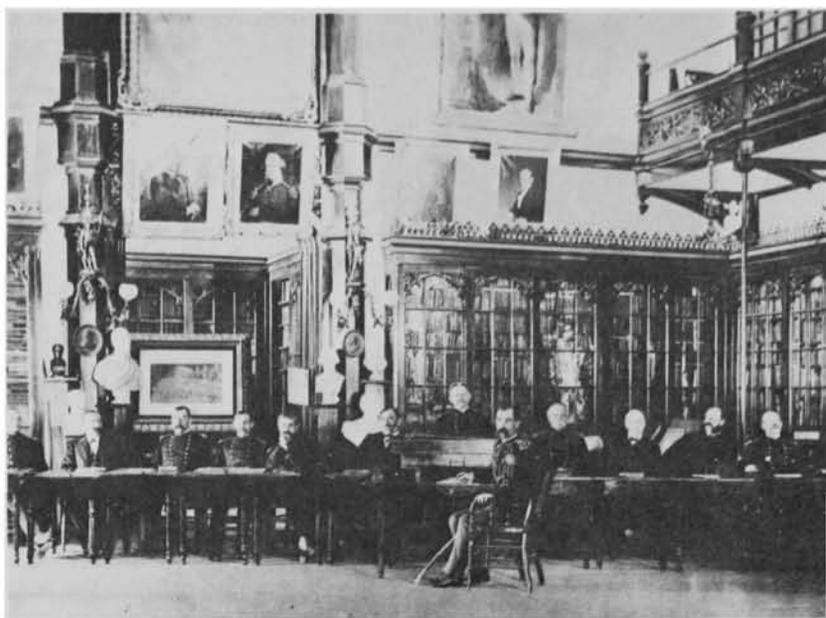
In the case of the 1816 Regulations, their interesting aspect is not so much what they say, but how they came to say it. The Superintendent, Alden Partridge, was highly unpopular with the members of the Academic Staff. While Partridge was on leave in the fall of 1815, the members of the staff met to draft a set of regulations for the internal government of academic affairs including a "code of

regulations for the government of the Academic Staff." When Partridge returned from leave and discovered the cabal, he was justifiably furious and immediately quashed their proposals. The more vociferous members of the Staff, however, were not to be outdone by someone as disliked as Partridge. The members of the Staff presented their case to the Board of Visitors the following spring, and the Board of Visitors concurred with the Staff's position in their report. The internal dissension within the Academy, which reached its peak in the spring of 1816, led to the court martial of Partridge. The Academic Staff's regulations, prepared in secret in the fall, were largely incorporated in the Regulations of 1 July 1816.

Sylvanus Thayer, fresh from a study of European military academies and already recognized as a scholar by the members of the Academic Staff, had little trouble in implementing the new Regulations along with his more general academic reforms. On 31 May 1819, the Academic Staff promulgated its first set of rules although these rules would not be formally published until 1890. Among the most significant of these rules were that all decisions would be made by the majority of the Staff present; that no decision or opinion was to be divulged until first made known by the Superintendent; and that individual opinions expressed within the Staff meetings were to be "held sacred" and not divulged outside the meeting room. Staff records of proceedings soon developed a stylized, quasi-diplomatic language. For example, the terminology "after extensive discussion" appar-



Academic Board about 1909



Academic Board in Library 1885.

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ently signified intensely partisan debate, judging from the elapsed time of the meetings. Thus, a veil of secrecy was drawn over the proceedings of the Staff. One suspects that Thayer understood full well the reasons which led to the downfall of his predecessor: should conflict arise it is best kept within the confines of West Point.

In 1821 Regulations for the Military Academy were promulgated within the General Regulations for the Army. These regulations specified the composition of the Academic Staff and prescribed its duties. The first reference to the term "Academic Board" appears in paragraph 44, Article 78, although the term did not apparently enjoy official usage at the Academy until the following year. The first time the term appears in Staff Records is 17 January 1822. The board for the transaction of business consisted of: "The Professors of Natural Philosophy, Mathematics, Engineering, and Ethics; the Acting Professor of Chemistry, the principal teacher of French, the teacher of drawing, the instructor of tactics (the Commandant), and instructor of artillery; of which board the Superintendent shall always be President." Provisions were also made to augment the board for the conduct of examinations and call upon other instructors to "give information or express their opinion," but these instructors could have "no voice in the decisions of the board."

The duties of the board as specified in paragraphs 14, 44, and 46, Article 78, were:

1. To regulate the system of class books (this refers to the administrative academic record-keeping which was so lacking under Partridge's tenure. The system devised was at least as complex as it is today);

2. To recommend books and academic equipment for purchase;

3. To superintend the initial (admission) and subsequent examinations;

4. Decide on the merits and standing of cadets;

5. Grant diplomas;

6. Recommend graduating cadets for promotion to the Army;

7. Report to the Secretary of War on the system of studies and instruction, proposing such additional rules and regulations for perfecting same, and such improvements in those already existing, as experience may have suggested;

8. Transfer courses between years reporting same to the Secretary of War; and

9. Assign the particular portion of study to be attended to in each class. A comparison of these duties with the current Regulations for the Military Academy reveals a remarkable similarity; the duties have little changed, and even the phraseology is similar.

By the time Thayer requested relief in 1833, the governance of the Academy was firmly established. While the Superintendent retained statutory authority with respect to the command of the military post of West Point, and general control of the Academy, in fact his authority was largely limited to matters involving the Corps of Cadets. Externally, his flexibility was circumscribed because he was under

the supervision of the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War. These individuals, notably the Chief of Engineers, General Totten, sometimes played quite active roles in overseeing the affairs of West Point. Internally, the Superintendent was *primus inter pares* in the Academic Board. The system of governance that had evolved required any incoming Superintendent to forego many of the traditional prerogatives ordinarily ascribed to a commander in the military sense. In order to implement academic change the Superintendent had to be a consummate politician, marshalling the necessary votes in the board by persuasion, cajolery, or other means one would not expect a military commander to use.

Changes in the Regulations and constitution of the Academic Board between 1821 and 1905 are minor. For the most part, the Regulations reflect the changes in USMA academic departmental organization. Procedural changes gradually crept in, but considering the fact that the period covers 84 years, the lack of substantive changes is remarkable. A contributing factor was undoubtedly the longevity of the members of the board. Between 1838 and 1871, for example, there were only two changes, both of which resulted from the deaths of Board members. In 1839 a majority of the Board was designated a quorum and the Adjutant, USMA, designated the Board secretary. The Adjutant remained secretary until 1956 when replaced by the Director of Admissions. The 1853 Regulations allowed for a minority report or protest to be sub-

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Colonel Walter J. Renfroe Jr.



Colonel Frederick C. Lough

# Renfroe and Lough Retire

**C**OLONEL Walter J. Renfroe Jr., USMA '34, Professor and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, retired from active duty on 31 August 1977 after more than 43 years of distinguished service. On 1 September he was placed on the United States Army Retired list in the grade of brigadier general. For his service at USMA, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

He took his commission in the Infantry and served for three years with the 30th Infantry Regiment at the Presidio of San Francisco. There he met his charming lady, Ruth Schwantes, of Oakland, California, to whom he was married in November 1936. After advanced study in French in Paris, he returned to West Point in the summer of 1939 to take up instructional duties in the Modern Language Department for two years; then, following attendance at the Middlebury German School in the summer of 1941, he became an instructor in German from 1941-1943. Among his cadets during those years was General Bernard W. Rogers. After completing a short course at Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to the 42d Infantry Division in Oklahoma; and in April 1944, with less than ten years of service, he was promoted to colonel and assigned as G3 of the 35th Infantry Division in Europe. Returning to Continental United States in July 1945, he served as Assistant Executive Secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He then returned to the Military Academy as a lieutenant colonel, and taught German until June of 1948, when he was selected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. In anticipation of the retirement of the late Brigadier General W.E. Morrison, Lieutenant Colonel Renfroe was appointed Professor, USMA, as of 8 December 1948. On 31 January 1949 he took up his new duties. On 29 June 1951 he was again promoted to the grade of colonel. Following the untimely death of Brigadier General Barrett in June 1963, and upon his own return from sabbatical leave in Paris, Colonel Renfroe became Head of the Department on 5 August 1963.

He continued advanced studies at Columbia University, receiving the Master of Arts Degree in 1954 and Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1962. While serving as Chairman of the Evaluation Committee of the Superintendent's Curriculum Committee in 1958, he engaged in studies which resulted in the curriculum revision that was to remain in effect for the next decade.

He has served as chairman or member of innumerable committees of the Academic Board, to include the Museum and Memorialization Board, the Scholarship Committee, Humanities Committee, the Academic Program Advisory Council, the Chapel Board, and most recently the Committee on Ethics and Professionalism. He enjoyed a second sabbatical leave in 1972-1973 in Frankfurt, Germany, where he undertook to translate Delbrück's *History of the Art of Warfare*. The trans-

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**C**OLONEL Frederick C. Lough, USMA '38, Professor and Head of the Department of Law, retired from active duty on 31 July 1977, after more than 39 years of distinguished service. On 1 August, he was placed on the United States Army Retired list in the grade of brigadier general. For his service at USMA, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Colonel Lough served as an Assistant Military Attaché in London, England, prior to Pearl Harbor. Thereafter, he participated in the invasion of North Africa, and as Commander of the 63d Signal Battalion, Fifth Army, in the operations at Salerno, Cassino and Anzio.

He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and holds a Juris Doctor Degree from Columbia University Law School. Subsequent to law school, Colonel Lough served as Chief of Staff of the Army Military Government in Trieste; Legal Advisor to the Army Chemical Corps and Staff Judge Advocate of the Defense Atomic Support Agency.

In 1962, Colonel Lough was appointed as the Professor and Head of the Department of Law at the United States Military Academy. Coincident with those duties, he also supervised all of the legal activities at the Military Academy. During the past fifteen years, Colonel Lough guided the legal affairs of the United States Military Academy with the greatest distinction; assuring that the Law Department kept abreast of the many changes in military and constitutional law, and also representing with distinction and success the Military Academy in the courts of the land.

From 1962 to 1971, Colonel Lough served as a member and Chairman of the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee. He has also served extensively as a member of the Admissions Committee.

The Army is filled with officers today, from platoon leaders to battalion commanders, who lean heavily upon the practical and invaluable legal education they received at the Academy. In addition, Colonel Lough's counsel and advice to the Academic Board has insured fair, appropriate, and sound decisions at the highest level of the Military Academy's operation. Colonel Lough's more than 39 years service reflect the best traditions of the Army and West Point.

Colonel Lough is married to the former Marguerite Haney of Rhode Island. The Loughs have a son, a physician serving at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.; and a daughter, the wife of a lieutenant serving with the Berlin Brigade in Germany. Following retirement, the Loughs will live in Osterville, Massachusetts, where he will continue the practice of law.

# Thoughts of an Academic Board Member On Leaving West Point

AS I leave West Point and the Army I look back on an extended experience having in it much more fun than distress; although to pretend that it's all been wine and roses would be, in the eyes of this sophisticated company, silly. This brings me to my points for today. (Twenty-five years of teaching have left me with an unquenchable urge to make points!)

*First:* May we Army folk never lose our capacity to enjoy, our ability to put on a cheerful countenance in the face of whatever aggravation or adversity comes our way. To do otherwise is to imperil ourselves, and add nothing worthy to the Army which we serve. A couple of years ago I had lunch with a foreign diplomat, a gentleman of color, a Sandhurst graduate, and his government's defense minister. A most distinguished and urbane man. After commenting politely on the physical beauties of West Point, and the obvious good discipline and decorum of the cadets, he burst out with, "My God, they never smile!" This impulsive remark gave me soberly to think. If America's select young men, privileged to live and study at our alma mater, destined for a career of real responsibility and lively satisfaction, noticeably pull the long face, then certainly there is something out of joint. Wordsworth's "Happy Warrior," I am sure, is more than a mere poetic cliché. I am happy to say that over the past score of months I have noticed many cadets with grins on their faces, and I have been the receiver of a variety of cheerful greetings. This is no more than a superficial sign of something, the cynic might say. But, in my view, it is a suggestive signal that the cadets and we share a common happy niche in the world. I commend this idea to you, and not in a joking way.

*Second:* I'll presume on my position as a departing member of this esteemed circle to fly a warning flag against a hazard I perceive. Not inevitably, but often enough to be noticeable, we are tempted to fall for our own propaganda. "West Point is unique. It's not only different from every other place, but it's better." As West Pointers it is, of course, our duty and privilege to set the record straight about what is right about our alma mater. But it is neither seemly nor effective if we allow our reasoned recognition of West Point's virtues and strengths to be transmuted into a defensive abatis, turning

aside all criticism, especially from those of acute vision, many of whom love West Point as we ourselves do. Ritual self-approval leads to complacency and can end in disaster... or a reasonable facsimile thereof. A feeling of self-worth, tempered by the habit of salty self-criticism, is a balance hard to come by, but crucially important to this place's continuing health.

*Third and Last:* This point is somewhat akin to my second, in that it has something to do not only with attitudes, but words and their meanings. I allude to the words *professional* and *professionalism*, words in our daily lexicon, which have passed from mere currency and have reached the *incantatory* stage; debased coin I'm afraid, spent with more prodigality than appreciation for their full meaning. The danger of using *professional* and *professionalism* in the incantatory fashion is that we incline to limit their meaning to a kind of superficial finesse in the manipulation of things and people, to the reaching of tidy solutions, to the unconscious neglect of the often awkward human ingredient in our affairs, to the canonization of the "system" as a self-justified entity with a rationale for being all its own. The "system" is a construct which, so elevated leads to such barbarism as referring to our graduated cadets as our "product," and their evaluation as human beings and officers as "product appraisal." And all too often we lose sight of the important last words of the dictionary definition of the word *professional* to the effect "... members of a profession are committed to a kind of work which has for its *prime purpose the rendering of public service.*" These qualifying words, it seems to me, are crucial to the real meaning of *professionalism* and elevate the humane significance of our calling to its proper place.

Now, it is generally accepted that *amateur* and *amateurism* are the reverse of the former two words; and too often the word *amateur* carries with it the odor of *dilettantism*—a kind of self-indulgent dabbling in things in which one is not formally schooled and not paid for. The other implication is that the *amateur* can produce a variety of mischiefs. In ascribing this pejorative flavor to the word *amateur* we overlook its origins; it comes, of course, from the Latin TO LOVE, and the *amateur* is one who "... has a marked fondness, a liking, a taste for some-

thing." Many of my dearest colleagues—and I'm sure my experience is not unique in this—have been amateurs, especially during the war. They brought to the battlefield not only a high level of technical competence but, and this is more important—a *marked fondness* for caring about their soldiers and leading them in a good cause; a sparkling enthusiasm which marks the man who does things for the joy of doing them, and a belief in what he is doing.

What I'm driving at is this: let's beware of intoning the word *professionalism* in a ritual way, unless it carries with it the inseparable purpose of rendering public service. That's the crux. Technical proficiency without this purpose is a truncated thing and can lead by itself to grief as far as the humane aspect of our calling is concerned. And let's temper our *professionalism* with those admirable qualities of *amateurism* which express themselves in enthusiastic keenness, a joy in the job. These are not great thoughts, goodness knows. But they are deeply felt even if limply expressed. And they bring to an end, you'll be happy to hear, this day's lesson!

Now that my time has come, I look back 40 years to when I was a beardless lieutenant in a Filipino Scout rifle company. I had a company commander then quite old, I thought—fiftyish perhaps—white hair, leathery jaw. One day we had one of those "alert" exercises and were on the march early in the morning while the sun's heat grew with wilting intensity minute by minute. Word came back for my captain to report to the head of the column... the battalion CO, a colonel greatly on the make and with a delight in the minutiae... not at all the inspiring type... wanted him pronto. Off he went, shouldering through the high cogon grass, the sweat already starting in dark patches on his shirt and britches.

He plodded back in ten minutes or so and joined the head of the swinging files of riflemen, silently taking his place at the lead of the company. It was the next ten-minute halt, and we were flaked out in the dappled but ineffectual shade of a skimpy grove of thorn. The captain wearily removed his sweatstained Stetson and wiped his forehead. "Van," he said, with the air of a man who had finally come to a decision long germinating, "Van, I'm

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# HOME COMING... 1977

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

## Friday, 21 October 1977

- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 1530—Junior Varsity/Plebe Football vs. Yale, Michie Stadium
- 1530—Plebe Soccer: Oneonta State, North Athletic Field
- 1600—Cross Country Triangular Meet: Army, Montclair State, and New York Maritime College, Cross Country Course
- 1600—Junior Varsity/Plebe Cross Country Meet: Army vs St. John's University, Cross Country Course
- 1700—Reunion Class Picnics, Dinners and Social Activities
- 1800—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1900—Jewish Services, Room 420, Bartlett Hall
- 1930—Soccer: Army vs. Brown University, Clinton Field

## Saturday, 22 October 1977

- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 0845—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, USMA Library
- 0845-1000—Open House at the following:
  - Cadet Barracks—MacArthur Barracks (Bldg 745E) and Scott Barracks
  - USMA Library
  - West Point Museum
  - Department of English—Mahan Hall
  - Department of History—Thayer Hall
  - Department of Social Sciences—Thayer Hall
  - Office of Military Leadership—Thayer Hall
  - Instruction Support and Information Systems Division—Thayer Hall
- 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\*\*\*
- 1145—West Point Army Mess open to alumni and families for lunch
- 1300—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon
- 1330—Football: Army vs. Lafayette, Michie Stadium\*\*
- 1700—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1700—Reunion Class and Individual Social Activities
- 1715—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel (Fulfills obligation for Sunday Mass)
- 1900—Alumni pre-dinner Social Hour, Washington Hall
- 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, Cullum Hall
- 0800-0900-1030—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1030—Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel
- 1100—Reunion Class Brunches
- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1200—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1215—Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon
- 1700—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
  - \*Conducted in South Auditorium, Thayer Hall, in the event of inclement weather.
  - \*\*Admission by ticket.

- \*\*\*Cancelled in event of inclement weather.
- \*\*\*\*Alumni wives & dependents to be seated by 1025 hours.

## HOME COMING INFORMATION

In the interest of economy, the Homecoming Reunion Bulletin will be mailed to reunion classes only (1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972). All other graduates who desire to attend Homecoming activities are requested to cut out the accompanying tear sheet in this issue of ASSEMBLY and mail it with a check to the Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.

## BILLETS

The Hotel Thayer (less Dormitory Wing) will be reserved during the period of October 21-23 for alumni. Priority for accommodations will be by class in order listed: 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. It is probable that there will be sufficient space to accommodate all of the Class of 1957 in the Hotel Thayer. All requests for reservations in the Hotel Thayer should be forwarded directly to: The Manager, Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York 10996.

For active duty and retired military personnel or for civilians with a military sponsor, accommodations are available at the Five Star Inn, Stewart Army Subpost, Newburgh, New York 12550.

The USMA Public Affairs Office maintains a current directory of off-post restaurants, hotels and motels. This list will be furnished by the Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Community Relations Division, upon request. Reservations at area hotels/motels must be made by the individual directly to the hotel or motel concerned.

## MEALS

Alumni may obtain meals at the Hotel Thayer, West Point Army Mess and Stewart Army Subpost Officers Club. Post Exchange Snack Bars offer vending machine service. Don't forget the Alumni Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 22nd. The Officers Club will be open to alumni and their families for lunch and dinner on October 21-23.

## ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS

Alumni Headquarters will open in Cullum Hall at 12 noon on Friday, 21 October. Alumni should register when they arrive at West Point. Some classes may be registering at another location, in which case you would register with your class. During registration, parking passes, bulletins, schedules, and rosters of returning alumni will be provided. Alumni Headquarters will be open 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. on October 21st, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 22nd and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on October 23rd.

## TICKETS

Tickets are necessary for the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Army vs. Lafayette football game. For the football game tickets, see the paragraph below entitled FOOTBALL TICKETS. For tickets to the Alumni Dinner Dance, use the ticket request form on the attached Ticket Request Form. Alumni ID cards will be provided for riding USMA buses and for other identification purposes. Seats for the Alumni Review on October 22nd will be reserved exclusively for dependents.





# THE HOTEL THAYER:

## A Report from Management

by EDWARD N. REHKOPF

*ABOUT THE AUTHOR:* Edward N. Rehkopf is a 1969 graduate of the Academy and fourth generation West Pointer. After resigning his commission in 1974, he attended the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration from which he received a master's degree in Professional Study in 1976. He joined the Hotel Thayer staff as assistant manager in May of 1976 and was promoted to manager in May of this year.

SINCE coming to work at the Hotel Thayer over a year ago, I have spoken to many classmates and graduates who have little understanding of the ownership, organization, and operation of the Thayer. This is certainly understandable when one considers that few Army Commands have a mid size, full service hotel property in their organizational structure.

The uniqueness of the Thayer is due, to a large degree, to the uniqueness and age of the Academy itself. In the early days of the Academy when travel was slow and accommodations few and far between, the need was seen for a hotel at West Point to accommodate the families and friends of cadets as well as official visitors. In 1829, the West Point Hotel, a modest two-story structure, was erected on Trophy Point for that purpose. The construction was financed through the sale of wood from public lands, and the hotel, though government owned, was operated by private individuals. Though two additions were made to the original building, it became obvious by the early 1900's that the old hotel was inadequate and outdated for its purpose.

On 3 June 1926, the Hotel Thayer, financed and constructed by a private company on land leased from the government, was opened. While revenues exceeded operating expenses from the start, the burden of interest payments on a large first mortgage doomed the private venture. During the first three years of operation, the hotel was placed in receivership, reorganized, and closed twice for several months. During the period 1931-1941, the hotel showed a net loss of almost \$3,500.

Despite the difficulties of the time, the Thayer was recognized by many as a necessary facility to West Point and the Corps of Cadets. This fact was aptly demonstrated when the hotel sought permission to shut down from 2 January to 1 May 1936 to reduce operating losses. The Corps of Cadets through its First Captain, Cadet William C. Westmoreland, responded with an offer to reimburse the hotel \$1,500 if it would stay open. The hotel did remain open and the check for \$1,500 was received in April of 1936.

When World War II broke out, wartime travel restrictions and gas rationing caused a further deterioration in revenues for the marginal operation. In May of 1942 the owning company offered to terminate its lease and give possession of the building to the government for a sum of \$600,000. As a result Secretary of War Stimson on 10 March 1943 directed the

Superintendent to enter in and take possession of the building and to operate it "in accordance with the intent of Congress that first class hotel accommodations be available at West Point for the public, and more especially for the families and friends of cadets." This directive remains to this day the only mission statement given the hotel.

Since becoming a government facility, the Hotel Thayer has changed considerably. After the removal of the burdensome mortgage payments, the operation began to show more reasonable profits. This improved financial situation allowed the hotel in 1948 to add the dormitory wing of 43 rooms for cadet dates, and later expand the dining room, lounge, and meeting and banquet rooms in 1967-68. The hotel is run as a non-appropriated fund activity with all of the approximately 200 employees being civilian NAF employees. The manager of the hotel comes under the direct supervision of the Treasurer, USMA, who in turn answers to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

Business at the hotel during the past year has been excellent and the hotel continues to be a self-sustaining operation. From 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1977 gross revenues increased by 12% to \$1.95 million. But while the hotel's primary purpose is to serve the needs of the cadets and the Academy, it is absolutely necessary to attract outside business to sustain the operation. Fortunately, the timing of cadet business which comes primarily on weekends, and outside business groups which come during the week, are perfectly suited to keeping the level of business high. Average occupancy at the hotel for the year ending 30 June 1977 was 63%. This compares favorably with the 1975 national industry average of 60%. A list of the major corporations that use the hotel for meetings, seminars, and training sessions includes New York Telephone, IBM, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and The New York State Bankers Association. The hotel also regularly hosts government agency meetings such as the Tri-Service Radar Symposium, the DOD Procurement Research Symposium, and the Army Science Conference. While the hotel keeps in mind its mission to support the Corps of Cadets, we also know that it is only through our professional handling of group business that the hotel can continue to exist as a financially viable operation.

Today the hotel has 173 guest rooms in the main hotel plus 43 dormitory rooms.

Other facilities include a full service dining room, eleven meeting and banquet rooms, a lounge, and a landscaped five acre park overlooking the Hudson River. Hotel services include most commonly offered services such as bell, room, and laundry service.

During this past year the hotel has spent a considerable sum of money to upgrade the facilities and services. In addition to spending \$250,000 of hotel money to improve fire safety features, \$25,000 was spent for new top quality box-springs and mattresses, and \$55,000 went to rebuild the hotel's two passenger elevators. The sorely needed replacement of the inoperative cooling tower in May 1977 has restored the long neglected central air conditioning. Besides these major expenditures, a considerable effort has been made to spruce up various areas of the hotel resulting in a brighter and more attractive facility, and numerous other improvements have been made to upgrade guest comfort and satisfaction.

All in all the progress at the hotel this year has been gratifying, though there remains much to be done. Plans and specifications are being drawn up to renovate guest bathrooms, replace individual room air conditioner and heating units, and restructure and modernize the kitchen. Plans are also being made to redecorate the 173 guest rooms in the main part of the hotel, to include new carpet, wall covering, bed spreads and drapes.

Finally, the Thayer management pledges its efforts and those of the hotel staff to the continued improvement of hotel facilities and services. We are presently concentrating on the many basics of the business but we hope to expand into more innovative areas in the future.

Though many of the changes and improvements discussed in this report will take time, all of us on the hotel staff are confident of continued progress toward our goal of being a "first class" hotel.

**POSTSCRIPT:** Twice a year reservation priority at the hotel is given to USMA Alumni. At Homecoming the twenty year class and during June Week the fifty year class has priority.

On Home Football Weekends, the majority of rooms are held for cadets' families and friends until ten days prior to the game. On most football weekends last year, a limited number of rooms were still available ten days before the game.

Reservations may be made by calling (914) 446-4731.

# Class of 1981...

**P**ROSPECTIVE members of the Class of 1981 arrived 6 July at West Point for a busy first day. Included among the 1471 entrants were 104 women. The class includes cadets from every state and from Colombia and Venezuela.

Before he administered the oath at a review at the end of a long day, the Commandant of Cadets welcomed the new cadets saying:

"You are at the top among your peers in academics, leadership and athletics.

"We want to develop your capabilities to the fullest—to educate and train you for a lifetime of exemplary service to our nation. . . .

"West Point is on the threshold of change—not for change's sake but for improvement—for higher quality leadership

and performance of duties, for intellectual development and character excellence in depth.

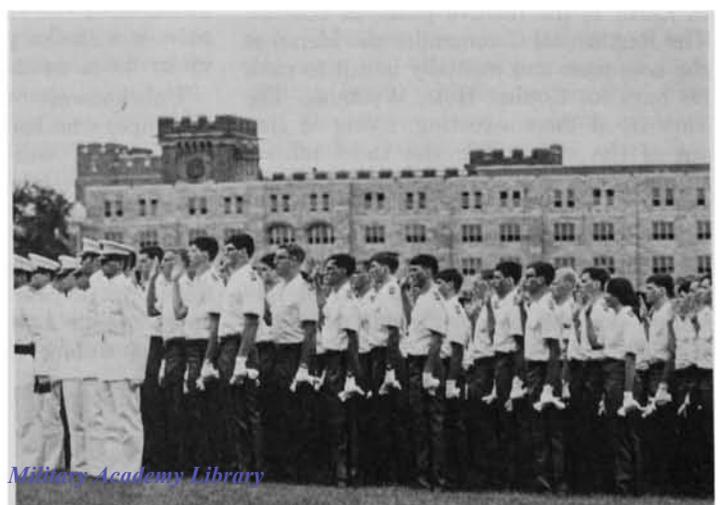
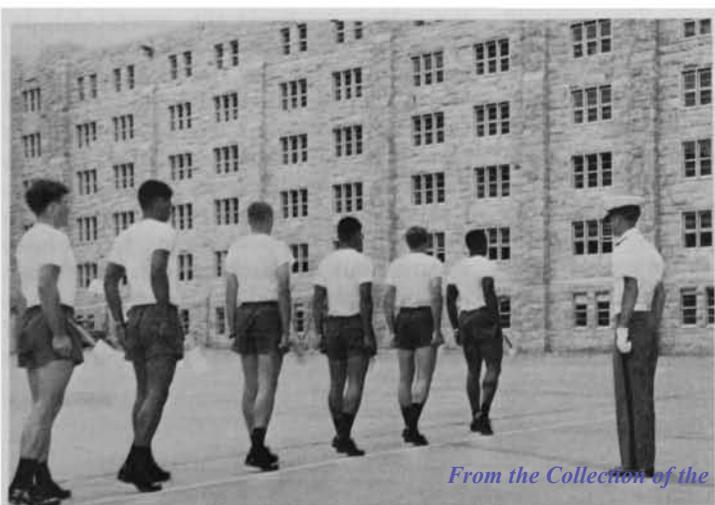
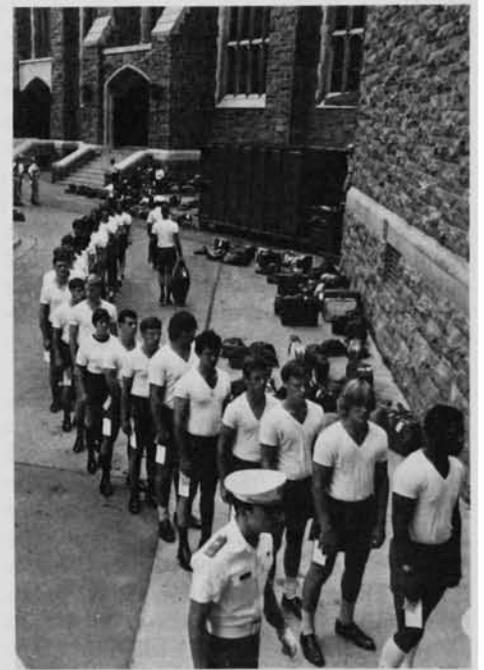
"We must work together—staff and faculty, cadets and parents—in this development process. I hope all of you—parents and candidates—will be on this magnificent plain for graduation exercises in 1981."

This summer several changes were made in Cadet Basic Training ("Beast Barracks") for new cadets of the Class of 1981. The basic principle of teamwork will be stressed. Prior to June Week, officers assigned to CBT participated in a series of seminars on the leadership and training philosophies of CBT. The officers then joined First Class cadets from last summer's CBT cadre to conduct additional

seminars for the new CBT cadet cadre. This program is intended to increase the homogeneity of the leadership climate and enhance an atmosphere of development for New Cadets.

Eight drill sergeants were again brought to West Point from Army Training Centers to assist the CBT cadre in methods of drill instruction. These drill sergeants also worked with the yearlings at Camp Buckner.

One of the biggest changes this summer is that New Cadets will be assigned to morning physical conditioning groups based on physical ability. Each group will be challenged at corresponding fitness levels. The standard goal for the four mile run, however, remains 32 minutes for all New Cadets by the end of CBT.



# SIZING THE CORPS

by JULIAN J. EWELL

## INTRODUCTION:

*It is not the purpose of this article to develop a detailed scholarly treatment of the elimination of height differentials in the Corps. Rather it is designed to illuminate a little-known aspect of West Point life as recalled by the author, who was there in the olden days. It is believed to be reasonably accurate although some poetic license was taken in describing the parade incident.*

IT was a beautiful afternoon at West Point in the fall of 1956. The evening shadows were beginning to stretch across the Plain as a handful of spectators gathered to watch a Regimental weekday parade.

First call sounded, and as the minute callers sounded off the minutes, the regiment began to fall in—full dress coats and hats, white belts, the whole works. The bugle sounded Assembly, a few stragglers slid into ranks, and the long gray line “stiffened and straightened” along Thayer Road. Then suddenly, the ranks began to disintegrate with cadets scurrying in all directions. Chaos reigned. The Commandant of Cadets tapped his foot, wondering why he ever agreed to this hare-brained scheme, and wished he were back in Korea in the relative peace of combat. The Regimental Commander shuddered at the confusion and mentally began to pack his bags for Gopher Hole, Wyoming. The Tacs stood there sweating, trying to stay out of the way, while the cadet officers struggled to get the formation back in order. An old grad who passed by would have concluded that all the rumors he had heard that the Corps “had” were not only true but understated. What kind of formation was this anyway? Some new kind of drill?

Slowly the companies began to form ranks and it became apparent that the cadets in each battalion were being shuffled around so that each company contained cadets of all heights. Once the companies were resized and settled down, they came to attention and marched off as usual. An officer passing by, taken aback by the confusion, asked his tac classmate what the hell was going on. The tac, striving to be nonchalant, explained it was a trial formation to determine if cadets could be mixed up in the companies height-wise and still carry off a creditable parade.

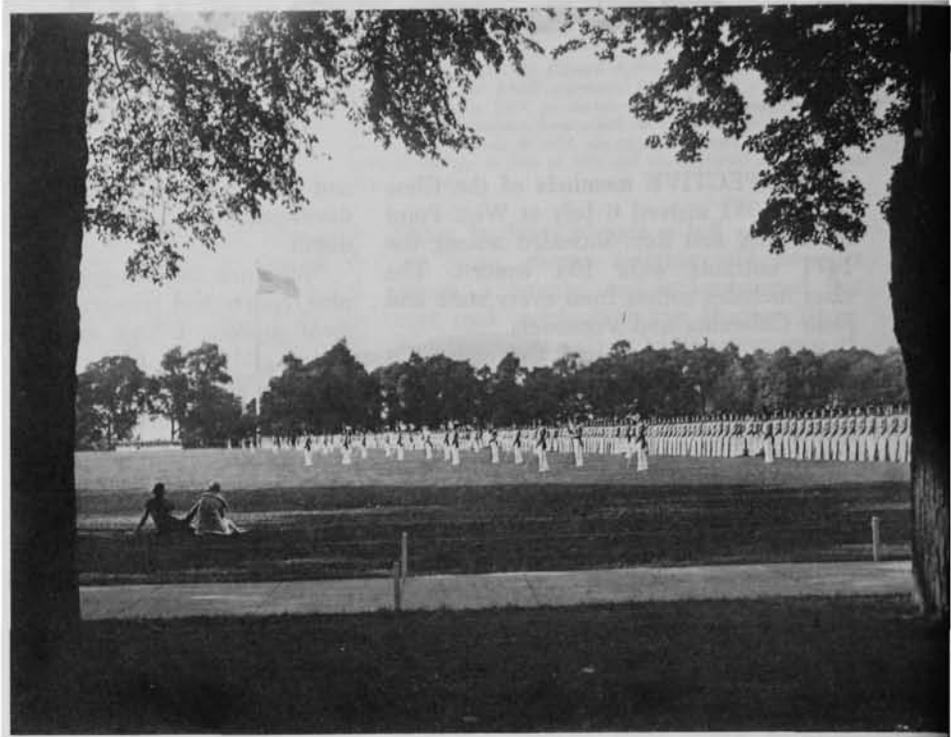
And so, the parade proceeded as usual, if one discounted the movie cameras, the still cameras, and the observers, notebooks in hand, scattered around the Plain meticulously recording each detail for later study. The tacs, clustered around the reviewing stand behind the Commandant and examining each move with the eagle eye of long practice, began to realize the parade didn't look too bad. The Commandant, as the companies marched by, couldn't help but be reassured somewhat. His thoughts then turned to tomorrow's parade, when the Supe, as the official guardian of the West Point image, would observe a similar parade and turn thumbs up or down on it.

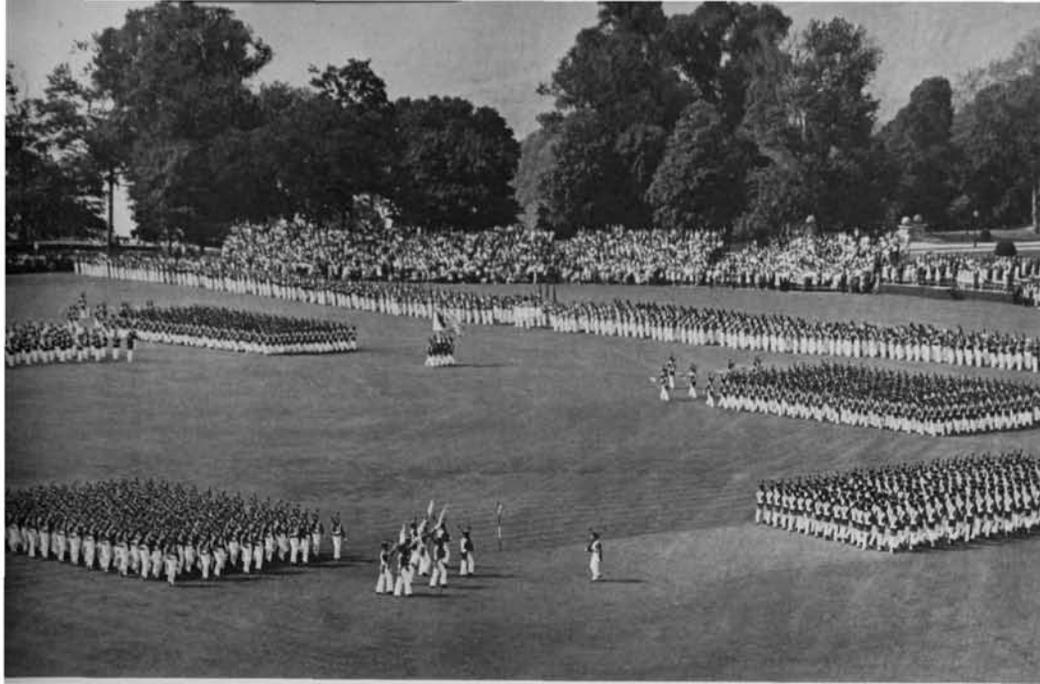
Unbeknownst to the Commandant, the Supe, who had been walking home to his quarters, was standing on Diagonal Walk, also watching the parade. As the last company marched off the Plain, he approached the Commandant, congratulated him on the usual fine appearance of the Corps at parade, and expressed some apprehension as to the predictably ragged appearance of the Corps at the trial

parade the next day. When the Commandant tactfully explained that the parade he had seen was in fact a mixed parade, he expressed surprise and walked off with a thoughtful look on his face. Colonel Thayer's statue, standing in front of Washington Hall with its side to the parade, drew its cape close and kept its thoughts to itself.

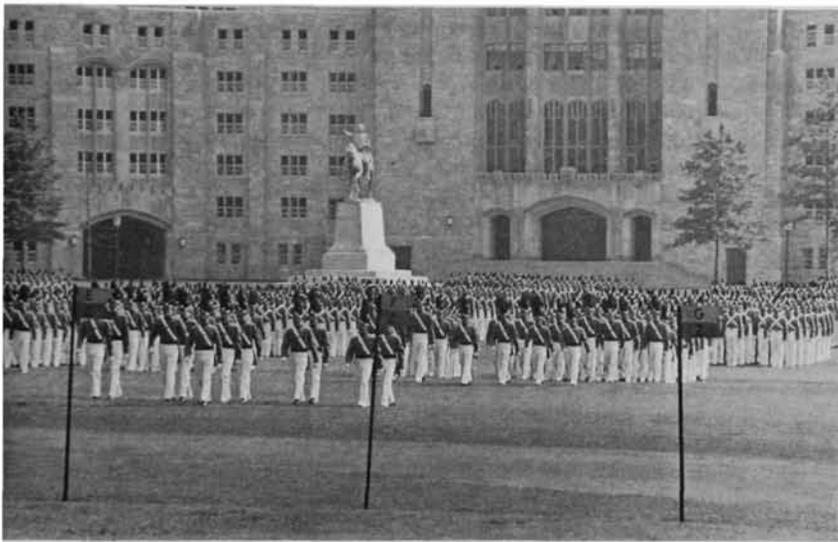
While the Superintendent and the Commandant watched the mixed parade the following day with an open mind, studied the photographs, the movies and the comments, the die had been cast and the Rubicon crossed when the Supe mistook a mixed parade for the traditional sized parade. In due course, the decision was made to desize the Corps, or to put it more positively, to assign cadets to companies in the Corps so as to equalize the talent in each company with height a secondary consideration.

How did this come about? As every West Pointer knows, one of the longest-lived and most hallowed traditions at the Point was the sizing of the Corps. This procedure was considered one of the most important elements in the care and practice which produced the spectacular parades for which West Point was rightly famous. One of the traditional sights at West Point had always been the Corps of Cadets standing at rigid attention at parade with no apparent deviation in height from one flank to the other. Similarly, as the Corps passed in review, each platoon line appeared to have been stamped out by machine with each dress hat, breastplate, and belt apparently at exactly the same height. This uniformity of appearance was arrived at by a meticulous





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sizing of the Corps. The tall cadets, or "flankers" were assigned to the flank companies and the short cadets or "runts" to the center companies. Old grads can well remember the days towards the end of Beast Barracks when each new cadet was carefully remeasured and assigned to his permanent company on the basis of his exact height—standing tall or slumping if he wished to stay with a particular pal from Beast Barracks.

As a result the cadet lived, worked and played for four years with company mates of the same size, and were called runts or flankers as the shoe fit. (It is not clear what the in-betweeners were called.) It was alleged that this situation gave rise to the so-called runt-flanker complex. Runts allegedly were super-military, very regulation conscious and rather short-tempered—particularly if a flanker plebe was unfortunate enough to stray into their company area. Flankers, on the other hand, were presumably relaxed, informal, and not too impressed with the minutiae of regulations. Each group had their own ideas as to which was preferable.

Well, to get on with the story, shortly after the Korean War the Corps was going

through one of its periodic buck ups. As happens after every war, the cadet attrition rate was going up. Presumably some cadets thinking they had missed out on all the action and would retire after thirty years as lieutenant colonels, were opting out to become millionaires, engineers, yachtsmen, stockbrokers, doctors or whatever the fad was at the time. Naturally, the staff and faculty, from the Superintendent down to the most junior instructor and tac, took this increase in resignations, academic failures or whatever as a serious problem and were scheming up ways to improve the motivation and performance of the cadets. This was not easy to do as the cadets' time, energy and interests were typically so committed (or overcommitted) that only modest shifts in emphasis were considered feasible, no matter how desirable. In any event, each department was trying to fine tune its program so that it would achieve better results with no appreciable increase in the cadet load.

In the course of this formal and informal reevaluation, someone surfaced the idea that the runt-flanker situation was adversely affecting the development of the

cadets as future officers. Some officers even felt that the runt-flanker complex was deep seated enough to affect the cadet after he attained officer status. As every grad knows, there are several schools of thought pro and con on this argument.

The whole idea would probably have been dropped as too hot to handle but at the time several of the cadet companies were having problems which seemed to be active manifestations of the runt-flanker complex. Some of the runt (there's that naughty word again) companies seemed to have a defeatist complex and felt they couldn't compete in intramurals. In addition they seemed to resist any team effort designed to help the plebes or other slow cadets to resolve their academic problems. At the same time, the Superintendent had decided (with some justification) that one of the flanker companies had gotten so indifferent and sloppy that they were going to be straightened out—or else. So he was temporarily down on the flankers.

In due course, one of the tacs, Captain George S. Patton, was assigned the unenviable task of studying the matter and determining if the Corps should be desized and if so, how. At the same time informal inquiries were made to determine cadet and graduate reaction. Due to some feeling that this was a touchy matter, the initial effort was conducted on a rather informal basis. The first shocker was the discovery that sizing had been instituted by Colonel Thayer, along with small classes and daily recitations, and had been in force ever since. In other words, it was a core tradition of West Point and not some Johnny-come-lately scheme. From that time on, the study was conducted with as little publicity as possible. The next shocker was that graduate reaction was quite mixed, probably over half against. While some senior and responsible officers were quite sympathetic, some of the alumni were quite emotional and outspoken in their opposition to any change whatsoever. To top it off, the cadet reaction was cool if not icy. As all graduates  
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# WHO ARE THE WEST POINT CADETS?

by ROBERT F. PRIEST and GEORGE D. WATERS

**T**HIS article focuses on two kinds of changes in West Point cadets over the last ten years. First are the aptitudes, social backgrounds, and values of incoming cadets. Second are the preliminary data on the characteristics of women cadets and the implication of those characteristics.

Some small but significant changes in the characteristics of entering cadets have become apparent since 1966. The relatively high enrollment of high leadership achievers in high school (class and student body officers, valedictorians, and academic award winners) has remained more or less stable. Other variables have changed. There has been a decline in the percentage who have had prior college, ranked in the top fifth of their class, or been Boy Scouts. Concurrently, there has been an increase in the number admitted through USMAPS and in the number of high achievers in high school athletics. However, the recruiting and selection procedures have remained relatively stable over the years.

The data from the American Council of Education's (ACE) Student Information Form (SIF), administered each year to incoming college freshmen, permits useful comparisons of cadets between years and with other college students.

a. Professional schools tend to attract sons of that profession, and West Point does continue to recruit from military families. The percent of cadets whose fathers were career military has declined from 19% in 1966 to 11% in 1975, while for men at civilian 4-year colleges, the level

has remained at about 2%. This could indicate a more socially representative officer corps in the future.

b. The number of non-white cadets has increased from 2% to 6% since 1966. The number of protestant cadets has declined from 64% to 55% while the number of catholics has increased from 31% to 36%. The 4-year colleges have remained at about 30% catholic.

c. Most entering cadets selected West Point for its good academic reputation, and the percent selecting for that reason has increased over the last ten years. Fewer men students at 4-year colleges selected their school for that reason, and that number has not increased in recent years. In degree aspirations, more entering cadets than previously and more than civilian college men expect to earn graduate degrees.

d. Cadets are significantly more conservative than their civilian colleagues. On goals that are considered essential or very important, 57% of the cadets in 1966 gave such a rating to "becoming a community leader." This was a much higher proportion than among civilian men students in 1966, but by 1973 the two groups were about the same. The goals of "developing a meaningful philosophy of life" and "keeping up to date with political affairs" have declined for both cadets and civilian students. However, "being very well off financially" has increased from 37% to 59% for the cadets but has remained stable for their civilian colleagues.

e. Cadets' expected chances of changing careers have increased from 3% to 13% over the period. Civilian students' expectations of changing careers have decreased from 19% to 13%. One-third of the cadets expect to marry within a year after college while only 18% of the civilian college men expect to do so. Thus, while entering cadets have become more flexible in their college and career expectations, they appear to maintain a positive orientation toward traditional family relationships.

The indicators discussed above show

that there has been a subtle shift in the kinds of students who entered West Point in the past ten years. Some of the changes in society are evident in entering college students. Cadets were in some respects changing faster than society. In some instances the changes have made cadets more similar to their civilian college contemporaries.

The admission of women was a deliberate, sudden event in West Point's history. The implications are not yet clear. Although there is much literature on human sex differences, it usually ignores differences between colleges. By analysis of the ACE data, three sorts of differences were examined: (a) those characteristic of the institution; (b) male/female differences; and (c) interactions between sex and the institution.

The assertion that admitting women might make West Point lose its unique characteristics is disputed. West Point demonstrates its continued uniqueness by enrolling cadets of both sexes who differ from other college bound students without creating a sex/institution interaction effect.

On 79 of 150 traits examined in this study, women cadets at entry differ from 4-year college women to the same extent that men cadets differ from 4-year college men. Many of the unique traits are obviously the result of USMA's highly selective admission policy. Some of the uniqueness results from cadets' accurate perception of the USMA goals and pressures. In general, USMA still has a number of variables where cadets differ from their civilian colleagues in spite of the integration of women.

There are some interesting attitudes and values differences between men cadets and women cadets:

a. Women were more likely than the men to be attracted to West Point's "special education programs."

b. In trait self-ratings, women rate themselves higher in understanding of others, writing ability, and artistic ability, but

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lower in mechanical ability, political conservatism, popularity, and popularity with the opposite sex.

c. In attitude, women cadets are *less* likely to agree that: parents should be discouraged from having large families; there is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals; and that college officials have the right to ban persons with extreme views from speaking on campus. They are *more* likely to agree that women should receive the same salary and opportunities for advancement as men.

Many of the variables with sex differences which apply equally at West Point and at other colleges also show an institutional effect. Thus, the selection process did not eliminate or reduce the normal sex differences on these traits. These

added characteristics if not contrary to the West Point mission can be interesting additions to the Corps of Cadets.

Women cadets expect to have fewer children than do either men cadets or civilian women students. Also, women cadets are less likely to consider raising a family as "essential or very important" than any other group. This is consistent with the women cadets' apparent desire for a military career. However, the women cadets agree more than the men cadets that "a couple should live together for some time before deciding to get married."

Though cadets consider themselves more conservative politically than their civilian colleagues, the women cadets rate themselves higher in liberalism than do the men cadets. However, they agree even less than the men cadets that "students

from disadvantaged backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions." This could indicate that they do not want any preferential treatment because they are women and believe in mobility through individual achievement.

The sex difference in self-perceived athletic ability was less pronounced among cadets than among civilian college men and women. Though the women cadets probably were comparing themselves to other women, the results still suggest that West Point was successful in reducing the usual sex differences in athletic skill.

In leadership ability and mathematical ability both men and women cadets are higher than civilian students and about equal to each other, whereas the college

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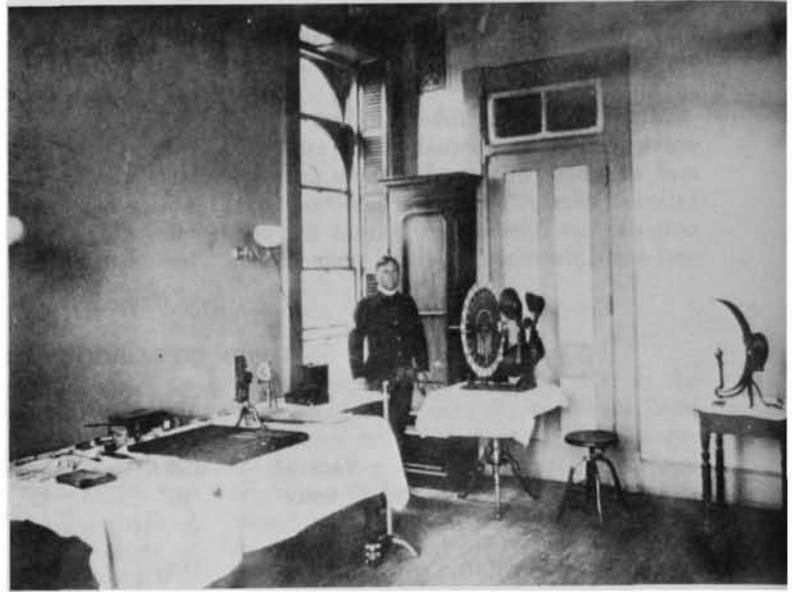
### TREND COMPARISONS OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF MEN ENTERING USMA AND 4-YEAR COLLEGES

Characteristic	Year of Entry	USMA %*	4-Year College %*	Characteristic	Year of Entry	USMA %*	4-Year College %*
1. Father's Occupation				Develop a Philosophy of Life	1967	86	82
Career Military	1966	19%	2%		1974	72	65
Businessman	1967	27	34	Keep Up to Date on Political Affairs	1966	77	61
Skilled Worker	1975	27	28		1973	58	47
	1967	9	13	Be Well Off Financially	1975	66	45
	1975	14	16		1966	37	52
2. Racial Background				Succeed in Own Business	1974	59	53
Caucasian/White	1969	96	91		1966	46	63
Negro/Black	1975	92	85		1975	33	50
	1969	3	7	8. Attitudes			
	1975	6	11	Marijuana Should be Legalized	1968	12	21
3. Religion					1975	22	48
Protestant	1966	64	55	One Can Do Little to Change Society	1968	35	35
Catholic	1975	55	52		1975	45	51
	1966	31	28	Student Publications Should be Regulated	1968	67	56
	1975	36	29		1974	36	31
4. Selected this College Because of Academic Reputation	1967	77	50		1975	37	34
	1971	78	35	College Administrators Have Right to Ban Speakers	1967	52	32
	1975	89	50		1975	33	27
5. College Degree Expectations—BA or Less	1967	25	36	Disadvantaged Students Should Receive Preferential Treatment	1967	38	44
	1975	11	37		1974	24	37
6. Chances are Good that:				Women's Activities Are Best Confined to Home	1967	69	67
Will change Career Choice	1967	3	19		1975	41	38
Will Get Married Within One Year After Graduation	1972	22	18	9. Political Views			
	1975	13	13	Conservative/Right	1969	39	25
	1967	34	20		1975	32	19
	1974	42	18	Middle of the Road	1969	40	39
7. Objectives Considered Essential or Very Important					1975	50	49
Become a Community Leader	1966	57	34	Liberal/Left	1969	21	36
	1973	27	29		1975	18	32

\*Indicates percent of entering class to whom the characteristic applies. Data are based on American Council on Education Student Information Form, administered yearly to entering college freshmen.

# Myopia at West Point:

by ROBERT T. GMELIN



Early ophthalmology clinic, West Point.

IN a paper presented in 1813 to the Royal Society of London, the Honorable James Ware described his observations about myopia. Most notably, he found, "While the officers of the Queen's Guard frequently were nearsighted, among the 10,000 footguards in their command, not even a half-dozen were known to be nearsighted." In today's Volunteer Army, one out of every three enlisted men and women and two out of every three West Point graduates wear spectacles or contact lenses for the correction of myopia.

The subject of vision standards for entrance to the United States Military Academy (USMA) has been and remains a controversial subject. Since 1912, these standards have been changed or amended six times to reflect the problem of visual acuity degradation among the cadets. Since 1960, when the vision standards were last changed, new candidates have received admission to USMA within the refractive limitations of  $\pm 5.50$  diopters and with waivers permitted up to  $-6.50$  diopters (e.g., 20/800 Snellen visual acuity). Statistical records show that, since 1964, over 50 percent of each entering class are admitted to USMA wearing spectacles, and that approximately 65 percent of each graduating class depart USMA wearing spectacles or contact lenses for the correction of myopia.

The Class of 1974 has proven to be no exception; 554 cadets (67 percent) of a class of 828 graduated wearing spectacles or contact lenses. By comparing the refractive error (spherical equivalent) of each cadet as it was recorded in his 201 File, both for his entrance physical examination (1970) and his commissioning examination (1974), visual acuity degradation can be demonstrated empirically. At the completion of four years in an academic environment, there were fewer hyperopic and many more myopic cadets in the Class of 1974 (Table 1).

## Historical

In an appendix to James Ware's paper, Sir Charles Blagden gave the following comments in 1813:

"Mr. Ware attributes the nearsightedness among the officers in the Queen's Guard to the perusal of books and other forms of study, since all of them were educated to the extent of being able to read. . . . Mr. Ware states in his paper that nearsightedness comes on most frequently at an early age, that it is more common in the higher than in the lower ranks of life; and that, particularly at the Universities and various Colleges, a large portion of the students made use of concave glasses. All this is exactly true, and to be accounted for by one single circumstance; namely, the habit of looking at near objects."

Among the earliest investigations into myopia in America was a study conducted a century ago by an ophthalmologist, Haskit Derby, "Influence on the Refractions of Four Years of College Life—1873–1879." His study related the high proportion of myopia patients among the students and faculty at Harvard.

## West Point Review

Looking back into the history of USMA, the earliest study on the subject of vision was conducted in 1879 to determine the "effects of gas light on visual acuity." It was concluded that the fumes emitted from the burning gas could be a cause of conjunctivitis but was not the cause of refractive changes. Better ventilation in the cadet library was recommended. Additional studies were initiated with each introduction of a "more modern" light source (electric bulb in 1909, indirect lighting in 1918, and fluorescent fixtures in 1945–46). Each separate study reinforced the same conclusion that lighting *per se* was not a factor responsible for visual acuity degradation.

In 1890, the first spectacles were prescribed for cadets at the U.S. Military Academy by a visiting civilian ophthalmologist. In preceding years, spectacles had to be prescribed by civilian specialists in New York City. By 1900, it was noted that 20 percent of the cadets and officers required glasses. When a study revealed in 1912 that 20 percent of the entire Corps of Cadets required spectacles,

TABLE I  
USMA REFRACTION CHANGES IN FOUR YEARS

Diopters	+3.00	+2.00	+1.00	Plano	-1.00	-2.00	-3.00	-4.00	-5.00	-6.00	-7.00	-8.00	-9.00
1970	1		42	423	142	106	48	43	16	3	4		
1974		1	30	354	148	121	83	51	23	12	3	1	1

# Past and Present



William E. Chambers, member Class of 1916, with glasses.

the Post Surgeon, LTC Frank Keefer, MC, requested the consulting services of MAJ Wadhams, MC, in 1913. The recommendations of USMA's first military ophthalmologist were: "(1) that present lighting sources were fine; (2) five percent of the cadets had progressive myopia due to close work; and (3) in the future, only cadets with normal vision be accepted to USMA." In 1916, his suggestion of changing the entrance visual requirements from 20/30 to 20/20 became law. However, it was not until 1935, that these requirements were implemented, at the request of the Superintendent, MG William D. Connor, to fill his personal preference for a non-be-spectacled Corps of Cadets.

The earliest statistical review on the visual problems of the cadets was the study by MAJ Bowen, MC. The information he obtained from the 201 Files of the USMA graduates, Classes 1922-1926, was used to confirm the continuation of the vision standard requirement of unaided 20/20 for entrance, with waivers to 20/40. An investigation in 1940 by the USMA Surgeon, LTC Carbonell, MC, revealed that, even with the adherence to the 20/20 visual acuity entrance requirement set forth in 1935, 10 percent of the cadets were myopic at the end of their first semester; 18 percent were myopic at the end of the first year; 25 percent at the end of their third year, and 29 percent at the time of their graduation.

In 1941, the vision standards for entrance were changed from 20/20 to re-

fractive limitations of +2.00 diopters and -0.75 diopters (with waivers permitted to -1.25 diopters). In this same year, the study of the USMA Surgeon, COL Royal Reynolds, MC, indicated that the chief causes of visual acuity degradation were myopia, myopic astigmatism, and compound myopic astigmatism. He concluded that 70 percent of the cadets showed a progression in myopia. Under his supervision, MAJ Reid, MC, an ophthalmologist, and SGT Leibesman, USMA's first optometrist, recorded visual acuity statistics (1942-1946). From these data, they concluded that "the amount of close work, 'bracing,' tension, little time for relaxation, and state of health are factors having direct influence on vision." In July 1946, the War Department "approved the es-

tablishment of a research project on the visual acuity of the cadets (2c priority)"; however, in a directive from SGO, 26 September 1946, "A thorough review has been made on the subject covered by the research program peviously carried out by MAJ F.R. Reid, MC, at West Point. A decision has been made to discontinue the project, as more accurate information can be obtained from other sources."

The subject of progressive myopia among the cadets remained dormant and no further investigations were made at USMA for ten years. Renewed interest in the subject of myopia was generated by the study of MAJ McKinney, MC, on the cadet Class of 1956. In his unpublished report, "A Study of Refractive  
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Members Class of 1975 with glasses (L-R) top row: Hugh H. Thomas and William R. Thornton; bottom row: Michael D. Tigner.



# down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

ARMY'S 22 varsity athletic teams produced the most successful season since the 1968-69 campaign, winning better than 64 percent of their athletic encounters during the past academic year. Overall, the Cadets were victorious 205 times, lost on 113 occasions and played to a tie three times for a winning percentage of .643. That percentage is the highest since Army teams combined to win nearly 75 percent of their athletic encounters in 1968-69. Last year's percentage was .609; two years ago it was .504.

Among the major sports, Army's basketball squad made the most dramatic turnaround under coach Mike Krzyzewski. The cadets, 11-14 during Krzyzewski's first season, finished with a 20-8 mark this past winter, won their first basketball tournament in history—the Vermont Classic—and gained the ECAC metropolitan playoffs. It was only the fourth time in history a Cadet basketball squad has won 20 or more games in a season.

The hockey team, under coach Jack Riley, posted a 22-6-1 mark and gained

the semifinals of the ECAC Division 11 playoffs for the second successive year. The 22 victories represent the most ever won in a single season at West Point, shattering the old record of 20.

The golf team enjoyed similar success under coach Paul Kirkegaard, posting an 18-1 mark while finishing fourth in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association championships. Those 18 victories also are the most ever recorded by a Cadet golf squad, eclipsing the old record of 14 wins which was set just last year.

There were two undefeated teams, the indoor track team and the 150-lb football squad. Under first-year coach John Randolph, the track team soared to a 9-0 mark, its first unblemished season since 1968-69. The lightweights were 6-0 and captured their 13th Eastern championship as an appropriate sendoff for retiring coach Eric Tipton, who has been at the helm since the team was formed in 1957.

Outdoor track continued its momentum under Jack Randolph and ended with a 5-1 record losing only to unbeaten Penn-

sylvania. The Cadets whipped archrival Navy for the first time in six years at Annapolis, finished second in the Heptagonal Championships, finished sixth in the IC4A Championships and crowned two All-Americans. Curt Alitz, Army's premier distance runner, gained his third track All-America honor of the season. He finished fourth in the 10,000-meter run at the NCAA track championships while Dave Wiener earned his All-America citation for his eighth-place finish in the hammer throw.

Under first-year coach Dick Edell, Army's lacrosse team posted its first winning season since 1972. The Cadets finished with an 8-3 mark and were ranked ninth in the nation by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Goalie Jose Olivero, was a second team All-America selection, while teammate Scott Finlay was a third-team All-America pick. Team captain Kevin Scherrer and defenseman Steve McManus received honorable mention All-America recognition.

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## 1976-77 ARMY VARSITY SPORTS SUMMARY

	Contests	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Navy	Captains	
Track (Indoor)	9	9	0	0	1.000	Won	Scott Leishman	
150-lb. Football	6	6	0	0	1.000	Won	Ken Miller	
Golf	19	18	1	0	.947	Won	Sean Powers	
Rifle	10	9	1	0	.900	Lost	John Luther	
Pistol	8	7	1	0	.875	Lost	Eric Stanhagen	
Gymnastics	14	12	2	0	.857	Won	Matt Holm	
Track (Outdoor)	6	5	1	0	.833	Won	Ivory Carson	
Hockey	29	22	6	1	.776	—	Tom Garver	
Lacrosse	11	8	3	0	.727	Lost	Kevin Scherrer	
Basketball	28	20	8	0	.714	Won	Gary Winton	
Soccer	13	8	4	1	.654	Tied	Game	
Water Polo	22	14	8	0	.636	—	Andy Bowers	
Cross Country	11	7	4	0	.636	Lost	Wayne Chiusano	
Volleyball	24	15	9	0	.625	—	Vaughn Vasconcello	
Swimming	13	7	6	0	.538	Lost	Ted Kanamine	
							Ray Bosse	
Tennis	17	9	8	0	.529	Lost	Zach Smith	
Football	11	5	6	0	.455	Lost	Jeff Jancek	
Squash	11	5	6	0	.455	Lost	Brian Smith	
Wrestling	21	9	11	1	.452	Lost	Bob Vottero	
Fencing	13	4	9	0	.308	Lost	Bob Carter	
Baseball	25	6	19	0	.240	Lost	Warren Chellman	
Skiing							Mike Hodges	
		Finished sixth in the RPI Invitational						
		Tied for second in USMA Invitational						
		Second in Alfred-Buffalo Invitational						
		Second in Cornell-Cortland Invitational						
Total	321	205	113	3	.643	(6-11-1)		

## USMA FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time-PM	Date	Opponent	Time-PM		
<b>VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY</b>			<b>150-LB FOOTBALL</b>				
Sept	16	Fairleigh Dickinson	4:00	Sept	30	Rutgers	3:30
	24	Triangular—Albany State	2:00	Oct	7	Cornell (A)	7:30
		Syracuse			14	Navy	3:30
Oct	1	Manhattan (A)	12 Noon		21	Pennsylvania (A)	7:00
	7	Cornell (A)	4:30		28	Princeton (A)	7:30
	14	Quadrangular—Rutgers (A)	3:30	Coach: Mr. George Storck			
		NYU		Officer Representative: MAJ L. Izzo			
		Lehigh		Captain: Cadet Tom Bostick			
	21	Triangular—NY State		<b>VARSITY SOCCER</b>			
		Maritime College	4:00	Sept	23	Rutgers (A)	3:30
		Montclair State			30	Yale	4:00
	29	Navy (A)	2:30	Oct	5	Columbia	4:00
Nov	4	Heptagonal (A)			7	Penn State	7:30
	14	IC4A (A)			11	Seton Hall (A)	3:30
	21	NCAA Championships (A)			14	Syracuse	4:00
Coach: Mr. John Randolph					21	Brown	7:30
Officer Representative: CPT G. C. Camp					25	US Merchant Marine	
Captain: Cadet Curt Alitz						Academy (A)	3:00
<b>JV/PLEBE CROSS COUNTRY</b>					28	Colgate	4:00
Sept	16	Fairleigh Dickinson	4:00	Nov	1	RPI (A)	2:00
	24	Albany State	2:00		5	Air Force (A)	10:00 AM
	30	Manhattan	4:00		12	West Chester State (A)	2:00
Oct	7	USMA Prep School	4:00		19	Navy (A)	2:00
	14	Triangular—Kent School	4:00	Coach: Mr. Joe Palone			
		Red Bank Cath HS		Officer Representative: COL W. M. Wix			
	21	Triangular—St. John's	4:00	Captain: Cadet Jose Olivero			
		Hudson Valley Comm Coll		<b>PLEBE SOCCER</b>			
Nov	4	Columbia JV Inv. Meet (A)		Sept	20	Orange County Comm Coll	4:00
<b>VARSITY FOOTBALL</b>					24	Cornell	2:00
Sept	10	Massachusetts	1:30		30	Broome Community Coll	3:30
	17	Virginia Military Inst	1:30	Oct	5	Columbia	3:30
	24	Boston College (A)	1:30		7	USMA Prep School	3:30
Oct	1	Colorado	1:30		15	Montclair State (A)	10:00 AM
	8	Villanova	1:30		19	Hartwick	3:30
	15	Notre Dame (A)	1:30		21	Oneonta State	3:30
	22	Lafayette	1:30		26	Albany	3:30
	29	Holy Cross	1:30		28	Vassar	3:30
Nov	5	Air Force (A)	1:00	<b>WATER POLO</b>			
	12	Pittsburgh (A)	1:30	Sept	17	Southern Connecticut State	6:00
	26	Navy (A)	4:00		22-24	Open Tournament (A)	
Coach: Mr. Homer Smith				Sept	30-	Mid-Atlantic Conference	
Officer Representative: MAJ A. Greenhouse					Oct	2	League Tournament (A)
Co-captains: Cadets Leamon Hall & Chuck D'Amico				Oct	14-16	Mid-Atlantic Conference	
						League Tournament (A)	
					22	Brown University	6:00
					28-30	Open Tournament (A)	
				Nov	4-6	Mid-Atlantic Conference	
						Championships	2:00
					11-13	Eastern Open Championships (A)	
				Coach & Officer Representative: CPT C. C. Aylor			
				Captain: Cadet Bob Bristow			
<b>JV/PLEBE FOOTBALL</b>							
Sept	16	East Stroudsburg State	3:30				
	23	Boston College (A)	3:00				
	30	Columbia (A)	3:00				
Oct	7	USMA Prep School	3:30				
	14	Colgate	3:30				
	21	Yale	3:30				
	28	West Chester State	3:30				
Nov	4	Cornell	3:30				
	11	Princeton	3:30				

# Bulletin Board

## "MacARTHUR" Premiere Showing a Smashing Success

In the June '77 issue, ASSEMBLY reported on the plans of the West Point Society of New York for its sponsoring of the World Premiere of the new movie "MacArthur" to be held at Radio City Music Hall on 29 June 1977. By producing this movie, Universal Studios has honored a truly great American and one of West Point's most distinguished graduates—General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Class of '03.

It is a great credit to those dedicated graduates in the West Point Society of New York and their President, Robert E. Woods '45, who gave their time and talents for this magnificent event. Notable among the evening's happenings were: the Premiere showing in Radio City Music Hall attended by over 5,000 distinguished guests, including 280 cadets whose marching entrance produced a rousing applause; the declaration of 29 June 77 as MacArthur Day in New York City and New York State by Mayor Beame and Governor Carey respectively; the \$100 a plate banquet in the Grand Ballroom at the Waldorf which was filled to capacity; and the charming manner in which Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce performed as Mistress of Ceremonies at the banquet (she praised the movie's characterization of MacArthur, whom she and her late husband, Henry Luce, knew well).

Our Association membership of 25,364 represents over 99% of our living graduates.

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

His address:

Executive Vice President  
Association of Graduates  
West Point, NY 10996

Guests in attendance included many distinguished graduates—Colonel and Mrs. Edgar W. Garbisch '25, General and Mrs. William C. Westmoreland '36, Lieutenant General and Mrs. Charles B. Westover '37, Major General Edmund C.R. Lasher '29, Brigadier General and Mrs. John S.D. Eisenhower '44 and Lieutenant General and Mrs. Andrew J. Goodpaster '39, Superintendent, USMA. Movie celebrities present were too numerous to mention; among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinatra, Claudette Colbert and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Logan. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kissinger and Mr. Robert Wagner were among the members of Gregory Peck's party. Brigadier General Frank McCarthy, the producer of two great movies, "MacArthur" and "Patton," was, interestingly, the Military Secretary to General George C. Marshall throughout the period of WWII when many of the "MacArthur" movie events were taking place.

Never before in recent times has Radio City Music Hall been used for a benefit showing such as "MacArthur." The movie audience was the largest ever to view a world premiere. The West Point Society of New York is donating the net proceeds from the Premiere and banquet to West Point for projects and programs for which government funds are not available.

Banquet after "MacArthur" Premiere





### 1977 Sylvanus Thayer Award

The President of the Association of Graduates has announced the selection of the Honorable Robert T. Stevens to receive the 1977 Sylvanus Thayer Award. Mr. Stevens' distinguished positions have included Secretary of the Army, Chairman of the Business Council for the Department of Commerce, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and President and Chairman of the Board of J.P. Stevens and Company. Presentation ceremonies will be held at West Point on 4 October 1977.



### Deputy Superintendent Appointed

The Department of the Army announced the appointment of Brigadier General Charles W. Bagnal as West Point's first Deputy Superintendent.

The position of Deputy Superintendent was recently established to assist the Superintendent in more effectively supervising the many functions which fall directly under his office, such as post support activities and others.

General Bagnal, 43, is a 1956 graduate of the Military Academy and holds a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a Master Army Aviator and has commanded combat aviation units from an airmobile cavalry troop to a full aviation group.

Bagnal, who was serving as the Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division assumed his duties at West Point in August.

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

Members of the Association of Graduates who desire to submit the names of candidates for the 1978 Sylvanus Thayer Award and of nominees for officers and trustees of the Association starting in 1978 should submit the names to either their Class Presidents or their local West Point Societies. The Association is asking Class Presidents and Society Presidents to submit their nominations to the Association headquarters for compilation and consideration by appropriate nominating committees. Association members should submit names to Class or Society Presidents as soon as possible so they can respond to necessary deadlines of the Association.

### Two Graduates Picked as White House Fellows

Major Joseph B. Anderson, USMA '65, and Major Jack A. LeCuyer, USMA '66, were among 14 persons selected as White House Fellows for 1977-78.

Anderson served two tours of duty in Vietnam and holds many decorations including two Silver Stars. He and his infantry unit were subjects of the documentary film, "The Anderson Platoon." He holds master's degrees in African Studies and in Political Science from UCLA. He is listed among the Outstanding Young Men of America and in *Negro Heritage*.

LeCuyer is an Olmsted Scholar and earned a master's degree in Public Administration at Harvard. During the Vietnam War he served in a combat engineer unit. His many decorations include the Purple Heart.

The Fellows were chosen from among 1334 applicants and were screened by 11 regional panels. The President's Commission interviewed 37 national finalists before recommending 14 to the President.

### White House Fellowships

Applications for the fourteenth nationwide competition for the 14-19 White House Fellowships awarded each year, are available after 1 August 1977.

Established in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, this non-partisan program is designed to give outstanding, rising young leaders one year of firsthand high-level employment in the Federal Government as well as a comprehensive educational seminar. In addition to their job assignments as special assistants to the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, and principal members of the White House Staff, the Fellows participate in an extensive seminar program consisting of off-the-record sessions with top government and private sector leaders, journalists, scholars, and foreign officials.

The program is open to United States citizens. Employees of the Federal government are not eligible with the exception of regular members of the armed services. There is no occupational restriction. Those who have been selected have included scholars, engineers, corporate employees, academic professors and administrators, medical doctors, architects, local public officials, lawyers, oceanographers, a policeman, and a symphony conductor.

Proven leadership, intellectual and professional ability, high motivation, and a commitment to community and nation are the broad criteria employed in the selection process.

Application materials and additional information may be obtained by sending a post card prior to 15 November 1977 to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C. 20415 or by calling (202) 653-6263.

### USMA Grad Selected as One of Outstanding Young Men in America

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced that James P. Isenhower Jr., USMA '69, was selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is co-sponsored by the United States Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic and service organizations throughout the nation.

These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be

recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

### Associate Professors Retire

On 31 July 1977 Colonels Arthur H. Blair, USMA '50, and Thomas E. Rogers, USMA '47, retired.

Colonel Blair was assigned to the United States Military Academy in July 1957 where he served as Instructor, and later as Assistant Professor, Department of English, until July 1961. He was reassigned to the Military Academy in January 1965 where he served as the Assistant to the Dean of the Academic Board, and as Associate Professor, Office of the Dean, until January 1968. Colonel Blair began his third tour at the Military Academy on 10 August 1970 where he served as Permanent Associate Professor and Research Officer, Department of English, until the time of his retirement.

Colonel Rogers was assigned to the United States Military Academy on 7 July 1961 where he served as Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, until 13 July 1964. He was again assigned to the Military Academy on 26 May 1968 as Associate Professor, and later as Permanent Associate Professor, in the Department of Mathematics, until 22 July 1971. Colonel Rogers began his third tour at the Military Academy on 18 August 1973 as Permanent Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, and has served as such until present.

Colonel Rogers and Colonel Blair have served their country with distinction and are congratulated upon termination of active military service. Best wishes are extended to them for continued success, good health, happiness and prosperity.

### Colonel Luebbert Retires

On 31 July 1977 Colonel William L. Luebbert, USMA '49, retired after more than 28 years of active Federal Service. Colonel Luebbert was assigned to the United States Military Academy from duty as Assistant Chief of Technical Staff at the United States Army Signal Research and Development Laboratories on 20 June 1960. He served as an Instructor and Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering where he organized the department's computer laboratory, brought the first operational digital computer to the United States Military Academy and taught the Academy's first computer elective. In 1962 he was assigned as Assistant to the Dean of the Academic Board for Computers and Instructional Technology. In December 1962 he activated the Academic Computer Center and became its first director. In 1965 he activated the Educational Television Center (later the Instructional Technology Center) and also became its first director. He remained in charge of these activities under various changes in organization as Director, Educational Resources and Technology Division; Director, Instruction Support Division; and Director, Instruction Support and Information Systems Division. In 1967-69 he served part-time as visiting professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 1970-71 he became the first United States Military Academy faculty member to serve as a Fellow at the Army War College. On sabbatical in 1975 he was appointed visiting professor of Engineering and Management, Dartmouth College.

Colonel Luebbert has served his country with distinction and is congratulated upon termination of his active military service. Best wishes are extended to him for continued success, good health, happiness, and prosperity.

### Professor and Head of Department of Law Sought

The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy has appointed a committee to nominate a Professor and Head of the Department of Law. Applicants must have a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) or a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.). They should have had substantial experience in legal education and possess an outstanding degree of breadth and depth of military and legal experience at all levels of the Army to facilitate supervising a predominantly military faculty. Applicants should

have attended a Senior Service School, fully understand the commander-military lawyer relationship, and have demonstrated a high capacity for academic achievement. If applicants do not have a Master of Laws (LL.M) or Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) they must be willing to complete the LL.M. degree within four years of selection. Anyone interested should address an application, together with supporting materials, to LTC Tarey B. Schell, Office of the Dean, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

### Professor in ES&GS Sought

The United States Military Academy is seeking applicants for the position of Permanent Associate Professor, Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences. Applicants either should possess a doctorate in the earth sciences or have demonstrated academic ability and desire to obtain this degree, and they should have taught in the earth sciences or a related discipline at the undergraduate college level. Persons interested in the position should send an application and biography to LTC Schell, Office of the Dean, USMA, West Point, New York 10996 prior to 23 September 1977.

### Cadet Fine Arts Forum: 1977-1978 Performing Arts Series

- 24 Sep 77 — The Soviet Georgian Dancers & Tbilisi Polyphonic Choir
- 8 Oct 77 — "Very Good Eddie"
- 5 Nov 77 — The Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Georg Solti
- 3 Dec 77 — The Oxford-Cambridge Shakespeare Company's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- 10 Dec 77 — The Eglevsky Ballet Company performs "The Nutcracker Suite" [Special Event]
- 22 Jan 78 — "My Fair Lady"
- 11 Feb 78 — Les Ballets Jazz
- 25 Feb 78 — The Intimate PDQ Bach
- 11 Mar 78 — The Canadian Brass
- 15 Apr 78 — Eugene Fodor accompanied by the American Symphony Orchestra conducted by Kazuyoshi Akiyama
- 13 May 78 — Red Skelton

If you are not on their mailing list and would desire to become a patron please write to: Cadet Fine Arts Forum, c/o Eisenhower Hall Box Office, West Point, New York 10996.

### Writer Seeks Data on Custer

John M. Carroll, Box 543, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 invites all graduates of the United States Military Academy to offer their opinions of General Custer as a military leader. If any have made any studies of his major Indian battles and would care to give an analysis, please feel free to do so. This material will fall into his personal archives (to be deposited at some willing university in the near future—a university who will offer his book and art collection of Custeriana as a reference library devoted to frontier military history). It will also guide him in future writings and evaluations. If you wish to place any restrictions on the use of what you have written, please so state. He is especially interested in receiving observations from those officers—both retired and on active duty—who are peers or superiors in rank to Major General George Armstrong Custer, and have had cavalry experience.

Mr. John M. Carroll has written over 40 books, all but two are studies in military history. He has concentrated almost all his efforts on frontier military history, post-civil war, with all but four of the books on the 7th United States Cavalry and General Custer. The other four books were ones devoted to black military history and of the American frontier.

### Writer Needs Help

Joseph D. Harrington whose latest book, *I-Boat Captain*, the story of Japan's submarines at war, was the June selection of Literary Guild's military book club, would appreciate hearing from those who served with Nisei.

He has been asked to do a book on the Japanese-Americans

who served in the Pacific during World War II. (Far more than the much publicized number who fought in Europe.) Until recently the unbelievably-valuable work these Nisei did has been buried deep in the Pentagon's classified files. It's a story that should be told, if only to give us "Anglos" and "Haoles" an idea of what it is like to really love and serve your country. His address is 2501 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, Florida 33020.

### Willet Stained Glass Studios Honored at Ceremony

On 12 July 1977, the Willet family and the Willet Stained Glass Studios were honored at a dedication ceremony in the Cadet Chapel. Mrs. Ann D. Tormey, President of the West Point Altar and Hospital Guild, assisted Mr. Henry Lee Willet of the Willet Studios as a bronze plaque was unveiled commemorating the founders and craftsmen of the Willet Studios. Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster, Military Academy Superintendent, also spoke at the dedication ceremony, which was preceded by a luncheon in the West Point Officers' Club.

The Willet Stained Glass Studios were founded in 1898 by William Willet (1867-1921), and in 1910 they won an international competition held to determine who would install all of the stained glass windows in the Cadet Chapel. Between 1910 and 1976, when the Willet Studios installed the last Class window in the Cadet Chapel, the Willet family served West Point for 66 years. Mr. Henry Lee Willet, son of the company's founder, was accompanied to West Point by his son, Mr. E. Crosby Willet, now president of the Willet Studios, and his daughter, Mrs. Ann Willet Kellogg, who is also connected with the studios as a designer and artist.

The original theme of the stained glass windows in the Cadet Chapel was: "The genius of West Point as exemplified by heroes of the Old and New Testaments. A note of victory

rings through the entire composition—a victory over sin and self."

The inscription on the bronze plaque, located inside the chapel on the northeast wall, states in part: "... through their artistic achievement and their love for West Point they have created for posterity a unique blend of the ideals of the Judaeo-Christian tradition and the spirit of the United States Military Academy." Mr. Henry Lee Willet, in his remarks at the ceremony, said, "The work at the Cadet Chapel is the proudest of all our accomplishments."

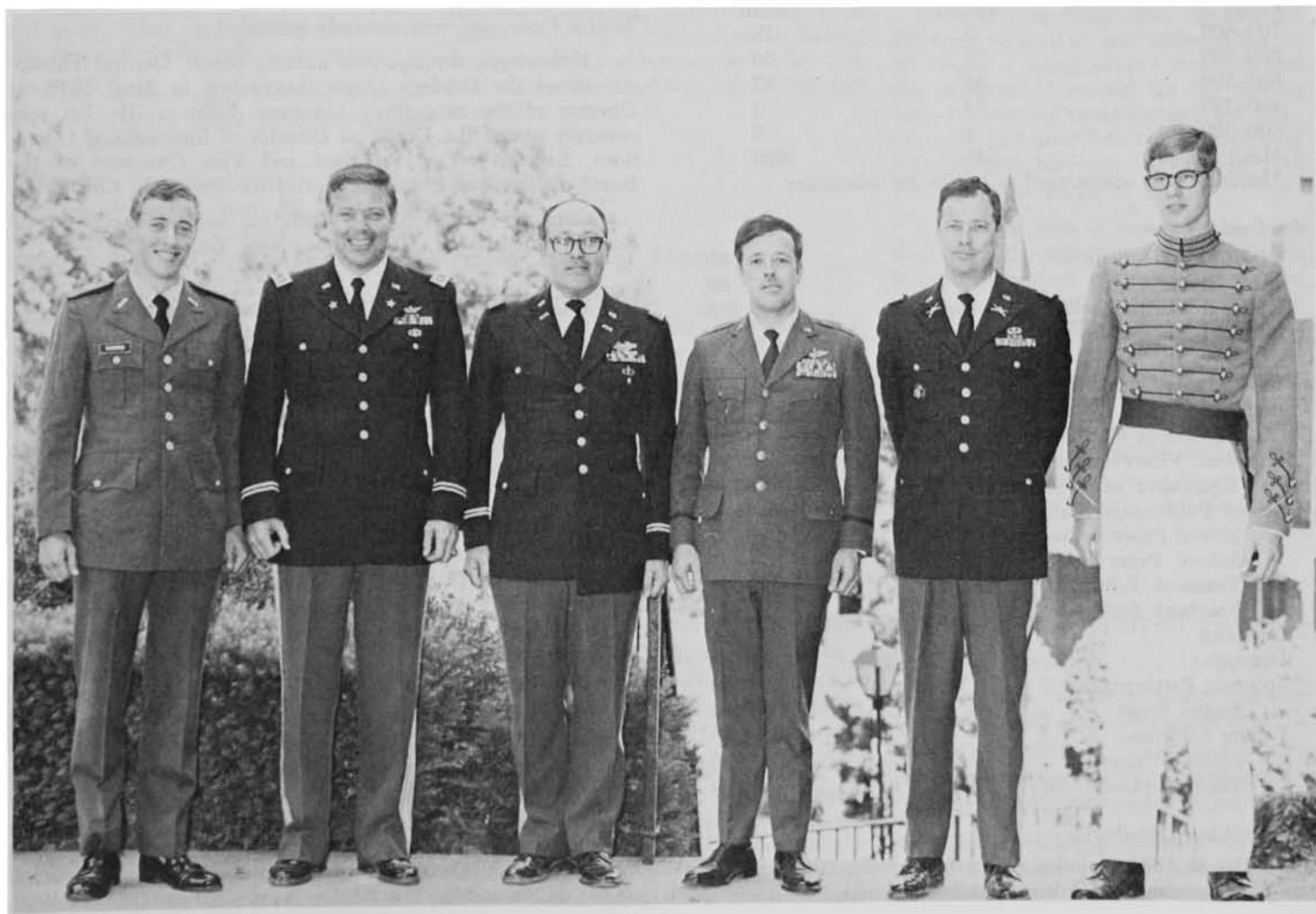
The plaque was donated to West Point and the Cadet Chapel through the generosity of the West Point Altar and Hospital Guild.

### Peter H. Monfore Trust Fund Established

On 26 April 1977, Colonel James H. Tormey, USMA '50, made a donation to the West Point Fund in order to establish a trust fund in memory of his classmate, Lieutenant Peter H. Monfore. The purpose of the fund is to provide, from the interest accruing annually to the fund, gifts to those graduating cadets who have served as Cadet Protestant Sunday School teachers. The first awards will be presented next spring to members of the Class of 1978.

Peter H. Monfore had a distinguished career as a cadet and officer before his death in combat on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea on 19 September 1951. At the time of his death, he had been in Korea for over a year, and was serving as an infantry company commander. As a cadet he played "B" squad football and boxed for four years, and was captain of the Army boxing team as a First Classman. He won the "Most Outstanding Boxer" award in the E.I.B.A. tournament in 1948, and was Eastern Intercollegiate light heavyweight champion in 1949

The Raymonds of USMA present at funeral of A.D. Raymond Jr., USMA 1923, include (L-R) Charles Jr. '81, Charles '57, William '60, John '64, Allen D. III '55, and Allen D. IV '79. More than 60 Raymonds and Leonards, including 28 graduates of U.S. Service Academies, have served in all of our nation's wars and conflicts.



and 1950. Pete Monfore was a leader in the protestant chapel and taught in the Protestant Sunday School. During his first class year, he was company commander of E-2 Company.

Colonel Tormey's gift will keep fresh, for future generations of West Pointers, the memory of this outstanding soldier and Christian gentleman.

## Profile—Class of 1981

<i>Volume of Applicants</i>	Men	Women
Applicant Files Started . . . . .	9868	828
Nominated and Examined . . . . .	5616	534
Qualified (academically, medically, and in physical aptitude) . . . . .	2433	152
Admitted . . . . .	1367	104

### Rank in High School Class

First Fifth . . . . .	72.9
Second Fifth . . . . .	19.5
Third Fifth . . . . .	6.5
Fourth Fifth . . . . .	0.9
Bottom Fifth . . . . .	0.1
Did not Graduate . . . . .	0.1

### American College Testing

(ACT) Assessment Program Scores\* (in %)

Range	Eng	Math	Nat Sci	Soc Sci
31-36	1	23	39	7
26-30	16	66	47	49
21-25	56	11	12	31
16-20	25	0	2	9
11-15	2	0	0	4
Mean	22.4	28.4	29.0	25.4

### College Board Admissions Testing Program (CBATP) Scores\* (in %)

Range	Verbal	Aptitude	Math
700-800	3		18
600-699	25		53
500-599	46		27
400-499	24		2
300-399	2		0
Mean	548		629

\*Includes only scores used as a basis for admission.

### Academic Honors

Class Valedictorians . . . . .	90
Class Salutatorians . . . . .	66
National Merit Scholarship Recognition . . . . .	235
National Honor Society . . . . .	866

### Activities

Boys/Girls State Delegate . . . . .	315
Class President or Student Body President . . . . .	343
President, Vice-President or Equivalent of a School Club . . . . .	739
School Publication Staff:	
School Paper Editor or Co-Editor . . . . .	111
School Paper Staff . . . . .	285
Yearbook Editor or Co-Editor . . . . .	91
Yearbook Staff . . . . .	260
Debating . . . . .	163
Dramatics . . . . .	209
Scouting Participants . . . . .	808
Eagle Scout . . . . .	224
Varsity Athletics:	
Letter Winner . . . . .	1219
Team Captain . . . . .	654

### Geographical Distribution

The Class of 1981 includes cadets from every state and from two foreign countries, Colombia and Venezuela.



BG Paul W. Thompson, USA (Ret.)

## New West Point Fund Committee Chairman

On 10 June 1977, Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson '29, USA (Ret), assumed the Chairmanship of the West Point Fund Committee. General Thompson replaces Mr. E. Douglas Kenna Jr. '45, who served as Chairman for about three years, during a time of significant growth in fund raising activities for West Point.

General Thompson needs no introduction to West Point graduates, having served as President of the Association of Graduates from 1970 to 1974. He has since served actively on the West Point Fund Committee where he has been the principal architect of the AOG's new Deferred Giving Program being announced in this issue of ASSEMBLY.

During WWII, General Thompson participated in the Normandy landings as commander of the 6th Engineer Special Brigade, a unit charged with removing obstacles and organizing the beaches. It was there that he earned the Distinguished Service Cross and was seriously wounded.

Following a distinguished military career, General Thompson joined the Reader's Digest Association in April 1946, as Director of the magazine's European Editions. He has successively served the Digest as Director of International Operations, Executive Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

General Thompson lives with his wife, Elfriede, at 52 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York 10514.

## USMA Grads Named for Space Programs

Twelve officers currently serving at West Point were among 33 Army nominations to take part in the NASA "space shuttle" program scheduled for the 1980's.

They are among 154 nominees for the NASA program. From that group, approximately 20 pilots and 20 mission specialists (scientists) will be picked to man the space-shuttle flights.

Final selection of the crews will be announced in late December.

Nine of the 12 West Point officers under consideration are instructors in the Physics Department at the Military Academy. Most of the Army nominees will be for the mission-specialist category.

Those nominated from West Point include:

Majors Lawrence Izzo, James Lee, Barry Levine, Daniel Litynski, Stephen May, Michael Scheaffer, Kenn Sprague, Jack Norris, Donald Parrish and Eddie Sims, and Captains John LaSala and Ray Toland.

After selection, the crew members will relocate to the Houston Space Center to begin a two-year training program for the space shuttle. Preflight tests are already being conducted on the shuttle and the first mission is expected sometime in 1980.

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within appropriate constraints of the chain of command. . . .

"Before Congress, a member of the military should freely express personal opinions during legislative hearings leading to policy formulation, giving careful attention to proper treatment of classified information. . . . A difference with established policy may be communicated if the individual is asked his or her personal opinion and, of course, should be labeled as such.

"In dealings with the media or with the general public there must of course be strict compliance with rules on classified material. Beyond this, the military professional must make mature judgments. . . .

"... In almost no instance will the national interest be served by a military person voicing disagreement with established policy.

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"Let me speak a bit more about the responsibilities you will be facing when you move, as most of you will later this year, to your first leadership position. . . .

"There are going to be times when you feel that the decisions you'll have to make are really small ones—that the long and sturdy chain of command and the heavy weight of Army Regulations leaves you little room for autonomy.

"'After all,' you will hear—'what can you know, what can you DO, what can you change? You're only a lieutenant.'

"'Only' a lieutenant. But the lives of 50 men in an infantry platoon may be in your hands.

"'Only' a lieutenant, but you'll be responsible for well over \$5 million in equipment in a tank platoon or a self-propelled Howitzer battery.

"'Only' a lieutenant. Yet you may be deployed in Europe as part of coalition defense, linked to a unit of a NATO Ally whose language and way of operating you'll have to come to understand.

"'Only' a lieutenant, but you'll be the one making decisions on who in your unit gets promoted and who doesn't. Who can reenlist, and who can't. Who gets a reprimand or a court martial. Just as the lives of those you command will be in your hands in combat, so will be their careers and their hopes in peacetime service.

"It is your leadership that will determine whether the work of the men and women you command will carry out the Army's mission, and yours that will play an important part in determining their welfare, their personal and professional growth. I would ask that you lead the son or daughter of another as you would want your own son or daughter to be led; as your parents here today want you, yourselves, led."

At the awards convocation Cadet Greg A. Bowers received 11 awards to lead the class. In all 118 awards were presented to 80 cadets. The awards are donated each year by organizations and individuals in recognition of outstanding cadet achievements in academic, military, extra-curricular, and athletic endeavors.

The top four recipients are:

To *Greg A. Bowers*: Eleven awards: The GEN Robert E. Wood award, the Vinton Greene Award, and the Peruvian Army award to the number one cadet in GOM for four years. Plus awards for a Fellowship in Physics, and for highest rating in Mechanics of Fluids, in classical and modern Physics, in Advanced Engineering Fundamentals, in advanced Physics, in Advanced Foreign Language Study, in Civil Engineering, and in First Class Tactics.

To *Mark B. Mengel*: Five awards: For highest rating in Law, Mathematics; for outstanding achievement in Chemistry; for outstanding achievement in 3d Class Chemistry; and to the number two man in GOM for four years.

To *Ted S. Kanamine*: Five awards: For excelling in athletics and scholarship; for contributing most valuable service to athletics as a cadet; for excellence in Physical Education over four years; to outstanding member of the swimming team; to Co-Captain of 1977 Swimming Team.

To *Kenneth F. Miller*: Four awards: To First Captain; to Captain of the 1976 150-lb Football Team; to cadet having highest military efficiency; to cadet who best exemplifies traditions of USMA and the U.S. Army.



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national institution, one of international renown and admiration. The Military Academy is democracy in action. Every young American, regardless of race, creed, color, economic status, social status, political view, and now, regardless of sex, has an opportunity to come to this national institution and once here, having donned that gray uniform, succeeds or fails on his or her own." In identifying the unique aspects of West Point, he said: "I can conclude that the quality of central importance is strength of character and rock-like integrity that is central in my opinion to the Military Academy as an institution and to its graduates."

In his final point, an appraisal of the state of the institution, General Berry said: "I'd like to use the words of my father in giving you an appraisal of the Military Academy, my own appraisal. My father was a farmer from South Missis-

siippi, the first of his family to go to college. He served in World War I as a private first class, served in a battery which had a West Pointer as its commander. And it was my father from whom I first heard about West Point and who influenced me to consider coming to West Point. He was a lawyer, he was a historian but above all, his roots were in the soil. His first visit to West Point was in November 1945, my yearling year, and he wanted to see everything. He knew the history, but wanted to see the soil, literally, at West Point, and of all things, he insisted I take him down on Flirtation Walk. On a cold, wintry, gray November day, at a time when I calculated no one else to be on Flirtation Walk my father and I were down there, and I remember his looking at the soil as only a farmer can. And as he kicked some of the rocks in that thin soil he said, 'West Point's soil is thin, rocky, tough, demanding, enduring, but West Point raises good men!' And, that's my appraisal, too. West Point as an institution is tough, demanding, enduring and it raises good men and good women."

Next the President of the Association introduced Hurlbut '33, Chairman of the 1977 Nominating Committee, who presented the nominees for officers and trustees to assume office on 1 July 1977. The slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee and the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved by the membership.

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

As the last item of business, the President asked the Superintendent to join him for announcement of class gifts to the Academy. In order, he recognized representatives of the Classes of 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1952. Each class representative briefly described his class gift and the Superintendent expressed the Military Academy's appreciation for the generosity of the gifts and their usefulness to West Point.



## Program of Deferred Giving

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## The Academic Board

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mitted through the Superintendent to the War Department. In 1864, the Board proceedings, formerly a matter of public record, were declared confidential, although the reasons for confidentiality were not apparent; the proceedings always hid as much as they revealed. In 1890, the first formally published *Rules of the Academic Board* appeared, but contained only extracts of pertinent regulations and detailed procedures for academic record-keeping.

The heads of the several departments already enjoyed a high degree of autonomy because of the provisions of the 1816 Regulations (drafted by the Academic Staff) which stipulated, "Each Professor and teacher at head of a separate department shall be judge of the proper mode of conveying instruction within his department." This autonomy, coupled with the collective power of the board in academic matters, created a potential source of conflict between the Superintendent and the Board. Thayer probably by force

of personality, and the board, most of whom were Thayer's selections, seldom came to blows. Some of Thayer's successors were not so fortunate. Delafield, upon assuming the Superintendency, reviewed the Regulations and discovered that some of their provisions were not being followed. Professors during Thayer's tenure had stopped teaching in the classroom and had become administrators. Delafield ordered the Professors back in the classroom. There was grumbling, but they went. If this "insult" was not sufficient, Delafield also discovered that although the faculty were required to attend Chapel with the cadets, many did not. Over the strenuous objections of some of the faculty, they were ordered to attend divine services. They seethed, but complied. Delafield's only foray into academic matters, which involved a minor change in the French program, met, oddly enough, with a resounding defeat in the Board.

There was at least one occasion, as reported by Morrison, when the Academic Board attempted to assert its authority outside the Military Academy. The Commandant of Engineers and the Secretary of War, who were charged with the general oversight of the Academy, sometimes intervened in the cases of cadets who were dismissed for disciplinary reasons. In 1852, however, the Honorable C.M. Conrad, President Millard Fillmore's Secretary of War, challenged two academic failures. Apparently misjudging either their own strength or the nature of the case, the Board formally protested to Conrad that it alone was capable of judging academic matters. The tone of the Board's assertion prompted this stinging rebuke from the Secretary: "In no portion of the duty thus imposed on him is the personal care and watchfulness of the Secretary more necessary in regard to the rejection or dismissal of cadets. . . . Academic Boards are not infallible." The Board, suitably chastized, reexamined the cadets the following year.

While conflicts between the Superintendent and the Academic Board did occur from time to time, these rifts were seldom a matter of public notice. In 1904, however, visible conflict emerged. On 26 September 1904, the Superintendent, Brigadier General Mills, called a meeting of the Board to advise them of an editorial that had appeared in the *Army and Navy Journal* earlier in September. This edi-

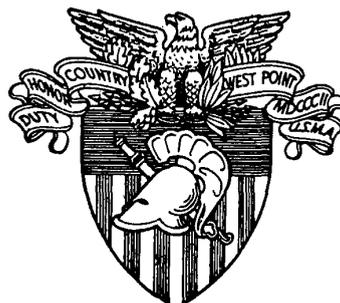
torial cited reports of "friction" between the military authorities and the Academic Board. The military authorities to whom the editorial referred were the Superintendent and Commandant. The editorial, portions of which were read into the record, was strongly supportive of the tenured faculty against the Superintendent. Mills wanted to know from each member of the board what the cause of friction was and who had "leaked" the information to the *Journal*. Mills specifically asked each Board member if they had released the information and if they had any complaints. Each member denied releasing the information although several voiced some dissatisfaction about recent policy decisions. Two Board members were on leave during the incident, and they were questioned on their return. On 29 March 1905 the War Department directed that henceforward the Superintendent's vote would be counted as three votes in the Board, and Mills made an oblique reference to conflict with the Board in his 1905 *Annual Report*. It is not too difficult to draw the conclusion that Mills took his case to the Secretary of War.

The three vote rule\* continued in effect after Mills' departure and until 1910 when it quietly disappeared from the voting records of the Academic Board sometime between 21 July and 3 September. The one man-one vote rule was reinstated in the 1911 Regulations, but with no discussion of the changes appearing in any proceedings of the Board which had otherwise made specific comments on the draft 1911 Regulations.

There is also no reference made to a rescission of the 1905 War Department order mandating the three vote rule. The Board, including the Superintendent, had apparently tacitly dropped that rule.

In addition to dropping the weighted vote, the 1911 Regulations added three specific duties for the Academic Board:

1. To act on the return of previously discharged cadets;
2. To act on memorialization in Cullum Hall in accordance with the provisions of General Cullum's will; and
3. Provided that any three members of the Academic Board could convene a Board meeting to discuss an issue that they felt merited Board action. Following promulgation of the 1911 Regulations, the 1912 *Rules of the Academic Board* created the General Committee composed of the Professors of Mathematics, Chemistry, English and History, Philosophy, Drawing, Engineering, and Modern Languages, which in the 1925 Regulations was expanded to include the permanent mem-



\*Presently, in case of ties, the Superintendent has two votes; the side on which the Superintendent votes carries the motion.

bers of the Academic Board. When the 1911 Regulations and 1912 Rules are examined, the net effect of the changes therein appears to be the creation of checks by the tenured faculty against the "transient" officers including the Superintendent, Commandant, and the officers detailed by the Department of War Judge Advocate General (the Professor of Law) and the Chief of Ordnance (the Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery). If the General Committee, which operated without the transient officers, could reach agreements prior to Board meetings on positions they advocated, they could always muster more votes than the transient officers. Perhaps the tenured members of the faculty wanted to reduce the possibility of a repetition of the 1905 experience that led to the weighting of the Superintendent's vote.

Conflict between the Board and the Superintendent also occurred during MacArthur's Superintendency as reported by William A. Ganoe in his book, *Close-up*. While the book is biased in favor of MacArthur, many of Ganoe's perceptions of the permanent faculty have a familiar ring. Given the personality of MacArthur and the Board's experience with Mills in 1905, it is probable that there was conflict. What MacArthur's running battle with the Board discloses is not so much who won or lost, but rather, the existence of clearly delineated areas of responsibility and prerogatives of the Superintendent and Academic Board. MacArthur made changes involving Regulations, USCC, the Honor System, and summer military training; he was not successful in academic changes without Board concurrence.

No significant changes occurred in either Regulations or Rules until after World War II. The post War period saw a modernization of admissions standards, organizational change, and an influx of new Professors recently returned from high-level assignments during the war. Perhaps the most significant organizational change was the creation of the position of Dean in 1946. Tenure to age 64 was also established. The infusion of new blood notwithstanding, there were no substantive changes in the 1947 Regulations that affected the procedures or duties of the Board. It can be argued that the creation of tenure to age 64 for permanent professors tended to weight the influence of the Board with respect to the Superintendent and Commandant, but this judgment is highly subjective.

The *Regulations for the Military Academy* were changed in 1956, 1961, 1965, and 1971; the *Rules of the Academic Board* were changed in 1956 (for the first time since 1932), 1965 and 1975. The 1956 Rules add, as one of the Board's duties an "elastic clause" charging them to make recommendations to the Superintendent on "any matters affecting USMA or the military post of West Point." The 1965 Rules add as a



duty of the Board, "to take any other action that may be required or considered desirable on matters within the discretion of the Board."

The most striking aspect of the internal governance of the Military Academy is the collegial decision-making process embodied in the Academic Board's constitution. There are few, if any, American military institutions where policies are created by a democratic process. Thus, the Board's very existence creates some confusion as to its real power. Many of the non-tenured faculty do not fully understand its powers and operation. One need only look at the comments contained in the Borman Commission Report where junior faculty members are quoted to appreciate their views of the Board's authority. The rules of confidentiality, non-attribution, and lack of *verbatim* minutes further influences the perceptions of observers and makes it difficult to draw inferences about the Board's rationales for their decisions. These misperceptions lead to the commonly heard charges that the Board exceeds its authority and becomes involved in decisions that it has no right to make, and that it assumes an obstructionist role when changes are required.

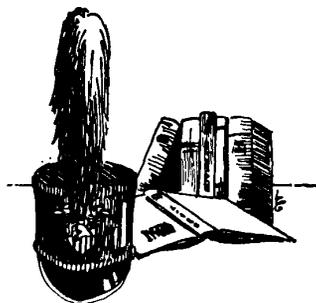
A study of the *Proceedings of the Academic Board*, does not support the allegation that the Academic Board exceeds its power in its scope of decision making. Proceedings for eight randomly selected years since 1946 were examined. In four of those years, there were no votes on issues that were not academic in nature. In the other four cases, no more than four decisions in any one year were made that related to non-academic areas, and with one exception (a 1960 vote on the location of the Army-Syracuse Football game) these votes involved the naming of previously unnamed buildings at West Point or resolutions voted on behalf of departing Board members. In a total of 1211 decisions over those eight years, only one, the location of a football game, was not

obviously within the purview of the Board.

The Academic Board has often been charged with obstructionism. A more reasonable assessment is that it is conservative, although some might argue that the line between conservatism and obstructionism is a fine one. There are compelling reasons for the Board's conservatism, which are impossible to understand without some knowledge of the Board's committee process. There is a minimum of two levels of committee structure through which proposals must pass before they reach the full Board for final decision. The more complex the issue, the more levels of committees through which proposals must pass. Because of differing philosophical perspectives and parochial interests of the members of the Board, there is invariably a clash of views at the lower committee levels that usually results in a compromise decision, especially if the decision is forced by a suspense date. Compromise decisions, by their very nature, are likely to be more conservative than are directed actions. The same process of compromise presumably occurs at the General Committee level. Thus, when a question reaches the full Board, compromise has already occurred, and the Board has the reasonable assurance that it can act on a proposal that all members can accept, and that the decision is agreeable to those holding the most disparate positions.

There is a philosophical point with respect to decision making in academic matters that is relevant. The entire Academic Board system is geared to produce decisions of a conservative nature, and this system is firmly rooted in the history of the Military Academy. It has produced those decisions with a minimum of overt conflict—conflict which could force a volatile issue into the political arena with highly dysfunctional results. The Academic Board's decision-making system is apparently founded on the unstated assumption that conservatism is a virtue in designing an academic curriculum. Without the bulwark of the Academic Board, each Superintendent could redesign the curriculum as he chose. The present system allows him to do that if he can persuade the Board that it is desirable, but eliminates the possibility that he could implement a new academic program by fiat.

From an historical perspective, the most striking aspect of the Military Academy is the effectiveness of the organizational arrangements that have evolved to govern the institution. The Military Academy combines both a military regimen with an academic program. The military regimen stresses values such as unquestioning obedience. A sound academic program stresses the need for critical inquiry. These disparate requirements combined in the inherent nature of a military academy, could easily come in conflict, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the insti-



tution. Perhaps it is ironic that the most effective way to govern the Military Academy appears to be not by traditional military command, but by some sort of collegial process. The traditional military decision-making process places the commander in a position of selecting policy alternatives forwarded to him by subordinates for decision. Such a process usually involves "winners and losers" at the subordinate level which, in turn, can lead to a degree of polarization at that level—especially likely in the case of the Military Academy given the antithetical functions that characterize the nature of the institution. The Academic Board, however, brings together the officers charged with imparting both military values and a sound undergraduate education. In a collegial environment, with a subtle system of checks and balances, the governing body ensures that the military and academic functions remain in proper balance. In performing its duties, the Academic Board mitigates the inherent conflict that could cause irreparable damage to the character of the United States Military Academy.



## Renfroe Retires

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lation of Volume I of this monumental history appeared two years ago.

The Renfroes had two children, the late Robert J. Renfroe—1942–1967, and Joyce L. Renfroe. Bob, a graduate of Stetson University, had nearly finished his theological studies at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, at the time of his early death. Joyce was graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and now lives near Chicago with her husband, Amos Heckendorf, to whom she was married in June 1969.

The contributions made by Colonel Renfroe during his long service at West Point are legion. He was instrumental in the expansion of the Foreign Language Department from three languages to a total of seven today. His insistence upon adopting the latest and most effective techniques of modern language instruction has kept the Military Academy in the vanguard of foreign language teaching in American colleges. Correct, military in his bearing and strict in his sense of discipline, he remains unfailingly courteous to all who know him and are privileged to serve with him; he has long been a model professional officer and an inspiration to his associates and subordinates alike. He plans to continue with his project of translating the remaining volumes of the Delbrück history of warfare into English. As we bid him farewell, we look forward to his success in this endeavor, and extend our wishes to him and to Mrs. Renfroe for good health and much happiness in the years to come.

## Thoughts of an Academic

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just too damned old to double-time five hundred yards to find out where to carry my shaving brush." The next week saw him installed on General MacArthur's staff in Manila, a post which his long friendship with the General had earned him, but which he had thus far declined, dyed in the wool doughboy that he was.

I am, as you know, leaving this outfit for reasons quite different from my old captain's. I know where to carry my shaving brush; and in all my years at West Point I have never been double-timed on such a goofy pretext. And no great job awaits me in Manila, either. But the time has come to hang it up, and I'm ready. It's been a fine game from the first toss. Elly and I have flourished at it.

—Sutherland '36.



## Sizing the Corps

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remember, cadets tend to be generally super conservative. While they are in favor of more leave, unlimited dates and similar proposals to broaden their social development, they are quite cool to the slightest change in the plebe system or other aspects of cadet life that they consider sacrosanct. Well, to make a long story short, the various studies concluded that desizing was a good idea, but that cadet and graduate reaction could be a real problem.

It soon became obvious that a complete height mix in each company might be unmanageable in ceremonies as the height spread might be more than the traffic would bear. So a partial mix was decided on as an alternative which provided for a spread of about six inches per company. At that point the Superintendent and the Commandant were approached. Their initial reaction was understandably rather cool. Pictures of ragged parades and outraged alumni presumably danced through their heads. After much thought they decided they were for the concept in principle but could go along only if the appearance of the Corps in ceremonies could be maintained. The dry runs mentioned earlier were set up and finally a decision was made to desize the Corps.

The Superintendent, General Davidson, informed the graduates in his annual speech during June Week as follows:

"I am certain we will agree that the maximum unity and the highest possible morale must exist in the Corps of Cadets. This not only promotes a better Corps, but, in the doing, insures a better quality of product from the Military Academy.

"In order to do this, it is essential that the talent, the mental capability, but particularly the leadership potential, and weaknesses be spread fairly uniformly throughout the Corps.

"The attendance of the Corps at our athletic contests this past year, with the exception of football, has been miserable. Of course, this trend is not peculiar to West Point, but is typical of most colleges throughout the country, except where they have outstanding teams in a particular sport. You all know, from personal experience, that one develops a keener interest in activities of any kind, particularly athletic contests, when you know one or more of the participants. And the better you know them, the keener is your interest. This past year 65% of the football squad was from the two flanker battalions, and only 10% from the runt battalions. In basketball, as you would expect, these figures were 60% and 5% and, in track, 45% and 15%. In gymnastics, the figures were unbalanced the other way; zero from the flanker battalions and 62% for the runts. In other sports, the unbalance was not so pronounced. In hockey, swimming and baseball, for instance, the representation was reasonably uniform.

"Again, a more uniform distribution of the athletic talent through the Corps should promote the unity of the Corps and increase the interest in, and support of, the various activities by a more significant portion of the Corps.

"We find similar wide variations in interest, ability, and performance in all aspects of cadet life.

"It is highly desirable, therefore, that new cadets reporting to the Academy should be assigned to companies so that the leadership potential, the academic talent and the athletic talent are distributed reasonably uniformly throughout the Corps. Obviously, however, application of this principle would not result in the meticulous sizing that has been the governing principle to date.

"This principle was instituted when the Corps consisted of only two companies. Since then, as the number of companies has increased, the system continued as a natural development that has not taken into consideration the effects of the procedure. I do not, therefore, consider it to be a compelling tradition.

"Therefore, starting with the Class of 1961 which enters next month, we plan to place Operation Equality into effect, by equalizing the distribution of new cadets to the twenty-four companies of the Corps on the basis of leadership potential as demonstrated by their secondary school records, intellectual achievement and athletic ability. Although the Class of '61 and subsequent classes will be assigned to companies without considering height a compelling factor, no cadet presently in the Corps will have his company assignment changed. In other words, friendships

and associations which have developed in the classes of 1958, '59 and '60 will not be disturbed by the procedure.

"When you consider it, to group cadets of the same height together for four years is abnormal. It is not done in our sister academies nor in any other military unit. By associating almost entirely with cadets of his own height and general build while here, a cadet gets no experience in dealing militarily with individuals of all heights until he is commissioned.

"The extent to which we must disregard height limitation to accomplish our purpose cannot be determined until we have acquired some experience. We will go only as far as we have to and, of course, will in no case permit any grotesque combination.

"We conducted various tests last fall. I feel that we can work out a procedure whereby the difference in height along a company front in columns of platoons can be held to three or four inches—little more than the unevenness and roughness of the parade ground now creates. I feel the Corps will still present a very fine appearance and that even an expert eye may miss the change.

"I assure you we have gone into this thoroughly before seriously considering a departure from custom. There are many pros and cons with regard to the problem. However, the decision boils down to the question as to whether or not the improved unity, morale and leadership within the Corps, which would unquestionably result, would offset the change in unity of appearance in parades and the break with what might be termed 'tradition.' It is my fixed opinion that they would.

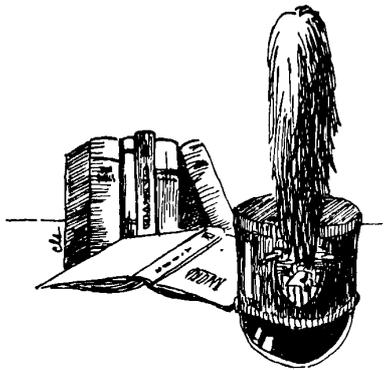
"So, we have decided to make this change. I hope you will not jump too hastily at conclusions as to the dire effect this will have on the appearance of the Corps at the more than fifty parades and reviews in which they participate annually. If you will bear with us, I am certain we will maintain an appearance of which you can continue to be most proud and that we will improve the unity, morale and leadership in the Corps in the process.

"Now, in closing, may I express the hope that your visit here for this June Week will be a most enjoyable one."

Rather than to go to the ramparts to argue whether there is or ever was such a thing as a runt-flanker complex, it might be of interest to list some of the factual matters which were brought out which probably influenced the decision. Here are a few:

The Army is made up of units with men of various heights. West Point's mission is to prepare cadets to serve in that environment.

The height differential had an adverse effect on interest in and participation in Corps squad athletics.



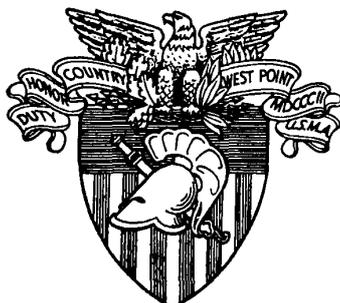
Similarly, but even more so, in intramurals.

Surprisingly, the taller battalions were somewhat better in academic performance.

In more intangible fields, it was the considered opinion of knowledgeable observers (if not a fact) that the "runt" battalions resisted team effort and leadership to an appreciable degree. There seems to have been a tendency in them to rely on flat orders with no explanation backed by a veiled threat of punishment rather than relying on a balanced mixture of positive and negative leadership devices. While the more intangible considerations may have had some weight, the factual considerations were substantial enough to carry the day.

Once the ice had been broken, the size spread in each company was progressively increased in later years so that today there is in effect little or no sizing. More importantly, the elimination of the height criteria has permitted the estimated potential in each class to be divided equally so each company contains, insofar as practicable, a cross section of the Corps. Some of the criteria used are academic potential, height, physical ability, leadership record, Corps squad potential, language and special courses and others. The only exception at present are women cadets who are assigned to one company in each battalion, to accommodate to the separate facilities problem. Eventually, women cadets will be assigned to all companies also. It is fortunate that the Corps is not sized at present as such a system would tend to concentrate the women cadets in the smaller companies.

It is interesting to note that a project which initially had the rather narrow objective of changing a long time tradition of West Point became an essential step forward in the larger and more positive goal of exposing all cadets to expanded op-



portunities for growth and development as well rounded cadets and officers. It is also interesting to note that today, the four regiments in the Corps seem to be tending to develop their own individual idiosyncracies with the Fourth Regiment, isolated in the "lost fifties," becoming relaxed and "flankerish" and the First Regiment tending towards a more military and "runtish" approach.

We can only hope, with Colonel Thayer now facing the Plain, that he is willing to overlook this minor departure from his time-hallowed rules, and is satisfied with how the Corps shapes up at parades and in farther and more serious fields.

Perhaps, some day, now that fifteen classes have passed through the portals of West Point standing just as tall as the Lord made them, someone can determine if there ever was a runt-flanker complex and if the Operation Equality concept has helped to produce better cadets and officers.



## Who Are The WP Cadets?

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man is significantly higher than the college woman. By selection West Point appears to have virtually eliminated a sex difference in these important areas.

In summary, this study shows that: West Point maintains differences between itself and 4-year colleges, in spite of the subtle changes in cadet characteristics in the past ten years; for some variables the differences occur without regard to sex differences; for other variables the sex differences between cadets correspond to those at 4-year colleges; for still others the women cadets reverse the usual trends. Some of the sex differences are harmless or healthful; others may need to be reduced further by training or selection. These conclusions are tentative and must be confirmed by more complete analysis and continuing study as the novelty of women at West Point wears off. Given the variability in male classes over the last ten years, it is reasonable to expect a similar pattern of variability in entering female classes in the future.

(*Editor's note:* This article is a summary of a paper given in 1976 at an Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, held at Maxwell Air Force Base.)



## Myopia at West Point

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Trends at West Point," MAJ McKinney concluded: "(1) pseudo-myopia during periods of stress associated with studying may result in blurred vision in cadets

with little hyperopic reserve; (2) the average increase in myopia was  $-1.37$  diopters (the range being  $-1.12$  diopters through  $-1.62$  diopters); (3) 39 percent of the graduating cadets of 1956 had less than 20/20 vision at graduation; and (4) recommendation that the vision standards remain unchanged—that hyperopia over  $+2.00$  diopters and myopia over  $-1.50$  dopers should be cause for entrance disqualification.

In 1960, the entrance vision standards were again changed to refractive limitations of  $\pm 5.50$  diopters. With these new and relaxed vision standards was ushered in the era of increasing contact lens use by the cadets. Although official policy neither encourages nor discourages the use of contact lenses, cadets are expected to refrain from wearing spectacles during parades, and selected cadets are fitted with contact lenses at government expense for participation in Corps Squad (Varsity) contact sports.

In 1966, a study in the prevention of myopia was initiated by CPT Montgomery, MC, to investigate the possible usefulness of a short acting muscle-relaxing eye-drop, tropicamide (Mydriacyl 1.0 percent); however, technical difficulties with the drug precluded completion of the study. In 1969, under the direction of MAJ Manson, MC, in conjunction with a concurrent optometric study by MAJ Ditmars, MSC, (the determination of the preventive effects of reading glasses and/or bifocals on myopia) the Mydriacyl study was resumed. All the myopic cadets (Class 1972) were randomly assigned to three distinct groups: (1) those who would each night insert into each eye one drop of Mydriacyl at bed time; (2) those who would be prescribed reading glasses or bifocals for prolonged study periods; and (3) those which would comprise the Control Group. Once again, however, technical difficulties with the drug curtailed the entire study.

Presently, there is no myopia study being conducted at West Point. This may be due in part to short tours of duty at USMA, (24 months), shortages among Medical Department optometric and ophthalmologic personnel, and greatly increased demands for vision care by dependents and retired personnel in the Greater New York City area. Still, the facilities at USMA remain the ideal for an in-depth study of myopia progression, control and/or prevention through the controlled environment and regimentation of cadet life.

#### Summary

After a century of investigation, it has been established that the cadets of the United States Military Academy become progressively myopic (or less hyperopic) during their four years of education. Still to be accomplished, however, is an in-depth study of myopia progression and prevention among these USMA cadets.

## Down the Field

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The gymnastics team, under coach Ned Crossley, enjoyed similar success with a 12-2 record and a fourth-place finish in the Eastern League, while the rifle and pistol teams were 9-1 and 7-1, respectively.

Army's volleyball team turned in another excellent performance but failed for a slim one-game margin of gaining a berth in the Eastern championships. The team posted a 15-9 record during the winter season.

Let's take a look at some off-the-field developments:

First Classman Ten Kanamine, the most prolific scorer in Army swimming history with more than 500 dual meet points in four seasons, became only the second Cadet in history to win both the Army Athletic Association Trophy—presented annually to the graduating Cadet “who has rendered the most valuable service to athletics during his four years at USMA”—and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medal presented for excellence in athletics and scholarship. Army All-America football halfback Pete Dawkins became the first dual recipient of the two major awards in 1959, when the ECAC Merit Medal first was presented.

The only swimmer in West Point history to win four Eastern swimming titles, Kanamine also received the first and second annual Phil Moriarty Awards presented to the swimmer who compiled the most points in individual events at the Eastern Championships. Ted is the holder of seven Army swimming records in freestyle, butterfly and individual medley events, and swam on two record-setting relay teams. He also won two varsity letters in water polo to go along with his four in swimming.

Kanamine also led seven teammates onto the 1976-77 Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League Dual Meet Team. Kanamine, naturally, was the leader, gaining honors for five different events (100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 200 I-M, 500 freestyle and 400 medley relay).

#### NEW COACHES

Dave Yates, Army's assistant golf coach and a top amateur golfer in Delaware and

Texas for the past five years, succeeds MAJ Kirkegaard as head coach. Kirkegaard, who compiled an outstanding 32-2 record during his two years at West Point, vacates the post for a new military assignment.

Ron Pifer, assistant wrestling coach at the Academy this year after compiling an 86-30-2 record at State College (PA) H.S., succeeds LeRoy Alitz as Army's head coach. In his 23 years as the Cadet grapplers' godfather, Alitz guided Army to 146 victories and, in 1972, was inducted into the Helms Foundation Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame.

George Storck, former head football coach at Franklin & Marshall College and for the past ten years a member of the West Point athletic department, succeeds Eric Tipton as head coach of Army's lightweight football team. Storck (Class of 1954), posted a 20-17-2 record in five years at F&M, including an 8-0 ledger in 1964. His other coaching assignments include track at F&M; football, track and swimming at Pennsylvania Military College; football and track at Columbia; and football, track and wrestling at Lebanon College. The Academy's assistant to the Director of Athletics for admissions support, George served two years as head plebe football coach and has served as an assistant track coach for the past five years. Tipton, who retired this spring after more than two decades as Army's 150-pound football and baseball coach, compiled a remarkable 104-14-1 record and won 13 championships as lightweight grid pilot. He was the only coach Army has had since joining the Eastern Lightweight League in 1957.

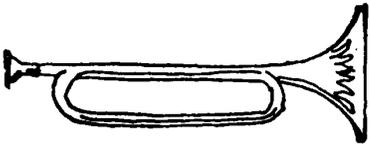
#### NEW CAPTAINS

Twenty Cadets have been selected captains or co-captains of Army's teams for the 1977-78 athletic campaigns. They are Leamon Hall and Chuck D'Amico (football), Tom Bostick (150-pound football), Jose Olivero (soccer and lacrosse), Gary Winton (repeater in basketball), Scott Shorr (gymnastics), Pat McGaugh (pistol), Curt Alitz (cross country), Bob Bristow (water polo), Bob Hamilton (fencing), Kevin Walsh (hockey), Bill McArdle (rifle), Mark Eidem (skiing), Tim Glenn (swimming), Bob Vottero (wrestling), Dave Wiener (outdoor track), Dan Hammond (squash, tennis), Mike Schaefer (indoor track), Pat Landry (baseball) and John Bressler (golf).

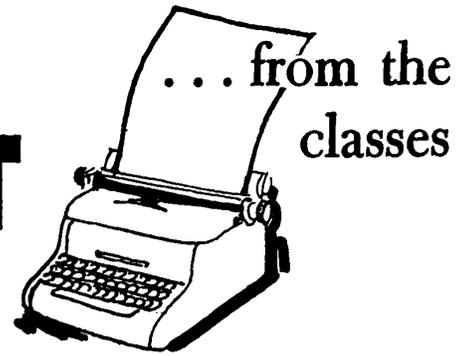
#### MAKING TRACKS

Army track coach John Randolph was doubly honored this past spring when he was selected by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) to serve as head coach of the U.S. junior national team that will meet counterparts from the U.S.S.R. in July, and was elected to a three-year term as chairman of the NCAA Track and Field Committee. He assumes that office 1 September.





# REPORT



## '09

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As scribe for the living members of the Class of '09 it is believed the satisfaction and optimism of all '09ers with the appointment of GEN Andrew G. Goodpaster to the position of Supt of the USMA at WP is a most fortuitous one. On the behalf of all of us we wish him every success in all he undertakes in his new and difficult assignment.

Without doubt the miraculous recovery of our **Bill Simpson** from a very long and serious illness of a neurotic or arthritic nature should be the first item of news in this report. His recovery emphasizes the devoted and intensive attention given him by his host of friends and doctors. Bill, until he became so very ill, used to frequently keep your scribe informed on items concerning his activities until several months ago he found it more and more difficult to go on. Finally he used the services of a **COL H.G. Yopp**, Ret. This gentleman acted as an "amanuensis" for him. Then **COL Yopp** stopped writing and was not heard from for several months. Finally last week a most hoped-for letter came from **COL Yopp** saying he did not want to send me a premature optimistic report. It seems **Bill** originally was given some very potent and dangerous medication by the medical authorities. These developed very depressing and dangerous side-effects. Without recounting details, **COL Yopp** finally persuaded the medical people to discontinue this strong medicine. Almost immediately **Bill** began steadily to improve. As of now, **Bill** has resumed all of his former activities social and otherwise. He has been attending some dinner parties and several small cocktail parties. He has even given a few himself and has danced a little at a few of them. **COL Yopp** says: "Barring some unforeseen problem, **Bill's** health and morale are better than they have been since **Mrs. Simpson's** death some years ago. The only reason he can't write as yet is a very severe tremor which all of us hope, of course, will disappear in the not distant future." He has been asked by the Army CS to attend a symposium by the Dept of the Army in DC in Aug. **COL Yopp** urgently wants him to attend and with equal urgency wants him to give up any more trips to AK to see his family there. (Scribe's note: On page 32 of the Jun ASSEMBLY, 1st column of the list of surviving '09 officers, prefacing **W.H. Simpson**—his rank is abbreviated LTC. Please correct. It should be GEN.)

**Bert Farman**, who you all know lives just across from WP at Garrison, writes that in his opinion "General Berry handled very well a most difficult situation for which he was in no way to blame. The cadets enter at an age when they have heard over the TV of

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lying, dishonesty, accepting bribes, Congressmen having their mistresses on U.S. pay; and attended high school where, according to what one hears, cheating is taken for granted, teachers imbuing them with disrespect for authority and so on-and-on. With such a background it is very much to the credit of WP cadets that a great majority have kept and enforced the Honor System."

**Stokely** writes only that his arthritis has taken its toll of his right leg but adds that: "I am very well for the shape I'm in." That's an attitude which, without doubt, some of the rest of us would do well to emulate.

In a long phone conversation with **Bob Sears** the other day he informed me that he is in good shape but added that: "I am very well from the waist up as I still stand on my hands every day, but from the waist down: 'Nix.'" The eye that he had operated on shortly after he came to Atlanta—the one injured by a rifle explosion years ago—is now, he says, better than the other one; he can see with it perfectly. Since your scribe recommended the eye-surgeon to **Bob**, naturally your scribe is very pleased that he did so. The surgeon's name is **Lester**, in case any of you might want to know.

DISTAFF

**Effie Van Deusen** writes that Ft Monmouth, NJ, where **George** used to be in command, recently dedicated a new library to "Van." She enclosed a picture and brochure showing a very goodlooking one story structure. The library offers a large list of services to military personnel and their dependents. It is a very fine tribute to our **Van**. **Effie** still feels his loss tremendously as indicated in a very touching note, including a poem of her own composition written in the ancient HAIKU style, 5-7-5-17 syllables, expressing her grief.

## '10

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The ranks of the Class of '10 have been further depleted by the death of **Bo Lewis** at **Walter Reed** on 9 Jul. **Bo** suffered a stroke in May but returned home for a birthday

party. Early in Jun, however, he was hospitalized for a heart attack which, with complications, ultimately resulted in the sad outcome. For years **Bo** served the Class well as **Secy-Treas** and ASSEMBLY correspondent and as prime arranger of our Class Reunions which become more and more significant as the number of survivors decreases. We are now down to 4, **Strong** in Orchard Lake, MI; **Pillans** in Mobile, **Chipman** in San Ant, and the writer. I for one will sadly miss **Bo** as he and I have been much together since I came to DC 5 yrs ago. The intimate friendship and association with **Kay** and **Bo Jr.** and his family, who also live nearby, will continue for **Cwladys** and myself.

As the age of '10 graduates increases and our own activities decrease it seems proper, perhaps inevitable, that we devote more attention to the activities of our offspring. In this connection it is noted that '10 had a grandson in the person of **Clyde Selleck III** graduated in the Class of '77 and a **Cocroft-Chapman** grandson, **Peter Brigham**, entering in the Class of '81. The **Cocroft, Chapman, Brigham, Brown** families had members of 3 generations at a recent fine party at the **Brighams** in **McLean, VA**. Four generations of **Browns** with representatives in ages from 4 to 91 had dinner at the **Browns'** on Fathers Day.

As '10 nears the top of the list of Class Notes in ASSEMBLY and the right of the line at Graduation Parade, we salute you all and express our thanks for the friendships which are formed at WP.

## '11

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In May, there came from **John Hatch** a copy of a pamphlet he had had published, entitled "Stumbling Blocks in the Bible." It is a most thoroughly researched and interesting discourse regardless of one's religious interest. He had also written in Mar that their granddaughter, **Fenton Hatch Miller**, and her husband and three children had made them a visit en route to the Dominican Rep., where **Mr. Miller** was a U.S. Aid officer.

Last fall, **Cherry Lane Lockwood**, daughter of **Cherry & Ben Lockwood**, suffered a severe injury to a shoulder. Only recently, as this is written, has proper diagnosis been made and curative measures applied. Fortunately, **Cherry Lane** has been able to continue her work in photography.

A sad report is made of one whose letter of last Mar was quoted in the Jun ASSEMBLY column. **Ellen Marie McNeal**, widow of our classmate, **Joseph W. McNeal**, died on 4 Apr 77 at her Mt. Vernon, OH home. A graveside service was held on 6 Apr at the **Iberia, OH** cemetery. She is survived by

2 brothers, Arne Staal of Los Gatos, CA, and Kenneth Staal of Cicero, IL.

COL Foster Merker, of St. Petersburg, FL, a long time friend of Harry Kutz, wrote in late May that Kitty Kutz was not at all well. He sees her daughter occasionally and would keep me informed.

Our long distance traveller, Gerry Stanton, on 10 May sent me a card from Teheran, Iran. She has been home long since and is probably gone again.

In past years, there has been a cheering correspondence with many of '11's widows, some of whom I have never met. Gradually, no doubt due to increasing ages, contacts are lost. It is sincerely hoped that those old friends who read this will send me word of themselves.

A most interesting letter came in mid-Jun from Virginia Wheeler Talley, written at their Anchor Point home, "Little House," on the Kenai Peninsula in AK. Having planned a leisurely spring trip north from DC, they were informed by an Alaskan friend, prior to their leaving, that thieves had broken into their home. So they drove up earlier than intended and fortunately found the unpaved 1,000 miles of the Alaskan Hwy still frozen, instead of a morass of mud and chuck holes. They found that little of value had been taken from their house but Ben Talley soon had the windows steel-barred. Though they had 19 hours of daylight, it was difficult to find time for all the things they wanted to do. The garden, delayed by the cold weather, was beginning to thrive. Clamming was good, fishing fair. Mama moose and her yearling calf, living in the valley below, came periodically to their meadow. "Nevertheless," the raven, came regularly for his tidbits and the increasing squirrel population demanded extra peanuts. Somehow, Virginia forgot to mention lobo and the golden eagle!

# '12

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Although I resigned as scribe, due to fading vision, I am still carried as such by the AOG in the absence of a successor.

This bulletin is dedicated to Karl Greenwald, who was our sole representative at 1977 Reunion. He reports that he enjoyed the June Week events. He was taken in tow by the Class of '17 who were celebrating their 60th anniv. Karl says that his memory for names is fading and he cannot give the names of those who were so kind to him. The Academy and the Corps of Cadets looked fine. He has returned to his home in San Ant. I asked Karl to give our best to Ike Spalding who cannot read but is otherwise doing fine under the faithful care of Alice.

By remote control, let's give a Class Yell for Karl!

I have had frequent letters from Red Crawford, Thorne Deuel, Carl Dick, Charlie Drake, and Frank Mallon. Occasional letters from Karl Greenwald, Bill Nalle, Burton Read, Burfy Brown, Sid Spalding, and Bill Wilbur.

The new Superintendent will have his hands full, restoring and maintaining the integrity of USMA. There are differences of opinion concerning the application of the Honor Code, even among grads. But such differences should be relegated and all graduates should stand together against the determination of external

influences dedicated to ending the role of USMA as the primary source of officers for our Army.

I believe that most of us, if not all, believe in the importance of athletics, especially football, in developing the fighting character of our future officers. Nothing has given me more concern about cadet morale than the fragility of Army teams in the Navy game, and the flaccid nature of support given them by the Cadet Corps. Let's pray for a restoration of Army Spirit as we have known it in past years!

West Point is a very costly institution. We have a multitude of universities and colleges dedicated to academic achievement. I do not decry academics. But the high cost of West Point is justifiable only if West Point contributes significantly to the winning of wars. Wars are won, not by scholars but by fighters. Let's insist that the primary purpose of West Point shall continue to be the teaching and inspiring of prospective young officers to fight.

# '13

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I have so few classmates left and all are old so I can gather very little if any news from any of those that are yet living.

GEN "Tex" Davidson and myself did plan a trip a few weeks ago to visit and see the few who are in DC. We did visit Crittenberger and his wife Josephine. Crittenberger did little talking as he is not too well, but we found Josephine, his wife, very well and our visit was very pleasant even if "Crit" was not his old robust and vivial self.

We also drove to Leesburg, VA, to see GEN W.C. Crane, and his wife Lois. Crane has a case of emphysema so needs care most of the time. He has a big cattle and horse farm—but has the VA Tech Coll take care of them. He came downstairs for us and gave us a most delicious lunch. Lois, his wife, is 100% OK so far as we could see.

We next tried to visit GEN Louis Craig but he has eye trouble so he had to go to the hospital the day we were there. He since has been reported to be not "OK" but "OK" for his age.

We have some classmates that should report to us—as Lyman, Oliver, Rosevear and a few others but just don't write of themselves.

We do hope in the Xmas ASSEMBLY to hear from many as in Oct I shall ask for a family report from all the men and ladies of the Class.

# '14

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Tom Monroe, still proprietor of his "stump farm," has sent me the following Class news. He sent me a bulletin of the Army & Navy Club in DC that Betty Bull, who has sold her house and is now in Distaff Hall, has presented to the Club a pair of handsome shellcase flag holders in memory of Pink. They were a gift to him in 1956 from the Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Ft Sill, OK, and will be displayed at the Farragut Entrance with 2 of the Club flags for members to enjoy.

No news from the DC area group, so I hope all is well.

Tom Monroe is bothered by arthritis (but

who isn't at our age?). He writes that he still does some gardening, but not like it used to be.

I haven't seen Ike Gill or Tim Rees for some time. Tim had an operation but I knew nothing about it until he was back at his usual haunt at Southern Manor.

Cecile Clark has recently moved to Morningside Manor in San Ant. She had pneumonia a number of times, and her son Bill and his wife, living in Colo Spgs, spent some time in getting her comfortably settled. Cecile has a delightful sense of humor and friendliness, which endears her to all who know her. Fortunately, her sister, Corinne Gordon, and her husband Dick, live in San Ant in the same apt complex as we do.

Earl and I have just had a beautiful visit from our daughter, May Berry, and her husband Cornell, of VA Bch. As a special bonus and complete surprise they brought our granddaughter Earl Richmond (Bonnie) Davis, and our 2 great-grandchildren.

Our apartment has been filled with the joy of their visit. Earl and I were treated like royalty.

Please send me your news.

# '15

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BAD NEWS: Mary Gibson died 15 Feb at Baptist Hospital, Coral Gables, after a long illness at a nearby nursing home. Burial was in the family plot, Masonic section, Flagler Memorial Park. Gibby has the sympathy of the Class. Father Dexter Hanley, S.J., son of our Tom & Cecelia Hanley, died 18 May in Scranton Community Med Cen. He is survived by his mother, brother, Thomas J. III (COL, USAF Ret.), both of San Ant, and his sister, Mrs. McAlpine of Pompano Beach, to whom the Class extends its sympathy. By letter from COL J.H. Cochran Jr., USA Ret. (USMA '43), we received the sad news that his father, COL John Henry Cochran, currently the Daddy of '15, is confined to Plant Hospital, Clearwater, as a result of a severe stroke suffered 22 Apr. Our prayers for a fast recovery.

BETTER NEWS: We are happy to report that Bea Boye is recovering satisfactorily from a broken shoulder. Letter from Hugh Avent advises us that Reneé was hospitalized early Jun but is back home and doing nicely.

DOWN SOUTH: Re Det Ellis's spring trip to SC, here is the box score as promised: Kith and kin were found well and trip best summed up by 3 words: Family, Friends, Flowers. While passing through Fayetteville he visited via Ma Bell with Theresa & Doc White, both in the pink. Later Henny & Eddie Moale were Det's luncheon guests in Charleston. Both were in fine fettle. Laura Brownell has moved to be near daughter and family. (See PCS below.) Laura's 10 great-grandchildren still holds the record.

CAPITAL CAPERS: On 6 May, Marianne Wallington hosted a fine KT buffet at Distaff Hall. Enjoying her gracious hospitality were '15ers Dorothy & Vernon Evans, Helen Atkins, Det Ellis, Eileen Leonard, Louise Kahle, Jessica Gesler and Margaret Mueller. . . . Comes now an announcement from our Prez, Vernon Evans, that hereafter and henceforth on the 2d Mon of Jun and Dec the DC guys and dolls will lunch together at Distaff Hall. (Visiting Firemen and Campfollowers are included, of course.) At the initial turnout 13 June those gathered around the festive board

were Helen Atkins, Dorothy Benedict, Peggy Davison, Det Ellis, Dorothy Evans, Vernon Evans, Jessica Gesler, Thea Gillette, Ingrid Graves, Louise Kahle, Eileen Leonard, Margaret Mueller and Marianne Wallington. A Lucky 13!

**THIS AND THAT:** Squire Taylor, while congratulating Det Ellis on reaching his 87th, announces both Taylors are well and that he is shooting for his 100th. All power to him! Benny Ferris writes that they and Ecina Williams are the Orlando reps and get together occasionally. Benny and Margaret left for their summer home in NH in May... Mina Pulsifer writes that she has joined a San Diego literary organization, "The Wednesday Club," and finds it interesting and enjoyable. (Your scribe is happy to hear from another literary clubber as he, too, greatly enjoys his literary organization and is happy to report that, to date, the results of his attendance twice each month at the "Chaptico Thanitopsis Literary and Inside Straight Society" leaves him slightly in the black.) Early Jun Det Ellis encountered Jim Van Fleet in the AN Club barbership. Jim was in town on a quickie business trip and said the Van Fleets were fine. (It's nice that a few of us still have enough hair for a haircut.)

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So long until next issue.

# '16

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By this time you have discovered that 2 photos which I included in the Jun Class Notes were inadvertently omitted by the publisher. They are now published in this issue. I am sure you can match up your 2 ASSEMBLYS and the Jun text to the pictures. One is our Garcia family in the Philippines and the other is the Pricketts.

Your scribe attended the 110th Engr Dinner at Ft Belvoir, VA, early in May and visited with Liz & Rob Rufsvold (daughter and son-in-law, USMA '46) at their home in Springfield, VA. They then drove me to WP where we visited my grandson's family, that of CPT Richard Johns, including 2 "greats." We then drove to Hanover, NH (Dartmouth), where grandson Robbie Rufsvold



1916: Fay and Peggy.

is a med student. We then drove back to DC from where I hitchhiked home by Navy Air. Had a good time everywhere.

While I was in the DC area the '16ers there lunched me at the Army & Navy Club. Not all were able to be present but I did see Savilla Bliss, Susan Cockrell, Calvin DeWitt, Bob Walsh, the Scotts and the Pricketts. We had a fine get-together. I was especially sorry that the Gallaghers, Marjorie DeWitt, and Sidney Walsh could not be present.

I am sorry to report that Doug Page died at San Ant on 11 Apr. Services were at St. David's Episcopal Church and interment with full mil honors at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to Doug's daughter, Mrs. Blanche Page McGinnis, at San Ant; to his grandson, Douglas McGinnis at Dayton, OH; to his granddaughter, Miss Blanche McGinnis, at Madrid, Spain; and to his sister, our Blanche Shugg at San Fran.

Bob Whitson has picked up with a bang the job of sending me news notes from San Ant, left vacant by Maurice Miller's death. I had a fine letter from him just the other day. Nell and he celebrated their 60th wedding anniv on 26 Apr. So I was wrong when I wrote (Jun Class Notes) that '16 had only 2 60-year anniv. Mary & Stan Scott will have their 60th on 22 Aug also. Anyone else who can qualify please let me know.

Boots & Bill Spence report the wedding of a granddaughter, Kathryn Taylor, daughter of COL & Mrs. B.G. Taylor, on 14 May. Another granddaughter, Perri Spence, daughter of Bill Spence Jr. (USMA '51) graduated recently at TX A&M Col—a mil col.

Joan Newgarden, who has traveled extensively in recent years, reports that Leningrad is the cleanest and most beautiful city she has ever seen. Her son Georgie and his wife and daughter retraced her steps there in Jun.

Fleurette Rinearson says she has nothing special to report, but Bob Whitson says that she and her attractive daughter are "holding down the fort" in good shape. Fanny Tully had a visit recently from son, Navy CPT Joe Jr. (Ret.), who lives at Carmel, CA. Another of her sons, COL (Ret.) Robert (USMA '46), has an important job with the Bell Helicopter Co. in Teheran, Iran.

Edna Miller visited Maurice Miller's daughter Barbara east of Oakland in Apr. The Bay Area '16ers got together for the Sixteen Treatment for her at the Presidio for lunch. She said she enjoyed us.

George Blankenship has advised our secy that he sent a substantial cash gift to the DAV Service Fndn as a memorial to our classmate, Alfred King. King was one of our classmates killed in WWI, 2 days before the armistice according to the record. We commend George for this generous and thoughtful act.

Bob Whitson reports that Nell had a fall in early May which kept her in bed for about 3 weeks, but that she is now able to be up and about. The doctor thinks she has made excellent progress and believes she will continue to improve. We certainly hope so, Nell and Bob.

Blanche & Roland Shugg report another '16 "great" born recently at Corvallis, OR. Total up to now is 82.

COL Stephan Place, AF (USMA '57), our Eve McBride's son, has returned to DC from 3 yrs at Brussels with NATO. He has been assigned to the Air Staff at the Pentagon.

Virginia Doney plans to spend her summer at her ranch north of San Fran. She says it is cooler there.

When I was in DC in May I called on Marquenita & Dick Levy at their home on Runnymede Place. They are taking care of themselves and each other pretty well. I also stopped at Distaff Hall nearby to look in on Edith Cabell and Jeanette Reinhart. Both are well.

Helen & Woody Woodward left their Bay Area home for their summer home at Teton, WY about 13 Jun. They will stay there until well along in Sept and will have friends, children, and grandchildren off and on throughout the summer.

A recent letter from Tom Finley says he performed again (for the 5th time) as the oldest grad present at Founders Day dinner at Colo Spgs in Mar. Tom says he has some lameness, but that he still drives his 11-year-old Buick. He said "we run well on gas and bourbon respectively."

Cramp Jones says he has been the "earliest" graduate (he does not say oldest) at El Paso for many years.

I have now reported 82 great-grandchildren to the credit of '16. However, I have no faith in the accuracy of that figure. It probably should be somewhat higher as I have had no reports from many of you and not complete reports from some. Please drop me a postcard and give me a total by which I can verify and correct my rather sketchy record. I also record 27 '16 Golden Weddings. Any new ones?



1916: The Garcia family.

A P R  
'17

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Our 60th Reunion was one of our best and will never be forgotten by those lucky enough to be there. The 25 lucky ones: the Clarks, the Collins', Ford, the Friers with their son Jim, Harrison, the Irvings, Jackson with his daughter Jeanne, Johnson with his daughter Trish, the Jones', the McMahons, the Sackvilles with their friend Herbert Thomas, and Slaughter with his friends Mr. & Mrs. Lyles. Great credit for the success of the occasion is due to careful planning and a lot of work by Fred Irving and Louie Ford. Thanks to Fred's intercession we all had rooms in Thayer Hotel; and buses were provided for all our transportation on the post. Our 2 assigned aides and their wives were most helpful from first to last. After the alumni luncheon in Washington Hall, we saw the fine portrait of Fred Irving that hangs in the Hall along with the portraits of the other former Superintendents.

Mars & Edna Wightman wrote that they were not strong enough to travel to the reunion, but were ambulatory and happy and sent their hearty greetings. Their married daughter lives near them and sons, Bill and David, both ret. LTCs, visit them twice a year.

Kewp Yuill was determined to come to the reunion, and it took a broken leg to keep him at home. Sorry, Kewp.

In the 29 May Pittsburgh Press there was a fine article about Matt Ridgway, "Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Salutes a General. In a tribute to his distinguished war record and his contributions to Allegheny County Veterans' groups, GEN Matthew B. Ridgway will be admitted to an honorary place in the Memorial's Hall of Valor." A fine painting of Matt leading paratroopers in the invasion of Normandy in 1944 will hang in the Hall.

The Sackvilles, who live in Palm Beach, have visited Marvil Armstrong. Marvil's eyes are bad, but he can distinguish objects and noted that Sack was wearing glasses. His mind is clear, and he can remember all his classmates. Perhaps a card from them would help, as he has almost no visitors.

The Irvings' twin grandsons have fellowships for graduate study, Fred at the U. of MI and Alex at the U. of VA.

Word that Harris Jones died 30 Jun has come as a shock to his classmates and his and Hannah's many friends. He had an operation on the 27th and seemed to be recuperating from that, but then his heart gave out. Because of his exceptional academic ability, he was called "Prof" even as a plebe, and he never lost the nickname. Appropriately he later became the distinguished Prof of Mathematics at the USMA, and when the office of Dean was established, Harris became the first Dean at the Acad-

emy. There was a memorial service at Asheville, and the remains were taken to WP for a graveside service and interment. Fred Irving and his daughter, Betty Maish, attended the service, as did also the Supt and the Cmdt. GEN Berry presented Harris' flag to Hannah. We were happy that Hannah and Harris were at our 60th; and she has the sympathy and best wishes of the Class.

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'17

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Answering Reunion rollocall were: the Knights, the Heas, the Gerhards, the Kernans, Doc Faust and Anny, Henry Cantt, the Hardings, the Wagners, the Conners, the Griffiths, the Carsons, the Days, the Rolfes, Hi Ely, the Reeders and Rudy Whitelegg.

This was the first reunion that Biff and Elizabeth have missed in years. Elizabeth had been having difficulties though she took her treatments without giving up local social life. It seems that she has won out: her next to the last test was clear. So they are booked on Bastille Day for a 2-week visit to Larry in Germany.

The Hasbroucks had passed because Marjorie couldn't travel. Now the shoe is on the other foot. Bob has sciatica and the docs have not effected much improvement. In spite of all handicaps, Marjorie is running the house.

Loessa Coffey came up the next week to present the John W. Coffey Award in person. Other absentees were as predicted in the Jun issue of ASSEMBLY. But we had guests: Karl Greenwald, cited on another page; CPT & Mrs. Michael Fellows joined us at the buffet and the boat ride, on the boat they had Chris, great-grandson of Leo & Miriam Conner; also on the boat ride were GEN & Mrs. (nee Mary Knight) K.O. Sanborn who were reuniting with '37.

Rudy Whitelegg was alone because they have moved again—now at 10 Schuler St, Sanford, ME. The house needs a lot of work and Georgina was left to tend the shop.

From the WP Library to Llew Griffith, "The Class of 1871 photo album has a picture of those cadets at the summer encampment and their 'fille de regiment,' Clara French Greble, your mother. As far as we have been able to ascertain, she is the only girl so honored." Thus Llew is a very genuine Army brat as well as a wheel in the Sons of the American Revolution and a double-dipped Mayflower descendant. However, he wears his halo at a rakish angle.

At the Reunion we had so much fun together at the scheduled events that afterward a lot of us sat around the Thayer lobby just gabbing. Entering the lobby and face to face with COL Thayer's portrait, Your Scribe couldn't resist saying, "So he built this hotel! What's he done since?"

We all looked pretty good: top rating for residual vitality must be shared by Pinky & Nan Rolfe, Llew Griffith and the ebullient Rudy Whitelegg. Behind them the rest finished so closely grouped that even the judges couldn't separate them. Let's not call it a dead heat because we were too lively for that.

Parry Lewis can still write interesting reminiscences with his left hand: his right is paralyzed. Bill & Louise Paca have been having a poorish time and don't go out much. Dorothy Warner spent some time in hospi-

tal but is back home. Red is factotum while Dorothy tries to recover. Tough for Red who is no longer in fighting form.

Our local girls have all been canvassed. All are nice to talk to and none has any real bad news to offer. We have had nice letters from Laura Cole, Georgie Graham, and Georgina Whitelegg. Tiny Bellinger is bearing nobly the burden of being our oldest surviving classmate.

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The Blanchards were visited in Jul by their daughter, Punkin, her son and his wife. They will attend our 60th.

The Caseys, with son Keith, had a very interesting and very enjoyable, in all respects, tour of the Caucasus in southern Russia via Moscow. The tour group was composed of ret. officers. Back to VT for the summer with fond memories of vodka and caviar right on the shore of the Caspian Sea.

Alice (Kramer) in Wanderland again—to Munich, Vienna and Budapest in Aug. More wonderment, her brother's mother-in-law will be 105 on Scip's birthday, 12 Nov. Alice is contemplating a freighter trip to the Far East next winter.

Ann Kreber attended Leo's installation into the OH NG Hall of Fame with a magnificent citation. And it happened on Ann's birthday. She visited relatives and friends in the Midwest but was glad to see Seven Lakes again for a long stay.

Good news from Spike Lorence. The pain from his 5th cranial nerve has decreased considerably, enough to make Spike and Anna Mary 78 Pipers. Spike will be the oldest classmate at our 60th.

Fenie & Bud Miley are enjoying their new home in Starkville, MS 39754. They have many relatives and friends there.

The Neilsons left Kansas City on 16 May for a 6-week European tour by car with a chauffeur-guide starting from Amsterdam. Thence thru France to Suisse, Italy, Austria, Bavaria, Liechtenstein, back to Suisse, then to Heidelberg, down the Rhine (part way by boat) and back to Amsterdam to catch a plane back to the good old USA.

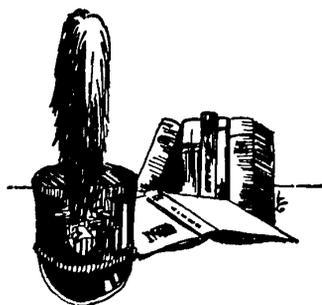
Mildred Pichel is trying to save her roses and fruit trees out there in dry CA by skimping on household water use. Betty Weeks is in the same state. Whereas we had 40 hours of steady rain right after Graduation Day.

Bee Rundell and Sylvia Shattuck just happened to visit their married sons in Teheran at the same time last spring to the great joy of all, greatest no doubt for Sylvia because of her grandson. Bee and her sister stopped in at 15 Stillman to tell Steve and me about her trip and to show pictures of the fabulous treasures of Iran.

Bob Hamilton died on 26 Mar. He leaves his widow, Marguerite, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a sister. The sympathy of the Class is extended to the survivors.

The very next day, Wilma Achatz was killed in that catastrophic plane accident at Tenerife. She did not leave any survivors.

Joe Zak, our ex-classmate, died on 5 Jun. He left 2 sons, a sister and 4 grandchildren.



The Class extends its sympathy to the survivors.

78 Pipers, by category: 21 classmates; 17 wives; 7 widows; 11 guests.

The Grenatas had a 3-week trip in Jul to England and France.

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Two losses last spring. Joel Clayton died on 11 Mar and on the 6th of Apr, after 3 operations for cancer in 3 yrs, Jack Brown (John T.) left us.

On 25 May classmates met at Ft Myer Club as guests of Eleanor Shaler Dickson to pay last respects to her brother and our classmate, Harrison Shaler, grandson of Charles Shaler, USMA 1867. Eleanor is the widow of Monk Dickson who was the son of Tracy C. Dickson, USMA 1892. Harrison's widow Dorothy was in CA, ill and unable to attend. After luncheon attended by Eleanor's son Colin and daughter, Mrs. Ariana H. Mangum, Ethel Conrad, Mary Jane McCone (sister of our Alex), Howard Canan, Ruth & Bryan Evans, Kester Hastings, Hunk Holbrook, Mimi & Jess Norman and Jake Whelchell, the group moved to the Admin Bldg and from there attended the burial with full mil honors.

Jim Christiansen and Mike Quinn saw their grandsons graduate in the Class of '77. Boyd Fitzpatrick's grandson, James Fitzpatrick, received an MD from Georgetown in May. Arch Colwell still has eye problems. While waiting for new contact lenses he can see little and Sallie's Parkinson's disease isn't improving. Dad Miller (M.M.) received a Certificate of Distinction for his 50 years of medicine from the OH State Medical Assn for his "devotion to his patients, his contributions to the health and wealth of the public, and his allegiance to the principles of the medical profession."

The Eristoffs, who kindly let the Class use their home in Highland Falls for the cocktail party at several Class reunions, donated a cup in memory of Bryan Conrad. The wording on it reads: "The Conrad Cup—for all around excellence—Cadet Riding Club—donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. Sidamon-Eristoff in loving memory of—Brigadier G. Bryan Conrad—USMA Class of November 1918." Bryan Jr. and Ethel presented the cup on 5 Jun after the Cadet Riding Club demonstration. Bryan Jr., our Caboose, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in VA on 15 May.

Elmer Barnes went through some major surgery in removal of a malignant tumor on the back of a shoulder in May at Walter Reed. Recovery has been very favorable. Babe Gullatt, who must wear a pacer, had to have surgery at Naval Hosp in DC for an aortic aneurysm and he too is progressing well. Then Lev Yoder picked George Washington Hosp for more surgery, very successful, but left him weak temporarily.

Dick Ericson brought Coral's ashes back from Oakland in Jun for burial at WP stopping off in DC en route to visit Dick Jr. and family. They all went to the Point on the 14th for the service which was attended also by son Eric and his wife from TN, and daughter Betsy Bly and her husband from Minneapolis. In returning to Oakland, Dick had planned several stopovers but learned

his house had been burglarized so had to rush back.

Heath & Fritz Twichells' son, Heath Jr. (USMA '56), did so well as a student at Navy War Col (especially for an Army officer) that he stays on as an instructor. Fritz was off for all of Jul on a long trip through Canada and Western U.S. visiting friends and family, and on return had several days with her daughter in Martha's Vineyard.

Dick & Buddha Groves' grandson, Allan Groves Robinson, a recent graduate of Edinburgh Academy (Scotland), became the world champion cricket ball thrower. He is also a superior javelin thrower. This fall he entered Cambridge.

Jim Christiansen made the oldest grad speech last Mar at Ft Benning in spite of his injured back from a fall down some concrete steps. Doc Johnson impressed Hal & Barbara Cocks very much with some of his handmade walnut furniture and particularly some of his handwoven wool rugs. They are often bought from him for mats and end up as wall decorations. Chris & Helen Knudsen made quite a drive from San Ant in Apr and May to New Orleans then Tyndall AFB to see their daughter and her family, on to DC to see their son and his family; Williamsburg; NY; WP; Columbus, OH, and home. At Founders Day in Ft Sill was our Jim Styron as the oldest grad present and 2 of his grandsons who were both grads. Chorpensing wrote that on 19 Apr Dunk & Lella Dunkelberg went to a Ret. Officers dinner with Corp and Mary at Randolph AFB during which a terrific storm came up. As he tells it, "a few flooded road problems combined with a torrential downpour could not possibly stop a seasoned combat engr and flood control expert like me so we started home. Within 2 miles of home we found that 2 ft of water with a strong current covered the road. I knew it was 2 ft deep as I bravely sent Mary out as a scout and she waded up to her knees. With this intel report I made an estimate of the situation and decided we could get through but alas, in mid-stream we stalled. After conferring with my Inf cmdr (Dunk) it was decided that I, the engr, should make a reconnaissance forward and Dunk would follow with the supporting troops (Lella and Mary). After a mile through intense enemy fire (lightning and rain) I found a friendly native with a wrecker and he succeeded in rescuing the transportation and troops."

Isobel Blair has been bothered for many months with painful arthritis but seems more comfortable at the altitude of their mountain cabin than at Sterling so she stays there most of the time. Bill says he carries on reasonably well some of the time. Kit Benton has moved from her apartment to an efficiently run rest home under the supervision of the Presbyterian Hosp in Denver. Ethel Gambil wrote from Las Vegas: "With Atlantic City our competitor business-wise, L.V. seems to be stepping up in building activities. After the severe winter back East, a flood of people are locating here in the sunshine." Otto Praeger says, "My affliction is emphysema. I enjoyed 50 yrs of cigarettes, quitting 10 yrs ago, but not soon enough. Kittie is enjoying her high blood pressure." Vangie Buchanan's sister Nancy said, "Vangie is unable to write as she has had several strokes and is quite helpless. She has been in Luke AFB Hosp but her doctor now recommends a nursing home." Lee Gray wrote Bill Blair, "I've been in the hospital a few times since my last note but spent 2 weeks in Honolulu at the Hale Koa. I'm due in the hospital for another oper-

ation (cancer) and I'm wondering." Frank Huston had a bronchial hemorrhage in the middle of the night last winter, was rushed to the hospital thinking he would never breathe again. He now says, "I no smoke no more" and is quite well.

Al Miller has written about Frank & Lucy Bowman: "For a number of years Lucy has been writing limericks for the Carmel newspaper. She has now selected a number she thinks were her best and has published them in a paperback booklet of 56 pages. It is entitled 'Lucid Limericks' and selling in Carmel shops at \$2.75. Purchased direct from her by classmates or anyone on our mailing list the cost is \$2.25 plus mailer and postage at 50¢ in 1, 2, or 3 copies in the same mailer. Frank is receiving treatment at Ft Ord for poor circulation in his legs, so no golf for him." Al said that Ruth Kendall had the casts off her wrists in early May but there was still pain. Chuck Gildart wrote Al, "Don't worry about me as far as my surgery is concerned. If it were not for the scar I would have no evidence that 7 inches of my aorta had been replaced with dacron. Of course pushing 83 the future is always uncertain."

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Born 1 Dec 76, Samantha Oldham Hug-gins is the great-granddaughter of Bert & Ray Hardin. Christened at Christ Church, St. Michaels, MD, she is the granddaughter of Nancy Sumner, dau of Bert and Ray, and lives in Atlanta.

Because of ASSEMBLY deadlines and the late dates when some Founders Day dinners were held, some dinner news had to wait until this issue. The WP Soc of S. TX (founded in 51 by Chic Noble, its first pres), held its dinner on the night of 24 Mar at the Officers Club, Ft Sam Houston. 1919 was represented by Pee-wee Collier, Chic Noble and Bobby Gard. BG Frederick A. Smith Jr., Dean of the Academic Board, gave a very fine address, dwelt largely on the honor situation and women cadets who, he said, were doing well. He did an admirable job of answering some direct and penetrating questions, and scored a real hit with his audience when he informed them that the very successful women's basketball team at the Academy was known as the "Sugar Smacks"; that really had impact.

Bob Springer says that on his recent trip to HI he saw Phil Whitney, and greatly enjoyed talking with him. Bob is now back in San Ant and finds all holding up well, despite some problems. George Elms visited his old homeland in PA in May. He sent us a program of the dinner given by the WP Soc of El Paso, where BG Frederick A. Smith Jr. also did a very fine job as the principal speaker. (This was the night before the San Ant dinner). Ham Hamilton and George represented '19; and COL R.C. Barlow Jr., USMA '49, son of Liz, was there too.

In May, Stu Barden was one of the 3 prize winners in the 36-hole Bd of Governors golf tournament at the Kenwood CC (MD), scoring 67-69-136. Congratulations to Stu, not only for his golfing expertise, but for his impressive recovery from his illness of last year.

After the funeral of Jim Bevans (see below), Lorna wrote Dick Ovenshine a very

appreciative letter and asked him to express her thanks and gratitude to the classmates and their wives who attended the funeral at Arlington.

Eddie & Marilyn Strohbehn made a trip to Biloxi, MS; and enjoyed seeing Fay & Bunker Bean on the Beans' trip to FL. Harold D. Ross, ex '19, wrote in for some info and said that his "interest in the Class is as keen as ever." He has been very successful in the printing business, civic enterprise and fraternal work in northern IL. His wife Dorothy suffered a stroke last Nov, but is showing gradual improvement. Fred Drury corrects our list of active duty sons of '19 in the Jun issue which omitted the name of his younger son, BG Richard Taylor Drury, USMA '50, USAF, who is still on active duty: VCDR, 22AF MAC. Thanks and congratulations, Fred. Fred Jr has returned from 12 yrs of very successful business operations in the Philippines and is semi-ret. Both sons live in the San Fran bay area, tho Richard will probably change station this fall. Add to the active duty list also COL R.C. Barlow Jr., who was mentioned above and whose name was discovered on the list of those who attended the Founders Day dinner of the El Paso Soc. Congratulations to Liz, too.

From CA: Barry Hutchins is taking it easy after a heart attack he called "mild." Jim Phillips, with a new hip, gets around with a cane and drives his car. Linc Dillaway says Elsie is in a nursing home where she can get the best of care. Tom McGregor's pace setter gave some trouble and necessitated Tom's return to the hospital for some work on it. More cheerfully, the Ruths have just returned from a trip east, where they visited his old station, Ft Adams, as well as Nantucket and Newport. Jack & Betty Vance live in Corte Madera, Marin County, CA, near San Rafael. For years Jack has worked for Corte Madera in various ways: Finance Dir, Town Treas, member of the Park, Recreation and Bicentennial Commissions, Town Hist. Recently its citizens awarded him a Certificate of Appreciation for Dedicated Service to the Community. Jack, with his Lincolnian modesty, hesitated to own up to this, believing that he might be accused of boasting. Congratulations, Jack, on a gratifying and well-deserved tribute to you, which also reflects so favorably on WP. "May it be said 'Well done.'"

Fay & Bunker Bean, Conchita & Stone Sorley, attended June Week at WP, stayed at the Thayer. They gave every indication that they all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The Class memorial was really beautiful in its surroundings of spring foliage. At the Alumni Luncheon the reunion classes announced their class gifts to the Academy. Probably the most unusual gift made was that of the Class of '47: some time ago they had bought the WP passenger station from the Penn Central RR and renovated it. Now they have formally presented it to USMA.

#### DECEASED

William Henry Dunham Jr. died 2 Apr 1977; Interment in Arlington 5 Apr 77. James Millikin Bevans died 1 May 1977 after long illness; interment in Arlington, 6 May 77. The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### VITAL STATS

Ret USA-77; AUS-6; Civil Life-22; Status Unk-2; Deceased-177.



1920: Travis, Oldest Grad, Founders Day, CZ.

# '20

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Sadly I report Halley Maddox died "with his boots on" 26 May 77 of a heart attack while supervising the training of his horses in San Ant. After services in San Marcos, TX, he was buried near Wimberley, TX. This came from Millard Pierson and COL Jere O. Whittingham '46, Halley's aide at one time, who "knew him well and admired him greatly." Halley's distinguished service was in T-P in WWI (2 DSM-3LM-2BSM) (Patton's 3A G3) and Korea as CG 25 Div and DCG 2Army (DSM). Our deepest sympathies go to his widow Madeleine, daus Madeleine and Sara, 5 grandchildren and their loved ones.

John Felli, long not heard from, surfaced 30 Apr with a 2-column clipping, "A Red Letter Day" (and picture of Red Blaik), from the Apr Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, describing Red's 80th birthday celebration (see Jun 77 ASSEMBLY). About himself, modest John merely said, "I ret. as Asst Treas of GM Corp 18 yrs ago... Fate has been good to us."

It's now Dr COL Red Blaik, Sir! In presenting him the hon Doctorate of Humane Letters, Dartmouth's Pres, John G. Kemeny, read him the 350-word citation which includes: "EARL HENRY BLAIK-You graduated from both Miami of OH and West Point, starring in football, basketball and baseball... In just one year you rekindled the spirit of Dartmouth football... breaking the Yale 'jinx'... a string of 22 victories... great tactician and innovator... instilled complete dedication in your players... their only fear was... of letting you down... Your most important achievement... is not your record of wins, but your influence on the lives of men. Whether it was the hundreds of players who went on to play major roles in our nation, your many assistants-including Vince Lombardi-who went on to greatness, or the Presidents of the U.S. who considered it a privilege to have you as a friend, your unquestioned integrity and dedication served as an inspiration. The College is pleased to pay tribute to a remarkable human being..." Our hearty congratulations, Red!

In sending me the copy of the 20 Jun 77 Big Green D Sport News containing the above, Red said, "The enclosed would not be sent except after 80 there is no reason to be humble." Further, he wrote, "If Merle

can contain her suffering we're going to Colo Spgs for several months. Son Bob lives there, is a Trustee of CO Col and runs the finances of the Blaik Oil Co., his brother Bill being the operating head." Our best to all of you, Red, and to Merle's better health.

Good news from Red Sharrar: "Now have my prosthesis and get around pretty good with can. Will throw it away one day... Driving car some and hope soon to get around in it..." Good for you, Red!

Alex George remains about the same-now in DC VA Hosp, awaiting transfer to nursing home. Though unable to communicate in any way, he's still visually responsive. Dau, Prof Louise, and husband, Prof William Chubb of Berkeley, CA, visited Louise and Alex Apr-Jun from Italy where both were researching material for books; and son Bill, wife Maritza and son visited in Jun from Bombay, where Bill is Chase Manhattan Bank's SE Rep.

Zuke Amazeen has been in and out of Walter Reed for various tests.

Eddie Edmonson was flown early Jun by Air Evac from McDill AFB, FL, for tests at Walter Reed and Bethesda Nav Hosp. Had opn yrs ago for cancer of jaw and now has complications from extracted tooth. In good spirits, he expected to be flown home to wait several wks for test results.

Bigun Travis writes, "Am hopeful to have this old bone cancer in spine stymied for a spell with treatment here at VA Hosp, Bay Pines, FL."

Grace Lambert, as Doll Dillon's house guest in DC, saw many friends, classmates and wives at Doll's cocktail buffet 26 Jun. Grace says she's gradually getting used to apt living. Was able to find one near former home. And she's now happily welcoming first great-grandchild.

Lemnitzer continues public speaking program on national security matters. Sometimes lectures 2-3 times a wk-over 400 since rtmt in 69. In Apr we heard him give stirring talk before the annual convention of the Army Mutual Aid Assn at Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA, particularly citing NATO's 28-yr feat keeping Europe war-free while wars keep raging elsewhere in the world. Lem and his family leave DC 1 Jul for summer home in Honesdale, PA, in the Poconos, until Nov.

As usual, the Holles have been on the go. End Apr they attended annual meeting Soc American Mil Engrs in San Fran. Here Charles was made Hon Member of the Soc, becoming one of only 10 so selected since its organization in 1920-GEN Pershing and COL Mason Patrick were first so honored. Hearty congratulations, Charles! Then, 13 Jun, to Ft Belvoir, VA, for the 75th annual celebration of the Assn of Rivers and Harbors Engrs. And, 16 Jun, Charles paid tribute to MG Glen E. Edgerton '08, at Rock Is Arsenal, IL, on the dedication of the Arsenal's new harbor boat, "The GEN Edgerton."

The Farrell's dau Mary and her family are visiting them this summer from Sao Paolo, after touring England-Scotland with youngest dau. Their 2 older daus, one at Smith Col and one at Mt. Holyoke, both now have summer jobs in DC. With son, MAJ Frank Jr. '60, now with OCS at Pentagon, the whole family will be together all summer except Mary's husband, Brazil's TRW Mgr, J.R.B. Jackson, who returns to Sao Paolo mid-Jul.

The Leland Smiths visited dau Natalie (widow of MAJ James M. Gridley '46, now Mrs. John Carroll) in Falls Church, VA. Grandson, LT James M. Gridley Jr., AFA '75, and his bride are back at AFA where he is

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flight instr. Leland reports another grandson, CPT C.L. Steel IV '68, is completing special courses at U. FL for detail into Diplomatic Corps and duty in Bogota, Colombia, next Jan.

This from Eloise Smith (RO): "On 22 Jun I go to party at Evelyn Vanture's for her house guest, Czecho's sister. . . On 23d I fly to DC to visit Kay Studebaker. . ."

The Hines' celebrated Chet's 80th birthday 21 May with dau Gene and husband COL Robert N. Ives '45, and DC area classmates at Officers Club, Arlington Hall, VA. In Apr they were at Blackshear, GA, for Golden Wedding of Inez's double first cousin; in Tallahassee, FL, seeing Inez's son, Bill Paddon; and in Milledgeville, GA, Inez's son Bob Paddon. And, mid-Jun, in Parsippany, NJ, with Chet's sister, Mrs. Kent Dixon. Week-ends, they generally escape to Chet's hide-away cabin in the Blue Ridge Mts, somewhere 10 mi. from Harper's Ferry, near mt trout streams Chet discovered in 54. At last visit he won battle with hornets for possession of cabin. Four got him, though.

17 Jun the Strattons gathered for family reunion and buffet party for friends, neighbors and classmates at son Will's and wife Janet's lovely DC home, to celebrate Jimmy's, Selby's and Will's Jun birthdays. Dau Terry and family, the Thomas R. Flaggs, came from W. Redding, CT; dau Julie and husband Saul Wernick from Gloucester, MA; and Selby's niece, Julia Lacey, of Washington. Four grandchildren helped all around, a fifth was out of town, and 3 great-grandchildren couldn't make it.

Jack Goff reports new great-granddau Sheila O'Connell and "expecting another grandchild in Nov, so there will still be a Goff for the 21st Century." He and Alma were in Honolulu in May where they saw the Kreuters, who were "house-sitting" on Kapo Blvd. Jack, Ray Welch and George Bare attended the Puget Sound WP Soc's Cadet Admissions luncheon at Ft Lewis.

The Planks plan to spend Thanksgiving with dau Jacqui and family in Chagrin Falls, OH, and stay on for their Golden Wedding anniv 2 Dec. Eddie crashes through, as usual, on his Round-Up Qtr as our CA Area Rep—as below.

Esther Roberts (FN) is doing quite well in her lovely Claremont, CA, home, relaxing with her fine flower and vegetable gardens. "Am looking forward to Xmas in Germany with Frankie Jr. (LT '74) and Denise and the wonderful thrill of seeing my first grandchild, expected in Nov."

For its annual reunion 23-25 Jun in Colo Spgs, the 738th FA Bn (8" How.) sent out a Flash, "COL Bartlett is coming and will make principal address." Bill did it also in 71 when he composed a special poem (a la "and the caissons go rolling along") about how the 738th boomed its authority as part of his 183d FA Gp supporting Patton's 3A all across Europe to Prague. Early May, Bill and Ruth lunched with Herb Reuter at Ft Ord. Bill also spoke of golfing with Pete Howard and bro-in-law BG Charles H. White ('34) on the Ft Ord course with its spectacular views of Monterey Bay from almost every tee. And Ruth heard from Frances Schick that her son John ('55) was being trfd to Turkey from PMS of nearby Claremont Colleges.

In asking for news for the ASSEMBLY, the Planks had a most gracious and interesting reply from Pacita Martelino, inviting them and the Kreuters to visit her. ("We can never repay nor forget the Kreuters' kindness, thoughtfulness, concern and help

to me and my children in all these years after WWII. I live alone here in Capiz where my children come for short visits. . .") Dau Lucille, with 11 children, a '50 grad of U. MI Med Sch, teaches at the Med Sch of U. of the East in Manila. Dau Alita, with 7 children, also in Manila, is fully involved with school activities of the LaSalle brothers Ext Crses. Dau Edita, with 8 children, is as active in Mindanao where husband is Exec with the Del Monte Packing Corp. Older son Eduardo, with 4 children, is in the PI Army. And younger son, Pastor Jr., with 2 children, teaches art at Franconia Col in NH. "I have 32 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson and am more active than 10 yrs ago." Thank you, Pacita, for telling us. How proud your Pastor, and ours, would be of you!

Hal Miller writes, "I'm a little limited . . . but Mary Lou and I are in good health and plan another world cruise . . . same ship as last year, the Holland America "Rotterdam," but westbound via Suez, with visit to Peking along the way. Last fall we went on the Prinsendam from Vancouver, via Alaskan ports, down the western Pacific and a dozen Indonesian ports, and flew home via Hong Kong. . ."

From Carl Engelhart, "Still plugging away on my Corregidor and POW recollections. . . End not yet in sight. . . Was consistent in our mixed 76-77 bowling league just ended, but Margo posted a 3-game score of 649 pins the very first day, and 23 other women failed to beat her for the trophy in the next 31 wks. . . She's now taking bowling lessons and hopes to improve!!" Farm her out on the Pro Circuit, Carl!

Herb Reuter recalls there was a frenzied search for gold in CA back in 1849. Now, in 1977, there's a frenzied search for water. Especially acute in Monterey Peninsula. "Life is grim and smelly with a ration of 50 gal/day/person. Bill Bartlett and Pete Howard fare much better than I. Bill chose to ret. in Rio del Mar, a small 20-family community, each with its own well; and Pete, a Dir in Hacienda Carmel Condominium, was the moving spirit to have a well drilled on the property and now its 200 residents have plenty. . . Purchasing my own well-drilling outfit, I struck 2 dry holes and still carry buckets for every use. . . 22 years of landscaping rapidly drying up. . . Plan to go north to my Port Townsend, WA, tree farm . . . until the rains come to Monterey—in Nov(?)."

Ruby Adamson was elated by the family reunion on her 80th birthday 11 Jan at the Vallejo, CA, home of dau Mary Eleanor, husband Dr. J.C. Miller and their 2 daus and 2 sons (from U. CA Santa Barbara). Son Godfrey Jr. (COL, MD, USAF), wife Jane and 2 of their children drove up from Colo Spgs. And niece and sister-in-law, Marilyn and Helen Dickason, flew in from Kokomo, IN. At noon they burst out from every nook and cranny of the house, shouting, "Surprise! Surprise!" Flowers and gifts came from many friends knowing the well-kept secret. Ruby vowed she'll make 90 for a repeat of such joy.

Bob Watt went thru 2 major operations a week apart in Apr—removal of malignant spot on right lung and benign tumor in left shoulder. Recovery was to take 6 mos to a year, but already (20 Jun) Bob feels about back to normal, mowing the lawn. . . Good for you, Bob, and your 80 yrs. He says Winnie is fine. They have a granddau married last yr and another just finished HS.

Clarence Clendenen writes, "Going home from last visit with doctor, I had the first

real accident in over 60 yrs of driving. Nobody hurt but car smashed. . . I sold the wreck and didn't renew driver's license. . . Still weak from 3 bouts of pneumonia last yr. Otherwise, feel fine but not ready to take on Mohammed Ali. . . Am working on a rewrite of Howard Canan's (Nov '18) book on the Civil War in MO. . . mostly guerrilla, one of the bloodiest and most brutal of the whole war. . ."

The Morses are happy in their 2d yr in the Park Lane Apts in Monterey, CA, a "Retirement Home." The location and climate are perfect. . . The rent covers all except telephone and med care. Ft Ord with its new hosp and several Navy installations nearby. . . and Monterey has good doctors, facilities, shops. . . Would recommend to anyone tired of housekeeping, yard work, property taxes, etc., to sell out and consider this place or similar."

Alex Sand writes, "Recently celebrated 80th birthday. Feel great. Look 'sweet 55,' say friends and doctors. . . Walk 2 miles daily for lunch with Valerie who works for Bank of America (San Fran). . . Another pleasant event—my 3 children come to dinner every Sun, all live only blocks away."

The Kreuters had a glorious 6 wks in HI, 1 mo. enjoying a luxury apt on beach at Diamond Head, and the rest at Hale Koa. Lunched twice with the Goffs during their wk there. Son Bob Jr. and his wife joined them for a wk. Together they hydrofoiled to island of Molokai and toured it from end to end. . . Returning home to Santa Monica for a few days, they were off again for Betty's Wellesley '26 mini-reunion at cottage on Kennebunk Beach, Castle Park, MI. On the way they stopped with dau Nancy's family in Palo Alto, CA. Aug. 2d they fly for 12 days in Iceland; 5 days on mail boat along Norway from Bergen to North Cape; then via ferry, bus and train to Helsinki for a few days. . . a wk each in Munich and London and home again mid-Sept.

Late news just in from the Ivins: "Enjoyed wk in Dubrovnik, 3 wks in Sorrento and wk touring northern Italy. Liked Yugoslavia no end. . . old republics of Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina, now modern and very ancient at same time, pleasant and not jammed with tourists. . . Italy always crowded up to its ears in tourists. . . busloads of Germans, Scandinavians, Japanese, even Belgians. . . In huge St. Peters could scarcely move around. Italians all cheerful, gregarious, love lots of noise, especially by motorcycle. . . Back home 4 days, then to Boston for 60th reunion at Phillips Andover Acad. Felt quite senior until I ran into more patriarchal gent of Class of 1896. . . 4 days rest at home, then drove to mt summer home in coolness of Highlands, NC.

# '21-'22

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'55th

It was the best we ever had. Here is a list of those who attended: Granger & Lucile Anderson, Jordan & Josephine Bassett, Nelle Sue Branham, Eddie Clark, Harold & Margarita Conway, Orval & Minna Cook, Marcia Greene, Harry & Hazel Haas, Freddie Hein, Ollie Hughes, Johnny & Edna Johnson, Al & Renny Kastner, Art & Ginny Klein, Bill & Marge Lawton, Myron & Daisy Leedy, Mark & Evelyn McClure, Ham & Katherine Meyer, Rosalie Mulvihill, Bob Murphy, Gus & Elsie Nelson, George & Carol



'21-'22: 55th Cmte Chmn, Art Klein, and Ginny.

Olmsted, Rummy & Louise Rumaggi, Cort Schuyler, Dot Spalding, Harry & Maxine Stout, Pat & Mary Strong, Sully Sullivan, Max & Diddy Taylor, and Numa & Mildred Watson. We received regrets from: Cary, Crary, Dean, Lynch, Marcus, Marsh, Miller, O'Connell, Reed, Price, Spry, Stewart, Bob Taylor, Wilson and Yale. They all sent their best regards and were sorry that they could not attend for reasons of health, previous engagements, business, etc. We received no replies from Beal, Bodine, Dobbs, Gibson, McLallen, Pirkey, Willhide and Woodbury. Here is hoping they do not have broken arms.

Festivities started with a buffet dinner on the evening of 1 Jun at the Hotel Thayer. The following morning memorial services were held at the Cadet Chapel to honor the memory of our departed classmates. That evening a cocktail party was held at the beautiful home of Jordan & Josephine Bassett in Highland Falls overlooking the Hudson River. We then proceeded to the Cadet Mess for the Supe's Reception and Alumni Dinner Dance. Fri, 3 Jun, alumni exercises were held at the Thayer monument. Then came the cadet parade. The exercises and parade are always most impressive even if we did not like them as cadets. This grand and glorious get-together ended with a steak cook-out and picnic at Round Pond. I might add that during and after the above listed activities we gathered in our "BS" room to toss off a few, shoot-the-breeze and catch up on what everyone had been doing during the past 5 years. Like all reunions it was most enjoyable but too short.

I received several letters thanking the cmte for a job well done. Both Rumaggi and Watson expressed the hope that they would be around for the 60th. Me too.



'21-'22: (L-R): Hein, Rosalie Mulvihill, Murphy, Nelle Sue Branham and Schuyler.

A lot of pictures were taken at the Reunion both by your scribe and the professional photographer. I expect to include some of them in these notes from time to time so that you will know what some of your classmates and their wives look like.

Ole-man-of-the-sea Bob Murphy decided that a nice leisurely sail up the Hudson River would be very relaxing. So he boarded the Hudson River Dayline boat in NY. There were "umpteen" children aboard racing all over the boat which didn't exactly make toward a relaxing voyage. Better luck next time Bob.

After the reunion Sully Sullivan boarded a freighter in NY for a trip to S. Africa. He expected to be at sea for 18 days then spend a month touring and sightseeing around S. Africa. His return to the States would take another 18 days. I hope Sully will give us an account of his trip for publication in the next issue of this magazine.

It is with deep regret to report that Len Leonard passed away on 5 May. Len had been in and out of the hospital a few times since he had a heart attack in 74. He died very suddenly at his home in Williamsburg. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg, VA. Len is survived by his wife



'21-'22: Lucile Anderson blowing out "80" candles on birthday cake.

Marion and son Douglas. In a letter Marion expressed her thanks for the flowers the Class sent for the funeral. On behalf of the Class I extend to Marion and her family our sincere heartfelt sympathy.

To those who expressed their sympathy at the loss of their husbands, Lil Chidlaw and Hebe Ficklen wish to thank them for their kindnesses.

The Ellsworths ran into some tough luck. Just before they were about to leave FL, Len fell and cracked the bone near his eye and broke his wrist. He was hospitalized for a few days. Then upon returning home to Hampton, VA, they found that the furnace had misfired and everything in the house was covered with soot. All of which prevented them from attending the 55th. So sorry. We missed them.

Max Taylor was appointed Hon Chmn of the Pershing Memorial Museum Devl Fund. The Museum will be built in GEN Pershing's hometown of LaCledde, MO, which is about 35 miles from Max's hometown of Keytesville.

The "Wing-Ding" to celebrate Lucile Anderson's 80th birthday started on 19 Apr with a day-at-the-races at Hialeah. This followed the next day with a cocktail party and dinner at the Deerfield CC. Lucile's niece, her husband, their daughter and her husband

came down from WI for the occasion. Also attending were: Frank & Clare Crary, Beverly (Kane) Ellsworth, Harry & Hazel Haas, Johnny & Edna Johnson, Jim & Helen O'Connell and Dot Spalding and her daughter, Kadina. It was a most enjoyable "Wing-Ding" and here is wishing Lucile many more birthdays.

The DC monthly luncheons in Apr and May were well attended according to Mark McClure. Here are a few excerpts from his letter: "The Stouts... had us to lunch at the Sulgrave Club. They both look fine... Saw Helen McGrath for the first time in many a day at the Army-Navy Club at Easter. She looks fine... George Olmsted had his picture in the morning paper and complained a little because they did not spell his name correctly."

Last Mar Johnny & Edna Johnson with another couple flew to San Domingo for a few days of golf. The hotel accommodations were so poorly arranged and expensive that they stayed only 2 days and left. Not only prices were exorbitant but everyone was looking for a hand-out. The golf course was very good but that was about all Johnny could say about it. He probably would not recommend that anyone go to Santo Domingo.

Bob Taylor had a cataract removed from his right eye and had an intraocular lens implanted. He wrote that the results have been excellent. All of which prevented him and Janet from attending the 55th. Janet has been involved in selling real estate in Austin and doing very nicely. She has a \$175,000 house for sale—any buyers?

Hank Reed wrote that Jackie has not been well, that he has a fair size cattle ranch at Midlothian, VA, and that he had a sporty hunting season last fall bagging several ducks, quail and pheasants. He was sorry to have missed the 55th. He stated too that his weight is down to his polo playing days, 160 lbs. How many of us can boast of that?

Some time ago Morris Marcus, due to arthritis, had one of his hips replaced and now the other one has gotten so bad that he can hardly walk. He must use a cane. Under the circumstances he just could not make the 55th.

Jim Spry was recently operated on for a double hernia. Let's hope he is once again back to normal.

A European trip, including Denmark, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish ports then on to Athens and Rome, prevented Slator & Alexa Miller from attending the 55th. Perhaps he will tell us about the journey.

Clarence Dean was presented a gift by the March AF Exch Mgr honoring him for being the longest Mil Retiree in the area (Riverside, CA).

I would like to have a biographical sketch of each member of the Class covering such items as date of marriage and to whom, children and what they are and have been doing, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And



any other items that may be of interest, such as civil life activities, clubs and hobbies. (Military records are listed in the Cullum Register and the Register of Graduates.) I'd like to run a couple in each edition of this magazine. I need news about "youse guys."

# '23

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1923: The Weikerts and Pierces at Ft McNair.

At our Apr luncheon we again discussed the situation on the correction of the military records of Frank Dodd and agreed that unhappily it was a Pyrrhic victory. We noted that GEN Watlington was keeping track of the interests of Frank's daughters in this matter. O'Reilly audited the Class Fund. On the basis of his report we complimented Adams on his excellent service as treas.

At our 17 May luncheon we decided on 21 Sept for our next luncheon and on 16 Nov for a coed luncheon, both at Ft Myer. The election of officers for next year brought in Damon Gunn—Chmn, Timberman—Vice-Chmn, Adams—Treas and Guevara—Secy. Kehm continues as Scribe. We gave Joe Smith enthusiastic thanks for his service during the last 2 yrs.

Here are reports on Founders Day that came in too late for the last deadline:

From Grombach we learn that the NY event was highlighted by a superb Hellcats performance that made the blood thicken and the rafters ring, and that the oldest graduate, Grombach, and the youngest, Barnabel '71, competed for shortest speech. Grombach won by seconds. His speech was so short that the photographer couldn't get a picture while he was talking.

Rosenberg reporting on the San Diego celebration said it featured the Supe as speaker and Deke Stone leading the singing of "Army Blue" and "Alma Mater." The oldest grad Worsham '16 needled the Supe on the honor situation and the poor football game. The '23 reps included the Deke Stones, Dave Stone, the Dunnes with an AF Cadet as guest, the Robinsons and the Rosenbergs.

#### SAD NEWS

The Class lost A.D. Raymond on 26 May. Most of us will recall the long period of his incapacity thru which Clara gave him such continuous tender and capable help. Our last report is that they had 8 children (4 in the service) and many grandchildren, three in service academies. He was buried at WP on 31 May. On 27 May we lost Tom Maddocks. He was one of our first class officers and remained active in class affairs. He was buried at WP on 27 Jun. Ed & Connie Greiner died in a fire in their home in Daytona Beach 17 Apr. We have no information on relatives. We also lost Marion Harmony on 19 Apr, Esther Fowler on 5 May and Charlotte Gurley on 31 May. We share sadness of Jazz, Dave and Frank at the loss of these fine ladies of the '23 Class.

NOTE: Mark Pesek notes that in the group picture in our column in the Mar ASSEMBLY the lady identified as Mrs. Moody is really Mrs. Dorothy See, widow of LTC Henry See.

#### GRADUATION

So far we have information that we had 2 grandsons in the Class of '77, Lew Morton's and Dave Dunne's (Wear), and one son, Andrew Gjelsteen. Einar gave us this informative and impressive story of the event. "We were at West Point for Andy's graduation. The Supt's Reception for the graduating class and

their families was held in Eisenhower Hall, due to rain. We met most of Andy's co. and their families, the tac officer and his wife, and their regimental cmdr and his wife. A feature we did not have in our day was the graduation banquet for the graduates, families, and friends held in Washington Hall the night before Graduation and followed by Graduation Hop in Eisenhower Hall. Andy, Mary (our daughter) and some other cadets and girls went to the Hop after dropping Genevieve and me at the Thayer. Graduation day started out with the "Administration of Oath" ceremony. If a cadet had present a blood relative authorized to administer the oath of office he could do so. I administered the oath to Andy. Graduation exercises had been held in Michie Stadium for many years. This year it was changed to the Plain and was most impressive to us in the bleachers. After the graduation there was time for a short visit with LT Gjelsteen before we left for Kennedy Airport. The LT has a car and will be driving home leisurely."

#### SPECIAL!

Hertford won 2 Class titles in one day when he became our latest benedict and the first (at least on record) to elope. Here is what he said: "Your card arrived when I was in the hospital (medical) getting my 2d cataract removed under a local anesthetic. I saw the knives, pliers, scrapers and pincers and even made suggestions about the light—but no pain. 24 hrs later I left the hospital without a patch but thick lens cataract glasses which I already had. Now as you may know, Betty (that's the name she goes by altho she was christened Matilda) and I eloped 20 Nov 76 to Reno via Denver—found an empathetic taxi driver who knew the ropes—was my best man—and we got married in a small chapel (they are on every corner near the courthouse) in a simple ceremony which was tape recorded with background music. She is a lovely lady with 4 grown children and 2 grandchildren. We like to go dancing. I have taught her my 1921-22 fancy steps—and utterly confused her when I try to imitate some of the new stuff. Really one doesn't elope at age 76 (mine) without one's parents' consent, does one? I forgot to mention that I have a granddaughter who arrived on income tax day—my only daughter's child, named Jenifer. My only daughter, Anita, was married a year ago.

#### NOTES FROM REPS

Pink Palmer sent in Gjelsteen's report on graduation which also included the news that Ruth Ann Gjelsteen had been awarded a PhD in French at Davis, CA.

George Heaney Jr. says the Al Johnsons were in San Ant for Fiesta Week and had festive times with the Timberlakes, the Lawrences, Miriam White, Punky Jamison and

Berb Schlatter. They are due for a month's business and fishing trip to Canada beginning the end of Jun. Caswell reports he goes thru airport detective devices despite 4 inches of steel in each hip without touching off the alarms though the steel does cramp his activities. Gladys Foster had a hiatal hernia which prevented her from attending an SAR State Assembly in Palm Beach in Apr. Roy is pres of the Deland Chapter. They have cancelled attendance at the National Congress in Jul. Marion Dewcy is recovering well from a recent operation. Weikert reports, "Mary and I were at WP for Alumni Exercises this year. We were the only members of our Class there. On our way south we stopped in DC and stayed with Jody & Waggie Towle and attended the Kehms' cocktail-buffet. That gave us a chance to see many of the DC contingent. Dan & Betty Chandler are spending a month at Pompano Beach, FL. They plan to come to our house on 6 Jul." The Heaneys say they are enjoying the triumphs of the grandchildren in high school and college, even though none of them in eligible age seem interested in matrimony. Blomme is piping the 55th even though lack of full dress, and skirts, in Graduation Parade shocked him this year.

P Roy Dwyer tells us he had Mary write to classmates in his area for data for ASSEMBLY. Here is what she gathered: Dot & Don Tredennick were at WP for graduation of 3 cadets he recruited for USMA in 72. All went Inf. He also presented the '23 Swimming Award to Cadet Ted S. Kanamine. Ted was swimming team Co-Captain. In the past 2 years he won the Eastern Seaboard Swimming events, and was on 3 relay teams. His father is BG Kanamine, USAR-EUR PM. Tred also met BG Morton, Ret., son of our Lew Morton and Lew's widow Martha present to attend the graduation of Lew's grandson. The Tredennicks went to Ft Sill to visit their son Bill '65 and family. They will return home via Cincinnati to attend the wedding of the daughter of COL & Mrs. Harold W. Horne '46, USA Ret. During May the Tredennicks entertained 3 appointees for USMA who enter in Jul and their parents and one young man who will enlist for WP Prep Sch and his parents. In addition to recruiting for the Academy, Tred is also VP of the Valley Forge Chapter of TROA. Frank & M.E. Wilder stay reasonably well. Frank has again taken up his interest in encouraging action to counter activities detrimental to our country. Helen & Jimmie Carroll took a trip in Mar to get away from the PA cold but were greeted by more cold



1923: L-R: Rolfe Aug '17, Mary Pierce, Kehm, Nan Rolfe, Pierce, Dorothy Kehm at Ft McNair.

in FL. They found both St. Augustine, FL and Williamsburg, VA at Easter time crowded but most interesting. They returned home in time for Jimmie and Tred to attend Founders Day dinner at Carlisle. Howard Serig says he rarely has contact with classmates and hearing problems restrict his activities. He recalled that in June Week 1920, we thrilled to "There are no more days till Jun, Sir!" He is wondering if it now winds up "Sir and/or Madam." Roy Dwyer is recovering well from his cataract operation. Mary does not drive and since it is quite difficult to get mil med service, especially eye care, in the area, the operation was performed in a civ hosp. Just another step in the "breach-of-contract syndrome" started in the 50's by the immoral throwing out of Recomputation, and attacking the PX's and commissaries, etc. over the past 25 yrs. Their grandson, Steve, USMA '80 was home for leave after a successful plebe year. He and Roy attended the annual picnic of the WP Soc of Phila for prospective cadets from Delaware Valley area who will enter USMA in Jul. Roy is looking forward to seeing football games clearly again and doing lots of other things he and Mary have had to forego recently.

Cecil Nist asks: "Did we not have a guy in the Class by the name of Nist? I cannot find it. That note at the top of the roster sort of puts you on the spot with all complaints to Kehm. I suspect that when the typist got to my name that is where she or he took a coffee break. Dorothy & Battle Horton are the only ones we see regularly. Sallie O'Shea occasionally. Right now Dorothy and Battle are in England visiting Wincy and her family. The betting here is that Dorothy will get to see the Queen before returning. So far 1977 has been a rough year for us. In Feb Ellen got into trouble with gangrene in her left foot. It was a consequence of Raynaud's Disease or Raynaud's Phenomenon as the doctor calls it. The latter part of Apr the doctor sent her to the emergency room with what looked like a heart attack. It turned out to be some strange form of pneumonia, one of the collagens the doc thinks which attacked the heart. Ellen made it by the skin of her teeth. There was significant heart damage. After 26 days in the hospital and a little over 3 weeks at home Ellen is able to get around on a limited basis. There is hope that her condition will improve with time but our life style from now on will be radically different."

Frenchy Grombach reports: "While I am covering the most populated area of our reps, it is the most thinly populated by the Class—only 8—Barroll, Carden, Crawford, Grombach, McInerney, Sass, Serig and Wilder. I have talked to Barroll, been in touch with McInerney and have seen Sass a couple of times and seldom get noteworthy news. Frankly, as a semi-ret. business consultant, stock and bond speculator, historian of the NY Chapter of the Olympians, and as an author of a couple of books and going to my NYC office twice a week makes me feel like the rubber-nosed woodpecker in the petrified forest... and I don't like worms. As far as reporting on myself, I always feel like it is like blowing your own horn. The '1976 Olympic Guide' paperback edition was a big disappointment because of too many Olympic books in 76, although the special U.S.O.C. hardback edition sold over 40,000 copies. My latest boxing book, 'The Saga of the Fist' (the 9,000 year history of boxing) will be out 5 Jul 77 and I want my classmates to know that the unbelievable rise in

the cost of books has set its price at \$19.95 although it does have over 150 pictures. It is an updated and greatly improved version of an earlier book of mine published in 49 which Joe Williams labeled as 'The world's heavyweight champion of all books on boxing.' I sent the WP Library a copy. A book that has taken me over 30 yrs to write is scheduled for publication in about 6 months. He was a doctor, spy, mayor of an old French town. I hope to have more time for 2 other books and plan a 1980 Olympic Guide. I plan to attend the 55th Reunion if I'm still punching by then."

Phil Enslow had a visit from the Bruce Kings in Apr while they were in the area for a granddaughter's wedding. While visiting their son and family in Atlanta the Enslows were taken to the Peach Tree Hotel, tallest in the world. Phil's calls to WAD Thomas and Burnet revealed that both are doing well and send good wishes. Bunny alternates residence at College Park and near his daughter in FL.

Trooper Price sent in replies to 2 of my letters. Here are some things he said: "I have just mailed to my agent (a new one) 415 pages of 'Friends of Yesteryear: Fictioneers & Others.' This is a non-fiction book-to-be, a series of sketches of fellow writers, good friends I've outlived. The agent considers it as quite saleable. USMA Library has a copy of 'Far Lands, Other Days' (autographed 'For the Corps'—and several big name universities in the East are alleged to have copies but not autographed.) I am resuming 'Trooper of the 15th Horse' which appears to be less saleable than 'Friends.' Also hope to catch up classmate obituaries. The Garcias absolutely silent when I asked for a few bits about Smokey's early service years. Wrote son in L.A. and no answer. I am dead ended trying to find Wandah Bates, Russell Bates' widow. I do plan to make the 55th my farewell safari this time, I really mean, final coast to coast 12,000 mile circuit."

Lyle Rosenberg: In addition to his notes on Founders Day, Lyle reported that he and Louise attended the 50th wedding anniv of the Dave Dunnes given by their daughters, Gail Macca and Joan Weart.

George Stewart was in DC early in May. He brought greetings from Stu Cowles and reported that his eldest son, G.C. Jr., has an auto agency in Fayetteville, NC, a 2d is a priest teaching in Gonzaga Prep, and another, Michael, is a lawyer in the Dept of Agriculture.

The Kehms had a party at Ft McNair for some 42 civ and mil friends in honor of Mary & Ray Pierce, Ann and Onslow Rolfe Aug '17 (who had been to AK with us) and P.D. & Mary Weikert just back from WP. The group included the Pierces' son, Richard, USMA '56, and his wife, and my Richard.

The Wendell Johnsons got to Portugal after 2 cancellations. Their 3-week trip began in Apr. After a few days in Lisbon they travelled by car to several places that were so delightful and at such reasonable prices that they hope to return. Jan White joined them during a visit from the Pierces. She keeps up volunteer work with the UGF and a hospital and divides her time between Gardiner and Augusta, ME.

The Guevara's 3 mos in the Far East started with an air trip to Manila via Anchorage and Tokyo. They visited Baquio, Bontoc and Banave and later had a boat trip to Zamboanga and Davao in southern Mindanao. Then they spent 7 days in Hong Kong and from there went to Seoul and Honolulu where

they met the Hayseldens and stayed at the Hale Koa Army Hotel. After going to L.A. to visit Carmen's sister they went to Los Gatos to stay with their son, Dr. S.F. Guevara Jr.; from there they returned home.

From Breidster: In letters to us Fritz told of snow in his area 4 Apr just after a visit from their Cincinnati children and of a good fishing trip to WI with his 2 sons though some aspects of the weather left something to be desired. He expresses the hope that we will all work for a good attendance at Reunion and the caution that the planning will need to curtail the required walking.

#### 55th REUNION

The Reunion Cmte found that a majority of the 75 replies to Bulletin 1 received by 24 Jun favored the program outlined in that bulletin, and that 22 desired bus transportation from DC, and only 7 from the NY area. Subject to changes necessitated by the USMA June Week Program, the cmte will plan for the following: a cocktail party on the opening day (May 31), a class dinner, a boat trip or sight seeing trip at WP to include a visit to barracks, etc., a commemoration of departed classmates, a discussion of the honor system and a picnic. We estimate that a round trip bus from Washington will cost about \$30.00 per person based on the number now interested. It appears now that the cost of including a pickup in NY would be impractical. After the cmte gets official news on the Graduation Week Program, they will inform you on reservations for the Thayer and the registration fee and other costs and ask you for a firm intention on attending.

Adams estimates the Class Fund will stand at \$2539 as of 30 Jun. That is a drop of \$132.00 from June 76 and puts our value at about \$17.00 per member, and that, as he points out, is better than the U.S. is doing!

#### ADDRESSES

You have probably discovered that the May 77 address list included Cunkle and Curry on page 2 in error and omitted Nist and P.H. Raymond. Maddocks and A.D. Raymond (page 40) died while the list was in preparation. We have no information on errors in the widows' list. Allowing for the changes noted above, our records as of 27 Jun shows 86 widows and 151 Classmates. Among the latter are 20 ex-cadets, 12-1922 graduates and 119-1923 graduates.

#### CHANGES

Delete Cunkle and Curry and delete Maddocks and A.D. Raymond from the Class list and add their widows to the widows' list. Also add after Nickell: Nist, COL Cecil W. (Ellen), T16-59th St., NW, Bradenton, FL 33505; after Price: Raymond, 1LT Philip H. (Viola), 1738 SE 40th St., Cape Coral, FL 33904. Change to: Dulaney, MG Robert L. (Polly), 3 Blue Ridge Lane, Farmington, Charlottesville, VA 22901; Stewart, George C., MG (Louise), C-6, Crowfield, Asheville, NC 28802.

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The Bay Area section of the West Coast Thundering Herd met for luncheon in Saratoga on 11 Mar. This was staged primarily to promote interest in the meeting of the Monterey group which occurs regularly on the 2d Fri of each month. Also it created

an opportunity for those in the Bay Area who cannot make the semi-annual meeting scheduled on 15 Apr in Santa Barbara to swap greetings. In attendance were: Tom & Gwen Malin, Bette Stephens, George & Kay Vaughn, Cam & Elizabeth DuVal, Ray & Mae Coombs, Jule Justice, Ruth Robins, Cary & Martha King, Pat Stebbins, Carol Lloyd, and Reeve & Jean Keiler. The Moores, Kietlys, Frenches and Bragans couldn't make it for various reasons. The group indicated a desire to lunch together again in Aug, probably in Palo Alto.

The entire West Coast Chapter held its meeting, mentioned above, at Santa Barbara on 15 Apr under the direction of Tom Malin, pres, and Sam Fisher. Present were 17 couples and one widow, namely: the Malins, Goodmans, Wells, Fishers, Kietlys, Coombs, Gillettes, Frenches with 2 guests—granddaughter and husband, Van Wyks, Carpenters, Kings, Regniers, Bragans, Raymonds, Vaughns, Strothers and Carol Lloyd. Sam Fisher was elected pres for the coming year. Ray Coombs will continue as secy. Tom Malin had designated Sandy Goodman as emcee. Sandy had threatened to give a serious speech on "detente" and "drought" and he managed to cover these subjects briefly in his inimitable manner. He then passed on to an hour or so of humorous anecdotes covering his service from cadet days to ret. Others were called on for brief remarks. The high point of these was Walter French's noting that in cleaning out some old files recently, he discovered a certificate from Grantland Rice placing Walter as a Charter Member of the Football Hall of Fame. After Coombs noted that the chapter fund was practically depleted, Malin asked for contributions and Raymond passed the hat. When it turned out that the amount collected was considerably more than asked for, it was discovered that Gus Regnier had contributed a substantial sum because he felt so good to be able to attend after having his activities restricted so long by his heart specialist. The party adjourned on a note of anticipation of the 55th Class Reunion in 79.

The WP Society of DC held its spring luncheon at Ft Myer on 3 May. In attendance from the Class were Beurket, Eddleman, Glasgow, Hincke, Palmer, Van Way and Vogel. The main speaker was GEN R.G. Stilwell who had formerly commanded in S. Korea and gave a most excellent talk on the strategic importance of that area. He painted a rather grim picture of the probable effect on the strategic position of the U.S. in the Western Pacific and the resulting imbalance of power in that area if the U.S. should abandon its mil support of our S. Korean ally.

Harry Davis has advised us that his widowed daughter, Betty Shaw, is now an Engl



1924: Woltersdorf, oldest grad and Becky, RSA, Founders Day.

prof at the AF Acad in Salinas, Ecuador. Harry says that since he was an avn cadet in WWI, he is more than pleased that his daughter is now affiliated with the honorable profession of mil air service.

Jean & Charlie Palmer, their son Chuck and a college roommate spent the Xmas vacation period in Honolulu. They claim the beaches and flesh pots of that city make a fine background for the holiday season. They managed to get together several times with Ann & Eddie Hart and Lo & Herb Vogel who were also in Honolulu for the holidays. Later, Jean and Charlie, along with a group of friends, went to Sea Is, CA, for 8 days in mid Apr. The weather was so great for outdoor activities, and the evenings so well filled with social affairs, that they came home exhausted.

Susie Smythe, who has been a Docent of the Museum of the DAR at its Natl Hqs in DC, has been presented with the Docent of the Year Award. The award was based on outstanding service and dedication during the past year as exemplified by 145 hrs of volunteer work. Presentation was made by the Curator General during the Continental Congress of the DAR in Apr.

George Finnegan is phasing down but not out of his law practice. When he took over leadership of the firm in 39 it had 2 lawyers—now there are 35. Last year George's firm won some important patent litigation for Mobil Oil Corp, sustaining the patents on their oil cracking catalysts and earning royalties of some \$100,000,000. Mobil threw a celebrative dinner at the Hotel Pierre in honor of the occasion. George has also been elected a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers—an elite group.

Last Oct Kitty and George celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at a party attended by some 100 guests at the Rockaway River CC. On 3d Jun, their son Marc, USMA '49, was awarded the gold medal of the Licensing Exec Soc for his leadership in setting up chapters throughout the world. Marc has his own firm in DC with some 25 lawyers.

In addition to the 3 children of Dorethe Parmly, the family now includes 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Dorethe reports that she spent June Week at WP, attending the graduation of grandson, Cadet J. Michael Bradbury, who was commissioned in the Engrs. Twenty-one members of his family were there for the ceremonies. Another grandson, Michael Eleazar Parmly, has completed 2 years of post grad study at Tufts U. and is entering the Foreign Service. Dorethe was ill last year and is moving to CA where she expects to find an apartment in San Fran. She also says that someone placed a piano in the Class of '24 Room at WP.

The remains of George Dunbar Pence who died in FL in Feb were buried in Arlington on 20 May with full mil honors. A large gathering of friends and relatives, including several classmates, were in attendance.

Clark Norace Bailey died at his home in PA on 30 May and was buried at Arlington. Clark had not been well for several months. The Class made a contribution to the WP Fund in his memory.

Haydon Lemaire Boatner died in San Ant on 29 May. He also was buried in Arlington on 3 Jun with full mil honors. Death was the result of a heart attack. Many classmates from the DC area were among the friends and relatives attending the funeral. The Class provided flowers.



1925: Steer, Oldest Grad, Founders Day, HI.

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As Charlie has told you in a recent letter, Ben Fowlkes will serve henceforth as our Class Scribe, repacing Daddy Dunn who all through his long illness has continued to be our catalytic agent. For this report, however, Hopkins is pinchhitting to give Ben a chance to get organized. Hoppie says:

I paid a visit to Daddy & Gladys Dunn recently, and was glad to find Daddy much improved. You know, he not only wrote our Class Notes, published and mailed a Class newsletter and carried on the voluminous correspondence which those jobs entailed, but he has also been involved in many other activities supportive of the WP Society of DC, of the AOG, of recomputation and of the Army in general. And you should know also, that especially in recent years, he has been enormously aided by Gladys and by their daughter Carol. We are grateful to them all.

There was an old, old gent on TV the other day who when asked how he felt replied that he didn't feel like an old man, but like a young man with some old-man ailments. I guess that's how we all feel; so I won't say much about our ailments except to note that we have all, perforce, become mighty virtuous these days!

The dues due notice which had been slipped in with Charlie's letter brought a lot of checks and even some news, including a nice letter from Bee (Holland) Helmick. They live in HI, but the letter came from Arlington where they were spending a few days with George's brother, MG Gardiner Helmick. Bee had talked to Gladys & Daddy Dunn and learned that a report on their stateside trip would be welcome. They had come to the mainland for the wedding of Bee's daughter Ruth's daughter Ginny to Bob Dawski in Mystic, CT. Big family reunion for the great event: son John Holland with his family, from Detroit; son James Holland and his family, from Catskill, NY. After the wedding they spent some time with Bee's brother and then with George's brother. Bee has loved HI ever since being stationed there from 31 to 35; and she was uncomfortably chilly in CT. By now, they should be happily home, and warm.

From CA we learn that Russ Randall was fighting mad when he read in a Singapore newspaper (he gets around, that lad!) that

Mrs. Shirley Temple Black had said it was "time to sever the old connection with Taiwan and establish a new link with mainland China." Russ wrote to Mrs. Black offering a sharply worded contrary opinion.

Also from CA, **Buck Wiley** reports some major operations, one in a private hospital where among the things successfully removed by the surgeons were the entire contents of his wallet. Physically, Buck is recovering nicely; but his financial recuperation is much slower. He hears from a civ friend of many years, a former football coach, that Army is developing an exceptionally fine team this year. Hope springs eternal in the old grad's breast!

**Bill Nutter**, writing from El Paso, says that he and **Peg** live in the same apartment house as **Elinor Evans**, **Betty Westphalinger** and **Ole Neprud**; and **Gosco Gose** lives not far away. They all, Bill says with philosophical regret, are obliged to visit nearby **Beaumont Hospital** more often than they would like. But he continues: "The girls seem to stay healthier than us old crocks, and are on the go most of the time." He and **Peg** have made several trips to **Colo Spgs** to visit **Dolores** who finished her freshman year at **CO Col** in May, and is an ice skating enthusiast. "It is something for septuagenarians to keep up with a teenager, but we are having fun doing it."

While our attention is focused on **CO**, hear this from **Antoinette & Lucien Bolduc**. They were sad to leave **Albuquerque**, but are now happily settled in a fine **Senior Citizens Center** in **Denver**. They've recently had a visit from their daughter **Anne** and her husband, and their eldest daughter, **Mary**. **Mary** has just graduated from **Wellesley** and is going to do a 2-yr tour in **Zaire** with the **Peace Corps**. **Lucien Jr.** (**USMA '50**) got his 2d star last Dec. He has been **DATT** in **Paris**, but was expecting reassignment when **Loosh** wrote.

Back to **TX**. Our **San Ant** agent, **Dave Bradford**, having been hors de combat in **Wilford Hall AF Hosp** ("where they tried to shrink my right leg"), regrets a shortage of local news. Youngest son **Bill** (**USNA '63**) has recently become a member of the **Order of the Daedalians**, a highly respected organization of flyers founded by **U.S. mil pilots** of **WWI**. **Bill** is a **LCdr** in the **Naval Reserve**, and a crew member with **Braniff**, flying out of **NY** on **S. Amer** routes. He had 175 combat missions from the carrier **Bonhomme Richard**.

**Johnny & Genevieve Johnson** joined **Peg** on one of her hospital visits to **Dave**. **Johnny** has high praise for **AF Village** where they live. He keeps in touch with **Jack Horner** and **Jack McCormick**. He and **Genevieve** and the **Bradfords** plan a trip to visit **John Dansby**, recently moved to 746 **Alpine Dr**, **Kerrville, TX**.

From **Sarasota, FL**, come reports from **Red Newman** and **Bill Wood**. **Red** and **Dorothy** have had some nibbles but no firm bite in the sale of their beautiful home on **Longboat Key**. They would like a smaller place, but are in no hurry to sell. **Red** is engaged in the enormous task of gathering into book form the articles, which for 11 years he has been contributing to **ARMY Magazine**. In **Oct** he and **Dorothy** plan to attend the dedication of the **MacArthur Memorial** on the beach at **Leyte** where **MacArthur** made good his famous promise: "I shall return." **Red** was regimental commander on that beach.

**Bill & Liz Wood** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv in **Apr**. Young **Bill** (**Dr. Wm.**

**Wood** of **Easton, MD**) with wife **Jane** and youngest child **Martha** joined in the festivities. Recently, **Liz** has had a very successful cataract operation that entailed replacing the lens with a plastic implant. **Bill's** only complaint is that the grass is losing its battle against the bugs, and the heat has slowed down "our old-man's foursome on the golf course."

Other notes from the **Sarasota** area: **Litt & Charlotte Roberts** flew to **Europe** in **May** to visit son **Paul** (an **Army CPT**). The **West Coast Founders Day** dinner was held in **St. Petersburg**. Among those present were **Florence Cleland**, **Finis Dunaway**, **Clare Jones**, **Bill Kern**, **Link & Dorothy Linkswiler**, **Red & Dorothy Newman**, **Litt & Charlotte Roberts**, **Bill & Liz Wood**. **Mike & Eloine De-Armond**, who live on **Siesta Key**, couldn't make the dinner but usually participate in **West Coast WP** functions.

**Swede Underwood** writes from **Hampton, VA**, that he and **Versa** are enjoying the visit of their daughter **Joyce** and her family. **Swede** says he is grooming the youngest (**Amy**, age 8) to become captain of the **WP** swimming team, to wear stars for 3 yrs while she is a cadet, and eventually to become head of the math dept.

Now hear this all engr. **Bruce Clarke**, signing in from **Palmyra, VA**, says that the **Freedoms Foundation** (of which, if I'm not mistaken, **Bruce** was the principal founder) is planning to celebrate the 200th anniv of the birth of the **Engrs** at **Valley Forge** on 9 **June 1978**. **Bruce** is general planning chmn and he could use some help.

The **DC** contingent gets together for lunch on the first **Thurs** of each month at the **Army-Navy CC**. The **Jun** gathering included **Bailey**, **Barnes**, **Barnett**, **Cole**, **Crandall**, **Dunford**, **Galloway** and **Hopkins**. The ladies meet at the same time, but in a different room, thus giving the men the freedom for some rollicking and oft-repeated tales of hilarious misdeeds of 50 yrs ago. Come and meet with us sometime.

We tried to get **Charlie Saltzman** down from **NY** for the **Jul** lunch. But **Charlie** had a hip joint (no, children, not a night club) that wasn't functioning up to his tennis game. So he had a repair job scheduled. No report on the result as we go to press. But **Charlie's** enormous confidence suggests that he fully expected to leap right off the operating table and on to the tennis court; and we hope that's substantially how things have turned out.

From up in **New England**, **Russ Alspach** (our hon honorary member) ret. in **Amherst, MA**, sends his and **Kitty's** greetings, and recalls, nostalgically, the 25th **Reunion** when he was **Prof of Engl** at **WP** and lived next door to **Mike & Eleanor Esposito**. **Hack Cleaves** and **Carl Dutton**, with typical down East brevity, report simply that all is well up in **ME**.

That's the news from a few spots around the "Sunbelt" and up the **East Coast**. **Ben**



**Fowlkes**, who now takes over, will surely want to broaden the coverage to include the "heartland." So write; and when you have a good recent photo, especially of some gathering of classmates and classmates-in-law, send **Ben** a copy.

# '26

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**Class of '26** newly elected **Class Officers** took office on 1 **Jul**: **Pres, Vald Heiberg**; **VPs, Harry Storke** and **Freddy Munson**; **Secy-Treas, Pick Collins**. Unanimously elected by all members of the **Class** who voted—about ¾ of the **Class**—they have the best wishes of all of us for a most happy and successful 5-yr term in leadership of the great **Class of '26**.

**ASSEMBLY's** editor has asked in a form letter that scribes cut down length of these **Class Notes**, so please do not be offended if items you send in are shortened. Knowing how genuinely interested everyone is in news of classmates and families, I'll do my best to include as many pertinent items as possible, attempting reasonable brevity while trying to avoid the abbreviated style of **Army Regs**. Please do send along full news of your activities and also good snapshot closeups.

With great sadness the death of **Bertha Maude** on 16 **May** is reported. Burial services were at **WP**. **Ray** wrote: "Everything was done in traditionally good taste at **WP** where **Bertha** always wanted to be laid to rest." Heartfelt condolences and sympathy of all of us go out to **Ray**.

Summer travel this year for **Evelyn & Vald Heiberg** is to **Germany** in **Aug** to visit daughter **Dorethe** and husband, **Frank Skidmore '65**, and son **Bill** and wife **Louisa Heiberg '61** and their families, stationed at **Darmstadt** and **Ansbach** respectively. A special objective is to celebrate the birth of the **Heiberg's** 10th grandchild, **Jennifer Lynn Skidmore**, to **Dorethe** last **May**. The **Heibergs** believe this places them in 4th place in the '26 grandchild derby, behind **Liz Plummer** with 14, **Red Corderman** with 13, and **Red Reeder** with 11. Any more recent additions to contend for these top honors?

**Thora Young** wrote her warm appreciation for all the kind letters she received from **Walt's** classmates. Last spring **Thora** visited her younger son in **OH**.

The **Class of '26** has always regarded itself as unique in many respects. Examples: we're the smallest class in the past 55 years; during our 4 cadet years we suffered an unequalled attrition rate. But the **REGISTER OF GRADUATES** accords '26 a distinction surely unparalleled by any other class, its statistics stating that we graduated one more (153) than entered as cadets (152)! That's a pretty neat trick, even for the **Class of '26**. At the beginning of our **Class** listing the **REGISTER** states: "Admitted as cadets, 1 in 1918, 1 in 1919, 2 in 1920, 16 in 1921, 108 on 1 **Jul** 1922 and 24 on various other dates in **Jul** and **Aug** 1922." This adds up to 152. However, there follows 153 names, below which is the statement: "Total graduated 153." My guess is that when **Ham Hawkins**, killed shortly before graduation, was included a few years ago as a listed graduate, that total was properly changed from 152 to 153, but they overlooked making a corresponding change in the number admitted as cadets. (Editor's note: Our chins are in. We are correcting **REGISTER**.)



1926: Jun 77—Reeder, health regained, demonstrates power grip on bat to wife Dort and Kathy Smith.

Marjorie Brady wrote a lovely note thanking the Class for "the beautiful flowers sent for Brookner's memorial mass." Spud Murphy reports that a host of Bay Area friends and relatives were present for the impressive service at the Star of the Sea Church in Sausalito. The Brushers, Kaylors, Nourses and Murphys were there from our Class. Young Brook came in from a fog-bound island off AK (where Marge spent the 4th of Jul holidays with him), a trip with several changes of planes and frequent fog problems. Brookner's ashes were placed in the grave of his parents at the Presidio of San Fran. His father was Class of '98. Marge wrote that Brook and she both felt "so gratified to be able to attend the 50th Reunion... His WP classmates were very dear to his heart." The San Rafael Marin County Independent-Journal recalled that Brookner Brady was a member of the U.S. pentathlon team at the 32 Olympics in L.A., took part in the landing invasions at Casablanca and Sicily, was wounded in the Sicilian campaign, served in Italy as a regt cmdr, later was mil attaché in Bulgaria and then Turkey. The paper mentioned that Marjorie had been a Sausalito city councilman for 4 yrs.

The Murphys report that both are in good health. Art & Aline Kirchhoff dropped in on them while scouting the Santa Cruz area for warehouse space needed for expansion of son Bill's "Spice Couple" Herb Co. which is going great guns.

Bill & Rosie Mills took a month's cruise on an American President Line container ship to Japan and Korea, a nice voyage which took them through the Bering Sea on the way over.

We were shocked to receive a phone call from Hope Pearson that Wyman had passed



1926: Class Grandson, Cadet Conzelman '79, in Riding exhibition.

away on 28 May. He had been receiving treatments at the Navy hospital nearby, and Hope feels that he had received fine care, but was down to 120 lbs. at the time of his death. Olaf was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Jacksonville. Hope plans to remain at her house in Jacksonville. Her son Dick lives close by; Roger is in KY. In behalf of the Class we sent Hope deepest sympathies and best wishes for her own health. She wrote thanking the Class "for the beautiful flowers sent—so many commented on them with their broken circle form. The kind expressions of sympathy were deeply appreciated..." Hope and Wyman had been happily married just 2 wks short of 51 yrs when he died.

Johnny McFarland was in Fairchild AFB Hosp for an operation on 11 Jun. Eight hours later he was up walking about and 3 days later walked 2 miles! There's a man who keeps in shape! Earlier he reported that the McFarlands and Matthiases had gotten together at a convention in Olympia for a couple of days, and managed a nostalgic tour of Ft Lewis. Mac had good news from Ben Thurston that Hazel has recovered completely and is in fine shape. Ben, after an 8-mo layoff, got into a 3-day chess tournament and came



1926: Scherrer '77 receives '26 Heiberg Award from Smith.

out with a plus score in spite of being rusty. One game lasted over 5 hrs! That other NW area tournament competitor, Eddie Watson, is still taking them on in duplicate bridge at local, sectional, and Portland regl meets. Eddie is still "active" in real estate, on the basis of "working when he feels like it."

At the end of a short motoring trip from Clearwater down to Sanibel and Captiva Is on the Gulf Coast below Sarasota, Evelyn & Vald Heiberg drove on down to Naples to see Connie Ankenbrandt. They found her in good health and spirits, playing a game of golf several times a week, and otherwise enjoying being with people she likes among the many friends she and Ank made in the Naples community during their residence there over the years.

Vald sent a clipping from the St. Petersburg Times that reviewed a recently published book "Wernher von Braun" by Erik Bergaust, and referred to the book Hazel Toftoy is writing about Ludy. The review said that Bergaust's carefully researched book makes it clear that if it had not been for von Braun and "the late MG H.N. Toftoy, mainspring of the U.S. Army's guided missile program, the U.S. would have been light-years behind Russia in the conquest of space. ... Both men had the rare ability to see



1926: The Matthiases and McFarlands in Olympia.

the future." Speaking of the surrender of the German rocket scientists to the Americans in 45, Bergaust wrote: "The happy outcome was to a great extent due to the efforts of a gallant and popular American officer, the late MG Holger N. Toftoy." The review adds that when Toftoy ret. in 60 he received the Pres's DSM for his contribution to the missile field, and when he died in 67 von Braun delivered the eulogy at Arlington. Another well deserved tribute was given to Ludy on the 10th anniv of his death, by Congressman R.G. Flippo of AL, who cited Toftoy's great contributions to the nation's missile program in the development of the Redstone rocket and the first American satellite lifted into space. We look forward with great anticipation to Hazel's book and hope it will soon be published.

Many classmates and wives, along with a host of other friends and relatives, were present at the absolutely delightful 50th wedding anniv celebration for Bill & Frannie Ennis given by their children at Ft McNair last Apr. The bride was radiant, the groom the happiest looking fellow we've seen in a long time, the children and grandchildren a joy to see and to talk and visit with. It was great to see some of our "gang" who had undergone earlier hospitalizations looking so well—Louisa Stanton younger than ever after her difficult operation, dancing as merrily as when she was a "kaydet girl"; "Admiral" Sims and Harry Storke, bouncing back after their hip operations, had discarded crutches and were even largely disdaining canes—the Admiral was seen dancing even. Wonderful!

Kathy and I took in June Week at WP, staying through graduation. Roy & Else



1926: Beth McNaughton with children and grandchildren at dedication of Chapel Memorial Patio, Monterey.



1926: Cadet Bowers receives the LTC Rodney H. Smith ('53) Memorial Award from Smith.

Herte and John & Marjorie Roosma were present for the Alumni Review—both couples in fine fettle. It was a celebration to see both Else and Roy so well and active again. Kathy visited with Marge at the Ladies Luncheon; I sat with Johnny at the Alumni Luncheon where each of us tried to out-do the other with tall-tale reminiscences of earlier WP days—Johnny won hands down! No contest. After lunch, at the Army-Navy baseball game, as part of celebrating Abner Doubleday Day, John made a presentation of a print "Memories" to Eric Tipton, ret. after 20 yrs coaching baseball and 150-lb football.

At the June Week Convocation of Awards ceremony, I represented the Class in presenting the Class of '26 Heiberg award, received by Cadet Kevin Scherrer '77 for ranking first in combined science & engr subjects. Scherrer stood #10 in his class, was a Cadet LT, Asst Bde Athletic Officer, and CPT of the Lacrosse team. I also made the presentation of the annual award honoring my son Rodney, which goes to the graduating cadet standing first in civil engr, to Cadet Greg Bowers, who was the #1 man in his class. Both Bowers and Scherrer chose Engrs as their branch.

While at WP for June Week, Kathy and I went over to "HOME PLATE" on Route 9-D to pay a visit on Dort & Red Reeder. It was inspiring to see how remarkably Red has licked that old enemy of his, Guillian-Barré. Red was in high spirits, full of fight, eloquently right-on-target concerning issues past and present at WP. We were in full agreement that the leadership and stature of Andy Goodpaster make him an outstanding choice as the new Supt.

On their way north from wintering at Siesta Key, the Roosmas stopped at Tryon, NC, to visit Mal & Louise Kammerer at "Singing Hills." Mal entertained with "melodious piano renditions of all the old songs ever written," said Johnny, adding "Did I remain silent? That old tenor, properly conditioned, joined the occasion." John also mentioned that he still goes to the Y 3 times a week to shoot baskets, etc., but is convinced that the circumference of the basket is shrinking! Anyway, he looks upon the basketball as his "health ball," and it must be for he is the picture of good health.

From Tom de Shazo, Chmn of the Class Widows Cmte: I regret to report that Nancy Harris died of cancer at Tucson on 3 Mar. . . . Ida McGeehan on her annual visit to children in FL visited Peggy McKinney. . . . Beth McNaughton made another trip to Tahiti to

paint. Her son Grant, a COL in USAF Med Cps, heads up aerospace medicine at Edwards AFB; his and wife Jean's 4th son was born in Feb, Beth was present. . . . Martha Furman's son Frank graduated from Bradley U. in spite of mononucleosis; Martha continues work with the Cancer Society of DC.

Oka & Jessie Wade will have their 50th wedding anniv on 21 Sept, and for some time have been busy by letter and phone with children and grandchildren discussing family reunion possibilities, getting plenty of suggestions, such as from granddaughter in college: "When you were planning your marriage why did you not consider that 21 Sept just would not be a convenient time for your grandchildren to get out of college for a long trip to attend your 50th wedding anniv!" Jessie and Oka solved that by deciding to hold their anniv celebration on 31 Jul, when all the family could be united in a big reunion: one daughter and brood of 4 (3 boys) from HI, the other daughter and family from the Virginia Beach area, plus nieces, nephews and other relatives galore, all converging on the Faculty Club of Marion Inst for the grand golden anniv celebration.

Last spring Oka managed to attend 2 Founders Day dinners: one at Maxwell AFB while on a trip, the other at his own regular Chapter, the WP Soc of AL at Birmingham, where Oka was "Oldest Grad" present and COL Morris Herbert '50, AOG Chmn of Alumni Affairs & Gifts Prog Div, gave an outstanding talk. On a trip to Orlando, Jessie and Oka ran into Tommy de Shazo, and said of their enjoyable visit with him: "Tom still is as he has always been, a delightful conversationalist." (As his cadet roommate, I certainly agree.) The Wades welcome classmates to visit them: "Simply call a day or even a few hours before . . . and we can assure you a meal or some meals, reinforced with our fresh garden vegetables."

The Class of '26 tree at WP, located directly in front of the Supt's quarters, was "adopted" by the Class in '36. It later died and was replaced by a young oak. This June Week we noted to our dismay that it was suffering badly from a leaf blight. I have written to the Post Engr requesting that any needed remedial action be taken.

Received a lovely note from Beth McNaughton along with a picture (sent at Tommy deShazo's request) of Beth's family taken on Thanksgiving Day 76 at the time of the dedication of a beautiful memorial patio built at St. John's Chapel in Monterey in honor of Ken and their little grand-



1926: The Bayers at their 50th wedding anniversary.

daughter Erin McNaughton. Since the picture was taken another grandson, Barry McNaughton, has been born. Beth wrote on 15 Jun: "It will be 3 yrs tomorrow since Ken died. He would be so pleased to know that old friends are still thinking of him. I'm fortunate to have my son and daughter and their families near enough to see often."

A joint Annapolis-WP '26 luncheon of DC area classmates was held at Ft Myer last Apr, on initiative of Adm Ben Katz USNA '26 and our Pick Collins. A very congenial affair, it was attended by 18 Navy '26ers and 8 USMA '26ers: Baird, Collins, Johnson, Munson, Nelson, Sims, Smith and Stanton. Guests were Adm Bill Smedberg, son of GEN Smedberg, USMA 1893, Leon Johnson's son-in-law, Sandy Vandenberg '51, and Pick's son Sam '58.

Saw Herb Ehr Gott at the 110th annual Engr Dinner at Ft Belvoir. Really missed Keith Barney who was always a regular participant at these affairs, full of good stories about classmates and friends, both present and absent.

Bob McDonough paid a visit to DC in Jun and attended the regular 4th Thurs of the month luncheon of the DC area '26 group held at the Army-Navy CC. Others attending were T.E.P. Barbour, Lou Brecht, Chuck Connally, Herb Ehr Gott, Leon Johnson, Morry Nelson, "Admiral" Sims, C.R. Smith. Bob injected high spirits into the luncheon meeting with humorous reminiscences about mutual friends and their past escapades. We're hoping to welcome more classmates from out-of-town at these monthly luncheons, with an early return engagement by Pinky McDonough.

Sparky Baird spent a recreation week at Skytop, PA, last Jun, following his annual participation in the Armed Forces Comm & Elect Assn convention.

On 6 Jul the Class of '26 gained a 2d grandson in the Corps, Peter Lash Jr., grandson of Virginia & Red Corderman, son of their daughter Ginger and COL Peter Lash '56, currently the division G3 at Ft Ord. Good luck, grandson Peter, Class of '81!

Don Booth is the new pres of the Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara, a club of some 275 ret. business and prof men. Congratulations to Don for being so honored.

Dick McMaster reports that he is keeping up his golf, even in El Paso's sometimes 100-105 degree heat. An article on Leo G. Heffernon '11, pioneer in U.S. aviation, entitled "The Adventures of a Jr Military Aviator" and authored by Dick McMaster, is soon to be published in the "Aerospace Historian." Dick recently wrote me that the very active WP Society of El Paso entertained at its Jun meeting the USMA "3d LTs" momentarily on duty at Ft Bliss, plus 6 new cadets reporting at WP in Jul, including from Dick's point of view, "one smart and very beautiful gal." No name or phone number given.

Hazel & Bill Bayer celebrated their 50th wedding anniv last Jun in a big bash at the Ft Monmouth Officers Club, with some 70 friends and relatives merrymaking with them in honor of the grand occasion.

Harry Johnson was on an extended spring-summer trip checking on his grandchildren here and there.

At the June Week Cadet Riding Club exhibition, saw our Class of '26 yearling grandson Clair Conzelman '79, son of Peter Conzelman '53, in turn son of our "Conz" and Marjorie. Classmates who attended our 50th Reunion will remember that Clair and Peter accompanied Marjorie and her husband, Gov

Deane Davis, at several of our Reunion affairs. Last Jan Gov Davis underwent open heart surgery following a heart attack the preceding Sept. I'm happy to report that Deane so promptly and fully recovered that he was able to fulfill his surgeon's promise that he could be "back on horseback in the spring." On 5 Jul Marjorie and Deane, together with son Peter and his family, and daughter Patricia and family, celebrated their 25th wedding anniv, this also being Pat's 25th wedding anniv. Congratulations, all!

Deadline FLASH as this goes to press! Am delighted to receive word from our new Class Pres Vald Heiberg announcing the designation of Morry Nelson as new perm Class Scribe. Welcome aboard, Nellie! I hereby happily relinquish my temporary incumbency which I undertook just to keep our Class reports for ASSEMBLY continuing without interruption after the sudden and sad death of Anky. Let's all assist Nellie with a good flow of Class news and pictures to him at 6435 Lakeview Dr, Falls Church, VA 22041.

# '27

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Long ere you are reading this ASSEMBLY with its coverage of Reunion 77, you will have received Woody's Final Bulletin closing up our 50th. From it you will have a comprehensive report of attendance, activities, and events which kept those who attended busy from morn to night, and most enjoyably so. Therefore this column can do little but add somewhat to your recollection of the Reunion or, perhaps, to your impression of it if you were unable to make it.

A fine way to get many in the mood for the meetings of the Reunion turned out to be the very successful Mini-Reunion dinner of 31 May at Ft Myer, well attended by many locals of the DC area, some of whom unfortunately could not continue on to the Point, and by those others who had arrived in preparation for taking the Class bus the following day. The 50 or so diners had a fine evening, warming up, so to put it, for the exhilaration of the coming days.

Wed afternoon, 1 Jun saw the closing in at Hotel Thayer by cars and the bus. Then promptly came the first pleasant event. That

was the picnic dinner at the Golf Course Clubhouse, a removal from Ray & Mary Bells' home necessitated by the inclement weather. It was a success. What pleasure it was to meet again many not seen since '27 and others for many months or years! The picnic set a tone of gayety, of joyful association, of fond recall.

On Thurs, 2 Jun, the weather turned splendid and continued so throughout. That day's activities included the morning bus ride about the post, especially noting the new hospital under construction (65 beds!) and a stop at the cemetery to see '27's plots. Then that afternoon started with the Memorial Service and dedication of the Class gift in the Cadet Library, the presentation of our Memory Corner. Woody and Gar spoke well at the meeting, as did GEN Berry. Our gift will be an enduring addition to the Library, one of which we can feel proud. After the presentation came the ferry boat ride on that beautiful Hudson, a really fine social event as well as a pleasant nautical venture. That night saw the grand Alumni Dinner at Washington Hall, followed by the Supe's reception and dance. Many of those present left by the time of the dancing in order to gather in the Hospitality suite at the Thayer, there to mull over a libation and to further develop the spirit of the Reunion.

Then came the great Fri, 3 Jun. First came the Class picture taken in the stands. (In the front of this issue.) Then the ladies and the attending guests were moved to their seats for the morning's exercises, while the white golf-capped contingent of '27 moved over toward the library area to form for the Alumni March to Thayer Monument. We believe, ahem, that our group contributed colorfully and otherwise to that impressive formation.

After the Alumni Exercises, classes took positions for observing the Alumni Review, a fine presentation of the Corps, less the 4 bns participating in the preceding exercises. The Corps looked splendid. It was somewhat striking, to say the least, to observe occasionally that some kaydets had no tails on their full-dress coats. Then we realized that we were reviewing our first female cadets!

Following the Review came the Assn luncheon at Washington Hall, while the ladies met for their luncheon at Hotel Thayer. The Alumni Luncheon was a very fine one, impressive in every way, and cer-



1927: Joe and Buddy Felber

tainly especially so by the fine farewell speech of Supe Berry, who gave all a feeling of confidence in the Academy and its personnel and purpose. "All is well and is going to continue so," might have been heralded as the slogan of the day! Incidentally, the cadet gunners at '27's tables were doubtless impressed by the "youthfulness" of our group. It seemed possible.

Fri evening saw the summation of the 50th. The dinner dance at the Army mess was a complete success, a really joyful culmination of reunion delight. The band was as spirited as the guests. Everyone participated in the joyful event, dancing with abandon. It was a party hard to leave.

That fine Class party had largely prepared everyone for the Sat departures, by car and Class bus, so that all were out of the Thayer before noon and well on their several ways. The continuing fine weather helped to assuage the deeply felt regrets at separating again from those who meant so much to each other. We all needed, at least, another day for the Reunion. But there comes a time to part at all of them. Now we can all pray, God willing, that we will again gather there for an equally wonderful 55th! Let's work on that!

Our Reunion aides—LTC David W. Bauer '60 (plus his charming, efficient wife), CPT Charles H. Swanson '67, and CPT Charles P. Adkins '68—were outstandingly capable in smoothing the way for every formation we had. They were truly effective!

Some of the Reunionees sent in letters on the 50th to Woody Burgess. Of them, in the Scribe's opinion, that of Dike Deichelmann is an excellent expression of the over-all Class sentiment. It reads: "The 50th Class Reunion was a resounding success. The ideas, planning, and execution were superb. The many hours of effort, coordination, and communication put in by you and the other classmates certainly did pay off. From the many conversations with other classmates, I know I speak for all in the Class who attended. Even the girls were happy about the whole deal."

Gar Davidson remained at the Point after the Reunion, and while there he presented this year's Class Watch to designated Cadet Jim Malcolm of MI. Gar commented: "He proved to be a fine-looking flanker with great poise and an engaging personality and a cadet well worthy of the '27 recognition of his soldierly qualities. After the presentation Verone and I enjoyed having lunch in Washington Hall with him and his parents, 2



1927: (L-R): Heiberg, Ginny Spivey, Blair, Dottie, Spivey and Evelyn Heiberg.



1927: Reunion 1977

grandmothers, a grandfather, young sister, and girl friend—a delightful group.”

Gar also appraised the Graduation ceremony from its new setting on the Plain instead of the usual Michie Stadium, “torn up making way for Blair Garland’s Astro Turf.” Gar’s description of the setting and its effect is such an impressive one as to demand inclusion in this Reunion column. He wrote: “Verone and I sat in the stand behind and slightly above the graduating class and their parents. Behind the stand and in front of the Class of ’77 was the solid gray granite of the barracks seeming to provide a base for the green hill crowned by the Chapel. Above and looking down on it all, the flag on Ft

Putnam stood stiff in the breeze against a blue sky dotted with fluffy white clouds. It was spectacular even to the initiated.

“There on the top was the object of it all: the flag of our country whose service we sought. Below was the Chapel symbolizing the moral values that underwrote it all; then below, the granite providing the solid base of a devoted Corps (and alumni) which remains staunch despite the buffeting of the past year. The whole was a sign that augured well for the future.

“The Academy was forced into the setting by happenstance. My guess is that it was so beautiful it will become a fixture.” Well seen; well said!

From Joe & Buddy Felber Ex-'27, came regrets at not being able to get to the 50th, Joe's emphysema not permitting it. Included with the letter was a family summary. Daughter Marie Dolores was married to Cmdr George M. Veling, USN, lost at sea off the Carrier Midway in the S. China Sea in 62. They had 5 children, all of whom are married, and Marie remarried a few years ago. Oldest son, Ted '57, ret as LTC from the Army after 20 yrs service. He is married to Barbara Fenton, daughter of BG (USA, Ret) and Mrs. Bryan Fenton. They have 3 children.: The youngest son, LTC Joseph Felber Jr. '60, was a class aide for '27's 40th Reunion. He and wife Mary have 3 children. He commands a tank bn at Ft Stewart, GA.

Well before the Reunion settled upon us, Ray Bell had reported his Mar ventures as “the Snow Bird seeking sunny climes.” He visited Tampa and there saw Fred & Beth Day at Temple Terrace, and at Bradenton saw Helen & Spike Webb. At Lake Wales he had a short visit with Helen & Mac McKinney. Then at Cocoa Beach he had a pleasant time with Hal Jordan. Auburn, AL, was next, for a short visit with Tierra & Bill Whelchel. Then Ray headed back to Cornwall and preparations for his trip to Stuttgart in May to visit with daughter Caroline. Included was a sidetrip to Amsterdam, and thereafter a visit with “one of the oldest families in Germany and a beautiful castle south of Ulm, which has been occupied by the family for over 500 years. I also learned that one of its cousins had placed the bomb under Hitler in Munich and was hung with a piano wire for having done it!” Ray gets around, and both he and Mary made the Reunion, of course.

Equally early came a spring brief from Blair Garland to the effect that he and Dottie had transferred from their FL apartment on the east coast to the quieter beauty of one at Clearwater on the west. Their snapshot records the housewarming—“sitting on the floor because the furniture had not arrived”—including the Heibergs '26, and the Spiveys '28. Right after the Reunion Blair wrote terming it “a wing-ding, super-duper,” with the Class dinner-dance “the icing on the cake. People who didn't know could not believe that we graduated 50 years ago—we still have plenty of hopoids and hopoidesses. Wow!” Then on the Sat night 4 Jun, Blair and Dottie celebrated their 50th wedding anniv. They missed the presence of Larry Kuter, “the only usher still around,” but with one daughter they had, “helping to stir things up,” the following “good and true noise makers: Bayer, Corderman, and Roosma from '26, Gerhardt '17, and Burgess, Green, Wood, Stober '27, and Spivey '28.” Also present was Brundy Brown's widow Evie. Thus it seems both great anniversaries came off with a bang for the Garlands!

Jack Spurgeon came through with a comment on the Jun ASSEMBLY: “I don't recognize anyone in the 2 Jul 23 tintype. I remember that the Beast Detail debated assigning me to room with Aguinaldo but decided to wait in favor of Funston. I drew Jack Sterling to my good fortune.” Jack went on to add that he was now “fit for light duty,” sufficiently relieved of what had kept him from being at the 50th.

The Spring Luncheon of the WP Soc of DC, 3 May, at Ft Myer Open Mess, was well attended. The guest speaker, GEN Richard G. Stilwell '38, gave an informative and interesting survey of the Korean position in



1927: Davidson presents Class Award to Cadet Malcolm.

NE Asia, emphasizing the great role of U.S. troops in S. Korea as a guarantee that there will be no Korean war. Attending from '27 were: Asensio, Burgess, Miller, Matthews, Lowe, Zwicker, and Lillard.

Just in good time for meeting the deadline for these notes came from Chris Nelson a letter with the welcome Reunion snapshots. He praised the "truly memorable" 50th and noted the "5-year-long climb up to the 55th." He was soon to leave Oswego and daughter Doris and her husband Don Woodward for a visit to one brother in NC and another in FL before returning to join the San Antone Gang. Chris is a traveler and the outstanding Class reporter and photographer!

Also at deadline Woody Burgess wanted to inform Reunionees that appropriate letters of thanks for aid and support for our 50th have been sent in the name of the Class of '27 to the Supt, to COL Herbert, to AOC, to LTC Bauer, and to the mgr of the Hotel Thayer.

Another "deadline beater" was a moving communique from Marian Collins wherein "factual" Jimmy believes "this is the best reunion attended; he heard no gripes and felt everyone was in good humor and pleased to be there and with each other." Marian especially enjoyed the bus rides, up and back and around, for "the talking and the quiet, the pleasant togetherness which the reunion renewed—the rainbow of the past fused into a golden glow that was the 50th. We missed those not with us." So did we all.

Then as a fine, whimsical conclusion to this 50th Reunion review comes the following "pome" signed by none other than Verone Tennyson Davidson, which she wrote "to record THE EVENT" while she and Gar were on the plane returning to CA. It speaks for itself! It's a cold 3.0!

I think of all the things in life  
A gal or guy should do  
Is to attend a 50th Reunion  
At least one time, don't you?

Reviewing happy memories,  
Telling stories by the score,  
Getting together with good old friends,  
Who could ask for anything more?

I really think the Class looked great,  
And all their ladies, too;  
It's hard to believe we're all that old  
Since we feel almost good as new.

The legends grow from year to year.  
Hard to tell which is truth or lie.  
Some of the yarns are just too much,  
And get taller as years go by.

The committee on arrangements  
Did a really super job  
Of seeing that all were kept happy  
In that wild and noisy mob.

I'm sure they had lots of headaches  
In making it all come true;  
To see that it all came out even,  
There were months of work to do.

The events were all well scheduled,  
With drinking high on the list,  
With a picnic, a dance, and a boat ride,  
And few pleasures that anyone missed.

The hospitality suite was a bonus  
Which made everything come out just right.  
The scene of lots of fun and laughs,  
It was kept busy far into the night.

We missed the ones who couldn't come  
For many different reasons,  
But let us hope we'll see them all  
Before too many seasons.

So now Farewell and God Bless You!  
I've taken too much of your time.  
I must not keep on with more rambling,  
Besides, I've run out of rhyme.

'28

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Bob Taylor's ashes were interred at WP on 27 Apr. Dave Traub, Luke Finley, and Ed & Betty Reber were present with Bob's widow, Aida, and his nephew, David Richardson, for the fitting and moving ceremonies.

Jim Bain wrote of his work for the Archaeological Society of NM, of which he is president. Jim and wife trailered over to FL this past winter stopping for a few days in San Ant where they saw Ruth & Ralph Butchers and Bob Warren (in hospital there for surgery).

Fran Myers sent a picture of a small '28 gathering at their home in Del Rio, TX. Skippy & Steve Harbold, and George & Sue Mundy came down over Memorial Day weekend for golf, fishing, and a bit of night life in Old Mexico.

There was a good turnout of '28 for Founders Day in San Ant including: Myers, Half, McLennan, Sams, Weiner, Cole,



1928: Members, wives and widows at Jan dinner party, Ft McNair.



1928: Sons, daughters and spouses, Ft McNair, Jan.



1928: Del Rio, TX: Harbold, Sue Munday, Steve Harbold, and the Myers.



1928: Myers, Halff, McLennan, Sams and Weiner.



1928: Willette, Gude, Butchers, Mundy.

Hastings, Harbold, Gude, Mundy, Willette, Sam Lane, Butchers (from DC).

From Dunc Somerville: "Dinny and I had a fine trip to England in May and Jun. Went on to Edinburgh, where Mac & Jean Miller (my sister) Class of '27, joined us for a visit



to Norway and Sweden. Marvelous scenery, good weather. Recommend anyone taking the Oslo-Bergen RR make the side trip from Myrdal to Flam. Fantastic."

## '29

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**Pinch hitting:** For Wentworth. First, the bad news. Since last fall, when there developed what was diagnosed as an inoperable malignant tumor on the esophagus, Dick has been living under the shadow of death. Those of you outside the DC area who never saw him could never have dreamed of this from reading the notes he prepared for the past 2 issues of ASSEMBLY.

If courage is "grace under pressure"—as someone, perhaps Hemingway, defined it—then both Dick and Isabel have exemplified the highest form of courage. Although undergoing cobalt radiation and long periods of chemotherapy with the most difficult side effects; suffering frequent closures of the throat which limited him to ingesting liquid food and sometimes not even that; and incurring great loss of weight, Dick (and Isabel, too) carried on as normal a life as his condition would permit—seeing their friends, going out whenever possible, and being their usual debonair and elegant and charming selves. "Grace under pressure," indeed.

Now the good news. As these notes began to be compiled, Dick had entered a private hospital in Richmond for treatment by a 3d generation surgeon-specialist in ailments of the esophagus, looking toward a radical and most serious thoracic operation to provide an alternate channel for ingesting food.

As these notes are being finished, he has just come back home, it having been determined that there is now no sign of cancer; that the radical operation is unnecessary; and that he can probably be enabled to ingest solid food (as he is now doing) by periodic "relaxation and dilation" treatments of the esophagus, which he had in the Richmond hospital. Of course he still faces a long battle to regain weight and strength.

From the West Coast: Marge & Eddie Wright in Saratoga, CA, entertained (luncheon) and Hank & Dutch Kraus in Pebble Beach housed (overnight) Sara & John Phillips from Raleigh, who were in CA to visit dau Margaret and family in San Jose. The Kraus's new location is reported to be a villa with quite a spread, complete with pvt tennis court.

Jan & Bat Carns from Pebble Beach made an extensive trip around the U.S. in the early spring and visited the DC area to see a new grandchild provided by dau Mary and her ret. Naval officer husband in McLean, VA. The Carns planned to fly later to England and Ireland for a few weeks.

Paul Freeman, one of our pride of 4 four-star types, journeyed from Carmel eastward. His travels included a visit with Roy Reynolds '35, in Arlington, VA, and he phoned some classmates in the DC area, as did Johnny Theimer from San Fran, who came east to visit dau Connie, the grandchildren, and her Army husband now ret. here.

From Texas: Thanks to Bill Vestal in San Ant. The Ft Sam Founders Day dinner attendees: Bassett, Cuno, Greear, Horton (from Austin), F.H. Smith Jr., Steiner (foundling), and Vestal.

Caroline & Tiny Jark after their usual

winter/spring travels and a sea cruise, went to Las Vegas in Jun to see Caroline's grand-dau be valedictorian at her HIS graduation and accept a 4-year ROTC scholarship at the U. of TX, Austin.

Roy Cuno, after taking his circulatory leg problem for a 6-day stay in the hospital (where Vestal visited him and caught "corridor flu," whatever that is) is himself circulating again. He and Josie make regular visits to dau and family in Wichita Falls.

Anita & Hunt Bassett, with dau and her husband, returned in the spring to the scene of the crime—HI, where they were stationed at Wheeler Field at the time of Pearl Harbor. Hunt says that the climate is as delightful as ever and the Service complaints just like those in 30 when he first went to HI.

Libby & Zeke Napier had a multiple purpose gathering in AF Village on Fathers Day: a dau, her husband—it was his birthday—and 2 granddaus came to celebrate Granddad Zeke's Day and Libby's birthday 2 days earlier.

Jim Beynon in Corpus Christi has graduated a dau as a geologist from TX A & M there and has a son each in the classes of '78 and '80. Jim sub-teaches at C.C. High when not fishing the Gulf.

Now that he is no longer City Mgr of Terrell Hills, Billy Greear has more time for judging horse shows and for his 3d or 4th avocation, fine cabinet making.

Martha & Don Keirn will temporarily leave AF Village in the fall to visit their old Mt. Dora, FL, home and the DC area. (Don: See the last par. of these notes. WJT)

Vivi & Bill Vestal had plans to visit CO during the summer, for the mountain air and for guess-what-else. (They fly higher and travel farther in that thin mountain air, don't they?)

From the Deep South (Ed. sic): The Founders Day dinner at St. Petersburg, FL, was attended by Rasmussen, Ward, and Bowyer, who with his Kitty was on a 5-wk trip to escape the rigors of the Great Freeze in the DC area. Planning to attend the dinner, but not attending, was W.K. Wilson from Mobile, who fell out of bed and broke a rib the day before. The next day, nothing daunted, Weary started driving his car on a 1,000 mile auto trip. He and Jeanne ended up at Belvoir in the late spring for the CE annual Castle Ball and lunched at Ft Myer with the Wentworths.

From the DC Gp: The big event here was the spring stag luncheon on the terrace of Knoll House, the beautiful mansion around which the Army Distaff Hall is built. Although not intended for the purpose, this luncheon gave classmates who could not attend the Founders Day dinner an opportunity to see the magnificent silver tray, suit-



1929: (L-R): Conner, Mary Jo Conner, and Nichols.



1929: DC luncheon: Front: Bowyer, Wentworth, Lindsey, McKee, Strauss; 2d row: Sykes, Seward, Reilly, Stone, Vander Heide, Chaffee; 3d row: Stubbs, Calloway, Hubard, Vickrey, Conner, Winn; Topside: Nichols, Conley, Thompson and Vittrup.

ably engraved, which had been presented to **Jupe Lindsey** on his receiving the Ben Castle Award for 77 from the WP Soc of DC, and to congratulate Jupe on this honor, given for his long, unselfish, and unpaid services as asst to the pres of the Distaff Hall Fndn. Jupe joins a distinguished company of Ben Castle Awardees, including Red Reeder '26, and the last previous recipient, Jacob L. Devers '09.

On the day of the luncheon, the weather cooperated, the flowers cooperated (the DC area has had the most beautiful spring and early summer in the memory of man), and the service, appointments, and food were impeccable—due of course to Jupe's habitually efficient honcho work.

**Tom Conley** and **Bo Hubard** had attended the Ft Meade Founders Day dinner, where Bo spoke as the Oldest Living Graduate present—by some 2 months over Tom. According to Tom's general announcement to the luncheon group, Bo's formal words at the Meade dinner were a model of what an O.L.G. should say.

**Jackie & Ken Nichols** fled the winter weather here to Mexico—San Miguel, Acapulco, and other spots. Later dau **Jan Nichols Thompson** was painfully, but not seriously (thus far, at any rate) injured when a car in which she was a passenger was struck broadside by another car. This on the day before Jackie and Nick were to celebrate several things—a birthday, an anniv, and the 10th year of their occupying their country place, Val D'or—with a great, big, beautiful bash at Val D'or. The bash took place on schedule and in grand style and with great relief that Jan had escaped serious injury almost miraculously.

**Gertrude & Bozo McKee's** son **Billy**, who has been on a sabbatical from his law professorship at the U. of VA, working in NYC for a great law firm, returns to the U. to teach again this fall. But he will commute to NY to work one day a week for the law firm—at a retainer so fabulous I won't even mention it. Son **Christopher**, the astrophysicist, has received teacher tenure at the U. of CA, Berkeley—in objective devoutly

sought by many. Congratulations to all of the **McKees** on all of this.

**From All Over: Dot & Bill McCulla** toured the Far East in the late spring. They visited Manila to see Bill's first station on Corregidor and the btry he commanded there, and in Taipei they just missed the **Borks**, who had been visiting dau **Sally Lassiter** and a new grandchild. The **McCullas** planned to get back to the U.S. in time to see **Bill III** graduate from HS.

**Freddie Herndon** was happy to leave Newport, RI, and miss the New England winter

by going to TX, CA, and MD to see all 6 of hers and Carl's grandchildren. All are thriving.

**Sick and Well List: Muriel Vittrup** has made a good recovery from a slight stroke suffered last year. Russell says that they travel a lot—HI in the early spring for example—and will continue to do so as long as Muriel's wishes and his pocketbook hold out.

**Win & Freddie Chaffee** have more than their fair share—anybody's fair share—of bodily ailments, but Freddie still hits a golf ball a country mile—and in the right direction—and they are encouraged by a final diagnosis that **Win** does not have Parkinson's Disease, as had been feared.

**John Phillips** suffered a major heart attack early in Jun, "a myo-cardio infarct." He made good recovery progress after several days in intensive care in the Rex Hosp in Raleigh. At this writing he was expecting to be sent home early in Jul. Son **David John Phillips '62** was to move this summer from Ft Monroe to WP for a 2d tour there, not in math this time but for duty in the Dean's AdmO.

**Virginia Griffin** had a series of major and almost fatal illnesses in the late winter and early spring, but is home now (4212 Sandy Bay Dr, Virginia Bch, VA 23455) and sees her doctor only every 2 wks instead of every week.

**Jeff Seitz's** condition remains substantially unchanged (most distressing) in the nursing home in Silver Spring, MD, where he has long been, following a massive stroke in the summer of 72. Son **Jeff Jr.**, his wife and 2 sons—**J.F.R. III**, born Dec 61 and **Hal**, born Oct 67—live nearby, as does **Helen Hardenbergh Seitz's** sister **Sue** and husband (**LTC** and **Mrs. W.A. Butkus, MC, USA, Ret**). **Jeff's** younger son, **Raymond**, Foreign Service, now in the London Embassy, returns to the U.S. on



1929: (L-R): Thompson, Friedel Thompson, Avis Renshaw (Renshaws' granddaughter), Eileen Renshaw, Renshaw.

home leave this summer with wife and 2 children, a boy and a girl. Dau Helen Seitz Patterson, now divorced, lives in the Seitz' place in Ridgefield, CT, and has branched out from writing a Dining Out newspaper column to becoming joint owner and operator of a Dining Out place, a restaurant in Greenwich.

Lee Meyer (Mrs. R.G.H.) brought Bob's ashes east in late Jun, and early in Jul graveside services and interment were to take place in Arlington with the DC Group in attendance. Lee has sold their CA house and intends to remain in the East. A professional dietician, she may settle either in Richmond or in the DC area.

Jack Seward received word from Dick Parient that his Mary died in Lafayette, IN, on 6 Apr, after entering the hospital for what was thought to require only minor surgery, but turned out to be abdominal cancer which spread rapidly and fatally. We send the Parient family our sympathy and condolences. Dick's address is 200 Sixth St, Attica, IN 47918.

We are happy that our last memory of Mary is a happy one. At the 45th Reunion, when she and Dick had to leave early to attend the 50th Reunion of their HS class, Dick yelled out to the busload of classmates, "Good-bye, everybody! The best 3 days of our life," while Mary beamed her concurrence.

**Congratulations:** To Ed Lasher '29, to his son, Donald Rex Lasher, '52, and most of all to grandson 2LT William Theodore Lasher '77, on becoming '29's first 3d generation member of the genealogical succession. Any other grandsons—or granddaughters—now in or planning to join the Corps?

**DC Gp Parties:** If this reaches you before Wed, 21 Sept, note that as the date for the fall stag luncheon at the Distaff Hall's Knoll House. And no matter when it reaches you, note that Sat, 19 Nov, is the date for the cocktail-buffet with the ladies at McNair. Outlanders, particularly, jot down these dates and try to join us. We want to see you.

Also: **BEAT NAVY!**

# '30

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Dear Gang:

I've often wondered who is supposed to have first said: "Who ever saw a dead Cavalryman?" Obviously, it was intended, at the time, to be derogatory, implying that with the aid of 4-legged transport a trooper could skedaddle out of danger when the situation got too hairy. At the other end of the spectrum one could cite Georgie Patton, who said: "If a man rides hard enough at Death it will always get out of his way." Whatever one's view, it will be generally conceded that the "Yellowlegs" are a pretty hardy breed. Which is just as well for Charlie Dodge, who came perilously close to joining the "Long Gray Line" prematurely in late Apr. As chief honcho of AUSA he had always worked hard, and in the months before his ret. he set himself a particularly arduous schedule. As a result, he fell easy prey to a wandering virus and was hospitalized at WRGH with viral pneumonia. He was able, under strict medical surveillance, to attend the bash that AUSA laid on for his ret. on 15 Apr (of which more anon) but suffered a relapse thereafter, including

such scary complications as collapsing lungs and emphysema, and was on the critical list for several weeks. The superb care at WRGH pulled him through, but as these notes are written, in late Jun, he is still there (in Ward 8) and is dependent on a steady supply of oxygen to keep his depleted pulmonary system going. As if this weren't enough, his devoted wife Betty, after almost daily visits to Charlie for some 3 months, herself developed pneumonia and is also in Walter Reed! Altogether, it's been a mighty rough time for the Dodges this spring. We can all pray that there's a tolerable plateau ahead for both of them. Let's hope I can report something more cheerful next time.

**On the lighter side:** Most of us, one supposes, habitually scan a daily newspaper and chances are that there's a "weather box" somewhere on the front page. Chances also are that the acronym AQI—standing for "air quality index"—appears therein. Let me nominate another definition for AQI—the Amazing Quinns Intl—for Howie and Jean again spent 3½ months in the late winter and early spring traipsing over a third of the globe on another of Howie's junkets on behalf of the Intl Exec Service Cps, this time to the Philippines. As Howie tells it: "National Steel Corp asked me to design a deep water port to serve an integrated steel mill complex in NW Mindanao. We took off from Baltimore Intl Airport in a mid-Jan snowstorm, but before the day was over we were delightfully padded down in a 14th-floor oceanside room at the Hale Koa, where we stayed 4 days. On to Guam for 2 days and then Manila. First 10 days at the Manila Mandarin Hotel (very posh), then flew to Iligan on Mindanao, where we stayed at the company's guest house, which was also something to behold! Had a nice jet flight to Cebu, but from there on it was a DC-3; I think it was an old C-47 that somebody dug out of a rice paddy and put together with baling wire. Before take-off they had to send for a mechanic to shut the door and then, not knowing whether they could get it open at Iligan, they just brought the mechanic along! Ten days down there in Muslim country and then back to Manila to get to work. I guess I did all right because National Steel asked me to come back for another project next winter. Back to Honolulu on 17 Apr to stay at the Kahala Hilton (at company expense), the Hale Koa for 3 days, and then a direct Braniff flight to Houston to attend the annual conference of the Intl Assn of Ports and Harbors. Finally home on 1 May—and we plan to baby-sit the swimming pool this summer." All I can add to this saga is a comment that for one who has survived some physical traumae that might well have benched most of us, Ole Howie (stoutly abetted by Jean) seems to be doing pretty proud. In a word—indefatigable.

There's probably no more dedicated American among us than Hank Royall. In uniform—and since ret.—he has consistently devoted his energies to championing the basic concepts and virtues that we cherish as the fundament of this country, with special emphasis on the significant role the mil has played in preserving these values. I recently had from him a report on the successful culmination of a project on which he patiently labored for some 10 yrs. It is too lengthy to be included in these notes, but the following excerpts give some idea of its scope. "On a wall of the Old Cadet Chapel there are marble plaques with the names, dates of birth and death of the generals of the Con-

tinental Line in our War for Independence. MGs have individual plaques and BGs are listed on 5 plaques of 8 names each. There are 29 MGs and 40 BGs on the original plaques, plus one plaque without a name that would have honored Benedict Arnold had he not turned traitor. Some years ago, when I was doing research at WP on the NC Continental Line, I discovered that the name of BG Francis Nash, who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Germantown, had been omitted. I also noted that there was no plaque for GEN Washington, and further research showed that 7 other BGs had also been omitted. Starting in 67 I began a campaign to correct this historical blunder, at first with very little success." Hank then goes on to tell how he was able, over the years, to enlist the aid of various patriotic societies and officials at WP, a laborious and often frustrating endeavor. "Finally, in Apr 75 the Supt authorized the NY DAR to install a plaque honoring GEN Washington. It was installed just before June Week 76 in the place of honor among the MGs. My continuing research had turned up the names of 7 more BGs besides GEN Nash and my list was accepted by the Museum & Memorialization Bd at WP. Thanks to the generosity of a number of individuals and organizations, a plaque honoring these 8 was installed in Nov 76." Hank then undertook, at his own expense, to have a smaller bronze plaque, listing the donors, made up. It was installed on 6 May and dedicated on 3 Jun 77. Here endeth the saga of Hank's prolonged and devoted efforts. I'm sure that all hands will join in a vote of praise and thanks to him.

From Jojo Carithers this note: "After 21 years in the same house, Beth and I have moved to an apartment. About 10 yrs ago the Christian Science people built a beautiful edifice at the corner of our road. About 7 years ago the Unitarians bought the 13 acres adjoining us and built a lovely church. Then about 2 yrs ago the Beth Shalom congregation erected a synagogue across the road from us. We considered hanging out a sign reading 'Catholic Guru Lives Here.' Last year the Unitarians offered to buy our place, planning to convert the old house into offices. At first we weren't interested, but after Beth's serious operation and a long summer of recuperation, when they approached us again in the fall, we listened and gave them a 6 months option. They exercised it in Feb and we moved into this big, comfortable apartment at 1164 Lincoln Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Beth loves it, but we do miss the animals. Had to have the old thoroughbred put down 2 years ago at the age of 28, but did find a good home for our Kerry Blue." He also reported on our attendance at the Founders Day dinner in the Bay Area in Mar, to wit: Ed Berry, Pablo Blanchard, Jim Brett, Fred Klinke, Bob Lancefield, Win Sisson and himself. He notes, with regret, that Fred Klinke's wife died last fall; and comments that Bob Lancefield is still keeping his hand in at law on a part-time basis.

Reverting to Charlie Dodge's ret., this report from Sid Wooten, who continues to be a most valuable correspondent from the DC area: "The 15th of Apr—tax day!—was brightened considerably by a delightful evening reception at the Ft Myer Officers Club, given by AUSA for Charlie. A large and appreciative crowd was in attendance and laudatory comments were made by many persons, including the CS and AUSA pres Jack Tolson ('37), who drove up from Raleigh, NC

for the event. Charlie received several plaques and citations, as well as a beautiful piece of Steuben glass. Members of 'The Gang' present were: Ben Beasley, Ted & Eleanor Bogart, Ray & Charlotte Brisach, George Duehring, Pete & Betty King, Herb & Site Mitchell, Andy & Ellen O'Meara, Bob Porter and his daughter, and the Wootens. Charlie prevailed on GEN Bernstein to give him a pass for the occasion (accompanied by Bernie himself) and made a graceful speech of acknowledgment." As aforesaid, Cavalrymen die hard.

# '31

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I must begin this column with a few sad notes. I must report the death of Hector Truly on 29 Jan in San Ant. Danny Workizer died in Sarasota on 14 Jan and Budge Howard died in DC on 4 May. I have heard from Don Buchwald that John Feagin is in the hospital in San Ant and would be pleased to get cards from the Class. Charlie & Cora Densfords' son Butch, who was in the auto accident, died in Apr.

In Apr, Deac Roller called up to say that he was in DC playing golf with Don Armstrong, Warren Hoover, Ockie Krueger, Bill Hardick, Trick Troxel and many others. I don't know who was best, but Deac said that Don took 2 bits away from him. Deac's travel trailer is on the bunk again having lost a wheel or so. He also stopped by Pipe Creek and saw Charlie Densford in Jun, so I guess the trailer is running again. A card from Ruth & Dick Lawson from Scotland where they came after a week or 2 in Ireland. Dick made a hole-in-one just before they left on the trip, so now he has been eyeing every golf course for a good hole, even including St. Andrews which will be on their itinerary. Charlie Hoy was in DC for memorial services for Martha. As Bill & Fran Dick say, Charlie was willing, ready and able to relieve any golfers of their spare change by a putting contest. George & Tommie Speidel are also touring here and there. Tommie has gone to Korea to visit son Richard; will tour some of the Orient and then will come back to Seattle to meet George. Then they will take a 3-week tour of AK. NC is just not big enough to hold them in check. I just received a card from Tommie in Seoul, where she says the traffic



1931: Wirak and Pres, Lake Sumter Community Coll.



1931: The whole crowd.



1931: Elaine & John Leary, Douglas, AZ, 13 Apr 77.

is like driving in Pittsburgh before they cleaned it up.

Ed & Nina Parker are back in Albany after spending a fine winter in AZ. They saw Jim & Marge Stroker on their annual trip to the courses in CA. Ted and Nina drove down to Green Valley to visit George & Jane Elegar. George was perky when they were there and they had a very good visit. Ted also notes the record the Class had with the Class gift items if you read all items in the ASSEMBLY.

Les & Ruth Kunish made a long trip from Manitowoc to the Rio Grande, to Seattle and back, to get away from the WI winter. They visited many classmates on the way and I will tell you about them. They popped in on Mickey & Maxine Moore in Pine Bluff. According to Les, Mickey was slim, svelte and looks and acts just as he did when he was on the track team at the Academy, and Maxine was keeping up with Mickey. In San Ant they visited Shorty & Alice Rothrock and talked with Gordon Blake on the phone. In El Paso they called in on Dutch & Dee Spangler. I understand that Dutch is a lapidariast and does work that would do credit to a professional. They also saw Dean & Martha Herman in their new house which would win a prize in any Homes and Garden contest. They called Carl Kohls. In Douglas it was John & Elaine Leary, both looking well and healthy, and a talk with George Elegar. In Tucson it was Forrest & Betty

Caraway, with Forrest in good morale and spirits and Betty still much as she was when a debutante at Ft Sam Houston. In Las Vegas it was Chet & Mary Landaker. Chet has turned in his suit after 16 years of teaching at the U. of NV. Chet is now fully "retarded" as are most of us now. Bo Dougher and Johnny Cave were contacted in Santa Barbara, with Bo still working on his recovery and Johnny sounded fit as a fiddle. Pop Sutherland was baching it in Vacaville, as Peggy was visiting in the East. Pop, by the way, has built an electric organ that would do justice to any conservatory. We do have different ways of expressing ourselves, don't we. Dutch polishes stones, I work on doll houses and Pop builds an electric organ. In Seattle, Les and Ruth spent several days visiting Charlie & Tommie Howze. One of the highlights was a dinner with the Howzes and Coburn & Jeanne Smith. In Boise, they visited Jim & Lil Maloney. If you could see the array of hunting and fishing gear that they have, you would know why they enjoy ID. Thank you Les, that was a nice letter and gave everybody a good glimpse of some of our other mates.

A letter from Herb & Vesta Mansfield says they haven't been traveling much lately. Except, of course, for trips to Ft Ord, a hundred miles away just to play golf with



1931: Roger and Dick: Roommates 50 years later.

Ham Peyton and Ernie Easterbrook. It seems that Dick Lawson isn't the only golfer in the Class. Bill Train made a hole-in-one a few weeks ago on the Presidio course. I guess from what Herb said, one of those hole-in-ones can cost a few bucks. Six of the '31ers were at the Founders Day dinner in San Fran: Bill Chandler, who didn't bring his camera so there are no pictures, Bill Train, Chet Diestel, Dean Gough, Jack Malloy and Herb. COL John Feagin '55, was also present and was welcomed by the '31ers.

The Angler, the college paper of Lake Sumter Comm Col, headlines that "Wirak will end his 2d career in Jun." Gus Wirak was one of the original profs at the college and was chmn of the Math and Science Depts since 64 and helped the college in many ways. The college pres gave Wirak a plaque and many of the profs came out for a dinner for him. Gus and Alice are moving to Las Vegas sometime soon. I had a nice letter from Chet & Virginia Ott, telling some of their trip to England and France this past May. They visited many places of which they enjoyed the Bayeux Tapestry, the cathedral at Coventry and a visit to Omaha Beach as the most interesting. Chet says that this 2d or 3d ret. has turned out to be most interesting. John & Eloise Hansborough are planning to visit the East Coast in Nov, spending some time in Culpeper and Williamsburg. I think I mentioned it before, but John is doing some geneological research and wants to get information from the VA towns along Culpeper way.

The annual swim and fun party was hosted by Roger & Maggie Moore a couple of weeks ago and it was well attended as listed below. Those attending were: Warren & Margo Hoover, Bill & Fran Dick, Louis Guenther, Bindie Hanmer, Curly & Marion Wilson, Marion Hockenberry, Trickle & Lucy Troxel, Hulett (Pressley) Brown, Pat Hunter, John & Janet Berry, Pat Coyle, Gordon & Josephine Singles, Dick & Pat Harrison, Ockie & Doris Krueger, Bill & Gussie Hardick, Fred & Marie Warren, Fielder & Jeri Greer, Charlie Hoy, COL John Shaughnessey, Chet & Imogene Young, Bill & Betty Hall. Betty and I did not go as I am still fighting off a detached retina and I didn't think all that excitement would be good for me. There is a picture of the whole male crowd. Since you have the list above, I will leave you to pick them out.

Glenn Rogers has returned from WP, where he visited his son Glenn Jr. who is an instr in the Math Dept. Glenn says he is slipping gracefully into "innocuous desuetude." He putts around the golf course and putters around the garden at his house. If his putting were as good as his puttering, he would have a much nicer time at the golf course. Percy & Margaret Lash are now in NH. Percy wrote that staying in NH was better in Jun than a visit to the MacArthur premiere that he has been invited to see.

I guess that is about all for now. You know when you take a survey, you figure on getting a certain amount back. My survey from the last column gave 2 percent back.

# '32

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The day of arrival may have been a little on the cloudy and rainy side but it surely was not reflected in the happy faces at Bear Mt. The remainder of the time the skies



1932: Kambhu, Helen Lyon and the Wangs on boat ride.

were blue and weather perfect. A letter to Bill Culp written by his son Bill Jr. on his flight back to CA and sent by Winnie to me, expresses it so well and is truly inspirational. Excerpts are: "Your 45th Reunion has to be one of the most moving experiences of my life. At last I think I understand why you and your classmates keep making the 5-yr pilgrimage to Highland Falls. Standing with all the graduates in front of the monument to Sylvanus Thayer probably brought it all home. I am still singing the songs to myself that were sung at that memorial service. The friendship and cohesiveness of your classmates after all those years is amazing. It is something that a grad of a civ univ will never have and never know. The way your classmates started talking about old times was as if the 45 yrs had never passed. You will never know and I'll never remember the number of your classmates and their wives who thanked me for bringing you. The number of offers to help was staggering. Several were flabbergasted you felt like making the trip. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

A large group attended the re-dedication of the Skeet Range in honor of Bus Wheeler. The Supe, GEN Berry, and Charlie Baer made speeches. Due, in great part to Charlie Baer's prior visits there and a contribution from the Class fund, everything was in top shape. The skeet range is much in demand. A replica of the plaque showing Bus in a salute and placed on a large boulder at the entrance is being sent to Betty.

Upon returning to the DC area, Charlie Baer had the unhappy task of informing us of 3 deaths. First, Don Roth, arising from a sick bed and against the advice of physicians, insisted upon attending the 45th. He left WP early to return to hospital. On 8 Jun Don died and we all salute him for his noble effort and esprit. Archie Lyon passed along a clipping sent to him by McFeely reporting that Bill Moore died on 9 Jun at Community Hosp near Pebble Beach, CA. Bill was active in local affairs to include the Monterey Hist and Art Assn, Monterey Peninsula C.C. and First United Methodist Church as well as



1932: Don and Judy Roth.

Meals on Wheels program and the local Council of BSA. On 11 Jun Bedie Keating died in her home in Alexandria and services were held at Ft Myer Chapel on 16 Jun and burial was at WP the following day. Son Mike and family from Montgomery, AL, where Mike is an instr at the AWC, and son Pat flew in from Korea. Pat's wife, Diane and children live in Rockville, MD, and Pat's wife Diane, who had driven over to VA for a quick visit, found that Bedie had apparently died peacefully in her sleep.

Lou & Mary Coutts unable to attend due to a planned visit to Italy to visit w/daughter Mary and family. In the meanwhile, as area rep, Lou contacted local classmates to determine who would be present. He suggested that absentees combine with him to send a wire to the Class at Reunion which Charlie Baer read toward the end of the boat ride up the Hudson. It said, in effect, tho' not there in body they were in spirit. News included in their replies has been received from Lou but due to space will try for next issue along with pictures Roscoe Huggins will have of classmates at Supe's dinner.

Walden Coffey regretted missing the 45th but having returned from a Mediterranean trip and moving from FL to 317 W. Calle Frambuesa, Green Valley, AZ 85614, they were busy getting settled.

Marion Burke gave me a copy of the dedication and anniv on 27 May 77 by Chapter No. 173 Disabled American Veterans in Sayville, NY, naming it the LT Thomas C. Burke Chapter in honor of their handsome young son. A picture in the frontispiece includes a description of the medals received during combat in VN including decorations from the VN govt. He was killed in action 12 Feb 70 and is survived by his wife Joanne and daughters, Diana and Katie.

Ken Zitzman reports from San Ant: As at our 40th we had the Bear Mt Inn complex; all 24 rooms in the Overlook Lodge with its big lounge, the 4 cabins, each with 6 double room & bath combos grouped around a living room, the Hill Top Lodge and 8 rooms in the completely renovated Main Inn where the dining and other sport facilities are located. It still wasn't quite enough space for our 130 returnees, but all the others were at the U.S. Academy Motel, just 3 mi away on the edge of Highland Falls.

We got together in little groups for lunch at the lovely rustic Inn and then, for the 1st big gathering, had cocktails and buffet that night in the main room on the 2d floor. In the midst of a well dressed group, Carrie Bess Smith was striking in a wrap around evening skirt with hand painted scenes of WP by a professional artist—the chapel, color guard, etc., a Mothers Day gift from her children.

Meanwhile, the team of Darcy, Hardy, Rees, Sutherland, Webster and Schorr, all with wives, were off and running. They had asked for and got a cabin together as they had had at the 40th. After the buffet they invited everyone to Echo cabin, promptly dubbed "Echo Springs" and the party went on indefinitely.

The next major gift of the Class to USMA will be at our 50th Reunion. Archie Lyon is launching a drive to build up our fund substantially before then and we're all urged to be generous. Anyone wanting to add to it at any time may send a check to the AOG to the order of "West Point Fund, Class of 1932 account."

That night was the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Supe's Reception for the Alumni at



1932: Hardy, Fischer, Davidson, Sutherland, Gerhardt.

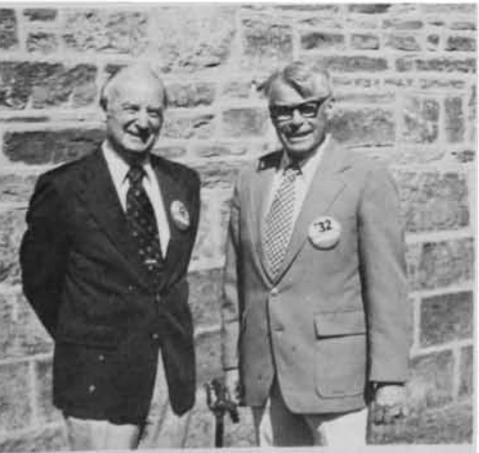
massive Washington Hall. Our entire group attended, of course, and it also provided an excellent opportunity to visit with friends in other reunion classes whom we once knew well but now usually see only on these occasions.

Fri morning, the traditional memorial service for departed classmates was held at the Old Cadet Chapel. In simple moving terms George Mather paid tribute to those close to us—21 classmates, 7 wives and Frank Besson's father interred at WP and 61 classmates elsewhere. Our considerate Class aides had marked each '32 grave with a red rose and guided us around the cemetery to visit them. Each brought back special memories—Jim Cain's headstone and the poignant little plaque next to it; Thomas Darcy Cain who died in infancy; Bill Smith, next to his father; our plebe yr Supe and his mother, who made life so much more pleasant for us with dinners and snacks in their qtrs; big Danny Spengler who caught it in Normandy, and all the others.

Most important biz at Alumni meeting lunch was installing Charlie Baer as a VP of the AOG for the coming yr.

There were many other interesting things. It was the first chance for most of us to see Ft Putnam after the remarkable bicentennial restoration of 75-76. With full authenticity based upon 18th century specs and drawings, the casemates have been restored and replicas of the original cannons have been made and sited, a gift of the Class of '52. Because of it, the cadets have a much better understanding of Revolutionary War history.

The Navy baseball game was more than forgettable but if there hadn't been another event during the whole 3 days, the boat ride up the Hudson the last evening would have made it all worthwhile. The boat was just the right size to accommodate our whole



1932: Duncan and Beach.

mob on its open upper deck and enclosed lower. It was cool and sunny when we left the Bear Mt dock at 1630 hrs, and when we returned 4 hrs later, it was under a brilliant moon, just past the full. Somewhere in the world there may be a lovelier view than that of WP and the stretch above Constitution Is from the river on a Jun evening but I'd have to be convinced.

Toward the end there was an informal "meeting," if that's an appropriate term for a group who are already within arm's length of each other, during which 3 of our girls were given tokens of our affection and appreciation for what they have done over the yrs for '32. (1) Marion Burke, who used to help Ed arrange our reunions when they were our last members stationed at WP; especially appropriate because pretty little Maureen was with us. (2) Mary Cain, who made herself a top flight AF admin officer after Jim died in that WW II aircrash, for all the secretarial help she has given us on her own time since then. (3) Dossi Davidson who has helped Bill turn out this good class column for ASSEMBLY since 1959.

After the boat ride some went to the pre-peek of "MacArthur," at Eisenhower Hall, and a large number gathered in the comfortable lodge lounge just to talk things over on the last night.

The summing up: We had about 130



1932: Truman and Lincoln.

present, which included 40% of our remaining classmates, or about 60% if we count in the widows who will always be members of our Class. We came from all over the world, Johnny & Noi Kambhu from Bangkok, Chih & Eve Wang from Taipei.

From WA, Al & Kay Clark and Bill Call; CA, Jim Boswell, McLane, Dreyer and the Slades; AZ, Biff Braude; MN, Harry & Isabel Porter, as photogenic a pair as you're likely to find in our decade group; MI, the Beaches and Hartshorns.

From TX were the Chuck Clarks, Fischers, Godwins, Mellniks, Zitzmans, Tom McDonald, Gracia Grunert and Olga & Bill (last shot from Corregidor) Massello. The FL contingent had Bunches (Barney & Rita)—Darcys, Halls, Hardys, Menohers, Rees', Seawards, Sutherlands, Terrills and Wrays.

From homes scattered about the country were Eddie & Helen Chace and Milt Ogden from NJ; Schraders, PA; Hannahs, SC; Epleys, Mathers and Schorrs from NC. The OK! Sawickis from OK; Lincolns and Roths from MA; Ed Simenson, IL; Marion & Maureen Burke from NY and CT; and Lou Truman, the Duncans and Meulenbergs from GA. Lou is relatively idle with only a bank VP job and a smattering of directorships; LaTrelle Duncan, our prima ballerina, is as cute as



1932: The Jamisons, Isabel Porter and Huggins.

when she first met Pop, long before he went ape over apes at Yerkes Lab. Andy & Ruth Meulenberg, traveling in their comfortable motor home, discovered that one can stay overnight at Round Pond with all hook-ups, at the stadium parking lot behind Ft Put, and still get around handily to all events.

Bill Culp Sr & Jr, OH; Geo Descheneaux, VA; El & Pam Davis, LA; and Benny and Bobby Webster from HI via CO. Next stop for the Websters after WP was London, ho, hum. From AL were Lon & Carrie Bess Smith, Leo & his cute doll Nancy Dahl, who with Alice Puryear gives '32 its only sister act. Pete & Alice Allen drove up from NYC.

And of course, the DC area group came on strong: the Baers, Bessons, Mary Cain, the Danny Campbells, Davidsons, D'Orsas, Gerhardts, Joe Gill, Gilletted, Grahams, Roscoe Huggins, Hunts, Jamisons, Lyons, Eleanor McCormack, Joslin Morris, Pat Ondrick, the Sundts and Whalens.

Despite advancing age it's marvelous to see the comebacks from adversity that some have made. Barney Bunch walks and looks better every yr (he and Rita never miss the annual Pugh mid-reunions). Just to look at Essie Baer makes you feel good, knowing what it was like before she had both knee joints replaced. She now walks a couple miles, swims and cycles daily. When Charlie is pressed for the answer, he says, "It's simple. It was a miracle." Gary Hall recently had the same operation on one of his knees with no apparent change in his gait from the way it was before the trouble came on.

I hadn't seen Bob McLane for 10 or 15 yrs and remarked how well he looked—erect carriage, about the same build he had as a cadet and a general air of well being. In the pleasant conversational tone I remembered so well, he said that since he saw me last he had surgery to remove a brain tumor which threatened irreversible brain damage (but didn't) and some yrs later he had open



1932: Pat Ondrick, Jane Schrader and McDonald.

heart surgery during which he was pronounced dead at one point. In between those operations, his wife died. I repeated how well he looked and he said, "Actually, I feel better than I look."

It was good to see Chris Dreyer again, still in perfect physical condition. He had written that Mary's condition continued to deteriorate and after another stroke, he had to place her in a nursing home in their village of Grass Valley where she can get continuing medical care and where he can see her daily. Living alone in the house that they built to their specs with a large part of Chris's physical labor involved; knowing that Mary didn't recognize him when they met was rock bottom for Chris and he thought the reunion with all of his old friends would give him the lift he needed. It was good to see him talking baseball with Dave Schorr and Click Rees and in a group on the boat ride, with his head thrown back, laughing at some silly joke. It gave everybody a lift.

Chatting with the editor of this good magazine about a member of the Class of '23 whose 4 sons are all graduates, it occurred to me that Gerry & Jeannette Epley came close to a record and certainly established one for '32. Three sons, Gerald Jr. '60, John F. '70, and Wm W. '73.

Incidentally, Gerry Jr.'s 16-yr-old dau is the Enid, OK, tennis champ. Another budding athlete coming up through the peanut league is Stan & Ann Sawicki's 9-yr-old grandson who broke in as a hockey goalie in Toronto. His father was recently promoted to a position in northern NJ where the ice is also fast and the league is good.

For Gracia Grunert, who married George in 65, it was her 1st reunion and she loved it. She also introduced us to an attractive young couple stationed at WP, her niece Wendy and husband, CPT Jim Wilson, MI State grad, in the Dept of Soc Sci. They joined us for the boat ride and had as much fun as anyone. It was also the 1st for attractive Bea Besson who married Frank on our Class' 43d anniv, 10 Jun 75. Bea had had no particular contact with USMA until she stumbled over Frank, class godchild of '09, but she likes the idea.

Another nice lady we were glad to have join us for the complete period was Mrs. Mary Paul. Mary is a widowed DA civ and for the past 20 yrs has been the operating secy of the SF Bay Area WP Soc. Todd & Kay Slade knew she would be in the East this Jun and invited her to join our Class at Bear Mt to see what she was spending her efforts on. She was delighted and so were we.

Speaking of that excellent chapter, Todd wrote that when Johnny & Noi Kambhu passed thru San Fran on their way home from the Reunion, Lou & Mary Coumts gave a party for them at the Presidio with all '32ers: Bowns, Boswells, Slades, Frasers, Kunzigs, Scherers, Frank Johnstons, Anne Cochran and Mary's sister, Jessie Schwartz. We're glad to hear that Johnny Bowen looked very well after his tough bout with the medics last fall.

The farewell: To round out this report, we can't thank Charlie Baer, Archie Lyon, Pete Allen and their wives enough for all they did to set this up. It took a lot of work and everything turned out as they planned it—the best yet.

To our "Class Aides," CPT Jeff & Chris House '68; CPT Bill & Karen Thorne '69; and CPT Tom & Kathy Calocci Ex '67, BS & MS FL Tech, we say, thank you. The nicest thing that any of us heard during

our whole Reunion was when one of you said at the end, "I kinda' hate to see you leave."

And of all people, we want to thank COL Morris Herbert '50, Chief of the Alumni Affairs & Gifts Program Div, who not only devoted most of his time for 3 mos to meet Charlie Baer's requests, but also did such individual things as locating a kennel in Cornwall where we could leave our little dachsie out of harm's way during the fracas.

The only regret, and it's a big one, is that Fran & John Pugh had to cancel out at the last moment because of Johnny's cataract operation. After all they've done for '32, inviting the entire Class to an off-yr reunion every Jun since 68, it's a pity they had to miss this one. Fortunately, Johnny's operation went extremely well—in an amazing technique his defective lens was replaced by a plastic one inside his eye behind the cornea, and his vision is as sharp as ever without glasses or other aids.

In closing, the Class of '32 salutes Supt Sid Berry '48 for guiding WP through a difficult period with all its standards intact.

We also welcome the new Supe, Andy Goodpaster '39.

Thanks and good luck to both of you from our part of the Long Gray Line.

## '33

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Although reluctant to go overboard on the "old school tie" bit, nevertheless, one cannot escape noting as the years pass, that there really is a tie (pardon!) that binds its graduates to WP and that makes the well-being of the Corps important to us all. Thus it may not be inappropriate to open these Notes with a salute (1) to LTG Sid Berry '48 (see his fine letter at front of Jun ASSEMBLY), who piloted the Mil Acad through very troubled waters; and (2) to GEN Andy Goodpaster '39, his distinguished successor, to whom we wish success and happiness in the task he has undertaken. Those of us who know Andy (and who does not?) are delighted that he was selected to become the new Supe.

We have sad news to report: 3 deaths.

—We learned only belatedly that Jack Kimmel succumbed to heart attack at Silas Hayes Hosp, Ft Ord, 21 Feb 77. His widow Virginia has taken up her residence at Army Distaff Hall (the first Class widow to do so). —And Jack Danis died after long illness on 16 Apr 77 at the VA Hosp in the Bronx; he was buried at Long Lake, NY, where he had



1933: Parr stands with his handiwork.

lived since ret. (phys dsbl) in '48. His widow is reported gravely ill.—Finally, we're saddened to report the loss of a son, Stephen O. Fuqua III, who died at age 27 in DC, in May. Our hearts go out to Steve and all his family, for this poignant loss.

And yet... and yet in its inimitable, inscrutable way, Life Marches On—2 of our Lucky Stars have up an' married:

At Albuquerque, NM on 9 Jun 77, our violin maker, John Honeycutt, and Mrs. Edgle Curtis (Esther) Firlie. "On 1 Jan of this year," writes John, "I met Es on a plane from Dallas to Albuquerque. I was carrying a JTH viola, and she asked whether I played... Thus started l'affaire Firlie-Honeycutt which culminated in our marriage. Es is a musician and has been teaching music in the Albuquerque Public School system. Ten years a widow, she has 4 grown children. We hope to attend the 45th, so Es can become acquainted with the Lucky Star." From John's sister Jane, and her husband Bill West '39, we have confirmation of the marriage and enthusiastic impressions of Es, "She's one swell gal—slim, trim, nice looking—a real doll!"

At Lihue, Kauai, HI! on 16 Feb 77, our dauntless tanker, Walt Jensen, was married to Kathryn Alice Christensen. Kay is the widow of Don Christensen ('36). Less is known of the details of this happy union until Walt fills them in for us, or we find a letter from him which June insists we got—and your scribe misplaced. It is noted, however, that the 2 stalwart bridegrooms have both been living for some time in the Great American SW, whose reputation for invigorating climate and stimulating activities is thus enhanced... And to the brides: A warm welcome to the Class of '33!

Ralph & Jane Alspaugh turned up at the DC Area '33 spring binge with delightful dtr Virginia, now CPT Alspaugh (WAC) of Ft Meade. Eddie & Louise Bastion also there, up from Hilton Head. Peripatetic Bill Baumer, alongside Billy Harris (or vice versa), is reported to have gone to London, 23 Jun, for the annual Deception dinner (reunion of hi-level types involved in WWII's great cover and deception opns (see *BodyGuard of Lies*, *The Ultra Secret*, etc. for revelations of the secrets our Classmates kept...).

From John Honeycutt: "In Mar Es and I called on Harry & Dee Bishop and found them comfortably settled in their new home, with Dee recovering from the side effects of diabetes. She makes great marmalade (no connection); my spirits were lifted as Harry and I relived some of the olden days including 1st Co. Yearling Beast Detail on which we served along with Johnny Armstrong, Bob Brunt, Paul Burlingame, Clyde Jones, Matt Kane, Abe Lincoln, Dick Moore, and Gerry Roberson, (maybe another?)"

Bill Blandford keeps high our Class record for public service as office director for Camp Tapawingo (for mentally retarded children) to which the Class has contributed in appreciation for xerox and other services; if you want to send to a charity you can be sure of, send to him. Not to be outdone, Ann remains heavily involved in Red Cross volunteer work. Kudos, Bill & Ann! So many of us owe the rest of the world so much...

Jim Boswell also showed up at the Class party, looking his jaunty best. He's in real estate in the Bay area, a real Big Time Operator... Charlie & Barbara Carver celebrated their 40th in style by a trip to Maui. (Details, next Notes.) They report grandson Michael finished his plebe year with distinction (Dean's



1933: Meyer, Schull and Gibbs.

list); says he took 2 foreign languages: English and Chinese (as an old English P, it hurts to write this!).

We have it on good authority that Don & Molly Cubbison had a 6-week trip visiting their son, Ted, who is head of the U.S. Consular Service in Nairobi, Kenya; they went on a photo safari and got great pictures. Ted is kept busy with American problems in region; son Don is en route to Germany. Billy Harris reports that Bob Cyr, having undergone surgery for an obstruction, is to have a new type of operation for cataract, with implant of a plastic lens—and that Blackie Myers is to have the same.

A Mr. Michael J. King reports completion of his PhD dissertation, "WILLIAM ORLANDO DARBY: A MILITARY BIOGRAPHY," which he hopes to revise and publish, subject to OK from Bill's sister.

Honeycutt took Es to WP dinner at Kirtland AFB, where they sat with Sam & Dottie Donnelly: "The 4 of us represented '33, and it was Es's introduction to things mil. We had a great time." Bob & Jane Douglas, down from Cape May for the spring party, told us they've invested in a camper (RV), leading us to wonder how many of our Class are into the camper/trailer racket, like Dave & Betty Gibbs.

We don't usually include addresses in these Notes, but Bill & Helen Ely want word put out that they are now running one of the country's best dam golf courses (Double Dam Golf Course, Claysville, PA 15323, just off IS-70 between Wheeling, WV and Washington, PA). '33ers welcome!

Jean Engler, having served as pres of the Army Ord Assn (now renamed the American Def Preparedness Assn) and after that as CS, MOWW, has just stepped down from the latter and is reported to be considering, from a relaxed position, what new fields to conquer. . . . Patience, Lessie!

From Gray Essman comes word of a spring trip to England, Ireland (where he and Dot will stay several days with Bob Rayburn at Wexford), and Germany; then back to St Jo, MO for his 51st hischule reunion. Bill & Irm Fletter were last reported sorting and packing in earnest for a mid-Jun move by auto, truck and U-Haul from FL to the Seattle area. Bonne Chance, Fletters—or Gute Fahrt—it's a fur piece. . . .

Betty Gallagher, Cape Codite by summer, is staging a mini Class Reunion in early Jul, hopes to have a score of us on hand or under foot. . . . Gladys, who was permitted to pick the color of their spanking new Cad, tells us that Ned (Gee) was formally presented by the salesman with a rakish visored baby-blue sport cap to match. . . . Ned's doing well, and they had a great trip to FL, seeing among others Charlie Harpo Chase and Kay & Charlotte Kaesser. As we know, Kay

is recovering from a long, rough and (temporarily) crippling illness. "When we arrived," says Ned, "Kay stood for a moment in the doorway with his 'walker.' Then he put it aside and proudly walked the next few steps, to meet us. Be at the 45th? You bet!" As a member of the Good Will Board, San Antonian Billy Harris was here in May to attend a White House conference on the handicapped. En route he was for 3 days a guest of the NYC Motor Pool of the AF Police Det, whose members include NCO's who had served with Billy in 7th Cav. From Monterey Ann Hill cites a San Antone clipping on the death of Miss Rebecca Patton, the aunt who reared Betsy Sudduth Damon. "I keep more than busy, with my vol sch thing 5 days a week, and visits to Mexico, Alpine Meadows, San Ant & Sedona; hope for Pacific NW this summer."

Most of your Scribenotes re our Phar Phlung Hurlbut seem to concern other people: Last spring, Hurly says, he and Polly, together with Bill & Helen Ely, spent a great 10 days in Jamaica with Jane Beeler Greenfield and her husband; upon returning to Dulles Bill is said to have (1) left Customs slip behind on plane, (2) left briefcase in



1933: The Wellings with son Brent.

baggage room, (3) left car keys in briefcase, (4) been unable to recall where he'd parked the fambly voiture, (5) misplaced Helen. "How," muses Hurly, "Could a man who ranked so high in our Class have later become so confused?" Alack, poor Yurlick—the Sixth Stage of Man is Confusion, into which we're all entering. . . . or vice versa. . . .

After some further skirmishing by Harry King with Walter Reed, he and Gracie are back at Bailey Is, where Harry and dog Janie swim in the frigid waters of Mackerel Cove and '33-ers are welcomed with libations.

John & Dorothea Lane remain in DC area, where John still works on White House Def Adv Staff though not, he says, perceptibly. From Jack & Lillian Lewis a grand letter: "We spent Feb in Paul & Kay Gillons' lovely new home at Santee CC, SC, while they were in Europe visiting dtr Teresa and her young family. While there we saw Frank & Holly Henley, both fine; Frank's latest endeavor is to reconstruct detailed model of Nelson's flagship 'Victory.' We dined also with Frank & Barbara Elder, he just back from a Left Handed Golf tournament, which he masterminds as Exec Secy of LIHC Assn." (Proof that some of us can still measure up to responsibilities commensurate with our talents. . . . While keeping home base here in NJ," Jack continues, "We're buying a win-

ter home in Wilmington, NC area, near the ocean and inland waterway and better suited to our health. Bear & Connie Eyler, who live near us here in NJ, will go with us in a local group to Greece in the fall." Thanks, Jack—a great help!

Abe Lincoln, stalwart organizer and pres, developed a retina problem this spring and underwent surgery from which, under Mary's watchful eye, he's now recovering; he hopes to issue another Class Letter this summer.

Of Mac & Dodie McClelland our news while good is hearsay (a letter, please someone!). He's still Bd Chmn of Zero Refrigerated Lines; they had a great clambake for Hurlbut's transiting San Antone, they're reported again cruising on the QE II.

From Dick & Marney Meyer a ltr written just before their "Jun takeoff for Europe with dtr Susan's 2 boys aged 5 and 10. Plan to see old friends in England, Carol's Godmother in Paris, John and his tribe in So. Holland, more friends in Stuttgart and Garmisch, neighbors in Munich. . . . Sounds exhausting, but we're driving after Paris. . . . Susan works for Kitt Peake which has huge astro complex on mountain 60 mi from Tucson, office and lens grinding plant at U. of AZ, all sponsored by Natl Sci Fndn. Seven grandchildren, plus 1 in nest; we golf. . . . Photo is of Dave Gibbs, Dick, Ted Schull—a tennis player flanked by 2 ardent golfers." Thanks, Dick & Marney!

Reverting to DC spring party: It drew notables from afar: Moon & Anne Mullins, looking fit and fine from Columbus, OH! and from Ketchum, ID, one of our best correspondents, Posie Neely (but not Bob, who's harder to dislodge, or waiting for the 45th?).

By ltr which just missed our Jun Notes, Ole & Billie Olson report their Central FL '33 heel-kicker honoring the Lincolns, and also some proud Olson family news: "Son COL Hardin Jr. ('57) is on the Cmd List and due for a Bde at Ft Reilly in 78; he w/wife Betty, Pamela 17 and Stan 15 are now at Monroe; son Lloyd (CPT, SC, RA) and wife Karen (w/2 small ones) are at Monmouth; dtr Karen w/husband Russ Orrison and 3 teenagers are in McLean, VA. All doing terrific. . . . Ole and I are growing better."

The hobbies, avocations and "second careers" of our Class cover a broad and varied spectrum which perhaps some day your scribe will endeavor to address. In this instance the remark is prompted by a letter and photo from Ivan Parr, who writes of "a project I started several months ago—to have the Academy Crest reproduced so it can be tufted (a rug or wall hanging) in full color, with a gray background and a black & gold



1933: The Class presents silver tray to first grandson Selleck, USMA '77. L-R: Webster, Selleck, Guiney, and Fuqua.

border. I've now done 2; they're beautiful originals, and I'm proud of them. I plan to see whether the AOG would like to handle them (for gifts). By later ltr Ivan reports his 4,000-mi trip from Ft. Worth to NE where he attended his 50-yr hischule reunion (York, PA) and visits to WP, Ft Bragg, Atlanta (to see son and family). "Please give our regards to all Classmates. Fairchild, Hoebeke, and Kingfish Kelley send best wishes."

James Pugh and Fanchita Pearson trekked from San Antone to visit children and grandchildren in Washington State. Bill Quinn, whose multiple activities were included in our Jun Notes, reports that his distinguished journalist daughter Sally, scheduled for 40-min interview w/ Castro, had one which lasted 4 hours; her series was published in the *Washington Post*.

From Jack W. Rydelph in Aspinland comes a missive complaining of his monicker mispeled, a direlection we hayesen to crect. . . "Life has been quiet here since Xmas but should pick up in Jun when we take off for HI—my first visit there since 48. . . Have had some success with free lancing, with several pieces published in regional magazines and others waiting to be published, including a 2d hit with *Sports Illustrated*."

As per Jun Notes and many of us know, Bill (Shanty) Ryan underwent some intimate and touching moments at Walter Red; at last report he's making a proper Irish comeback with intentions to attend Betty Gallagher's Cape Cod '33 minireunion in Jul. Marge reports him subdued but not docile. From Sib Sibley, "We just acquired our first grandchild, a little girl who is to be baptized this Sat by my sister, Rev. Julia Sibley, who was ordained 'legitimately' a priest in the Episcopal Church in Jan."

Phil Pope has a letter from Jim Skinner "in response to an article I'd sent him re the great polo players we'd scrimmaged with in San Ant—Cecil Smith, Ton Mather, Rube Williams. . . Jim writes that age and his wife have combined to make him give up booze and broads. . . Charlie Carver and I lived with Jim at Fort Sam. . ."

From Molly & Solly Solomon comes word that their son, LTC Johnny Solomon's orders to AWC were changed to send him instead to USMA as a Regl Tac—nothing but the best, these days; congratulations!

Bob Totten's name and memory came very much alive in Jun when Pat Guiney, in the home of Prof Jack Renfro '34, at WP on 7 Jun, acting for the Class, presented to our first graduating grandson a 12" round silver tray from the AOG engraved on the back as follows: "PRESENTED WITH PRIDE BY THE CLASS OF 1933 TO CLYDE A. SELLECK III, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1977, GRANDSON OF ROBERT TOTTON, CLASS OF 1933"

Present at the ceremony were Bob's widow, Bea Totten, as well as Clyde III's parents, Dolly & Pete Selleck ('52); and others. Lucky Stars present included, besides Pat, Steve Fuqua and Pinky Webster.

From Soapy Waters, who drops in periodically from NJ, comes word that Karl Truesdell has had to take it easy in consequence of a bad heart condition, but is getting better. Our best to you, Karl!

**ADDENDUM/LAST-MINUTE RECEIPTS**  
—from Chuck Dunn: "While Dana and other ladies tripped to Greece, I flew to Monterey to visit my sister Alice; to my regret, I missed Bob & Ruth Leslie, who live nearby. . . I'm in my 7th year of avocational art, putting aside acrylic painting for a year in oil, study-



1933: '33 grandmother, Mrs. Bea Totten, with grandson, Clyde A. Selleck III.

ing portraiture under VA artist Jack Clifton. (I'm also) permanent Chairman of our Episcopal parish Pastoral Care Comm, which helps in family crises. We have also a locally conceived "Do-Nothing Club," a group which enjoys doing nothing about nothing—far better in my opinion than doing something about nothing or conversely, doing nothing about something. . . Come, now, Chuck! "Dtr Dana Lee and husband, Cdr Harry Walker, USN, are moving to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, NH, with our 3 grandchildren. Best wishes."

—from Pat Guiney: "Rita is back from hosp, feeling better each day. Her surgeon was LTC Servis, USMA '59, wonderful doctor and person. Hurly & Polly Hurlbut visited her in hosp and sent beautiful flowers which she later took to ceremony for young Clyde Selleck at Renfroes for all to see. Son Pat III finished first yr at Dartmouth and plans to work in mess hall at Buckner this summer (I may join him at \$4.60/hr!). Dtr Margie and husband Ken Hopper ('72) spending 10 days with us; Ken's just finished 2d yr at U. OK, enrolled in the Army doctor program."

—from Harry Sweeting: "...visited a dtr newly settled in Spirit Lake, IA. On this, my first close look at IA, I was greatly impressed by the beauty and richness of those seemingly endless rolling plains. . . The oak groves are still there (around the farm buildings), and when the corn is about hip high to simulate buffalo grass, one can easily imagine the aspect of the virgin prairie.

—and Milt Summerfelt has checked back into the DC net after a swing that took him from the Gulf Coast to Charleston for a visit with Frank & Holly Henley, thence to Hilton Head for golf with Bastions and Whipples.

#### CLASS BUSINESS, and THE 45th!

1) "God and a soldier, all men adore  
—in time of war, and not before. . ."

As we all know, this year's Hostility Target, chosen by the biased media, an uncertain Congress, and an OSD bureaucracy not distinguished for defense of its Servicemen—this target comprises the established mil ret. sys, now depicted as an unearned and unwarranted (and unfunded) "dipping" into the public trough. Against these unfair attacks the service-related organizations such as TROA, NAUS, AUSA, the AF Assn and

others are by default (of OSD) endeavoring to hold the line, with an increasing threat of unionization as backdrop.

2) **Subscribers to ASSEMBLY.** The AOG informs us that of 230 living grads in the Class of '33, only 160 (or 70%) subscribe to ASSEMBLY. This, they say, is "average"; but we are not an average Class!—and these quarterly Notes remain our most convenient means of passing the word. Only a few of those listed as non-subscribers are really moribund. . .

3) **50th Reunion Gift.** All of us being currently uncertain as to which and/or how many of us will be around for the 60th, 70th and 80th Reunions of the Class of '33, consensus favors a major effort for the 50th, after which voluntary contributions may be more voluntary. . . At all events, Hurlbut, Ph Ph, has been elected by due democratic process (acclamation, there being no other nominees) to head a '33 gift cmte to propose a suitable project. Pres Abe's summer letter will enlarge on this, as well as plans for the 45th.

4) The Class contribution of \$10,000 to USMA's Astro Turf project at Michie Stadium at WP has proven timely. The \$753,000 project is scheduled for completion by early Aug, permitting a whole month of football practice before the first home game on 10 September.

5) Pat Guiney, assisted by Steve Fuqua and Pinky Webster, has generously agreed to coordinate the many arrangements (lodging, lunching, picnic-ing, transporting and estimating) necessary to make our 45th a smooth and effortless (?) undertaking. Send suggestions. More will follow!

# '34

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Our Class Godson, LTC Thomas E. Weber, son of "E-square" B. & Tammy Weber, was presented the Pace Award for 75 at a ceremony in the Pentagon in May, by Mr. Frank Pace, former SA. This award was established by senior mil colleagues of Mr. Pace during his incumbency in the early 50's. The award is made to the Army officer of LTC rank or below, for a contribution of outstanding significance to the Army. COL Weber received letters of commendation also from the VCS, U.S. Army, for the contribution itself, which consisted of "conceiving, developing, making operational and documenting the Army Tng Requirements and Resources Sys (ATTRS)." The current Secy of the Army, Clifford Alexander, the CS, U.S. Army, GEN Rogers, and senior officers during Mr. Pace's incumbency, led by GEN J. Lawton Collins and many distinguished guests were present. Concomitant with the Pace Award, Weber is the Army rep as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow for 1977-78 at MIT. He will be one of 52 distinguished young men from around the world pursuing a 12-mo course toward a MS in Mgmt. It seems apparent that Weber is continuing the performance of duty for which he won the Itchner Award as Cmdr of the Army's outstanding Engr Co, the 173d A/B Engr Co in VN, in 67. As Tammy put it at the ceremony: "Don't you know Eddie is looking down from up there with real pride." 1934 can all join in that pride.

The Class has learned of the death of Dana Johnston at Walter Reed on 19 Apr and his burial in Arlington on 25 Apr. Un-



1934: (L-R): Gerhart, Tyson, Tammy Weber Parcell, LTC Weber, Mrs. Weber, Stevens, and Edson.

fortunately, the DC group knew nothing of his illness and death until after the interment. A contribution has been sent to an appropriate charity in his name.

Also, Ellie Hills, widow of Towny Hills, died and was buried in Arlington on 22 Mar. Members of the DC group attended graveside services.

Jerry Blair writes that he expects to ret. from VA Comm Col Sys on 1 Jul. He is one of the few left who is actively employed.

Johnnie Diefendorf, in a note accompanying his ballot, told of a month long trip to the Gulf-Miss Valley area, visiting Mobile, Biloxi, New Orleans, Natchez, and Vicksburg, all of which he found most interesting.

Don & Thelma Durfee enjoyed a fine, but too short visit from the Chestons and the Edsons on their way north from Key West in the spring. The Durfees were expecting an Easter visit from their son Tom, Class of '64.

In Feb 77 Dan & Betty Anne Cheston and Hal & Faith Edson made a one station wagon, 3500 mile, 25-day trip to Key West, FL, stopping en route to visit friends, classmates and relatives as well as to just plain "go sightseeing like real tourists." They were blessed with pleasant weather, delightful people and more than enough delicious food.

At Largo on FL's west coast, they stayed at George & Salye Gerharts' new apt. It is a most attractive and spacious one, with a beautiful garden view and 3 swimming pools.

At Naples the Edsons served as Godparents at the baptism of Hal's brother's child, while at Sanibel Is the Chestons, visiting a cousin, ran into Bert & Fran Spivy visiting the same family.

Then there were several days at the Everglades to include air boat rides through the swamps and bays and trail bikes to view the many birds, animals and tropical plants.

At Key West they were entertained by Betty Anne's college roommate whom she had not seen since graduation. And of course there were the many other attractions in a 4-day stay—visits to Hemingway and Audubon houses, tours, golf, etc.

On the return up the East Coast—breakfast with Don & Thelma Durfee at Boca Raton and dinner with Fred & Rosa Barnes and Bill & Peggy Craig at a new Benny Hana's. The Edsons stayed a couple of days

with the Barnes at Vera Beach and the Chestons with the Craigs at Jensen Beach.

At Indialantic they stayed with Harry & Eddrea Hillyard who had a party to include Lee & Mary Ingram, Jim & Louise Snee, Knox & Babs Yarbrough, Bill & Helen Cassidy (Class of '31) and Jack & Alice Williamson (Class of '35).

The next day golf at Patrick AFB gave them a picture of "the young athletic '34ers."

After a visit to the Cape Canaveral Space Cen they stopped in Maitland for a few days with Bill & Nancy Northam where the highlight was a very full day at Disney World—a superb production in every sense of the word. Talked with Bob & Marguerite Kyser in Orlando. The last day's drive to DC was the only day of rain, and they arrived home with a temperature of 70 degrees on the 25th of Feb.

Bob Finkenaur, in a note, mentioned that he and Jeanne had served as callers for the telethon conducted by the AOC. Among those called were some classmates which was most enjoyable. He also said that the 2 of them intended to attend the first and only reunion of his high school. It will be the 50th. Their daughter, Jeanne Marie Rock, who is in real estate at Ft Sill, manages to drop in on the Clark Lynns from time to time. Clark is a Spanish prof at the local U. The Rocks (CPT Rock is USMA '71) expect to go to WP in the not-too-distant future.

Stacy Gooch has now completed his 2d year as a ski instr at Taos Ski Valley in NM and is enjoying it as much as ever. He reports



1934: Ingram, Cheston, Snee, Edson and Hillyard, Patrick AFB.

that in their new "easy to care for and easy to leave" townhouse, he has become a successful "mini-vegetable gardener" and Nat grows flowers in pots. Their travel plans include a trip to Greece in Sept.

Paul & Jody Hanley, who migrated to the Monterey Peninsula not too long ago, now seem to have settled in and see quite a bit of Charlie & Betty Johnson. The Johnsons play tennis, travel quite a bit, and Charlie has been elected pres of the local WP Soc. Last Sept the Hanleys stayed with Chief & Mary Canterbury in their La Jolla home overlooking San Diego Bay. Paul says the view from their place is breathtaking. As for Paul, himself, he is teaching on a part-time basis for Golden Gate U. and Chapman Col, both of which have extensions on the Peninsula.

Bill Himes reports that he is back in the teaching racket on a part-time basis. He was offered a full time deal for next year but turned it down as he claims he is turning in his suit.

On 15 Feb, Jabo & Virgie Jablonsky attended COL Red Blaik's 80th birthday party in Palm Springs, CA. Glenn Davis '47 and Tom Hayes were the moving force which resulted in 131 people attending, including Mrs. Blaik, Pres & Mrs. Ford, Bob Hope and Mrs. Hope, Frank Capra, and the Leones. Gene Leone made the first remarks and toast, followed by Jabo, then Bob McLeod representing a Dartmouth group of about 20, then Pres Ford and finally Bob Hope. COL Blaik responded beautifully.

Bob Miller writes that along with the usual business of tending to the house and grounds, he and Billie managed to fit in a trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, last Oct.

Alex Stuart advised that his older son, LTC A.J. Stuart III, is coming to the Pentagon in the near future. His younger son, Douglas, is already in the DC area, working with the Navy.

Rip Winkle ret. from the stockbroker firm on 1 Jun 76 but "got tired of watching the grass" and 2 weeks later joined up with Hornblower & Weeks-Hemphill, Noyes.

Pop Womack, after ret. from State Civil Def in Jun, reports he is feeling fine since the pressure is off and he has more time for exercise. Helen is recuperating from cataract surgery.

On 10 May, the DC group had a farewell luncheon for George & Salye Gerhart at the Ft Myer Officers Club. Attending from the Class were the Joe Bartons, P.S. Browns, Bruces, Corrigan, Edsons, Kerns, Sis MacDonnell, the Stevens', Lou Walshes, O'Haras, Cryssie Bunker, Marjorie Sanders (widow of R.H. Sanders), Ruth Renfroe (Jack was in Walter Reed undergoing tests), and the Northams, who were up from FL. George & Salye have bought a condominium in Largo, FL.

Also on the go were your scribe and his wife Nancy who took a trip to the south of France, visiting Arles, Nimes, Avignon, Carcassonne, the Roussillon area, and ending with a 6-day barge trip on the Canal du Midi to Toulouse.

Jim Wells broke nearly a half century of silence to bring us up to date on his activities. After ret. from the Service, he "indulged" in his great love—writing. He has written, as a co-author, a layman type science book. He has written a novel about conditions in the Philippines after the Moro War, which has been accepted for publication, and he is now working on a 2d book of fiction.

Jack Renfroe writes that he ret. in Aug after an unusually busy year at WP and

that he and Ruth hope to spend a year in Europe before settling down in their ret. home in Asheville.

Stan & Fannie Brown came east in May and Jun to catch up on what was happening along the Atlantic seaboard. They spent a number of days in the DC area looking up friends and, when last seen, were headed for CT to visit Fannie's brother and cruise in his new sailboat.

# '35

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Clair B. (Mike) Mitchell died on 4 Jun 77 of a heart attack at his mother's home in Catlett, VA. Mike had driven his elderly mother there the day before and Peggy Lu arrived the next day to find him dead. He was buried in Arlington on 8 Jun. We all join in sympathy with Peggy Lu, their son Clair B. Jr. of Leesburg, VA, their daughter Marguerite Lucy of Atlanta, GA, and his mother, Mrs. George E. Mitchell, widow of COL George E. Mitchell, Class of 1897, USMA.

On 9 Jun, after a long battle with cancer, George O'Connor died at his home in Tucson, AZ. All our sympathy is with Ethel and their children. George was buried at Ft Huachuca on 13 Jun.

Ben & Collette Heckemeyer have moved from CA to Tucson but exact address is not yet at hand. More news from that area is that LTC Ron Taylor, son of Milt & Irene Taylor, is a top-notch surgeon at Ft Huachuca and Helen Jones was happy to have him for some surgery recently. Bill & Jane O'Neal are taking a cruise to AK via the inland passage in Aug.

Louis Lamborn (Duke) Wheeler, USMA '65, son of Les & Dottie Wheeler, has, with Sally and their 2 little boys, left the Army for a position in Pocatello, ID, with Westinghouse in the nuclear power field.

Thanks to George Eckhardt we have the photo of himself, Ed Ferris, and Mac Peeke taken last Mar at the Eckhardts' home. He also reports that the Peekes are planning to return from Ireland to live in the States this fall but no definite plans as yet. George says that he and Meg and Ed & Marie Ferris will see us in Mexico in Oct.

Late in May John & Mary Kay Glorid came east for graduation of Mary Kay's daughter Ann at St. John's Col in Annapolis, and to visit John's daughter Barbara here in DC and friends in NJ. We were happy to meet John's new wife and welcome her to the Class.

On a quick trip to New England Charlotte and I "dinner-visited" the Fickels in Mt.



1935: (L-R) Eckhardt, Ferris and Peeke.



1935: (L-R) Rumsey, the Harrises, and Charlotte Rumsey.

Kisco, NY. Arthur is enjoying his ret. from G.E. though he is still "consulting," and is making good recovery from the herniated disc operation he had about a year ago. We also found that he is an outstanding gardener. On the way back we stopped briefly to see Ed & Alice Harris in Andover, MA. The accompanying photo is evidence of their good health. Ed and Alice had just returned from the West Coast where they had attended the wedding of their daughter Priscilla. Ed ret. from the faculty of Phillips Acad about 4 yrs ago and recently wrote a book as a centennial project for the city entitled "Andover in the American Revolution." It is a most comprehensive portrayal of each Andover townsman's participation in that struggle. In addition to writing this treatise, or perhaps partly as a result of it, Ed has been elected a Selectman of the city.

A very fine picnic was held at Jack & Elaine Boyles' farm at Mitchellville, VA, on 18 Jun. There were 40 of us present including 4 "singles," Isabel Bidgood, Pat Freudenthal, and Kay & Helen St. John, and several couples from some distance such as Frank & Denny Murdoch from Thaxton, VA, Fred & Rusty Hall from Richmond, VA, and John & Jane Duffy from Charleston, WV. Many enjoyed the Boyles' pool, and all enjoyed the delicious food and warm fellowship in the Boyles' beautiful home.

Floyd Pratt who was seriously ill with several strokes a year or so ago seems to have recovered remarkably. The word is that he plans to remarry on 10 Aug 77.

As this goes to press the Guadalajara Reunion list is growing slowly, with only 14 couples having sent in their deposits, but since there is still over a month before the deadline many more are expected to come in soon, as indicated in the survey last winter.

Last minute report from Carmon Rogers is that the Class Memorial total of cash and pledges now stands at \$22,723. This is from 94 classmates and 6 Class widows. As men-



tioned in the last issue, if the rest of the Class participates at least half as well we will achieve our goal, so get on the bandwagon, all of you! In the meantime talks with the new Supe have resulted in a substantial deferral of the target date by a couple of years, and the cash already sent in is growing a nice rate of interest.

# '36

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The Class that has the most reunions and stays together best, completed one of their fantastic get-togethers in HI the latter part of May. If the reunion was fantastic—and there are many endorsers to this fact—then the efforts to make it possible, were super fantastic. Jim Landrum made it all possible, but to do even a little bit more—he contacted innumerable classmates, long un-heard of or from. He thereby produced "1936 serendipity." Besides the 25 couples who attended a real nostalgic re-run of a 1936 Cadet Hop—see pics, the Persons had to leave a day early, Larry and beautiful Sharon Sievers left early, and the poor Turnages left almost a week early—had to turn around and go back immediately to SC because of sickness. The Fergussons, Laurions, and Pecks changed plans not to go within days of reunion. These indications of interest were certainly fully justified by the successful accommodations at the Hale Koa, the beautiful entertainment arranged, and the parties hosted by Landrums, Ripples, Hiatts, and Weavers. Returning to our Hop on the departure evening, the spirit of the Class and WP was never so emotionally recaptured and returned to 33-36: as with the long gowned femmes who wafted Fragrances of Joy mingled with newly acquired Pikake (the men couldn't believe our distaff looked so good); and as with the "numbers called" dances enjoyed to the deep dipping-glide of famous old waltzes. Lest I overlook the official purpose of the reunion—"championship golf—West vs East"—the Easterners were extremely well represented (male and female), and perhaps all golfers from TX to the Pacific should note that they are challenged, but so far have made small effort to meet those of the Atlantic seaboard who religiously compete in the fall. Statistics on the 2-day championship played at Hickam Field are: Broyles won low gross and low net. Drain and Waters were closest to hole. Lady-wise, Marie Dawalt was low gross and low net. Pat Williams was closest to hole. The reunion provided many chances for all to wander back into history (I don't think



1936: Kinard, at bar, Del Monte Hotel, discussing next year's reunion.



1936: McCorkle, Dawalt, Klock, McCorkle, Williams, Smith, Waters, and Waters.

any classmate had not been to Honolulu before), but among the couples so enjoying themselves I wish to recount the pursuits of the Weavers. Jack and Virginia wished to maximize their encounter with points of interest and therefore joined 3 separate tours. All were different except for one portion: they entered and inspected Diamond Head 3 times. When they got to the Volcano House at Kilauea Natl Park they made 2 successive trips on as many days to the crater and environs. So used to repeating events, when Jack was boarding a return plane at Kona airport he found he couldn't locate his wife's ticket, so he promptly bought her a 2d one. But Jack and Virginia did something else that none of us did—and it should have provided the ultimate in revival of old experiences: they sailed back to the coast on the liner *Monterey*, departing at foot of Aloha Tower after a champagne party with Landrums, Hiatts, Ripples, McCorkles and a few other friends.

Covington sent me a new address for Deacon Barlow. It is Cardinal Woods East, 7113-B Village Green Dr, Charlotte 28215. A note from Dick Carmichael stated that Helen & Joe Nazzaro were passing thru DC on way to celebrate his mother's 95th birthday in Brooklyn. Dick and Muriel spent Mothers Day at Ft Bragg with his oldest son. Bub Clark wrote he'd found an address for John Romlein: 129 N. Bonfoy #306, Colo Spgs 80909. Bill Covington is certain that the incident of the night of 28 Feb 34 on the occasion of 4 cadets crossing the Hudson on foot, was not related as my memory pictured it. To prove his account, he solicited and received a copy of Barlow's diary; which is opposite from PSC's. All that this matter of moment may prove is that cadets of '36 did keep diaries, but that as evidence they aren't veracious.

One of my oldest living acquaintances, closest friends, and 4 yr WP roommate passed away in his sleep. Jack Daly died in his home in Ventura on 7 Apr; he was buried with full honors at Arlington, VA with the girl I introduced him to, Nan Hicks. Carmichael, O'Brien, Dawalt, and Gage were with him at this cemetery. A month later I visited his home in Ventura and met with Dan Daly and Jack's recent widow, Penny.

Ken Dawalt wrote that Billingslea had visited the new Supe at WP. Goodpaster said he would wait until he gets more acquainted with his duties before he will discuss the "soldier" statue. The DC Chapter devised a handsome scroll—proclamation honoring GEN Van Sutherland who ret. in Jun as the classmate longest on active duty. The honor was presented at a party at Bob & Barbara O'Briens'. Present also were Julie Abrams and Larry Sievers. Ken saw Nonce & Freddy Gaston at Army-Navy Club. Fred is very slender. He said Karie won a major ladies golf tournament at that club; the prizes were substantial. Congratulations; Where is the West Coast girl who'll challenge our Karie? Karie will be present at Kiawah Is, SC on 9 Sept with some of the rest of us.

Jean Faiks graduated first in her class at Nova U. at Ft Lauderdale. George Finley had his right leg amputated above knee the end of Mar because of bad circulation. He has been recuperating and hopes to go back to teaching, is driving a little, and would like to make a reunion soon.

At our Hawaiian reunion, Jim Landrum

said he'd received a letter from Bill Hay indicating that he has diaries he kept at WP that contain a note or remark about everyone of his classmates. I wrote Bill about this, and he replied with a 2-page letter. It seems that for a long while he—and others—feels he could (should) do something with these writings. He wonders if they could be published—perhaps "how" and "in what form"; maybe even, "who would publish them?" He asked for my comments; and I am herewith asking all of you to drop Bill a line with your views—pro and con. Will you?

Talked briefly to Tommy Hayes in San Fran. He had just returned from a 5-wk round world business trip with Jean—he went thru HI a few days before the reunion. Tommy seems to be extremely busy, but he secured 2 contracts for his intl firm one of which, now in process, sounds like this: "the world's largest single hydro generating complex, a dam larger than Grand Coulee, a 12,600,000 kilowatt capacity equal to 10 Hoover Dams, enough power to supply a city nearly 3 times the size of L.A., total cost of \$5.85 billions!" Heard from the Hesses twice. They spent their 41st anniv at the Thayer on 13 Jun! Ernie Holmes writes that he has an address for Betty Whitehead: PO Box 947, Chatham, VA 24531.

Art Joyce also left us on 29 Mar. His death was result of heart. He was buried at Ft Sheridan in presence of Peggy, Bill Hay, Sue & Frank Norman.

Young Ralph W. Kingman was graduated from USMay in Jun. I wrote how proud the Class was of him who has reestablished a long line of grads after a 2 generation gap. In sending him a Class gift he replied to me, "I know my father is also proud of me in heaven. I have always been proud of my father and his classmates. When I was a plebe and an upperclassman would ask me what I was famous for, I would tell him, 'my father was the captain of the plebe football team in 1932 when a man named Abrams was co-captain.'"

After reunion, Jim Landrum wrote that he was accepting the fact that it was a success after receiving glowing remarks from 15 classmates and wives. He said he is now figuring out how he can come to Kiawah in Sept. To give you a little more exact information on the depth of effort that Jim expended in arranging for participants for HI,



1936: Front Row: Ripple, McCorkle, Drain, Curran, Evans, Layne, Smith, Weaver, Dawalt, Swain, Landrum, Broyles; Back Row: Warfield, Cordes, Hiatt, Stewart, Gage, Greene, Klock, Benson, Chappellear, Williams, Waters, Dorland.



1936: Front Row: Dorland, Gage, Hiatt, Greene, Benson, Chappellear, Curran, EW Williams, Swain, Warfield, Stewart; Back Row: Evans, Dawalt, Cordes, Drain, Klock, Ripple, Layne, SE Smith, Weaver, McCorkle, Landrum, Waters, Broyles.

he called by phone and passed on bits of news from the following: Steele, Haywood, Grubbs, Kay Christensen, Bill Hay, Kimball, Milne, Quinn, Bub Clark, Kling, Bud White, Montieth, Kelly, he tried but failed to reach Mucci, Romlein and Lamont. And of course there were many more.

Mike was very sorry that Mary's state of convalescence was not such that they could attempt HI. He said at Founders Day '36ers present with wives were Cato, Curran and Klocks—Stokes was w/o. He says he's still in job market—with conditions.

Received a Xmas card in Jun from the Mikkelsens. Harry is ret. after 19 yrs with a prestigious record in R&D from U. of S. CO. They will move to a new home a-building in Sun City, AZ. Bill Prince announced that he is a realtor and that Margaret died in 72. He has remarried a lady named Elaine. Dick Ripple wrote that he and Jimmie took Gen and Mrs. Herrons' ashes to the family cemetery in Crawfordsville, IN where almost all children attended. Van & Elly Sutherland ret. from WP after a very distinguished 16-yr career as a prof. They are living in their home at Amagansett, LI. As mentioned earlier, the DC Chapter proclaimed Apr 30th, Edward Van Valkenburg Sutherland Day!

After HI, Liz and I spent more than a week in her family's country—Frisco to L.A. In Monterey I had several lunches with Bob Fergusson whose home at Pebble Beach they showed me—though it is still not finished for occupancy. I also had pleasant visits with Ace Miller and Bill Kinard, inspected their very lovely homes and chatted with their even more lovely wives—Jean and Jane. On Memorial Day had lunch on Cannery Row with Fred Walker who is a very motivated '36er. Besides flying for fun, he has developed and is marketing something I've never seen before—but certainly has great potential in very arid Western States—it is a "prefabricated crop garden." After leaving Monterey, we travelled south and had a delightful lunch one day with the Chappellears near Santa Monica. We saw Louis, the artist, at work in his studio. And I must "ditto" to seeing artist Jean Miller in her studio in Carmel Valley.

Perhaps the Hahneys or the Swains will some time tell me who visited them during the summer on a motorcycle. I thought I'd

recognize any classmate, but now I'm stumped. "Bob" send a card saying he'd visited the aforementioned on his bike. There are just too many "Bob's"; so I'm ignorant!

In the Jun ASSEMBLY I omitted any reference to Westy at Bill Connor's funeral. This was an outrageous omission, particularly because no one had been more in attendance to Billy than Westy and Kitsy. I deeply apologize.

The following late news arrived after completing the foregoing notes: Bob Burnett passed away on 24 Jun in Kingsland, TX from a combination of emphysema-cardio problems. Mid said that his end was not anticipated at this time, which leads to the conclusion that Bob went peacefully. Certainly, Bev & Don Bodine, who are "down the street neighbors" of the Burnetts, were a great comfort to Mid.

Bill Kinard sent a card with extremely fantastic news: he had just received O.K. from the supt of the Navy PG Sch in Monterey to take care of the Class of '36 for a reunion 22-26 May 78. I know that the just completed, Hawaiian reunion was a huge success, but the one that Bill has accepted to "command" offers at least as much, maybe more! I mention for your knowledge, contemplation, and excitement these facts—1. Our billeting will be in one of the most beautiful and ol' time luxury hotels in the country—the Del Monte. It ranks with the Greenbriar and the Broadmoor. 2. This is the first time these facilities have ever been made available to anyone other than on naval business in the over 3 decades. And 3. Besides being the "Greek" coast of America and possessing unmatched tourist appeal for scenery, art, food, etc., it offers the finest golf in the world! Over 70 Classmates live west of TX, and for the majority, the "distance excuse" has been a legitimate reason for not enjoying "eastern" reunions. Now, the distance problem—and cost of accommodations—are solved. I have already told Bill that there will never be an other reunion at NPS after ours in 78: reason everybody in Navy and Army will be trying to repeat what we have just now achieved. But after all... isn't it fitting—for the Greatest Class, USMA 1936! Send in your "poopsheet" of attendance to Bill—right now—if you haven't already. I don't know what he'll arrange if a large number accept; so please let him know EARLY!

# '37

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The news for this issue of ASSEMBLY is dominated by the 40th Reunion so this squib should follow suit. An earlier part of this issue features the reunion classes, including ours, with pictures and a general summary so the emphasis here is more on specifics. Our big events were the presentation of the Regimental Room, our Class project to the Academy, the informal gatherings among groups of classmates at every opportunity, and the Class banquet on the last night. Thanks to all personnel at the Academy and our own Class honchos, things went remarkably smoothly so it would have taken a real genius to have missed a formation by mistake!

The presentation of the Regimental Room took place just prior to the Dinner Dance. The Supt accepted on behalf of the Academy. The room is most impressive in its theme of emphasizing regimental and similar unit contributions to our battle history. It is beautifully carried out in decoration and appointments. As the culmination of several years of effort by some of our dedicated classmates, it is an outstanding success.

Our list of attendees is headed by Sally & Linda Salientes, Bill & Anna Chase and Spick Nadal—all of whom came from outside CONUS. We were privileged to have 2 Class widows with us—Eddie Besson and Jerry Stumpf.

Couples were most numerous and included the Agees, Barksdales, Duffy Browns, Burtons, Chabots, Chapmans, Chases, Milt Clarks, Fred Clarke, Comptons, Ollie Connors, Curtises, Dannellys, Claggetts, Donohews, Doungans, Drums, Eastons, Eubanks, Evanses, Fellowses, Fishes, Fochts, Fraziers, Georges, Gildarts, Grahams, Greens, Grays, Hackfords, Halls, Hallocks, Hardaways, Randy Hines, Hipps, Hyzers, Klockos, Lemmons, Lewises, Lows, Luteses, Lyons, Majors, Maliszewskis, McDowells, Mercados, Minors, Odens, Palmers, Pearsalls, Pfeffers, Prentisses, Prestons, Kelsey Reaves, Richardsons, Salientes, Sanborns, Scotts, Shives, Sloans, Smalleys, Steelys, Surles, B.F. Taylors, Robt. Taylors, Teeters, Tolsons, Ulricsons, Underwoods, Ungers, Wades, Westovers, Wilhoys, and Zehners.

Singles (some with children) were Calvert, Connelly, Himes, C.B. Hines (3 children), Chester Johnson (daughter), Lee, Lindquist, Magoffin, Mansfield, Nadal, Ohman, O'Malley (daughter), Polk, Stegmaier, Johnny Stevenson, and Travis. We regret that these classmates who had definitely planned to attend were forced by illness or other unavoidable circumstances to fall out: Andrews, Kennedy, Brummel, Forney, Peale, Hoska, Elkins, Metz, Jim Reaves, Haltom and Diehl.

The list of attendees has been given at some risk of boring readers but, if anything came out loud and clear while we were all together, it was the need for a published list or roster of the Class. So maybe this listing will inspire a start.

A note of sadness was injected the last day of the Reunion when word was received that Merice Postlethwaite, Ed's wife, had passed away early that morning. Our sympathy to Ed and the family.

Looking forward with optimism—Finn Unger reserved the Bear Mountain Inn for our Class for the 45th Reunion. Your Scribe was concentrating at that point on how

lucky he was to make the 40th under his own steam, but on hasty reflection—and observation of the fact that 1937 was a group of mere youngsters among some of the other reunion classes—Finn was properly optimistic. So now we have to concentrate on “taking the next hill” in 82 at the Bear Mountain Inn!

Apologies if the above listing has errors. With the help of **Joe Focht**, who probably contributed more blood, sweat and tears to the Reunion than any other one person, we tried to check it 6 ways to Sun. However, it's remotely possible that your scribe has made his first mistake!

Promised **Dottie Graham** this Reunion vignette would be included: At the ladies' luncheon Dottie approached a classmate's wife who she recognized but whose name she could momentarily not recall, held out her hand in a spirit of helpfulness and volunteered, “**Dottie Graham**.” Back came the reply, “No. ‘Jane Doe.’”

Seriously, even the weather cooperated to give us 3 beautiful days for the Reunion. The detailed arrangements made by everyone from the “Supe” down to the last special bus driver made things very easy; we even had 2 active duty MAJs—Donnithorne and Jenkins—who, bless their patience and forbearance, herded us bumbling old alumni and wives to the right place at the right time. And when the Cadet Choir sang “Alma Mater” and “The Corps” the massed alumni at the Alumni Exercises remembered them well enough to follow the Choir softly but audibly.

# '38

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**Bob Offer** in extending his model for our “40 yr Update” has contributed 2 photos and the following message: “Sorry for the long delay—there were several problems—one forgets, the camera malfunctions, one goes on TDY and you can guess the rest. Robert Jr. and Jane have 2 children, a boy, R.D. III (12) and a girl, Katherine B. (10); Jane & Tony have a girl, Celia Catherine (5); and Betsy and Kiert have a girl, Jane B. (3). As of this moment Bob and Jane are packing to go to Heidelberg. Jane and Tony pack next week to go on active duty at Keesler AFB in Jul. Betsy and Kiert may pack later to go to Frankfurt or possibly later to C&GS. Hope this is useful. **Bob Offer**.” Small wonder we haven't heard much from the **Offer** tribe. They have been much too busy populating and organizing Ft Sill and Lawton. They even have **Vince Elmore** at work with HUD providing them with housing. With 10 and 12-yr-old grandchildren, when Bob & Frances say “make us an Offer” they aren't fooling. I'm glad they finally found a camera that takes black & white glossy prints. These seem hard for everyone to come by these days. I thank Bob and Frances for their thorough efforts and hope others will benefit from their example.

**Pat & J.B. Coleman** seem to generate action wherever they go and are very valued reporters. Their latest contribution contained a beautiful color print with many familiar faces. Unfortunately unprintable by ASSEMBLY. It included the **Colemans**, **Jackunskis**, **D. Browns** and **A. Smiths**. J.B. writes, “Well, Pat and I departed St. Pete, FL 21 Jan 77 on a friend's 43' ketch for a meandering cruise of the Bahamas. We checked in with **John & Jo Boyt** in Sarasota. John was selling



1938: (L-R) Elizabeth Merritt, Robert Jr., Jane Morton, Robert and Francis Davis.

real estate like mad! Called the others there but no answer. Saw R.B. & Jean Anderson in their beautiful home in Naples, FL. Had a real 2-day ball with “Miss Kitty” Johnson in her made for good living condo in Marathon, FL. (Johnny was freezing in Phila.) Returned from the Bahamas and went into dry dock at W. Palm Beach for repairs. On 9 Mar while we were asleep on board, Pat and I had the shock of our lives when the skipper-owner of our sailboat died in his sleep of a heart attack. That, of course, terminated an otherwise fabulous sailing cruise. Sincerely, J.B.”

Sadly, sudden death by heart attack has struck closer to home. The “Last Roll Call” in ASSEMBLY scooped the scribe in reporting the death on 16 Apr of **John Corley**. **Gus Chalgren** in Columbia and **Red Sundin** in Charlestown (John's roommate) both reported the event just too late for the last issue. I am quoting some letters verbatim at the risk of some minor repetition since they were both very close to the subject. Gus writes, “Regret that my 1st note to you should bring info about **John Corley's** sudden death a wk ago today. John's health has been up and down for several months. Stomach cancer was found about a month ago. After returning home from a treatment on the 15th, he suffered from an after shock. Soon after returning to the hospital (Ft Jackson), he had 2 massive heart attacks, hardly surviving either; at 3 a.m. on the 16th he had a 3d massive attack which he could not survive. '38 was represented by **Cliff Rioridan** (and his wife) coming from FL, **Bob York** from TN, **Red Sundin** from Charleston and by me and Anne. The outpouring of tributes to John make it clear that he had made his mark as a great comrade as well as a great combat leader—'38 can be especially proud. Sincerely, Gus.” **Red Sundin's** letter follows Gus's quite closely and I will quote in part. “... John was buried in Columbia on 19 Apr in the same plot with his son **John Jr.** Class of '67, who was killed in VN in '68.



1938: The kids and their spouses.

The military funeral was attended by 4 classmates (re: letter from Gus) and was a moving tribute to a wonderful friend and roommate, a fine person and a magnificent soldier. Jean and I are living in Mt. Pleasant, SC, a suburb of Charleston, where we bought a house in 75 after living on the Citadel campus while I was Dir of Pers & Admin from 66 to 75. We spend the summer on Martha's Vineyard to escape Charleston's heat and will be glad to see any classmates either place. There are no other classmates in the Charleston area. I don't know why as it is a good ret. area and has a fairly large ret. community. I have one graduate son, Eric, Class of '71 who is with the SF Gp at Ft Devens. Regards, Red.” Gus and Red each provided me with a full page of biographical material, mil records, funeral details and family information from Columbia and Charleston newspapers. This material is so voluminous as to defy condensation for this column. The REGISTER credits John with 2 DSC's, 8 SS's and only 1 PH, a very judicious choice of decorations. I am sure the details can be more adequately covered later in the obit section.

No column is complete without a social note. This one covers a dinner dance at A/NNC on 30 Apr hosted by **Anne & Bob Brown**. Attending were: **Bixbys**, **Johnsons**, **Kopcsaks**, **Lewis**, **Des Browns**, **Collinses**, **Corbetts**, **Praegers**, **Millers**, **Missals**, **Bill Smith**, **Stilwells**, **By Stout**, **Taylor**, and **Thomas**. The next similar event at the same place will be hosted by **Tess & Arpad Kopcsak** on 16 Jul.

# '39

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**Bill Martin** sends news from CO: “**Dan Minahan** and **Carl Buechner** were in Aspen in Jan; **Jean & Mike Davison** and **Ann & Tom Whitehouse** spent a week with us skiing in Mar. Also **Jane & Riggs Sullivan** were here skiing in Mar and looked wonderful. They wanted us to join them in Tubac, AZ for a weekend in May with **Fran Bestic** and **BJ & Huey Long**. We were unable to go but I know they had a good time. Mary and I departed Aspen the first of Apr in our company's twin engine Aerostar for a business trip. We spent about 2 wks on the road. The first night we stayed with **Emma & Jim Knapp** in Omaha. After Chicago and NY we spent a night with **Ann & Walt Higgins** in Hilton Head, SC and were updated on classmates in that area. Saw **Jeanne & Bob Williams** but no one else. **Higgy** and I were roommates so we had some catching up to do. After a business trip in the Bahamas we headed home. Incidentally I am going salmon fishing with your neighbor **Moe Preston** ('37) in Jun.” (They were still in AK on 28 Jun).

**Claude Shepard** was inducted into the Army Avn Hall of Fame in conjunction with the 5th birthday celebration of Army Avn. Shep made a run for the Air Corps right after graduation but got his wings through the FA pilot-observers program. He became a leader and spokesman for FA liaison pilots during WWII while serving as Arty Air Off of Seventh Army in Europe. He coordinated the development, testing, and procurement of the Army's first helicopter, the H-13. He developed the first career ladder for Army aviators, establishing a pattern of rotation from flight duty to ground duty and concurrent plans for professional education.

Happy to report more honors for Dutch Kerwin. In May the GEN Anthony Wayne Society presented him its Distinguished Citizen Award; the Westchester Treadway Inn, PA, named, complete with bronze plaques, one each of its meeting halls for GEN "Mad Anthony" Wayne, MG Smedley D. Butler and our GEN Dutch; and to top it off, the mayor of Westchester proclaimed 27 May "GEN Walter T. Kerwin Day."

Well we are not all too old to learn. After hard and serious study Charlie Kepple was awarded a master's degree in Engr from Catholic U. this spring.

Dossie Goodpaster sent a most warm note of thanks for the flowers the Washington '39 group sent to greet them on their arrival at WP to assume their new duties. Here's a good suggestion from JD Richardson. As all of us '39ers are so pleased that Andy Goodpaster has been selected to serve as Supt during the most critical period since post WWI years, we should, in recognition of our pride in Andy and as evidence of our friendship and wholehearted support, make special effort to attend this year's Homecoming game, 22 Oct.

Ray Janowski wrote a nice letter in Apr that missed the deadline for the Jun column. He was reporting on last winter's phonathon for the Class fund. Ray said there was little time for chit-chat during the phone calls but that it was very obvious that the Class is quite concerned with what's going on at WP and hopes that the changes (girls) and publicity on the honor system will not result in dilution of the code, integrity or primary mission. Ray said that he and Helen have an added incentive to return to Europe for a visit and to renew old memories. This spring his youngest son Ron, USMA '76, left for duty in Germany.

An update from Julian Ewell before he took off for a pleasure trip to Europe (excerpted) follows: "Our fund drive this past year was most successful—from about \$21,000 in Aug 76 to \$37,902 as of May 77. Think we should forge ahead and not be too complacent as most of the contributions came from old faithfuls who have already kicked in more than their share. (The Jun ASSEMBLY shows we have comparatively good Class participation—61%, but what's wrong with our other 39%? Also note that 3 other classes have 100% participation. We can't expect to compete with the top \$ classes for, as Bill McCaffrey says, our Class didn't go in for millionaires; but surely we should be able to equal anybody in participation.) We will draft another letter to be sent to the entire Class shortly before the AOG solicitation in Oct. If anyone has a great or even a not so great idea please come forth. Now for something on a possible project. The DC group, after looking over the artist's sketches, recommended withdrawing from the Class of '36 project for a statue at WP in honor of the American Soldier. Jack Samuel concurred. WP has suggested the Class sponsor the restoration of the First Captain's suite in the old First Div. It sounds very worthwhile. The details will be forthcoming in a letter in late summer. Maybe we can get a Class vote in conjunction with our fall fund drive. I welcome all your ideas."

Incidentally Bev and Julian had a fine trip to Europe, and a fine visit with Pat & Tom Crawford in Italy. The Crawfords have a delightful apartment in Verona. Both look well. Tom has thrown off an ear problem and Italy seems to agree with both of them. Please note that Julian will continue handling

the Class Memorial project but he has turned over other functions of chief honcho of the DC group to Bill McCaffrey.

The DC group had their annual get-together at the Cleverlys' on 9 Jul. Fine turnout, great time had by all. Ed Hamilton received a handsome scroll attesting to his long and faithful efforts in sparking the social activities of the DC group.

Sorry to report that Art Poinier had a sudden heart attack and died at Patrick AF Base, FL in mid Jun.

Ginny & Clyde Sutton keep up the faith. They hosted several City Hall officials as Atlanta observed Armed Forces Week with a luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and many Mil and Vet organizations. SECDEF Harold Brown was the speaker.

This column was a little prema in reporting Stan Dziuban's motorhome heira around the U.S., Mexico and Canada after his 2d ret. Instead he has formalized his old consultant position and is now working full time with CP (Canadian Pacific?) Hotels, Canada. He is now settled in a new home in Toronto complete with all his imported household goods. He says he is hoping to see many visitors. It looks like he has settled in for a long stay.

## '40

We're picking up just a little momentum. On 6 Jun, the AOG mailed to members of the Class the Kasper cmte resolution, which invited you to return to Bottle your ballot on a proposed new slate of Class Officers and on a new constitution under which they would operate. If your address is up to date with the AOG, you already know that the cmte nominated, to serve until the 40th Reunion, Kermit Dyke as Pres, George Dixon as VP, George Mayo as Secy, Oz Leahy as Treas, Frank Devlin as Reunion Chmn, and Tony Wermuth as Hist. Ray Renola and the Postal Service were not to blame for the slight delay in getting the resolution to you; the mailing material and June Week arrived at WP about the same time.

As I put this column to bed, Bottle had received 166 responses, almost unanimously favorable. However, since 60 days were allowed for the vote, a lot more replies can still be counted. Thus, the promised final report will be carried over to the next ASSEMBLY. Meanwhile, until the voting is complete, essential Class activities continue on an ad hoc basis. On 25 Jun, the members



1940: MG Lyon, Chief AF Res, presents DSM to Sell on retirement.

of the proposed slate of officers met in DC on board George & Candy Dixons' boat "Strathbelle" (which, incidentally, is about one size smaller than the USS "United States"). Frank Devlin was absent, but was consulted in Boston town by ship-to-shore phone. The group discussed possible solutions for several of our dormant problems: arrangements and reservations for Forty's Fortieth; financing of Class activities, including selection and funding of a Class gift to USMA; improved distribution of information; and the like. Given final approval of the Kasper resolution, the new slate of Class Officers would like to move out smartly.

I am very sorry to report the death of Jim Loewus on 11 Jun in Hampton, VA. Jim, who had had a heart attack last Dec, had only recently moved back to Hampton from Phoenix, AZ. Services in Hampton were attended by a number of classmates, with burial at WP on 15 Jun.

From the Tidewater area, Mac Lemley writes that he and Sally have taken a 6-month leave from their jobs with Colonial Williamsburg, resulting in a 4-week trip to Europe, followed by a 5-week camper-trailer trip to the West to try the trout fishing in the Rockies. When last heard from, the Lemleys were just leaving for another trout stream in PA. When you're an expert at last-note arrivals at reveille, you can cram an awful lot of fishing into 6 months. Jim & Dottie Strauss have seen the light; have abandoned the DC area to Democrats, consultants, and double-dippers; and have settled in Williamsburg. They are now both active in community affairs, particularly in the 20th Century Gallery—a non-profit outfit that specializes in modern art displays. Swampy Marsh just back in Hampton after watching his son graduate from the AF Academy. Johnny & Era Wohner are still running their ballet and gymnastics studio in Norfolk, with enrollment now around 300. John mixes taking, teaching, and dancing ballet with float-fishing those VA streams; Era wall-papers while John fishes. Apart from these activities, they attend the annual Queen's Birthday Ball in Norfolk in Jun, Johnny's perquisite as a wearer of the British DSO.

Woody Vaughan reports that he attended a ceremony in May at the Chapel of the Centurion—the Old Chapel at Ft Monroe—at which a number of tapestries were dedicated. The tapestries, designed by Mrs. Charles L. Bolte, were sewn by the ladies of the chapel and included one dedicated in memory of the late Peggy Miley and another in memory of Swampy Marsh's father.

Five separate contributors told me about Wendell Sell; you might say he's been noticed. He's still in the L.A. area as pres of Hoffman Electronics. Wendell came to DC in Feb for interviews and was offered the post of secy of the AF, but declined for personal reasons. In May, he visited the AF Academy to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Falcon Fndn (Ross Milton is also a trustee). Later that month, he ret. as MG, USAF Res (which must make him about the last AF type in the Class to ret.), at a Pentagon ceremony where he received the DSM. Present for the ceremony was Mary Yeuell who, incidentally, now works for the AF Historical Fndn. In Aug, Wendell and Charlotte are due for an Alaskan cruise with Len & Doris Orman.

Len Orman is taking a sabbatical this fall to finish his PhD dissertation; Doris is doing portraits, apparently without benefit of a sabbatical. Ross Milton, who recently talked

to the AUSA chapter in Pueblo, is busy writing for newspapers and magazines. **Page Smith** threatens to go back to work with the arrival of 3 offspring in college at the same time. Len says that **Bob Raleigh** seems to be just plain enjoying life, "has a different date every time I see him, and has slimmed down to 180 again." **Al Richards** talking about 2d ret. after 12 yrs of teaching math at the U. of So. CO; if so, he'll probably move to El Paso. **Red Gideon**, with a lovely home just north of the AF Academy, can still beat the youngsters at tennis and gave a cracker-jack lecture on leadership to the ROTC cadets at USC last year. **Wendell Coates**, following one good act with another, giving a similar lecture in May. **Sid Bingham** at Aspen busily sandwiching his education job between skiing and fishing (Retired Officer magazine says he's program coordinator, High Country, RSUP, Glenwood Spgs), **Bert Johnson** at 60 is a surveyor. He also must be very persuasive; his wife is his rodman—in the rugged Rockies, yet. They live in a cabin at Twin Lakes, but plan a move to Greenwood Spgs. **Skip Fowler** in Colo Spgs, part owner of a mausoleum. **Roy Shoemaker** named citizen of the year in El Paso after heading a board that looked at the police dept.

**Jim Walters** writes that he and **Bill Clay** still live in Huntsville, AL while **Milt Barnard** is a banker in Arab, about 25 miles south. Bill has completed accounting studies, now plays golf (that's one way to handle your handicap). Jim is WP Area Admissions Coordinator for northeast AL and has recently gone into ham radio: his call is WD4EPL.

**Bill & Kathy Porte** relocating from Denver to Des Moines, where Bill becomes field VP of the IA area for General Life Insurance Co.

**Walt Winton** writes from Clearwater that he and Alice are tripping north this summer to visit son Hal Winton (MAJ, USA, USMA '64) and family before they leave WP for Berlin. In nearby St. Petersburg, **Roland Gleszer** doing a great job with the WP Admissions program. He gives fiery speeches and, on the cosmetic side, he and Helen have their usual great tans. **Steve Morrissey** and **Otis Ulm** still decorate the faculty of St. Petersburg Jr Col. Otis contemplates ret. in about a year; he and Maggie both well, have moved into a condominium as a preparatory measure. **Bill Stoddard** says all well and under control in nearby Largo.

**Stew McKenney**—just before the premiere of the picture "One Bridge Too Far"—called attention to the depicted exploits of **Julian Cook**. Stew offers the fixed opinion that Julian is "one of the many magnificent soldiers of the Class of '40 without sufficient recognition." However, Stew avoided comment on the artistic worth of the film. **Oz Leahy**, present at Market Garden, also avoided critique of the picture; he did say it was the first picture he'd seen in 2 years and that now he didn't think he'd see another for 5.

**Bottle Kasper** finally cut the umbilical with General Dynamics, but not quite, since he ret. one day and accepted a consultant contract with them the next. He and Jackie are still hunting a farm as replacement for the Home Place; settlement on the Home Place isn't until late in the year, so the Class in the DC area plans the next affair with the Kaspers in Aug.

**Dick & Marnie Kent** still entranced with their new 25-ft sailboat.

**Dave & Betty Parker** left their dusty CA playground in late May to visit sundry offspring and grandchildren on the East Coast.

The Parkers aren't unique in this; most of us are slowly accumulating more grandchildren. However, **Paul Phillips** listened to the stated Parker mission, then announced that he and Rita already have 2 great-grandchildren. Who can top the last story? Dave finessed it, but only by leaving promptly for Venezuela and Panama for 3 weeks of hunting lucrative construction jobs for Intl Engring Co. From Caracas, Dave commented on the dehydrated classmates of northern CA. **Jack Harnett**, as gen mgr, East Bay Municipal Utilities, controls some of the faucets from the Sierras, appears increasingly nervous as nothing comes out. **Eben Swift** trying to escape it all by working for the Navy teaching history on board ships in the Pacific, with his students convinced he is history. **Hank Adams** managing much property on the mid-CA coast (Dave says it's half and implies many deep Adams wells around Big Sur). **Rod Wetherill** remarried and living in Oakland. **George England** still trying to make the San Fran Municipal transport sys secure.

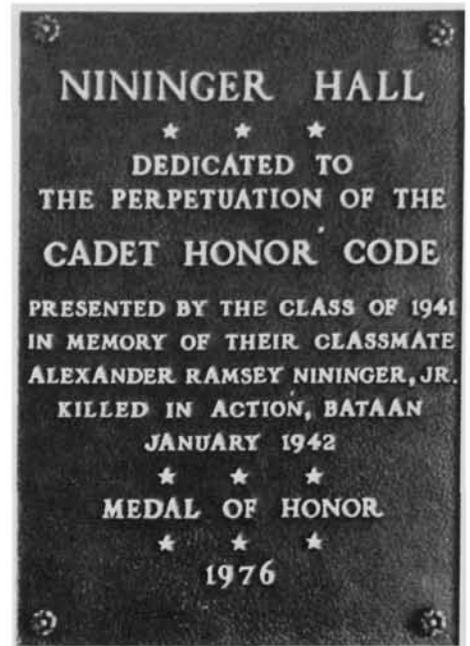
**Hal Brown** wrote a lot from Seattle, the best news being Kitty's encouraging progress in her recent long illness.

**Frank Mandell** and **Harry Stella** are next door neighbors near American Lake, south of Tacoma; Frank works for the state highway dept, Harry sells real estate. **Jodie Stewart** in Port Townsend, fully ret. and relaxed, expresses renewed confidence in WP with the appointment of **Andy Goodpaster '39** as Supe. This feeling of relief is quite general, letters from classmates all over the country express the same idea again and again.

Stockbroker **Bob Cameron** still working odd hours in the Northwest to keep up with NYSE schedules in the East. **Dick Shagrin** with as much law practice as he cares to have, permitting plenty of golf and a diminishing handicap. **Ed & Edie Lucas** spent 6 months in Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile, returning to Seattle in late Mar. **Hank Daniels** fully ret. from the state Dept of Education, living in Olympia. He and Jackie visited children in Europe last winter and have just returned from a 2 month trip through the South and CA. They saw **Florian Erspamer** in Camarillo, north of L.A., teaching high school, but gradually phasing out. **Bob O'Brien**, who ret. after 7 years as PMS&T at U. of Santa Clara, now asst to the dean and teaching courses in business adm. **Sal Rizza** taking time off from the presidency of the L.A. WP Society to attend to his primary job designing another FA computer, lighter and handier than ever before. **Wendell Sell** reports that he saw the peripatetic **Woody Vaughan** in Jun at the L.A. Army Ball.

While **Charlie Banks** waited for her to arrive in San Fran, **Betty Banks** stopped briefly en route to see the **Hal Browns** in Seattle. The Banks still live in Tulsa, where Charlie is Director of Protective Inspection for the city. They see **Larry & Pat Klar**, who summer in Tulsa and winter in St. Petersburg, as well as **Walt & Lorna Lavell**, since Walt works for American Airlines in Tulsa.

Quite apart from the outcome of the Kasper cmte resolution, I'm counting on drafting the next '40 column in ASSEMBLY. I'm learning. As I've told a number of souls, only after I agreed to put together some notes for the Jun issue did I discover that the deadline was some 3 days away. The brevity of the resulting column taught me that I need input. May I have your news at 6100 Ft Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307?—**G. Mayo**



1941: Honor Hall Plaque

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Ruth Glick has this to say of sexagenarians. "Large numbers of older people have been dispossessed, so to speak, following the institutionalization of mandatory ret., the lowering of ret. age, the decline of self-employment, and the disintegration of their roles in family life. Moreover, they are living longer. They are healthier, stronger, better educated, more independent, more sophisticated, noisier, and scrappier. They are absolutely unwilling to be dealt out of the game." As a psychologist and co-founder and director of the Inst for Ret. Studies at Case Western Reserve U., Dr. Glick ought to know. Her article, "The Coming of Age of Age" puts gerontology on the map and offers a real shot-in-the-arm to those of us about to join the shuffle board set.

And our head geront, **Jack Norton**, phoned to pass out the poop on the dedication of Nininger Hall. The program will be Fri to Sun Oct 7, 8, 9. It is not repeat not on the homecoming weekend. The program: Fri 7 Oct—arrive, check in—mixer cocktail. Sat—Early Memorial Service and dedication—Parade—Luncheon—Army-Villanova—Class dinner party. Sun—departure. Jack is getting out a letter to all; you should have it ere you read this. Many have urged that we have minireunions often—this will be a great opportunity so let's make it big!

Noisy, scrappy **Bucky Miller** is picking up speed and subscriptions for his minireunion at Padre Is starting 23 Sept. Headquarters will be the Gulfstream Condominium, PO Box 8170, Padre Is, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. His latest communique reports 3 from San Ant, 1 Austin, 1 AR, 1 El Paso, 1 AZ, 4 CO, 1 Tacoma; "Getting calls and mail daily." He corrected an address for **Bill Mitchell**—522 Cumberland, Shreveport, LA 71105. This should be a great bash so if you are interested write Buck at 3122 Samar Dr, San Ant, TX 78211 or phone 512-656-3748. He saw **Rod O'Connor** recently en route to AZ to the funeral of his brother George. He also had 2 letters returned by the mule service stamped "Moved—no forwarding address." The addresses: **Lemoyne**



1941: Fun and games four decades ago!

Michels and George Hicks—if you have a fix on either of these gents please give me a flash report.

There is hardly anything nicer than a long, friendly letter from an old buddy. Wally Lauterbach and Rod O'Connor each came through with a dandy. Writes Wally, "Would like to ret. but this continuing inflation scares hell out of me. All of our heavy investment for the past 7 years in our orchard should start paying off next year. Doris took an extended trip to all countries of S. Amer with a bunch of fruit growers and had a ball. Am heavily involved with antique and classic cars; 29 Nash now has a garage mate, a 57 Imperial Convertible. May have to sell the Nash because its value now is getting into 5 figures. We plan a mountain pack trip in Aug to the Glacier Peak area above Lake Chelan."

Rod and Gabby are building a house in Pucon and the project, according to Rod, "... is moving along with the alacrity of an arthritic tortoise." Zooming building costs are turning "Hernando's Hideaway into Rodrigo's Giveaway." Thanks to Space-A auto-vo-n, I talked to Rod and learned that they plan to stay in DC until Oct and then back to Santiago where 3 of their kids are living. Son Dick, CPT USAF is getting his master's at AFIT and son Brian is in med sch in Santiago. Rod is running a placement program for American kids who want to get into Chilean med schools and he says they

have a very good batting average passing American boards after graduation.

Another auto-vo-n magically put Will & Nancy Vaughan on the phone from their new home in Charleston. Said Will of Founders Day formation, "With guys like Mark Clark and Westmoreland at the party, I thought I'd be called up to give the speech of the youngest grad!" Brad & Ruth Smith were recent visitors en route to a vacation in FL. Recent visit to Tryon resulted in missing Joe Knowlton but a positive report from a neighbor that he continues to make good progress and has even been seen on the links. About the mid of Apr George Brown was down for a speech at the Citadel which was very well reported in the local press. Your favorite ski bums, and mine, broke a record—no skiing last winter, however they plan to burn the alpine pistes this winter.

From "A Sign of the Times Dept": At the Colo Spgs Founders party Kay and I found ourselves in a cocktail circle with a grad of the early 50's. He introduced his drag, a petite blonde but with a different name. As we chatted about post ret. jobs and such I asked the blonde doll what she was doing to which she replied with an eager smile, "Oh, I'm a sex therapist."

As most of you know by now we have had bad news of late—very bad news indeed. On 9 Apr, James E. "Bill" McElroy died of a cerebral hemorrhage following heart surgery. Bill was Senior Warden in St.

Lawrence Episcopal Church in Cupertino. Ann's letter said the classmates in the area "... have been wonderful, especially Walt & Doris Mullane. Walt just took over and arranged for our daughter Donna to come home from Brazil, where she is serving in the Peace Corps. Everyone has been wonderful. Jack Norton wrote about a contribution to the Ninger fund. Several classmates have already given to the Heart Assn or to our church." The St. Lawrence mission newsletter had this to say of Bill: "Bill's faith was not a matter of words or theories, it was a part of every part of his life. He lived his faith, he shared his faith, and he was an inspiration to all of us, many, many times. His love, his gentleness, his caring enriched us all." Ann can be reached at 1358 S. Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014.

On 12 May John Barney died of a heart attack. Swampy Marsh reports that he, Bucky Miller and Bob Detwiler were present for the interment at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery with Full Mil Honors. In response to my note, Louise answered, "John was very proud to have been a member of the Class of '41 and anything done in his memory for his Class will be greatly appreciated by his family." Louise can be reached at 119 Wyndale, San Antonio 78209. Daughter Carol (Mrs Ben House) of Corpus Christi and Linda of Austin were there and all 3, according to Swampy, stood up beautifully.

And on 14 Jun, John C. Tyndall II died of a massive stroke. He was buried at sea per his request. My call to Maggie resulted in another report of the wonderful support and strength of the classmates. She can be reached at 12600 Nira Loma Way, Los Altos Hills 94022.

Phyl Borman has had a very rough time with throat surgery but Jack Christensen tells me he saw Bob at a dinner given by Audrey & Bob Tarbox last week and he reported that things are going much better. Burnside Huffman underwent cranial surgery in mid Jun and after an initial report that was very favorable he had a slight relapse. A phone call put me in touch with John who is soon to start college at Georgia Tech. He said his father did have a set back but that he was "doing OK" and that the prognosis was good although not early. He is in Arlington Hospital, 1701 N. George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22205.

Swampy Marsh also reported, "I guess I dropped the ball in not getting out the word of Biz Roy's death last fall. Young Jim called us about 11 p.m. the night she died and I just assumed the Wash group got the word. When Lucy Millikin was here in Feb she was quite surprised to hear the news."

Wedding Bells Dept: Ann Sykes and Thomas T. Sherwood, a ret. exec of Eastern were married at the home of Mayor & Mrs. Richard P. Scott in Manilapan, FL on 2 Jun. The happy honeymooners were soon off on an Oriental Tour after which they will take up residence at 7 Little Pond, Point Manilapan, FL. The breathless bride phoned this scribe just before the trip to report her very happy decision and to say that the new inventory of kids made her a grandma to the sixth power. She and Tom already have reservations for the 40th!

News from the south end of the CA Class pipeline has Gurnee and Gerace in rigorous training for the upcoming Class CA golf classic vs Christensen. Last year's champ Gurnee is the odds on favorite. And this will be the last appearance for a while on the part of Felix who has just been announced

as the new head man in Teheran for Northrop replacing Jabbo Jablonski. What an assignment!

We had one Class son graduate this year, Jim Kline, and his dad and mother presented the framed picture of WP and the mug courtesy of Jack Kelsey. Charlie Schilling took care of the picture and hopefully we can find a print of the happy occasion.

Charlie Murrah sent me his well-written input to Infantry entitled, "Honesty, A Must." Bill Brier is putting together another mini for the 77 Frontier Days. He is expecting the Henschkes, McIntyres, Corbins and Ray Schnittke. Jasper Vaughn wrote from Jedda where he finds his new job most interesting and his new bride Ruth about to join him in the desert oasis.

The Corbins had George and Skip and daughter Susie out for graduation. When smashing Susie walked into the living room in an evening gown and was greeted by her mess dressed cadet drag the room lighted up much like Cullum Hall used to a few years back when her mother arrived at a cadet hop. The local chapter award for stout fella of 77 goes to Alma Troup who has had 2 cataract procedures plus a 3d surgery to release pressure on a nerve. She is making a good recovery and has not complained once, bless her heart.

As these words are being pecked out, Jack and Muriel are staging a party for the honeymooners, Ann & Tom Sherwood, staying with Bud & Carole Thompson after their Pacific hegira. Walt & Doris Mullane and Maggie Tyndall along with Bud and Carole will provide the typical CA welcome at Jack's poolside and bar.

The Pikes Peak Chapter of The Ret. Officers Assn is eagerly looking forward to our next speaker, The Assoc Dpty Admin, NASA, LTG Duward L. Crow (USAF Ret.). Pete has been kind enough to journey to our mountains to tell us about the space shuttle and a Class rally is planned, chez nous for the evening of 6 Jul.

As a current participant in what educators are enthusiastically calling *lifespan education*, I am intrigued by Prof Glick's thesis—as she reports the burgeoning market in adult education which boasts such appropriate names as The College at Sixty and Emeritus College, she makes an excellent case for those in what she calls "a very ambiguous period of life," and she concludes with, "Opening the gates to people of all ages has been called the beginning of one of the most significant transformations in American higher education." If you are bored, arise, geronts, and Take Boards!

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Euphoria—an often unaccountable feeling of well-being or elation. Webster was tracking very well until he put in that adjective "unaccountable." If he's correct, then I am not in a state of euphoria. But to my unlettered soul, that word best describes my feelings—and those of 110 other classmates, 97 wives, 1 fiancée, yes, and one child and one grandchild—about the 35th Reunion of the Class of '42!

It was a super occasion. Too much cannot be said about the arrangements—nor for the intercessory prayers which brought us 3 days of gorgeous skies and bright sunshine. Tom



1942: Harrell, Crit and Hughes await Ford's punch line.

Rienzi as our leader, the Cutlers, the Roberts' and Kathy Flanagan as our on-the-scene workers and devisers and the Hunters as the conceivers and achievers of the "his" and "hers" mementos did a fabulous job. But enough love-making, here's how it went.

We arrived at the "nameless" inn in Newburgh (ask any attendee for details) on a cold, damp and dreary Wednesday. Some had preceded the rest by 24 hours and thereby had a day to rehearse. (I meant to check and see how many of them consequently pooped out a day early!) Impromptu parties ebbed and flowed with wonderful imprecision until time for the cocktail-buffet at the main motel. And then ensued an evening which in itself could have served as a reunion. Each new arrival heightened the excitement—and the noise! To avoid the problems of decompression when the party ended, we cleverly divided into small groups, each widely exceeding the capacity of our rooms, and slowly and reluctantly let the first day end.

Only the idiot golfers were up and at 'em early Thurs morning, but there was quite a bunch of those. (Ask Betty, Cherie, Claire, Peg, Betty Lou, Elma, etc., etc.) Lunch at NYMA was the first formation. As the buses dropped us at the Supe's quarters—which are deceptively modest on the outside but strikingly handsome and comfortable inside—the school band serenaded us while we transfused ourselves with champagne. A sumptuous spread was served in the basement dining room, and we repaired to tables set up in the Roberts' lovely back yard. Polly and Fran really did well by us, so well that it was no small chore to gather the contented rabble for the Class picture.

The Class meeting in the NYMA Chapel ensued. Do not ask for a transcript of what transpired. Suffice it to say that the local hosts were blessed for their help, and the question of adding to the Class gift was passed along to the Class Officers for future consideration. We were bused from NYMA to Eisenhower Hall for the dedicatory cere-



1942: Cherie shivers at the picnic. Lu and Don are aglow.

monies concerning our Class gift. Despite a nominal number of sunbathers, swimmers and golfers who chickened out, a responsible percentage took the opportunity to visit that magnificent Cadet activities center—and rest our feet—prior to the ceremony. Sid Berry joined us with a surprising *joie de vivre* for a man who had already enjoyed(?) a number of such occasions that day. Also on hand were the youngsters MAJ Jack Stevens, CPT Jesse Jatlin III, and CPT Cortez Aglor III, who had guided our plans—and replans, as the costs skied—to step on the Supe's toes as he stepped on the symbolic first shovel of earth, promising that the '42 R&R area would be available to cadets and drags before the first snow flies.

Tom Rienzi's remarks were surprisingly brief, the Supe took the cue and we were bused back to the motel in good time to scrub our bodies for the Alumni Dinner Dance in the Mess Hall (Dining Facility?) that eve.

The latter was an occasion for much table hopping among the younger and older, both of which categories still fit us, as well as a roast beef dinner which was equal to any previously experienced anywhere at any time. While many were chided for taking the early bus back to bed and board, the motive was clearly misunderstood. It was not that we loved thee less but that we needed to love each other of '42 more! The great occasions such as the dinner dance are indeed needed as a focal point, but when the amenities are over and the fond hellos with former adversaries completed, a reunion lives on those "family" get-togethers which flourish in the informal atmosphere of Room 214, 112, etc.

Fri morning's first buses were the true test of a.) devoted or b.) insomniac wives. Happily, there were enough of both to brighten the rather haggard group of us old grads heading for the Alumni Exercises. As we formed in front of the Library and as we spotted friends from other classes, warmed in the sunshine and enjoyed the brisk breezes, the corpuses soon began to race back and forth. Armed with the handsome black, grey and gold golf umbrellas Al Hunter had obtained as our Reunion memento (Nancy had arranged a handsome brooch for the gals), we marched, make that "ambled," across Diagonal Walk and on to Sylvanus Thayer's new location in front of the Supe's quarters, practicing the umbrella salute along the way. (As one of our Class Aides reported to his cute bride later, "it was just about 10:30 a.m. that I lost control of the "Class of '42!") By this time the buses had made their 2d trip so that our rowdy gals were on hand to cheer our reproachable conduct! The Alumni services were as thrilling as ever—especially because '42 is still far enough to the rear to have problems viewing the ceremonies! One of the memories I shall treasure is the sight and sound of the flag whipping overhead and the quiet joining in of a number of classmates as the Cadet Choir sang the "Alma Mater" and "The Corps." That low-key participation was very special, and I hope it will become a tradition of '42.

Our leader—in a bowler hat—then led us across the parade ground to our position for the Alumni Review. Never has the setting been more beautiful. And never has a class distressed the powers-that-be more than did '42 when we saluted the passing Corps—twice—with unfurled umbrellas, reminding one and all that "ze greates' class" has yet to acknowledge the ravages of time. I might add that we all found it most difficult to spot the female cadets until a unit passed by

and we could get a rear view—because they have no tails on the FD coats, dummy!

The ladies lunched at the Club while we lunched in the Mess Hall—and pined for one of the tall, cool refreshments available to our spouses. Class gifts were announced by GEN Saltzman, distinguished head of the AOG. In acknowledging ours, Sid Berry giggled us gently for past promises and unseen results. His report to those assembled covered the topics of principal concern and was well received. Of primary interest to us was the election of Dick Horridge to be the '42 Trustee for the coming year. Could we have a better?

The Ski Lodge—bless the Class of '48 for its contribution—was the scene of the last big blast. On a chilly evening, the fireplace was a focal point—until the appropriate anti-freeze level was attained. A very happy, informal evening highlighted by the presentation of the Class gift of bookends to Tim Flanagan, steaks on the grill and—you know! A personal moment of glory was a ride home in Bill Gernert's latest toy—a '55 Bentley, if you please!

Our last formation was, appropriately, a memorial service for our 96 deceased classmates. We met inside the Old Chapel at 10:00 and experienced the most heartwarming service of the 7 we have had. Big Tom set just the right tone to touch us all. After a closing prayer and a blessing in the direction of Father Jim Studer, unavoidably absent due to his graduation and wedding commitments (as a contributor, NOT a participant!), we passed along the gravesites of our members interred in the WP Cemetery, with a company-mate of each decedent decorating the grave with a flower. I would gently remind that obituaries have not yet been prepared for some of our departed. Should you be a volunteer?

We then adjourned to Kathy Flanagan's lovely home in Highland Falls for o.j. and/or Bloody Marys. A few had had to get an early start homeward that morning, but most were able to enjoy the opportunity for leisurely, final alohas. A perfect final curtain.

During the course of events and as the opportunity presented, we thanked our fine Class Aides as well as Kathy Flanagan and Polly & Fran Roberts for their contributions with etched copper maps of WP. Our special heroes for their help over many reunions, Ginger & Ec Cutler received a handsome music box which we hope they'll enjoy in their new home. It had been proposed that we give a present to George Hesselbacher for his 9 yrs of service as Treas, but George declined with thanks, saying that he'd labored too hard to accumulate our funds to agree to seeing them dissipated on him! George Allin likewise refused recognition of his 5 yrs of toil as our Secy.

Among the questions generating much heat



1942: Champagne at NYMA for Peg, Tom, George and Andy.



1942: Dotty and Sissy enjoy!



1942: And so do Dick and Larry.



1942: And Ken is fractured by Ted.

and little light were: What was the order of our top graduates? Answer: Hottenroth, Hayes, Halsell, Lauer, Cutler, Cumpston, Hesselbacher, Young, R., McMurray and Newman.

Who were the juveniles in the Class: Answer: Henry Benitez was. Surviving are Tarrer by 2 days over Alfaro, then Obenchain, Reid and Frank.

Among new addresses: Hank Halsell, Box 11175, Amarillo, TX 79111; Jim Studer, St. John's, Collegeville, MN 56321, and the Plotts to 6 E. Washington St, Lexington, VA 24450.

Good news came in the word that Ec Cutler was awarded the DSM for his years of specially valued service and that Tom Rienzi's ret. plans are forgotten as he goes to NATO to be the head communicator and adds a 3d star. Let's hear it for the old guys!

Almost forgot to mention that '42 got giggled for its rowdy behavior at the Alumni Review. CPT W.C. West who had been a Cadet when Big Tom was a TAC laid it on us—8 and 8! (As though we hadn't!)

Bob Rawls is using some of the movie footage he has taken at reunions to make a '42 movie. He'll be asking for 3 photos from each of us—a mil picture of you from WWII, a family picture and a fun picture of you

from any time. Sounds like a heck of an undertaking but wonderful fun for us, so do cooperate when the call comes.

Crit Crittenberger was seduced by the Supe at NYMA to be their Graduation Speaker. Crit says it was fun; no report from the kids.

Bud Ryder is due to report to Fort Sam on 14 Aug for winding down and house hunting purposes, no doubt.

The Gernerts and the Sheltons were both in town prior to Reunion, stirring up a flurry of practice drinking and fun. Bill, with Mary's fervent approval, was trying to unload that gorgeous Bentley, in between visiting with son Bill and family. Sheltons had already done a heap of visiting on a drive north, and had much more, including a trip to AR, planned for later.

Gernerts want all to know that they'll be having a party on the occasion of the Army-AF game so if you were at all tempted to go, there's your clincher.

Not having the guts to send it to Carl Ulsaker, Al Wilder sent me a clipping at-testing to the dogged persistence of the Postal Service. Ret. papers for a San Fran ploideman, dead since 1924, were delivered on 30 Mar 1977. Of course the PO Dept deserves some of the credit, but Carl's boys surely are good learners!

Tom Rienzi had some repairs made over in Tripler GH. While there he dined with the Palfreys. Pancho is a toiler for the AOG and the AF Assn and is fortunate enough to foresee the day when the Rienzis will be across the street neighbors! Tom says that Bob Blair is still studying, while Rita continues becoming more Hawaiianated every day.

Dave Claggett sent an article from a Baltimore paper about Al Hunter and his worms. The article points out that the addition of pure horse manure almost guarantees a thriving worm community—which may explain Al's success.

Frank Koisch was in our area in Apr to enable the doctors at Walter Reed to solve some physical problems prior to his ret. and to get some of AMAA's good advice. He looked too well to get any special treatment here! Unfortunately, we got later word that he'd lost his mother about that time, and I know all join in extending sympathy.

While on the more somber side, I regret to report the loss of Len Pasciak to a heart attack in early Apr. Services were held at Arlington on 7 Apr, and Cecile was most appreciative of the fine support accorded her by the local gang.

Also reported were the recent deaths of Pete Russell's brother and Tom Hanley's brother who was pres of the U. of Scranton. Condolences from us all to you both.

And now I've lost my note about who sent me an article advising that a movie is to be made(?) from a book being written about Bill Smith's misadventure with the Empire State Bldg. The article mentions that Carl Hinkle was waiting for Bill to pick him up when the accident occurred. If the book makes it under Grosset & Dunlap's wing and any of you see it, please let me know so I can spread the word.

Had a recent visit in the office by Jim & Peggy (Marks) Love. They're on their way to Germany and wanted to make sure that all was in order. Incidentally, I hear that Poppa Ted is the administrative gluer of a band of, excuse me, firm of attys. I'll bet they get shaped up in a hurry!

And lastly, a note from Jim Studer re-

affirming his disappointment at missing the 35th. The workings of his army were evidenced when, despite the protestations of his flock, Jim's parish was given to the Bishop's choice, hence the change of address above. I know that Jim was heartbroken—but remains the good soldier.

If parts of this are even less coherent than usual, forgive me for running afoul of the deadline and having no chance to edit. If I have conveyed any appreciation of the joys of the 35th—and how much you absentees were missed—I'll willingly accept all other criticism.

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Let's have a standing ovation for Lou Wilson, who ret. as CINC PACAF on 3 Jun. Lou graduated from high school in Hurricane, WV, and joined the Service as a private in the 11th Inf before entering USMA. It was Hodge Kirby who talked him into going to flying sch while at WP, and the more he flew, the more he liked. Well, you all know the rest of the story, and now Lou and Anita are vacationing somewhere out West. With Ted Seith's ret. on 1 Aug, the "Indian Chiefs" who are still on active duty in the Class will be reduced to 7—and they are all Army.

In a recent note, Bill Knowlton advised me that he is leaving his post as the Cdr of ALF, SE Europe, to become the U.S. Rep to the NATO Mil Cmte in Brussels—where he and Peggy hope to remain until the summer of 79. Bill is also sponsoring a project for the AOG, USMA, on the collection and entry of additional information on each member of our Class into the Cullum file. By this time, everyone should have received and, hopefully, completed and returned Bill's questionnaire to the AOG. If you haven't let's "get with it," because the additional information is extremely useful on many occasions—not the least of which is the preparation of obituaries.

Down in FL, State Sen Henry Saylor captured the headlines with his pivotal vote against the ERA. According to Pappy Doyle in Clearwater Beach, FL, a photograph of Henry in the St. Petersburg Evening Independent made him appear as though he were trying to screw his skull back in place after some of the rabid ERA supporters got ahold of him. Hank does a "top notch job" in the State Legislature and is 2d in seniority in



Jan '43: Schofield (L) and Bevan down to business at the Spring Luncheon.



Jan '43: Wilson (ret. CINC PACAF), GEN Jones CS USAF on rt and LTG Hill, new CINC PACAF, on left, Hickam AFB, 3 Jun.



Jan '43: The Wilsons depart Hickam AFB for CA.



Jan '43: Thompson, Marston and Sheley at the Spring Luncheon.



Jan '43: Talbott (L), Ann Pavick and Kajencki celebrate our 34th anniv in El Paso.



Jan '43: (L-R) Russell, Bevan, Hetzel, Lowry, and Ardery at Spring Luncheon.

the Senate. Pappy also wrote to say that he's "hanging in there," despite some occasional chest pains. As Pappy observes, and rightly so, if he happens to wake up each morning, it's a beautiful day whether it's rainy or clear.

A surprise call from Tony Antonioli in Northport, AL, indicated that the great deer-slayer is not bagging many deer, but is raising some dandy tomatoes. Meanwhile Tony/Verilies' daughter Valerie is graduating from the U. of NM with an M.A.; their son Vincent is a straight-A stu at the U. of AL; and their other daughter, Virginia, is with Westinghouse Corp.

Also in the news was Bill Pietsch who presented a statement on U.S. Civ Def to the House AS Subcommittee on Installations and Facil along with a resolution on Civ Def which was adopted by the ROA at the Natl Conv in Miami. Fly Flanagan put his pen to work again and produced a challenging article in the Jun issue of the Army magazine entitled "At War with the Dictionary" (or the mayhem we inflict upon the English language).

A note and a call from Frank Ellis, who was trying to locate Steve Brenner, indicated that he and his wife, Jo Ann, have recently returned from a real "oriental escape" tour to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Bali, and Singapore via HI.

According to Pete Pavick, the El Paso contingent of our Class currently consists of Al/Elaine Hughes, Don/Louise Welbourn, Leo/Gus Blanchett, Frank Kajencki, and Pete/Ann Pavick. Tote Talbott just happened to be visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Elaine/Al Hughes.

There was a good turnout of some 35 classmates at the annual Spring Business Luncheon of the DC contingent of the Class at the Army-Navy CC in Apr. Among the new or less frequently seen classmates present for the occasion were Ed Sheley, Jim Huntley, Fred Ladd, and Art Marston. Art was in the process of departing from PA, where he was managing a tennis club, and will be settling down near Moffett AFB, CA, in order to be near his family.

The Class is mighty proud of young George Rebh (son of George Rebh and Jeanne Dexter) who opened an exhibit of his uniquely etched illustrations at the Washington Press Club on 22 Jun. The exhibit included some 50 etchings (from a collection of 600) for nationally syndicated publications (e.g., the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Philadelphia Inquirer, Dallas Times-Herald, and the Chicago Sun-Times), for the Washington Redskins, for major DC and NY department stores (e.g., Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Bloomingdale's), and for Govt agencies and magazines (e.g., Changing Times and The Washingtonian).



Jan '43: At El Paso celebration, Elaine (Tote's sister), Hughes and Elaine/Tote's mother.



Jan '43: Hume and Davenport at Spring Luncheon.

The Class mourns the tragic death of **Terry Ellis**, who suffocated on a piece of meat which lodged in his throat, survived on life-support apparatus for almost 2 mos, but passed away in Montgomery, AL, on 6 Jul without ever having emerged from a coma. He was buried with full honors at Arlington on 8 Jul with a number of his DC-based classmates in attendance.

So be it for this column. As **Pappy Doyle** says, just keep "hanging in there—everyday is a good day if you're alive and kicking."

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In this year's graduating classes from the Academies I know of only one Class son: LT Francis W. Saul Jr., USMA '77, son of Frank & Betty Saul of Ithaca, NY. Congratulations and best wishes to you, Frank Jr., from Jun '43. May we have many more, although the present general trend is probably toward Class grandsons—and Class granddaughters. Speaking of grandsons, **Malones**, as always, are doing their part. Paul Michael was born to Jane and Captain Mike Malone at Ft Carson on 2 Jun 77, and all 3 generations were doing well at last report.

We have a welcome letter of 8 Jun from **Jim Bower**, who is VP of the Parsons-Jurden Intl Co. He and Irma are at 112 Elizabeth II Blvd, Tehran, Iran, and he reports an experience which I believe is a Class first. It seems to have had a sobering effect on him, although—in the circumstances—perhaps that was not all bad. Here it is, for edification and guidance: "I'm curious as to how many of the Class of Jun '43 have suffered the ultimate challenge of giving the "Oldest Living Grad" talk at a Founders Day dinner. Somehow, I never thought it would happen to me, but the last Founders Day gathering in Tehran placed the Class of Jun '43 in the hot seat with ole Jim the final loser. The Class has **Bud Rundell**, **Rocky Iletto** (the Philippine Ambassador to Iran), and me here in Tehran, with **Bob McClure** having been added just recently. As this last dinner, **Rundell** sneaked off to Hong Kong; and when **Iletto** and I compared birthdays, I lost. **Rocky** and **Irma**, at least, look like they are still prime specimens.

"Being the Oldest Living Grad at a Founders Day gathering is a somewhat sobering experience, even after one gets over the initial shock and indignity of being helped up to the podium. I expect other classmates, like me, don't feel they are ready for the wheelchair, but the implications of being

the oldest are inescapable—we're ready for senility! It might be well for the Class to put out a kit of energy pills, speeches, and tranquilizers to prepare other members for this ultimate shock.

"On the newsy side, we and the **Rundells** live fairly close and get together often. **Bud** is over here helping the Iranian AF develop themselves. **Rundells** have retained their senses of humor remarkably in this atmosphere, and look to be good for another 34 years. **Rocky Iletto** looks like he is 35, and is the toast of Tehran. **McClure** is full of enthusiasm to change 5,000 years of culture, and **Bud** and I wish him well. All wives are in much better shape than their spouses, and it is fair to say that all of us have encountered some living problems in this rich, emerging country. The **Bowers** are just about to take off for Bangkok, Hong Kong, and a couple of weeks annual vacation in the States—the only country of its kind. Our regards to the Class—and warn the others of the "Oldest Living" shock. Best regards—Jim."

Perhaps you'll recall that in this column for Mar 77 we had a story from **John Cochran** telling how **Cochrans** and **Heads** had attended a lecture at Washington and Lee U. by **Roger Hilsman**. In this presentation, **Roger** outlined the premises and conclusions of his latest book, **The Crouching Future**; and **John** wrote: "If the title sounds a little ominous, I think it is intended to be so." I added flippantly that I hoped it wasn't, "because if it is, I'm not going to read it." Imagine my surprise, then, when the mail on 18 Jun brought a heavy package containing **Roger's** book and a letter saying: "Don't judge a book by its cover—or its title. Rather than try to explain it, I'll just send you a copy. Now you'd better read it!"

This is not a book that your average reader can get around in one sitting, but I'm into it and can report that it is truly a fascinating and thought provoking work. Acknowledging the severe difficulty of prediction in the inexact social sciences, **Roger** nevertheless seeks to identify those dynamics that are predictable, and, within a comprehensive outlook, to project their future form and potential. Far from being a doomsayer (I looked ahead), he concludes on a note of optimism allowing that world society need not necessarily fail to cope successfully with the political, economic, technological, demographic, and environmental pressures that now beset us. I'm glad to have some reassurance on that point, and I know one more thing for sure—I am not going to make any more smart remarks about anyone's long books until I finish this one.

Here is news of the **Hilsmans**: "I'm still teaching at Columbia, when not writing

books. Am now finishing another. We spend much of our time in the country at Lyme, CT, but keep the apartment in NYC, too. **Eleanor** is head of a proj conducting a survey of visitors at Mystic Seaport museum—I never thought I'd have a wife who could converse with computers. . . . Oldest son is an atty, but really writes plays. Next is a daughter who just graduated from Chicago law sch. No. 3, a son, is studying at the **Alliance Francaise** in Paris this year; while No. 4, a daughter, is a horsewoman and in first year high school. . . . I used to see a classmate or 2 when lecturing at the War Colleges, but, alas, they seem all to have passed even the stage of being on the faculty. The trouble with teaching, as someone said, is that you keep growing older, but the people you deal with never do! Best regards—Roger."

In contrast to the last point above, I have this story, related with a trace of amused dismay by **Jack McGregor**. It seems that a **Mrs. Knox**, one of **Jack's** students in Avn Tech, managed to pass **Jack's** courses and graduate from N. VA Comm Col just in time to take her daughter **Margaret** up to USMA to enter with the Class of '81. . . . Does this mean that we have reached the stage of teaching the parents rather than the plebes?

Thus far, this column—to put it mildly—seems to have what might be called a geriatric tone, and I'm beginning to feel as though I'm writing commercials for **Lawrence Welk**. However, I don't believe we are quite ready to totter off to the Old Soldiers and Airmens Home. To **Jim**, **Roger**, **Jack** and all, I offer my formula: drink a glass of cranberry juice every morning and take 2 multivitamin pills, with iron. But this is even more important: whenever you start to envy the young dudes, just stop to think of all the minefields and flak of various calibers that we've already gone through, but they haven't—yet.

So, back to the May pole. On 7 May, **Wally & Peggy Magathans'** daughter, **Margaret Bailey**, was married to **Mr. Theodore Long IV** at the **Walter Reed Memorial Chapel**. There is a **Magathan** tradition that when they have weddings, they also have semi-monsoon type downpours; and tradition was preserved. Fortunately, on this occasion, the rain stopped by the time the beautiful ceremony was over at the chapel. **Alan Jones** and I then formed a convoy to escort **Dick Shaefer** across town (can't have these **USAF LTCs** getting lost in the urban wilderness) and all made it safely to the reception at **Chez Magathan**. An elegant pavilion in the garden provided protection against further rain. Both there and inside, family and guests of all ages were wall-to-wall for the celebration, and the fount flowed freely. Congratulations to the young couple—and to **Peggy**, who surely must be the leading authority on managing weddings under all conditions of temperature and pressure!

**Lee Hogan** has forwarded a memo from the AOG stating that the sum in the Jun '43 Class Gift Fund as of 1 Apr 77 was \$1,906.74. This amount reflects both interest added since 1 Apr 76 and deduction of the \$1000 donation towards the artificial turf field at **Michie Stadium**, which I reported in the previous column. **Lee** also forwarded the accompanying picture of himself and **Anne** "to prove we're still perking in sunny FL." Well, as every realtor knows—and I have checked this with **Bill Malone**—if your lot doesn't perk, you can't build. Clearly, the **Hogans'** lot is good. This picture along with the one from **Jim Bower** and that regular gallery we had last time are all convincing counter-evidence



Jun '43: Iletto and the Bowers in Tehran.



Jun '43: Anne and Lee Hogan

against the geriatric syndrome, I would say.

Other news from Malone: the Stan Otts have moved from Arlington, VA, down to the New Orleans area. We don't have the address yet, but will advise when known. . . . And here's a preliminary signal for the 35th Reunion in 78. All who were present at the 30th would agree, I think, that one reason for the resounding success of that reunion was the convenience and excellence of the accommodations we had in the Ladycliff College dormitory in Highland Falls. Malone says that early negotiations for the use again of these facilities are quite promising. (We may have been loud in 73, but we were neat.) There will be special mailings later, of course, and I will also describe the plans in this column. Let's start thinking about it now, and make the 35th an equally successful but even larger gathering than the 30th.

Quint Atkinson informed me early in Jun that the Atkinsons and Hardys had recently lunched with Jean Brown—Al Brown's widow. She is now Jean Brown Hendricks, and was visiting in the DC area briefly with her 4 daughters. If you are contemplating a southerly cruise when the cold weather sets in (or any other time), here is a tip for you. The Hendricks operate the Caribbean Travel Agency, address: PO Box 1855, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Is 00801; 'phone: (809) 774-1855. Jean would be glad to hear from old friends—whether you are travelling or not.

Also in Jun, the Floridians Bill & Tudy Milmore travelled north. After stopping with Hal & Helen Head at Lexington, VA, they went on to Dartmouth, where Bill was a student before joining us in the summer of 40. Among the graduation events at Dartmouth they saw an honorary degree awarded to COL Red Blaik—age 80. (So, you see, there's hope for the rest of us!) On their return, the Milmores passed through USMA and then visited briefly with Bill & Harriet Scott in McLean, VA. Tudy suffered a stroke some years ago, but with Bill's care, she overcame it in mind and spirit and has only physical limitations. Bill himself is active in public affairs in Pensacola, including selection and guidance processing for USMA graduates and the FL Audubon Soc.

Dutch Umlauf never fails me. I learned from him that Ray Blatt had come back east from the CA uplands to visit briefly with his mother and sister in Annandale, VA. I telephoned the next evening, but unfortunately missed him by about 6 hrs. A member of the family, however, informed me that he is in fine shape and "just as ornery as ever." He has ret. again, this time after

about a decade in the Healdsburg sch sys, and is starting career #3 in property mgmt of 1000—count em—1000 apartment units. (Norm Keefer, an old hand at this game, might have some advice.) . . . About 15 years ago, while I was on a TDY shot at Ft Sill, Ray Blatt loaned me one of his cars. (It was an Austin. He wouldn't give me one of the El Dorados.) I brought it back to the student parking lot before daylight; but next morning, after a thorough search, I couldn't find it, so I reported to Ray that it had been stolen. He found it immediately—in the lot. It seems my memory of what the car looked like was not what-you-call accurate. Ray thought this was very funny at the time, and apparently still does, according to Umlauf (which is OK with me, considering the alternatives).

Saw Mark Boatner a few weeks ago. His asthma is cured, and he is writing again. He was in grand form, tossing off les bon mots like days of yore—and faster than I could jot them on my cuff. At this writing, he and Patricia are in Arlington, but may go back later to the plantation at Jackson, LA. . . . And here's a late item. Don & Lee Spiece are planning to move in Aug 77 from Vienna, VA, to the Tucson territory, where they find the salubrious climate and accessibility of favorite activities highly attractive. LT Don Jr. (USMA '76) is with an FA unit in Germany and MI LT Susan is at Ft Huachuca; Steven, the youngest, will finish up high school in AZ. When we have a new address for Lee and Don, you can be sure I'll pass it on. The Class does not have a concentration (that I know of) between the El Paso area and Rancho Palos Verdes. Could this be the start?

Returning to Hilsman's Crouching Future analogy, you could say that my deadline (1 Jul) has been crouching like a sabre-toothed tiger, waiting for me. In fact, I've been under steady surveillance by the yellow-eyed cat sitting on my desk, the fortunate difference being one of size and a somewhat better disposition on the part of old sabre-tooth's descendant. So—take that, cat. I'm done—and by the time you all read this the current battle-cry will be: Beat Navy!

# '44

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You may pick your own, but only superlatives will do to describe the 30-year reunion book, *Encore '44*, which George Pappas has published. It came in the mail a few evenings ago; 2 hours later, I looked up for the first time.

George got a mailgram: "The 30-year book is superb. It completes for the Class of '44 and the Mil Acad a quartet of Class books unique in the history of WP. We salute your concept and the genius of its execution: talent, dedication and endurance. Pat's support and patience merit highest praise. We are in your debt."

George advises that there are a very few extra copies of the 30-year book which may be obtained for \$50 each post-paid.

To express to George and Pat appreciation for the time and effort both have given so generously to the 10th, 20th and 30th year books, the Class has made a presentation. The Class Officers commissioned Jack & Jinnie Pollin to find a suitable picture of WP. They did. It's a 14" x 21" wood block print from an old issue of Harper's Weekly, "West Point and Vicinity, from Fort Putnam, From a Sketch by Theo. R. Davis." The scene sweeps from Crow's Nest and Newburgh, Constitution Is, Camp Clinton at center, and barracks, Riding Hall, Mess Hall and Garrison across the Hudson. The mat is green; the black and gold frame measures 23" x 29" overall. It is inscribed: "Summer, 1977—George and Pat Pappas In Appreciation of Your Talent, Dedicated Effort and Unselfishness, which has given us Three Priceless Companion Volumes to our Howitzer. USMA Class of 1944."

In Mar, but past my deadline, a letter from Jim Young in Newport News, VA brought news and outstanding color pictures of the Annual Mil Ball of the Res Officers Assn held at Fortress Monroe. It was a brilliant affair. Jack Hennessey's silver hair and Mary's gorgeous red locks led a handsome receiving line of blonde Mrs. Vinson and Helen Young with GEN Vin Vinson ('45) and Jim. Scotty, Phil Grant and Andy De Graf were at the ball, but away at the bar during the photo session. Too bad we can't reproduce color photos in ASSEMBLY.

During June Week, Don MacWilliams presented gift trays to Class sons graduating in the Class of 77: Robert M. Elliot, John F. Mangan and Michael M. O'Brien.

Rumbles from WP confirm the local activities of Ted Muller who is beginning work on plans for the 35th Reunion. We welcome his leadership as Chmn of the event. Ted's first flyer and questionnaire will be issued about the time you receive this announcement.

The Annual Meeting of the Class of '44 was held in conjunction with a luncheon at Ft Myer, VA on 4 May. About 30 classmates attended. Five from out-of-town were welcome guests: John Boning, Trenton, NJ; Harry Buzzett from Andover, MA; John Hanley, Decatur, GA; Hugh Snelling of Visalia,



1944: Cushman presents Alan Price's "View of WP from Ft Putnam" to LTG Chung, KMA Supt and BG Chang, KMA Cmdt for the KMA Museum.

CA. and Jim Patterson of NYC. John Sullivan expects to distribute an up-dated world-wide address roster in a few months.

We were pleased to read in the Army Times of 9 May that Ernie Graves has moved from Dir of Civil Works, to become Dpty Chief Engr, CE. Congratulations, Ernie, just keep all those dams a-building, but don't drown anything.

In Jun, poised for a trip to Saudi Arabia I was startled to get a phone call from Jack Peterson, now in L.A. (I had had every intention of mooching off him in Riyadh.) Jack has produced a proposal for a U.S. construction joint venture looking toward some extensive construction projects in Saudi Arabia jointly sponsored by the U.S. and Saudi govts. Flip a coin; if Jack's proposal wins, he and Bea will move to DC whence Jack will manage the project. Otherwise, Jack goes elsewhere with one of his firms. Good luck Jack, we hope to see you here.

I occasionally encounter George Ingersoll during my lunch-time stroll. George is working for one of the locally-based think-tanks as are several of us who still have high-schoolers at home.

I was pleased to receive a change-of-address card from Steve Mulkey announcing a planned move to Plano, TX. It was therefore a shock to receive word that on 1 Jul Steve died suddenly on a visit to his family home in AR. George Hayman conveyed the condolences of the Class to the family with flowers. We will miss an able, droll and witty friend and fine soldier. Our sympathy goes to Steve's family.

We were further saddened to learn from Bob Brundin that Jack Geyer died in Colo Spgs on 30 May of a heart attack. In Jack we had a classmate and friend of great spirit and sparkle. We were privileged to share his life and shall miss him. Our condolences go to his family.

We are happy to learn that Bill McClothlin passed the TX bar exam, but the other side of the coin is that Bill and Jeanette left for TX on 8 Jul. They will be at home at 316 King William St, San Antonio 78204, where Jeanette will major in R&M (renovation and modification).

# '45

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My former "wife," John Myron, wrote a fine letter to me that just missed the Jun issue deadline. John ret. from active duty in 69 and has been a member of the Mgmt faculty at Wright State U.—Western OH Branch, in Celina, OH since then. In addition to teaching a full load on campus, John sponsors a first line supervisor's course off campus. During the summer he has an open challenge to any classmate that comes through Dayton to try to beat him in golf. John usually plays at the W-P AFB course. Two other classmates in the Dayton, OH area are: H. H. Stick who is teaching in the finance dept of the U. of Dayton and Jack Hoffman who is working for Aeronautical Sys Div at WPAFB. H.H. and John work together in screening new applicants in their area for USMA.

Sam Lessey was promoted to BG in the AF Res on 5 Apr. Sam is probably the last member of our Class to be promoted to GEN in any component. Good going, Sam!

Rocky Tierno received a master's degree in



1945: Tierno presents Class Medallion to son Skip '77, June Week.



1945: Myron (R) Assoc Prof of Mgmt, Wright State U., with guest speaker from AVCO.

Public Admin from Shippensburg (PA) State.

Rusty Heilbronner writes from Kosciusko, MS on the Yockanookany R. (Isn't that a tongue-twister?) He and Nan visited with Vern & Molly Newman in Mar in Austin, TX and attended the Founders Day dinner while there. Other classmates at the dinner were Leon & Mary Byrd, Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Fitz & Anne Fitzpatrick, Put Monroe, and Dick Crane. 1945 had the largest Class rep at the affair. Put Monroe is the new pres of the Central TX WP Soc.

Rusty says that they don't see many classmates at their place near the center of MS. But they did expect a visit from George Churchill in Apr—all the way from Fallbrook, CA. In late Jan Rusty and Nan had a quick visit with C.C. & Liba Sullivan in Hattiesburg, MS. The Sullivans had been with Chuck & Martha Spann a few weeks earlier. Rusty allowed he was glad to get news of his old roommate as both he and Martha are terrible correspondents.

Had a fine letter from Walt Galligan. Walt ret. on 1 Jul to "a life of new adventure in San Ant." Walt wrote about the Founders Day at Kadena AFB in Okinawa. He was sr grad, oldest grad, and guest speaker for about 30 troops from all over the Far East. Walt says that now that he's stabilized he hopes to get more involved in Class activities such as the 35th Reunion. In the meantime if you're near San Ant he says there's an open door and a spare bedroom for all the good guys from '45.

One of the really pleasant aspects of being your scribe is to receive letters from classmates with whom I've been out of touch for years. Such was the case when a letter came from Jim Shilstone. Jim left active duty in 50 to work in his father's materials testing lab in New Orleans. From 70 to 76 he worked as a consultant on new concrete techniques for General Portland Cement. In Jun 76 he left to form his own "Concrete Associates" in Dallas. As the head of this

concrete consulting firm he has served on projects with a combined value exceeding \$10 billion. Much of his activity has been in the Middle East. Among the projects are U. of RIYAD (\$3.5 billion), U. of MECCA (\$2 billion) and The King Abdulaziz Mil Acad (The WP of Saudi Arabia—\$2.6 billion). The May 26 issue of Engineering News Record (The leading construction indl mag) had a cover picture and feature article on Jim. One of the best lines in the article described Jim as "a big man of few words—a few million." Jim's selection to be featured is truly a distinctive honor. We're proud of you, Jim!

Several years ago Jim was selected to be consultant to the design architects of the new hospital at WP. The architects wanted to produce a generally grey building because of the color of existing buildings. Jim made a strong pitch to modify the color to that of the Cadet uniform when wet—this on behalf of the Corps of Cadets on gloom days. Sure enough, on a recent visit before June Week, Jim visited the hospital. When a Cadet walked by it was a perfect match!

Jim reports that both of his children are out of school. Son Jay graduated in Business from Rice U. and is working with Dad. Daughter Riggan received her master's in Psychology from SMU. An honor undergraduate, she had a straight "A" average during her graduate program.

Had an update letter from my old "D-1" friend, Julio Sanjines. While he was the Bolivian Ambassador to Peru he was elected for a 5-year term (76-81) to be exec pres of the Andean Devl Corp. This is the regional devl bank for Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. Julio says if any of your business interests involve Latin America that you should contact him and he will try to assist you any possible way. (Address: Corporation Andina De Fomento, Caracas, Venezuela.) Julio's daughter Marisol is married to a young Bolivian doctor who is doing



1945: Reserve Chief MG Lyon promotes Lessey to BG.



1945: Harman and Woods—West Point Society of New York.



1945: Galligan with all WP wives present, Founders Day Kadena AFB, Okinawa.

advanced medical study in London while she is working for a master's in Intl Economics at the London Sch of Econ. Son, Julio Enrique ('74), received his master's in Indl Engr from TX A&M and is now on active duty as a LT in the Bolivian Army. (I imagine that young man will get ahead!) Good to hear from you, Julio.

Tom Longino's GA report had the following items: Dick & Harriet Hartline welcomed home daughter Nancy after her graduation from Princeton with degree in Economics. Nancy heads for NW U. this fall for PhD program in same. Tom McCuniff's son Dennis graduated from GA Tech and is entering U. GA Med Sch in fall. Marion Trotti's son John planned to marry Patti Laurin of Pittsfield, MA in late summer. John is a seminary student who met Patti while on OJT as asst at Lutheran Church in Pittsfield. Bill Preston fished for King Salmon in AK waters during Jun. Bill plans to start law sch this fall. Tom & Lou Longino won a free, all expenses paid, one-week cruise on the Delta Queen and will spend part of Sept exploring the mighty Mississippi R. Other vacation plans included Jim (J.W.) & Mary Morris to Jekyll Is in Aug and Dick & Jody Minor to Santa Belle Is also during Aug. Dick saw Stash (or Budget—take your pick) Simpson while he was visiting Atlanta on business for the Coca Cola Co. recently. Dick reports that he was looking healthy and prosperous. Jack Geer, who by this time is up to his hip pocket in worms, has taken on a new venture and is now raising registered boxer pups as well as worms. Jack will welcome orders for either and will make a special rate for classmates on



1945: Tom McNeil, Chmn, Admissions Cmte, AOG; CPT Nickerson, USMA; Congressman J.M. Collins (TX-3d).

the worms. Thanks for a good summer report, Tom.

The 77 Army football schedule has only one game (AF) west of the Allegheny Mts. You Easterners cheer for the old rabble. And send me your news.

## '46

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(123) The Corps has survived its first year with female cadets quite well. But, despite all efforts to maintain strict military relationships, one young lady has resigned her cadetship to marry a brand new Class of '77 2d LT. Since they were prohibited from seeing each other socially, they corresponded by mail. Aside from the fact that they spent last Xmas together in IL, they did not have much other time together, but that has not deterred them. The young lady could have completed yearling year, since they don't plan the wedding till next year, but she felt in all fairness to Uncle Sam, that she should resign now! It will be interesting, now that we have upper class female cadets, to see what new developments occur.

As this is written, I am looking forward to a visit with my son and his wife at Ft L Wood, which they will depart next Mar for school at Belvoir. After that they are scheduled for Germany. I also plan to visit my mother at Distaff House, DC. In a recent letter my Mom said she met Jack & Dorothy Morris, who were visiting his mother at Distaff.

From the May issue of AF Journal: Lew Allen leaves his job as Dir, NSA, to take the post of Cmdr, AF Sys Cmd, with promotion to GEN. Our congratulations to you Lew. Our other GEN, Bill Evans, leaves the post Lew is taking over from him at Andrews AFB and will become CINC USAF in Europe and Cmdr, Allied AF, Central Europe. Lastly LTG Ken Tallman is now Supe, USAFA, having left the post of DCS Pers, HQ USAF.

COL John Brier, Jun '43, was kind enough to identify the couple in a photo accompanying my last report as Art & Karma Lochrie out in MI, where Art is with Allison Div, GMC. COL Brier served with Art in Austria in 47 and met Karma at their wedding at Knox. I should add that the photo referred to was sent directly to AOG for use in ASSEMBLY.

Thought you should know one of the first "Black Knight" companys has been formed in the DC metro area. Jack Burney, ret. BG, has registered "The Burney Co." (investment mgmt) with the Securities Exch Comm. It has grown to include Dick Tuck, Sully Johnson, Bob Stewart, Frank Richter and Si Hunt (who mailed this info). Buy low and sell high!

Bob Stewart forwarded a birth announcement, wherein the Dick Streiffs have become the proud parents of a daughter, Nicole Loress, born 10 May 77 and weighing 9 lbs 3 oz. Just proves we're getting younger every year. Bob also said Jim & Joan Carbine are back from 2 yrs in Iran and now looking around DC for a new job.

Received a note from Lou & Ann Creveling now ret. in Pinehurst, NC. Lou enclosed a slide (which may not reproduce) of the Wedemeyer and Creveling families at Furman U. where sons Bill W. and Phil C. graduated on 2 Jun. Al and Dottie are with the Embassy in Panama. Bill & Anne Trotter were with the Crevelings at the Founders Day dinner,

Ft Bragg. Bill is in home building in Charlotte. They were the only classmates at Bragg for the dinner. Ed & Rita Crowley are close by in Southern Pines. Ed is with a textile firm in Fayetteville.

That's it, except to note that Bob & Miriam Lamb were with WP Soc of NY group on Founders Day.

Flash! Just about getting ready to mail this short column, when I got a delightful note from Harl Koch, presently at his CA "Fabulous Things." Seems Sam & Snooky Walker just popped into his Union St store on their way to the 3000-year-old port city of Izmir, Turkey, where Sam will wear 4 stars and command the SE flank of NATO. Our congratulations to Sam who now joins Lew Allen and Bill Evans to give our Class 3 GENs! Our Class now holds 2 key commands in Europe as you note previous post Bill is headed for. Harl received a letter from Jack & Patty Hoefling, who are in Riyaud, Saudi Arabia, where Jack is a corporate proj mgr working with the Saudi Arabian govt. They also had recently vacationed in Greece. Thank you Harl for the news, it's always appreciated.

Also a note from Jim & Lee Paschall (MG USAF Ret.) from their temporary address: 313 Pineland Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27530. Jim has found the switch into civ life very easy to take, having ret. Dec 76. He is now managing his farm and pine forest in eastern NC. He has plans underway for a new home about 10 miles outside Goldsboro in the Walnut Creek Estates, and hopes to move in about a year from now. In the meantime the latch string is out in Goldsboro.

## '47

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On Fri morning 3 Jun 77, members of the Class of '47 stood tall as the Corps went by, while their wives and friends, and some of their children watched equally proudly in the background. The fun and reminiscing had started 2 days earlier in the lobby of Spellman Hall at Ladycliff Col and was to finish the next morning in the same place. Along the way were the dedication of the train station, a champagne brunch, 2 dinner parties and a picnic. It has to have been the greatest reunion of the greatest group ever.

Before going further into the reunion itself I want, on behalf of the Class, to express a loud THANKS to those who made it work so well—the Staff at Ladycliff Col and their outstanding hospitality—to Posey & Tom Rogers who masterminded it all—and to those undaunted Class Aides and their wives who knew where everything was supposed to be and made sure it got there, and with a smile.

While it is not practical to detail all of the activities, parties, sub-parties, and other forms of mini-reunions that brought tears and laughter, a few highlights will serve as both a report to those who were unable to be there and a reminder to those that were.

Formal presentation of the Railroad Station which has been in use since Homecoming of 74 was the highlight of the week. In the absence of Frank Boerger, Tom Hayes made the formal presentation to the Supe, the plaque was unveiled, and a champagne brunch was enjoyed by all. The Station is a truly magnificent gift and has been extensively used by the Corps since its opening. Seven wedding receptions were scheduled for this



1947: Geraci with LT Grey Hampton and daughter Martha at commissioning, Colorado State U.

June Week. During the festivities Ms. Le-Gendre, the architect and general contractor, was honored for her extra efforts by presentation of a Class medallion which she proudly wore. In his acceptance speech Sid Berry commented, as a former member of '47, on the spirit of '47 and on the appropriateness of this Class presenting the Academy with a "nightclub." No discussion of the Station would be complete without a special thanks to Tom Hayes and Tom Rogers and the other members of the cmte for the painstaking effort and time devoted to this effort. During the picnic on Fri eve the 2 Toms were presented with a small token of our appreciation. We hope they can get a little needed rest in those rocking chairs.

On Fri morning the Class assembled at the cemetery for a short memorial service to those who have left us. Tom Benson called on us to renew our dedication as we continue to participate, as they in the past have participated, in moving history. There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of J.J. Anderson, Lee Bathurst, Art Becker, Shelton Biles, Bert Brennan, William A. Carpenter, Jerry Christine, Art Coates, Bob Coleman, Bill Cronin, Stan Crosby, Kenny Farrier, Herschel Fuson, Bob Garvin, David Gibson, Jesse Gilliam, Ed Gregorie, Jim Heironimus, Don Helling, Park Herrick, Charles Hill, Bob Hoffman, Ben Hollander, Fred Hudson, Lee Jacques, Walter Johnson, Glenn Jones, Einar Lundy, Hank MacGill, Bill McGee, Lee Majeske, Tom Perkins, John Piepenbrink, Lee Schlegel, William Sharpe, Charlie Shields, Ted Spiker, Gordon Strong, W.D. Williams, and Dick Yates. Amen.

A brief rundown on those who attended, as space permits: Bernie Abrams, Pete & Hap Arnold, Ann & Bob Baer—Bob just announced as LTC and DCG, DARCOM in DC—Helen & Harry Ball—Harry ret. and at Bryce Mt, VA—Jeanette & Roger Bate, Ruth & Tom Benson, Mary & Hap Beuhler, Vaike & Ted Biell—Ted ret. this summer—Hazel & George Bland, Betty & Pete Boerger, Barb and Frank unable to attend due to recent passing of Barb's father, June & Jean Burner, Ann & Paul Callan—we hope your dau is recovered from the accident—Jerry & Bill Coghill in from AK, Betty & Bill Conger, Yvonne & Jim Coolbaugh, Anne & Bill Cooper, Jim Cosgrove, Joan & Al Cretella, Tobe & Forest Crowe in from London, Madeline & Bob Curtis, Lita & Bernie DeGil, Mary & John Delistraty, Joy & George Dell, Lannie & Jack Dunham, Janet & Dick Dunlap, Patt & Duke Duquemin in from Heidelberg. Mary Lou & Jim Edington in from HI, Dotti & Jim Egger, Jill & Jack Faith back in U.S. at Ft Myer, Naoma &

Buck Fernandez, Gloria & Tom Flattery, Carol & Cecil Fox, Sissy & Perry Gainey, Marcia & Bernie Gardner, Bobbie & Al Geraci, Nancy & John Gerrity, Mimi & Al Gould, Goldie & Bernie Greenberg, Pat & Al Haig in from Belgium, Elise & Bob Haldane, Dot & Wayne Hauck, Jackie & Tom Hayes, Marge & Bill Henry, Jo & John Hoover, Mary & Ike Ickler, Virginia & Jake Jacobson, Evelyn & Dave Jarvis, Kay & Jimmy Johnson moving to the Big Apple in Aug where Jim will be NAD Engr, Fran & Joe D. Johnston, Jeanne & KC Kaericher—KC ret. this summer—Bunny & Pete Karter, Margaret & John Kennedy, Jetta & Bill Kuykendall, Anne & Bob Lane, Nikki & John Lauterbach, Ann & John Lerohl, Jeanne & George Levenback, Sylvia & Wally Lukens, Lee & George Lynn, George Maloney, Mookie & Mike Maloney, Jane & John Mastin—condolences on recent loss of Jane's mother—Nancy & Jim Mattern, Barbara & Dick McAdoo, Nancy & Bob McCord, Janet & John Miller, Louise & Ralph Murrin, Mary Ann & John Naill, Bunny & Bill Nairn—Bill ret. this summer, Delores & John Novomesky, Doris & Bob Peckham, Gerry & Jack Pierce, Mary Lou & Lou Rachmeler, Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer, Marie & Kermit Reel, Bitsy & Clyde Reynolds, Jean & Don Robb, Shirley & Mel and Beverly & Bob Rosen, Meg & Howie Sargent, Betty & Bob Sattem, Ina & Sam Starobin, Marion & Don Steininger, Hal Tavzel, Jack Tully, Wally Veaudry, Muriel & Bill Webb in from Germany, Sally & Sam Wellborn, Meade Wildrick in from HI, and of course our host and hostess par excellence, Posey & Tom Rogers. Again our thanks to the Rogers and all the best in their ret. this summer.

A few items of note at the Reunion: Mastins and Dunhams, mobility personified as they parked trailer and RV in the lot; and John and Jack for their fashion display of the best in Stetsons; Bob Sattem and Jake Jacobson for most attractive beards; the Webbs, Gerritys Gainey's and Foxes who brought along the next generation to remind us all of how well we've done; the Duquemin's brought greetings from the European contingent and an invitation to visit.

A little business was conducted at the Class meeting; most important the Station is paid for. \$81,000 has been received and another \$10,000 pledged will enable a suitable addition for the 35th. Ideas will be welcome. The 30-year book is on hard times.



1947: Bill Coghill

Despite promises and alleged desires, no information has been coming in. A small handful have responded to Tom Benson's letter. He will make one more try and then we'll make a decision on go or no go. There are still a few lost ones. If there is any classmate whom you have not seen mentioned in this column in recent years, drop us a note—we're also still trying to compile a roster of class widows.

A note from Bernie Abrams says he has a roll of 110 film somebody left behind. Unable to tell from pictures who photographer was. If the shoe fits call Bernie. Bill Coghill, Asst Mgr of the AK RR reports son Bill entering with the Class of '81. Congrats! Bill is also reported to be the youngest to ever climb Mt McKinley. Geraci's report commissioning of dau Martha at CO St U. and marriage to LT Greg Hampton. Congrats.

The 30th was a resounding success. The past 30 years have been a resounding success. The generals and the colonels, the doctors and lawyers, the engr's, bankers, administrators, corporate execs, farmers, educators, businessmen—from Amherst, Lafayette, Cornell and points around the globe, can stand tall and look back with pride, and look forward to the 35th.

Note from Tom & Posey Rogers: "The Reunion was very successful and I did not have to call on Wayne Hauck for additional funds. I still have some Class buttons and lady's ditty bags with a '47' logo emblazoned on the side. I will leave these with Jack Capps '48, who resides in Qtrs 35. If anyone desires one please send Jack a check for \$5. Additionally, many thanks for the rocking chair. It was our pleasure to be of service."

# '48

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Promotions lead the news this quarter. Jim Allen finished up his tour at USAFA and was named CS, SHAPE, and has been promoted to full GEN. He and Kitty are now in Europe where his boss is Al Haig. The Class really is proud of you, and wishes you every success. Incidentally, Kenny Tallman '46, took Jim's place as Supt.

Donn Starry, also received his 4th star, as you may have noted in your local paper. For those who may have missed it, Donn is now CG, US Army TRADOC at nearby Ft Monroe, VA. Warmest congratulations to you and Letty, Donn, and stay off the banquet speaking circuit for a while!

Bob Mathis is now a LTC, but doing just what I haven't yet heard. Anyway, a real pat on the back and best of luck to you and Greta, Bob.

Arnold Braswell has taken over as J5, JCS, and Ione helped pin his 3d star on. In their case it's a double pleasure to hear about the good news since they'll be back in town.

Sid Berry finished what must have been one of his very most difficult assignments with his usual superb performance, and is off to take Donn Starry's place as CG, V Corps in Europe. Prior to his departure he conducted a ceremony honoring the first black graduate of USMA, Henry Ossian Flipper, 100 years ago. Sid was credited by Congr Rangel of NY in working to increase minority representation in the Corps during his tenure. Congr Gilman, also of NY, noted the "out-



1948: (L-R) Sykes, Mahowalds '47, Sid, Nickie Anderson, the Webers, the Pabsts and Reuben, Founders Day Minnesota.

standing manner in which he (Sid) fulfilled his responsibilities" over the last 3 yrs. The Corps and the alumni owe you much, much more than they can ever give you, Sid, for your work. Best of luck to you and Ann in your new challenge. Sid addressed the Founders Day dinner of the WP Society of New York. Bob & Judy Cushing were in attendance.

Tom Bowen is now CS, Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio, San Fran. He and Phil Day have probably swapped news by now. Congratulations, Tom, and we'll surely drop by if we get that far.

Got a note from Dick Stein, who is nearby in Baltimore, and is with Hochschild Kohn there. Dick had a get-together with Punk Hartnell in the spring, and reports that he hasn't changed in 25 yrs and is enjoying life. He also saw Ed Cottongim '47, who has slimmed down at least 50 lbs and looks 20 yrs younger. What's your secret, Ed?

Congr Steiger of WI heaped well deserved praise upon Gene Forrester recently. Under Gene's "positive, inspired leadership" the U.S. Army Recruiting Cmd has really been more effective in its mission. Incidentally, Gene had an article in the Jan 77 edition of Army mag.

Randy Bierre reports that his oldest, Elizabeth, graduated from Oberlin in May 76, and married Alex Lippitt in Jun; they now live in Boston. Daughter Mary is at U. of PA, struggling to make women's crew. Her training includes 3-5 mile runs daily and weights. And son Daniel graduated from Gilman Sch in Baltimore, and like our Michael, wants to be an actor. Randy is still in the Reserves, and devotes a great deal of time recruiting for USMA. Thanks for the update, Randy.



1948: (L-R) Cissy, Ash and the Anklams: Ft Bliss, 21 May 77.

The commemoration of the 50th anniv of Lindbergh's solo flight to Paris saw a prestigious dinner held at the Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian. As a result, we have a smiling news photo in the Post of Andy Anderson flanked by Mr. & Mrs. Averell Harriman.

Sam Holliday (now Dr. H.) figured in the news lately when he was named asso prof and coordinator of mgmt at Hood Col in Frederick, MD. Sam previously was at Columbia Col, SC, and before that at the U. of SC. He and Joan are another welcome addition to the local contingent. Sam will also head the grad level mgmt program. Congratulations, Sam.

Bill McGinness has been named Chmn of the Bd and Ch XO of Liquid Paper Ltd of Canada, a subsidiary of Liquid Paper Corp. Bill is also a VP of the parent corporation in Dallas. He will be moving to Toronto temporarily to assume his duties there. Really great, Bill, we're proud of you.

Reuben Anderson sent in a shot of the Founders Day group of MN where Sid was the speaker, also. Those girls are beautiful, and the guys haven't aged too much, either. Thanks, Andy.

Bud Wagoner is back with us and assigned to the Natl Def U. at McNair. Since they can't get their house back until the fall, Jane



1948: Ash with Ash III, 21 May 77.

is down at the beach place with son Bill. Bud has a bachelor's pad somewhere near Ft Myer. Older son, Randy (25), is now with Touche Ross in Kansas City. Bill Buckner, please note.

Andy & Pilar Witko have joined the ret. ranks as of Jun 30th. I asked Andy what he had planned for Jul 1st and beyond, and he said he was going to start celebrating. They live in Vienna, VA, at 2206 Lydia Pl.

Ash Foote has been busy being the father of the bride. Cissy was married on 21 May to Frederick Martin Anklam Jr., of University, MS. As Dolly Petersen reports it, the whole event was both a riot and very lovely. Getting ready for the event the water heater ran out of hot water before the salmon for the reception was done. Ash, ever resourceful, wrapped the fish in foil, put it in his dishwasher, ran through a complete cycle, and, behold, it was done! The wedding itself was 20 minutes late in starting, since Ash discovered he had only one eagle on his shoulders when he arrived at the Bliss chapel, and had to go home to find it. Ash III was there from Germany (1st Lt, Btry XO in a 175" gun Bn, 2d Bn, 28th FA, Ansbach, which is near Nurnberg where he was born), and Mrs. Foote, who at 84 is doing well, we are happy to report. Scenes of the wedding show



1948: Arnie Sargeant's Retirement Review.

Cissy and Fred cutting the cake (after which Cissy pushed a piece in Ash's face), Ash and Happy toasting Cissy and Fred, and father and son Foote. Must have been a great event, with 8 bridesmaids and about 200 at a lawn reception at the Footes'. Fred works for a newspaper, hence the shape of the cake like a page. Ash also sent along a picture of Arnie Sargeant receiving his 2d OLC to his LM upon ret. in Jul 76 (better late than never, Arnie). MG Lunn is the presenter. Arnie is now in Albuquerque. Ash has seen many of the Class while at Bliss—Tom Ware, Jay Hatch, Walt Meinzen, Jack Osteen, Don Packard, and John Wadsworth, who visited son John there. Ash reports the young man is a fine officer and doing very well now in Germany.

To finish up with Dolly's news, she and Mercedes Hughes stayed with the Barlows ('49), and attended a delightful brunch the day of the wedding of which Pat & Lou Haskell were 2 of the hosts. Dolly saw Jim & Chris McCray in Tucson. Dolly, Smocki Hoffman, Ginger Sylvester, and Novella Whitehead had lunch together when Smocki was passing through on her way to Colo Spgs for son Tim's wedding. It is reported she looks terrific. Tom Hoffman, as of this writing, either will go to SHAPE, or ret.

Jack Capps sent along a flier a while back announcing a marriage and family enrichment 2-day session at the ski lodge. Probably have Masters and Johnson next.

A small item from the sports page caught my eye. Among the qualifiers for the MI 400 auto race held at Cambridge Junction on 19 Jun was a neighbor of Dave & Sarah Malletts', Cecil Gordon of Horse Shoe, NC. He finished 21st.



1948: Jim McCray, Mere Hughes, Chris McCray, Keri and John, May 77.

To end on a personal note, for those of you who remember Marymount days and my frequent date from there, Gretchen Meister, she is now married to Bill Gorog ('49), and they have started a firm called Arbor Group Intl Inv Svs here in town. Bill was with OMB prior to Jan 20th, and Gretchen has been pres of Daytech Corp of Dayton, OH.

# '49

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Another 3-star in the AF, Ab Greenleaf was elevated to DCS Programs and Resources at HQ, USAF. Good quarter for the Abs, since Ab Martin has been selected as the 77 recipient of the prestigious Collier Trophy awarded annually for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics. Ab was selected for his leadership of the B-1 program and joins the ranks of previous winners such as Orville Wright, Glenn Curtis, Howard Hughes, and Hap Arnold. More honors for an outstanding classmate, Marc Finnegan was presented with the LES Gold Medal by the Intl Licensing Exec Soc in London on 2 Jun 77. Marc is only the 4th individual ever to be presented the medal which was awarded for his serving in 14 positions in the Society plus presenting 68 LES sponsored courses and lectures in 14 countries. In the news release they mention his membership in 36 Bar Assns, Legal Societies, and Honor Societies; he is a consultant to the UN Conf on Trade and Devl; was an advr to the White House on Intl Economic Policy; Bd of Governors, American Patent Law Assn; Panel Expert on ERDA Patent Policy; and was a delegate to the Interamerican Working group on Science and Transfer of Tech at Brasilia in 74. In addition to all this, Marc is the senior partner in the firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow and Garrett in DC; a firm with 27 lawyers specializing in patent litigation.

Ray Klemmer has joined Haley Assn in NY as a VP; they are Organization and Mgmt



1949: Plebes in 1917: Rice, Barrick, Riley, McNamee, Whitney, Stauffer.



1949: Plebes in 1945: Williams, Pratt, McNamee, Stauffer, Brock, Ford, MacMillan, Croonquist.



1949: Rev. Ben Benitez with newly ordained, Ted Hervey Jr.

Selection Consultants. Tiger Howell has left the FEA and Jack Anderson's columns for a position on the staff of Cong Jack Murphy '50. Bill Gorog with his White House tour over has elected to stay in DC and with wife Gretchen has formed a financial planning firm specializing in intl finance. Bruce Peters, Pres of Intl Sociotechnical Sys, made a State Dept tour of S. Amer last fall. He addressed professional societies, business and govt consultants and university groups on aspects of tech transfer and motivation and productivity.

Harry & Ann Griffith have departed the DC scene for Seoul, Korea, where Harry takes over as head of the MAAG—could be an interesting 2 yrs with the admin's intention to withdraw troops and problems resulting therefrom. At a going away party, cohosted by the Herveys, I talked Ted into sending me a photo of their son Ted Jr. who was ordained an Episcopal priest in Corpus Christi in Dec 76. Officiating at the ordination held at All Saints Church was our own Rev. Ben Benitez. Young Ted is following a long tradition in his family. Nene's dad, MG Luther D. Miller, was Chief of Chaplains while we were cadets, and Nene's brother is the rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in DC.

We had 3 more sons join our alumni ranks in Jun: Mike Keith, Glen Morton, and Dunc Cameron graduated with the Class of '77. Gil Kirby handled the presentation of our gifts from the Class: Revere bowls with Academy crest on one side and name and year graduating on the other.

Dick Stauffer has ret. from Ft Meade and has bought a home in Columbia, MD, not far from Joe Eagers. Ted Swett leaves his post in JCS in Jul for asgmt as Secy, Interamerican Def Bd still in DC. Part of the move is a month's refresher in languages at Monterey in Jul. George Hoffmaster after 10 these many years at the Hoffman Bldg in pers has moved over to the CAA as CS. Hill Dickinson has been heading up the study of academics at WP which will be completed this summer, and is awaiting word on his new asgmt. Likewise, Jack Albert is finishing up his tour as Cmdt of the DMS at Ft Belvoir where he has done an outstanding job. Jack is heading for W-P and AFLC HQ.

On Sat 28 May the Class continued its custom of decorating graves of those of our number who are buried in Arlington. Al Singletary made the arrangements; Dick Gillespie and Ted Swett joined him in placing

floral displays on the 12 graves and one memorial marker of 49ers. The name of John Armstrong, declared dead after being carried as MIA for 7 yrs, is on the memorial headstone. Graves decorated were those of John Poulson, Jim McDaniel, Ralph Buffington, Joe Giddings, Frank Barnes, Bob Littell, George Smythe, Bill Smith, Mo Magruder, Doug Bush, Bob Ritchie, and John Latimer.

Incidentally, ours seems to be the only USMA Class that does this—a fine tradition to maintain.

Audrey & Al English hosted a get-together for the Class at their new home on the South River in Annapolis on 25 Jun. Over 60 participants made the affair for an afternoon and evening of swimming, boating, eating, and drinking. It was an outstanding time and ended all too quickly. Jack & Jean Albert made their final social appearance before leaving for Dayton; Wayne Norby announced that he was ret. effective 1 Jul and will remain in DC.

George Hoffmaster, always one of our super jocks, suffered a mild heart attack the middle of Jun after a round of tennis. He was released after a few days at Walter Reed and is recovering at home—says he's feeling great. Mentioned the marriage of their older daughter Peg to Bill Darden in the spring of 77. The young couple are living in Louisville (Jean Hoffmaster's home town) where Bill is with Reynolds Metals.

Dick Stauffer cleaning up his effects for ret. ran across an old photo of some of our classmates walking up the hill from the train station at WP to report in as plebes. That triggered him to remember having seen a photo in the Jun 77 issue of the ASSEMBLY (1919 notes—page 38) which included his dad and also Mike McNamee's dad as plebes. If we can convince the editor to run both photos together, note the resemblances between the McNamees and Stauffer father-son combinations.

Bill Gustafson has passed on a letter from the AOC relative to the status of our Class Fund contributions. As of 1 Apr 77, we had a balance of \$6,212.90 in our Class account with all of the expenses paid for construction of our Delafield Pond Cabin. Gil Kirby has been given the go-ahead to use about \$4,000 of this balance to purchase floor covering, drapes, etc., to finish off the interior of the cabin.

# '50

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As I write this we are looking forward to the weekend when Morris & Faith Herbert are coming from WP to help us celebrate the 4th of Jul. To catch you up on the Herberts: dau Caroline hopes to get a job at the Smithsonian doing art work related to insects, but the turnover there is slow, so she is doing some rsch work for the Sarabian Embassy. Dau Faith has finished her first year at GettysburgC; son Morris is a cadet at WP, and that leaves only son George at home these days. Almost forgot to mention Caroline is living in Arlington with her good friend, Leslie Cameron, daughter of Dave and Carolyn.

We must be getting to be "Old Soldiers," for the promotions we have this time are all to LTC. Of course we're all very pleased to



1950: Founders Day Redstone Arsenal.

see so many of the Class recognized as top leaders. On the Army side, Volvey Warner has been selected to cmd XVIII Abn Cps at Ft Bragg. The AF, however, caught up with the Army in one quick jump by promoting Bennie Davis as the DSC Pers of the AF and making Charlie Gabriel the VCdr of TAC. Congratulations to all of you on your new responsibilities.

Robin Love, Joe and Mary Pharr's 3d of 4 daughters, thoughtfully called last week to say hello. She was on her way to an outward-bound-type of school here in VA. She told us that Joe is finishing up his MBA at FL, and selling real estate on the side. Mary Pharr is fine and busy as ever. Ouida has entered a school very near Jacksonville, so the Loves see a lot of her. They aren't as lucky with Mary Bland, who is working for a law firm in Birmingham this summer before going back for her 3d and final year of law sch at UVA. Laura Lee will be the only one home this fall when Robin enters UFL at Gainesville. Speaking of Gainesville reminds me that Tom & Betty Lou Austins' dau, Laura Nell, has transferred there as a soph.

D.B. King called in Jun and filled me in on his young people and their activities. Mary graduated from NW MO State U. on Mother's Day, while Bryant was in this year's graduating class from WP, taking FA as his branch. Libby has been teaching school, but she's joined the Army too, having married Steven Rotoff the day after WP's graduation this month.

Had news of Mal & Fran Johnson from their son Mal, who was here for Mark Romaneski's wedding in Jun. Young Mal married Kay Keith on 29 May in Williamsburg. He told me that Mal Sr ret. 31 Mar and is working in Morocco with the Louis Burgess Intl Const Co. building highways; Fran is presently in Auburn, AL.

This is a good place to mention the many other weddings of various sons and daughters. First of all: Marina Genuario, Lou and Rose's 3d dau, married Lynn Ott on 20 Nov 76 in Fredericksburg, VA. Closer to the present, Mark J Romaneski, Leo's and Marilyn's first son, married Karalee Faulkner here in Alexandria on 4 Jun; Elizabeth Austin, Tom's and Betty Lou's first dau, married Miguel San Pedro Gomez the following week on 11 Jun, also here in Alexandria; Richard Hunt, Dick's and Marilyn's son, who grad from WP a few days earlier, married Elizabeth Guest on 12 Jun at the Cadet Chapel; on the same day, in the Catholic Chapel, Susan Fox, John's and

the one classmate in the vicinity; he and Elizabeth drove over from Athens, GA. Tom said he and Dick Hunt were at the Founders Day dinner in the CZ, and really enjoyed it. Travis '20 was the unscheduled oldest grad speaker, and did a great job, so Tom thoughtfully wrote '20's scribe about it.

Speaking of Founders Day, I'm sending several pics of our classmates at various Founders Day activities. I don't know if they'll all get in, but we'll try. Buz Baxter wrote from Kadena AB on Okinawa where he said they had a good get-together of people who knew that not all cows and yearlings belong in a barn. With Buz is Fred Hamlin, USA Garrison, Okinawa Civ Engr; Chip Kaseman, 5AF Dir of Maint Engr (and will soon be DCS/Log); almost forgot to say Buz has the 313 AD and the 18th TFWg there. Ed Kennedy is in the Zama as #2, but couldn't make it.

Will Hill Tankersley was one of the guest speakers at Maxwell, which of course meant a lot to our people in particular. Joe Anderson leaves Maxwell this summer going to Hq Pac AF in HI; Bob Whiting also leaves, but had no assignment as of this writing. Will Hill has departed the DC area and he and Theda are back in their lovely home in Montgomery; Vin Hirsch was visting relatives in Auburn, AL so he dropped in for the evening. Matt Henrikson is stationed at Gunter AFB, will be here a while longer; Ross Franklin dashed over from Ft Benning.

At the Presidio of San Fran Jack Hendry said it was the most classmates he's seen at a Founders Day dinner since he's been at the Pres. Jack and Gen have bought a home for eventual ret. in San Diego. Son Dave will again be attending KS St U. next year, and dau Karen will be a freshman at USF in the G5 nursing program.

Had a nice letter from Toady Dreisonstok. Toady is finishing up a 3-yr tour at Jackson as the Compt, expects to return to DC this fall, and eventually ret. here. Art Shemwell is studying law at USC and enjoying it while he works hard. Dean Schnoor is IG at Jackson. Toady says Ft Jackson is one of the best kept secrets in the Army, where everything is available to everyone. "For example, Andree and I attend a fish fry almost every month where they make real home-made hush puppies—eat your hearts out, you Southerners!"

Jim & Patti Kelly will be rejoining their DC area friends in Aug, when Jim comes to

Jane's dau married LT Joseph Tallman; on 24 Jun, at Ft Lewis, WA, Victoria Warner, Volney's and Janice's dau married 1LT Stephen Shambach. Congrats to all these fine young people starting out in their new lives together. Incidentally, if you take pictures at these weddings, we particularly like to have the bride and groom with the father (who is the classmate) and the mother, as close up as possible.

I saw Bud Blanchard recently when he was in Alexandria. Currently stationed at Cumberland Depot, PA, he is one of the few full COLs still on flight status. His job as Dir of Maint keeps him flying, for he usually has over a hundred helicopters in his shop at any one time.

I knew I had more weddings to tell you about. Back to 28 May 77 when Matthew A. Trayers, Jim's and JoAnn's son, married Jennifer Lynn at Ft Belvoir—and then a week later on 4 Jun John Nutting, Wally's and Jane's son, married Debra McMurray in Alexandria, VA. On 25 Jun 77 Jon Irons, Jim's and June's son, married Maureen Oppel in Weston, MA.

In Apr we had a nice note from Tom Strider telling us he acquired a lovely daughter-in-law on his 50th birthday. I mentioned Tom's and Cheryl's wedding in the last column, and it must have been a lovely affair; Jimmy came from the Pres of Monterey and sang at the wedding. Ed Fox was



1950: Presidio of San Francisco Founders Day.



1950: Sons in the Class of '77: Hunt, Dowe, Bolte, Price, Price, Pritchett, and King.

be CG at Belvoir. Their son Patrick enters WP in Jul, and we wonder if he knows one of his classmates will be **Bill Crittenberger**, Jack's and Pookie's 2d son. Pookie stays mighty busy with her active family, and in the last 2 weeks has had the joy of helping daughter Gay with her 3 little ones, when Pookie's 4th grandchild, Jesse Nall, arrived at Bethesda Nav Hosp on 20 Jun.

Gwyn & Bob Groseclose were in Dallas in late May to visit dau Donna and her husband, Jerry Carlin. While they were there, they all were guests of **Dave & Margaret Briggs**. Dave is an atty with Coke and Coke in Dallas, and they have a boy and a girl.

There seems to be a big chase of classmates from one part of the world to another. **Ros Round** is leaving HI to take over **Blackie Bolduc's** current job as DATT in Paris; haven't heard what Blackie's next asgmt will be, but **Tom Austin** told me that **Stan Fye**, after being pushed out of Ethiopia, will replace Ros in HI. Tom also had a word on the Fye children: Ann, 15, is a soph in HS; Rich joined the Army 4 yrs ago and is now stationed at Ft Meade with his wife and 3-year-old dau; Steven has just finished his 3d year at ODU in Norfolk—he too spent a tour in the Army after HS. Ellen is a soph at Georgetown U., studying English and (building on the time in Ethiopia) minoring in Amharic and Arabic; David grad from HS in Addis Ababa and is now working in a pre-fab Plant in ME.

**Jared Schopper** has ret. and is now the Regl Dir of Mktg & Sales (Far East) for Oshkosh Truck Corp, which sells crash trucks, fire trucks, etc. Jared will cover everything from west of CA to India and has already started travelling out there. He probably will set up his office in Honolulu; tough life, eh?

Had a surprise call from **Bill O'Quinn** in May; he was on his way through DC to help dispose of the power reactor material **Leo Romaneski** had used down in the CZ. Bill is still working with ERDA, dealing with over-



1950: Award for Lou Genuario.

seas reactor materials. His address is Box 221, Jackson, SC 29831. Bill tells me that my old Amherst buddy, **John Smith**, is on a farm along the Clinch River in Harriman, TN. John, let us know what's new with you and your family. Bill told me he saw **Hale Hubbard** at Founders Day at Ft Gordon; they held down the fort there for '50.

**Eddie Ramos** wrote in May from the Philippines. The week before, he had seen **Claude Doughtie**, who is on the CINPAC J5 (Plans) staff in Honolulu; Claude went to Manila to help prepare for the 19th anniv of the Philippines-U.S. Mutual Def Bd. He had seen **Don Payne**, who is Dpty for Ops/Intel for CINCPACAF. Eddie was deserted temporarily, for Ming was at Bryn Mawr Col for the graduation of their dau Angelita.

The picture of **Lou Genuario** holding a plaque was taken on 30 Apr 77 in Norwalk, CT, when Lou was honored at the 7th Annual Honor America Ball there. Below Lou's pic were these words, "The Honor America Committee has always respected and admired men who have devoted their lives in the service of this great country. These dedicated few make it possible for each of us to continue to enjoy freedom and liberty and in so doing perpetuate our heritage. Eternal vigilance is the price they pay and it is a debt that all Americans must assume. **Louis Genuario**, as a native son of this proud city, we are aware of your dedication to Duty, the sacrifices you have made, the wounds you have suffered, and the pride that you have instilled in each of us who still remember you as a good friend and neighbor. After an absence of over 30 years we brought you back to Norwalk to simply say "thank you" for serving us so long and so well. Duty took you away, Honor has brought you back. It is for these reasons that we honor you tonight." What more could anyone say, except "Congratulations, Lou, for well deserved recognition."

**Andy & Fran Pick** called me one night when I was out, so Robin had a long talk with them. As usual, they're building houses, town-houses, apartments, etc, and they must work from sunup to sundown. Betsy is home from Hollins for the summer and is working in Cary Pick Realty. Andrew (entering Washington & Lee this fall as a Frosh) is also working for them, but when Robin asked if they had snared Charles into the business, Fran said, "He'd rather play baseball and mow lawns." The Picks have moved into their new home at 1003 Cherokee Rd, Auburn, AL 36830.

**Marilyn & Leo Romaneski** were here in Jun for son Mark's wedding. They had a real family get-together for the happy occasion: son Peter was here from PA St U.; dau JoAnne and grandson Drew came from IL; Chaplain Ford, Marilyn's brother-in-law married the young couple, and he, Marcia and their 5 young people drove down from WP; both Marilyn's and Leo's mothers were here. Top them with various DeGrafs, and we counted 23 at breakfast the morning of the wedding.

We had 8 Class sons at this year's WP grad. They were all given the lovely silver trays which have the Class Crest on them. The young men, with father's name follow: **David L. Bolte** (Philip L.), **Ray M. Dowe III** (Ray M. Jr.), **Richard S. Hunt** (Richard L.), **David B. King III** (David B. Jr.), **Mark A. Milia** (Camelo P.), **David V. and Wallace A. Price** (George L. Jr.), **Christopher S. Pritchett** (Clifton A. Jr.), **Morris Herbert**



made the presentation at his quarters, and it was a happy time, being able to see the parents there too.

**Corinne Detherow** wrote in Jun from Columbia, MO, where she, Ralph and the 3 youngsters are living. You may remember Ralph had a stroke well over 3 yrs ago; he was in the VA Hosp there for some time, but is home now with the family making steady progress. Corinne says of late the speech therapy results in the area of greatest improvement. Son Doug is 16; Diana is 14 and Dori is 9. They all stay busy with 4H activities, Scouts, etc. They would love to hear news of their friends, so write to Rt 4, Box 140, Columbia, MO 65201.

**Bob Gard** gave me the word in Apr that he had seen **Charlie Bell** at a conf at the Natl Def U. Bob said "He looked great and vigorous!" Charlie is Sr VP for Opns of Seaboard World Airlines; he lives in CT and commutes to NYC. . . . Bob, now wearing 3 stars is Pres of the Natl Def U. at Ft McNair; he and Lucy have just moved there from Belvoir. When they came for dinner some months ago, we were interested to hear Lucy tell of the humorous and challenging aspects of teaching English to GI's.

Just talked to **Win Skelton**, who told me that **Paul Gorman** leaves Ft Monroe this summer to be CG of the 8th Inf Div in Bad Kreuznach.

That's it for this time. WRITE!

# '51

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The week before THE Graduation Week, the AFA graduated its Class of '77. In that class is **Mark Ellis**—one of the sons of '51. As for all our graduating sons, an appropriately engraved pewter plate was presented. Congratulations are also in order for Mark since he is one of the few AF types assigned to Georgetown U. MedS. Proud parents **Billy & Barbara Ellis** however couldn't remain in the DC area—Billy was reassigned to Langley AFB as DCS/Opns for TAC where he joined **Tom McMullen**, DCS/Req and **Bud Bacon**, the IG.

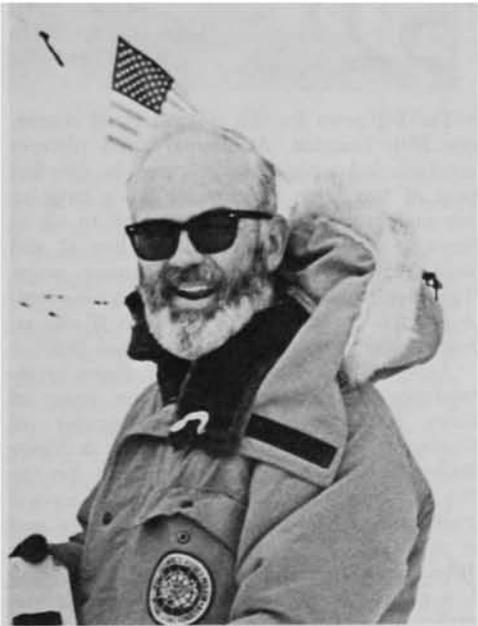
**Pete Prehn**, Compt at Eustis and Class regl rep for VA (less greater DC area) mentions that other classmates in the area who attended the Founders Day dinner at Ft Monroe were **Ken Herring**, SACLANT staff and **Joe Rice** who was en route to Ft Gordon to establish a training activity for foreign students. Next year Pete hopes to turn out a better '51 attendance in that resort area. (By the way Pete, **Bud Bacon**



1951: (L-R) Dickens, Ellis, Edler, Gardes at Bolling.



1951: (L-R) The Crowes and Charneys at Bolling.



1951: That's really Al Esser in Antarctica, 1977.



1951: (L-R) Steele, Peixotto and Leffler at class luncheon.

says that Dan Wardrop is ret. in Williamsburg). Reminder for those who want to participate in a class weekend next year—write John Tatum at 2009-S Bradsford Rd, Camden, SC 29020.

Although Robbie Robinson spent 3 yrs on the PIO detail 20-odd yrs ago, he still doesn't send me any news or photos. But Army Times quotes him as saying that his 82d paratroopers may be able to carry an antitank missile during jumps beginning this past summer. Did they Robbie? Can you believe that's Al Esser? After he and Jean left the AF in 75 he joined a co. as the PM for Antarctic Spt Svs and provides support for the Natl Sci Fndn and their research efforts in Antarctica. It's exciting, enjoyable business which includes spending months at the South Pole. Jean and Al attended Founders Day dinner in CA with the Leeheys, Cokes and Schlatters. A few months later they visited Ann & Frank Winfield in San Diego. Frank is bus mgr for a sch of law and making quite a name for himself. The Essers live only 8 miles from Disneyland, have a pool in their backyard, and welcome sign—to make sure you don't miss them the address is: 1315 N. Concord, Fullerton, CA! An interesting comment made by Al was that he gets to DC once in a while to see his sister Gloria and her husband Tom Stumm. That's better than most of us do here—when are you and Gloria coming to our get-togethers Tom?

While on TDY to Leavenworth, I had an interesting discussion with Bill Louisell and Bill Malouche. Seems Malouche, who was Dir Tng Devices & Simulations in CAT-RADA, stated he trained battle captains and their staffs. Louisell who's Dpty Cmdt of the college, took strong objection—that's his job. Louisell spends most of his time traveling, and entertaining foreign students and visitors besides working all day, but finds time to get to Lake Perry with his sailboat. On one of his recent travels, he met with Bill & Betty Depew. (Another Bill!) Depew is the DCO at Ft Carson. Audrey & Bill Malouche toured Greece and Spain this past summer celebrating their 25th anniv. Then Bill goes to work for Michelin—and get this—by training in Scotland and France, housing and expenses provided! I missed Gerry Carlson but spoke with wife Jean who said Gerry was "mothering" an exch visit of CGSC students to the Canadian Forces Staff College.

The DC contingent gathered for a dinner party at Bolling in mid-May under the direction of Sam Dickens who made all the arrangements. Ernie Peixotto volunteered Joe Smith to make arrangements for the next get-together. Some of the tidbits Holly gathered for me: Billy & Barbara Ellis and the whole family (Kevin from Wm & Mary, Elaine from Tulane Med Sch, and the other 5 at home—Christopher, Yvonne, Adele, John and 4-year old Brian) flew out to Mark's graduation. Ted & D'Arcy Charney talked about their new Army asgmt and new address after 5 Jul—and then Ted ret. the end of Jun to join the PA State govt working for the Comm in the Bur of Prof & Occupatl Affairs. The Charneys real new address is 3802 Harness Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011. (Hey, Ted, that's the same address my wife got in May!). Lydia Lemnitzer had an experience. She was held up at the local bank where she is the asst mgr. She opened the vault promptly—but not without shaking! We celebrated 3 birthdays at the party: Lydia Lemnitzer, Bill Elder, and Bruno Giordano. Gio mentioned how happy he was



1951: (L-R) Mulder, Doerflinger, Thomas, Barber at class luncheon.



1951: (L-R) Vellella, Louisell, Malouche at Leavenworth.



1951: Depot Cmdr Toole welcoming Rockwell on an official visit with RADM Ghormley.



1951: Air Force Son—Mark Ellis '77.



1951: Bicher receiving LOM from Buckingham '49 while Phyllis looks on.

for the recognition because he could then point out his hair had stopped falling out (finally), he had lost 5 lbs, and he has a new car—Latin model. Someone mentioned that Frank Fischl was into politics and running for mayor of Allentown, PA. He won the Rep nomination by bicycling around town with wife Nancy meeting the people. Congrats. George & Pat Gardes and Joe & Betty Smith discussed how lucky they were going to be to have their children all in college at the same time—Gardes' will have 4 and the Smiths 3 at the same time! John Byers couldn't make the party because he and Peg were at their daughter's wedding and Howie & Dotsy Steele weren't there because they were watching their son graduate from Wake Forest U. Dean & Nancy Mulder were able to attend because their son Steve graduated from UMD during the day—Steve was accepted in the U Houston LawS. Red Leffler is now the Dpty Asst Dir of the VA. However, a sad note—the Class offers its condolence to Red and his family. His mother passed away on 27 Jun 77

Now, how to get off the dunning list. The Class has made tremendous progress toward meeting the commitment to establishing a \$250,000 trust fund—but we need everyone's participation to put '51 over the top. Howie Steele has organized the regl reps to bring our need to everyone's attention and has developed a method to measure the success of this final drive. The following table shows the number of non-contributors by region with names of regional reps. At the end of the drive, we'll publish final figures—and hope the last column will be zero! Remember from this point on every dollar contributed is doubled! (Thanks to our generous classmate.) If anyone works for a company with matching contributions, any



1951: The Owens' and Vellellas at Graduation.

gift would be tripled! Let's make this a historical first for WP. No contribution is too small. Address to USMA—Class of 1951 Fund, c/o Mr. Peter R. Kuhn, 1 Mountainview Terrace, Westfield, NJ 07090:

1. Arlington & Ft Belvoir, VA, Ken Holle, (8);
2. Alexandria, VA, Bill MacDonald, (5);
3. McLean, VA, Clint Granger, (1);
4. Falls Church, Annandale, Springfield, VA, Bruno Giordano, (6);
5. Rest of VA, Pete Prehn, (9);
6. MD, Chan Goodnow, (10);
7. New England, Pete Foss, (11);
8. NY, Joe Rogers, (8);
9. PA, Ron Roberge, (5);
10. NJ, Tom Odderstol, (4);
11. Europe, Larry Dosh, (10);
12. CZ, Puerto Rico, Central & S. Amer, Mike Kovalsky, (3);
13. TX & OK, Sel Graham, (13);
14. FL, Russ Walthour, (12);
15. NC & SC, GA, Billy Barnett, (10);
16. AR, TN, AL, MS, LA, George Meighan, (10);
17. WV, OH, IN, KY, Bob Snyder, (16);
18. MI, IL, WI, MN, IA, Chuck Wallens, (13);
19. KS, MO, NE, ND, SD, Tom Foster, (8);
20. NV, UT, CO, NM, Don McGann, (14);
21. CA, Gerry Dingman, (20);
22. AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, Hank Otten (8);
23. HI & Far East, Joe Clemons, (5).

While picketers demonstrated outside, dignitaries like the Kissingers, Sinatras, etc. inside Radio City Music Hall for the premier of Douglas MacArthur were joined by the following dignitaries: the Barbers, Bern-



1951: Barbara Odderstol (center) with sister Ruth Baker and Tom—Graduation Week.

steins, Coxes, Russells, Kuhns, Fants, Webbers, Grahams (Sel), Rogers, Stockdales, Hoffs, Foldbergs, Peixottos and Owens (Bill), Psihas, Clay, Arnold and Sanderson. The showing of the film was followed by a dinner-dance at the Waldorf thrown by the WP Soc of NY.

Reb Barber is now with TRW as a serious young exec enjoying a challenging new job. Bill Richardson left Mike Kovalsky in Panama and is now in DCSOPS. Bill Crouch is now CO ADTA at Ft Rucker—new address: 52 Red Cloud Rd, Ft Rucker, AL. Ed Partain is still in Europe but now is the J4/7 at EUCOM. Otto Doerflinger went to work for BDM in VA after 30 Jun. Tom Harrold also went to work after 30 Jun by joining his brother in the construction business in FL. And Bill Thomas went down to Greenville, TX after that same date to join E-sys.

Word from the Regional Reps: Guerdon Sines is Dir, Info & Control Sys with the MO Pacific RR Co. in St. Louis. He is active in the WP Soc as an officer the past 2 years. Willie Winner who did such an outstanding job reporting on classmates when he was the rep for the mid-west is now back at "the old stand" in the law business. All the reps are looking for the following lost classmates—please report into the net if you locate any of them: Ralph Auer, James Keeley, Frank Mul-



1951: Rogers (at home), Cocke, Jean Rogers, Lukert, Holly Vellella, Odderstol—Graduation Week.

lins, James Brett, Robert Lerner, Everett Parkins, Patrick Brian, Robert Lins, John Powell, Robert Chapman, Ledyard Long, David Rogers, Kie Doty, Richard McClure, Everett Taylor, Alan Frick, James McDonald, Thomas Wanko, Robert Heckinger, William Moretti, Edward Zuver, John Hill.

Each of you out there should make the effort to get in touch with your regional rep. Tell him what you're doing—send him some pics, and he'll pass them on to Howie Steele who gets the info to me for this column. We'll do our best to keep the lines of communications open with Ernie Peixotto's letters, this column, and the regional rep organization, but only YOU can keep it working.

# '52

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The big news for this quarter is, of course, our 25th Reunion. A summary and pictures are included among the features in the first part of this issue. The cmte did a bang-up job and our collective hats are off to all of them as well as classmates who live at and near WP and assisted in so many ways. Teamwork reflects in such a well-done event. A reunion booklet is due out soon if not already received by the time you read this.

A reasonably accurate list of those in attendance and info obtained from some of them follows: (See current Register of Graduates for additional info.) Ruth & Vince Bailey, Dolores & Dick Baker (They live by the golf course in Dumphries, VA and have 2 girls, one of whom just finished college and is a White House Tourist guide), Pat & John Bart (They have 3 girls and 1 boy. Pat is a nursing home admin in a 100-bed home; saving a bed for aging classmates. Dau Kathy is one of few girls accepted by Exxon for their marketing mgmt program. John saw Karl Woltersdorf recently. He also saw Jim Aldredge at Founders Day; Jim has his own hardware business), Kermit Bell and his date, Joyce Williamson (Kermit is an optometrist in Collierville, TN), Stephanie & Jack Biddle, Bill Boyles (Bill is still on active duty but has been offered a position as Asst Economics Prof at Wash & Jeff Col where he has been teaching ROTC. He and Lee have 3 girls and 2 boys), Babs & Dr. Van Brewster (Van is currently an MD in Wilmington, NC. They have 4 children, the youngest a 1-yr-old son named Grey in honor of the Long Grey Line), Gloria & Jerry Brisman, Pat & Paul Brown, Carol & Jack Burkheimer (Jack is currently Supt of Mt. Vernon Matls, a textile firm. They have 3 girls and 2 boys), Phyllis & Gil Burns, Jinny & Jim Campbell (this was their first Class reunion. Iim is at CINCLANT as Tm Cmdr of Tm D in the Abn CP. They



1952: 25th Reunion.

have 2 boys, both of whom are college grads), Rita & Bob Carlone (Bob is currently working in a commercial real estate firm as VP for investments and syndications. They live in Colo Spgs and have 2 girls), John Carlson (Currently VP of Sundt Const Co. He and Norma have 2 girls and 2 boys). Jane & John Claybrook (John is a Div Chief in DCSOPS Mobil & Reserve Affairs. They live in McLean, VA, and have 2 girls and 1 boy), Carrol & Ralph Cline (They have 1 girl and 2 boys), King Coffman (King is in Heidelberg. He and Irene have 2 girls and 2 boys), Dottie & Tom Cole, Tom Collier, Ernie Condina (Ernie is a Readiness Gp Ch in Pittsburgh, PA. He and Ginny have 1 girl, Anne, who is a soph at RPI), Jane & Mac Conner (He is pres of his own manuf rep. firm for quality electronic components. They live in New City, NY and have 3 girls and 2 boys, 2 of them are in college), Marianna & John Cooke, Carol & Mal Craig, Alice & Robert Craig, Bernie & Al Crehan (Al is currently a loss prevention scy cslt for Profit Protection Gp in Orange, NJ. He is looking for a position in industry as a Dir of Scy. They have 3 girls and 3 boys. Their schedule near reunion time included graduations for 3 of their children, all 1 week apart; 1 from college, 1 from HS, and 1 from grammar sch), Dorothy & Jim Day (Jim is currently beginning a hardwood lumber manuf business. Jim ran for Lt Gov in the KY Demo primary and lost. He's still interested in politics so will probably try to run again some day to be of public service. They have 2 girls and 2 boys), Pat & Dan Derbes (Dan is currently Gen Mgr of Air Rsch Mfg Div of Garrett Corp, an aerospace energy and trans firm. They have 1 girl, 1 boy, and a dog), Erna & George Dietz (George is cur-

rently Pres of Isomebix Co. They live in Chester, NJ and have 1 girl and 3 boys), Joanne & Tom Dowler, Mona & Jack Driskill, Doris & Bill Duncan (They have 1 girl and 2 boys), Audrey & Bob Dunn (Bob is currently Fleet Admin with Prince George's County. They have 2 girls and 1 boy. Their 12-yr-old daughter intends to try for USMA), Val & Harry Dutchyshyn (their son Doug is entering USMA Class of '81), Doris & Dave Eachus (Dave is currently a senior engr specialist in sys engr for Litton Data Sys. They have 3 boys), Pat & Ed Eckert (Ed is Dir of Pers, Tng & Force Devl in ECOM They live near Ft Monmouth, hoping to get quarters on post soon. Their move was a sudden one in Feb from Ft Reilly since they insist on fast moves. They have 2 girls and 1 boy, 1 part time in col, 1 full time, and 1 in HS. Ed reports that Harvey Perritt left Reilly to be exec for GEN Knowlton at Land Southeast in Turkey. Bill Harrison ret. 31 May at Monmouth and headed for La Jolla, CA, to work for Gen'l Dynamics), Art Erickson, Ruth & Tom Fiala, Jack Foley (Jack ret. from Army CE in 76 and is currently Gen'l Mgr of Aliso Wtr Mgt Agcy. He and Lee live in Irvine, CA, and have 1 boy, John, age 18, and 1 girl, Marianne, age 20 who works for American Airlines), Nancy & Bert Freeman, Meredith & John Garver, Charlotte & Ralph Garver, Jim Gerhardt, Ann & Ed Gilbert, Maxine & Jack Gilkey, Mary & George Grayeb, Cathy & Al Griffin, Carol & Gordon Hahn, Joe Hannan, Marylou & Warren Hayford, Jack Hettinger (Jack remains a bachelor. He is a certified ski bum in Colo Spgs. He does volunteer work for various agencies to keep from forgetting how to work. He says that Jim Cain also lives in Colo Spgs, where he is working for his

teaching certificate in PE), Boo & Hodge Hodgskin (Hodge is currently a Program Mgr for GE. They have 2 girls, both college grads. Terry is getting married in Sept and Robin is working in a bank in Boston), Tom Hill (Tom is currently a rsch scientist at UTX in Austin, doing energy studies, working on a computerized data base. He and Judy have 3 boys), Adrian & Herb Hollander (Herb ret. in Mar 71 and is currently Comm Dept Mgr for Computer Sciences Corp. They live in Alexandria, VA and have 2 girls and 1 boy. One daughter married a grad from Class of '75), Pat & Fish Ireland, Piffle Irvin (She and Bob live in Gaffney, SC and have 5 children. She just got back from visiting 1 daughter in Hanau. She says that any members of the Class of '52 passing near Gaffney should stop by), Sherrie & Jim Jagers, Howie Jelinek, Sallee & Bud Jenkins, Betty & John Keeley, Marie & John Kenney, Karl Klein, Micki & Jeff Knight, Elaine & Ken Kronlund (Ken ret. from the AF in Sept 76 and is currently a consultant with AGARD, NATO spt. They live in Westford, MA, and have 2 girls and 2 boys, ranging in age from 23 to 8), Jackie & Jerry Kutz (They live at Randolph AFB in San Ant and have 2 girls), Donna & Dick Larkin (soon to leave for Moscow), Nadia & Don Lasher (Don is anticipating a long wait till he gets to pin on those stars. His dad, ECR Lasher, a ret. MG from '29, was there to join Don in welcoming his son Bill to the Long Gray Line, Class of '77. Don is PM of Multi-Service Commo Sys at Ft Monmouth. They have 2 boys), Jim Lee, Patti & Tom Leggett, Ilene & Carter Lehman (Carter is currently VP of Farrell Const Co. They have 2 girls), Shirley & Jack Lentz, Winnie & Bud Lichtenwalter (Bud is in the Dept of Tac at C&GSC. Also there are Paul Child, John Hill and Bob Riley. Winnie and Bud have 1 girl, 1 boy, and a horse by name of "Punkin"), Marcia & Hank Lowder (Hank is Dpty Dir of Officer Pers in MILPERCEN in the Hoffman Bldg in Alexandria, VA. They live in Alexandria and have 1 girl and 3 boys), Ruth & Jay Luther, Mariann & Dave Lyon (Dave is Dpty Dir for Strategic Plans & Policy in ODCS-OPS), Ann & Paul Malone, Doris & Tom McClung (Tom is currently a field rep for Woodsmen of the World Life Ins Soc. They have 3 children, Cindy 23, Linda 17, and Tom 14), Noel & Mac McCullough, Marilyn & Bob McGarry (Bob has recently ret. from Army CE and is Gen Mgr of the DC Suburban Sanitary Comm serving Montgomery and Prince George Counties and suburban DC. They live in Potomac, MD, and have 1 girl and 1 boy. In his recent travels around the world Bob saw BG Tom Ayers who has the Spt Cmd in Taegu, S. Korea. He had Larry Putnam, Hank Meyer, and Birt Kidwell working for him in CSC before he ret. Larry is known as one of the nation's deep thinkers in the data processing world; a real nation-wide expert), Corinne & Charles Meikle, Shirley & Jim Michel (Jim is currently the VP for Mktg in the Speer Div of Aircor, supplying the steel and chemical industries with electrodes and anodes used in manuf. They have 1 girl, age 14, and 1 boy, age 22), Doris & Dick Miller, Bill Mitchell (Bill is currently with Cptr Sci Corp. He and Judy live in Gaithersburg, MD, and have 2 boys), Shirley & Dick Moore, Jackie & Bill Moore, Hank Moseley, Nancy & Jim Mueller (Jim is currently a salesman for the Pangborn Div of Carborundum Corp. They have 1 girl, 1 boy, and a purebred boxer that has won many shows. Dau Leslie, 16, just made the

Natl Honor Society. Jim & Nancy still sleep under their cadet grey blanket and were scheduled to renew their marriage vows at the Catholic Chapel on 4 Jun, their 25th anniv), Katie & Denny Mullane, Ann & Tom Murphy (Tom currently in sales for Rockwell Int'l. They have 3 girls and 5 boys), Mary Ann & Tom Nelson (their son, Paul, is entering USMA Class of '81), Jolene & Emmett Niblack, Caroline & Steve Nichols, Ron Obach, Willie & Ollie Oliphant (Ollie is currently Branch Mgr in the Bloomfield State Bank in Bloomfield, IN. They have 4 beautiful daughters, one of whom was there for the first night. Willie says its always open house to '52 at the Oliphants). Leslie & Gordon Pahre (Gordon is Wg Exec in the 41st Rescue and Wea Recon Wg in Carmichael, CA. They have 1 girl, 13 and 1 boy, 15. Gordon reports that Don Williamson ret. in about 74 and is located in Carmichael selling ins for Equitable. He and his wife have 1 daughter, about 12), Camille & King Peters (King currently is in the real estate business, owning a med cen and developing a small shopping center. They live in Anchorage, AK, and have 2 girls and 2 boys. King reports that John Milner is a doctor in Seattle. He is a prof at the univ med sch, not married, but with too many patients to get away for the reunion), Marianne & Bob Pfeil (Bob is flying for AK Airlines. He has had this part-time job for 21 years, putting in 10 trips a month. In his spare time, he has built some office buildings in Anchorage. They have 2 girls, 9 and 11), Pat & Frank Pimentel (They live on base and have 3 girls and 1 boy. Daughters 21 and 19 are sr and jr at Georgetown. Daughter 16 will be freshman this year at Oral Roberts U. Son is 11), Chase & Bill Raiford, Patti & John Ralph (John is Sr Mil Advr for the ACDA. They live in Vienna, VA, and have 4 girls and a beautiful grandson), Mary & Tom Rehm (They have 2 girls and 1 boy. In Jul Tom Jr enters the Class of '81 at USMA), Nicky & Bill Reilly (Bill ret. Aug 76 and is currently SNUPPS Site Rep for Nucl Proj, Inc. They live in Columbia, MO, and have 11 children between them), Mary & Ed Reinhalter, Elsa & Russ Rentschler, Liz & Loyd Rhiddlehoover, Gladys & Jim Rink (Jim is Dpty G1 of III Corps and Ft Hood. They live on post and have a boy, 24, and a girl, 6. Jim is just back from Osan, Korea, where Tom Fitzpatrick is SJS in Eighth Army. The Ft Hood contingent includes Jim Armstrong and Walt Ulmer as ADC's in the 2AD as well as Jim Jiggers and Jack Driskill), Dee & Jeep Rollston (Jeep is the IG in ATC in San Ant. They live in San Ant and have 2 boys, Mark & Scott), Nancy & Ken Roper, Marilyn & Don Ross, Muriel & Russ Russomano (Russ is currently Chief Structural Engr for Foster Wheeler Energy Corp. They live in Chatham Township, NJ, and have 3 girls and 2 boys), Donna & Joe Santilli (Joe ret. this year from Army Inf and will be teaching sch. They live in Winter Park, FL and have 1 girl and 4 boys. Joe Jr. graduated from USMA in the Class of '77), Betty & Wazzy Seaman, Herb Schandler, Joan & Bill Schroeder (Bill is an account exec with Reynolds Securities in Ocala, FL), Gloria & Gil Scott (Gil is currently a PM in Gifford-Hill & Co, a vertically integrated ready-mix concrete co. They have 3 girls and 3 boys, ranging in age from 21 to 3, the eldest at SMU), Metz Seebach, Dolly & Pete Selleck, Claire & Don Sells, Ruth & Bill Shields, Charlotte & Doug Slingerland (Doug is Dir of Commo Lab at Ft Monmouth. They live

on post and have 4 girls), Lou & Bill Snyder, Janet & Warren Spalding, Peggy & Jim Spence (Jim is in the Exec Search business and is planning the organization of a WP Society for Orange County. The Spences would love to see any classmates drop by and play some golf), Vonny & Dick Stanier, Fred Stevens (Fred is currently a Congr Rsch Admin with the Library of Congress. He and Betsy have 1 girl and 1 boy), Gerry & Bert Stubblebine, Loretta & John Sullivan, Cindy & Dale Swanson, Betty & Don Swygert, Norb Szymczyk (He is single and living in Costa del Sol, Spain, after returning from Nepal where he was trekking in the Himalayas), Elaine & Art Taylor (They have 1 girl, Emille, finishing her 1st year at GA Southern, and 1 boy in the 7th grade. Art was nearly recovered from a very bad accident. On 5 Jun, they were to renew their marriage vows on their 25th anniv), Olga & Al Thieme, Anne & Ed R. Thompson, Sis & John Tipton, Barbara & Jim Tow (They have 2 girls, ages 12 and 7), Florrie & George Tronsrue, Carol & Bob Turner (Bob is a rsch analyst, a team chief at the Strategic Studies Inst. They live in Newville, PA and have 1 girl and 2 boys. Bob says that Dick Bullock is in Cmd & Mgt at AWC and recovering from recent surgery, would like to be remembered to the Class. Dick Miller and Bill Gleason are also at AWC), Diane & Harry Van Trees (Harry is currently Asst VP in Adv Sys Planning for COMSAT Corp. He was at MIT for 14 yrs. They have 4 girls and 3 boys. Harry runs regularly in the Boston Marathon, including this year), Jean & Ray Wallace (Ray is currently Dpty Sheriff of St Charles County, MO. They have 1 girl, Wendy 7, and 3 boys, Richard 21 at AFA, David 19, and Donald 17), Connie & Charlie Watkins, Suzi & Don Weinert, Nancy & Bob Wells, Skip Wensyel (Skip is currently researching and writing about security. After he ret., he managed a local academy and then a Wells-Fargo office before running the Bicentennial program for NY State. He is now back with his godmother, Mrs. Shirk, and 1 cat in a log cabin in Cornwall, NY), Ginny & Dick Wiles, Ann & Drake Wilson, Cynthia & Jack Witherell, Vera & Jim Woodward (He just finished law sch with his JD degree and hung up his shingle in Alexandria after passing the VA bar. They have 1 girl and 3 boys), Mel Young, and Inez & Chuck Youree (Chuck just transferred to Scott AFB, IL, where he is DCS OPS & Plans for MAC. They have 3 girls and 1 boy, only the youngest, Michelle, still at home).

I also learned at the Reunion that Dan Danford ret. on 31 May and went to work on energy concerns for American Mgt Assoc. Also Bill Seaver works for the Phila Gear Corp, the firm that cast the Class gift cannon. Bill works in their Pers Div. He is also Secy of the Phila WP Society.

I'll save all the rest of my news for next issue since this write-up on attendees at the Reunion more than exceeded the space allowed for us this issue. In the meantime, keep those cards and letters coming.

Bad news has a way of showing up. Ron



Obach wrote me a note, which reached me as I was mailing this article. His beloved wife Peggy died on Sun, 12 Jun, 2 days before their 25th wedding anniv. She is survived by a daughter Debbie, age 21, and a son Phil, 18, USMA Class of '80.

# '54

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Congratulations to LTS Chris Tomsen (Class Godson), Jim Bradbury and Skip (Bill III) Paul, the first sons from the class of '54 to join the ranks of the Long Gray Line. I understand that Skip will go to Ft Sill for his initial assignment. Best wishes to all three.

Congrats to Barron Fredericks, III, who has been selected to receive the Collier trophy for his work on the B-1 bomber at W-P AFB. No word if this means he and Theresa are to be moving.

Continued thanks to the DISTAFF side for info. Marie Weafer reports from Ft Leavenworth that Marie & Terry Kortum have gone to Albuquerque, NM, for a change in careers. Bob & Shirley Washer are there where Bob is on the faculty. Faye & Jim Surber reside in Leavenworth where Jim has a successful furniture business. Bob & Marietta Riese are in the local area and Will & Liz Buckheit are in KS City. Bob is with a dairy firm and Will is with an engineering firm. Buck (husband who cannot write) is Class Dir at Ft Leavenworth. Their son, Bob, has an appointment to enter USMA Class of '81. Older brother Tom ('78) will be on hand as a member of the Beast Detail to welcome Bob. Roger & Ginger Browne are en route to SHAPE and Bob & Carole Reed to Ft Leavenworth. Both from Carlisle.



1954: Hilsman swearing in Hilsman.



1954: BG Beck, Commandant USAFA, 2LT Quay C. Snyder Jr., USAFA '77, and COL Snyder.



1954: Seated (L-R): Bradbury, Paul, Tomsen; Standing: Hilsman, Bradbury, Paul, Tomsen, and Bard.



1954: Row 1 (L-R): Lykke, the Brownes; Row 2: Vickie Lykke, Joan Snyder, Joan Shaw, Helen Pappageorge, Maxine Littlefield; Row 3: the Reeds, Snyder, Shaw, Pappageorge and Littlefield.

Talked to **Bill Hilsman** and **Bill Paul** at Ft Monmouth recently. **Bill Hilsman** had just sworn-in daughter **Donna** to the Army reserves. She joins USMA prep sch this fall for entry into USMA as a member of the Class of '82. Daughter **Allison** is home from the AFA where she is a member of the Class of '80. Also, he has added another hat as Cdr, USA Commo R&D Cmd. **Bill Paul** said son **John** was resting to be ready for his final year at USMA. Was unable to contact **Lee Levensky** and **Bob Marcrum** who are also there.

Received word from **Rita Gross** that she, **Courtland (12)** and **Gabriella (10)** will be in DC, Aug 25, to receive the Medalha do Pacificador award from Brazilian govt at the Brazilian Embassy for her husband **Bob** who was killed in RVN. We regret that **Bob** did not have the opportunity to accept this well deserved recognition with his family.

Thanks to **Carole Reed** info is available that **Dick & Maxine Littlefield** are reporting to Ft Meade, MD, this summer, and **John & Helen Pappageorge** go to join the **Rogers** in Brussels. **Art & Vickie Lykke**, **Don & Joan Shaw** and **Quay & Joan Snyder** are scheduled to remain at Carlisle. **Carole**, hope you tasked one of them to write. **Quay & Joan** had one son Class of '77 from the AFA which appears to be the first son from '54 to join the AF.

**Pete & Terry Jones** retire at Ft BHarrison, 31 Jul 77, and **Pete** will join the teaching faculty at IN Central U. in Sept. **Peter Jr.** is a student at the UWA MedS, **Paul** is a jr at UIN, **Cathy** enters DePaw U. this fall, and 9 yr old **Dave** is a Little League pitcher.

**Bonnie & Fred Bartlett's** daughter **Ann**, a grad of UKY Sch of Nursing is working in a Chicago hosp, **Susan** attends RollinsC in FL preparing for a career is Special Ed and **Bart Jr.** attends St. Pauls prep sch in NH. Thanks for news **Pete**. No comment on my Russian with a southern accent.

Saw **Walt Schrupp** as he departed for 2 years in Turkey. The family will join him later.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Tilley**, 47 River Street, Woodstock, VT, reports that her grandson **John Jr.** is now 19, has completed one year of Journalism at the UVT, is a member of the National Honor Society, the first youthful member of the Recreation Center Bd, shoots skeet and fishes. As you recall, **Mrs. Tilley** and her husband took five month old **John** when his father and mother were killed in 1958. Any friends of **John's**, especially L-1 company mates who want to communicate with **Mrs. Tilley** should feel free to use the above address or call the Woodstock telephone office.

**Phil & Yale Weatherby** report that dau **Leontine** is now a stewardess with Braniff Airlines, based in Dallas. Knock the '54 ring for attention.

**Doug Stuart** has joined the BMD Ofc in



1954: Reed and Littlefield at Carlisle.

DC after moving from the CAA. He and **Emmy** continue to reside in Oxon Hill, MD.

**Ramon Aguilar-Sanchez** appears to be recovering from a recent heart attack. He is back home in Arlington, VA.

**Jim Moore** is back in the Pentagon as deputy to the Dir of the Army Staff.

Congratulations to **Perin Mawhinney** on being the youngest graduate at his Founders Day dinner. Must be great to have perpetual youth.

Thanks to all who send pictures directly to the Editor. Keep it up. Special thanks to the Editor for doing the work of sorting and using them.

Write, call or visit your scribe if you like your name or any classmates in print.

**Charleen & I** were able to attend the premiere of **MacArthur**. The picture and the WP Soc of New York's arrangements were outstanding.

# '55

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Hope that you all have had a pleasant summer. This column reflects only a partial report of new activities and locations for our classmates. I hope to hear from many more of you.

**Matt Schepps** stopped by my office recently and reported seeing a number of classmates at the 3-day EW Threat Seminar which his unit, the Int Threat Anal Det, sponsored at Arl Hall for the ACSI and CG, INSCOM. Attendees included 50 G.O.'s among the 400 total and the following classmates with whom **Matt** enjoyed visiting: **Howie Stone**, ADC 9 Inf Div; **Joe Franklin**, Ft Knox; **Norm Blahuta**, DA, ODCRDA; **Bill Boyd**, TRADOC; and **Dave Hufnagel**, DA, ODCSOPS. **Matt & Betty** are proud of young **Matt** who has completed his plebe year at USMA. They also report a recent visit with **Bobby (Sharky) Doerr** and his lovely wife **Barbara** in Phila. **Bobby** continues to prosper in the life insurance/estate planning business.

**Pat** and **I** had a nice visit with **Carl & Marcia Cathey** prior to their departure from No. VA for his new job as Ch of the joint services training mission to SARabia. For those of you who travel to that part of the world the **Catheys** will be living in Dharhan. **Marcia** is adjusting to one of the local customs which prescribes that she leave the driving to others—some change! Their oldest dau will be a senior at RadfordC in VA; their oldest son will be studying petroleum engineering at a local univ. there and learning all about the business from those who should know; the younger children will go to sch in Baharain, about 30 miles away. It all sounds interesting and challenging. I know **Carl** will do well.

**Carl McNair** replaced **Jerry Crancer** as XO to GEN Cooksey in DA, ODCSRDA. **Jerry & Dorothy** are now at Ft Jackson, SC, where **Jerry** is a bde cmdr. **Carl** also reports recent news from **Rawleigh Ralls**, who lives in Little Rock, AR and is operating his own mgmt csltg firm, and **Billy & Rae Arthur**. The latter have retired in Columbus, GA. **Rae** is working at Ft Benning, and **Billy** hopes to do the same.

**Howard (Whit) Whittaker** also stopped by the office recently on one of his trips to the Pentagon. He & **Janet** continue to enjoy RSA, AL where **Whit** is the Ar PM for the Chaparal/FAAR (Forward Area Alerting Radar)



1955: The Reids in Heidelberg.

Sys. Whit reports that Jack Farrington is working with a consulting firm in Huntsville and that Chuck Steinman was planning to retire this summer and would probably remain in the area.

A couple of recent ICAF graduates are headed for Europe. Wil Hollbrook is looking forward to his new job as Dpty Cdr of the Berlin Bde and Bill Peters is to be the V Corps PM at Frankfurt. Now at ICAF are Myron Minch and Dan Malone both going from the DA Staff, and Frank Robertson from Ft Bragg.

A fair number of classmates are stationed at Carlisle. Among those who are students this year are Rex Perkins, Bob Nourse, and Jack Jeter. At least 3 classmates have recently joined the faculty. Joe Skaff returned from a year in Korea, picked up Maree in Highland Falls, and moved to Carlisle. Changing from student to faculty status at Carlisle is Jim Bergen. I've heard that Jim is with the Strat Studies Inst. Norm Smith is now the Dir of Latin Amer Studies. Norm and Vi were both delighted with this assignment. Norm is replacing Fred Woerner. Fred had a recent change of order. He and Ginie had been scheduled for Panama where Fred was to be the top man at the School of the Americas. They are now headed for Ft LWood, and Fred is CO of a tng bde. Dan & Henri Moses are enjoying a year at the Canadian Senior Service Col.

Dick Wargowsky has provided some news from the AirWC. First he and Sandy are both delighted that Dick has that year behind him and that he is back in town on a permanent basis. Dick is working in the Atomic Energy office at DOD. He is kind of



1955: The Whittakers and the Tarringtons.

a natural for that position since he has several years experience in similar work on the Air Staff. Also completing the AWC was Roland Nordlie. Roland is now at Eglin AFB and the DCO for an AF test organization. Dick also reports that Ted Vitori and Dick Prater are on the staff there at Maxwell.

I saw Ed & Betsy Anderson one day in the Pentagon. Ed had just been awarded the AF CM for thwarting an attempted burglary at the Wargowsky's home about a year ago. Seems Ed noticed some unusual activity, investigated it, and caught the culprit. Ed is now working in OJCS, J5 and specializing in W. Hemisphere actions. His oldest daughter is a student at WV Wesleyan. His son, West, is a high school junior with aspirations of going to the AFA and doing well in soccer.

A note from Inez reports that Rich Cardillo will be taking cmd of the 3ACR at Ft Bliss in Jun 78. That's the same outfit in which Rich served and commanded a co in the 1960-64 period and he is delighted to be returning. The Cardillos visited with John & Ellie Martling at Founders Day gathering in Denver this year. The Martlings have a ranch in Winter Pk, CO, which they enjoy and are also involved in some aspect of the ski resort business. Inez has ventured into the tax consulting business and worked for H&R Block this past tax season. Interesting but hectic work, she reports.

Some one liners:  
Jim "Bulldog" Drummond will soon be taking cmd of the 2 Inf Div Arty in Korea. Helen will remain in OK with her horse. Paul Sullivan has his own company making lids for various types of containers and living in Valley Forge, PA. Bill Lozier is the Dpty Cdr of the QMS Bde at Ft Lee. Bob Johnson is scheduled to be the CS, 59th Ord Gp at Primisans, Germany. Skip & Marty MacDonald and family are in Argentina where Skip is Chief of the Army, MAAG. Bob & Jill Wiegand have moved to Ft Meade following his change of cmd of the "Old Guard" with Don Hilbert.

From Wrays Landing just outside of Charleston, SC came a nice letter from two transplanted Yankees who have settled there and love it—Bob & Rosanne Wray. They extend a warm Southern welcome to all classmates in the area. Bob ret. from the AF and is now more interested in sailing. They are living on the water; Bob is building a 10-room log house (all by himself!) and Rosanne is teaching English and doing some counseling. They still have 5 children at home. Rob is finishing his 2d yr at Annapolis and Bill finishing his first at WP. A recent trip to WP brought back many fine memories and the realization of the many changes. They have recently visited with Al Edwards and are anticipating the arrival of Bill Brown who will be the Dist Engr in Charleston.

Our annual Jun party in the DC area was delayed to Jul this year too late for this edition. I hope to have some photos for the next edition. In the meantime drop me a note and tell me what's new with you.

'56

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To open this report, I am most pleased to congratulate Maury Cralle for his recent appointment as Asst Dpty Admin of the VA (the agency's No. 4 position). Max Cleland, Admin of the Veterans Affairs, has



1956: Cralle, new Asst Dpty Administrator VA.

indicated that Maury's duties will be to integrate and emphasize all aspects of financial mgmt within the VA. As most of you already know, prior to his ret. from active mil duty, Maury served as Chief of Mgmt, Office of the Compt, CONARC, and later as Compt, 1 Div and Ft Riley, KS. Maury earned a MS in Admin (Sys Mgmt) at GWU in 72. Maury, his wife Penny, and their 7 children will live at 4233 Guinea Rd, Annandale, VA.

The following is Ward Le Hardy's excellent report on the other Class doings on the East Coast:

Charlie Sarkiss' widow, Caroline, has remarried—LTC Robert Loe. This past summer they moved from Middlebridge in Fairfax, VA, to Augusta, GA (Ft Gordon). Ward had the fun of taking 28 Boy Scouts down the Rappahannock R. in canoes in May, and among these scouts was young Charlie Sarkiss. Ward says he looks and acts a lot like his dad, and has the same love of people, outdoors and interested in everything. Jack & Joyce Munsey are still in the DC area where Jack is in the OSD, PAO. Jack is quite interested in sailing and has recently moved up from a Venture 22' to a Tanzer 23'. He is very active in weekend racing on the Potomac. Pat & Ginger Haley recently left the DC area. Pat ret. and the Haleys are living in South Bend, IN where Pat is working for his brother-in-law in the roofing business. Rita Clark can probably make a claim that no one else in the Class can—she now has two of her boys in Harvard, and both on scholarships. According to Ward, Rita is one of the most active in the DC area and looks like a million dollars all the time. Bill Schrage is still with the Chief of Mil Hist. Zeb Bradford, now CS, 5th Mech Div at Ft Polk, LA, has informed Ward that Ted & Judy Grant are now in Seoul, Korea, on a 2-yr tour. Randy & Ann Parker are at ICAF, Ft Mc Nair. Their son Scott entered WP as a plebe this past Jul. Tom Griffin, now attending the NWC, came out on the alternate command list, and hopes to move into bde cmd when he graduates.

Gene Fox (the tall one) has recently been assigned as the U.S. LnO in Tunisia. Ward



1956: Blackwell and LTG Sidney Berry.

had the pleasure of attending the Inf Sys Prog Review at Ft Benning this past May, and it was like a small Class Reunion. He saw Al Carr, still TIS BC, Jack Woodmansee, still at TRADOC, Bob Hammond, now at FAS, John Foss, en route to command at Ft Hood, as well as Zeb Bradford (reported on above). Keith & Kay Barlow are in Tehran, Iran for a 2-yr stint, and Gary & Mary Williams planned to "space available" their way over to Iran this past summer to see them. Charlie & May Glenn are still "cooling it" in HI where Charlie is on CINCPAC Staff. Ward also reports that the following classmates made COL as of 1 Jul: Barrett, Blewster, Bolin, Burns, Bynell (to Europe), Christopher, Cremer, Cross, Dantos (Pentagon), Deleuil (Panama), Demers, Eastburn (NavWC), Garvey (Pentagon), Gleason, Glenn, Grant, Griffin, Grinstead, Hart (Presidio), Jasper, Jezior, Keating (Pentagon), Keutmann (Pentagon), Kottich (Ft Monroe), Lueders, Mackin, Mayson, Mc Ginn, Mc Nulty (WP), Mitchell, Munsey, Oakes, Patrick (WP), Richards, Roll, Rundgren, Sidler, Sirkis, Skidmore, Smith (Pentagon), Stapleton (Ft Eustis), Strozier (WP), Twitchell (NavWC), Vandervort, Valence (ICAF), Weinstein (Ft Bragg), Williams, and Woods.

Ward also reports that his mom passed away in Jun. I believe she was the Midshipmen Hostess for many years, and was truly an outstanding and unforgettable lady.

Jesse Blackwell was a Committeeman for the WP Soc of NY Founders Day dinner this year. Sam Alward and Bert Tucker were other '56ers who made the scene this year. LTG Sidney Berry was the guest of honor and speaker. The gathering was also treated to a superb Hellcats performance.

Roger & Judy Root, who reside in New City, NY near WP proudly announced the graduation of their son Steven from Albertus Magnus HS. It was our pleasure to visit with this fine young man before and after the 20th reunion gathering last year, and he is enough to make any parent proud.

Ray Cannon is a member of the B-1 Strat Bomber team selected to receive the 76 Robert J. Collier Trophy. Ray is chief of the system safety office with the B-1 Sys Prog O at W-P AFB. Presented annually since 1912 by the Natl Aero Assn, the Collier Trophy is awarded for the greatest achievement in aeronautics and astronautics in America.

Here on the West Coast, Dex Shaler was elected by the WP Soc of L. A. to serve on its Bd of Dir.

# '57

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My wife said not to start with "Greetings from the Nation's Capitol" again, so I'll greet you from the place "for lovers." (VA is for lovers, in case you haven't heard).

Read the following info carefully, especially if you're planning on coming to the Reunion and haven't received the details. Also, for those who haven't gotten any Class mail, send your address—immediately—to MAJ Bruce Turnbull, Admissions Office, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. That way, you may get mail the next time we send something out. The 20th Reunion will be held on 21-23 Oct. Class activities will begin with a boat ride (for the hardy) at 1630 on Fri and a dinner party at 1930 at the Thayer. There will be a speaker and entertainment. At 0845 (would you believe?) on Sat there will be a Class business meeting at the WPAM. We will take a Class picture somewhere on the Plain following the parade at about 1145, to be followed by a buffet lunch at the WPAM. Then comes a football game which Army will win in honor of '57, to be followed by a hospitality bar at the Thayer. On Sun we'll have a Memorial Service at 0900 at the Old Cadet Chapel and a brunch back at the Thayer. By this time you have no doubt figured out that Class activities are centered around the Thayer, and fortunately we have first crack at reservations there. If you have not already responded to the Class letter, do so now! If you have questions—and want answers, call Bruce Turnbull (914-938-2423 or Autovon 688-2423) or Dana Mead, the Reunion Czar (914-938-2811). There are lots of other activities which involve all classes, including an informal dinner dance on Sat night, and it promises to be a very full and exciting weekend. Be there!

Now for the news. We had our 2d annual picnic on 15 May and it was a great success. We even had our own photographer, Jim Jenkins, who took family pictures for an outrageous fee, so that you can see what we all look like when you get the reunion book. If you haven't sent a family picture in yet, please do so immediately, and try to make it one that will pass the censors. This will be a family type book. And since I'm on the subject, Bob Merrick has kindly volunteered (while at the picnic) to be the chmn of the DC reunion cmte. The following info came from people at the picnic. Sid Britt, who will be an Army Research Fellow at the NWC for 77-78, passed the word that Leslie Smith, JD's 13 year old, will be auditioned by the Stuttgart Ballet. She has already danced at the Kennedy Center. Dick Caldwell turned down ICAF and ret. in Jun, and he, Judy and their 2 sons will move to either Palo Alt, CA, or Dallas, TX, depending on which job he accepts. He listed his house with Phil Stein, and says that if Phil can't sell it, he'll burn it because it can't be sold. John Crater is the Chief Pers Mgmt Regulations Br, MILPERCEN and is on the deferred list for Carlisle. He wrote that Dick Stephenson is still in Iran, but will be back soon. Fred & Judy Freathy, and their 5 kids are living in Springfield, VA. Fred is in the office of the AF Asst CS, Studies and Analysis. Whit Hall and Dick Pfeiffer just returned from their NWC trip to Europe where they ran into Joe House doing his thing as XO to CINCUSAREUR. Don & Lucy

Kutyna were down from Bedford, MA where he is the Asst Dpty for Scty Assistance, ESDiv, Hanscom AFB. Bill & Marilyn Murphy have now ret. and moved to Cherry Hill, NJ. He will work on the NE Corridor Improvement Proj for AMTRAK. Lots of info from Esther Smith, although she didn't mention her daughter's ballet success. Something about it being immodest. J.D. is the Div Chief, Force Plans and Structures, ODCSOPS, and is going to the MIT advanced mgmt cse for 2 mos in Sept. Cindy Houser, dau of Sue & Parks, was awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the AOWC of the Greater DC Area and also received the highly competitive Angier Biddle Duke award at Duke U. Right on! Parks & Dick Olson are both going to Ft Riley to be bde cdrs during the 77-78 year. The Olsons are currently at Ft Monroe. Norm Vaughan's daughter Linda was a finalist in the Fairfax Miss Jr. Miss contest. Len Wishart's son, Len Jr., will enter UVA in Sept. Don Wells is looking towards ret. and Kae is already working for Long & Foster Realtors. He says that she absolutely promises to get outgoing classmates the highest prices and incoming the lowest. Pretty soon all the realtors in the area will have '57 agents and we ought to get a few bargains—or is that just wishful thinking? So much for the picnic news. Jack Meehan ret. and moved his family to Minneapolis where he is now working for Control Data Corp. Don Cline, who is also on the Reunion cmte at WP (Autovon 688-2517/3424) has taken cmd of 1/I Inf at WP. He and Mike Houser, who has a tng bn at Knox, are among the vanishing breed of '57 bn cdrs. Fred Krafft has just ret. and is working in Crystal City (near the Pentagon.) Fred's offspring is a Senior at Rutgers this year, having accelerated through the program, and will probably be the first '57 kid to graduate from college. Anyone else? Got a great letter from Al Vardamis, who is currently the PMS at UVT and Middlebury Col. He'll be attending the AWC starting this summer under the Rsch Assoc Program and has actually been appointed as a Rsch Fellow at Harvard U's Cen for Int'l Affairs. Anyone passing through Cambridge is hereby invited to dinner at his house. In the meantime, his wife Fran is trying to get her 4 novels published through an agent in NYC. Any publishers in the Class? Their daughter Sharon is a soph at Smith and got a summer grant from Yale to study Variable Stars at the Martha Mitchell Observatory on Nantucket Is. Even their 4-yr-old son graduated with honors from the UVT Early Childhood Day Care Center, and is about to become a stage comedian. Nothing like an early career start. This was our family feature item for the quarter. Al also



1957: The Swensons in Heidelberg.



1957: Nashville District: Hatch and Tener.

said that Jim Dunn recently received a PhD in history from the UHI and is presently the PMS at St. Bonaventure in NY. Got a letter from Hank Hatch with a great picture of him and his turtle, Bob Tener. Hope they print this one. (Seems they don't like my pictures because they haven't printed the ones I sent in the last 2 times.) Hank is off to Korea for 12 mos to cmd the DISCOM, 2d Div and Bob is replacing him as Dist Engr in Nashville after finishing up at the NavWC. Bob Arnold having ret. in Dec, has now left Newport News, and he and Margaret have decided to be "Beach Bums" for awhile at Virginia Bch. That's the way to ret! They also have excellent taste in beaches. Saw Mike Higgins in the halls of the Pentagon and he told me he has now opened an antique store in Alexandria. Seems he's really serious about it. Bill Golden has just been awarded the "57 Super Contributor" of the year award—by me. He was kind enough to siphon off all the news fit to print from the questionnaires he got back and send them to me. In fact, there is so much that I'm going to husband it (no sex discrimination intended, but I've never heard of wifing it) and distribute the info alphabetically through the next few issues. I will omit info that's in the REGISTER. Tony Albright is CO of 11 Sig Gp at Huachuca. Dwight Aller is now Supt of Schools for the Wallkill Central School Dist, Wallkill, NY. Jeff Amacker is leaving The Singer Co. to become VP of Mktg and Contracts for Simmons(?) Precision, Inc. in Burlington, VT. Jack Apperson is the Exec to the ASA (I&L) and has 2 daughters who are fresh in col, one at Williams and one at Wellsley. Now that can be expensive. Jim Armstrong is still at GAST and will join the USMA Math Dept in Jun 78. Rumor has it that he'll spend this summer up there TDY. His daughter Sarah will enter Peace Col, Raleigh, NC this fall. Neal Ausman is managing the engrs at the Jet Propulsion Lab (in CA) responsible for "flying" unmanned scientific spacecraft involved in planetary exploration. Tom Bainbridge is the br mgr of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co, which is MI's oldest and second largest bank. John Barbazette is assigned to the Italian Fld Office of the Tank-Auto Materiel REDCOM. He coordinates the co-production of APC's, and is living in La Spezia, Italy (the Italian Riviera). Lou Barisano is still assigning Ord and Chem Corps COLS for MILPERCEN, and also monitors all COL assignments to Korea, HI, Japan & Okinawa. Sounds like the right man to know. Bob Bateman is planning on ret. from the AF and is considering working in the area of Human Factors Engr, possibly teaching it. Don Baughman's daughter Debbie is attending Frostburg State, in Frostburg, MD; and

Ray Bell's daughter Deborah is attending Skidmore Col. Ray is now a self employed free lance writer. Have to quit this now and close the column with a few more locally provided items. Arch Barrett wrote to say that Jack Vickers is presently finishing up at the Nav WC and is being assigned to Ft Meade, MD. Arch is still on the Air Staff. Saw Ed Soyster at the Pentagon. He is assigned to the DAIG office and will go to Ft Stewart for a command next Jun. Also heard that Champ Buck is now assigned to DARCOM, but haven't got any details yet. We had about 60 classmates to our last luncheon in Apr and took that opportunity to elect new officers for the DC area. I think they all came in self-defense. Stan Cass produced another outstanding speaker for the occasion, namely, Frederick Brown, who was for a while the number one PA man at the State Dept. Joe Samm was nominated for pres, but lost the election. The new officers are Joe O'Neil, Pres; Sid Britt, VP; Bob Merrick, Secy; J.D. Smith, Social Secy; and George Iverson, Treas.

It is with regret that I announce the death of Dick & Cynthia Whites' 9-yr-old son, John Richard. He died of a seizure on 21 Apr at the Fairfax Hospital, and was buried at Arlington. John was retarded from birth, and was attending the N. VA Tng Cen for the Mentally Retarded for the last year. Dick has suggested that anyone desiring to make a memorial donation do so to the Swimming Pool Fund, N. VA Tng Cen for the Mentally Retarded, 9901 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030. If you have the opportunity, I recommend that you read the 27 Mar 77 issue of "The Times" magazine, which is a supplement to the Army/Nav/AF Times. It had an extremely enlightening and moving article written by Cynthia about bringing up a mentally retarded child.

## '58

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Fourth Column, 5 Jul. Unfortunately my job in ODCSRDA, leave and family all conspired to make this column late. No excuse, sir.

New cadets. Charles W. Profflet Jr. entered USAFA on 27 Jun. Pete Henninger, Kathy Mellin, and Jim Moentmann, will enter USMA tomorrow—23 years after we made that move on 6 Jul 54! Congratulations to all 4 new cadets (are there others I don't know about?) listed in order of entry (USAFA first) and alphabetically (lest I be accused of either feminine favoritism or MCP tendencies).

Babies. A topic apropos of the preceding. See Dec 76, Nov 77 and Jun 77 for historical summary of recent additions. Add to the list Matthew Galen, son of Judy & John Galen, born 23 Jun 75 at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. Seems John beat Judy to the hosp, he having hurdled his body against a racquet-ball court wall. In fact, Judy wheeled him to the delivery room.

In Jun I reported the advent of another Gell in Jul (no update yet) and have been told subsequently by Terry Connell and Tony Evans that Tony & Billie Nadal are expecting in Aug. I'm going to stop reporting futures and wait till the crops are in! Let's see, potential Class of '99 by which time Chuck, Pete, Kathy, and Jim of Class of '81 might be LTC's... mindboggling.

Middle age (by Connell's definition of delivering an offspring to college away from home) claims Roger & Laurelei Waddell when they deposit Roger Jr. at UNE in Aug.

Apology to Alex & Charlene Johnston who sent a great picture of young Michael complete with airborne beret. ASSEMBLY policy discourages pictures of children shown without a parent. Beats me why.

Spot Reports (more or less chronologically). Mike Easley called (surfaced from oblivion) from Columbia, MO. He is PMS at UMO. His wife Joan is in journalism and writing for a paper. Mike asked me about Dale Hruby, so I put Dale on the phone. "Great organization for a scribe! How did you do that?"

Terry Connell called with some news: Linc Jones (in Panama) is going to Ft Lewis in Aug 78 to command 2d Bde, 9th Div. Don Palladine is going to Berryville, VA (Sarabia Div, OCE). Don't know where I got Winchester in last column. Doug Sedgwick is staying on S&F at Carlisle. Clyde Brown (to be CS, 7th Sig Cmd) is going to Ft Ritchie, MD. Mel Drisko (to DACS) Les Gibbings (to DAMO) and Dick Webb (to OSD) are all joining the DC ratrace along with Terry himself (to DAMA). Bob Moscatelli is going to WP as one of four LTC Regt Tac Officers (RTO). Bob Dey (CO Engr Bn at Ft Ord) will also be an RTO.

Letter from Linc Jones complaining of Privacy Act violation by scribe for telling lawyers where he is. Seems we may both be witnesses in a \$34 million inverse land condemnation suit at Ft Carson. After the last one, I'm thinking of going to Law Sch. Anyway, scribes are excluded from both Privacy and FOIA, I hope!

3 May WP Society luncheon at Ft Myer. Tom Kelly reports Tony Munger (persona non grata in Sarabia) is now XO to some BG at Langley AFB. Tom said Stan Slater was best man at Kelly wedding 7 Jun 58 and hasn't been heard from since. Anybody know where Stan is now? John Devens has moved from TRADOC to OSD to be XO for somebody important. Kevin Kelly (Class of '80) is on Dean's List and is Buckner bound. Phil Pryor and Scribe only other classmates at luncheon.

Wes Loffert called, reported Jerry Betts at Ft Hood, and provided Pete Byrne's Herndon, VA address.

Butch Saint made the 25 Apr Wash Post in an article about the 11th ACR and activity in East Germany near Fulda. "The reason we are spending so much of our time now working on the border is so we know what is unusual," said Crosbie. We sleep better in Arlington with Butch and 11th ACR on the job!

Hugh Trumbull provided some ICAF/NWC/news. Pat Donovan is going to RR VIII in Denver, Bill Ganey to MILPERCEN Plans (plans? all this time I've believed in ouija boards), Mike Mahler to USAREUR (XO to CS MG Groves, former CO of 12th Engr Bn who encouraged me to go Inf), Tim McLean to JCS-J4 (Petroleum Officer), Ken Phillips to AF OPS in Pentagon, Frank Waskowicz to DA-DCS-OPS, Ben Pellegrini to PM-Ground Laser Designators, John Sewall to Council on Foreign Relations in NYC (Nancy to stay in McLean while John commutes, actually McLean is closer than suburbs on Long Is), and Bob Bunker to Dist Engr in Korea (actually he'll be the Far Eastern Correspondent for the VA Churchman). Nels & Georgia Conner will join Charlie & Gunrun Glover in Kaiserslautern this summer.



1958: The Galen family: (seated) Matthew, John, Christian, Judy; (standing) Somar and Sean.

A call from Stan Bacon revealed that Jim & Peggy Morgan are living near Short Hills, NJ. Jim is plant mgr for an outfit making cardboard containers. More from John Galen (news, not babies): he's chief of operations of 2 CE Sq at Barksdale AFB, LA. He writes, "Not only do I have to keep the brass and their wives happy, but I've got 89 alligators to care for. I guess I am the only member of the Class who can say he is up to his (proverbial) in alligators and be telling the truth."

Chuck Profflet wrote from 644th Bb Sq that he'll soon undergo the CDR to HQUSAF staff officer cultural shock. His number 2 son will attend National Music Camp, Interlochen, MI this summer, learning to play a sad song for DC-bound Chuck. Garry Roosma wrote that brother Will is to be G3 of 5th Mech at Ft Polk. Will may call Galen for help with alligators. Anyway, Will & Sandy Roosma have built a house near Polk, an area described as "rather austere" by Garry. Bill Tuttle called to regret 16 Jul swimming party. In Nov he'll go to Frankfurt to command 3d AD DISCOM, joining Tom Carpenter who commands a bde in 3d AD.

Grand letter from Tom Claffey, VP of Transamerica Invnt Mgmt Co in Pasadena, CA. Tom provided a Wickert (USMA '43, English P) quote from a plebe paper Tom saved, "You have labored mightily and brought forth a louse!" Tom also sent a brochure for CA Resources Group (real estate invnt opportunities) which described Don DeJardin as a "former savings & loan exec officer and professional sports franchise gen mgr." As we approach 20 it is comforting to think of successful classmates for whom we might work. Tom has been working with USMA AdmO the past few years, "time consuming but very rewarding."

Would you believe Tony Evans' daughter is Miss DeKalb County and was one of 5 finalists in Miss GA contest? Me neither, but it's true! Congrats to Miss DKC and Tony. Al Chase is the Dir, Sys Prog Office (SPO-Dir) for Air Launch Cruise Msl as of 6 Jun 77 and Mr. USAF as of 30 Jun 77 when the B-1 Bomber crashed. Another definition of middle age: taking your electric heating pad with you on TDY trips according to Tony Evans.

Dave Swanson overcame "Polynesian Paralysis" and wrote a long letter from Honolulu where he's PMS at UHL. Nat Crow is USAR Recruiter at Ft DeRussy (on Waikiki) and still active in Big Brother program. Nat is still a bachelor (feels deserted by John Manos). Tank Reid is J32 of PACOM at Cp Smith and lives at Ft Kamehameha near Hickam AFB. Tank organized a Class luncheon. (Hawaiian names are almost as

good as Minnetonka.) Tom Forman moved to Honolulu recently and is in invnt planning. Sandy Evans finished his tour as J41 at PACOM and returned to Annandale, VA. Phil Gibbs (our gift to USMA 59) joined the crew for lunch, was CO of 1st Bn, 5th Inf and will become a recruiter this summer in HI. Phil reported that Mike Harvey is about to depart as CO 3/4 Cav, destination unknown. Dave was only classmate at Founders Day there. Thanks for news, aloha, Dave. Reminds me of a 4-hour river crossing story in Rgr Sch. Dave was rope man, crossed au naturel, and froze while waiting for me to get his clothes to him. He was shaking so violently the lane grader couldn't bear to shine a flashlight on his beautiful body.

News release via AOC. Bill Murphy is mgr-mktg of Hooker Chemicals and Plastics in Niagara Falls, NY. Ron & Karin Hudson were at Belvoir (DFAE course) en route to Berlin. They enjoyed year with AF at Maxwell. Mike Jones remained on S&F of Air WC. Jim Ryan also stayed at Maxwell in Leadership Mgmt Dev Cse. Don McCullough departed for TX and AF recruiting.

News release from All War Colleges Sports Day at Carlisle: Mel Drisko organized marathon then twisted his ankle. John Sewall finished 3d in marathon. Bob Moscatelli



1958: (L-R) Herrens, Graves and Eliots in Heidelberg.

won racquetball. Terry Connell did not compete (seems his event wasn't scheduled, the indoor courts were used for other games). Tim McLean did not show up (AWOL).

Fred Hall is back from SARabia. I believe that Fred & Helen live in Minnetonka; TK Smith's opportunity to see his 3d classmate in 9 yrs! Summer travellers to Minnetonka can look up both Smiths and Halls. Fred & Helen also had a 1975 (±) family addition. Apocryphal story: After an Arty Ball at WP, Buck Griffin, Bud Moentmann, and Pat Mellin serenaded the sleeping Halls. Three months later at a party Fred announced, "You in this room are going to have a baby!" That's one way to get back to sleep.

I'm told His Excellency Mark Sigurski is moving and is an expectant father. No details. Jim & Mary Ruth Peck are inbound to DC. Jim to be Asst Dir of Civil Works, OCE. Someone complained to me that Renee & Bill Mathews are lost somewhere in TX and haven't been heard from in years.

Retirements: Reported earlier on Stan Dus (31 Dec 75), Wayne Wyatt (31 Aug 76), Jim Jones (31 May 77), Mike Davall (31 Jul 77) and med retirees Dan Brockwell and Ray Riggan. Any others?

Lawyers or lawyers to be. I know of some classmates who are lawyers (Adam Benjamin, Joe Luman and Peter Millspaugh) and in law sch part time (Bill Parks, Tom Sands, John Hill). Others? Let me know which law sch, when, etc. Curious.

A warm letter from Bev Tallgren thanking classmates who responded to son Robert's needs and funeral.

Weddings. Reporting one in which neither bride nor groom was a classmate; however, the minister officiating was Chaplain Ted Hepner while Jay Tirre was an usher. Both are at TRADOC. Ted is believed to be the only Army aviator on active duty as a chaplain. A real "sky pilot" in the cowboy vernacular.

DC Area changes/happenings. Bob Bunker, Nels Conner, Pat Donovan, Lou Gennaro (Korea to WP via Gaithersburg to pick up Mary Ann who waited here), Charlie Glover, Jim Hall, Mike Mahler, Ben Pellegrini, and Jim Ramsden (to Carlisle) are departing/have departed. Paul Makowski (DAIG), Al Salisbury (ICAF), Jim Peck (OCE), Clyde Brown (Ft Ritchie), Dick Webb (OSD), Mel Drisko (DACS), Les Gibbings (DAMO), Tony Munger (Langley AFB), Chuck Profflet, Sandy Evans, and Glenn Lane (DMATC) are inbound/here. George Lawton and Sam Myers organized 16 Jul swimming party. Details next column.

Another apology. Ed Jasaitis, I recognized you in the Ft Bragg picture. Scribe did not see most Founders Day pictures and wasn't asked to identify participants. Usually I don't try that mission impossible (to wit, Feb DC party mob). Guessing game is fun!

Beer Cans. Your Scribe collects them (some call it middle age, some senility, but we kids call it fun). When you write with your news, send along a few empty cans!

PS: Anniversaries. Obviously too many to recount them all; however, to all classmates and wives—best wishes as the numbers approach twenty!

PPS: Another apocryphal story, this time about our first female cadet, Kathy Mellin. It seems that last fall father Pat was expounding at a party upon the evils of women at WP while Kathy was helping mother Linda in the kitchen. Kathy got mad, then madder, then maddest and said, "I'll show him. I'll go to WP!" And she did. Best wishes to all 4 new cadets. Beat AF! Beat Navy!

# '59

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Carlisle Barracks and environs are home for quite a few classmates these days, and both John Moellering and Bob Weekley sent news and pictures. The poop included is good prior to graduation from AWC on 13 Jun, but subject to change, they caution.

The Founders Day gathering at Carlisle was a great success, says John, with the highlight being a football film of the '58 season provided by Bill Rowe, who lives nearby and is in the antique business. "Antique freaks take note," says Bob Weekley, "he has beautiful stuff." Bill is the only '59er who is not an AWC student, with the exception of Monk Hilliard, who is with the Opns Gp at Carlisle.

At the time, tentative new assignments for the group were as follows: Wayne Lambert to Dyess AFB, TX (he was picked up



1959: Carlisle Bks (L-R): Van Loben Sels, Weekley, Johnson, Moraski, Moellering, Lambert, McNerney, Hightower, Rowe, Hilliard, Isacco, Burleson.

on the COL's list this spring); Jim van Loben Sels, on the COL's cmd list, to USAREUR HQ for a year and then to cmd of an Engr Bde at Karlsruhe; Bill Burleson to Ansbach to be G3, 1st Armd Div; Greek Johnson and Mike Isacco to OCSA.

John Moellering is going to Vicksburg, MS, where he will be Dist Engr; Bob Weekley to OSD, ISA, to work on arms control; Lee Moraski to DARCOM HQ; John McNerney to Bragg as S3, XVIII Abn Cps Arty; and Lou Hightower tentatively to Spain with an advisory gp.

John adds that other classmates he's heard about include Al Dorris at Nav WC and Gerry Stadler at NWC, both expecting orders to the Pentagon and DCSRADA. Ed Burba is also at the NWC, assignment unknown. George Kleb recently visited AWC from DCSPER to lecture to an elective course. T.V. Borlund, who is with SAGA (part of JCS) also was up to help run a political-military simulation for the class. Bob Ryan is in OCE in Washington. Nick Krawciw is an Army Rsch Assoc at Stanford U. this year in lieu of attendance at AWC. He's been doing research on the modern battlefield as an extension of his work with LTC Hollings-



1959: Dave Carroll.

worth in Europe last year. Rod Paschall, who has turned over cmd of a bn at Bragg, will be in next year's AWC class and recently visited Carlisle on a househunting trip.

Many thanks to both John and Bob for taking the time to write. We are all interested and appreciative.

Thanks also to COL Hap Macintire, scribe for '45, who noticed an article in *The Williamson Leader*, Franklin, TN, relating to Doug Anderson. Doug, according to the article, owns his own newspaper printing business, started about a year ago, and plans soon to employ about 15 persons. He and his wife, Mary, have six children.

As for other news, hometown release and otherwise, Chuck Lytle has become associated with the Orlando (FL) Agency of Home Life Ins Co; and last, but not least, Dave Carroll has received the MSM at the USAFA for his job as assoc prof of the EE Dept.

That's all for now. Why not write your poor scribe prior to 30 Sept?

## '60

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Many thanks to all you great correspondents out there who are keeping our Class column filled with news.

From Izmir, Al Champ reports that he and Jim Ramos are the only classmates in Turkey. Jim is currently the DCO of the Jt Sig Gp in Izmir but will soon be leaving for the DC area. While serving as aide to GEN Knowlton, Al has been travelling all over the place and has had opportunities to see several classmates. During his stay in Heidelberg Al saw Randy & Maida Perkins. Randy is working in the SGS Shop of HQ USAREUR. (Understand he has connections and is available to arrange VIP treatment for whoever comes to town). While attending a Founders Day dinner at Fulda, Al saw Tom Haycraft, who promised an update on the armor types in the 11th ACR. Hope to have that news for you next time. It hasn't been all work for Al... he and Carol spent Easter in the sun at Rhodes.

Meanwhile, Jud & Nancy Bireley have been enjoying Heidelberg but will soon return to CONUS. Jud has been with the USAREUR IG Team—conducting NSI's. Yes, he is one of "them"... he'll never be one of the guys again—sorry, Jud.



1959: Party at Carlisle Bks.



1960: Jud and Nancy Bireley with children.



1960: Carlisle Bks (L-R): Plummer, Skinner, Beavers, Mercado and Miles.

Kim Mercado is stationed at Carlisle Barracks where he is XO of the medical facility. Kim has been enjoying the tranquility of that beautiful part of the country along with War College students Mike Plummer, Les Beavers, Paul Miles, and resident civ, Joe Skinner. I noticed the picture in the Army Times of Mike and Les, elbows locked together at the finish line, as they won the Athletic Day long distance run. Congratulations!

Heard from Korea that Bob Marcinkowski is stationed in Seoul with Nancy and their 6 children. Bob is Dpty Cdr, USA Korea Proc Agcy. Fran & Judy Calverace are also in Seoul with JUSMAGK. Butch Nobles is CO of the GS arty bn of the 2d ID and Jim Fairchild has one of the HJ bn in the same div. Helga Nobles and Sandy Fairchild are living here in the DC area. Bill & Caye Tozer should be finishing their tour with J3, HQ 8th Army.

Dave & Edith Bauer provided a full report on the Class contingent at WP. Bob Leech, Sam Endy, and Fred Faery are arriving this summer, while Tom & Pat Huber are leaving for Detroit. Jere Forbus, Dean & Marguerite Herman, Tom & Judy Schmidt, Dan & Carol Shimek, Chan & Gigi Duryea, Pete & Pat Lagasse, and Mark & Sally Lowrey will all be staying on at WP. Gigi Duryea is commuting full time to Vassar. Pat Lagasse will be Pres of OWC, and Sally Lowrey teaches piano. There will be some type of get-together for each home football game so any classmates who come up should check with Dave and Edith. Their phone number is 938-2810. Dave was class aide to Class of '27 for Alumni Activities of June Week. He and Edith met Joe Hutchison's parents, who were on their way to Germany to visit Joe and Becky; and COL Hal Jordan, father-in-law of Red Seaward. Red and Gladys are at Sill. They also saw Tom Veal, now an orthodontist in CA, and Jane & Ed Handler, up from NJ.



1960: The Ramos' and the Champs.

Here in DC I ran into Mike Plummer at the Pentagon where he is beginning an assignment in ODCSPER. The DC contingent had a cocktail buffet at the Ft Belvoir O Club in May. It was well attended and lots of fun. John House was visiting in the Pentagon this summer while on leave from Ft Jackson where he is commanding a training bn. If any classmates are in the DC Area, be sure to stop by... I'm in Room 3C727. If you do, guarantee your name will be in print!

## '61

This column will be very short. The little input available was gathered locally with the help of Pete Gleichenhaus.

Ron Hannon will soon be on his way to the U. of MI for PhD prior to taking a PAP job in the Hist Dept. He is the proud father of a newly born son: Michael Jerome; congratulations on both counts.

John Solomon is returning to WP as a regimental TAC, which I think is one of several new slots recently instituted at USMA. Other classmates back at WP include Jack Martin, Bob Protzman, Tarey Schell and Carl Bacon. Pat Hoy working on his Doctorate at U. of PA will take one of the PAP positions in the English Dept next year. As reported in an earlier column, Jim Tedrick is in HI; Jim remarried on the 27th of May; he and Elizabeth Ann look forward to a marvelous tour in the Pacific.

And that, friends, is all the news which I can shake loose at the nerve center of the govt. Please drop a line and let us know what's happening outside the beltway.

## '62

With grateful appreciation to Phil Pons for his service as scribe, we pass on the accumulated intelligence of recent travels and successes of our classmates and families, to wit: DC—Approximately 80 of the class are expected to descend on the area. Jim & Becky Acklin are involved in PURE research as part of the DNA; Congrats to White House Fellow Roy Alcalá assigned to the FEA. Roy heads for a Bn Cmd at Ft Hood at the end of the summer. Jim Blundell is at DIA—Spanish area desk and is doing "across the pond" shuttles. Art Bondshu has moved from MILPERCEN to the OCLL as a lobbyist. Ralph Burr is with DIA and is seen carpooling with Brian McEnany, who after a JCS slot is reported to be heading to Korea. Art & Judy Cole are very big into amateur wrestling in VA since their 2 boys are involved in championship wrestling through the Boys Club. Bill Doherty is with DCSOPS trying to help the Army figure out where to go from here. Jack Evans is with DLA as a quality assurance and contractor compliance watchdog. Gus Fishburne left DC and its parking problems for FORSCOM at Ft McPherson, GA where he is Dep Compt. Bob Garrett is presumed deep in MILPERCEN computerland. Tony Guenther is with USAF R&D Staff as a Prog Mgr in the Space Shuttle Prog competing with the DC Subway program. He lives at Bolling

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AFB with wife, Linda. Harry Hegarty is into bus securities in DC. Roger Havercroft donned mufti and is employed in the sys anal area with a permanent home in Woodbridge, VA. Barry Horton and wife Patty are looking forward to his summer 0-6 promotion (first for us, we think...) and asgmt to the NWC. DC is hiding Yvonne & Pat Hueman whom we hope to find soon.

Dick Irwin joined the civ world and is at NASA as a permanent DC area resident. Mary Lou & Don Karrer have been around JCS for 3 years and are leaving the area—parts not known. Jim Kimsey has your scribe on the tab for a few drinks in his various restaurants he owns as DC ventures. But, his reporting fell short when I headed for Nat'l Airport and J.J. Heigl, chief DC reporter, stayed till 11 p.m. to get the poop. JJ is Reg Mgr for part of Litton Ind. Marilyn and family keep the Heigls fort in Fairfax, VA. Congrats to Bob Krause and new wife. They will add radiance to DCSPER in Bob's shop. Larry Larson is seen coming and going from DCSOPS. Ray McDowell is in the city but we need his letter to pinpoint where.

John Mumford has earned my wrath since he left Disneyworld in FL for the Labor Dept after a go as a White House Fellow. He invited me to visit and when I did, he took off... That's O.K.—his wife, Karen, is a peach...

Dr. Phil Nelson is mgr of tng for the Civ Serv Comm. Welcome co for job hunters. P.J. Oldfield gets to DC from Philly, PA and even allows his wife, Gale, a trip from the City of Brotherly Love.

Rumor says Ken Pakula is hanging wires with the SC but no tapes... Don Peterson left DC before I could talk to him. Please write... Better yet, send a note via Dick Randazzo and wife, Rita, who are leaving DC for L.A. in the AF Satellite business. Jack & Susie Reavill are heading for Germany and the restful schnapps. Claudette is helping Stacy Reeves in his efforts with the VCS office. Larry Remener was seen near the Washington Monument too. Fred Scheaffer is doing time at Annapolis as a USNA Tac. Ahoy... Sylvia & Bob Shuey were discovered in Arlington, VA. Commuting to the Pentagon from his home in Woodbridge, VA is my ex-roomy, Ron Skarupa, who replaced me with the lovely Madeline.

New civs Bill & Patty Smith have joined a "think tank" organization in nearby VA. Marsh Carter is now headed for NYC as a bank Exec VP after his White House Fellow stint. Len Butler is at DNA. Jerry Janicke is due in from the wilds of Kirtland AFB, NM.

Dave & Jeannie Spangler are hiding around "power city" somewhere... Please write! Dave Stephenson goes home from the Pentagon to Burke, VA and his OAO, Barbara. Ted Stroup left the Inf asgmts branch to work in DCSPER. Lee Taylor is resting his Judo Black Belt while bashing away at USAF Strategic Svs. Had a lovely chat with his family too.

Everyone is celebrating the removal of a cast from Barry Thomas' knee after an operation. He now hobbles only slightly on the way to DCSOPS, but wife Pat is relieved. Al Tindale—where are ye????

Larry Saunders, M.D. is now serving with USAF—Germany. Steve Warner and wife took a year sabbatical and are travelling the world 'round. Jack Franck is serving in Korea and his wife elected to wait at Ft Benning on the unaccompanied tour. Ed

Rowe left DC for Ft Stewart and a tank outfit. Matt Kambrod is around DC too. Write Matt!

Steve West is handling money as Compt-U.S. Army. Stan Whitmore is holding down the European planning desk at DCSOPS. Larry Ailinger is with TRADOC-Ft Monroe. Dick Sklar left TRADOC for Ft Hood. Roger Lee is slated out of USMA. Speaking of USMA, I had a nice talk with Howie Prince who is the PhD honcho of Cadet Counseling. He is gearing up for another plebe summer.

WEST POINT—Bill Burns went and did it! He is in charge of our 15th year reunion bash. Being a math "P" did it. Roger Lee has orders for Germany—USAREUR HQ, Ed Starbird is still with Engr Dept. Skip Campbell is going into a 4th year with HQ SGS. Jim Wiese finished a Hosp Admin residency at the Post Hosp. Dan Buttolph is scheduled out to Korea for a BC slot. 25 of our class made LTC in Jun of 75 and are eligible for secondary zone this year—we're keeping our fingers crossed for them eagles to flap.

Jim Redmond and Jim Cowles in OPE bid farewell to Al Girardi who left their group for Naples.

Al Russhatz is also holding down OPE. Don Pederson represents USAF in the Math Dept. Paul Zmuida is a departure from OMI—parts unknown. OPE also boasts Kirkegaard, Paul and Tomlinson, Gene. Word is they are directing the female combatant program... Can this be true??

Steve Arnold is an OMI LTC and will command Cp Buckner CC Program. LTC Larry Batchelder is leaving Ord to cmd a Bn in Germany.

NEW ENGLAND—Founders Day had us as the largest class group here in MA. Representing the world were: Cathey & Seth Hudak; Sharyn & Gary Seasholtz; Mary Jean & Tom Walker; Walt Menning; Dan Dennison; Paul Dobbins and Kevin Renaghan. We tried to get the Army '62 Hockey Team in toto, but failed. We'll have more on each of the crew later!!

Bob Coyne is reported on the way from Norfolk to Ft Sheridan. John Evans from Ft Sill to Yongsan; Bud Baughman from Carlsbad to Ft Gulick; and Bill Kinard to Pres. of Monterey.

My best man, Dr. Bob Martin finally came out of writing ret. to say he is headed to China and Taiwan after a language "buck-up" at the CDLI poop sch. Never could figure out how he speaks Chinese and Russian with a TN accent. Keep the letters coming, Bob...!!

John Wagner was last reported still hard at work in Nashua, NH. Dr. Dave Moore is still "profig" at UNH in Engl. Saw Joe Wojcik quite a few months ago. His digs are in NJ. Jim Spurlock is an atty in WV. Mack Howard is a budding politician and atty in home state of NC.

Bob Douglas has returned from the Middle East and is at Ft Ord. Rich & Marty Carlson are headed to Germany and a Bn Cmd slot. Wayne Downing with Linda in hand are headed from 1st Rgr Bn at Ft Stewart to 2d Rgr Bn at Ft Lewis.

Fred Tilton, M.D. USAF is a recent grad of the aerospace med sch and heads for an asgmt with wife Julia to W-P AFB and AFLC. We hope they'll be a contact for some of the AF types.

Sheila Dean Stilton writes us regularly of her growing family. She and husband Jeff reside in Richmond, VA. Ken Dean's parents

have purchased a home in Meredith, NH, a spot dear to the Hudaks. Cathey and Seth head to Yorktown, VA where Seth will do a 2-week reserve tour after being direct commissioned in the Coast Guard.

Fun to Read Page: The Freedom of Information Act allows access to your cadet record file by addressing a letter to the Office of the Dean requesting your 201 file. It makes great preparation for our Fifteenth anniversary... SEE YOU THERE???

# '63

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As announced in the last issue, our Class Reunion was held on 4 Jun 77. We had a very good turnout (for '63!), and everyone seemed to have a good time. Our thanks to Pat Tate and Pete Weyrauch for organizing the party; also to Don Bryne for providing the music. Notes picked up at the party follow: Al Scott came down from Phila. He graduates from med sch next Jun and plans to head west for internship, probably in Denver, Portland, or Phoenix. He mentioned that Tim Young has received a residency at Fitzsimons (Denver) in orthopedic surgery. Gordie & Dottie Arbogast will be heading for Germany in Dec. Gordie is finishing a tour with DCSOPS and will be taking command of 43d Sig Bn at Heidelberg. Also heading for a command is Jerry Harrison. Jerry and Sharon left DC in Jun for Ft Carson, where Jerry will be on the DIVARTY staff until spring when he is slated to take over an arty bn. J.B. Wheeler also left in Jun to take over the 2d Engr Bn in Korea.

Dave & Carol Knowlton came down from their mountain home near Winchester, VA for a couple of art shows in the DC area, so they were able to join us at the party. They have finished their home, and Dave is a fulltime artist with work in print nationally. Another civ living not far away is Tom Casey. He and Martha drove over from Columbia, MD.

Mike & Nan Allen came up from Ft Lee, VA, where Mike has been attending school. They have since departed for England on a 3-yr tour. Also, Andy & Pam Gothreau recently departed for Ft Leavenworth. Don & Rita Siebenaler expect to be heading that way next year. Bob & Nancy McNeill left in Jul for Ft Jackson, SC, where Bob will be the Dpty SJA. They report Springer is doing well! Fairly new in the DC area are Gary & Pam Coe and Alden & Carol Cun-



1963: The Caseys, Harrison, and the Cunningshams.



1963: Standing: Westermeier, Clair Whitaker, the McNeills, and the Weyrauchs; Seated: the Yamashitas and Whitaker.

ningham—all enjoying living beyond their means!

Jay Westermeier is busy as usual in WP activities. As of this writing he has his hands full trying to set up a showing of the film "MacArthur" in DC, similar but on a less expensive scale than the NYC showing. Jay also reports that the next Class function will be a luncheon at the Ft Myer Officers Club on 20 Sept 77. Ted Yamashita is working on lining up a speaker to discuss the WP study group, which I mentioned in the last column. Ted has just finished duty on that special task force. The results are to be released before Sept, but we should be able to get some insight into their findings at the luncheon. So plan to attend, and let Jay or me know.

Others attending the party were Fred & Pat Schaum—will be around for another year; Pat & Juanita Tate—takes command of a Bn at Ft Knox next Feb; Ward Smith—still in DCSOPS; Mike & Carol Jenks—also plan to be around for another year, then reluctantly to Germany; Nancy & Pete Weyrauch—to Ft Riley next year to take a DIVARTY Bn; Mike & Linda Boyle; Pete & Karen Kelly; and Alex & Claire Whitaker. It was also our pleasure to have a special guest, GEN Dick Stilwell and his daughters, Ann and Dian, attend the party. GEN Stilwell says '63 has lost none of its verve and urges us to stay with it. I understand that, although officially ret., the General is as active now as he always has been—which is as we would expect! We took several pictures and hope that a few will be suitable for publication in this issue.

The one item of business conducted at the Jun party was the election of new officers and members to the Bd of Dir for the Class Education Fund. Pres is Ken Hollander, replacing Bob McNeill. Alden Cunningham was elected as a member of the bd. Bill George remain treas, and Norm Betaque remains secy. Our Jun party generated about \$25 more than the expenses, which was donated to the Class Education Fund. However, we have a long way to go to make that a viable fund.

If you are planning to attend any of the home football games at WP, you are reminded of the Class tailgate picnic which precedes each game. Contact Frank Hall for details.

The one news release I received concerns Clark Ballard. Clark is a finalist for the Gold Headed Cane Award at the Sch of Med of the U. of TX Med Branch. The Gold Headed

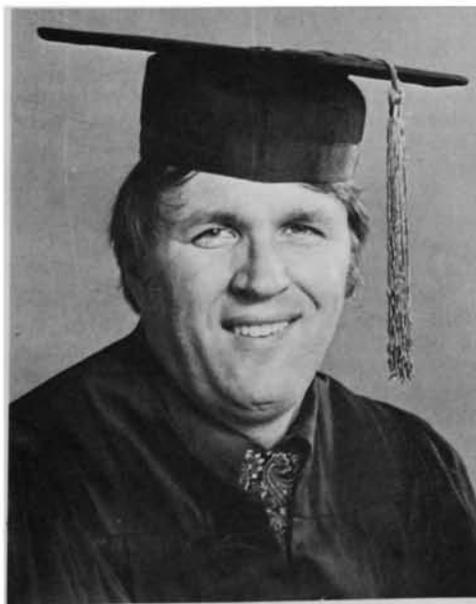


**1963:** Standing: Carol Cunningham, Harrison, Coe, Kelly, (Ray Low), the Boyles, Scott and the Knowltons; Seated: Rita Siebenaler, Pam Coe, Carol Jenks, Karen Kelly, and Siebenaler.

Cane is awarded to the student who exemplifies the ultimate in patient care and is considered one of the highest honors a student can receive.

I believe I may have found the way to get people to write—loan them money. Of course, I could go broke trying to prove my theory! In one case, anyway, the theory holds. The only letter I received for this column was from Ed Lee repaying \$5 he borrowed. He also provided a few lines for the Class Notes. Ed is thoroughly enjoying his job with the ROLAND proj office. He says it is a drastic change from DC, not only in the physical environment, but also in job satisfaction. Nearly everyone enjoys their job and feels that it is meaningful. Ed is the dpty div chief of the program mgmt div. Larry Capps has the same job for the PATRIOT project office. Also at Redstone is Brent Pope, who heads up a team that develops new concepts for employment of tactical missiles and markets them to the Army user commands.

News via the grapevine is that Mike & Sandy Summers have moved to Ft Worth where Mike will spend a year with industry (Bell Helicopter), then likely to DCSRDA. Colin Kelly is at WP as one of the asst post chaplains. Also, Jack Dwyer is now a partner in a law firm in HI. Congratulations to Pat &



**1963:** Clark Ballard.

Isabel Stevens, who are the parents of a baby girl, Nancy Isabel, born in early May. Pat came in from the field to assist in the delivery—if you can believe that! They had taken the Lamaze classes.

News direct from WP is that our ranks there are continuing to dwindle. Bill Stryker and Craig Turpin have departed for Leavenworth, and Rich Entlich has been reassigned to Germany. However, Ward Lutz is a recent arrival, joining the TAC Dept.

I hope that your summer was a good one. Drop me a line and tell me all about it! The deadline for the next issue is 30 Sept.

## '64

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Greetings once again from WP. As I am writing this column the hustle and bustle of June Week dominates the atmosphere. It is a nostalgic blend of the old and the new; the old grads returning and the new LTs departing. We also have some classmates departing, among them our scribe, Hal Winton. Hal has done yeoman work during his 2 years as the Class Scribe and the time he spent keeping us informed as to the whereabouts of our classmates is very much appreciated. Thanks again, Hal. As is now perfectly obvious, I have signed on to succeed Hal and will do my best to continue his effort. I need your help to make this column continue to be a successful one. This time of the year is a very busy one with many folks in the throes of PCS. As you arrive at your new station and as people get moved in, you'll be running into classmates. Jot down a note about these folks you see and send a picture if you have one and we'll put it in the ASSEMBLY. We would also like to hear from the distaff side as well so don't hesitate to include notes about the family also. Additional information on departees from USMA includes: John & Marsha Arrington, Tom & Sue Chapman, Earl & Gwen Kelton, Al & Judi Russo, Don & Sperry Koterwas, to CGSC along with the Chilcoats; Jim Pederson is leaving the Army to fight Wall St in NYC. New arrivals here are dwindling each year. We have only 3 classmates coming in this summer; Dr. Jack McWatters to the hospital, Fred Pope to Tac, and Bob Tetu to OPE. Waldo Freeman just told me that he has had a change in orders. He originally was to command a bn at Ft Leonard Wood but will now be doing same at Ft Dix. Diane is not at all upset by that turn of events. A glance at the most recent Army Times reveals the following: Roger Baldwin to USAREUR; Jim Jinks to AK; Tom Dooley to Ft Carson; Jack Grubbs to Ft Meade; and Jim Stapleton to Ft Monroe. Kudos to Joe Arnold for publication of 2 articles about the Soviet Union, one in the May 77 issue of ARMY magazine, and the other to be published in MILITARY REVIEW later this year. Here at WP this week for the USMA LnOs meeting were Jim Cornell and Ken Eklund. Jim, as previously mentioned, is with Levi Strauss and loving his work. Ken is still apparently a super salesman. The members of the Class at WP had a boatripe on the Hudson followed by a picnic on Constitution Is and we said farewell to those leaving WP for their new duty stations. As pictures get developed (and they turn out) we'll include them in later issues. There are several class-



**1964:** Women (L-R): Terry Major, Dixie Chilcoat, Mary Arnold, Jo Ann Kleb, Maria Andrews, Judi Russo; Men (L-R): Major, Arnold, Andrews, Kleb, and Russo.

mates who reside more or less permanently in the area and can be seen off and on at football games and other sports events throughout the year. Among them are George Lonsberry, Pete Meyer, Mike Conway, Jack Darrow and Rusty McCormack. Speaking of McCormack, Jim of the same last name was visiting with the Chilcoats for a few days with wife and girls. Jim is off to Korea to command an avn co. for a year and then back to WP in 78 for a tour with the Tac Dept. Mel & Marilyn Case, upon completion of CGSC, are passing through WP on their way to Germany. They, too, will be visiting with the Chilcoats at the Stony Lonesome Hilton. Best wishes to all. Keep those cards and letters coming! P.S. Saw Gene Sullivan at Bill Major's home the other day. He was up from DC to meet his wife and children at JFK and dropped by to say hello.

Class Hqs Cmte information: The annual financial report for Class funds shows a net worth totaling \$5472.15. Receipts (interest earned on savings and investments) for CY 75 totaled \$328.64. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$39.70. Thus, net worth increased by \$288.94. As reported in earlier columns, most of our funds are held in trust by the AOG. A small amount remains in a savings and checking account. Inasmuch as the number of classmates assigned to the Academy is significantly reduced from earlier years, we have reduced the size of our cmte organization. For the next year, Karl Robinson will perform the duties of Chmn/Compt and Joe Arnold will be Recorder. Jeff Kleb will be the Scribe. Class social activities at WP



**1964:** Front (L-R): Kathy Horstman, Terry Major, Mary Arnold, Jo Ann Kleb; Back (L-R): Sue Speedy, Dixie Chilcoat.



1964: Dixie Chilcoat (left), Sue Speedy and Judi Russo.

will be decentralized and will be coordinated on an informal basis. Frank Giordano has agreed to organize efforts to provide for the eventual disposition of Class funds. A range of options will be formulated and examined. Then, recommendations will be presented to the Class for ratification. Finally, whatever option is approved by the Class, a plan of execution will be placed in effect and carried out. Any suggestions on this matter can be sent directly to Frank or to me at Ft Leavenworth. In any case, we will probably solicit ideas from the Class at large in the future. The time horizon for this project goes out to our 25th, maybe even our 30th, year reunion. Dick Chilcoat.

## '65

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Help! I need much more mail to lengthen our Class notes. All I received for this issue was two letters plus one chain prayer letter.

A new addition to the Class is Jenifer Lynne Skidmore 9 May 77, 8 lbs, 20.5 inches. Dorrie, Frank, Skip and Greg are doing well in Germany.

From Ankara, Turkey, Preston Hughes sends the photo with himself, LTG Gökce and Tom Cindric. Tom commands TUSLOG Det 98 in Erzurum. Preston is the Asst Army Att and he has been in Turkey six years.

Bob & Jo Higgins had a 10-pound son Christopher (3 yrs old now). Bob left USMA in 74 and went to C&GSC and then Ft Hood. Bob is presently the Div G3 OPNS (2AD). Bob says Leo Kennedy is Dpty G1 going to an Arty Bn in Jun, John Thompson a Bn XO is going on Bde 75 in Aug to Graf. Jack Lyons is a Sqdn S3, Jim McElice is a Bn S3 going to C&GSC. Tanker McChristain is a Bn-3 for a newly assigned Intel Bn and Dick Knudson is a Bn S3. Toby Halverson also visited Bob on a staff visit from OPD.

New arrivals at WP are Bill Sherrel, Wes



1965: L-R) Hughes, LTG Gokce, Cindric.

Taylor, and Mike Deems in the TAC Dept and Mike Watson in the E.E. Dept.

There will be a Class tailgate at the 1 Oct 77, UCO game. For more information write John Alger 3080-B Stony Lonesome or me.

Well thank you Bob and Preston for the letters. All you other guys please write. If your arm is broken have your wife write. Wives always write longer letters. Write.

## '66

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June Week has come and gone, and I now find myself in the midst of summer activities here at WP. The Class members here had a get-together right after June Week and were all surprised to see Jerry & Paula Huyck who had journeyed all the way from Ft Polk, LA, where Jerry is asst div C-E officer (sig officer for you brown-shoe types) for the 5th Mech. Both Jerry and Paula say that Ft Polk "ain't all that bad," but so far, there doesn't seem to be any great rush of classmates to get down to this little known tropical paradise. Jerry did pass on info on John McKnight, who is now out of the Army and a law student at Mercer LawS in Macon, GA. John is married, and from all reports his wife Cynthia and daughters Kristen and Melissa are well adjusted to civ life.

Another out-of-towner present at the '66 get-together was Mel Liss, accompanied by his wife, Judy. Mel is doing what he can to make the MVA work and is currently assigned to recruiting duty with USAREC in Boston.

As noted last issue, Fame continues to mix with '66. Jan Van Prooyen, currently stationed in DC was designated as a Regl Finalist for the White House Fellows competition. He got his PhD in Nucl Engr at UVA in 74 and is currently serving as the XO for a Navy 3 star at DNA. Meanwhile, Bank of America has just announced the appointment of Mike Stepp to the position of VP for Bank of America NT and SA. Mike has been with the bank since 72. Finally, Jim Lee and Jack Norris have just been accepted for consideration as Space Shuttle Crew members by NASA.

Received 3 very newsy letters since last Mar. The Class report from Ft Carson was forwarded by Bob Seger, who after serving as S3 and XO of 1/19 FA, has been designated S1 of DivArty, 4th Mech Inf Div. Bob says that he spent 6 mo TDY in Wiesbaden as a part of Bde 76 and is now trying to round up enough warm bodies to fill up 1/20 FA for Reforger 77. Bob and Nicki send a CO "Hi" to all.

Working with Bob in the 4th as part of Bde 76 was Rock Salt, who served as a co. cmdr in 1/12 Inf for 15 mos prior to Bde 76 and then joined the div G1 shop for 8 mos. Rock bids a fond adieu to Carson and packs bags and baggage, not to mention all that good troop experience, and heads to Ft Leavenworth for the Army's short course (CGSC) this summer.

Jerry Dixon came to the 4th's DivArty after a tour in Korea and finds himself in the FSE as an Asst Fire Spt Coordinator. Most of his work has been with nucl wpns inspections and the validation phase of the new FORSCOM concept of FIST (fire spt teams). John Hayes joined the 3d Bde of the 4th



1966: Redstone Arsenal: the Hustons and the Fields.

Mech in fall 76 and served as Bde S1 before becoming XO of 6/32 Armor. He will deploy to Germany with his bn as a part of Reforger 77.

From Germany, I received a note from Blair Williams, dashed off in a hurry, and delivered by his mother to the AOG. Blair wants everyone to know that he is still alive and kicking. At last report Blair had just completed an assignment with USAFAS/TCAO at Ft Sill and had reported in to the 3d AD in Germany.

Doug Laipple writes from Lackland AFB with the following news. He graduated from the Med Col of GA in Feb and the USAF sch for flight surgeons in Apr. After all this academic achievement, he and Becky left the kids in Tampa and traveled in Europe and the UK until funds ran out. Doug started his psychiatry residency at Wilford Hall USAF Med Cen (Lackland AFB) on 1 Jul and on 5 Jul Becky delivered the 5th Laipple offspring, Matthew, who was welcomed by Julie 8, Alison 6, Megan 3, Kent 2, and an obviously well-organized father (his letter was dated the day after!). Finally, for all of you statisticians, Doug says that Matthew was born 9 mos after homecoming weekend at WP.

As if that weren't news enough, Doug passed on the following information. John & Jean Geiger now reside in Aiken, SC, where John works in the Savannah River Nucl Plant. Part-time jobs include an extremely active interest in the Army Reserve and dog-sitting for the Laipples. Baby-sitters for the Laipple clan during Matthew's arrival were Keith & Cheryl Markey who have 3 of their own. Doug has nominated Cheryl for either a LM or a free visit to him once he is licensed to practice as a shrink. Keith will finish up his residency in orthopedics, and asks everyone to "break a leg."

Finally, Doug notes that Russ Jenna, Rich Hlista, Mike Brennan, and Walt Piskun are all upholding the Hippocratic Oath in San Ant while Frank Pratt switched from pediatrics to psychiatry in Augusta, GA. John & Robert Eckert are still stationed in El Paso. Wonder how many of the Class of '66 are now medical doctors? Let me know all of you MD's, DDS's, etc.

We have received word from the AOG concerning the Art Bonifas Memorial Fund. As of Jun, the Fund totalled \$2025.00. The goal is \$3000, and it would be nice to complete this fund within the current year. The

first award in Art's memory was presented this year at the awards convocation by Marsha to Cdt Francis A. Bowers III, Captain of the 1976-77 Water Polo Team. This is a fine memorial to a classmate who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Let's not forget Art as our lives become cluttered with the daily trivia which wears us all down.

Other news flashes: Saw Jim Gleason in DC, where he is an Army lawyer. Jim Gardner resigned in Jun of this year and is now with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Dave Anderson is not in Columbia, SC, but in Colombia, S. America where he is putting his Spanish to good use trying to corner the coffee mkt! Had a nice visit with Jack Wheeler in DC—he is as busy as ever and his current project is involved with getting a health and exercise room at the Army-Navy Club in order to attract younger members. Stop by and see him at Shea and Gardner, 734 15th St, NW. Phil Riley finally leaves USMA and USMA hockey to head to Leavenworth and CGSC. He has developed a whole new concept for teaching ethics and responsibility which has been well received here at USMA, at professional conferences of educators, and by the curriculum cmte at CGSC. Good work Phil!

Perhaps the most unusual move this summer will be made by Warren & Sue Johnson, who are going to the Navy CGSC at Newport. They departed USMA early on 6 Jul (R day for the Class of '81) on their sailboat for a leisurely 30-day cruise to Newport and their next asgmt. What better way to show the Navy they are fully qualified! Only wish that I could join them. Warren and Sue will be joined by Mike & Renita Fry, who leave USMA and the Dept of Soc Sci.

Saw Pete Cecere in the USMA PX the other day. He's off to Garmisch for 2 yrs in the Russian studies program/fun and sun in Bavaria. He's single but rumors abound about his eminent demise as a bachelor. Pete says Al Gimian is still in the Russian Program in Germany and may also be "short" as a bachelor.

Two final notes: Any news in this column depends on your help and cooperation. Bob Seger, Doug Laipple, and Mrs. Williams were my field correspondents this time. Who will be next time? It might be you... Finally, as our thoughts of summer travel and moving are shaped, executed, and forgotten as dim memories, I am reminded that 15 yrs ago, we took the oath on the Plain as "New Cadets." Time and many miles make that memory dim for some, but for those of us here at WP, all of the planning for "R-day" on 6 Jul brings back our first day as vividly as if it were only yesterday. While some of us will be here to watch the Class of '81 sworn in, others will be leaving WP and other stations for new assignments, civ and mil, around the world. To all of you—take a moment to remember that hot Jul day, and accept the challenge once again to renew the ideals of WP.

# '67

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Greetings from WP, as the 2d class to include women completes its BCT. Most of this will report on the arrivals and departures of classmates. But first, the congratulations! To Doug Brown, who recently joined the ranks of our "early" MAJs. And to Steve

May and Larry Izzo, who were nominated by DA for consideration by NASA as mission specialists for the Space Shuttle Program. Best of luck to you in the competition!

Steve May is headed for Quantico, VA, as are Bud Shumate and Dick Waterman, to attend the Marine C&GS. Going from here to our own C&GS in KS are Rog Arango, Mike Andrews, Dave Hale and Jim Johnson. Hobie Pillsbury is off to the AFSC at Norfolk, VA. Chuck Thomas will attend the Nav WC at Newport, RI.

John Newton was commissioned in the AF on 7 Jul and is now at the Data Processing Cen, Randolph AFB, San Ant, TX. Best of luck, John. Dan Wells has also headed south from here, to the Mobile, AL, Engr Dist. He is living near Pensacola (Rt 1, Box 627, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561). Dick Black and Hart Lau are now in Germany. Dick is with the 10th ADA in Darmstadt, and Hart is an S3 of a Tank Bn in the 3d AD near Frankfurt. Dick Phalan went to the 2d Div in Korea. Gerry Threadgill stopped by Compt Sch en route to Ft Carson.

Joining the civ ranks is Colin Smith, now in production mgmt, Consumer Products Div, Pfizer Industries, a NJ pharmaceutical firm.



1967: On the fields of friendly... apple bobbing? Smith, Ginger Gale, the Shumates, Newton and the Helds.

Rich Jones has been medically discharged and is now in OK (1603 NW 80th St, Lawton, OK 73501). Another ex-Mech instr, Tom Hankard, is now settled in at Ford Motor Co. (1860 N. Rosevere, Dearborn, MI 48128), and he may be joined by yet another former instr (TBA).

Many of these departing were given a proper sendoff at our May picnic at Round Pond.



1967: The softball game winners: (Front L-R) Sally Held, Carol Swanson, Terry Izzo, Sally Winkel, Barbara Smith, Eggering. (Back) Gena Hixon, Carol Shumate, Ginger Gale, Linda Kuspa, Jan Waterman, Nancy Newton, Held, Rilovick (GA Tech '67), the Woods and Gale.



1967: The softball runners-up: (Front) Smith, Calocci, Winkel, Izzo, Rothmann, Eggering; (Back) Kuspa, Hixon, Waterman, Newton, Brown, Swanson, Shelton, Dietzel, Hankard, and Shumate.



1967: Front: the Browns and the Dietzels; Back: Robin Frank, Terry Izzo, and Susie Rothmann.



1967: May Picnic: Brown, the Hixons, Smith, and the Helds.

Not all the flow of classmates is from WP. Several new members have joined us here. Al Donnell just finished a Nucl Engr degree at RPI, Troy, NY, and is now in Physics. From Temple U., Phila, PA, comes Tom Waraksa, to teach Hist. And from Seattle and the UWA comes Ken Smith, now assigned to a rsch position with OPE. Welcome aboard, guys! Next time I plan to recap who is in each dept here.

By then, our 10-yr reunion will be history. You should have received the 2d letter from the Reunion Cmte by the end of Aug. Your prompt response is important for us to properly plan the several events we have scheduled. Also, do not forget to make arrangements for football tickets and room accommodations. See you in Oct!—John Kuspa

# '68

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My opening and closing remarks will be the same this issue as I hope to emphasize a key event coming up for our Class. Usually the 10-yr reunion class conducts its reunion activities during the fall, at Homecoming. Since it would benefit so many and facilitate leave plans, our 10-yr reunion will be during June Week 78. Mark your calendars, please, it's less than a year away! More details will follow not only from AOG but from the Class as well.

It was great to hear from those who dropped a line. Keith Harrelson wrote from FL with a pic that looked like he and Mike Noonan traded hair from various parts of their head. Don't worry, Keith, you're in a familiar club. Keith and Jennifer with Lisa, 8, and Mark, 5, are in Maitland, FL where he is area mgr, grocery sales, with Carnation. Mike & Shirly Noonan were visiting the Harrelsons from Capital U. LawS in Columbus, OH. Keith passed on that Tom Simmons

was finishing med sch in Miami. Tom and Connie would soon be leaving to start practice. Doug Cummings and family were completing residency at Walter Reed. Does anyone know how many doctors and lawyers we now have? Keith also ran into an ex-classmate, Bill Linn, B-1, who now lives in the Atlanta area.

By the time this article is published, Dennis Manske and Phil Krueger will have already participated in London on the U.S. team competing against other NATO countries in the mil olympics. Dennie finished 2d overall in the N. American championships to qualify for the event. Nice going Dennis and Phill! It's nice to get the brawn in the news besides the brains.

Received a grand letter from Jeannie Rosenberry. She and Dennie along with their red-haired Scott, 2½ yrs, are enjoying life in Okinawa. Dennie is in his alternate specialty, Pers Mgmt and not quite as happy as when he was commanding 2 companies with the 82d.

Jeanne Caldwell wrote after successfully delivering Steven Jr. as one of our future "sons." Big Steve is now out of the service and is surely equally successful with W.R. Grace in NYC. Tom Jewell wrote to let us know that he and Pam also have a new arrival—John Thomas, born 6 Mar. Meanwhile Tom is finding time to finish his PhD at U. of MA before beginning a teaching job.

Patti and I had a tremendous weekend in MA recently. Spent some time with Chuck & Katie Vehlow. Chuck is one who spreads himself thin and excels in all, vis-a-vis starting his career in the Corps of Engr, branch-transferring to Armor, finishing up his master's degree at MIT while moonlighting as a flight instr just prior to being selected to join the astronaut prog as a new MAJ. If only he could really see the light—light blue for Inf, that is. Rob & Becky Broderick wrote about their new arrival also—Charles Robert Broderick III, 2 Jun 77. Rob is busy working in the Adv Products Div of Air Products & Chemicals as mgr of product engr, Allentown, PA.

Ed Hobbs wrote from Travis AFB. Ed completed his internship in internal medicine at David Grant USAF Med Ctr and is now assigned as the flight surgeon for the 7th Mil Airlift Sqdn. While TDY, Ed ran into Marv Belasco who is now in the USAF as an M.D. in Radiology Residency at Lackland AFB. Ed Garrison is now also wearing AF blue and graduated from the USC Sch of Med in Jun in psychiatry. Ed saw the following at Founders Day at Ft Sam Houston: Mike Billingsley, Mark Hansen, John Gonzalez, Marv Belasco, Bill Williams. He also saw



1968: The Harrelsons and the Noonans (the Good, the Bad and the Bearded).



1968: The Halsteads (Gary, Patti, Scott and Kari) with the Vehlows (Katie, Chuck, Marty and Peter). A fun MA weekend.

Jack Bussa who is completing his 3d year of med sch at UTX Health Sci Cen, San Ant. Jack reported that Hal Timboe was also there.

Received a great phone call from Stew Beckley who told me that he and Natalie are in Marlboro, MA where he is in Engr Digital Equipment and she is a life ins agent for Equitable Life Assurance Co. Stew told us that Mike Patrow would soon be graduating from the Nav PG Sch and would be in DC in Oct.

Some quicky notes on classmates provided by the AOG: Woodie Cobey finished UMD Sch of Med on 3 Jun. He and Mary Lou will begin residency in OB-Gyn at the Tripler Ar Med Cen, HI. Woodie was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the natl med honorary society. Dan Donahue recently graduated from the Amer Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt, the only sch in the U.S. devoted exclusively to training people for careers in intl mgmt. Ray Rhodes was headed for AK from Ft Carson and George Williams was last heard from while instructing at the USAFA. Need to add a little class to the "Blue Zoo." Jerry Sorrow was recently at USMA at the annual Liaison Conf. Chuck Mackall, Dept of Foreign Lang, USMA, reported that Mike Ruiz was assigned to the Office of the Dist Engr in St Louis; Mike Murphy, also Foreign Lang, USMA, reported that Tom & Dora Pence were en route to Germany following an MBA at IN U.

Well, that's all for now. Congratulations to all our new MAJ's and don't forget my 30 Sept deadline for the Dec issue, and our 10-yr reunion in Jun 78. Write and send photos! See you in Dec!

# '69

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An unusually small number of letters was received this quarter (9 Apr-3 Jul), probably because so many classmates were in transit during the period. Now that most of you are settled again, please take time to let the Class know where you are and how you are doing. You'll also note that the smallest number of photos in memory appears in this column. Perhaps I have discouraged some of you by asking for black and white pictures; while such pictures are easier to print, that does not mean you should not send any color photos you wish to see printed. So, whenever a group gets together, please think of sharing the occasion with the Class through a snapshot.



**1969:** Founders Day in the Boston area: (standing L-R) Glacel, Linda Cox, Foster, Baldwin, Mary Crosby, Taylor, Debbie Furlan, Crosby, Sandra Foster, Smrtic; (sitting) Guernseys, Cox, Barbara Glacel, Val Smrtic, Susie Wheelock, Kathy Baldwin, Wheelock.

Recently, I have received some feedback that a number of classmates and their wives are disappointed that they do not appear in this column more often, while some classmates seem to appear every issue. Let me reiterate a pledge made over 8 yrs ago when this column first began: Everyone who gets in touch, by whatever means, will be mentioned in the column, and will receive a reply from me. I admit that some of my recent replies have been rather impersonal form letters, but I do try to include a personal note in each letter. I honestly believe that anyone who has called or written has appeared in the column; in fact, most names reported in any column are of persons who have not written themselves, but rather have been mentioned by someone else in a letter. Instead of hoping that someone else might include you in his or her letter, however, why not drop me a short note—I receive many postcards—to ensure that your name will appear. I would love to hear from each and every one of you, and so would the Class.

By the time this column is printed, the 2d annual summer reunion will be history, and coverage of that occasion will appear in the following issue. The next big Class event will be Army-Navy. Last year's organizers, Barbara & Bob Glacel have passed the mantle to Marilyn & Steve Metcalf. Steve recently began MBA studies at Syracuse, but not before reserving a room at the Ben Franklin for both Fri and Sat nights of A-N weekend. We will again ask each couple to contribute \$5 to defray the cost of room, mixes, cups and snacks. If possible, please send the money in advance to Steve (7785 Patchmark Ln, Clay, NY 13041). If enough money is collected in advance, we will also try to provide some liquor, but still plan to bring some of your own. Barbara & Bob have not dropped out of the pic completely; they are in charge of convincing as many WP classmates as possible to attend! We had an excellent turnout last yr, and hope to have even more attend this yr. If you intend to stay at the Ben Franklin, make a reservation as soon as possible, and mention that you want to be on the 10th floor with

our Class. As always, game tickets must be ordered from AAA at WP.

Civ news leads off this time. **Debbi & Jim Nelson** wrote from Allentown, PA, to say that they would be attending the summer reunion. Jim said that **Tom Kerestes** is also in Allentown, and that **Bob Bassett** is working for Union Carbide in Tarrytown, NY. **Don Crosby** recently received his MBA at UVA, and will be working for Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus, IN. Also recent grads of UVA were **Dan Bird** (Law) and **Mike Landrum** (English). Sherrye and Mike have since joined the English Dept at WP.

**Kris & Dennie Haydon** sent a long letter from Charleston, SC, where Dennie is a VP of Frost, Johnson, Read & Smith, an investment banking firm. Dennie mentioned that **Camilla & Pete Grimm** are in Jacksonville, FL, with Ford Motor Co., and that **Mike Fisher** has left Ft Bragg for the Kennedy Sch at Harvard prior to a tour with the Soc Sci Dept at WP. Dennie also mentioned a matter which had been on my mind for some time: the 10th Reunion in 79. As the chmn of the 5th Reunion, Dennie knows better than anyone that we need to start planning for the occasion right away. I will speak to those at WP about this when I visit in the fall, but I also would like to solicit comments from classmates everywhere, and, of course, encourage you to attend. We also need to begin thinking about whether we intend to give the Academy a



**1969:** Our class brings the uniform back to Harvard: (L-R) Smrtic, Crosby, Wheelock, and Taylor.

Class gift at the Reunion. Please let me have your preliminary thoughts on these subjects.

**Jo Lynn & John Peters** were in touch from Midland, TX, where John works for Coquina Oil Corp. He mentioned that **John Dinger** lived 18 miles away in Odessa, and works for Slough Equip Co. **Roger Loder** had recently graduated from KSU, and had accepted a job with Ford Tractor in Troy, MI. Roger said that **Marsha & Steve McGue** were enjoying Chicago, where Steve works for FMC Corp. and Marsha manages Marshall Field's largest bookstore. Roger had just run a marathon in under 3 hrs, thereby qualifying for the Boston Marathon next yr. The last letter from the civ world was from **Susan & Ron Hunt**. After Ron had completed his master's at TX A&M, they moved first to Seattle and more recently to Burlington, WA. New son Jason arrived in Feb, joining Kimberly who is 3.

**Maggie & Mike Kelly**, who are on an ROTC asgmt at UMA wrote to announce the birth of their 3d son, Colin David, on 9 Jun. **Donna & Tom Ramos**, who recently left MIT for WP, also welcomed a new son, Mark Edward, on 30 Apr.

**Linda & Dan Cox** sent a photo and letter from Harvard, where Dan and **Bill Foster** are midway through studies at the Kennedy Sch. Dan said that **Sylvia & Jack Guernsey** were moving to Phila after finishing studies at Harvard Law Sch. **Bill Taylor** (F-3) completed his studies at Harvard, and is moving back to DC and getting married this summer. Dan also had seen **Bill Holbrook**, who is a HS guidance counsellor in Westwood, MA.

The big news concerning those in the service is the size of our class contingent at WP, now about 125 I believe. I will include a listing of classmates there in the next issue. **Val & Jon Smrtic** wrote just before leaving Harvard for the Academy and the Soc Sci Dept. Also going to Soc Sci are **Bob Baldwin**, **Ralph Crosby**, **Tom Fagan**, and **Tom Wheelock**. **Marilyn & Steve Hammond** spent a night en route to the Academy for housing drawing, as did **Lois & Jim Johnson**. **Lois** mentioned in a later note that **Mary & Rich West**, who also just arrived at WP, are expecting in Nov. Leaving WP, and the Army, are **Ellen & Dan Sharporn**. Dan has accepted a doctoral fellowship to pursue a double PhD in Social Work and Sociology at UMI. Dan mentioned that **Jim Giacomini** is also leaving the service, having accepted a job with Ford in Dearborn, MI. Dan's letter reminded me to get an update on a Class active duty status. This should appear in the REGISTER published this fall.

I received very nice graduation cards from **Anita & Jim Nelson**, who are at Temple U. in Phila, and **Bob Seitz**, who is at MILPER-CEN, and who just recently bought a townhouse a few doors down from **Bob Berry** in Old Town, Alexandria. **Randy Bryant**, **Joe Cornelison**, and I graduated from Georgetown Law on 29 May, while **Dave Hill** and **Steve Rhyne** recently graduated from George Washington Law. Randy is going to Donovan & Leisure in NYC, Dave is with a patent law firm here in DC, and Joe, Steve and I will be clerking at the U.S. Courthouse in DC, for Judges Gasch (District), Robb (Circuit), and Tamm (Circuit), respectively. By the way, my work number now is 202-426-7000; please call if you are in town on business or a visit.

Also recent grads are Doctors **Bob Brigham** (Wayne St) and **Steve Fall** (Bowman Gray at Wake Forest). Both Bob and Steve are now

at Walter Reed, joining Bill Illingworth and Doug Freeley.

Barb & Ernie Adams wrote from Ft Benning to announce the birth of Matthew Edward on 30 Apr. Ernie is with Plt Tacs at TIS, as is Joe Sebes. Also greeting a new son were Pam & George Coan, who welcomed George Pruitt III on 12 May at Ft Leavenworth.

Dave McDermott (USAF) recently graduated from UT Med Sch, and he and Molly will be living at Lackland AFB, TX. Also recently graduated was H. Lobdell, from the UWI. He and Pat sent a note announcing the birth of Susan Anne on 11 Apr. Diane & Tom Mastaglio are at grad sch in Boulder, CO, and were joined by Mandye Anna on 15 Mar. Tom graduates next summer, then stays for an ROTC asgmt.

Out on the Coast, Frank Finch was married to Laura Sue Hauschild on 4 Jun in San Fran. Further south, Ginny & Doug Rogers are enjoying their tour at Ft Ord, although Doug said his 30 mos of cmd time are beginning to take their toll. The Rogers had seen Peggy & Jim Love quite often while the Loves were at language sch in Monterey. Peggy & Jim spent 2 nights in DC and one night at Aberdeen with the Raglins en route to their new asgmt in Germany, where they expect to be for 3 yrs. Doug said that Sharon & Scott Wallace are now in CA at the Nav PG Sch, and that Bob Noreen is with JAG at the Presidio in San Fran.

Teresa & Mike Smith sent a long letter from HI, where Mike is now a def counsel after completing a year on the trial counsel side. Mike was recently selected for the JAG Adv Crs, but will defer a year to complete 3 yrs in HI. Also there are John Clapper and Bruce Wheeler, both doctors at Tripler. The last bit of correspondence received this quarter was Bob Berry's newsletter, which announced Ken Christian's recent marriage in KY, and med sch graduations for Brian Owens and Carl Ozimek. Bob also mentioned that Larry Sadoff had orders for Germany.

Have a beautiful fall, and please do try to make A-N, with adv money sent to Steve Metcalf if you will attend; I guarantee ASSEMBLY coverage for all attendees. Until later, God bless to all in '69.

# '70

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My favorite season of football is upon us. Since this is my last article I will thrust no more predictions for Army football upon you. This fall I will merely sit back and cheer loudly for the return of Army football.

Our timing was extraordinary. This article was written the day after we moved into our new house and the day before I started my internship. Debbie is bearing up well under my best laid plans. I am only thankful that Carl is about to rescue me from my perilous adventure into deadline journalism. Carl's new address is at top of this column. Although you can see there is no company designation in that address, Carl hopes not to remain in HHC very long if he can fight his way into a command slot. He is now in country and anxiously awaiting your Sept cards and letters. Carl wrote from Knox where he was batching it on TDY. He mentioned that Art Lucia was on orders to Germany. Jim & Linda Etchechury are headed for the Naval PGS for a degree in



1970: Megan Hunn at 8 months; Jim at 200 lbs!

Nuc (your favorite WP phys course). Terry Treat is leaving for 2 yrs of study in Germany before returning to WP as an instr. He also enclosed a letter from Jim & Jo Ann Crawford. Jim wins my Woodward and Bernstein award for keeping me supplied with the most investigative news while I was writing the column. Here's his latest letter.

"The Army sent Nelson Johnson, QM, to work for TRW in LA for a year to observe their techniques before returning to Ft Lee for a 3-yr tour. Paul Franke joined the civ ranks last Apr and went to work for Weyerhouser. G2 has it that Hank Andrezczak took his girl and her mother over to see the Army-Dartmouth lacrosse game. Mike Mahan from Ord and Jim Hayes from Campbell stopped in on one of the WP cmte groups. Bob Wallis is back throwing the javelin and coaching the track team. The Steeles branch transferred to AG and left WP for Ft Ben H. Ron Spears saw Pete Pella when Pete snuck back to WP in civilian clothes, all bearded up, and thoroughly enjoying himself. Mark Meranda joined the staff in the Dean's Office in May. He and Vicki are living in Grey Ghost. Fred & Lisa White are due in this year from RPI. Barney & Jane Forsythe joined MP&L this summer after 2 yrs at UNC. We stayed overnight with them in Chapel Hill on our way south this summer. We also wandered down to New Orleans where we unloaded ourselves on Barb & Jeff Troxell as Troll was preparing to take his finals in med sch. Dave Young and Jim Murray were back at WP for the RMC-alumni weekend. Jim & Pat are at Providence Col before joining the USMA staff as an instructor. Besides Barney Forsythe and Fred White the following will be arriving at WP this summer: Fred Zilian (SS), Ken Mark (ESGS), Larry Henley (ESGS), Art Alden (Math), John Ekman (OMI), Bob Babcock (EE). Rudy & Lisa Sigesmund will spend the summer at Oxford as part of UMA then back to UMA for a year before going to WP to teach English. Mike Pearce is headed to AOAC this fall. Bill Sanders is also at UMA and will stay there as a ROTC instructor. Profuse apologies to Les Summer and Gil Pritchard—they both work for Vick Chemical Co. not P&G. I couldn't even get it straight while talking to Les."

I got a card from Bill Cater who had to take a week's vacation in HI to write. He's at Ord, but planning to become a civ CPA soon. They have a son, 4 years, and another due this month.

I also got a letter from Tom, Tootie, and Lavell, 5, Secret from Austin where Tom completed his 2d yr of law sch at UTX. Chris Wittmayer and Dom Crea just graduated

from there this past spring. Bob Thomas—Tom would like to hear from you at 8513 Brookfield, Austin, TX 78758.

Pat McGoldrick, our Class' new free spirit, dropped in to see us this spring when he was vacationing from his winters of skiing in Steamboat Spgs and summers of tennis in FL. He welcomes visitors to the gorgeous powder of Steamboat Spgs this winter. (PO Box 2861, SS, CO 80477). Pat reports that Bebe & Jack Smith are in Denver with the SJA's office at Fitzsimons. Larry Clark has a Btry and Will Etzler has a troop at Carson. Willie Terrill is SL/HHC Co of 52d Avn Bn in Seoul. Bob Walker, Pat would like to hear from you. Jim Snyder is in IOAC. Cesare Rosati is at Monmouth. Bob Faraguna is in the SJA office at Bayonne, NJ, so if they drop your car in the middle of the Atlantic... Finally, Bruce Michelowski is working for P&G in Green Bay.

And just before this was written I received a birth announcement from Phil & Margie Doleac announcing the birth of Michael Scott on 15 June at 10 lbs, 11 oz. The little fella sounds like another Doles.

Finally, thank you very much for all your cards, letters, and pictures. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing for the best and most uninhibited Class ever. Give Carl as much support as I received and soon everyone in 70 will be subscribing to the ASSEMBLY. Thank-you, God bless, and BEAT NAVY, for gosh sakes. Dave Brown

# '71

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As you pore over these notes, the trees are beginning to turn their characteristic yellow and brown. Coincidentally, so are the academic bruises inflicted upon my wary body here at the home of the Nittany Lion. As pigskin fever once again engulfs the campus, I wonder if this is the season for the rabble to break the .500 barrier. With fleeting hope, but never punctured pride, I cheer on. And so say all of us.

Our civ ranks continue to swell. Waiting around the bend are lawyers, doctors, and post-graduate degree folks dutifully serving their obligatory time before retiring. Let us begin this quarter with classmates who have taken the plunge into the civ pool. George Cullen was released from the service in Jul after 13 mos of cmd in a MP tng unit at Ft McClellan, and is now working for Procter & Gamble in Albany, GA. His wife, Rosemary, gave birth recently to their third girl, Georgiana Frances. I wonder who they



1971: Youngest Grad Barnabei giving speech at NYC.



1971: Jeff McNally still parading at Yale.

named her after? George mentioned that **Otis Young** is also working for P&G now. Other MP types still on active duty down at McClellan include **Chuck Fothergill**, **Bill Carper**, and **Meryl Jowell** (the voice of WKDT). Chuck is commanding a tng co, while Bill is the CO of a garrison MP unit. Meryl, the only remaining bachelor of the 3, is floating around in a staff position prior to attending grad sch. **Rit** (ex-'71, E-4) and **Becky Jons** visited the Cullens recently. Rit is now a combat E at Ft Hood. **Paul Andrew** parted ways with the Army in Jun. This fall finds him entrenched in cash flows in the Wharton BusS of UPA. **Angie** left his mark at Ft Bliss before he left, however. In the Post Open Track and Field Championships, Paul won the 3 mile, 1 mile, 880, 1 mile relay, 880 relay, 440 relay, and the discus! It has been told however, that his prowess does not extend to the aquatic sports, as a deep sea fishing expedition found him deathly ill for 6 hours.

After 4 years of perseverance, **Jim Floyd** has been accepted into the LSU Vet school. As it is currently much more difficult to be admitted to vet sch than med sch, this is quite an accomplishment. Good job, James G! Jim starts "beast" in the fall after spending 2 weeks of ADT at Ft BHarrison. Some F-1 info was passed along by the **Cajun King**. **Scott & Peg Crandell** are settled in CT, where Scott works for Michelin. Scott has recently completed a novel based on his trials and tribulations with the 25 Inf Div. called *Self Inflicted Wounds*. **Phil Daniels** is a Corp Credit Mgr for Tamco Asphalt Prod in Joplin, MO. He received a masters in Bus Mgmt at WebsterC in St Louis. **Greg, Suzette**, and **Kristen (2) Doepke** are in Richmond, VA where Greg is with Dupont Textile Fibers and has become quite active in the Jaycees, while Suzette does her part for the Jaycettes. It is rumored that **Dick Graf** has resigned and is currently attending the DuPont version of the OBC. The **Grazioplenes**, complete with their 2 kids, were on their way to the Armor Div Crs at last word. **Graz** finished his cmd time with the 1st AD. **Bob Lundy**, son of Russell, KS (the town Bob Dole made famous), is at Stanford in a double masters program of bus and juice, while **Janice** keeps busy with **Robbie** and classical guitar lessons. After touring all over Europe, Russia, Turkey, and Africa, **Steve & Viki Wilcox** are now settled at Benning in the IOAC.

The **McKeons** are both working for GE in Burlington, VT. Kit is in technical sales and Trish is with operations bus planning. Both

are extremely happy in their spacious 4 bedroom home. Kit has not completely broken his ties with the mil, as he still demonstrates weapon systems. **Gerry James** is employed by an Air Product Co here in PA. Not too far from Gerry are **Billy & Patty Lord**. **Craig Hughes** found lucrative employment with the Amer Hosp Corp. in La Jolla, CA. **Rich & Terry LeClair** are at W-P AFB where Rich is working on a masters in systems management at the AFIT. **Jeff Jones** continues as the ADC to the CG at Ft Ord. Also at Ord are **Phil Beliveau** in his second year of sig corps cmd and **Mike Nelson-Palmer**, who is studying at the Naval PGS. **Don & Chris Coleman** left the service in HI and they are now attempting to open a business in VT.

**Ted Tornehl** is attending Marquette U LawS in the civ ranks. His wife, **Kate**, appears to be busier in caring for **Tobin (3)** and **Christopher (1)**, working, and going to night sch at the UWI. They welcome visitors to their 5 bedroom house in Wauwatosa. Where? Also hard at work in the legal ranks is **Bill Tryon**. I mentioned in an earlier column that he had entered a practice in NM. To be more explicit, Bill is in the trial div of the City Attorney's Office. Recently, he was appointed as an Asst Bar Counsel to the NM State Bar (which investigates unethical



1971: Ruggers Mansager, Hagenbeck and Hassin at Ft Benning.

behavior of attorneys) and was elected pres of the Downtown Exchange Club. I would not be surprised to see Bill's name appear soon in NM politics!

**Steve Scales** is employed by a private corp, based in Denver, that designs, builds, and organizes restaurants and night clubs. Constantly on the move, his itinerary for the near future includes Atlanta, NY, VA Bch, and Houston. **Squat** says that **Mike Franzino** works on Wall Street and that **Dave Smith**, our notorious middle guard, is working in Italy and may be hearing wedding bells soon. **Mike Ryan** is a married civ employed by Samsonite in Denver. **Ken Wyrick** is in Memphis with Procter and Gamble; **Mike Masciello**, attending med sch in Miami; and **Don MacLaren** in Philly, where he just bought a house.

**Tom Pazak** left the service in 74 and returned to his hometown of Gary, IN, where he became a Cost Engr for a Lime Co. He found time to return to sch to pick up a teachers degree in Math while also working as a switchman at night for the B&O Railroad. This fall, Paz will take a chemical sales position with NALCO, a firm that sells industrial lubricants and additives to the petroleum industry. **Bill Ewing** is out of the service and is selling med equip. **Monty & Lana Miller** returned to manage the family farm in IA. **Mike Tokarsky** is working for Ford in Boston, but found time to be mar-

ried in Hazleton, PA in Jun. **Gary Heuser** drove up from Ft Campbell to be the best man. Right here in my backyard is **Paul Jacobs** who has resigned and is pursuing a masters in Aerospace Engineering at PAST.

Good news from the DC area! **Vaughn Dille**, with his characteristic will, is winning his battle with cancer. Jogging and exercising regularly, he is well on the way to recovery. Vaughn is currently writing a book on his memoirs.

Moving back to the mil side of the ledger, I find still more classmates utilizing Army programs to further their academic career. **Ward King** graduated this year from the UTX LawS. Along with his wife, **Anna**, and little girl, **Christie Ann (1)**, he will be assigned to the JFK Center at Bragg. **Bill Baldwin** became a lawyer after graduating from Washington and Lee in May. Having been admitted to the VA Bar, Bill has started a clerkship with a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals. He and his wife, **Merrill**, will move to Abingdon, VA for the job. **Gary Nickel** became a MD at commencement exercises at Wake Forest. He will take a flexible tng program at Madigan AMC in Tacoma. **Jeff McNally** is in the first class of the Yale U Sch of Org and Mgmt. After graduating in May 78, he will head down to WP to instruct in the leadership dept. Jeff's wife, **Carolyn**, recently completed a masters program in guidance and counselling and is now an educational consultant. **Carl Leininger** is also at Yale. He will take his degree in Pol Sci to WP in January 79. **John Brown** has completed all his work for a PhD in history (minus the dissertation) at IN Univ. Now attending the Armor Adv Crs, John expects to return to troop duty prior to returning to the Hudson sch with his wife, **Mary Beth**, and kids, **Amy** and **Tod**. Also at IN enjoying Coach Knight's antics are **Tom Pyrz (Law)** and **Jack Klevecz (PE)**. John mentioned that **Chuck, Denise**, and **Peggy Taylor** have retired to DC where Chuck has a job with the State Dept that parallels the MI job he was holding there.

**Joe Thomas** appears to have also scheduled himself to arrive at WP in 1980. He is attending the DIA Crs called the Postgrad Int Crs in lieu of the MI Adv Crs. Following grad, he hopes to enter the JHopkins Dept of Geography and EnvE to prepare him for ES&CS. **Steve Baber** was AS3 for the 36 Engr Gp at Benning last April, but was scheduled to take over a co in the 43 Engr Bn, where **Tim Mason** is currently a CO. While on a FTX at Ft Hood, Steve



1971: Ward, Anna, and Christie Ann King.

saw Doug Eccleston. Doug is going to work for Corning Glass Works in KY.

Pete Weddle remains at the USMA prep sch playing with nouns and verbs. He has finished his second manuscript, titled *The Lieutenants Papers*, which is a collection of essays on such diverse subjects as unionizing the military, the soldiers right to his own representative in Congress, and the impact of television on the professional socialization of soldiers. Rick, Karen, and Sasha Walters have left the prep sch for the Trans Adv Crs. **Wes Blaine** is now a Tac in one of the Cadet Candidate companies.

That is all the news that is fit to print. I heard from a lot of new folks this qtr. Irregardless of whether you are a hero or not, please drop a line. It is good to hear from all of you. I have the current or forwarding addresses of 95% of the class if you have a need to locate someone.

Thanks for dropping in. The next deadline is 30 Sept. Pray for touchdowns!

# '72

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Let's start right off by explaining why the following info is disjointed and disconcerted. Your scribe is smack in the middle of moving. The unsettled feeling reflected by stacks of boxes and packing material is even more significant this time, the last Army move for the Etheridge family. I will have joined another bureaucracy, DuPont Corp, when you read this. The most difficult adjustment has been calling the boss by his first name!

Thanks for all the letters and Class scoop since last issue. Thanks especially to **Jeff & Lorraine Donald** for hanging in there and finally getting due recognition. Lorraine has been collecting bits of info while Jeff is in Korea (CO, A/1/17Inf). There with Jeff are **Rick Lucgak** (Panmunjon), **Frank Turek** (I Corps), **Tony Miller** (Eighth Army), **Jeff Schreppe**, **Ed Buntz**, and **Willy Snader**. Among other E2 mates scattered about are **Jeff Dufault** (Rgr Cmte, Dahlonga, GA), **Tom & Patty Mc Nerney** (Ft Bragg), **Bill & Ann James** (Walter Reed), **Tom & Nancy Dairs** (FAOAC, Ft Sill), **Joe & Patricia Gatti** (IOAC, Ft Benning). Again, thanks for staying after me to get in some E2 news Jeff, Lorraine, and Patrick. It's always great to hear from long, lost classmates and **Bob Jeska** is one of the longest lost. Bob has been married to Cheryl Ann Townsend well over a year now and the **Jeskas** are enjoying Germany now. As AD Staff O of the 557th Arty Gp Bob has made contact with the following: **Danny Mension** (557th Arty Gp Ord Co), **Pat Link** (557th S3), **Al Magee**, **Mark Robershotte** (557th Gp S2), and **Butch Rust** (557th HHD CO). The **Jeskas** have also had contact with **Bill & Suzie Alex** and the **Steve Skoogs**. Bill and Suzie have a 2-yr-old, Ryan, and the **Skoogs** are at Walter Reed where Steve is doing his internship. Glad to hear from you, Bob, and congrats to you and Cheryl.

Another not heard from in quite a while is **Alan Ernst**. Alan spent his entire time since Basic Cse at Ft Carson. Now a civ, he is enjoying (I think) the CA sun. Al says brother Mark has also resigned and has plans for seminary. Glad to hear it Mark; need more like you. **Dennis Heath** worked in the Sports Office at Carson with Alan for a while. Seems Dennis cleaned house in the post



1972: Harveys in Val D'Isre, France, Xmas 76.

racquetball tournament. Also from Carson, got a rumor that **Ed Freund** is out, or contemplating, and moving to Chicago. **John, Cynthia**, and **Johnny Featherstone** are out of the service and Feather works for Career Seminars out of San Fran. Anyone looking for a civ job see the man with the big grin. **A. Ernst** also reports contact with **Greg Matiya** and **Bill Walsh**, but does not know what they are doing.

Here is a good spot for the **Bill & Betty Harlan** contribution. Bill did his summer job stint at Ft Bragg in the Legal Assistance Office and is back at Duke now. The Harlans report that **Rolly & Karen Dessert** had their 4th addition last Jun 6th, daughter, **Farrell Brophy Dessert**. Rolly is in the S3, 72 Avn Bn. Congratulations to my old cellmate, **Dave Grob!** Dave married **Holly Honey** last May at Bragg. He is still the S1 of 1/5SFG. There is a bundle of news of other E3 Dragens: **John & Alyce Johnson** now have **John Franklin III**; the **Craig McKees** still doing an ordnance stint in Berlin; **Hoot Gibson** is in Tuscaloosa, AL this fall at UAL Law S; **Mike Jones** is at UUT Col of Med this fall; the **Jim Barnes'** are at Ft Knox; **Lou & Carole Canonico** are at UMD where he is studying struct engr (forget it, goats, it isn't in the dictionary—I have already looked); **Reg & Kelly Sterns** now have 2 lovely daughters (**Rebecca Michelle** is the new addition); **Ric Gorzelnik** is at Ft Rucker for flight sch (I understand the Puckeater tapes his ankles before each flight); **Bob & Dana Brown** are back in the U.S. at MI Adv Cse; **Chuck & Holly Coleman** have departed Ft Bragg for the New Engl area and a new homestead; the **McWilliams'** have started the Sig Adv Cse at Ft Gordon and John has his eye on grad sch after that; **Tom Hrivnak** returned from Korea during the summer and report is he has resigned, but no confirmation from Tom yet; and **John & Terra Maggiolino** and son **Scott** are at Ft Dix after leaving the Sig Adv Cse last Jan.

I hope the news I got from **Sid & Lynn Harvey** is not terribly old, since Sid is (was) on his 2d extension in Hanau, Germany. As of last Apr he was CO, C Co., 709 MP Bn. Both the Harveys are avid sky divers and probably have a combined record of at least 400 jumps by now. Incidentally, Sid was promoted to CPT at the right time but the wrong place—12,000 feet in the air during a free fall over St. Mere Eglise, France! During their time on the ground they have com-

pleted masters' degrees and done extensive traveling. How's that for an exciting life! **Harvey's** report that **John & Mary Cavalier** are in Champaign, IL where John is at UIN Law Sch. Also, **Paul Albers** is at SMU Law S, Dallas after leaving the Army this summer. Thanks for staying in touch **Sid** and **Lynn**.

Seems the school bug has really hit '72. Heard from **Ed** and **Mary Ellen McConaghay** this past spring and they are at Harvard where Ed is after his MBA. Last Army post for them was Ft Wadsworth, NY. **Mary Ellen** already has her master's (Parent-Child Nursing from Rutgers) and was elected to Sigma Theta Tau (you nursing ladies will recognize that as the national honor society for your profession). While in NY, they saw the **Lee Perrys** at Ft Hamilton, and awaited the return from Germany of **Dennis & Pat Donahue** during the summer. The **Donahues** also got their graduate degrees, **Denny** an MBA and **Pat** in guidance counseling. The H4 newsletter published by **Wayne Kirkbride** includes the info about **McConaghays** as well as others. **Don Tilton** was married last Apr 16 to **Rosa Hutchinson** at Ft Benning. **Don** is now busy at Ft Campbell (101st). Congrats to **Don** and **Rosa**. Attending the wedding were **Jim Hickey**, **C.J. Ergonis**, and **Wayne Kirkbride**, among other grads. **Joe Ergonis** is out of the Army, and **Ted Whitty** is on his way to Korea. Understand that **Mary Lynn** will be staying in OR while **Ted** is defending the DMZ. **Jim Hickey** is now at GA Tech and will move to WP and the Mech Dept next year. **Frank, Maureen, Butch**, and **Mike Hancock** are at Ft Drum, NY, after graduating from Rgr Sch last Mar. **Frank** is CO, HHC with the Rgrs. Recent FAOAC attendees are **Howie & Betty Smith**, **Scott & Deborah Helgeson**, and **Bill, Barb, Eric**, and **Brian Pavlick**. Add **Tec, Donna**, and **Katie Cahill** to that FAOAC list. **Wayne, Yong Hui**, and **Tammy Kirkbride** have nearly completed IOAC by now and **Wayne** is scheduled for SFOC and Ft Bragg after that.

Before getting away from the Ft Sill and FAOAC contingent let's add some more. Attending the G2 picnic at Sill in Jun were: **John, Denise, Rhonda**, and **Donna Weekly**, and **Ray Ward**. **Ray's** wife **Jane** was home in NJ at the time awaiting the arrival of their first child. **Ray** is now a civ working for **Locan Steel** out of Coatsville, PA. **John Weekly** has resigned and is at UTX, Arlington to get an MBA. **Mike McDannel** just arrived for FAOAC from a battery command in Germany. Glad you were able to handle those high level visitors, **Mike (GEN Haig, among others)**. Recently moved from Sill to Ft Hood are the **Rhodes Wilsons**.

**Lee Stinson, Joe Farrell**, and **Butch Fennema** have all left the service. **Lee** and **Katie** resigned in Europe and travelled there for 3 mos before returning to Columbus, NE, where **Lee** is working for an elect components firm. He got his MBA from Boston U. last Jan. **Joe Farrell** has just started Law Sch at the UGA. **Joe** says the 2 yrs he spent in Korea were well worth the trip and recommends a tour. Also, he would like to start an E2 newsletter for '71, '72, and '73. Here's **Joe's** address: GA Univ. Station, Box 2501, Athens, GA 30602. **Butch Fennema** reports in from his hometown of Knox, IN. That was where he spent the summer and is doing his master's internship there now. **Butch** is in the Human Relations program of the UOK. Sorry I couldn't get hold of any of the Ranger Sch pix, **Butch**, but I'll print your

address in case someone else has any: 101 Water St, Knox, IN, 46534.

After a short leave of absence from the column, **John & Joyce Lasola** report additional news. First, Jeffrey Michael was born last Jan to become the 4th J. Joyce says John Jr., now 3, is big brother in every sense of the word! The Lasolas are now at WP while John instructs in the Physics Dept. They will be living on post, and would like any '72ers to pay them a visit should the opportunity arise. Godfather to little Jeff is **Ralph Fader**, who is at Harvard Business Sch this year having resigned last Jun. Cohosts for a party with Lasolas were **Bill & Kathy Taylor**. Other '72 attendees: **Bill & Jean Henry**, **Rick & Vicky Olson**, **Tim & Helen Sanford**, and **Chris Lawlor**. Chris resigned last Jun and is presently at Stanford U. Law Sch. Thanks for regaining touch, John and Joyce!

To round out the news this time there is a gob of news from **Bill & Ann James**. They are presently living in Silver Springs, MD (4113 Tulau Dr) while Bill does his internship at Walter Reed. Bill graduated May 15th from UIN Med Sch with honors. Even with all the studying, he managed to keep up his racquetball form (1st place, Ft Ben Harrison Racquetball Tournament, among other trophies). Ann worked for 2 yrs as a dental asst at UIN before "retiring" for the move to DC. But the biggest news from the James' is the expected newcomer. Ann was due in Aug and we don't have an official statement at this time. We started out with some E2 news so why not add more, this time compliments of the James'. **Ken & Ruth Ratajczak** were with Bill and Ann 4 yrs at UIN and they will do internship at Fitzsimons Hosp in Denver. Son Kevin, Class of '97, will, of course, be there also. **Don & Nancy Bergin** are at Walter Reed while he is doing his residency in ophthalmology. By now there should be another Bergin in addition to Don, Nancy, and 3-yr-old Brittany. **Lou & Jean Reyna** have been in the DC area for 3 yrs with the last 2 at GtwnU Law Sch. Lou plays in the squash league at the Pentagon and Jean works for the American Assn of Retired Persons. **Tom & Nancy Davis** have been in Germany for 4 yrs and just recently returned to Ft Sill for FAOAC. They are due in Oct and have a 3-yr-old son, Nathan. **Greg & Lyn Hart** are at Ft Benning. They have 3 boys including a set of twins. The **Ken Vogels** are making their home in the DC area (Alexandria, in fact) while Ken is assigned to the pers cen there. Understand that Ken has his master's. **Ray Federici** plays tennis most of the time and found time to go to Korea for a year. **Wayne & Shirley Godfrey** (trans corp) are in Heidelberg and touring quite a bit. **Dave & Bea Inglee** still in Germany at last count (2/67 ADA). **Dick Amstutz** graduated from Columbia U Sch of Dentistry last May and is doing residency at Ft Bragg. Also doing internships are **Kiveon Stambaugh** (surgery), **Thom Thomassen** (rotating), and **Troy Reyna** (rotating), all at Walter Reed. **Keith James** is out of the Army and living in Laurel, MD. Thanks for all the "poop," Bill and Ann. Sorry the picture you sent wasn't published this time—the movers packed it with my household goods! For everyone else, **Bill James** and **Ken Ratajczak** haven't changed much, just older, wiser, and more mischievous. Bits and pieces from Ft Benning—**Bruce & Marine Ritter** added one last Jun; son Aaron reported for practice at 8 lbs 7 oz; a little under his playing weight says Bruce, but at least he'll have that extra step. Congrats to the Ritters. **Pete Rich** is

preparing IOBC LTS for the next big one by instructing in the Tac Dept of TIS. **Emily** and **Natalie** keep each other company while papa humps the boonies. **John Lynch** is at Emory U Law Sch (out of service). **Mike**, **Sherrye**, **Sean**, and **? Murray** have left the service and are now working for Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, MI. Please let me know your daughter's name Mike, so I can make the due correction. **Barry**, **Barb**, & **Rachel Willey** are in IOAC and have added one to the household this summer, too. **John Eberly** has resigned and is with an electr firm in TX. **Ben & Vicky Martin**, **Bruce & Sandy Barlow**, and **Geoff & Jeannie Champion** are all working in TIS. The Martins and Barlows have recently moved into new homes in Columbus. **Jim Bowden** worked in TIS for a while also, before moving on to Ft Stewart. **Bernie Stein** has resigned and is now working for IBM. **Charlie Williams** is with the Rangers at Benning and **Bill Walbueser** married **Carolyn Lyle** last 25 Jun. Congrats Wally and Carolyn.

Class Reunion info: There will be a welcoming point in Cullum Hall starting Fri, Oct 21. Go there first for info on activities (schedule of events is printed in this issue, also). Get hotel reservations NOW, if you haven't already; forget the Thayer, for obvious reasons. If you haven't received a letter from the Alumni Assn by now, it's because the mailing list is not up to date. Second most important thing is drop me a line and let me know if you are a definite attendee. I have been in touch with the Alumni Assn and numbers are increasingly vital for planning. If you still have questions (where to make reservations, etc.) contact the Alumni Office, West Point, directly since time is short. Hope to see everyone there! Practice up on the "short Rocket" for the homecoming game!

# '73

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Congratulations CPTs all! What a glorious feeling. It's been a long four years—but well worth it. No longer must we be plagued and berated with such humiliating greetings as "Good Morning L.T." Hallelujah!... By the way, when's the MAJ's board?

In this installment the Deal of Deals Award must indeed be given to **Bruce Boevers**. While assigned at Ft. Myer, VA he received orders for the U. of Vienna, Austria, to study German. Bruce was one of 9 officers who received grants from the Olmsted Fndn for attendance in the 2-year language and culture course. Best of luck in the course.

I thought there were a few resolute bachelors left amongst us until I got a wedding announcement from **Ken Travis**! Shock! Ken married **Helena Mayer** of Pompano Beach, FL (Ken's hometown) on 25 Jun. Helena is gorgeous and they'll make a super couple. Best wishes for happiness always.

News from Knox: **Chuck Franklin** reports that he left his job as S4 2/66 Arm at Ft Hood in Dec 76 and is now at the AOAC "enjoying the break from the rat race at Hood... but will be more than ready to get back to work by the time the course ends." What a testimony for challenging adv cses, no? Chuck is anxious to get to the 1 AD in Aug as are **Margie** and little **Amy** who's already 2 yrs old! Also enjoying blissful academia with Chuck are **Ron Gerbers** and

**Frank Ruvio**. While Ron will soon be heading off to grad sch and ultimately USMA, Frank is heading to Deutschland for some cold winters in Grafenwohr! Good Luck!

**Rick Rodrigues** finally arrived in Korea on 27 May is now the CO of B/1/32 Inf (Camp Howze) in the 2d Inf Div. I tried to meet him at Osan AFB as he came in—but those die-hard rangers are too fast for this 'ole AG to catch. Before he had a chance to equilibrate his system from jet lag, he was already on the job. Merciless, no? On the eve of the 27th up in Yongsan, **Tom O'Conner** and I mused over some cold refreshment that we were infinitely more lucky than he. A prospective cold winter on the DMZ seemed a most unpalatable fate.

Thrilling news from **Craig Wildrick** (who incidentally earned a MSM in his last asgmt): Firstly, Craig's been accepted by the JFK Sch of Govt at Harvard to study for a master's in public policy. Following graduation the projection is a BC and then assignment at USMA in the Dept of Soc Sci. Many congrats on such fine achievements. Secondly, **Brian Richard Wildrick** was born on 6 Apr! Brian is "our first addition to the family and we're extremely happy." Fantastic! More congrats to **Terry** and **Craig**. Also at Sill with the Wildricks are **Rich Lyons**, **Jim Styron**, **Dana Bickford**, and **John Nicodemus**.

Bringing back many happy memories of the Headliners (alias "Helmetliners") of the Glee Club was a letter from **Hank Hoffman**. Hank is the BC of HHB/1/19 FA at Carson and although somewhat disgruntled with the duty, loves the Carson area. In addition to skiing he's keeping busy with the guitar, recording intermittently, and contemplating pursuit of a musical career. Getting a folk group together again would be an absolute blast for sure. Food for thought, eh?

Reporting from Benning are **Ed & Rita Grenchus**. Ed's been the mortar co. CO in the 3/7 Inf since Sept 76 and has recently earned his black belt in Karate. Good training, wot?! Rita is keeping busy too. After earning her master's in counseling from GA State she's teaching 2d grade in Columbus.

Not too far away from Ed and Rita is **Rich Wilson** stationed at Ft McPherson. Rich was acting PM for some time, owns a beautiful condominium south of post in College Park, and is active in the Grace Evangelical Church. Every letter I've received has been overflowing with enthusiasm and Ft Mac appears to be a super assignment. If all goes as planned, I'll PCS there in Feb 78 after the AGOAC.

The stork must be getting paid overtime! A joyous card from **Al Sanborn** at Bragg proudly announced that **Christina Elizabeth** was born on 21 Apr—"and she's a living doll!" Also, born on 10 May was **Kaci Chancellor**. **Bill** and **Dana** are the rightly proud parents. **Bill** is flying for the 3d Avn Co here in Korea as is **Roth Schleck**—and they're both anxious to attend the Inf and Armor adv courses, respectively, beginning in Nov.

If you get a chance, please dash me a note and keep me posted on more goings on. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon. God Bless!



Enjoyed the Founders Day pictures in the last ASSEMBLY. Everybody looks about the same on film. Into the football season now and I hope some of ya'll can arrange to take in some Army games. QB thrills have replaced the "plunge left."

Really impressed by the response from the Europe area. Dave Petraeus sends word on the Bn Cmbt Tm in Vicenza. There's 6 '74ers there now: Boog Powell (still pumping iron) XO of A/1/509 Inf; Steve LaRocca, FO Btry D; Dave is BCT Adj; Al Walker is A/XO Btry D (after a tour in Turkey); Dennis Blasko is A/S-2 (after being detailed Inf in Ger); Jim Koenig is also A/XO in Btry D (just came from Ft Bragg). Dave says the travel and jumping have been great. Most of them have been to England, Scotland, France, Sardinia, Germany, Berlin, Turkey and all over Italy, on different exercises. Boog, Steve, Jim and Dave all have their sr wgs. Boog took a lot through the Belgian Commando and Jump Schs, while Steve and Dave have earned French and British jump wgs. To quote "The balloon jumps were great." My question is, do you jump voluntarily or when they shoot the balloon?

Mike & Sue Helford write to correct a mistake 2 issues ago. He's a BG's aide in 5th Sig Cmd, Germany. He was previously in the 8th Inf Div. Others in his AO are George Runkle in D Btry, 1/59th ADA in Wackernheim, Germany. He's been everything from PL to A/S-4 and is now XO (Chaparrals). Got him a Mercedes too. Charlie & Debbie Gates are in Bad Kreuznach where he's with the 8th Sig Bn. John Welt is a BC in 5/6th ADA on a lonely hilltop, vicinity Rockbottomhausen, Germany. Aim high! Still single too! keep up the good work John. Ed & Margaret Cerutti were at Wiesbaden with Bde 76. John & Cathy Sweeney in the CZ were expecting this summer, haven't got the results. John is an XO in a FA unit there.

A 3d letter from Germany is from Bob & Marce Bassler in Stuttgart. While at Heilbronn, Germany, he started out as a cbt engr PL, spending much of the time in the muddy German countryside. He was then an ADM PL. ADM is famous for their inspections. Norm Andersson is also an ADM PL or in an ADM co. in V Cps. Now Bob is A/Opns Off in VII Cps Staff Engr Sec. At cps level he says the experiences are mind-expanding. He married Marce in the summer of 76 in Tucson. Steve Trauth and Mike Deeter helped in the ceremony. He's been in contact with Dave & Holly Petraeus, Blair & Chris Giacometti (Augsburg), Steve Smith (78th Engr Bn at Ettlingen), Mark Joiner, Jim Hogan, Randy Tart, Brad Flora, Frank Libby, and Steve Marino.

I got in contact with Steve & Marilyn Adams about their B-I news. It seems their gang quit moving, marrying and multiplying (3 M's), but the former and latter will probably pick up soon. Steve is the S1 in the 94th Engr Bn, Germany and will probably remain so until around Dec, when he's scheduled to go to the Adv Crse on 5 Feb 78. They're sure ready to move back. Wonder why? Their address is HHC, 94th Engr Bn, APO NY 09175. Drop them a line, B-I. They add that Norm Andersson is now a Co. XO with 547th Engr Cbt Bn in Darmstadt. Greg Bean is a CO in the 54th Engr



1974: Founders Day Hawaii: (kneeling) Wells, Dickey, Filiberti, Geehan, (standing) Case, Laughlin, Lemley, Loisel, Albrecht, Knight, Martin, DiSilvio, Blunier.

Bn. Mike Milligan is now A/S-3 for 108th AD Gp. Dan O'Brien transferred from SC to CE and is a PL in the 94th. Chuck Barker is now in CSC, 1/33d AR and in the field a lot. Visiting Germany (on Bde 77) was Ken Hendricks, as did Doug Darling (on Bde 76) who returned to Ft Hood. Have to really sort through my 5 letters from Eric Vonderscheer. Somewhere there's some poop here. Oh, most incredibly he's now a BG's aide in the 3d Inf Div, Germany. He, Jean, and Andrea had spent some time in London and Ireland prior to the job change. Some extracts from his exposé: "Don't plan, just react." "Be Flexible." Pat Schado is XO in B/1/15th Inf; Champe Miller is flying Cobras near Eric, Pat and Champe are both into Rugby; John Sapanara is at Wurzburg, playing I Spy (CI Section); Bill Connor was in the 10th Engr, also has been an aide to ADC for a year or so; George Trompak is still with 1/76 Arty as an XO.

Let's get back to the States. Don & Ruth McGrath dropped a line from Ft Knox. He's finishing a year as CO of a BCT co. and is headed for Korea in Oct. Ruth and Mark Joseph (born May 76) will rtn to Philly. Also Mike & Dianne Johnson were expecting in Aug 77, Mike is CO of an AIT co. at Knox. Scott & Marie Silva have an addition to the family—Jessica Leigh on 12 Apr 77. He's in HHC 1/6th Inf, Germany. Ed & Rita Fox are expecting in Jun 77.

Jeff Anderson is found at last and it's really amazing as to what can happen in 3 yrs. For example Jeff married Cheryl Schipper after grad, they went to Knox and then to Ft Lewis. In the 2/77 Arm he was PL, A/S-4, Spt PL and XO; then as A/S-1 at Bde. Now in Sept he'll attend UWA working toward his PhD in Soc Psy and Ldshp. Also he has a daughter, Christine Jacqueline, as of 6 Nov 76 and has another "on deck" due in Dec 77 (too much baseball lately). Thanks for the interesting update, at least not everyone's been in the foxhole for 3 yrs.

Steve Bollens writes of Dan Zwack transferring to the Chem Cps. He's still at Ft Ben. At Sill with Steve is Jim Brown, with the Avn unit there. Also Guy Bourn is in the area. Steve says he's headed for Germany soon, unless....

Unbelievable at Hood was the double

wedding of Bill Chadwick and John Batiste on Jun 11. Bill was hitched to Shereen Shachnow and John to Michelle, her sister (both daughters of their Bn CO). Throwing rice were the Myers', Holwecks, Lindsays, Sharps, Larrabees, Todd Troxell (in from Ord), John Haetinger, Bill McMillan, Ed Clark, Dave Wallinger. A real D-2 affair it sounds. Scott Myers is the informer and he also tells of Dale Mowry marrying Nancy Ernst in Naperville, IL on 18 Jun. Ralph Holweck is attending Sur Of Cse at Sill. Chuck Kuklenski and Pete Zeigler are still S-2ing it up at Hood too.

Hey what does a guy do to get his picture in the Army Times? Caught by the flash were Tom Brennen with his ruggers at Bragg and Vic Roeske with his new wife, Karen, also at Bragg.

John & Laraine McCoy in AK have an addition, Carol Jayne, on 2 Jun 77. He's in AK until next May. Tng consists of summer—mtn and glacier tng; winter—cold weather, snow movement tng. He's the CG's aide at present, after being PL, XO, S1, Mort PL. His family is anxious to PCS to the lower 48.

In Kor, Jim Martin is still XO'ing it, keeping hectic. His couple of trips to Seoul reminds him of trips to NYC from the Point. Jim's trying for Rgr Sch in 78. In Korea he's run into Paul O'Sullivan, a pilot for A Co., 2d Avn Bn, and Dave Herbison, in the S4 shop of 1/17th Inf, Cp Casey.

Now for police call... Jim Chafin is a co-pilot for B-52's at Carswell AFB, TX, and recently his crew was cited for outstanding performance. George Fenton (MC) was married to Vicky a while back. Dave Fastabend married Mary Findlay in summer 75, been at Bragg and is now headed to MIT this fall. Doug Shaw is married and headed for an HI asgmt this fall. For those interested, one can apply for a HI tour with a "dream sheet," check under long tour—paradise. Dennis & Pat Miller have a baby boy, Brian Sheehan; they're in Mainheim, Germany. Randy Vollmer is now an XO in CZ. Joe & Mary Bonnet are now there with the 193d. Harry Williams (Ord) is married, honeymooned in HI. Jack McGeehee is now in JAG. Rick Vincent (Carson) was on Bde 77. Dave Siegel is a Bn Adj in Germany. Don Dubia (Carson) is tuned into paddleball: \$50 racquet with a \$100 kill shot. Mike Lombardi

married Carol, they're at Knox. Joe & JoAnn Murphy have extended a year at Ft Ben. Rich & Fannie Hornburg are at DC, they both have their real estate licenses and have been moonlighting, a little, maybe, almost, not even. Ed Fox is married and is on an extended honeymoon at Ft Knox.

HI poop. Jim Doyle is LnO for 1/14 Inf in HI, Bill Johnsen is in the 1st Bde S3 shop, Clint Blunier and Mike Reopel are XO's of CSC's, Brian Geehan says he's slated for SMO in Feb/Mar, then the TC Adv Cse. Milt Spaulding, you will note, will attend Harvard Law Sch in the fall, not NC Law Sch. Bill Albrecht and Mark Andreotta are both aides here in HI. Mark & Valerie are expecting soon too. Mary & Ed Filiberti have a boy. Anthony, as of recent happening. Steve DiSilvio has been involved with MAX WAC here. It's an evaluation of women's field performance.

A few orders: Going to Korea are Conrad Crane, Ed Jones, Dave Neeley, Ray Saunders, Keith Saddler, Greg Parlier, Mo Ingalls, Rick Binger, Rich Kornacki, Renard Rozzoni, Jay Byrne, Ken Hicks, Mike Kelly, Jim Relyea, Ned Chabot, Neil Krukar, Geary Bauman, Sean Murray, and Chris Sargent (the last 3 from Rucker). To Rucker are Herm Yezak, Bob Kimsey, Ray Peterson; Jim Loy was a dist grad at Rucker. Tom Leahy to Ft Stewart. Al Banks is in HHC. 1/75th Rgrs (Stewart). Whit Duskin, Dwight Helton, and Jeff Sachau to Germany; Mike Campo was on the Army Wrestling Tm, won an interservice championship. Lee Van Arsdale to Ft Devens and San Fran.

I'm seeing a lot of orders to the adv cses but know they won't take effect for a while. If I get wind of definite sch attendance dates, I'll put it out so to promote parties at the branches. OK?

Well, there's 2 kinds of people in the world, those that write and those that don't, and I'm waiting for the majority to put that pen to paper. My next deadline is the last week of Sept. Enjoy!

# '75

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Hope everyone's enjoying those silver bars. Letters have been coming in but try to write so I receive them before the 20th of my deadline month. Jun found 6 letters arriving on the 27th, 3 on the 28th which makes me late on deadlines when I wait to include their info. Mail from Germany to WP takes about 5 days.

Enough of administration, turning to Lewis, John McMurray wrote to fill the void Lewis has occupied in some of the past articles. He's now an S2 and loves Seattle shows. His initial intel was Luigi Magnanti and Dan Stroud have pretty wives, which is a great start! Dave & Fran Ridenour are expecting company late this summer while Scott & Debbie Christensen are with John in the 864th Engr Bn. Jim Wark and Mike McBiles labor in another Engr Bn while Ches Harris feels persecuted as the Motor Officer in the only mech unit on post. Mike Vane spends all his time on the handball courts where he recently won the Post championships. For those who are afraid to use their china, Howie & Paula Buch sell plastic dishes while Howie moonlights as a SigO. Gus Murby and Gary Koenig play shiek in the sands of Yakima with their



1975: (L-R): The Bakers, Connors, Umanos', Kaighs, Morris', Hoffman and date, and Eccleston.

tanks most of the time. On the other hand, Marty Briggs-Hall and Carl Barthelson are usually seen walking in classic Inf roles. Jack Craven was discovered in the Cascades during a Nucl Acct Control Exercise. Prowling the Lewis area between raindrops are Mark Girolamo, Mike Spasyk, Rich Swetman, Kevin Wardlow, Keith McNeely, John Brandt, Steve Branscom and Ed Shaffer. Dan Bonney and Bob Caslen are recent marriage victims, congratulations.

Dave & Leila Rehbein have departed HI, so Dave can chase neutrons in grad sch at UMN. They should be proud parents by this time. Greg Bender finished up his 2d yr of med sch at Creighton, looking and acting like a med stu (vs Paul Schaeffer who does neither). Dave Tate has a BCT co. at Knox and will soon marry a Nashville girl.

Carson sends word from Brian Fitzpatrick. He and Celeste were married at the Catholic Chapel on 26 Mar. Jim Hughes, Jim Pettit, Lynn Westbrook and Bill Lloyd were in attendance. Bill already has a "doctor haircut." Jim Hughes loves cocking cannon and Lynn's keeping the engrg straight at Rucker. Brian's brother was in the wedding party walking sideways as a baby crab, Class of '80. Brian reports he's now the owner of 44 AVLB's and an assault platoon. Ron Baynes is an XO in the 1/10th Inf while TC Wallace has the scouts with 1/11 Inf and a dislocated shoulder from Rugby.



1975: Ft Huachuca: the Scalos (left) and the Finkelsteins.

Paul Bonney wrote he's enjoying a beverage of Coors and Guinness  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ . It cuts the Carson dust. The 4th Div is invading Europe for Reforger so Layton Cain took his shepherd home by way of OMO at Knox.

Joe & Jeana Scalo sent news from Ft Huachuca. They're 3 now with Alison Marie born in Mar. Joe's been traveling, he spent Apr, May at Bragg and Jun on leave in NJ. For all A-1 grads, how far is the chain letter? Jeana is starting another one this summer. Leo & Sue Flor have a baby girl, Camille Susan, born in early Apr while Lennie & Laurie Grasso were expecting an addition in May. Steve Stacey was married on 26 Jun at Bliss, to whom I don't know yet, sorry about that Mrs. Stacey.

Phil & Pam Baker wrote from Polk. Phil's got a 4.2 plt and enjoyed IMPOC at Benning. Pam's teaching 1st grade at the elem sch. Tom & Squeak Connors just bought a house and moved in at the end of Jun. Dave Morris hit San Fran in Aug. Henry Umanos is selling burglar and smoke alarms if anybody wants to help his business. George Kaigh has been busy. He was training in Panama and then he went to Bliss. Who knows where he is now, Jane wants to know.

Steve Townes wrote just missing my last deadline with a book labeled, "Fort Stewart News." Still missing that Founders Day pic, though Steve graduated in top 10% of his Lancero class. There were officers from 13 nations in the course. If the pic makes Steve look "burned out" he was! "Tropical Sprue" made him quite sick. He spent 3 wks in the Stewart hosp after his return. The sturdy cook pot and beard were SOP.

He and John Chapel are now in the 1st Rgr Bn doing handsprings over getting such great slots. PJ Ferrara is still building Stewart with the 92 Engrs while Wayne Hallgren and John Dornstadt cock cannons. Jeff Perry has a TOW Plt while Lance Jordan has a Scout Plt. Steve has a good word about Stewart: "Fort Stewart is really building up into a 1st class post in terms of housing, facilities and service. Troop-wise it's literally mushrooming. This is a hell of an asgmt for an Info, lots of field work and plenty of challenge, inherent in being in a newly activated div."

Turning from hard working Steve to our own lazy Paul Schaeffer, we find Paul has spent his summer traveling around visiting those of us who work in green. He admits a recent escape from marriage. Let's hope his luck continues, I'd hate to be the only



1975: Bob Caslen's wedding, April 77.

bachelor Class Officer, besides he might spend our money on a wife. He does report our financial status to be more than adequate for a "big blowout" at 5-yr reunion time. Everyone should start thinking of ways to spend the money and more importantly someone to plan how we're going to actually spend it in Jun 80.

Paul mentioned Jim Mark was wed to Marty Tallman at WP in Jun while Mark Siemer is married, has a baby and is hiding at Ft Hood "all calmed down."

Don Taylor's wife Paula gave birth in Jan to a beautiful 8 lb boy named Donald. She and the baby are living in Sarasota, FL. So all you B-lers write from across the world at large.

Bob Mochos is in Italy gaining weight rapidly on pasta and wine. Bob Nelson an MP at McClellan will marry in early fall while Jim Slavin will be married by Aug. Bruce Hulsart, who for 4 yrs at WP lived Inf, has become an Engr as has Bernie Farmer over here in Germany. Paul has applied for a 4-yr residency at Tripler AH in HI. After med sch in Miami, he needs a colder climate, not HI.

Fritz & Sari Jo Burnett sent a note from Campbell announcing the arrival of Virginia May on 25 Apr.

Chip & Pam Cleckner wrote from Bragg. Joe Langan and Eric Troup are in their Bn. By this writing, they should be proud parents along with Bill & Margot Campsey. Ralph & Kathleen Ghent have a young son. Pam reported that Jim Pettit attended Jim Rabon's wedding in RI while Steve Lollis was married in Apr. Pam had a line for those of us die hard bachelors. "Slowly, but surely, you're all going down for the count." Hang on, there is still hope for some of us.

News in Germany found Dave Rittenhouse looking for medics at Range Control in Baumholder. His wife was transferred from HI to Nürnberg so he was transferred also.



1975: Townes on "Lancero" patrol in the Andes Mts. Beard and pot are "SOP."

The weather's better for Engrs over here anyway. '75 had the largest group at Heidelberg for Founders Day. I was in Graf for ARTEP but Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Lutz took pics and reported that we had the most fun and as a Class set the tone. Dorian & Sherril Anderson have a baby boy, Dorian Jr., who came into the world after his parents had just experienced a hard night of partying at the O Club. Rumor has it that Sherril had to beat Dorian awake to get to the hosp. Dean & Mary Morningstar are also parents of a little boy. John Deacon has branch transferred to Ord and is now assigned up in Worms. Baumholder misses him already. Back in Apr, while in Graf for a maint crse a mini-union was held for a week. Those in attendance included, Barry Pepper, George Sanford, Jim Burton, Roy Allison, Tim Bolyard and myself. Others in Graf included Dan Coles and Chuck Motson firing 175's. Mel deVilbliss and Mike Girrard were found playing pinball in the club every night. John Fiedler assigned to Graf as Engr spt loves his Seventh Army Tng Ctr because he's on his own. Barry Pepper has developed into an outstanding partier though he still sleeps in class.

On "Certain Fighter," I ran into Reinhart Ratz at 0300 in some woods near Fulda. We were both out on recons for units on the same side so we exchanged 8 digit grids on opposing force CP's and trains locations. It made the next day very pleasant when the problem started. After the problem, while loading up in a quarry, I found Fred Abt standing among a mass of 113's and a moment later MR Williams arrived in a skidding jeep going more sideways than forward. They are both enjoying life with 4th Bde, 4th ID located in beautiful Wiesbaden.

Jim Harris is still in Korea. He extended until late Nov. He's in a hawk site in the middle of nowhere and has no idea who else is left over there.

Mike & Lynne Conners are located in Herzogenaurach where Lynn works as a secy for 1st Army Spt Cmd and Mike gets transferred back and forth between VII Corps and 1AD like a ping pong ball. Lynne says she's tired of changing patches every few weeks. Mike is with a Target Acquisition Btry which everyone wants. Chris & Stephanie Ferguson were in Herzo but moved to Augsburg when Chris became BC Wroth's aide. Mike and Lynne see a lot of Jeff & Barb VanKeuren, who live in Nürnberg. They've seen Austria several times together on skis.

Keep the news coming, Xmas is just around the corner.

# '76

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This issue is supposed to be the doldrums as far as news goes but your letters show differently. I hope my pen lasts.

Our long lost pres Jim Warner sent some news. Apparently Steve Miller got married recently. Jim says that he's keeping a list of classmates that are at Ft Bragg.

Keith Walker has the list for Ft Bliss and Ron Johnson has volunteered to ferry messages etc. around Europe.

Ron's note from Europe said that he's really enjoying himself in a combat engr bn in Europe as S4. He's seen a bunch of folks over there including Steve Ricks, B.J.

Lachner, Jim Dumolt, Todd Decker, L. Keene and Gordy Cerow.

Nanette Gordon (John's wife) sent a really nice letter. They've been in Kaiserslautern, W. Germany since Thanksgiving. John's spending a lot of time in the field as a PL with the 1st Sig Bn. They've got a baby by the time this comes out—due 17 May.

Bill Clingempeel and Earl Madison are now in John's bn and Earl is apparently engaged. Nanette says they saw Steve & Valerie Ricks (Steve's 2d plug), Jim & Pattie Moerkerke, and Mike & Carol Thompson at a 7th Sig Bde function in Heidelberg. Bill & Vicki Sipes are also close to the Gordons in Augsburg where Bill's with the 534 Sig Co. Mark Dulong and Maureen Regan are getting married 13 Aug in NJ. Jack & Cathie Dearing were married 27 Dec at WP and they're probably in Erlanger, W. Germany by now. Al & Donna Carroll are at Ft Leonard Wood. John Johnson is an Engr PL at Ft Campbell. Vicki Sipes told Nanette that she and Bill ran into Max Thompson in Stuttgart. Bill Rue, Vicki's cousin, is getting married on 23 Jul.

Dan Korzym has been in Ansbach with the 1/37Arm since Feb and Gail should be with him by now. Paul & Cathy Wilson are at Ft Riley where Paul's a PL with the 121 Sig Bn. Cathy says that Steve & Teresa Vernon and Mark & Patty Harvey are with them at Riley. Nanette's last comment was that Ron & Cathy Squires are doing well at Ft Hood.

Doug Brown sent our first substantial news out of the CZ. Dick Jackson got down there in the end of May and took his place in a pure WP Co. The other 2 PLs are John Goetchius and Steve Fondacaro. All are in 4/20Inf.

Kevin Higgins and Carlos Negrete are on the Atlantic side of the CZ. "Topo" Topolewski has apparently been working under pressure—everybody in the world was watching his plt the first time he went into the field. Emmett MacDonough and Doug are in B/22 FA. Don Hicks just got down to CZ. He's with the new MII co. which consists of a CPT, Donny, the 1SG, and a clerk. Should be interesting!

Rick Munson enjoying life in Korea. His only complaint is that he doesn't have an oven so he can't do any baking! John Reidt and Mike Rooney are in the same co, over there. Brian Tolliffe got over to Korea in Jan. Guy Swan's been seen wandering around Seoul by Rick. Rick says he saw Rudy Valentino at the Founders Day dinner. Rudy's stationed somewhere out in the boonies so he apparently is a social ghost.

Ky White wrote that Cindy had a baby girl—Amanda Kay—on the 21st of Mar. Brian & Betty Moretti are at Ft Knox and they have a baby due in Sept. Carol & Dan Murphy at Ft Lewis are also expecting. John Lemza is doing well at Ft Ord in a leg inf unit. Eric Gerencser is in a BCT unit at Ft Bliss and John Compton should be in Germany by now.

Doug & Vikki Slaybaugh have settled in to a nice town called Rodenbach, a suburb of Frankfurt. They recently saw Patti & Bill Monk in Crailsheim, close to Heidelberg. Rick & Cathy Blair are now in the same area where Rick's with 2/75FA.

Gretchen & Walt Sutterlin are living in a townhouse in Pacific Grove, CA. Walt's at Ft Ord where he's just finished a month and a half long evaluation of REACTRAIN.

Kevin Woody wrote a small book from Ft

Bragg. He says that **Mike Beale** finally finished Rgr Sch after bouts of scarlet fever and pneumonia. Appropriately, he married **Jack Midgeley's** sister who is a RN. **Tim Decker** was married in St Louis in Feb and is now at Ft Carson. **Stan Stajduhar** was married in Dec and should be in Germany by now. Kevin himself got married in Oct to a 2LT in MI who outranks him by 2 mos. (She has no problems getting him to do the dishes.) By the way Kevin, how about letting us know her name for the next issue?

**Jose Cuellar** was best man at Kevin's wedding. He'll be at Bragg by Jun or Jul. **Bill Caldwell's** doing well at Bragg as is **Root Rollinson**. **George Thompson's** also there with the 50th Sig. **Mike Pilkey's** spending his time with the Abn Engrs.

**Jan & Shane Stonesifer** sent us news of the Pacific NW. Shane was an honor grad in SOBC. He's the A/CO with the 3/34FA at Ft Lewis. He is lonesome for Sig. They've got a crop of Siberian Husky pups coming in so they said to send any puppy requests. **Mark Romaneski** and **Ed Flynn** are also in 3/34 and are sharing a house. Apparently, they're called the Bobsey Twins in the bn but are split up by now cause Mark's marrying **Kara** on 4 Jun. **Dave Anderson's** also in 3/34 as an FO and he's getting married in Aug. **Skip Hall** (1/11FA) and his wife are expecting a family addition soon. Likewise, **Jim & Barbara Trayers** (80 Ord), **Ed & Lynn Schultz** (58 Sig Gp), and **Ken & Bobbi Pamperin** (58 Sig) are all expecting kids in Aug about one wk apart. **Paul & Janet Migaki** are trying to work out a schedule so that they can see each other. With his long hours and her substitute teaching and coaching a U. tennis team, they sometimes run into each other.

**Mike & Mary Wickham** were married on the 28th of Feb at WP. He's at Lewis with the 58 Sig. **Al Privitt's** with the 1/67 ADA and spends much of his time charming young ladies—according to **Jan Stonesifer**. Jan closed by saying that anyone who sees **Ron & Cathy Squires** should ask them about a GA skunk who invited himself into their tent for a midnight snack while they were all on a camping trip.

**Rich Rogers** writes from Kitzingen, W. Germany that he's been skiing in Austria with **Jack Sterling**, **Steve Cass**, and **John Taylor**. **Rich & Susie Oelslager** are doing fine in Bamberg where Rich is a FO. Rich saw **Bruce Berwick** at a spring beer fest—Bruce is in Fürth with **Jack Sterling**. **Lee Corney** is with Rich in the 10th Engr Bn. **Jeff Moyer** is apparently spending odd hours on an ADA site near Bad Kissingen. **Neil Youngberg** and his wife are in Kitzingen where he's a PL in an Arm unit. Rich's last note was that his wife **Ann** is pregnant. From this MS, it seems like the newest fad!

**Wally Schrepel** married **Pat** on 27 Jun 76 at WP and they're now at Ft Ord where at last note he was a PL with 2/17Inf. Pat's expecting in Nov.

**George Greenlee** sent word that he was married to **John Cal's** cousin, **Encarnita Prudo** on 10 Mar in New Orleans. He, **John** and **Craig Korvach** all graduated together in the 4-77 winter Ranger class on 10 Mar.

I haven't heard from **Gary Annunziato** since mid-Mar while he was on convalescent leave due to a car acdt on New Year's. I know

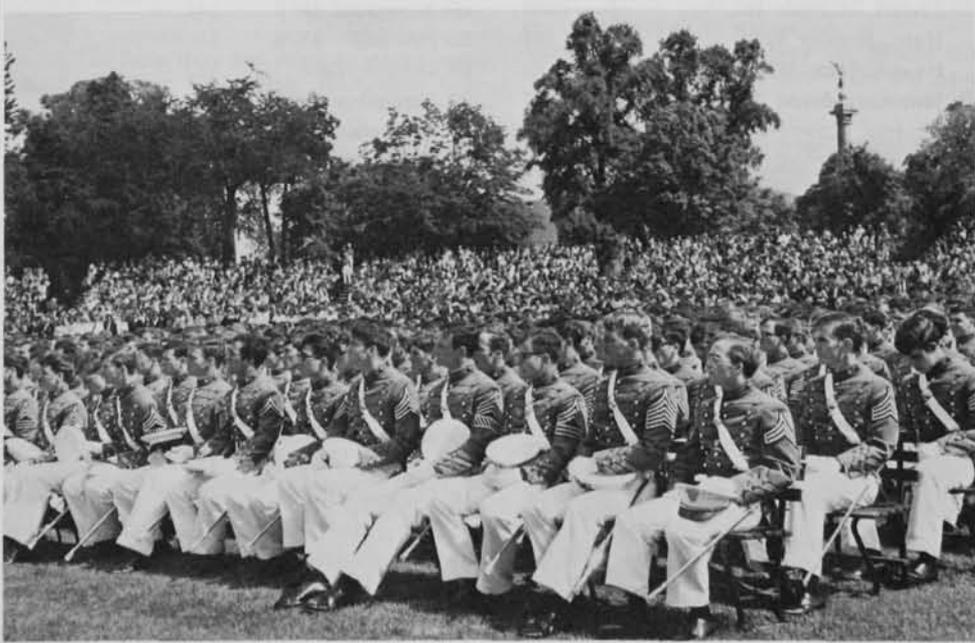
the folks in the CZ are waiting expectantly for him.

**Mark Grimes**, **Carl Kikerpill** and **Bruce Chudoba** are all rousting about in Germany. Hope the Mosel vineyards can stand the drain.

I had the opportunity to be in **Dennis & Jane Thompson's** wedding on 18 Jun in Lafayette, LA. Other folks there included

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LT Cornelius H. Goebertus  
4531 Montair Avenue, Apt. 15  
Long Beach, CA 90808



**Dale Vincent** who's doing a summer medical clerkship in TX while waiting for med sch to start up again. **Bob Pikna** from Ft Polk also made it to the wedding. He's another Bn S4 but from his tan it was easy to see that his golf game's doing OK.

That's about all of it. Believe it or not, next issue's right before Xmas. Make me work for a living and send a lot of news.



# 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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## Jack Whitehead Heard

NO. 4903 CLASS OF 1910

Died 25 October 1976 in Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 89 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



JACK WHITEHEAD HEARD

*"If I take the wings  
of the morning  
Even there shall  
Thy hand lead me"*

THIS BIBLICAL excerpt was the watchword of a pioneer aviator whose most exciting and exhilarating experiences in a 41-year Army career came during the 1916-1919 era when he was one of America's first military pilots. Throughout his life he treasured his membership in "The Early Birds," a select group which must have soloed not later than 1916.

Major General Jack W. Heard was born to the Service—and especially to the Cavalry. His father was of United States Military Academy Class of 1883 (awarded the Medal of Honor during the Spanish-American War) and his grandfather fought with Forrest's Mississippi Cavalry. Jack's first Army post was actually old Fort Davis in West Texas to which he travelled by stagecoach with his mother in 1888—heavily escorted by a detachment of the 3d Cavalry—to join his father. After a boyhood of travelling about in the Army, he was graduated from West Point in 1910 and received his choice of assignments, to the 7th Cavalry, accompanying it to the Philippines a year later. It was here, in 1912, that he became intrigued with one of the two airplanes then owned by the Army and, with neither training nor authorization, took it on a solo flight over Manila Bay. Repeated applications for detail to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps went unheeded until he was finally ordered to the Signal Corps Aviation School in August 1915. Meanwhile, 1914 had been spent with the 14th Cavalry on the Texas border where, as commander of the Eagle Pass Detachment, he met Ella McCarthy who was, in 1917, to become his wife for 59 years. Disqualified medically from the Army flying school, he sought a civilian one and later related that "It was the greatest thrill of my life when I graduated by doing a series of figure 8's around two pylons and

landed with a dead engine within a 200 foot circle." He received Aviator Pilot Certificate number 485.

1916-1918 saw Jack rise meteorically from second lieutenant, Cavalry, to lieutenant colonel, Air Corps. During this time he served as first commander of flying at Kelly Field, commander of Scott Field, Illinois, and later of Payne Field, Mississippi. In 1919 he organized and led the Flying Circus—a group of stunt pilots who were the forerunners of today's Thunderbirds. Then, the war over, he returned to the Cavalry—and also to the Regular Army grade of captain! There followed assignments as head of motorization tests for the Cavalry, the Organized Reserves, the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, the Cavalry School and Board at Fort Riley and squadron commander in the 4th Cavalry at Fort Mead (South Dakota). Then came the Army War College, Navy War College, Industrial College and, after a tour with the Chief of Cavalry's office, to the senior course at the Navy War College. He was always proud of the large number of military schools he had attended—even including a Cooks and Bakers School!

In 1937 he abandoned the horse Cavalry for the new mechanization and reported for duty with the 1st Cavalry (Mechanized) at Fort Knox. The next six years were, except for his aviation days, the most memorable of his career, comprising assignment to the 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mechanized), the Mechanized Cavalry Board, commander of the 13th Cavalry (Mechanized), commander of the Armored Force Training Center and culminating in command of the 5th Armored Division (1941-1943) which he took to California for desert training.

Even after his retirement in 1946, he spent thirty full and active years. Jack was interested in everything from philately and numismatics to astronomy, rose culture, history and finance. He wrote and had published in 1969 his autobiography—copies of which were requested by numerous libraries, museums and scholars. Among his many associations were: the Newcomen Society, Military Order of the World War, 32d degree Mason, Early Birds, Association for the Blind, and the Witte Museum of San Antonio.

Each summer of retirement he commuted with Ella from their San Antonio winter home to their Silver Lake, New Hampshire summer place—being active in the community and with many friends in both locations. The latter especially gave him an opportunity to spend vacation time with his children and thirteen grandchildren and their families—all of whom considered his home theirs. One of his greatest thrills came in 1974 when he took the review of the Corps as the Oldest Graduate present and watched 4th generation United States Military Academy Stephen (Class of 1978) march by.

Jack left behind his beloved wife Ella, of San Antonio; sons, Colonel John (retired), United States Military Academy Class of 1942, Ralph, and Lieutenant Colonel Richard (retired); daughter, Elizabeth (wife of General John R. Deane Jr., United States Military Academy Class of 1942); brother, General Townsend Heard; and his saddened grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was blessed with a long, happy, interesting and successful life—which he enjoyed and of which he took the fullest advantage. He often said that "God has had me by the hand since birth." What more could anyone expect of life?

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## Edwin Coit Kelton

NO. 5334 CLASS OF 1915

Died 3 November 1976 in San Diego, California, aged 85 years.

Entombment: Greenwood Mausoleum, San Diego, California

EDWIN COIT KELTON was born in Columbus, Ohio, on 26 September 1891, youngest son of Frank and Belle (Coit) Kelton. He attended schools in Columbus. After two years at Ohio State University, he received a Senatorial appointment to West Point in 1911. Though stricken with appendicitis and ill for three months, he graduated with the illustrious Class of 1915, and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He and Florence Gage Hatten were married on 15 July 1916, with Layson E. Atkins (Tommy) as best man.

After graduation his first assignment was at The Engineer School, interrupted by the Mexican Expedition and the war years. As captain of the 6th Engineers, he took them to France; Mother and many of the other wives marched beside them as they departed from the train station. "Over there" he constructed camps, organized the III Corps Engineer School, served at the Marne, and at Metz, and elected to go with the 6th to Ochterdung, Germany, in command of the 2d Battalion.

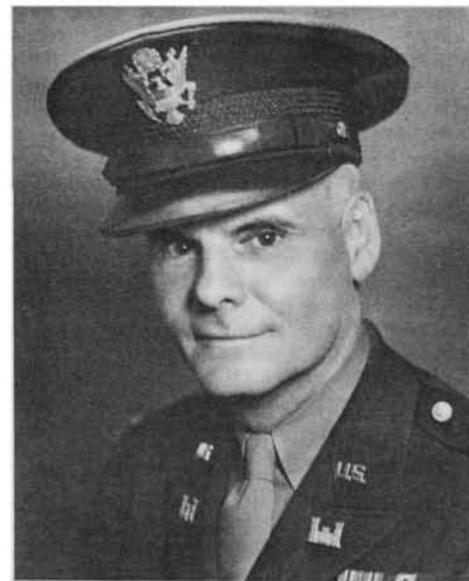
In 1919 he returned to the United States, assigned as instructor in Electrical Engineering at Fort Belvoir where my sister and I were born.

For the next year he was Assistant District Engineer and Acting District Engineer of the Norfolk District. He received his degree in Electrical Engineering in 1924 from Cornell University and for three months was senior engineer instructor at Camp Devens.

His next tour of duty was in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War, helping to plan for the country's mobilization in time of war. He graduated in the second class of the Army Industrial College.

A real engineering challenge was given to him in working in the Memphis Dredging District, later combined with the Memphis Engineering District in the construction of levees, willow mats and keeping the Mississippi River open to navigation.

By 1934 we were back in Washington where Dad was first a student in the Army War College and then an instructor in the



EDWIN COIT KELTON

Army Industrial College serving as liaison officer with the State Department for a while.

His next assignment was to take command as a lieutenant colonel of the 14th Engineers, Philippine Scouts at Fort William McKinley. His eighteen years away from troops had not affected his efficiency or ability to get things done. Their motto "Tana"—Let's Go (and get it done)—has been a guiding motto of my life. The work then included building the roads in Bataan and enlarging the runways of Clark Field.

In 1938 he returned to the United States to be District Engineer of the Los Angeles District which at that time had the most flood control work of any in the nation. When World War II started in 1941 the Engineers were charged with building Luke and Davis-Monthon air bases, the Japanese concentration camps, training areas and water provisions for General Patton's desert troops. In all \$200,000,000 worth of construction was provided in one year alone. For this, Dad received the "Commendation Ribbon with Pendant for Meritorious Achievement, American Theater, 7 December–21 July 1942."

In July 1942 he was appointed Director of the Pan American Highway through six different countries. The theater of war changed before it could be completed.

He then became Division Engineer of the Pacific Engineer Division and Engineer of the Ninth Service Command. The work covered the majority of Army and Air Corps facilities construction and maintenance in the eight western states as well as the storage and shipping of engineer supplies to the entire Pacific Theater. For this he earned the Distinguished Service Medal.

Following his retirement from the Army for physical disability in May of 1945, he became Beach Erosion Control Engineer for the state of California, which led into being the chief engineer of Division of Beaches and Parks. He was active for seven years in the planning and construction of California's Park System, one of the most attractive in the nation.

Retiring permanently in 1952, he and Mother travelled in Europe for a year, finally setting in a lovely hilltop home in La Mesa, California, where they lived for 26 years. After Mother's death there, much of Dad's zest for living slowed down. He did enjoy visiting with friends and family and reading his mail from friends and family all over the United States. He kept up with current affairs, and his business files were in perfect order. On 3 October he suffered a stroke of major proportions and passed away on 3 November 1976 at the Navy Regional Medical Center in San Diego.

He was given full military honors by a detachment especially flown from Fort Ord, and now lies beside his beloved Florence, to whom he would have been married 65 years in July, in Greenwood Mausoleum in San Diego, California.

Various organizations claimed his membership: Ohio State University Alumni; Alumni of Cornell University; Military Order of World Wars; La Jolla/San Diego Chapter of West Point Society, of which he was once president; life member and fellow of the American Society of Military Engineers; Sons of the American Revolution; The Permanent Association of Navigation Congresses; and the La Mesa Chapter of the American Red Cross.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fred C. Nelson Jr. (Frances) of San Diego, and Mrs. John M. Lentz (Florence); and one son, Edwin C. Kelton Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Retired. Florence lives

in Marysville, Ohio, and Ed in Seattle. Also, he leaves nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, five nephews and one niece.

He lived by and instilled in us the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

*"And when our work is done,  
Our course on earth is run,  
May it be said, "Well done,  
Be thou at peace."  
E'er may that line of gray  
Increase from day to day,  
Live, serve and die, we pray,  
West Point, for thee."*

Edwin Kelton lived, served and died in that tradition of West Point, always doing his duty to God and the country he loved. He was challenged by his work, enjoyed his life, and was devoted to his family. "Go in Peace, thy work is done." He has built the bridge for the youths who may come that way.

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### Robert William Strong

NO. 5385 CLASS OF 1915

Died 16 October 1975 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 85 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"WHEREVER HE GOES he cannot fail to do credit to himself and the Corps—We all have confidence in Bob's ability to show the world what West Point always tries to instill in the hearts of its sons—Duty, Honor, and Country."

So have his classmates spread their testimony on his page of their HOWITZER, after repeatedly electing him President of the Class of 1915.

Bob Strong was born in Kingsville, Ohio, on 12 March 1890. He was appointed to West Point from that state's Twentieth District after two years at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, and entered the Academy as one of the oldest in his class. During his four years he distinguished himself as captain of the hockey team, a member of the polo squad, and as cadet captain of "B" Company.

He graduated as an enthusiastic cavalry man—and with greater enthusiasm immediately married Mildred Malin (Midge), his fiancée of four long years. During World War I, he was transferred to the Field Artillery for combat duty in France and Germany as a Battalion Commander in the 77th Regiment



ROBERT WILLIAM STRONG

of the Fourth Division. Back to the Cavalry after the war, there followed assignments at West Point—first as an instructor in the Department of Drawing—and then most unusually for a "non-engineer"—in the Department of Engineering under "P" Mitchell.

Other "between wars" assignments include The Cavalry School at Fort Riley; Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth; student status at L'Ecole de Cavalerie at Saumur, France; command of the old Seventh Regiment at Fort Bliss; duty in the office of the Chief of Cavalry and the War Department General Staff in Washington, D.C.; student at the Army War College—interspersed with more Cavalry and armored troop command at Oglethorpe, Knox and Polk. Our involvement in World War II brought on an immediate tour in Africa as Chief of Staff of an Army Air Force Command until 1943.

Bob got his star with his two-year assignment back at Riley as Commanding General of the Cavalry Replacement Training Center. In 1945 he was selected to activate the United States Military Group in Peru, which he headed for two years. He returned to the United States as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico—where he retired in 1950 after a full and active thirty-five years of dedicated and honorable service.

Bob and Midge selected Tucson as a permanent home—and there enjoyed twenty-five wonderful years together. They spent the hot summer months at their cottage in western Quebec, and were busy during the rest of the year with travel and cultural, social, and community affairs with old and new friends in Arizona.

Bob died peacefully at age eighty-five after two years in a Tucson nursing home. He is buried in the West Point Cemetery. His wife Midge, and one of his three sons survive him and reside in Tucson. His second son, Walter, died in infancy at West Point. His third son, Gordon (United States Military Academy Class of 1946) was killed in action in Korea.

I, Bob Jr., am his first and surviving son. It is my honor and privilege to be of his blood—and to record here briefly his span of life—during which he earned so much respect, admiration, and affection from so many.

—RWS Jr. (USMA '40)

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### Holland Luley Robb

NO. 5500 CLASS OF 1916

Died 18 October 1975 at Sun City, Arizona, aged 81 years.

Interment: La Crosse, Wisconsin

THE WRITER is superbly assisted in writing the resumé of the life of Colonel Holland L. Robb by having his autobiography, which he intended for his descendants. The final line of the autobiography avers, "Now, perhaps those who follow will say Grandpa wasn't such a bad old fellow after all!"

Holland was the third child of Emma and John Robb. He was born on 5 February 1894 at Gays Mills, Wisconsin, near Prairie du Chien. The mill which ground grain for the district had been established by his grandfather and great uncle. Two families, the Robbs and Gays, had intermarried three times; the families which evolved then made many double cousins.

Holland's youth in Wisconsin and later in Saint Paul followed the usual run of "The good old days of the early 1900's." His

father for various reasons moved his family often, interrupting the children's schooling. By age sixteen, Holland, with an excellent memory and drive to learn, had finished high school, but was kept home a year to do hard farm work while his older brother was at college and his father held a travelling job. He took the examination for West Point, but failed in math twice. On the third try, with some tutoring and in spite of varicose veins, he won the nomination when the principal candidate failed physically. Holland entered West Point 1 August 1912. All his cadet letters have been saved and are being enjoyed by his family, especially the grandson of a niece, who is now a cadet suffering the rigors of his first months of hazing at the Point.

Holland had kept West Point in the back of his mind ever since, at age eight, he had watched a young cadet on furlough, in dress uniform, saunter past with a pretty girl on each arm. He liked the uniform and attention, but was then decidedly disinterested in girls!

Holland and the other fourteen late entrants at the Point had unusually hard adjustments to make, but he was wise enough to realize the schooling was a privilege. His sense of humor and philosophical objectivity saved his spirit from collapsing under the hurts of the hazing. He wrote his parents that the ridiculous, overbearing demands for his chin and stomach in—pulling could barely be endured without a snicker. He had a characteristic chuckle that saved him from many unbearable situations. In his home it was a gentle balm in domestic differences.

Holland's intellectual devotion surpassed his yen for athletic prowess and he gave up football when it left him too tired to study. He graduated 24th in his class of 125.

He reported first to Eagle Pass, Texas, where he got a taste of border duty and served for a time with his former roommate, T.D. Finley. By April 1917 he took his company to Washington, D.C. He arrived the night before war was declared on Germany, and was struck with the many obvious indications of our unpreparedness. His men were on guard around the White House, and he himself was for a short time a guard for the British Mission, which included Arthur Balfour whose kindness and courtesy he noted.

Within eight months he was in France, enduring the miseries of the weather, the misconduct of the troops, and inadequacies of materiel. In 1963 he revisited the tanner's home where he was first billeted at Champlitte and, characteristically, the daughter of the family, then in her 70's called as they left, "next time you come back, try to speak better French!" Shortly, he was constructing airfields, buildings and bomb shelters in areas soon under shelling on the British front. By November 1918 he and six or seven other engineer officers were dispatched to Washington to help prepare other regiments. Their ship was bombed early the second morning, but regained port and they were put on another, worse, ship.

In a few months Holland was a student at The Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and had acquired a bride, Marian Sanford, whom he had met on a blind date three years earlier.

With several of his classmates, he next spent a year at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He spent four years as instructor at West Point. By now there were two small daughters, and it was "Westward Ho" to Kansas City for three years of River and Harbor work, followed by two years at Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Next he spent



HOLLAND LULEY ROBB

two years as assistant to the Engineer Commissioner in Washington, D.C. Under Colonels Ardery and later Coiner, he had a battalion of engineers at Corozal, Panama Canal Zone; after that, returning to Washington, D.C. for four years in the National Guard Bureau, and two years on River and Harbor duty in Baltimore, including building an air field at Macon, Georgia.

He was sent to form a new regiment at Fort Ord, California, in the late summer of 1941, which was to join MacArthur in the Philippines, but Pearl Harbor came first, and with an extra ship full of equipment, the regiment set out after Christmas to fortify Oahu.

After Christmas of 1942, Holland was engaged in preparing a number of regiments to go overseas at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, but did not himself reach France until after he had had several months at Charleston on River and Harbor duty.

By early 1943 he was enjoying the construction work outside Soissons, France, when he was chosen to endure a dragged-out journey to the Far East to build housing for troops and families in Korea as Corps Engineer. Later, he was sent to northern Honshu, Japan, to construct an airfield and quarters at Misawa. Following this endeavor, the Robbs returned to America to live at Marion, Ohio, where Holland commanded an Engineer Depot for two years. Three years as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Pittsburgh preceded his retirement in 1953.

Holland's descriptions of his Army duties poignantly reveal what many an officer has found in the line of frustrations: being relieved and moved just as the mess was cleaned up and one felt the job under one's grasp; being replaced by inferior officers, often from politics or favoritism; seeing ambition among poorly trained men winning out over the devotion to duty of skilled West Pointers; lack of tact and understanding. He adjusted bravely; he gave all his attention to his work, not to drink and outside hobbies. He survived with the calm reflection that Army life was often times rough and rugged, and he was warned at the start. He had a great fund of stories told with deft humor, of his army experiences. He was unflinchingly unselfish, helping an Italian youth to get started at the University of North Carolina; assisting an Army widow to find a hostess job at a camp; directing, after retirement, the construction of a house for a Negro family, at

the request of a Quaker friend. He ran for the House of Representatives in 1960 on the Republican ticket (losing, but he did receive a large number of votes in this heavily Democratic area). He was a church goer by habit, and his fine bearing, tolerance, dignity, and kind consideration affected the men he served with. This was strongly demonstrated when, in October 1975, he reunited with the officers of the regiment he took to Hawaii after Pearl Harbor, and spoke to them when they gathered for the first time at Monterey, California, just one week before he died.

Though Holland had some chronic physical problems for years, they did not hamper him. He often played golf five days a week, and was a Kiwanian, and shortly before his death had given the Kiwanis a good talk on Hawaii. His heart lasted without faltering until he had a massive heart attack on 18 October 1975. He was fortunate to be spared the invalidism of many older men, and left us in the full vigor of 81 years. His sweetness, courage, sense of honor and high intellectual qualities (he was an avid reader), helped him withstand his many crises and trials. His 23 retired years were enjoyed to the fullest: many long trips, a happy marriage, home and environment that left nothing to be desired. His children, Eleanor Robb, residing in Phoenix, and Janice Robb Anderson (Mrs. W.S.) of Dayton, Ohio, are a blessing to his wife:

—Marion E. Robb

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### Charles Love Mullins Jr.

NO. 5706 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 1 March 1976 in San Francisco, California, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

FRIENDS, CLASSMATES, and service confreres were saddened at the loss of their trusted and distinguished compatriot on 1 March. Charles Love Mullins Jr., better known to his contemporaries as "Moon," gave thirty-five years of dedicated service to the Army and his country.

Born in Gretna, Nebraska, 7 September 1892, Moon graduated in the Class of April 1917. After the usual formative years as an infantry company grade officer, in 1933 he met and married Jane Dooley, whom he affectionately called "Sergeant Dooley" throughout their long and happy married life.

After attending the Air Corps Tactical School, 1931-1933, he served with the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, 1934-1936. He then served on the War Department Staff in Washington, D.C., 1936-1938. From that assignment he attended the Command and General Staff School. Upon graduation in 1939, President Roosevelt assigned him to Nicaragua, at the request of President Anastasio Somoza, to establish a military academy patterned after West Point. During his nearly three years in that country, he successfully developed the military academy into a first class institution, acting as its first director. For this outstanding achievement President Somoza appointed him a brigadier general in the Nicaraguan Army and he was awarded that country's high medal of achievement, the Medalla Militar de la Primera Class. His close friendship with the Somoza family endured throughout his life.

Returning to the United States in early 1942, he was selected to be a brigadier general and assigned to the 11th Armored Division where he remained until he was sent to the South Pacific to join the 25th Infantry Division under



CHARLES LOVE MULLINS JR.

his good friend and classmate, General J. Lawton Collins. He succeeded General Collins as commander of the Tropic Lightning Division, and after the division's many months of retraining in New Caledonia, he led it across the beach at Lingayan Gulf, Luzon, on 13 January 1945.

Though promised that his division would not be utilized in the jungle, the reputation of his men as great jungle fighters predestined his assignment to attack the retreating Japanese Army under General Yamashita up Highway Number Five in some of the fiercest jungle fighting in the Luzon campaign. His division won acclaim for having had the longest continuous contact with the enemy without relief in the war in the Pacific—165 days.

General Mullins took his division on to occupation in Japan where he commanded it for another three years, returning to the United States in 1948.

For the next year he was assigned as Deputy Commander of the Second United States Army at Fort Meade, Maryland. In 1949 he was assigned to Brazil as head of the United States Military Mission, remaining in that capacity for three years.

After thirty-five years of faithful service to his country, General Mullins retired from active duty in January 1953. He and Jane spent the next eight years in Nogales, Arizona, where he headed that city's Chamber of Commerce. In 1961 they moved to San Francisco where they lived until General Mullins' death on 1 March 1976.

All who knew General Mullins remember him as one who looked and lived like a leader. He was a taskmaster in the thick of combat and a most friendly and warm commander during the lighter moments of duty.

We have lost another of that great generation of military leaders who made it possible for America to win the most trying and all-encompassing war of its history.

Among the many distinguished awards earned during his career are the following: Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Commendation Medal, Rated Air Observer; from Nicaragua, the Medalla de Merito de la Primera Class; from Brazil, Medalha de Merito Militar de Primera Class, and Cruzeiro do Sul (Brazil's highest decoration, civilian or military); from the Philippines, the Medal of Honor of Philippine Republic.

Other Honors

1. Commissioned General de Brigada Gardia Nacional de Nicaragua. Authorized to

retain this commission for life, given upon departure from Nicaragua in 1942.

2. Nicaragua airmail stamp issue, 1959, carrying likeness of President Roosevelt, President Somoza and General Mullins, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Academia Militar de Nicaragua in 1939.

3. Honorary graduate of the Escola Superior do Guerra of Brazil.

4. Authorized to wear insignia of Brazilian General Staff.

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John Michael Johnson

NO. 5754 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 23 November 1976 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 83 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN MICHAEL JOHNSON was born in Wetumpka, Alabama, on 10 December 1892 to Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson. He graduated from Auburn University and attended Marion Military Institute. He was appointed to the Military Academy from Alabama.

"Jack," as he was called at West Point, did not make the football team even though Biff Jones was his roommate. However, he was active as captain of the Boxing Squad, Young Men's Christian Association Advisory Committee, Howitzer Board, Vigilance Committee, Baseball Manager, Hop Manager, and on the Board of Governors of the First Class Club. His quiet confidence and few well spoken words were sufficient to pull down the 2.9 or the 3.0, and he graduated in the upper 10 percent of his class.

He was first lieutenant with the Field Artillery and the Corps of Engineers. After several years of service he resigned to go into private engineering.

With the advent of World War II he gave up his engineering and building business, and volunteered his services for his country. He was commissioned a colonel in the Army of the United States from 1941 to 1946. He served as engineer in Northern Ireland Base Section and Deputy Chief of Staff, Mediterranean Base Section. He was given important duties in the procurement of men and materials for the invasion of North Africa during the first stages of the war. He returned to the United States to become District Engineer in Washington, D.C., in 1944-1945. He separated



JOHN MICHAEL JOHNSON

from the Army at Camp Beale, California, in 1946.

Colonel John Michael Johnson's many wartime decorations include the Legion of Merit, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

In 1948 John Michael Johnson and Florence Braunworth Bruntjen were married in Del Monte, California. They went to Mexico and Guatemala on their honeymoon. On their return to California they took the wrong road and discovered the delightful colonial town of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. The Johnsons were well-known and highly respected residents of San Miguel de Allende and enjoyed the long-term friendship of many leading Mexican families. Jack was esteemed for his extensive knowledge of Mexico, especially the less-visited areas of the country. He and Florence traveled to all parts of Mexico in search of orchids, fishing, hunting, and exploring the country they loved. They also found time to travel to many parts of the world.

He is survived by his wife Florence who lives in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and step-son, Worth Bruntjen.

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Meyer Loshie Casman

NO. 5917 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 17 November 1976 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aged 81 years.

Interment: Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Collingdale, Pennsylvania

MEYER LOSHIE CASMAN was born in Russia on 9 April 1895 and came to this country as a youth. He had one year at the University of Pennsylvania prior to entering the Military Academy in 1915. He graduated 25th in his class and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers. His temporary promotion to captain was dated 12 June 1918, his graduation date.

While at the Academy, he formed the Glee Club, the Mandolin Club and the Jazz Band. He had a lasting interest in music and was highly talented as a violinist. Cas was a member of the choir throughout his cadet years.

He had a short special course at the Engineer Officers Training School followed by duty as an instructor at the school and later as a student taking the regular course. Cas resigned from the Army on 15 June 1920.

He received a master's degree in Engineering at the University of Michigan in 1922. He graduated (Bachelor of Laws) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1926 and started practicing law in Philadelphia.

In 1937 Cas was appointed regional attorney of the Social Security Board for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware region and served until 1943.

During World War II he served with the Pennsylvania State Guard, retiring as a colonel. Cas was greatly disappointed when he failed three times to pass physically for duty with the active army.

He was in Germany from 1947 to 1950 serving as one of the prosecutors in the war-criminal trials in Nuremberg, and later as President Judge of the American Military Government Civil Actions Court in Berlin and as a judge on the Restitution Court of Appeals.

Cas was procurement legal counsel for the Frankford Arsenal during 1951 and 1952. He served as a member of Governor Law-



MEYER LOSHIE CASMAN

rence's Military Advisory Commission and as a member of Governor Shapp's State Armory Board. During the 1960's he served as a hearing examiner for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Cas was the founder of the West Point Society of Philadelphia for which he received a beautiful plaque upon its 50th anniversary. He was secretary of the Army and Navy Club of Philadelphia, a member of the Lawyer's Club, the Engineer's Club, the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, a past commander of the American Military Engineers Association, and a past president of the Philadelphia Federal Bar Association.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Nellie Tugenthal, two nieces and a nephew.

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### Edwin Hunter Crouch

NO. 5946 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 9 August 1976 in Delray Beach, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

EDWIN HUNTER CROUCH was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, on 17 February 1895.

He entered the Academy in 1915 after one year at Beloit College. Eddie was very popular with his classmates who elected him to be their class president while cadets. He was a wide-awake and innovative secretary of the Board of Governors, First Class Club. He made many improvements in the use of the club. Eddie worked hard for his class and for the Corps. As a member of various committees, he delicately and successfully handled many important matters. These characteristics of a hard-worker were evident throughout his life.

He was assigned to the Infantry upon graduation. With the other class doughboys and the dismounted cavalrymen, he attended the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill. It was a short course of instruction on all of the infantry weapons, communications, and the tactics of small infantry units. Eddie, upon completion of the course, was selected by the school to be an instructor, Department of Tactics and Musketry. He moved with the school to Columbus, Georgia, in September 1918 and taught, with great distinction, for the next three years.

Eddie was ordered by General Pershing to rewrite the military textbooks for the Reserve

Officers Training Corps with Colonel Paul S. Bond, Class of 1900. Then he was sent to the University of Illinois to test the manuals.

He was honorably discharged, at his own request, on 15 December 1922. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant, Infantry, Officer Reserve Corps, on 1 January 1923, but resigned later as a captain.

Eddie was employed in 1923 for a year as Branch Sales Manager, Buick Division of General Motors. He left Buick to start the National Service Publishing Company, in Annapolis, of which he was president. Meanwhile, he was the unpaid comptroller of St. Johns College, a task that he enjoyed as a hobby. His company published Reserve Officers Training Corps and other military manuals and guides that he and Colonel Bond wrote. In 1931 the company was moved to Washington, D.C. By that time, the company had become very successful. Eddie then started to publish service magazines also. Unfortunately, the company was adversely affected by the general economic downturn of the 1930's.

In 1935 he was Vice President of Eastern Engineering; in 1936, engineer, engaged in the construction of the Passamaquoddy Bay Project Village; 1936-1940, Division Engineer, Farm Security Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1940-1943, Chief, Economic Intelligence (Europe and Africa), Board of Economic Warfare; 1943-1945, Industrial Consultant, Smaller War Plants Corporation; 1945-1949, President, International Aluminum Building Products Corporation. As a consulting engineer, he worked in Israel on desalting sea water. His last work for our government was as a consulting engineer to the government of Pakistan in both the western and eastern sections of the country, with the Civil Service rating of GS 16.

Kathryn and Eddie moved to Florida in 1968, where they enjoyed his retirement until Eddie became ill in 1971. Though he suffered for many years, Eddie stoically never complained, a grand person to the end.

Eddie met Kathryn Louise Ratcliff while she was a student at the University of Illinois. They were married on 28 July 1923. They had two sons, Edwin Hunter II and Michael Bond. Michael graduated from Harvard, aged 20, and became a Navy jet pilot. He died in 1957 when his engine caught fire and his parachute malfunctioned. Eddie is buried next to him in Arlington.

Kathryn survives him; also his son and seven grandchildren.



EDWIN HUNTER CROUCH

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### Harrison Shaler

NO. 6072 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 18 November 1976 at Laguna Hills, California, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



HARRISON SHALER

HARRISON DIED AFTER a second aorta aneurysm. He was born 17 February 1898 in Washington, D.C. His father was General Charles Shaler, Class of 1867, and was a Civil War veteran. After high school Harrison went one year to Butler College before entering West Point in June 1916. After early graduation, 1 November 1918 because of World War I, he was ordered on a tour of the battlefields in Europe, followed by duty in Germany and later to Warsaw, convoying a trainload of equipment and supplies to the Polish Typhus Relief Expedition. This was followed by courses at the Field Artillery School, the Ordnance School at Watertown Arsenal, a two-year course, one at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During this time he had transferred to the Ordnance Department.

In Boston Harrison met Dorothy Williams of Watertown, New York, who was completing the field work for her master's degree from Smith College. They were married 12 September 1923. Theirs was a long and happy marriage.

He became an expert in the design, manufacture, storage and issue of ammunition. By 1942 he reached the rank of colonel and participated with General Patton's Western Task Force in North Africa. He also served in Italy and became Assistant Deputy High Commissioner in Austria at the end of the war.

Upon return to the United States, he was successively the head of the Ordnance Board, which developed the doctrine, organization and equipment of the Ordnance Corps; Chief of Personnel and Training in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, where he received his brigadier general's star; and commander of the Red River Arsenal, Texas. His last assignment before retirement was in Japan as Ordnance Officer of the American Forces, Far East.

When he retired in 1954 his decorations included the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and several foreign decorations.

In 1956 he began a new career as Army advisor to the Aerojet-General Corporation of Azusa, California, from which he retired in 1965.

He and Dot then moved to Laguna Hills where they made many friends. He continued his interest in the Corps and in the affairs of the Army. When the West Point Glee Club gave a concert in Laguna Hills, he and Dot invited all of the nearby classmates and wives to their home and took them to the concert, to share with them the fine music and their pride in the cadets. During his early years, Harrison was always popular at gatherings with his ukulele and guitar playing, with which he also entertained as a cadet in Color Line Concerts.

He was a devoted husband for 53 years, loved by his wife and two children. Surviving him are his wife, Dorothy, of 380-D Avenida Castilla, Laguna Hills, California, his son Dexter, now living in Long Beach, and his daughter Suzanne, living in Pasadena. He is also survived by three grandchildren and his sister Eleanor, widow of a classmate, B.A. Dickson.

—Charles Morrison,  
a classmate,  
and Dot

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### Elmer Vaughan Stansbury

NO. 6167 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 2 November 1952 at Bay Pines,  
Florida, aged 57 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ELMER VAUGHAN STANSBURY was born 15 September 1895 in Park Ridge, Illinois. His family moved to New Jersey when he was a small boy. He died 2 November 1952 in a veterans' hospital in Florida.

He entered West Point in 1916, graduating 1 November 1918. This class was graduated early because of World War I. He graduated from the Infantry School of Arms, Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1919; The Cavalry School in 1929, The Signal School in 1932; the Command and General Staff School in 1942.

Prior to World War II he served in various cavalry regiments, was an instructor in drawing at West Point from 1924 to 1928, was a member of the Cavalry Board at Fort Riley, Kansas from 1932 to 1939, and



ELMER VAUGHAN STANSBURY

was an instructor with the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1941. Then he was assigned as G2 of the 90th Infantry Division. On 15 December 1942 he was made G2 of the 13th Corps until his retirement for physical disability on 31 January 1944, in the grade of colonel.

In 1945 he became vice president of the Johnstone Engineering and Machine Company of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, for which he was the southern representative.

Elmer married Winnette Berry in 1920 in El Paso, Texas. They had two daughters, Sarah Zoe Miller and Winnette Sebree. The latter died in 1953, leaving a son four years old. Elmer's widow lives in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Elmer was devoted to his family and to serving his country, a man of high integrity, beloved by his colleagues and all those with whom he came in contact.

I feel enriched by our friendship.  
—C.E.M.

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### Frank Needham Roberts

NO. 6672 CLASS OF 1920

Died 23 December 1975 in Pomona,  
California, aged 77 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WHEN FRANK ROBERTS reported as a new cadet at West Point on 14 June 1918, he embarked on the Army career he had dreamed of since boyhood. He had enlisted in the Kansas National Guard on 10 May 1916 expressly to serve on the Mexican border. Later, when his unit was mobilized with the 35th Division in World War I, he won his appointment to the United States Military Academy from the Army by competitive examination.

Frank Needham Roberts was born in Oskaloosa, Kansas, on 28 December 1897, the son of Francis Henry and Daisy Mae Needham Roberts. His father was the publisher of the Oskaloosa *Independent*, a newspaper founded by Frank's grandfather when Kansas was a territory. Although Frank's family were writers, not warriors, they enthusiastically supported his desire for a military career.

Frank fitted into cadet life easily and well. Military and academic training offered no problems other than the terror of mathematics. He appreciated his responsibilities as a Cadet Officer and as a member of the Vigilance Committee, and, on graduation, welcomed assignment to the Infantry, his first and only choice.

Following completion of the Officers' Basic Course, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, and one year of troop duty, Frank joined The Infantry School staff for two years as an instructor. He later served four years as an instructor in the English Department, United States Military Academy, largely with the "goat" section, and one year as Commandant, West Point Preparatory School, Presidio of San Francisco. Frank was a natural teacher, a profession he found interesting, challenging, and absorbing. He enjoyed the opportunity of helping young men in the Service, and he gave willingly of his time in special assistance to "goats." Although his other assignments carried infinitely greater responsibility and significance, Frank found his greatest self-satisfaction in teaching and in the abiding friendships made during these years.

Frank welcomed assignment in 1934 to Peking, China, as Language Officer and Assistant Military Attache, United States Em-

bassy. During the ensuing four years he gained fluency in the Chinese language, learned to understand and respect the Chinese people, acquired great admiration for Chinese art in its various forms, and earned acclaim and renown throughout our nation for his heroic actions in the "Panay Incident."

In December 1937 Frank was on duty at the American Embassy in Nanking. Japanese forces were advancing so vigorously against Nanking that all Embassy personnel were moved for refuge on 8 December 1937 to the U.S.S. *Panay*, a gunboat of the Yangtze Patrol. At 1:35 p.m. on 12 December 1937, with no warning, Japanese planes initiated thirty-five minutes of dive bombing against the *Panay* with such severe damage that Lieutenant Commander Hughes, United States Navy, the ship's captain, ordered "abandon ship" within an hour. Disregarding his own safety, Frank took the lead in caring for the wounded and moving all personnel and limited supplies to shore before the *Panay* sank at 3:55 p.m. Commander Hughes, thereafter, placed Frank in charge, since both he and his executive officer had been incapacitated by wounds. That the Japanese should bomb the *Panay*, unmistakably identified as American, was so incredible that Frank wondered, "Does this mean war?"—a thought shared by all. As an immediate security measure, Frank kept the fifty-four survivors, including thirteen seriously wounded, under cover of the high marsh-reeds to prevent detection by Japanese patrol boats and intermittently circling planes.

Frank knew that the best chance of evading the Japanese was to move inland, despite his unfamiliarity with the area and the known presence of troops engaged in hostilities. At a nearby fishing hamlet Frank procured guides, improvised litters and litter-bearers—his knowledge of Chinese was invaluable. He dispatched advance parties to Hohsien and Hanshan to check for Japanese troops and to notify the American Embassy at Hankow of the situation. At dusk the hastily organized column hiked eight miles to Hohsien where shelter and food of sorts were available.

Late on the morning of 14 December official word was received that the Japanese Government had made formal apology for its unfortunate mistake and that the party should return for movement to Shanghai under Japanese escort. Frank's fine judgment and effective leadership had been manifest from the first bomb strike. That he had met every element of this unique challenge is attested



FRANK NEEDHAM ROBERTS

by the prompt award to him of the Navy Cross and the Army Distinguished Service Medal.

Frank came home to Fort Leavenworth and the Command and General Staff College from which he was graduated in 1940. After several short assignments he served as G2 of the China-Burma-India theatre during the first Burma campaign, and was assigned as Chief of the Strategy Section, Operations Division, War Department General Staff in August 1942. He was destined to spend all of World War II and three additional years later in his career in high-level planning, a function for which he was admirably fitted. He had an instinct for careful observation and an unusual ability for clarity of expression, oral or written. He was a perfectionist in his performance of duty, yet was modest and considerate, and held full respect for the differing views of colleagues. He could communicate easily with men at any level, be they ambassadors or privates. He was forthright and sincere, and enjoyed the esteem of all with whom he worked.

He served with the Operations Division, War Department General Staff, until November 1944, at which time he was Chief of the Policy and Strategy Group, and was the Army member of the Joint and Combined Staff Planners. He attended the Cairo and the two Quebec Conferences. He spent June-October 1945 as War Department representative on the Far-Eastern Subcommittee, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee which was the fore-runner of the National Security Council. And from August 1950 to July 1953 he served The Honorable W. Averell Harriman, then Special Assistant to the President and Director of Mutual Security, as his representative on the Planning Board of the National Security Council.

A new adventure began with Frank's assignment in December 1944 as Chief of Staff, United States Military Mission to Russia, and as Chief of the Strategic Planning Group. Party Chairman Stalin had suggested to President Roosevelt that Russia and the United States jointly plan for the war against Japan after V-E Day. President Roosevelt accepted and this was the mission of Frank's Strategic Planning Group. But joint planning was utterly foreign to the Russians, and, after six interesting but frustrating months, this effort came to naught and Frank and his colleagues came back to the United States. Frank returned to Moscow within a few months as Military Attaché and enjoyed a productive tour of duty which included participation in the Yalta Conference.

Frank was reassigned as Military Attaché, United States Embassy, Turkey, in June 1946. The Turkish army was in grave need of many types of military equipment and made application to the Embassy for help under the Military Aid Program. Frank was instrumental in gaining initial Washington approval and was delighted when the Congress and the President approved the Turkish Aid Program in quantities even greater than originally requested.

Frank became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of California, Los Angeles, in August 1948. While on this assignment Frank was married to Esther Elizabeth Borgmann whom he had known for many years. They established their home in Santa Monica, beautifully located only a short drive from the University. They enjoyed entertaining Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets, especially those attending the University under the GI Bill.

Later Frank and Esther particularly enjoyed his assignment to the Allied Forces,

Southern Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Southern Command, with headquarters in Naples, Italy, where he served as Chief of Staff and received his promotion to Major General. Here they enjoyed making new friends and traveling to fascinating areas through much of Western Europe, Greece, and Turkey.

Frank then undertook his last active duty assignment: Commanding General, Fort MacArthur, California, and Chief of the California Military District. He retired in November 1957 after a career of thirty-seven years which had taken him to exotic lands in every quarter of the globe and had exceeded his most optimistic dreams in its variety and levels of responsibility. He had earned recognition at high councils of Government, and had received his full share of military awards. Frank joined the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., as a member of its Board of National Estimates and served for nearly three years until illness compelled retirement. He and Esther moved to Claremont, California, purchased a lovely home with a gorgeous flower garden, and undertook enjoyment of leisure in that college community.

Serious health problems compelled Frank to cancel plans to attend our 50th Class Reunion, but he was determined that nothing would keep Esther and him from attending the United States Military Academy graduation of their son Frank Jr., Class of 1974. Perfect weather enhanced their joy on this occasion. Frank was privileged to administer the oath of office to Second Lieutenant Frank N. Roberts Jr., beyond doubt the proudest moment of his life.

Another proud moment occurred for Frank and Esther when the wedding of Denise Dazé and Frank Jr., was solemnized on 21 June 1975 in Santa Monica, California. And here, once again, Frank's determination gave strength to make possible his attendance.

Before Thanksgiving Day of 1975 Frank was stricken with internal bleeding. Although this was surmounted, his weakened heart was unequal to its task and gave up on 23 December 1975. His sons Frank Jr. and Raymond, with their wives, accompanied Esther to West Point for the funeral service conducted at the Cadet Chapel on 30 December 1975. E.C. Johnston and Marian attended, but, unfortunately, other friends and classmates were turned back by a storm which made travel hazardous. Frank is survived by his widow, Esther Elizabeth, and three children: Raymond Lewis, Frank Needham Jr. and Margaret Esther.

And so it was that Frank returned to the United States Military Academy which had molded him for the service and for whose ideals he held complete devotion. We who knew him and loved him join in a last salute: Well done—Be Thou at Peace.

—Ewart G. Plank

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## Jacob Robert Moon

NO. 7594 CLASS OF 1924

Died 5 December 1973 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, aged 74 years.

Interment: Saint Matthews Episcopal Church Cemetery, Hillsborough, North Carolina

JACOB ROBERT MOON, my comrade in arms and valued friend for forty years was born in Goodwater, Alabama, 10 March 1899. He was the eleventh child of a country doctor. In Goodwater he learned to ride his father's horses and mules almost before he could walk.



JACOB ROBERT MOON

This background doubtless accounted for his love of horses and horsemanship throughout his military career which began as a cadet at West Point, lasting through twenty-four years in the Army and twenty-five years of well-deserved, action filled retirement. In peace and war he was the embodiment of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. He was a kindly man, loved by all who knew him.

Jake, as he was affectionately known, was a man of many talents. His military record speaks for itself. He was a leader who never had to resort to harsh or tyrannical treatment of his men to show that he was in command. I am a witness to Jake's devotion to military duty, his expert horsemanship and his complete devotion to family. As a hunter he no doubt made Nimrod jealous. He was a fisherman that fitted into Izaak Walton's "The Compleat Angler."

There was a talent of Jake's—folksinging—that most people did not realize until he was coaxed to perform by his loving and talented wife Winnifred who generally accompanied by piano, guitar or Irish harp. They contributed much to the morale of the military posts where they served by a repertoire of spirituals, ballads and folksongs. After retirement they participated in folk festivals throughout the Southeastern United States. Jake's rendition of "John Henry" was a classic.

Jake graduated from what is now Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama before entering West Point, where he graduated in 1924.

Some of the highlights of his military career include his first assignment after graduation to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he met and married Winnifred Minter of nearby Columbus. In 1928 he was one of two outstanding Infantry officers chosen to take the Troop Officers Course at The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. Upon graduation there he was reassigned to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, until ordered to the Philippine Islands in 1932. At Fort William McKinley he served with distinction in the 45th Infantry Regiment of the Philippine Scouts. It was there in 1933 that I first met Jake and Winnie. You cannot think of one without the other. In 1935 Jake was ordered to Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. There I joined him again in 1936 where we served in the 20th Infantry Regiment of the 2d (Indian Head) Division. Then followed another tour at The Infantry School in the 2d Reconnaissance Battalion. World War II found him in a tank battalion at Fort Lewis,

Washington. His infantry and cavalry training fitted him to command the 741st Tank Battalion for the Normandy Invasion at Omaha Beach. This battalion won a Presidential citation. Jake was seriously injured in a jeep accident which ended his field duty with troops. He recovered sufficiently to serve out the war on the Special Staff of General Omar Bradley's 12th Army Group but subsequently retired in 1948.

Jake's horsemanship was early recognized at West Point where he was detailed to assist in cadet riding instruction. He was on the first-string cadet polo team and also represented West Point in horse show competition. At his first post, Fort Benning, he taught riding to officers, ladies and children. Continuing his polo activity he played on The Infantry School Academic Department team, the Free-Booters. He also rode with the Fort Benning horse show teams and was a whipper-in for the Fort Benning Hunt.

An outstanding accomplishment at The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, 1928-1929 was Jake's training his remount, Lough-Gordon, a big bay gelding to become a well-mannered, capable officer's charger. The Army allowed Jake to purchase Lough-Gordon when he graduated from The Cavalry School. On the hunt and in horse shows representing Fort Benning over much of the South and in riding classes Jake on Lough-Gordon was a winner. When Jake was ordered to the Philippines he sold this favorite horse to Colonel Roger Williams, master of the Fort Benning Hunt. Colonel Williams said Lough-Gordon was a truly remarkable horse with the best, most lovable nature in the world—"Just like his trainer, Jake Moon," his devoted wife Winnie said.

In the Philippine Scouts began our life-long friendship. Jake had a way with horses that never ceased to amaze me. I accused them of being able to talk to each other. Jake's treatment of horses proved the correctness of paragraph 1007 of the old Cavalry Drill Regulations which said, "Horses require gentle treatment... persistent kindness often reclaims vicious animals." I rode with Jake not only in his equitation class at Fort William McKinley, post and department horse shows but on the narrow, precipitous trails of the Bataan Peninsula during the 1933-1934 Philippine Department maneuvers. Jake commanded the 45th Regimental Pack Train which supplied everything the regiment required in the field. I can still see Jake riding ahead of the gray bell-mare with her tinkling bell that all the herd of pack mules with their securely lashed loads jealously followed as they carefully picked their way from dockside up steep, wooded trails to about 2,000 feet above sea level where the 45th Regiment was camped on the slope of Mariveles Mountain.

Jake always owned blooded horses. In the Philippines he acquired Ginger, an Australian thoroughbred mare. He trained her to be an outstanding dressage horse. Jake still had Ginger when in 1936 I joined him in the 20th Infantry Regiment, 2d (Indian Head) Division, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

After retirement in 1948 Jake was president of the Tomoka Brick and Tile Company in Florida until he disposed of the business. But he never retired from his love of horses and his teaching young people how to ride. He believed that you could do nothing better for a youngster than to instruct him, or her, in riding, jumping and care for his animal. It not only gave the student pleasure and responsibility but it developed confidence in himself, courage, consideration, sportsmanship; in short, it built character.

In Florida Jake established a riding academy in Ormand Beach, using the spacious John D. Rockefeller old stables as the base of operations. In a few years his reputation was such that the Athletic Department of the University of Florida at Gainesville requested him to establish a course in riding and jumping there. This he did with great success until it became impossible to get stable help.

While in Florida Jake had a few remarkable horses he bought and trained. One that I especially admired was a seventeen and one-half hand gray gelding named Space-Man. The picture accompanying this article shows Jake mounted on Space-Man. This horse was one of the finest jumpers I have ever seen, and he loved it. Jake had a paddock just at the back door of his home in Hillsborough, North Carolina, in which he had set up a jump course. I have seen him call Space-Man out of the stables and send him over the jump course alone without rider, saddle or bridle.

As a permanent place of retirement Jake and Winnie bought a home in historic Hillsborough, North Carolina, not many miles from the Bennett Place where General Joseph E. Johnston, United States Military Academy Class of 1829, surrendered to General William T. Sherman, Class of 1840. At one time Jake and his family lived in the house that had been General Joseph E. Johnston's headquarters at the time of the surrender.

Besides being a participating member of the Triangle Hunt Club Jake taught young people riding and jumping in the Hillsborough area. It was most rewarding to see those youngsters develop into blue ribbon winners in the North Carolina horse shows.

Perhaps the climax of all the years of Jake's teaching young people by voice and example was reached when he was invited to West Point to teach jumping to the Cadet Riding Club. It was a sentimental journey during which he enjoyed the reminiscences of happy cadet days of long ago and the camaraderie of military friends on active duty at the Military Academy. When the six to eight weeks period of instruction was finished Jake gave Space-Man to the West Point Riding Club. What greater love could a horseman have for his alma mater.

Aside from his military career and horsemanship Jake had other outstanding interests. His inventive genius was indicated by the patents he held for a smokeless oil burner, self-adhering stretch bandages for horses (he was President of Moon Web Products, Inc.), a horse blanket that stays in place and water savers.

The time and concentration he put forth developing his water saver would have floored a younger man. It was a time of threatened water shortage. In conversation one day a friend said, "Do you realize how much water is used in flushing a commode?" Jake had not thought about it seriously but this remark stuck in his mind. So he decided to do something toward solving the problem. All through the summer of 1970 he studied and experimented. First he worked on altering the flush mechanism. That not proving satisfactory he turned to the dam principle: maintaining a water head, focusing the water flow through a smaller channel to maintain force while holding back a substantial part of the water in the tank. Patents were applied for on all the various models and the method itself. Marketing arrangements were made and distributors appointed. Then infringement by some unscrupulous people who knew about Jake's patents and applied for patents, forced him to seek justice

in the courts. This was quite a shock to Jake who was used to people who lived according to his own West Point code of not lying, cheating or stealing. One of Jake's worries was that the burden of consummating this litigation would rest on his family. The long drawn out case is still pending. When I visited him shortly before his death in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, his last remarks to me showed a total concern for his family.

Jake died 5 December 1973 and was buried in Hillsborough's old Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church Cemetery, with full military honors by an honor guard from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is survived by his beloved wife Winnifred, his daughter, Dr. Winnifred M. Nielsen, his son Jacob R. Moon Jr., six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Space-Man had already died at West Point because of a jumping accident.

General Robert E. Lee had his "Traveller," General "Stonewall" Jackson his "Sorrell" and Colonel Jacob R. Moon his "Space-Man." The similarity does not end there. It was well expressed by Colonel O.O. (Zero) Wilson, a West Point classmate from Texas, who said Jake Moon was a real Southern gentleman. Cavalier Jacob R. Moon now rests on a peaceful gentle slope not far from the burial site of the only son of General William J. Hardee, who was killed at his first and last battle, the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina.

As I listened to the last haunting bugle note of taps, in my imagination I could see Jake on Space-Man finishing life's difficult course, clearing the last great hurdle—death—as only a Christian can.

—Hank Royall, Class of 1930

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## John Mills Sterling

NO. 8103 CLASS OF 1927

Died 30 November 1976 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JACK WAS BORN in Newark, New Jersey, on 6 October 1904. After attending Culver Military Academy and a year at Princeton University, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the 10th District of New Jersey. As a cadet his classmates saw him as a sincere, warm individual,



JOHN MILLS STERLING

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a combination of diplomat, artist and musician. As quoted from the HOWITZER; "... a masterpiece throbbing with red blood and human sympathy. When you talk with Jack, you are so aroused by his gripping personality that you stay magnetized a long time afterwards..." This quality of Jack's not only remained, but matured and developed throughout his lifetime. His friends were many, and from all walks of life.

Following graduation, Jack spent a short tour at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, as a field artilleryman. He was then accepted for pilot training in Texas and after graduation from Kelly Field, he was transferred to the Army Air Corps, the first real love of his life. After a tour at Wheeler Field in Hawaii, in 1934, Jack joined the 1st Pursuit Group, Selfridge Field, Michigan. His sincere love of people began to shape his career towards that of a diplomat with his appointment in 1938 to be the Assistant Military Attaché for Air to France and Belgium. This assignment brought him to the second love of his life: Paris, France. Being fluent in the French language, loving the people and their heritage, Jack was ever drawn back to Paris throughout his lifetime. He was in Paris when the Nazis entered and remained on duty under Nazi occupation until the fall of 1940. 1941 saw him return again to Selfridge Field, Michigan, as Commanding Officer, 58th Fighter Group. In 1942 he was assigned Staff Member, War Department (G2), and then to the Pacific Theater. In 1944 he was appointed Chief of Staff, Headquarters 13th Air Force.

The next four years were dedicated to various assignments with the Intelligence Division of the United States Air Force and in 1950 he was assigned Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force. Again his love of England and France made him vulnerable to duty in those areas and in 1953 he became Air Attaché, American Embassy, London, England. He remained in this capacity until his retirement in 1957. His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Philippine Liberation and others connected with the United States. He also held the French Legion d'Honneur and the French Medaille de l'Aeronautique.

His second love continued to influence him when he accepted the position of Director, European Operations, Republic Aviation Corporation with headquarters in Paris, France. In 1961 he settled down in Arlington, Virginia.

As a leader, Jack had the capability of knowing the degree of maximum performance of his subordinates. His subordinates, in turn, took a sense of pride in achievements under his requests.

Two months prior to his death, General Sterling flew to England in the Concorde to attend the annual Air Show at Farnborough and then to Paris, once more. Need more be said? He led a full life, and enjoyed it tremendously, right to the end. He passed away in his sleep of a heart attack in his apartment at Arlington, Virginia.

Jack is survived by his nephew, Fred Kilgus and his many friends.



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## John Marion Moore

NO. 8145 CLASS OF 1927

Died 24 March 1976 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aged 71 years.



JOHN MARION MOORE

JOHN MARION MOORE died 24 March 1976 following an extended illness in the United States Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Graveside rites were conducted by the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post on 28 March 1976. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Wicks Moore; daughters, Elizabeth M. Landecker and Martha L. Moore of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Eleanor M. Wicks and Margaret A. Moore of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and two sisters, Margaret C. and Elizabeth J. Moore of New Orleans, Louisiana. A son, John Marion Jr., died in infancy.

Marion Moore, the son of John M. and Margaret Carrington Moore, was born on 8 January, 1905 in Mart, Texas. Educated in the public schools of Texas he attended the United States Hall Preparatory School, Columbia, Missouri, before entering the United States Military Academy in 1922. His West Point years summarized in the 1927 HOWITZER are as follows: "Wrestling 3; HOWITZER 3, 2; Hundredth Night 2, 1; Pointer 2; Color Line 1; A B Pistol 2, 1; Manager 1; Pistol Expert; Rifle Marksman." After graduation he was married to Beth in the United States Military Academy Chapel on 16 June 1927.

The first tours of duty were at the artillery posts of Forts Frances E. Warren and Sill. In 1934 Marion transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and served in the following posts: the Quartermaster Depot in Philadelphia, overseas duty in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. While in San Juan, he was involved in the restoration of the old Spanish buildings, he was especially pleased to have been associated with the restoration of the palace of Ponce de Leon.

Late in 1940 he was attached to the United States Army Air Corps as Quartermaster and served in the Canal Zone. The remaining years of active service were spent in establishing Air Corps bases throughout the Southern United States. In 1944 Major John Marion Moore was retired from active duty for physical disability.

During his early Army years, he played

polo, hunted and was an avid fisherman. In the years following he continued to fish and to add to a collection of Indian artifacts. His interest in the American Indian began as a boy in grade school at Fort Davis, Texas, and remained with him throughout his life. The entire country was represented in his collection.

After retirement from the Army, he began a second career—that of teaching. He taught global geography and South American history at Darlington School for Boys, Rome, Georgia, and established a precision drill team for the school. At the former Greenbrier Military School, Lewisburg, West Virginia, he served as assistant commandant and instructor in physics and science. He taught mathematics in the public schools of Jacksonville, Florida and Runnemede, New Jersey.

A registered civil engineer, he practiced surveying in West Virginia and Florida for several years. In his middle 60's he completed an engineering course in the design and analysis of fallout shelters.

His inquiring mind made him a lifelong student—study was a part of his life. He studied at Davis & Elkins College, West Virginia University, Florida State University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University following his retirement from active duty.

Throughout his life he maintained a deep concern for civic matters and for the welfare of his country. The last twenty years of his life he devoted much time to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), helped found the Half-Way House in Jacksonville, worked for the expansion and revitalization of the AA groups in Fort Dix and Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He had a deep concern for his fellow man and gave most freely of himself. His life and activities were leavened with integrity, humor and humbleness. His contributions were many and he will be missed by those whose lives he touched.

He truly lived "Duty, Honor, Country" all the years.

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## John Dabney Billingsley

NO. 8341 CLASS OF 1928

Died 23 May 1976 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BRIGADIER GENERAL (Retired) John D. "Bill" Billingsley, former Professor of Ordnance, United States Military Academy, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, 23 May 1976. He had been confined at DeWitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir for a brief time due to a blood infection. He was rushed to Walter Reed Army Medical Center when complications developed.

Bill Billingsley will long be remembered by his many friends, classmates, associates, United States Military Academy graduates and family. His contributions to the Ordnance Corps and School while serving in numerous responsible positions were monumental. His classmates recall him as the gracious host of many class functions at West Point. He served as class scribe for many years, keeping the Class of 1928 together through his ASSEMBLY articles. The West Point classes of 1951 through 1968 remember his contributions to their education, both in and outside the classroom. Many from these classes were privileged to know "Colonel Bill" as their plebe "Pop,"



JOHN DABNEY BILLINGSLEY

a responsibility he assumed for many cadet sons of friends and the Class of 1928. His fraternal brothers recall his tireless efforts in the furtherance of the principles and brotherhood of Masonry. Finally, his family remembers him as the steady hand of love, inspiration, and devotion; through many trials and family tragedies he stood as a tall sheltering tree.

John Dabney Billingsley was born in November 1904 at Fredericksburg, Virginia. Namesake of one of J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry lieutenants, he was the oldest son of Addison Gordon and Ellie Leavelle Billingsley. He attended elementary and high school in Fredericksburg, graduating in May 1924. In the last two years of high school he served with Battery F, 111th Field Artillery, Virginia National Guard. As a Guardsman he competed for and won an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Upon graduation from West Point in June 1928, Second Lieutenant Billingsley was posted to Battery C, 82d Field Artillery (horse), Fort Bliss, Texas. On 17 October 1931 he married Margaret E. Monk at Grace and Saint Peter's Church, Baltimore, Maryland. In 1932-1933 he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, acquiring a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1933 his wife Peg presented him with a daughter, Elizabeth Carol, born 28 December at Walter Reed Army Hospital. In February 1934 Bill transferred to the Ordnance Department. After attending The Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he served in various command, staff and instructor positions at Fort Bragg and Raritan Arsenal. In September 1939 his son, John Junior, was born at Governors Island, New York. In 1940 Bill (now captain) returned to The Ordnance School as an instructor. He held various positions in the school until 1943 when he was appointed Commandant, serving in the grade of lieutenant colonel. In 1943, after receiving credit for Command and General Staff College, Bill (now colonel) was ordered to the War Department Staff, G4, Washington, D.C. He served until 1944 when he was ordered to Italy where he became the II Corps Ordnance Officer. He returned to the states in 1945.

In the years following World War II, Bill commanded Fort Wayne Ordnance Depot, served on the War Department Staff and in the Chief of Ordnance's office. He attended Harvard Business School, obtaining a master's degree in Business Administration in 1947. He attended the National War College 1948-

1949. Bill was ordered to Japan in 1949 and served as the Deputy Ordnance Officer, Far East Command. In August 1950 he was a member of General MacArthur's special planning group for the Inchon Landing.

Shortly after the Korean War broke out, Bill went to Korea as the X Corps Officer. He participated in the Inchon and Wonsan Landings and was the senior Ordnance Officer during the Hungnam withdrawal. While serving in Korea he was notified of his selection as Professor and Head of the Department of Ordnance, United States Military Academy.

Bill returned to West Point in 1951 and assumed Professorship of the Department of Ordnance. For the next seventeen years he devoted his life to his alma mater. During his tenure the Department of Ordnance was restructured. The Ordnance Engineering Course was rewritten to incorporate much new material, to include Operations Research and modern computer technology. Bill was, additionally, an active author and lecturer during this time. He was a frequent contributor to *American Ordnance*, *Encyclopedia Americana*, and *Grolier Encyclopedia*. He edited numerous texts for use within the Department of Ordnance. Bill was recognized in Marquis' "Who's Who in America" 1960-1961 and "Men of Science" in 1966. In April 1966 Bill's beloved wife Peg died at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Following this personal tragedy, he returned to West Point to become even more active in Academy affairs and fraternal activities. In August 1967 Bill married Myrtle Mueller Pierce in Flemington, New Jersey. Bill Billingsley retired from active service 31 August 1968 in the grade of brigadier general. He served 40 years and three months of active federal commissioned service with no break in service. His military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (one Oak Leaf Cluster); the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Korean Presidential Citation.

After retiring, Bill and Myrtle settled in Fredericksburg, Virginia, devoting themselves to family, civil, and fraternal activities. Bill had been involved in Masonry since 1950. In 1952 he was elected President of the West Point Chapter, National Sojourners; in 1964 he was coronated 33° Mason. In 1967 he served as First National Vice President of Sojourners. Shortly after retirement in 1968 Bill was elected National President. He devoted much of his time to Sojourners that year and in the years that followed as a Past National President and Trustee. In 1975-1976 Bill served as Co-Chairman of the Fredericksburg Bicentennial Commission; organizing, writing, and speaking on many occasions throughout the State of Virginia in behalf of Bicentennial activities.

Bill is survived by his wife Myrtle; a daughter, Elizabeth B. Hill; a son, John D. Billingsley Jr.; a sister, Bettie B. Tillar; three brothers, Addison G., William B., and Leavelle Billingsley; and five granddaughters.

"And when our work is done,  
Our course on earth is run,  
May it be said: 'Well done;  
Be thou at peace.'"

-Donaldson Preston Tillar Jr. '59



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## Joseph Reisner Ranck

NO. 8642 CLASS OF 1929

Died 22 May 1976 in Augusta,  
Georgia, aged 69 years.

Interment: Marietta National Cemetery,  
Marietta, Georgia

JOSEPH REISNER RANCK was born on 13 July 1906 in Leola, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Lancaster, Pennsylvania Boys High School, he attended Franklin and Marshall College for one and a half years prior to entering West Point in July 1925.

His cadet career foretold his later service qualities—a man of high character, selfless devotion to duty, dependable, persevering, sincere and capable. Along with this, he had an unassuming personality, unspoiled and generous. Although quiet and good natured, he could be solid and firm and display strong determination as we saw demonstrated so often in his wrestling matches at the Academy.

Upon Joe's graduation, he was assigned to the 4th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Meade, South Dakota. Then, after service at Fort Ringgold, Texas, and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (detailed in the Signal Corps), he was ordered to the Panama General Depot at Corozal, Canal Zone, where he married Lucile (Celie) Woodbury from Birmingham, Alabama, on 2 October 1937. He and Celie were then assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, where their first child, a son, was born in 1939. After taking the Advanced Cavalry course, Joe said this was his swan song to youth, and he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps.

As the war clouds gathered, he served in Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Camp Blanding, Florida. At the start of World War II he was in Jamaica, British West Indies and later served in the Antilles Department until March 1944. Following a short tour at Somerville Sub-Depot of the Jersey City Quartermaster Depot, he went to Columbus (Ohio) Army Service Forces Depot where his distinguished service won him a Legion of Merit. Then came Command and General Staff College and Armed Forces Staff College before a tour with General Headquarters, Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan. When the Inchon landing was being prepared, Joe became the X Corps Quartermaster, serving as such during that seven-month campaign on both sides of the Korean peninsula and



JOSEPH REISNER RANCK

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winning another Legion of Merit and a commendation from the X Corps Commanding General, Lieutenant General Edward M. Almond.

Joe graduated from the National War College in 1953 and was President of the Quartermaster Board at Fort Lee, Virginia for a year before becoming commanding officer of the Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot. He was promoted to brigadier general in October 1954, and in 1955, he assumed command of the Atlanta General Depot where he served three years. His final tour of active duty was as Quartermaster for the United States Army, Europe, from 1958 to 1962. The Berlin crisis came during this period and Joe's effort during that massive air-lift was recognized in a third Legion of Merit with a citation stating: "His astute management of all phases of the activities within his area of responsibility contributed immeasurably to improve command readiness, economy of operation and increased logistical support to the United States Army, Europe. During a tense international situation caused by the Berlin crisis, he constantly assured that all requirements for Quartermaster equipment, supplies and services were fully met, notwithstanding the rapid build-up and deployment."

Joe and Celie retired to the home they loved so much in Atlanta in 1962 and Joe became an enthusiastic member of the Kiwanis Club and was active in the United Service Organization Council of Greater Atlanta and served as its president from 1965 to 1968.

In April 1974 Joe suffered a heart attack and a mild stroke and was hospitalized at the War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta, Georgia. He recovered sufficiently to come home in April 1975, but another heart attack six weeks later returned him to the hospital. By May 1976 his condition had become progressively worse and his weakened body could not survive the third heart attack from which he died on 22 May 1976. Joe showed great courage during his long illness—he never complained nor burdened his family and friends with despair over his physical condition.

Graveside services were held on 26 May 1976, at the Marietta (Georgia) National Cemetery. Besides his widow Celie, he is survived by a son, William W. Ranck, of Atlanta; a daughter, Lucy R. (Mrs. Joseph H. Roubal) of Pacific Palisades, California; a brother, Charles P. Ranck, of Leola, Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren.

All of us who knew Joe esteemed him as a true and wonderful friend. He was genuine through and through. He was good-hearted and a man without enemies. He was a credit to West Point and we salute him for his faithful adherence to our alma mater's precepts and for his outstanding accomplishments. He will be remembered as a dedicated officer, a loving husband, a devoted father and a kind and steadfast friend.

—G.E.B.

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**John Glenn Armstrong**

NO. 9658 CLASS OF 1933

Died 28 May 1950 at Dewitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 38 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

DURING JOHNNY ARMSTRONG's plebe year at West Point, we learned that he was a cadet of great potential. A big man, strong and agile, he quickly earned a firm tackle position on the Plebe Football Team, which on



JOHN GLENN ARMSTRONG

occasion moved the ball well against Biff Jones' Army Varsity. And having been reared in nearby Whitestone, New York, his father a policeman, John adapted readily to the strict West Point regime. Ranking academically in the top twenty percent of his class, he excelled as well in track, hockey and swimming.

After graduation Johnny earned his wings at Kelly Field, Texas, and went on to duty stations with bombardment units in Hawaii and at Hamilton Field, California.

In the summer of 1939 John established an Air Technical Training School in Long Island at Roosevelt Field, the base made famous by Lindbergh twelve years before. Here aviation mechanics began their training for the rapidly expanding Army Air Corps.

From 1941 to 1944 he continued in the training program, being successively Commander at Mather Field, California, and at Roswell Field, New Mexico, where the first operational A-bomb units underwent their highly secret upgrading.

John's next assignment was with General Chennault's 14th Air Force in China, where he served with distinction as Commander 308th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and other operational positions. He remained in that area until the end of the war with Japan.

His first postwar duty station was with the Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, in Headquarters, United States Air Force. Subsequently he spearheaded for the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, a key Special Staff office: "Assistant for Atomic Energy," from which he steered the development, operations, materiel and training activities in this still highly classified field; in addition he coordinated the Air Force relations with the Atomic Energy Commission, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

In August 1949 John entered the National War College. Here his broad knowledge of the nuclear potential for peace and war brought added realism into student discussions and thinking. And here tragically, in May 1950, just before graduation and on the threshold of assuming greater military responsibilities in the Strategic Air Command, John was stricken by a fatal heart attack. He died at Fort Belvoir and was interred with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery.

John was married to Frances Wilson, Honolulu, Hawaii. They had one daughter, Ann (Mrs. Terry Knickerbocker), born in 1936. In 1939, he was married to Dorothy Dickin-son of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Breast Order of YUNHUI (China).

A warm outgoing, generous and stalwart colleague, John was outstanding professionally, and a dynamic leader. He is remembered with deep affection by his classmates.

—M.F.S.

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**Robert Worman Hain**

NO. 9701 CLASS OF 1933

Died 22 November 1976 in Wahiawa, Hawaii, aged 67 years.

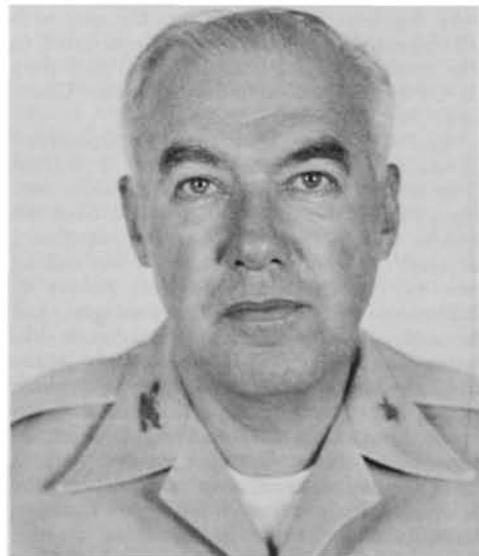
Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THIS IS MY autobiography. I have chosen this way of doing it in order to spare some poor soul the task of composing a biography which would make my life story one replete with flattering adjectives whether deserved or not. I am the only one who is qualified to tell it like it was.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, on 14 December 1908, I was one of five sons of Denis and Olive Hain. I had one sister. My father was a post office clerk, and times were hard. We boys started our working years early by delivering the daily newspapers mornings before school. Fortunately for me, we lived all of my younger years in the same section of Dayton, and I was able to go through grade and high school with the same group of boys and girls. This has always been a source of much satisfaction to me.

After graduating from Steele High School in 1927, I worked at various jobs at the National Cash Register Company. This was a rewarding experience in many ways, and that company was far ahead of the times in its relations with the employees. Meanwhile my older brother had entered the United States Naval Academy, and this helped inspire me to seek a military career. I competed for one of the appointments to West Point offered by my Congressman, the Honorable Roy G. Fitzgerald, and was successful in being admitted without having to take an entrance examination. Not having ever been a very diligent student, this was most fortunate for me, as I doubt very much that I could have passed the entrance examination.

Plebe summer in 1929 was a shocker for



ROBERT WORMAN HAIN

me. I had heard that it would be pretty tough but I never dreamed it would be as rugged as it was. How I managed to survive those hot days doing all those things we had to do, I never will know. Apparently my Dutch ancestry gave me sufficient stubbornness to stay with it, and of course in retrospect there were plenty of things that kept me going. At any rate the first two years were the hardest; by that time I had learned how to study. Although I had never fired a gun before becoming a cadet, I loved to shoot and was a member of both the small bore rifle team and the .30 caliber outdoor rifle team. The "Pointer" magazine attracted me, and I was on the staff for three years. I was the originator of the column called "Pyrene the Cat" and it is my understanding that this column still was being produced over 40 years later.

I managed to maintain my individuality for the four years by remaining a cadet private. Although I was not personally responsible entirely for this situation, it did allow me more time to engage in activities of my own choosing. For example, during yearling summer camp I met Miss Millicent Scott, and we dragged for the next three years and were married the day after graduation in the cadet chapel.

The Coast Artillery Corps was my branch, and I never regretted my choice. Millicent and I went to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for our first post and the year we spent there was both educational and enjoyable. In 1934 we sailed by Army transport for the Panama Canal Zone and spent two good years with the 4th Coast Artillery at Fort Amador. During that time our daughter Gwendolyn was born at Gorgas Hospital. In 1936 I was assigned to the 62d Coast Artillery at Fort Totten, New York but spent the first six months of that tour on detached service at Camp Dix, New Jersey in charge of the West Point Prep School, which turned out to be a very successful venture.

After two years of roving the countryside with the anti-aircraft artillery units of the 62d, I was assigned as a student at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe. In 1939 I almost chose the Philippines for my next duty but fortunately was prevailed upon by my good wife to ask for Hawaii instead. We were with the 98th Coast Artillery (a new anti-aircraft regiment) at Schofield Barracks at the start of World War II. What happened those first few days of the war is a story in itself, but suffice it to say that things in Hawaii were somewhat snafu, to coin a word. By that time we had acquired our son Scott, who was born in 1940. As was the case with all dependents, my family was evacuated to the mainland and I was shifted to staff duty in G3 in the underground at Aliamanu Crater near Fort Shafter.

In 1944 I was transferred to Operations Division in the Pentagon where I worked long hours seven days a week in Pacific Section. I never did quite find out just what the system was in that outfit, and to say that I enjoyed my job would be a lie. I was talking one day to Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson about life in the Pentagon, and he said, "Working in the Pentagon is like being on a ship which continuously plows through mountainous seas, never reaching port." How true. In the fall of 1946, I extricated myself from the Pentagon and we returned to Hawaii, where I spent a pleasant and very educational tour as chief of the Statistical Analysis Branch of Control Division, Headquarters, United States Army Pacific, later shifted to the G4 Division when Control Division was dissolved.

January 1949 saw us heading east from Hawaii to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, where we stayed until summer. At that time I was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, where I took command of a new battalion, Anti-aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons (Self Propelled). Soon after we had completed our training, we moved with some other units to Fort Lewis, Washington, with the mission of providing anti-aircraft defense for the Hanford Atomic Energy Works should the occasion arise. The start of the war in Korea changed this and I moved the battalion to Japan and joined the 7th Infantry Division for the landings at Inchon. Having acquired my eagles in late December 1950, I left the battalion and became the first Coast Artillery colonel to be a Division Artillery Exec in that war. This seems to have been a bit more than the Field Artillerymen had bargained for, so I rotated back to the United States and in June 1951 became G3 of Western Army Anti-aircraft Command at Fort Baker, California.

I was fortunate in being assigned to the Army War College in 1953 and we spent a very educational and enjoyable year at Carlisle Barracks. From there we again headed westward to the pleasant city of Colorado Springs, where I had the arduous job of G3 of the Army Air Defense Command for three years during its growing time. Added to the problems created by the switchover from guns to missiles was the matter of trying to maintain our integrity in the face of efforts by the Air Force to take over all matters pertaining to air defense. I felt the need for troop duty, and was fortunate in being given command of the 15th Artillery Group (Air Defense) in the Boston area. While in this assignment, I was sent to New Jersey as president of a board of officers which had the task of determining the cause of an explosion at a NIKE missile battery which killed ten men. We were able, by working long days, to solve this mystery in a fairly short time, and corrective action was taken which prevented any further such accidents.

My last tour of active duty was as Assistant Chief of Plans Division on the staff of Commander in Chief, Pacific. This consisted of four years of frustration as a member of what was supposed to be a joint staff. In 1961 Millicent and I bought a house on the north shore of Oahu at Kawaioloa Beach, where we have lived since. Retirement in 1963 entailed no moving problems for us. I made a retirement project out of rehabilitating our old house, and this has kept me busy ever since. Life near the beach has been mostly very pleasant for us. Our daughter is an artist and lives near Ashland, Virginia. Our son is a police officer in Honolulu and lives in Hawaii Kai.

In December 1975, I contracted malignant lymphoma, a form of cancer which attacks the lymph glands and bone marrow. At this writing I am able to live a fairly normal life aided by chemotherapy and cobalt radiation. We are hoping for a remission.

If I were asked what the outstanding events of my life were, I would say that there were three. First, the great honor of having attended and graduated from West Point. Second, my marriage to Millicent. Third, having fathered my daughter and my son.

In sum, I was an average Army officer. I believe that I gave the United States a fair return on its investment. I hope that my work left its mark somewhere, however tiny. If I had it to do all over again, I doubt that I would change anything.

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## Roy Tripp Evans Jr.

NO. 9769 CLASS OF 1933

Died 16 September 1976 in Petersburg, Virginia, aged 65 years.

Interment: Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia



ROY TRIPP EVANS JR.

"AGAIN, BUS EVANS, sleeves rolled elbow high, halts the ballcarrier at the line of scrimmage with a bone-jarring tackle!" These striking words from Ted Husing, radio sportscaster of the 1920's and 1930's accurately describe Buster as a linebacker of the Army teams from 1930 to 1932. On offense and defense Bus gave everything he had every minute—just as he did in all other aspects of his life and career.

At West Point it became evident very quickly that Bus was a very special guy. Gregarious and friendly, his compassion for others and his spirited sense of humor gave him wide acquaintanceship throughout the Corps. His down-to-earth approach to solving problems, common sense and excellent judgment were there for the asking. His conscientiousness was tempered by the ability to relax and be at ease under the most trying circumstances. Indeed, the recognition of all these traits undoubtedly led to his rapid promotions and varied assignments to positions of responsibility involving wide-range decision-making.

Choosing Infantry on graduation, Bus spent two years at Fort Adams, Rhode Island. His marriage to Virginia Hamilton of Petersburg, Virginia, in November 1934 was the highlight of his tour. Bus and Virginia had three sons: Roy T., John G. and Alexander H., all of whom were cadets in the Corps during 1957-1958—a first for an Academy graduate, in West Point history. All three sons are still on active duty in the Army.

After two years with the 27th Infantry Wolfhounds in Hawaii and graduation from The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Bus made a thoughtful and wise decision by transferring to the Quartermaster Corps. With his well-rounded infantry background, he was successively assigned to increasingly important positions with ever widening responsibilities. During World War II he served as a senior staff officer in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, and in Europe. Subsequently he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, became Com-

mandant of the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, and then served in Korea as G4 and Quartermaster of the Eighth Army. Upon return from Korea and completing the course of the Harvard School of Advanced Management, he became Assistant G4 at Department of the Army, was promoted to brigadier general in January 1956 and then served as Deputy Chief of the Army-Air Force Exchange service. He was appointed Deputy Quartermaster General in 1958 and promoted to major general in March 1959. When the Defense Supply Agency was formed in 1961, Bus became its Executive Director for Logistics Plans and Systems. Retiring from that position in March 1963, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service in that office.

Upon military retirement, Bus became General Manager and Vice President for Purchases of Continental Can Company—positions he held with distinction until his retirement from that large industrial organization in 1971.

Subsequently Buster and Ginny settled permanently in Petersburg, Virginia. This was an unusually happy arrangement. It was Bus' personal choice as well as Ginny's original home and they had developed many lasting friendships during tours of duty at Fort Lee. Bus, true to character, continued to make noteworthy contributions to National Defense—though he never considered them in that light—by making studies and analyses to improve the Defense Supply System. It just seemed natural to devote himself unstintingly to the task at hand without a thought to the time, effort and sacrifice involved.

Buster's death came as a sudden shock to his many friends as well as to his family. Only a month prior to the end did he himself become aware of his terminal illness. It was indeed in keeping with his compassion and consideration for others that Ginny was the only person close to him who knew of his critical condition. He died at home on 16 September 1976 and was buried with full military honors in Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg. Those of us who knew Bus so well as Cadets and enjoyed him in his later career have the pleasure of knowing that he never changed and that he continued to give of himself to the very end.

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### John George Benner

NO. 10156 CLASS OF 1934

Died 28 May 1972 in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, aged 60 years.

Interment: Anna, Illinois

JOHN GEORGE BENNER was born 12 September 1911 in Willow Lake, South Dakota, the son of Doctor and Mrs. William John Benner. He attended high school in Anna, Illinois, and Hall Prep School in Columbia, Missouri. He was appointed to the Military Academy from Illinois.

Jack withstood the rigors of West Point discipline and academics better than most of his classmates. He was insulated from the harsh realities of life there by his keen sense of humor, his disarming smile, and his pursuit of extra curricular activities, which enabled him to display his natural talents in music (primarily piano), singing, acting and writing.

During each of his four years at West Point, his contributions enhanced the choir, enriched the Hundredth Night Shows, and raised the standards of the Dialectic Society



JOHN GEORGE BENNER

and the *Pointer*. He was selected as President of the Dialectic Society and Executive Director of the *Pointer*.

On graduation in June 1934 he was commissioned in the Infantry. But he sought more challenge and adventure and was detailed to the Army Air Corps in September 1934. He progressed through the Primary and Advanced Flying Schools, and was first assigned to the 27th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field in November 1935, and then to the First Pursuit Group.

In May 1937 Jack decided to swap the glamour of the Air Corps for a more stable career in the Army, and was transferred to the Field Artillery, the branch in which he completed his service. He was first assigned to troop duty with the 68th Field Artillery (Mecz) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he married Lauren Brown from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on 24 June 1939.

The next four years of his service were his most rewarding and enjoyable ones. These included an assignment as instructor at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and command and staff duties with Field Artillery and Armored Division Artillery units. In June 1943 he was selected as Assistant Division Artillery Commander, 11th Armored Division.

During the period 1943–1944 of World War II, he served as Division Artillery Executive of the 5th Armored Division, which fought in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European Campaigns. His achievements in these actions were recognized by the award of two bronze star medals.

Following the war, he returned to the Field Artillery School, where he served as an instructor and as Secretary during the period 1945–1949. In 1950 Jack was assigned as Assistant Chief, United States Army Mission in Asuncion, Paraguay, and served there until 1953. This was followed by a "cloak and dagger" assignment to the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. Jack was retired in 1957 for temporary disability. He was recalled to active duty in early 1962, and was retired at his own request in May 1963.

His zest for travel, for doing things exciting and challenging, and his restlessness led him to make his home and settle with Lauren in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. He enjoyed painting, and he became an accomplished gourmet cook. He enjoyed

people, was a good listener, and a good storyteller.

He became extremely active there in Saint Michael's and All Angels (Episcopal) Church, in which he served as organist, choir director, Senior Warden, and Subdeacon. His dedication to the church, compassion for his friends, and love of West Point prompted him to donate six tall service candlesticks for the retable, each given and suitably inscribed in memory of close personal friends at West Point who died in the service to their country. The six are: Winton Graham and Donald McGrew—Class of 1933; Paul Burlingame Jr., Jack Neely, and Thomas Hayes VI—Class of 1934; and Richard Negley Jr.—Class of 1939.

Jack was stricken and died unexpectedly on 28 May 1972 in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Services were conducted in both Cuernavaca, and in Anna, Illinois. His untimely death ended his search for more adventure and more personal achievement, but it has not dimmed his classmates' memory of him. Also, in his memory there is a suitable plaque in Saint Michael's Church in Cuernavaca, and an icon of Saint Michael in the Holy Cross Church in Acapulco.

Jack is survived by his wife Lauren, who resides in Boca Raton, Florida; a son, Wolfgang, and twin grandsons, John Michael and Kenneth Michael Benner; also a stepson, Robert M. Layman, and three stepgrandchildren, Carolyn, Mark, and Laurie, all of whom reside in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He is also survived by a sister, Dorothy Mackelroy.

—Seymour I. Gilman

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### Henry Randolph Brewerton

NO. 12218 CLASS OF 1940

Died 11 June 1976 in Cornwall on the Hudson, New York, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

IN THE PROCESS of creating the Class of 1940's 25-year book, Hank Brewerton wrote several lines that serve well enough to open here this too-thin account of his own life:

*"... within this book we sang the song  
of youth,  
Of growing up to savor middle age  
... set it down  
To tell how we passed the time."*

Many a poet, and more than a few philosophers, have declared that death can be defeated by memory—depending upon the kind of recollections that linger and the number and longevity of the portraits that beam forth from the tapestries along Memory Hall, upon the tunes wafting from the memory-boxes that preserve these most precious of our possessions. If there was anyone in the Class of 1940 who would give that theory its fairest test, it would be Hank Brewerton.

As the subjects of our recollections alter over the decades, some memorabilia become out of date, while others keep modernizing themselves; Hank's image, accompanied by a sound track on which splashing and laughter are repeated heavy themes, retains for me a relatively and especially clear and consistent focus. To be sure, there was much more to Hank Brewerton than those obvious linkages to natation and waggery, to laps and quips.

Consider Hank's linkage to soldiering, a

choice affirmed by most of us some 40 years ago. In Hank's case, the predilection seemed natural and hereditary after a long line of warrior Brewertons, mostly named Henry. A great-great-great-grandfather was a colonel in the British Army, stationed in the northern area of the then-colony of New York; in his name, a town near Oneida is still called Brewerton.

In the eccentric context of the early 19th Century, great-grandfather Henry Brewerton entered West Point at the age of eleven, and graduated at the age of seventeen. In 1845, as a captain (later brigadier general), he became Superintendent at West Point, serving for seven years until relieved by Robert E. Lee.

A distinguished engineer in his day, the name of graduate number 207 was invoked for a number of features, including Brewerton Channel at Baltimore and Brewerton Road at West Point. It was one of Hank's imposed flippancies as a plebe to flip pats of butter toward the mess hall portrait of this ancestor.

Hank's grandfather fought in the Civil War, and his father fought in France in World War I. His bent for soldiering, therefore, was no genetic mystery. Accordingly, it was no light tap but a sledge-hammer blow to Hank to be retired prematurely from the Army.

Or pass from soldiering to consideration of swimming. Before he left his natal territory, the Panama Canal Zone, and headed north as a teenager, Hank Brewerton held every swimming record from 200 meters to one mile, and was the Zone diving champion as well. By breaking the United States Military Academy record in the 220 his first year, Hank achieved a plebe feat rare in those days by being awarded an "A." Through the 1940 period Hank was considered to be the outstanding swimmer in West Point's athletic history.

Consider wit and laughter. Simply irrepressible, with sense and style, amused by the foibles of situation and personality wherever he was, Hank was at the center of any group from which laughter erupted frequently. Hank was turned off, and his satire was turned on, by pomp and panoply, by pretense and cant. His humor, genuine and inexhaustible, was expended for amusement, not pain; its character blended with the rest of his approach—energetic, unaffected, generous, droll.

Consider professional talent and competence. Hank became a highly successful writer, teacher, psychologist, counselor, organizer, administrator, executive, athletic official, and educator. He could, when necessary, be tough-minded; yet he had acute antennae highly sensitive to cries for help, even silent cries. It is of exquisite importance that these multiple excellences were achieved despite a physical debility that badgered him intermittently throughout his entire adult life. He always appeared to be "a man of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows."

A child of the sun, Hank never saw snow until he arrived at Fort Monroe as a "GI" in 1933. The son of an engineer employed by the Panama Canal for 33 years, Hank was born in the Canal Zone in 1914, and began swimming at eight, in the Zone's Red, White, and Blue Troop. At Balboa High, he was a Big Man on Campus (BMOC)—swimming, captain and star, editor of the paper and yearbook, already endowed with the powerful chest and shoulders that distinguished his configuration.

Since no appointments to the United States Military Academy were available in the Zone,



HENRY RANDOLPH BREWERTON

Hank headed northward to Fort Monroe's West Point Prep School in 1933. Even as a good soldier on that venerable post, joshing the old-Army noncommissioned officers, Hank was again a sort of BMOC; for, with Hank churning away, the post swimming team even beat colleges in the area. When the Corps was expanded in 1935, the Governor of the Canal Zone was at last authorized to fill an appointment to the United States Military Academy; he named Hank Brewerton first.

As a plebe winning an "A," Hank again quickly became a local celebrity around the Plain. Mathematics, however, gave him formidable competition; as the stars on his bathrobe later testified, he was turned out three times and found once. The latter event had its compensations for us; when Hank re-entered, he joined the Class of 1940.

His cadet years were characteristically full. To the *Pointer*, Hank devoted very large talents; he eventually became the managing editor. In the Dialectic Society, he performed the remarkable feat of writing the books for the 1938, 1939, and 1940 Hundredth Night Shows, each full of wit, satire, burlesque, hilarity; it was difficult to imagine more enjoyable and memorable farce.

In intercollegiate swimming, he set new records again and again. In three years of nineteen varsity meets, he scored 182 points; in eight meets in 1940, he scored 86 points; the 1940 team, of which he was captain, broke six of eight Military Academy records. In 1940, in the 220 and 440 events, Hank became the first official All-American Swimmer Army ever had.

Hank enjoyed life among the goats, and I think, preferred that environment. Like many goats, he could have stood higher than number 430 out of 449; but he was busy doing a lot of more interesting things. He was elected Class Historian. Preferring the Infantry, and Hawaii or the Philippines, he was ranked into the Coast Artillery Corps and shipped to Panama.

Returning from the Canal in 1938, he met Jeanne Huff on shipboard. They were married quietly on 13 July 1940 in New York City's Little Church Around The Corner, with his lifelong friend from Panama, Dick Dorrance, as best man.

From September 1940 until September 1944, the Brewertons served in Panama. After battery duties, and attendance at Antiaircraft School at Orlando, Florida, and at the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, he commanded the 2d Battalion, 1st

Coast Artillery. In 1944, he became a member of the United States mission to Ecuador, to teach artillery and establish a war college. Thus, up to that point, he had done very well; he was expected to go far in the military profession.

Fate, however, suddenly intervened. In 1945, in the rare atmosphere of Quito, while riding in a jeep, and without any earlier warning or indication in his life, he suffered a major epileptic seizure. Hank was retired from active service for physical disability, as a lieutenant colonel, in February 1946. The blow broke his heart but not his spirit.

For me Hank illustrated Montaigne's incomparable wisdom:

*"It is our duty to compose our character, not to compose books, and to win, not battles and provinces, but order and tranquility for our conduct of life . . . Our great and glorious masterpiece is to live to the purpose . . ."*

In early 1946, he and Jeanne firmly picked up the pieces. By happy chance, Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania, invited Hank on board and took to the Brewertons; and they stayed for "seven wonderful years" until 1952. For the first three months an instructor in math (!), Hank soon shifted into a specialty for which he had great talent, admissions and guidance. Between 1949 and 1952, he also earned a master's degree in Education and Psychology at Villanova. The nuns in his classes wrote poetry to him, and he to them; they called him their "Martin Luther."

An opportunity arose in 1952 to form an alliance with a physician in Puerto Rico in founding Continental Schools, Inc., providing an advisory service for Latin American families desiring to send their children to schools and camps in the United States and a "recruiting" service for some 200 schools and colleges and 100 camps. Continental Schools, which also provided psychological testing of youngsters, initially maintained offices in Havana and Caracas, as well as San Juan.

In Puerto Rico, the Brewertons, besides becoming civic activists, produced in 1953 their only child, Jeancita. Gradually evolving a system of age-group development in swimming, Hank became the "father of the Puerto Rico Swimming Association, a consultant to the Commonwealth on swimming programs and pool construction, and Secretary of the Central American and Caribbean Swimming Federation. He conducted the entire participation of Puerto Rico's 180 athletes in the 1959 Pan American Games in Chicago, and in 1960 organized in Puerto Rico the first Age-Group Swimming and Diving Championships for Central America and the Caribbean, with 350 participants. In 1961, he repeated that performance in El Salvador and in 1962 in Jamaica. A member of the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee, he served as an official in the Central American Games, the Pan American Games, and the Olympic Games. Hank also served as local head (and lifetime member) of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Eventually the pervasive heat of Puerto Rico led them to think of cooler climates. Don Yeuell helped to guide the Brewertons toward a location and position just about ideal: Director of Guidance at New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, a few miles north of West Point. Over the eleven years from 1965 to 1976, Hank's guidance assisted nearly 900 young persons to select and enter the right college orbit.

Said Brigadier General Fran Roberts, New

York Military Academy Superintendent: "Two of Hank's greatest qualities were his forthrightness and incisiveness... an outstanding counselor of young men and women."

As at Valley Forge and San Juan, Hank undertook other services—President of the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Valley; Board of Governors, Mid-Hudson Chapter, AUSA; Vice President of the Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, 1970–71 and 1975–76. General William Knowlton added an inevitable comment that had seemed for forty years the natural thing to remember about Hank Brewerton: "His sense of humor made him a welcome addition to any gathering."

Hank officiated at international swimming meets, including the Olympics in Tokyo, Mexico City, and Munich, and in the early summer of 1976 was preparing to participate again, as an official at Montreal. As a member of the Technical Committee of FINA, the international swimming confederation, he had pressed for years for the adoption of the prized concept: a standardized, but tailored, system for age-group swimming development.

Always supplementing, often superseding, all his other activities was Hank's unique, voluminous, invaluable services for the Class of 1940. Actually, he performed many deeds and duties usually spread among a number of officers in other classes. Almost too many to mention—Hank was the scribe for the 1940 class notes in ASSEMBLY from April 1946 through the June 1976 issues (Bill Knowlton, inveterate reader of class notes, felt that Hank's column after our 30th Reunion was "a classic"); he was the clearing house for personal and family statuses, addresses, and events for all members of 1940; representative at reunions, alumni gatherings, and data collections; fund raiser and treasurer much of the time; arranger of awards to class sons; logistician and host for class gatherings and reunions; organizer and editor of the 15-year book and the 25-year book, carefully recording in each volume the other contributors, large and small.

Thirty-six years after graduation and commissioning, to the very day, on Friday, 11 June 1976 in Cornwall while Jeanne watched at his side, "God's finger touched him, and he slept." The capitulation of that great heart "was over in seconds."

Thus, as "the day's out, and the labor done," Hank was buried quietly among perpetual friends in the West Point Cemetery, attended by his family; official and personal mourners; his lifelong friend, Dick Dorrance; Don Yeuell's widow, Mary; and classmates Bryce Denno, Dick Kent, and Jack Wright. Besides Jeanne and Jeancita, Hank left behind his mother and sister Matilde.

Minutes of silence were observed in his memory in places far away. Perhaps a single tribute that would have pleased him much is enough to cite here, from a South African colleague on FINA's Technical Committee and fellow Olympic Swimming Official:

*"His years of endeavor culminated in the tabling of the International Age-Group rules... and at his untimely death the rules were awaiting ratification by the FINA Congress... I hope that, although posthumously, he will get the credit for a job well done."*

Hank Brewerton had indeed lived to the purpose.

Addressing his classmates, Jeanne says, "he took great pleasure in keeping contact... his classmates took priority... he loved you all."

This, then, is his book, this is "how he passed the time."

Some of Hank's many talents have been cited above; but perhaps his greatest talent was one that had to be shared: a talent for friendship. It will not be easy to think of Hank Brewerton without the memory-sound of his voice, in quip and quick laughter. We want to say more than that we thank him, and mourn him; we loved him too.

—Tony Wermuth

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## William Frank Starr

NO. 12401 CLASS OF 1941

Died 29 August 1976 in Lexington, Kentucky, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



WILLIAM FRANK STARR

WILLIAM FRANK STARR, died on 29 August 1976 in a Lexington hospital after a very short illness. The son of Zina F. and Vera Nichols Starr, he was born in 1915 in Peoria, Illinois, and received his early education in that public school system, graduating from Peoria High School in 1933. He also attended Wentworth Military Academy, Georgia Institute of Technology and the United States Military Academy where he graduated in 1941. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, Signal Corps.

During World War II he served with the 1st Armored Signal Battalion and Headquarters First Armored Corps in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. When he returned to the United States in 1945 he was assigned as Assistant Commandant, Signal Corps Officer's Candidate School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In 1950 Colonel Starr graduated from the Harvard Business School with a Master of Business Administration degree. During the interim 1950–1954 he was a member of the Electronics Production Resources Agency, and in 1955 graduated from the Army War College. He was a member of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe team of training advisors for the Netherlands Army from 1955 to 1957; commander of the Piramens Army Depot in Germany 1956–1958; director, Procurement Division, Army Logistics Management Center 1958. In 1962–1963 he was assigned to the office of the Chief of Staff, United States Army, as Chief, Plans and Systems Division. He was Commander,

Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot 1963–1965; and assigned to the Korean Military Advisory Group in 1965–1966. Colonel Starr's last assignment prior to retirement in 1966 was Headquarters Commandant, Headquarters First Army. After retirement Colonel Starr joined the faculty of the University of Kentucky (College of Business and Economics) where he developed the concept and appropriate materials for the University's capstone course in Business Policy.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church; American Management Association; Beta Gamma Sigma; Oleika Temple Shrine; and Demolay Legion of Honor. He was also a 32d degree Mason and a life member in the Retired Officers Association.

Bill married Marie Elizabeth Flynn of Yonkers, New York in 1942. She died in 1966. In 1967 he married Margaret Burgess Howard of Lexington, Kentucky.

Colonel Starr is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Burgess Starr, Lexington, Kentucky; a daughter, Mrs. John K. Moon, Fayetteville, North Carolina; a son, William F. Starr Jr., Lexington, Kentucky; and two grandchildren.

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## Luis John Flanagan

NO. 12983 CLASS OF 1942

Died 12 February 1975 at West Point, New York, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LU WAS KNOWN to many as the "old man" and in this role he was the greatest. It may be well to start with his favorite biblical expression "In the beginning." On 10 August 1918, Lu was born the first of three children to Meta and Francis Flanagan in Rochester, New York. At an early age, his family moved to Chicago and they lived there until Lu was 13. At that time he made the decision to come to West Point after watching the cadets march on Soldiers Field in Chicago. When the family moved from Chicago to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they lived until he graduated in 1942, he nurtured this wonderful belief in the great West Point. Following a year at the University of Cincinnati and a preparatory school year with "Beanie Millard's" in Washington, he arrived at the United States Military Academy in 1938. Truly his dream came true. After four years of battling academics and concealing his model railroad from the "Tacs," he joined the Long Gray Line.

We think it atypical of Lu's cadet time, as it is described by General Lu Clay, "In trying to recall our days as cadets, I think back to two of us; namely, Clay and Flanagan who were such confirmed 'goats' and of our trials and tribulations in mastering the 'system,' and it all seems very humorous 35 years later. However, at the time, both of us had difficulty finding it quite as humorous. But more importantly, Lu's unfailing good humor and desire to finish the program had tremendous impact on me. I really think that without the example of self-discipline with respect to the academic program that he applied, I would have had a rather disastrous future as far as my cadet career was concerned. I guess if there was one unfailing characteristic of Lu's, it was his unusually deep religious conviction, and again, this was his own conviction and one that he was proud of but did not try to force or indicate that others should follow in the same path."

His association as a cadet and after graduation with Monsignor George G. Murdock (deceased) and Monsignor Joseph P. Moore



LUIS JOHN FLANAGAN

and Father Robert McCormick enriched his faith and love for the Army. These great priests were his guiding light but, additionally, called on Lu in time of need because of his great and grand philosophy. On many occasions we think Lu felt he had a calling for the priesthood; however, the beautiful Kathy, while living in Greenwich Village, dispelled this idea since as a teenager when she dated Lu in his First Class year. The decision to marry while he was stationed with the 94th Division came because of their great love and it happened on 17 August 1943; still Kathy followed Lu as they honeymooned at Fort Benning and Fort Leavenworth, but she had to leave Lu and return to New York to give birth to their first son, Brian, in 1944.

His division, the 94th, fought through France and Germany and during that time Lu was a company commander, a battalion executive officer, and the commander of the 302d Infantry. He was wounded seriously in 1945 in the Battle of the Bulge, and he began a series of operations to mend the severe wounds to his right arm and shoulder which to his great dismay prevented his return to the war. He never complained of his pain and between surgery at Valley Forge General Hospital and working as a farm hand on a potato farm in Bridgehampton, Long Island, he was able to strengthen his limbs; he always hoped to return to active duty and to his first love—the Infantry. His forced retirement in 1947 took the family to Boston where, besides his business, he spent much of his time recruiting young men for the Military Academy.

Incidentally, it is important to know that during his career, Lu's priorities were God, country, wife and family in that order.

During these years, it is well to be reminded of Lu's tremendous drive and compassion, and here is the story of Lu at Valley Forge Hospital as related by our Classmate Doc Hyde: "He would come to visit me after my eye operations. I would be lying in bed with my eyes bandaged, he would be sitting in a chair by the bed, apparently reading a book. Then as the various nurses came and went, he would call out to me a rating of the attractiveness of each in terms of the West Point grading system. Those gals could never figure out why that attractive black Irishman would sit there turning the pages of a book while he would say, often while the girl was still in the room, '2.9' or '1.8' or, not very often, '2.8.' My mother thought he was a hard marker."

During those years out of the Army in the late forties, he fathered three daughters, Deirdre, Cassie and Pat, which made the entire time out of the Army most enjoyable.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, General Willoughby, then the Superintendent, requested Lu's return to West Point in 1951 to the Tactical Department to be in charge of all ceremonies and cadet activities. Lu dropped everything including his wonderful business to return to West Point and then loved every minute of his 24 years training, counselling and guiding cadets. During this time five more children arrived. Tim, now a First Classman, Class of 1977; Brendon, a Yearling, Class of 1979; and three beautiful daughters, Meaghen, Sheelagh and Brigid.

Kathy says "our cup runneth over." Truly, being here and being involved in the great tradition of watching and teaching these young leaders and imbuing them with the "unselfish American way of life," Lu couldn't stress enough the privilege it has been to be a part of this exalted institution. Each day was a new experience for the entire family while living with this great father.

I think it appropriate to tell you what Sam Koster wrote me. "West Point was indeed fortunate to have had so many years of devoted service from Lu Flanagan. From my personal observation, I know he provided a continuity of standard and technique benefiting both cadet life and ceremony. As a member of the Tactical Department, he not only had an active role in the daily life of the Academy but also through the years he added to the tradition of this generation much in the way Marty Maher, Chauncey Big Fixe and Pop Jenkins contributed to ours. The 'Sons of Today' will long remember his behind the scenes operations and influence.

"Lu was always strong in his convictions and not in the least hesitant to tell it as he saw it. Fortunately, his observations were realistic and constructive.

"Above all Lu loved his family and they in turn were completely devoted to 'Old Dad' and in making his troubled years a time of happiness."

His valiant fight with cancer ended 12 February, 1975. He never once lost faith and determination, continuing to go to the Operations Section of the Headquarters, United States Corps of Cadets until the middle of December 1974. Any pain or discomfort were never revealed, although we know he was in constant pain. However, we sometimes felt we were in the presence of a saint, as family and classmates aided and helped him. Observing his faith and determination throughout his last year on this earth, made the family, his classmates and all of us better people. Each one of us has felt it was a privileged experience. To use his words, "no tears, prayers." We feel his presence around us constantly and all of us will truly miss him.

A strong father, officer, Catholic and great American. The best of the greatest class, 1942, Lu will always be in our view and we'll never forget "Old Dad" and know that somehow, somewhere he is truly guiding us today and in the future.

—Kathy Flanagan and Tom Rienzi



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## Alfred Dale Hagen

NO. 13759 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 26 November 1975 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 54 years.

Interment: Ipswich, South Dakota

ON 26 NOVEMBER 1975, in San Antonio, Texas, the life of Alfred Dale Hagen came to an end quickly and prematurely. Dale had retired in San Antonio three years earlier after completing a most successful and distinguished career in the United States Air Force. To those who were close to him it appeared that Dale was in good health and had adjusted quickly to retired life. Unlike many of his classmates who find it difficult to slow down and enjoy the rewards of retirement, Dale had planned and was enjoying a relaxed mode of living. His sudden death due to a myocardial infarction came as a shock to his family and his many friends.

Dale came to the Military Academy from Ipswich, South Dakota, where he had been born on 21 February 1921, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Hagen. He spent his early years there and, after graduating from Ipswich High School, he further prepared himself for the Military Academy by attending Sullivan Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. for one year.

Dale entered West Point with one thought in mind—to graduate and spend a full and honorable career in the service of his country. He took Academy life in stride, working when necessary but never overlooking any opportunity to enjoy a few moments of relaxation from the normal daily routine. He never appeared to have any doubts about "making the grade" as far as graduation was concerned. Perhaps it was this confident, orderly approach to living coupled with a fine sense of humor that enabled Dale to avoid the worry and frustrations that often plague others. His relaxed personality made him a comfortable and enjoyable person to know and be around. When the opportunity was presented for cadet flight training Dale entered the program with enthusiasm and quickly oriented his plans toward an Air Force career. He completed his training successfully and graduated with his coveted pilot's wings.

Shortly after reporting to his first assignment at Dale Mabry Field, Florida, Dale mar-



ALFRED DALE HAGEN

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ried Georgene Crissman, his high school sweetheart. Their married life was interrupted shortly thereafter when Dale was assigned overseas as a fighter pilot with the famed 23d Fighter Group, 74th Fighter Squadron (Flying Tigers) in the China, Burma, India theatre. Upon his return to the United States in 1945 he was assigned to the Armed Services Petroleum Purchasing Agency in Washington, D.C., the first of many assignments in the fuels field that led to his becoming one of the foremost fuel experts in the Air Force.

During his long and illustrious career in the fuels field Dale served as: Command Petroleum Officer for Northeast Air Command, Saint Johns, Newfoundland; Executive Officer, Petroleum Logistics Division, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense; Chief of the Joint Area Petroleum Office, Madrid, Spain; Chief of Production Engineering Division, Western Contract Management Region, Mira Loma, California; Chief of Fuels Division, Headquarters, USAF; and Chief of Petroleum Branch, JCS. His last assignment prior to retirement in 1972 was as Director of Aerospace Fuels, San Antonio Air Materiel Area. In this position he was responsible for worldwide Air Force logistics support for petroleum, liquid propellants and chemicals. During his busy career he found time to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Management.

Dale accomplished his objective of spending a full and honorable career in the service of his country. He did equally well on the private side of his life as a husband and father. He and Georgene and their two children, Timothy and Joan, were an especially close family who enjoyed doing things together. In spite of his busy schedule, Dale found the time to be with his family and attend to their needs and wants. He set the example for leading a moral and productive life. At the time of his death he was an active member of University Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, where he served as Deacon.

Dale is survived by his widow Georgene, of the home in San Antonio; son Timothy, now a lawyer in Houston; daughter Joan, a student in architecture at Rice University; his mother; one brother and a granddaughter, Holly.

Dale was buried with full military honors in the family plot in Ipswich.

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### Frank Gentry Barnes

NO. 16998 CLASS OF 1949

Died 25 September 1976 at the United States Air Force Medical Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, aged 52 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

FRANK WAS BORN in Livermore, Kentucky, on 9 December 1923; however, he was only a few months old when his father and mother, Irl Allison and Helen Owen Barnes, moved to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he grew up and the place he considered to be his home town. As a youngster, Frank's chief interest was sports and he spent most of his time on the basketball court and football and baseball fields. He attended public schools in Hopkinsville and was graduated from Hop-



FRANK GENTRY BARNES

kinsville High School, where he earned letters in football and basketball and was in the very top of his class scholastically.

Following graduation from high school, Frank briefly attended the University of Kentucky under a football scholarship; then moved to Vanderbilt, where he was majoring in civil engineering when he received the familiar "Greetings" early in 1943.

Frank served in the 97th Division, attended New Mexico School of Mines under the Army Special Training Program, and served in the armored infantry of the 12th Armored Division where he took the competitive examinations that resulted in his appointment to the Military Academy. He was with the 12th in Port of Embarkation at Camp Shanks, New York, in late November 1944 when he received orders to report to Lafayette College for studies preparatory to entering the United States Military Academy in July 1945.

Frank's arrival at West Point was difficult to miss since he was one of our largest classmates. He soon made his presence felt on both the football field and basketball court where he earned three varsity letters in each sport, having used up one year of eligibility prior to his West Point years.

He played tackle on the great championship teams of 1945-1946-1947. Plastic helmets were new and the vogue at that time, but Frank along with Barney Poole stuck with the old-fashioned leather jobs, and this fact caused them to be easily identifiable on the field. In basketball, Frank was a hard worker although not a great scorer and surprisingly light on his feet for a big man. It was in baseball, though, that I really got to know Frank. It would be great to say that he was also a three letterman in that sport; however, it was not to be. Frank started the season with the Varsity as a back-up first baseman but was having trouble hitting a curve ball, and he was sent down to join our Plebe team. He never did overcome this hitting fault and gave up the game that year. With his bulk and natural good humor, we all gave him a rough time about his strike-out tendencies. Years later, I got a call about eleven o'clock one evening, and it was Frank who wanted me to know that he had hit a home run in the final game of the annual Industrial College of the Armed Forces—War College World Series.

After graduation we served together at Tyndall Field in Florida and played basketball along with Spook Maughmer, Bob

Pursley, and Irv Hammer for the Air Tactical School team. Frank was also our hard-driving coach and he really intimidated that league. He never gave up his love of athletics.

While Frank was at Purdue in graduate school, Stu Holcomb was the head football coach. Having known Frank back at the Academy, he had him helping the then Line Coach, Hank Stram. Frank formed a lifelong friendship with Hank and in later years was an active scout for the Kansas City Chiefs—his most famous find was at Morgan State in Baltimore—Willie Lanier. When the Chiefs won their first Super Bowl, Frank was presented with a set of diamond cuff links of which he was justly proud. This friendship continued right up through Frank's hospitalization, when Hank would call every week to check his progress.

Frank's career took him to bases throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Korea, and Vietnam. The following information on Frank's career came from the Air Force LOGNEWS:

"Among the highlights of his career were tours of duty with the Ballistic Missile Division of Inglewood, California, the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado and Headquarters, United States Air Force.

"His duties with the Ballistic Missile Division were as the project engineer on the Titan I missile program. He was responsible for the propellant loading systems for all liquid fuel missile and space programs; and when the emphasis shifted to solid propellant missiles, he was named chief of operational base design for the Minuteman Program.

"From September 1963 to July 1966 he was in the base civil engineer organization at the Air Force Academy. During his tour there, the construction program to accommodate expansion of the cadet wing was initiated.

"In July 1968 he was assigned to the Headquarters United States Air Force Directorate of Engineering as the assistant chief of the Construction Division.

"He later became chief of the Civil Engineering Programs Division, with responsibility for developing all civil engineering programs, including military construction, minor construction, nonappropriated funds construction, and operation and maintenance.

"General Barnes had been assigned Deputy Chief of Staff Engineering and Services at Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, since February 1973."

Last July Frank experienced severe headaches which were finally diagnosed as a brain tumor. The resulting operation was unsuccessful, and Frank passed away in late September. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery on 29 September. Chaplain Rice, who spoke to the large crowd at the funeral, gave an anecdote which portrayed Frank as we all remember him—following the operation the Chaplain was present at the time Frank revived; Frank looked up at him and asked "what's the score, Coach;" the Chaplain replied that it was the last quarter and we were behind 12-0. It was indeed fitting that in terms of the athletics he so deeply loved that Frank was prepared to face his impending death.

While at Purdue in 1956, Frank courted and married his lovely bride, Patty Francis. There are three wonderful children who survive Frank—Beth, 17, a freshman at William and Mary; Susan, 15; and Henry Alan, better known as Hank, 13. In tribute to her father, Beth wrote the following, which was read at the service held at Wright Field:

*Thank You Dad*

*Thank you Dad, for all the things you were to me.  
That big man whose little girl I was.  
That person who growled and play-fought with me.  
The one who taught me how to ride a bike (and how to play football and baseball.)  
Thank you for all the times you spanked me (I guess I deserved it).  
Thank you for the support you gave me every day.  
Thank you for the part of me that is you.  
Thank you for your influence on my life.  
Thank you Dad, for being you.*

Your classmates, too, want to thank you Frank; we are better persons for just having known you—rest in peace.

*—Brother, Ellis  
Daughter, Beth  
Classmate, FAH*



MAURO ELASIO MORESCA

The discipline of cadet life and the rigors of the curriculum were obstacles which, though perhaps not easily overcome, were readily mastered by Mauro. And, as a young man of many talents, he was able to devote time to his other gifts. Often our room looked like an artist's studio as Mauro worked on his oils. Though a city boy from the streets of New York, his western scenes, still lifes, and oils of horses led one to think he came from other roots. And who among us who knew him can forget his singing prowess? For laughs he could pierce your ears with shrill versions of hits of the day, but he also used his gifted tenor in a serious vein as a member of the glee club and the Catholic choir.

Mauro had something else to sustain him during his four years as a cadet—his love for Robin. Their romance was almost "story book West Point." We never had to ask him who he was taking to the hops. We always knew.

And then in 1950, on graduation, Robin and Mauro were married.

As they moved from station to station their family grew, first with the addition of daughter Gi-gi and then later with twin sons, John and Robert. I recall visiting with Robin and Mauro at Brookley not long after Gi-gi's birth. That theirs was a household of love was oh so evident. And then in March of 1975, not long before his death, I visited with Mauro as he returned from a trip to see Bobby. As we reminisced and he brought me up to date on Robin and the children, it was obvious to me that there was never a more devoted husband and father.

And what of his career? It was a career of a true professional—marked by dedication, selflessness, devotion to duty and brilliance in performance. Mauro spent just about all his years in a variety of engineering assignments that took him to Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Southeast Asia (twice). His decorations tell us of his performance: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and a host of commendation medals. Mauro also managed to find time for the Air Tactical School, the Air Command and Staff College, and two masters' degrees.

Those of us who remain still find it difficult to realize that this outstanding officer, this devoted husband, this loving father, this true friend, is gone. But we were all the richer for having been touched by him.

Be thou at peace. —JFL Jr.

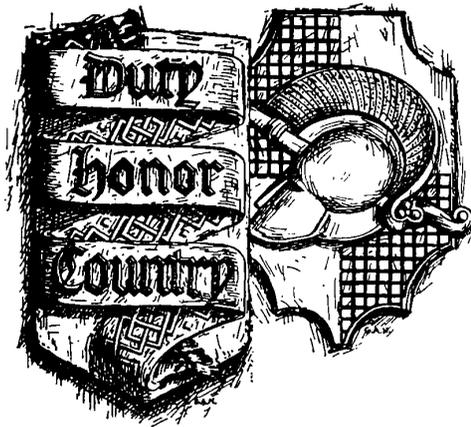
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**Mauro Elasio Moresca**

NO. 17757 CLASS OF 1950

Died 22 April 1975 at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., aged 50 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MAURO, OR MARIO as some of us called him, came to West Point the hard way—appointed from the Army. He had had over two years service with the Army Air Force, both in the United States and overseas, prior to his cadet days. More mature, then, than the average cadet, he knew what military life was like; he knew what he wanted; and he set out to attain it.



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the June 1977 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Rex R. Gardner	Ex-1905.... 4 May	1977....Portland, Oregon	
Your M. Marks	1908....21 May	1977....Miami, Florida	
John H. Cochran	1915.... 6 July	1977....Clearwater, Florida	
Cassius P. Fletcher	Ex-1915.... 1 July	1977....La Mesa, California	
Harris Jones	Apr 1917.... 1 July	1977....Asheville, North Carolina	
Edmund B. Bellinger	Jun 1918.... 3 August	1977....Flushing, New York	
James C. Marshall	Jun 1918....19 July	1977....Syracuse, New York	
Joseph T. Zak	Ex-Jun 1918.... 5 June	1977....San Diego, California	
Jesse E. Graham	Nov 1918....28 July	1977....Alexandria, Virginia	
John T. Brown	Nov 1918.... 6 April	1977....Stone Mountain, Georgia	
William T. Van de Graaff	1919....26 April	1977....Florence, Colorado	
James M. Bevans	Ex-1919.... 1 May	1977....Fort Lauderdale, Florida	
Alexander George	1920....13 July	1977....Dunn Loring, Virginia	
Halley G. Maddox	1920....26 May	1977....San Antonio, Texas	
Lawrence C. Leonard	1922.... 5 May	1977....Williamsburg, Virginia	
Edwin C. Greiner	14 Jun 1922....17 April	1977....Daytona Beach, Florida	
Thomas H. Maddocks	14 Jun 1922....27 May	1977....Tarpon Springs, Florida	
John E. Adkins Jr.	1923....29 July	1977....New Orleans, Louisiana	
Allen D. Raymond	1923....26 May	1977....St. Petersburg, Florida	
Clark N. Bailey	1924....30 May	1977....Morrisdale, Pennsylvania	
Haydon L. Boatner	1924....29 May	1977....San Antonio, Texas	
Richard W. Pearson	1926....28 May	1977....Jacksonville, Florida	
Raymund G. Stanton	1927.... 1 July	1977....Columbia, South Carolina	
Charles E.N. Howard Jr.	1931.... 4 May	1977....Washington, D.C.	
Henry C. Britt	1932....12 July	1977....Bradenton, Florida	
William B. Moore	1932.... 9 June	1977....Monterey, California	
Harry W. Sweeting	1933....20 July	1977....Washington, D.C.	
Dana W. Johnston Jr.	1934....19 April	1977....Washington, D.C.	
William A. Fogg	Ex-1934.... J January	1974....Cleveland, Ohio	
Clair B. Mitchell	1935.... 4 June	1977....Catlett, Virginia	
Robert M. Burnett	1936....24 June	1977....Kingsland, Texas	
Rudolph Laskowsky	1938.... 8 November	1976....Brevard, North Carolina	
Arthur D. Poinier	1939....21 June	1977....Patrick AFB, Florida	
James D. Loewus	1940....10 June	1977....Hampton, Virginia	
John C. Barney Jr.	1941....12 May	1977....San Antonio, Texas	
James E. McElroy	1941.... 9 April	1977....San Jose, California	
John G. Tyndall 2d	1941....14 June	1977....Mountain View, California	
Frank T. Ellis	Jan 1943.... 6 July	1977....Montgomery, Alabama	
Richard T. Schlosberg Jr.	Jan 1943.... 2 April	1977....Newark, Delaware	
John R. Geyer	1944.... 4 May	1977....Los Angeles, California	
Steve W. Mulkey Jr.	1944.... 1 July	1977....Horatio, Arkansas	
Eleazar Parmly IV	1946....19 July	1977....Tifton, Georgia	
Dean S. Gausche	1947.... July	1975....Los Angeles, California	
William C. McGee	1947....13 July	1974....Rockville, Maryland	
Richard C. Mull	Ex-1980....20 May	1977....Poughkeepsie, New York	



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