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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Judging from the many discussions I had over Homecoming, I think you may be interested in our plans for action with respect to the recently-released final report of the Department of Army West Point Study Group. The recommendation section of this report is reproduced in this issue of ASSEMBLY. Let me say first off that this report is the result of many months of hard work on the part of highly competent and dedicated educators and executives from the civilian and military communities -- individuals deeply interested in maintaining and improving the strengths of the Military Academy, as well as correcting its weaknesses. It contains a wealth of analysis, insight and suggestion. Those of us at West Point who bear and share the responsibility for the intellectual, military, physical, and moral/ethical experience offered by the Academy to its cadets appreciate the efforts of these men and women, and shall make full use of the results of their labors in our efforts to advance and improve Academy programs. While the recommendations contained in this study were still under development, I personally had repeated opportunities to discuss them with members of the study group, and these consultations resulted, I believe, in a wide area of common understanding concerning the needs of West Point and the principles and purposes to which the Academy is and should be dedicated.

In reviewing the study group's report, General Rogers referred its proposals to me for action as I deem appropriate. I can tell you that I am in substantial agreement with its objectives and values, and with the essentials of most of its 152 recommendations. We are now deeply engaged in a thorough consideration of the specific proposals and of the possibilities they open up for improvements in the Academy's environment, governance, and academic and military development programs. Even before the report was finally published, the Academy had taken actions along the lines of many of its recommendations and had begun preparatory work putting us in position to give it a detailed, comprehensive review and analysis. As you may have seen, when the report was released, I immediately announced that "from this day forward we will make the report our own." As we would do with a report of our own, we are now looking to see when, how and to what degree we can act on its proposals.

Some of the recommendations have been put into effect; the first were described in the last ASSEMBLY. The General Order of Merit, the system for evaluating leadership, and the 3.0 grading system have been materially altered. In making such changes, I was fully aware of their long standing position in the system. They were measures of competition. But these procedures had come to misuse: too many cadets were competing against false and unhealthy standards. In too many cases, 2.0 was the target. We respect competition but we want our cadets to compete against a standard of excellence rather than against a standing or a passing grade. In these proposals, as in every endeavor, our aim is to undertake only that which positively contributes to the central features of the development of a cadet.

For this purpose, we are making use of several "concept papers" that we have had under development at West Point since my arrival. Four of these -- concepts for intellectual development of the cadet, for military development, for physical development, and for moral/ethical development, respectively -- are of central importance. They are in varying stages of completion -- in fact, I intend for them to remain dynamic -- but already they are serving as useful frameworks for considering and giving coherence to the practical methods and "systems" by which we seek to attain our objectives. Specifically, we will be dealing with the recommendations of the DA West Point Study Group within the framework afforded by these concepts.

A considerable number of the recommendations have been assigned directly to the Deputy Superintendent, the Dean, and the Commandant for study and recommended action. In addition, I have established some 11 committees, each tasked with the evaluation of a coherent group of the study group recommendations, dealing with everything from curriculum to data processing. The committees include Honor Review, Faculty Council, Governance, Staff and Faculty Development, Scheduling, Management of Computer and Training Support Operations, Cadet Quality Development and Commitment, Ethics and Professionalism, Instructional Methods and Technology, Library, and Curriculum. These committees are now hard at work. Two that will have especially far-reaching effects are the curriculum committee, which is undertaking a major reduction and reorganization of the curriculum, and the scheduling committee, which is seeking to shift the academic program so that the term break will come over the Christmas holidays.

From all these comprehensive analyses of study group recommendations will come implementing directives, changes to applicable USMA regulations, and policy statements for my approval that will, we hope, substantially improve the experience we provide our cadets here.

I am maintaining direct overall control of the whole process, being greatly aided in this by the Deputy Superintendent and by my Special Assistant for Policy and Planning, two posts I have established to give added strength, and to fill gaps in our higher direction. We are putting some of the study's governance proposals to immediate use to see how well they help us in our appraisal of the numerous and complex recommendations we have before us.

I recently stated publicly that "we are going to safeguard the deep and the great values of this institution, but in the process of doing that we are going to welcome change where needed, and we are going to move to new methods of doing things where appropriate." Behind all our planning and all our preparations for improvements at West Point stand our common standard of excellence, and our common inspiration of "Duty, Honor, Country." I feel confident that the Academy in the coming months will be strengthened, and that we will see worthwhile progress being made.

Sincerely,

A. J. GOODPASTER  
Lt. General, U. S. Army  
Superintendent



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## 1977 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

### CITATION

### ROBERT T. STEVENS

As distinguished public servant and industrial leader, the Honorable Robert T. Stevens has rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the United States and its citizens. In multiple fields of endeavor and in positions of extraordinary responsibility, Robert T. Stevens has exemplified, through his accomplishments in the national interest and manner of achievement, the ideals of West Point expressed in the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Beginning with military service as a second lieutenant of artillery during World War I, Robert T. Stevens' public and private service has spanned more than a quarter of our nation's history. During that period he was responsible for developing and operating one of the largest and most diversified industrial organizations in the world. He served on the National Defense Advisory Commission, as Chairman of the Business Council for the Department of Commerce, as Director and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, as a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy and as Secretary of the Army. To each of these important governmental posts, he brought a unique knowledge of American industrial capability and power, a selfless dedication to the welfare of his country and its military forces and a combination of courage and integrity which has become a symbol and example of the finest in public service.

Robert T. Stevens' life and achievements have been especially interrelated with the United States Army. His service to the Army, whether performed on active duty in two wars, as the senior, responsible civilian or as friend, has been marked by an unusually deep concern for the capability of the Army to perform its mission and for the welfare of men and women in uniform. Throughout his life, he has applied his special talents and energy to the promotion of the Army and its people in the national interest.

Through his lifetime of service to his country, Robert T. Stevens has made a significant and lasting contribution to the welfare and security of the United States. His invariable response to the call of duty and his willingness to serve when needed symbolize and reflect the values expressed in the West Point motto. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby awards the 1977 Sylvanus Thayer Award to Robert T. Stevens.

*Charles E. Saltzman*

CHARLES E. SALTZMAN  
MAJOR GENERAL, AUS (Retired)  
President

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General Saltzman presents Thayer Award scroll to Mr. Stevens as General Goodpaster looks on.



Mrs. Stevens points to Stevens' entry on the Thayer Award Plaque in Washington Hall as Mr. Stevens and General Bagnall look on.



# Stevens Receives Thayer Award



Mr. Stevens receives cadet saber from United States Corps of Cadets.

SINCE 1958, when the Award was established on the initiative of the Class of 1931, the Association of Graduates has presented the Sylvanus Thayer Award to a citizen of the United States whose record of service to his country, accomplishments in the national interest, and manner of achievement, exemplify outstanding devotion to the principles expressed in the motto of the United States Military Academy—"Duty, Honor, Country."

This year's Thayer Award recipient is the Honorable Robert T. Stevens, public servant and leader of industry. A continued willingness to serve his country when needed, a dedication to its best interests and a special concern for the United States Army have characterized Mr. Stevens' life and accomplishments.

Before the presentation of the Award in the Cadet Mess, Mr. Stevens was honored at a review on the Plain where he was presented a cadet sabre by the Cadet First Captain.

After a welcome by the Superintendent USMA, Major General (retired) Charles E. Saltzman, President of the Association

of Graduates, in presenting the Award, said Mr. Stevens' career of service to his country conspicuously conforms to the standard of eligibility for this award and that the Association of Graduates is very proud to confer on him the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

Mr. Stevens then addressed the Corps of Cadets and guests saying: "The Association of Graduates has rendered me a great and memorable honor in this award. Adding my name as the 20th in the distinguished company of such great Americans as former President Dwight Eisenhower, former Secretaries of State John Foster Dulles and Dean Rusk, great Commanders like Douglas MacArthur and Omar Bradley—to name but a few who have been selected for the Sylvanus Thayer Award in the past—is, in itself, an honor very special to me.

"And, speaking of honor, I have heard all the talk and read all the papers about the situation that West Point has been going through. My first thought was how Sylvanus Thayer would have reacted to the doom-sayers of today. Compared with

the chaos he found when he took over as Superintendent in 1817—surely you are aware that he even had to advertise in the newspapers to get the cadets to come back to the Academy—he would have thought today's Academy problems quite modest by comparison. So would the rest of us, if we had his perspective.

"And that's what I want to talk briefly with you about today—putting today's problems into the proper perspective. It is human nature to assume that one's particular time or era is unique, that the problems you face have never been faced before, that the challenges lying ahead are unparalleled in history.

"Take the matter of the divisiveness of the Vietnam war as an example. To many it was the most traumatic experience of their lives, and its effects still linger on. But what would Sylvanus Thayer have to say about that? How it must have torn his heart, when he retired in 1863, to see his former students killing each other on the field of battle. Consider the case of my own grandfather's cousin, Isaac Stevens,

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First Captain Hoffman welcomes guests. Seated at head table are (L-R): General Castillano, representing the Governor of New York; General Irving, former Superintendent USMA; General Kerwin, VCSA; General Saltzman, President AOG; Mr. Stevens; General Goodpaster, Superintendent USMA; Margaret Chase Smith, former Senator; General Taylor, former CSA; General Collins, former CSA; General Westmoreland, former CSA; General Schuyler, former CS SHAPE; Colonel Henry, Chairman Thayer Award Committee.



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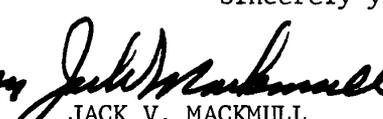
Dear General Rogers,

Attached is the report of the West Point Study Group charged by you to examine all aspects of the United States Military Academy. The undersigned are in agreement with the findings and recommendations contained therein and recommend early attention be given to them.

The enthusiastic assistance accorded the Study Group by civilian and governmental institutions was of great value. The respect, deep concern, and great affection for the Military Academy evidenced throughout the country was not only heartwarming but inspired our work. We have been heartened by the dedication and quality of the cadets, faculty, and staff of the Military Academy and by the basic strengths of the institution. We note that West Point is changing and has changed even as we conducted our inquiry. We are encouraged by the initiative already taken to address many of the problems discussed in this report.

Deeply aware of the responsibility that you placed on us, we respectfully submit this report.

Sincerely yours,

 HILLMAN DICKINSON Major General, USA Chairman, Academic Committee	 JACK V. MACKMULL Major General, USA Chairman, Environment Committee	 JACK N. MERRITT Brigadier General, USA Chairman, Military Professional Development Committee
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*Editor's Note:* The letter of transmittal, the preface, and the recommendations (Chapter II) in this report are reproduced here. The complete report consists of nine chapters and six appendices totalling 177 pages.

# REPORT of the West Point Study Group

## PREFACE

IN the aftermath of the cheating incident of 1976, the Chief of Staff of the Army felt the need for a broad, searching examination of the entire U.S. Military Academy and saw in the climate of healthy self-examination the opportunity to make such changes as might be found necessary. Thus, in early January, he directed the formation of the West Point Study Group and charged it to study, not simply those aspects pertaining to Honor, as in the case of the Borman Commission, but with a thorough review of all aspects of the Academy. The Study Group drew its members and consultants from the active Army, Department of Army civilians, Federal Service employees and leaders of the academic and business community. Military members represented a spectrum of military branches, experience, educational disciplines and varied service at the Academy. Some had no previous relationship with West Point. Consultant recommendations were solicited from many sources: the National Academy of Sciences, the National Institute of Education, the Middle States Association of Schools Colleges, the Department of Defense including all three services, the Library of Congress and other appropriate civilian organizations. The Study Group operated under the general auspices of the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and consisted of three committees—Academic, Environment and Military Professional Development—each under the guidance of a general officer.

Over the next 7 months, the members of the Committee probed relevant aspects of the Academy employing a variety of techniques. To develop a data base, the Study Group conducted numerous interviews, made many visits, administered questionnaires and studied a wide field of available literature. The Group consulted with members of the Army staff, the Superintendent, Dean and Commandant of the Academy and over 300 members of the Academy staff and faculty, as well as the superintendents, deans, commandants and faculty of the other U.S. service academies and the Canadian, British, German and French academies. The Group also interviewed nearly 600 cadets and several cadets and midshipmen from the Air Force and Naval academies. Over 40 general officers, active and retired, were contacted to

determine what those who had achieved professional success might suggest to improve the Academy and its graduates. Still other interviews included leaders of the academic community.

The Study Group made fact-finding visits to numerous locations including all U.S. and five foreign service academies. The Group also visited 16 private or state colleges or universities. Visits to active Army educational institutions included the US Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, and seven Training and Doctrine Command Schools. Study Group members visited nine Army divisions. Questionnaires were administered to nearly a thousand newly-commissioned lieutenants and over 700 of their commanders and subordinates. Questionnaire responses from Academy personnel included over 1600 cadets and nearly 400 staff and faculty. The Study Group also elicited letter responses from current corps and division commanders, major command chiefs of staff, commandants of combat and combat support arm schools and separate brigade and regimental commanders.

Research efforts embraced a wide variety of material to include accreditation reports of both the United States Military and Naval Academies. The Group reviewed previous studies of the various academies such as the reports of the Folsom Committee, the Kappel Board, the White Committee and the General Accounting Office. Equally useful were the annual class questionnaires and surveys of graduates. The Group also studied a number of commercially published works.

The Study Group defined objectives and measures of success, generated discussion, evaluated alternatives and recommended actions and topics for further study. Military Academy personnel participated and assisted the work in many ways, as did many other Department of Army organizations. The Study Group particularly appreciates the willing help and advice received from individuals throughout the country. Former military men were generous in their aid. Busy educators enthusiastically provided invaluable help and perspective. The affection and concern for the Military Academy throughout the country have been inspiring to all who have participated.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

THE following recommendations fall into three categories: One contains recommendations without qualification and two are conditional. The two conditional groups are "Experiment with," indicating a recommendation for trial with a small group of students for a limited time and "Consider," pertaining to areas where a problem clearly exists but supporting data are insufficient to permit a firm recommendation.

### Internal Governance

1. *Ensure that the Superintendent serves in office a term of four to eight years and that he has demonstrated competence as an academic.* A longer term will provide stability and continuity of policy and contribute to academic excellence.

2. *Change the function of the Academic Board from implementing policy to providing policy advice on academic matters to the Superintendent, except in discharging duties prescribed by statute.* Include Director of the Office of Physical Education, the Director of the Office of Military Instruction, and the Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

3. *Establish an Academy Policy Board with the mission of providing advice to the Superintendent on all policy matters having general significance for the Academy.*

4. *Alter the structure of boards and committees as shown on page 53 to reflect the missions of the Academic Board and the Policy Board.* Delegate to responsible officials and committees policy implementation authority insofar as practicable.

5. *Reduce the personal involvement of heads of academic departments in governance activities, particularly by curtailing their participation on boards and committees.* This measure will permit them to concentrate their efforts on their departments, their teaching, and their disciplines—in short, on academic excellence. When a head of department is elected to serve on the Policy Board, consider replacing him on the Academic Board with another tenured faculty member of his department.

6. *Increase participation by other tenured and non-tenured staff and faculty in the governance of the Academy.* This action will lead to a wider range of talent and viewpoints in governance and to a deeper commitment to the vitality of the institution on the part of those groups.

7. *Strengthen the roles of the Superintendent, the Dean, and the Commandant in the governance structure.* Certain committees should report directly to the Dean and the Commandant rather than to boards or other committees. Executive functions formerly performed by committees should be done by the Dean and the Commandant within policy guidelines set forth by the Superintendent on advice of the various boards.

8. *Establish the Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis with responsibility for institutional research to include data collection and analysis; long-range planning; assisting the Superintendent in setting the agendas of the Policy and Academic Boards, the Board of Visitors, and the USMA Advisory Committee; and coordinating the scheduling of all significant activities at the Academy.* The Director should be a colonel whose tour should be 4-5 years and who will also serve as Secretary of the Policy Board.

9. *Develop a data bank and a research and evaluation program on possible and probable candidates, appointees, cadets and graduates.* This information will permit measurement of attitudes and performance at selected benchmarks.

10. *Establish a Faculty Council consisting of all tenured faculty and staff members, and two non-tenured faculty members from each academic department representing their non-tenured colleagues.* The Dean should serve as its chairman;

the Council should meet with the Superintendent in order to facilitate communications between the Superintendent and the faculty.

11. *Expand the membership and tenure of the Superintendent's Honor Review Committee.* The Committee reports to the Superintendent but should also transmit its reports to the Policy Board for consideration and comment.

12. *Establish a Committee on Professional Development and a Committee on Cadet Life as standing committees of the Policy Board to ensure continuing review of all aspects of the educational training and extracurricular programs of the Academy.*

13. *Establish temporarily the position of Deputy Superintendent, a fourth general officer position.* During the early years following this report it is expected that the Superintendent, Dean and Commandant will be devoting much of their attention and energies to the careful examination of the Academy's programs. The addition of a Deputy Superintendent during that period will allow the Superintendent to focus his efforts on those areas requiring his personal attention and reduce his personal span of control within the governance structure.

14. *Reorganize the Academy's staff structure in accordance with existing Army regulations thereby reducing the Superintendent's span of control.* Establish an Office of the Deputy Post Commander and organize a directorate staff to assist him in carrying out his responsibilities.

15. *Establish the Director of Automation and Training Support as single manager for all Academy automation and instructional technology resources and procurement actions to improve the interface with Department of the Army Staff in those areas and to facilitate improvements.*

16. *Establish both an Academy Computer Advisory Committee and an Automatic Data Processing (ADP) User's Group.* Also, formalize an ADP Master Plan to include evaluation and provision of necessary support to the USMA Preparatory School.

17. *Expand the computerized Cadet Information System and improve computer support to cadets and administrators.*

18. *Restructure the existing Department of Tactics redesignating it as the Office of the Commandant.* Redesignate the Office of Physical Education and the Office of Military Instruction as the Department of Physical Education and the Department of Military Instruction.

19. *Establish the Department of Military Development (within the Office of the Commandant) under the new position of Brigade Tactical Officer to reduce the Commandant's span of control.*

20. *Redesignate the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership as the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, an academic department under the supervision of the Dean.* Transfer such staff service functions as personal counseling, Cadet Troop Leader Training, and Leadership Evaluation System to other departments of the Office of the Commandant.

21. *Establish the Office of the Director of Cadet Activities with responsibility for the existing Cadet Activities Office and selected Cadet Treasurer functions now under the control of the Superintendent's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.* The Director should have tenure and, in the near term, report to the Deputy Superintendent.

### Admissions

22. *Undertake a more aggressive recruitment program.*  
a. Improve the information provided to members of Congress.  
b. Develop a program for early acceptance of outstanding applicants.

23. *Change admissions procedures to limit the cases*

decided by the Academic Board to those which are major deviations from admissions policy.

24. Restrict athlete recruitment to candidates with demonstrated ability or potential for outstanding contribution in a sport along with ability to perform satisfactorily in the academic and military training programs.

25. Permit class quotas to remain unfilled should insufficient numbers of fully qualified applicants be found in the candidate pool.

26. Change the title of the Director of Admissions and Registrar to the Director for Admissions.

## External Governance

27. Establish the USMA Advisory Committee to meet two to four times each year to advise and assist the Superintendent. Members should be nominated by the Superintendent, approved by the Chief of Staff and appointed by the Secretary of the Army. Consecutive appointments not to exceed six years should be managed so that not more than one-third expire each two years.

A chairman and about 12 members should be selected all of whom have distinguished civilian or military backgrounds. There should be no ex-officio members. Provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App 1) apply. The panel should have a Secretariat stationed at West Point.

The committee should advise the Superintendent at least annually and reports should be forwarded to the Chief of Staff, the Secretary of the Army, and the Board of Visitors.

28. Establish ad hoc Visiting Committees under the aegis of the Advisory Committee to assess departments and other agencies.

## Shaping Cadet Academic Attitudes

29. Reduce graduation requirements to approximately 40 academic courses.

30. Restructure the curriculum to allow sufficient specialization to take advantage of individual cadet interests and aptitudes.

31. Eliminate all orders of merit which establish relative ranking of cadets from first to last.

32. Eliminate the normative grading system for physical fitness tests and physical education; establish minimum standards.

33. Improve the interdepartmental coordination of scheduling for examinations and papers.

34. Ensure involvement of the Superintendent, Dean, Commandant and other senior members of the staff and faculty in academic activities such as counseling, faculty seminars, cadet seminars, lectures or classes in order to maintain contact with and demonstrate interest in scholastic pursuits.

35. Consider initiating a faculty/tactical officer interchange with some officers serving two years as instructors and two as tactical officers. (See also Tactical Department, Item 115.)

35. Include in the orientation of new staff and faculty information on the importance of mutual support among all components of USMA stressing the harmonious relationship required to achieve the common goal. (See Tactical Department, Item 113.)

37. Restructure the Leadership Evaluation System to eliminate peer ratings and their potential to encourage undesirable behaviors. (See also the Corps of Cadets, Item 131.)

38. Reorganize the cadet chain of command and other military duties to eliminate unnecessary administrative details and inefficiencies which interfere with study activities. (See also the Corps of Cadets, Item 130.)

39. Administer on a periodic basis the Institutional Functioning Inventory of the Educational Testing Service to provide the Academy's leadership information on attitudinal trends.

## Academic Curriculum

40. Improve the quality of instruction, and enforce uniformly high standards of student performance.

41. Draft objectives for each department indicating the learning outcomes pertinent to core curriculum course offerings. Integrate all the various aspects of the cadets' educational experience.

42. Review academic departmental structures, dismantling and combining where appropriate.

43. Reduce the overall academic program to approximately 40 courses to diminish fragmentation of cadet time and effort.

44. Restructure the time allocated to academic pursuits. Ensure that scheduling fewer courses allows greater time for individual study, approximately double the time spent in the classroom.

45. Establish a core curriculum required for all cadets at not more than three-fourths of the total program. Ensure that each cadet is given a broad general education.

46. Retain a strong, though somewhat reduced, math/science/engineering component in the core structure so that cadets learn the experimental and analytical techniques of the basic sciences. This sequence should provide integrated and progressively more advanced courses leading through electronics and engineering science into engineering analysis and synthesis, with emphasis on concepts in the basic and engineering sciences and emphasis on decision making in engineering.

47. Allocate sufficient courses from the core to ensure thorough exposure to theoretical and conceptual problems that have no set solutions, such as are found in the behavioral sciences and social sciences. Material in systems engineering and related areas of the applied sciences should also stress problems for which there is no single solution and which include consideration of social values and consequences.

48. Provide a strong preprofessional sequence of social sciences, behavioral sciences, history, and public affairs to develop each cadet's awareness of the people, government and society which he will serve. This should include courses such as modern and military history, economics, law, political science, international relations, and cultural/political geography, basic and social psychology, and organizational development.

49. Ensure that the physical and applied sciences, economics, and behavioral science courses and sequences coordinate closely with the mathematics courses to require use of mathematical skills as soon as possible after they are acquired by the students.

50. Emphasize analysis, critical evaluation, and the handling of masses of data in applied sciences and engineering courses, diminishing wherever possible the descriptive approach.

51. Reinforce current programs aimed at producing competence in written and oral communication skills by establishing a more intensive, coordinated interdepartmental effort running through the entire four-year curriculum.

52. Maintain a four-semester foreign language program for all cadets. Give consideration to making its placement flexible within the eight available semesters so that cadets can receive this instruction at a time most mutually advantageous to the institution and individuals.

53. Eliminate the core course in graphics and mechanical drawing.

## ... study group

54. Include instruction in computer use and management in cadet Automatic Data Processing courses.

55. Avoid establishing a full disciplinary "majors" program, which would require too many elective sequences in a variety of areas to support the objectives of a broad, general education. Interdisciplinary areas of concentration ensure a desired degree of specialization without the high costs involved in accredited majors.

56. Construct comprehensive elective programs from which each cadet is required, with the guidance of a qualified faculty advisor, to select an area of concentration according to his talents, abilities, and interests. Require him to structure a sequence of courses reaching a fourth year college standard in the selected area to develop the confidence that comes from fuller comprehension and to satisfy intellectual curiosity.

57. Discourage dilettantism in elective selections by deleting a general studies track as an option. The smorgasbord approach in such a track is contrary to the stated goals of concentration.

58. Offer elective sequences in systems engineering and operations analysis building upon realistic problems and examples from Army life. These sequences might include courses in the methodology of systems engineering followed by practical situations analysis, methodological and analytical tools for problem solving, concepts of modeling, applications to small and large military unit actions, campaign analysis and gaming, and, at the highest level, politico-military interactions.

59. Carefully review and reduce the variety of elective courses offered and emphasize quality in the remaining offerings.

60. Initiate elective study for most, if not all, cadets not later than the second semester of Third Class (sophomore) year to permit more thorough study of at least one elective area (note the possibility of a five-semester sequence) and to provide intellectual stimulation through emphasis on personal interests and abilities.

61. Ease pressure on the entering Fourth Class cadets by reducing the heavy current loading of mathematics and substituting a program more balanced among the four principal disciplinary areas.

### Ethics and Professionalism Curriculum

62. Establish a comprehensive and progressive program in ethics and professionalism to prepare cadets for the ethical, personal, and other leadership problems that confront commissioned officers. This program should include courses in introductory and social psychology, organizational behavior and development, leadership, philosophy, introductory and military law, and American institutions and should extend into other appropriate courses.

63. Institute a course in philosophy and ethics for Fourth Class or Third Class year.

64. Institute a course for Second Class or First Class year on American Institutions to address problems of the military profession and other institutions of American society.

65. For the staff and faculty conduct seminars and symposia on philosophy and ethics. See also 46 and 47 Curriculum.

66. Establish a committee or other mechanism with the task of integrating ethics and professionalism courses with the cadets' other training and experience so that they are mutually supportive.

### Library

67. Consider reducing the issue of instructor reference materials to increase faculty use of library.

68. Establish a long-term loan policy for cadets to assist in reducing congestion in the library during peak-use periods.

69. Reduce use of duplicated extracts in an effort to promote more use of the library by both faculty and the cadets.

70. Coordinate timing of writing assignments to distribute demands on library.

71. Diversify writing and reading assignments to distribute demands on the collection.

72. Continue orientation programs for cadets and faculty.

73. Provide a position for the Librarian within the governance structure and include his counsel when planning courses.

74. Continue to appoint departmental representatives to the library.

75. Designate assistant librarians as department advisors to allow closer coordination between the department and main libraries.

76. Continue to solicit faculty input to the selection and purging programs to ensure the currency of the collection.

77. Develop a comprehensive long-range plan to incorporate the latest library technology to support the learning needs of the Academy in the future and to minimize the costs of future modernization and expansion. The Academy should review the work being done at Carnegie-Mellon University in this area.

### Faculty

78. Establish a formal system for selection of tenured faculty which includes review of candidates by committees of the Academic Board, by the Administration, and by selected outside advisors chosen as appropriate from the Advisory Committee, ad hoc, visiting committees or other sources.

79. Consider rotation of department heads after five-year terms and increase the number of tenured faculty to allow reasonable rotation. Current department heads need not be affected unless they so desire.

80. Encourage professors with administrative duties to teach each semester a minimum of one course, the nature of which varies from year to year and which frequently is a core course. Expect course directors as a matter of routine to teach the courses they direct.

81. Consider assigning a permanent associate professor as one of the regimental tactical officers (typically for a term of 1-2 years).

82. Consider allowing selected permanent associate professors to extend their tenure beyond 30 years.

83. Make the academic rank of full professor attainable by permanent associate professors (those with tenure to 30 years service).

84. Increase the continuity, maturity, experience, diversity, and overall quality of the faculty.

a. Encourage the faculty's scholarly research and professional activities.

b. Increase the number of instructors teaching a fourth year.

c. Return more former instructors for second or third tours.

d. Consider granting a limited number of outstanding instructors a new class of tenure guaranteeing retention at the Academy until completion of their twentieth year of service.

e. Secure instructors from such sources as the Foreign Area Officer Program, career civilians, and Material Development and Readiness Command officer project managers and laboratory supervisors. Develop programs for repetitive tours of such officers.

f. Develop a faculty exchange program with civilian institutions.

g. Increase the number of visiting professors to achieve civilian representation on the faculty of about 5 percent. Use this program as a source for the early addition of women to the faculty. *Consider* placing two or three visiting professors in departments such as English, history, and chemistry rather than one in each. Authorize grade levels commensurate with their civilian positions.

h. Increase the proportion of non-Academy graduates on the staff and faculty to 50 percent or more.

i. Ensure instructors in each department attend a variety of high-quality graduate schools and receive formal training for the subjects they are to teach. *Consider* extending selected officers in graduate school for a third year. Allow officers on direct assignment to the faculty to attend refresher graduate schooling.

85. *Ensure that an Academy teaching tour is and is viewed as being career enhancing.* (Requires combination of actions on part of the United States Military Academy, Department of the Army, and Military Personnel Center). Possible actions include providing facts of school and promotion selection to assignment officers, to individuals at the Academy and to the officer corps; integration of Academy assignments with career specialties, careful management of the timing of assignments to West Point and subsequently, improving each department's management of opportunities for career development and instruction to individuals and boards involved in personnel actions.

86. *Create in departments an environment of free communication between the senior and junior faculty.*

## Pedagogy

87. *Employ a variety of learning strategies.*

a. Continue to emphasize instruction in small sections, but take greater advantage of them by stabilizing the academic section and the instructor.

b. Continue to deemphasize standardization of pedagogical techniques in favor of greater instructor flexibility.

c. Increase the use of lectures where special instructor knowledge is needed.

d. *Experiment with* and improve the use of computer assisted instruction. Enter computer networks to make use of software developed by others. Exploit modeling techniques, Monte Carlo simulation, computer graphics, and engineering design programs.

e. Improve the use of visual aids including educational television, computer graphics, models, mock-ups, and demonstration laboratories. The blackboard should be used creatively and dynamically so that a problem develops before the cadets. It should not simply serve as a static display.

f. *Consider experiments* with individualized instruction using combinations of lectures and seminars in conjunction with a self-paced program requiring mastery at the "A" or "B" grade level before advancing.

88. *Continue to improve instructor qualifications by guiding their graduate study and by training instructors in teaching techniques with emphasis on the small section and seminar technique.*

89. *Improve the ability of cadets to participate in small sections.*

a. Teach a logic subcourse, early in the curriculum, for example, in Fourth Class math or English.

b. Assign different supplementary readings from the library to different cadets in a section when appropriate.

90. *Improve the motivation for cadets to study.*

a. Ensure that cadets understand the interrelationships of sequential courses and the interrelationships among disciplines. Establish prerequisites as appropriate. Hold cadets accountable for previous learning.

b. *Consider* the interdepartmental use of readings which are applicable to two or more departments or disciplines.

c. Ensure that faculty and staff understand the rationale of the curriculum. Whenever possible relate course work to Army experience.

d. Review the required readings to select significant ones which can be assigned in their entirety.

e. Show a greater willingness to fail marginal performers. This will only happen if the consequences of failure can be made less drastic by improved makeup systems and alternate commissioning options for failing cadets who have leadership ability.

91. *Improve laboratories.*

a. Review the laboratory program to require practical work in fewer disciplines while raising the quality of the work done. Computer assisted and project laboratories of up to four hours in length should be *considered*.

b. Reduce the time and resources used in two hour laboratories by a greater use of in-class demonstration laboratories.

92. *Improve the ability of the cadets to write and to use mathematics.* Establish interdepartmental committees, reporting to the Dean, to coordinate instruction in and use of these skills throughout the curriculum.

93. *Improve retention of basic course principles.*

a. Reduce the frequency of evaluation giving greater flexibility to the instructor but increasing the relative weight of Written Partial Reviews and Term End Examinations.

b. Resection infrequently.

c. In addition to in-class problems, require homework problems of increased depth.

94. *Provide an improved program for academically marginal cadets, giving consideration to alternate tracking and temporarily reduced course loads.*

95. *Establish a high quality book store in order to stimulate interest in outside reading.*

96. *Consider providing flexibility in the foreign language sequences for some cadets by establishing optional shorter but more intense language courses.*

## Academic Administration

97. *Revise the academic calendar and daily schedule.*

a. *Consider* establishing two terms with approximately equal numbers of attendances. The first term should end in December.

b. Establish standard length for all class periods (50 to 60 minutes). Schedule the academic day in one-hour blocks, using multi-hour periods for problem sessions and laboratories.

c. *Consider* staggering attendance at noon meal.

d. *Consider* expanding scheduled day somewhat beyond 1515 hours.

e. *Consider* reducing time required for meals and associated formations.

98. *Improve incentives.*

a. Eliminate 3.0 grading system.

b. Use a letter grade system.

c. Continue other features of USMA Initiative #1, except as it allows 3.0 grading system.

d. Use a Quality Point Average to identify cadets who are to receive honors (Distinguished Cadets, Dean's List). Normally compute Quality Point Average at term end, except for plebes and cadets in academic difficulty. For these, a mid-term computation may be appropriate.

e. *Consider* establishing a probationary system to motivate marginal performers (see graduation requirements).

f. Continue the policy of assigning graduates to initial tour with troops in their basic specialty; postpone graduate schooling, except for certain scholarship winners.

99. Provide alternative service obligation for separated cadets by one or more of the following:

a. Revoke DOD Directive 1332.23 (cadets separated after the start of Second Class year normally will be called to active duty in an enlisted status for at least two years).

OR

b. Modify DOD Directive 1332.23 so that ex-cadets separated after the start of Second Class year may enroll in any pre-commissioning program within nine months of separation. Successful completion and acceptance of commission will cancel any requirement to serve in an enlisted status.

OR

c. Modify DOD Directive 1332.23 to require cadets separated after the start of Second Class year as a result of circumstances indicating an intent to evade obligations incurred as a result of attendance at the Academy to repay those costs directly attributable to the education and training received.

100. Improve counseling services.

a. Develop a comprehensive plan for a decentralized counseling program.

b. Develop a formal program that would establish a mentor relationship between officers and cadets on the basis of one officer to 6 to 8 cadets. All faculty members and staff should participate in this program.

c. Develop an improved visual display of course interrelationships for academic counseling.

d. Initiate efforts to administer interest or attitudinal surveys to successful officers, both early and late in their careers. Utilize the information thus derived to assist in counseling cadets in such matters as branch choice.

101. Change graduation requirements.

a. Establish requirements for the successful completion of an approved program of a set number of courses through study in residence and the achievement of a set minimum Quality Point Average.

b. Determine specific requirements after further study by the faculty.

c. Permit turnback cadets to continue summer military training with their original class.

d. Require turnback cadets to attend summer academic sessions in lieu of leave as necessary.

e. Permit turnback cadets to enroll in all upper class courses for which they satisfy prerequisites, including Military Science and Physical Education.

f. Permit turnback cadets to carry reduced academic loads.

g. Graduate turnback cadets when they satisfy requirements for graduation (mid-year possible).

## Intercollegiate Athletics

102. Manifest institutional commitment to intercollegiate athletics by:

a. Publishing a policy statement on athletics.

b. Setting goals for the intercollegiate athletic program.

c. Increasing appropriated fund support.

d. Constructing, and maintaining outstanding athletic facilities, beginning with a winter athletic complex.

e. Increasing the frequency of key officials' attendance at practices, NCAA contests, and press functions.

f. Ensuring continuing professional management of the intercollegiate athletic program.

g. Increasing alumni support and participation.

103. Reconstitute the Athletic Board as a standing athletic committee with the following tasks:

a. To advise the Superintendent on matters of policy and facilities.

b. To provide for an integrated, coordinated and balanced athletic program.

104. Establish new guidelines for the position of Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA). He should not be an active duty Army officer. He should be a West Point graduate, knowledgeable and experienced in athletics and business, and he should be hired on a long-term basis. Job performance, however, should be the overriding consideration.

## Tactical Department (Office of the Commandant)

105. Augment the Office of the Commandant by the addition of a separate operations and plans section.

106. Increase the access of the tactical officer to cadets. Make clear that tactical officers should be free to counsel individuals for brief periods during study time. Ensure that there is a period during the week when a tactical officer can meet with his entire company or any part of it.

107. Consider establishing offices for tactical officers in the company area to improve the access between tactical staff and cadets.

108. Consider forming Tactical Officer Teams wherein a tactical officer would have primary responsibility for one company but would also have collateral responsibility in one or more additional companies. This organization would increase the continuity and consistency of leadership and would assist in the proper orientation of newly assigned tactical officers.

109. Assign one Command Sergeant Major to each of the four cadet regiments to perform in the traditional non-commissioned officer role thereby furthering consistency and stability as well as improving cadets' ability to deal with soldiers on their initial assignment.

110. Assign one Tactical Noncommissioned Officer for each company to assist the tactical officers.

111. Consider eliminating (at least for some years) the Cadet Company Commander and clearly reaffirm the tactical officer as the commander. Continue to have a Cadet Captain in the company but designated as the "Company Captain." Change the title of Battalion and Regimental Commander to Battalion and Regimental Captain. These changes would clarify authority of the tactical officer and establish an effective barrier to the cadet chain of "administrivia."

112. Institute a better selection process for tactical officers to ensure that the criteria include wide military experience and academic achievement as well as outstanding performance as an officer. Prospective tactical officers should be interviewed.

113. Provide a better orientation for all newly arrived personnel. This program should be comprehensive to ensure it develops an understanding of the objectives of the Academy and the ways they are to be achieved. At a minimum the program should include:

a. Mission, goals, environment, and cadet systems (i.e., Disciplinary System, Fourth Class System, Leadership Evaluation System, Ethics and the Honor Code and System, and Regulations).

b. Leadership/academic development philosophy and program.

c. Staff and faculty officer responsibilities for cadet leadership (academic development, enforcement of regulations, and maintenance of standards).

d. Tactical Officer, academic faculty, and cadet relationships.

e. Cadet motivation; attitudes toward issues of concern (e.g., women at the Academy and in the Army, EE 304 status).

f. Skills and methods needed to develop leadership and motivate cadets.

g. Interpersonal skills; performance counseling skills; techniques of group problem solving.

h. Familiarization with the reports and studies that have been significant in the Academy's evolution.

i. Future Army battlefield systems, as part of understanding the goals for cadet development.

j. The relationship between success as a cadet and success in the Army.

114. *Ensure that all officers, particularly new instructors, are advised prior to attending graduate school that they will be expected to:* (1) adhere to and enforce Academy standards of appearance and discipline; (2) contribute to a variety of additional activities, e.g., cadet sponsor, coaching, summer training program.

115. *Consider instituting a formal exchange program (2 years as Tactical Officer and 2 years as instructor).* This program will assist in reducing conflict between academic and military demands on cadets, merge two role models in the eyes of the cadets, and reinforce the academic environment in cadet companies. (See also *Shaping Cadet Academic Attitudes*, Item 35). The features of the program are:

a. Officers with outstanding service records and outstanding academic credentials in various disciplines would be assigned *either* to the tactical staff or faculty. After two years, the tactical officers would become instructors, and the instructors would become tactical officers.

b. The input should be about six per year so that the number *in* the program would be 12 tactical officers and 12 instructors.

c. All academic departments should participate.

d. Officers selected for this program need to be selected early in their career to manage career progression carefully. (Department of the Army has examined the concept and *can manage* the small number of officers involved through a proper career progression).

116. *Revitalize the nature of the Company Academic Counselor Program or develop an Associate Tactical Officer Program whereby a faculty member as an associate tactical officer learns the duties of the tactical officer and could assume them if needed.* This program will assist in bridging the gap between the tactical officer and instructor and will improve cadet attitudes towards academic pursuits.

117. *All tactical officers should be given some opportunity to instruct.* This step should improve their relations with cadets and enhance their prestige.

118. *Promulgate a central leadership principle to guide the basic approach used by all tactical officers and to help eliminate questionable leadership practices by officers and cadets who do not understand positive, supportive leadership.*

119. *Review all requirements placed upon tactical officers to determine whether they are essential or whether they can be done elsewhere.* We strongly urge a thorough analysis to determine which requirements might be simplified by computer assistance.

120. *Create a sense of participation for the tactical officers by ensuring their input into policy decisions and by creating a forum for tactical officers to talk with the Commandant and Superintendent about the health of the Corps.*

121. *Consider according to a Senior officer in the Commandant's office status equivalent to "Permanent Assistant Professor" to assure the perpetuation of reforms, consistency in philosophy, and continuity of institutional memory.*

## **Military Instruction and Training**

122. *Improve significantly the academic content of Military Science taught during the academic year.* The curricula and pedagogy changes would take advantage of the unique opportunity afforded West Point to provide intellectual depth in the study of the military profession.

123. *Teach Military Science by teams and, depending on content, use Office of Military Instruction instructors assisted by a tactical officer or academic instructor, or both.* The team approach will also assist in bridging the gap between military professional instruction and academic studies and will reinstitute the role of the tactical officer as instructor and teacher.

124. *Improve the summer training programs by instituting the following actions:*

a. Introduce a "Drill Cadet" Program for the Second Class summer in which cadets work as a Drill Cadet in the Army Training Centers under the supervision of Army Drill Sergeants. This program will assist in eliminating recognized weaknesses in cadets' "ability to talk with soldiers" and "concern for the welfare of men" by placing them in an environment where effective interpersonal communication and supportive leadership are required.

b. Eliminate some cadet military skill training for Second Class cadets, particularly that high-cost training that has relatively narrow application to the active Army, e.g., helicopter training. If the ranger and airborne courses are eliminated from the cadet program, graduates should be allowed to attend them after graduation.

c. Eliminate First Class participation at Camp Buckner to free the First Class for branch-oriented Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT). Some First Class cadets might be needed as instructors and would get a shorter CTLT, but the new Third Class should assume major responsibility for running their own organization at Camp Buckner.

d. Establish and promulgate to the Active Army a clear set of policies and objectives for the conduct of CTLT and Drill Cadet programs to ensure that each cadet undergoes the desired experience.

e. Ensure that a positive and supportive environment exists in Cadet Basic Training (CBT). The physical training, demanding schedule, and general environment are important to the transition from civilian to cadet.

125. *Develop regular communication with the Army Training and Doctrine Command in order to ensure current knowledge of doctrine and advances in military training.* Care should be taken, however, to avoid forced relevance to the Active Army at expense of greater intellectual depth in the profession of arms.

## **Physical Education**

126. *Replace "curve" grading in physical education with criterion-referenced grading.* A minimum absolute standard with either Pass/Fail or successive absolute levels for higher grades would eliminate unnecessary competition that currently exists.

127. *Re-evaluate the physical education standards for women.* The Study Group believes that the physical stress on women is excessive and that the level of physical conditioning being demanded on them may not be justified by future service.

128. *Continue the Academy's high quality physical education program, which we note is both well done and important to Army service.*

## **The Corps of Cadets**

129. *Stability.* Adopt policies which lead to stability in the Corps. Do not rotate cadets among companies routinely.

130. *Cadet Rank and the Cadet Chain of Command*

a. Prescribe a single chain of command each year (no rotation) designated on a merit basis.

b. Eliminate chain of command positions and duties that are trivial in nature and are essentially a source of "make work."

131. *Leadership Evaluation*

- a. Eliminate the "peer type" ratings, but retain ratings by tactical officers and cadet officers.
- b. Sever the relationship between Leadership Evaluation System (LES) and General Order of Merit or class standing.
- c. Simplify and reduce the frequency of ratings.

132. *Disciplinary System*

- a. Revise the system of positive incentives to encourage and recognize outstanding performance and balance the existing emphasis on punishment, which encourages minimum acceptable behavior.
- b. Create a Disciplinary Review Committee (composed of cadets and members of Tactical and Academic staffs) to draft a system of rewards.

133. *Competition*. Replace inter-personal competition with challenging objective standards of performance.

134. *The Fourth Class System*

- a. Continue efforts to eliminate abusive and negative leadership while emphasizing supportive, developmental leadership in the Fourth Class System and Cadet Basic Training.
- b. Initiate a comprehensive follow-up to the 1969 Study of the Fourth Class System to include a re-examination of the underlying assumptions and prevailing attitudes surrounding the Fourth Class System with particular emphasis regarding the role and effect of stress. Consider engaging expert consultants in human behavior to do an analysis of the Fourth Class System.
- c. Take immediate action to:
  - 1) Eliminate written examinations on Fourth Class knowledge.
  - 2) Eliminate specious material in Fourth Class knowledge.

135. *Women*

- a. Establish a continuing comprehensive study of the performance of women as cadets and subsequent to graduation.
- b. Begin assigning women as tactical officers in AY 1977-78.

136. *Establish a program of sex education for all cadets that would be straightforward, mature, and sufficiently broad to encompass physiology, reproduction, contraception, hygiene, and responsibility.*

137. *Branching*. Separate branch assignment from General Order of Merit and allow tentative branch assignments to be made in the Second Class year. Permit First Class cadets to participate in branch-related Cadet Troop Leader Training during First Class year. Base branch selections on demonstrated ability, aptitude and interest rather than the General Order of Merit.

## Honor Code and Honor System

138. *Develop an "Honor Ethic" which subsumes the Honor Code in a broader concept making clear the importance of an obligation which transcends individuals and individual loyalties without appearing to subvert the bond between cadets.* This more general statement should place the Honor Code in perspective, clearly identifying it as the central experience for a cadet in the process of developing a personal standard of ethical behavior.

139. *Affirm the statement of the Honor Code.*

140. *Retain the Honor Code in its present form with no change to the requirement that cadets report all honor violations, i.e., retain the non-toleration clause.*

141. *The Honor Code is a reasonable standard against*

*which to measure behavior as long as the slightest transgression does not result in permanent separation in all cases.*

- a. Recognize the Honor Code as being less than a comprehensive prescription for honorable behavior.
- b. Encourage the Corps of Cadets to permit the Full Honor Board to recommend "discretion" (i.e., other than permanent separation) in appropriate cases where a cadet is found to have committed an honor violation.

142. *Continue a supervisory role for the Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor Matters within the administration of the Cadet Honor Code and Honor System.*

143. *The Superintendent's Honor Review Committee should have an expanded role with wider representation.* This committee should not be the final interpreter of the Honor Code; that responsibility rests solely with the Superintendent, acting for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army.

144. *New cadets should be fully under the Honor Code at the outset; the Superintendent's discretionary powers are adequate to deal with extraordinary circumstances.*

145. *The jurisdiction of the Honor Code should be universal; that is, the Code should apply at all places and at all times.* Nevertheless, there are troubling questions concerning the responsibility of the Honor System for enforcement. Should the Code and System be coterminous or are there situations where there is only personal responsibility for enforcement? Continuing review of this matter will be needed.

146. *Retain the new Honor Committee procedures for further evaluation during Academic Year 1977-78.*

147. *Award cadet rank to executives of the Honor Committee.*

148. *Define lying in the Cadet Honor Code to be the making of an oral or written statement or gesture of communication made in the presence of and to another, intended by the maker to deceive or mislead.*

149. *Include the offense of wrongful appropriation as defined under Uniform Code of Military Justice in the definition of stealing in the Cadet Honor Code.*

150. *Eliminate the absence card completely (or, as a minimum, simplify the card).*

151. *Establish a formal procedure for redress involving the Company Honor Representative and/or the Special Assistant for Honor Matters for the cadet who feels that his punishment or implication resulted from improper questioning.*

152. *Continue to improve the education plan for all aspects of the Honor Code and System.*

## U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)

*The Study Group conducted, in effect, a separate study of the Military Academy Preparatory School, the details of which have been available to the Department of the Army, the Superintendent, USMA, and the Commandant, USMAPS. Our recommendations are listed below:*

1. Establish a Board of Visitors for the Preparatory School with representation from Department of the Army, the Academy, civilian educators, and appropriate Army agencies.
2. Retain the present assignment of the Preparatory School under the jurisdiction of Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and ensure closer coordination between the Academy and the Preparatory School.
3. Retain the Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Prevent instability experienced in recent moves.
4. Retain the current funding system and provide funding at levels necessary to support the mission effectively.

# REPORT ON FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

**T**HE West Point Fund Committee wishes to report that the generosity of alumni and friends continues to increase and that West Point is grateful for this warm expression of support.

## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE '77

Our annual fund drive commenced on 7 October with the mailing of a fund appeal letter. The data below shows a comparison of the first 35 days' results of the '76 and '77 drives. Last year's results were unparalleled in the history of West Point. We are most pleased to see this striking trend continue during the early stages of this year's drive.

### COMPARISON ANNUAL DRIVES '76 AND '77

(Status after 35 days)

	'76	'77
Total Contributions	\$80,226	\$101,652
Number of Gifts Received	2,041	2,258
Average Gift	\$39.31	\$45.02
Corporation Matching Gifts	\$4,065	\$5,175

The donor recognition items offered during this year's drive have apparently sparked many responses. A gift of \$25 to \$249 is recognized by the three handsome (11" x 8½") prints illustrated below.

The donor of \$250 or more will receive a numbered copy of the sculptured cadet bust (10" x 5") in cold cast bronze, which was created specifically for this year's drive. Initial results indicate that this attractive piece will soon be received by a substantial number of donors. This year's annual drive ends on 31 March 1978.

### DEFERRED GIVING PROGRAM

In the September ASSEMBLY, the AOG announced its new program of Deferred Giving. This program features three ways of making life income gifts to West Point. These are the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund, the Unitrust and the Annuity Trust. A life income gift is one

in which a donor, who might otherwise choose to give by Will, decides to make an irrevocable gift during his or her lifetime. The donor not only enjoys, while alive, the satisfaction of giving, but also receives an income for life, certain tax benefits while still alive and, at the same time, preserves the estate tax benefits which would accrue to a gift by Will.

Responses to the announcement of this new program have been encouraging. We now have signed agreements with three individuals whose gifts to the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund total \$17,425. These individuals received an income payment in early November based on a 7% annual rate of return on the current value of their shares of the Fund. Three other agreements are pending at the time of this writing and other persons have shown a definite interest.

Five graduates have expressed interest in a Unitrust naming a close relative to receive the life income benefits and West Point as the ultimate recipient of the Trust. Several of these are considering the use of appreciated securities to fund a Unitrust. Several others are exploring the possibility of using real property to fund the Trust. One inquiry concerned an outright gift of a house with the right to life occupancy retained by the donor and his wife. In each case, the AOG discusses the situation thoroughly with its legal counsel, Prerau & Teitell, before responding to the inquiry.

In addition to these specific requests, over 50 individuals have requested general information about the benefits of a life income plan. These are being answered within two or three weeks of receipt of the inquiry.

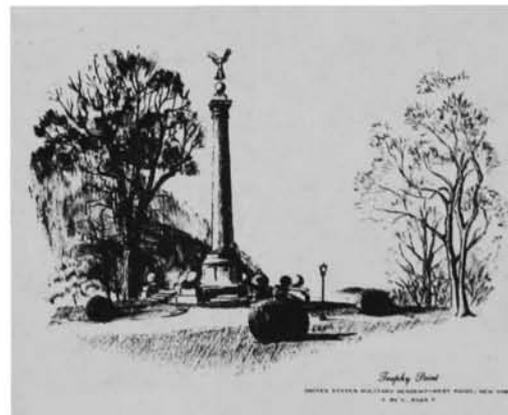
### BEQUESTS

A bequest to West Point has, since the days of General George Cullum, been a popular way of expressing one's lasting fondness for the Military Academy. The last report giving the names of persons leaving bequests appeared in the June 1977 ASSEMBLY in the "West Point Fund Committee Report for 1977."

Since June of 1977, West Point has received four more bequests from graduates and wives. Their total value is \$465,955. Names of donors are reported each year in the June ASSEMBLY. These four bequests have been designated for the Association of Graduates or the West Point Alumni Foundation.

The West Point Alumni Foundation is the organization which was identified in some Wills prepared a number of years ago. Gifts so identified are dispersed according to the vote of its Board of Managers, often to the West Point Fund. The Association of Graduates and the United States Military Academy are indebted to

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On a bright, sunny weekend 470 graduates returned to West Point for Homecoming activities. Reunion classes included '57, '62, '67 and '72, with '67 having the largest attendance. The oldest graduate present was Major General George J. Richards, USA (Retired), Class of 1915.

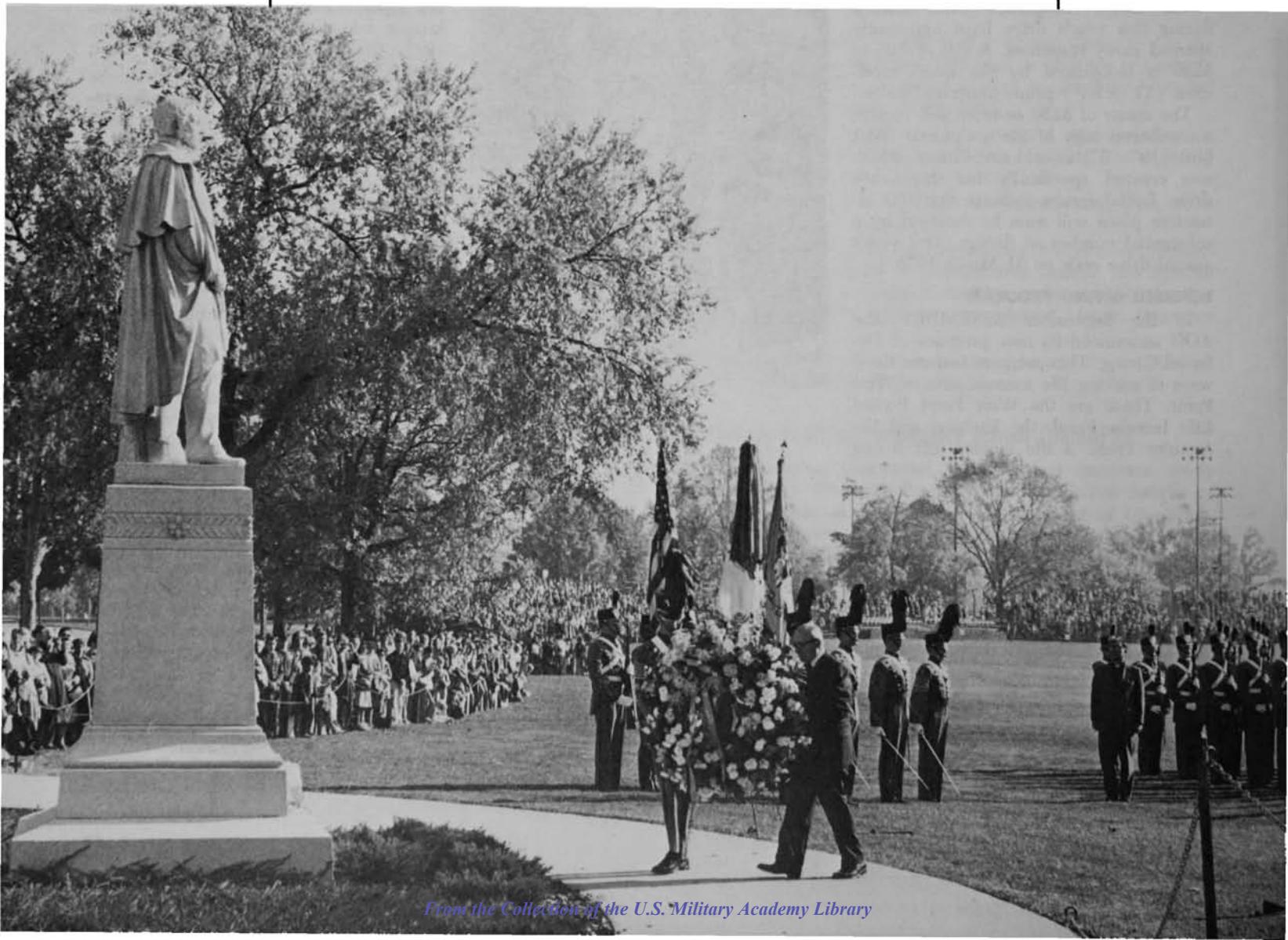
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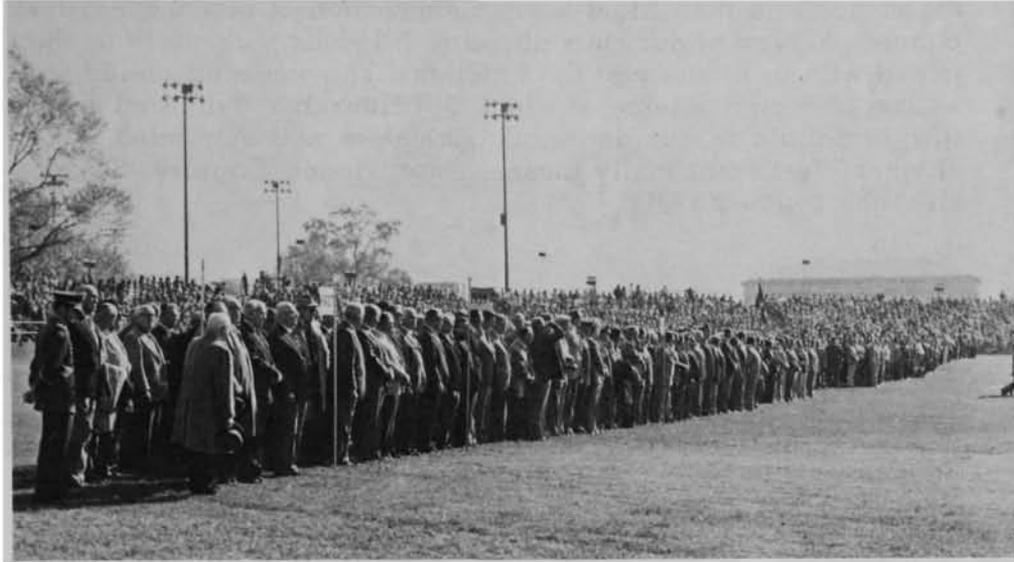


Oldest Grad, Richards '15, places wreath at Thayer Monument.



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Saltzman '25, President Association of Graduates, Richards '15, Oldest Grad, and Goodpaster '39, Superintendent USMA, lead march to Thayer Monument.



Alumni line at Review.

Center of Alumni line at Review,



Receiving line at reception after Alumni Dinner at Washington Hall.



# 1957

'57 DID IT AGAIN. Here we are 20 years later and still "running" together. The class turnout was fantastic, the women were beautiful and we all seemed 20 years younger. As one classmate remarked, "They may not like us down here, but somebody up there sure does." The weather was perfect, Bill Golden entertained us with excerpts from our past and an analysis of who we are (based on his latest survey), Army won the game, our first leader—John Bard—was there to greet us at the alumni dinner, and all the class functions were super. We **marched** in the Alumni ceremony, reviewed the parade and then filled a complete section of bleachers to take pictures. Eleven of our class offspring filled us with pride as they joined with us at many of the functions. The weekend ended with a Class Memorial Service, at which Bill Huckabee delivered a very stirring tribute to our deceased classmates and reminded us all of what West Point really means: Duty, Honor, Country. See you all at the 25th.—Kovel







# 1962

'62 CAN DO means sharing—and that we did for three days trying to cram into the busy hours the memories of over 15 years. We started at the Golf Course Clubhouse on Friday evening trying to remember names and faces as families came together and were introduced. Saturday saw an exquisite fall show of warm sunshine and multi-colored leaves to which we mixed our Alumni March, a stirring Review on the Plain and a football game unexcelled in our past season. The evening was capped by our Alumni Dinner Dance, special wine glasses, and the opportunity to meet our new Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, AOG President and Commandant. We were 200 plus strong and, led by our own Dr. Dennis Bennett, we visited our departed classmates to share and remember each of them at a Memorial Service at the Old Post Chapel, followed by a brunch at the "O" Club where Steve Arnold presided over a class meeting and report on the changes at West Point. See You in 1982.—Hudak





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# 1972



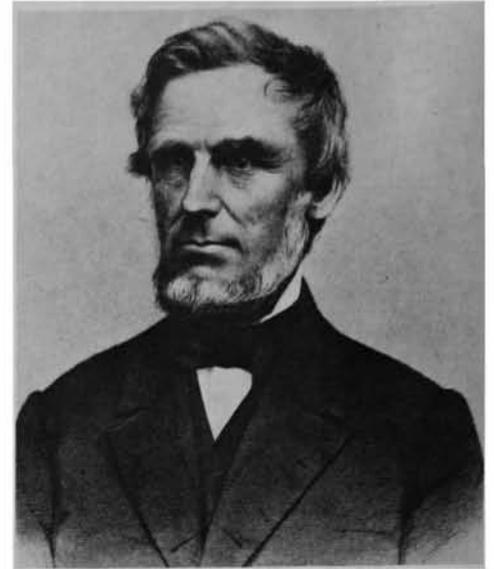


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# Colonel Selden and the Fort...

## A West Pointer in the West



Henry R. Selden, USMA 1843.

ONE of the notable events of June Week in 1975 was the presentation of a painting to the West Point Museum by the distinguished American artist, Peter Hurd, ex-1925, who had returned to the Academy to participate in the 50th Reunion of his Class. The painting, a reconstruction of Fort Selden, New Mexico, as it appeared during its heyday in the latter half of the 19th Century, is a peculiarly appropriate gift for a number of reasons.

In the first place, the fort, or what remains of its adobe walls, is not far from Peter Hurd's own ranch and thus an au-

thentic part of the countryside he knows and paints so well. On the other hand, the links between Fort Selden and West Point are also close; the post was named for a graduate and many of those who subsequently served there were alumni of the Academy.

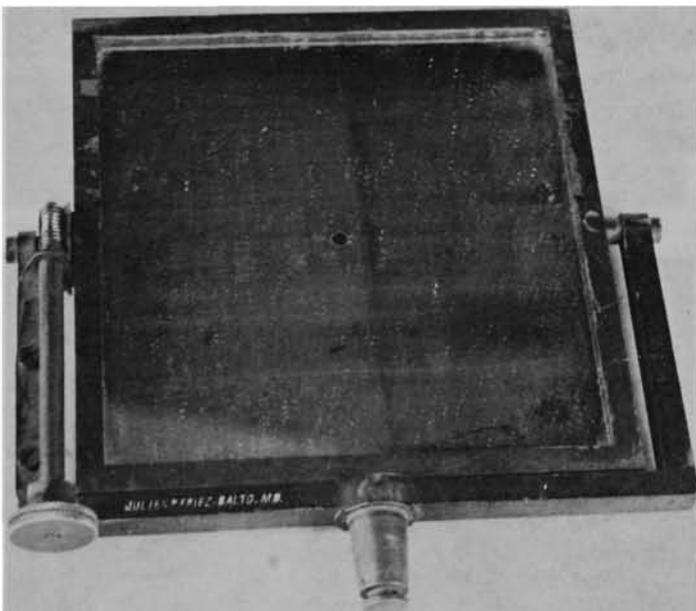
Henry Raymond Selden, (1821-1865), USMA 1843, for whom the fort is named, came to West Point from Bennington, Vermont. He was the son of Martius L. Selden, (1788-1838), who had served in the Army as a lieutenant during the War of 1812. Because the archives for this period are scanty, only a few traces

of young Henry's progress through the Academy are now extant. His appointment papers reveal that he was already an orphan when Secretary of War Joel R. Poinsett approved his admission, but beyond that the most revealing record yet remaining is the gig book or Register of Delinquencies. There one finds all of poor Henry's foibles and failures: shoes not blacked at parade, hair too long at inspection, bayonet dirty, helping himself to butter before the commander, and so on through a total of 139 gigs in four years. How ironic that a man's derelictions should survive in such detail when so little else remains!

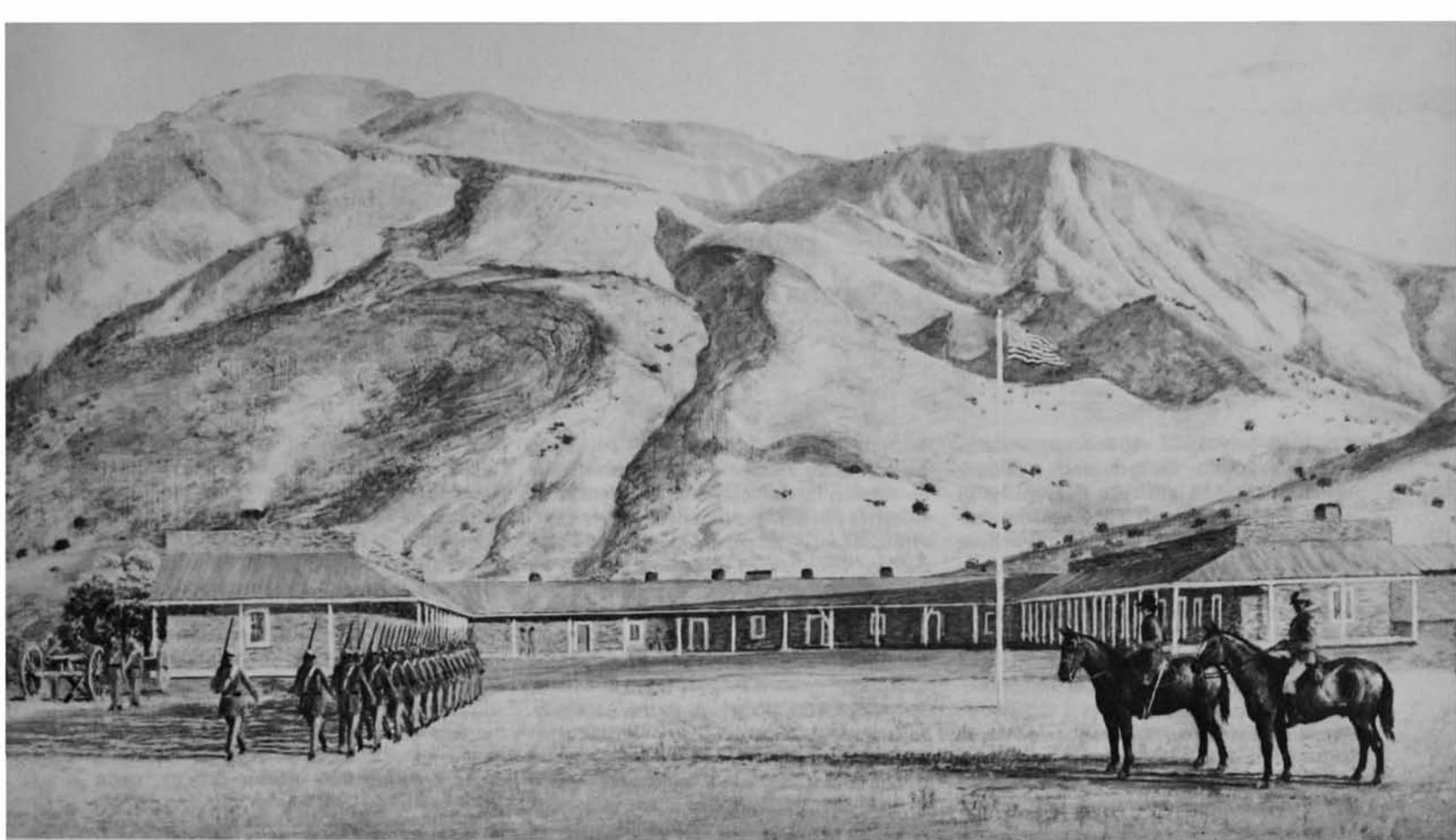
Henry Selden was not a particularly good student; he graduated 31 in a class of 39. In conduct he ranked well toward the bottom of the class. This may not be too significant, however, for among his contemporaries during his four years at the Academy cadets William Tecumseh Sherman, George C. McClelland, and Ulysses S. Grant all stood below him in conduct at one time or another.

As a lieutenant in the 5th Infantry.

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U.S. Army Heliograph c. 1888.



Fort Selden by Peter Hurd

Selden served in the Mexican War, participating in the battle of Monterey and the siege of Vera Cruz. After frontier duty in the southwest, he was promoted to captain and fought against the Seminole Indians in Florida in 1856 before joining the Utah Expedition in 1857. The following year he marched his company from Utah to New Mexico to campaign against the Navajos.

When the Confederate forces from Texas attempted to capture New Mexico after the outbreak of the Civil War, Captain Selden and his 5th Infantry troops served the Union cause under General E. R. S. Canby, USMA 1839. At the Battle of Valverde, in February 1862, Canby was forced to retreat but only after inflicting heavy losses on the invaders. In this engagement Captain Selden performed ably when ordered to move out from his position in the line next to Colonel Kit Carson and his New Mexico Volunteers and ford the Rio Grande. Although the icy cold water reached up to their armpits, the hardened infantrymen of the "Old Fifth" plunged across the river and attacked the enemy with bayonets while under heavy fire from the Confederate artillery.

Unable to stop the Confederates by a major confrontation, General Canby shifted his tactics and drew the invaders deeper into New Mexico and further from their base of supplies, all the while harassing them in minor actions. Captain Selden participated in many of these engagements, at Glorieta, Peralta, Fort Craig, and at Belen until the demoralized Confederates withdrew into Texas.

In 1865 Selden was commissioned as

Colonel of the New Mexico Volunteers and placed in command of Fort Union. Unfortunately, his health had been undermined by his arduous frontier service and he died at his post in Fort Union, 2 February 1865, after a long illness.

Even if one must discount something from the florid prose of the nineteenth century, Selden's obituary notices do give a few revealing glimpses into the personality of this dedicated professional soldier. His successor at Fort Union commented on the "urbanity of his manners," and his "genial social qualities" as well as his "moral and Christian deportment." The Department Commander, General J.H. Carlton, was even more explicit, declaring that Henry Selden was noted for his gentleness of disposition, "had not an enemy in the world" and was "loved by all who knew him." In view of Cadet Selden's lackluster showing as a scholar, doubtlessly his professors at the Academy would have been pleased to hear General Carlton affirm that "his knowledge of mathematics, history and belle lettres, though profound, never exhibited itself in pedantry."

There is a note of tragedy running through Selden's whole career. Orphaned before he left home to enter West Point, he spent nearly ten years campaigning in the field before he returned to marry a hometown girl in Bennington, Vermont. She bore him a son but died a few weeks later. Unable to cope with a newborn baby while serving in the western territories, Selden left his son in the care of an aunt who subsequently adopted the child. From the available records, it appears that he never again saw his boy during the

remaining ten years before his early death at age 45.

Some indication of the high price in personal sacrifice this long-suffering soldier and his family had to pay may be glimpsed in a letter the son's guardian in Vermont wrote to General Carlton after Selden's death; he asked if it were possible to secure some little item from the colonel's effects that the boy might have at least one small keepsake in his father's memory. One can only hope this pathetic request was granted, for, compounding the sense of tragedy, the son himself died less than three years later at age 15.

Four months after Colonel Selden's death, the War Department honored his memory by giving his name to a two-company post then being constructed on a bend in the Rio Grande about 18 miles north of the present town of Las Cruces, New Mexico. As Apache and other Indian tribes had become increasingly bold during the war years, raiding isolated settlements and attacking travelers, the need for expanding the system of local garrisons was manifest.

The site selected for the location of Fort Selden was an ideal one. On high ground above the Rio, it was well drained but close enough to the river for ample water. Excellent grazing lands to the east provided hay for cavalry mounts, pack mules and the herd of cattle normally stationed at the post for fresh meat. Stands of cottonwoods in the river bottoms afforded a supply of wood, and there was even a seam of coal nearby from which the garrison could grub out fuel for winter use.

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# Women at West

ON 6 July 1977, 104 young women entered the United States Military Academy (USMA) to take their place in "the Long Gray Line." They are the second co-ed class to enter and they have entered an academy which has been characterized this past year by change within tradition. The purpose of West Point has remained fixed—to respond to the needs of the Army for educated, trained, and motivated officers. The admission of women, however, has served as a catalyst to the most extensive, systematic, in-depth analysis into the education and training of cadets ever to be conducted at the Military Academy.

The purpose of this article is to review some of the significant events of the first year of women at West Point. The December 1976 issue of ASSEMBLY provided a preliminary report on the initial performance of women in Cadet Basic Training (Vitters, Kinzer, 1976). This report will update those preliminary results with data collected over the past year on resignation rates; academic, physical and military performance; attitudes; and adjustment problems of men and women to co-education at the Military Academy.

During the academic year, men and women have performed similarly in most areas of cadet life. In academics, the top woman finished 44th in her class and 23 percent of the women compared to 30 percent of the men were on the Dean's list. Women cadets performed as well as, or better than men in English, math, and foreign languages, but performed less well in engineering fundamentals, environmental science, and military science. Their performance in English and foreign languages was consistent with their relatively high verbal abilities at entrance. Their performance in engineering, environmental science, and military subjects was slightly lower than that of the men.

Women were graded this past year on

separate scales in physical education courses since research showed practically no overlap in the distribution of men and women's physical performance scores (Peterson, et al., 1976). Women took "self-defense"—consisting of judo and karate—instead of boxing and wrestling. These adjustments were unpopular with many men who wanted absolute equality of treatment for the sexes, regardless of the exception guaranteed to women by the law which admitted them to the Academy. Academy publications emphasized that USMA was interested in "equal effort rather than equal performance" and USMA, like each of the academies, took steps to inform entering candidates of what to expect.

During the first year of women's participation in intramurals, club, and Corps Squad teams, minimal changes were made to existing programs to accommodate co-educational athletics. Women were not placed in contact sports where they would compete against men since research on performance capabilities of the sexes indicated that women are often at a disadvantage in individual intramural/athletic competition against men. To stimulate women's confidence and to give them tangible goals to strive for, separate women's events were added to brigade open tournaments in such activities as intramural track and swimming. However, it was found that women were happier,

had more confidence in themselves and felt they contributed more to the company intramural effort when they competed with men in team sports as opposed to competing in individual sports.

Women in the Class of 1980 had participated in more extracurricular clubs in high school than their male counterparts. This interest continued as women joined 46 of the 80 clubs at USMA. Several women's athletic teams were formed as clubs. The women's basketball team had an excellent 14 and 5 first-year record and members of the squad became affectionately known by the other cadets as "sugar smacks" ("smacks" is a term currently used by cadets to denote "plebes"). Other organized club activities for women were gymnastics, softball, and volleyball. One woman became the National Women's Orienteering Champion in her first year of intercollegiate competition. The end result of the women's active participation in club activities was increased acceptance across the Corps of Cadets. In addition, women competed on the junior varsity swim team and performed well on the ski and fencing teams. This year, women will compete for the first time at the intercollegiate level in basketball.

In addition to the sheer novelty of women at West Point, there was also the structural problem of a few women scattered among a large number of men. It was felt that women cadets would need

TABLE 1  
THE SPEED OF INTEGRATION OF WOMEN  
INTO ALL 36 COMPANIES

	"Next year, if it is possible, women should be assigned to":				
	CL 78	CL 79	CL 80 M	Percent CL 80 F	All Cadets
1. All 36 companies	58%	73%	66%	86%	66%
2. Up to 24 companies	18	9	17	14	15
3. The same 12 companies as at present	24	18	17	0	19
N	(366)	(399)	(453)	(36)	(1254)
Mean	1.66	1.45 <sub>ab</sub>	1.51 <sub>b</sub>	1.13 <sub>a</sub>	1.53

Note: Means with a subscript in common are not significantly different at the .05 level using a modified LSD procedure; overall F = 8.05, p < .001.

Source—Project Athena, USMA

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some minimum number of women in their company for social support. During the first year, women were assigned to only one-third of the companies. The original plan for integrating women called for integrating the Corps of Cadets in third's, over a period of three years. Table 1 shows the results of responses to a survey questionnaire in April 1977. In each class, a majority of cadets indicated that they preferred women in all 36 companies next year (September 1977). Male cadets in integrated companies were more strongly in favor of speeded integration than male cadets in the all-male companies. As one might expect, the men who were rigid in attitude or sex-role "traditional," tended to be against more rapid integration. This year, there are women assigned to all 36 cadet companies.

In leadership ratings, women tended to receive lower than average ratings in leadership (ability to command a group in the accomplishment of an assigned mission while maintaining high standards of discipline and morale) by peers. In behavioral ratings by cadet officers who were their immediate supervisors, and by tactical officers, both men and women were rated equally. Women and men received similar numbers of demerits for violations of cadet regulations.

Since Cadet Basic Training (1976), the attrition rate of women in the Class of 1980, in comparison with men, has stabil-

ized at a figure about five percent higher than that of men. As of 28 August 1977, 31 percent of the original 119 women to enter have voluntarily resigned. Twenty-six percent of the original 1,266 men have resigned. (See Table 2) The significance of these attrition rate statistics may not be the slightly higher resignation rate of women which currently exists, but the number of women who *remain* when challenged by perhaps the most egalitarian approach to co-education ever before attempted in this country. On the advice of consultants who warned against patronizing women cadets by making things easy for them, West Point planned to maintain equality in nonphysical standards of admission and training. Women were integrated into all phases of cadet life: the classroom, the dormitory, and military training. The successful performance of women in these areas has greatly contributed to their acceptance in the Corps while West Point has retained its distinct qualities as an institution.

Table 3 shows that the sex-role attitudes of male cadets are more traditional than those of male officers or male enlisted personnel in the Army as a whole. The differences are substantial: about two-thirds of USMA cadets would rank as more traditional than the most traditional one-third of the officers, for example. Upperclassmen in companies with women in April 1977 were less sex-role traditional

than upperclassmen in companies without women. Among plebe men, however, a trend in the opposite direction was observed (the latter trend was not, however, statistically significant). Men in the Class of 1980 were significantly less sex-role traditional than upperclassmen.

Although women are determined to graduate from West Point, and the institution is committed to their integration, many upperclass cadets cite reasons for holding to traditional beliefs. Among these are: (1) a persisting belief that women do not belong in military academies; (2) a pervasive awareness that the Academy's top leadership originally opposed the admission of women; (3) a perception that USMA officials may have "overreacted" to this change, as evidenced by the amount of time devoted to lectures, surveys, briefings, and the assignment of officers to "special positions" to work on this event; and (4) a widespread perception, among both men and women, that women have received "inequitable treatment" as plebes by other cadets and officers. Men cite instances of women being dated by upperclass cadets and of media coverage focusing exclusively on women. Male plebes were especially sensitive to instances where women enjoyed special relationships or were formally "recognized" by upperclassmen prior to

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TABLE 2

ATTRITION RATES OF MALE AND FEMALE USMA CADETS  
(July 1976 - September 1977)

Class of 1980	Males (1366) % (N)	Females (119) % (N)	Total (1485) % (N)
Cadet Basic Training: (7 Jul 76-6 Sep 76)	9.9 (135)	15.9 (19)	10.4 (154)
First Semester: (7 Sep-76-22 Jan 77)	6.4 (88)	6.7 (8)	6.5 (96)
Second Semester: (24 Jan 77-28 May 77)	4.1 (56)	3.4 (4)	4.0 (60)
Cadet Field Training/ Leave: (28 May 77-28 Aug 77)	5.6 (76)	5.0 (6)	5.5 (82)
<b>Total Attrition Rate: (7 Jul 76-28 Aug 77)</b>	<b>25.9 (355)</b>	<b>31.1 (37)</b>	<b>26.4 (392)</b>
Class of 1981	Males (1367) % (N)	Females (104) % (N)	Total (1469) % (N)
Cadet Basic Training: (6 Jul 77-6 Sep 77)	7.0 (95)	9.6 (10)	7.1 (105)

Source: Project Athena, USMA

TABLE 3

SEX-ROLE ATTITUDES OF CADETS AND ARMY PERSONNEL

GROUP	N	X	O
Men, Cl '80-In companies with women	250	-2.46	2.21
In companies without women	633	-2.28	2.03
Men, Cl '78 & '79-In companies with women	481	-2.40	2.04
In companies without women	932	-2.64 <sup>a</sup>	2.11
Commissioned officers, Army-wide sample, Nov-Dec 1975 <sup>b</sup>	2113	-0.07	2.87
Warrant Officers, Army-wide sample, Nov-Dec 1975 <sup>b</sup>	396	-0.15	2.98
Enlisted personnel, Army-wide sample, Nov-Dec 1975 <sup>b</sup>	3331	0.01	2.86
Women in the Army, Army-wide sample, Nov-Dec 1975	366	+2.08	2.50

<sup>a</sup>Differences between companies with and without women is statistically significant:  $t = -2.07$ ,  $p < .05$ .

<sup>b</sup>Source: J. Savell & J. Woefel, Army Research Institute Paper, 1977, Negative Scores Indicate More Traditional Sex-Role Concept. Source: Office of Institutional Research (Dr. Priest, USMA)

# General Bard Visits USSR

**I**N late 1976 agreement was reached between the American and Soviet military authorities to initiate an exchange lecture series on historical military events occurring during World War II. This program would be part of a broader effort to encourage discussions between the Soviet and American Armed Forces. For the history lecture series the desire was to have a General or Flag-Rank speaker discuss his topic with a military college, the first lecture series to be given by the Americans. This visit took place between 24 September and 2 October and is the subject of this article.

The American group consisted of Brigadier General John C. Bard (Class of 1954), Commandant of Cadets at the United States Military Academy; Major Geoffrey Kleb (Class of 1964), Instructor in Russian Language in the Foreign Languages Department at West Point; and Cadet Captain Andy Soldo (Class of 1978), 2d Regimental Commander, who had studied the Russian Language for three years at West Point. The topic for the lectures in Moscow and Leningrad concerned the Pacific Ocean strategy following the capture of Guadalcanal up to the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the initial invasion of the Philippine Islands. The Leyte campaign was considered to be the turning point in the Pacific War and is a topic of interest to the Soviet Armed Forces.

The American group arrived in Moscow on Saturday 24 September where it was met by the U.S. Defense Attaché, Brigadier General Dick Larkin (Class of 1952) and General-Major Glazunov, Deputy Commandant, Soviet Institute of Military History. The reception at the airport by the Soviet representative was most cordial and the group proceeded to the Ministry of Defense Hotel in Moscow.

On Sunday the group departed Moscow for Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad) and was met there by Colonel Dinnikov, Commander of the Volgograd Military Garrison. A tour of the Military Museum of the Defense of Stalingrad and Tsaritsyn was conducted by the Museum Director, with this tour and other briefings emphasizing the defense aspects of Soviet military policy. The museum visit was followed by a visit to the Heroes Monument to watch the changing of the Children's Guard. A small contingent of high school age children stands vigil at the monument from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening every day, regardless of the weather. The American delegation then toured the battlefield area of Stalingrad viewing the famous Sergeant Pavlov's house where one squad held off repeated attacks for several days, and the flour mill which has not been rebuilt so it could continue to indicate the degree

of destruction which occurred in the city during the German attacks in late 1943. After lunch they toured the Mamayev Mound, a gigantic statue of Mother Russia, more than 86 meters tall, beneath which is the eternal flame of memory to those who fell at Stalingrad. Surrounding this monument are many sculptures depicting the battle and the bravery of the Soviet defenders. General Bard placed a wreath at the tomb of eternal memory. A visit was then made to the Volgograd Planetarium and to watch a movie depicting the Battle of Stalingrad and its destructiveness.

The group returned to Moscow Monday afternoon for the first lecture by General Bard at the Institute of Military History to colonels and generals from the Institute and from the Moscow Military District. Also in attendance were the two Soviet Generals who will be visiting the United States in November on the return lecture series. The lecture appeared well received by the more than 300 officers in attendance and the questions following the lecture were excellent, but non-controversial.

On Tuesday, a visit to Red Square included a tour of the Museum of Armor in the Kremlin. Upon a request by General Bard to see the Tomb of Lenin, General Glazunov, the group's constant escort, responded by arranging an immediate visit to the Mausoleum. That afternoon a visit was made to the Museum of Economic Achievement where each of the 15 Soviet Republics has an exhibit of its particular produce. There are also national exhibits on topics such as atomic energy, industry, and space exploration, with the latter exhibit including a display showing the link up of the Soyuz/Apollo joint space venture. At midnight the delegation left by train for Leningrad.

In Leningrad General-Major Bayduganov, the representative of the Commander of the Leningrad Military District escorted the group to the Piskarevskoe Monument and Cemetery, the resting place of those who died during the Blockade of Leningrad from September 1941 to January 1944. As in Volgograd, General Bard placed a wreath to the memory of those who perished. A visit was then made to the Soviet Naval Museum which traces the development of the Soviet Navy from its beginning during the reign of Peter the Great to the present. This was followed by a visit to the Hermitage Museum of Art where masterpieces from all over the world are displayed. After lunch the group proceeded to the House of Officers, a combination officers' club and resort for visiting officers and their families. It is a formal palace of Tsarist Russia and very impressive, ornate and luxurious. General Bard presented the sec-

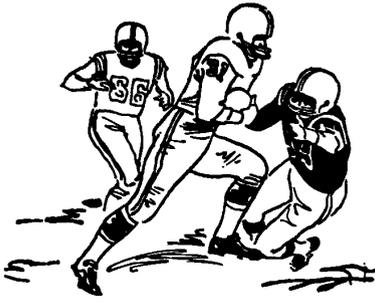
ond lecture to an assembly of Soviet flag rank officers, as well as colonels and Navy captains from the Leningrad Military District and Naval Academy. A tour of the palace and its museum, dedicated to the Revolution and World War II, took place after the lecture.

On Thursday the group visited the Cruiser "Aurora" whose bow cannon fired the shot signaling the beginning of the Revolution in 1917. The ship is still on active duty, much like "The Constitution." They then visited Ushakov Naval Academy, touring labs and classrooms, and receiving briefings on instructional support and facilities for the students. After this, they visited St. Isaacs Cathedral, the tallest cathedral in the world, and made a short tour of the Peter-Paul Fortress where all the tsars are buried with the exception of Nicholas the Second. After lunch a visit was made to Pavlovsk, the palace of Emperor Paul who reigned from 1796 to 1801. This was the war-time headquarters of the German general staff during the blockade of Leningrad. That evening there was a farewell dinner with General Bayduganov at still another ornate palace in Leningrad. The dinner was extremely formal and impressive, but, as with all conversations with all Soviet officials, the warmth, hospitality, and total attention to details in planning were obvious. At midnight the delegation boarded the Red Arrow Express for the return trip to Moscow.

On Friday came a visit to Frunze Military Academy, roughly the equivalent of our C&GSC, which included touring classrooms and instructional support facilities and visiting a class in session. Entrance for Soviet officers into the Academy is competitive; approximately 100 to 150 students from first lieutenant through major enter each year, with no student being over 32 years old at entry. After lunch, the party visited with the Deputy to the Chief of the Soviet General Staff and, again, this one was oriented on maintaining the mutual respect of the Soviet and American peoples.

After this meeting, General Larkin took the group to the American Embassy to visit with the Deputy Chief of Mission. That afternoon there was a reception at General Larkin's residence where the group met several East Block military attachés as well as all of the Soviet generals it had previously met on the trip. This was the first informal contact between the recently appointed Defense Attaché and Soviet Army officers.

On Saturday, the last day of scheduled activities, there was a guided tour through the Central Museum of the Soviet Armed Forces by the Museum Director. The exhibits concentrated on the Revolution  
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# down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

**B**RILLIANT fall foliage, wafting earthward on cool breezes, and Leamon Hall's record-shattering passes were the only things filling the crisp autumn skies this year. Nostalgia hung heavily overhead, too.

The United States Military Academy paid tribute to three of the finest football players in its illustrious history when Heisman Trophy winners Glenn Davis, Felix "Doc" Blanchard and Pete Dawkins, were honored during halftime of the Army-Holy Cross football game. That was just part of a weekend tribute to the three all-Americans who returned to the place where they made football history. They also were guests of honor at a gala reception the night before the Holy Cross contest.

Only two other universities in the country have been blessed with more Heisman Trophy winners in their respective football sagas, Notre Dame with six winners and Ohio State with five. Army ranks third with three, thanks to the accomplishments of these three talented athletes.

Blanchard, nicknamed "Mr. Inside" because of his power running, and Davis, named "Mr. Outside" because of his speed and elusiveness, helped lead Army to two national championships and a share of a third from 1944-46. In addition, the cadets compiled an unbeaten skein of 32 games.

Blanchard was the first Army player to be selected for the Heisman Trophy in 1945 after leading Army to a 9-0 record and a national championship.

In addition to the Heisman Trophy, Blanchard was named "Outstanding Player of the Year" by the Maxwell Club, "Outstanding Player of the Year" by Walter Camp and he received the Sullivan Award which is presented "to the amateur athlete who, by performance, example and influence, did the most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship." It marked the first time in the 16-year history of the Sullivan Award that a football player was so honored.

During his three years at West Point Blanchard was named an all-America three times. He gained 1,666 yards rushing on 280 carries for an average of 5.9 yards per crack. He also scored 38 touchdowns and piled up 231 points in scoring. He is currently enjoying retirement in Burnet, Texas, after serving 25 years in the Air Force.

Davis was the recipient of the Heisman Trophy in 1946, culminating a football career which is unmatched in the annals of West Point. Like Blanchard, the fleet-footed Davis was an all-America selection three years.

Davis' list of honors began during the 1944 season. He helped lead Army to its first national championship, gaining 667 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns, a record which still stands today. For his efforts, Davis was named "Player of the Year" by the Los Angeles Times, "Outstanding Halfback of the Year" by Walter Camp, "Outstanding Player of the Year" by the Maxwell Club and "Outstanding Player of the Year" by the Helms Foundation.

In 1945, Davis again was selected "Outstanding Player of the Year" by the Helms Foundation, and finally was the recipient of the Heisman Trophy in 1946. In four years of varsity football Davis set one season record for touchdowns scored (20) and seven career records, six of which still stand. His career record for total offense (4,129 yards) was broken this season by Army quarterback Leamon Hall. However, Davis still holds the Army career records for yards rushing (2957), interceptions by a player (14), punt returns (84), yards punts returned (1057), points scored (354) and touchdowns scored (59).

The former Heisman Trophy winner is currently director of special promotions for the Los Angeles Times, a position he has held for the past 25 years.

Dawkins won the Heisman Trophy in 1958 after helping lead Army to its last undefeated season, 8-0-1, and its last under Coach Earl "Red" Blaik. During his senior year he scored 12 touchdowns, piled up 428 yards rushing at 5.48 yards per carry and caught 16 passes for 491 more yards.

In addition to the Heisman Trophy, he also received the Maxwell Award as the "Outstanding Player in the Nation," was selected "Player of the Year" by both *Sports Illustrated* and *Sport* magazines and was named on six different all-America teams.

Dawkins also excelled as a cadet at the United States Military Academy. He served as First Captain of the Corps of Cadets, was president of his class, was a star man who ranked 10th academically in a class of 499 and served as captain of the Army football team. No other cadet

accomplished as much during his four years at West Point. In addition, Dawkins received a Rhodes scholarship.

Now a colonel in the United States Army, Dawkins is currently commander of Headquarters Command at Fort Ord, California.

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## FOOTBALL (4-3)

As anticipated, Hall's aerials again filled the ozone and the headlines as Leamon passed his way to another slew of Army quarterbacking records.

### Army 34, UMass 10

It started on opening day when Leamon completed 19 of 33 attempts for 310 yards and five touchdowns to earn selection as Offensive Player of the Week by *Sports Illustrated*. Player of the Week by the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), and a member of the United Press International's Backfield of the Week.

Hall's first three TDs went to plebe Mike Fahnestock, covering eight, 54 and 18 yards. They were the only times Fahnestock touched the football in the game and, naturally, until then the only times in his collegiate career! Mike was named ECAC Rookie of the Week... small wonder.

It was Army's 500th football victory. Hall's five TD tosses was a single-game Army record and enabled him to set the Academy's career mark for TD passes. Fahnestock's three TD receptions tied him with Dick Stephenson and Jim Cain for another single-game record.

### Army 27, VMI 14

Hall added another pair of scoring strikes—52 yards to Brundidge and 14 to Bill Skoda for a 14-0 lead, and broke a 14-14 tie with a two-yard QB sneak in the fourth quarter for the clinching points. George Mayes' fumble recovery set up Jim Merriken's six-yard touchdown run three seconds from the finish.

### Boston College 49, Army 28

Merriken caught the first of three Hall touchdown passes, 26-yarder, and ran three yards for another TD that gave Army a 14-0 first-quarter lead, but by the time Merriken latched onto Hall's 48-yard TD pass in the third quarter, B.C. already had 28 points. Leamon then hit Jon Dwyer with a six-yard TD toss, but the Eagles finished strong with three more touchdowns in an 11-minute span.

### Colorado 31, Army 0

The nationally-ranked Buffaloes intercepted four Hall passes and negated his 15 completions in 30 tries for 165 yards. The Buffs scored in every period to overshadow Brundidge's eight catches for 110 yards and King's 18 carries for 119 yards.

### Army 34, Villanova 32

Hall was forced to rally the Cadets from behind twice and finished with a 17-for-26,

## TICKET PRICES — WINTER/SPRING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Season tickets for winter/spring athletic events are now on sale at the ODIA Ticket Office, West Point, New York 10996. The following prices are in effect: **AAA MEMBERS:** Winter/spring season ticket—\$15.00 for sponsor and \$15.00 for their adult dependents. Dependents through high-school age—\$5.00, provided the sponsor purchases a \$15.00 season ticket. Season tickets are good for all scheduled winter/spring events with the exception of Army-Navy contests or special ticket events.

**PUBLIC-SALE SEASON TICKETS:** Basketball—\$25.00 and Hockey—\$30.00. These tickets are good for all home games with the exception of Army-Navy contest.

SINGLE EVENT TICKET PRICES:	ADULTS	CHILDREN
Basketball	\$3.00	\$1.50
Hockey	3.00	1.50
Track	2.00	1.00
Gymnasium Events (Saturday only)	3.00	1.50
(Gymnastics, Swimming, Wrestling, Fencing, Squash, Volleyball, Women's Basketball)		
Women's Basketball (Field House)	2.00	1.00
Lacrosse	2.00	1.00
(Saturday Games Only)		
Spring Football Game	1.00	1.00

**SALES-GENERAL:** Advanced sale of single-game tickets will NOT be made except for Army-Navy contests and special ticket events as announced. Tickets will be sold at the site of the contest beginning one hour prior to the time of the event.

221-yard, two-TD passing game, plus a 28-yard, two-TD running game. Leamon scored on a five-yard run that ended the first half with the Wildcats on top, 14-7, and opened the third quarter with an 18-yard scoring strike to Greg McGlasker and added a five-yarder to Brundidge (who had 7 catches for 99 yards) in the fourth period for a 21-14 lead.

Villanova pulled away again to 24-21, but a two-yard scoring sneak by Hall and a 26-yard TD romp by Dwyer offset Villanova's last touchdown on the last play of the game.

### *Notre Dame 24, Army 0*

The Fighting Irish increased their dominance in this colorful and historic series to 31-8-4 at Giants Stadium by surviving a difficult first half and erupting in the second for 17 points. The cadets threatened late in the second quarter, moving to the Irish 19, but Hall's fourth-down pass to Brundidge was completed beyond the end line after coach Homer Smith decided against kicking a field goal into a strong, gusty wind.

In the second half, Notre Dame blitzed everybody at Hall, including both safeties, the linebackers, and—from Leamon's point of view—the cheerleaders, trainers, Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan.

### *Army 42, Lafayette 6*

The defense forced five Lafayette turnovers and blocked a punt to build a 35-0 halftime lead as King celebrated Homecoming day with a pair of touchdown runs.

Army scored twice in the opening 3:22 after two fumble recoveries. Hall marched his mates 80 yards in 18 plays with King's five-yard TD run coming three plays into the second quarter for a 21-0 lead.

A fumble on the ensuing kickoff, a blocked punt and another interception resulted in the three final scores.

### CROSS COUNTRY (6-4)

Coach John Randolph's harriers prepped for the upcoming Navy contest by sweeping their last four opponents. The cadets outran NYU, 15-50; Lehigh, 18-37; N.Y. Maritime, 15-50, and Montclair State, 15-50, to snap a three-meet slide. Army had opened with a 39-20 loss to FDU before sweeping a triangular from Albany State, 14-58, and Syracuse, 18-45. Next came the three defeats, to Manhattan, 31-24; Cornell, 39-22, and Rutgers, 43-20.

All-America senior captain Curt Alitz placed first in all six events this fall, raising his winning streak to 20. His best time was a remarkable 24:40, over a rain-slicked West Point course, in the Cadets' opening loss to FDU.

### LIGHTWEIGHT FOOTBALL (3-1)

New coach George Storck suffered only one loss this season, but it was a 23-13 decision to archrival Navy.

Army opened with a 31-0 victory over Rutgers for the Cadets' seventh straight, despite losing senior QB Todd Miller with a dislocated shoulder on the first series. Reserve QB Jim Nagy did a fine relief job, directing all five scoring drives.

Nagy directed the Cadets to their eighth straight win, 24-14 over Cornell, that began with his 22-yard TD pass to Lloyd Alston.

A 74-yard punt return and a 30-yard interception return both went for TDs as Navy snapped the Army streak, 23-13. Cadet middle guard Mike Stephenson recovered a Middie fumble to set up a two-yard TD dive by Bassa that earned USMA a 7-7 intermission tie, but Navy

completed its second-half scoring long before Adams' six-yard TD put Army's final points on the board.

The Cadets snapped back with a 32-12 romp over Penn, ignited by Basilica's 69-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

### SOCCER (5-2)

Coach Joe Palone's booters broke out of the gate for two straight wins and bounced back from their first loss for three more successive successes before bowing again.

Soph forward Mike Rodemers scored once and assisted on another goal to pace Army's 4-1 opening triumph over Rutgers.

Mike Parkinson was in the nets next time and responded with a 2-0 shutout of Yale as Yerks and Vinson supplied the goals.

Army had 10 shots on the net to Columbia's two, but the Cadets came away with a 1-0 defeat. The Cadets rebounded in grand fashion when junior Brendan Flanagan's unassisted goal with less than two minutes remaining upset nationally-ranked Penn State, 3-2.

Schmalberger and Parkinson combined to blank Seton Hall, 4-0, as Rodemers scored one goal and assisted on two others. Two second-half goals by Smoak and one by Mark Vinson enabled Schmalberger to shutout Syracuse, 3-0, as Rodemers and John Jasinski assisted.

In their last outing, however, Brown scored the final three goals for a 3-2 victory. Marengo and Yerks gave the Cadets a 2-0 lead.

Seven-game totals finds Mike Rodemers the leading pointmaker with one goal and seven assists for eight points.

### WATER POLO (11-3)

Coach Cory Aylor's water-treaders raised their match record to 11-3 with a 28-9 victory over Southern Connecticut State, a 16-15 squeaker against Brown, plus a pair of second-places and a third-place finish in tournament competition. The Cadets finished second to champion Bucknell in the USMA Open and in the Mid-Atlantic Conference League Tournament and was third behind Bucknell and Slippery Rock in the Pittsburgh Open. Bucknell (twice) and Slippery Rock own the only victories over the Cadets.

Senior captain Bob Bristow is the leading scorer after 14 matches with 42 goals and 32 assists.

### FALL GOLF

Coach Dave Yates' linksmen, paced by Ken Thronson's second-place 72 finished second at 383 behind Temple's 379 in the first annual West Point Fall Invitational Golf Tournament.

Jeff Manley's 75 and rounds of 76 by Thronson and Bressler enabled the Cadets to finish third with a 305 behind Manhattan's 301 and Princeton's 302 in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Qualifications Tournament at Rutgers. Manley, Thronson and Bressler thus qualified for the ECAC Championship, to be held at Colgate later this fall.

# USMA WINTER VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time—PM	Date	Opponent	Time—PM	Date	Opponent	Time—PM						
<b>VARSITY BASKETBALL</b>														
Nov 25	RPI	7:30	Dec 1	Cornell	4:00	Nov 19	Norwich (A)	7:00						
Dec 1	Lehigh	7:30	3	Lafayette Tournament (A)	12 Noon	25	Framingham State	7:00						
3	Wagner	8:00	6	Yale (A)	4:30	28	Elmira	7:00						
6	St. John's (A)	8:00	10	Triangular—Princeton, Kent State	1:00	30	Plattsburgh State	7:00						
8	St. Peter's	7:30	14	Rutgers (A)	7:30	Dec 3	New England	7:30						
10	Northeastern (A)	7:30	7	Triangular—Brockport State, Lafayette	1:00	7	Massachusetts	7:00						
12	US Merchant Marine Acad.	7:30	11	Colgate	4:00	9	Bryant College (A)	7:30						
16-17	Sun Bowl Basketball Classic (U of Texas, Memphis State, Kansas State—El Paso, TX)		21	Springfield (A)	2:00	10	North Adams State (A)	7:00						
21	Maryland (A)	8:00	25	Quadrangular—Columbia, Hofstra, Temple (A)	2:00	14	Connecticut (A)	7:30						
26-27	Milwaukee Basketball Classic (U of Texas, Eastern Kentucky, Marquette—Milwaukee, WI)		28	Rider	4:00	16	Cortland State	7:00						
Jan 4	Lycoming	7:30	Feb 4	Lehigh (A)	2:00	Jan 7	St. Nick's	7:30						
6	Lafayette (A)	8:00	8	NY State Maritime Coll.	7:00	21	Merrimack	7:30						
8	Holy Cross	2:00	11	Triangular—Massachusetts, Wilkes	2:00	28	Oswego State	7:30						
21	Manhattan	8:00	18	Quadrangular—So. Connecticut State, Massachusetts Maritime, Harvard (A)	12 Noon	Feb 1	Salem State	7:00						
25	Colgate	7:30	21	Maryland	4:00	3	College Militaire Royal	7:00						
28	Seton Hall (A)	8:15	25	Navy (A)		4	College Militaire Royal	2:00						
31	Fordham	7:30	Mar 3-5	EIWA (A)		7	Princeton (A)	7:30						
Feb 4	Penn State	8:00	<b>VARSITY PISTOL</b>											
7	Fairfield	7:30	Dec 3	77th ARCOM	1:00	<b>VARSITY SWIMMING</b>								
10	Rochester (A)	8:00	10	US Merchant Marine Acad.	1:00	Dec 2	Syracuse (A)	7:00						
11	Buffalo (A)	6:30	17	NJ Inst. of Technology (A)	1:00	3	Cornell (A)	2:00						
15	Iona (A)	8:00	Jan 7	Nassau County Police	1:00	7	Columbia	4:00						
18	Niagara (A)	9:00	21	Merck, Sharp & Dohme	1:00	10	Harvard	2:00						
25	*Navy	2:00	28	Quadrangular—Air Force, Worcester Polytechnic Inst., Rutgers	9:00 AM	Jan 7	Princeton	2:00						
<b>VARSITY WRESTLING</b>														
Dec 1	Cornell	4:00	Feb 4	US Coast Guard Acad. (A)	1:00	21	Yale	2:00						
3	Lafayette Tournament (A)	12 Noon	11	Quadrangular—Boston State, Villanova, MIT	9:00 AM	28	LaSalle	2:00						
6	Yale (A)	4:30	18	Royal Military College (A)		Feb 4	Dartmouth	2:00						
10	Triangular—Princeton, Kent State	1:00	25	Navy	1:00	8	Rutgers	4:00						
14	Rutgers (A)	7:30	Mar 4	Pennsylvania (A)	10:00 AM	10	Villanova (A)	7:30						
7	Triangular—Brockport State, Lafayette	1:00	11-12	Sectional	9:00 AM	11	Pennsylvania (A)	2:00						
11	Colgate	4:00	<b>VARSITY RIFLE</b>											
21	Springfield (A)	2:00	Dec 3	3-way match—US Coast Gd. Academy, Kentucky (A)		Dec 3	Triangular—Rutgers, NY Inst. of Technology	1:30						
25	Quadrangular—Columbia, Hofstra, Temple (A)	2:00	10	3-way match—MIT, St. Peter's	1:30	10	Pentagonal—Connecticut, BU, New Hampshire, Holy Cross (A)	1:00						
28	Rider	4:00	Jan 7	77th ARCOM	1:30	17	Double Dual—Seton Hall, C.W. Post	1:30						
Feb 4	Lehigh (A)	2:00	21	Dartmouth	1:30	Jan 7	Triangular—Fairleigh Dickinson, Adelphi	1:30						
8	NY State Maritime Coll.	7:00	28	6-way match—St. John's, Norwich, Air Force, Columbia, King's College	1:30	21	Triangular—Pennsylvania, Manhattan	1:30						
11	Triangular—Massachusetts, Wilkes	2:00	Feb 4	West Point Invitational	8:00 AM	28	Cornell (A)	7:00						
18	Quadrangular—So. Connecticut State, Massachusetts Maritime, Harvard (A)	12 Noon	11	3-way match—Penn State, Lehigh (A)		Feb 5	Princeton Relays (A)							
21	Maryland	4:00	18	Royal Military College (A)		11	Harvard (A)	12:30						
25	Navy (A)		25	Navy (A)		18	Navy (A)							
Mar 3-5	EIWA (A)		Mar 4	3-way match—Hofstra, Princeton	1:30	25	Heptagonals (A)							
<b>VARSITY BASKETBALL (Continued)</b>														
Jan 4	Lycoming	7:30	11-12	Sectionals	1:00	Mar 4-5	IC4A (A)							
6	Lafayette (A)	8:00	<b>VARSITY FENCING</b>											
8	Holy Cross	2:00	Dec 3	Yale (A)	2:00	10-11	NCAA (A)							
21	Manhattan	8:00	10	Rutgers	2:00	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>								
25	Colgate	7:30	14	St. John's (A)	7:00	Jan 25	Nyack College	4:00						
28	Seton Hall (A)	8:15	Jan 6	Harvard (A)	7:30	Feb 9	New Paltz State (A)	7:00						
31	Fordham	7:30	7	Dartmouth (A)	2:00	14	Springfield (A)	8:00						
Feb 4	Penn State	8:00	21	Triangular—John Jay College, Trinity	2:00	17	US Merchant Marine Acad.	4:00						
7	Fairfield	7:30	Feb 1	Columbia	4:00	24	Yale (A)	7:30						
10	Rochester (A)	8:00	4	NYU (A)	2:00	Mar 2	Albany State	4:00						
11	Buffalo (A)	6:30	8	Pennsylvania (A)	7:00	7	Princeton	7:00						
15	Iona (A)	8:00	10	Baruch	4:00	9	New Paltz State	4:00						
18	Niagara (A)	9:00	11	Princeton	2:00	11	ECVL Tournament (A)	9:00 AM						
25	*Navy	2:00	15	William Paterson	4:00	16	US Merchant Marine Academy (A)	7:00						
<b>VARSITY SQUASH</b>														
Dec 7	Fordham (A)	3:30	18	Cornell (A)	2:00	23	Springfield	4:00						
10	Harvard	2:00	25	Navy	1:00	24	New Jersey Inst of Technology (A)	7:00						
Jan 24	Princeton	4:00	Mar 10-11	EIFA (Princeton, NJ) (A)		Apr 2	Rutgers (A)	1:30						
28	Cornell	2:00	<b>SKIING</b>											
Feb 1	Pennsylvania (A)	4:00	Jan 28-29	West Point Invitational		6	East Stroudsburg State	4:00						
3	Williams (A)	4:00	Feb 2-4	Syracuse-Colgate Invitational (A)		8	Pennsylvania	2:00						
4	Dartmouth (A)	2:00	10-11	Cortland-Cornell Invitational (A)		13	Yale	4:00						
8	Yale	4:00	17-18	Alfred-Buffalo Invitational (A)		21	ECVL Playoffs (A)	7:00						
11	MIT	2:00	24-25	EISA Championships (A)		29	USVBA Regionals	9:00 AM						
18	Stonybrook State	2:00	Mar 2-3	RPI Invitational (A)		May 4-6	NCAA Volleyball Championships (A)							
25	Navy	1:00	8-11	NCAA Championships (TBA)										
28	Trinity (A)	4:00												
Mar 3-5	National Intercollegiates (A)													
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>														
Nov 30	Long Island U.	4:00												
Dec 3	Massachusetts	2:00												
10	West Chester State	2:00												
13	East Stroudsburg State	4:00												
16-17	Farmingdale USGF Open (A)													
Jan 10	Boston State	4:00												
21	NY State Championships	1:00												
24	Suffolk County Comm. Coll.	4:00												
28	Temple (A)	12 Noon												
Feb 4	Springfield (A)	8:00												
8	Farmingdale State	4:00												
11	Syracuse	2:00												
18	Southern Connecticut State	2:00												
25	Navy (A)													
Mar 4	Cornell	2:00												
10-12	EIGL Championships (A)													
Apr 6-8	NCAA (A)													

\*Admission by special ticket

# Bulletin Board



Colonel Donald G.  
MacWilliams

## Professor MacWilliams Retires

Colonel Donald G. MacWilliams, USMA '44, Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, retired from active duty on 30 September 1977 after more than 34 years of service. On 1 October 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 MacWilliams' assignments have ranged from Infantry unit commander in the 262d Infantry Regiment, 66th Infantry Division, European Theater of Operations in World War II, through many levels of staff service in the Chemical Corps. These include Chief of the Radiological Division, Chemical Warfare Laboratories, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, and Chief, Nuclear Activities Division, Office of the Chief Chemical Officer, Washington, D.C. His awards include the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (one OLC), Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He attended the United States Naval Postgraduate School in Radiological Defense Engineering and attended Ohio State University for a Master of Science degree in Physics. His first tour at the Military Academy was from 1956 to 1959 as an Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry. He returned to the Department of Physics and Chemistry as an Associate Professor and department Executive Officer in 1962. This assignment culminated in his selection as a Professor in 1964 and his attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he obtained his doctorate in Chemistry. He served as Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry from January 1967 until his retirement. Each year during this period he taught chemistry to members of the Third Class.

During his tenure as Professor of Chemistry, Colonel MacWilliams was instrumental in bringing about many changes in the department. Laboratory facilities were more than doubled, the use of modern laboratory instrumentation for analysis was greatly increased, and additional electives, to include a highly successful two semester sequence in Human Biology, were added to the curriculum. All of the changes resulting from his leadership have helped create an environment where cadets

Our Association membership of 25,340 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

have the maximum opportunity to broaden their educational experience and grow intellectually.

Colonel MacWilliams' service has been characterized by dedication to West Point and the Army, and by the strong conviction that consideration for each individual is of utmost importance. His work as a member of the Academic Board and its committees and study groups have provided an exceptional example of professional competence. He served as Chairman of the Basic Science Committee and member of the Academic Program Advisory Council, Chairman of the Educational Systems Support Advisory Committee, and an Ad Hoc Committee to study the role of foreign language study in the USMA curriculum. His strong belief in service to others resulted in his constant involvement in community activities. This included being President, Parent Teacher Organization, West Point Elementary School; Officer-in-Charge of the Cardinal Newman Forum; instructor in religious education for high school students; Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the West Point Fishing Club; and President, West Point Officers Bowling League and West Point Mixed Bowling League. His unselfish giving of himself has had a lasting influence on countless individuals, both military and civilian.

Colonel MacWilliams is married to the former Jeanne Kenney of White Plains, New York. Following retirement they will reside in Readsboro, Vermont, but plan extensive travels to maintain family ties with their seven children.

## Homecoming Meeting of Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates held its regular Homecoming meeting in two sessions—on the afternoon of 21 October and the morning of 22 October 1977.

The agenda for the 21 October session included a briefing by the Director of Military Instruction, Cole '52, on the military training programs for the Corps of Cadets and a briefing by the Association's Finance and Investment Committee on the Association's investment program. Joining the Board for both sessions of its meeting were: the Board of Managers, West Point Alumni Foundation, The West Point Fund Committee, The Finance and Investment Committee and The Admissions Committee, all of which had held meetings prior to the Board meeting on the 21st.

Reassembling on the morning of 22 October, the Board welcomed the Superintendent, Goodpaster '39, for his traditional report on issues of current interest to West Point and the Board. Foremost among those issues was the status actions recommended in the *Final Report of the West Point Study Group*. (The recommendations are listed elsewhere in this issue of ASSEMBLY and are addressed by the Superintendent in his letter to alumni.) The Board then received brief reports from the Executive Committee, The West Point Fund Committee and the Admissions Committee.

Other important items of business for the Board were the election of the Executive Committee for 1977-1978, the appointment of the 1978 Nominating Committee and the approval of the 1978 Thayer Award Committee.

Composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

Charles E. Saltzman	'25 Chairman
James B. Lampert	'36
George F. Dixon Jr.	'40
Frederick A. Smith Jr.	'44
William R. Raiford	'52

The Board approved the following membership on the 1978 Nominating Committee:

Arthur G. Trudeau	'24	Chairman
James O. Boswell	'33	
James H. Drum	'37	
George F. Dixon Jr.	'40	
Horace M. Brown Jr.	'41	
James E. Josendale	'42	
E. Norwood Robinson	'45	
Joseph J. McCann Jr.	'61	
Joseph B. Anderson Jr.	'65	

The Board approved the following membership for the 1978 Thayer Award Committee:

James M. Gavin	'29	Chairman
John R. Jannarone	'38	
Richard G. Stilwell	'38	
Michael F. Davison	'39	
Andrew J. Goodpaster	'39	Ex Officio
Donald V. Bennett	'40	
Kenneth F. Hanst	'42	
William R. Raiford	'52	

The Board also approved the transfer of \$25,000.00, originally allocated to the operating fund from the net proceeds of the world premiere of the film "MacArthur," to the West Point Fund for unrestricted use by the Military Academy.

After adjournment, members of the Board, other groups attending the Board meeting and wives were guests of the Superintendent for lunch and the Army-Lafayette football game.



Representative Gilman, John Keller, and MG Johnson unveil hospital sign at dedication.

### William Lordan Keller US Army Hospital Dedication

On 9 September, the new hospital was officially dedicated to Colonel William Lordan Keller, "The Grand Old Man of Army Medicine." Officiating at the ceremony was the USMA Superintendent, Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster. Official guests included Congressman Benjamin Gilman, Lieutenant General Richard R. Taylor, the Surgeon General; Major General Spurgeon Neel, Commander, US Army Health Services Command; Major General Robert Bernstein, Commander, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Major General James A. Johnson, Engineer for North Atlantic Division; and Brigadier General Joseph Cillo, Commander, 8th Medical Brigade (US Army Reserve). A special guest was Mr. John G. Keller, son of the late Colonel William Lordan Keller. More than 400 people took the opportunity to tour this magnificent facility. All inpatient, outpatient and administrative business will continue to be conducted at the current US Army Hospital until the move to Keller Army Hospital occurs. The move is currently projected for mid-November 1977.

### USMA Library Receives Donations

Miss Marjorie Knowlton, of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and Frederick Knowlton of San Diego, California, conveyed ten letters and documents of Alexander Stow, ex-cadet in the Class of 1824. Included were letters of Cadet Stow from ex-cadets William Buskirk, Class of 1823, and Robert A. Thurston, Class of 1822. Stow studied law and later served as supreme court judge in Wisconsin, being selected the first chief justice of the state in 1848.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Blizzard of Washington, D.C. presented the professional books and other memorabilia of BG Henry C. Hasbrouck, USMA Class of May 1861. General Hasbrouck served as Commandant of Cadets from 1882-1888. His military career included service in the Civil War, the Indian Wars and the Spanish American War.

The proceedings of a regimental court martial held at West Point on 20 June 1798 trying Privates John Galloway and Samuel Moore were presented by Mr. David Kanes of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Papers and memorabilia of Captain Samuel A. Smoke, Class of 1887, were donated by Mrs. Nelson R. Boice Jr., Orlando, Florida.

MG Howard C. Davidson, USMA Class of 1913, donated a collection of valuable books and historic maps. This important gift includes Melish's Map of the Southern United States (March 1813) and a first edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's *Fifty Comedies and Tragedies* (1679). This latest gift is one of many benefactions by General Davidson on behalf of the Library's collections.

Mrs. Constance Newton Leamy, granddaughter of MG John Newton, USMA Class of 1842, presented his walking stick, a published tribute to General Newton and the certificate of thanks awarded him by the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the Port of New York for services rendered in the successful removal of the obstructions of the safe navigation of Hallett's Point in the Port of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff of New York City and Highland Halls, New York, donated a valuable historic document on the Indian Conflicts. This letter, written by Josef Brant, son of a Mohawk Chief, is dated 30 May 1794 from Mohawk Village. The letter, addressed to Captain Obeal otherwise known as the "Cornplanter," was in turn forwarded through Major John Polhemus, Commander at Fort Franklin to Generals John Gibson and John Wilkins at Pittsburgh.

### West Point Parents Association of Western New York

The West Point Parents Association of Western New York held its fall meeting on 4 October 1977. The meeting was opened by the Co-President, Mrs. Joseph LeGasse. Questions were presented to her by the plebe parents concerning their new cadets at the Military Academy. Committees were formed to assist in planning social events for the cadets. A copy, listing the name, company and home address of the 49 cadets from four counties of Western New York, was given to every parent attending the meeting. Final plans were made for the annual Christmas party to be held on 27 December 1977. At this time the cadets will be honored and the special guests will be prospective candidates and their parents. Our Liaison Officer, LTC Norman E. Saddler, will welcome and address the candidates, parents and cadets home on leave.

In the coming months the Parents Association will hold a meeting in February and April. An annual picnic will be held in June for the graduates, cadets and candidates for the Class of 1982: Our co-officers for the year are:

President:	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LeGasse
Vice President:	Mr. & Mrs. William Baehre
Secretary-Treasurer:	Mr. & Mrs. John Calhoon

### West Point Parents Club of Illinois

As we begin another year for the West Point Parents Club of Illinois we find that it will be the start of our tenth year of helping parents, guardians and cadets enjoy West Point and benefit from the experience, help young men and women enter West Point, and promote good will toward West

Point by the American public. These three points were taken from the purpose which appears in our by-laws.

The Club held four meetings this past year in September and December, 1976 and March and June, 1977. Two meetings are worthy of special emphasis. In March the Club assisted the West Point Society of Chicago with the Founders Day program held at Ft. Sheridan. Some 40 members of the Club attended and enjoyed the dinner, speaker and dancing. This has been an annual affair for the Club for several years and an outstanding experience for its members. During the reception period the Club held a short meeting to elect officers for 1977-1978. Elected were: Hobie Murnane, Glenview, President; James Hicks, Waukegan, Vice President; Wayne Hayes, Mt. Prospect, Treasurer; Jerome Butler, Elk Grove Village, Recording Secretary; and the Syl Koguts, Chicago, and the Charles Cages, Rolling Meadows, Corresponding Secretaries.

The highlight meeting every year is the June meeting where new yearlings tell about experiences during their plebe year for the benefit of entering plebes and their parents who are guests of the Club. This was a special year because for the first time women cadets were on the program. Yearlings participating were: Mike Walden, Orland Park; Mary Gridley, Dixon; Joe Sugihara, Streamwood; Scott Teising, Chicago Heights; Miro Kurka, Karen Kelley, Naperville; and two cadets of the Class of 1979: Bill Bowers, Schaumburg, and Joe Komperda, Park Ridge.

#### Tentative Plans for Future Meetings:

**December**—Will be held at the Holiday Inn, Morris, Illinois with Gen and Bill Hall making the arrangements. Program will be Arnold Galiffa if he is not in the program at the September meeting; nominations for next year's officers will be held.

**Marquette University Milwaukee Classic**—The West Point basketball team will play in this tournament December 26th. Hobie Murnane will present details and proposed plans for a reception for the team at the Classic at the September meeting.

**March**—Also to be held at the Holiday Inn, Morris, Illinois. The officers agreed that trying to hold a business meeting at the Founders Day Dinner Dance was not acceptable because not enough members could attend and a larger group would be in attendance for the election of officers traditionally held at this meeting.

**Founders Day**—The Club hopes to have a larger attendance of members at this meeting next year. Mel Duffek, West Point Society of Chicago, indicated that they hope to have a top speaker at this affair.

**June**—This meeting will be the usual review of plebe year for incoming Plebe guests and their parents.

### Professor and Head of Department of Chemistry Sought

The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy has appointed a committee to nominate a Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry. Applicants must possess a master's degree related to the field and must have the demonstrated academic ability and desire to obtain a doctorate degree. In addition to having taught chemistry at the undergraduate college level, applicants should have extensive military experience. Persons interested in this position should send applications to LTC Schell, Office of the Dean of the Academic Board, USMA, West Point, New York 10996 by 31 January. An equal opportunity employer.

### Outstanding Young Men of America

The Board of Admissions for the Outstanding Young Men of America has selected Brian Lee Travis, USMA '72, for inclusion in their 1977 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

This program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and other leading civic and service organizations. 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.

### Athletic Facilities Program

A decision has been made to include a new ice hockey facility in the Athletic Facilities Program rather than attempt-

ing to renovate the existing Smith Rink. This decision was based upon an engineering feasibility report prepared by the Architect/Engineer firm of Sverdrop and Parcel, which indicated that the cost of rehabilitating Smith Rink would be in excess of 60 percent of that for a new facility and rehabilitation plus expansion of the existing rink would exceed 80 percent that of a new one. USMA also received the preliminary concept reviews for the tennis court expansion, the gymnasium modifications and the new facilities/rehabilitation at Michie Stadium. Work on this program is on schedule.

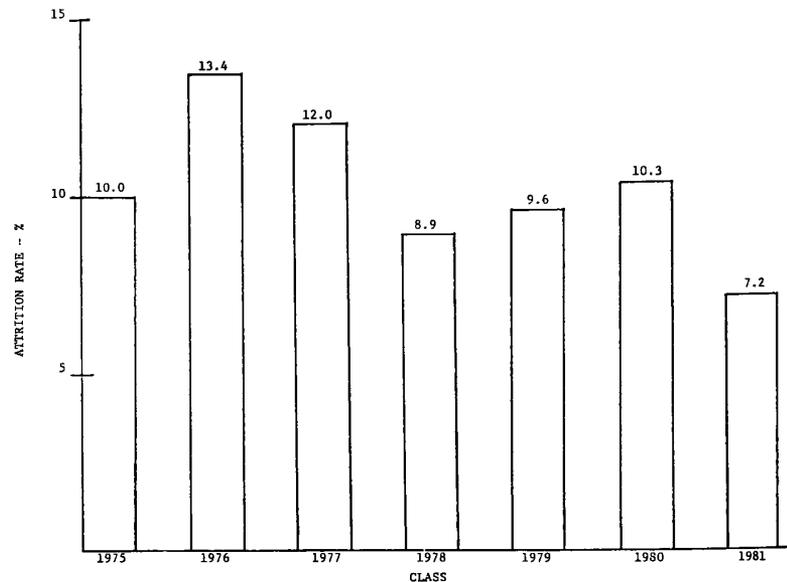
### Corps of Cadets Strength—1977

September 6 marked the start of the 176th fall semester at the United States Military Academy. From a student enrollment of six in 1802, the Military Academy has grown to a corps of 4,478 men and women.

The year started with the arrival of 1,471 new cadets in July. Of that number, 1,364 are now members of the plebe class. The Class of 1981 contains 95 women cadets which brings the total enrollment of women at West Point to 177.

To give some idea of where the new cadets come from, the five best represented states are: New York with 180, California with 107, Pennsylvania with 91, Texas with 82 and Florida with 79.

NEW CADET SUMMER TRAINING ATTRITION  
CLASSES 1975 - 1981



The intensive efforts toward more positive leadership during the new cadet summer training period appears to have had a significant impact on the new cadet attrition rates. The overall losses from the Class of 1981 were 107 (7.2 percent). Of these, 97 (7.0 percent) were men and 10 (9.5 percent) were women. Chart above is attrition of the Classes of 1975-1981, showing the significant drop this year. This 7.2 percent overall rate is the lowest since the summer of 1969, when the Class of 1973 entered.

### Congress Halts Educator Visit Program

The Congressional Committee reviewing the DOD Appropriations Bill for FY 78 has deleted the request for Educator Visit Funding and directed that the program be discontinued immediately. Quoted below is the extract from the 4 Aug 1977 *Congressional Record*, No. 134-Part II page 153.

“Academy Visitor Program—In addition to all of the recruiting efforts requested elsewhere, \$28,000 is budgeted for the ‘Educator Visitation Program’ at West Point. This program is designed, according to the Army, ‘to provide an opportunity for the Military Academy to inform educators, specifically high school counselors, of the scope, quality, purpose, and environment of West Point. . . . It allows the Academy to articulate carefully the USMA educational philosophy and techniques to representatives of the American educator public.’ It is the

considered opinion of the Committee that the scope, quality, purpose and environment at West Point as well as its educational philosophy and techniques are quite well known in the academic world today. This program is not needed as a recruiting incentive as evidenced by the applications for each freshman space at West Point received last year. The Committee directs the immediate discontinuance of the program and has deleted the \$28,000."

Accordingly, USMA will have to cancel all Educator Visits for this year. Plans are now being formulated to reinstate the program for FY 79.

### Rangers Seek Memorabilia

The U.S. Army Infantry Museum is now housed in the former hospital at Fort Benning. The Society of Vietnamese Rangers will have one display case for showing memorabilia of Ranger activities. The Society of Vietnamese Rangers, the WW II Ranger Association, the U.S. Army Ranger Association, Ranger Joes (a military supply store), and Art Chriss Tailors Inc. have donated many valuable items.

Graduates who have items of historical interest concerning Rangers are asked to donate these to the museum.

### "MacArthur" Premiere Donation

The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy accepted a gift of \$50,000 on behalf of the Academy from the West Point Society of New York. The gift represented the net proceeds from the 29 June world premiere showing of the movie, "MacArthur."

The proceeds presented to West Point will be used to support academic, cultural and athletic programs for which government funds are not available.

The gift represented more than just the monetary returns from the premiere, it also represented a great deal of work on the part of Mr. Robert E. Woods, President of the West Point Society of New York, and other members of his distinguished group. The premiere and the banquet which followed were sponsored and planned by the Society, working in conjunction with Universal Studios and Frank McCarthy, the movie's producer.

### Plebe Classes at Service Academies Include Sons and Daughters of USMA Graduates

(Fathers names are in parentheses)

#### USMA:

- 1939—Andrew J. Kinney (A.J. Kinney).
- 1940—John R. Minahan (J.E. Minahan).
- 1941—Edward R. Armstrong (C.H. Armstrong Jr.).
- 1942—James T. Michel (T.J. Michel), Peter O. Wise (R.A. Wise).
- 1943—Mark D. Smith (D.M. Smith).
- 1944—Jonathan W. Hyman (A.S. Hyman), Barbara J. Knoll (D.L. Knoll Jr.).
- 1945—William F. Adams (C.E. Adams Jr.), Christopher W. Fowler (D.E. Fowler).
- 1946—Mark H. Armstrong (J.L. Armstrong), Jeffrey B. Blyth (R.A. Blyth), Robert J. Malley Jr. (R.J. Malley), Theresa Matejov (S.A. Matejov), Guy K. Troy Jr. (G.K. Troy).
- 1947—Thomas G. Coghill (W.F. Coghill).
- 1948—John B. Buckley (H.A. Buckley Jr.), William A. Walk (J.F. Walk).
- 1949—William B. Fullerton (A.S. Fullerton).
- 1950—William T. Crittenberger (D.J. Crittenberger), Patrick E. Kelly (J.L. Kelly), Clark L. Smith (C. Smith).
- 1951—John S. Lukert (E.P. Lukert Jr.), Neil E. McCray (N.O. McCray).
- 1952—Paul R. Bethea (J.D. Bethea), Shane M. Deverill (A.P. Deverill Jr.), John D. Dutchyshyn (H.V. Dutchyshyn), John J. Flanagan (E.P. Flanagan), Joseph B. Lowder (H.I. Lowder), Paul M. Nelson (T.W. Nelson), Thomas A. Rehm Jr. (T.A. Rehm), David T. Santilli (J.F. Santilli Jr.), John P. Wilson (H.S. Wilson Jr.).

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1953—Kevin J. Becker (D.H. Becker), John G. Fiala (C.J. Fiala).

1954—Ramon B. Aguilar-Sanchez (R.B. Aguilar-Sanchez), Michael J. Buckley (F.J. Buckley), Michael G. Hudachek (J.W. Hudachek), Thomas L. Swaren (J.W. Swaren Jr.), Robert Weafer (W.J. Weafer).

1955—Gregory E. Ginter (K.E. Ginter), Mark R. Schmidt (R.C.H. Schmidt).

1956—Hubert W. Brown (R.E. Brown), Edward J. Fox (E. Fox), Peter W. Lash Jr. (P.W. Lash), James W. McNulty Jr. (J.W. McNulty), Hugh P. Munson (H.W. Munson Jr.), William S. Parker (J.R. Parker), Bryan D. Richardson (G.A. Richardson), Kathleen A. Schoonmaker (M.D. Schoonmaker), James J. Waldeck III (J.J. Waldeck Jr.), Linda M. West (A.E. West Jr.).

1957—William H. Buck (C.F. Buck III), Warne D. Mead Jr. (W.D. Mead), John P. Meehan (J.J.P. Meehan Jr.), Robert B. Newman (J.B. Newman), Charles L. Raymond Jr. (C.L. Raymond), William G. Wilhelm (E.A. Wilhelm).

1958—Michael E. Donovan (C.B. Donovan 3rd), Kermit P. Henninger (K.M. Henninger), Kathleen A. Mellin (J.P. Mellin), James E. Moentmann (D.T. Moentmann).

#### USNA

1952—Thomas E. Fitzpatrick (T.E. Fitzpatrick).

1957—Gary T. Wittman (C.E. Wittman).

#### USAF

1942—Kurt G. Redlinger (M.J. Redlinger).

1945—Harry L. Maynard Jr. (H.L. Maynard).

1949—James Schoeneman (R.H. Schoeneman).

1952—Randall L. Brooks (L.R. Brooks\*), Bradley M. Craig (M.E. Craig).

1953—Mark A. O'Hair (E.A. O'Hair).

1954—David R. Zartman (J.R. Zartman).

1956—Michael T. Saxton (B.P. Saxton).

1957—Nancy A. Rhodes (G.L. Rhodes), Raymond R. Rodriguez (R. Rodriguez).

1958—Charles W. Profflet Jr. (C.W. Profflet), James N. Tilley III (J.N. Tilley Jr.), Scott A. Toney (S.C. Toney).

\*Deceased

### Two New Visiting Professors

The Academic Board has approved the appointments of Dr. Francis J. Hale, USMA '44, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, North Carolina State University, and Professor I.J. Schoenberg, Mathematics Research Center, University of Wisconsin, as Visiting Professors in the Departments of Mechanics and Mathematics for Academic Year (AY) 1977-78. This brings the total of Visiting Professors at USMA to six with Visiting Professors also in the Science Research Lab, in the Departments of English, Social Sciences and History.

First Captain James A. Hoffman from West Virginia and Deputy Brigade Commander Patrick G. Landry from Louisiana are selected to lead the Corps of Cadets in 1977-78.



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# news from the SOCIETIES

## West Point Society of D. C.

The West Point Society of the District of Columbia sponsored the Washington premiere of the new Universal Pictures film, "MacArthur" on 4 August 1977.

The evening began with a black-tie, champagne-buffet reception at the Fort Myer Officers Club. After fabulous food and drink, a caravan of busses took almost 400 guests from the Club to the theatre.

Proceeds from the event were designated for use by the United States Military Academy to support academic, cultural and extracurricular programs for which government funds are not available.

Guests for the evening included many who knew General MacArthur as well as those for whom he was merely a figure in

history. General Jacob Devers (Class of '09) remembered MacArthur at West Point. General Clyde Eddleman (Class of '24) recalled his days in Australia and the Admiralty Islands. For all, it was a nostalgic evening of reminiscences regardless of the perspective from which one viewed the historical highlights portrayed in the film.

The event was reported in the *Washington Post* as well as the *Star*. This is the most press coverage our Society has received in recent years. The "MacArthur" premiere was a very special evening which we will long remember.

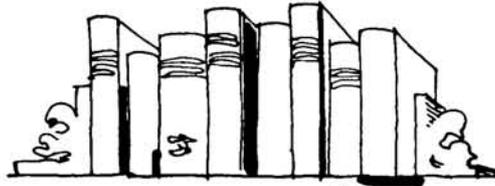
*Founders Day Preview:* The Society's 1978 Founders Day dinner will be held 10 March 1978. Our guest of honor and



General Clyde Eddleman '24, and General Bruce Palmer '36, president of the West Point Society of D.C., discuss premiere of the film "MacArthur."

speaker will be the new Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, General Andrew J. Goodpaster, Class of 1939. The dress will be black-tie.

## Book



### THE WEST POINT FITNESS AND DIET BOOK

By COL James L. Anderson and Martin Cohen. Rawson Associates Publishers, Inc., New York, 1977. 233 pages. \$10.95.

Reviewed by BG Frank J. Kobes, USMA '39, USA (Ret.) Director, Physical Education Dept, USMA 1953-1974.

*The West Point Fitness and Diet Book* lays out a good physical conditioning program for children, men, and women of all ages. Additionally it provides a chapter on nutrition and weight control attracting attention to the importance of correct diet in maintaining desirable body weight. Initially the reader may find it somewhat difficult to organize his diet based on this food exchange system, but once understood it should be a valuable aid in achieving recommended body weight and proportions. In recent years the cadets have been exposed to this exercise and diet approach through classes in personal conditioning organized and taught by Dr. James Peterson of the Physical Education staff.

The conditioning program itself has its foundation in what the authors choose to call the Basic Five, expanded to a special Basic Six for teenagers. It is arranged in a format of four exercises for the major muscle groups plus a cardio-respiratory or "endurance" item such as running or rope skipping. These exercises are graduated over a twelve-week period to accommodate both men and women from age 18 through 50 plus. This arrangement is very similar to that found in the adult *Physical Fitness Manual* published by the

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports but without the variety of the latter. The exercises purport to be adapted from those used in the first two months of the new cadet training program.

Chapter three outlines a walk/run plan for developing cardio-respiratory fitness with a simple system to assist the exerciser in monitoring his progress, quite similar to the run-for-your-life program with which many physical fitness enthusiasts may be familiar.

The chapter on testing and recording progress, which is vital to any fitness program, is simplified for easy application. Readers may, however, find some difficulty in attaining consistency in making "girth measurements," although this does provide at least a rough measurement of progress.

Chapter seven, eight, and nine discuss personal conditioning from the early years through the later years in a very practical manner that should be useful to parents as well as children and oldsters. The mention of flexibility in the later years is noteworthy but perhaps should have received more emphasis. At this time in life flexibility tends to deteriorate rapidly if not given special attention.

I was particularly pleased to note the chapter devoted to dumbbell exercises. This program of training with dumbbells was devised and has been used most effectively over the years by Mr. Bill Lewis of the Physical Education staff to assist in strength development of weaker cadets. These aids assist in strength development with less injury hazard than that associated with barbells and similar weight train-

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ing devices, and also are more practical for home use.

The portions on posture and so-called lifetime sports are quite brief, perhaps too much so. I would expect more emphasis on this aspect of physical training, especially posture, since it has held a major place in the West Point program over many years.

Of interest to teenagers should be the recent performance scores on the physical aptitude exam which all candidates for West Point must pass. Although the average scores appear respectable, the passing scores for men are quite low for a young robust high school senior. I would hope that West Point could attract better physical performers from the high schools of America.

Throughout the book the authors use very effectively the question and answer technique to bring out the many points to be considered in beginning and maintaining a sound conditioning program with some degree of safety. This attracts attention to important aspects of conditioning which might otherwise be overlooked.

In summary, West Point may well have the "World's Best Conditioning Program" but if this be true, then all of the components of the program must not be presented in this book. What is presented is primarily a good, well written "cook book" on physical fitness, similar to many others, but with a West Point label. Nevertheless it should take its place alongside other physical fitness regimens such as that of Dr. Larry Morehouse, the Canadian 5-Bx, and the Basic Six-Twelve plan in the Army P.T. Manual.

## Thayer Award

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who entered the Academy just a year after Sylvanus Thayer stepped down as Superintendent, and who graduated at the top of the Class of 1839.

"With him at the Academy were such distinguished soldiers as D.H. Hill, James Longstreet, P.T.G. Beauregard, Braxton Bragg, and many others. All were to become generals and all were destined to wage war against their own classmates. Some, including General Stevens himself, gave their lives in battle, in his case at Chantilly. Imagine, if you will, trying to convince these soldiers of the 'divisiveness' of Vietnam.

"Or take the matter of 'divisiveness' in our Government. Today there are those who would have you think that corruption in Government and abuses of power are something new, and that the only defense is an alert and aggressive media. Sylvanus Thayer knew better, as he, with the help of Secretary of War Calhoun and President Monroe, broke the corrupting influence that some persons in and out of Congress had applied to shield their appointees from academic and disciplinary standards and regulations.

"And I found out too when Secretary of the Army. In 1954, when 'McCarthyism' was in full flower, it was not the media but the Army that stopped these abuses of the Army in their tracks. That was a tough go but someone in the civilian leadership of the military had to meet the issue. As Secretary of the Army it fell to my lot to take on that difficult mission, and I will never regret doing so or forget how the Army's involvement began.

"The first I heard about real trouble was when General Matthew B. Ridgway, the Army's distinguished Chief of Staff at that time, came through the door connecting our two offices in the Pentagon and told me of his great concern over a most serious incident that had happened the day before. Senator McCarthy had dealt contemptuously with a combat-decorated Army officer in a one-man Senate Committee Hearing in New York the previous day. The officer was told he was not fit to wear the uniform. General Ridgway was deeply, and rightfully, concerned as to the possible effects on service morale.

"The issue seemed so clear that there could be only one course of action. I took that action and it was only doing my duty as I saw it. Joe Welch, the genial lawyer from Boston who represented the Army in the Hearings, called it 'a moment in history.' Looking back over the years, it seems clear that our country needed the cleansing effect of that moment.

"Another example of perspective is the matter of facing an uncertain future. Again consider the case of General Thayer. In his 55 years active service the Army fought wars with Great Britain, with Mexico, with the Indians in Florida and on the Plains, and was torn apart by the Civil War.

"This matter of an uncertain future has

also been true in my time. When I was a young man one seeming certainty was that America would never get involved in a European war. President after president had made that a basic tenet of American foreign policy, from George Washington in 1796, to Woodrow Wilson in 1916. The Army flag had some 94 battle streamers—most of them from the Civil War and the Indian Wars. American citizens in general were convinced that was more than enough.

"Yet, sixty years ago, on the evening of 2 April 1917, I found myself standing in a crowd outside our National Capitol Building in Washington. Everyone was waiting for the arrival of the President, Woodrow Wilson. Presently, he arrived by car and disappeared inside. He delivered his war speech, which was not long, and then returned to the White House, while Congress went about the business of declaring war. Four days later war was declared.

"Eighteen years old, a senior at Andover, which General Stevens had attended as a boy, I still remember a mounted cavalryman calling to one of his buddies, saying, 'I wonder what these guys in this crowd are going to look like in uniform.' It wasn't long before I found out. I found out again twenty-four years later when returning to active duty in World War II. With volunteer active, though not heroic, service in two world wars and as Secretary of the Army in the latter stages of the Korean War, my purpose as a citizen has been to keep up with Army matters and be helpful when possible.

"The surprise of my being appointed Secretary of the Army by President Eisenhower is typical of the unexpected assignments that will come to you members of today's Cadet Corps over the years ahead. I was fortunate, in assuming my duties, to have the opportunity of working closely with General 'Lightning Joe' Collins, an Academy graduate, who was Chief of Staff at that time.

"Included in my experience with the Army was a visit to the Vietnam theater in June 1965, a very crucial time, on the invitation of a former distinguished Superintendent of the Academy and Chief of Staff—General (then Ambassador) Maxwell D. Taylor. In his absence from the theater, I was the guest of another good friend—also a former Superintendent of the Academy and Chief of Staff—General William C. Westmoreland. I visited all four Corps areas and, as an Army man at heart, but more importantly, as an American, was very proud of what I saw.

"Each of us can be proud of the Army's Vietnam record. The Army went to Vietnam on the orders of its civilian leaders. You should never forget that this is what the American Army exists to do—to express the will of the American people as interpreted by the people's elected representatives in the White House and the Congress.

"Unfortunately, there is another problem—part of our heritage—that you should help to overcome and that is unprepared-

ness for war in time of peace. This was true in Sylvanus Thayer's time and it has been true in my time.

"I must say I am not fully happy about our defense capabilities. On the one hand it is not yet clear that we can operate successfully for the long pull with a volunteer Army. Our Reserve forces are widely undermanned right now. On the other hand, the Army is a long way from being adequately modernized and equipped with superior weapons on hand.

"If the continuing discussions with the Soviets are not proved clearly productive in the arms limitation field, then, in my opinion, our defense efforts should be stepped up, and I am confident such a move would be supported by a large majority of Americans. The security of the United States, which will increasingly involve responsibilities for more and more of you in today's Cadet Corps, must be backed up with firepower consistent with the needs of the time. In the future, as in the past, the country will look to West Point to supply its share of tomorrow's dependable leaders. The long gray line will continue to be a priceless asset of the United States.

"In my lifetime the battle streamers on the Army flag have doubled, from 94 to 187, and, far from avoiding military support for Europe, we now have an Army with its primary focus in Europe and with substantial numbers of its soldiers deployed forward in bases overseas—a situation unthinkable in my youth. We cannot know what the future will hold in your lifetime, but historical perspective warns us of the ever-present likelihood that unpreparedness is apt to be an invitation to war.

"I hope these examples have shown that the period in which you live is not all that unique, that big problems and big challenges are nothing new. They are different but are challenges just the same. This is one of the reasons the Sylvanus Thayer Award is so important.

"Keeping the spirit of Sylvanus Thayer alive with the award I received today not only honors the man who made the military Academy what it is—the father of the Academy and the founder of the nation's first engineering school—it also gives perspective on today's problems. The value of perspective is that you can know that the future, by definition, is unknowable. You can expect the unexpected. Realizing this, you can then prepare yourself to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

"Preparation entails the proper mixture of two elements—continuity and change. Continuity means basing your preparation on a bedrock of values and a recognition of the lessons of the past. West Point gives you such a foundation, summed up perfectly in your motto, 'Duty, Honor, Country.' Without a sense of duty, without honor, without a love of country, you cannot hope to be prepared for the problems of the future.

"And West Point also sets you on the road to deal with the second factor—

change. The education that you receive here, as well as the invaluable experience of learning how to deal with other human beings, will give you the flexibility and open-mindedness that you must have to deal with tomorrow's problems.

"As Sylvanus Thayer would have told you, West Point is just the beginning. The accumulation of knowledge should be a life-long endeavor with you, as it was with him. The same is true of personal honor. Let me say how pleased I am that the Army has reaffirmed the Honor Code at the Military Academy. In this 175th Anniversary year of West Point the American people look with pride upon the quality of the officers and leaders the Academy has produced in the past and with confidence in the leadership it will produce in the future.

"As I reflect on this great honor that has just been bestowed on me, I cannot help but think that Sylvanus Thayer would be proud of the United States of America that he served so well, proud of the part that the Military Academy has played in America's success, and proud of you young men and women in the Corps of Cadets today who carry on the traditions that he began so long ago.

"I believe he would think that his life and his service were well spent and none of us could ask for more."



## Fund Raising Activities

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the West Point Alumni Foundation for its support.

Because of action taken by the AOC with respect to deferred giving, including bequests, it is now preferable for all bequests to be made in favor of either the Association of Graduates or the West Point Fund.

For more specific information on bequests or life income plans, please contact Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, USA Retired, Director of Development, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996 (Phone: 914-446-5773).



## Colonel Selden

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The military significance of the site was considerable. Just to the north was located an important ford where the old Spanish caravan trail along the Rio from El Paso northward crossed the river. The garrison from Fort Selden could readily guard the rope ferry operated for the convenience of travelers at the ford while at the same time sending out detachments to protect parties coming through the passes in the San Andreas mountains to the east or making their painful way through the inhospitable desert wasteland, the notorious *Jornada del Muerto*, which lay along the trail toward Santa Fe to the north.

The fort itself was much like many an-

other on the Indian frontier; a rough quadrangle of flat-roofed adobe structures formed by two barracks, a hospital, a row of officers quarters, and some outbuildings, corrals, a granary big enough to hold 6000 bushels, and the inevitable sutler's store which also rented rooms to passing travelers. The typical complement of the fort was one company of infantry and one troop of cavalry with some 60 horses. Total strength ranged between 125 and 185 men in all, including officers and the post surgeon.

For all its fine location, living conditions at Fort Selden were exceedingly hard. Until 1870 many of the buildings had nothing but dirt floors. Drinking water had to be hauled daily from the river in barrels. It often arrived, as one commanding officer's wife recalled, "the color of rich chocolate" and had to be settled in earthen pots filled with charcoal to make it potable. The same observer mentioned scorpions dropping from the brush thatch which formed the porch roof of her quarters. Until 1881 when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, railroad finally penetrated the area, all supplies had to be hauled over 363 torturous miles of wagon road from Fort Union. Since wagonloads of rations sometimes took months to make their way out from Quartermaster depots at the railhead in Kansas and later in Colorado, it is little wonder that barrels of flour often arrived filled with weevils and virtually unfit for human consumption.

Some post commanders attempted to alleviate the problems caused by the poor quality and monotonous character of the rations by encouraging the troops to raise gardens. Unfortunately, the soil surrounding the fort was so poor it was necessary to go as far as the village of Doña Ana some 12 miles down river to find suitably arable land. If vegetables were hard to raise, game was plentiful at least in the early years. A surgeon general's report in 1870 noted that the nearby hills abounded in deer, antelope and bear while the river bottoms swarmed with beaver. Wolves and skunks were said to be "annoyingly numerous" about the post.

From 1865 when the fort was established until about 1877, the Indians were sufficiently menacing to pose a continual threat to travelers. The number of passing wagon trains increased markedly in 1867 when such mining centers as Silver City and Pinos Altos were flourishing. The necessity of providing mounted guards for these parties taxed the Fort Selden garrison severely since each such escort required about a dozen men.

For the most part, depredations by the Indians were confined to ambushing small parties of careless travelers at remote sites. But occasionally they would stage a raid on the Fort Selden reservation itself as they did twice in November 1867, in an effort to drive off the Quartermaster's herd of cattle grazing just outside the compound. Once they even had the effrontery to attack a guarded wagon

train in sight of the fort itself. As a consequence, officers' wives were cautioned never to ride more than a mile from the post without an escort and then only when armed with a revolver.

Most of the duty performed by the garrison consisted of rather dreary escort service, enlivened at infrequent intervals by brief skirmishes with Indian raiders. Occasionally, however, the troops shared in some larger enterprise of strategic significance. One such episode occurred in the early 1870's, when Major D.R. Clendenin commanded a troop of the 8th Cavalry and a company of the 15th Infantry at Fort Selden. In a hard-riding campaign which kept him in the field for the whole summer, Major Clendenin performed the notable service of breaking up the illicit trade between Mexican gun runners from the south and the Pueblo Indians to the north through whom arms were being supplied to the plains Indians who had been using them to attack the advancing transcontinental railroad.

Over the years during which Fort Selden was garrisoned, units from a number of historic regiments were posted there. The first regular Army troops to be assigned were four companies of the 125th Infantry, usually designated U.S.C.T. for United States Colored Troops. Then came a succession of 3d Cavalry troops under Captain J.G. Tilford, USMA 1859. Thereafter at various times the fort housed elements of the 8th and 9th Cavalry along with companies of the 15th and 38th Infantry.

The main east-west line of the southern Pacific railroad was operating through El Paso, some sixty miles to the south of Fort Selden by the early 1870's and by the end of the decade construction crews had run the roadbed of the Santa Fe line through the Selden reservation but rail service did not begin until 1881. The railroad, of course, heralded the end of an era, for rapid transportation made the presence of small garrisons in scattered outposts increasingly less necessary. As a consequence, in 1877 the complement at Selden was reduced to a mere caretaking force. Then, in 1879 the post was abandoned entirely, and the department commander, pinched as always for adequate funds, thriftily removed most of the windows and doors for use elsewhere. The Sutler's store remained active as a stopping place for the stage line which provided coach service to Santa Fe until the railroad began regular operations.

The abandonment proved to be premature, however, for the last soldier had scarcely been withdrawn when a flareup of Indian troubles necessitated a return of the garrison, this time a company of the 13th Infantry. It was this regiment which sent Fort Selden one of its most distinguished residents when, in 1884, Captain Arthur MacArthur, marched his command, K Company, the 300 gruelling miles from Fort Wingate, bringing with him his wife and his two sons, Arthur and Douglas, the latter scarcely four years old.

When Douglas MacArthur, USMA 1903, sat down to write his *Reminiscences* toward the end of his life, he had many happy memories of his years at Fort Selden. There, he recalled "I learned to ride and shoot even before I could read and write." There were only 46 men in the company but young Douglas had a companion of his own age in William Hughes, the son of his father's 1st lieutenant. Years later Hughes would meet MacArthur again when he served as Chief of Staff in the Rainbow Division with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I.

One anecdote recalled by MacArthur of his days at Fort Selden most certainly bears repeating. The garrison herd, grazing near the post one day was suddenly stampeded. When soldiers rushed out to investigate, they were dumbfounded to encounter a most unlikely cause; it was a camel, presumably a lonely survivor or descendant of the experimental camel force imported in 1855 by Secretary of War Jefferson Davis when he sought, rather unsuccessfully as it turned out, a more effective means of transportation in the vast waterless reaches of the newly opened Indian territories.

Douglas MacArthur's childhood days at Fort Selden coincided with one of the most dramatic and surely one of the bloodier Indian uprisings of the era when the notorious Apache, Geronimo, led a large band of Chiricahua Indians on the warpath. For more than ten months Geronimo eluded his pursuers as his savages descended upon one settlement after another, leaving a trail of death and destruction. The story of how Geronimo was finally brought in to surrender to Brigadier General Nelson Miles in September, 1886, has only an incidental relationship to the history of Fort Selden, but however tangential, the fort and its garrison did play a part in the capture.

As General Miles appraised the task before him, he realized that the key to his problem was to be found in improved communications. If he could set up a network of observation stations to watch every move the Indians made, he could arrange to concentrate superior numbers against them and to provide relays of fresh troops to pursue the fugitives relentlessly, giving them no rest whatever until they could resist no more. In his volume of *Personal Recollections* General Miles describes how he established a veritable grid of observation posts covering the territories of New Mexico and Arizona, connecting every active garrison by an elaborate system of heliograph stations situated on the highest peaks in the region.

The heliograph signal system proved to be highly effective; even without telescopes it was possible to read messages sent from as far away as 25 or 30 miles. With the aid of instruments it was possible to read messages from more than 90 miles away under ideal conditions. On one occasion General Miles sent a 25-word message 400 miles over a zigzag

course from mountain peak to mountain peak, receiving an answer back along the same route, all within the space of four hours. The mile high summit of Mt. Robledo, named for Pedro Robledo, one of the party of Spanish explorers in Onate's expedition of 1598, who was buried nearby, provided an excellent site for one of these heliograph stations. And Mt. Robledo lies just across the Rio from Fort Selden. So the fort was expected to keep the mountain top manned with signalers and a guard detachment at all times as a vital link in the communication chain.

In the opinion of General Miles it was the "scientific apparatus," the heliograph, which gave his troopers the edge they needed to overcome the Apache menace. But by no means every officer looked upon the heliograph as a valuable new weapon. Admittedly, the task of finding enough bodies to man 50 or more heliograph stations day after day constituted a serious drain on available resources. At Fort Selden, for example, Captain MacArthur with only 46 men to begin with, might understandably chafe at having to detail five or six to the mountain top every day.

One outspoken critic of the heliograph and its demands was Colonel E.A. Carr, USMA 1850, of the 6th Cavalry at Fort Wingate. This redoubtable old Indian fighter was one of those hard-bitten cavalrymen who seemed to thrive on privation. Even after being seriously wounded by Indian arrows his greatest pleasure in life was leading his troopers in the field; he repeatedly turned down advancement if it threatened to put him behind a desk. Frederick Remington, the frontier artist, said of him: "He would rather be a colonel of Cavalry than Czar of Russia."

For Colonel Carr and, one suspects, many old school soldiers like him, new-fangled gadgets such as the heliograph were nothing more than scientific toys. The flavor of his contempt is evident in his plea to the commanding general that his soldiers be exempt from further experimentation in heliographic communication performed "without any commensurate advantages to the military services." More to the point for Colonel Carr was the success of his troopers in winning the competition for carbine marksmanship, which he saw as clear evidence of the "assiduous instruction" they received.

The record is clear, then, that Fort Selden served significantly even if in undramatic fashion as an Army outpost on the Indian frontier. However, with the advent of regular service on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad and the pacification of the Apaches, the need for a large number of such one and two company garrisons for local guard duty and immediate response to raiders faded rapidly. When Company D of the 10th Infantry pulled out in May of 1888, the active life of Fort Selden was over although a small caretaker detachment from the 24th Infantry remained in residence until January, 1891.

Although the name of Fort Selden is

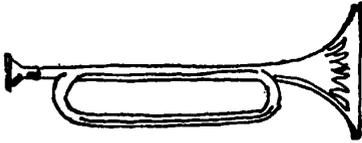
all but unknown outside of New Mexico save by that loyal band of buffs who comprise the Committee on Abandoned Military Posts, better known as CAMP, it once seemed destined for a great future. As far back as 1870, Brigadier General John Pope, USMA 1842, and a contemporary of Henry Selden's, from his vantage point as department commander, advocated a policy of consolidation, concentrating the garrisons of New Mexico and Arizona from 10 or more small, inefficient and uncomfortable posts into a few large, well appointed installations. To this end he advocated a major expansion of Fort Selden, calling attention to its proximity to the railroad.

General Pope's scheme had much to commend it. With the available troops scattered in small one and two company posts, so many soldiers were absorbed in guard duty it was never possible to put more than two-thirds of the men into the field at any one time. Even if the smaller forts were retained as temporary camps for use in good weather when campaigning was possible, by concentrating in a few larger posts during the winter it would be possible to effect major economies in the cost of transporting supplies. Moreover, because the larger posts would be equipped with more comfortable quarters and more amenities morale could be expected to improve and desertions to decline.

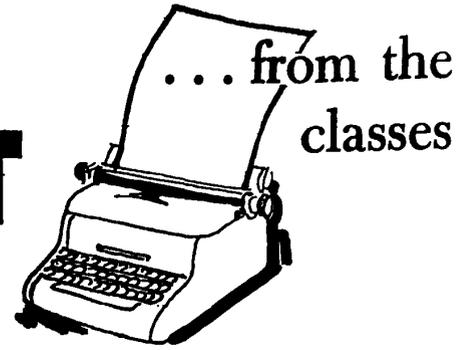
In 1882 General Sherman formally urged Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln to seek funds for the enlargement of Fort Selden. In his colorful way the general dismissed the old "adobe and jackal forts" as a disgrace to civilization. "If a citizen of Washington were to stable his horse or cow in an 'adobe' good enough for soldiers in old New Mexico," the general declared, "Mr. Bergh, the founder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, would have him arrested before nightfall!" President Arthur was sufficiently moved by this appeal to submit elaborate plans to Congress for a large, 12 company post at Fort Selden. At this juncture, however, the citizens of El Paso, alarmed at the prospect of losing Fort Bliss, began to line up political support to retain the economic advantages they currently enjoyed from the presence of the garrison. Given the relative political stature of Texas as a state and New Mexico as a territory, the outcome was scarcely in doubt.

Various officers continued for several years to argue the superior merits of Fort Selden. Colonel B.H. Grierson, the cavalry raider of Civil War fame repeatedly urged the advantages of the site as a major installation, alluding to its 10,000 acres, ample wood and water, and its location just halfway between the Gulf and the Pacific, which made it the ideal base for a military force guarding the Mexican border. Then he offered a clincher, observing that the summit of Cerro Roblero, more than a mile high rising 1655 feet above the river, afforded

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# REPORT



## '09

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At this date, about 15 Sept, when most of the material for the next (quarterly) ASSEMBLY should be in your scribe's hands, he finds considerable scarcity of same this time. Is the reason that for most of us it was a very hot summer, or that some of us have not felt too well? It has been suggested that an obituary should be written for '09 Notes, but so long as there is anything to write about that your scribe believes would interest '09ers and/or their widows, he hopes he will be able to get it into print.

Jake Devers was 90 on 8 Aug and wrote before that date that he'd be glad when it was over—too many interruptions for him: his hometown of York, PA, family reunions, etc., etc. That's a price you have to pay for being such a celebrity, Jake. Also, 90 seems to be a mile-stone people like to make a fuss over.

"Peep" Reed was asked for some comments on the last summer's blackout in New York City. For some reason he asked his wife Dorothy to give her impressions. The Reeds live 10 miles up the Hudson River at Riverdale but they had a transistor radio and could hear "the ugly thing" all during the blackout. Peep and Dorothy were without electricity for 34 hours. She and Peep went to Riverdale to live in 44 and, at that time, loved it, but now they wish they were back

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

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in Nashville, TN in "our sweet home where people are still more civilized as all my beloved South is." Your scribe says: "Isn't it deplorable that as size increases, quality is so apt to deteriorate. Please, our alma mater on the Hudson, guard against this with every fiber of your existence." Peep was 92 years old on the 20th of Sept. In reply to a little note of congratulations on his birthday he said: "Don't worry about how old you are, but how you are old. That's what counts." An old saying but perhaps well for us "old crocks" to think about every now and then. Your scribe phoned Bob Sears as these notes were being written in Sept, and was shocked to have him tell me his wife Marguerite, of 66 years, died on 11 Sept after a fall a few days before in which she broke her shoulder. She was a lovely woman and Bob and all his friends will miss her tremendously. Bob's children live but about a hundred yards from his house so he will be well taken care

of. Bob's 93d birthday is 30 Nov of this year.

A letter just received (30 Sept) from COL Yopp says that Bill Simpson is so well now that his doctors have had to caution him to slow down. He has been travelling extensively to DC, Ft Worth, TX and points west, some with his daughter, Mrs. Vincent. Bill used to go to Fairbanks, AK to visit his daughter and her family but since his illness his daughter (Jean) has come to see him. Bill also has been "partying extensively in San Ant and DC. Now that he is well he appears to be making up for lost time and who can blame him. COL Yopp enclosed in his letter the accompanying recent photograph of Bill at his desk in his new apartment in the Menger Hotel in San Ant. It shows some of the medals awarded him for his distinguished services in the Army and his flag, held out at one corner by SGT Erckitz, largely responsible for his recovery and still of immense value in maintaining it. We all hope, Bill, that your astounding good condition and high morale and renewed vigor stay with you for many, many years to come.

"Stoke" says he is "O.K." except for this "damn arthritis" which has made his right arm and leg pretty lame. He enclosed a photograph of some '09 signatures he procured on a trip from Honolulu to Panama and vice versa 58 years ago. He believes it may evoke a bit of nostalgia in those who read it and whose signatures are among those listed.

"Smooth" Van Deusen submitted a few notes recently which were gratefully received, as he seldom writes. He says his life in Fayetteville, NC since he and his wife built their home there in 50 has been quiet, happy and filled with visits of friends and family as well as with new friends and associates made in Fayetteville since they came there to live. Smooth still puts and approaches on the golf links and occasionally drives a bucket of balls on the driving range; ever the complete golfer. His and Kay's is sure enough a West Point and Army family. They have had 3 children: Edwin R.—Class of '46; Frederick F.—Class of '53, and Kathryn S., married to Westmoreland—'36. Frederick was killed in action in Vietnam 3 Jul 1968. "Smooth, you have every good reason to be proud of what you have accomplished."

Bert Farman writes that he was the oldest grad attending the Thayer Monument exercises last Jun. He hopes that he and his wife won't have to go south again this winter because of the cold in the Hudson Highlands. However, like most everybody else in integrated U.S.A. these days, it's almost impossible to get anyone to work for you.

A note received yesterday, 23 Sept, advised of the transfer of our George S. Patton's son, also George S., from Ft Hood, TX, CG 2d AD to Dpty CG (and probably a 3d star before long) VII Corps USAREUR, APO NY 09107, by 22 Nov 77.



Thurston Hughes' Quarters  
Quarry Heights, C. E.  
November 19, 1939

Greetings - To 1909 in Hawaii  
From 1909 in Panama -

Jake Devers  
Paul North  
Dorothy North  
George Devers  
Katherine Hughes  
Louie Ford  
T. Gage

Schofield Barracks  
Hawaii -

December 15, 1939

"Aloha Luncheon"  
Greetings from 1909 in Hawaii  
To 1909 in Panama.

Bert H. Yopp  
Carl Stokely  
Eve Roberts  
George Van Deusen  
Eileen Harding  
Baesant Seymour Roberts  
Helen Hayes  
W. W. Mumford  
Mary Kelly  
Frank Stander  
Mike Kelly  
Mary Kelly  
Frank Stander  
Mike Kelly

1909: Stokely's "bit of nostalgia."



1909: General Simpson in good health after a long illness.

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Dorothy North's sister, Hildreath Gatewood, with whom she has made her home for many years, died suddenly while Dorothy was at her home in ME. It was a great blow to Dorothy. After many days and weeks of decision-making she finally decided to live in Norfolk, VA. She writes that she has rented a lovely apartment. Dorothy formerly lived 20 years in Norfolk and has many friends there. She will have a part-time car and driver, also servants, so why wouldn't she leave Washington for that! Her address now is Apt. 912, Pembroke Towers, 601 Pembroke Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507. Dorothy said it was so cold at her place in ME last summer that they burned a cord of wood in the fireplace during that time. And the rest of us, sweltering. It's hard to believe.

Peggy Milling, after living at 2230 California St, NW, Washington, DC 20008 for 24 years, has had to move across the street to 2219 because of the building of a condominium where she used to be.

Irene Ord had a very busy summer with her son Gary, back from Libya on vacation, plus some travelling on her own in this country. Hence she was unable to send in her usual interesting "notes" in time for this ASSEMBLY.

Effie Van Deusen is a rewarding correspondent. After all, George was your present "scribe's" predecessor for many, many years before terminal illness struck him down. Effie frequently sends in newspaper clippings, pamphlets, etc., all of which have to do with George and the fine record and memories he left behind at Ft Monmouth and the Hqs, U.S. Signal Corps. All these circulars, clippings, etc., your scribe has carefully filed for any who might care to see them.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

COL Carey H. Brown  
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Washington, DC 20016

# '10

Friendship developed over the years among Class members and their families is well demonstrated by the letters received by Kay Lewis regarding Bo's recent death. She is most appreciative and grateful for the kind messages, including those from various sons and daughters of our Class members; they are thanked for their thoughtfulness.

For several years past in DC we enjoyed a "mini-reunion" in Sept or Oct when Jack & Ella Heard passed through en route to San

Antonio from their summer home in New England. Those present will long remember the fine meetings in the quarters of their daughter and son-in-law, GEN Deane of the Class of '42, at Ft McNair, where the Deanes' daughter, the Heards' granddaughter, Margaret Alicia, was recently married.

Our persistent traveler, Fritz Strong, spent much of the summer on the West Coast, including a stay in Eugene, OR where granddaughter, Ann Russel, is a student at University of Oregon. We hope to see Fritz in DC before the year's end.

The Browns traveled briefly and much closer to home in Sept for several days in the "Northern Neck" of Virginia where Wakefield, Washington's birthplace; Stratford Hall, the home of 4 generations of Lees; the Madison Home; Christ Church at Weems; and other historic spots revive interest in the history of our country.

Chipman in San Antonio and Pillans in Mobile have been silent about their activities and there is therefore no news of them to report.

# '11

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With regret is reported the passing, in Washington, DC, on 17 Jul 77, of Margaret Craig Baade, widow of our Classmate, Paul W. Baade, who died in 1959. Graveside services were held at Arlington on the 23d. Elizabeth Hoisington wrote that 6 of the Hoisingtons, including her mother, brother Perry, sisters Mary Jo Maertens, and husband Jim, and Nancy Smith and herself, attended the services.

On 27 Jun, John Hatch wrote of a 10-day sojourn in a San Antonio Baptist Hosp but that he was home quite cured. He also said that their son from Alexandria, VA, COL McGlachlin Hatch, USMA Jan '43, with his wife Jane, had been with them for a most enjoyable visit.

Word of the death, 24 Jun last, in St. Petersburg, FL of Kitty Kutz came from hers and Harry's longtime friend, COL Foster W. Merker. As he was on Sojourner duties in New Orleans, Kitty's daughter and their lawyer arranged for local chapel services and air flight to West Point. Services were held there on the 29th and Kitty was interred in the Post Cemetery beside Harry, who had been waiting for her since the 10th of Mar the year before.

With further regret is reported the death, 5 Sept 77, in her home of 30 years in Santa Barbara, CA of Mary d'Antignac Lawrence, widow of Thompson Lawrence, my old friend and classmate whom I visited before he passed away in 1961. A Mass of the Resurrection was held for Mary on 8 Sept in the Old Mission, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Survivors are 2 sons, Thompson C Lawrence of Berkeley and Judge John B. Lawrence of San Bernardino.

From Oliver McCleary in early Aug: "Recently I spent 2 days at Bob's farm, just south of Silverado, and enjoyed being among horses, sheep, ducks, dogs and cats again." Bob is Mac's son and Silverado is near Napa, in the great wine country, 40 miles north of San Francisco. Bob is a former banker, happily converted to farming.

There was a mid-Sept word from Virginia Talley, from their home on the Kenai Peninsula in AK. They plan to take the ferry from

Haines, AK, in Oct, to Seattle, and then shuttle down the coast with visits in CA on their return to DC.

# '12

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ISAAC SPALDING—14 Aug 77. WELL DONE! GOOD AND FAITHFUL SOLDIER. HAIL!

After surviving 3 major operations in recent years, Ike succumbed to a heart attack. Alice was with him. Their daughter, Ansley Spalding Hill, widow of Francis Hill, Class of '33 USMA, came on from Monterey, CA to be with her mother. I received word of Ike's death from Ansley and also from Karl Greenwald. Ansley sent me a reprint from a San Ant newspaper which included a picture of Ike with the everpresent smile which endeared him to his friends. Our '12 HOWITZER mentioned Ike's smile, but warned that when he stopped smiling, his anger was formidable.

I promised myself that if I could get my license extended for another year, I would get out a Class Bulletin. The opticians and optometrists said: "Sorry, old man, you are nearly blind!" I then donned my sailor uniform, cap and all, and begged for a driving test. I gave my old Mercury a free rein, and she galloped over the course. Result, one year's extension! Whoopie!

Very little personal news to report. The Class of '12 and even their widows are growing silent.

ANDERSON: Anne is in nursing home, rational only at intervals.

BARRETT: Margaret wrote hoping that Class bulletins would continue.

BROWN, A.E.: Burfy also expressed hope that the bulletins would continue. He feels isolated in TN and misses his old tar-heel surroundings . . . and his golf.

CRAWFORD, R.C.: Red says that he cannot see to write and that Nancy must write for him. Nancy says that he can see better than she can and that he is merely lazy.

DEUEL: I received a fine letter from Thorne so beautifully typed that I suspect him of having a secretary. He has a wide range of views on world affairs. As anthropologist, he rejects the theory that the world is going to the dogs. In a few centuries he predicts that the Blacks and the American Indians will achieve a high level of culture. I am skeptical but who am I to argue against anthropology. My sights are set on Outer Space and the Hereafter. STAR TREK and the New Testament.

DICK: Next to Frank Mallon, Carl is our oldest survivor. He is still pulling for the GOP.

DRAKE: Flat on his back with arthritis, Charlie continues to turn out good. Aged 89, he is indestructible.

Dedicated to Charles C. Drake, Prize Raconteur: Confined to bed with arthritis, Charlie Drake, in longhand, reels out a never-ending series of articles and anecdotes. Some of them have been published in magazines. They all deserve to be. I don't know where he stood in Plebe B.S. but he is a gifted writer today. We had many fine writers, such as Faymonville, Wilbur and Gorrell, but Charlie tops them all in my estimation.

The Old Cinnamon Bear

When Charlie was 9, he visited his Aunt Vinney in Canada. One day she gave him a little basket and sent him down to the

edge of the woods to pick blueberries for a blueberry pie. Charlie rapidly picked his way around the blueberry bush, filling his little basket. Suddenly, he looked up and there was a huge cinnamon-bear, on his hind legs, also gathering berries. Charlie didn't stop to ask questions. He dropped his basket and headed for home and Aunt Vinney. As he covered that quarter-mile, he picked up speed, imagining that old bear snapping at his heels. He literally flew into the safety of Aunt Vinney's kitchen.

Now for the aftermath. In our First Class Field Meet, Charlie competed as a sprinter. He says that he was a slow starter, and in the 100-yard dash he came in 2d. But in the 220 yard dash, he imagined the cinnamon bear snapping at his heels and he came in 1st, just short of an Academy record. As end, on our football team, he also showed his phenomenal speed.

Moral: The Army Team should enlist an old bear, and put him in uniform behind the team. They might be more afraid of that bear than of the Invincible Navy Team which has been running over them for so many years.

Do you remember our Gettysburg trip? An old Italian had a bear on a leash. He would order the bear: "Now you go around!" The old bear would go around, holding a tin cup into which we dropped small change. On our return to WP, Schnitz Schneider and Miff Harmon made up an act. Miff was on a leash. Schnitz would say: "Now you go around." Miff would solemnly go around, looking exactly like the old bear.

GREENWALD: Karl is the essence of youth, wisdom and silence. He sent me a news clipping of a San Antonio parade (Jul 4th) in which the reigning beauty queen appears with her friend (Karl Greenwald) and Karl's smiling face outshines the queen. But behind the smile, Karl is not optimistic about our economic future.

HAUSER: Charlie wanted to attend our 55th Reunion but was afraid that she would be there alone.

LINDT: Patty went on a cruise ship to the South Pacific and is now back home looking for new worlds to conquer. She's walking with two sticks but recovering from a hip operation.

LITTLEJOHN: Mary has moved to 5420 Connecticut Ave, NW. She finds old age to be a doubtful blessing.

MALLON: Frank continues to be my best correspondent. He retains an amazing grasp on world affairs. Totally deaf, he cannot enjoy TV, but he is an omnivorous reader of newspapers and journals. His remaining sister lives with him.

MALONY: Dot Malony is interested in Class news and doesn't hear enough of it.

NALLE: Bill is still bucking the tide of time and life.

READ: Burton still reports to me in long-hand, but I have to use a magnifying glass to read him.

SPALDING, I: May he rest in peace!

SPALDING, S.P.: Sid received a voluminous letter from USMA concerning a proposed literary competition. He passed the buck to me, and I passed it on to the wastebasket. Sid says that he is too busy keeping up the farm to write messages for the Class. He can always be reached DOWN ON THE FARM WITH THE COWS, SHEEP, CHICKENS AND HAY.

WILBUR: Bill was going to Reunion, but backed out when informed that he would be OLDEST GRAD! He has the spirit of youth. He is still working on THE LIFE OF

GEORGE WASHINGTON. Keep plugging Bill!

CHYNOWETH: I recognize that this bulletin is mostly BULL. I wrote it to do honor to Ike Spalding. My own activities continue to be out on the Bay in SEA BUTTON. SEA BUTTON was out of water last week for a bottom painting. She is back bucking the chip chop on the Bay. Out there, I feel young and alive. My crewman, Tom Soule, has to be my eyes when it grows misty. We seldom get beyond Angel Island and Treasure Island. Only when the wind and tide are right. But I love it! Next day, I am just a doddering old wreck. Aside from sailing, my activities consist of walking Duke around the block. I like to walk at 2½ mph. Duke likes to smell and piddle along at one mph. We compromise at about one mph. Never try to hurry a Basset. When he sets his short legs, you cannot budge him!

West Point today: In high "intellectual" circles there is a movement afoot to end the role of USMA as the source of new officers for our Army. LTC Donn Starry has added impetus to this movement by proclaiming his opinion that new officers from the ROTC are better than graduates of USMA. He shows political tendencies. I suspect that he is campaigning to become Chief of Staff. I can only say that during my active service I found reverse to be true. One recent graduate of USMA was worth a half dozen new officers from ROTC. After some years of service the differences tended to balance out. But in a war, the beginning is all-important.

I am sure that we all wish the best for the new Supt in his tough job of restoring the morale and prestige of our Alma Mater. I also hope that we make an end of the program of trying to make WP just another university. Let's curtail the efforts to intellectualize USMA and keep it as a military academy in the primary purpose of turning out young combat leaders for war.

The "intellectuals" will mobilize their computers to castigate my views above as the dreaming of an old fuddy-duddy. Throughout military history, soldiers have been scoffed at by professors. In our War College, today, professors seem to be in the ascendancy. But in war, one good soldier, like George Washington, U.S. Grant, or George Patton, is worth more than a multitude of political theorists. Theorists and engineers have an important role in development of weapons and production of munitions. But combat leadership is for the trained fighters.

I ask forgiveness for this philosophical essay. My only active role today is that of an old sailor, on the Bay, where my little sloop is the delight of my life.

I have had letters from Anne Anderson's daughter who reports her mother in Monterey Hospital; Burfy Brown, Red Crawford, Thorne Deuel, Carl Dick, Arch Arnold Jr, Charlie Drake, Alice Haislip, Charlie Hauser, Bill Hauser, Frank Mallon, Bill Nalle, Alice Phelan, Burton Read, Karl Greenwald (with report on Ike Spalding) and Bill Wilbur.

Karl Greenwald was our only rep at Graduation Week, WP. Bill Wilbur was going, but they scared him away by designating him as Oldest Grad. My father's Class of 1877 held a Centennial Reunion. They scared me away by asking me to act as emcee.

In conclusion, I hope that Charlie Drake's cinnamon bear will keep after him to make him write some more good stories. Charlie and I were together for 3 years as POW's. During that time I never saw him lose his

temper except once—when a huge rat invaded his supply of bananas. On that shelf was also a jar of water into which Charlie dropped grains of rice and a lump of sugar. It fermented and about once a month Charlie had a small cup of rice wine to drink.

# '14

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It is with much regret that I report the death of another classmate, Ike Gill, and this is especially poignant to Earll and me. We have lived in San Ant for many years with Ike and his wife Lilian, who died in 1970, and we have watched many Army-Navy games together. Ike died on 14 Sept and was buried with full military honors in the Ft Sam Houston cemetery. I represented the Class. Flowers from the Class were a spray of red carnations. Ike was an unassuming New Englander, whose bravery as a regimental commander in combat was attested by his being awarded the Silver Star. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Thomas F. (Patricia) Richardson, of Marchant Rd, West Redding, CT 06896.

This letter will be read by you in mid Dec, after what we all hope will be a victory over Navy. It brings Xmas greetings from Earll and me to all of you, and a renewed realization of the ties that bind us together.

# '15

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PREAMBLE: This issue we have bad news and other news. Let's take them in that order.

BAD NEWS: After a long illness Carolyn Davison Morrow, daughter of Peggy Davison and our Don, died at her Bronxville, NY home 26 Jun. Services were held at Christ Episcopal Church, Bronxville, 29 Jun. Carolyn is survived by her husband, Hugh Morrow (Press Secy for Nelson Rockefeller); 2 sons, Hugh and Donald Hayden, by a former marriage; also by Davison and Carolyn MacLean Morrow, 5 stepchildren and one great-grandchild, Margaret Shannon Hayden. Besides her mother, attending the services were her sisters, "Billie" (wife of MG G.G. Cantley) and Margaret Angeline, who flew from Brussels and HI respectively. Carolyn was a member of the Bronxville Women's Club and PTA organizations.

From Howard Donnelly in La Mesa, CA comes the news that Paul Fletcher died peacefully from natural causes 1 Jul. Because of failing health recently he and Esther had moved to the California Convalescent Hospital, La Mesa, where Esther will remain for the time being. Paul served in the AEF and later had a long and distinguished career in the Foreign Service.

Just too late for the last issue we received from his son the sad news of the passing of John Henry Cochran, our Class Patriarch, as a result of the previously reported stroke. Following cremation, memorial services were held at home and his ashes scattered at sea. John is survived by his wife, Mary Welby, of the home address and son, John Henry Cochran Jr. (USMA Jun '43) COL USA Ret, of Lexington, VA.

From Mrs. Robert Reno, Concord, NH, we learn that her mother, Pearl Stickney,

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passed away 15 Aug at a Concord nursing home where she had been living for some time. Services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Gloucester, MA. Besides her daughter, Pearl is survived by her son Alfred of San Bruno, CA.

From his wife Kathy we learn that Jack C. Eisenschmidt, COL USAR Ret, died in Tulsa 22 Sept from emphysema and complications. He was the son of our Clyde & Olive May Eisenschmidt. The Class extends its sympathy to the bereaved families.

**OTHER NEWS:** Early Aug saw Vernon & Dorothy Evans visiting their son in NJ and then on to Cape Cod for a visit. . . Jim Van Fleet was in DC mid-Aug for a business conference. . . Joe Swing trekked east for a Jul reunion of his old Division. . . Det Ellis left early Sept for his fall visit to SC. En route he phoned Doc White in Fayetteville and learned both were OK. At Isle of Palms, on the ocean just north of Charleston, he spent a fortnight accompanied by his oldest grandson, wife and 2 great-grandchildren, and then was off for a check of kin and '15ers in that area. He was the luncheon guest of Eddie & Hennie Moale who were in the pink, just back from a trip to CA and planning a visit to Amherst, MA. En route home Det had a late breakfast with the Avents near Taylors, SC, at their "beautiful home on a ridge from which they look across a pretty valley to the mountains." On his arrival back in DC he found a card dated 12 Sept from Elisa MacDonald, then at the Hale Koa, Ft Derussy. After a visit to the Big Island and Maui she would return home by way of Tucson for a visit with Dora Small. . . and late Sept found Jack & Evelyn Harris visiting hither, thither and yon in SC.

**CODA:** Sure, our notes are rather skimpy but we can't print news that you folks don't send in. No way!

# '16

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Now who gets the big headlines this time? Well, there are Boots & Bill Spence and Mary & Stan Scott! Their 60th wedding anniversaries have been celebrated since I last wrote our notes.

That of the Spences took place 27 Jun at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, COL & Mrs. B.G. Taylor in San Ant. Also present were their 2 sons, Wm. Spence Jr (USMA '51) and Craig Spence (USMA '54), their wives, 11 grandchildren, and a host of friends. The Scotts' party was hosted by their



1916: Spences

sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. William Scott and COL & Mrs. Gilbert Scott (USMA '52) at the Officers Club Castle Room at Ft Belvoir, on 22 Aug. It was a gala occasion with 140 guests, flowers and flags, buffet, and toasts by the Scott sons to the present day version of the bride and groom of 17. Fay Prickett presented a gift from the DC area classmates, appropriately engraved. In addition to their sons and daughters-in-law, guests included 7 grandchildren, clear down to Gilbert's little Amy, aged 3½. There were also several out of town friend guests. And Mary, in her note to your scribe, described Stan as "the handsomest thing." Wouldn't you expect her to say, and to believe, that! 1916ers who were able to attend were Peggy & Fay Prickett, Sidney & Bob Walsh, Ferdie Gallagher, Savilla Bliss, Marian Scofield and Jeanette Reinhart. Included in these notes are photographs pertaining to these 2 great celebrations.

Peggy & Fay Prickett report the addition of another great-granddaughter to the Prickett tribe. She is Miss Megan McGregor Miller, born in Jul in Germany to CPT Robert Miller (USMA '72) and wife Linda. I believe she is the 18th "great" for Pricketts.

Sidney & Bob Walsh spent several weeks in Jul at East Hampton, NY (Sidney's old



1916: Scotts

home) and then went to ME to visit some of Bob's relatives.

Not such good news from the DC area is that Marjorie DeWitt was in Walter Reed for surgery in Jul. We are glad to learn that she is now making her recovery at home, even though it is a slow one. Also Helen Gallagher has been in and out of Walter Reed several times since last spring. We are also glad that she is getting along quite well and that she and Ferdie both expect to attend the '16 brunch in Sept.

Blanche & Roland Shugg returned from their AK trip in early Aug. They report that the "inside passage" trip is well worthwhile for the scenery alone. It should be booked well in advance for the most desirable months of Jul and Aug.

A note from Pick Pickering says he spent some time in Atlanta during spring and early summer with his daughter, Janet Atwood and COL Atwood. While there he spent a few days at V.A. hospital for a general checkup. He enjoys living in pretty Somerset, KY with daughter Doris and her husband.

From San Ant we learn that Edna Miller is planning an ocean cruise of about 3 weeks with a group of friends, leaving from L.A. and



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returning by the Panama Canal to Miami. Also Joan Newgarden, with son George and his wife Sylvia, left for a brief visit to Guadalajara. Later Joan went to Boston to visit her sister.

Helen & Woody Woodward have had a "busy, rewarding, and happy summer" at their cabin in WY, with visits from daughter Barbara and son Douglas and family, and an open house for Woody's 86th birthday, attended by some 40 friends, including Sen. Clifford Hansen of WY. En route home, Helen visited daughter Jean in NM, while Woody went to MS to see his daughter-in-law and her husband, GEN & Mrs. John Gordon (USMA '31). On 19 Nov Helen and Woody left for a great trip to the S. Pacific with a community group, visiting Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti. We are sure it was a great trip.

Eve & Bob McBride spent a part of Sept and Oct in DC getting re-acquainted with son Stephen Place (COL AF, USMA '57) and family who have been with NATO in Belgium for 3 yrs. Eve and Bob had quarters at Ft Belvoir Officers Club part of the time and Peggy and Fay had lunch there with them. Also Eve and Bob and Clarissa Place (Stephen's wife) attended the '16 Sept lunch at the Army-Navy Club.

Caroline & Murph Irvine celebrated their Golden Wedding anniv at their apartment in LaJolla on 30 Jun with some 60 close friends. Goop Worsham gave the toast to them. Photo in these notes shows Murph cutting the cake. Mary and Goop celebrated their 56th anniv on 17 Aug. Goop wrote that Dode Styer, who lives at Coronado, is keeping well. Goop also says that Mary's left knee replacement has worked out splendidly. He says she gave her limp, her cane, and her pain to him—generously.

Juliette Mumma writes that she attended weddings of 2 granddaughters this year. One was at Phoenix, Suzanne; one at Ft Lauderdale, Barbara. A grandson, CPT James Redington, returned from Germany and is teaching at NM Military Inst. And another, LT John Redington (USMA '75), is attending helicopter school at Ft Rucker, AL.

Hazel Marriott sent a card from Honolulu. She lives in her home there with one of her 3 daughters, Peggy, and says she is still busy "tottering around in church, senior citizens and YMCA doings."

Mabelle & Charles Haskins announce the arrival of a great-granddaughter, Sara Pillsbury, born on 15 Aug. This is 1916's 84th "great."

Those of us who saw Babe Weyand at our 60-year Reunion or those who can visualize him in a wheelchair will appreciate this comment in his recent letter to me. He said, "I have not improved any but, thank God, I don't think I am any worse." Good for you, Babe, some of us will see you at our 65th. His son Sandy (MG, USMA '51) and family stopped off to see him on Long Island en route to Germany, where Sandy commands NATO's Allied Europe Mobile Force (Land) with hq at Heidelberg. This is a force composed of units from 7 different nations.

Laura & Dwight Johns flew to St. Louis on 30 Sept and took a week's trip on the stern-wheeler Delta Queen to St. Paul. Dwight wanted to make sure his dams were still standing! They both enjoyed the trip and saw several old friends in Minnesota.

A letter from Bill Spence just before my deadline says he still enjoys golf almost every afternoon on week days. He had to lay off about a month, however, in late Aug and early Sept. His auto was hit by a speeder and smashed beyond repair. Bill was bruised and otherwise scratched and required check-up and treatment at Brooke Army Hospital. He says he was lucky. We are glad for that. He says Boots is well.

A P R  
'17

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Our Class was represented at the presentation of the Thayer Award at WP on 4 Oct by Joe Collins and Fred Irving. Fred was accompanied by Vivian and their daughter, Betty Maish. The Award was presented to the Hon Robert Stevens, who was Secy of the Army while Joe was Army CS and Fred was Supt, USMA.

The many friends of Bob Bathurst's widow, Jane, were saddened by her death at WRAH on 12 Sept. She was living at Army Distaff Hall. She was the mother of CPT George G. Ball, USN Ret; COL Harry B. Ball, USA Ret; and the late Jane Morrill. Memorial services were held in the chapel of Distaff Hall, and graveside services and interment were at WP.

In Aug your scribe spent 2 weeks with his daughter, Jeanne Altman, and family at a NC beach, followed by a week with son Bob and family in the Berkshires in western MA.

From FL McMahon says that he and Alice are getting along OK, and that Nina Gerhardt is well and busy.

After 2 operations, Spec Irwin is now fine. He and Evelyn came from the West Coast to visit son Bill at Quantico earlier this year. And more recently they took Isabelle Code for a little outing to Heritage House, a couple of hundred miles up the coast.

A U G  
'17

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Jimmy Hea: "My one true love died 25 Jun of a very harsh coronary. I am glad that she suffered the very minimum. We had a wonderful time at the Reunion; it was a real treat to her. She was cremated and the ashes scattered in the Pacific as mine will be some day. Right now, the future looks pretty bleak without her. We were married

59 years, 9 months and 20 days." Happily, Harriet and Jimmy had visited all their grandchildren on the way to WP.

Froggy Reed and Kathleen have moved into a ret. home, Casa Lavilla, 925 E Villa St, Pasadena, CA 91106, Room 165. They like it fine so far; it is not far from their old neighborhood. Selling his home and leaving the beautiful camellia garden is hard to take. Fortunately, their son Andy is in Palm-dale, only 50 miles away.

June 30th, Bill & Louise Paca moved to Apt 108, 490 Stamford Dr, Newark, DE 19711. Their youngest son Dave wanted to keep an eye on them. He is Compt of the U. of Delaware and thus close enough to even drop in for lunch.

A goof on his address in the Class list brought a letter from Mickey Kernan. His address as formerly listed remains unchanged. He is planning to join Frankie Carr to see Frankie's horses run.

On the way home from the 60th, Nan & Pinkey Rolfe did 3 parties in DC, then went to Williamsburg. While there, they took their daughter and Henry Gantt to visit Parry Lewis. "It was a festive occasion. Parry had a nice bottle of wine chilled for us and he was in fine fettle." Now they are off again on their travels: finally home in Sept.

Georgie Graham survived the KC MO flood with only severe annoyances: water in basement, new sump pump, phone out from lightning and her alarm touched off by the same lightning bolt.

Loessa Coffey was packing to leave after a visit to her brother, and other relatives near Boston, when she had a dizzy spell and fell off the rug, breaking her hip. She was almost ready to come back before we found out about it. Now she is in the dispensary at Distaff Hall and will be frolicking before you read this.

After a year of kidney machine treatments, Ellanor Sharp says she feels better than she has for ages. She is also pleased to have a grandson who enlisted and becomes the 3d Sharp in the FA. Probably going to OCS after basic training.

Emily Bingham was about ready to leave Bethesda Hospital for Vinson Hall when the pin in her hip fell out while she slept. Now she has to make a fresh start. She's lucky to have Marion Ross visiting her and keeping up her spirits.

Bob Hasbrouck's sciatica and the enforced inactivity led to his having a pacemaker installed. That worked fine and the sciatica was being relieved though not cured, when Bob had a bout of pneumonia. As of today, 24 Sept, he is ready to go home tomorrow. Marjorie has been wonderful through all this. What a gall!

Elizabeth Jones came to a pausing point in her treatment, so she and Biff scooted over to Germany for 2 weeks with Larry. They have never given up on the active social life they lead, though just now Elizabeth has interrupted it to have a week's radiation treatment in hospital. Barbara is with them.

Miriam & Leo Conner had an active post-reunion summer. Their daughter (Greene) broke her leg and is still using 2 crutches. In addition, she had a houseful of kids coming back while they awaited a port call. Leo and Miriam rallied round to help, proving that there is reason for us geriatrics to live.

Tiny Bellinger avoids unhealthful action: he is the odds-on favorite to remain our eldest survivor for a long time. Somehow, Margaret finds time to paint and has quite a few pictures showing.

Harry Rising is pretty much housebound. He is lucky to have Tina living at home and Sally Carey only a few doors away. Red & Dorothy Warner are hanging on though they are both too thin. But they are just as sweet as they were when they were chubbier.

Dorothe Matlack is continually on the go yet her doctor wants her to walk 30 minutes every day. For a person so active, why is that? Nothing wrong with Lois Stamps except that she is a year older than she was last year. ALOHA!

J U N  
'18

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The Travelers: The Blanchards visited Mexico and the Padre Is Natl Seashore last summer. The Grenatas had a wonderful 3 wk trip in Jul to England and France but were "glad to be home." The McKees were with relatives in OH and PA last Jun. Andy Moore was in Spain and France visiting his Navy grandson. The Neilsons returned from their European grand tour of last summer in good health and next, it's a North Cape midnight sun cruise. (They were not endangered by that catastrophic flood in KC.) Eleanor Offley enjoyed her 6 wks in England and France last summer which included a visit to the home that she and Bob had in Monte Carlo. A month later she was visiting another of their former homes, this one in HI, where she also spent 6 wks.

The Caseys enjoyed another summer at Butternut Hill with visits by relatives and FL friends. Ideal weather for golf. The deer were back. Took AutoTrain in late Oct for FL. The Siberts returned to VA in early Oct.

The Mussils spent last summer at home delightfully enlivened for a month by the visit of their daughter and her 4 teenage children.

Mildred Pichel had a well dug. Didn't strike oil but found some very precious water for her rose garden and fruit trees.

I regret very much to report the death of Leila Gallagher last year on 16 Sept, just 2 months after Phil died.

78 Pipers, by category: 17 classmates; 12 wives; 7 widows; 13 guests.

N O V  
'18

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During the last few months the Old Reaper took 2 of our classmates and one wife in his inevitable work. One was Jesse Graham with a sudden heart attack while in his apartment in Alexandria, VA on 28 Jul 77. The other, Fred Sherrill, from pneumonia in his home in San Marino, CA on 10 Sept 77. Jesse was buried in Arlington with graveside services and with the family and many friends present. Canan, Evans, Gullatt, Hastings, Hixon, Holbrook, Norman and Whelchel were honorary pall bearers. Fred Sherrill was taken back to WP for interment on 15 Sept with daughter Susan and grandchildren attending the graveside service. Hunk Holbrook and Helen went from DC also for the ceremony. On the 15th of Mar 77, Mary Walsh, who had not been well for some time and was confined to a nursing home in Portland, OR, died. Pinkie will bring her ashes later to Arlington for burial.

The address of **Claude D. Anderson** is unknown and several efforts have failed to locate him. Should anyone have a clue to his whereabouts please let **Hastings** know of it. He lived for years in Memphis and moved away, but where?

After 30 yrs as a dir, the last 8 as pres of the Montgomery Hospital, **Don Horsey** intends to taper off. A new wing which is an extensive project is nearing completion. It has consumed much of his time and is to be named the **Donald P. Horsey Wing**. While in Paris for a month **Muriel Searby** fell and broke a hip. She has bought a house at 28 MacKeen St in Brunswick, ME 04011 where she now lives. After spending some time in North Lake, WI, **Jack & Beckie Curtis** returned to Darien in time for the home games. They are fine supporters of the squad. The **Cunninghams** in West Orange, NJ had their best garden season with apples best ever. The raccoons enjoyed it too. **Kathryn Elleman** enjoyed a visit from a granddaughter who stopped by Syracuse where Kathryn's home is located. Granddaughter and husband have been on duty, Army, in Germany for 3 yrs and were en route to San Fran where Kathryn will visit them later. Brunswick, ME must have something as **Pat Bergman** has also moved there. She was going around saying, "I love it, I love it." She thinks Brunswick is the best of ME. After ret. last Feb from Doubleday in New York, she took a trip to Peru and enjoyed fine weather everywhere especially at Machu Picchu. She is now enrolled at Bowdoin taking courses in archeology, music, medieval art and participating in a lithography workshop.

**Elmer Barnes** and **Lev Yoder** have both recovered nicely from several hospital tours as has **Babe Gullatt**. But **Jimmy Peckham** is still having some eye and other problems after a long stay in Walter Reed. She went into the Episcopal Home in DC on 8 Aug but stayed only a few days until she could get back to her apartment. Of our Distaff Hall girls **Buddha Groves** is doing well after her cracked hip and broken knee cap which was most unpleasant. **Millie Stice** with hands crippled badly with arthritis still knits a lot and keeps a high state of morale in spite of many other problems. **Fritz Twichell** had a gay summer traveling, is back and happy. **Laura Belle Badger** spent some time with her sister **Juliette Wilson (A.M.)** in San Jose. Nice notes come from **John Binder** occasionally, he sounds well. **Dick Lee** complains he gets the same view all the time from his indoor bicycle rides he must take in lieu of his garden work. He had a heart attack last May. Two weeks in hospital, good care and he says he now feels fine. **Jim Christiansen** had to wear his back brace for several months after a bad fall last Jan but he too is now in good trim. It was **Bob Schow** who tried to scare every one on 27 Aug. After complaining of light-headedness he collapsed in the kitchen. Tiny had the emergency squad there in 9 minutes—oxygen, EKG, and off to hospital. Diagnosis, bleeding ulcer—much blood transfusing and while many problems at first, in a few days he was home having responded well to the medication. He was able to give a fine report on his classmates and widows in the FL region. **Dave Taylor's** therapist put him on a stationary bicycle which has taken away his limp. And **B.G. Stevens** has a physiotherapist who keeps him in fair condition. **Johnny & Betty Hinds** while anxious, have been very patient with the architect for their new house. Too busy, much delay, but now in the construction phase. **Art Pul-**

**sifer** who had a very tough time with hip and leg surgery and for a long time at that had hand controls put on his car, drives well and is walking considerably every day. **Betty Babbitt** has kept busy traveling. In the spring it was Chicago for the wedding of a granddaughter and in Aug it was 14 days in the Mediterranean with Sept being spent in Zurich, Amsterdam and London. **Marie Stevens (Fred)** spent several days in DC with son **Fred Jr.** and his family, then on to ME with much to do in estate settlement. But she is very well, drives a lot and in good spirits. **Virginia Hatch** put up with many viewers all summer in an effort to sell her house in Sarasota. It was sold and her sons, **Mel** in CA and **Hank ('57)** on his way to Korea, came to earmark possessions they would like. **Virginia** took an apartment in the same neighborhood but plans on the Distaff Hall in DC later.

Keeping tab on classmates and the widows in TX is almost a full time task for **Hal & Barbara Cocks**. They did get out to L.A. for a few days in mid-Jul but when Hal goes away it's often for some cause which he is helping. **Corp** and **Mary Chorpene** keep busy in San Ant with many interests but did have 3 wks in Norway in Jul. Starting 24 Jun **Dunkelberg**, seriously ill, was put in the hospital where he had to remain until 30 Jul. While he is in pretty good shape now his recovery and getting back vigor was slow. **Jake & Henrietta Freeman** had good visits with sons **John** and **David** and their families. **John** lives in Houston and **David** in Longwood, FL. He was in the Class of '49 and took his dad to a WP luncheon in Winter Park. A good note from **Joe Glasgow** told of son **Hardie**, COL W.H. Glasgow, who is Cmdt of the Test Pilot Sch at Edwards AFB, that he will be expecting orders soon to Australia as Air Attaché. **Bill Mendenhall** has had a hard time of it and is very disturbed with Medicare. **Andree** had a stroke in Feb, falling on her side and breaking several upper teeth. The upper jawbone developed abscesses requiring serious surgery but Medicare ruled out any partial payments as "Dental Care NOT covered by Law." **Andree** has regained partial use of arms, hands and legs but not speech. Then in late Apr **Bernice Keasler** had a bad fall requiring surgery on a fractured knee. It took her some months to get back to her busy life.

**Pinkie Walsh** hasn't been any too well and after losing **Mary** in Mar went from the nursing home back to his home where daughter **Sally** can look after him. He did recover enough for a short visit to HI. **Cornie Hahn** had a very successful reunion of the veterans of the 338th Engr GS Regt he commanded during most of the War. It was held at his home in Boulder with **Helen** acting as an excellent hostess. Our fisherman, **Chief Brimmer**, rarely knows more than one-half hour ahead when he is going to go fishing. This inhibits some long range planning for him. **Percy Banister** incurred a fractured hip requiring 4 months in the V.A. Hosp to heal, but now it is greatly improved so that he can walk with a cane. **Lee Bathurst**, who for 4 yrs was the editor of "Sharing" can now relax a little. Before leaving the fine work she had accomplished in the Order of St. Luke, she spent 3 wks on a speaking tour in New England and a week in Fiji. Son-in-law **Bill Bathurst**, COL USAF ('54) recently ret. due to a severe heart attack but has amazingly completely recovered. He is now with **Merrill Lynch** in Del Ray, FL. **Lee Gray** pulled through some tough surgery in pretty good

shape in May. **Josephine Eddy** and her son **George** went together on a splendid 2-week trip to AK in Jul. **George Jr.**, a ret. COL has a PhD and teaches at the UTX in Bus Admin and **Vi O'Rouark** had her usual trip last spring to HI and spent the summer on return renovating her house in Dallas, OR.

**Paul & Ruth Kendall** report they are getting about a bit better although **Ruth** hasn't fully recovered from the results of her fall. And **Kathleen Epes** said her summer came to a dead stop when she too had a fall spraining both ankles. **Florence Trower** has 2 granddaughters in Pasadena with whom she had a recent good visit. **Al Miller** is having a hard time regaining his usual weight and strength and **Ruth** still puts up a battle against her arthritis. Both gripe that they can't accomplish all they would like in a day but they do so very much. **Count & Mary Gorlinski** who were married in HI returned there to celebrate their 50th anniv. Their son **Chuck ('56)** came with his family from Arlington, VA, and **Joan (Lewis)** with her family from Dallas, OR, so it was a great occasion. Five grandchildren present. **Lark Gilland** had to resort to a little additional caretaking when he broke a forearm last Mar and then had shingles in Jul. But he took both in his usual good stride and now recovered. **Fred Butler** keeps in touch with friends of **Linson Dzau** in Macao where **Mrs. Dzau** has been living since **Lin's** death. They say she is returning to China to be near her children, it is too lonesome for her where she is.

**Charlie & Ruth Morrison** enjoyed **Fritz Twichell's** visit, they have one thing in common as both couples were married the same day in 19. In late Aug **Charlie** and **Ruth** with some nearby friends spent 3 weeks in Interlacken, Switzerland; **Stressa**, Italy; and **Innsbruck**, Austria. **Chuck Gildart** deserves the plaudits of his class for devoting many hours to writing a 60th anniv class history. He has had to do this entirely by typewriter as his hands have been quite crippled. Last summer's awful CA forest fire missed the **McReynolds'** ret. home in Montecito by only one mile, but it missed. **Jimmy Carroll** had to spend a couple of weeks in the V.A. Hosp due to Parkinson's Disease, but after a change of medication he is greatly improving. **Wanamaker**, who is in charge of all arrangements for the Class' 60th Reunion 31 May-3 Jun 78 has done a Herculean task so that one of the largest 60th Reunions ever is expected.

# '19

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**Dick Ovenshine** has published a very important new memorandum and roster for the Class, dated 1 Sept. Please read the memo carefully, keep it, and remember where you keep it. It has been mailed to all members and widows. If you have not received a copy please so inform **Dick**.

**Kester Hastings** (Nov '18), recently gave a copy of our Class **HOWITZER** to **Dick**. Anyone who wants it should write to **Dick**.

**Rickey Rick** was long out of contact with the Class, his address unknown. Through conscientious persistence, **Dick**, with the kind assistance of **COL Brugh** of the WP Soc of Chicago, has done a neat job of finding the long lost, whose address now appears in the new Class roster, (see above).

**Stu Barden** has learned that **Dr. Chang**

Chi-yun, pres of the China Academy, and the Council of the Academy, have conferred the honorary degree of PhD upon Al Wedemeyer. The prestigious Academy is located on Taiwan, Republic of China. Part of Al's service during WW II was as CS to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and CG, USF in China, later as Special Envoy of the Pres with ambassadorial rank, in China. The Class extends its most sincere congratulations to Al on receiving this great honor.

Elaine McFarland is on an extended freighter voyage to India and many other exotic places, and is "loving every minute of it." She expected to return to Montreal on 1 Sept. Margie Young recently lost her brother after he was operated on. It was a great shock to her. Ham is suffering from angina, though he has been somewhat better lately. Georgina Hammond recently underwent major surgery, has recovered nicely. Rosalina Kerr, Kay Niblo and Gertrude Taylor recently gave a luncheon at Knoll House, (Distaff Hall), and a large number of the Class were present for a most enjoyable party. Other recent parties were given by Merritt & Carolyn Booth at their home on Chesapeake Bay, a cocktail party by Dotty Wilson, and a party at the Distaff Hall given by Joe & Margaret Odell. Joe, incidentally, is a very successful gentleman farmer, and often brings his products around as gifts to classmates and widows of the Class, a number of whom have expressed their appreciation of his thoughtfulness and generosity. Last year Roy & Sonia Green bought a beautiful home at Severna Park, MD. This spring they used several weeks to visit NH and MA, returning home via WP; they saw old friends all along the way. Emmett & Ethel Niblack were visited by their son, COL Niblack Jr., USAF, USMA '52, in Jul; Emmett and Ethel will spend the winter months in Biloxi, MS. Ruth Cookson recently visited her son Forrest Jr., in WA; he was on leave from his station in Tanzania. Last Xmas she visited her son Charles in Rio de Janeiro. She is in good health and hopes to attend our 60th Reunion in 79. Paul Miller is happy with his new location in Columbia, SC. He said that he was so grateful for the wonderful assistance he had had from Al Wedemeyer and Stu Barden while he was in Silver Spring, MD, for treatment of cataract. In Columbia, Harry Mewshaw, of Jun '18, had dropped in to see him and was most helpful.

Helen Barlow fell, broke her left hip and left foot, and faces several months of recovery. Ray and Helen have 2 sons: Raymond Jr., USMA '49, ret., and John, NYU '49, now retiring. Eddie & Marilyn Strohbehn have returned from a visit to their families in Chicago and Davenport. Ken & Marie Pierce have just returned from their summer home in MI, via Annapolis, where they visited their dau Hoxie, (Mrs. Suhayl Shukry), and family, who had been living in Haifa, Israel. Lib Collier fell, broke 2 bones in her right foot, and now wears a "wooden shoe" (no cast), and 2 crutches. Advised by her doctor not to put any weight on the injured foot, she complied easily because, says Bob Springer, she weighs in at 97 lbs, "is not equipped to put real weight on anything." Pewee continues to manage beautifully, but still has retina problems and avoids driving at night. Whitey Gard is believed to be the only classmate with 2 sons still on active duty; one is a LTC and one is a LTC. Son Bruce, with his wife Veronica and son David, visited Whitey and Bobby in Aug, en route from Germany to Bruce's new station at Ft Hua-

chuca; a most enjoyable occasion for them all. Bob Springer says that Archie Cooney "is recovering slowly from his 81st birthday and his 54th wedding anniv, which are only a week apart, in Sept." Bob says that Archie gets his exercise vicariously, viz by watching Verlie care for the family garden, which supplies them with just about everything. Bob states, "With me, Archie, who retired as a LT, still ranks high as the only classmate who calls me 'Sir.'"

Bob says that Alex Bennett still writes advice to the Pres, now uses registered mail requiring return receipt, but still has no system to insure that the Pres reads the letters. Frustrating. The only thing they are missing in San Ant, avers Bob, is a visit from Al Wedemeyer, an ideal guest from every viewpoint. Elsie Noble is confined by her illness, but receives the best of care from nurses and Chic around the clock and remains cheerful. Chick recently attended the meeting of the 16th AD Assn, of which he is honorary pres. He has been working with Dick Ovenshine on a plan to maintain better contact with classmates and their widows in the Central Area.

George Elms officiated at a horse show in Albu recently, and had a very pleasant visit, at the show, with Sid Stovall, who was well and in good spirits; and talked by phone with Ote Wood. Ote and Nina also were well. George had a most enjoyable week-long visit from his dau Betty Jane, who was en route between CA and her home in northern NJ. She lives near WP which she visits frequently. She has a dau in Sacramento, a son in San Fran, and dau at Rutgers U. (NJ), and a son in high school. Bessie Elms and Betty Jane lived in El Paso while George was overseas during WW II.

Roly McNamee reports that the biggest news of interest to the Class in his area was the Jul visit of Al Wedemeyer, who had just turned over his papers to Stanford U. He visited Fred & Lynne Marlow in Pacific Palisades then Roly & Emily McNamee in Laguna Hills. "It was great seeing and talking to him," says Roly. Anne Crawford reports visiting Colo Spgs, CO, her family in Columbus, GA, and her dau Anne in Buffalo, NY. She plans to continue living in her house rather than move to an apartment. Margaret Jackson is planning a 3-week visit to England next May, with her sister, who lives near Margaret in San Diego. They will visit friends and relatives. Ed McAllister said the recent Santa Barbara fires had spared his home. He and Doris are in reasonably good health. He has an avocado orchard; and he sends his best regards to all his classmates. Flip Sutherland reports from Santa Barbara of spending the night watering the roof of her house against flying sparks. The people there had a really bad time with the brush fires this summer. Flip swims in the ocean daily, which "keeps (her) at 39." This summer Bobbie Broberg visited her brother in NY, spent a week with Deborah Nichols in York, ME, then visited relatives in Boston, and her dau in TN. Bob Scullin is having problems with cataracts but hopes to leave Sun City (AZ), (temp 112° F., or 44.5° C.) for a trip east in Sept. Davis Hale plans to revisit his relatives in Chattanooga this fall. With a group from his church he recently visited the Jet Propulsion Lab of NASA in Pasadena; he gets around. Mary Dickinson, widow of Russ Nelson, left on a trip to Russia, 9 Sept. Roly & Emily McNamee have sold their home in Leisure World and will move to La Jolla about mid-Oct. John & Eunice Denny visited Stanford U. to see

their granddau graduate. They expect to make a trip to the SW this fall. Helen Kanaga had planned a trip to the East Coast, including WP for June Week, but had to cancel because of illness of her sister. Don Nelson reports from Portland, OR, that his health is good and he is preparing an account of his wartime service. He participates in transportation and advisory programs for senior citizens and the disabled. Jack Burns is back in Tacoma, WA, after a year at the U. of Perugia, Italy, where he studied Italian. The oldest student in the class, he made "distinguished student." He has written a book, "How to Study a Foreign Language." Good work, Jack. Fred & Betty Drury just celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at Rossmoor, CA, where they participate in village activities. They enjoyed recent visits with their 2 sons, Fred Jr. and Richard (BG, USAF, USMA '50). Reporting from Olympia, WA, Dean & Amelia Luce are in "fairly good health." They motored through OR and ID this summer and plan a trip to Monterey and the San Fran Bay area this fall. Al Wedemeyer was in San Fran in Jul. Charlotte Ritchie, Louise Paquet, the Hutchinses, Ruths and Vances lunched with him at the Presidio Officers Club. Jim Phillips will marry Elva Covell on 25 Nov, the day after Thanksgiving. Elva is the widow of MG William E.R. Covell, USMA '15. The nuptials will take place in Carmel, where Elva and Jim now live, and where they will reside after a honeymoon in London. Linc Dillaway has sold his Pebble Beach home and bought a new one so that he can bring Elsie home and have a full-time, live-in nurse to take better care of Elsie. Jim Phillips visited WP in Aug and saw our Class Memorial for the first time. He says he had had little idea of what it was or where placed, and continues, "I think the cmte should be congratulated by all for the selection of the gift and its location. We should be very proud of our gift. I hope all members of the Class have a chance to see it. . ."

Scribe wishes to express his sincere thanks to the conscientious individuals who faithfully supply him with so many excellent notes.

#### ADDRESSES

The phone number of Virgil Shaw on the roster should be (919) 525-5457; that of Emmett Niblack, (704) 526-2964. Hugh Waddell says they are moving permanently, in Oct, to Docksides 18-G, 330 Concord St, Charleston, SC 29401. The name of Flossie Snodgrass was removed from her local phone directory. The name of Isaac Finley is not in his local phone directory. Paul R.M. Miller: (803) 782-5824. Harlan Hartness: (804) 453-3106. For address and phone no. of Richard Rick, see new Class Roster (1 Sept 77).

#### DECEASED

William T. Van de Graaff died 26 Apr 77; interment at Ft Logan National Cemetery, CO. Whiffer is survived by his widow, Patricia. Edgar H. Snodgrass died suddenly on 23 Aug 77; burial at WP. Lofty is survived by his widow, Flossie. Lucy M. Davidson died in her sleep about the middle of May 77. She was cremated, and her ashes were scattered, as had been done for Don. She is survived by a stepdau whose address is not known to us. Dot Flory died on 29 Jul after a long illness; interment in Arlington. A memorial service for her was held in the United Methodist Church, Chevy Chase, where she was a member of the Altar Guild. For 50 years a member of the DAR, Dot was long active in various community organizations at Ft Bliss, El Paso and the DC area. She is survived by her husband Les; and a

son, LTC Robert A., of Springfield, VA; and 4 grandchildren. Homer H. Gruenther, a younger brother of our Al, died 30 Jul 77 in WA Hospital Cen, after long illness. Services were held 3 Aug at Annunciation Catholic Church, WA. As admin asst to Sen Wherry and his successor, he originated, wrote and lobbied through both houses of Congress the Wherry Housing Act; and as a special asst to the Pres he guided through Congress much important legislation, such as that of the St. Lawrence Seaway, CO river projects, HI and AK statehood. Catherine S. Shea died 31 Aug in Orlando, FL; interment in Marion, NC. She is survived by a brother and a nephew.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### VITAL STATS

Living—104; Missing—2; Deceased—178; Widows—87.

# '20

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With great sadness I report Alex George and Jim Barney have died.

Alex George died 13 Jul 77 of brain cancer at the Iliff Nursing Home, Dunloring, VA, after prolonged illness in and out of Walter Reed. He was buried in Arlington. Classmates there were Amazeen, the Burns, Cassidys, Densons, Farrells, Fisher, Hinds, the Holles, John Mitchell, the Rehms, Samouces, Seybolds and Strattons. Also, members of the 29th Inf Div with which Alex served in ETO; at the Chapel services, a beautiful and moving eulogy was given by COL L.M. Gosorn of the Div staff, a WWI and II vet of the Div. Alex's distinguished combat service (2SS—2BSM—2PH—CM) was marked by the scrappiness we remember from his kaydet days. In 42, as a MAJ, he briefly commanded a Marine Regt of the Americal Div in a crucial opn on Guadalcanal, where he was badly wounded. He recovered in time to command the 175th Inf Regt of the 29th Div in the Normandy landings in 44. There he received a severe head wound and lost his left eye from a hand grenade. He recovered in time to command the 115th Tng Regt in Bremen, Germany, before the war ended. He ret dsbl wds in 46. We extend our deepest sympathies to his widow Louise, dau Louise, son Bill, grandson Alexander and their loved ones.

Jim Barney died 1 Sept 77 after prolonged illnesses (last 3 yrs in wheelchair) largely stemming from his war wounds. As one of our most combat-decorated classmates (2SS—2LM 4BSM—4PH), Jim distinguished himself with the Tank Destroyers in their "baptism of fire"



1920: Densons, Kehms '23, Samouces, Tullys at Tides Inn, Irvington, VA.

in North Africa early in WWII, and later in ETO. He and Ann had observed their Golden Wedding Anniv 10 Jul. Our deepest sympathies go to her and their loved ones.

Our deepest sympathies also to Charlie West, dau Marie, her children and grandchildren and their loved ones on the tragic death of her husband, COL Eleazar Parmly IV '46, on 19 Jul in an auto accident in Tipton, GA on their way from FL to Canada.

The news of Jim Barney came from Goff who touched base at DC Area classmates' Sept luncheon before flying back to Tacoma. He had roved through Santa Monica, CA; Cape Canaveral, FL for latest space shot; Walter Reed to check on cataract opn soon; and Ocean View, NJ, stamping ground of the Goffs for 300 yrs, visiting sister, Mrs. William H. Mowen. After comparing notes with Freddie Dixon, Jack thinks an honor roll of great-grandfathers should be started. I count around 20 living. All eligibles in favor of the idea, please check in to Jack your candidates for USMA Classes '95 and on, girl candidates too.

In annual elections for 5 of the 10 members of the Class Gov Cte, the Class re-elected the incumbents—Lemnitzner, John Mitchell, Plank, Rehm and Tully—for another 2 yrs. Daniel, Denson, Garvin, Kreuter and Singer gave them a close run for their money.



1920: Haswells and Leland Smiths at Pleasant Valley CC, Little Rock, AR.

Chitterling was in the "first count highest ten" but declined because of health.

Shattuck suffered amputation of right leg below the knee 1 Sept from an aneurysm. At this writing, Mit is beginning to get about in a wheelchair. He's already in surprising good spirits and "rarin" to get back home. Team up with Red Sharrar, Mit. More power to you both!

Edmonson wrote Holle 15 Jul he's with dau Carolyn Jean (Mrs. C.L. Robinson Jr.) at 25 Rockwood Rd East, Plandome, NY 11030, awaiting call for special pressure treatment at Nav Hosp, Bethesda, MD, following analysis of extensive tests last Jun of complications from tooth extraction after opn for cancer of the jaw yrs ago.

On 13 Jul Watt wrote Holle: "For last 3 wks pretty well immobilized again. Back extremely painful. Hosp tests found compressed vertebra. Markedly better now and may get entirely OK." Bob had major opn on right lung 8 Apr and 13" incision for removal of tumor in left shoulder.

As of 26 Sept, 27 classmates have contributed \$845 (5 at \$100 each) toward the National Memorial Museum honoring GEN John J. Pershing and his WWI cohorts, next to his boyhood home in Laclede, MO. It



1920: Tully, Kehm '23, Denson and Samouce at Terry's Marly Farm in VA.

was his dogged steadfastness against strong Allied opposition that assured the distinguished independent role of U.S. troops in WWI, and paved the way for their later, more global, dominant role in WWII. 1920 was especially privileged to have him as Graduation Speaker and as Army CS 21-24 during our first duty tours.

It's now Doctor GEN Lem Lemnitzner, Sirl It happened at the 21 May graduation ceremonies at The Citadel. The citation (briefed) reads—

"Lyman Louis Lemnitzner... distinguished Army officer, negotiator, mil diplomat... played vital role in Allied mil opns in WWII... In 41, as member WDCS, he took part in planning for mobilization and tng wartime Army and opns N. Africa... joined GEN Eisenhower's Allied Forces Hq, accompanied GEN Mark Clark as 2d in cmd of famous secret submarine mission to N. Africa... served in key positions in major Allied Cnds, incl CS Supreme Allied Cmd Mediterranean... An astute negotiator, he participated in discussions w/Italian and German officials which led to capitulation of Italy and unconditional surrender German Armed Forces Southern Europe... Helped draft NATO Treaty and mil assistance program... C-in-C UN & Far East Cmd... CS of Army... In 60 became Chmn JCS... later Supreme Allied Cdr Eur... Since ret 69, member Advisory Cte to The Citadel Bd of Visitors. In recognition of his achievements and service to the nation, The Citadel is proud to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Mil Science." Our hearty congratulations, Lem! On 17 Aug Lem lectured at AWC and, on 18-19 Aug, participated in the annual Army Leadership Seminar.

Early Sept Anne & Charles Holle attended the XXIV (quadrennial) Congress of the Permanent Intl Assn of Navigation Congresses in Leningrad USSR for 10 days. (Charles was Secy Gen XX Congress in Baltimore in 61 and is on the Assn's Exec Gov Cmtc which meets annually). Later they flew south for a 5-day cruise on the Black Sea and visits to its spas at Odessa, Yalta, Novorossiisk, Sochi and Batumi. Then 2 days in Moscow before returning home 22 Sept.

From Pierson came a copy of the Summer 77 quarterly News Letter of the Phi Kappa Sigma, a society of university men in U.S. and Canada of which he, Box and Withers are members. It contains the saga of Jeff's and Katy's eventful, sometimes dangerous 7700-mile cruise "around" the U.S. east of the MS River in their yacht, on which they



1920: Garrecht Brunch 11 Jul 76 (L-R): Front Row—Elinor Buckley, Agnes Garrecht, Lucille Rutte, Bartlett, Elizabeth Palmer, Virginia Post, Loriga Price; Standing (middle row)—Buckley, Mary Pierce, Genevieve Gjelsteen, Ruth (Mrs. F.R.) Johnson, Ruth Bartlett, Marge Fitzmaurice, Gjelsteen, Ellaverne McGehee, Marion Harmony, Ruth Stewart, Rutte; Rear Row—Harmony, Palmer, Jess Binns, Garrech, Stewart, Binns, Pierce, Fitzmaurice, McGehee.

reunited us on arrival at WP for the 55th Reunion (See Dec 75 ASSEMBLY).

Withers to Holle 2 Jul: "Just back from HI with brother from IL who's getting over 11 mos with shingles. Early last Dec I caught bad case of pneumonia but managed to be out of bed by Xmas Day. Month later, took Caribbean cruise—Jamaica, Dutch WI, Venezuela, Colombia and Yucatan. Mayan Ruins fascinated me... Occasionally see Singer and Wisehart once/yr. McCullough in AF Village is in poor phys shape... Had card from Bill Bartlett about his family gathering in Denver."

Duffner says Claudia still suffers from shingles since 74.

The Strattons and Doolittles plan to attend Army-Navy game in Philadelphia 26 Nov with any other classmates interested.

From Haswell 15 Jul: "My heart condition shows improvement from medication and exercise but can't plan long trips yet. Eulamay and I were at several wine-tasting parties in nearby cities... Some of my time goes into adm matters related to agriculture and forestry and forces me to bone up on new tax laws... We drove up to Little Rock once to have lunch with Leland & Myra Smith at the Pleasant Valley CC. They were visiting dau Janet Steel and her family.

Ed & Betty Ward Fisher are looking forward to fall visit from son John Ward Jr and his 2 youngest, Betty Jane 14 and Pete 10. John, like his father, is very musical and is bringing along his guitar to record on tape for them. They're happy that grandson John Ward III is running for DA of Chautauqua County, NY in Nov and has good chance of making it.

For John McNulty's birthday, Kathryn gave him a paddle-wheel cruise on Old Man River—John's dream since his HS days. It was a round trip, on the new MS Queen, from New Orleans with stops at Baton Rouge, Natchez and Vicksburg (water too low for St. Louis), ending up with gourmet dinners in New Orleans' French Quarter. Next trip was to Atlanta's fabulous new 60-story glass-enclosed Peach Tree Plaza Hotel. Then to SC and a log fire, in Jul yet! Last stop was Hilton Head and a swim in the Atlantic. Back to warm FL briefly, and off to the Virgin Is. Then San Juan, PR for a meeting of American Orchid Soc (Kathryn is a trustee and John a member of Educ & Rsch Cte. Then, in Jan 78, it will be Bangkok

for the World Orchid Congress with visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, Bali, Manila and HI. These McNultys do get around!

On needling from me, John Felli has revealed where he's been "hiding out" all these yrs since leaving the Army after Arty Sch at Cp Knox, KY. In Sept 21 he went back to Dartmouth where he'd been for 2 yrs before going to WP; entered as a senior and, in 2 yrs, acquired master's degree in Bus Admin. Then—"In May 23 I was in GM Treas Office Staff in NY in various clerical and supervisory positions until 33 when I was trfd to Gen Avn Corp (formerly Fokker Aircraft) as treas. GM had substantial interest in Gen Avn. Also in Western Air Express (later Western Air Lines). Gen Avn, thru merger, became North American Avn Inc with additional interest in Eastern Air Transport (Eastern Air Lines) and TWA. As Treas of N. American I was involved in financial development of the company... Traveled extensively over Eastern, Transcontinental and Western Air Lines during the development yrs of the early 30s. In 36 was reassigned as Asst Treas of GM. In that position I worked closely with GM VP in charge of finance, the Finance Cte of the Bd, the Chmn of the Bd, etc... concerned with Corp cash control and investments, capital appropriations, price studies, forecasts, govt reports, financial reports for stockholders and SEC, etc... Not many dull days during crash of 29 and depression of 30's with stockholder suits, discontinuance of civ production and conversion to mil in 42, reconversion back in 45-46, hearing before Congressional Ctes, etc... Ret. Aug 59 after 36 yrs in harness." It looks like you had a really exciting time all those yrs John, constantly "in the eye" of the pioneering and burgeoning



1920: Goff, Welch, and Bare at Cadet Admissions luncheon, Ft Lewis, WA.

maelstrom of the auto and avn industries. You carried a hefty load and, no doubt, with great distinction, contributing to the vast strides in them and their permeation of all lives in these U.S. Bravo to you, John!

John had married Ann Reding of Baltimore in 33. Her daus, Jeanne and Nancy, and their dau Judy have blessed them with 6 grandchildren and 2 greats. Since ret. they've traveled a little but mostly enjoy their home in Southold, NY, a farming, fishing and vacation spot. "We each have had several trips to the hosp, but as of now are doing as well as can be expected." Bravo again, to you both!

'21-'22

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In my previous notes I forgot to mention that I had received regrets for not attending our 55th from Bill Kyle, Lou Dolan, Frances Gregory, and Beverly (Kane) Ellsworth. Bill has official interests in 3 banks and at the time of our 55th he was in the midst of a bank merger negotiation which kept him close to the job and as it turned out it prevented him and Dorothy from their usual trip to Europe for the first time in 12 yrs. We hope to see them at our 60th if not before.

Beverly wrote me that after their return home from FL last spring her husband, Len, suffered a massive stroke, was operated on for prostate gland trouble and underwent brain surgery all of which kept him in the hospital several weeks. However I am pleased to report that Len is back to normal with no after effects. Marion Dolan was hospitalized for 3 mos at about the time of our 55th which prevented them from attending. Marion had 2 major operations, one for abdominal trouble and the other for a total hip replacement. She has recovered very nicely. Marion also missed her 50th anniv of graduation from Marymount Col at Tarrytown, NY. The Dolans have 22 grandchildren—14 of whom are boys. They are hopeful that at least one of them will get an appointment to WP.

Last summer May Murphy had another heart attack that put her in the hospital for several weeks. In a recent letter Murph wrote that May is back to normal and he would resume his teaching at the school in Miami Beach. And another bit of bad news: Blanche Stevens fell and broke her hip last May and has been in and out of Letterman Hosp several times since. She expected that she would have to have another operation in Oct or Nov. Her new address is: President James Monroe Manor, Sacramento, CA 95680.

Last Jul Johnny Johnson went on a 15-day tour of Siberia, USSR. Upon arrival in Moscow his baggage and personal effects were given the most thorough examination, while no one else was examined. He concluded it was because he was properly dressed, coat and tie while all the others seemed to be wearing work clothes. He covered Siberia from Bratsk to Samarkand. He has written a very comprehensive account of his trip and I am sure he would gladly send anyone a copy if they are interested. Johnny evidently does a lot of research about the country he is about to visit. The account of this trip is 6 pages long, typewritten single-spaced.

Our globe trotter Johnny also made a trip to CA and while there managed to get in



'21-'22: Louise and Rummy Rumaggi at the 55th.

a round or 2 of golf with Wes Yale. Wes shot his age, a 76 (the last time I played golf I had a 76 on the first hole). Johnny reports that Wes is in good shape so much so that he relieved Johnny of a few bucks at golf. Wes is still working on his new book—no publication date set yet.

More about Wes Yale. Numa Watson sent me a copy of Wes' article "No Will—No Win—No Way" as published in the Jul issue of *Army Magazine*. It is a most interesting and provocative story. I recommend highly that everyone read it. Wes is to be congratulated for this "fine piece of scholarly writing" (the quote by Numa Watson).

I received several letters from Sully Sullivan from S. Africa. Sully spent about a month down there touring the Republic of S. Africa, Swaziland, Victoria Falls and Rhodesia. He stated that he was very much impressed with the people in these countries. They have their problems, but they feel if they are left alone they can work them out. I asked Sully for a more detailed account of his trip, but as of this writing (9-26) I have not heard from him.

Time marches on. Morris & Consuelo Marcus celebrated the 55th anniv of their wedding on 22 Jun. Congratulations! Their friends and family gathered at the Miramar NAS Officers Club. Their daughter Connie came from Yuma, AZ (she had ordered 200 orchids flown in from HI), son Charles and his wife from Cupertino and a niece, Jean Raymond, from Arcadia. Also attending were Jim & Lou Spry. It was a grand and glorious party and here's wishing Morris and Connie many more happy years together.



'21-'22: Diddy and Max Taylor at the 55th.

More about the Marcuses. In the last issue of this magazine I suggested that each member of the class send me a biographical sketch. I received 2 so far, one from Morris Marcus and the other from Mark McClure. Morris stated that he is a descendent of José Arnaldo Marquez of Lima, Peru, who was his grandfather. José Marquez was a noted personage in Peru in the last century. In 30, the 100th anniv of his birth, his portrait was placed in the National Library in Lima as a tribute to his greatness and a monument was erected to commemorate his literary ability and his many contributions to a better life in Lima. José married a Miss Willcocks of NYC. They had one son, Morris' father. The Marquezes were finally divorced and Mrs. Marquez settled in San Fran and at that time changed her name to Marcus. Morris married Consuelo Swan of Lima, Peru, on 22 Jun 22. They had 2 children, Consuelo II, and Charles. Consuelo II married James Taylor and they have 3 children: Consuelo III, Shelly and James. Consuelo III married Philip Brady and they have 2 children, Consuelo IV, and Philip. The son Charles married twice (the first wife was the daughter of John Stodter '23) and had 2 children, Garry who married Barbara Lindsay, and James who was killed in a sailing accident in the Hawaiian waters. By way of a recap, the Marcuses have



'21-'22: Al and Renny Kastner at the 55th.

2 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 2 more on the way. Upon ret. from the service in 54 Morris spent 10 years with the San Fran Office of the Federal Services Finance Corp and finally called it quits in 64. Morris and Connie are enjoying life at their recreation center that provides many outside interests and being with their many friends in San Diego.

Mark McClure's biographical sketch is as follows: "Married Evelyn Krumm Gillen of Baltimore, MD on 27 Dec 32. We have one daughter who is married to Dr. R.P. Buttrick who is a professor on the faculty of UOH Athens, OH. They have 4 children ranging in age from 5-14 years. We have lived here in DC since ret. on 30 Sept 57. I have not been gainfully employed, but have enjoyed ret. with golf and bridge being my favorite activities."

Many thanks to Morris and Mark for these interesting biographical sketches. They are exactly what I had in mind and I hope the rest of you will come thru as Morris and Mark did.

Here are some excerpts from Mark McClure's reports of the DC monthly luncheon meetings: "July 12th: Except for the fact that I got stuck for the drinks it was a fine luncheon. I don't understand how I can be so inept at rolling that I cannot beat one



'21-'22: Lucile and Granger Anderson at the 55th.

of those guys." Max Taylor, George Olmsted, Orval Cook, Myron Leedy and Mark McClure were present. A number of world events were discussed and Max, George and Orval made some interesting comments. Aug 8th: The same group attended this luncheon. George talked about his contacts with Mr. Bert Lance, former chief of the Office of Mgmt and Budget before he held that position. George stated that the National Bank of GA was part of his financial empire until he sold it a couple of years ago. Sept. 12th: Everyone was present except Max Taylor who had a luncheon engagement with Ms Thatcher who heads up the Tory Party in England and who may be the next Prime Minister. Bill Lawton was still in ME. Mark stated that the 2 main topics of conversation were the Lance affair and the Panama Canal treaty, but that no definite decisions were reached in either subject."

Our DC classmates meet on the 2d Mon of each month at the Army-Navy Club. They would like to have any classmates who happen to be in DC at that time to attend the luncheon.

Max Taylor sent me a copy of the talk he gave to the students at ICAF last spring. The subject of the talk was: "Military Leadership. What is it? Can it be taught?" Here is a piece of literature that is a "must" for all members of the Armed Forces including the service academies. There is no address on the pamphlet as to where to write for a copy, but I am sure Max would gladly have a copy sent to you. Don't miss it.

The Journal of the American Defense Preparedness Assn in its Jul-Aug 77 issue devoted a full page memorial tribute to Benny Chidlaw. Ben had served as pres of the Assn in 57 and 58 and on its Board of Directors in 54 to 74. He was also a member of the Advisory Bd until his death. The article stated that he will be mourned by his many friends and associates and he will be missed in the Council of the Assn. And I might add not only by that Assn but by all of us who know him to be a great guy.

Lil Chidlaw wrote me that she sold her house in Colo Spgs. After 53 years of marriage she and Ben had accumulated an awful lot of things. She moved to a small apartment in Colo Spgs and had to dispose of a great many items. Fortunately her children and grandchildren came to the rescue and took everything that she wanted to discard. Lil's new address is, The Regency, Apt 601, 921

Greenstar Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

George Olmsted received a letter from COL M.J. Herbert, Chief Alumni Affairs and Gifts stating that the topographical terrain model that we presented to the Academy at the time of our 50th Reunion needed modernizing, repairing and restoring and that the estimated cost of the work would be \$307. After consultation with the Class Officers, all of whom agreed to the expenditure, George authorized the work be done. There was about \$1,500 in the fund for just this purpose.

The Haases spent a month last summer visiting their daughter and her family in Victoria, B.C., Canada. While there we did some fishing for salmon at Campbell River "the salmon-capital-of-the-world." In 6 days of fishing we caught 15 averaging 6 lbs each. We have several of them canned and brought home 35 8-oz cans of salmon. Then we visited our friends, COL & Mrs. John Spade in Port Angeles, WA. In 4 days fishing in the Strait of Juan de Fuca we caught 2 15-pounders. All in all it was a most pleasant visit particularly since we got away from the hottest summer FL has had since we have lived there.

Isabel Albert's new address is 155 East 38th St, New York, NY 10016.

# '23

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Our luncheon of 21 Sept brought out only 11 locals. Some were absent with varying degrees of incapacity. Among them were: Early, Stodter, Towle, Timberman, Coleman, and Carnes. Two others, Fry and Sweany, were still on trips. The loss resulting from these absences was compensated for by the presence of Don Galloway from FL. He brought news from the '23 in his and other places. The voluminous BS engendered by his presence included recollections of the fine meetings we had when Don was post cmdr at Myer.

The main effort of the meeting was on providing guidance for the preparation of Reunion Bulletin No. 2 which will include the detailed program with information on reservations, costs, etc. The AOG informs us that there will be room for us at the Thayer and that we can register there for alumni affairs and hotel rooms. We are planning for an airconditioned bus with lavatory to leave from Army Distaff Hall (where we can park our cars) and take us from there to WP and return.

The program outline follows:

**Wed 31 May**—Leave from Distaff Hall about 1000. Registration at the Thayer. Cocktails preceding a buffet supper beginning about 1830 at the Thayer.

**Thurs 1 Jun**—0930: Memorial Service at the Old Cadet Chapel followed by a bus tour of the post including the Class piano and organ in Eisenhower Hall and our Class Window in the Chapel. 1300: Lunch at the Thayer. 1500: A discussion of the FINAL REPORT OF THE WEST POINT STUDY GROUP. 1900: Cocktails and the Alumni Dinner. 2100: Superintendent's Reception, and 2200: Informal Alumni Dance all in Washington Hall.

**Fri 2 Jun**—0945: Lv Thayer for Alumni Exercises at Thayer monument and Alumni Review. 1230: Alumni Luncheon Meeting of AOG in Washington Hall, and Alumni Ladies' Luncheon at the Thayer. 1430: Visit cadet barracks. 1700: Cocktails and Class Dinner.



1923: Tredennick presents our Swimming Award to Cadet T.S. Kanamine.

Class Pres presides and renders "Sipping Cider Thru a Straw."

Sat 3 Jun—Reunion closes. Rooms must be vacated by 1200.

You will shortly receive the USMA June Week Program which has more detail on June Week events, forms for applying for tickets for certain events and gives the Thayer Hotel room rates for which you apply individually. It will also ask for a commitment on attendance. Address your questions on reunion matters to D'Espinosa. In the meantime, BOOST THE 55th!

Heaney's troops had only one report, a note that Al Johnson will be making his annual hunting trip to Northern Manitoba and after that he and Evelyn will go on a month's tour of the Far East.

Pink Palmer reports: "Now that the Gjelsteens' son Andy has graduated from USMA and daughter Ruth Ann has received a PhD in French from UCA Davis the parent Gjelsteens have sold their place in Sacramento after living in that city for 20 years, and have moved to La Jolla, where the climate should be much more pleasant than in the Central Valley. At present they are renting and will be looking for a place to buy as a permanent home. That puts them close to Deke Stone and not too far from Rancho Bernardo, where the Endertons, Rosenbergs, and Fowlers live.

"Before leaving Sacramento, the Gjelsteens were guests at a cocktail party given by Trooper Price's son in honor of Trooper's 79th birthday (Jul 3). Einar remarks that he is surprised that being born in 1898, Trooper wasn't named "Dewey" in honor of the Adm who was the new national hero at that important time. My own memory of the date is too rusty to tell me whether there was any danger of myself (Pinky) having suffered the same naming dignity in Jul of 1897 when I first saw the light of day.

"Jazz returned from a trip of about a month to visit relatives in OH and his friends Chaplain & Mrs. Bartholomew in VT. (The Chaplain conducted the memorial services for Marion.) On the way home he stopped with Sally's family at Lake Tahoe and was accompanied on the final lap to his home by granddaughter Carrol, who helped him open the house once again. Since then Jazz has been busy keeping the home place in shape, with occasional golf and an occasional assist from either Carrol or her brother Stevie. So far as I know Jazz has not yet presented Stevie with a golf club.

"In August I learned that Eleanor & Mike Buckley, who had missed our 50th Anniv

party because they were to be starting a trip to Europe that day, had not gotten off on the European trip because of Eleanor's alimentary troubles which required an emergency operation at Ft Ord. After about a week at the hospital Eleanor was home recuperating, but had to return to the hospital where she is now undergoing a follow-up operation. We're all pulling for Eleanor's quick recovery, so she can accompany Mike to the Class' 55th to which so many of us are looking forward."

From Roy Dwyer: "Don & Dot Tredennick made their trips to Ft Sill and NC to visit their sons. Tred still works on securing candidates for WP from his area. He is consistently successful. Moreover his candidates unfailingly turn out to be good cadets. Two of them lettered in baseball last season and 2 others are high in academic ratings. Among those who entered in Jul for Class of '81 is one prospect for high jump and 2 prospects for football and wrestling. Tred deserves much credit for his endeavors. He remains active in the Valley Forge Chapter of TROA. The Dwyers and the Tredennicks attended the quarterly dinner meeting of the Chapter in July. Dot's 2 sisters, one visiting from HI and the other from DC with her husband, BC Robin Pape '24, also attended this affair. Dot and Tred plan to attend all Army home games at WP this fall and hope to see Army win in Philly. Dot continues to be an expert Army statistics recorder and could well help the AAA in this field. They both plan a trip in Oct to OH to pay off a bet on last year's Army-Navy game, a yearly bet Tred makes with an OH friend. The bet is a dinner with of course Tred will be paying for this year. He hopes his friend will have to come to Reading in 78 to pay for result of 77 game. DON'T WE ALL! Helen & Jimmy Carroll, Dot and Tred and Mary & Roy Dwyer plan to attend a mini-convention of PA TROA members at Buck Hill Inn in the Poconos in Nov and incidentally to have their own mini-reunion of '23 there.

"Frank Wilder has recovered from his prostate operation but still has to go slow on his activities. A biopsy on his little finger showed it was benign. M.E.'s health remains passably fair but periodic visits to a neurologist are necessary. Frank has tried twice to make a visit to Frenchy Grombach but each time something intervened. He will make another effort. Frank is again active trying to keep the liberals and bleeding hearts from taking over the U.S. Currently he is working hard with the cooperation of the rector of his Episcopal Church to show the American Security Council's 'The Price of Peace and Freedom' which has received much publicity in some film quarters. He is encouraged by the interest and response from other churches of many denominations in his area and expects a large turnout. Frank is also looking forward to a visit from his oldest grandson and wife, whom Frank and M.E. have never met. The grandson is doing well in the banking business in Atlanta and they are very proud of him.

"Helen & Jimmy Carroll continue to enjoy their beautiful Carlisle, PA home. With the help of the Army Health Clinic at Carlisle Bks they stay in good health.

"Howard Serig reports that he thinks from what he reads in NY papers that Army's football defense and ground game have something lacking. What else is new, especially since those dismal days of Dietzel? Howard was particularly saddened by the death of Tommy Maddocks who he thinks, quote 'was in every way truly one of the

finest and most likeable men in our Class.' To which we can all say a solemn 'Amen!'

"Roy Dwyer, after being out of circulation from early Mar to late Jul following removal of cataracts from both eyes and not being able to drive a car (Mary does not drive) or being able to read much, is back again. He continues to marvel at the aid he received from Mary, his son and daughter and 9 grandchildren and wonderful neighbors during his siege. One grandson drove Mary and Roy to Wheeling, WV for the Diamond Jubilee of one of Mary's sisters, a nun in the Visitation Order. Mary and Roy regretted that they had to pass up the 29th Reunion of the 102d Inf Div Assn in New Orleans in Jul. It was only the 3d he missed since the first he attended in Philly in 49, the other two were missed while on duty in Turkey in 52 and 53. They are looking forward to being at the 30th Reunion in the Valley Forge area near Philly in 78 after attending our own 55th Reunion at WP. They now have 4 grandchildren in college, Steve Dwyer, a yearling at WP (an interesting trivia fact is that in the ROG there are only 11 Dwyers listed since the start of the Academy and now the current Class of '80 has 3 Dwyers in one class—Jon Dwyer, football player, Jim Dwyer and Steve Dwyer, both on lacrosse squad.) Other grandchildren in college, Mark Honebrink, Bucknell; Ann Honebrink now in PA Med Col in Phila and Patty Dwyer in Nursing Sch of Jefferson Med Col in Phila. One other is married but no great-grandchildren yet, and 4 others are in HS. Roy expects to make the Colorado, Villanova, Notre Dame and Pitt games if his arthritic knees can hold up for the walking. He is still undecided about Navy game at that ungodly hour of 4:00 p.m. in that cavernous stadium in the dark and probably freezing weather. He will probably try it and hopes to see some classmates at games.

Hazel & Ken Webber sent in this note: "After a week on a barge up the Midi Canal, we are again driving around France. Last night we stayed in Compiègne in the house where Guignemer, the famous ace of WWI, lived. France is getting so congested with cars that motoring here is really no longer a pleasure, especially in the environs of Paris. Guess I was meant to be a country boy all my life. Weather has been most pleasant."

Wendell Johnson's notes: "We have had a good summer but, like others, it's going too fast. We enjoyed the visit of Ray & Mary Pierce last May, and in Jul had son Jerry and family with us, and right now my nephew is here from Albuquerque with his wife and 2 boys. He's an outstanding orthodontist in NM and with a rep nationwide.

"Jerry and Wendell Jr. now have their families together at Ocean City, MD. Both have decided they want to rent cottages on our Lake Megunticook next summer.

"Other than golf a couple of days a week and swimming at the lake another couple of afternoons, I've managed to keep busy with historical society matters—working a morning a week at the Old Conway barn which we have gotten much better organized with displays all marked and more attractively shown. I am still on the board and chmn of membership, and chmn of arrangements for our hosting here in Sept of the annual meeting of the ME League of Historical Societies. Ruth and I think we may take a brief trip after that is another item of history—possibly a jaunt thru NH and VT or maybe to Nova Scotia. We have no plans yet for the winter, but sort of lean

toward FL again. Probably will get down to Wendy's in Potomac for Thanksgiving or Xmas."

The Johnsons added more detail on accommodations in Portugal. To any of you interested in going there, I strongly recommend that you get in touch with them. If you are interested in ME history, they have the dope on that also.

In the last letter we had from Joan Carnes, wife of our godson, Richard Carnes, she said that Jim and Naomi were at Houston indefinitely. The address is c/o COL Richard Carnes, USA Ret., 1702 Resada, Houston, TX 77062.

Harmony sent in this report: "The son and daughter of 'Pinky' & Elizabeth Palmer, along with their families, combined to help their parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniv on Sun, 7 Aug, by giving a dinner party at the Saint Paul's Towers Retirement Community in Oakland.

"Son Glenn H. Palmer Jr., USMA '52, his wife Maggie and their 2 sons, Glenn H. Palmer III and Randall Alan, came from Peoria, IL. Daughter, Virginia Palmer James, her husband Dalton and 2 of their 3 daughters, Shannon and Erin, came from S. CA. Dawn, the oldest daughter, is in the Army, and came all the way from Ft Leonard Wood. So all in all 9 members of the immediate family came to congratulate 'Pinky' and Elizabeth and wish them continued good health and happiness.

"Elizabeth was simply radiant. Her pride in her children and grandchildren and thankfulness for her good health and the host of friends she has made over the 50 years of a very happy marriage truly made her glow. Pinky, who by the way is the oldest member of the Class of '23, looked just great. Certainly the 50 years together have been great for both of them. Pinky's appearance is one of good health and happiness. To me he has changed less than any other classmate over the years.

"The Palmers wanted the party to be small enough so that everyone could get acquainted. When Howard Serig, also SC and Best Man at the wedding, could not be present, they decided to invite guests from this area who could also represent the many friends made at various stations and periods of their service. Martha, widow of V.A. Conrad, USMA '24, now wife of Cary J. King, also USMA '24 represented the friends of the SC. CPT Fred Witzel, USN (Ret) and his wife, Virgilia, both of UCA Berkeley, were representative of many friends made in China shortly after WW II when Pinky was with MAAG (Nanking).

"David Barton Jr., son of our deceased classmate, and his wife Joann, represented a link with the past for Palmer's own children and even for 2 of their granddaughters. The Bartons' 3 daughters parallel but precede the 3 Palmer granddaughters by a very few years. Polly, widow of our classmate Barton, lives in Santa Clara, doesn't circulate as far afield as the occasion would have required, but Pinky and Elizabeth keep in touch with her by phone and occasional notes. Dottie & Eddie Plank, USMA '20, and Harmony represented all the post-ret. close friends of the Palmers. Among that group is the N. CA contingent of our Class. Pinky and Elizabeth are extremely popular members of our '23 group.

"I suspect that Elizabeth was responsible for the beautiful table decorations and the fine service since she probably was the one who talked to those who prepared and served

the delicious dinner. It was a great event thoroughly enjoyed by all present."

Barroll sets the record straight! "In the spring ASSEMBLY you said you had heard that I was due for knee surgery. That is about the only thing I didn't get. I had osteoarthritis that became so bad last fall that my choice was limited to a wheel chair or hip replacements. I chose the latter and on 8 Dec my surgeon replaced my left hip, but the attendants moving me from the operating table to my mobile bed, dropped me and broke up the new plastic hip—which meant another operation. They gave me so much anesthesia that I got pneumonia (temperature 104°). That called for special treatment of sticking foot long plastic tubes down my nose and making me cough up the very colorful contents of my lungs. Later they replaced my right hip and then decided on a prostate operation. They also discovered and treated an infected bladder. None of this bothered me because I was so drugged most of the time, but when the doctor said 'Larry, we were quite worried about you,' I got a bit scared. Then after a few weeks of therapy I was given permission to go back to Cape Cod. So we began to get packed, when on Saturday night, June 4th, at around 11 p.m. (it would be) I dropped a pain killer pill which rolled under my bed. When I tried to reach for it, I threw my left hip out of joint and so the next morning an ambulance was sent for me and I went back to the hospital for operation No. 5.

"Well, we had our Cotuit taxi call for our belongings (a full load), took the Air New England plane back to Hyannis and taxied to our home here. The next day our Plymouth car dealer delivered our new car and once I learned to get in backwards we were in business again. In between times Clare is making history with her writing."

Helen & Pat O'Reilly celebrated their 50th wedding anniv in Jun. Their daughter Maura and Chad, their son-in-law, flew in from the West Coast with the 6 grandchildren.

I am enclosing the note from Sen Yarborough, because I believe you will be pleased to note that service at WP can be meaningful to one whose time there was short.

"Thank you very much for the account you write of the members of our '23 Class at The Point. I read every word you write about all of our Class in each issue of the ASSEMBLY, and just regret that in my years in DC my work prevented my meeting with the Class as I have wanted to do.

"You may think this is an idle statement, but you will realize some of the cause of it when I tell you that the newspapers in TX fought me the hardest in every election. The Dallas News finally wrote an article (after I was defeated) admitting that I had passed more national legislation than any other Senator in the history of TX.

"The sad news this time was the notice that A.D. Raymond had passed away. He was in E Co. in which I served during my year at the Point. The thing most astonishing was the influence that he had on his own family as shown by the photograph on page 47.

"Thanks to you for keeping all of us advised as to where our former classmates are and what they are now doing. As time passes I treasure that knowledge of each of them all the more."

Memo from the Salsmans: "In early Sept we and the Wendell Johnsons had a delightful rendezvous in Southport Is (near Boothbay Harbor) ME. We took a trip there via

Boston for a few days stay at the Newagen Inn. The Johnsons drove down from their home in Camden for cocktails and dinner with us. The Johnsons look extremely well and were most enthusiastic about their enjoyable spring in Portugal."

Fritz and his family returned from a north woods vacation in Aug. He said the weather was enjoyable though cold and rainy, but there were lots of fish. He sends greetings to all of us and asks us to encourage attendance at our 55th Reunion.

#### SAD NEWS

Adkins, John E., Jr., COL USA Ret., died in New Orleans on 29 Jul. The only information we have as of 30 Sept came from the Sept ASSEMBLY.

Casad, Mr. James K., died in San Fran on 30 Aug. He is survived by his wife Ann. This information came to us from "Pink" Palmer.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Gjelsteen, MG Einar B. (Genevieve), 5505 Soledad Rd, La Jolla, CA 92033. In the Sept address for Dulaney, change 3 to 5 and in the one for G.C. Stewart, insert "Dr" after "Crowfield" and change the Zip to 28803.

# '24

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The celebrations of Ben & Evelyn Mesick and friends, in observance of the Mesicks' 50th wedding anniv on 14 May, are worth describing in detail. The first thing in the morning their daughters, Carolyn and Charlotte, with the help of a neighbor, surprised them with an "Album of Golden Memories"—over 180 pages of messages and photos from friends all over the world. Then at 2:00 p.m., the immediate family sitting in the choir stalls witnessed Evelyn and Ben renewing their vows in the Grace Episcopal Church in Tucson. Their original best man, Frank Miter, USMA '26, could not attend but his daughter Diana sang hymn No. 214, "Oh Perfect Love," during the ceremony. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., they received about 70 local friends at an "at home." These included Emil & Nelle Lenzner, Bill & Maria O'Connor, Doug & Kitty Smith and Zoe Forbes—the complete '24 contingent. At the appropriate time and with the help of Evelyn, Ben cut the cake with his original sword. The Big Day was topped off with a dinner party at the Davis-Monthan Officers Club followed by



1924: Pat Pasolli on his Texas bronco.

dancing in the lounge. The Mesicks are now looking forward to the 55th, the 60th, and later.

Word has been received of the election last Mar of Herb Vogel to membership in the National Academy of Engineering. Election to the Academy is the highest professional distinction that can be conferred on an engr and honors those who have made important contributions to engr theory and practice or who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology. Herb's citation reads, "Contributions to hydraulic model experimentation, water resource development, and military engineering."

Jim Willis writes that 3 yrs ago they sold their house and moved to a condominium in Macon, GA, which they enjoy especially because of the reduced amount of necessary work. Jim has been taking it easy ever since his treatment 2 yrs ago at Walter Reed. He is a volunteer caretaker of the rose garden at the condominium clubhouse. Last year they had a visit from Charlie Daniel who lives in Marietta, GA, and is active in the Atlanta Rose Society. He came to Macon to speak at the Middle GA Rose Society about exhibiting roses. Charlie also has a hobby fooling with German 400-day clocks. Since Jim's clock had not been working for several years, Charlie put it in operation while he was there.

Mary Margaret Devens, USNA '24, reports the birth of a 2d great-grandchild, Mary Kathryn Donnally, who is the granddaughter of Prof & Mrs. W. George Devens, USMA '46, of Blacksburg, VA. Mary Margaret also brings us up to date on the continuing education of her grandchildren. Three graduated from college in May and Jun—namely Michael M. McCloskey from Dickinson Law Sch at Carlisle, PA; Robert M. Devens from VMI, selected for regular commission in the CE; and Margaret Ann McCloskey, magna cum laude from the Belmont Abbey Coll in NC where she won a grant to UNC for grad study and was mentioned in "Who's Who in

American Colleges." Three other grandchildren graduated from high schools—namely Robert N. McCloskey who will attend the U. of Lowell in MA; John E. Devens, son of John W. Devens, USMA '58, who will go to the VPI; and Timothy M. Devens, son of George Devens, USMA '46, who will follow the family tradition and enter the WP Prep Sch prior to entering USMA in 78.

Corinne Outcalt recently celebrated her 75th birthday in Bamberg, Germany where she is living with her daughter Ann who is married to COL Charles G. Prather, USMA '56, commanding the 3d Bde, 1st AD, and cousin of Dick Prather. Corinne finds life with the 3 grandchildren interesting and very demanding, considering the social activities at the bde hqs. The oldest granddaughter, Julie, recently married in Bamberg and is living at Ft Benning.

Sam & Emo Fisher were in Stuttgart, Germany, for 5 weeks during May and Jun, visiting their son. Then they spent 10 days in London at the height of the Jubilee Year.

Mark & Lilla Smith spent 6 wks in Europe during Apr, May and Jun. Their son, COL, USAF stationed at Ramstein, drove them to many places in Bavaria, Belgium, Holland, Lichtenstein, Luxemburg and Switzerland, and including Heidelberg where Mark was stationed from 51 to 54. Then Lilla, with daughter-in-law, visited Scandinavia, Leningrad and Moscow. While they were gone, Mark and son drove to some of the places where Mark had been during WWI. These included the woods at Montfalcon and an old chateau where Mark had been billeted in Dec 18. At that time there was a manure pile one story high in the courtyard. When Mark and Lilla saw the place in 53, the pile was still there. This time, however, the courtyard was bare. That's progress.

The N. CA section of the West Coast Thundering Herd held its luncheon at Ming's in Palo Alto on 17 Aug. Pat Stebbins made all the arrangements. Fourteen were in attendance; namely, the Malins, Van Wyks, Kings, Coombs, Keilers, Bettie Stephens, Ruth Robins, Pat Stebbins and her daughter Patsy. The Zach Moores and Carol Lloyd had to cancel out the last minute.

Pete Day's granddaughter Karen of Junction City, KS, reports slight improvement in Pete's condition.

Pat & Marion Pasolli and their daughter Cora and her husband, Dan Tierney, were the dinner guests of Clem & Anne Dabazies at their home in Ft Worth on 22 Jul. It was a most enjoyable get-together, especially since it was the eve of the Dabazies' 35th wedding anniv. Pat says the occasion was well observed with glasses raised high.

Les Skinner had a flare-up of the heart last Apr, but no clots or infarction. After 14 days in the hospital he returned home and now



1924: Ben and Evelyn Mesick



1924: Corinne Outcalt and family.



1924: The Pasollis and Dabazies at the Dabs' 35th wedding anniversary.

is back, at reduced pace, with his sculpting activities. He works in marble and was recently written up in the *St. Petersburg Times*. Les says this hobby affords him a great deal of relaxation and satisfaction. They were recently visited by daughter Leslie and family, plus 2 great-grandsons (twins).

Word has been received from Jerry Reid of the death of Jacky, his beloved wife of 53 years. It came on her 81st birthday, 15 Jul, at their home in Spearfish, SD. Funeral services were held in the hometown. Burial was in Belle Fourche, SD.

# '25

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As a scribe **Daddy Dunn** is a hard act to follow. I can't hope to equal the fine job he has done for us over the years but I'll do the best I can. I'm glad to report that Daddy seems to be holding his own pretty well. The DC group was pleased that he was able to make the Aug Class luncheon. All classmates and their wives should try to do the same whenever possible. They are held at the Army-Navy CC the first Thurs in every month. The ladies meet separately. Regulars: Galloway, Crandall, Cole, Dunn, Hopkins, Dunford, Bailey, Barnett, Barnes. Recent drop-ins: Fowlkes, Akerman and Linkswiler (from FL, courtesy USAF). At the Aug luncheon they voted to retain Class control over the balance from the Class gift to the Academy for the present. And—a sign of the times!—a hot dispute developed over who takes the most and greatest variety of pills. Hoppie reported that Class dues are coming in well, and that he doesn't take any pills. Galloway reported that they have a 3d generation carrying on the military tradition. Their granddaughter Laura is in the ROTC at Georgetown.

More about **Red Newman's** trip to the Philippines in Oct, to participate in the dedication of the MacArthur memorial. An impressive Army poster, "Follow Me," depicts Red leading the first wave on Red Beach at Leyte. Red says it wasn't quite that way but close enough, we can be sure. He also says that they cleaned up his remarks at the time somewhat. Knowing Red this was hardly necessary. Red says that he was shocked during the fire fight to receive a message that GEN MacArthur had landed on the beach. This is the precise location for the memorial. The feet of the statue will be under water at high tide. We hope that Red will write a feature article for *ASSEMBLY* giving us a first hand account of the memorial and of the landing itself.

Bad news from **Gus Farwick**. He was in

a serious auto accident, had several broken bones, and is navigating with the aid of a walker. It seems ironic that 2 such fast men as Gus and Red should be so slowed-down. Maybe some of us sedentary types could beat them in a foot race, if the course were no longer than 10 yards.

**Bruce Clarke** stays busy with the Freedoms Foundation, as an advisor to NATO, and with other ideas for improving the military and its combat readiness. An Engr observance (no cracks from you goats—remember Sylvanus Thayer—and keep on reading) at Valley Forge in Jun 78 has been approved by the Planning Cmte—big doings with the Pres of the U.S. participating. Bruce is ready to prove, when asked, that we could have 25% more readiness without increase in costs and a better Army, Navy and AF in the process. Maybe he will get the Pres's ear at Valley Forge. Incidentally, if you haven't read "Clarke of St. Vith" you should.

For WP Bruce feels that the "battle of the tenths" is not the best way for determining the relative potential of cadets. He wants them to compete against standards set by the Academy rather than against each other to the third decimal point. He has so recommended to the Supe and reports that the new Supe has done away with the "General Order of Merit." The Sept *ASSEMBLY* makes it official. Can you visualize A's and F's instead of tenths?

**Johnny E. L.** reports from AF Village in San Ant that life is good there. He has seen Jack McCormick, Dave Bradford, and Sue Heacock recently. He enclosed a newspaper clipping about the 125th birthday celebration of Ft Clark. Jack, a 2LT of Cav more than 50 yrs ago, met the LT in command of the 1st Cav Div Horse Platoon, which participated in full "John Wayne" regalia. Jack reports that he and Marjorie had a pleasant ocean voyage recently; also, that Zed Emerson seems completely recovered from a siege with the doctors.

Johnnie also recently had a pleasant visit with **John Dansby** who is comfortably set up in a good nursing home, with his family nearby. Handicapped by Parkinson's Disease, as Johnnie puts it, he can't write but can read and would like to hear from his friends. It develops that Johnnie wasn't quite correct. We now have a nice letter from John, typewritten but with a handwritten addendum. So write to him and expect a reply. His address: 746 Alpine Dr, Rm 203, Kerrville, TX 78028.

**Charlotte Stephenson** visited England and Scotland and attended the Queen's Jubilee. She curtsied to the Queen as she had at the tender age of 17 to the Queen's grandmother and grandfather. Charlotte is still a **Stephenson**, married to Bill's brother, Bennett. They live on a ranch near Eugene, OR with an assortment of animals including a herd of goats whose sole duty is cutting the grass. A dude ranch maybe, but Bennett rides the fence to discourage rustlers (local college students). **Hubert Cole** reports that his son Hubert J. is now at the Aberdeen PG, having been transferred with a promotion to GS 13. He brags about their 3 grandsons (their daughter's children) but would like to have a granddaughter. Who wouldn't?

Since this is the bragging dept, the **Liwskis** attended the graduation of their grandson, Max Klein, as valedictorian of his class. He is headed for MIT. Another grandson has completed plebe year in the top 25% of his class. **Fowlkes** can't resist joining in. His grandson, Gil Allen, graduated cum laude

(not summa—it took a girl for that) and on the same day won the high school tennis championship for the State of DE. Maybe they put something special in the cod liver oil these days. Also, Pete is a pioneer in energy conservation. His solution—skylights.

And—**Frank Steer** joins the bragging with gusto. His wife Tootsie has graduated from the UHI with a 3.7 average; made Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and National Mortar Board, Phi Sigma Alpha, one of the few to be so honored. She has been accepted in the grad program (Anthropology) and will work for a doctorate in the Hula. She is an expert, as some of us can testify from personal observation. Frank also bragged a bit about himself, at least about his health. He expects to make the list of Oldest Living Graduates. That fresh pineapple juice must be potent stuff!

Announcement has been received of the marriage of 1LT **Ben Withers**, the youngest of the Withers clan. When their Fonce was born in May 1952 the Fowlkes thought they had established a Class record for borning the youngest child. If so, the record was immediately broken when **Ben Withers** appeared a few days later. Since then the "**Benny**" Bennetts have blasted it many times. They brought five outstanding examples to the 50th Reunion. Of course they got off to a late start. And now they are losing their youngest to marriage. Maybe you're just gaining another son, Benny.

The **Nutters** might be, or have been, in competition with their iceskating daughter now just a "yearling" in college. Any other candidates? Remember, no substitutions allowed. Hoppie reports that **Bill & Liz Wood** were in Rehobeth for a week this summer and visited with them and with **Johnnie** and **Marge Roosma** at a party given by **Mac & Mary Lou McManus**. Mac, like many of us, has had bouts with the doctors, but we trust is on the mend. Incidentally, **Bill Wood Jr.** is a doctor in Easton, MD. All in Delmarva note for possible future reference. **Nettie Black** and **Genevieve Carne** also came down to visit with the **Woods**. **Pierre Denson** reports that he and Val are still at the same old stand in San Fran. He is still working for the city, inspecting new contract work. Still getting paid for doing a job of work; that must be another Class record. He joins many others in appreciation of what **Daddy Dunn** has done for the Class over the years.

**Art Ruppert** reports that he and **Lillian** are doing well but it "ain't like it used to be." He is breaking in a couple of younger men to take over his business so he can ret. **Soap & Jean Suttles** are still travellers, recently concentrating on pro-golf tournaments, collecting golf caps to join 200 hats of all descriptions picked up around the globe. They actually live on a golf course, 10 miles north of Dover, DE.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of the **Toms'** daughter, **Raye Elizabeth**, to Mr. Robert Cruse, a London architect. We remember her from England days as a beautiful and talented little girl. Ray is mostly confined to a wheelchair but Agnes keeps as active as usual; an avid gardener, flowers and vegetables.

Some time ago we heard that our stalwart leader, **Charlie Saltzman**, was undergoing bionic surgery on his hip to improve his performance on the tennis court. We are pleased to hear now that the operation was entirely successful and that he is well on the mend. Ready for Forest Hills soon, Charlie? **Bill Nutter** is on the mend from a heart attack

suffered in Jul. The doctors have him on a rigid protocol of diet and exercise. He is cooperating with the medicos, with excellent prospects of soon being much more active. He says he will see us at the 55th in 1980. His backdoor neighbor, Olie Neprud, is getting about slowly, like some others of us, including Gosco Gose, but they get there just the same.

Ed McLaughlin reports in from his "farm" in AL. The weather has been awful; hot and dry, but the grass and weeds are thriving; also the live stock, consisting of one fine English bulldog and one stray alley cat.

The Bolducs report in from Denver. They have a small, comfortable apartment (2825 W. 32d Ave) with all support facilities nearby. We can't put them in the bragging dept because they didn't brag, but Bill Nutter did it for them. Their son, Lucian Jr. '50 recently got his 2d star.

Count & Bee Cavelli in Jun and Jul had a fabulous trip, "The Siberio-Oriental Russian Adventure"; modern Marco Polos. They covered more territory than Genghis Khan, Tamerlane and Alexander the Great, with, however, a somewhat improved mode of transportation.

The Hankins report that all is serene on the Cote d'Azur, Cannes, and Paris after 2 major sieges with the doctors. They expressed good wishes for Daddy Dunn's improved health. A reminder: Here on the Eastern Shore we are somewhat isolated from what some of you may perceive to be the centers of civilization. To put it simply, we are not likely to hear about your comings and goings unless you tell us. So please tell us.

In conclusion, the theme of his report must be the overwhelming expression of our classmates of appreciation for what Daddy Dunn has done for us, and our best wishes to him and his family in his fight to regain his health. We look forward to seeing him with Bill Nutter and the rest of us at the 55th Reunion in 1980.

Many classmates said they miss his Class letters and would like to see them continued. Sorry fellows, present Class policy, read them in ASSEMBLY.

# '26

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This column has been prepared by your scribe with some trepidation. Red Reeder sends advice—I quote: "I authored the ASSEMBLY column for 2 years. When there was no news I invented it." Your forbearance and comments will be appreciated.

Jimmy Burwell informed us, 24 Aug 77, of the terrible tragedy which struck swiftly in the home of Bill & Pat Dean on 22 Aug 77. Pat was in her upstairs bedroom for her afternoon nap. Bill was at his downtown office. It is believed that Pat was awakened by smoldering fire and smoke and then opened a window or door. The resulting inrush of added oxygen to the bedroom set off an explosion which set fire to many things including Pat's clothing and shattered window glass. Close neighbors hearing the blast and seeing flames and smoke pouring from the bedroom window, called in an alarm and ran into the house. One person ran upstairs but was met by a wall of fire and smoke. Fire and Rescue crewmen arrived and had the fire under control within 5 minutes after the alarm. Pat was rushed in an ambulance to



1926: Class of '26 Tree at West Point (the gentleman is 75!)

the Green Hospital but she was pronounced dead upon arrival. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bill in this time of anguish and pain.

Vald & Evelyn Heiberg were overnite guests of Rod & Kitty Smith, 15 & 16 Jul. They were en route to W. Germany (see ASSEMBLY, Sept issue, p. 66). They were luncheon guests of 20 classmates and wives, 16 Jul, at Army-Navy CC, Arlington, VA. Present were—honorees, Vald & Evelyn Heiberg, Leon & Lucille Johnson, Harry & Betty Storke, Rod & Kathy Smith, "Adm" Sims & Carleen, Tommy & Edwina White, Red Corderman & Virginia, Sparky Baird, Herb Ehrgott, Fred & Elsie Munson, Pick & Ada Collins, Nellie & Lucile Nelson. Vald, noting that his newly elected staff officers were present, couldn't resist holding a presidential staff meeting immediately after lunch. Vald & Evelyn departed Dulles Intl for W. Germany 17 Jul.

Rod Smith recently received a letter from General Goodpaster, Supt USMA. It reads—"We are most grateful to the Class of 1926 for its generous gift of the furnishings in the Pershing Room, and I hope the Class will be pleased to know that with the relocation of the Cadet Hostess, the room will now receive much greater use. More general use of Cullum Hall by the Corps will insure a broader exposure of these young men and women to the wellsprings of history, military tradition and decorum which the building represents. . . . Best regards to the Class of 1926." The Cadet Hostess's Office is now in the first floor area of Cullum Hall normally occupied by the AOG Gift Shop for Homecoming and June Week. The Pershing Room will be open to upperclasses from Mon a.m. to noon Sat. It will be reserved for use by the Fourth Class on Sat p.m. and Sun for receiving and entertaining guests.

Rod Smith wrote to the Post Engineer expressing his concern with the health of the Class of 1926 Tree last Jun. COL C.D. Gilkey replied in a recent letter, quoted in part—"This tree was affected with oak leaf blister caused by cool-wet weather of Mar & Apr. My landscape crew has pruned out the dead branches and has fed the tree to stimulate growth. . . . This tree was transplanted approximately 3 yrs ago and should fill out during the next 2 yrs."

"Admiral" Sims reports continuing improvement from all the surgery on his hip. He is using a cane to descend steps and stairs. Doesn't need it to go up. Admiral and Carleen vacationed last summer at the Cloister, Sea Island, GA. While there they report having as luncheon guests Esther Andersen (Jimmy) and her daughter-in-law Marsha. Esther looked good and had spent the previous 2 wks in the hospital for a heart problem. Esther still loves all of Jimmy's classmates. Her son is a successful architect in nearby St. Simons.

Adm also writes that Carleen spends most of her time in the good works ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation, Inc. She is Pres of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter and a Dir of the National Org, Nationwide. There are 10 chapters with around 1000 women as members. Carleen's Chapter schedules monthly parties and other activities to raise funds to support scholarships for gifted and needy students. Activities include field trips such as a day at an atomic powered electrical generating plant in Peach Bottom, PA, and another at the Cancer Rsch Cen at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD, where they observed and were briefed on 7 different kinds of cancer. One of the doctors was able to finish his graduate education by financial assistance from the Chapter. The Chapter had scheduled their Scholarship Awards dinner at the National Geographic Society 23 Sept 77. This was to honor 7 scholars from George Washington, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown U. The Honorable Charles J. Hitch, former pres of U. of CA, now pres of Resources for the Future, will be the speaker. Adm is a proud husband.

Don Booth writes from Santa Barbara, CA concerning the forest fires of late Jul which threatened the Santa Barbara area: "I would like you to publish my thanks to the classmates who phoned me during and immediately after our disastrous fire this last week. Being so far away from the population center of the Class, it was heartening to know that there were many that were concerned and cared. One classmate, not knowing how things were, even offered funds should I need them. Luckily for us (Don & Boone Gross live about 5 minutes drive apart) the fire started 2 miles away and the wind held it 2 miles away but travelling down hill until it died and the firefighters put it out. I'll always be grateful for those who tried to get through to me but could not because of the congested lines."

News from Marion, AL: Oka & Jessie celebrated their Golden Wedding anniv, 31 Jul 77 with a reception at the Excess House of Marion Mil Inst. Joining their parents to share the festive occasion were their 2 daughters—Ellen Ackerman with her 2 children, Mark and Karen, of Virginia Beach, VA; and Janie Benouis with her 3 children, James, Omar, and Keith of Kailua, HI. Other relatives were Jessie's sister, Mrs Frank Brooks of Mt. Dora, FL, Oka's nephew and niece, Mr. & Mrs Norman Price of Delray Beach, FL. COL Joseph N. Cunningham, ret. V-P, Marion Inst, congratulated the honorees and proposed a toast, following which he reviewed the highlights of their life spent over a career of 30 yrs in the Army. After 1½ years at Auburn U. they came to Marion Inst and Marion in 58. COL Cunningham closed with many laudatory remarks about their many contributions to and participation in the life and activities of the Marion community, their ret. home. Approximately 120 guests were registered in the Guest Book. Out-of-

town guests came from Beaumont, TX, Birmingham, AL, and Williamsburg, VA. Excess House was decorated with floral arrangements of yellow roses, carnations and gladiola. We wish many more anniversaries for Jessie and Oka.

News flash from Harry Storke: "Harry Johnson dashed into Williamsburg, VA on 25 Aug 77 a single man and as suddenly, dashed out on 26 Aug married to the lovely Martha King Cochran, once of Rome, GA. The ceremony was performed at old Bruton Parish Church by the Rev. Coatsworth P. Lewis, before a small group of friends: Bobbie & Pete Lee '24, Red (Cynthia) & Bob Lee Jr '46, Pat (Harry's daughter) & Jim Dixon '46; and Betty & Harry Storke. Martha and Harry promise to settle down in Travellers Rest, SC after they 'run around a bit' on their honeymoon." May you both have happiness together forever.

News from the Storkes: "Betty and Harry vacationed at West Falmouth, MA, on Buzzards Bay, from 11 Jun to 30 Jul 77. Splendid stay there, weather excellent, practically always a breeze at our rental on Abbott's Point. All their families—Nelsons of North Attleboro, MA, Bensons of Newark, DE & Clarksburg, MD, Davenportes of Wellesley Hills, MA, Muesers of Boulder, CO, were entertained there at some time or other. They saw quite a bit of Cecie & John Elliot, who live on nearby Little Island Rd. Both are doing nicely. John is bustling about in all directions, as normal, always ready to lend a hand. His local activities are many and varied—one morning's Boston Whaler activities netted him 12 (sic) blues. John is a trim 165 lbs.

Homeward bound, the Storkes stopped in Newport with Fran & Bill Ennis for lunch and much catch-up talk. Both looked fine. Both are keeping busy, lavishing especial attention on their gardens; Hers (flowers) and His (vegetables). Back on the road that p.m. the Storkes slued into "Home Plate" in Garrison, NY to check up on the "King of the Literary Frontier." Dort & Red Reeder were holding forth in great shape, bloomingly healthy and in high spirits. Red has a new constitutional—a daily swim in a neighboring pool. Water polo is next, Red avers.

Happy news from Egon Tausch from San Ant way—"I'm happy to report that I am now married again, and the ranch is no longer a lonely place. Helen is—or was—an Army widow. We were married on 20 Apr and are very happy out here on the ranch. Now you can list me as Tausch, Egon R. & Helen. And once again I'm hoping to have any classmates travelling in the area to drop in on us. We're 30 miles north of San Ant." We wish for Egon and Helen all happiness, good health and fortune for many years in the future.

Muffet Johnson, (A.H.—Johnny) writing from Harlingen, TX, begins her letter with a question—"How is your memory these days? Do you remember where you were 50 years ago, 21 May 1927? Lucile Flannery had a date with 2LT M.R. Nelson. I was escorted by 2LT A.H. Johnson. We were at Shadowland Nite-Club, north of San Ant for an evening of dining, music and dancing. A gay time was being enjoyed by all. And to make the occasion an unforgettable moment, the program was interrupted to announce the safe landing by Charles Lindbergh in Paris. Everyone just about went wild. Those were the days. I would like to wish fifty more; however, this cookie is weakening. Comment allez vous?" Muffet in a latter note, 08 Aug



1926: Golden Wedding Anniversary—the Wades—21 Sept 77.

77, writes: "Johnny and I took a trip out West for a reunion of former Dayton pals (golfers) who gather every so often in CA where most now live. Our friendship dates back to 33 when Johnny was assigned to The Engineering School at Wright-Patterson Field. The scores are higher now but most are staying in there swinging—for me, I drive the cart. En route home we stopped in El Paso for a most pleasant visit with Harry Johnson. His older daughter, and her children, were keeping him young, happy and active. He looked fine—still has the trim figure of a polo player." She adds that on arrival back home, Johnny loaded his hunting and fishing gear into his truck and took off for Old Mexico."

Dort Reeder found a baseball diary that Red wrote during the 26 season. After reading his epic Red wrote, "What jolts me is the amazing amount of time and energy that Johnny Roosma, Sparky Baird, Bennie Heiser, Ray Maude, Don Booth (mgr), other cadets, and I devoted to this main effort. It overcame sometimes erratic pitching and at times harassment by a new coach, Harold (Moose) McCormick, former NY Giant star, who was the victim of poor orientation by officers. Moose had been a captain in the QMC during WWI and enjoyed conducting practice as if it were a segment of Beast Barracks. The Corps turned out to back us... Apr 3—We beat Bowdoin 1-0 in hail and rain. We looked like hell vs Penn. Bennie Heiser caught 2 foul balls. Moose said it was a feat to equal the building of the Panama Canal. Apr 17—The arctic howled in, but we beat Swarthmore 18-4. Apr 20—'Practice' in 25 degrees F. weather. Apr 21—An Army pitcher has to die on the mound before Moose will release him: Lafayette 11, Army 7. We are in a slump. The next day Moose made an oration of ½ hour, reviewing our sins and the history of baseball. May 26—We beat Georgetown 6-3 to end a long slump. Look out Navy. May 29—This fighting Army team overcame a Navy lead of 3 runs before fans at USNA and beat them 6-5 in the 10th. Moose McCormick told jokes most of the way home on the train. That victory sauce—delicious."

Parker Reeve, in letter of 18 May 77 from the Blue Mountains, Leura, New South Wales, Australia, to Fred Munson writes—"By turns it's a rainy, sleety, foggy day; however, we have no complaint. The first 2½ weeks of our visit here were perfect mountain autumn weather. Unfortunately, I used it up with essential stump removal, fence repair and I shall have to leave the previously primed gutters and downspouts until our spring visit, probably in Oct. Sounds funny doesn't it? I'm quite likely to turn South instead of North. Must be a secondary or Conditioned reflex. Probably the fall of shadows, moss on the trees and subtle things like that. No difficulty with East or West. Unless the travel bug has deserted '26 we have hopes someone will ring up to say they have just landed in Sidney, Brisbane or at Richmond (Joint USAF-RAAF Air Base) and what do we do now? My regards to all, especially the ANCC Luncheon Group. I'm afraid DC bears little resemblance to what it was when I grew up there.

Note from LT Kevin Scherrer to Rodney reads—"It was a great honor for me to accept the Class of 1926 Heiberg Award and I am looking forward to applying my skills to the Engrs. Thank you once again." Rodney made the presentation at last June Week Awards ceremony.

Spud Murphy reports: "Tommy & Babe De Shazo with Babe's sister, Mimi Spears, and Tommy's sister, Kathleen Norton, stayed at the Park Lane overnite on the first leg of their return home from CA by car. We enjoyed their short visit the most of it with cocktails at our place. Marge Brady had a wonderful trip to AK over the 4th of Jul, to attend the wedding of son Brookner Jr. and a charming widow, a long time resident of Wrangel Is. Young Brook has worked there for the past 2 yrs. Marge stopped at Seattle for change of planes and had dinner with Joan (Nourse) and her husband Robert Martin. Marge has been invited to represent Brookner at a reunion of the competitors in the 1932 Olympic Games in L.A. Brook was a member of the Modern Pentathlon Team.

"Art Kirchoff is home from the hospital after a painful stay in mid-Aug due to surgery for a broken hip. He and Aline were visiting son Bill and wife Elizabeth in Tiburon. Art was working in the garden where he slipped and had a fall.

"Bill Hawthorne is still in the V.A. Hospital in Palo Alto with no change in condition. The Hawthorne juniors, Helen Overton, 2 children and husband, and Dr. William B. Hawthorne visited Louise during summer vacation.

"Paul & Hazel Carroll returned from a fine trip down-under. They especially enjoyed New Zealand. Paul tried out the famed trout fishing sites. He was not impressed."

"Mac" & Katherine McDaniel were up from Clearwater, FL to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Laura Ripley Peterson, to Joseph McLiney Crowe Jr., at Fort Belvoir, VA on 20 Aug. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth, the daughter of "Mac" and Katherine.

From our source we have a report that Don & Ro Booth were seen in Las Vegas on a visit. No information has been received as to their reception by the Goddess of Fortune.

Bennie & Mary Heiser were in DC for a few weeks during late Aug and into Sept for medical checkups at Walter Reed. Mary underwent 2 operations. After a couple of

weeks, following the operations, of good recovery, she was released to return home. Benny says the doctors diagnosed his problems as "normal disintegration" from aging and prescribed a new pill or 2 plus the usual aspirin. Both Mary and Bennie returned home by mid Sept. They expect to return to DC in Dec for Mary to have a medical recheck. Your scribe is compelled to add here report from a confidential source—"Back when they were new 2LTS in 12 FA Bennie Heiser, Bill Dean, Tommie de Shazo and Alex Sewell went on a deer hunt in the hills above San Ant. Bennie drew the chore of camp cook. They discovered that he was not a fast cook nor a slow cook, merely a half fast cook."

Pick & Ada Collins flew to Seattle in Aug to visit daughter Annabelle and her husband, Steve Almy. While there, they went to visit Kay & John McFarland in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Mac, Pick & Don Booth were roommates at USMA so Mac and Pick phoned Don and went into a conference on old, unfinished and new business. Other trips were to Vancouver, Ft Lewis to the old Coast Defenses of Puget Sound where Pick grew up in his grade school days. Pick talked to Charlotte & Mat Matthias by phone in Tacoma after being unable to arrange a get-together.

Mac McFarland writes from the NW: "The Eddie Watsons say that they are in good health and haven't done much of anything this summer. Ben & Hazel Thurston are in excellent shape. Ben has not started his tour of chess matches, intends to start when winter sets in. Norman Matthias had an operation for cataracts late in Aug and is recovering nicely. Rosie & Bill Mills took off by automobile 11 Sept for MD to visit with their daughter. They are driving there thru New England and will return thru Canada." Mac further says that he had a hernia operation in Jun, and Kay broke an arm in Aug. Otherwise, in great shape. Also that Pick and Ada spent a couple of nights with them. It was great having them.

Johnny & Marge Roosma were in the DC area 20-23 Sept to visit a long time Army friend. While here, Johnny was a guest of the '26 classmates in the area at the '26 luncheon held at the A-N CC, Arlington, VA. Johnny carried his share of the shop-talk and chatter with his usual vim and vigor. Fourteen classmates were present and said it was enjoyable. Come see us again Johnny.

Johnny reports that the annual Roosma family reunion was held at Henlopen Acres, DE, during the month of Aug. COL John Jr, USAF, Diane and Mark came from Austin, TX; Garry, Jill, Gar & Meg from Montclair, NJ. COL Will and family could not attend as he was attending the Air WC in Montgomery, AL, at the same time getting his master's in Public Affairs. He is now G3, 5th Div at Ft Polk. Johnny reports that Louisa & Stan Stanton with their family and Helen & TEP Barbour with family were also at Rehoboth, DE. The Roosmas saw the Heibergs, Cordermans and the Bayers at the opening football game at WP. They were to see a cadet victory over MA. Johnny adds that their COL Will graduated with honors from the Air WC.

News from Marion (Ted) & Marvin Peck: Ted writes, "I'm very sorry Marvin just doesn't feel up to letter writing and asked me to do it for him. We appreciate receipt of the new listing of classmates. We live very quietly and look forward to getting ASSEMBLY especially the '26 writeup. We enjoy the activities of our friends, as we relive their travels with our color slides we have

made while on the same trips. We advise everyone to keep going when you can. We see our daughter Frances Dickens, her husband and family every Sun... Marvin Jr. brings his family up for a weekend several times a year from Albany, GA.

We regret to report the death of Louise Kammerrer in Tryon, NC Sat 24 Sept 77. Funeral services and burial were at WP, NY Wed 28 Sept 77. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to Mal in this time of grief and pain.

A late hot flash from one of our confidential sources follows: Red Reeder could stay away from his favorite ballpark for just so long. On Sun, 18 Sept he sneaked off with his doctor to Shea Stadium to see the Mets in action. Suddenly there flashed upon the scoreboard the following: "A red carpet welcome is out for COL Red Reeder, a distinguished visitor. Red is one of the finest athletes ever produced at WP."

We congratulate Art Richmond, Publicity Chief of the Mets for that fine tribute. Red says, "The older you get the better you get."

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Only a few of many, many pictures received too late for the Sept ASSEMBLY can be used to offer further vivid glimpses of the Reunion. It is hoped that the few snaps will this time bring to all memories of the Wonderful 50th. Let them serve as further inspiration to all of us to plan for the 55th!

More or less normal, the volume of summer info received was comparatively slight. Doubtless many were "relaxing" from the Reunion, so to put it, and others too occupied with a multitude of events to dash off reports on them. However, let's get in more poop for the next issue! Let's hear from everyone! This column is built on communications.

From Ray Bell came a brief report of Cornwall-on-Hudson activities. Especially pleasant to read by those who made the 50th is his statement that he and Mary had "had our Reunion aides over to tell them how much the Class appreciated their hard work for us," and we can all concur in Ray's statement that "we were lucky to have had such a cooperative group." Again, those fine aides were LTC & Mrs. Bauer and CPTs & Mrs. Swanson and Adtkins.

From San Diego came Dutch & Donnie



1927: Reunion (L-R): Bunny Carlock, Betty Trapnell and Trap on the beautiful Hudson.



1927: Ruth Ascencio and the Stones lighten things up.

Holland's summary of details. First, Dutch extolled "the wonderful time at the great 50th; We are slowly recouping from the thrill of seeing the old gang and being with them. They all seemed in fine shape and on the ball. To say the least, the 50th was refreshing and a memory long to be cherished."

Both Hollands announced their "determination to make the 55th," and Donnie smilingly added "we should stay with Geritol."

Dutch got busy upon return to home base, especially with civic endeavors "trying to protect the environment of our community." He states "fighting City Hall is time-consuming, frustrating, and depressing to be on the loser's end, but fight we must." In addition, he attended the annual Natl Convention of MOWW in L.A., where he supported to successful adoption a constitutional change to admit women officers to membership. "There were many die-hards—the fight was not easy, but we won!" At the meeting, however, as chmn of the Internal Security Cmte, his "report was not rosy"; "the Nation's internal security in some areas is disintegrating slowly but in others at great speed," he commented warningly.

Shortly after their return from "a glorious 50th Reunion," Mac & Jean Miller departed 9 Jun on a 4-wk trip to Europe, divided in 2 phases of adventure. For Phase I, by plane and train, they joined Dunc & Dinny Somerville '28, in Edinburgh, looked around, and flew soon from Glasgow to Oslo, where the next week was spent enjoying the beauty of Norway from fjord, mountain, and steamer trip up the west coast, to Molde "through spectacular scenery." After a train ride to Stockholm, they bade farewell to the Somervilles, who departed for the States, and then went by train and ferry to Copenhagen for a 2-day visit, seeing "Tivoli Gardens, Kronberg Castle, and generally around."

Phase II started with a flight back to Edinburgh, where they joined a ret. English couple formerly their neighbors in Chevy Chase. With them they toured for several days in the highland area of Scotland, then the Lake District of England, and finally to their friends' home in the Cotswold area, from which they flew home on 6 Jul. As Mac commented, "All in all a fine trip. Glad to get home, though, after 4 wks away—to cutting grass, weeding, etc." So end all these great journeys, it seems!

The scribe and spouse Lucile spent 3 wks of Jul with daughter Jane, husband, COL



1927: Reunion 2d Bn mostly F Co. Standing (L-R): Lowe, Hocker, Wood, Isaacson, Segarra, Williams; Seated: Lillard, Towner, Daly, Holland.



1927: The Lillards poised in Antwerp.

Richard A. Miller '53, and the 5 granddaughters at Monchengladbach, W. Germany, on the JHQ of NORTHAG/BAOR where Miller heads the USA Liaison Group. They both "can report" a delightful time, driving about Germany, the Netherlands, and checking out Belgium, including the Rubens' house and museum in Antwerp on this, his, 400th anniv. Included were a few days in Copenhagen, reached by train and ferry from Dusseldorf, reveling in its sights and atmosphere, its Tivoli Gardens by day and night, its grand museums, and in tours of city and north country, castle after castle, including Kronberg also. They are all set to do it again!

Woody & Betty Hocker sent in a pleasant summer report with pleasing references to the "marvelous reunion." They were planning to fly to HI for about 3 wks in Oct, visiting 2 or 3 islands in addition to Oahu. We shall await that report of travel joys.

Also reporting activity, Ralph & Dot Zwicker drove off the last of Sept for Mobelville, IN, to visit son Bud and family.

Chauncey S. Johnstone, ex-'27, of St. Petersburg, FL, in a brief letter referred to his days after WWII when he worked closely with 2 who have joined the Long Gray Line, Cocky Crume and George McCoy.

The scribe must recall! Did many of you get to see our Ev Bixel excel on "The Gong Show" on TV on 6 Sept? She did a "bang-up" job! Perhaps only a beginning!

Oh, yes, also Woody & Jean Burgess are happy that granddaughter Rachelle Rowe, a

sweet 17, daughter of their B.H. Rowes, in Sept won the Sikeston, MO, Beauty Contest, a step-up on the way to the State Contest. Let's hope that she may be on TV one of these times vying for "Miss USA."

Now we must turn attention to our losses. You doubtless noticed in the "Last Roll Call" of the Sept ASSEMBLY the death of our Raymund G. Stanton on 1 Jul 77 at his home in Columbia, SC, with burial at WP. The condolence of the Class is extended to Mary and to all the other survivors.

Three other losses have been reported. First is that of Mary Elizabeth, wife of our Fred Day, which took place on 9 Jul in Minneapolis, with burial 18 Jul in Prairie View Cemetery, Grangeville, ID. Beth had fallen ill at the Reunion and a heart condition became fatally worse on their drive back to ID.

Larry & Sue Shaw have reported that on 14 Aug their son-in-law Josef Hoenig, husband of their deceased daughter Nancy, died very suddenly. He was with SECDEF and lived in McLean, VA.

Then almost at time to send these notes to WP came sad news by phone from John



1927: Hutch and Dutch showing off.



1927: Reunion girls (L-R): Lucile Lillard, Betty Hocker and Esther Hutchison.

Kochevar that on 23 Sept, at El Paso, our Arthur E. Solem had died, with burial to be in that city.

To Fred Day, Larry & Suzanne Shaw, and Marty Solem the condolences of the Class is extended.

So this winds up this fairly short report for this issue which you will be reading in Dec. Again, p-l-e-a-s-e, give that Postal Dept something to carry back to the scribe on or before New Year's celebration, a brief report and a snapshot will establish you for 78! Happy New Year!

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Have just learned that Will Currie died at Walter Reed of a heart attack on 25 Sept. Funeral services at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Hyattsville, MD, with interment in Arlington. All of our sympathies go to Will's 4 daughters and their families.

Skip & Marge Seeman are just back from a 3-wk vacation in Canada's Maritime Provinces. They flew up to Bangor, ME, then motored from there at a very leisurely pace through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Ruth and I flew out to Tacoma, WA, in Aug for a 2-wk visit with Ruth's kin. While there we had a fine mini-reunion with Jim & Frances Lockett. Both continue their good recoveries from surgery (early this year).

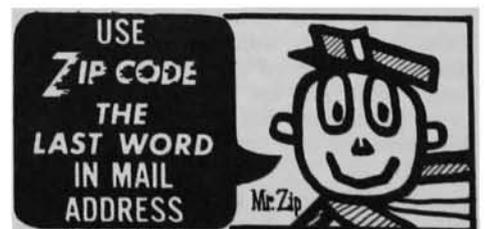
Skip Seeman had a note from Eleanor Sawyer which said, in part, "My heartfelt appreciation for the beautiful wreath of flowers sent with the sympathy of the Class for Jack's service at WP, 14 Jan.

Paul Peery wrote, on 29 June that he was in the Naval Hospital, Coronado, CA, fighting gangrene in his feet; and that the doctors were threatening amputation. Have not heard anything further and do hope, Paul, that your fight for the feet was successful and that things are going well now.

A note from Forest Allen (19 Aug) outlines plans for a trip east with stops at various places including McLean, VA. A daughter lives there. Forrest and Patti have just passed proficiency tests for CPR rescue techniques (either might need it to help out the other) and work out 3 times weekly at a local health spa to help keep the weight down.

And from another "young at heart," Tommy Sherburne, a letter says that he had just been down to Santa Barbara, CA, for the National Hardcourt Tennis Matches for the Geriatric Set and had seen Tommy Van Natta and Bill Maerdian. Neither had received any appreciable damage from the Santa Barbara fire. Bill has been having foot trouble from severe arterio sclerosis. The doctors at Letterman prescribed rigorous therapy and walking, and Bill is pulling out of it. Do hope, Bill, that the recovery continues. Tommy's 14-year-old son has just won the Pacific Coast Junior Tennis Title. Congratulations, Adam; just keep on following in your father's footsteps.

See you all at the 50th.



**In Memoriam.** Richard David Wentworth died of his own volition while briefly alone in his Arlington apartment on 24 Aug 77. The period of hopefulness engendered by the successful treatment of the esophagus had been short. Cancer recurred in the lung and chest area, and Dick faced a long period of wasting away. His final act was one of courage and compassion—to prevent his family and friends from witnessing a lingering and tortured end. Graveside services and interment of the ashes took place at Arlington in the presence of the DC area '29ers and wives, as well as many other friends.

Deservedly one of the most popular men in '29—and with a capacity for friendship that won him a host of friends in other classes and areas—Dick was one of the few men of whom it could probably be truthfully said: "He never met a man who didn't like him."

We extend to Isabel our sympathy and condolences, as well as our admiration for her fortitude and bravery throughout many trying months. Her address is 2005 Columbia Pike, Apt 426, Arlington, VA 22204.

Ethel Woodruff Draper died on 2 Sept 77. Services and interment were at Columbus, GA, Ethel's hometown. George Lynch arranged for flowers from the Class and represented the Class at the services. We extend to Phil Draper and his family our sympathy and condolences in their great loss. Phil's address is 3095 NE 42d St., Ft Lauderdale, FL 33308.

From the DC Gp. The fall stag luncheon at Knoll House of the Army Distaff Hall was fortunately timed to permit the attendance of Bill McCulla and Kai Rasmussen visiting here from their FL base. Kai & Emma Rasmussens' son and daughter are both now in this area. Their son, an electr engr, is now with the Comm Satellite Corp, after several years overseas with another company. Their daughter's husband, now ret. from the Foreign Service, has just become exec dir of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, one of the oldest and finest art establishments in the city.

The McCullas were here visiting Bill Jr., and family. The senior McCullas have disposed of their Cape Cod property, but like to get back to the Cape each summer if they can. They were en route there when Dorothy decided to check with Walter Reed for some dizziness she was having. Extensive tests revealed nothing alarming, and she and Bill were to return to FL later in the fall.

DC Gp attendees at the luncheon were Bowyer, Conley, Conner, Lindsey, Lynde, McKee, Reilly, Seward, Stubbs, Sykes, W.J. Thompson, Vander Heide, Vickrey, and Vittrup.

Tillie & Vic Vickreys' daughter, Susie Kromminga, having obtained a post-grad degree in Public Health, is now a supervisor of health services for the United Mine Workers and the mine owners health fund. The Kromminga family, with the Vickreys' 2 grandchildren, have moved to Churchill, TN, where Susie's new job has taken her. Husband Lynn Kromminga has joined a real estate firm there and may practice law on the side.

Tillie's and Vic's son, Vickey, now ret. from the Regular AF, spends part of his time doing commercial flying in his own plane,

teaching skiing, and practicing cooking—his 3d or 4th avocation. He is now in Paris, living on the Isle de la Cité, attending Julia Child's cordon bleu cooking school.

Ida Milwit took off this summer for Spain, Luxembourg, and Germany, where she was to stay with friends in Munich for the Oktoberfest. A message from her says that she found Spain delightful.

Bobby & Ralph Strauss drove west in the early fall to visit Bobby's hometown, Aurora, IL, and friends in CA.

George & Mary Jo Conner had George's grandchildren (boy 11, girl 9) with them for a visit this summer and spent a few days at the Capon Springs, WV, resort.

From San Ant. Thanks to Bill Vestal, who writes that on their CO trip he and Vivi found themselves living next door to the Gerald Fords in Vail, which was interesting, but that Vivi found the golf at 8,000 feet less attractive and welcomed their return to the Ft Sam Houston fairways.

Billy Greear, playing in the properly mature group of entries, walked away with some silver at the Hot Springs CC golf tourney. There were 200 entries overall, with about 20 mil retirees from San Ant.

Martha & Don Keirn have high hopes of making the DC Gp's cocktail-buffet at McNair in Nov. Their trip to Mt. Dora, FL, and north will be by auto-train.

Caroline & Tiny Jark plan to spend Xmas in Las Vegas with daughter and family. Then on to HI for a month on Waikiki. Back to L.A. on the Mariposa and then a cruise through the Canal to Aruba. About a week on the West Coast and back home in early Mar.

Marylu Hammack with 2 sons and families (son Louis R.—Bob—and family moved to the San Ant area this past summer) and the Cunos and the Vestals attended the local WP Society picnic at MacArthur Park in Sept.

From All Over. Miriam & George Keeler, accompanied by Cornelia Tarrant (Mrs. Legare '28), made a "not-too-leisurely" European tour called "Five Countries Leisurely" this past summer. They were happy to see Renata Van Bibber, who drove 2½ hours each way to have lunch and a visit with them at Rothenberg and bring welcome-to-Germany gifts. The Keelers say: "Renata was in fine health and spirits, radiating charm as always. She plans to attend our 50th in 79."

Mary Lee & John Hammond departed their Sun City, AZ, base this summer for a 5-weeks trip to Europe: Denmark, a North Cape cruise, then Moscow and East Berlin. They had never been stationed in Europe during John's active service.

Tom & Renée Sands made their usual late-winter early-spring trip to Italy and France. Abano, Venice, Lake Garda, and the Italian Alps they found as delightful as ever, but Paris was a disappointment. "Food mediocre and prices beyond belief," says Tom. They got back to Cornwall in good time to deal with the results of the severe winter weather on "Sengen."

In Maitland, FL, Marion & Tom McDonald had their 2 sons—Tommy, LTC, USA, and Randy LTC, USAF—with them for Tom's 70th birthday celebration. They had hoped

to have the entire 2 families, but summer jobs, schooling, etc., precluded that. They had 3 wonderful days with their sons and felt lucky to get them both there at the same time.

Eileen & Tom Hammonds' son Nicholas continues his successful acting career with the principal role in the made-for-TV movie "Spider Man." The local critic here in DC said of Nicholas: "A very agreeable young hero."

Doris & Jim Hannigan visited AZ, NM, El Paso, and the Grand Canyon this past summer, but hastened home to Bryan, TX, to get out of the Phoenix heat (110) and the Grand Canyon cold (38 nighttime) and back into the swim to their community activities which read like a Who's Who entry for public spirited citizens—everything from the Episcopal Church vestry and organ, to the Red Cross blood drive, to the Boy Scouts, to the United Way Fund. They planned to break this up by a fall trip to see son Tom, now out of the Army and with CONOCO oil refining in Lake Charles, LA, with wife Ann and the Hannigan grandson. Doris's family in NJ; and son Jim in Concord, MA (computers with Honeywell) and wife Sibley and 3 granddaughters.

Jo & Chan Chandler in Honolulu have become grandparents, thanks to son Hap and daughter-in-law Susan. A girl, Laura, was born to the young Chandlers early in Sept at Riverside, CA, where Hap teaches at the UCA. Jo Chandler was on safari (photographic) in Africa with friends at the time, so Nell and I became substitute (honorary, additional, temporary) grandparents for Chan to phone across the Pacific.

Johnny Theimer says that Bill Bullock was in San Fran for a few days in Sept. He planned to visit the Seattle-Tacoma area and see Marge & Jim Sladen before renting in San Fran for a trial period of 4 or 5 mos. (So that's where he's been. New address to Lindsey, please.) Allene Viney's new address is 24552 Paseo de Valencia, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

Expressions of Sympathy. It is Class policy to express sympathy on the death of a classmate or wife by sending flowers in the name of the Class to the funeral services or by making an appropriate memorial contribution if that is preferred by the family. Any classmate in the locality should order the flowers and send the bill to Lindsey or send the name of the agency for a memorial contribution.

The New Scribe beginning with the Mar ASSEMBLY is Fenn Sykes, the distinguished No. 1 member of '29, whose sense of fun, gift for gab, and ability and assiduity in assembling information make him highly qualified. His address is COL H.F. Sykes Jr., 4516 Courtland Rd, Chevy Chase, MD 20015. Messages and Xmas cards to him there.

Contributing Sub-Scribes. On behalf of Dick Wentworth, as well as for myself, I wish to express keen appreciation for the assistance of our local correspondents: Johnny Theimer in the San Fran Bay area and Bat Carns at Monterey. Lou Hammack for many years and more recently Bill Vestal in San Ant. Jack Horton in Austin. Tommie DuBose and Bob Ward in FL. Tom Sands and George McAneny at WP. For the 13 yrs of my time and the 3 yrs of Dick's time your assistance has been invaluable.

Current Mailing Addresses are needed for Bullock, Craft, Hayden, Huglin, McDermid, and Morrill. Send them to Lindsey.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Everybody!



# '30

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Dear Gang:

It is always a regret to begin these notes with bad news, but I have to report that **Eloise Wehle** passed away in Jul after a prolonged illness. She was buried in Arlington and our staunch friend **Ray Brisach** was able to round up a dozen classmates to stand with Phil for the final sad minutes of tribute to a gallant lady. Phil will continue to live at "Indian Banks," that lovely old house on the Rappahannock, on which he and Eloise lavished so much devoted effort.

As if to balance this loss, it is good to know that **Thad Broom** has married again, a year after Ethel's death. As he joins the rather numerous group of "Second-Time-Arounders" we congratulate him and welcome his new roommate, **Virginia Raditz**, to our very special fraternity. Their new address is: 5208 Shorebreeze Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

And another happy note: I have just learned from her sister, **Lucy Troxel**, that **Betty Allen** was married on 22 Oct to Mr. F. Eugene Roeser. They will keep Betty's house in FL but also have a northern address at his home at 103 High St, Avon, NY 14414. Lucy and Tricky ('31) and Lucy's and Betty's brother, **Roy Reynolds** ('33), flew up to the wedding in Avon. It is indeed a special happiness to report this "second career" for one of our favorite wives.

**Notes from here and there:** those perennial travelers, **Happy & Lonie Brooks**, were off again this past summer, this time to Scandinavia, Scotland and England. Happy notes that: "In Sweden we stopped to examine a new folk museum at Vaxjo that depicts the tribulations, trials and victories of those Swedes who went to America to seek their fortunes. One of the pictures was of our noted classmate, **Larry Norstad**." (And all the time I thought Larry's forbears were Norwegian!)

On the local (i.e., DC area) scene, I can report that **Charlie Dodge** is slowly but steadily improving, albeit of necessity still wedded to the oxygen tank that he totes along on his regular therapeutic walks. His morale, I would add, remains unimpaired. And **Ham Hamlett** was in town for a few days in Sept, paying one of his periodic visits to **Walter Reed**. Dolly and I saw him at lunch at the Chevy Chase Club in company with **Pete & Betty King** and some other old Army friends. He looked very well and said I could report him as "just doing fine."

**Phil Kromer** is claiming to be the first Class Grandfather. Cadet **Michael McMahon**, who entered with the Class of 1981, is the eldest son of the **Kromers'** youngest daughter who, incidentally, was born at WP when they were stationed there. Any challenger to this claim should get in touch with me forthwith. And in that connection, since Dolly and I have moved our "official" residence to FL, I would remind all hands that the above address is generally valid only from Jun to Oct, whereas the Palm Beach one works from Nov to May.

By the time you see these notes I hope we shall have soundly thrashed our favorite "enemies" from **Crabtown - on - the - Bay**. Cheerio!

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1931: L-R: Rodenhauser, C.C. Smith and Howze.

# '31

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It is with regret that I report the death of **Bill Jones**. Bill died of a heart attack on 16 Aug in Wheeling and was buried there in his family plot. I think all of us know what Bill did for the Class, including the 25th year **HOWITZER**.

I have enough news this time to fill 5 post cards, so I'd better get typing. The **JAG Sch** in Charlottesville has announced the creation of the **Charles L. Decker Chair of Admin and Civil Law**. This chair was named for **Ted Decker** in honor of his efforts in establishing the school in 57. Congratulations, **Ted**. **Ted Parker** sent me a copy of the **Congressional Record** with a speech by **Bob Eaton** in May at the MD Legion Convention. The speech was sent to the **Record** by Sen **Teague of TX**, with many complimentary remarks. Again, congratulations. By the way **Ted**, the other is **Ned**. **Ted** also admitted to a hole-in-one in Apr. **Mickey & Maxine Moore** sent me a copy of the **Airpower Magazine** of Jan, which had a very interesting story of **Mickey's** efforts with Mustangs from **Iwo Jima** in 45. It is an interesting article to read. And congratulations or something are in order for **Carl Damberg**. While he and **Wanda** were in San Fran he jogged back and forth across the Bay Bridge from one end to the other and the other to the end. This is in addition to doing the same thing across the **Bear Mountain Bridge**. To quote, "Only now do I realize that I am still in my silly 60's." I don't know why he didn't say "we," instead of "I." He also mentioned that his and **Wanda's** son **Richard** is now planning to enter the **AFA** next year.



1931: Sexagenarian Foursome (L-R): Chandler, Easterbrook, Train and Mansfield—Coral de Tiero CC, 28 Jun 77.

**Julie Chappel** writes that he will be on an extended trip to the West Coast, will see any classmates and will write after he returns. **Jim and Marge King** had visits by **Pac & Faye Pachler** and **Bill & Charlotte Train** (with some golf). A note from **Jim & Kelley Corbett** reports that both are doing well and will welcome any travelers to Spain. **Johnny & Agnes Cave** survived the fire in Santa Barbara. **Johnny** said there was no damage, but a bit of a thrill—many other houses were burned out within a mile or so of theirs.

**Jerry & Helen Rodenhauser** enjoyed a tour through the Canadian Rockies and ended up at Seattle where they had dinner with **C.C. & Jeanne Smith** and the **Howzes**. See the picture of the male members enjoying the scenery. **Parks & Georgie Houser** now spend 6 mos in Brevard, NC, and the other 6 mos in Daytona Beach, where they have bought a house and a boat. Their son, **HPH III**, is now working in DC in OSD and will assume a bde cmd next year. **Betty** and I are very proud to have an autographed copy of "Osceola," written by **O.Z. Tyler**. It is an enjoyable story to read and certainly shows how much time **O.Z.** spent in researching and writing it. The illustrations are by **Palmer Tyler**, **O.Z.'s** brother. **O.Z.** and **Allison** saw **Hugh & Kay Harris** in their camper at Daytona Beach, where they were enjoying the sun. **Ned Cotter** says he is recovering from a stretch at the hospital that lasted for a few months. He is recovered but still not active yet. **Johnny Ruggles** reports a visit by **Deak Roller** in Jul. **Deak** was on his way westward, and was to turn around and get to the East Coast in Sept. No sign of him yet. I talked with **Wayne & Catherine Taul** in Aug in Fresno. They were there, not me. **Wayne** says that he is now ret. after having designed the world's largest refinery for a CA winery. As he says, it is a difficult job, as we drink it up faster than the winery can make it. A nice note from **Betty Caraway** says that **Forrest** is doing well, enjoying westerns and who-dun-its on TV. **Bill & Dorothy Hampton** are planning a trip to Canada with **Herb & Vesta Mansfield** in Sept with a return to Seattle to visit our people there. **Carl & May Liz Carlmark** are relishing life in Oahu in a rural area about a mile from the sea. **Carl** is now ret. from his teaching jobs and is learning to sleep late, play tennis and swim. If anyone wants to go to Honolulu, **Carl** wishes he would come at Founders Day dinner time, so **Carl** wouldn't be all alone representing '31. **Ham & Betsy Peyton** sent in a note about a "pigeon." I put that in quotes, since it refers to a pigeon in a golf game, when he plays with **Ernie Easterbrook** and **Herb Mansfield**. **Clyde & Georgia McBride** have had a house overrun with grandchildren this summer, but as they say, that overrun is enjoyable. **Dean & Martha Herman** are looking for solar energy to heat their house. As **Dean** says, it is too bad that solar energy won't energize us, too.

**Charlie Denford** reports that **John Feagin** is now mending in a nursing home after leaving the hospital. I was supposed to have a picture of **Glenn & Mary Farris** and the **Tylers** from a WP dinner, but someone goofed and didn't send it. So we will wait for the next issue. **Glenn** says his married daughter (he didn't mention the name) is a nurse at Tripler where **Ernie Easterbrook's** son is a medical officer. I think that we may have another rebel in our Class besides **J.D. Sams**. **John & Anne Waters** say that they spent the summer at **Martha's Vineyard** with not much to do, but they spend the time talking about

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local problems, including secession from MA. Deane & Jo Gough have no news from Kentfield. I guess no news is good news. Jiggs Mahoney has been in Spain and Germany for quite a spell this summer, including a hospital stay in Spain for a couple of weeks, but is now in shape again. Gordon & Josephine Singles were down in Atlanta in May and called on Peg Wagner Lindsey (widow of Seiss). Peg whipped up a party for the Singles with Bill & Ella Mae Woodward, Cornie & Lotty Lichirie and Mitch & Ginger Mitchell. A good time was had by all.

I did say some time ago that Walker & Betty Milner were moving to CT. Like most of my predictions, that went wrong. They have decided to stay in MO and work on their house. Paul & Irene Burns were visited by Deak in Jul on his way west and east. Bill Chandler sent a picture of the sexagenation foursome, taken after 54 holes of a 90 hole tournament. After the 90th hole, they decided they were in good shape, crazy or liable to a heart attack. Dutch & Dee Spangler have returned from their orient trip; they covered about 35,000 miles on it, came back from Korea Space A. A.J. McVea and George Hartman made their annual fishing trip to Mexico. They usually stay 4 or 5 weeks, except that the last time, Alice made a reservation for Australia and Louise bought lots of furniture, so we will see what happens this time. Charlie Hoy was in San Ant for an 84th Div reunion and had dinner with Jack & Petey Gordon and John & Mary Anne McGee. Champ & Chickie Buck stopped by DC on their way to a wedding in Canada. Their grandson, W.H. Buck, has just entered WP and will graduate on our 50th. Jerry Flaherty wrote that his wife Ann, after closed and open heart surgery and a pacemaker, passed away in 76.

Bill & Beall Davis are so far out on the East Coast at Virginia Beach that any west-east traffic would end up in the Atlantic Ocean and north-south traffic seems to be staying on route 95, so they don't see too many of us during the year. Bill says that he noticed my remark about Dutch at Corregidor and would like himself to see the island as he had dug on it after the war to find some silver that had been buried when the Japs took it. Jake Smart has the same complaint. Very few of us ever get to Ridge-land, so he takes sojourns around to see Ted & Marge Timberlake at Hilton Head and Pat & Preet Carter and the Marshal Library and Dan & Mary Callahan in Nashville. He said all were in good health and spirits. Helen Irvine saw Dutch & Dee Spangler on their way west. She is planning a trip next Apr to see son Mike Jr., who is in Stuttgart. Wilbur & Billie Skidmore have just returned from a trip to Honolulu where they sought the sun and water at the Army hotel. They tried to call Carl Carlmark when they were there, but were not successful. Jim Mahoney now has a Harley-Davidson golf cart and his handicap is 20. The 2 facts may or may not have any connection. Big Swede & May Carlson are planning a trip to Sill and Leavenworth to visit their sons who are stationed there now. May says it will be their first time at those 2 places. Chet & Imogene Young are enjoying 2 grandchildren staying with them while finishing the country club swimming and diving competitions (that is the grandchildren not Chet and Imogene). Chet says he can't swim, but is now walking almost normally after 3 operations on his right knee. Chet & Virginia Diestel would like to see classmates come by with a big bucket

of water in each hand. As you may have heard from TV and the papers, San Mateo hasn't had much water lately. Had a letter from Harry Cooper which was addressed to Phil, John or Ockie. It seems he had an addressed letter to Ockie which he used to everyone of us. He said he went out to Carl & Doris Kohls' house to see the new horse that they have and also to collect some stuff for his garden.

Chet & Barbara Landaker were in Santa Barbara in May and had a visit with Cam & Julie McConnell. Cam and Chet played golf and Cam won, but, as Chet puts it, he was on his own course. Chet is still trying to get his golf score and his age together, but now thinks that he will have to live until he is 92 to make ends meet. Carl & Doris Kohls had a 2-wk visit from Deak in Jul. According to Carl Deak is quite a shoveler (see the previous remark about Harry Cooper). Carl is planning to ret. from teaching in time to come to the 50th. Grove & Florence Powell are up to their ears in their mutual hobby, art. Florence paints and Grove is the chief frame manufacturer. They travel around a lot to various art shows, including trips overseas. Our paths do cross once in a while. Chet Ott says that Virginia, while a hostess at a local church's "Loaves and Fishes" luncheon for senior citizens found that the napkins being used were "Lone Star Beer" from Jack Gordon's former establishment. Roy Kaufmann says his high paying job as president of the Chattanooga ROA keeps him pretty busy, so he and Catherine spend their time on the boat on TVA's excellent lakes. Don & Kelley Little say that nothing happens in mid-GA since Jimmy left Plains. Their grandson, George K. Withers III, has finished yearling year at USMA and now has his parachute badge. Dick & Roz Steinbach were on the East Coast this summer and had dinner with Bill & Fran Dick on passing through DC. Dick now buzzes all the airport security devices as he goes through them with a steel plate on his broken hip. Their daughter Sandy and her husband bought a 40 ft sailboat and started on a trip around the world, but had to call it quits because the fuel tank leaked, and was Roz relieved! John & Janet Berry visited Ft Lewis and had a memorable mini-reunion in Seattle with the Smiths, Howzes and Ray & Helene Pratt. I have had several cards from George & Tommie Speidel as they have traveled around visiting parts of Canada and the NW. Little Swede & Jo Carlson have sold their house in Hendersonville and are now living in San Ant. I also had nice notes from Mildred Truly, Naomi Lehrfeld and Ginger Ragland.

Now a note from Ockie Krueger about the 50th gift:

By the time you read this, you will already have received a proposal concerning the 50th reunion gift. Your vote will have been requested by 10 Oct (we hope you voted).

An early deadline was needed as we have found out that the Class "fans out" from early Jan to late spring. Two solutions to the vote appear to warrant comment. If approved by the Class we will forward the proposal as indicated in the forewording letter. Naturally, the funding and possible rewording of the terms of reference will be subjects of continuous discussion until a satisfactory solution is reached. It could be that we would be turned down by the AOG. If the project is not approved by the Class or the AOG we would then be back to the drawing board. As 81 approaches time becomes an essence.

New Subject. I was shocked to hear that only 40 out of the dues paying members had paid their dues this year out of the 106 who should have. We need your support particularly from now until Jun 81. If you have not already done so, please send your Class dues check to John Berry or Phil Stiness. The Class fund is very grateful for a very generous check recently received from Frank Bogart. As time goes along we hope many of you will see clear to add to the fund.

My detached retina thanks all the sympathy it got and I, myself, give my great sympathy to those who wrote and said they had the same thing.

Late note: We have just learned that Tick Bonesteel passed away in DC on 12 Oct.

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Many thanks for the kind words re report of the 45th. But let's give credit where credit is due. Candid Cameraman, Roscoe Huggins shot numerous rolls of film and some were sent along with notes, but due to lack of space many were not printed. Selection is left up to editor so no favoritism shown. Some color prints do not reproduce well. I might add the editor added the large Class photo and ceremony at Skeet Range and in our opinion made an excellent lay-out.

You will have received Archie Lyon's Class letter by the time you read this and most of the current news will be well covered by replies to ballot and dues notice.

Bill Menoher is a constant correspondent but brief... received a note enclosing picture where he is sitting prominently in the center of 1st row surrounded by '32 wives at Reunion. Will send it with some more of Roscoe's and hope it can be printed. A card just received upbraided me for failing to mention "2 strokes"—his and Stan Wray's. My apologies to anyone not included in the list of "heroes" in latest copy of ASSEMBLY. Stan's had been recorded in prior publication. Another outstanding figure was El Davis who drove from LA with Pam and who nobly came to my aid at the Alumni Review, despite his Parkinson's disease and slim frame. El wrote recently enclosing several colored prints taken at reunion.

It is sad to report the deaths of Henry Britt on 12 Jul in Monterey, CA and Johnny Bowen on 13 Aug in Tiburon, CA. Although Johnny had planned to attend the 45th and was reportedly doing well, he succumbed to Leukemia and was buried in the National Cemetery at the Presidio. Condolences are



1932: Bunch, Terrill, unknown couple and Billie Terrill.



1932: Sue Menoher, Zitzman, Bobbie Sundt and Gill.



1932: Schrader, Dossi Davidson and Lyon.



1932: Terrill, D'Orsa and Mather.



1932: Davis and Besson.



1932: Lyon, Joslin Morris and Baer.

extended to the families. Regrettably, this unhappy news is followed by hospitalizations in this area. Aggie & Jim Woolnough both had major surgeries at WR this summer but now at home and anticipating happy times ahead. Roscoe Huggins had knee surgery early in Sept and Marv Iseley is in WR for treatment following up surgery of 2 yrs ago. Eleanor McCormack was in the hospital but now recuperating at Army Distaff Hall. News awhile back was that Carl Sciple had suffered a 3d stroke. Good tidings are sent to all!

At the end of the 45th Archie & Helen Lyon kept going. In late Jun they were guests of Leo & Nancy Dahl in Montgomery, AL, and El & Pam Davis in New Orleans. Also, in New Orleans, Archie was given special recognition by the National Sojourners who, meeting in their 57th Annual Convention, selected him to receive the Sojourner Legion of Honor Medal—the highest award which may be conferred by National Sojourners! a unique honor inasmuch as only one may be awarded in any given year—and it is not awarded every year. One of the highlights of the Reunion was the rededication of the Cadet Skeet Range in honor and memory of GEN Earle Gilmore (Bus) Wheeler. Since Betty was unable to attend and participate in the ceremonies, the ceremony was "brought" to her. On 6 Jul, a cmte consisting of Charlie & Essie Baer, Ward Gillette and Helen & Archie Lyon trekked to Martinsburg and there, at the "Ugly Duckling Farm," where Bus and Betty found relaxation and happiness, presented to Betty a replica of the plaque honoring Bus and an artist's drawing of the Bas Relief mold of Bus. Betty was most pleased and extends her love and best wishes to all.

Winnie Culp reported that upon Bill's return home he worked up a fever of 102°, which she attributed to his kissing so many girls at the 45th. They expect son, "Big Bill" for a visit in Oct and Winnie will take off for ME to visit her sister and rock on the verandah and watch the World Series at night.

Lou Coutts is quite an "Area Dir" or "Regl VP," Western Area as Lou denotes. He is such a thoughtful person and as a result received a multitude of responses to his letter. Some interesting ones from widows: Fern Ebey was planning a trip to Tahiti; Peggy Nelson going to Hale Koa to play golf for 2 wks and then to AK in Jul; Olive Many has moved back to Sausalito to live where she enjoys old friends from the 36 yrs she and Ed lived there before going to Vashon. New address is: Sausalito Towers, Apt 25, 35 Rodeo Ave, Sausalito, CA 94965. Isabel Herman keeps busy caring for Charley who hasn't been able to write since a disabling stroke in 58. Charlie Wheatley said he is inactive due to open heart surgery and a recent hernia operation and occasionally receives letters from Farnsworth, Besson, Hartshorn, Mellnik and Gale Hall who visited them last summer. Jack Price, the Marco Polo of '32, tells Lou that Walnut Creek, CA, is his sister's address which he uses as a mail drop while he pursues his nomadic life.

On 23 Jul, La Trelle & George Duncans' son David was married to Anna Lynn Cook, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Cook of Charleston, SC, where the wedding took place. The happy couple are living in Atlanta.

Nana & Dan Gilmer are proud of a new grandson, Daniel Swift Gilmer. Wally Brucker sent clippings from the El Paso TIMES by Steve Mellnik and about Steve describing

his views on life in Russia after spending a summer there. The articles, 5 in number, were quite detailed based on his and Thelma's experiences. Heard that Dort & Harvey Fischer had a great trip to Europe during the summer to visit daughter Ann and family in Germany, Harvey's "roots" in Switzerland and a short stay in Verona, Italy, where they enjoyed being stationed years ago.

The group in DC area are looking forward to a dinner at Ft Myer on 15 Oct. So many are off on trips and others recuperating, it may not be as large a party as other years but fortunately, Mary Ellen & Ward Gillette are "doing it" so it should be successful. Joslin Morris is off for a brief trip to Iceland in Oct, accompanied by son Jay and his wife, Beverly.

Ken Zitzman writes that he and Pat are off on another crusade to the West Coast and will see the gang out there. Also, good news about Maxine McDonald who is feeling better and attending some functions. That's it for now. Keep in touch.



1932: Chih Wang and Mme Wang.



1932: Bea Besson, Braude and Jane Schrader.



1932: Marion Burke with daughter Maureen and D'Orsa.

For most of us the summer passed quite well. It being a time for visits and visiting, school being out, and most of us now incredibly being grandparents (prematurely, of course!). Those little tykes have administered a rousing shakeup to the even tenor of our lives—wholesome and invigorating, to be sure, but as I heard one of our ladies observe, “We’re glad to have them come, yet we can view their departure with equanimity.”

The summer brought us sorrow, too, with the loss of 2 classmates and 2 wives. In Jun Haskell (Doc) Kibler’s wife Helen died of cancer, after some 18 years of living very happily at their Shangri-La on the desert at Phoenix. We all extend our deepest sympathy, Doc. Then in Jul we learned from his wife, Eva, of Harry Sweeting’s sudden death of an aneurism at Walter Reed, where he had earlier undergone surgery. Those of us who attended the graveside services at Arlington were deeply moved to hear the band play the strains of the Alma Mater, “And when our work is done...” Then early in Aug Molly Solomon lost her long and plucky battle with cancer. Shortly before her death a number of her friends received “Third Base in the Rose Garden,” a small booklet of her poetry poignantly revealing of her courage, her faith, her warm sense of humanity. And finally, following her funeral and less than a fortnight later, Solly himself was found dead by Red White in Ned Gee’s apartment at Vero Beach, FL, of heart failure. (Solly had gone to Vero Beach to recuperate, had played golf with Red the day before; they were to play again the next morning.) The Solomons were widely known and liked. The Class was shaken by their loss in such quick succession. 24 of us attended Solly’s funeral, standing bareheaded at the Arlington gravesite where cool breezes blew through the great old trees... The Solomons are survived by their 3 sons, of whom they were—and we are all—justly proud.

While on the subject of the Great Unknown into which we all must pass—and while wondering, perhaps, what if any footprints we may leave behind—it may be fitting to mention again Bill Ryan’s obit project (that was sneaky, wasn’t it?) But seriously, the Class obits in ASSEMBLY are meaningful, not only to us who knew these fine men (see Johnny Armstrong, Bob Hain, Roy Evans in Sept issue), they are even more meaningful to the families. Let’s get on with them! (Bob Hain’s “autobiobit” offers an intriguing solution.)

Ed Doleman writes, “Can’t seem to find the name of the new scribe, so am sending this to you.” (I can’t either, Ed—any volunteers? Harry King having so nobly held the job for 15 years, I find it hard to quit but am more than willing to be replaced...) “We’ve been having our (Honolulu) house treated for termites and re-roofed,” says Eddie; “They stripped the entire roof and everything is covered with grit. Outside I’m carpentering and painting from morn to night.” (Who’s your inside helper, Ed?) “The way things are going, we may soon have military unions.”

From our soldier-turned-sailor, Bing Downing, now Vice-Commodore, “Weather Marker” and Historian of the prestigious Annapolis



1933: Kaiser wins National Midwinter Rifle Match with his 50-yr-old target rifle.

Yacht Club, comes a salt-splashed log we wish we could quote in full. Excerpts: “We finished the Annapolis-Newport Race in Jun. A real north wind blew down (Chesapeake) Bay for a spinnaker start. It was a thrill to see some 75 boats with various colorful combinations of spinnakers heading down the Bay and then (Bimbi & I drove to Newport to be with the Race Cmte at the finish) to see them coming in under spinnakers at Newport—not quite so congested.

“While at Newport we witnessed some of the pre-race trials for the America Cup. To see those 12-Meter multimillion dollar syndicate boats perform under the professional handling of the best sailors in the world makes a record in the memory—not soon forgotten.

“Now we’re into planning for the Fall Series on the Bay—as much work and planning as for mil operations. In addition, I skipper the “Weather Mark” boat, racing out (each race) at full blower downwind about 3 miles with an 8-ft float marker to be precisely placed...”

“By the way, the first order of Class Pins (for the 45th) should be on their way by mid-Sept. I have about 15 additional orders to be processed in a month. I’ll save the final order (for laggards) until the cut-off date, 1 Feb 78.”

Bill & Irm Fletter last seen heading diagonally cross-country from FL to Seattle, (1) made it, and (2) have a story to tell:

“The U-Haul motto, ‘An adventure in moving,’ was every bit of that... We had the pick-up pulling about 5,000 lbs gross and loaded with about 1700 lbs. Replaced tires (twice), mainly due to heat in FL & GA; pushed too hard thru WY (the “up-hill” state) so underwent transmission repair in N. Powder, OR, fortunately by a real honest Mormon mechanic (former EM).



1933: Hoebeke’s still listening to Clainos in San Francisco.

“Irm likewise started out with the Impala towing a U-Haul, but within 40 mi we (learned better and) unloaded at our Bekins warehouse. After that she rode shotgun behind the truck-trailer combo and going ahead to scout out motels.

“Out here we’ve found a new lot, have completed plans for our house, and have been busy selecting the wherewithal to equip it.

“Now we’re off to Greece, Istanbul, the Greek Isles, and Rome (a TWA tour). Wonder if we’ll run into Jack & Lillian Lewis, Bear & Connie Eyer (Sept Notes). Glad to hear that Ned Gee is doing fine. We’ve a letter from K Kaesser which he printed by hand! (Considering he had to turn the pages of a book with his tongue a year ago, that’s progress!)

“We’ll be there for the 45th. Classmates in this area other than Fred Zierath are Gordon Larson, Kingfish Kelley, Doug Davis, and Ed Taylor—but we’re scattered and haven’t yet gotten together.”

Your Scribe and bride had a great steamed clam lunch with Marty & Maggie Frame at Belfast, ME. The latter, having endured the rigors of ME winters at Belfast for many years, have now moved south (about 20 miles. New address: Simonton Rd, Camden, ME) (Concurrently the Flynns have moved north 12 mi, from Lincolnville Cen to Belfast! When you Mainiacs quit movin’ around and settle down up there, we’ll publish the new Class Roster...)

The Frames’ dtr Marsha is married to LTC R. C. Johnson (’60), just transferred from the Foreign Service Inst Field Sch in Japan to command of an FA Tng Bn at Ft Stewart; youngest dtr Jakelyn is invested in a dentist at Rockport, ME.

Swinging now to the Deep South of hominy grits and chitlin’s: a welcome word and a very generous check for Phil Pope’s Class Fund from Antique Dealer Bill Given: “Still working 7 da/wk in the business, getting ready for the fall show circuit season covering LA, MS and upstate AL this year. We take about 40 pcs of furniture, 50 of silver, glass and porcelain to each and HOPE someone buys. In past 6 wks I’ve refinished/ repaired 45 items ranging from couches to card tables to chairs—upholstery, too. The only classmate to come this way is Dave Gibbs, en route to FL. Oh, to be in the leisure class!” Thanks, Bill—come on up for the 45th!

Two from Pat Guiney, our Coordinator for the 45th (see end): Jul: “I’m busy lining up details on the 45th and have... a large (rubber) stamp to mark the envelopes...” (and how, Pat! no mistaking those for junk mail!) Aug: “Saw the Carvers at the Army-VMI game. He hosted Rita and me and their cadet grandson at dinner at the Thayer. Our son Patrick III has returned to Dartmouth for his sophomore year, majoring in Engr.”

Bob & Millicent Hains’ police officer son Scott continues to do them and us Lucky Stars proud: cited for bravery in rescue work thrice in recent years, his latest (poetic justice!) is to have saved the life of his 11-month-old daughter Millicent, who fell unobserved into a pool one afternoon and had been under 7½ min when he began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. She is reported as in good condition, tests show no brain damage. Kudos, Scott! Note: The relatively newly perfected technique, CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, a dramatic improvement over the Schafer method of artificial respiration we learned as cadets, is credited with saving many lives not only from drowning, choking, elec shock, suffocation, etc, but in cases



1933: Top row (L-R): Due, Mildred Vansant, Thalia Frentzel, Martha Thorlin, Dora Due; Bottom: Vansant, Gretser and Thorlin.



1933: Top (L-R): Sue Shields, Marion Cyr, Lois Hetherington, Ann Blanchard, Dodie McClelland, Flo Cahill; Front: Cahill, McClelland, Blanchard, Hetherington, and Cyr.



1933: Top (L-R): Vansant, Jane Alspaugh, Jean Arnette, Tommie Dahlen, Nancy Breit, Madeleine Hoebeke; Front: Alspaugh, Pearson, Dahlen, Breit, Hoebeke.

of heart failure/cardiac arrest by artificial circulation achieved by external cardiac compression. This is an exciting development, especially significant to our age group. Your scribe and bride recently completed the 6-hour course (excellent) and are certified to break each other's ribs (or yours) on call; but better yet, you take it (given by American Heart Assn, Am Red Cross & others).

From Billy Harris, several items of interest plus a late report (see addendum) not yet in:

—He and Bill Baumer attended London reunion of hi level WWII intel/deception types in Jun (Sept Notes), had a great old time.

—Planning has started on a "group travel" flight to WP and back for the 45th, for interested members of the USMA classes reuniting in 78, leaving and returning San Ant. If interested, contact Billy.

Adrian Hoebeke writes: "Madeleine and I travelled this summer through Central America en route to visiting son Gary and family in Panama. Another trip took us to the MOWW Convention in Hollywood, returning thru San Fran, Salmon, ID and Salt Lake. We enjoyed visiting w/ Pete Clainos in San Fran and the Ashworths in Salmon. (Now) we're back taking college courses again. Please return pics."—A lot of action in a few words!

Hurly Hurlbut, Chmn of our Class Cmte to select/nominate our 50th Reunion Gift to USMA, has besides circularizing his members, done some circulating himself: "Polly and I flew to Vegas in Jun for a Western tour incl Sun Valley, where we harassed Bob & Posie Neely for a few days. Ol' Roberto has sprouted British type moustache and is proud owner of thoroughbred ex-racehorse which he rides and for which he shovels. Also met Betty Gowen Newman and phoned Eddie Ashworth. In Aug we joined the Whipples for a few days at Bill & Helen Elys' Double Dam Golf Course, a lovely spot. While there we all had dinner in Wheeling w/Walter & Caroline Hawkins Jennings, and helped celebrate birthday of Stephanie Hawkins Block (Jess' and Caroline's daughter). Finally, we've just had a great weekend with Pat & Jim Boswell at Ross Mtn Club near New Florence, PA, complete with a 14-hole golf course (score looks good when you get home). We hope to migrate to HI about 1 Dec, where I plan to accept gratuities from Hallock, Tubbs and Doleman on all golf courses. Let's all migrate to Ely's Double Dam for 33's Annual Golf Tournament right after the 45th!" Why not?

Mo Kaiser reports that prior to the National Midwinter Rifle Tournament Tour he brought out of ret. his old Pope-Ballard target rifle, thinking it would make an interesting conversation piece since few modern shooters had ever seen a Ballard action (which requires manually thumbing back the hammer; extraction of fired cases depends on strong fingernails). After several matches in which he fired mediocre scores with his most modern target rifle, for the final match he pulled out the old Pope with its 50-yr-old barrel and shot a perfect 400, winning the match and defeating both the US double Olympic Gold Medal winner and our current National Champion in the process. Congrats, Mo—you give heart to all the rest of us over 50 types!

From Bailey Is, ME, Harry King sends word of a get-together at the summer home of Bud & Jill Schlanser ('35), an old (1812) town court house in S. Paris, ME. "Most but not all of this 'sewing circle' group (they



1933: Hoebeke OK's Ashworth ranch facilities.

never sew) are wives/widows of '33. Dorothy Johnson and Joey Polk arrived Portland by air, where Gracie and I met them, reaching Paris in time to have martinis with the others, including Dan & Helen Parker, Ruth Carroll and Wag Kleitz—a memorable weekend. See you in the fall."

Dick & Marney Meyer send a Fasching card from Bavaria: "Currently in this land w/ 2 grandsons, having great time. Daimler-Benz factory near Stuttgart well worth visit. We picked up rental car in Paris, drove through Holland, Belgium, Germany, will return Frankfurt-Denver-Tucson."

Posie Neely confirms the Hurlbut visit: "They'd been on an educational and exercise jaunt (sightseeing and golf, that is); however, we managed to get in a little 'partying.' Earlier this Sept the Longleys flew up, and Ashworths motored down for the annual celebration of 'Wagon Days.' The good news is that everyone was healthy, Edna Ashworth having made a strong recovery from her stroke and heart problems." Thanks, Posie!

Ole & Billie Olson came thru in Jul, visiting sister Barbara and dtr Karen in McLean, VA; Ole and a stepladder, however, parted company in a way never intended by either, resulting in a state of temporary tranquility but no broken bones.... They were last seen heading for Ft Monroe to visit son Dick ('57), now a COL on the command list for a bde at Riley; thence for Hatteras with 2 grandsons 13 and 14, and on back to FL.

Danny & Helen Parker, whose summer lathstring at Meredith, NH is out to all classmates passing Lake Winnepesaukee, celebrated the arrival in Aug of a grandson, James McKinley Parker, a monicker deriving from ancestors....

—Bob & Lucy Lee Thompson are proud owners of a new Buick; she's still encountering setbacks on rollercoaster road back to health and vitality, but neither lacking in courage or steadfastness of purpose. Salut!

—Oscar & Carolyn Senter breezed in, spent nite with Elys; reported they'd been to W. Coast to see Oscar's 2 dtrs, took Alaskan inland cruise (Holland-American Line SS *Princendam*—"delightful"); lathstring out at Tequesta, FL.

—Selleck/Totten: Guiney forwards a fine letter of appreciation from Bob & Bea Totten's grandson (Sept Notes), 2LT C.A. (Pete) Selleck ('771), expressing gratitude for the Class of '33 tray presented to him at graduation: "You made my graduation a special time, especially for my grandmother. The tray is beautiful, and we all appreciate the pictures that were taken. The party at the Renfroes home was superb.... I will soon be

reporting to Ft Belvoir for my Engr basic course. I look forward to the challenges ahead as I follow in the footsteps of my grandfather and my father."

Tere Versace, still on Guam, has completed a very beautiful dual obit for ASSEMBLY covering both Hum and their son Rocky ('59), killed by the VC in '66 (will be pub in Jun 78). "I write 5 to 7 feature articles a week at the paper," writes Tere, "But it's taken me 5 years to write these 2 pages.... The paper I work for is part of the Gannett chain; I've put in for a stateside transfer, will be going back next spring, wherever they have a slot for a writer-photographer-editor. It's like the Army, over again."

Al Welling closes out the alphabet this time: "Spent most of the summer with the leisure class, that is with Nancy and our boys and our dog, the place being our cottage in the Adirondacks near north end of Lake George. This leisure class and I—we had our tennis, sailing, swimming and golf, all at levels somewhat below those of Forest Hills, America's Cup, the Olympics and the Masters, respectively speaking." Ah, but Al—what is the measure of happiness? your own overflowing cup shines through each comparison!

#### ADDENDUM/LATE POOP

In under the deadline comes Billy Harris, our SW man, with a great letter and 4 pics which we hope get included. Re the "Dam, Ditch and Aqueduct" plaque: "The Hoebekes and Thorlins were visiting the San Ant Missions; the Espada Mission Acquia (irrigation) sys is a National Historic Landmark. Other 3 pics are at cocktails hosted by Thorlins before (our annual) Dinner-on-the-River: 30 '33-ers, incl 3 widows (Sue Shields, Thalia Frenzel, Jean Arnette). Sue is just back from taking her HS grad granddaughter to France and England. Highlight of their London visit was a personally conducted tour of both Houses of Parliament by an MP; another highlight was a week in NY with another granddaughter. Sue is still studying art and painting at UTX and San Ant Art Inst. Weather perfect, Thorlins marvelous hosts. After cocktails we all loaded on bus for trip to town. We had 2 boats; the guys changed boats at mid-voyage to give ladies chance to talk to different partners.

"A rash of cataract operations: Bob Cyr doing OK with his, which included a lens transplant; Blackie Myers is scheduled for 2 in Oct; Mac McClelland has just had one. Cahill and Due doing fine. Bob Blanchard recovering from broken rib incurred in do-it-yourself house repair." (Bob, you and Ole better stay off ladders!)

"Ralph & Jane Alspaugh off for study trip to Scandinavia and Russia. All travel on continent by bus: Stalingrad, Moscow, Minsk and back thru E. Berlin."

#### THE 45th REUNION

1) The Class of '32, which still seems to keep a year ahead of us but in no other respect surpasses, seems to have had a whingeroo at theirs: "We had about 130 present, which included 40% of our remaining classmates, or about 60% counting the widows, who will always be members of our Class. We came from all over the world (including Bangkok and Taipei." Reluctant as I am to boost a competitor, Bill Davidson's '32 Notes in Sept ASSEMBLY are great reading and give a real feeling of a wonderful reunion; well worth reading.

2) Our stats: (a) In the early returns, of the first 100 responses we had 73% accep-

tances, 27% declined; as of 18 Sept Pat Guiney reports that 80 of the Class have indicated they will attend. That's 35% of our living grads. We should do better than that, and we will! Get your reservations in. 3) Dates, despite rumors to the contrary, remain 31 May-2 Jun, incl.

MEANWHILE, may "the sun shine on you, and the wind be always at your back." Merry Xmas, and stay off stepladders.... Next deadline for Notes: New Year's Eve.

# '34

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The "big event" went off magnificently! Jack & Ruth Renfro ret. from active duty and from WP at a 4 p.m. ceremony held in the WP Room on the 4th floor of the USMA Library on Wed, Aug 31st. The setting for this ceremony at WP where they had spent over 30 of Jack's 43 yrs of active duty was most appropriate. Here they were among the memorabilia of cadet life, the Army and WP, with a beautiful view of the Hudson River Valley, and above all, among hundreds of friends, associates, classmates and families. There in attendance were Red Reeder and Ray Bell who as LTs "brought us up" when we were cadets, and then representing the next generation were the Renfroes' daughter, Joyce Heckendorf, and Ace & Kathleen Brookharts' daughter Sue and her husband, Karl Oelke, and finally representing the 2d generation, J.O. & Mary Bakers' grandson, a student at Syracuse U.

Classmates and families attending included Cy & Pat Betts, Mary Baker (Mrs. James O.), Ralph & Ruth Bucknam, Hal & Faith Edson, Bob & Jeanne Finkenaur, Carol Ice (Mrs. Thew J.), Bob & Sis MacDonnell, Bill & Marian Moorman, Bill & Nancy Northam, Travis & Elizabeth Petty and Charley Wood.

The Supt, LTG "Andy" Goodpaster, conducted the ret. proceedings with the formality and dignity it deserved, yet with the warmth and friendliness that only associates of long standing can develop. Jack received the DSM from the "Supe" with most appropriate and complimentary words of recognition of dedication and service. Then he and Ruth pinned on Jack's shoulders the Stars of a BG, Stars contributed by his classmates. Cy Betts read to the assembled group this telegram: "THE CLASS OF '34 EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU, OUR LAST MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, UPON YOUR RETIREMENT AND PROMOTION. FROM CADET DAYS TO RETIREMENT, YOU HAVE ALWAYS COMMANDED OUR ADMIRATION



1934: Richardson in his new "Ford" Golf Cart.



1934: The Charley Browns and Diefendorfs at Cape Hatteras.

AND RESPECT AS A MODEL SOLDIER, AND THE SERVICES TO THE CLASS BY YOU AND RUTH HAVE ENDEARED YOU BOTH TO US ALWAYS. BON VOYAGE AND GOD SPEED ON YOUR FORTH-COMING TRIP. MOST SINCERELY, KERN, CLASS PRESIDENT."

As a surprise and recognition to Ruth, the Class of '34 presented her with a framed copy of "Ode to the Army Wife" which Hal Edson read to the assembled group and then "decorated" Ruth with a double size replica of the LM suspended by a gold chain. We believe the "Ode" is so applicable to all Army wives that we quote it here for your sympathetic enjoyment:

#### ODE TO AN ARMY WIFE

Who said that "variety is the spice of life?"  
 No doubt 't'was first said by an Army Wife.  
 For the poor girl never knows just where she's at  
 Her home is wherever he parks his hat.  
 She moves every two years into new quarters,  
 During which time she bears sons and daughters.  
 She packs up to move to the plains of Nebraska,  
 Then orders are changed and they go to Alaska.  
 Her house may be a hut with no room for expansion,  
 It may be a tent or perhaps it's a mansion.  
 Then she uncrates the furniture in snow and rain,  
 And lays the linoleum between labor pains.  
 She wrangles saw-horses and builds all the beds,  
 Make curtains of target cloth she last used for  
 spreads,  
 And during each move, now isn't it strange,  
 The brats catch mumps, measles or mange.  
 She no more gets settled when she must dress up  
 pretty,  
 And go to a party and be charming and witty.  
 She must know contract rules, mahjong and chess,  
 And whether a straight or a flush is the best.  
 On every subject she must know how to discourse,  
 She must swim, ski and golf, and ride any troop  
 horse.  
 She must drink all concoctions of "refreshments  
 so dear,"  
 But of course moderately or she'll wreck his career.  
 He insists on economy, questions each check stub,  
 Yet her house must be run like a hotel or club;  
 She entertains at all hours, both early or late,  
 For any number of guests—eighty or eight.  
 The first of each month there is plenty of cash,  
 So she serves turkey and steak, but the last week  
 it's hash.  
 She juggles the budget for tropical worsted,  
 Though the seams on her own best outfit have  
 busted.  
 Then she just gets the uniform payments arranged,  
 When the blouse is no good, regulations have  
 changed.  
 One year she has servants and lives like a lady,  
 The next she does her own work and has a new  
 baby.  
 That there'll be a bank balance she has no assurance,  
 It all goes for entertainment, or some insurance.  
 At an age to retire, he is still hale and hearty,  
 Fit as a fiddle, the life of the party.  
 While she is old and haggard, cranky and nervous,  
 Really a wreck after his thirty years service.  
 But then, when all's said and done, why, good grief,  
 She'd have been bored with a doctor, merchant or  
 chief.  
 But there's one fancy medal and Army men wear it,  
 It's their wives who should have it—that LEGION  
 OF MERIT!

Anonymous

After much picture taking, Jack, Ruth and Joyce bid fond farewells to hundreds of people here at the Library and again at a reception the Renfroes hosted at the WPAM. Later in the evening, many friends joined with the Renfroes for dinner at the Mess. Ruth and Jack particularly wished to thank Mary Baker for baking and superbly decorating a 2-ft square cake for the reception. Mary had prepared, in frosting, a beautiful replica of our Class of '34 seal that truly was a work of art—and the cake was delicious!

The next morning the Renfroes were up bright and early to join at breakfast those classmates and families staying at the Hotel Thayer. Jack and Ruth later drove Joyce to Chicago where she and husband Amos live. The Renfroes returned for a short visit with the Bucknams on Long Island, departed for Europe by air on 23 Sept, picked up their car at Le Havre, drove by way of the Riviera to their vacation home till the end of Mar 78 located at: Puerta 1 No. 33, Edificio Arenal Cullera (Valencia), SPAIN.

We also must add that Jack and Ruth received many phone calls and letters during the last week, including greetings from Si & Frances Gilman, Perry & Florence Griffith, Charley & Betty Johnson, and Harry & Mona Lardin.

Johnny Franklin writes that "members of the Class in the San Fran Bay area were invited to assemble at Bill & Peggy Neals' for a picnic on 18 Jun. This affair has now become an annual event, gathering members of the Class from more distant points each year. Those from the Bay area included Art & Helen Inman, Travis & Marge Brown, Hal & Teeney Browning, Bud & Helen Buehler, Joe & Jean Killian, Frank & Catherine Caulfield, and Johnny & Dottie Franklin. Those from distant places included Bob & Sue Erlenkotter from Mendocino, Paul & Jody Hanley from their new home in Carmel, and finally, for the first time, Dale Smith, along with Charlie & Biette Fell from across the line in Reno, NV. Charlie & Betty Johnson who have just recently moved to Carmel had to regret—but will, no doubt, make it next year. After the usual festivities of a picnic, events were highlighted by a contest between the men and their ladies in churning ice cream from a very tasty creation of Peggy Neal's. There followed a tour of the place, evidencing much progress in Bill Neal's projects over the past year. So, thanks to the Neals, the Class group in the Bay area and its distant environs



1934: Hillyards, Edsons and Wards at Cape Hatteras.

manage to stay in touch—and that's what counts!"

Help us locate Miles B. Chatfield and Henry W. Ebel. The bulletin we sent 1 Aug 77 was returned "Moved, left no address" and "Not deliverable."

Here are a few changes that just arrived: Cunin moved to 5843 Royal Club, San Antonio, TX 78239; Bill Moorman to 8 Hunting Ridge, same town; Reeves to 510 L St, Apt. 1006, zip 99501; Paul Turner to 1631 Blue Ridge Dr; and Up Williams' wife is Virginia.

No word as yet on when the AF Acad plans to dedicate the "Bill Stone Memorial." We suggest you keep in contact with Myra Stone and Bill Legg so that as many classmates and families as possible can attend this most worthy presentation, one designed to honor both institutions, our classmate and one of the AF Acad's early supts.

Dan & Betty Anne Cheston had a grand trip to AK and Carmel, CA in August. Dan writes "The inland waterway trip from Vancouver to Skagway was delightful, with islands and lovely cloud effects. Drizzly at Ketchikan and Juneau, but both quite interesting. The trip up the RR from Skagway to White Horse over the 1898 trail was beautiful—how did the old-timers make it in the dead of winter! Then over the Alcan highway for 2 days to Fairbanks, and on to the mighty Mt McKinley—a perfectly magnificent sight! Anchorage next and 4 more gorgeous glaciers before our flight to Carmel, CA where we visited Ben & Harriet Harrell (Class of '33) and enjoyed seeing Charlie & Betty Johnson and luncheon at Rotary with Paul Hanley—all looked fine."



1934: Retirement ceremony for the Renfroes.



1934: Ruth Renfroe "decorated" with Legion of Merit by Hal Edson.

Incidentally, Paul although having ret. twice is back at work again—this time as a Sr Fellow and Adjunct Assoc Prof of Pol Sci at the Monterey Inst of Foreign Studies.

Received word from FL that Knox Yarbrough made a "Hole-in-One" on the 155 yard, 16th Hole at Patrick AFB. He reportedly used a 5-wood on this par 3 hole. Cheers, Knox! It's your turn next, Babs!

Burt & Ginger Bruce drove to Medford, MA in May to see their son Burr graduate from Tufts U. with a B.S. in Mech Engr. Burr has accepted a position with AVCO in Stratford, CT as an engr in the Design Test section. His wife Ronda, who will graduate as an elec engr in 78, also had a summer job with AVCO in Stratford.

Nat Ward IV, with wife Diane and their 2 children, visited Pete & Evelyn in Hampton and sister Chartley in Alexandria this summer. You may recall that Nat, a VMI grad in 65, was seriously wounded in VN in 67. He recovered marvelously, served for 9 yrs in the RA, then ret. for phys dsbl in 74. He now has earned a law degree and will practice in San Diego. We also congratulate Chartley, a French teacher, on receiving her master's in Educ this Jun.

In Sept, Dave Routh visited his grandson, Fred Wright III, a plebe at USMA. The young man was the Virginia HS tennis champion and had received full scholarships to several colleges.

Received word from the Hillyards that Lee & Mary Ingram have rented their condominium in Satellite Beach and are off "trailing" again with plans to spend the winter in Mesa, AZ.

Jabo & Virgie Jablonsky will leave Iran in Oct to settle down and build a house in Oakridge Estates near Fort Hood, TX, receiving mail at Box 1177, Killeen, TX 76541.

Received a delightful note from Dana Johnston's widow Anna now living at Les Orchidees, 36 Avenue de la Californie, 06200 Nice, France, indicating that she and the girls would see us at WP at our 45th Reunion in 79.

Stacy Gooch writes on 5 Sept from the motel at the Kennedy Intl Airport that he and Nat are en route to a 15-day tour of Greece and the Is. He also mentions that should you be near NM this winter, be sure to stop at Taos Ski Valley where he continues to teach

skiing. For our 45th Reunion in May 79, Stacy proposes we set up a jogging program and have a 45-minute jogging marathon. To carry out this proposal, we've appointed our 33 USMA Cross Country Team Capt, Bill Northam, as organizer and coordinator—so, Stacy, arrange details with Bill.

In Aug, Hal & Faith Edson on their way to WP for Renfroe's Ret. "drove by" to spend several days with Jim & Elinore O'Hara at their delightful summer home at Ocqueoc, MI on the upper reaches of Lake Huron. Swimming in Lake Huron was rather chilly! However, a visit to Sault St. Marie and motor boat cruising on one of the rivers was most pleasant. The O'Haras spent Labor Day weekend at St. Louis, MO, attending a reunion of Jim's WW II outfit, the 10th AD.

FL is now the home of 2 long time DC area residents, the Gerharts and DeGuies. Merl gives his new address as 2228 Tulip Tree Lane, Clearwater, FL 33515, and invites classmates to stop by. The Orange Juice State now has 23 of the Class of '34. How about some of you Floridians arranging a mini-reunion?

BJ & Farley Richardson went shopping for a golf cart and guess what they purchased? None other than a Ford. And we mean the one the White House had leased at Burning Tree for former Pres Gerald Ford. You can see that smug smile in the picture of BJ sitting in his new No. 1 cart with the plexi glass windshield and the vinyl top. This is truly an "exclusive" on the Gibson Is Golf Course. Your scribe has been permitted to ride in it, wearing gloves, of course.

This week after Labor Day, we had a mini-reunion at Cape Hatteras, NC with Charley & Tete Brown, Johnny & Janet Diefendorf, Hal & Faith Edson, Pete & Evelyn Ward, and Harry & Eddrea Hillyard, who arranged to stop over for a few days on their travels north to see Lee Anne and family in PA and Harry's mother in NB. The weather cooperated to help us with swimming, sun bathing, fishing and shopping. Enough fish were caught to provide 2 luncheons plus a batch frozen to take home. This "after Labor Day Cape Hatteras" vacation has been going on for several years. Let us know if you wish to join next year.

After much discussion and consideration, we've settled on the Holiday Inn at Newburgh, NY for the 45th Reunion in May 79. Jim O'Hara and Bob Finkenaur are working up the details and should have a notice out after the first of the year.

We are pleased to announce that Ace Brookhart left the Princeton, NJ hospital on 6 Aug, and he and Kathleen are back in Carlisle. Ace is receiving therapy at the Carlisle dispensary.

Carol Ice who lives just 35 miles from WP has kept us in the DC area quite well informed on activities at the Acad through sending clippings from the newspaper "Middle-town Record."

# '35

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I am very sorry to have to report that some of our classmates are ill. Hank Thayer is seriously ill in Walter Reed with a recurrence of cancer similar to that he had removed some years ago. Herb Gee is recovering from abdominal surgery last summer and though he and Ruth can't make it to Guadalajara they plan to make our 45th. Charlie



1935: Firehock and Charlotte Rumsey

Walker is planning to have delicate eye surgery which he says will either restore his vision or leave him blind. All our best wishes are with all 3 of them and their families.

Jim Buck has finally ret. from teaching and was planning to make the 22 Sept luncheon of the DC contingent but had to cancel to meet one of his family arriving by plane. We managed to get 14 together including Breakefield from PA and Ferris from TX.

There are numerous moves. Rooney Rynearson has also ret. from teaching, and he and Betty are moving to 11189 Palmeras Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351 for winters and to Rte 3, Milton, VT 05468 for summers. Rooney also writes that their daughter Eleanor is in Wichita with 3 grandsons, and sons CPT Bill (USMA '69) and 1LT Charlie (USMA '74) are both in Germany, the latter with a 4th grandson.

Caesar & Marge Fiore have moved to 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd, Arlington, VA 22202. Fred & Alice Cummings have moved a few blocks to 1305 S. Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Helen van Ormer writes that she hopes to move to the Army Distaff Hall someday. Sal Armogida writes that they are moving to Ft Myers, FL, but gives no exact address.

Christopher, the youngest son of Reuben & Helen Tucker, wrote a very nice letter to give the Class a report on the Tucker family. Christopher expects to enter the service on his graduation from The Citadel in May 79. He reports that his mother has moved to 17 Orange St, Charleston, SC. Chris also reports that his oldest brother Jeff is territorial mgr for Shell Oil in NY; the next, Glenn, is with Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta; and the 3d, Scott, is with the First National Bank in Charleston. All are graduates of The Citadel.

Mary Lou Knowles now lives at 102 Ar-



1935: Sitting (L-R): Consuelo Alger, Alice Harris, Schlanser, Phil Glass and Jill Schlanser; Standing: Glass and Alger.



1935: Sitting (L-R): Helen Fickel, Jean Robbins, Rosalie Rogers and Charlotte Rumsey; Standing: Rogers, Fickel, Robbins, Rumsey.

cadia Place #902, San Antonio, TX 78209. Glenn Thompson now lives at 1611 Saracen Rd, Austin, TX 78746. Bob & Jackie Greenlee left DC last Jun and now live at 2735 Aqua Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Milt & Irene Taylors' surgeon son, LTC Ron Taylor has been reassigned from Ft Huachuca to Ft Ord, CA.

Al & Jean Robbins are proud to report their 1st grandchild, Anne Elizabeth Robbins, born to Dr Andy and Patty Robbins on 29 Aug 77.

Ray Firehock came through in Aug and Charlotte and I were able to lure him out on Chesapeake Bay. Ray at the helm, Charlotte passenger and caterer, me behind the camera.

We are indebted to Ed Harris for the nice group picture taken at the Glasses' summer home in ME. We are indebted to Hal Edson '34 (as photographer using Charlotte's camera) for the night picture taken after dinner at the Rogers' when the Fickels came through.

When you read this, the Class Guadalajara "Rendezvous" will be a memory. George Ruhlen says we should call it that rather than "Mini-Reunion" because of runt connotations. Anyway as this goes to press there are listed reservations firm for 92 of us, with several more as "possibles." Ole!

Late news from Johnny Cole: "We have just completed an 'interim' reunion in Guadalajara, Mexico, which was successful beyond anyone's wildest dreams. This in terms of turnout (94 classmates, wives, and widows) organization, superbly done by Jack Rhoades aided by numerous others and the good time had by all hands. We have a cmte actively pursuing another one, and we heartily recommend to other classes that they give it a try."

# '36

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"A Brief from Bill" regarding Monterey in May (78): "A 3d and, I hope, final Reunion Bulletin (RB) will be issued in due time. Meanwhile, this will serve as an interim report on the status of reunion plans. Most of the changes that occurred between RB-1, dated 24 Jun 77, and RB-2, dated 1 Aug 77, resulted from your comments and suggestions. Some, however, were necessitated by circumstances beyond our control. In addition, a number of you had questions that might be of general interest. This report will address these questions and the major changes that might affect your plans.

"Check-out time at the Naval PG Sch (NPS) has been established as NOON SHARP on Fri, 26 May 78. Again I urge early reservations for travel by air and for any accommodations desired in this area beyond that date and time. It is also important that I be informed immediately of any change in plans, especially cancellations, so that our requirements for billeting and scheduled activities can be determined as accurately as possible and on an equitable cost basis. The 40 double rooms allotted to us at NPS have all been taken, and there is now a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be notified in turn if any vacancies do occur.

"Several asked again about the weather. That is not among the changes from RB-1, which stated that the normal temperature range for the reunion period will be from 10 to 19 degrees Celsius. You may expect night and morning fog but little or no rain. As everywhere, extremes are always possible, but I guarantee nothing. Warm outer clothing is nevertheless essential. For evening social functions, long skirts or dresses would be appropriate for the ladies, business suits or blazers for the men.

"In RB-3, I shall provide you with cost estimates for the scheduled activities and request prepayment by a specified date. This procedure is necessary to guarantee fulfillment of contracts, which must be negotiated and signed in advance. The NPS Club, for example, requires a firm number of guests at least one week in advance. To collect after your arrival would not only be administratively difficult, but any last-minute cancellations would leave me financially responsible.

"Meanwhile, I am working on the possibility of registering by mail at NPS, to minimize any hassles at check-in time. I also hope to provide you with at least an outline map of the area and advance information on such things as car rentals.

"As of mid-Sept, 48 have signed up to attend, for a total of 93 persons. Following is an outline of the agenda, as it stands at the moment:

Mon, 22 May 78: Arrival

Tue, 23 May 78: General orientation at 0900, followed by briefing on golf arrangements; golf at Ft Ord, with starting times beginning at 1330; cocktail party at 1830.

Wed, 24 May 78: Bus trip for sightseeing and luncheon at Big Sur, leaving at 0930.

Thur, 25 May 78: Reservations have been made for 8 foursomes at the Pebble Beach Golf Course, with starting times beginning at 0730; cocktails and dinner dance at 1830.



1936: Norman and the Holtons.



1936: Chaffin, Layne, Betty C., Grace L.

Fri, 26 May 78: Departure (Check-out no later than noon at NPS).

Bill wrote additionally concerning those who've decided they will not attend: health reasons affect Beggs, Covington, Gaston, and Wildrick. Leer had a 52-day confinement at Brooke AMC, but hopes to come. Lyn & Clark Hosmer are hoping also to be there. Business affects Bennett, Clifton, Bill Davis, Lampert and Lynch. Hay is optimistic that he can attend and Hayes is canceling out on an Antwerp intl conf in order to attend. Long-planned Travel affects Buynoski, Clark, Cordes, Curran, Greene, and Steele. Most novel excuse: O'Brien has a conflicting polo tournament!

The first straying away from Whispering Pines in 7 straight years brought together a substantial 42 reunion-ites at the new Kiawah Inn, north of Charleston. Those enjoying weather, golf, water, food, and especially each other were Broyles, Chaffins, Dawalts, Evans, Gages, Holtermans, Holtons, Kellys, Klocks, Laynes, McCormicks, Normans, Packs, Partridges, Quinns, Ike Smiths, Spencers, Turnages, Inch Williams, and singles—Betty Connor, Sally Beard, Russ Grohs, and Westy (Kitsy was visiting her family). Newcomers this year were McCormicks, Normans, Holtermans, Holtons, and Chaffins. Golf winners were Polly Holton, Karie Dawalt, Ted Klock, and Broyles. Betty Connor hosted a Charleston tour and delightful lunch in her pre-Revolutionary home. The Class dinner, MC'd by Kelly, was private and better than any previously attended, (in my opinion). I learned who "Bob" was—the guy who sent a card after visiting the Hahneys and Swains in last ASSEMBLY. "Bob" is otherwise cleped by his family as "Partridge-Knievel." It seems that our Bob this year decided to turn back his age a generation (or 2), and bought and rode a motor bike 7,000 miles out west and back. (I wonder what staid, Rhodes Scholar, doctor, son Bruce thinks of these paternal goings-on?)

Ed Beggs wrote with a new address of 1330 Idlewild Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32301. He reluctantly gave up VP of Brevard Coll because of "an ailment many of our classmates" have: aneurism and open heart recommendations. He's near 2 of his daughters where they can "baby sit" him. Have heard 3 times from Mid Burnett who's staying on in the home she and Bob enjoyed 6 yrs and with close good friends, Bodines and T-Willie Morris'. Mid's last word was that she did receive the DIC from the VA because she submitted an autopsy. She was sure that she wouldn't qualify. (The rest of you '36 wives take note: be sure to order an autopsy on us when we go!) Herb Cady writes that since his dsbly ret. in 67, he's been rather limited in travel-



1936: Kailua in May, "D" Company: Klocks, Cordes, Swains and Persons.



1936: The Holtermans



1936: Lois Kieffer, Illig and Kieffer.



1936: The McCormicks

ing. He says that the airlines won't let him aboard with the oxygen tank he carries. Otherwise he and Adele love Sarasota, the golf, and fishing in a new 24 ft boat. The Chapclears wrote that they recently visited Vegas with a relative who came away a substantial winner. They also said they're planning on the Gages driving up to "Kinard's Reunion" with them next May. Ted Clifton called one day seeking the Class crest design to have copied for Van Sutherland's ret. recognition. The end of Jul Cec & Bev Combs stayed with Ace & Jean Miller in Carmel Valley and all visited with the Fergussons. Cecil wrote that Bob Burnett was buried on "a high windy knoll in the central Texas hill country he loved." Cec says he's got great vision in his left eye—the one from which cataract was removed (I believe). The Cordes wrote sending a pic of 4 "D" Co. members at the HI reunion. The Cordes and Persons spent over a week in Kauai after Oahu. Contrary to Kinard's earlier comment, the Currans are going to HI in May, but are not letting this interfere with attending NPS. Young CPT Jack Daly Jr. wrote from Germany. He says he's in a unit near one of the Abram boys. A newsclipping stated that Ben Davis was heading a White House panel studying federal ret. sys. T.R. Davis wrote that several recent 65 birthdays were celebrated—his, Bill Davis' and Grothaus'—"happy Medicare!" he says. At Brooke General saw Jim Billy who hoped he could go to Monterey. Dawalt has written several times. On one occasion he stated that Bruce Palmer is pres of the WP Soc of DC. A letter from Tom Hayes in Jul stated he could not be at Monterey; but very fortunately his comments earlier in these notes to Kinard rescind this letter, so he will be there! In case anyone has wondered up to this point, I have not yet seen a list of the 93 who are supposed to meet in May.

Helen Hess wrote that their Jun anniv at WP was "heaven" and the Hotel Thayer had a "glorious view," and it was "the cheapest luxurious vacation." They are Monterey bound. Ernie Holmes, after reading about Barlow-Covington-Phelan-Gage river crossing in 34, got his nostalgia buds bubbling. He said in that same winter he and Maben Griffith and 2 others he can't remember went over to Cold Spring. Later he said someone did it, but the ice-breaker passed through, so the cadet had to hire a taxi and come over Bear Mt. Bridge. He thinks this was Sam Gooding. He reminisced that the tall bugler who would s-t-r-e-t-c-h out assembly at 0550 so we'd make formation, took Barlow, Turner, Griff and him to NY. And again, he and Abe got off train at Highland Falls coming back from 34 Xmas and dropped by a "bootleg joint" until midnite.

The Hosmers spent a terrible summer out in NV worrying over dear Lyn's clot behind the eye, which limits her vision. Have received no less than 4 pieces of correspondence from them plus phone call. They finally returned home to FL in late Aug; Lyn feels fine, but is careful because of the partial blindness (one eye only) and a faulty heart symptom. Lyn wrote once back in Jul, and I can read her much better than all the rest of Clark's cards. They are optimistically hoping to go to Monterey. Their courage and faith is remarkable and they deserve to get to CA! The Jacobys were in Atlanta a weekend the middle of Sept; reason: to make arrangements for wedding of daughter, Diana, who will marry here 17 Dec. Received a short note from Harry Katz in Jun. Ham Morris' widow, Erma, married George Mittendorf, 23d Aug,



1936: Grons and Westy.

and they live nearby at 2662 Sharondale Circle, Atlanta, GA 30305.

T-Willie Morris wrote on the occasion of Bob's passing. He and Bodine have been staunchest supporters of Mid these last few months. The Persons wrote that when in Kauai with the Cordes, the Stewarts and Williams came over for dinner. Pete also is enthusiastic about Monterey; he says after living in the area 7 yrs, he's only been down there once. Right after we returned from HI, Steve Smith wrote regarding possible places for a West Coast reunion and he was enthusiastic about Bill Kinard's NPS plans. After a long absence, Howie Snyder finally got back to Atlanta the 3d week in Sept and the occasion was celebrated by a long lunch at Atlanta's best restaurant, Herrrens, with Dad, Howie, and your scribe. For first time in 7 yrs Ned Broyles has not been main muckamuck in the fall golf-reunion episode. This year it was your Class Treas, Ben Turnage, who took-off with the Kiawah idea no earlier than Feb. The results were outstanding; and it seems possible that if the Class returns to the same place it will be a full acclamation for Ben's superior efforts. In Jul the Warfields wrote they thought the Monterey plans were "super." Also in Jul Westy was in Atlanta organizing the American Red Cross drive for 10 Southern states.

'37

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First of all—apologies for what George McDowell called to your scribe's attention: the Murrays and the Registers were present on Fri of the Reunion. Remember it well because saw them both when we formed up for the Alumni Exercises. George did let your scribe off lightly however, and added some news: George & Rae McDowell spent 3 days with Charlie & Ginnie Register in NH just prior to the Reunion and then the Registers spent Thurs evening with George & Ruth Murray in CT before coming down to WP.



1937: Smalley, Gildart, McDowell (L-R).



1937: Ginny Pearsall, Peggy Smalley, Ginger Gildart and Rae McDowell.

George also reports that Ray & Edna Cheal visited the McDowells for a weekend the latter part of Aug and they all saw the Astros-Reds game and pretty well did up Houston and Galveston during the weekend.

Howard Smalley checked in next with a report that their trip home from the Reunion through Canada was a fine one with good weather all the way. He and Peggy are going to stay home for awhile now and try to preserve their landscape from that bad drought in their area. Howard also sent some fine pictures—all but one taken at the Reunion. First, the before and after—Smalley, Gildart, McDowell in '37 and then McDowell, Smalley and Gildart 40 yrs later; a little older, but more handsome! Next, a group of 5 while we were waiting to line up for the Alumni Exercises. And then 2 group pics outside the Thayer. If there are any more pictures out there, send them in for later issues—they're always welcome!

Luke Elkins regretfully cancelled plans for a trip east, including our Class Reunion, to coordinate with other plans. He and Betty left Tucson in late Jul, visited Lawton, OK and gave Betty her first look at Ft Sill, visited daughter Nancy in Hot Springs, AR, and visited Luke's 2 sisters in GA. Then Betty flew back to Hot Springs to help Nancy prepare for her wedding, and Luke drove on down to FL for the 101st Abn Div 32d annual reunion. He drove back to Hot Springs for the wedding on 20 Aug. The next day Betty headed out for the British Isles for a one week conference of the Intl Federation of U. Women in Stirling, Scotland, and 2 weeks visiting and sightseeing in the London area.



1937: Pearsall, Wilhoit, Himes, Maggofin, and Sanborn.

Luke stayed in Hot Springs 4 days to see that the household goods of the bride and groom got packed, loaded, and on the way to Longview, WA. The groom had just been transferred to the Weyerhaeuser Co. installation there from Hot Springs. As of mid-Sept Betty had been back in Tucson one day and Luke 2 wks. They expected to soon be busy with his activities as pres of the WP Soc of S. AZ again, and hers as VP of the Tucson chapter of the American Assn of U. Women again.

Luke saw Jim Norvell in Lawton. He was spending about 3 days a week golfing and 3 days a week getting kidney treatments, and was in good spirits.

And now a quote from Tommy Compton who has been one of the faithful contributors:

"It was great to see you at the Reunion, along with the other 98 classmates who made it. While we haven't had a true get-together here in the San Fran Bay Area for an honest head count, I can verify that all who made WP from here have returned safely. One of the unexpected benefits of the reunion was discovering that Ken & Edie Wade have been living in the Sunnyvale area for over a year, unbeknownst to me and other classmates. They'll be welcome additions to our activities

"With great sadness I must report the passing of Max Tincher on 27 Jul. You may recall that I spoke of his being under chemotherapy some time ago. On Mon the 25th he went into Letterman Hospital for another treatment. I gather that there was an infection in one lung that spread rapidly to the other, and he died in the small hours of Wed morning; Carol and their daughter Carolyn were present. Sun, the 31st, a memorial service was held at the church in Los Altos that Max and Carol attended. A touching tribute to Max was read—a poem composed by his children. Jack Chapman, Mary & Meyer Edwards, Lois & Tom Compton, Peg & Howard Smalley, Edie & Ken Wade, and Posheng Yen attended the ceremony; Carol had a small buffet for close friends and classmates afterward. Carol lives at 24771 Summerhill Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Any memorials to Max are requested to be in the form of donations to the American Cancer Society.

"On the personal side, some classmates may recall that Lois was not doing too well at the Reunion. Her health continued to go downhill even on the Caribbean cruise that we took immediately after, and 10 days after our return home she was in the hospital with lobar pneumonia. After 8 days on oxygen she was released and improvement began almost immediately; it has continued on a remarkable daily basis that seems almost miraculous to me. Now she is walking by herself (with a cane) and last night prepared dinner for the first time in months.

"I ran into June Barko at the Moffett Field commissary a couple of weeks ago. She says Jim is travelling for Bechtel Corp and is looking forward to complete ret. next year. She gets together with Ginny Ressegieu occasionally; Fred also worked for Bechtel.

"I think public recognition should be given the reunion cmtte for the splendid job they did in the face of great difficulties. I must admit that I was lukewarm about the Class gift when it was first announced, but at the dedication I realized what it means to the Academy. Furthermore, I think it is in excellent taste, and a credit to '37. Lois and I both wish we had been able to get around and renew friendships with more of the members



1937: McDowell, Smalley, Gildart (L-R).

there, but our mobility was somewhat restricted. We'll do better on the 45th."

Two quotes have been used for 2 reasons—first, they are good; and 2d, your scribe's wife Ginny has been on the sick list for about 2 months so between hospitals and doctors and being chief cook and bottle washer, there just ain't enough time between reveille and taps! Happy to report that things are looking up now.

As a parting gesture let me reinflate and float a trial balloon that George McDowell floated my way. George suggested the possibility of reunions at intervals less than 5 yrs: anywhere from 1 to 2½ to be held at cities in an area where classmates are concentrated, such as San Ant, San Fran, Atlanta, St. Petersburg. The general idea would be to have a classmate in such an area volunteer to organize a gathering and to have Finn Unger's blessing and support to do that. As George says: "This might be an idea whose time has come." At any rate, George's comments will be passed to Finn so he can hear from the volunteers. Far be it for your scribe to volunteer anyone, but he can't wait for George McDowell's OPENING PERFORMANCE! Seriously, we all know time's awastin' so maybe at least an ad hoc mini-reunion at more frequent intervals than 5 yrs would be attractive to enough people to make it feasible.

# '38

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For the past 3 yrs the Kopcsaks have given a dinner at the A/NCC in Jul. This event which deserves to become a tradition, is our only social event of the summer months. Tess demonstrates her prowess as a flower gardener by providing gardenia corsages and gladiola table bouquets for the assemblage. The latest event on the 16th of Jul featured the presence of Mick & Muriel Amick who suggested that we commemorate the last retirement in the class, the Loughs. This we hope to accomplish by publication of the following proclamation which includes the names of the attendees: "From the DC Contingent of the Class of '38 in festive mood assembled—Our congratulations and best wishes to Margerite & Fred, who have outlasted us all in the uniformed service of country and alma mater. May you

find retirement as rewarding as have we. All the best to you both from all of us." Signed—Dick & Alice Stillwell, George & Betty Bixby, Muriel & Mick Amick, Art & Mim Collins, Tracy & Dotty Harrington, Warren & Trudy Hannum Jr., Bill & Margaret Beverley, Bill Corbetts, Arpad & Tess Kopcsak, Bobs & Jess Thomas, Charlotte & Jim Taylor, Ralph B. Prager Jr., Nick Chavasse, Lloyd & Kitty Johnson, Catharina & Desloge Brown, Bill Smith, Lennie Lemon, Jim & Miriam Lewis and By Stout.

McHaney and Betty in Ft Walton Beach, FL, write the following: "Sorry we couldn't hold over for the local Class party but I had a daughter and son-in-law as well as a wife, all of whom (at the time) were hot, hungry, and anxious to get bare foot, etc., so just could not be there. Anyway it was good to talk to you and hear the same and healthy voices come back across the lines and yrs. It was a shock to hear the distressing news about Agnes Shanley. Tom ('39) has had a full share of heartaches. How doubly sad that it should happen just as they were setting out to reap some of the pleasures that they had been working so long and hard to enjoy. Our visit up there was mainly to offset the homesickness of Ellen who now lives in Richmond with her husband, Randy Rollins. Randy is a nucl engr with WEPCO. En route to and from Richmond we saw daughter Carol Ann who recently married Jules Heymann of Greenville, SC. Carol is a pharmacist (chief) in St. Francis Hosp, and Jules owns and operates a wine and beer distributery business in W. SC. There is one subject you can raise in your next column and that is the '38 Golf Classic which I once thought was to be a part of the 40th Reunion set of festivities. This was to be a re-run of the H.K. Kelly Classic held several yrs ago. Unfortunately the plans for this big event (proceeds to benefit the Class memorial Fund) have been lost in the shuffle. I would like to urge that these plans be reviewed so all can start sharpening their games and padding their handicaps appropriately. I suspect it would also be wise to get response from prospective participants—plus assurance from the local golf course of a specific block of time for this big event. Sincerely, Gailon McHaney—Max"

Also in town was Fred Lough Jr., who I was surprised to learn is now a CPT Med Cps, serving at Walter Reed.

I note belatedly and with great regret, Last Roll Call mention of Rudy Laskowsky's death in Brevard, NC on 8 Nov 76. Sometimes the word travels slowly. Another Carolinian, not recently heard from, sends more welcome news. Dutch Williams has been active and covering a lot of ground. I sent him Chuck Jackson's address, but am a wee bit bewildered as to how Dutch visited Chuck without having it. Here's the latest from Dutch—"Have intended to drop you a note for ASSEMBLY for a long time, but my intentions have come to nought too often. My wife, Sara and I are still living at "Hound Ears," a resort area in W. NC, near Boone, with a mailing address of PO Box 188, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, and phone (704) 963-5792 found in the Sugar Grove section of the ph. book. Do nothing but play golf, ski and travel when we have had enough of the base for a while. Would enjoy seeing any of the classmates who get up this way—have a couple of extra bedrooms. In May we were on Hilton Head where we saw Fred Dean and his wife. Last month we went to HI. Contacted Chuck Jackson who spent Sun afternoon giving us a most enjoyable trip

around the scenic spots. Then dropped by his condo and had a drink with Doty. On the big island Carter Duncan spent a Sun afternoon showing us the Kona Coast and his idealic homesite. Both Carter and Chuck said they hope to be at the 40th, as do we. Have played golf a couple times with Hank Crouch both here and at his course in Raleigh. Haven't seen him lately because when we get near there we end up at the daughter's home in Durham, NC where the only grandson (3½ yrs) sees to our training in taking care of grandchildren . . . Sincerely, Warren (Dutch) Williams X-G Co."

Our 21 Sept lunch was attended by Beverley, Bixby, Collins, Connell, Corbett, DePuy, Harrington, Hulse, Izenour, Kopcsak, Lotz, Miller, Ryan, Sibly, Stilwell, Stout, Taylor, Thomas, Thackeray and Watson. Notable items included the details of Class Memorial and the 40th Reunion arrangements. Heavy work on the overlook should be completed before winter. Funding appears adequate except for possible items of maintenance. Probable base for Class housing is the Ramada Inn in Newburgh near Howard Johnson's of '73 Reunion. Consensus seems to be that we should arrange with Bosch to make all mass movements by bus. Motel contract will require 3-day guarantee at \$30.00 per.

A month ago Des Brown checked into Walter Reed with what was found to be leukemia. He has since been moved to the Baltimore Cancer Inst. Information is meager and not easy to come by—yet, we know all the Class wish well to him as well as to Catherina and family.

Frank & Peg Miller report the arrival of their 12th grandchild born 11 Jul in Giessen, Germany. The baby, Megan McGregor Miller, is the daughter of CPT & Mrs. Robt Miller '72. Frank has been planning all the luncheons and arranging for the dinners for the Class since the scribe left office as entertainer and am sure is appreciated for his fine efforts.

Art Smith in Richmond sends a half page from the TIMES DISPATCH reporting the conversion of "Senator" Norris from stock farmer to environmentalist. He is now in The Plains in Falquier Cty near Warrenton and has decided that his right tibia, after 2 serious fractures would be best preserved by his conversion into environmentalist. He has been elected pres of the Piedmont Env. Council where, with a core staff of 7 he is confronting problems as nucl power, water pollution, commercial, industrial and residential sprawl, and after a disastrously dry summer, the overwhelming problem of WATER.

Carl Dapprich, on his "Travel or Perish" sabbatical provides voluminous evidence that he and Dottie definitely will not perish. He provides details from Key West, Yucatan, Guatemala, the Everglades, Hilton Head, then on Spain, Rhein/Main, Wulfsburg (where he took delivery on a VW Rabbit), then back to Torrejon, Rota and Portugal. His last word came from Rehoboth Beach, DE, where the Dapprichs' are trying to gradually become reacclimated to Phila.



1939: At the Richardsons'—Harpers Ferry 10 Sept.

'39

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Hail to the Chief! Brownie Brownfield was elected CinC of the Military Order of the World Wars this past summer. The MOWW could not have a better man. Not only has Brownie a varied and distinguished mil background, he has also served in the MOWW as CS for 6 yrs. Many of us should be able to renew acquaintances with Brownie and Cissy as he has vowed to leave his cattle and cotton ranch long enough to do some traveling. Those of you near a local chapter of MOWW keep on the lookout because someday, sometime Brownie is going to turn up (and hopefully turn up some news for this column).

Other travelers—Jean & Mike Davison returned from Stuttgart and the auto show in Frankfurt. Mike now has an additional position, member of the Board of Directors of Mercedes-Benz and advisor to Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart. With 2 children living there, what a convenient time to be required to take 3 or 4 trips to Germany!

The weekend of 10 Sept in Harpers Ferry couldn't have been more pleasant and fun. Trudy & JD Richardson are perfect hosts in a perfectly charming location. Ed Hamilton as usual arranged a full program. We had more classmates than could be billeted by the Richardsons and Bunch Duke so some stayed overnight in a nearby motel. A very busy weekend—golf, fishing, steak dinner, good music, horse racing at Charlestown (Chuck Parsons and PJ Long, who incidentally is a stockholder in the track, actually came out



1939: At Harpers Ferry: Hamilton, Jennine and Norm Farrell.



1939: At Harpers Ferry: The Baileys, Long, Yolande Collins, Simon, Collins, Hamiltons, Preston, Jackie Newcomer, Lydia Preston, Richardson, Banning, Green, Millie Banning, McClellans, Krutz', Hoisington, and Newcomer.

winners). The next day after one of Trudy's very special breakfasts, Jim Collins gave an extremely interesting and enlightening history of Harpers Ferry from before the arrival of the white man to current times. Then we toured the town of Harpers Ferry, its Civil War battlefield and other historical spots. Then back to Trudy's and Rich's for lunch, including the biggest ever lobster salad. And what an array all weekend of things to curb a thirst. We took time from playing to present a WP rocking chair to the Richardsons in appreciation of their Harpers Ferry hospitality in 76 & 77 (and we hope for years to come); a plaque to Ed Hamilton for keeping our social life so interesting by sponsoring so many Class events over the years; a gift to Norm Farrell, the keeper of our local DC fund and arranger of the monthly luncheons; scrolls to past scribes, Bill Bailey and PJ Long. Charlie Kepple another past scribe was unable to make this weekend because of Rita's bad health. Charlie did come to a small Class luncheon at Arlington Hall Sta the following Wed and got his scroll. At that time Charlie said that Rita is responding well to her treatment. Bill Banning, our faithful photographer, took some fine color prints. Just hope that Mike Krisman and his crew can get some of them to print, especially of the group on the battlefield at Harpers Ferry. Missing are those that had to leave after the Sat festivities.

Ed Hamilton received several letters from which come the following excerpts: Mal Caffee was preparing for a trip to UT and some fishing on Lake Powell, then up to Canada hunting ducks, sharp tailed grouse and Hungarian partridge, then a trip to Iceland which he hasn't seen since he was stationed there 35 years ago. Mal indicated that this year he would check out Vero Beach as a possible ret. home. After about 30 yrs of WI winters he is entitled to lots of FL sun. Frank Iseman wrote that things are well in GA (things should be quieter because GA sent a lot of boatrockers to DC). Matt Legler gave little news of himself but did say that Briget & Dave Dillard had sold their house in anticipation of Dave's ret. from Grumman in Nov. Hope we get his new address. Chesty Evans wrote from Nashville but gave little news except to say that he had been in touch with Frank Gilchrist and Ned Kirby-Smith. Wimpy Walker wrote to Dick Cleverly from HI. His back is still giving him trouble so he is going to stay for a while in Honolulu where daily walks and lots of swimming seem

very beneficial. Nancy and Wimpy will return to the States after he gets his back in shape. Nancy took a trip to Taipei but Wimpy stayed in Honolulu to keep up his PT.

Had hoped to get a good story and picture from CA but we will have to settle for the following from Dave Nanny in Palo Alto. "Sorry about the classic car project. Someone must be telling me to get a new car. I do have a lot of old cars but none yet classics. Three Lincoln Continentals, one VW bus, a 58 Lambretta scooter, and an all electric motorcycle. Can't understand why anyone would call those classic cars. Maybe someday I'll have that but now it's just transportation. I came East last Jul and visited Andy Goodpaster, Mike Krisman and Chet Lennhoff—all of them thought my car looked OK. Somebody must be kidding."

Ernie Brockman died last Aug while en route to a FL vacation. Ernie had been in bad health for a long time having had one lung removed and emphysema in the remaining one. Our sincere condolences go to the family.

Al Ginder had his hip joint replaced this summer and though Al says it is not like a real one, he has gotten rid of that constant pain that was so hard to take.

After working so long on a new treaty with Panama, wonder if Tom Dolvin has worked himself out of a job and will now join us really retired.

If you haven't replied to the AOG's request for a contribution to the Class Fund please grab a pen and checkbook right now and make out a check to the Association of Graduates, mark it for "Class of 1939 Fund" and mail to the AOG, Zip code 10996. You do not have to worry about sending it in



1939: At Harpers Ferry: Hamilton, Long and Bailey.

the envelope nor with the form you received. It's the check not the form WP needs.

#### TREASURER MIKE KRISMAN'S REPORT

##### CLASS OF 1939 ADMIN FUND

When Frank Kobes ret. in Aug 74 and left the WP area, he turned over to me the Class Admin Fund with assets totaling \$1,368.54. Since that time, I have made the following disbursements:

Flowers for deceased classmates or wives—Batson, Richardson, Wald, Duke .....	80.75
Film processing, 35th Class Reunion pictures .....	40.60
5 Class of '39 grave markers .....	65.00
Gift of silver tray to class sons—Dannemiller, McFerren, Janowski, Nolan, Jumper .....	173.92
Class of '39 WP Fund solicitation expense (mailing & printing) .....	136.16
Total	496.43
Balance	872.11

Please note this is the Class of '39 administrative fund not the Class of '39 Fund of the West Point Fund. Also note, we record no income for the period. Any donations are welcome—especially now that expenses for our 40th Reunion are coming up.

I estimate annual plus preliminary reunion expenditures from this fund of \$500.00 between now and Jun 79.

## '40

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The results are in. The ballots you returned to Bottle Kasper on the recent Class resolution were collected and then passed to Stu McKenney, who served as the vote count verifier. The tally of the 225 ballots received is:

For the Class Constitution, 223; against 2.  
For the slate of Class Officers, 224; against, 1.

Bottle has formally notified the Class Officers of their election; the AOG has been notified. Next election: spring 1980.

The new officers are moving on the principal problems facing the Class. You're getting a separate letter about selection of a Class gift to WP and on financing of Class activities. It's up to me to improve communications; I'm communicating. Your Reunion Chmn, Frank Devlin, visited WP during this past June Week and again over Labor Day weekend to work on housing and other arrangements (to be announced). Ford Fuller, now of Newark, DE, has volunteered to help Frank. Block off ample time on your 80 calendar and get ready for 40's Fortieth.

Tony Wermuth, your hist, comments, "Being still employed full time and expecting this condition to be continued for 2 or 3 more years, I have not felt up to undertaking major Class projects involving the function of writing. With this understanding, I accept with humility the designation of Class Hist. There will be no 40-yr book (unless someone else wants to volunteer for a special commission along that line). A 50-yr book is something else, however, and I expect to be involved with one—always assuming that I'm still around. Meanwhile, I shall be happy to receive papers, photos, relics, or any other materials that might take on a historical role in time. Perhaps George Mayo could use some in the Notes and then pass them on to me. Also meanwhile, I offer this from Cicero: "The first law for the historian



1940: Marge Mayo backed by Mayo, Bonham, Dixon and Leahy.

is that he shall never dare utter an untruth. The second is that he shall suppress nothing that is true. Moreover, there shall be no suspicion of partiality in his writing, or of malice." Tony adds, "That might have seemed easy, in Cicero's time."

Stu McKenney sifted through the poop-diverse clippings, notes, and scrawls on an amazing variety of stationery and substitutes—that was enclosed with some of the ballots sent to Bottle. Sam Webster has his own realty company in Palo Alto, CA and is still vigorously into tennis. Archie Knight has been Dir of Devl for the past 2 yrs at St. John's Mil Acad, Delafield, WI. Lanny Witt owns Landon Property Mgmt in El Paso, TX and manages over 1000 apartments. Lanny's son is a CPT in Korea. An impressive newspaper clipping details Jack Wright's accomplishments with the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America in North Brunswick, NJ. You recall that Jack has had a number of extra duty Scouting jobs, starting when he was an asst Scoutmaster as a cadet. Following his ret. in 72 as Compt of the Army, he joined the national staff as Dir of Program Extension and Implementation; his major recent responsibility has been to coordinate and supervise planning with the chmn for the Aug 77 National Scout Jamboree. Jamborees turn up every 4 yrs and currently involve almost 30,000 (and that's a king-sized reunion).

From Cupertino, CA, O'Bie O'Brien added a note on his ballot that he's asst to the Dean and teaching math in Santa Clara Union



1940: Bert and Jean Lane

Grad Sch of Bus. Ed Hoover and Thad Floryan are in Los Altos; Ed with NY Life and Thad a hist consultant. Johnny Pidgeon in Salinas, CA teaching high school math.

Len Haseman's note with his ballot explains that, after all those yrs in the DC area, he and Vi have settled on a location with lots of views and are building a few miles outside Grand Junction, CO, hoping for occupancy by Xmas. Len says, "My operation at WRAMC for an artificial hip joint was a howling success and I'm planning to get the left one replaced at Fitzsimons next Jan and by summer plan to start cutting my golf handicap."

Frank Devlin writes from Belmont, MA, that since 1973 he has worked in the office of the State Auditor reviewing contracts for roads, bridges, housing, college bldgs, and the like. The youngest Devlin, Tom, has just become both 18 and an E-2 with the 10th SF Gp at Ft Devens. It was at Devens that Frank, while finishing his 30 yrs as CS and then Dpty Cmdr, helped build the post golf course, on which Allen Thayer now stars when he's not busy being a prof at Boston Coll. Frank also notes that the Dave Crock-



1940: Kaspers host annual DC Class picnic at the Home Place.

ers are prominent gardeners and historians in Rindge, NH, an area that Frank knows better than he had intended: 3 yrs ago, while helping out at a Boy Scout camp near Rindge, Frank lost his Class ring during an evening hike. Since then, he has specialized in organizing Scout treasure hunts. He's now given up the search, but reports that Bailey, Banks & Biddle still have the die for our rings and can reproduce one for only \$365 (plus whatever buffing one might want to do to make it match the patina of the original).

On his most recent visit to WP, Frank also called Jeanne Brewerton; he reports that she sounds well and has visited Cape Cod with Jeancita this summer.

Ned Flanders writes that Doris and he made their final PCS to Lake Tahoe, NV in 69. Since then, he has successively winterized their cabin to get through the first winter (although Ned cited all sorts of geographical comparisons designed to convince one that Tahoe in the winter is warmer than a Jan reveille formation at WP), then built their home, and further went on to build a second home nearby for his sister and mother. Ned goes on, "We have a small fleet for the lake, which does not freeze; at 21-ft sloop, a 14-ft Lazer, a 16-ft I/O Ski Boat, and assorted dinghies and rafts. I'm now putting in a solar hot water system as a contribution to energy independence. Financial rewards will take 10 to 15 yrs.



1940: The Flanders' lakeside home at Tahoe.

"Judi, our oldest, with her husband, Charlie Vollmer, and their children, Chuck and Debbie, live in Yardley, PA. Jackie and her husband Steve Case and son Chip see us more often as they live in Novato, CA. Both our acquired sons are Navy—Charlie, in the reserves, put in active duty time off VN. He is now in banking. Steve graduated from USNA in '66 and after time in submarines is now an engr of Bechtel in San Fran. Mary, our youngest, lives with us and loves swimming in Tahoe.

"Our only classmate visitors have been the Harnetts and the Parkers—Dave caught a trout in the Truckee River on his way to our home. Maybe that will entice some anglers."

Ned adds "... a cordial invitation to any classmate and family traveling through on US 50 or I-80 to plan on staying a few days with us. Just drop us a line at Zephyr Cove, PO 194, Lake Tahoe, NV 89448 letting us know when and I'll send you a map on how to find us."

Harmon Rimmer writes from Indialantic, FL that Dorothy and he are still exercising careful supervision of the NASA/Kennedy Space Ctr area and that the local Class group also includes Jack Dibble and Ed Wynne. From Colo Spgs, by way of offset to my comment in the last notes, Bob Raleigh called to say that Joy Ross and he were married 9 Jul and that they are pursuing tennis and skiing.

From the Tidewater area, Mac Lemley writes that Sally and he have given up their vagabond fly-casting for the time being and have gone back to work at the Williamsburg Restoration. He reports that Butch & Ruth Epley are now both full profs at Tidewater Community Coll. Butch's forte is physics, upon which he expounds at the College's



1940: Lane and Candy Dixon.



1940: Criss Moore heading chow line, DC Class picnic.

Frederick Campus at Portsmouth. She is prof of music. Harry Simpson continues in the real estate business in Portsmouth, having ret. from teaching math at Frederick Mil Acad. The Simpsons have a new address: 303 Effingham St, Apt 8E, Portsmouth, VA 23704, adjacent to the Navy Hospital in Portsmouth where she is a nurse.

Hal Brown wrote from the Seattle area and explained his scratch-late report for these Notes: Kitty and he had been off to AK, where they had gone to attend a wedding in the little Eskimo village of St. Mary's on the edge of the Yukon delta. Hal adds, "The bride was one of several Eskimo girls who lived with us at various times while our 2d daughter, Barbara, was teaching school up there. She used to send the girls to us to get acclimated to the "outside" before they went on to colleges down here. Was a nice wedding, with Eskimo dancing, etc., at the reception. I got to tour parts of the delta by boat, then we went on to Mt McKinley and some of the glacier areas."

Harry Stella reported that Bill & Blanche Campbell had passed through Tacoma during their summer escape-from-TX tour. Carey & Betty O'Bryan were also touring the NW in Jul, away from Carey's part-time teaching job at the U. of Albuquerque.

The largest Class of '40 group is still that in the DC area—about 57 at last count. Recent gains include Thad & Jean Nosek, who've just returned from a 5-yr stint in Panama. Departures: Bill & Faye Roedy are settling in at Satellite Beach, FL, while Bryce & Sherry Denno have completed their PR and are moving to Coronado, CA.



1940: Nosek, Merrill and Podufaly with Mary Yeuell and Jean Mendez.

Dick & Eleanor Abbey still have sharp reflexes; when Milt & Glennie Barnard came through the DC area in early Aug, the Abbeys collected for cocktails all the local classmates that could be reached on short notice (If you didn't answer your phone, the section marched off without you). Some 20 enjoyed the Abbey hospitality as well as the opportunity to ask banker Barnard what Arab, AL is really like.

The Abbeys have a report from their son Bill now teaching in Denver, CO, that he has met no less than 3 sons of the Class in Denver and suspects there may be others. If you have children in Denver, they can reach Bill Abbey at 600 York St, Denver CO 80206.

Kermit & Bobbe Dyke report that the 2d annual non-reunion this Sept at Myrtle Beach, SC was highly successful: they had ample sun and golf and, besides, attendance this year increased 100 per cent with the addition to the roster of John & Aleen Burfening.

On 18 Sept, about 40 classmates and wives of the DC group gathered for the annual picnic at Bottle & Jackie Kaspers' Home Place, just north of Culpeper. Though the sale of the Home Place was to be completed 1 Nov, the Kaspers hadn't yet picked the replacement farm, which will have to be pretty good to match the old one. Jackie



1940: Bonham, Abbey, Leahy.

gave the group a tour of the house, built in 1755 and periodically expanded and modernized since then. We also toured the horse barns, admired the 5 home-bred Morgans resident at the time, swam in the pool, enjoyed the refreshments, and chatted incessantly about classmates and what they do.

Pod & Virginia Podufaly have moved across the bay from Annapolis to St. Michaels, MD, where they now rent while Pod clears the land for their new house on Dun Cove at nearby Sherwood. Pod hopes for a completed shell by the end of the year.

Lou & Jean Mendez came to the picnic looking fit and happy. Lou is completing 6 yrs on his job with the office of the Dir of Educ in HEW; he says he can live with the educ, it's the travel and speaking engagements that get to him. He also mumbled a bit about a 2d ret., then caught himself and noted that Jean and he have 5 offspring in college this year.

Stu McKenney said that while prowling the halls of the Pentagon the other day he ran into Larry Legere. Larry, as a well-known practicing political scientist, has been the Def Advr to the US Mission to NATO since his appointment 3 yrs ago. He's back in DC on home leave before returning to continue

keeping our NATO types pointed in the right direction.

Oz Leahy will have made his 2d ret. from active duty the end of Sept, 5 yrs after being recalled to command the Phys Dsbly Agcy at WRAMC. Oz can be justly proud of his contributions, we are; 37 yrs is a long time. Oz and Pat have completed their new home and moved to 6023 Onondaga Rd, Bethesda, MD 20016.

Marge joins me in best wishes to you all for the Holiday Season and for a happy and successful New Year.

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'Taint often that a class has its own private Reunion at our Alma Mater, but on the other hand 'taint often that a class comes along with a Sandy Nininger. And since it is not during May Week and it is not a multiple of 5 anniv, we'll just have to call it the BIG 36th!!

When your old First Captain calls the roll you'd better stand tall and answer crisply. Those who did were: Potter & Betty Campbell, Joe & Evelyn Canella, Curt & Terry Chapman, Bill & Marie Clifford, Jim & Sarah Cox, Lucy Cooper, Jean Moody, Bob & Emilie Elsberry, Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Mike & Eileen Greene, Harry & Nancy Harvey, Jim King, Walt & Midge Mather, Bis & Penny Moore, Wendy & Carmen Knowles, Joe & Betty Knowlton, Al & Evelyn Muzyk, Jack & Cheyney Norton, Joe & Maurine Reed, Bob & Helen Reilly, Scott & Mary Lib Peddie, Dave Woods, Pete & Maxine Tanous, Walt & Betty Woolwine, Tom Maxwell, Steve & Tilla Plume, Al & Lorraine Dalby, Barney & Betty Woodruff, Buck & Ingrid Reynolds, Dick & Dort Rastetter, Jim & Ruth Forsythe, Wire Coakley, Joe Gurfein, Lee Ledford, Frank & Harriett Linnell, Spec & Cleo Powell, Dick & Anna Von Schritlz, Chuck & Martha Schilling, George & Cecille Stalnaker, Burt Andrus. Total 71 Stout Fellows and Beautiful Ladies.

The following message was received from George Brown: "Skip and I regret we are unable to join with you and other classmates as you gather to dedicate Nininger Hall. I share the pride you and all members of the Class must feel at the achievement of such a worthy project. Every best wish to all."

Our special guests who came all the way from FL were Sandy's closest relatives. Their presence added a special touch and we deeply appreciated their being there. Led by Sandy's stepbrother, "Captain" John Weygant and his lovely wife Billy, the others were John and Linda Carney, Sandy's niece and cousins, Leonard and Mimi Goodman and Charles and Phyl Nininger. We wish them well and want them to know that they are always welcome at Class functions.

First formation in what was to be one of the best reunions ever (thanks to Al Muzyk) was the delightful ride on the Ferry Boat. The Hudson was beautiful, the meal delicious, and the camaraderie superb.

Next morning the gang assembled at the stoop of the Old First Division and participated in one of the most moving experiences of our lives. Scott Peddie delivered the Invocation; Jack Norton gave us a few excellently chosen remarks about WP and the Honor Code; CPT John S. Weygant, Sandy's stepbrother talked about Sandy as he was grow-



1941: Rev. Scott Peddie delivers the invocation—Dedication of Nininger Hall.



1941: "CPT" Weygant and Linda Carney unveil the plaque—Dedication of Nininger Hall.



1941: Linnell speaks about Sandy to members of the Class and Cadet Lamb, Chairman of Honor Committee.

ing up; then Frank Linnell talked about Sandy as a cadet and as Platoon Leader at Bataan. The unveiling of the plaque was conducted by John Weygant and Mrs. John Carney, Sandy's niece, assisted ably by Charlie Fletcher. Next was a most impressive talk by the Honor Cmte Chmn, Cadet Robert J. Lamb Jr. Next came remarks by the incomparable Andy Goodpaster and finally the Benediction by Scott Peddie. A truly never-to-be-forgotten experience.

At 11:00 we fell in beside the Supe's Box to watch the Parade. Great, Great, Great.

At 1200 Martha & Charlie Schilling served a delicious luncheon to the entire mob after which we toured to Michie to watch our fine team top Villanova.

The party at the Thayer was an elegant dinner-dance. Sunday morning after services at the beautiful Chapel the gang headed for home with a very special and comfortable feeling about our vital contribution to WF.

Buck Miller, undaunted by the last-minute fall out for his minireunion, reports that those who made it were delighted. Quoth he, "The first minireunion was a success (in spite of the many problems which caused a large late fall out). Those who went had a terrific time. Chuck & Lou Roton (El Paso), Dave & Mary Gauvreau and George & Betty McIntyre (Colo Spgs), Bob & Erin Detwiler and Buck & Isabel Miller (San Antone) did exactly what each wanted to do, which was amazingly compatible with everyone else. I ran an open bar to start things off and we floated in and out of the ocean which was 100 feet away. We had dinner dances at the Beach Hotel and at the Padre Is CC. Sat, some golfed and some explored the over 100 miles of beach you can drive on. Next year all are returning, and if we pull in this year's 'maybe's' and those who have committed themselves to 78, we will have over 50. So plan your 78 vacation at North Padre Is during week of 25-29 Sept. We'll have the place to ourselves. Water is very warm and surf fishing is excellent."

Ham Avery sent a copy of the Myrtle Beach Hi Beachcomber reporting his ret. from HS after 16 yrs of teaching—he was head of the Foreign Lang Dept. He and Hilda have started to travel—first stop—Jackson, MS to revisit MS Inst of Aero, "... haunts from Primary Flying days... outbuildings are in disrepair but the 3500' tarmac strip and hangars where Joe Tate, Harry Jarvis, Dick Aldridge, Harry Harvey et al ruled the roost as student officers, stalling stearmans, riding horses on weekends, sobering up in the back cockpit on Mondays, sweating out Joe Tate's weekly dash to Tampa at 90 mph, my own trek to New Orleans for same reason. Those days are gone but not forgotten. Our next stop was New Orleans where Dennis & Luci Grace were our gracious hosts at their lovely home. They had just returned from an extended vacation in the Middle East. Missed the Kelleys because Roy was on the sick list."

Got a nice thank-you note from Jim Kline, "Please convey my thanks to the Class of '41 for the picture and the pewter mug. The Class certainly added to the enjoyment and excitement of graduation and I greatly appreciate all of your thoughts."

One of the nicest things that has happened to the Colo Spgs Chapter lately was the visit in late Sept from Betty & Joe Knowlton. Joe looks GREAT! In fact, he looks better than he did when we toiled in the JCS more than 10 years ago. Our rally staged in their honor was a little sparse because the Gauvreaus had already launched for TX and

Padre and the Troups had departed for Buffalo visits and the 36%. Nevertheless, **Jean & Tom Corbin, George & Betty McIntyre, Ben Spiller** and us gathered to toast "A very gallant and very tough Red Leg and his gallant and beautiful lady." They were in Denver to visit son Rob, who is about to finish his PhD in Biology. Joe's 2 brothers from CA toured to CO to join and celebrate Joe's return to health. Having debriefed **Ted & Frances deSaussure**, they plan to make the **Nininger Hall** dedication.

Another local event was a combination golf and dinner in anticipation of the departure of the **Henschkes**. The foursome: **Henschke, McIntyre, Cauvreau**, and **Spiller** bashed the **Woodmoor** course in the afternoon and that evening **Mary Cauvreau** laid on one of her elegant dinner parties. The golfers assembled with their wives: **Dottie, Betty, Mary** and **Harrie** together with the non-golfers: **Tom & Jean Corbin, Mal & Alma Troup** plus **Mal's** dad, **Dr. Troup** who at 80-plus has finally decided to ret. from his **Dental practice**, **Kay** and **I**. Besides the elegant cuisine and the chance to see our **Denver neighbors, the Henschkes**, we were all greatly relieved to see the wonderful progress **Alma Troup** has made since her surgery.

In a letter addressed to "Mr." **Burt Andrus** (what a put down) **Walt Woolwine** reported the 19 Jul luncheon: **Anderson, Bodson, Gribble, Canella, Knowles, Deane, Crow, Hays, Locke, Stern, Tanous, Kisiel, Greene, Woolwine, Wixon, Muzyk, O'Connor** and the itinerant chief of Transport for San Fran, your old **Jack Christensen!**

In a letter headed, "O'Connor's Medical School Placement," **Rod** updated his other report saying that the dream home in **Pucon** is progressing and that he is en route back after a summer in **D. augh C.** Daughter **Patry** has finished her fine arts degree from **UNM** and will join **Brian** and **Lita** in **Santiago**. **Brian** is in his 3d year of **Med** in his dad's splendid program which gives a 2d option to **American kids** who can't get into our med schools. The **Chile trained MD's** maintain a good batting average on **American boards**. Since **Rod** and **Gabby** prefer to yo-yo from **Pucon** to **DC** they have a continuing summer residence. If that sounds confusing write him at **Casilla 24, Pucon, Chile** at 31¢ per ½ oz and he'll give you a good goat's explanation.

As we ride into the sunset we will somehow have to learn to live with unpleasant news about those we have loved for now 40 yrs. **Phyl Borman** died on 14 Aug after a long and difficult struggle with cancer. Her memorial service conducted at **Sharpe Depot** had these words, "**Phyllis Borman** was the loving wife of our former Depot Commander—**Mrs. Borman** shall be greatly missed by her family, a host of friends and all of the officer's wives with whom she worked as **First Lady**." **Bob** can be reached at 310 **Shepard Way, Manteca, CA 95336**.

And another lovely lady who did not start out with us but is nonetheless missed is **Margaret Hershenow** who died last Dec after a long and agonizing illness. **Bill** can be reached at 728 **Orange Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022**.

The latest report on progress by **Burnside Huffman** came from **Jack Norton** who talked to **Marka** and to old **Burnside** himself the past week. He is making great progress after a 2d cranial procedure and is determined to get back up to full speed soon. **Lucy Millifkin**, who had a laminectomy the past summer, is doing great and has visited such

remote areas as southern FL and central TX. Bless her heart.

The mail bag was well-stocked this time: **Wire Coakley**, your **D Co. Clerk** summarizes: "We graduated 36 virile males. Four were killed in WWII (the one we won), **Duke, Franklin, Frawley** and **Jarvis**. We were born in 23 states—ranged academically from 30 to 418—a goodly share of "A"s monograms and numerals—rank from **Bn Cdr** to lowest **Sgt**. In WWII averaged 4 U.S. decorations with top guy 15—4 reached **GEN: Boatwright, Gleason, Goddard** and **Mitchell**. All furthered their education—2 to **PhD**. Without going into progenies, we are still virile!"

The final **Western '41 Regional Open** had hardly started when last year's winner (with a score card that was never checked) had to depart when grandson, **Chris**, became ill. **Chris** is OK and now that **Gerace** has left for the land of the **Shah**, **Jack** is expecting to prevail. The latest **San Fran luncheon** was schofe for the 2d largest chapter: **Tarbox, LC Lee, Harrison** and the continental commuter, **Jack C.** A phone call to **Tom Cleary** who doubted he could make the **Big 36%** because of **Davie's** debilities reported **Cheyney Norton's** mother, **Ruth McNabb**, the last of the **Grand Dames** of the old **Cavalry** died in early **Sept**.

When the **Falcons** opened their season at **Laramie**, the **Andruses** were **VIPed** at the base formerly commanded by **Bill Brier**. We had dinner with **Bill** and **Jerrie** and cheered the **Ben Martin** guys to a 0-0 tie. They look great and love **Big Beautiful WY**. **Wray White** sent me a few clippings to improve my "Weltanschaut." A local article in typical media style talked of **JCH Lee** and his most impressive contribution to **Appalachian** development with massive inaccuracies tending to put down a great guy. **Charlie Fletcher** reports as of 20 Jun that we are doing well as we approach the **Nininger Hall Goal** of \$60,500. Pledges equal \$55,080 and payments received are \$27,932. No doubt the 36% will put us over the top. Let's **GIVE** to what has to be one of the most important projects any **Class** has ever contributed to its alma mater.

The last and most current input comes from one of the sweetest guys in the **Class** and one who bears a monumental burden (healthwise) without a murmur. **Pooge Curtis**: "Steve moved from **San José** to **Sacramento**; and **Martha**, whose husband is an **Army pilot (OV-10)** with orders to **Schofield**, came down to **San Fran** by **AMTRAK** so when we arrived there was quite a family reunion. **Bucky** and **I** found a little 3-BR house in **Placerville**—so we bought it. Had a lovely evening with **Walt & Doris Mullane** who brought us up to date on the **SSBABC41**. **Walt** is having hearing difficulties but beautiful **Doris** is keeping things on course. **Lew Elder** is making a home in the **Sierra foothills** along with **Babe Hendrickson**—cabin neighbors. **Cliff Cole** lives in **Diamond Spgs**, 2 miles from us.

A lot of classes have made significant contributions to our **Alma Mater** and some involve very substantial sums of money. But I'm sure all will agree that none can compare to ours in terms of importance to **WP** at a time of great stress in her history. **Sandy Nininger** gave his life at a time when our nation was severely stressed. Those of us who were privileged to be present at this beautiful dedication came away with a quiet feeling of confidence that the great traumas are over and that **Nininger Hall** will play a vital role in keeping our precious honor "ere untar'nd."

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In addition to everything else, "they" have now screwed up the calendar! How else could "Gloom Period" come in the heat of the summer? Because that's what the days following **Reunion** seemed like, at least until the **Cockrells** hosted the local '42 outing at their home on **Lake Barcroft** on 20 Aug. They and the **Mizells** provided both the skilled and slave labor to assure that we all enjoyed swimming, boating, recycling grain products and an overwhelming catered luau. A total of 78 of us did just that. The **Cutlers** joined us, giving everyone another chance to say thanks for all they've done to make our **Reunions** something special. And the day was topped off by **John Westenhoff's** showing of the super slides he took at the 35th. A real nice clambake.

Correspondence has been slow, thus doubly appreciated. **Dale Buchanan** suggests that the next **Reunion** not be so heavily scheduled, leaving more time for "old, decrepit, lazy classmates to loaf and look around." Just like **Dale**. Always thinking of someone else! He also thoughtfully suggests that future **Memorial Svs** recognize deceased '42 wives buried at **WP**.

Happy to report that the **Horridges** are still speaking—or at least writing—to us despite the fact that the **Kosters** and **Hanst**s followed them back to the apple orchard after **Reunion**. Incidentally, the home they built on the edge of the orchard, atop a hill and complete with pool, is lovely. However, don't—repeat don't—let **Dick** take you on a tour of the orchard in his truck unless your tank is empty! As far as glamour is concerned, they're in the middle of the onion capital of the nation. (That faint "whoopee" you heard came from **Claire!**) But let's not knock a fellow who has a couple of tuns of apple wine working in the basement! Anyhow, **Claire** sent along a **MA Mutual** item about **Bob Leu, Jean Smith's** bridegroom of the fairly recent past and quite a guy around **Peoria** and **Bradley U. Horridges** recommend the restaurant atop the **World Trade Cen** for those overburdened with cash, as well as the nearby **Playboy Resort Hotel** for those retaining a touch of lust in their hearts—or whatever.

**Betty Hennessy** sent word that **Dick** had had a heart attack in **Jan** but was doing fine and was back harassing students. Daughter **Mary** and family are back from **Peru** for **Don** to work reopening the old **Comstock Mine** in **Virginia City!** Son **Buzz** and family are in **Marquette** where he's mortgage loan officer of a bank. Maybe he can work his way up to being **VP** in charge of overdrafts—or underfundings, as it's known in privileged circles.

**Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Dept.** My female correspondent from **Lexington, VA**, advises that an old barrister of the **Class of '42** shot hisself a hole-in-one on 11 **Sept**. Send your congratulations—and bar bills—to **Bill Plott!** Change the address I gave for **Hank Hallsell** to **Box 32350, Amarillo 97120**.

Higher education got a boost in **Jul** when **Bunny Bonasso** left the **USC grad** program to return to running ridges in **Morgantown, WV**. Brother **Frank** took over a **Dodge** dealership and needed a gen mgr. Before changing jobs, **Bunny** got in one last trip to **Europe** which enabled him, by strange coincidence, to attend the 50th Anniv of the **Imperial De-**

fence Coll! And to show that we're still loved, he and Eleanor came back over the mountain for our 20 Aug outing.

Butch Offley took Bobbie on a jaunt to Virginia Beach where they had a good visit with the Cages. Lee and Ginger were supposed to report the results of their negotiations for a beautiful new home on the water—but no word as yet.

Charlie Mizell reports conversations with Mrs. Jerry Ellis and Mrs. Jack Rose while visiting that part of FL. All warm, happy and hoping that Dopey Stephen's visit pre-sages an addition to their local roster.

Mary Gernert says that problem pregnancies among their offspring families have her uncertain about the joys of grandmotherhood. I didn't have the courage to ask whether she and Bill had ever given thought to their mothers during the pollen season. Anyhoo, Mary is wondering whether there's a pill for grandmothers! Bill just grins—between the tears over having had to sell the Bentley!

Chuck Botell has been in our area recently to survey the scene. Apparently FL has lost its charm. Perhaps there's a trend because Tom & Dottie Arms have also left the palm trees for the palmetto at Hilton Head.

Happy to report that MG C.W. Ryder Jr. has been awarded the DSM as he moves over to be a PFC in the Ret. List. Congrats, Bud! They came through DC in their new car in late Jul, with stops planned in Knox to see Skip and family and in Venice to see Bud's mother.

Returning from a trip to the West Coast, I had an overnight forced landing at a small oasis in the NV desert. As I boarded the plane the next morning, my bleary eyes spotted Bill Shedd whom I had pictured basking in the sun at Ft Miles. Seems as how the old basker had had his leave cut short for a meeting in Vegas. The only plus for Bill was a fun evening with Esther & Ink Gates.

A casual conversation with a good AMAA member revealed that he is also a resident in the Reinholds' Lake Wales Shangri La. My informant indicated that while Dick's first tee talk is superior, his knowledge of their local course includes areas unknown and unvisited by the average golfer. In other words, if you have a choice, pick Diana for your partner!

Prior to the Rienzis' departure for Europe, the communicators gave Claire and Tom an aloha party (well, he was supposed to ret. to HI) at the Belvoir Club. Bill Shedd was a primary and very clever contributor to the roast. But Tom has triumphed again, spending several days as the Shedd's houseguest while on a trip back to CONUS. His visit included a stop at the UIL where the old master (1948) received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the U.'s Elect Engr Alumni Assn.

Noted in the ANCC Bulletin that Sue & Ray O'Neal were the net winners of a mixed foursomes tournament with a 64. Sure wish I knew who carried whom—but haven't the guts to ask!

Ray Murphy is doing lots of shuttling back and forth trying to find some willing ears for his requests for new athletic facilities at Usmay. Sounds as though he needs 30-hour days to make any progress—but I'll betcha they're soon moving—and upward! At least we know that he plays hookey once in a while because he was mentioned in the newspaper as having been favorably impressed at the NYC premiere of the movie "MacArthur."

John Sheffey has been starring on stage,

screen and radio—well, on TV and in the press—with his testimony on the Hill regarding ret. mil in govt employment as well as the Panama Canal treaty. He did an outstanding job on both subjects. Unfortunately, he has paid for all that time on center stage with a siege at Walter Reed where he and his gall bladder parted company. He'd been having a bad time of late so we're hoping that his problems are now solved. Of interest to me were 2 letters in the Evening Star responding to a fine editorial entitled "Protect Military Benefits." They published the 280-word letter from a ret. COL named Sheffey but extracted only a 28-word paragraph from a letter of a ret. MAJ named Hanst!!! Must be a message there!

Noted unhappily in the press that rookie lineman Bill Evans had been one of the last cuts made by the Phila Eagles. Have looked hopefully to see if anyone else picked up that young tiger but have no further news.

Barbara and I made a quick trip to FL in early Jul. A long trip just to eat some of Sissy Shelton's cooking and drink some of Harv's booze! The presence of our 12-year old granddaughter dictated stops at Disney World, Sea World and the Stars Hall of Fame. What a relief to get back to work! And speaking of work, the new address at the head of this column has involved us in a considerable amount thereof, as most of you gypsies know better than we. If you need professional advice on hanging wallpaper, just drop Barbara a note. One nagging concern, what would your opinion be of anyone deliberately going into debt for the debilitating privilege of having the Offleys as neighbors?!?

Dean Short was here briefly to lend his mother a hand when her husband died in Jul. He and Emily are fine despite having had the unique experience of being rained on out there in the desert! Dean bumped into Hal McMaster, still with Beech Aircraft, and had a good visit.

Bettye Young called on 16 Sept with the distressing news that Fred Uhler had died of a heart attack. Services were held at Ft Myer on the 20th, with the locals who could, there to lend support. Eleanor has not been well for some time, and Fred had devoted himself to her care. Consequently, they had been unable to participate in any of the local activities. Son Bob is taking Eleanor to L.A. to live with them.

The Jul "42 wives" luncheon was hosted by Nancy & Al Hunter at their delightful home on the water in eastern MD. May & Larry Caruthers were part of the labor force as were Sue & Ray O'Neal. Loose(?) husbands were welcomed, and 10 of us qualified. The weather over there was as hot and smoggy that day as it was in DC, leading many of us to conduct the bulk of our visiting in their pool! In addition to everything else, those blessed workers had picked enough

crab for everyone to have seconds of the delicious crab salad—and most did. Thanks to the Lows, lunch ended appropriately with a watermelon seed spitting contest! The harvest should be great next summer. The Hunters have since been on a trip to IL to see family. On the way back they stopped to see Dick & Ann Wise. On the last leg home they stopped at a Ramada Inn near Morgantown and caught Bunny Bonasso goofing off! Al says that anyone wanting to order a 35th Reunion brooch for a female friend to do so personally through Chronomatic, Inc., 1503 S. County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

You'll note from the new list that Lyn & Frank Koisch have rejoined the happy DC contingent... as will Mary & Jerry Snow in the near future.

Bob Bringham had a lengthy conversation with Howie Burris and found that they're spending more time on the road than at home. And speaking of Bob, if you observed the Reunion pictures of the Class of '37, in the midst of one, looking most content, was R.M. Bringham!

Enid & Jim Hyde have just deposited young Andy at Dickinson Coll. Carlisle came as a bit of a culture shock to the city sophisticate, but with girls on the dorm floors above and below him, he has received but a modicum of sympathy from dad!

The Army Sportsletter review of the soccer prospects for 77 says that "Brendan Flanagan, a small but scrappy individual who distinguished himself at halfback last year" will be competing for one of the two mid-field positions.

A last hurrah about Reunion. Bill & Carol Watkin had to opt out because Bill had to have some major surgery. All appears to be going well. A review of the attendance shows that G(nomes) Co. turned out the greatest number—16—while M(ichelob) Co. had the greatest percent of its remaining representatives—65%. For future planning, I would remind the D and F Co. types that they were the anchormen in number and percentage!

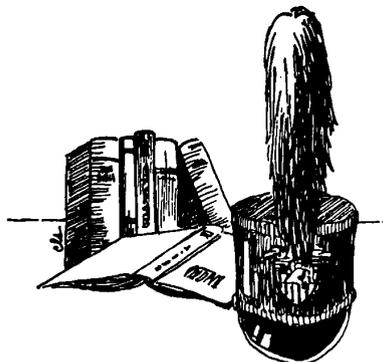
And that rings down the curtain for 77. I hope that you look back on it with fondness and few opportunities missed. May your Holidays be joyous and may 78 be a bright and good one for all.

A couple of late items: The first, a book review of "The Sky Is Falling" by Weingarten, the story of Bill Smith's misadventure with the Empire State Building, published by Grosset & Dunlap, \$10.

Also a note from Bill Gernert advising that they'd had a session with Betty & Lu Clay who were visiting out there AND a copy of a letter to Pappy Garvin advising him that he had been selected for the Vet of the Year Award by the CO State Assn. It was to be presented at a big wing-ding (the Pres's Banquet) on 27 Sept—and don't you know that Pappy did us all proud!!! Ain't it nice that us old dogs have someone to turn to when we're in need? Sincere congratulations, Howie.

Bill and Pappy paid a recent hospital call on COL T.A. Pedley, Tim's father. He wasn't hospitalized because of the ravages of time but because at the tender age of 82-plus he'd fallen from a ladder and broken a hip!

And just when the sun was shining so brightly comes the sad, sad news that another heart attack took that very special Harv Shelton from us on 26 Sept. How thankful we are that we had that wonderful sharing of the Shelton spirit at Reunion. A memorial service was held in Naples, with interment at



Arlington on 3 Oct. Sissy, the boys and brother Doug had a host of us locals and friends to help them say goodbye at the simple but warm ceremony. Contributions can be made to the American Heart Assn of Collier County, Box 115, Naples, FL 33940, to which Harv and Sissy had contributed so much of their time and themselves.

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Ted Seith's ret. as the CS of SHAPE on 1 Aug marked the last of our clan on active duty in the AF. The Class wishes both Ted and Marge the very best in their new life style in the DC arena which includes a new home, working as a consultant, tennis at the Army-Navy CC, and lots of old friends. Other new arrivals and neighbors in N. Arlington, VA, include Bill/Doris Pitts (Bill's with Burroughs) and Jim/Del Dempsey (Jim's a consultant and on the bd of dirs of an impressive number of companies).

The annual summer dinner dance of the DC contingent of the Class at the Army-Navy



Jan 1943: Benson—circus barker in annual show of Arlington chapter of SPEBSOSA.



Jan 1943: Flanagan (CG, Sixth Army) keynote speaker at Armed Forces Day breakfast.

CC was well attended by some 61 of the clan, to include the following out-of-towners: Arlene/Frank Camm from Ft. Monroe, VA, Elizabeth/Howard Wehrle from Hampton, VA, Madge/Buck Stahle from Gettysburg, PA, Dorothy/Bill DeGruchy from Severna Park, MD, and Dawn/Don Thompsons' daughter (Karen) from Egypt.

Among our traveling classmates were the:

- Al Hughes from El Paso who visited Jim/Marge Aleveras in San Diego; George/Edna Maertens in Sun City, AZ; Wes/Irene Curtis in Springfield, MO; Art Hurr in Fayetteville, NC; Ralph/Sally Hofmann in Columbia, SC; Ed/Ginny Faust in New Orleans; and Dan/Garnet Bogan (along with the Bob McDermotts, Bill Starnes, George Sykes, and Mitch Goldenthals) in San Ant—and that's really covering the territory;

- Don Thompsons from the DC area, who visited their recreation property in AL and en route saw Jim/Jean Cobbs (with their new kitchen) in Atlanta and Jim/Jo Hackler in Myrtle Beach, SC;

- Joe Bensons from the DC area, who attended the premiere of the MacArthur film sponsored by the WP Soc of NY in Radio City Music Hall and, in the process, saw Hal Walker, Bob Lawrence, Wray Page (all of NYC), and George Rebb (from the DC area);

- Joe Conmys from the DC area, who visited the Bill Dannachers in Wayne, PA, where Bill is the Assoc Prof of Math at Villanova U. and a life master in bridge;

- Chuck Lenfest from Colo Spgs, who visited San Ant for the reunion of the U.S. Fighter Aces' Assn, of which Bill Hovde is pres;

- Ben Edwards from the DC area, who vacationed in TX on the Gulf with their 3 daughters (with 2 husbands, 3 granddaughters, 6 dogs and one cat);

- Bob Harringtons from the DC area, who visited their son (Charles) and their brand new grandson (Scott) in Anchorage, AK;

- Chuck Alfano of Sikorsky Aircraft (United Technologies Div) in Westport, CT, who visited the DC area and saw Jim Schofield, Frank Shaw, and Bob Harrington;

- Fly Flanagan from the Presidio of San Fran, who dined with Henry Barber, Dave Barger, Roger Fisher, Fred Porter, and Buck Taliaferro in Pasadena the evening before his address at the Armed Forces Day breakfast sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; and

- Dave Bangers from L.A., who have been promising to visit the DC area, but who seem to have had a few distractions here and there which have repeatedly postponed their trip.

Pappy Doyle wrote from Clearwater Beach, FL, to say that Hank Saylor (as the 2d-ranking member of the FL Senate) has been very much preoccupied with legislation involving new tax monies to operate the State govt which, unfortunately, may mean additional taxes upon Pappy's favorite Yellowstone and/or Jane's cigarettes—Pappy's preference



Jan 1943: Harrington with son John, now in 2d year at USAFA.



Jan 1943: Edwards and Dempsey at dinner dance DC.



Jan 1943: Seith looks on as GEN Jones (AF CS) presents Marge Certificate of Appreciation.



Jan 1943: The Reynolds in DC.



**Jan 1943:** Seith's retirement ceremony (L-R): GEN Brown '41 (CJCS), Adm Moorer, the Seiths, daughter Susan with Stephanie, son Jim (CPT, USAF) and wife Alberta with grandson, GEN Jones (CS, USAF) and friend.

was obvious. Although Pappy has recently completed his 8th visit to the hospital in 22 mos (on the last occasion for prostate and gall stone problems), he's still giving them "a good run for their money."

Have you read Fly Flanagan's short article on "And What's More, He's Always the

Boss" in the Sept issue of *Army*? According to Fly, bosses just don't like to have surprises sprung upon them.

We congratulate Bob Baden on his promotion to GS-15 in HUD and offer our thanks to Ruth Cook (wife of our Class Secy, Bob Cook), who assembles and produces our Class



**Jan 1943:** Hughes, Wade, and Wilbourn—El Paso.



**Jan 1943:** The Fausts in New Orleans with Hughes.



**Jan 1943:** Knowlton in the Turkish mountains.



**Jan 1943:** The Harringtons with grandson Scott and a prize salmon—Seward, AK.

rosters. For your information, the new address of Em/Betty Reynolds is 1525 Dartmouth Court, Green Island Hills, Columbus, GA 31904.

Finally, Terry Ellis, whose tragic death was reported in our last column, was laid to rest in Arlington with full honors beside his father and son (both members of the "long gray line") on 8 Jul with some 20 of his classmates in attendance.

JUN  
'43

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The leaves are falling, the inscrutable cat that adopted me last year at Halloween is still here, and it's really not such a long, long time from May to Dec. Checking my well-ordered files, I see there's noteworthy news for you from the summer, and quite a photo gallery.

In mid-Jul, the SECDEF announced that the Pres had nominated Hal Aaron for promotion and transfer to DIA after duty as the Army ACSI since Nov 73. As you can see by the accompanying photo, he had some really high-powered help on 29 Aug in pinning on the 3d star before proceeding to his new post as Dpty Dir of DIA. Congratulations, Hal. If my calculations are correct, 6 Army classmates remain on active duty: one GEN, 3 LTGS, and 2 MGs. They are respectively as follows: Bernie Rogers, Army CS; Al Burdett, CG Fifth Army; Jack Morris, CE; Hal Aaron, Dpty Dir DIA; Hal Parfitt, Gov of the Panama CZ; and George Cantlay, Dpty US Rep to the NATO Mil Cmte.

An era ended on 30 Jun 77 when Jim Keck ret. as Vice CINCSAC at colorful ceremonies at Offut AFB. He was our last classmate on active duty in the USAF. Among the 1000 guests at the ceremony honoring Jim were GEN Dougherty, CINCSAC, and many other famous people including Deke & Betty Anne Childs, Lem & Kathy Blank, and Nan (Bucher) with her husband Arthur F. Oldham. Jim, as a command pilot and master missileman, had more than 15 yrs in SAC. He and Bobbie, according to my informants, are remodeling the home they have bought at 911 S. 113th St, Omaha, NE 68154. Jim is now VP of the intl advertising and public relations firm of Bozell and Jacobs, Inc., in Omaha, and also serves on the board of directors of the Creighton Omaha Regional Health Care Corp. Blanks visited DC very briefly in late Sept from suburban Chicago, and passed the class group picture to Shaefer's for relay to this column.

In remodeling their home Kecks could perhaps get some useful advice from John & Myla Hudson. Shaefer's, Childs, and O'Connors have all told me that the Hudsons have about completed an extensive and impressive renovation of the beautiful old house they bought in Haines City, FL after John's ret. in 75. I just hope that both Jim and John have had better luck with architects than I have. One thing I've learned is that you don't simply give mission-type orders to architects unless you have a footlocker or 2 full of bills with pictures of U.S. Grant (1843) on them. Thinking to add a bit of house room here and there, Cecile and I engaged one of the architectural fraternity to develop a design, and then we naively turned him loose. He came up with a portfolio of plans that—I think—were for a new



Jun 1943: Aaron receives 3d Star from two Chiefs of Staff: Rogers and Marianne.

wing on St. Paul's cathedral, but which I doubt that even Percival Christopher Wren could have read. So, we turned that architect loose again, and now have a contractor at work on an addition to the kitchen. But—I digress. Back to Haines City, FL.

Deke & Betty Anne Childs attended the wedding of Hudsons' daughter Laura to Mr. Terry Wayne Donley on 13 Aug. Our best wishes to the young folks. Also present were Beety & Dink Brooks, and Cobe Hurley—who devastated us by leaving Falls Church earlier this year. After the wedding, the Childs drove to nearby Melbourne, FL where Cobe was then in the process of occupying her new home, and from there to Satellite Beach for a brief visit with Lee & Anne Hogan.

And we have more news from FL—On 16 Mar last, and more-or-less in conjunction with Founders Day ceremonies, Tommy Tomlinson was married to Miss Suzanne Scollard of Jacksonville. The manner in which this all came about had unique features. About 15 mos ago, Tommy undertook to teach Suzanne how to play squash. Initial lessons went well, but then one day Suzanne went for a high one, fell, and broke her hip. Tommy, of course, then undertook to look after her, and ultimately proposed to make the project permanent. Suzanne is headmistress of the



Jun 1943: Airmen furl Jim Keck's 3-star flag as Vice CINCSAC: Offutt AFB, 30 Jun 77.

Riverside Presbyterian Church Day school in Jacksonville; a church with which both she and Tommy have been long associated. He continues to teach enthusiastically at the UNFL. Congratulations and all good wishes to them.

Here's a press release advising that Bob MacMullin has completed the program at the American Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt in Glendale, AZ. Wish I had mine completed at American U., but if I manage to hang around for another year, maybe they will give me tenure.

Down in Dallas, Howard Coffman pulled up his typewriter and summarized some items of Class interest from the Big-D, for which we thank you, Howie, and from which I quote:

"Several members of the Class and their children have been prominent in the Dallas area during 77. Mar Founders Day dinner found Bud Bolling presiding, and Jim Nash, Chuck Spieth, Jim Wade and Howard Coffman with spouses in attendance. Also in Mar, Jack & Gerry Morris visited Dallas briefly on a tour of Jack's regional office in Dallas, SW Div, CE. Both went on to San



Jun 1943: Childs, the Blanks, Betty Anne Childs, Nan (Bucher) and Oldham.

Ant where Jack spoke at the annual meeting of the TX Water Conservation Assn. Jack and Gerry looked great and were well received by the Assn and their many friends in attendance.

"Hal & Pat Parfitt and their daughters, Karen and Beverly, have been active here. Beverly, a senior at Hockaday Sch in Dallas, starred as "Laurie" in "Oklahoma." The production ran for over a week with Hal, between trips back to Panama, and Pat attending. Beverly's performance was outstanding and Hal and Pat are justly proud of their talented daughter. Both Beverly and Karen graduated in late May, and Hal and Pat returned to Dallas for the graduation festivities. Beverly, with her great talent and interest in music, will enter NTU at Denton this fall as a music major. Karen was a Phi Beta Kappa and distinguished grad of SMU in Dallas. Since early spring she has been a reporter for TV station KXAS, Channel 5, in the Dallas-Ft Worth Metroplex. Initially, her work contributed to her academic degree; however, upon graduation she received permanent employment. So, Karen Parfitt of the "Texas News" has become a Dallas resident and local TV personality. With both daughters in the N. TX area, Hal and Pat will probably be in the area frequently in the future.

"My brother, Dr. E.M. (Mac) Coffman, Prof at the UWI, has been selected as Visiting Hist Prof at the Academy for the 77-78 aca-



Jun 1943: Galas and Ann Easley.

ademic year. Mac, Anne and family are now at WP and would welcome any contacts from Class members visiting or residing in the area. Carolyn and I are enjoying our life in Dallas, with occasional trips to our apartment in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Both of our girls are married—one in IL and the other in WA State. We would welcome visits from any members of the Class coming to the Dallas area." (I would love to come, Howard, but it might be disastrous for you. I visited my dear old hometown of Johnstown, PA one weekend last Jul, departed late Sun, and I suppose you heard what happened then.)

Believe me, it is input letters like that from Howie Coffman and the following one from Don Dargue in North Hampton, NH that keep this column going. Both Don and New Engl had been long unheard from, so I'm happy to pass this news to you:

"Look who's finally crawlin' outta the woodwork! Best I start by bringing you up to date—I ret. from AF blue at nearby Pease AFB in 66, and for not quite 2 years was a real estate broker. However, the local area was saturated with people in this field and there wasn't enough business for us to live in the manner to which we would like to become accustomed. So in Feb of 68 I obtained a position as a product engr with the GE Meter Dept in Somersworth. From Engr I moved to Marketing in 72 but last year got caught in a "functional realignment of responsibilities" (better known as layoff) in



Jun 1943: Sharon Escalle and Keefer.



Jun 1943: At Surkamps': 13 Aug 77.

the continuing struggle to recover from the recession. Couldn't feel too badly tho, as there were several others with more seniority than I who also got the ax. I've been sort of semi-ret. since then, but so busy around the homestead I wonder how I ever had time for a job!

"Our only young-un, Marilyn, graduated from the UNH in 72, and in Sept of the following year married a young man she had met as a freshman. The problem is that she lives about as far away as she could and still be on planet Earth. Our son-in-law is a Thai, and they make their home in Bangkok where he is in business with his father. They are very happy, though, and have made us the grandparents of a lovely daughter, now 2½ years old, and just last month a son. We visited them for a few weeks in the spring of 75 and last summer Marilyn and our granddaughter were home with us for 10 wks. In mid-Nov my wife, Garnet, and I plan to go over again to spend about 6 wks with them and meet our new grandson.

"Classmates are pretty scarce in this part of the country. The only ones I know of in NH are Al & Edie Shiely in Barrington, Felix Kalinski in Bedford, Arnold Tucker in Nashua, Freeman Bowley in Durham and Harold Neill in Londonderry. In ME there are Charlie Reid and Herber Brill; also, a few of the troops are scattered thru MA, CT and VT. We see Al and Edie occasionally—they are restoring an attractive old farmhouse.

"We were delighted to learn from your Class Notes that a 35th Reunion is planned along the lines of the smashing successful 30th get-together. We are anxious to hear more—Best regards."

Thanks, Don. Malone assures me that reunion news will be forthcoming in ample time, by special mailings. I used to think that half or more of this Class had become writers or professors, but now it looks as though the trend is to contracting, construction, and carpentry. Kecks, Hudsons, and Shielys could set up a mutual consultant correspondence. Furthermore, I have just learned that Ed O'Connor, here in the DC area, is no longer with ERDA, but is now with the architectural engr firm of Burns and Roe, Inc. I don't think I could get into this act—my experience would only contribute colorful confusion!

By courtesy of our son the lawyer, who bought us the tickets as a birthday present for the old man, Cecile and I early in Aug attended the well-publicized movie *MacArthur*, at the special premiere sponsored here by the West Point Society of DC. It was a really grand black-tie affair, starting at the Ft Myer Club, with the most sumptu-



Jun 1943: Spiece, Novak, Surkamp and Ivan.

ous champagne buffet supper I have ever seen. At least 300 graduates and friends were present from a wide age span that included not only many famous and familiar faces but quite a few younger people as well. The Class did not organize a group for this event, but we met Bruce & Barbara Arnold in the crowd at the tables, as well as Dick Hemsley, Bill Naylor, and Bill Welsh. After the supper we were bussed in convoy with a police escort to the movie. There, by gratifying coincidence, we happened to find seats beside a Congressional staffer who warmed up to us when conversation revealed our distinction in being the parents of Robert Cover of the House Office of Legislative Counsel! My reaction to the film itself was: "Not bad—they tried hard." That may have been a presumptuous evaluation on my part, but the screen of memory of the times and past events and impressions was still more vivid than the movie screen to me.

The main Class event of the summer in the DC metro area—as always—was the *Surkamps'* splash and cook-out party at their beautiful Fieldmont Farm near Middleburg, VA. This year's 5th annual gathering convened convivially on 13 Aug, and the rain held off—in contrast to the downpour of 76. It was a much-enjoyed affair—and some people (not including your correspondent, I might add—in case of any doubt on this point) even went swimming. Those present included (with apologies for inadvertent omissions): Bensons, Burrs, Cocrofts, Covers, Glasgows—from Charlotte, Gordys, Hardys, Hemsleys, Ivans, Mathes, McAdams, McGees, Naylor, Novaks, O'Connors, O'Hares, Piggs, Pinnells, Pletts, Roos', Serabachs, Silvesters, Spieces, and Ted Tansey. Photos are courtesy of Jack Novak and Sam Pinnell—wish I had room for all their good shots. Those named above who can't be found in the group photos probably arrived after picture-taking time. Everyone was glad to see the Glasgows. Bill has recovered so well from the heart by-pass surgery. He is no longer with Jones Engr, but is a free-lance consultant—becoming an expert on Iran and Saudia Arabia, incidentally.

Many of you have said or written kind things to me about this column, but, in fact, it is a quarterly pleasure to put it together. I hear from all-over (or, almost). For example, the news from Baghdad-on-the-Bay always tempts this Appalachian country boy with impractical dreams of Avalon, but—anyhow—here's the summer report from S. CA, with words and pictures courtesy of the old condominium concierge himself, Norm Keefe:

"In Jun, the WP Soc of L.A. sponsored a well-attended harbor dinner cruise on an old sailing ship, the *Buccaneer*. The Easleys had a group at their townhouse in nearby San Pedro for drinks and goodies before the cruise, and that set us up for a great evening. Present, in addition to Ann & Pres Easley, were Ruth & Norm Pehrson, Frank Ball, Bernie & Steve Sherrill, Marion & Chuck Dickinson, and Norm Keefe and his 26-year-old date (see picture), Sharon Escalle—that shook up the troops!" Scribe's comment: May I insert a collective "WOW!" on behalf of half of the class? Keefe has apparently moved into the category of semi-senior male persons recently dubbed "Gray Eminences" by a sophisticated lady columnist in the local newspaper that Wickert (for reasons not entirely clear to me) calls the "Washington Beast." As the columnist said, "Youth is passé—The Gray Eminence carries



Jun 1943: The Rookers.

the day." However, a word of caution: all Gray Eminences have bad backs, according to the lady analyst. I remarked to Harry Schroeder's secy that this assertion was ridiculous, because there is nothing wrong with my back—stomach, yes, long ago contributed to the public service—but back, no. She replied: "If you thought about it seriously, you would find something wrong with your back." Stultifyingly illogical, of course, but—better keep a check on the old vertebrae, Norm.

Continuing—now—from the Keefer text:

"In Jul, Bernie & Steve Sherrill hosted a marvelous last party in their dramatically beautiful home in Palos Verdes overlooking some of the most magnificent Pacific Coast scenery. Attending the party were the Easleys, Dickinsons, Galas', Rookers, and Keefer. They have since sold their home (at an unmentionable profit). Steve ret. from TRW, and they've moved to N. San Diego County, where they're building a new home: 2415 Sevilla Way, Rancho La Costa, CA 92008. They're planning to get into the real estate business down there. Bernie has done very well in real estate in Palos Verdes over the past few years. We also found out that the Rookers (both have had some serious health problems recently) are leaving the area for a new home in the Sacramento area. We'll miss those good people from our midst.

"In mid-Aug the ICBM Pioneers (Atlas, Titan, Thor, Minuteman) had a big 23d anniv reunion dinner dance at the L.A. Airport Marriott Hotel—some 350 in attendance from all over the U.S. Jun '43 was represented by Dottie & Pappy Chandler (from Seattle, but they had been in San Diego for the wedding of their son, John), Wheeler, Ball, and Keefer. Soon afterwards the WP Society of L.A. hosted a cocktail party and a special showing in Hollywood of the movie "MacArthur." We all enjoyed the picture tremendously, the Jun '43 contingent included the Dickinsons, Easleys, Sheas, Maughans, Galas', and Keefer. One additional bit of news, from the East Coast: Barbara & Felix Kalinski have moved from NH back to NYC. I don't have their new address yet."

It would have been a blessed thing if Norm had been able to conclude his letter at this point, but there was a tragic note in late Aug: "We have had a very sad occurrence among our group here. Kaye & Dave Galas' 17-year-old daughter, Debra, was killed in an automobile accident. As many classmates and wives as could make it attended the funeral and sent a gold colored wreath with small

black and gray ribbons attached. I'm sure all of us extend our sympathy to Kaye and Dave." I'm sure Norm is right, and I have had a note from Dave Galas expressing thanks for all the Class condolences and for the help received from Class friends out there.

Last time I mentioned that Don & Lee Spiece were moving west to Tucson. Well, they did it. After making several route and area reconnaissances, they rolled the wagons from Vienna, VA, on 9 Sept 77 with no fixed address ahead. At the moment, they are out there somewhere. I hope that they find enough water, and that the natives are friendly. This may not be a problem, for I hear that Jim Betts is Dir of Public Works out there. . . . Now here's a late flash at press time: Spieces have settled into a hacienda at 7512 E. Knollwood Dr, Tucson, AZ 85715. Lee writes: "At night we have a gorgeous view of the lights of Tucson—with the moon and saguaro cactus on the skyline, and the mountains all around. Start planning your trip west!"

We'll do that. Meanwhile, Merry Christmas—and may the Gray Eminence of the Season make it down your chimney without wrenching his back!

# '44

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I'm sitting in a Sheraton Hotel surrounded by corn fields \$17 northeast of O'Hare Airport. I don't have it with me, but I remember Staser's letter. Seems that George & Joan Brown, out of Durango, CO checked in with Rock and Betty as a first stop on a tour to Fairbanks, Dawson and Skagway, AK, then down the coast by ship. They will backtrack the old White Pass and Yukon RR built along the gold Stampede trail to the Yukon.

Rock allows how the Browns left with full-service anti-freeze after 2 evenings of everybody talking at once. (Reminds me of our family motto: "Don't talk while I'm interrupting.") The Stasers are off in Oct to Mauna Kea Hotel on the Big Is for a semi-annual parole interview with Dave Silver and "Ho," his keeper.

Secondhand from Betty's sister, I hear that the Wears are fine in Rifle, CO. I only hope they make good medicine for Rocky Mt show this winter.

Bill Peugh sends a copy of the 31 Aug Wall Street Journal, which used 36 column inches on the editorial page to tell us about the "Humanist GEN in South Korea." You guessed it: that Inf br grafted on the Engr tree, Jack Cushman. I resist the temptation to quote the Fulsome praise. Instead, at the 35th I suggest Jack be seated as water corporal and required to recite the article aloud!

We were delighted to have dinner with Bill & Sandra Miller the first day of autumn during their DC stopover on an extensive tour of the U.S. and Canada from Barbados. Guests included Tom & Margy McGuire and Betty Bottomly's mother, Mrs. Simpson, a charmer of 85 yrs who helped raise Bill in the Philippines years ago. Bill's Mandarin stimulated the staff of the Chinese restaurant to unaccustomed heights of service during a banquet of great food, wine and great conversation. There is still at least one movie script in Bill's behind-the-lines tour in China, and I hope to see it on the screen one day. I intend to go back to Barbados sooner, though.



1944: In Honolulu 21 Jul 77 (standing): Silver, Ingram, Smith and Susott; (kneeling): Fairbrother and Handley.



1944: Lamarre, Class Gift and donee, Pappas.



1944: The Stasers and the Browns in Anchorage, AK.



1944: John and roommate.



1944: Cuppers, Claytons, Erlenkotters, La-Marres and Pappases.

The Don Ingrams have a beach house in HI where they spend a month each summer (to get away from S. CA, yet!) During their sojourn in Jul, they rounded up a crew of '44s for a "bash" and a motley crew it was: Silver, Bob Smith, Susott, Fairbrother and Art Handley. Fortunately, their "Saving Graces" came too; at least Elinor Smith and Patricia Fairbrother were there. I'm getting worried for John Susott—he's so thin. Thanks, Fairbrother.

At Dick & Bette Erlenkotters' party for George & Pat Pappas on 17 Jul at which the Class gift was presented them, Larry & Jeanne Clayton, Andy & Rosemary Cupper, Hedy & Pat LaMarre and daughter Kathleen, Joe & Bette Losch and Bob Rodden came to join the applause. The Greaves, Gallezes and Forthoffers away from San Rafael. For all I know, they were hauling water back to bone-dry Marin County.

"Dear Lee: Recently Tom Tarpley came to HI. He was accompanied by a very lovely lady; I believe it was his wife. We invited them over for a small sub-chapter to get together. The invitation was garbled; Tom and Trudy didn't show. Fairbrother, Bill Sullivan and Bob Smith did show and a great time was had by all, even though gathered under false pretenses. Find photos enclosed. Aloha, John Susott."

"Dear John: Stop leering at Kay like that. I've forgotten why; but stop!"

Third hand from Norm Kiefer, Dick McPherson and Ivan Nealon got together in the environs of Carmel, CA to do a little golfing. I have been aware that Dick has all the qualifications to go on the tour except a pass from Dotty. Anyhow, Ivan was able to get to the rendezvous in his "Travel-Air" without getting lost. I am impressed with his navigation ("East is least, West is best") and also with his airplane, if I only knew what it is or looks like; I don't know one from another. But then, one doesn't need



1944: Fair-B, Sully, Susott, Smith.

to know its pedigree to ride a horse, eh wot? McPherson is another AF pilot who didn't get flying out of his system and consequently operates his own private air-born hazard to navigation. I salute those guys for organizing their time that way ("with time to spare, go by air"). As for me, the only flying which interests me is the last airplane I flew, the F-15, or the next, a hang-glider. Since I have had all the air-borne thrills I want on this earth, the hang-glider's for Heaven.

The New York Times News Service gave a double column 40 cm long to a new book "The War Managers" by an associate prof of pol sci at U. VT, Doug Kinnard. I recommend the Pulitzer Prize for the title, since the politicians made the mess, as Barbara Tuchman writes, and those present had to "manage" as best they could between the enemy and the obstacles. I've not read the book and can't review it, but congratulate the proud "parents," since it reportedly takes more work, skill, and endurance to bring a book into the world than a baby, a lady author told me.

For travellers coming to DC, following are planned events:

- 5 Oct 77 Class luncheon—Pentagon
- 12 Nov 77 Scotty's clambake
- 14 Jan 78 Gloom Period Cocktail Buffet
- 1 Mar 78 Class luncheon
- 29 Apr 78 Annual Business Meeting and Lunch
- 24 Jun 78 Shrimp and Beer Picnic

Check DC locals for confirming details; you-all come!

## '45

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On 17 Jun at Ft Riley, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Olympic indoor-outdoor swimming pool to George Eyster's memory. Aus Yerks had worked for a year and a half to have something at Ft Riley named for George and it finally worked out. The Yerks' son-in-law, CPT C.J. Westerhoff was CO of troops for the ceremony. Harriet and her husband, BG (Ret) Linnell, George & Skip Hoge and Aus were present for the occasion. Aus represented the Class and read a tribute from CS Bernie Rogers which included this final statement: "As future generations of soldiers use this pool, may COL Eyster's service to the 1st Inf Div, to the U.S. Army, and to our nation serve as a reminder of the price of American freedom and liberty." Afterward, the Class of '45 hosted a reception at the Officers Club. Thanks for your good work on this fitting tribute to George, Aus.

Aus told me that he saw George Benson at the "MacArthur" premiere in NY on 29 Jun. Bob Woods did a wonderful job at the dinner which followed, as did Gerry who made all the arrangements for both the show at Radio City and the dinner at the Waldorf. 11 July was a sad one as it was the day when Ernie Denz's wife El was buried at Arlington. Our sympathy goes to Ernie for a loss we all share.

The last issue had a picture of Rocky Tierno's son Skip, Class of '77, being presented a Class medallion by his dad. Two other Class sons graduated with '77: Frank Marvin's son, Freeman, and Jim Morris' son, J.M. III. Rocky wrote that the Carlisle area is also home for Don Fowler, Joe McCarthy, Frank Smith, Arlen Wagonhurst, Frank Kane, and Dale Lockard. Rocky (who reminds us



1945: COL Spiller, Dpty Post Commander, and Mrs. Harriet Linnell unveil plaque dedicating indoor pool in memory of George Eyster.

he was a goat in juice) is teaching vocational elect occupations at Carlisle HS as well as being certified to teach physics.

Frank Marvin writes that Shirleigh and he don't see too many classmates in Blacksburg, VA where he is VPI faculty member with freshman engr program. Mac & Rach McDaniel visited during the summer. Their son Jeb planned to transfer to VPI this past fall. Other classmates whose sons or daughters have been VPI students in the past few years are: Bill & Margie McGuinness, Jim & Ann Holcomb, Rich & Peggy Haley, and Buzz & Nancy Stebbins, and they've all stopped by. Rosemarie & Randy Heard are living in nearby Salem, VA. Frank says to please visit if you come down I-81.

A note from Hap Adams father, "Pop," tells of Hap's 3d son, William French Adams, entering Class of '81. Hap's oldest son, Robert, is Engr Co. CO at Ft Hood while 2d son, Jonathan P. '74 is aide to DCG 24 Div, Ft Stewart. Don Fowler's son Chris also entered Class of '81.

Put Monroe wrote the following news from Austin, TX. In mid-May, Bill & Betty Zook were in Austin to see Bill Jr. ('69) and wife Sharon. Leon & Mary Louise Byrd hosted a supper party at their lovely home in San Marcos while the Zooks were in the area. Other classmates attending were Bernie & Dot Wichlep (from San Ant), Dick Crane, Frank & Bonnie Laboon, Put & Bobbye Monroe. Just before that party Put had a call from Bergstrom AFB that "GEN Lessey would be at the base over the weekend and would like to contact him." Put and Sam had a good visit over dinner. Other classmates in the area are Hal & Anne Fitzpatrick, Vern &



1945: Marvin presents class medallion to son Freeman, June Week 1977.



1945: Withey and Glynn, Hartford Golf Club.

Molly Newman and the Kris Kristofersons. George & Katy Dexter and Mo & Gloria Wright were in the area but left last year for Albuquerque and Salt Lake City respectively. All in the area are employed except Hal and Put who are grad students at U. TX. Put has USMA 45 license plate in TX and says when he gets his MBA and starts making all that money again (Hal) he'll put the plates on a new car instead of that 71 Ford he's now driving.

West coast correspondent Marty Brewer tells of seeing Stoney Brenneman in Jul. Stoney is a long time resident of Santa Maria. Bill Gilbert was a visitor at Vandenberg AFB on 8 Jul. He had bought a home in Vandenberg Village thinking that his company (Hughes) would assign him to Vandenberg. However he left for Iran for 2 yrs instead. Walt Carter is south at San Onofre working with Morris Knudsen. If Marty recalls correctly, Walt is putting in a nuclear power station, but if he and Billie don't come up for a visit they're off Marty's list!

Rolfe Hillman reported another fine gathering sponsored by the Munsons during Memorial Day weekend at their home on Cape Cod. Attending were Arch & Barb Arnold, Bill & Jessie Sibert, Russ & Nancy McGovern, and Rolfe & Calista Hillman. (Rolfe struggles with editorial chores for the BDM Corp of McLean, VA.) Barbara Arnold furnished a description of the get-together: "What actually happened was a lot of old crotch WP grads congregated with their patient, hard-working, liberated, lovely ladies at the Munsons' ret. estate. The purpose of this reunion was never verbalized. There was no necessity. All loved each other and had so much in common that it was easy for them to pick up all the miscellaneous threads of their lives. It was a totally happy experience to see so many old pals who were glad to have survived the intervening years with good health and exuberant spirits and looking forward to whatever the future might offer."

Nancy Withey wrote that husband George and Bill Glynn combined their talents to win their flight in a member-guest golf tournament at Hartford. Victory was sweeter when they bested 2 young lawyers from Bill's firm in a sudden death playoff.

A letter from Jim Shilstone tells about the value of Japanese swords which a number of Class members were able to collect. Jim said he had a couple of swords in his attic

for 30 yrs. Recently he became aware that there are a number of serious Japanese sword collectors and took his to a southwest area arms show. Much to his amazement he and his wife became the center of attention and eventually received a very substantial payment for the swords. Should any other classmate have something other than the Army issue items, Jim would be glad to help them establish their value. Take a picture of them and make a transfer of the Japanese writing using tissue paper and gently rubbing a soft black pencil over the tissue. Transfer should show exact location of edges of metal handle and the holes. Don't go to a local arms dealer. They typically will offer less than 10% of the value. Do not try to remove any rust by abrasives. Contact Jim and he can help get a realistic appraisal.

Harriet Hartline sent me an article from the Wellesley Alumnae Magazine about Maura McNeil, the 77 Baccalaureate speaker at Wellesley when daughter Bridget graduated. Maura has established herself as an outstanding leader in Dallas with a national reputation. She is coordinating director of Women for Change and the Women's Center of Dallas, and an active member of church groups. D Magazine calls her one of the most powerful women in Dallas, the mainstay of the women's movement. Quoting from the Wellesley article: "An experienced public speaker, Ms. McNeil took part in the Intl Women's Year Conf in Mexico and later was invited by the White House to testify on domestic policy regarding women at a regl conf." The theme of her Baccalaureate address was: "I find male domination the source of alienation from ourselves (and) from each other."

Harriet's letter told about their trip to DC to attend Jill Geline's wedding. She said the bride looked lovely, of course, but it was great to see how wonderful Gene looked. The Hartlines enjoyed a visit with Barbara & George Benson at the reception, and stopped in the next day to see Alice & Aus Yerks at their home where Aus is surrounded by trophies, hobbies, children, and grandchildren.

Up-date on news from Tidewater VA came in a letter from Bob Krebs. Doodie Adams is the most active "classmate" in the area—always on the go. Ren Fortier is a very busy businessman but still had time to take Bob and his son Rob on a boat outing on the bay. Cliff & Phyllis White, John & Kathy Powers, and Bill & Miriam Love are among the others in the Norfolk area. Bob and Janis enjoy tennis frequently. Bob says he plays some golf, umpires tennis, engages in civic and Republican activities and part-times with United Cerebral Palsy. Son, CPT Rob and wife Ann are home from Europe and now stationed at Ft Sill—expecting. Daughter Jan and her husband Bill and 2 children in Norfolk. Son, LT Bill, is at Ft Stewart.

Jack & BJ Burke had dinner with Bob & Barbara Guthrie at Tampa Intl's fabulous Host Hotel before the Guthries enjoyed a Caribbean cruise and then had drinks and conversation at the Burkes' St. Petersburg home on the return trip. '45 is well represented on the staff of FL Inst of Tech. Ed Gudgel is Admin of Off-Campus Programs, George Jones is Registrar—both in Melbourne, and Jack Burke is U.'s resident coordinator in St. Petersburg. The 3 got together for lunch and BS in Melbourne recently. Bill Craig and Jack Burke are involved in the WP admissions program in the FL West Coast area.

Tom Longino's GA report said that '45 was best-represented at the WP Soc of Atlanta Fall Kickoff meeting in mid-Sept. Jack & Sandie Geer, Don & Virginia Gross, Dick & Harriet Hartline, Lou & Tom Longino, and Art & Dot Ringler attended. The Hartlines planned to visit Larry & Eleanor Hardin in Lake Bluff, IL when they took daughter Nancy to Northwestern U. in late Sept. Son Doug ('73) is now a CPT with SF at Ft Bragg and goes to Adv Crse at Benning in Jan. Marion & Martha Trotts' son, CPT Paul ('73) is now at Benning for Adv Crse after returning from Germany and 8 Div where he received ACM. Dick & Jody Minor saw Bill Craig on recent trip to FL. (Rumor has it that Bill will sell you any/all of that part of FL if you come near Largo). On a recent vacation trip, Al & Marian Childress saw Wilbur & Flo Pugh and Bob & Genee Parr all of whom are fine. Tom Maerten's wife, C.B., was also a recent DC-area visitor. While there she attended a '45 "hen party" at the home of Peg & Hotie Lohn. Also attending were Jean Bennett, Callista Hillman, Betty Ochs, Nancy Shaw, Shirley Burnell, Jane Argo, Peg Amos, and Rachel McDaniel. Pete Dillard has been on the sick list for the last few months, but better now; he and Rena were off in Sept to Amelia Is to celebrate their 7th wedding anniv.

Tom forwarded a note from Barney Dailey with news of classmates in the Augusta, GA area. Bob Herron ret. from his DA civ status at the Sig Sch last Mar—now working on an MBA. His wife Sophie is turning into a gardener par excellence. Al Sheppard continues as an active real estate broker. While the real estate business may be a little slack of late, Al keeps a firm hand in a hot-cold 80's golf game while his wife Betty continues with her gift of painting and has reached the level of \$100 per. Barney flatout ret. a year ago after a 6-year stint of teaching phys and chem in HS. Now he jogs 2 miles a day, plays golf, travels, and is an avid follower of Merrill Lynch activity. But since he has been unable to find the liberal overdraft policies that some of his fellow Georgians did, Barney doesn't dabble much. Barney's wife Martha has been consumed by the income tax and business accounting fields.

Hugh Parker writes from Clearwater, FL, that he ret. from banking a year ago in order to devote more time to things of greater importance such as golf and other forms of relaxation. He only wishes he hadn't waited so long to get started. Ellen & Doc Hesse have lived in Clearwater for the past 2 years. Doc was selected as mgr of the West Coast Regl Water Supply which provides water for 3 counties and includes the cities of



1945: Founders Day Turkey 16 Mar 77: Brett, Chief US element CENTO, and Wolfe, CG, JUSMMAT, present mural of WP to Turkish LTG Kemal Gokce, CG Turkish Military Academy.

Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater. Hugh also enclosed a clipping about Ax Briggs. Ax (or Warren) was selected to be the new Mayor of Pensacola by the 10-member city council. This is a high honor and tribute to Warren's involvement in community activities. Have a fine Christmas holiday season.

# '46

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(124) No doubt about it, the artificial turf at Michie is noticeable. It's bright green and has a beautiful WP shield in the center. So far, Army's record on that turf is a perfect 2-0. But, the law of averages, unfortunately, will eventually change that. Opening day found Jack & Betty Barth back from Korea, and enjoying season tickets again. Betty did say she loved Korea and would go back again. But they're Picatinny tied right now. Guy Troy was there too, but only for the opener. After taking one son to Dartmouth, they stopped by for the game and a visit with their cadet son. Stan Love, a contributor to AAA's top grade, has a private parking space with his name emblazoned thereon and located right next to the entrance gate at Michie, besides sitting in the Supe's box for the games. The regulars were there too—Boltz's, Cucolos, Frances, McBrydes, Hirschberg, Nelsons, Treadwells, and Wheats. I also spotted Randy Adams, MG USAF, who is now living at Qtrs 22, Bolling AFB, and is Dir, IADC, Ft McNair.

The sad news I must bear concerns the deaths of Lea Parmly and John Pitts. I don't know John's date of death, just that he died of a cerebral hemorrhage 10 days after he ret. as a BG USAF. To his family and friends we send our deepest condolences. Lea was killed in an auto accident on 19 Jul near Tifton, GA. Although Marie was driving,



1946: Butlers at Saunders.



1946: Koch and Walker, San Francisco, Jun 77.



1946: Fink family at Saunders'.



1946: Blyths with son Dewey '77.

she has survived with broken ribs and other injuries. They were on their way from FL to a Catholic seminar in Kansas City or St. Louis. Two other passengers were with them, a nun who survived and a man who died instantly, as did Lea. The van Marie was driving struck a truck parked on the side of the road and drove it about 50 feet forward. I was told the truck was not completely out of the right-of-way and was so cited. Ethel and I attended the funeral at WP, which packed the church on 26 Jul, along with, but not limited to, George Webb, Gene Deatrick, Art Bugh, Merl & Milada Hutto, Dick & Sue Gruenther, as well as Lea's brother Wolcott '50 and brother-in-law, Tom West '55. Dick received the following letter dated 9 Sept from Marie: "Dearest Friends in Class of '46—Thank you very much for the flowers sent to Lea's grave from the Class. He will be missed but I'm glad his farewell was joyful. Praise the Lord! As for me I am healing and hope to be back in action in a couple of months. The prayers and love of many friends, especially the Class of '46 has been a mainstay. God bless you. Love, Marie Parmly."

News from our DC contingent, the largest, most active, of us all. Jim Looome is doing a bang-up job maintaining a Class roster for the area and keeping them posted on news and gatherings. If any of you are in the area in the next few months, their luncheons at noon at A-N CC will be 13 Dec, 10 Jan, 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 13 Jun and their dinners all at Ft Myer on 12 Nov, 18 Feb and 20 May. Call Jim at 671-2680 for details.

From Jim's letters to DC group: Perhaps for the '46 Book of Records, on 9 Jul, Class son Dick Thayer married Class daughter Laura Hallgren; Jim asks, Is this a first or an only? For awhile back in 73-74 there was a possibility my oldest daughter and Andersson's son Norm '74 would go to the altar, but that was not to be. Is there any-

one else out there that can report a marriage between Class offspring? I have no details, but Looome confirms the death of Ben Williams and the recovering from a heart attack of Tacho Somoza. To Tacho, God-speed and to Ben's family our heartfelt sympathies.

The Ashtons have returned from a big trip to Morocco, Spain and Portugal. F.R. Baker has taken up duties as a riding instructor and Stan Baumgartner plays clarinet with the Natl Concert Band of America. Bert David, MG USA, has ret. with home 643 Pulman Pl, Alexandria. Friends haven't sold their house, so the move to FL is off for a year. Inskeeps have moved to Lake of the Woods, Locust Grove, VA and he is in grad sch. Janks have moved to Minneapolis. Lobdell reports 2 sons married, one a Mil Hist "P" at WP, and 2 daughters still single, one teaching and one learning still. Max Minor states his running broad jump record still stands after 32 yrs, the oldest record on record. Rufsvolds report 2d-yr-med student son Rob spent summer in Kenya in ophthalmology work. Bud Devens reports an all mil family: son Bill, VPI '71, and AF CPT; son Pat, USMA '75, an Army Engr LT; son Bob, VMI '77 (DMG), and Army Engr; and son Tim at USMA Prep. Can anyone beat that? Wayne Nichols is with OH Dept of Natural Resources. Bobby Richmond reports 2 Betty Richmonds, his wife and his son's new bride. Schulke has left EE Inst and is pondering next move. Rex Beasley is heavily involved with his community and his church as First Reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Fredericksburg. Ray Thayer is the Adm of the Red Cross Blood Rsch Lab in Bethesda. Mc Whorters have moved to Ft Worth. Palmatiers have sold their home and moved to HI. Joe Giza is now in Taiwan with State Dept. Atkinson, BG USAF, now resides at Qtrs 30, Bolling AFB and is J3 OJCS. R.W. Storm is now with Western Union and R.G. Beckner BG(R) with Merrill Lynch. Berge has moved from TX to 4610 Mansfield Manor Dr, DC and Bob Lenzner is now living on Figure Eight Is, Wilmington, NC.

Just received a note from George Patton,



1946: Aldersons: June Week 77.



1946: Hutto presents saber to Fink '77.



1946: Franklands: June Week 77.

MG USA, who'll leave his job as CG 2d AD Ft Hood to become Dpty CG VII Corps in Germany late this Nov. He also gave me the following poop: Bob Shoemaker, LTC USA, will become Dpty CG, FORSCOM, but his orders do not have an ETD; MG John Hill will remain as Dpty CG, III Corps; John Price and Jack Matteson are ret. and in Austin, TX; MG Dick Bresnahan recently left for MAAG, Greece, from Ft Sheridan, IL.

Last ASSEMBLY reported Hoefling in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, but I have more from Jack now. He's working for Vinnell Corp, APO NY 09038, as program GM of the Saudi Arabian NG modernization program and has been there since Aug 76. The contract calls for them to train 4 bns of Saudis. It is a 1000 man effort consisting of US, Koreans, Jordanians, Pakistanis and others. It's a \$100 million per yr program. Josiah Wallace is with Jack as Dir-OPS; Duke Wolf is Dir-Plans, Sys, and Publications; Paul Barthol is working with Duke. It's like old home wk, the last hurrah for some old soldiers in the middle of the desert yet. Jack Gilham visits them once every 6 mos as a consultant for Cadillac. Gage & Gene Deatricks visit occasionally.

Will Joffrion, BG USAR, has been named CG of Army Reserve's 377th Spt Bde with HQ, New Orleans, effective 1 Sept 77. Will was Dpty CG 122 USAR Cmd, Little Rock, for 19 mos. The 377th has 26 units in the 3 states of LA, TX, OK.

Yanceys were in the USA for a 2-wk leave last summer. Bill and Phyllis are still in Spain. They stayed with H & Pat Lobdell, MG USAF, at their Qtrs 14, Ft McNair, where he is Cmdt, NWC. Phyllis mailed portions of Stars-Stripes 31 Jul with pic of GEN Bill Evans taking cmds noted last issue. I'm just sorry it's not reproducible here.

Ed & Jean Saunders were the hosts this past June Week for the presentation of the Troy L. Hutto Memorial Saber to George B. Fink Jr '77. This is the 9th such saber given by Merl and Milada in memory of their son. All graduating sons received Class book-ends; those others were Blyth, Frankland and Alderson. Incidentally, Rodney & Carol Blyth are making some kind of record for they have 2 other cadets in the Corps, Rebecca '80 and Jeffrey '81. The remaining offspring,



Matthew, is still in HS. Will the Blyths match the Devens? Fink has another son Bruce in the Corps too. Among the other 40 plus guests at Saunders were Lambs, Gruenthers, and Jerry & Julie Butler with their cadet son.

# '47

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Once again I must start this column on a sad note. On 28 Aug Hazel Bland passed away at Walter Reed. A memorial service was held in Springfield, VA the following week attended by a good representation of the Class. A beautiful moment in the service was the singing of the Lord's Prayer in duet by Janet Miller and Bunny Nairn. Our deepest wishes to George and the girls. George incidentally will be traveling to Europe this fall and hopes to see classmates there. I also noted in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY the passing of Dean Gausche. I have no details on the circumstances or Dean's family but would like to hear.

New asgmts dept: Lou Rachmeler to CG Msl Readiness Cmd, Huntsville—Best Wishes. I will be moving my office and asgmt in Oct to Bechtel's Northeast Corridor Improvement Proj for Fed RR Adm. Will be Coordinator of Sys Engr, located in old TEMPO A in SW DC. Reminds me of the old definition of a coordinator as a guy caught between two expeditors.

A reminder to those who may have forgotten—or not known: some years ago the Class adopted a charter which constitutes a DC Council to carry on the business that might be necessary. Newly "elected" chairman is Jack Faith who will try to fill the shoes so ably walked in the past few years by Jim Johnson. Other officers are myself as secy with primary duties involving this column, now in my 8th year. Treas, Wayne Hauck who has been handling our local finances since before I got here. Soc Chmn, John Kennedy, who organizes the bi-monthly luncheon, and tries to get cmtes to organize other functions. John also maintains the DC area roster. Other positions, temporarily vacant, are Commemorative and Reunion Chairmen.

We have also recently noted the need for a phone pyramid to get the word out in a hurry. John Kennedy and I will handle, so give either of us a call. My home number is at the head of this article, office: 202-472-7540. John's numbers are—Home: 703-938-4665; off: 202-274-8886.

Mail call brought notes from the following: Kermit Reel from Charlottesville, praised the 30th and the 30.2th—Jim Johnson's CofC at Belvoir in early Aug. Kermit notes that at the 30th he was surprised to find the number of classmates that have an interest in, or connections with, Charlottesville and UVA. He and Marie are living there and have lots of room and would love to have guests at the Reel Motel. KD Reel, 105 Wild Flower Dr, C'ville, VA 22901. Mary & Hap Beuhler sent some pics from the 30th and report they are off on a visit to Germany. Jackie & Tom Hayes report a new address: 11 Gevrey, Arborderau, Berwyn Baptist Rd, Devon, PA 19333. Ann & Bob Baer moving into the Rachmellers' recently vacated qtrs at Ft Myer.

Fran & Joe D. Johnston report on their travels after the BEST reunion—New Engl to visit old friends, DC for the marriage of dau Valerie—congrats—to Edward Patrick Monaghan. Stayed with son Joe Jr and grandson Sean in Fairfax. Then back to S.

CA. Had a visit from Bill & Anne Cooper in Aug. Bill was on a business trip to SFO then went to Disneyland and visited the Johnstons. Johnstons and Coopers visited the Queen Mary and had dinner at Long Beach Harbor Hilton before Anne and Bill headed back to CO. Fran and Joe visited Edwards Flt Test Cen with WP Soc of L.A. for Space Shuttle flight and ran into Naoma & Buck Fernandez. Buck is with NASA in DC was out on business. Johnstons planning to visit NW in fall and hope to see the Lilleys in McCall, ID.

News is just a little skimpy this fall. Expect everyone is still living on the nostalgia of Jun. P.S. Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer report grandchild No. 6. Congratulations. Any competition?

# '48

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Let's start out with a correction. In detailing the Footes' wedding festivities, I stated that Pat (sic) & Lou Haskell co-hosted a luncheon for the couple. My apologies to Becky and Lou, who were not in attendance, but wished they could have been. Who the co-hosts were, I haven't found out. Lou guessed maybe it was the Haskins from '47. Anyway, my apologies. Incidentally, Becky and Lou were married in the Ft Bliss Chapel, too. Sam Cockerham and Lou got together last spring when Sam was visiting his mother in Hamilton, MS, nearby.

Ash Foote ended up in Fitzsimons GH recently for a heart bypass operation. Happy went with him, and at last report via Bud Wagoner Ash was doing fine. When he's released they return to El Paso.

Ann & Jim Hooker have settled down in Colo Spgs, 1318 Dublin Blvd, 80907. They are proud homeowners, and battle the weeds and crabgrass with vim and vigor. Ann hates using the water to grow grass, so they have encouraged the natural grass in their yard, and the water goes in Ann's scotch. Son Jimmy is studying geology and marine sci at the UCO in Boulder, and mother hopes he will find oil in their yard. They and the Lovejoys were planning a bash after the A-AF game, and I hopes the results of the game are favorable. Incidentally, our oldest, CPT Dennis Genebach, is in the Med Cps at Ft Carson. He finds his duties neither terribly challenging nor too interesting—mostly personnel who seek relief from the day's work. Sound familiar?

Mercedes Hughes reports that Chris & Jim McCray have joined her in Tucson. They are busy remodeling and adding a pool and a guest house. Marianne Kiernan visited Mercedes in Feb, and they capped their wining, dining and sight-seeing with a party at Marge & Woe Enderle's ranch near Ft Huachuca. Then, after the Foote wedding and Dolly Petersen's visit, Mercedes was off to Albuquerque to see Kit & Arnie Sargeant. They live in an old adobe house, parts of which are 200 yrs old, and under the porch is an Indian burial site. She also saw Tom & Barbara Clark and Ed & Mary Nelson. Chris and Mercedes are now planning a post-30th Reunion R&R trip—a North Cape Cruise on the Royal Viking Line, leaving from Copenhagen on 9 Jun 78. Mercedes has a connection with a travel agcy, and can make arrangements for anyone interested. Write her at 1776 Calle Del Cielo, Tucson, 85718. In closing, she said she was off to HI and the



1948: Marquerite Maloney, the Days, Withers, Salisbury, Pat, Berry, Osteen, Maloney, the Robinsons, Mary Delistraty, Walter, and Delistraty.

Hale Koa, the new hotel at Ft De Russy. Dorothy and Sue were in summer sch at Punahou, and since they were so enchanted with the islands Merc was going to have a time persuading them to come back to the mainland.

Dolly Petersen sends along much information. Otis & Sherry Moore have ret. to 7203 S. Chase Way, Littleton, CO. Larry & Dorothy Hoyt have moved near us in Reston, VA, at 10804 Hunt Club Rd. Arnold & Ione Braswell reside at 27 Westover Ave, Bolling AFB, DC. Buck & Sally Borg are in Vienna, Austria, where he is dpty chief of mission. Ann Brennan is now in Vicksburg, MS, and has 3 offspring in Ole Miss. Jack is still working in Boston. Casey Burns has moved to Columbia, SC. Johnsie Doyle has moved to NJ where Lee & John Egbert are stationed. Bob (now LTC) & Greta Mathis are at 1508 Arkansas Rd, Andrews AFB, MD. The McCuens have moved to Detroit where he is the tank training program for Chrysler, Dolly believes.

A Class party of great fun was held at the poolside of Al & Ginger Sylvester. Bob & Dolly Petersen were co-hosts. (We missed it, unfortunately, because of the death of Eloise's father on 29 Jul.) The Mummas were

able to represent the Carlisle detachment at the function.

The 8 Aug issue of the *Washington Post* carried a story and picture of Gene Forrester on the front page of section one. Gene, head of Army recruiting, was in town to testify before a Congr subcmte investigating claims by recruits that the Army does not always live up to its recruiting promises. From the story it was apparent that Gene did a most credible job in refuting these allegations.

Audrey Kastris' writings have been appearing in the *Washington Star* recently. I still wish she would publish—and I want an autographed first edition.

Jack Capps advises that he saw Booth Buckley sworn in as a cadet on 22 Jun, with brother John to follow on 6 July. Jack's and Marie's son Steve is with 2/33FA, 1st Div Fwd, Augsburg, Germany.

Jack Osteen sent along the Presidio of San Fran Founders Day dinner picture. After the dinner '47 and '48 gathered at Jack's and Pat's house. Jack also reports that Tom & Maureen Bowen have arrived there, he as CS. Nearby at Ft Ord are Bob Kirwan, CG, 7 Inf Div, and Don Packard, CG, CDEC.

Randy Bierne sent along 2 clippings from

the *Baltimore Sun*. The first carried a story of the purchase of Canton House, a "distinctive 5-story office building" by Hartman, McLean and Schmidt, one of Baltimore's largest general insurance agencies. Carl Schmidt, looking slim and trim, is shown with his associates on the doorstep of the building. Carl now has a fireplace in his new office. Carl & Preston Hartman bought the insurance firm in 69, and have really made a most successful enterprise.

The 2d article deals with a workshop which Randy chaired at the U. of Baltimore, sponsored by the Baltimore Hist Rsch Gp, the MD Historical Soc, and the U.'s Inst of Baltimore Hist, of which Randy is the head. Scholars and amateurs alike were given the opportunity to delve into the copious records available in that city. The workshop is preliminary to a 2-day event next Feb entitled a conference on Baltimore History, to be held at the Mount Clare Roundhouse, the home of the Historical Soc. Peggy Kritzer, take note, as well as all you other hist buffs.

Roger & Bobbie Conover are grandparents as of Mar when son Chris and his wife had their first child. Daughter Laurie is now at USC in L.A. studying piano in her master's program. Their married daughter Lynn lives right here in Alexandria, and their youngest, Sara, is a soph at Cedar Crest in Allentown, PA. Rog is still active in the USAR, serving as Cmdr, 78th Div Maneuver Tng Cmd, Ft Dix.

Our youngest, Michael, and his wife Leonora presented us with Michael Christopher (Chris) on 12 Jul. He is going to be a show business baby, having attended his mother's play at the ripe old age of 10 wks. His dad is torn between going for a MFA and moving to NYC to try to break into the theater himself.

Charlie Mandelbaum, Class of '60, said to me at the bus stop yesterday that he'd hate to be from a school where no one had a sense of humor. My reply was that I'd hate to be from a school where the undergraduate body needed sex ed.

# '49

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1948: Capps, the Pattersons, Patterson '77, Berry, Buckley.

Another 3-star candidate in the AF, Ab Martin after a grueling but tremendous stint as the B-1 Prog Mgr has been assigned as Dir, DMA—Congratulations, Ab. Retirements are coming hot and heavy as we near the 30-yr mark. Bill Lambert ret. the end of Jul as Cmdr, AF Data Svs Cen. At a very impressive ret. ceremony at the Pentagon, with son David, USMA '74, acting as the CO's aide, Bill was awarded the AF Org Excellence Award. His org also sponsored a ret. dinner at Andrews AFB where Bill was honored by a number of speakers as well as skits by his fellow employees. Before I leave Bill, I should mention that his daughter Krissy is one of the top women golfers in the DC area. The day after his ret. dinner, Bill accompanied her to a Natl Invl Tournament at Huntington, WV, for female golfers under 18 yrs of age. She didn't win that tournament but she sports a handicap that will put most of us sr citizens to shame; Krissy is off to college in FL this fall. Bill's ret. has special significance to the DC area group, for Bill has been the key to our bi-monthly luncheons for more years than we can recall.



1949: Cox with son Chip and daughter-in-law Sandy.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to attend any of these affairs I am sure joins me in extending our deepest appreciation. Ed Yellman has agreed to carry the ball for a while.

Tom Crawford ret. from the AF on 1 Aug and has moved to Denver, CO, where he is Dir of Planning for the Denver div of Martin-Marietta. Tom received the Def CM at his ret. ceremony. Bill Nordin has ret. in the DC area and has joined the insurance community. Dean McCarron sent along a sort of "can you top this." He ret. from Ft Devens and is now living in Brockton, MA, but the big news, he became a father again last Aug and now has 2 children under 3 yrs old. Ret. at the same time and place as Dean was Wayne Smith and the 2 hadn't seen each other since leaving Ft Riley in Dec 49. Bill Luebbert ret. at WP and had a good write-up in the Sept ASSEMBLY, in case you missed it. Clay Moran has joined the DC scene in MILPERCEN. Likewise, Lee Surut who returns from Austria to DCSOPS, and Bob Pfeiffer who has joined the JCS back at his old trade as a weather expert. Gus Meyerson has been promoted to BG in the 157th Inf Bde at Horsham, PA. There was a good photo of Beatrice pinning on Gus's stars in the Reserve Officers Magazine in Jun. Bob Ennis moves from the Pentagon to Andrews in Civil Engr, Bill Kennedy joins NATO Integrated Comm Sys at SHAPE, Walt Milliken is extending his tour at the AWC and passes on word that Fred Westfall has ret., I believe, to FL. Other news from Walt, Jack Walter has built a new home close to Montgomery where he is still on S&F at AWC, and Reed Wakefield has recently moved to AWC after 5 yrs as AFPMST at UMS. Reed will head up the Jr ROTC Gp. Another visitor to the Milliken residence was LT Cheri St. Clair, daughter of Joe and Penny, who is stationed at the Maxwell hospital. Walt and Priscilla were going to ride their bikes to the post office to mail my letter, must be a hangover from Jim Hartinger's physical fitness program at Maxwell. Their son Mark is flying E-2C aircraft off the Kittyhawk and between sea trips, he and his bride are settled in San Diego.

Don Keith sent along a note on June Week and graduation and the thrill it gave him and Erika to see son Mike join our ranks. Don had the privilege of swearing Mike in—FA of course. Mike goes to a Maintenance Crse at Knox and then to the Basic Crse at Sill with a first asgmt to the 1st Div at Ft Riley. Don felt the class gifts were quite effective, engraved silver Academy bowls to the 3 graduating sons Mike Keith, Glen Morton, and Dunc Cameron. Bill & Nan Luebbert hosted the affair along with help from Gil & Pat Kirby. Don claims not to miss

DC but rumors have him headed our way again. At Sill he just missed the Morans, but Ted Marley is his Dpty Instl Cdr while Doc DeCorrevant is the No. 2 man at Ft Chaffee, AR, which supports Reserve and NG tng and is a subpost of Sill.

Our old favorites Chuck & Pat Wason are still at the farming game. Jack & Jeanie Kiely spent a weekend with them recently at the New Boston, NH, fair; the Wasons had 60 entries and walked away with the most blue ribbons. Chuck's analysis is that New Boston is the best fair in the State, he won the most blue ribbons, thereby he is the best farmer in NH. Jack and Chuck decided that our New Engl group should get together for the Boston Coll game in late Sept and with help from Jack Chandler put together a group of Marsh, Wason, Kiely, Chandler, Miller, Finley, Jartman, Driscoll, Dow, Adams, McCarron, and Metzger. After the game the John Millers were hosting a cocktail party with dinner to follow at a nearby restaurant.

Now I have to thank Jack & Petey Cox for once again making sure I had material for this column; they've been about my best correspondents. Jack ran into Ross Johnson in Atlanta a couple of months ago and Ross was getting ready to ret. in FL; April was already living in their home in Miami and is doing some writing for newspapers. Jack had lunch with Ken McIntyre still at Ft McPherson and Ken hopes to be in that area for some time; Jerry Schultz is ret. in Atlanta and is teaching school. Willy & Doris Bounds and Buck & Joan Nelson are ret. in the Ft Bragg area. Willy is working in the admin office at Fayetteville Tech Inst; Doris is running a maternity boutique, Buck is getting his new home in shape while Joan is one of Ft Bragg's best school teachers. In Jul, this young couple presented the Cox family with a granddaughter, Kimberly Anne, the first girl child on the Cox side in 6 generations. There is also a new daughter-in-law; son David met Lilly Marsteen in Oslo, Norway, last year, and they were married in



1949: Keith with son Mike '77.

Kristiansund in Aug. Both are attending the U. of Oslo, where Lilly is studying to be a physical therapist and David is in the seminary on his way to being ordained a Lutheran minister. Their No. 3 son Kendall (Class of '79) spent the summer in Germany as a PL. And to top it all off, the Cox's have bought and moved into their first home and love it—guess this means they're going to ret. in the Bragg area.

Bill Earthman and his TVB Corp were the subject of a write-up in *Business Week* on their involvement in banking in Zaire, guess that's not as bad as doing business in Angola. John Magnotti's oldest daughter is now a full-fledged atty and is working for the Postal Rate Commission in DC; younger daughter is in TV camera work at a station in Richmond, VA. Hill Dickinson leaves the DC area for Cmd of CORADCOM at Ft Monmouth, one of the new R&D organizations carved out of DARCOC.

# '50

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Fall is upon us, and another deadline is nearly here. Robin and I are going up to WP for the weekend, so we can hand carry the column this time—that way we'll know it will get there on time. We're looking forward to the Army-CO game and seeing old friends again.

The picture of Arnie Galiffa and Bob Gard was taken on 10 Jun 77 at the spring dinner-dance of the Ft Sheridan-Chicago chapter AUSA. Bob was the guest speaker, and Arnie was the honored guest, (but he didn't know it until Bob launched into his remarks). Arnie was honored for his outstanding and sustained contribution to that chapter of AUSA. Just to catch you up, Arnie is public affairs rep in the Chicago offices of U.S. Steel's VP—midwest. In addition to many civic contributions in both IN and IL, Arnie has been very active with the WP Society of Chicago. Bob reports, "without qualification, Arnie and Peggy look great. Moreover, in spite of all his many honors, Arnie has maintained his genuinely modest and affable manner." Your classmates are proud of you, Arnie, and we wish you continued success.

John Begley called from the West Coast not long ago, giving me a chance to catch up with his doings. He claims to have the youngest child in the Class, and as far as I know, he's right: Sharon Owen Begley was born 21 Jun 77 in San Fran. John has several businesses going right now, the busiest being one called Career Seminars, in San Fran. It's an exec search firm, as I understand it,



1949: Tom Crawford.



1950: Galiffa and Gard: Honored guest and honored speaker—AUSA chapter Chicago dinner.

that keeps John busy in all corners of the world. John and his wife Wendy are currently at 8318 Terrace Dr in El Cerrito, CA, just a few miles from where I grew up—mighty nice country out there, John!

Morris Herbert tells me that the campaign for contributions to finish up our Class of '50 Memorial Project (restoring the Thayer collection) has gotten off to a good start with 89 people contributing over \$3,408 so far. Keep up the good work; if you haven't sent in your contribution (\$50.00, or \$10.00 a yr for 5 yrs), we really could use it and would appreciate having your check—which is tax-deductible. The 30th Reunion is coming up fast and we want to mark the project "finished" at that gala occasion. The collection represents an important part of WP, of engr in the U.S. and of U.S. history.

Had word from Lou & Elaine Dixon that Lou is getting set to ret. up in Carlisle, PA after several years at the AWC. They have just bought a house there to give them a place to hang their hats while plans for the future materialize. The Dixons' 2 daughters are married: Pam and John live in Fairfax, VA; Valerie recently married Michael Stitzell and they are living right there in Carlisle. Son Jeffrey entered The Citadel this summer, so at the time of delivering all his gear to sch, Lou and Elaine had a chance to see Art & Barbara Blair; Art is head of the Engl Dept there, and to quote Lou, "they've really found a home."

We had thought that John & Eileen Jones would be leaving Huntsville next summer to return to their lovely home 4 doors down the block from us, but the only thing we got right was their departure from Huntsville. They, along with Victoria and Jeff leave for the Netherlands in early Oct, so that John can take over the Opns job at Allied Forces Cen Europe HQ. They were surprised but are pleased to be heading back to Europe again. Son John Patrick is living and working in the Boston area.

A letter from Frank Duggins, written a year ago, got caught in behind the drawer in which we put all news for ASSEMBLY

columns. I found it when I pulled out material for this issue, and feel badly that it was missed. Frank mentioned Ben Lewis going to Picatinny; Bill Read paddling up the MO to his asgmt as Div Engr (MO River Div) in Omaha; Emmett Lee being CS at Ft Leonard Wood—where Gerry Kelly is Dir of Facilities, etc. Frank had talked with Don & Mary Fran Langren in Onawa, IA, and found Don was on the mend after a heart attack. Frank and Maggie were planning to move to the old homestead in Marshall, MO in 77, and urged any classmates travelling through to stop in for a visit. Sorry Frank, for the delay in sharing the news you sent. I hate to miss letters like yours, because I know they take time to write. I appreciate the effort more than I can say.

Ralph & Corinne Detherow had a trip to ME in Jul; all 5 of them, plus one large dog piled into the van and drove to So. Blue Hill, ME in 3 days from Columbia, MO (Rt. 4, Box 140, Columbia, MO 65201). They enjoyed the cool air and even had fires in the fireplace. You'll recall Ralph had a stroke several years ago; on this trip he found he was able to use his thumb and forefinger to pick up objects, and has begun to use a typewriter, by placing a large pencil in his hand for a puncher. Great news!

Bob & Lee Werner went to Founders Day in Cleveland with John & Marilyn Ufner, and



1950: The Austin Wedding.

had a fine time. We saw Bob and Lee here in Aug when they were on their annual camping trip with Jackie, Mary and Judy. Son Bob is with the Army in Europe, as mentioned in a previous column.

Paul & Ruth Gorman finally managed to slip out of Ft Monroe this past summer, heading for Europe; Paul took over cmd of the 8th Inf Div at Bad Kreuznach. I understand Bob White also is in Germany, heading for the DOD POL activity, stationed at Stuttgart. They were joined in that area this summer by Linc & Ginny Faurer, when Linc became the J2 of EUCOM. Speaking of Europe, Mike & Barbara Dowe came by for a brief visit one afternoon in Jul; they were getting ready for a trip to Greece, and then on to visit western Europe for a month.

The Class of '50 is taking over at least the top slots at the DNA. The cdr is Bob Monroe of USNA '50; Dick Cody has just arrived from Offutt AFB to be the Dpty at DNA, and Gray Tate heads up the Field Cmd out at Albuquerque. In addition, Mel Johnsrud is keeping them all headed in the right direction by his work as head of Net Assessment at DNA.

Mentioning Dick Cody prompts me to tell you of the fine letter he wrote in Sept just before he and Marilyn came here. Dick's asgmt at Offutt was Dpty CS Plans HQ SAC. Working for him were 2 classmates, Jerry Munson and Don Novak, who ret there on 31 Aug. Dick presented the LM to Jerry, and the MSM to Don. They are both staying on in Omaha—Jerry will finish his Doctorate, and Don will be an ROTC inst at a local HS. Dick mentioned others at Offutt: Bill Read, as told above; Dick Newton, the Abn Wg Cdr; Bob Whiting, with SAC Pers.

Recently had a good talk with Charlie Kuyk, who is now in the requirements business for the Air Staff after several very busy years at Dover AFB. Charlie now has all the headaches of dealing with the other services, OSD, OMB and the Congress, but he seems to be thriving on the challenge. He told me Charlie Gabriel just arrived in Korea to take cmd of the USAF troops stationed there. That too will be a demanding job during this period of change in our forces in Korea.

Chuck & Alice Graham are leaving the DC area for Ft Hood in mid-Oct. On the 19th, Chuck will take cmd of the 2AD; send us a pic for the column, Chuck! The Grosecloses had a newsy letter from Frank Thompson in Sept; he and Frances are living in Charleston, SC and in addition to many interests, they find time to use their trailer a lot; they had just visited Ray & Lis McCauley, who were keeping their grandson temporarily while waiting for son Steve and his wife Julie to come from Panama.

Blackie & Mary Bolduc returned from Paris in Sept for Blackie's new job as Dpty TIG. They're back in their house in nearby Alexandria, and we're glad to have them as neighbors again. Michael, 8th grade and Patsy, 6th grade are the only 2 of their 9 who are at home—time marches on. To catch you up on the others, David has graduated from law sch, and has his own firm in Austin; Susan was married on 20 Aug 77 at Ft Collins, CO to Kirk Hunter; Nancy is Sr in Pre-Vet at UVA; Douglas is a Sr at Trinity U. in San Ant, studying Comm; Mary is a Soph at Kenyon Coll in OH; Genie is a Frosh at Trinity in TX; Clare is a Jr at Chatham Hall, here in VA.

In Jul the Nat'l Def U. had its annual Def



1950: Ben and Malvene Lewis at their farewell, Rock Island Arsenal.



1950: Cody presents MSM to Novak.

Strat Seminar. Among the attendees was COL (USAFR) Jerry Waldor; Bob Gard said "He's a prospering businessman in NJ and told me he looked so young because he has started a new family—and has young people around to provide him a fresh outlook." Bob said Ex-'50 Marion W. Manion was also in attendance; he's the State Tng Officer, Office of the AG in KS. To quote Bob, "Slim as ever, he really enjoys looking after the tng of our Reservists."

We saw Chuck & Evelyn Osterndorf just before they left for Austin. Chuck's last asgmt before ret. was at Ft Belvoir, and they were looking forward to an entirely new life in TX. Their address is 4503 Walton Heath Circle, Austin, TX 78747. Bob & Martha Morrison moved from Hampton, into qtrs at Ft Monroe, but I don't know if Bob changed jobs or not—their address is 65 Ingalls Rd Ft Monroe, VA 23651. Chuck Eshelman's address is Rt 1, Portville, NY 14770—what's new, Chuck?

Phil & Helene Barger are still in Waynesboro, VA but are very excited about Wintergreen, which is a new ski sports devl near Charlottesville; they have a house there, and hope anyone in the area will stop by to see them. Ed & Alice Boyle moved to Philly recently from FL where they had been living since Eddie ret. He's working for AMTRAK, and I understand has recovered well from a heart attack and subsequent bi-pass surgery.

While talking to Pookie Crittenberger last week, I heard about her trip to WP to see son Bill who is a plebe this year. She had some good pics of the family taken with Bill standing in front of the Class of '50 tree, and was most enthusiastic about the good time they had seeing him.

Stan & Sally Reinhart's daughter Mary Elizabeth was married to LT Edmund Gerard Healy in the Catholic Chapel at WP. Any other weddings to tell of? We've heard via the grapevine of a couple, but without details, it's difficult to pass along the news.



1950: The Briggs in Dallas, TX.

Florence & Herb Underwood keep busy in Huntsville. Keith and his wife live a few blocks away; Diane is in Birmingham, gets home about once a month; Karen is in Toledo, OH; young Herb is in the AF in Cheyenne, and thinks it's great. The Underwoods have found as many of us have, that the young people seem to fan out to new areas.

The pic of Dave & Margaret Briggs and their youngsters was taken by Bob Groseclose when he and Gwyn visited Dallas in May of this year. Dave is an atty there, and the Grosecloses had an evening with them. Mary Lois & Jack Wheatley are due back here in DC in early Oct. Jack is to be presented with a landscape award by Mrs. Jimmy Carter at a ceremony at the White House on 5 Oct. The award is for making a significant contribution to the quality of life in the community through landscaping, at Jack's Page Mill Hill devl; it will be one of several awards for significant environmental contributions being made that day.

At a recent Class party it was good to see newcomers Marilyn & Dick Cody, Bob & Lou Lunn, Charlie & Joyce Kuyk and Skip & Sally Scott. Also present were Bill & Lynn Schwoob who were here from L.I., visiting Ted & Clara York. We recognized them as they walked in, even though we hadn't seen them since we were at WP together in 57—



1950: Cody presents LM to Munson.

so it's obvious the years have been kind to them. John & Jane Fox were here from NJ, visiting the Grosecloses; they were looking forward to a trip to India in the near future. This is a good place to put in a plug for all the '50 activities in this area. We have Class parties about 3 times a year; there's a men's lunch once a month, and couples meet for a pot luck supper and bridge once a month, usually on the 3d Sat night. So if you're coming here on an asgmt, or just for a visit, let us know so we can include you—it's a great group!

We had such a good visit with Morris & Faith Herbert when they came down from WP for the 4th of Jul weekend. The weather was perfect for swimming, and we lived outside, or so it seemed. Even the moon cooperated by rising full over the Potomac; we never tire of that beautiful sight, and we're glad they could share it with us. After a hectic June Week, we hope they relaxed as completely as we did. Caroline and some of her friends came by; obviously Faith and Herb were delighted to see them, but Robin and I enjoyed them equally as much. It all ended too soon, and back went the Herberts to the gray walls on the Hudson. And now, as this column comes to a close, Robin and I are getting ready to leave to drive up to see them for a football weekend—ready or not, here we come!

No more news, no more time. Write or sent a Xmas card, so I'll be able to put YOUR name in the column next time.



1951: Marcy Dickens, the Smiths and Dickens.

'51

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Thank you Ellie Beczkiewicz! Within days of the last issue, Ellie wrote in the address of a lost classmate—after sleuthing with the Army Mutual Aid and the Miami phone book. Scratch Jim Keeley from the lost list. Paul & Sara Coughlin reported in from Argentina where Paul is in his 3d year of Attaché duty. He sees and works with our classmate Mike Mallea Gil quite frequently. Mike is the Undersecretary of the Presidency for Instl Affairs and a COL in the Argentine Army. He visited the DC area during the Panama Treaty ceremonies in Sept. Ernie Peixotto, Joe Fant, Al Costanzo and Sam Dickens had Mike over for lunch in the General's Mess at the Pentagon. Also during Sept, Sam Dickens was invited to Argentina for ceremonies honoring his father. This singular honoring of an American was for the work Sam's father did with the Youth of Argentina in the 60's. A 3-dimensional bronze bust on half a wall of marble with statements honoring him was dedicated at an athletic center in Buenos Aires.

Just a few short months before, Stan Umstead was wondering what was in store for him after being cmdt of the AWC. The Sept Army Times headlined "Umstead Named to Defense Post." Pentagon sources named Stan for the post of Asst SECDEF for Mil Pers Policy. Congratulations. Howie Steele—the head of our regl reps—left ASA (IL&FM) this past summer to become Dir of the Dept of Combined Arms in The Engr School at Belvoir. Before he left he was extremely laudatory of the regl efforts of George Meighen, Russ Walthour, and Don McGann. Hopefully by now many of the other reps have gotten into the routine of things and are making outstanding inputs also.

George Meighen dug up the following info. Peyton Cook is Dean of Students, Prof of



1951: MacDonald and friend Rita, the Smiths, and Leffler.



1951: The Psihas's (left) and the Millers.



1951: Buffington, Sharp, Roberge, Luckert.



1951: Gardes, Simpson, Doerflinger, Leffler, Klein.

Hist and Golf Coach at Sewanee Acad. Wife Anne is Dave Schlatter's sister. (Dave is ret. in the L.A. area.) One of Peyton's 3 sons is a 2d Classman at the AFA. Jim Cox is enjoying all aspects of trial law in TN. Jim and Janet also have 3 sons. Joe Hutchinson spends most of his time in the woods in W. AL so George wasn't able to get hold of him. But he did get to talk with Martha who informs us that the Hutchinsons also have 3 sons! Wayne Miller is associated with M&S Computer in Huntsville. Garland Owens was enjoying golf and fishing before going back to teaching this fall. Karl & Marthell Peltz report they have 6 children (5 daughters) all in school. George & Louise Ritter have 3 children in school including their married daughter in pre-med. George is with Westinghouse in TN. Hal Shultz is finishing up his master's degree at the UTN while

wife Dot and one of the 4 kids are going to business coll in Knoxville. Mike Simpson has a once-in-a-lifetime job opportunity for someone out there. Mike is looking for someone to come with his fertilizer firm to assist in expansion and development. Low pay to start, but future success available to someone willing to work. Call 205/433-2212. And Stan Umstead reported he had 5 girls scattered in TX, NM, France and AL. All the above thanks to Regl Rep George Meighen!

Would appreciate hearing from anyone who has an extra '51 HOWITZER. Now and then we receive requests for copies—at the moment, one from the parents of a classmate. If you let me know, I'll maintain a record of where extra copies are located.

Ray Tague visited Russ Walthour in Jacksonville, FL for 3 days. Russ was able to get Frank Sisson and Fred Irving to spend an evening with them. The missing man who is also from Jacksonville was George Harmon. A few months ago I visited Bill Louisell at Leavenworth—at which time he expected to be there for another year. Today he is the ADC of the 101st at Campbell! I suppose Ann took her horse to Campbell but would Bill take his sailboat crosscountry?? Dan & Mary Foldberg have a beautiful, well-cared-for yard in Ft Meade—but someone ruined the appearance by digging in a large, oversized wooden sign saying "the best yard on the post!" Considering the traveling Don does in his job with the recruiting command—Mary must have worked hard for that award.

Sel Graham and Joe Rogers can give you an idea of some of the difficulties of being a class rep. Sel and Joe mailed out letters to the classmates in their regions and between them received only one reply. Sel even mailed his letters from West Point, TX. Joe received the one reply—reliable Cappy Bernstein, that is—Judge Aaron D. Bernstein of Brooklyn, NY. Chuck Wallens—the rep for MI, IL, WI, MN & IA—was involved in getting the first brother-sister team into the Corps. Wire services picked up the article from the Milwaukee newspaper—the brother is a Firstie this year. Ken Holle reports that brother Brad is much better now since his bout with encephalitis earlier this year and is working full time again. Joe Fant left the DC area for sunny FL for assignment with Readiness Cmd. Joe promised that he will start sending some photos of the '51 contingent in FL. Mel Snyder finished law sch last year and has been practicing law in Kingwood, WV, in the same office where his wife Ann, who is also a lawyer, practices. Mel finds the rural life more satisfying than the rat race in DC. Mike Kovalsky writes from Panama that there are 8 classmates in S. Amer and will send in some info on them after the MAG conference which is being held this year. His old boss, Bill Richardson, is back in the DC area again in DCSOPS. Joe Clemons hung up his suit this summer—couldn't leave beautiful HI. Joe and Ces are in the real estate business—anyone needing a house in HI, give Joe a call. Not only is Steve Galligan enjoying ret. by working full time for the city of Ft Lauderdale, but he and Leonor are working together in a corporation they founded with a friend. Steve was going to drop me a line this month and tell me the details, but he must be doing so well that he doesn't have time! Bob Hyatt turned up at one of our Pentagon luncheons recently. Didn't have a chance to ask him where he's assigned. He and Tinky spent the last couple of years in New Engl—Sr Army Advr in Boston.

Bob & Ruth Small (USNA '51) attended our Class party at Ft Belvoir this fall. Bob is a Navy Capt on duty in OSD but his claim to fame is that he's one of the new Navy types to graduate from the Army C&GSC—in 64. Other tidbits from the Class party: Pat & Lois Lynch are still digging out from the move from Brussels to DC. But already Pat is starting his 2d asgmt—originally ODCSRDA, now the AMRAD Cmte. Joe & Betty Smith mentioned that daughters Liz and Melinda are rooming together at the UFL this year. Betty passed her VA Dental



1951: Edler, Smith, Barber, Thorsen.



1951: Mallea-Gil and Coughlin.



1951: Cousins, the Michaels and Mary Cousins.



1951: The Peixottos, the Cousins, the Smalls (USNA '51) and the Smiths.



1951: Get-together at the St. Simon weekend.

Hygiene Bd and is looking for employment. **Bob Simpson** just returned from Sauli Arabia where he was training Bedouins. His son Rob, who is a sr at VMI, just graduated from Ranger Sch at Ft Benning. Bob's home is now in Tiburon—by the bay in San Fran. **Gorman Smith** is temporarily living it up while wife Mary works the duty day as secy to the Federal Railroad Admin in the Dept of Trans. **Pete & Nancy Thorsen** are back after 6 yrs in Berlin. **Reb & Claudette Barber** reported that son Jeff, football team cpt at JEB Stuart High, broke his ankle in the first football scrimmage of the season. **Lou Michael** is busy at his civ job in the Pentagon and wife Anne is sending the last son off to Randolph Macon Coll this year. **Rocky & Ann Rockwell** are enthusiastically planning for their "houseboat warming" as soon as Rocky puts the finishing touches on OUTHOUSE II. Other notes which Holly gathered about classmates who were not at the party: **Red & Patsy Forrester** are in Berlin where Red is CS to USCOB. **Bud Bacon** is now DCSLOG at TAC Hqs in Langley. **Howie Peckham** ret. from the AF and is living in the Cape Canaveral area. Howie owns a travel agcy.

Hopefully, each of you has been contacted at one time or another and asked to contribute to our Class of '51 Fund. While some of our classmates are in a position to be extremely generous with contributions, some of us may have to be rather careful with expenditures. One of our generous classmates has made a substantial contribution which permits us to operate with the equivalent of a revolving fund and provide the Acad some tangible benefit on an annual basis from the generated interest. We desperately want to make our fund a complete Class fund, with every living Class member having a



share in the fund, no matter how small that share may be. To encourage added participation, our generous classmate has now added an additional feature. He will match dollar for dollar any new or additional contributions which are made by our classmates. Presently, we have about \$230,000 received or pledged against our goal of \$250,000. We need \$20,000 to begin our program with the Academy. Please help. Any new or additional contributions should be made out to USMA CLASS OF '51 FUND and sent to Peter R. Kuhn, 1 Mountainview Terrace, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Don't put it off—do it now!

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First off, classmates, I apologize for the info you provided me (during interviews at the 25th Reunion) that did not show up last issue. The editor censored out duplications of info that already appears in the REGISTER. As I indicated in the last issue, I also had other material which I did not include. Thus, some of the following may be a little bit stale.

At a luncheon in May, I bumped into **John Pelton**, with US Army RR I at Ft Devens. He expected to be replaced in the near future by **Pinto Holt**. I don't know if this has happened yet.

In Apr I received a letter from **Sam Wetzel** expressing disappointment that he and **Eilene** would be unable to attend the Reunion. They had plans to do so but Sam was selected to take over as CG, 1st Inf Div (Forward) at Goeppingen, W. Germany the last week in May. Sam inclosed a picture of **Vivian & Tom Collier**, taken at diploma time after Tom completed the Air WC Seminar program. Tom is Hq USEUCOM Hist. **Patty & Tom Leggett** were also there in Stuttgart, where Tom was Dpty IG for Operational Readiness and scheduled to become SJS USEUCOM on 1 Jul. **Joanne & Charlie Hoenstine** had been down from Heidelberg for a mini '52 reunion at the Leggetts.

At another luncheon in May, I bumped into **Ed Brown** and found out the right name of the company he is pres of. It is New Engl



1952: Baird and Jenkins in Austria.

Power Service, part of the New Engl Electric Sys.

After our Reunion, I came home to MA for a quick 25th anniv celebration, then returned to USMA for June Week and my son's graduation. While there, in addition to seeing classmates I'd seen the previous week, I bumped into **Evelyn & Ivan Mechtly** and **Maureen & Ray Tensfeldt**. Their sons also graduated in the Class of '77. Ray is in power sys sales with Airesearch Manuf Co., in Phoenix, AZ. Maureen and Ray live in Scottsdale. Their oldest son graduated from the AFA last year and is now at Williams AFB for flight training.

**King Peters** wrote after the reunion to report the delight which he and **Camille** experienced there through the friendships exhibited by classmates. They recommend that all should return to these reunions whenever possible.

**Homer Kiefer** reports ret. at the end of Jul to become an investment exec for the Robarson-Humphrey Co. He is building a house at Palmetto Dunes on Hilton Head Is. On the day he checked in, he bumped into **Jack Kleberg**, also preparing to build there. Jack, however, will only use his house for vacations. Homer, living there year round, can help classmates interested in vacation info about the Hilton Head area. His number is (803) 785-6033.

**Harry Wilson** is at The Engr Sch at Ft Belvoir and is scheduled to make a presentation to engr officers in this area in Oct. When we were discussing it, I learned that Harry's



1952: BG Designate, Don Weinert.



1952: The Perritts and Sellecks before departing Ft Riley.

son John has entered the Class of '81 at USMA. Tom Nelson later wrote to let me know that Labor Day weekend the Coles, John Garvers, Gilkeys, Nelsons and Watkins had a picnic at Garvers for the Class sons in the Class of '81, who had all completed Beast Bks successfully. The 9 sons were Paul Bethea, Shane Deverill, Doug Dutchyshyn, John Flanagan, Joe Lowder, Paul Nelson, Tom Rehm, Dave Santilli, and John Wilson, a real fine looking crew. Mary & Tom Rehm were up from VA and Connie & Gene Flanagan were there, on their way to Iran with the younger kids for a couple of years.

Sallee & Bud Jenkins reported the discovery of one of our "not heard from missing classmates," visiting in a small town outside Vienna, Austria. Ginny & Harry Baird normally reside at Jackson Hole, WY. Has anyone discovered any more of the "missing?"

Bob Vining sent the following report of the Fall Meeting and Luncheon, held at Ft McNair on Thurs, 1 Sept: "The Fall meeting is usually a little special because of the new faces in town. This time was no exception with Jim Woodward, Gunner Deverill and Jack Pilk all having just returned to the Watergate City. Jim ret. from the AF, went to law sch and is now a practicing atty in Alexandria. (Small World Item: He and Bob Vining have offices in same building in Old Town.) Gunner is assigned to the DNA, and after several years of rum running between Juarez and El Paso was complaining about local prices of booze. Jack is back from 2 yrs in Bolivia and is assigned to the IC staff. (Sorry classification prevents further info.)

"The old faces in attendance were: Bartel, Biddle, Burke, Coleman, Griffin, Holleran, Kenney, Lyon, Malone, McDonnell, McInerney, Moran, Schandler, Sell, Stevens, Sullivan (John), Thieme, Vining, Weinert, Wiles, Wilson (Drake) and Witherell.



1952: Wetzel congratulates the Colliers.

"The meeting got out of hand when Chmn Brown (Buster) announced that Herb Schandler had gotten married shortly after the Reunion. Herb said he saw all his old, fat, ugly, balding classmates with pretty wives and not being any of those things, figured he might still have something to offer! Congratulations Herb, and we welcome Sharron Ann to the Class family.

"Jim Jagers was in town TDY but could not alter his rigid and busy social calendar for a beer and sandwich with the group. He's been TDY in the Sudan with a special advisory mission. His new asgmt as Cmdr, TRADOC Arms Test Activity at Ft Hood (where else?) was announced on 1 Sept.

"The Long Gray Line: Jim McInerney reported the death of Bob (Nails) Kelley. Nails died in Orlando of a heart attack in early Jun. Ken Simonet has agreed to do the obit.

"The date of the next quarterly meeting was set for 1 Dec."

I received a calling card from Craig Alderman the other day through an unusual route. A friend passed it to Charlotte (in MA) after meeting Craig at a wedding in VA. Craig is ret. and living in Fairfax.

Pete Selleck is now the Exec Dir of Civil Works in the OCE. He works for Drake Wilson. I see their signatures frequently but haven't yet met either in his present job.

From Army Times: Ed McKnight has been named Asst Cmdt of the Sig Sch, Ft Gordon, GA; and Bert Stubblebine has been named CG, Intel Cen and Cmdt of the Intel Sch.

That's all for now. Keep those cards and letters coming.

## '53

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The first order of business is a report on the new Class Officers. The Nominating Cmte consisted of Jack Yale, Chmn; Ed Andrews, Tom McGregor, Bob Daly, Jim Bowen, Doc Verick, and Bill Jewell. Elected were: Neil Creighton—Pres; Don Shaw—VP; Bob Kaplan—Secy; Walt Henderson (repeat)—Treas; Rocky Ventrella—Hist; Keith Born—Chmn, Class Fund; and Bob Daly—Chmn, 25th Reunion. A luncheon was held on 2 Jun in conjunction with the election of officers. Reported to be present were: Bob & Joan Barton, Don & Sara Shaw, Jim Bleeker, Charlie Edwards, Clay Jackson, Bob & Jean Kaplan, Al & Pam Lindholm, Tom & Tardy McGregor, Jim & Ruth Miley, Ken & Joan Sweeney, Don & Fran Ramsey, Cliff Neilson, Weemo Wubbena, Jack Yale and about 15 more.

Next—the '53 Class gift to USMA. As you may recall, several years ago the Class adopted as a goal the donation of a Class gift to WP. The goal was set to raise at least \$30,000 for a gift to be dedicated on the occasion of the 30th Reunion in 83. Not later than 80, the Class will commit to a final sum and the purpose for which it is to be used. In this regard, I understand the current goal is still \$30,000 and general consensus is that the gift should be a visible asset to WP (not astro turf for Michie) which will be useful and last over the years. It was suggested that each classmate consider a pledge of \$100.00, which could be contributed over a 4-yr period unless a lump sum was preferred. The contribution is tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "The West Point Fund of the Assn of Grad-



1953: CPT Anderson (USN) receives the state flag from Thompson.

uates, Class of '53" to be sure it is credited to our Class segment of the Fund. Get Keith Born off to a running start if you have not yet done so by getting your check in now. As of 27 Sept there was \$9,694.87 in the fund. We have a long way to go. Keith's address is 7916 Slidell Ln, Springfield, VA—Phone 703-321-9517.

The 3d order of business is a have fun item—our 25th Reunion. Bob Daly has indicated that current plans are to hold the reunion during Homecoming weekend. Homecoming weekend is not firmly scheduled at the time of this writing, but will be either 14 or 28 Oct. Will let you know for sure in the next column. Looks like a block of rooms will be reserved at the Thayer, and if that's not possible then at Bear Mt so that we can keep together as a group. Tentative schedule includes: first night (Fri) informal gathering; Sat breakfast, lunch, football game, dinner in Washington Hall; Sun breakfast, services and goodbyes. I am sure Bob Daly can use your ideas and assistance.

Finally on the business side, a few comments from the Class officers and pres. It seems we have a large number of "missing" classmates. Neil has set a goal to locate all the classmates and your help is requested. Weemo & Fred Reynolds had initiated a plan to do this and request volunteers to be regl (geographic) coordinators for the Class. Secondly, there are several of our classmates who have not been remembered with an obituary. If you have some info on a deceased classmate that you would like to see in his obituary, or if you desire to write or assemble the entire tribute please let me know, or provide the above information to Bob Kaplan, 6739 Baron Rd, McLean, VA 22101; Tel: 703-821-2665. Finally, I'm not going to bug you, but if you like reading about your Class and classmates then please help me write about them. I said goodbye to this scribe task in 71 and believe me things haven't changed in regard to the lack of contributions. So please send your notes and photos to me as soon as possible after an event occurs. It would be great if a few of you in the far corners of the world would assume to be a direct point of contact and feed me the info from your area.

Classmate news is sketchy but the following is believed to be correct. Graham Vernon, AA in Moscow to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agcy. Mike & Carol Cousland are in EUCOM and visited the town of Cousland on a tour of Scotland, Fred Reynolds, Pentagon to SHAPE, Lawrence of Arabia (Dick) and wife Pat returned in Jul to Task Fc Mgmt Gp (CSA), John & Marilyn Seigel from NATO to TRADOC, Max & Priscilla Noah also to TRADOC, Frank Drew from Brazil to Nellis AFB as Dpty Cdr, Brentnalls

and Vogels at Hanscom Fld in Bedford, MA, a promotion—Joe Volpe to COL, and a ret. 30 Sept—Jim Miley. Jim is going to work for Potomac Elec Power Co. and reports the whole family (includes all 5 children) is staying in the DC area.

The picture shows **Howie Thompson** presenting a CA State flag to CPT James B. Anderson for the Pasadena High School's Naval Jr ROTC color guard. **Howie & Rolfe Arnhem** (Xerox-Electro Optical Sys) are active participants on the Pasadena CC Mil Affairs Cmte.

Before **Weemo Wubbena** left for Portugal to become the Mil Attaché in Lisbon he passed a thank-you letter from **Ray Rohlman's** son William for the plaque given him upon graduation by the Class. The letter indicated how meaningful the plaque displaying the WP motto was and how William looked forward to serving his country. Again, best of luck to Bill and congratulations to the Rohlmans.

Another Class son graduated in the Class of '77 was **Doug Biggerstaff**. Doug is a Med Sv Officer commanding the Med Plat, 2d Bn, 32d Inf, 9th Inf Div at Ft Ord and heads for basic tng at San Ant soon. Congratulations Al and Marcella.

On 30 Aug **Bernie & Cathy Hughes** lost their daughter Charlyn who was 19 yrs old. The Class shares in the grief of this great loss and extends heartfelt sympathy to the family.

To wrap up this first column in what has been over a 6 yr gap since my last writing—it wasn't a joy. I hope you all can find time to send me a word or two on what you are doing and any news of classmates that comes to your attention. Then I'll enjoy writing for you and our classmates will enjoy sharing experiences together again. There are a great number of the Class ret. now and this is a period when we will lose contact as diversity of occupation and geographic location becomes the rule. Let's not lose touch. Keep the scribe informed.

## '54

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More competition for '54 to have children in the Class of 2000. **Joy Carnahan** sent a picture of **Jim Healy** with his youngest—3 mos. Joy and John visited **Jim & Brad Honholt** in the San Fran area this summer. Jim is with **E.F. Hutton** in San Fran, making people listen when he speaks. Brad has his own engr business in Los Gato. **Clyde & John LaGrone** are in Butte, MT where Clyde is Div Mgr for the ERDA-FEA Magnetohydrodynamics program in that area. The **John Kos-**



1954: Healy, Honholt and Carnahan.



1954: Ianni, new AG of the DE National Guard.

**kellas** are in Monument, CO where John is stationed with NORAD. Joy also reported that husband John is still with Fuller Brush Co. in Little, CO. Thanks Joy.

**Roger Browne** writes that he and **John Pappageorge** are now in SHAPE along with **Gene Allred**. He saw **Dave Macklin** in EU-COM on a recent trip. Roger reports that wife **Ginger** is studying French for shopping purposes. Look forward to stories of irresistible bargains. **Helen Pappageorge** and daughter **Cris** toured Greece this summer prior to **Cris'** return to college. **Ed & Donna Passmore** are studying Spanish at Monterey prior to **Ed's** asgmt in S. Amer.

Received a note from **Harry Emrick** now ret. from the AF and a member of the faculty at the CO Sch of Mines. Daughter **Holly** is a member of the 3d class at AFA and on the Dean's List last year. All classmates passing thru Lakewood, CO are welcome.

**Russ Parker** writes from Ft Bliss where he has arrived to cmd the 1st AD Tng Bde. He departed from the PM, Div AD Gun Sys, Rock Is, IL, so this winter should be more enjoyable. Daughter **Lisa** is married and will graduate from college in Feb 78, son **Keith** is a jr at Dickinson Coll and plays center fullback on their winning soccer team. Daughter **Stacy** (16) and **Lindsay** (14) are at home. **Lindsay** is already involved showing her horse at local events. **Myron & Pat Rose** are still at Ft Bliss.

**Frank Ianni** joined the ranks of MCGs from the Class of '54. He is the AG, DE Army NG. Anyone passing thru can find Frank at his headquarters on Rte 141, exit 5 off the DE Turnpike. Congratulations.

**Bud Boose** is Ord Advr, Army RR III, Ft Meade, MD. As reported earlier, **Dick & Maxine Littlefield** are also there where Dick is with the MI Group.

**Aggie Sanchez'** son has entered USMA as a member of the Class of '81. This is the first father-son combination from **Aggie's** home, Venezuela.

**Rufus Hutcheson** has returned to the Air Staff from an asgmt at Hanscom Field, MA.

**John Shafer** has left Litton and is in the process of opening his own art store. **John, Beth** and son **John Jr** were at USMA for the USMA-VMI game.

**Tom Shukay** and family have moved from

L.A. to the DC area where Tom is in the DC Office of Hughes Aircraft Co.

Ten classmates and wives were able to join **Rita Gross** at the Brazilian Embassy in DC for an impressive ceremony at which son **Courtland** received his father's award for service to the Brazilian Govt.

**Ed Roderick** joined the list of mil ret. at Ft Hood, TX, 30 Jun 77.

## '55

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Overheard at the Ft McNair Officers Club on 23 Sept: "Could that really be the Class of '55" and "they look so young and the women so lovely." Such a gathering had to be recorded so **Pat** pulled out her camera. **Charlie Johnson** did his usual superb job in planning the party which brought together about 34 couples. Needless to say we all had a great time.

**Joe & Connie Franklin** are back in town after an all too short 18 mos commanding a tng bde at Ft Knox. Joe is now the Special Asst, JCS working for the Dir. Also back in town are **Eck & Kitty Hayes**. Eck is with the Inter-American Def Bd. They come from an enjoyable tour in HI where Eck worked in J5, CINCPAC.

ICAF students this year are **Myron Minich** (from ODCSRDA), **Dan Malone** (from OAC-SI), **Leo Hergenroeder** (from TRADOC) and **Frank Robertson** (from Ft Bragg). Leo and Pauline are the proud parents of 3 sons at WP. And it has been said that **Frank Robertson** is sporting the best looking tan at ICAF. **Bob & Nancy Joseph** report a May gathering at Camp Buckner sponsored by the WP group for Class sons and daughters who are now cadets. The contingent is quite large and with the growing number it is anticipated that this will become an annual affair.

News from around town: In addition to planning Class parties, **Charlie Johnson** works hard and enjoys being the Chief, Majors Div, OPD. **Ray Gunderson** is now the DCSOPS, MDW and **Mac McIlroy** continues as the IG, MDW. **Dick Gottron** is an engr at the Harry Diamond Lab. **Cliff Jones** is the Devl Mgr for Spt Sys at DARCOM.



1955: Wiegand and Hilbert: "The Old Guard" change of command.

Pat and I had a nice note from Sally Bean. She and Dick are now well settled and loving it in Colo Spgs where Dick works in a bank trust dept. He continues his community involvement as a member of the Colo Spgs natural resource cmte; past-pres of the men's Symphony Council; treas for the downtown Rotary Club (again); and a cmte member to improve relations between teachers and parents. Coupled with his job I'd say Dick is busy. Bob is a frosh at Whitman Coll in



1955: Wiegands and Hilberts.



1955: McIlroys, Herrins and Gunderson.



1955: Sloanes and Malones.



1955: Basilwichts', Stratis and Carpenter.

Walla Walla. He recently completed an architectural apprenticeship in Colo Spgs which resulted in plans for and a scale model of a new auditorium for the performing arts at Fountain Valley HS. Leslie stays active with skating and gymnastics.

Bob LaFrenz writes from WP that the classmates "holding down the home fort" have been depleted. Don & Carol Buchwald have departed for NM Mil Inst where Don will be the PMST. Bob & Nancy Joseph are in DC for schooling and orientations prior to Bob becoming the Mil Attaché in Thailand next summer. Don & Kathleen Olvey are enjoying a one yr sabbatical in Brazil. Don is working with the State Dept and will return to WP next summer. Continuing at WP are Ken & Joan Ginter, Bill & Jackie Streett, Bill & Mary Ellen Wix, and of course Bob & Marvel LaFrenz. New Class sons in the Class of '81 are Greg Ginter, Mark Schmidt, and Joe Skaff. Bob and Marvel along with David (12) and Marlee (10) spent a little less than a month "doing Europe in Space-A" this past summer. It worked out well and they strongly recommend it.

Ed & Pam Troubaugh have moved from Schofield Bks where Ed commanded a bde in the 25th Inf Div. He is now XO to the CINCPAC at Pearl Harbor, they live right on the water in a nifty big, old house and love it. Ed reports a whole new world just keeping up with the Navy lingo. Grant is a Firsty at WP. Jeff is a soph at the UUT majoring in Commercial Physical Tng (Spa operations, etc.). Lee Ann just turned 11 ("going on 16") keeps the home fires burning. As you might expect raising a girl has been a whole new experience for Pam.

Out with the troops and enjoying every minute of it are Pete Walton as Cdr 3d Bde, 24th Inf, Ft Stewart, GA and Jerry Crancer as Cdr, Tng Bde, Ft Jackson, SC.

Bob Carpenter is back in town after completing AWC. He works in the Office of the DCE. He and Marly are happy about that (first part, anyway). Bill Carrington recently arrived at W-P AFB where he is working on a Long Range Threat Assignment project for the AF Sys Cmd. And recently ret. from Tinker AFB in OK City is Larry Michalove. Larry received the MSM as Chief of the Contract Admin & Prod Div of the Air Log Cen, his final AF job. No word on where he and Sybil now call home.

Rich & Inez Cardillo report that George, their oldest, has completed Rgr and Abn tng at Ft Benning this past summer, and is now a Sr at UOR. His abn wings were pinned on by Todd Graham, the new cdr of The Infantry Sch Bde. Todd and Sue arrived at Benning in Jul from asgmt in Teheran with the MAAG.

Joe Palone's soccer team is off to a good start this fall. Bill Wix is again the Officer Rep. Must be a winning combination with Joe's expert coaching and Bill's superb guidance to the cadets. Both report this 77 edition of the Army Soccer team to be one of the better teams but competition is also improving with the increased interest in the sport throughout the country. This is the yr to BEAT NAVY.

Roy & Ann Dunaway are in their 4th year at Ft Benning. Roy is now the TRADOC Sys Proj Officer for fighting vehicles—an important job that Roy thoroughly enjoys. Also ret. in Columbus are Bill & Rae Arthur. Ski & Ute Ordway departed Benning this summer for a job in USAREUR.

Ed Zaborowski, Jack Matteson, Al Spaulding, and Dick Baker all work for the same

consulting firm at Tyson Corners in VA. Dick & Carol Baker are the proud parents of a son, Brian, born in Aug, and joining the Grandparent Club are Barry & Virginia Turner. Their oldest daughter, Sara, is the mother of an 8lb 9oz girl born on 18 Sept. Barry is in the real estate business in Hendersonville, NC.

Jim & Lynne Bergen are enjoying Carlisle where Jim is the Dir of Academic Affairs for the AWC. John & Linda Passifume have returned from USAREUR and taken up resi-



1955: Gottrons and Shaffers.



1955: Franklins and Bakers.



1955: Ryans and Johnsons.



1955: Shepps' and Hayes'.

dence at Ft Monmouth where John works at the Electr Warfare Lab. Chuck & Elaine Schuh recently moved from Ft Meade to Ft Bragg.

Jack Jeter reports from the AWC that he, Bob Nourse, and Rex Perkins are "the old, late bloomers" there this year. May their "bloom" persist for many more years! Jack also reports that John & Martha Feagin are returning to WP in early 78 where John will be the first cdr of the new hospital. I can't think of a better man for that job.

The change of cmd ceremony for the 3d U.S. Inf (The Old Guard) was held on 3 Aug at Ft Meyer. Don Hilbert succeeded Bob Wiegand. Bob & Jill have moved to Ft Meade where Bob is assigned to 1st Army Hq as the DCS for Readiness and Tng. Don and Chicky have moved into the same "huge" set of qtrs at Ft Myer which the Wiegands occupied, so '55 members continue to enjoy convenient parking when visiting Ft Myer. Don's previous asgmt was as Dpty G3 for the XVIII Abn Cps at Ft Bragg. In 58 he also served with the Old Guard so he is no stranger to the 3d U.S. Inf scene.

Wayne Smith ret. at the end of Sept at a Ft Myer ceremony conducted by the "Old Guard." As one of his final projects he served as the 1st Army co-ordinator for this year's Boy Scout Jamboree held in PA with over 30,000 boy scouts in attendance. Wayne and Janet will reside in Columbia, MD initially and work for Morrison-Knudsen. After about a year he will be off to Saudi Arabia.

Stan Sydenham hosted (Carla was out of town) a mini D-1 reunion recently at his home in Loudon County. Fred & Dottie Bliss and Jim & Pat Ryan were there. Jim continues well in his Security business but he also has a project as chmn of a cmte to relocate the USO hqs from NY to DC.

A reminder about our Class fund. As you recall we have established a separate account with AOG as part of the WP Fund. In order for your tax free contribution to be credited to our Class fund that fact must be clearly indicated at the time of your contribution. Also if you are interested in working on the Class gift cmte let that be known to Joe Franklin.

Xmas is just around the corner. How about including me on your "list" with some news we can all share. Thanks!

# '56

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Ward Le Hardy came through with flying colors again to pass along the following mailbox full of news for all of you.

The Class of '56 and our children are well represented at WP. We should all take pride in the fact that 10 of the new Plebes are children of the Class. These members of the Class of '81 are Hubert Brown, son of Bob & Pat Brown; Edward J. Fox, son of Gene & Evelyn Fox; Peter W. Lash Jr., son of Pete & Ginger Lash; James W. McNulty Jr., son of Jim & Carol McNulty; Hugh P. Munson, son of Hugh & Kit Munson; William Scott Parker, son of Randy & Ann Parker; Bryan D. Richardson, son of Gerry & Barbara Richardson; Kathleen Anne Schoonmaker, daughter of Marsh & Anne Schoonmaker; James J. Waldeck, son of J.J. & Sue Waldeck; and Linda M. West, daughter of Arv & Barbara West.

In addition to the above named great



1956: Gene Fox, 1977 Boston Marathon.

bunch of young men and women who are representing themselves and us in a fine manner, we can also boast of having the Dpty Supt (BG Charlie Bagnal) as well as the newly assigned Dpty Cmdt (COL Jerry Hutchinson). Also at WP are Bill & Jan Weihl. Bill is the CAO; Jim & Doris Strozier. Jim is a Perm Assoc Prof (PAP), Mech Dept; Jim & Carol McNulty. Jim is PAP, Math Dept; Bob & Chris Easton. Bob is Facl Engr at WP; Jim & Joyce Anderson. Jim is Prof, Dept of PE (Master of the Sword); and Farrell & Nancy Patrick. Farrell is PAP, Dept of ES&GS. Farrell and Nancy report the Class' 20 Year Book will be out by the end of Oct 77—if you don't have yours by the time you read this, contact him at 47 Wilson Rd, West Point, NY 10996. Farrell was considering renaming the book the "21½" year book, but decided this would have delayed publication another 6 mos. Anyway, the book is out and we all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Farrell—in addition to \$12 if we haven't paid yet.

Ward reports that Dick & Marilyn Head and family are now at Langley AFB, VA, where Dick is the base cdr. George Stapleton is at Ft Eustis as are Jim & Jean Lane. Jim is with the Army Tactical Data Sys Office. At Ft Monroe are BG Jack Woodmansee and his wife Pat, and Stan & Connie Diez.

Dick & Vicki Tripp returned from Germany where he was a Bn Cdr and later Community Cdr of Baumholder, Germany. He is now advising the Reserves in the State of FL. Bill Schrage recently ret. in the DC area and



1956: Jim Anderson discussing his new book, "How to Grow Hair Through Increased Physical Exercise," with Tucker, Easton, Richardson and McNulty.

has gone into the real estate business. His office address is House of Brokers, 6800 Little River Tpke, Annandale, VA 22003; Tel: 703-750-2900—give him a call, especially if you are interested in finding one of those small, cozy, \$100,000 gems just outside the beltway.

Sam Gates and his wife Emma are as previously reported still in NYC. Their residence is just a few blocks from Lincoln Cen. Ward reports that 2 of our classmates are responsible for 2 major new wpns sys as they complete their production cycle and start moving to the hands of our soldiers. Zuke Day at Ft Knox, is the Sys Mgr for the Army's new tank, the XM-2 or the "Abrams" tank. "Doc" Bahnsen is the Sys Mgr for the new Army Attack Helicopter at Ft Rucker, AL.

George & Margaret Brandel have recently left DC for the AFA where George will be on the DOD Med Review Bd. Charlie & Ann Prather, whose daughter Julie was married to CPT Dennis Virden in Germany last Apr, are still enjoying Bamberg where Charlie is now the Community Cdr having recently relinquished cmd of the Bde in Bamberg.

At Carlisle Bks, Dick Keating and Bob Easton graduated from the non-resident crse this past summer. Tom Bowes is in the Army Opns Gp and Rude De France is instructing in strategy. Rude and Maude just bought and moved into a farm on the outskirts of Carlisle—complete with stable, 2 ponds and 36 acres of land. Ward reports that he and Judy, Russ & Terry Mericle, and Ed & Pat Richards are the only '56 students this year—all having a great time. Ed Richards commanded a Bde at Ft Stewart while it was forming for 10 mos prior to coming to Carlisle.

For those who may have "lost" Tom Master-son, he and Pat are living at 18 Butternut Ln, Trumbull, CT 06611. Tom is a Pers Exec with the Merrill Richardson firm. Their son, Tom Jr., is a soph at Notre Dame. Bob Bacon gave up cmd of a tng cmd at Ft Jackson, SC and moved into cmd of the Readiness Gp. He, Irene and family still live at Ft Jackson. Bill & Kay Roll are at Ft Bragg where Bill is commanding a Bde in the 82nd Abn Div. Bill had been the interim CS for several weeks prior to assuming cmd.

Jack & Mary Sloan (and kids), along with Gary & Mary Williams and Dick & Mary Woods all went up to Carlisle from DC for a weekend of tennis, golf, food and drink with the Carlisle crowd. J.J. Mc Ginn, Ingrid and family have left DC. J.J. is now the DCS for Pers at Ft Lewis, WA. They join a whole host of classmates there. All 3 bde cdrs at Ft Lewis are '56ers—Schwarzkopf (Norm & Brenda); Conrad (Mike & Ann); and Snodgrass (John & Betsy).

George & Barbara Woods have moved down from Ft Dix this past summer. Ward also reports that Heath & Peggy Twitchell are at the Nav WC, Newport, RI. Heath is on the faculty. They have purchased a home overlooking the water and Heath is writing a book in his spare time.

Gerry & Barby Richardson reside in Stormville, NY where they have their own insurance business. They have a large home nestled in 8½ acres in the Fishkill Mts in southern Dutchess County. Gerry is active in scouting, local high school track and field, and pres of the Assn of the Friends of WP Track. Barby is active in the WP Reading Club and Zonta Intl. As indicated at the beginning of this article, their oldest son Bryan entered USMA with the Class of '81. He was a track and cross country star in HS and at the USMA Prep Sch and is presently running



1956: Tuckers, Conklin, Patricks, Gates', Weihs, Andersons, Roots, Richardsons, McNultys, Eastons, Blackwells, and Stroziers.

on the Army JV Cross Country Team. Their 2d son Wayne is a sr in HS, also a very good track man (6' 3" in the high jump) and hopes to enter USMA next summer. A 3d son, Gordon, is in grade school, and also active in sports and scouting like his older brothers were.

The Richardsons hosted a Class Picnic at their Stormville home last Jul attended by the following: Bert & Doris Tucker, Jack Conklin, Farrell & Nancy Patrick, Sam & Emma Gates, Bill & Jan Weihs, Jim & Joyce Anderson, Roger & Judy Root, Jim & Carol McNulty, Bob & Chris Easton, Jesse & Cynthia Blackwell and Jim & Doris Strozier. Aside from the WP contingent, here is a brief rundown on what the others are doing at present. Roger Root is a Mgr with IBM; Jack Conklin is Pres, De Laval Separator Co., Poughkeepsie, NY; Gerry Richardson is a Special Agent with NW Mutual Life, Stormville, NY; Sam Gates is an atty with Kenyon & Kenyon, Reilly, etc, NYC; Jesse Blackwell is a Contracts Officer with the NY Engr Dist, NYC; and Bert Tucker is a Sr Sys Anal with Monchite Weber Assoc, Wayne, NJ.

Barry & Virginia Turner have joined the grandparents ranks. Their oldest daughter Sara presented them with an 8 lb 9 oz granddaughter on 18 Sept 77. Barry & Virginia have their own real estate business in Hendersonville, NC and cater to retirees (including some grads). Their address is 601 6th Ave W., Hendersonville, NC 28739, Tel: 692-6206.

I was very pleased that Mrs Elizabeth Hampton, (John's mother) took the time to bring us up to date on John, Marjorie and family. Upon graduation from the AWC this past May, John assumed cmd of the 21st



1956: Charlie Prather gives Julie in marriage.

Civ Engr Sqdn located at Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK. John and Marjorie have 3 sons—Stephen, a stu at Wright State U; Christopher, a student at Auburn U; and Michael, a HS student. John's mother asked me to pass along her fond remembrances of Perry Smith, Bill Narus and others who visited their home in NC during our cadet days.

Gene Fox (the tall one) asked me to remind everyone that he will not be leaving for Tunisia to be Chief of the US Liaison Team there until Jun 78 (my last column announced he would be leaving for this assignment earlier). For the remainder of 77, Gene will be the DCS for Pers, Hqs, DA. Around Jan 78 he will start brushing up on French and then take a couple of tng crses before leaving. Meanwhile, Gene also has been actively tng for the next Boston Marathon, and expects to do much better there than in 77 when he finished 2,166 out of 3000 starters. Gene said he stayed with Dick Chase and family outside of Lowell, MA before the 77 race. Dick works in the Boston area on applications of computer technology to machinery and medical equipment. Gene has seen Tom Winter in the DC area. Tom is also a runner, and as Gene puts it, "I mostly see him from the back." Gene tells me his name sake, Gene Fox (the shorter one), is scheduled to become the PM of the "Missile Minder" ADSystem. They were in the Pentagon together for a couple of years, and you can imagine the confusion this caused.

We received a note from the USAF Sch of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, TX an-

nouncing that Bob Schuler was the 300th person in the cardiovascular disease follow-up study for the Class of '56 to be examined at Brooks AFB. Those who have not yet made arrangements for their follow-up examination are encouraged to contact Dr. Dale A. Clark, USAFSAM/NGP, Brooks AFB, TX 78235, at their earliest convenience. This is an opportunity for you to help yourself by getting a very thorough med exam and at the same time advance the state of knowledge of Cardiovascular disease, particularly the knowledge of how to diagnose the disease early, before disastrous symptoms appear.

On the home front, Betty and I were pleased that my old roommate Ray Cannon, could be an overnight house guest when he was on the West Coast recently. By the time you read this, Ray will have retired from the AF. We, of course, are hoping that he, Carolyn and family will choose the L.A. area as their now home; however, at this writing, his future plans are not definite.

Many thanks to Ward & Judy Le Hardy for their excellent inputs to this column and to those of you who have taken the time to correspond directly with me. We're looking forward to a great holiday season and to an even bigger and better column for the March issue.

# '57

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The latest Army 06 list was published at the beginning of Oct and I counted 77 classmates, 3 of whom have already ret. Congratulations are in order for Adcock, Alsheimer, Armstrong, Barisano, Barlow, Beasley, Blanck, Bloomfield, Bokoyoy, Bowes, Britt, Burt, Caldwell, Carson, H. Carter, Cass, G. Chase, Christy, Circeo, Cline, Conrad, Crater, Dean, DeSimone, DeWitt, Dodson, Dubbelde, Dunn, Dyson, Erickson, Fadel, Garigan, Glick, Halloway, Hickey, Higgins, Hildreth, Hocker, G. Houser, Jenkins, A.D. Johnson, Kielkopf, W.T. King, LaPorte, Lustig, Madsen, Mastro, T.B. McDonald, McGovern, Morton, J. Newman, Nottingham, Ogden, Olsmith, Palmieri, J. Patterson, Powell, Rhoades, G.B. Rogers, Roth, Schorr, Seitz, Shaddock, Sobraske, Sowers, Stevens, Stokes, Stone, Stout, Swenson, Swindler, W. Thompson, Vardamis, Vermillion, Vickers, D. Wells, and C. Williams. Caldwell, Chase and Jenkins have ret.—I believe. If I have left anyone out, spelled your name wrong, etc., please be sure to write and let me know. Someday I'll get an up-to-date AF list and print it. HINT! Speaking of the AF, Moon Mullins pinned his stars on 1 Sept. Congratulations.

We had our annual bash at the Iversons' on 20 Aug. It was well run and well attended. The highlight of the evening included John Stokes' home movies of his 4 yrs at WP, and our graduation parade. It was the first time I've ever seen the great event for which we are infamous/famous, depending on who you're talking to. Anyone else have movies of the parade? If so, please drop me a note. Got the following poop at the party: The Bucks have just arrived from TX and Champ is assigned to DARPA in OSD. His oldest, Bill, is a member of the USMA Class of '81. Other members of USMA '81 are John Meehan (who is on the JV LaCrosse team), Billy Wilhelm (that makes 2 for Ed), Dave Mead (Warne's son), Bob Newman (Joe's son), and Chuck Raymond. Congrats to you all. Barry Fox was up from Newport News where he is



1956: L-1 Files—Tucker and Blackwell.

now serving on active duty, contrary to the Army Reserve ad that I keep seeing in the Army TIMES. Barry is a LTC in the USAR and is assigned to the ATSC, Ft Eustis, VA. He was a prof at UIN, but saw the light. Nancy & Bud Longworthy were also up from Newport News and gave me the following info: Bud is a team leader for research on gas turbine engine components and Nancy is still supervising the hostesses at colonial Williamsburg. Bill Meyerholt, who just left the Air Staff at Maxwell, is at Langley and is the TAC IO; Fox McCarthy is at Eustis as the IO; and Bob Rodriguez is with the Navy in Norfolk. I'm not sure what he's doing with them, but they haven't asked for a ransom yet. Ralph Stephenson is at PACOM HQ, and Bill Page is his neighbor. Also, as previously announced—I think—Bernie Loeffke is our mil attaché in Moscow. How about that, we have our own man in the Kremlin. An interesting fact I learned at the Reunion is that Bernie is the only member of the Class who missed graduation parade. He was in NYC being sworn in as a citizen. Back to the party poop. Don & Pat Ley were there, and Don is a student at the FSI. His next asgmt is tentatively to Guatemala. Nick & Terry Monaco are still living in MD, but Nick is now with the new Dept of Energy in essentially the same position that he had with ERDA. He told me that Dick Pastore is now with the Inventions Office of the Energy Dept. Moon Mullins is now the AF Dpty Dir for Legislative Ln over on the Hill. Seems like he's been there forever. Next thing you know he'll be running for congress. Jose & Eva Olvera are with the IADC at Ft McNair, where Jose is a student. He's an AF 06 selectee and expects to go to S. Amer next Jun. That sounds logical—score one for the DOD. Steve Quatennans just ret. and is now a member of the law firm of Hamel, Park, McCabe & Saunders in DC. He will be handling cases dealing with contract law—probably suing the govt. Turncoat! George Richardson has also ret. and is now a senior member of the Professional Staff Cen for Naval Anal. Talk about turncoats. George is currently performing studies and analysis for the Cmdt of the Marine Corps. Bernie & Joan Tullington have just come into the DC area, and Bernie has joined the staff of the DAIG-IN. At least I think that's what my notes say—those from the end of the evening aren't too clear. So much for the party news.

Got a note from Tom Bainbridge with the following request. He would like a complete color rendition and/or a good line drawing of the Class Crest. If you have one, please send it to him at 8170 Hickory Ridge Rd, Holly, MI 48442. Got a card from Fletch Elder, who just ret., and he is now a real estate salesman for Gordon and Meekins, Inc., in the N. VA area. If you need help, give Fletch a call at (703) 280-3873. Sam & Bev Focer, and their son Jeff, have moved in at Ft Knox, KY after Sam's return from Korea. He is the Dpty Cdr, 4th Tng Bde. Saw Tom Garigan in the halls of the Pentagon one day between his trips around the world with the SA. He had just returned from Japan, where he saw Jesse James. Jesse is starting his 4th year as Cdr of the USAR Avn Det (which recently got a safety award), and John Loberg, who just arrived there. I had the pleasure of seeing Jesse myself about 3 wks ago while he was back in the States on TDY. His oldest son is a freshman at Tacoma in WA. Saw Joe Newman, Dick Kenyon and Jack Vickers (and about 40 others) at a recent Class luncheon. Jack hasn't aged a day. He is the FE at Ft Meade, having graduated from the Naval

WC in Jun. Dick was in the DC area for a ceremony to officially name the UTTAS (a new Army helicopter); the new name is Black Hawk, and the ceremony was complete with members of the Indian tribe after which it was named. Dick gave the Class a talk on what it's like to be the PM of a large, successful program, and his presentation was extremely interesting. The money involved boggles my mind every time I think about it. Joe & Nancy Newman have just arrived from the OPS Div in SHAPE, where they spent the last 4 yrs. He is now assigned to ODCSOPS, Intl Rationalization (NATO). As mentioned before, his son Robert is in the USMA C1 of '81. Saw Whit Hall at the NWC, where he has graduated from the exalted position of student to that of faculty member. Dick White is part of the faculty at ICAF. Bill Golden has just taken cmd of the 2d Bde of the 101st at Campbell. He mentioned that Dick Dean cmds the 1st of the 3 ADA in the 101st. Bill also forwarded a letter from Paul Schwem who is at Ramstein AFB in Germany. Paul graduated from the Air WC in Jun, and his family is still there awaiting transportation. Others who were students with him at Maxwell are John Blanck, Jim Russell, Jerry Schumacher, Paul Chase, Nails Knight, Jack Farris and Frank Redd. Mike Keating is on the faculty of the AWC. I believe that Paul Chase is now up here in the DC area—at least I remember seeing him at the last Class luncheon. Jack Farris is now the Dpty Cmdt of the Cadet Wg at the AFA in CO. Since Dick Scholtes is the Dpty Cmdt at WP, it looks like '57 is taking over the training of our future cadets. Paul Schwem spent a weekend with Joe & Sue House in Heidelberg and also saw Jack Slaney just before he left USAFE for Barksdale AFB, LA. We need more AF guys (or wives, girlfriends, etc.) to write. Just learned that Jerry Dwyer, who was on the Beast Detail with me, is now working for GE in the mgmt area, and is living in Arlington, VA. Welcome to the area, Jerry. Rod McConnell ret. on 1 Jul and is employed by Gen Rch Corp in McClean, VA as a mgmt consultant. As a last gasp before ret.—although we'll get him again—Rod helped put together the picnic we had back in May, and did a great job. He recently had lunch with Dan McCrary, who was up in the DC area on TDY. Dan is the PMS&T at the UGA in Athens, GA. I met T.V. McMahon while visiting a friend at the Watergate (of Landmark in Alexandria, VA). T.V. has ret. from the AF and is now studying accounting. He says it beats driving tanks. Even Joe Samm would agree with that. Got a call from Jack Meehan, now working for Control Data Corp in Minneapolis, and he said the Sobraskes are also in Minneapolis. Jack S. is the XO to the Chief of Army Reserves. Doesn't make sense to me either, but that's the way I copied it and I forgot to ask him about it at the Reunion. Got a nice letter from Bill Seely, who now commands the MILGP in Honduras. Do you get the feeling that S. Amer, or Central Amer at least, is being overrun by '57 files? Bill and Pat and their daughter Cari are living in Tegualpa and are really enjoying the new lifestyle. They left one son in school at GA Tech on a scholarship (I'm impressed) and one boy in HS in Ashville, NC. Bill invites you to drop in if you happen to be passing by—he's got lots of room. Mike Stein wrote from merry old London to say that he's ret. on 1 Sept (now passed) and will be living in Boulder, CO. He's making the move without anything definite in mind, so all you people out that way be on the lookout for him. Mike's only

regret about his career in the Army is that he didn't get a 3d tour in Garmisch—where he spent some 7 yrs. Some guys just have no luck! Mike's and Eunice's oldest son is going to UID to study mining.

Some other notes which I forgot to mention earlier. Ray Ketchum has returned from Korea and is now assigned to TRADOC at Ft Monroe, doing what I know not. Martin Bradley is in USAF ESD working on the SEEK SENTRY ground site augmentation, which is apparently an alternative to AWACS. The Dick Stephensons are in Iran, where Dick is the contracting officer for TSARCOM and is running the Bell Helicopter-Iranian Army Avn program, and Dianne is teaching. She is going to the USSR at the end of Oct and expects to see Bernie Loeffke there. Dick was TDY back to the States, and will be rotating back next Jun to take cmd of the 1st Cav DISCOM at Ft Hood.

Special note: If you did not send the personal info requested by Bill Golden for inclusion in the Reunion Book, don't despair—you can still do it if you act now. Send it immediately to COL Dana Mead, Dept of Social Sciences, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Thanks to all of you who wrote and keep writing.

# '58

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Fifth Column (apolitical as always). After a year as Scribe I could both use a fifth and plead the Fifth! Thanks again Bob Bunker for providing me this wonderful opportunity.

Cadets, sons and daughter. Happy to report that Mike Donovan (son of Betty and Pat—not listed in last column), Pete Henninger, Kathy Mellin and Jim Moentmann all survived Beast Bks. At USAFA Scott Toney is a plebe in the 25th Sqdn with Charles Profflet Jr. Total is 6 plebes and one yearling, Kevin Kelly.

Babies. A quote from a recent letter, "I sure don't know where you got the idea that the Class of '58 should stop having children. Maybe we will see that last kid 10 years from now, but not now." In order of arrival: John Michael Herren joined John & Sally at Walter Reed on 12 Jul. Julianna Katharine Gell weighed in a week later (at 7 lbs, 14 oz), joining Rich & Joanne at Ft Monroe. Tony & Billy Nadal were blessed with Victoria Blythe (7 lbs, 6 oz) on 5 Aug, perhaps en route Ft McPherson to Carlisle. Dan & Jolly Johnson



1958: MG Forrest at Jim Jones retirement, Ft Carson.



1958: Bride and groom, Jay and Gail Tirre, with Chaplain Ted Hepner.



1958: Note Stambaugh's cadet bathing suit!



1958: Smile, you're on Candid Camera.



1958: Carol Gongola and Hansult.

provided the 4th baby of the summer, Conrad on 16 Aug. Dan provided the following comment to go with his remark quoted above, "This (Conrad) was number 5 out of 6, hopefully." Right On!

**Retirements.** I reported last time on Jim Jones joining the mufti crowd on 31 May 77. The photo was provided by Jim's dpty G1, Ken Harvell. Jim Jones, the younger, is off to prep school in northwestern WI aiming for USAFA or USMA.

On 6 Jul 54, or shortly thereafter, many of us were impressed with the advantages/knowledge possessed by our Poop Sch classmates (shining shoes, making beds, etc). Then on or about 30 Jun 58 (first payday as 2LTs) we were impressed further by their added worth to the Army as reflected on their pay vouchers. And now the Poop Schoolers strike again by retiring earlier (see list in last column) and getting a head start in the world outside.

**Promotion Lists.** Special congratulations to triple-oh-one, Tony Evans! Justice prevails on some occasions in the Army. There will be 12 more COLs form 58. From the regular zone there are 8: Rich Gell (EN—proud new father), Terry Connell (EN), Mel Drisko (IN), Bill McCaffrey, (IN), Joel Moore (IN), Sam Myers (AR, photographer of note and responsible for swimming party and pictures), Joe Shea (IN), and Jim Sigler (EN). From the secondary zone there are 4: Tim McLean (QM), Pat Donovan (OD and father of a plebe), Will Roosma (IN), and Al Salisbury (SC). Will is my 3d roommate to be selected for COL! Guess I'm the perm room orderly now. Will, Jim Hall and Clyde Brown are COLs; Bill Parks is becoming a lawyer while I continue to make coffee in the Pentagon. Congratulations to the newest LTC(P)s!

**Reunion.** Moving right along it seems appropriate to mention No. 20 and Homecoming Weekend in Oct 78. Bob Moscatelli, the Regt Tac Officer (RTO) for 2d Regt USCC, is our reunion chmn. Plan now to attend. More poop later.

The USMA contingent is listed so that you can contact Bob or others with ideas or your offers to help plan and execute the 20th: Denny Bruzina (SI USCC), Bob Dey (RTO 4th Regt), Lou Gennaro (from Cmd in Korea to Engr Dept), Bruce Hamilton (Phys), Corky Henninger (Spec Asst to Supe plus soccer), Orlie Hill (Engr Dept—will depart summer of 78 for AWC), Brad Johnson (S3 USCC), Joe Paes (DFAE), John Palmer (Engr Dept) (will go to Carlisle also in 78), Dick Warner (Cold Springs, NY), and Stew Willis (Physics).

**Wedding.** Last column I reported that Ted Hepner officiated and Jay Tirre ushered. That was only practice, as the photo reveals! Jay enticed Gail to become his bride on 23 Jul. Chaplain Ted made it legal with pronouncements and blessings. Congratulations to Jay and a warm welcome to Gail! Gail also works at TRADOC HQ—her boss is Claude Fernandez.

**Letters and miscellaneous.** Bob Hattler wrote that he and Pat are house hunting in Brunssum, Netherlands. Bob's in AFCENT HQ and will soon regale us with travel reports a'la those of Sigler's at SHAPE and Price's of NATO. I recently went sightseeing on the 3d floor E-Ring which compares poorly with Austria, Italy, Sweden, UK, und so weider.

Jim Ramsden wrote from Carlisle to confirm that Ron Andreson, Pete Brintnall, Pete Hidalgo, Tony Nadal, John Schroeder (token USAF-type), and Joe Schwar are students while Paul Bons is a USMA Fellow at AWC.

Doug Sedgwick is Dir MISO/ADP and Jim Frick is in Strategic Studies. "Ron Andreson, Pete Hidalgo, and I have been playing golf fairly regularly (except when the Cmdt schedules too many afternoon classes)." Tough life.

Dave Swanson wrote from UHI that he'd attended Bob Clewell's change of cmd, "none so well done." Don't know where Bob went from 3/13FA. Mike Harvey went from 3/4 CAV to CINPAC Spt Gp at Ft Shafter. Tom



1958: Hasn't got her hairdo wet, yet!



1958: Barbara Sands and Mellin.



1958: Collins (left), Connell and Higgins.



1958: Linda Mellin, Janine Higgins, Hudson and Sands.



1958: Swimming Party—16 Jul 77.

Cameron got a nice write-up in Army R&D magazine as the new PM-Fire Finder.

My apologies to Gale & George Robertson in AK. They wrote and sent a picture—both letter and pic are misplaced. I hope to find them for the next column. Sorry.

**DC Area.** We had a swimming party on 16 Jul. The worth of pictures (1000 words) is reflected in those provided by party organizer Sam Myers. The attendees are named under the group picture. The stalwart swimmers were few, but let the record reflect Leslie Myers, Peggy Luman, Barbara Sands, Carol Gongola, Joan Collins, Carol Stambaugh, and Ann Trumbull as aquanauts.

A few pics were from an earlier gathering as Ron & Karin Hudson came through en route to Berlin. Ron's been overseas for reunions 5 (USAREUR), 10 (RVN), 15 (RVN) and 20 (Berlin). Must be a message.

Our next DC party will be on 3 Dec (to celebrate making 1LT on 4 Dec a mere 18 yrs ago). The party will be history when this column is read. For planning, the next 2 DC area gatherings will be on 25 Feb 78 at the Washington Naval Yard (100 nights till 4 Jun 78) and on 3 Jun 78 (place TBA). Persons on DC roster will get flyers. Others, call me if you can come.

Recent capital area departures include Mike Dugan to Davis-Monthan AFB, Denny Sharon (I lost his letter, he's a Dpty Cdr of something, somewhere), Wes Loffert to NavWC, Dale Cockle to Ft Ord. I am told that Jim Seltzer is teaching sch in Tahiti!

Recent arrivals include Ernie Hasselbrink to USAF HQ and Jack Bradshaw as XO to CSA. Our Class Pres is a welcome addition. He's another contact for DC area and 20th Reunion activities. Gerry Mitchell joined



1958: Scribe taking dictation from Harriett Connell.



1958: Smile at what birdie?

HQDA from Ft Sill. He left Jack Carson and Art Mace commanding bns there.

Someone told me that Strube & Esther Jackson have extended in CENTAG HQ where Strube is HQ Cmdt. Their eldest son is now at Notre Dame on an NROTC scholarship. Must have been Phil Pryor in the POAC where note taking is difficult.

**Minnetonka.** No news.

**Lawyers.** Adam Benjamin was the only one to respond. He earned his JD from Valparaiso U. and has gone on to the US House of Reps. I am sure there are more lawyers and/or law students than those reflected in the Sept issue. Let's try doctors and ministers next time: where and when med sch/seminary, and where are you now, doing what?

**Beer Cans.** None received. Xmas is coming, so send 'em along with your cards and letters.

**Flash.** I saw Stan Bacon doubletinting out of the Pentagon carrying his graybag—destination is Ft Hood and Armor bn cmd. Escape in less than one year is unconstitutional! On 5 Oct while TDY to FORSCOM I saw Barrie Williams and Strube Jackson (not extended at CENTAG). They said Bill Buchly is also enjoying Atlanta. Ken Herberger (TDY from ECOM) told me that Gary Kosmider is at Ft Huachuca.

## '59

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Not in time for this issue, but bound to be a swinging time, is a Class cocktail party on 15 Oct at Arlington Hall Sta. I'll take notes, and hopefully there will be some pics. Mean-

while, Bill Breen (DARCOM) was kind enough to round up a preview.

More than 100 classmates are expected, and hopefully the permanent residents will include Fred Malek, with Marriott; Bill Turpin, Acacia Mutual Life; Mike Gillette, World Bank; Marv Moss, congressional aide; Jack Knebel, clever attorney; Tom Moorehead, U.S. Patent Office; Ed Stauch, at Aberdeen; Bruce Porter, Xerox; Al Breuel, Justice Dept; and your scribe, whom many of you seem to have forsaken.

In the area and on the 0-6 list are Greek Johnson, Gerry Stadler, and Fred Franks. Three organizations at the Pentagon seem to be the heaviest with our members at the moment. They are:

**ODCSOPS:** Jack Smith, Joe Todaro, Jim Walsh, Tom McMorrow (going to law sch at night), Don Williams, Lou Beard, Greek Johnson, Ollie Langford, and more to be revealed next time.

**ODCSRDA:** Bill Murry, John Wilson, Bob Letchworth, Bert Bertils, Lou Caruso, Bud Imler, Gil Roesler, Jim Satterwhite, and more.

**DARCOM:** Lee Moraski, Tom Boyle, Jim Rowe, Wally Wosicki, and, of course, Breen.

Harry Walters and Hugh Reynolds are expected to come up from Richmond for the festivities, so we'll know more about them next issue. In the meantime, if you receive orders for this area, please give me a call. We'd like to add you to the social register.

## '60

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Lots of news from the Class over the summer months. First off, the Class contingent in the Nation's Capital honored the end of the fiscal year with a luncheon at Ft Myer. Based on the turnout, it seems apparent that many classmates have been attracted to the DC area in recent months—must be all those good deals in the real estate market! New arrivals include: Bob & Tommy Fairweather, who moved here from Ft Hood for duty in DCSOPS; Tom & Nancy Caraballo, coming from Germany to the Army Automation Di-



1960: The Lincolns and Bertis in VA.



1960: Max Rumbaugh.

rectorate—from driving airplanes to punching computers? Talk about career changes! Les & Nina Beavers, from Carlisle back to MILPERCEN—LTCs' branch—now you know who to blame; Swift & Elen Martin, from HQ V Corps to the Ballistic Msl Directorate as a Program and Budget Officer—he's as big and mean as ever; Bud & Susan Mease, from USAREUR to ODCSOPS—Bud follows in the footsteps of many would-be mgrs of USAREUR's manpower program; Phil & Judy Walker, from Ft Carson to Caraballo's Computer Corp—otherwise known as AAD on the Army Staff; Jim & Connie Ramos—Jim now commutes to "exurbia" in Reston, VA where he is assigned to the DCA Engr Cen.

In addition to the recent arrivals listed above, the DC "old timers" in attendance at the Class luncheon included Linc German, Jerry Stewart, Mike Hatcher, Jerry Witherpoon, John Nix, Mike Ferguson, Lee Clark, Stan Hickman, Dave Stem, John Reber, Bob Koontz, John Steele, Ed Walczak, Tony Wood, Kelly O'Malley, Fred Bidgood, Bert Spivy, Mike Plummer, Don Summers, Bob Totten, and your scribe.

Over the summer months local classmates have shifted around within the area. Jerry



1960: Dean Herman (center) with crew on the "Redhead."

Stewart recently moved from HQ USMC to the Pentagon, where he is aide to ASN (M&RA). Jerry says he's getting an education in what civ control of the mil is all about. Myo and Jerry, with 3 children, live in Annandale, VA. Eric Barone, after recently buying a house in Fairfax County, was ordered to Ft Belvoir where he and Vi now live on post and Eric commands a bn.

John Nix, who has been on loan to the Army Staff from the State Dept, is returning to his parent agcy. After one year as an exch official in the Pentagon, John has proven to his superiors that he is well suited for the most challenging diplomatic asgmt at the least desirable station in the Foreign Service. Lee Clark and Mike Ferguson have moved across the river to the NWC, where Don Stukel is serving as Student President for this year's class. So much for the DC Area classmates.

From Ramstein, Germany, John Ello reports he has been accepted by the Center of Intl Studies of MIT as USAF rsch assoc for 77-78. John and Lynn, with their 2 children, Darcy (13 yrs) and Mark (10 yrs) will be living in Cambridge, MA after 5 yrs in Europe. John has been serving the past 2 years as XO to CINC USAFE. Another AF file, Frank Clotier, received the MSM at Hanscom AFB, where he is now assigned as a program mgr with HQ, Elec Sys Cmd. Frank's decoration was in recognition of his service at the Aeronautical Sys Div at W-P AFB.



1960: The Hutchisons on vacation in Venice.

Marg Herman wrote from WP that husband Dean has turned nautical as evidenced by a summer sailing cruise to Bermuda—Marge said something about this adventure being Dean's "summer project"—never did understand those permanent asgmts at USMA. As a good nautical wife, Marg followed the "fleet" to Bermuda where she spent 5 days with her favorite sailor. The Hermans saw George Finley and family as they passed through WP from Germany (Where to, George?). Understand George is still drawing cartoons, copies of which keep appearing on walls all over the world. I'm always careful what I say about George in the class letter least I wind up as one of those less glamorous characters in his next cartoon.

Heard from Jim & Genie Lincoln after their move to Picatinny Ars where they joined classmates Denny Dice, Harry White, and Gene Howell. Jim's new asgmt is Asst Proj Mgr for Cannon Arty Sys.

Jud & Nance Bireley are now stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, where Jud commands the 4th Bn 3d BCT.

In Indianapolis, Max Rumbaugh has been designated as Dir, Rsch Engr for Schwitzer Engineered Components. Max was recently pres of the Soc of Rsch Admin. Butch Nobles is back on leave with his family in



1960: Bireley with LT Chabot '74.

the DC area after serving 8 months as an Arty Bn CO in Korea. With Butch in the 2d Inf Div is Jack Burden, who commands the Div's Cav Sq. I understand Jack's sq was recently inspected by classmate Don Chapman operating out of the DAIG office in the Pentagon.

Well, that's all for now. Keep the news coming in. Next deadline is 31 Dec.

# '61

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Well, gang—I'm your new scribe (pro tempore)—until Pat Hoy or Ron Hannon, our intellectual elite, are safely ensconced at WP in perm assoc prof positions, and can provide a little stability and continuity for the Class column. By the way, your response to Barney Legge's plea for help was completely underwhelming—Barney, now in the sch sys prep to assuming bn cmd, received almost nothing by way of news—'61 is almost 2d to none in least ASSEMBLY column inches this year. Come on, guys—the rest of us care enough to want to hear what you have been doing and where you are there days. I'll even take post cards.

Those of us in the DC area try to keep in touch on occasion. At the last picnic were Chelberg (from MILPERCEN to OCSA), Hamilton (from Ft Sam Houston to OCSA—Staff Mgmt Div), Nevins (teaching at NWC), Chambers (NOAA), Buckner (from DCSOPS to DIA), Ganderson (in sch at the Foreign Sv Inst preparing for a posting to Israel), Rittgers (Soldiers Magazine), Robertson (OPD, MILPERCEN), Cuthbert (OTJAG), Lilienthal (OMB), Gleichenhaus (DCSPER), Williamson (9th Inf Div to DCSOPS—War Plans), Hastings (CAA), Ed Brown (Back to the area for which tour?), Dorr (Joint Staff), Legge (OCSA for a few more weeks), Kremer (DCSOPS), Evetts (SGS of MILPERCEN), McGinnis (OTEA—Operational Tech and Eval Agcy), Gabriel (DCSOPS), Hyde (Mil Asst to the Under SA), Aaronsohn, Liebman (looking for a job here), Tobin (MILPERCEN from DCSPER) and Dillard (from DCSOPS to OCSA—Speechwriter to Secy, Under Secy and VCS of the Army, and the Dir of the Army Staff—plus almost anyone else who

comes along). My apologies to those I missed. Barry is on the AF COL's list, as is Teal. Barry and Warren Miller are in ICAF. Clough is attending DSMC. Gabriel (DCS-OPS) and Cornelson (DCSOPS) plan to run in the NYC Marathon on 23 Oct 77—may have results next issue. Reggie Brown is in the Congressional Bud Office. Also in the area are Busdiecker (OCSA), Conley (OSD—Public Affairs), Dyer (MILPERCEN), Eggleston (DCSOPS), Eiland (OSD—Security Assistance), Fritz (OTEA), Geiger (DCSPER), Glass (DCSPER), Goldtrap (DCSRDA), Gronich (DCSOPS), Hampton (enjoying civ life), Hillier (OSD—PAE), Hughes, Kopcsak (OSD—DDRE), Lewis (OCSA), Lombardo (OTEA), Murphy, Potter (Library of Congress), Reynolds (DCSOPS), Sollohub (DCSRDA), Starsman (OCSA), Stone (Korea to DCSOPS), Wagner (DCSLOG—on WP Study Gp with Dillard), Lynch (1st Army HQ, Ft Meade, MD).

Congratulations to Joulwan, Reno, and Behrenhausen for making the full COL's list! Born 29 Sept 77, Caryn Cuthbert.

Well, that's it. Mostly old news—but some new. Don't be shy—let me hear from you.

# '62

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In the midst of our accelerated anticipation of the now historical 15th Reunion, we sadly report to those of you who might not have heard, the tragic death of our comrade, Terry Murphy, in the crash of an AF EC 135 on take-off from Kirtland AFB, NM while involved in a Jt Readiness Cmd Mission Control role. The flight originated at McDill AFB, FL where Terry's family, wife Carol, and sons Brian, Douglas and Jeffrey now reside at 13652 Pebble Dr, Largo, FL 33540.

Reps of our Class (Phillips, Ord, Rushatz, Campbell, Mundt, Acklin, Kays, Irwins and Wagners) attended memorial services and modified military honors for Terry at the Old Cadet Chapel on 27 Sept. The humor and intelligence that marked Terry's life were evident in the courage and strength of his sons and the love of his wife. Be Thou at Peace.

It is somewhat anticlimactic to try and compose a piece in the moment of sorrow that accompanies an event that is unhappy and an event yet to happen that marks 15 yrs of change in each of us. Your scribe had 3 days in San Diego, CA conversing with Larry Parmenter on how we've changed and enjoying the family that sustains him in his surveying and civil engr work in nearby avocado groves soon to be converted to housing devl. Annie, his lovely French-born wife, serves up the greatest crepes around.

Later, I called Ed Hendren, lawyering in Palo Alto, (no answer) and did contact H. "Lew," Dr. Nucl Phys, Brown to find out he was determined to remain in CA and support his lovely wife, Dr. Brown, who had just been appointed a prof at UCLA. Great! Known and discussed as being in the "wilds" of CA were: Wise, Boyle, Heldman, Byrd, Snow, Gleason, Desjardin, Sharp, Swartz, Winkler, Caufield, Babb, Lutes, Cesped, Wick, Armstrong, McKinley, Zabik and Tom Moore. Your scribe hopes to see some or all of them during a 2-wk visit to Concord, CA for Expl Ord Loading Supv Sch for the CC near San Fran 8 Jan thru 22 Jan.

Warming up for the foggy weather there, the Hudaks, Walkers, and Seascholtz, sat in

gale wind and rain watching Army almost clobber B.C.—a game lost in the last 5 minutes. BEAT NAVY... SINK'um...

The MA contingent of the Class includes Dobbins, Fagan, Menning, Denison, Rohrbacher, Symes, Renaghan, Harkins and our Rev Roy Cole. We are hoping to see them Founders Day.

Speaking of Mar get-togethers, Pat Canary has been super in sending poop from Europe where he is MILPERCEN MAJ Asgmts officer—good man to know. He sends his address as scribe "over the water" to help me keep track of you: MILPERCENEUR-OPD, APO 09081—Rheinau Military (2136) 7111. Heidelberg "O" Club will be the scene of the action in Mar where 16 couples have led the big event for 62 (Send pictures, Pat...).

Over there are: Gary Brown at MILPERCEN assigning co. grade cbt arms officers; Carl Morin, Slade Johnson, and Dick Mayo in DCS Opns-USAREUR HQ; Tom Mid-daugh, who had 2 years with the British Army on Rhein and now has to work as DCS Resources Mgt.; Todd Stong and Chuck Domy are DCS Engrs and Todd is reported headed CONUS after Xmas for Bn Cmd.

Wayne Parker is going "door-to-door" in Heidelberg as the on-scene 3M rep. Larry Ailinger and Mike Bartelme (of water ski fame??) are at CENTAG Hq, while Stu Sherard left DCS Pers (without a basketball?) to go to Berlin for bn cmd.

George Handy will greet him in Berlin and send Tom Simcox off to TRADOC HQ. Dave Riggs is reported as GI, 1st Bde, 1st Inf. Walt Cooper just departed 1st AD leaving Greg Wilcox, Bob Loupe and Dick Kent (the C-1 flash) to hold the fort.

Walt Bryde survived his scribe Beast roommate to be a cdr 15 years later in 3d AD where Doug Morgan is Asst CS. On duty to keep them all straight are Harry Nieuwboer, Bill Calhoun, and Don Laird. Ken Wallace is just new to the whole scene for duty. Write in Ken.

Larry Mengel left for the States to a civ suit job for a year's OJT and then reports in uniform for a proj mgr's slot. Fred Hilliard is with Hq, 3d Inf. Glen Blumhardt is a bn cmdr in that area. Newport, RI, better be on watch for Bill Kosco at the NavWC—the ships will never be the same. But, our pathfinders in the 8th Inf: Bernie Martin, Ernie Zenker, Dave Armstrong, and Roger Franke will help him out as they search for Buck Weinfurther at an ADA Bn in 32d ADA Cmd and Larry Needs and Don Hard at the 59th Ord Bde.

Our other astute pathfinders, Bill Gavan and Ernie Webb at bn cmds in Baumholder, will seek out Dave Blynn in 7th Sig Bn and Jon Kohler with his beer stein at V Corps-Frankfurt. Jeff Withers, Jim Cowles, and Don Karrer are creating great things with VII Corps hoping that John Landry who cmds 3/2 ACR won't run over them! Ed Hamilton is still busy at Garmisch alternating between advanced Russian and advanced skiing depending on his weather. Bill Boozer is at SHAPE HQS holding forth as GEN Haig's aide until summer 78 when he heads for the U.S. and a cmd slot.

Well, how about over here? We start with the prolific people first! Dave Phillips, Sharon plus 5 now have WP organized along with the Marvelous Mayos, Dick and Tony plus 6 (they have their own PTA) and Marilyn & Larry Larsen thrown in with a variety of talents. It seems the Larsens act as humorists for the group while Marilyn writes for a "people" type magazine and substitute

teaches. With all the kids, why not?? Larry hides out at DAIG waiting for the arrival of Jean & Jim Kays who are laboring (no, not with more kids) with a PhD dissertation on sound wave propagation in water. When it gets all done, RPI is going to Dr. him in math and Mom can relax—at their "P" assignment on campus.

A terrible rumor has started that Steve Arnold ran such a hot shot good Camp Buckner that everybody wants to do it again?? Cal Johnson keeps telling war stories about his brown bar days with the 24th Engr Bn in his Engr classes, but we don't believe it!

Al Rushatz in OPE and Bill Burns in Math did such a great job for the Reunion that they are being sent to bn cmds next year. See what a little success can do??

Reports have been coming in that Marlene Garvey is an expert on Army Sports and that they have extended son Steve into watching Steve Garvey of the L.A. Dodgers so dad and mom can ret. in a manner befitting having a professional ball player for a son. Can it be true??

For those who need legal services in the Detroit area, an announcement of 9-1, places Bill Christopher as a new partner in the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn. Phone call to Dick Chegar in Windfall, IN (you got it right) helped the B-1 files get their act together for a reunion. We could have used Barry Butzer at B.C. but he and Nancy are at The Citadel in Charleston, SC.

Latest hot scoop is to keep your eye on our own Howie Prince at WP for his efforts in the Cadet Counseling Cen area have not gone unclaimed. More on that after the Reunion. Hope to get to many more of you for the next deadline by 30 DECEMBER—WRITE-PHONE-WHATEVER—HAPPY FIFTEENTH AND CAN DO—BEAT NAVY!!

# '63

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Our annual DC area Class luncheon was held at Ft Myer on 20 Sept 77. As usual, it provided a major source of input for the Class notes. Although I try not to repeat in the column any info previously reported, I know that some of you get tired of reading about the same people in each issue. All I can say is, I report the info I get; and, if I don't hear from you, I can't report it. So drop me a note—wives included! Those attending were Arbogast, Coe, Cunningham, Dolighan, Dunn, Ehrenberg, Jenks, Kuzemka,



1963: Kristine and Steve Popielarski.



1963: Class luncheon in DC.

Maxwell, Mayer, McClatchey, Siebenaler, Sutton, Trucksa, Westermeier, Weyrauch, and Yamashita.

Bob Mayer is a new arrival in the area. Bob is on a 2-yr appointment as the special asst to Chief Justice Burger on the Supreme Court. He passed on that Carl Chickedantz is practicing law in IN. He and Anita and their 3 beautiful children live in Ft Wayne. Bob also noted that Bill & Faye Clark are in Birmingham, AL where Bill is in law practice. While on the subject of lawyers, Steve Popielarski finally got around to sending a picture of Kristine and him taken at their wedding last Jan. Kristine (Dr. Soly) is a cardiologist at the Med Coll of PA specializing in diagnosis of heart disease. (There's more to it than that, but I couldn't read Steve's writing, and I don't think I could understand the med terms if I had!)

New arrivals in the DC area include Gene Cargile (DCSOPS), Bill Little, and John Dunn. John is sales mgr of Hylton Enterprises for their homes in Dale City, VA. So, if you are coming to DC soon and are interested in buying a home, I'm sure John will be happy to be of assistance. Just bring money—lots of it! Bill Coomer and Roger Sturbois are scheduled to arrive in the DC area shortly, both from TX. Those departing the area recently include Bill George. He is now in the Phila area, I understand, working on a rail laying contract for AMTRAK.

Jay Westermeier reported that Bill Merritt, Brad Jones, and he had a small Class reunion this past summer at Ft Indiantown Gap, PA. Bill is on ROTC duty at Clemson and nearing completion of PhD work in Water Mgmt.



1963: Siebenaler, Kuzemka, Trucksa, Yamashita.

Bill passed on that when he was at Ft Bragg in early summer, he ran into Phil St. Amant and JJ Jaworowski, who just reported to Bragg from Korea. Brad Jones (another lawyer) opened his own law office in Fayetteville, NC in 75. He specializes in med mal-practice claims against the Fed Govt.

Jay did manage to have the movie "MacArthur" premiere in DC for the WP Soc. He, Rudy Ehrenberg, and Lionel Ingram represented the Class. Jay made the local press by virtue of his date—Miss Maryland World! Some guys will go to no ends to get a pro drag!

Bob Trucksa asks that Jeff Dalia drop him a line. Where are you, Jeff?

Pete Gleichenhaus (Cl '61) was the guest speaker at the Class luncheon. Pete is on the hot seat in the Pentagon as the DCSPER action officer on WP. He gave an excellent talk on the changes that have taken place at WP over the past few years and the areas looked at by the recent Army Staff study. It is amazing to review the number and extent of changes deeply affecting academy life that have been implemented since the mid 60's. I suppose a good case could be made individually for each change as it has come along. However, I, for one, feel the cumulative impact has been a trend to change the WP scene toward the normal civ univ atmosphere, and away from the special qualities and ideals of WP embodied by its motto. Unfortunately, it does not appear the pendulum yet has begun to swing back.

Sam Thompson dropped me a note all the way from Bendigo, Australia, where he is an exch officer with the Army Survey Regt, doing work related to topographic mapping, I expect. He and Babs and their 2 boys are enjoying their tour and doing a lot of traveling, including a 2-wk jaunt to New Zealand. Sam will be joining the WP faculty (ES&GS) next summer, just in time to give Frank Hall a hand on running our 15th Reunion. Since we are a reunion class in 78, a VP to the AOG will be selected from '63. Frank has been nominated and will be heavily involved in coordinating the reunion activities next Oct.

Congratulations to those selected on the O-5 list released this summer. Classmates that I spotted are Mike Allen, Beatty, Cole, John Ellerson, Esposito, Genetti, Kinsey, McNeill, Millerlile, Ward Smith, Pat Stevens, and Yamashita. If I missed anyone, let me know.

A Xmas card with some news would be handy for the next deadline on 1 Jan. Have a Merry Christmas! Mike and Carol

# '64

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Hi once again from sticky muggy WP. Although you will be reading this issue around the 1st of Dec, the deadline for submission of articles is 2 months earlier. Keep this in mind when you send notes to be published. The news, therefore, may not always be timely; however, it is interesting to hear what you are all doing. The first item of news is congratulations to our 15 newest selectees to LTC: Howie Boone, Dave Bramlett, Mel Case, Dick Chilcoat, Len Hardy, Barry Hartman, Bud Henry, Jeff Larson, Jim Muir, John Otjen, Bill Reynolds, Karl Robinson, B.J. Roller, Huba Wass de Czege, and Roger Yankoupe. Keep Flying guys. Kudos also to Larry Brewer, Ken Sprague, and Eddie Sims, who have been selected for participa-



1964: L-R: Andrews, Kleb, Chilcoat, Horstman and Sims.

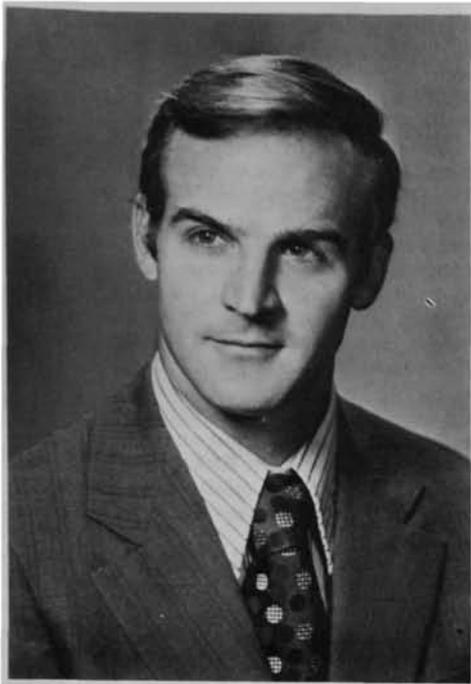
tion in the Space Shuttle Program. Dennis & Lesley Seiler spent a while at WP on their way to DCSOPS in Heidelberg. Dennis has been in Korea as S3 of an Honest John Bn. Lesley waited for him in Largo, FL which is right near St. Petersburg. John Leyerzaph paid a short visit to WP and stayed with his old tennis bum and friend, or is it tennis friend and bum, Mike Horstman.

A sad note. COL Lee Parmly, a very close friend of '64 from cadet days and later when he was Treas, USMA, was killed in an automobile accident near Tifton, GA. He was on his way, with his wife, to a conference in Chicago. Several of us saw him during June Week and he was the picture of health and happiness in his shorts, sandals and full beard. He was working on his PhD out of his home in St. Augustine and seemed well on his way in his 2d career. Mrs. Parmly remains in the hospital in Tifton, GA as of this writing. We wish her a quick and full recovery.

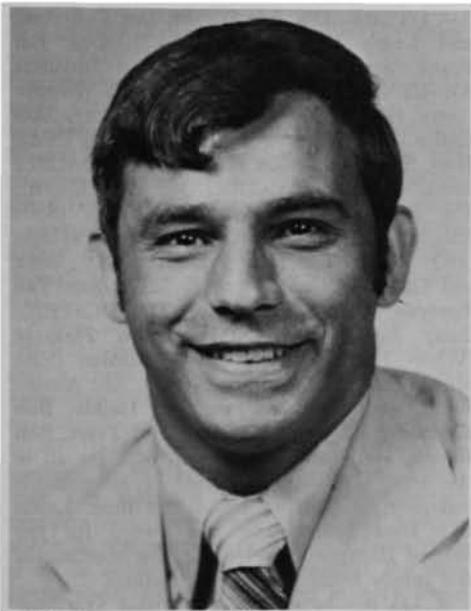
I am finishing this article early in order to prepare for a TDY trip to the USCR in Sept. The U.S. Army and the Soviet Army have concluded an agreement for an exchange lecture program at their respective Senior Service Academies. One of their generals will speak to the class at CGSC and at the AWC. The Cmdt of Cadets, GEN Bard, will be going



1964: Chilcoats, Tetus and Andersons at Ft Monmouth.



1964: William F. Murdy



1964: Bill DiNeno



1964: Top: Ruth Barotto, Liz Darrow, Conway, Judy Giordano, Marge Conway; center: Darrow, Tetu, Barotto, Giordano; bottom: Eileen Buckner, Carol Tetu.



1965: Ski Lodge party—16 Sept 77.

to Moscow to speak to the Soviet equivalent of these 2 schools. I will be going with him as his interpreter. We will be in Moscow from 23-30 Sept. Hope that I get back in time for the next issue deadline.

Carol & Bob Tetu provided the picture of their reunion at Ft. Monmouth with the Chilcoats and the Norm Andersons. The lineup of the 5 turkeys who live in the same cluster at Stony Lonesome was provided by Cathy Horstman. A news release from The Travelers Insurance Co. reveals that Bill DiNeno has been appointed Assoc Dir in the financial and planning div of the casualty-property personal lines dept. In a similar vein, Pacific Resources Inc. has announced the promotion of Bill Murdy who has been elected a VP of the firm. Congratulations to both Bills. The following 8 were promoted to LTC effective 1 Sept: Dennis Culp, Jim Carson, Jim Harding, Tony Hartle, John Howard, Bill Landgraf, Bob Michela, and Bob Wynn. Congratulations to all. Let's hope that This IS The Year, and that when you read this we will have a sweet victory over Navy under our belts. Till next issue-----

P.S. Mike & Marge Conway had a '64 "Pro" tennis party at their home in Upper Montclair, NJ. They said "good-bye" to Dave & Ruth Baratto who left for Ft Bragg, "welcome" to Bob & Carol Tetu who are now at WP, "welcome" to Jack & Liz Darrow of Ridgewood, NJ, "welcome" to Eileen Buckner who is now living in Middletown, NY, and "congratulations" to Judy & Frank Giordano who will remain at WP as a Perm Assoc Prof in the Math Dept. It was a fun reunion with trophies awarded to all tennis players qualified for Wimbledon.

When the Academy Bd of Visitors comes again to WP this fall, our classmate, Doug Bennett, who is a member of that illustrious group, will be up here again. Last spring when they were last here, Eddie & Jean Sims had a very nice Open House in his honor. It was a fun evening and a great opportunity for the Class to get together. The most recent Army Times reveals that Lenny Fly is going from Ft Wadsworth to Ft Knox. Howie Boone from Ft Hood to DC.

# '65

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On 13 Sept 77 Jamie Bryan was killed in a military aircraft accident near Albuquerque, NM. He was involved in a tng exercise with the 1st Bn (Rgr) 75th Inf. As a Class, once again, we have suffered the loss of a comrade, a close personal friend of many and a dedicated professional soldier. In remembrance Barbara Bryan has requested that those who wish to commemorate Jamie's life and service do so by sending contributions to the "Class of 1965 Fund, in memory of MAJ James E Bryan," c/o the Assn of Graduates USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Bob Higgins brought back Jamie's body and he was buried in the WP Cemetery. Barbara's present plans are to complete her master's in Education, at which time she will decide her next move.

The Class had a party in Sept at the ski lodge and Wes Taylor became the new Pres, Alice Kenny is the VP and Jim Golden is still the Secy.

Received a note from Tom Henneberry currently at 46 Lancaster Ave, Point of Pines, Revere, MA 02151. Karen and Tom



1965: Ski Lodge party—16 Sept 77.



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now have 3 children: Tommy 10, Kara 8, and Adam 5. Tom is just about to graduate from New England Sch of Law and Karen is thinking of going back to teaching. Tom has taken his bar exams in Jul and will hear the results in Nov. Tom currently works at MIT as the Asst Dir of the Office of Planned Giving and Legal Affairs/Resource Devl. His boss's boss is Jim Lampert, the former Supt, who is now VP for Resource Devl at MIT.

Tom has seen Jim Tomaswick who is a Sr Buyer at Polaroid Corp in Cambridge. He and his wife Carol live in Londonderry, NH with son Jamey. Also at Polaroid is Bert Barry. Marsh Schwartz works with the govt and has an office in Cambridge. Dave Hurley was working in Boston until the summer, but has moved to NJ. He is employed by the Prudential Ins Co. as a Pension Mgr. "Stosh" Genega completed his work on a MS in Management at MIT's Sloan Sch in Jun and has moved back to DC for a utilization tour. Rick Osgood works at MIT's Lincoln Lab in Lexington, where he is involved in laser rsch. He lives in Winchester, MA. Dick Worth is a pilot for Eastern Air Lines. He and his wife own an apple orchard just north of Manchester, NH where they live. Tom says if you are in Boston give a call.

John Concannon has joined the Language Dept in Russian at WP.

How about some pictures, and letters. Please!!!

## '66

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Greetings to all! I want to thank each of the field correspondents for the fine effort in getting me the information on classmates around the world. You all made it very easy to write this column. My only complaint now is the lack of information on '66 contingents at Leavenworth, Newport, etc., so how's about someone at each of these prestigious institutions dropping me a brief note about the classmates who are there as students and/or faculty.

Got a big packet of stuff from Pat O'Connell, who admitted to some remorse, aye, even guilt, for not having written to let us know what he was doing. Pat sends these tidbits of info—he married Joan in 69 and they now have a 6-yr-old daughter, Patricia; resigned his commission in 74 and now works as a Supply Tech for the USAR while commanding HQ Det of the 349th Cbt Spt Hosp (USAR). Pat and Joan have recently founded and now publish a magazine, *The New Atlantean*, which looks at "the unexplained, the unknown, the unexplored," and will send copies to all who ask, for a small handling fee. Circulation is now 2000 in the state of FL. Pat also notes that Joan is

widely published on the subject of UFO's. Any classmates in the Tampa Bay area are welcome at the O'Connells': phone is 813-527-2293 or write to 4280 68th Ave N., Pinellas Park, FL 33565.

Dave & Bonnie Linder sent a nice note from Ft Eustis, VA where Dave is with TRADOC. They love the Williamsburg area and the convenience of being close to DC and Ft Monroe. Bonnie says they saw Hank Langendorf while he was visiting Eustis from Ft Benning, on a little TDY in order to help write a Logistics manual (make it so we can understand it, Hank!). Art & Jessie Schulz left Eustis in late Aug for asgmt to an arm bn in Augsburg, W. Germany. Ken Waylonis is still at Eustis, and he and Dave had just attended a Charismatic Jubilee together. Rick & Laura Thoden are now at AFSC, Norfolk, following Rick's one year "get-to-know-another-culture" asgmt in Korea.

Dave Linder sent the photo and Frank Galligan the roster for the recent '66 get-together in DC, at Frank's house on 6 Aug. By Frank's count, there are at least 40 classmates in the area, to include: John Dubia, Don Murphy, Frank Hartline, and Jouni Keravouri in MILPERCEN; John Bohuslar (Ofc SEC AF); Jim Gleason and Ted Borek (DA OTJAG); Drs. Bill Stalker, Lee Fullerton, and Leigh Wheeler (WRAMC); Drs. Jim Peake (Surgeon, Ft Belvoir), Kurt Rhymers (Ob-GYN, GWU), and Russ Jenna (Brooke Army Hosp); Larry Faust (USACAA); Bob Catlin (FBI); Mike McKay (SGS FUSA); Jerry Sands and Matt Harrison (DA OACSI); Dave Linder (PM-TRADOC, Ft Eustis); Jim Morrison (USPHS); Joe Welch (Soils Engr); John Tillson (OSD); Ken Waylonis (HQ TRADOC); Jack Wheeler (Atty, Shea and Gardner); John Carrow (G.E.); Jan Van Prooyen (DNA); Jim Selsor (DA DCSPER); Tony Buetti (DARCOM); Justin Pleasant (White House Comm); Neils Biamon (Vint Hill Farms); Bill Rennagel (OSD, Net Assessment); and Matt DeFiore, Bill Helkie, Bob Kesmodel, George Grandison, Bill Tews, Ron Bartek, and Norm Gunderson, who are all in the area, but with addresses or assignments unknown to your scribe at this time. Looks like Russ Jenna won the award for the longest distance traveled for this meeting of the future leadership of our nation!

A big thanks to Steve & Carol McGuire, who passed on 2 tickets to the CO-Army football game for anyone from '66 or WP. Only trouble was that I got them after the game had started. Carol notes that they have been in Denver for 4½ yrs where Steve is a trial lawyer who is, from all accounts, up to his elbows in alligators, to include handling a



1966: Get-together at Galligans' in DC, 6 Aug 77.



1966: Kelley (L) and McGuire at McGuire's.

giant lawsuit in Japan. Steve and Carol faced the same problem that I did for the game—split family loyalties defined as having either attended grad sch at CO, or a wife who graduated from that august inst. In Steve's case it was both plus a tremendous work load that prevented his making the hegira to USMA for the game. But you really can't argue that the CO air is all that bad—the little McGuires include Maura (7), Megan (2), and Catherine (6 mo), who won't play football for Army, but according to their mother, could give the Corps a couple o' fine spirited Irish lassies in the next 10-15 years. Carol also adds that there is a spare bedroom if any of you are headed out Denver way to do some skiing or bona fide business (heaven forbid!). I'd like to see the guest book next summer—an offer of a free bunk in Denver is almost irresistible as Dave Kelley found out in Jul as he was passing through on his way to Newport for Nav CSC.

A final note: received a very nice note from Col R.R. and Mrs Moorman (he's USMA '34) and a check to be put in the Art Bonifas Memorial Fund in memory of her son and our classmate, Bill Behan, who died in Korea in '67. It is clear to me that there is a message in this for all of us—if Mrs. Moorman can take the time and effort to remember Art, then each of us can too. A check in the amount of \$10-\$15 from each of us is needed to guarantee that the memorial cadet award established in Art's name will be established in perpetuity. As Mrs. Moorman notes, Bill Behan was very proud to have been a graduate of USMA and a member of the Class of '66. Hopefully, we all have that sense of pride too. Sit down right now and write that check and mail it to the AOG, WP!!!

Finally, a look to Nov and Army football. '66 says and hopes that it will be reality when this note is published: BEAT NAVY!!!!



1966: O'Connell and SGT Portillo—Annual Training, Ft Lee, VA.

# '67

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Congratulations and best wishes to Stephani & Gary Wikert on their Apr marriage. Gary, a recent grad of the UGA Med Sch, is now stationed at Ft Lewis, WA. Congratulations are also in order for Laraine & Rick Foelsch on the birth of their 4th son, David Steven, on 20 Jul. They are at Ft Bliss, TX, where Rick is in the S3 shop, 3d Armored Cav Regt. With Rick is Jim Weller, formerly S3 Air, as of Mar, commanding G Troop.

Mike Norton recently graduated from the Bowman Gray Sch of Med, Winston-Salem, NC. He and Donna are in San Fran where Mike is interning at Letterman. Mike Lascher completed his dental residency at Ft Jackson, and is assigned to Ft Detrick, MD. Bill Freccia concluded a dental residency at Letterman; he, Mil and girls have joined Marie & Steve Frankiewicz at Ft Devens, MA.

Bob Laraia is with the Law Dept of Allied Chemical in Houston, TX. Hap Trainor resigned his commission to enter the civ practice of law as VP and Gen Counsel of OMNI Exploration, Inc. Patty, Hap and son John (Nov 75) reside in Narberth, PA.

Jackie & Randy Pais are in Charlotte, NC, where Randy is on the legal staff at Exxon's Regl Office. Ben Rodrigue is in Exxon's Employee Relations Dept in Houston, TX. Jerry Walker resigned his commission in Jun and is now a Civ Engr with Exxon. He and Mary are living in Memphis, TN. Jerry was in New Orleans this Sept on a special asgmt.

Here's John Kuspa's report:

Greetings from WP! The 10th Yr Reunion of our Class is now history, and I hope everyone who was able to attend had a great time. I'll have a full report and pictures for the "gloom period" edition.

I am happy to announce the birth of 3 children to classmates here at WP. Bob & Jo Griffin now have one girl and one boy, since Robert K. III's arrival in Sept. Harry & Susie Rothmann also had a boy, their 3d, Harry Andrew. Cal & Suda Delaplain had a 2d girl, Michele, in Jun. Congratulations to the proud parents!

More good news involves the marriage in Oct of Mike Shelton to Mary Cornelius, both of the USN. The ceremony took place at the Catholic Chapel here at WP. The Class was represented by Woody Held, Ray Winkel, Cal Delaplain, and myself. After a Caribbean honeymoon, the Sheltons returned for our Homecoming weekend. Welcome to the Class, Mary!

On a sadder note, Mike Spinello was seriously injured in a fall while teaching a gymnastics class to the plebes. He suffered a dislocated and fractured upper spine. He has undergone an operation and treatment at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY. A full recovery is expected, and we all wish Mike the best of luck and Godspeed in his recovery.

"For those of you keeping score," this will enable you to update your drill rolls of those classmates stationed at WP this year. Let's start with the head shed first! Denny & Lori Mikale (Protocol), Ed & Jan Smith (Supt Off), Virgil & Michele Stone and Ed & Mary Sullivan (Adm).

Woody & Sally Held (For Lang), Chuck & Sharon Suttan (EE), Bob & Arlene Knapp (OML), Bob & Joyce Love (Math), John & Ginger Gale and Bill & Bonnie Pennington

(Chem), Dave & Kit Peixotto and Roger & Maria Waltz (Engr), Bob & Sherry Harris (from Chem to Engr), Tom & Jean Blaney and John & Shiela Rollow (Dental Clinic), Mike & Ellen Lancaster (English), Steve & Carol Kurtyka (Readiness Group, Stewart Army Subpost).

The other depts have 3 or more classmates each:

(Tactics) Mike & Anita Cox, Ken & Candie Rice, and Joe & Barbara Terry.

(OPE, now DPE) Bob & Robin Frank, Ken & Judy Smith, and, of course, Mike Spinello.

(Soc Sci) Ace & Margie Clark, Bill & Donna Richards, and Earl & Susan Walker.

(ES&GS) Joe & Rosalie Dietzel, Rich & Kathy Estes, Bob & Gena Hixson, and Jack & Mary Windeler.

(Physics) Cal & Suda Delaplain, Al & Carolyn Donnell, Larry & Terry Izzo, Jim & Margaret Ann Tankovich, and Ray & Sally Winkel.

(Hist) Bill & Jean Cates, Bob & Jo Griffin, Tom Lanyi, Harry & Susie Rothmann, Joe & Ute Visconti, and Tom & Beverly Waraksa.

(Mech) Jon Behrens, Doug & Vickie Brown, Gary & Cindy Downs, Tom & Cynthia Jacobus, John & Linda Mann, PJ & Mary Penny, Chuck & Carol Swanson, Jack & Judi Wood.

Another former Mech instr, Ernie Natalini, has joined several of our classmates who now work for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, MI. Best of luck with the better idea folks, Ernie!

As part of the reunion effort, a list of classmates with current addresses was compiled and distributed to those attending. If you want a copy or want to be added, please let me know, and we will try to get everyone a copy.

Hope the holiday season finds everyone healthy and happy! I also hope that you'll be able to enjoy the winter of '78 a lot more than the winter of '77. This is a good time to let Hank or me know what you are doing and where you are living these days. Please let us know so we can pass it along. One Xmas card is a most efficient way to update such information for the Class.

# '68

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It's Dec and hello from another "winter at WP." Believe me, they haven't changed much. We're only 6 mos away from our 10 yr reunion which REMINDER: Jun 78 is '68 Ten Yr Reunion! More info, poop sheets and Class news will be making its way to you so keep Jun open on your calendar for our first big get-together.

This won't be a "bullet issue" for many reasons, but some folks have been very timely in trying to get info to our Class. Sure wish I would hear from all of you so we could stay in touch. Let me first extend congratulations to our new list of MAJs: Stott Carleton, Bob Henderson, Frank Cooch, Bill McCrone, Dutch Hostler, Dave Schulte, Joe Fowler, Lou Speer, Dave Ford, Rich Flanagan, Terry Laughlin, Pat Toffler, Larry Jordan, Steve Bowman, Steve Harper, Jim Cima, Gary Roberson, Charlie Beckwith, Danny Limbaugh, "JD" Dooley, Jim Walsh, Rick Rhoades, By Shields, and Bill Easton. Well done, guys!

Barry Conway didn't write, but he sent us a card announcing that he was VP of Loewi Realty Corp in Tucker, GA. Looks



1968: Mike and Sue Toole with their children—West Point.

like all of Barry's tennis at "The Rock" netted him a good job. George Shoener wrote that things are well "down under" in Sidney, Australia. He and Gloria and the kids are enjoying their asgmt and doing some traveling in New Zealand. George is the only classmate there and has been serving as Co. Cdr and Bn Opns Officer. At this time of the year George and Gloria are basking in the sun, which, as I look out the window now, makes me rather jealous. Mike & Sue Toole are here at WP and have some good news about some folks: John & Sylvia Gonzalez are in San Ant at Brooke General where John is in Pediatrics. Dick & Charmaine Kent are at WP in the Physics Dept and Lou & Sandy Pierce just had #5, a little girl—Katie. Dan & Paulette Limbaugh are at Ft Leonard Wood putting their law sch to practice. Gary & Lynn Schappaugh are also practicing law but in the civ world—you know, that place where we all think there might be a gold mine awaiting us but where we're afraid to venture. Gary entered the legal profession in Mesquite, TX after graduating from SMU. Gary, Lynn and their son Chris live in Mesquite where he has a general civil practice. Gary also reported that Ray Vinton attended law sch with him and is now in Dallas. Our classmates are certainly around the world these days. Ali Baba, the Queen and the 3 Thieves (Howard, Suzanne, Dan, Tim & John Harper) are in Tehran, Iran, with the Shah and doing well. Although a different existence, they are enjoying it where



1968: Shoener receives his Oak Leaves—Australian style—with Gloria looking on.

Howie is busy on TDY trips as the Radio Systems Officer for I-Hawk (Army working for AF). "Scags" (Rich Scaglione) is at "Ft Ord by the Sea," where you always putt toward the ocean and stay out of the ice-plant.

Scags tells us about his job with CDEC as a proj analyst when he is putting to use his MS in Opns Rsch from the Nav PG Sch. He also inclosed a USMA recruiting photo of his daughter. Scags, you look better with the mask on behind home plate, but she looks great just as is! He tells us of Larry Manning, also with CDEC and Mike Patrow (USMC) who also just finished the OR Cse at the Nav Sch. Dennis Manske provided an update on my earlier article about him concerning the NATO Mil Olympics. He and Phil Krueger, competing at Sandhurst, England, won the 3-man team overall championship! That included winning the combined land-water obstacles cse, 3d in orienteering and 4th in weaponry. Dennis qualified to represent the U.S. at the CISM Mil Pentathlon World Championship in Sweden in Aug. That included a 2-wk tng session near Vienna, Austria, where the only thing he won was an appreciation for Scandinavia. That's still a win! Continuing with reports from abroad—Neil & Diane Lark are in Izmir, Turkey, where Neil is asst SGS at LANDSOUTH EAST. Neil, Diane and 2 kiddos, William Neil Jr. and Susan Denise say hello to the Class.

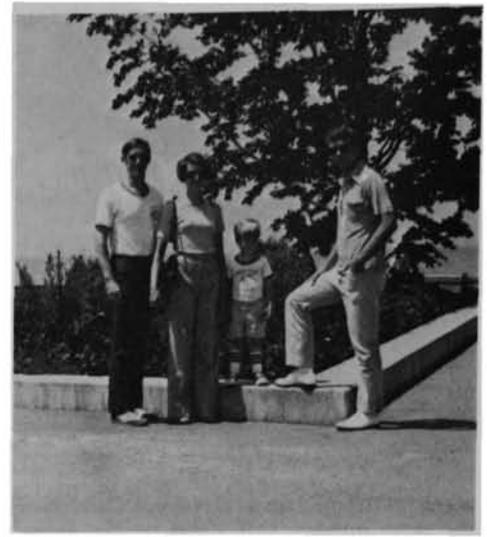
Received a great letter from Jerry & Kathy Hansen who are with the 1st Div Forward in Germany. Jerry is awaiting a job as S3 of an arty bn and doing some sightseeing with Kathy and their sons Paul and Jimmy. From where he is, Jerry reports that a Europe asgmt can be a really fine way to spend a good deal of our profession. Jerry just finished a very successful tour at WP when he was with OMI for 3 yrs before becoming the Supe's aide for GEN Berry. I took over from him in Jun when GEN Goodpaster came on board and am still trying to fill the big shoes Jerry left for me—but a great job at such a significant period in our alma mater's history. Now some quickies I got from talking with some people.

George Heckman is with Haskins and Sells in NYC, Fred Shahid is with the IG at Ft Monroe, VA with his wife Sallie and Debbie 7, Julie 5, and Kathleen 1. Piggy & Barb Banks were recently at WP en route to Babinhausen, Germany, where Tom will be S3 for 2Bn, 83d FA. Johnny Miller was also here recently and is doing really well as btry cdr at Ft Campbell, KY. He and Sharon are the proud parents of Bobby 8, Jimmy 7 and Melissa 4. Rick Wright is S3 for 2/502 Inf at Ft Campbell. Joe Capella is with Progresso Foods in NJ. Steve Donahue is still in the AF in AZ. John Frinak is reported to be in the Detroit area. Well, that's all the news to report. My deadline is 5 Jan for the Mar issue. In the meantime—don't forget to plan for our 10-yr Reunion in Jun 78 and keep the news and photos coming. Merry Christmas everyone and see you in 78!

# '69

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This column is being written on 3 Oct and it covers items gathered since 3 Jul. There was a slight, but welcome increase in correspondence this qtr, and I want to thank those of you who were kind enough to write or call.



1969: The Harpers and Ward at Lake Constance, Germany.

Two significant Class get-togethers dominated the news this time. The first was the second annual summer reunion, held on 6 Aug at my parents' home in McLean, VA. The weather was not as cooperative this year as last, but over 100 persons braved the hot, muggy evening and, from all accounts, had a very enjoyable time. The classmates in attendance included Alexander, Barnett, Berry, Blumer, Brigham, Burke, Caris, Cornelison, Ralph Crosby, Dillon, Fall, Greg Foster, Glacel, Haydon, Ho, Hofstetter, Hunkele, Jenkins, Ken Johnson, Killian, Landrum, Leslie, Metcalf, Nelson, Parmeter, Raglin, Rhyne, John Russell, Seitz, Singer, Bill Smith, Smrtic, Spann, Steele, Bill Taylor (F-3), von Kaenel, Jay Wheeler, and Mike Williams. MG Collier Ross, 3d Regt CO when we were at the Acad, and Mrs. Ross were kind enough to join us for the evening, and, as the list above shows, there was no shortage of 3d Regt folks with whom they could speak.

Among those travelling long distances to attend were Dennie Haydon (Charleston, SC), Sue & Tony Singer (Tunkhannock, PA), Debbie & Jim Nelson (Allentown, PA), and Marilyn & Steve Metcalf (Syracuse, NY). This year's Tom Domino Memorial Award for closing down the party (long-ball hitters to some) goes jointly to Rob Leslie, Bill Smith, and Pat Spann. In all, a very good time, and I look forward to doing it again next year.

The second large Class gathering was held in the golf clubhouse at WP on 9 Sept, the evening before the opener with MA. The class at WP now numbers 111, and a good number of them attended the party, including



1969: Summer Reunion: the Fosters and the Singers.



1969: Summer Reunion: the Metcalfs.

Adamson, Bacevich, Baldwin, Ball, Bazzel, Brower, Cantlay, Carpenter, Church, Colacicco, Coyle, Ralph Crosby, Dencker, Dolton, Fagan, Finch, Friese, Freeman, Frykman, Furbank, Gafford, Glacel, Glore, Gregor, Halloran, Hammond, Hawking, Hawley, Helsel, Hendrickson, Hesson, Bob Hoffman, Hughes, Hutchinson, Ivany, Johnsmeyer, Jim Johnson, Bill Jones, Kimball, Kolb, Krzezewski, Landrum, Lasché, Lash, Leister, Lobdell, Maasberg, Madigan, May, Mayer, Mirakian, Munson, Narel, Overstreet, Pratt, Prosch, Ramos, Reams, Rehkopf, Renner, Terry Rice, Bill Rice, Robyn, Rohacik, Scull, Shaw, Shean, Dale Smith, Greg Smith, Smrtic, Speltz, St. Onge, Bill Taylor (E-4), Mike Taylor, West, Wheelock, and Yeisley. Out-of-town attendees included Bassett, Mike Brennan, KC Brown, Dan Cox, Fall, Bill Foster, Jeffrey, Kelly, Metcalf and Miller.

KC Brown was en route back to Germany to continue studies prior to an asgmt with the For Lang Dept. He mentioned that Dick Simmons was leaving Ft Bragg for an asgmt in Stuttgart, and that Kathy & Don Navor, who are with USAREUR DCSPER in Heidelberg, had welcomed new daughter Amy Elizabeth just recently. Bill May said that he had been in touch with John Meola (ex-'69), and that anyone desiring John's address could write Bill c/o Physics Dept. Finally, a word of thanks to the party cmte—George Demetriou, Pete Dencker, Jeff Kimball, Steve Overstreet and Geoff Prosch—for helping to make the occasion such a success. In my opinion, the evening rivaled the 5-yr Reunion as the



1969: Summer Reunion: the Hunkeles.

most enjoyable Class gathering since graduation.

However, I expect both this party and the 5-yr Reunion to pale in comparison to the 10-yr Reunion in 79. Although still at least 18 mos away, the critical planning period for that gala event is right now. To that end, Bob St. Onge, the Class Treas and only Class officer at WP, has begun putting together a cmte to oversee preparations for the Reunion. A letter will be sent shortly, or may already be out, which will solicit your suggestions for the Reunion. Also, please feel free at any time to give me your thoughts on how the event might be more enjoyable, and I will pass your comments to the cmte at WP. The one thing all of us can do now is to start making plans to attend what will probably be the largest (and best!) Class Reunion ever held at the Academy. Now, let us turn to your letters, starting this time with those from classmates on active duty.

As might be expected, a good number of letters were from WP and the large Class contingent there. Val & Jon Smrtic sent a letter enclosing photos taken at the summer reunion: Mike Steele also contributed some snapshots, and my thanks to these folks for their assistance. Mary & Rich West were in touch to say that they are expecting in Jan, not Nov as I had previously reported. H.



1969: Summer Reunion (L-R): Dillon, Leslie, Cornelison, Alexander, and Ho.

Lobdell wrote a long and detailed letter, expressing his displeasure with Lucian Truscott's newsletters on the Class. I must also admit disappointment with Lucian's efforts, especially because his fellowship provided an excellent opportunity for the Class to "look at itself," as he told me his project was intended to do. Instead, it seems Lucian has used the forum to express his views on the subjects in question, and thus his reportorial objectivity has been lost. In any event, I think H. made a good suggestion in recommending that Lucian spend a few days at WP, interviewing many of the classmates there to let them tell a part of the story that has been muted to this point. The final letters from WP were from Marilyn & Steve Hammond, who described the large number of changes being effected in the various systems at WP—most of these changes were listed and explained by the Supt in his introduction to the last issue of ASSEMBLY.

Maggie & Mike Kelly sent a nice note from Belchertown, MA, where they are living while Mike completes his ROTC asgmt at UMA. They had been a bit out of touch with classmates in recent years so they really enjoyed their visit to WP for the first game. Becky & Bob Behncke were in touch just prior to leaving their ROTC asgmt in PA for a tour with the 1st ID in Germany. Bob



1969: Summer Reunion: the Brighams.

had seen Denny Hitzeman and Aus Yerks at ROTC summer camp at Ft Bragg; Denny and Aus are teaching ROTC at the U. of Miami.

Jane & Ron Hudak sent a cross-town note to fill me in on their activities. Ron is an MSC officer at the Forrestal Bldg (the new Energy Dept has probably changed his address!) and he is working toward his law degree at night at GWU. Jane is an Army nurse, and is close to completing her master's degree at Catholic U. Ron said that Robin Cababa was stationed at the Forrestal with the Chief of Engrs, while Bill Burke was departing DC en route to an engr asgmt in Germany.

Sandy & Jack von Kaenel greeted new son Erik on 9 Aug here in DC, while Genie & Don Warner welcomed Samuel Manfred on 10 Sept. The Warners are next bound for a faculty asgmt at Ft Sill. Already at Sill are Randi & Vern Bettencourt, who were joined by Andrea Renee on 26 Jun. Finally, Teresa & Mike Smith wrote from HI to announce the birth of Michael Jacob on 15 Jul. Congratulations to all these proud parents!

Karen & Jim McCullough wrote from Columbus, OH, where Jim is assigned to Project HELLFIRE and is supervising Rockwell Intl's work on the contract. Jim had just recently completed his master's degree while stationed at Ft Lee. Jim Isenhower called from Ft Lewis, where he is a Mech Inf CO. He said that Hugh Donohue, Mike Rothermich, Mike Snell, and Denny Vance were also at Lewis. Jim suggested that we not try to give a Class gift to the Academy at the 10-yr Reunion, but rather begin a fund-raising drive at that event to give a really significant gift at a later Reunion. I think this makes a good deal of sense, and I passed



1969: Summer Reunion: Glacel and Jenkins.



1969: Dena and George Lynn.

Ike's comment to Bob St. Onge at WP. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ike on being selected as one of the 1977 Outstanding Young Men of America by the U.S. Jaycees—no doubt the fact that he and I roomed together in Beast weighed heavily in his favor at selection time!

The last letter from someone in the service was from Jay Harper. He and Ann Marie are still in Stuttgart with VII Corps, and had seen Bill Ward and Ken Christian, who are with the 1st AD in Bamberg. Jay also had seen Tom Henderson who is with an engr unit in Karlsruhe. Finally, Jay had heard from Mike Healy, who was completing his studies at Trinity Coll in Dublin.

The first bit of correspondence from the civ world was a note announcing that Bill Smith had joined Reynolds Securities in Chevy Chase, MD; he and Peg still live in Gaithersburg, MD. George Lynn sent a letter announcing his marriage to Dena Patterson on 14 May in MI. They are living in Haslett, MI, where George is working for IBM. Congratulations to you both!

Kathy & Bob Setzer wrote from Elyria, OH, where Bob is the controller for intl operations of Ridge Tool Co. Bob said their house is within 1 mile of exit 9 on the OH Tnpke, and he asked that classmates driving by get in touch. Kathy & Rick Ricker were in touch from Creston, CO, to announce that Rick had been named a corporate VP with the Boca Grandi Corp. Donna & Glenn Hirabayashi are now in L.A., Glen having left the service for law sch at Southwestern U. Donna is still in the Navy, and works with the Navy Ofc of Info in L.A.

Bob Berry's newsletter located Carl Ozimek at Letterman Gen Hosp in San Fran. Bob mentioned that Ralph Crosby, Scott Church, and Tom Wheelock had spent the summer working in DC prior to Soc Sci teaching duties in the fall. I also saw Jim McDonough, who worked for the Politico-Military Bureau at State this summer.

News releases from the AOG found new MD Dave McDermott in a surgery residency at Lackland AFB, TX, while Gary Dolan had received his JD from NY Law Sch. Scott Nix had just begun studies at the Amer Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt in Glendale, AZ.

Ed Kelly (ex-'69 who grad in '70) had recently been awarded his master's degree in

communications from Fairfield U. and was working in the NY Mayoral race. Gene Studer ('70) dropped by for a visit from the JAG Sch in Charlottesville. He said that Mike Casey and Howard Curtis were there, and that Howard's next asgmt was at Ft Meade, MD. Also, I have been asked to announce that anyone desiring to make a contribution to the educational fund for the children of Joe Neuman ('70), who died of cancer, please forward a check made payable to Jennifer & Jason Neuman. Acct. No. 06-68-37-6, Natl Bank of Ft Benning, Wold Ave., Ft Benning, GA 31905

The new MAJs list, which was released in Aug, found the following classmates selected from the secondary zone: Ashley, Ball, Bazzel, Berenato, Bettencourt, Burke, Carpenter, Cole, Craft, Dibella, Fagan, Finch, Fisher, Garrett, Goff, Hammond, Hawley, Isenhower, Jamison, Kimmitt, Laswell, McDonough, Prosch, Rohacik, Schempf, Seitz, Don Smith, Snell, von Kaenel, Whitney and Wielkoszewski. Also, as of 30 Jun 77 there are 382 classmates on active duty, according to statistics I received while at WP.

That is about it for news. Please do not forget to send me a holiday greeting card to update the Class on your whereabouts, and if possible, please enclose a photo for possible use in the next column.

Until next time, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless to all in '69.

# '70

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Contrary to rumors recently printed by the ASSEMBLY, I am still a "goat," not living in IN, and probably will not write this column again—at least not for awhile. Penny and I have been relocated by the "Powers to Be." We are now located on the Rhine River in Mainz, Germany. I am the Bde S3 OpnsO for 1st Bde, 8th Inf Div. Because of our re-assignment we have decided to relinquish control of the column. After all, 186 days in the field makes it difficult to keep abreast of the situation stateside. John Reitz has graciously accepted this chance for exposition. John is working on his MA in English at UNC, Chapel Hill, en route to the Engl Dept at WP. So, all future letters should be addressed to John at the above address.

And now, the news—page 1—at press time I had received 7 letters, 1 photo, no cards, and no money. Gil Tam broke a 7-yr silence to announce that he hung up his jump boots on 31 Aug to accept a position with the Bank of HI. Gil said Marge and their 2 daughters, Sherianne and Sarah, are excited about having "full time" grandparents. Gil reported that Carol & Larry Henly stopped by the house in Jun. Larry received his MS in EE from the UAZ and is now back at WP working in ES&GS. Carol also picked up a master's in Education while in AZ. Gil invited everyone to HI. For reservations write Gil at 3909 Niele Pl, Honolulu, HI 96816.

Page 2—Blazin' Bernie Zeper checked into the net since you last read this column. It seems the "Zipper" is doing well with Michelin Tire Co, living in Tempe, AZ. Candy and Bernie have one son, Aaron, and expect to add to the family this Dec. Bernie said Frank Basta is out of the Army and working as a nucl engr for Westinghouse. Holly and Frank have 2 daughters and reside "somewhere" in the Pittsburgh area.

Bernie also reported that Mike Glawe is stationed at Williams AFB as an IP. For the travel minded, once again Bernie tempts us to visit Tempe. He said his BIG backyard pool is open year-round for protection from the 110 degree temp.

Page 3—Tim Lavelle—"soldier emeritus"—returned to duty this summer, parttime, as a participant in the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Games. Tim was a member of the US Mil Pentathlon Team. Helene and son Brian were to join Tim for the competition held in England. Tim had been working on a degree from the U. of Aberdeen, Scotland. This fall he was to return to Thunderbird, the American Grad Sch of Intl Mgmt at Phoenix. Al Mellinger graduated from Thunderbird in May and SHOULD be working somewhere overseas in a marketing position. Al, where are you, really?

Page 4—From the Windy City of Chicago we heard from Kathy & Mike Short. Mike is now a pilot for Delta Airlines and sees Kathy occasionally since she is a stewardess for rival American Airlines. Mike said he would like to keep in touch with his classmates, but is sometimes difficult to do from 35,000 ft. Although the climatic conditions at WP prepared Mike for the cold lakeside living in Chicago, Kathy and Mike hope to be transferred to Dallas before Old Man Winter visits the Midwest again.

Page 5—The Woodward and Bernstein Award for the "newsiest" letter during the quarter is presented to Rich St. Denis. Rich sent us the news from Ft Sill and vicinity. Congratulations are in order for all those Cannon Cockers who recently finished the AOAC with honors. Rich listed those classmates in the course and gave us the "poop" on asgmts. I thought I would pass them on to y'all. Rich is headed for grad work at Duke and then on to WP and the Engl Dept. Tom Lenox to Cornell, then USMA Dept of Mech; Bill Knowlton—UWA, then USMA Dept of Behavioral Sci; Pete de Le Garza to U. of Madrid, then USMA Dept of For Lang. Aside from those on the extended return trip to USMA, Rich mentioned a few others headed for points around the world. Jimmy Lovelace is moving into a FA slot in Korea; Steve Hume is stopping by the DLI en route to Turkey; Phil Terry is now sipping a cup of tea at the Royal Mil Acad of Science in England; Roger McCormick is guarding the Eastern front in Germany along with Dan Lynch and Bill Williams. In the States FA Branch is spreading our Cannoneers thin. Tom De Vito is now on ROTC duty at Norwich; Ray Anderson is on ROTC duty at the UIA. Jim Henderson is now recruiting in Buffalo, NY while Cal Purdin is teaching at Ft Rucker.

Rich reported that Steve Starner and Dave Fornash were selected to attend the Naval PG Sch in ORSA and Computer Sci, respectively. In addition, Rich mentioned that Charlie Velez turned over his co. in the 82d and is now standing in the door to be an instructor at the Sch of the Americas in Panama. Bob Kenevan is now a resident in EENT at Madigan AH at Ft Lewis. And to wrap up the news from Rich, he told us that Nelson Kennedy is out and working for Procter & Gamble in MO while Tom Franklin, also a new civ is attending law sch at UNC.

Before leaving SC for Germany Penny and I talked to Lynn & Patsy Moore. Lynn recently turned over his co. in the 82d and is now the S4 of the bn. Lynn told us that Jack Zoeller had a co. in the Abn Div and supported the cadet tng at Camp Buckner this

summer. **John Hennessey** was also at Bragg and had a co.

En route to McGuire via the scenic route, Penny and I spent a few pleasant, but short days with **Dr. & Mrs. Dave Brown**. Dave is "surviving" a demanding schedule at the hospital as an intern while **Debbie**, **Kevin** and **Karin** set up their new house in Gaithersburg, MD. I saw Dave only once in 3 days, but **Debbie** was kind enough to fill me in on the latest news around DC. (I lost my notes of the chat on the way, **Debbie**, so I might miss a few people.) **Pam & John Joyce** are out of law sch and attending the JAG crse in VA. **John** graduated with special honors from law sch. He was inducted into the Order of the Coif—a civ equivalent to stars! The **Gandys** are still in the DC area and expecting a new arrival in Dec.

Other news items which came across my wire service teletype—**Pam & Jim Avery** are now stationed at W-P AFB outside of Dayton, OH. **Jim** was selected to attend the AFIT to work for a degree in operations rch. The wire also said **Dave Trammel** received his master's of Religious Educ from SW Baptist Theological Sem this summer.

Before hopping on the plane for Germany, Penny and I visited the alma mater on the Hudson. We were able to visit briefly with **Jane & Barney Forsythe**. **Barney** is in his rookie year as a psych inst. He is excited about the chance to work on the faculty and equally excited about his new son **Bryant**. While visiting in NY we also talked to **Pam & Ron Spears**. **Ron** is a new Tac this year and finished the summer training as the Tac of 8th Co. at Buckner—the best co. at Camp Buckner for this year. Congrats, **Ron!**

When we arrived in Germany there was a letter from **JoAnn & Jim Crawford** waiting for us. **Jim** was kind enough to list all those members of the '70 contingent to the USMA faculty and staff. Here goes: **Jackie & Art Alden**—Math Dept; **Pam & Billie Alexander**—EE; **Jane & Bob Babcock**—EE; **Kathy & Bill Ekman**—OMI; **Jane & Barney Forsythe**—Beh. Sci; **Carol & Larry Henley**—ES&GS; **Kai & John Huncharek**—Math Dept; **Mimi & Jay Kaine**—DAR; **Sue & Ken Marks**—ES&GS; **Vikki & Mark Meranda**—Dean's Office; **Kathy & Tom Oettinger**—Dept of FL; **Pete Pella** (civ)—Physics Lab; **Roger Rains**—Dept of Engl; **Jean & Tom Schmidt**—TAC; **Pam & Ron Spears**—TAC; **Charlie Thompson**—OPE; **Bob Wallis**—ODIA (Track); **Lenny Weisman**—MEDDAC; **Lisa & Fred White**—Math Dept; and **Fred Zillian**—Soc Sci.

Along with those assigned to USMA, **Jim** reported that a few visitors dropped in over the past few months. **Terry Treat** was getting settled in Newburgh before going to Germany for two years of study en route to the German Dept. **Sue & Rich Rutledge** also stopped by the house. According to **Jim** the football team looks good for this year. Let's hope our scout predicted well!

Unfortunately, I have the duty to report that **Joe Neuman** died of cancer on 2 Aug in a Syracuse hospital. **Joe** had been hospitalized for several months, but his death came as a surprise to most of us. An Educational Fund has been established for **Jennifer** and **Jason Neuman**. Checks made payable to **Jennifer** and **Jason Neuman** should be sent to: Account No. 0688376, National Bank of Ft Benning, Wold Ave, Ft Benning, GA 31905. The Army will miss **Joe**, his work and his friendly personality. We ask God's blessing for him, **JoEllen** and the children.

That is the news for this quarter. Remem-

ber, send future notes for the ASSEMBLY to **John Reitz**: Take care and Merry Xmas to you all—**Carl Linke**.

# '71

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Fall, Thanksgiving, and another football season have lapsed, and nature has begun to slap us around with the bitter cold of yet another hard winter. But promises for a happy holiday abound and hope springs eternal for Army athletics, as the Rabble hoopsters shoot for a NCAA tourney bid.

We have a lean installment of the Class notes this quarter; but no matter, I know you are with me in spirit. Speaking of which, a post- or X-mas card would lift my spirits immeasurably. Journalistic paranoia, you know!

Amidst the hectic demands of a combat engr co. cmd in Germany, **Tom Suermann** found time to send a lengthy report. Along with **June** and his 2 hardy boys, **Michael** and **Patrick**, **Tom** looks forward to either a Dist Engr's slot or a tour at WP in the Dept of Mech after his present asgmt. He mentioned that he saw **Wally Heinz** at the USAREUR Engr's Ball in Heidelberg last May. **Wally** has been in Germany since '71 and will not depart Europe until Jan '78, after his command of a construction engr unit in Karlsruhe is complete. It must have been the surname that allowed him to stay in Deutschland so long! Also roaming the German countryside are **Chuck Libershal** in Baumholder and **Dan Miller** in Vilseck. **Dan** has entertained some thoughts, of late, to study the German language at one of the U. there after leaving the service. **John Bantsolas** wrote from Athens where he is a Hq Det cmdr in an arty gp. He recently completed a MS in Human Resource Mgmt at the UUT. **John** has heard from **Pat O'Neill** who is working in the 8th Inf Div JAG Office in Wiesbaden.

**Frank Durrum** is now flying Chinooks at Ft Hood after attending the Trans Adv Crs at Ft Eustis. With him in VA was **Mike O'Brien**, who is now at Purdue for a master's in Aerospace Engr. **Frank** says that he will be married in Jan to a 2.9. Is that a sister of R2 or 3PO? After spending an enjoyable 2 plus years in the ADA Bn at Ft Carson, **Tom Smith** is now attending the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare Crse at Quantico in lieu of the ADA Adv Crs. His wife **Pam** and their 2 girls are happy to be close to home. **Guy & Ginny Berry** and their 3 kids are at Ft Bliss where **Guy** is a How Btry CO. **John**, **Linda**, and **Brady Buckowsky** are at Grissom AFB, IN and are looking forward to an upcoming transfer, hopefully to Omaha. Others that **Tom** mentioned include **Dave Richardson**, who is an Indl Engr with **Johnson & Johnson** in NJ; **Lou & Nancy Kardonsky** in Portland, where **Lou** works for **Michelin**; and **Bob & Mary Alice Fitton** at Ft Benning. Also down at Benning are **Jody Nichols** and **Sam Pride**. **Sam** was married in Aug to a beautiful girl named **Janie**.

**Bob Snyder** is in his first year at the Uniformed Svs U. Sch of Med in Bethesda, MD and he says that he would not trade the experience for anything. He and his wife **Candy** are the proud parents of **Jeffrey C.**, born 4 Jun '77. Before leaving Ft Hood, **Bob** was the 1st Cav RSO. He wrote that **Sam Sutter** left the service after returning from Korea. Along with **Valerie** and baby **Jacque-**

line, **Sam** is at the UTX, where he is pursuing a grad degree in aerospace engr, as is **Jim Sansone**. **Rich A. Kelly** is also at UT in his 2d yr of law sch. **Bill & Judy Tetu** are still at Hood, where he is a Arty BC. **Carl & Vicki Marriott** and their Jun baby are now in MO, where **Carl** works for **Procter and Gamble**. After graduating from the ADA Adv Crs, **Ken Matwiczak** went to Purdue for postgrad work prior to returning to WP in ES&GS. Also leaving Bliss was **Frank Kendall**, who went directly to the Dept of Mech. **Bill & Jan Rhyne** recently arrived here at PSU from Korea. He is in the Geography Dept.

At the Army-UMA game back in Sept, I saw **Dave & Peggy Anderson**. After spending a year eliminating prerequisites, **Dave** is now in Dental Sch at the UAL. Another that left the service to pursue more lucrative interests is **Luis Nido**, who began law sch in the DC area last fall. **Bill Carper** now works for GM after cutting his MP co. command time short at Ft McClellan. He, **Kate**, **Mary Candace** (4), **Peter** (3), and **Andrew** (2) will now call Dayton, OH their home. **Mike Nastasi** is now employed by IBM as a computer programmer/analyst. So she can better communicate with him, **Janice** is leaving her teaching position and returning to college to learn programming jargon. Still with the reserves, **Mike** spent his active duty this summer as a budget officer at Ft Totten. He also just completed his MBA at LIU. The **Nastasis** send news that **Marianne & Ric Lamborne** had a boy in TN last May. **Dave Kopp** is now in Germany after receiving a master's in CE at IA State and completing the Adv Crs at Bliss.

My usually reliable source at Ft Stewart erred in naming the 2d career of **Bill Ewing**. Actually, he resigned last Jun to accept a position as a test and devl engr for the Pontiac Motor Div of GM. He is responsible for all testing of brake and steering sys for Pontiac. His latest project is a new brake option for the 79 Trans Am. **Bill** and his lovely wife **Diane** will settle in Pontiac, MI. Sorry for the mistake; thanks for the errata.

A short and sweet column. But I like challenges. Flood me with letters and pictures. Make me work. And, oh yes, have a safe and happy holiday season. See you when the snow melts.

# '72

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As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, and since the words are minimal this time, I hope the Homecoming reunion pictures come in time! For those who have information and news to contribute, please note the new address above. Speaking of addresses, the list I now have is fluctuating on a daily basis and becoming increasingly difficult to keep updated. There are still many that I do not have at all. If inclined to write, please include addresses of other 'mates you know of. Hope all who attended the festivities on "campus" in Oct had a great time.

First, on the local front, **Chic Warner** has been spending recovery time here in Aiken, SC after many disheartening months of illness. This included the entire month of Oct at Eisenhower Med Cen (Ft Gordon). **Maureen** and children have kept up the spirits, though. We all hope that **Chic** is finally feeling better and regaining some of the weight lost (60 lbs or so).

Small world it is, especially at the Augusta, GA Airport. While sitting in the lobby there a few months ago awaiting friends, I noticed a miniature class ring on a hand close by. Turns out to be that of Lynn Dernar, wife of Jim. The Dernars are at Ft Gordon (AIT Co, 1st Sig Tng Bde) having completed SOAC last Jan. Daughter Jaime Lynn arrived last Jan, also, and Lynn says she occupies her time while Jim works his long hours. With the Dernars during SOAC were Mike & Pat Balderman and John & Roxann Crouse (married last Apr). The Baldermans had a girl, Jennifer Ann, last Jun and are now at Ft Ord. The Crouses are at Ft Hood where John is S1 for 16th Sig Bn. Dernars also inform us that Bill & Jean Henry are amongst the civ ranks, living in NJ. Also, Geoff Wilhelmy is in Korea, Dave Emery now in Germany (10th FA), Dave & Carolyn Bradford are at Ft Campbell where he is S3, 3/187 101st Abn. Little Clard Bradford was awaiting a new family playmate at time of writing. Also heard that Steve & Itzel Fee had a son last Apr. Thanks for the info Jim and Lynn. Paul Albers sends an update to let us know that he is out of the service and attending Law School at SMU. Paul would like anyone passing through Dallas to give him a call at (214) 691-3398.

Chris Ardleigh was married to Susan Burns of Yonkers, NY last Aug at WP. Chris is a staff officer with the 20th Engr Bde at Ft Bragg. Congrats Chris and Susan! News from Mike & Frances Ceniceros at Ft Hood includes an expected family addition. Mike is HHC CO, 2/50 Inf, 2AD. They are enjoying their spacious new home, also. Hope Mike doesn't have to go to Germany without you and the baby, Frances! Keith Jones has been at the UMD for a couple of years and will soon get his BA in early childhood education. Keith's address is: 5609 Osage St, College Park, MD for those who would like to get in touch. Keith says he hopes to find a place in the tight field of teaching soon after completing his degree.

Sam & Janet Koster are the proud parents of Samuel W. Koster IV, born 6 Jul 77. Janet has daughter Cherie and Sammie to occupy those days without papa, who is in Korea commanding HHC 1/9 Inf. This is the second co. cmd for Sam, I believe. All the family says they can't wait to get you home again, dad. Still another birth announcement comes from Mike & Marybeth Toler. Son Matthew Allan was born 21 Aug and weighed in at 8 lbs, 14½ oz. The Class of '99 is filling up rapidly! Got some news from Pat & Cathy Sinnott in Glendale, AZ. Pat is attending the Amer Grad Sch of Intl Mgt and says he hopes to return to Europe when studies are complete. Address of Sinnotts is: 7230 N. 58th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301. They also send the latest on others. Frank & Mary Noto are in San Fran (Presidio) where Frank is asst PAO. Mike Fankell is studying law at UCLA, via civ clothes. Also into law studies is John Gallagher, at the U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. More of the civ ranks include Bob, Anne, and Robert Mahowald who now live in Minnesota. Recent attendees at MIOAC at Ft Huachuca are Rich Martin, Roger & Linda Bowen, and Gary Micheau. Gary finished a co. cmd in Berlin prior to returning stateside. Also, understand that Sean & Linda Conlin are at RPI, boning for a stint with the Math Dept. Thanks for the scoop, Pat and Cathy. Bill Guarino, COC, 19th Engr (Ft Knox) is a new contributor this time. Been saving up, huh, Gar? I'm sure your A-1 newsletter will get great re-

sponse from the Alpha House alumni. Address for Bill is: PO Box 157, Ft Knox, KY 40121. Tom Marks presently attends UHI en route to a PhD in science. Tom Pawlowski is in Augsburg, Germany after completing DLI. Last report on Tom Giboney had him listed as G3 Staff, 18th Abn Cps, Ft Bragg. Last issue reported Butch Fennema working on a master's and this report brings in a 4.0 aver for Butch. Hope that still holds, Butch! Continuing with the A-1 news, Lee, Ann and Chris Barnes are doing well in Germany (HHC, 1/70 Ar). Ray Idzior and family (Nancy, Teresa, and Mary Anne) are at Ft Sill, where Ray is working on TACFIRE. A-1 civs presently include Walt Shulits, Mike Godbout, and Mike Aldrich. Guarino also ran into Percy Squires and Ed Murdock at Ft Benning several months ago, as well as Ron Murphree (HHC, 43d Engr Bn) and Pete Topp (586th Float Bridge Co.). Thanks for the info, Bill.

Always plugging for advertisement are the ex-E-3 Dragons. Here's the rundown on their newest news: John Johnson is now at Suitland (that's not a men's store), where he's attending the Def Int Sch. Wife Alyce seems to be quite happy with the asgmt, too, and all the Johnsons are anxious to get some of those choice intel asgmts afterward. Chuck & Holly Coleman have returned to Manchester, NH after a long effort at Ft Bragg. No word yet on what Big "C" is doing, but Holly has moved from the VA hospital in Fayetteville to the same job in Manchester. Paul, Kathie, John, and Matthew LaBonte are settled in at Bragg now, with Paul working as procurement officer in the 1st Corps Spt Cmd. Dave & Holly Grob left Bragg in Aug for Ft Huachuca and M10AC. They expect to be in Germany soon if not already. Remaining at Bragg are the Desserts, Millers and Chamberlains. Rolly, Karen and family are all busy, Rolly with his aviation trips and Karen keeping household. Bill & Jane Miller seem to be moving rapidly on their careers progression, Bill now a Bn Adj and Jane as a professional financial planner (insurance sales license, etc.). One of these days Bill Chamberlain will leave Ft Bragg—and ret. shortly after that. John McWilliams is attending the Army Comptrollership Program which includes MBA work at Syracuse U. John and

Kathy are renting a townhouse in Liverpool, a short distance from John's classes. Next year they will be assigned to 1st Inf Div, and John says daughter Tammy, 16 mos, is as beautiful as ever. Bob & Martha Ludwig are in AZ where he's after a master's in Elec Engr. Bob resigned from service last May. Thanks once again for the scoop, Bill & Betty Harlan (Duke U. Law Sch).

Remember, get those cards and letters in early. Adios!

# '73

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Greetings from beautiful Indianapolis! I hasten to say that it's spectacular to be back in civilization once again. Camp Humphreys, Korea was an experience, verily, verily—but I'll take the good ole USA any day.

Before I left Korea on 22 Jul I heard from a few friends bearing good news: Denny Morgenstern (who mildly admonished me for not giving equal time to 2d Regimenters) reports that Pete Correa is here at Ft Ben attending the FOAC, having transferred from Inf. Murray Ritter is still CO of B/2/503 Inf at Ft Campbell. Rumor control has it too that "he is mellowing out and becoming a one woman man." Denny confided (in as many words) that it's a Shakespearean tragedy to see such a skillful, adroit, accomplished, velvet-smooth bachelor mellowing! Miscellany: Dave & Suki Hicks are at Ft Lewis along with Bill & Rita Goodrich where Bill is a FA BC and an avid skier. Doug & Elizabeth McIntyre are at Benning enjoying the IOAC along with Jim, Kathy and Christopher Cooke. Chuck & Donna Hendrick moved from Worms, Germany to Augsburg where Chuck is commanding a sig co. Actually, you and I know better—if I had worms I'd move too. Besides, think of all the steins of Bavarian beer and ski country extraordinaire!

A lot of folks must be out at Sill for the FAOAC—but I only know a few names—Tom & Evelyn Stanford and Otto Arlund, to be exact. Kevin Finn has transferred from FA to AG (who else do I know who did



1973: IOAC Jun Promotion Party. Front—Bartok, Hawkins, Eckert, Brooks, McIntyre; Rear—Friese, Bessler, Griswold, O'Donnel, Nance, Thomas, Wamsley and Daly.

that?) and is considering an early out. Joe Porter opted for flt sch, got married, branch transferred from Inf to CE and is now assigned to the 163d Avn Co, Campbell.

Now, some 3d Regimenters: "Dog," Da-neira, and Maureen (20 mos) Meyer are in Hohenfels, Germany where Bob is commanding an improved Hawk Btry. Pat "Bear" Hermanson, Karen, and youngsters Roger and Chris are at Bliss (or is it in bliss??) for the ADAOAC along with Buddy Bendler and Bill Brown. Denny, in sum, reported that he's BC of B/2/62 ADA near Trier, Germany and he, like me, is still bach'en it. After reading of all our classmates with wives and kids, perhaps Denny and I are botch'in it. Whatcha think? One last item from Denny's pen—those selected for the 77 fully funded legal program (for which Denny's a 78 applicant) include Kevin Bond, Rich Carter, Mike Hockley, Tom Mason, Theo Twitty, and Dan Wright. John Hughes was selected as an alternate.

Got a great letter from Tim Killgrove while he was attending the counter-intel crse at Ft Huachuca this past Aug. Tim transferred from Inf to MI while at Bragg and he, Gail, and little Kristine (9 mos) are on their way back for yet another year. Zounds! Bragg ad noseum, eh? That's super news about the transfer though. I remember back when—Tim and I used to fiendishly scheme our respective ways out of Inf and FA. Well, the Great Mgr is surely looking after us, no?

Homecoming to McLean, VA was joyous—but ever more so after fellowship with Mike & Mary Alice Debow and their newest blessing Faith Michelle, born 20 Jul. Mike graduated from the EOAC on 11 Aug and is now in Karlsruhe, Germany commanding 1 of the 2 ribbon bridge companies in the Army (565th Engr Bn). Other grads in the cse included Tim Beatty who married Sandy Christman of Tacoma, WA on 12 Aug and is now in Karlsruhe with the 249th Engr Bn (Cbt Hvy). Bill & Pat Bice are also in Germany. Unfortunate news: 2 grads in the same EOAC class received med discharges. Doug & Kathy Ferguson are now in Detroit where Doug's working for Ford Motor Co. Jeff Olson is at UIL pursuing a civil engr degree. He'd love to hear from you too. Please write Apt 1, 406 E. Stoughton, Champaign, IL 61820. Latching on to a super good deal from the crse were Tom & Terri Fitzsimmons. Ultimately Tom's going back to WOOPS to coach lacrosse! Holding the fort in Hanau are Tom & Trudy Hodgini. Tom's CO of D/23d Engr, 3d AD, and Trudy's expecting a little Hodgini in Jan 78. Other EOAC grads: Mico & Denise Miller are in AK, Bill & Sarah Pearce are at MIT, Cambridge, MA, and Steve & Maribeth Lindberg, proud parents of Eric (6 mos), will be in Germany in Jan. Tom Mays, who will graduate in Feb, is still smouldering over his orders to Korea. That's indeed a bitter pill to swallow after being at MIT near "Bahston" for 2 yrs—enjoying learned circles, the intellectual quantum, and coed classes (not in order of precedence). With a note of optimism however, Tom wrote: "Oh well, gotta be content in the present, n'est-ce pas?" Q.E.D.

One afternoon in early Aug I was standing outside the dining facility at Walter Reed AH, DC, and some likely looking MD, resplendent with stethoscope, cotton swabs, and tongue depressors walked by—Dr. Bill Morris, no less. What a great surprise. He sends his best regards.

Just before leaving for the AGOAC (classmates were popping up all over creation) I

ran into 2LT (USAF) Tim Georgelas at the Colonies Condominiums' pool in McLean. Tim was, as mentioned in a previous ASSEMBLY, selected to attend the Sch of Med, Uniformed Svs U. of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Anyway, he and Martha graciously invited me to attend Angie's Greek Orthodox baptismal ceremony and reception to be held the following week. Well, the ceremony was beautiful and Tim, brandishing a movie camera with xenon lights, frantically captured the event on celluloid for all time. With all displayed fervor and grinning-ear-to-ear pride, papa Georgelas' film promises to be an award winning production.

So, after 3 blissful weeks at home in McLean, I reported in to Ft Harrison (12 Aug) only to learn I'd be snowbirding as the AG for the post. Such a deal we have for you! While inundated in sheaves of administrivia I had the pleasure of talking with Jim Janele of B-2 fame who's incidentally been BC of B/3/319 FA at Campbell since Jun. Proffering a wealth of hot poop, Jim reports that Bill Heilman has been BC of HSB in the same bn since May. Both turned down orders for the FAOAC to take the cmds. Also joining forces in 3/319th are Jim Varner, FSO, Jim Stroble, A/S3, and John Linskey, S1. Not too far away in the 1/31 FA are Ed Roubian and Gordy King, S1. Filling out the roll are Jim Torpey, 1/321 FA and Terry Small, Contract Inspector, DFacEngr.

Compared to my 9x10 little grey cell at Camp Humphreys, I'm ensconced in a veritable Xanadu here in Indy. Note: verbage plagiarized from John Elliott, CO, 1st AG MMT, Camp Humphreys, Korea. John was recently selected for grad sch and instructorship in physics at USMA. Many congrats!

I'll be here until 23 Feb so—if you get a chance, please drop me a line and keep me posted on the latest. I would love to hear from you. Until the next installment—keep the faith strong and may God richly bless you always.

# '74

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Greetings. This is coming from the field so I'll apologize early for the mistakes. Dave Flyer and I recently attempted to view the volcanic eruptions here in HI but poor conditions prevented us. When the smoke clears they'll probably declare a new army tng area—in the lava.

A couple of last minute letters saved my lot this go-round. Let's begin with Sam & Debby France from cheery Ft Wood, MO.



1974: Webster passes the colors to LTC Cook, 2 Sept 77 at Ft Lewis.



1974: Tulay, CO HHC 501 Sig Bn, 101 Abn Div.

Sam says that Bill Moore is now commanding his old co, the 515th Engr Co. (Pipeline) (Constr Spt). It's the only active co. of its type in the Army today, there are 3 reserve ones. Bill and Tricia are due to leave Wood next May. Jeff & Linda Sachau gave birth to a boy, Daniel, in Jun and then they left for Germany in Sept where Jeff will probably be a btry XO.

Jerry Markham assumed cmd of a tng co. in BCT on 1 Apr 77. He and Sam attended some UMO football games courtesy of Bill Allinder who's in his 2d yr of law sch at UMO. Jerry and Jan had a baby girl, Jennifer, on 7 Nov 76. Gone from Wood to Korea are Marshall Best, Ned Chabot, and Dave Burget last spring. Joe & Margie Miller are there and Joe is the CO of a tng co. in 2d Bde which is a OSUT (one station unit tng) bde. Joe also transferred to CE from IN and will attend EOAC in Apr 78. Sam, himself, is the Bn MtrO in the 5th Engr Bn. He's also working toward his master's in Engr Mgmt at UMO at Rolla. Interestingly his thesis is on the life cycle costs of operating and maintaining the good old 2½ ton truck. He and Debby are looking forward to EOAC at Belvoir in Mar 78. Thanks Sam.

Tom Goedkoop checked in from Ft Hood where he's still CO of a tank co. He and his wife Margaret are expecting their first child about 1 Mar 78. Also in the same category are Greg & Pat Gates. Craig Wittman took cmd of HHC, 1/82d FA a while back. Don Galvanin was married 3 Sept in CA and he's back at Wiesbaden (a Bde 76 PCS unit). Also in his unit is Keith Holmes. Marty Dempsey is now S1, 1/2 ACR and is slotted for the Adv Crse in Jun as is Al Bryant. Colon Willis goes to the FA Adv Crse in Mar. Scott Larabee is the Bn MtrO for 2/50 Inf and is to attend the Trans Officer Adv Crse next spring.

Tom Bradshaw is found at last at Ft Stewart, GA. He's been there since graduation and is now the CO for Hq and Spt Co, 24th Med Bn. Tom may be in for a Korea tour soon and remarks that the single life is fine. Good to hear from you, Tom.

Mike Tulay is off to the Sig Officer Adv Crse in Jan 78 after serving in the 101st Div. His most recent jobs were CO of HHC, 501st Sig Bn, and then Bn C&E officer for 1/3 ADA Bn.

Dwight & Linda Webster at Ft Lewis have been active. Dwight successfully commanded the F Co, 709th Maint Bn for 15 mos and is now on the Bn staff. Linda finished her undergrad work and is now working on her master's, besides other community work. Linda informs that Nancy & Dan French had an addition, Karen Michelle, on 10 Apr at Lewis. The French's have since moved to DC, where Dan is in the "Old Guard."

A few notes on AF types. Rich de Jonckheere has been working on the A-10 close air spt aircraft at W-P AFB, OH. In Dec 77 he'll move to Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, and work as a project engr in high energy laser program at the AF Wpns Lab. Rich is still enjoying the single life and invites anyone to stop for some skiing in the NM mts. Mike McConnell (AF) has received a fellowship to GWU for 1 yr in the master of Forensic Science degree program. He and Debra have been asgnd to Langley AFB, where Mike has been a special investigations officer in OSI. Bill Muir is a nav at Minot AFB, with the 23d Bomb Sqdn. Bill recently participated in simulated def opns conducted by NORAD.

Now the gleaned contents of numerous letters, conversations, etc: Mark & Elaine Baker announce the birth of Neil Mark on 4 Jul!! at Ft Riley. Steve Shambach married Vicki Warner, daughter of Lewis' former CG. T.J. Anthony is XO of C/3/63 Arm, Germany. Giacometti is C&E Officer of that bn. Bill Sole is with the Arty at Augsburg, Tom Willis is the S3 Air for 2/30th Inf. Bob McFerdridge married Charmaine Eden in New Orleans on 5 Aug. He's still XO of CSC/1/21 Inf in HI. Joe Franke, Hood, spent his second 6 mo tour in Germany recently. Mark Davis is now XO of A/2/87 Inf, Germany. Ed Filiberti is the S4 for 1/19 Inf in HI. Jack McGeehee is in law sch, fully funded, this fall, I missed the location. Jack spent 30 days with the all-Army handball team in PA. He and Cathy have a child. Steve & Debbie Adams are slotted to go to the Adv Crse in Dec 77. Tom Davla is married (quite a while ago) and Jim Spinelli's wife is Lucinda. Lastly, my roomie, Tom Loisel is off on a 6-mo excursion as a supply officer for the 84th Engr Bn contingent on itty bitty Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific. It's so hot there the uniform is boots, shorts, no shirts and jungle hats. Their mission is to recover the land for habitation, after radioactive fallout occurred there. You folks in Germany think of Tom this winter to warm you up.

Some orders of note: To Korea are Len Huskey, Steve Vidmar, Tom Hinkel (from Rucker). To Rucker are Mike Crocker, Ray Peterson, Jim Mitcham. From Rucker are Steve Leggiero to HI, John Gilmer to Germany. From Korea are Al Landry to Hood, Dave Buto to Devens, Jim Martin to Benning, Ken Buenzow, Ed Dlugolenski, Tom McGinnis, last 3 to Bliss. Chuck Sauer from AK to Hood, Ken Webber from Presidio to Panama. To Germany are Steve Bollens, Rich Dillon, Jim Mitchell, Carl McNutt, Vincent Connor, Paul Tafone, Paul Annis, Larry Frank, Atis Jurka, Jim Malcolm, Ken Miner, Jim O'Rourke and Don Proeschel.

Art & Sherry Exten are still at Ft Campbell but soon to leave. Art is due for the Adv Crse at Sill in Mar. Presently he's the XO of A/2/320 FA. Back on 24 Oct 76 Art and Sherry were blessed with Erin Paige. Also anyone passing through Campbell is welcome at the Extens'.

Another welcomer to passerbyers is Ed &

Margaret Lisecki. Ed is at Tulane U. in New Orleans, where he's attending med sch under the Army's HPSP. It's a 4-yr sch and Ed says it could be a toughie, except for the civ type status of the crse. Their address: 2924B S. Carrollton Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118.

Not included are the long lists of Adv Crse people. With the holidays upon us, maybe my Xmas cards will enlighten all our activities. Hint-Hint. Have a Merry!

# '75

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Hello again. With another holiday season upon us, I'd like to wish all the best of luck in 78. Pat Lisowski wrote a great letter from Rucker, "one of the most under-rated and enjoyable posts in the Army." Dave & Karen Preast are getting some realistic training with the 509th besides being married over a year now. Pat, Dave and Lynn Westbrook are travelling all over the South on cycles. These 3 travel whenever possible and enjoy economical, all weather air conditioning. Pat says Rucker's O Club is fantastic, with bands 5 nights a wk. He's lucky cuz Baumholder might have one band a month. Pat, enjoy it while you can, the club system will catch up with you. Pat had a great time this summer planning the demolition and removal of a RR bridge in Western AL. Since then he's moved to an aide slot for BG Harrison. Lynn on the other hand, has been pre-casting concrete bridges as a project officer for several months especially with Bob being his brother-in-law.

Belvoir reported in with Don Gagliano behind the pen. He wrote a monster before slipping off to the Chicago Med Coll on 1 Sept and a reserve 2LT slot. Don supposedly spent a lot of time reading and getting ripped off in DC prior to being a CO for several months. He did mention being voted into the top 10 of the "Most Desirable Men at Ft Belvoir." Hopefully that list is fiction. I'd like to say hello to Priscilla from Don and I hope she likes Paris.

Bill Barrantino had an aide slot for a yr and is now in a Float Bridge Co. He has no children but a great marriage with "no field duty." Bill has a message for Steve Westfall. "Tell Steve he can blow it out his barracks bag for not writing." That goes double



1975: Jane and George Kaigh, Aug 76.

for all your wives out there who aren't writing me and the rest of you derelicts who can't find pen, paper or stamps.

John Beeman is trying to play pro ball. He tried out for the Redskins as a kicker and did well managing to keep a can of beer in his hand most of the time. Gerry Hopkins is trying to buy the Army and wants the rest of us to finance it. He was in Don's co. so one can imagine the games that were played. Pat & Jane Gallagher are having fun and raising havoc among the married crowd.

Don's phone in Chicago is 312-775-0292. He's only 10 minutes from the airport and will provide accommodations for all passing through.

Europe is bubbling with activity I know nothing about. REFORGER info hasn't hit me yet but John McMullen sends word from Berlin. He spent 4 wks in the Bavarian Alps in German Rgr Sch, enjoying both the beer and the fantastic scenery. When he isn't running marathons in Berlin or tng his TOW sections in the 2/6Inf, he parties with his wife Joann. They're still partying due to their marriage back in Sept. Gil & Shirley Lopez are marveling over Tamara's ability to get bigger and bigger. Mark Oetken is working in someone's FDC but he sleeps all the time and passes out everywhere so people aren't sure who he belongs to. Phil Edwards and Larry Hartman are working hard but Larry has been subscribing to romance with some young lady. Jerry Bolzak is found running back and forth between Berlin and Mannheim every few wks to see his girl. Dave McCrady is busy being an XO but with 6800 bars in Berlin he can't get too busy. John McMullen wants more of us from the Zone (W. Germany) up for CIC tng to look everyone up while in Berlin. Brian Haig, Gary Glade and Harry Luzius are recent participators in this offer. Joe Hennessy is alive, married and doing fine at Dix.

Baumholder is quiet. I did find MR Williams sleeping on the MTA instead of firing mortars. He was sad about missing some parties in Wiesbaden because of his Baumholder tng.

The B-3 Bandits had a reunion this summer, loud and raucous as always. Jan at Carson is the next one provided the skiing is better than last year. Gordy Toney and Jim Given were major contributors to a good time. Jim and Debbie recently married after a long term romance and are at Carson with Gordy. Flt Sch is infested with '75 grads. Clay Edwards, Mike Genetti, Gary Bishop, Craig Hanford, Steve Strickland and Steve Ward were in tng during Aug. Gerry Hayes, Sam Hubbard and others are inbound this fall.

Wes Hayes wrote from Bragg. He stopped in at Campbell this summer and ran into Jim Marks. Jim got married in Jun to Marty. "Spider" Marks is the Remote Sensor PL for the 101st. Jim Slaven got married to Gale McKinly in Aug. Bruce Bachus is leaving the 101st for flt sch this fall. Wes is the S3 Air for his Bn while Rob Sellers has a Sct Plt, Bill Troy and Rob Byers have AT Plts. Keith Self is going SF and then coming to Germany. George Mitchell is A/XO for his btry and Jim Pettit is as sarcastic as ever but working hard as an XO. Bill Camsey's wife had a baby this summer and Bill O'Brian's wife is due soon.

George Kaigh sends word from "one of the Army's more scenic posts—Ft Polk." He's with a DS Arty Bn but soon will be transferring to CE. Bill Hoffman spends most of his time on the post rifle team while Henry

Umanos continues to zip around post in his Vet. Dave Morris, Mike Nichols and George were at the Jungle Sch in May. Jul found Tom Eccleston, PJ Baker, Tom Connors and George at Bliss for six wks of desert tng. Sounds like a lot of traveling, George. I hope Jane enjoys life with you bouncing all over the country.

Rumor has it that Charlie Cardinal was seen at IMPOC. What I'd like to know is where he's hiding now. Bart & Debbie Keiser dropped a baby greeting in from Hood. David Robert arrived on 7 Sept at 7 lb 6 1/2 oz. Patti & Ken Hunzeker were married 4 Jun 77. Bart sees a lot of Greg Ellison, Clark Lynn and Bob O'Neill.

Steve Beever stops in once a month or so to trade hellos and parts. John Deacon loves his new Ord branch but keeps coming back to visit. Hope the empty mail bags will stop after this dry fall. I'll be in Graf and Hohenfels through the winter to gather whatever face to face info appears out of the snow. Those of you scattered in those unheard of, out of the way places, speak out so your voice can be identified and passed around. Happy New Year.

# '76

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Sitting down at my typewriter in mid-Sept, with 90-degree weather outside, it seems strange to say Merry Xmas—anyway, hope the holidays find everybody in good shape. Now, on to the pile of letters beside me.

Got a letter from Dave Kapinos who's in B/2/48 Inf. He sent news that Keith Nystrom married Joan Anderson on the 12th of Aug in St. Paul, MN. Donny Harvel also got married recently—Dave only said that she was an AF nurse. Along those similar lines, Guy Minton also was married to Robin Gagnon on the 11th of Jun.

John McDaniel wrote from sunny HI where he's an engr PL. He's sharing a house in Mililani (?—never could read John's writing) Town with Skip Freeman and Jim Attaya ('75).

Gus Ortiz wrote a small book beginning with Kathy's and his honeymoon in VT—Jun 76. They're now at Bragg where Gus is the Service PL for Hq Btry. On the 22d of Mar, Kathy had a baby boy—Agustin James. Gus says he's run into Hank Keirse, Greg Fields, Jim Treadwell, and Al Speight who are at Ft Bragg with the 325 Inf. Randy Kolton, Jim Smith, and Rick Bowman are in the 2/504 Inf and Bill Caldwell and



1976: Michelle and John Gordon in Germany.



1976: Dave Hayden, C/307th Engr, Ft Bragg.

Marty Rollinson are with the 508th Inf, while Brad Bryant's with the 1/320 FA and Ralph Steen's with B Co, 82d Sig Bn. Gus, Dan Dowling, Chuck Allison, and Mike Wood are all in the 1/319 FA Bn. Jack Dunn's with the 2/321 FA and Bob Findlay's in D Co, 782d Maint Bn. On 17 Jun for the SC anniv, Gus saw Steve Bonneau (50th Sig Bn), Steve Horner, Tom Alexander, and Roger Maxwell.

Guy Swan wrote from Korea to say that he's with 1st Bn, 72d Armor and should have a plt by now. Mike Kitts is a tank PL in C/1/72 Arm while Marty Wisda is 4.2" Mortar PL in CSC 1/72 Arm. Mark Taylor is a PL in 1/17 Mech as it Axel Krigsman. Louis Burgess is a PL in 1/31 Mech, Mike Kelly is PL in A/1/32 Inf. Bruce Jackan is a PL in 2/9 Inf, and Clary Harrington is XO for A Btry, 138 Arty. Jim Travis is with 122 Sig as a PL. Whitney Robinson is a PL in 1/9 along with John Williamson. Mike Kelley's apparently been haunting the DMZ lately. Krigsman took leave in conjunction with a TDY trip to Benning for the Dragon crse. Marty Wisda's platoon had the best mortar crew in the division in a recent competition. Steve Kitts' platoon participated in a recent REALTRAIN show for CS GEN Bernard Rogers. Also, Bob Dalton is a PL with 2/61 ADA and recently ran in a marathon in Japan. Keith Snider is keeping busy as an FO with 6/37 FA.

Al Stuhlmiller wrote to say that Joe Sanders and he are in Dulman, Germany, with the 81st USA Arty Det. Ooops! Time lag. . . . He goes on to say that he's married now—he got married on 6 Aug at WP. Buddy Cornell and Danny Nolan are also with Al's bunch. Apparently Danny speaks better "Brit" than the British and is living it up. Bud's with an ADA det in the middle of nowhere, but he likes it.

Kip & Sally Edwards are still liking life in KS. Kip's now construction officer (XO) of his co. and Sally's working as a secy in the construction office for the hospital expansion. Kip said he heard from Joe Dressing who's at Wiesbaden, and liking it. Ed Bent's at Ft Sill and apparently getting into boxing; seems to include some trips to Ft Bragg for some fights. Tom & Mary Julich are settled in at Ft Hood and both working and keeping busy. Bill & Carla Seymour just moved in close to Kip so apparently both he and Sally get to babysit the new Seymour occasionally.

Dave Finkelstein's folks send the following to "the Hogs of H-4. We visited Dave and Lorraine at Huachuca (Scribe's Note: Of course, referring to their son and daughter-in-law). Great time and a fantastic Happy Hour. Dave and I decided to have a Big Blast sponsored by J.T. and Slick. (Referring to John Taylor and John Reidt, respectively). Nice hearing from You. J.T. sends his regards." Now, it's Dave's and Lorraine's turn for the next issue.

Dave Hayden wrote from Ft Bragg where he's PL for a plt of Combat Engrs (C/307 ENG). He's supporting Jim Warner's bunch. Dave's nickname now is "Boom Boom" and he specializes in grid squares. Edward Murdough's also in Dave's Co. Ed's living in a house with Mike Pelkey who recently was a distinguished grad in his Jumpmaster course. Jonathan Chase also is a grad of the course and is now living in the same apartment as Dave. Al Speight just got back from WP where his bn was training cadets at Camp Buckner. He returned with a bag of stories about Camp Natural Bridge. Dave says that Jack Dunn sold his Corvette to get a "married man's car." Juanita and Jack apparently now own a house at Bragg. Frank Pedrozo's party in late Aug at Bragg had a number of familiar names: Terri Treadwell, Hank Kiersey and his wife Cathy, Root Rollinson, and Jim Warner. Dave closed saying he wants some letters from Darrell Crawford at Ft Hood and from the guys at Ft Lewis: "Farmer" T.K. Fox, Bor Bernardi, Ed Flinn, Mark Romaneski, Denny Scaman, and Mike Metcalf. Also, Dave Nichols at Ft Carson, you're on the list too.

J.C. Brown, in Korea, is by now off the DMZ—don't know if he misses it or not. He's seen Dennis McMahon a couple of times and talked to Jerry Warner on the phone. Buz Ostendorff is also over Korea and J.C.'s seen him a few times. I'm going to quote John on the next one: "Rick Manson's in a very interesting, important, and fun job down in the thriving metropolis of Seoul with his BAQ, apartment, and girl friend." Now, come on Rick, how much of that is true?

Nanette & John Gordon wrote to send the picture of John and Michelle who was born on 27 May. Paul Wilson visited them in early Sept. John is changing jobs in Nov and,



1976: Margie and Eric Zimmerman, 11 Jun 77.



1976: Jane and Dennis Thompson, 18 Jun 77.

with better hours, starting work on his master's. Bill & Vicki Sipes, in Augsburg, are expecting a baby in Feb. Apparently Carl Menyhert and Earl Madison got married in June and Aug, respectively, and are now back over in D-land. Mark & Maureen Dulong were married on 27 Aug and are now back in Ansbach. Dan & Gail Korzyn and Donna & Gerry Eversmeyer are also in Ansbach. Cathy & Jack Dearing are enjoying themselves at Erlangien. Nanette also heard that Donna & Al Carroll are doing fine at Ft Leonard Wood.

Carol Murphy wrote to say that Dan was in amphibious training at Canada and at Pendleton in CA. Best of all, they now have a daughter—Jennie Elizabeth—born on 26 Aug. Dan's now the XO for A Co. 2/47 Inf—hand-picked for the job. Dan's and Carol's neighbors include Mark Romaneski and his new bride. Carl Horn is also at Ft Lewis and doing well. Rick Ryles wrote them to say that he's visiting places like Monte Carlo and the French Riviera while he's in Italy. Saul & Sophie Siemaska are doing fine in Germany as is Dave Johnson. Aaron Hayes at Ft Campbell phoned the Murphys to say he was OK. Dave Kristick apparently just bought a boat and a motorcycle to help fill his time up. At Ft Hood, Pete Amico moved up his wedding date and married Colleen in Jun.

Vikke & Doug Slaybaugh wrote from Germany to say that Vikke's cousin visited them in the early summer. They ended up traveling to Holland, the Black Forest, and Venice. They've got a trip to Crete planned in Oct. Patti & Bill Monk likewise had her sister visiting them, so they did the sightseeing routine too. I just wish everybody could see Doug's art work on his letters.

Ed Colchado wrote from Ft Sill that he's now XO in C Btry 2/12 FA. Doug McLean is in A Btry where he's also XO. Joe Riojas is also in the same Bn as FDO in B Btry. Grey Mallon's knees finally did him in during OBC. He's been reclassified AGC and is now serving as the S1 for the Cmdt at the FA sch. Kevin O'Rourke stayed on after OBC as a Gunnery Dept Instr. John Gallagher, Jeff Davis, Bob Urban, and Wayne Converse are also at the Tng Cen at Sill. Ernie Klawitter is the XO at B Btry 3/18 and with him are George Strodbeck, the C Btry XO and Eli Rosner in A Btry. Ed Bent and Chris Headle are at Sill in 1/12, a Lance Msl Bn. Mark Hanna is over at 3/9, a Pershing Unit. Bill Vansant and Earl Mazzerole are

also at the training bn. Roy Bromfield is a FDO in a Firing Battery in 2/37. Mike Baca is also an FDO but he's with 2/18. Ed says that George Strodbeck's planning to get married in Sept. Eric Doane is at the school teaching communications. Jim Daron is at the Tng Cen and skydiving on weekends.

Heard from Patti & Robert McEwin at Ft Bragg. Robert spends a lot of time in the field but Patti now has a job as the asst dir of a pre-sch. Patti says that Bobby & Ken Pamperin had a baby girl and that Jerry & Vikke Falkenstein had a baby boy. Jerry's apparently working really hard in Augusta.

Eric Zimmerman sent his wedding picture. Margie's a 1LT in the ANC and they're both stationed at Ft Belvoir. Eric's the S1 in the 30th Engr Bn. Eric goes on to say that Jimmy Lullen is leaving in Oct for 6 mos TDY to recruit for WP. Eric's last words are that he, Margie, and Dave Melcher are waiting patiently for a letter from Bob Spiegel at Ft Hood.

Got a letter from Dave Diedrich yesterday. He and Lin were married on 10 Sept. Jack Gardner was scheduled to be best man, but the 82d went on alert at the last minute so he couldn't make it. Jack says that he's really enjoying life at Ft Bragg. Dave's presently at Ft Polk as a combat engr PL. Other folks at Ft Polk are Dave Rodriguez and Bruce Gansby (1/61 Inf), Jim Weller and Mike Maloney (588th Engr), Don Miller and Bob Pinkna. Dave goes on to say he got a note from Bob & Shirley Allgood. They're the proud parents of Timothy Jason (13 Sept). They're at Langley AFB, VA. Dave Kingston is up at Ft Devens with the Engrs. Jim Brege wrote Dave from Ft Campbell where he, Mark Hedman and John Johnson share a house and are getting the 101st ready to go—Engr-wise.

That's it for the letters. Thanks to everybody that wrote and helped fill out the column. Everybody else, it's your turn. Merry Christmas!!

# '77

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The coming of fall finds most of the Class of '77 at their basic or specialty schools. If you are curious, our Class now numbers 824 graduates after 27 classmates graduated in the summer school sessions.

The few that are delaying their first real Army experience find themselves hitting the books once again. Steve Spaulding has started med sch at Upstate Medical Cen in Syracuse, NY, and "it's a lot of work, much more than at WP." Paul Jensen and Mark Mengel are rooming together in Cambridge, MA. Paul is at MIT studying chem while Mark is attending Harvard Med Sch. They report that "we are both going pro, have permanent PMI and are enjoying life in Beantown."

On the other side of the spectrum most of the Class is at Ft Benning enduring IOBC. We are not hitting the books (that includes FM's), but we have learned that LT's can dig holes just as well as PVT's. The Infantry School has adopted the go/no go system for the IOBC crse. The crse is called 7B, affectionately nicknamed "7 Brake" for our efficient use of time (sarcasm intended). Performance Oriented Tng is the name of the game, sitting around in bleachers is the courses' fame. There are many stories to be told of 7B... just write one of us at Benning and you will get a novel of war stories.

There is not much to say about Abn and Ranger Schools. Injuries have hurt many of our classmates at Ranger Sch, but it is really too early to tell the results since no classes have graduated at the time of this writing.

As is the case with most posts where a basic course is given, the general atmosphere is that of a Class reunion. Ft Benning is no exception, Snuffy's is being replaced by Custer



1977: IOBC takes a break for a softball game: (sitting) Chmar; (kneeling) Chadwick, Clark, Wm. Butler, Hayden, Crany Butler, Altizer, Diaz-Pons; (standing) Bechtold, Goebertus, Bertha, Donahue, Fitch, and Charvat.

Terrace "O" Club and the Pillow Talk Lounge. The majority of us live in the BOQ, but the Holly Hills Apt complex is a close second. There are about 7 couples and over 20 eager bachelors at Holly Hills. Need a free meal? Chances are that you will find it at Holly Hills.

By the way, so far I have heard of 3 couples planning a visit from the stork in the near future. They are: Ann & Kevin Hayes, Nancy & George Mitroka and Jan & Dave Morlock. Our congratulations to them.

FAOBC seems to be just as efficient as

IOBC. In the words of Fred Mills, "in the first day of classes we covered one hour of work in 4." Hang in there; you are not the exception but the rule.

At Ft Gordon the situation is slightly different. Signal Basic is a gentleman's course and its working hours resemble banking hours, 8-3:30, 5 days a week. There is no P.T. if you pass the APFT. The P.T. standards are gentlemen's too—they are the Army's 300 points, not The Infantry School's 400.

According to John Weinzettle, ADA Basic at Ft Bliss is just as boring as the other

courses. Nonetheless, the Signal P.T. get over does not apply there. On the contrary, ADA has scheduled an extra 55 hours of P.T. Who said you did not have to be in shape to press a button?

I wish I had more news to pass out, but correspondence is close to non-existent. We would like to hear from the rest of you. Last I heard Knox and Belvoir were still there. I will be looking forward to hearing from you. My next deadline is around New Year's for the Mar issue, so if you get a chance just drop me a line around the holidays.

## Colonel Selden

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"one of the grandest views on this continent."

A year later Major General Nelson Miles picked up the appeal. Now that the "battle of civilization" was almost won, with virtually all the savages subjugated and disarmed, the time had come, he insisted, to improve the lot of the long-suffering soldiers. The expansion of Fort Selden he regarded as a major step in this direction. But these soldierly pleas manifestly carried less weight than the delegation from Texas.

In 1891 Fort Selden was abandoned, eventually to be taken over by the Department of Interior. There was some talk of using the post as a school for Indians, but nothing came of this proposal, so the adobe walls of the old fort gradually weathered away over the years until 1972 when the ruins were declared a State monument under the administration of the Museum of New Mexico at Santa Fe.

Fort Selden is indeed a monument; not merely as a reminder of the now vanished Indian frontier of territorial days but also as a recollection of that little praised but loyal soldier, Henry Raymond Selden. His short life of hard service stands as a constant reminder of the nation's debt to so many sons of West Point who, like him, if seldom remembered, can still take pride in having done their duty.



## Women at West Point

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traditional recognition day ceremonies at the end of the year.

On the other hand, women cite numerous instances of experiencing particularly harsh treatment this past year. Instances of having been the target of rumors and jokes and of having to endure the psychological effect of being physically integrated into the Corps, but not having been fully accepted by fellow peers. In some ways, the stress experienced by women was of a different nature than that experienced by their male peers. Women were made aware of basic sex differences that are difficult to overcome, such as higher pitched voices, which were not "commanding," and shorter marching strides, which were not "military." Some women were made to feel that even if they made

it through the first year, in subsequent years male plebes would not take orders from them. Finally, some women felt that to be accepted they had to be "one of the boys," but by so doing felt that they may be sacrificing their femininity and changing their basic self-image. Some women experienced these conflicts at various times throughout the year and had to develop methods for coping with them.

Some of the strategies pursued by women, and by the academy in committing itself to the integration of women, were as follows. Women learned that to survive they had to walk a tightrope—feminine, but not too much so; assertive, but only in small doses. Management of self and presentation of self became necessary and often tricky endeavors for women. Most tried to walk a fine line trying to adjust themselves to a narrow definition of appropriate female cadet behavior which involved not allowing oneself to be either too military or too feminine, but also not too little of a soldier or too little of a woman. In addition women learned, as had other minorities before them, to do two things well: (a) to learn to laugh about things that could not be changed overnight, and (b) to develop a tough outer-hide.

Although few instances of sex discrimination have taken place, Academy officials are committed to a no-nonsense approach to any instances of direct or indirect expressions of hostility toward women. West Point developed and is continuing to develop and conduct educational/awareness seminars for cadets and officers on issues related to the expanding role of women in the Army, leadership issues which arise in mixed sex units, and adjustment problems of minorities in organizational environments. Role playing, films, lectures, and other experimental learning techniques are all being employed.

In addition, West Point has encouraged the establishment of an extracurricular club, the Corbin Society, for cadets to explore topics relating to women and has supported the conduct of a long-term research project (Project Athena) to study and monitor the integration of women from a social/behavioral science perspective. Next year, a greater number of women officers will be assigned to the staff and faculty and will hold positions which interface directly with cadets.

The second year with women as cadets

began on 6 July when 104 new cadet women and 1,367 new cadet men entered with the Class of 1981. These cadets entered an institution that has a year's experience with women and one which was no longer suffering the turmoil of newness. The women cadets performed well, reflecting the increased preparedness of both themselves and of the Academy for women. Based on lessons learned last summer, officials were more positive in the demands they placed on the women and the ability of the women to meet those demands. The Cadet Basic Training program was essentially the same as last year with the following exceptions: During the running portion of the physical training program, new cadets ran in running shoes, as opposed to boots, on Academy pavement and ran at a pace geared to their prior running ability; more time was devoted to field training; and a program was designed whereby new cadets had the opportunity of visiting members of the staff and faculty's quarters during their first privilege period.

As can be seen in Table 2, the attrition rate of both men and women in the Class of 1981 in Cadet Basic Training was less than that of the Class of 1980. A number of reasons have been offered to explain this differential: (1) that women in the Class of '81 had more realistic expectations regarding the nature of the cadet environment as a result of publicity given last year's class and from Academy publications which more clearly specified physical and military requirements; (2) that adjustments made in the conduct of physical training to more directly discriminate between high and low performers enabled all cadets to develop at a rate more commensurate with their level of ability; and (3) that leadership seminars conducted prior to summer training for cadets and officers were instrumental in creating a more "positive" leadership climate, conducive to the training and development of all cadets.

The women in the Class of 1980 continued to play a pioneer role as they underwent the mentally and physically demanding Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner. Minor adjustments were made for women in the Cadet Field Training program which included throwing live grenades, firing weapons, building bridges, adjusting artillery, commanding a tank in

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# Be Thou At Peace

**We, sons of today, we salute you — You, sons of an earlier day.  
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.**



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**Houston Val Evans**

NO. 3731 CLASS OF 1896

Died 10 February 1915 near Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands, aged 43 years.

Inferment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California.



HOUSTON VAL EVANS

HOUSTON VALLE EVANS was born in Camden, Missouri, 3 January 1872, one of seven children of Houston Alexander and Lucinda (Cook) Evans. He attended grammar school in Camden and Central College in Fayette, Missouri, before being appointed to West Point by the Honorable Alexander M. Dockery representing the 3d Congressional District of Missouri. While in college Val met Hettie Bryan of Fayette, a direct descendant of Daniel Boone through Daniel's daughter Jemima (Boone) Calloway. They became engaged to marry and Val entered the Point on 15 June 1892.

Known to his classmates as "Pud," Val was a quiet, serious-minded, studious cadet to the point of being almost a loner. A serious burn by scalding water while showering required extensive hospitalization in spite of which he graduated with his class on 12 June 1896. He was commissioned an additional second lieutenant in the Infantry and assigned to the 14th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

On graduation leave he married Hettie and changed the spelling of his name to Val.

Val was promoted to second lieutenant, transferred to the 6th Infantry and shipped to Cuba via Tampa, Florida. He participated in the battles of Santiago Ridge and El Caney before being evacuated to the states with yellow fever.

Having recuperated he rejoined his regiment and was shipped to the Philippine Islands in 1899. On Negros he commanded Company H while also acting as battalion adjutant and adjutant of the Southern District. He was cited for bravery in action and recommended for Brevet Captain at La Granja, Negros.

Val joined the 13th Infantry in Manila and returned with it to the states in July 1902. He commanded the Military Prison on Alcatraz Island, then a company at Benicia Barracks and later on Angel Island.

Transferred to the 8th Infantry he joined

that regiment at Fort Niagara, New York, and was assigned to Company M. Except for periods of detached service he commanded this company until he left the regiment in Zamboanga in 1912.

The regiment was shipped by rail to San Francisco and embarked for the Philippines. It arrived at Camp Jossman, Guimaras, in April 1906. Here Craig-Jorgensen rifles were turned in for Springfields and M Company subdued an uprising on Leyte.

The 8th Infantry returned to the states with station at the Presidio of Monterey.

Val was sent to Fort Leavenworth to school. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the School of the Line in 1909 and graduated from the Staff College the following year.

Rejoining his regiment in Monterey he took the field on the Mexican border for a few months before sailing for the Philippines. Here the regiment was divided among battalion garrisons at Camp Keithley on Lake Lanao, Jolo and Zamboanga. Val was first at Keithley then Zamboanga where he decided on a detail, with a promotion, to the Philippine Scouts.

First stationed at Puerta Princesa on Palawan and then with the 10th Scout Battalion at Fort San Pedro near Iloilo, Panay, he operated against marauding Moros in the area of Balobac, Mindanao, then on 10 February 1915 he died while on field maneuvers near Miagao, Panay. A promising career cut short at the age of 43.

A truly capable professional, he was a serious-minded, hard working and kindly individual. He inspired confidence and loyalty in his subordinates and respect in his superiors.

He was a loyal, thoughtful and considerate husband and is a sorely missed father.

—His son

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**Donald James MacLachlan**

NO. 4572 CLASS OF 1907

Died 3 November 1975 in Palo Alto, California, aged 89 years.

Cremation

DONALD JAMES MACLACHLAN was born in Buffalo, New York, on 27 May 1886. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, who died when he was seventeen—the year he entered the Academy. While living with his uncle in California, Donald was appointed to the United States Military Academy after successfully passing the entrance exams at the Presidio of San Francisco. One of the youngest members of his class, he was known affectionately as "Skinny."

Upon graduation, Donald was commissioned in the 14th Infantry and joined his regiment at Vancouver Barracks. In January 1908 they left for the Philippine Islands; an interesting assignment—surveying and mapping Bulacan Province on the Island of Luzon. Returning to the United States in March 1910, he was assigned to Fort Harrison, Montana.

A most challenging assignment came next: instructor of mathematics at West Point in August 1911. He taught there for the next two and a half years—recalling with pride his many students who became outstanding leaders, including "Ike" Eisenhower.

In 1916, after a tour in the Panama Canal Zone, Donald was assigned to Plattsburgh, New York, where he trained volunteers for

World War I service in Europe. Found among his papers was a testimonial from the members of Company B, which reads in part: "You have made the work hard enough for the younger ones and easy enough for the elderly ones. You have drilled with us, messed with us, marched with us in the same hot sands, and slept in a pup-tent like the humblest of your attendants." Nothing I could say would better express Don's character and empathy with his fellow man.

For duty at Camp Greene, North Carolina, Donald left for France in April 1918. The next few months were spent at the General Staff School at Langres. Upon completion of the course, he was assigned as Assistant G3 of the 77th Infantry Division and later as adjutant of the 153d Infantry Brigade, where he participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive and the relief of Major Whittlesey's so-called "Lost Battalion." He returned to the United States in March 1919.

For the next three years Donald was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Cornell University, enjoying these years with the young cadets.

The pinnacle of his career was attained when he was selected for attendance at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. However, soon after entering the school in 1922, he was notified by the Chief of Staff of his pending forced retirement under the Act of Congress of 30 June 1922. His appeals to Washington were not successful and he was retired on 30 December. Experience as an instructor at West Point and Cornell led to his next profession. He was Instructor of Mathematics at Washington Square College, New York University, from 1923 to 1934 and subsequently in California Military Schools until World War II. During this period, he met and married Mrs. Mildred Keerl. Thus he immediately became not only a husband but the father of a son and daughter who were a great source of pleasure to him.

Immediately after the news of "Pearl Harbor" was received, a wire was sent to Headquarters requesting return to active duty. This was not honored, but he was able to serve throughout the war as Director of Ground School Training at Army Air Force flight training schools in Arizona and California. Following the cessation of hostilities, he once more "retired."



DONALD JAMES MACLACHLAN

Ensuing years found Donald serving in many ways. The most significant was probably his help to the blind. He studied Braille and translated mathematic texts—one of the first in this area to attempt this difficult task. Thus did this kind and gentle man serve his God, his country and his fellow-man to the best of his ability.

As Donald requested, after cremation his ashes were strewn by his son over the Pacific Ocean off Half Moon Bay—the beautiful California coast which was always a delight to him. A memorial has been established in his name at the West Point Library to promote the accumulation of maps and manuscripts on military art and graphics: one of his early and enduring interests.

Surviving Donald are his ever loving and devoted wife of almost forty years, his son William, United States Military Academy Class of 1950, his daughter Virginia, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two nephews, a niece and a grandniece, and a grandnephew, United States Military Academy, Class of 1964.

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## George Lane Van Deusen

NO. 4782 CLASS OF 1909

Died 12 January 1977 in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, aged 88 years.

Interment: Old Tennent Cemetery, Freehold, New Jersey

GEORGE LANE VAN DEUSEN was a native New Jerseyan, born in Passaic on 10 February 1888.

On a Saturday afternoon, 15 January 1977, funeral services with full military honors were held at the main Fort Monmouth, New Jersey Chapel for Major General Van Deusen.

General Van Deusen was the tenth in a line of 26 post commanders since Fort Monmouth was established in 1917.

George embarked on a 37-year Army career following graduation from the United States Military Academy's Class of 1909, of which he was president. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, Infantry, and transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps in May 1910.

Among the many birthdays General Van Deusen observed, one stood out for him in his military retirement. This was in 1973, on his 85th birthday, when 19 congratulatory wires and messages were sent to him from Army generals commanding communications activities at overseas and stateside installations.

Well wishers remembering General Van Deusen on his 85th birthday included Army heads in Europe and the Pacific Theater, as well as stateside commanders in Arizona, Texas, Colorado and Washington, D.C. Six Army generals stationed at Fort Monmouth each sent birthday greetings to the former Fort Monmouth commander.

These greetings were presented personally to General Van Deusen at his Monmouth Beach home by Major General (retired) Hugh F. Foster Jr., then commander of Fort Monmouth.

In the early years of his Army career, George served in assignments at Whipple Barracks, Arizona, Fort Monroe, Virginia, Fort Washington, Maryland, Hawaii, and Fort Barrancas, Florida.

Graduating from the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, in May 1917, his next two assignments were at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia and Camp Sevier, South Carolina.



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General Van Deusen sailed for France with the 30th Division on 9 June 1918, and he participated in engagements near Ypres.

He left France for the States on 3 September 1918 for temporary duty in Washington, D.C.; next in the staff officers' class at the Army War College, Washington, D.C., and then to Camp Lewis, Washington as Signal Officer of the 13th Division.

In March 1919, General Van Deusen returned to Washington, D.C. for duty in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, and three months later he was transferred to the United States Military Academy, West Point, as an instructor.

Following brief tours in Washington again and at Yale University to attend the Sheffield Scientific School, General Van Deusen was assigned as Assistant Commandant of The Signal School at Camp Alfred Vail (later named Fort Monmouth) in June 1921.

General Van Deusen, in September 1924, enrolled in the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating in June 1925. He returned to Fort Monmouth as Assistant Commandant of the Signal School.

In July 1929 he was appointed Signal Officer, 1st Division, at Fort Hamilton, New York. The next five years he served in Washington and Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

On 3 August 1934, General Van Deusen became a member of the Signal Corps Board, with headquarters at Fort Monmouth, followed by enrollments in the Army War College and the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, graduating from the latter in June 1937.

His next regular assignment was as acting director of the Signal Corps Laboratories at Fort Monmouth.

He became Commandant of the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth on 1 February 1938, and three months later served as a member of the Signal Corps Board at that post. He next was assigned on 15 August 1939 as Hawaiian Department Signal Officer at Fort Shafter.

On 3 November 1940, General Van Deusen again returned to Fort Monmouth for duty in the Signal School. On 18 January 1941 he was named to command the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center, and then was designated Commandant of the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, on 29 October 1941.

In October 1942, General Van Deusen was designated Commanding General of the

Eastern Signal Corps Training Center at Fort Monmouth.

In January 1945 he became Chief of the Engineering and Technical Service, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C.

General Van Deusen retired from the Army on 31 August 1946.

In a civilian capacity General Van Deusen was a former president of the Monmouth County Red Cross; a former president of the Monmouth County Mental Health Association; president of Radio Corporation of America (RCA) Institute of New York City; a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers; a consultant for Lavoie Labs, Marlboro Township, New Jersey, and he was an active volunteer at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, New Jersey.

As to the general's surviving widow, Mrs. Effie Baker Van Deusen was a lieutenant in the Red Cross Motor Corps during World War II.

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## William Lillard Barriger

NO. 5979 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 29 February 1976 in Washington, D.C., aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia

BILL SERVED ON active duty in the Regular Army for over 39 years in all commissioned grades from second lieutenant to major general.

During the early years of his service, Bill served in the Cavalry in the southwestern part of the United States and in the Philippine Islands. Since he lived in Kentucky before he entered West Point, Bill had a great love for horses and became a member of the 9th Cavalry, Stotsenburg, 12th Cavalry, and Rio Grande Valley Polo Teams.

From 1924 to 1928 Bill was an instructor in the Department of English at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In 1937 he graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

During World War II Bill was G4 of the 1st Armored Division, and later G4 of the Armored Force, consisting of sixteen armored divisions and other troops stationed throughout the United States. In Europe he was Deputy G4 of the First Army Group in



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England, and Deputy G4 of the Twelfth Army Group in France, under General Bradley. Later, he was G4 of the Fifteenth Army in Germany.

After World War II Bill served as Chief of Staff of the Panama Canal Department, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Caribbean, and Assistant Division Commander of the 9th Infantry Division in the United States.

During the Korean War Bill served as Chief of Construction and Miscellaneous Activities in the Logistics Division of the Department of the Army. Later, he served as Chief of Staff of the First Army; Chief of Logistics, Far East Command; Chief of Staff, Army Forces, Far East; and Commanding General of the 2d Infantry Division, which included battalions from France, the Netherlands, and Thailand.

After the Korean War Bill served as the Senior Army Member of the Weapons System Evaluation Group in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Bill's decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Order of the British Empire, Officer of the French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Thailand's Order of the White Elephant, and the Netherlands' Order of Orange-Nassau.

Although Bill's military accomplishments are very impressive, his personality and character were also outstanding. He was endowed with a blithe spirit, which endeared him to everyone who knew him. He was devoted to the military service and to the United States Military Academy, as is evidenced by the fact that he bequeathed much of his estate to the West Point Fund upon the death of his widow. Throughout his service, Bill always followed the tenets of Duty, Honor, Country. Now that he has joined the Long Gray Line, he will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Bill married twice. His first wife, Mickey, predeceased him. His second wife, Helen, died on 25 November 1976. He is survived by his son, William L. Barriger Jr.

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### Edwin Gunsolus Shrader

NO. 6059 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 14 November 1922 at Logan Field, Maryland, aged 27 years.

Interment: Iowa City, Iowa

EDWIN GUNSOLUS SHRADER, son of William Edward Shrader and Mary Gonsolus Shrader, was born in Iowa City, Iowa, 6 April 1895. He attended the public schools of Iowa City, graduating from Iowa City High School. Shrader was listed as one of the top students in his class, 1911. His athletic achievements were equally outstanding. He was captain of the track team in 1911, winning letters in the pole vault, high jump and hurdles. In addition he was a member of the successful relay team. Upon graduation from high school he stayed on in Iowa City and attended the University of Iowa where he continued to attain high academic and athletic standings.

Shrader entered the Military Academy 15 June 1916 with the Class of 1920. The academic standing he achieved speaks for his ability. His cadet days saw him on West Point's playing fields carrying on in the same manner that marked his school and college days in his homeland, Iowa City. Ed, in his



EDWIN GUNSOLUS SHRADER

plebe year, though performing with such talented athletes as Oliphant and Vidal, to name but two, stood out as a dependable man of merit.

Shrader was graduated on 1 November 1918. His first assignment was The Engineer School at Camp Humphreys, Virginia. On 2 August 1919 he was promoted to the grade of first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

In 1920 there was a break in the Engineer School program and Shrader spent five months' service with the 4th Engineers at Fort Lewis, Washington. Following his completion of The Engineer School Course in July of that year, Shrader, at his own request, was detailed in the Air Force effective 28 July 1921. He completed flight training and then followed advanced training at Post Field, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His first unit assignment, 1 July 1922, was to the 44th Observation Squadron at Post Field. He was transferred to the Air Corps, 23 September 1922, remaining assigned to the 44th Observation Squadron.

Outstanding athletes invariably make good aviators. Shrader would have served our country well in World War II but that was not to be.

Early in the fall of 1922 he was selected for an "All Army" football team to play a similar Navy team in an inter-service contest on the East Coast, the proceeds to be turned over to the respective services for relief benefits for enlisted service families. Shrader elected to make the trip East by air, flying solo cross-country. En route he picked up a classmate, Francis A. "Andy" March, who had also been selected for the Army Team. On the last leg of the flight, the plane crashed on the landing approach and Ed did not survive. Andy walked away with a broken nose.

Shrader served four years as a commissioned officer, nine months with troops, the balance in school and flight training. His remains were returned to Iowa City where, thanks to civic and academic cooperation, he was buried with full military honors. The University of Iowa Reserve Officers Training Corps Brigade turned out in full strength.

Edwin Gunsolus Shrader, a highly regarded native of Iowa, was interred in his native surroundings, honored by his native city. Shortly thereafter, when the City of Iowa completed its new and formidable high school athletic field, the field was given his name: The Edwin Gunsolus Shrader Athletic Field.

Ed Shrader did not marry. His sole surviving relative is his younger sister, Helen Shrader Tanner, who with her husband resides at 2250 Juliet Drive, Santa Rosa, California.

-F.B. Butler

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### George Vernon Keyser

NO. 6082 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 5 July 1972 at Mountain Home, Baxter County, Arkansas, aged 77 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri

GEORGE VERNON KEYSER, outstanding soldier, teacher, sportsman, and loyal friend, died in peace in 1972 at the age of seventy-seven. George was born in Black Rock, Arkansas, the son of Jephtha and Adaline Miller Keyser. He attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, for two years before entering West Point in July 1916.

George, with his happy-go-lucky disposition, fully enjoyed his cadet days. The Tac Department held no terrors for him, and he maintained a scholastic standing in the upper fourth of the class with no great effort. He had plenty of time to help others and to go out for the Army Basketball team, where he ably filled the running guard position on a team that was undefeated during the 1917-1918 season. Graduating early in November 1918 because of the war, he chose the Field Artillery as his career and reported to the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a student. Here, he was first to demonstrate his outstanding abilities as an artilleryman, and thus to begin his long career as an exemplary instructor. After service with the Armed Forces in Germany, he achieved the prized appointment as a student to the Ecole Militaire d'Application d'Artillerie at Fontainebleau, France, from which he was graduated in the fall of 1921. Returning to the United States, he married his hometown sweetheart, Elsie Vollmer, who was to be his life-long companion and the mother of his daughter, Mary. He served with troops in the 6th Field Artillery until he was ordered to West Point as an instructor in mathematics in 1924.

George's tour at West Point was one of the happiest of his career. Along with other classmates, he lived in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson in a "commune" overlooking the river. Here he enjoyed his garden, established his reputation as a wine maker of no mean ability, and haunted the lakes, streams and woods as a fisherman and hunter. He was a true advocate of "le joi de vivre." The French and German songs George learned while a student in Europe still ring in the memories of those who shared happy times with George and Elsie.

After finishing his tour at West Point, George reported for duty as a student at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. Here he was to remain for the next seven years as a student, instructor, battery officer and adjutant, laying the foundation for the outstanding service he rendered the Field Artillery and his country in the war that was to come.

The Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was followed by an overseas assignment in 1937 to the Philippines, where he served with the 24th Field Artillery, and as Assistant G3 with Headquarters, Philippine Department. Then it was back to Fort Sill as a major in 1940, for duty as an instructor in both the Tactics



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and Gunnery Departments of the School. In 1941, George was appointed to a position for which he was highly qualified by experience and ability—that of Director of Gunnery. During a period in which there was a weekly output of nearly 600 Field Artillery officers, and during which the school produced the manuals that so profoundly influenced Field Artillery techniques in World War II, George rendered distinguished service for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit with the following citation:

“From November 1940 to June 1942, in the capacity of instructor and later as Director of the Department of Gunnery, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he directed the research and experimentation which resulted in the present fire-direction technique. He simplified gunnery technique and stressed the forward observer methods, use of photos and photomaps and simplification of survey methods.”

During this time, George was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel in 1941, and to colonel in 1942.

He achieved his goal of further troop duty when, in June 1942, he was designated Chief of Staff of the 102d Infantry Division which was being activated at Camp Maxey, Texas. Promotion to the grade of brigadier general in October of that year was followed by his assignment to command the 74th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Shelby. Next he was ordered to Fort Riley in September 1943 to assume command of the 11th Corps Artillery. Long-desired combat duty came when he was ordered to the Southwest Pacific Theater for duty as Artillery Officer of the 11th Corps. In this position he participated in operations in New Guinea, Morotai, Leyte and the invasion of Luzon, and was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit as well as the Bronze Star. Later, in August 1945, he arrived in Yokohama as the head of the advance party—one of the first units of the Army of Occupation to land in Japan.

George returned to the United States in November 1945, and after a short leave was assigned to Headquarters, Second Army, Memphis, Tennessee, for duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, G2. For his service in this capacity he was awarded the Commendation Ribbon. Continuing his service in the intelligence field, in April 1947 he was appointed Chief, Counter Intelligence Corps—the first to hold this office—and concurrently

was Commanding General Counter Intelligence Center, Camp Holabird, Maryland.

In February of 1948 he returned to Japan to begin another tour of duty in an executive position in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Supreme Commander for Allied Powers. During this period of heavy United States appropriations, one of George's tasks was the formulation and justification of the successive annual budgets. In June 1948 he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

In May of 1952 he returned to the United States and assumed command at Camp Carson, Colorado, an assignment he held until his requested retirement early in 1954. He and Elsie, with daughter Mary nearby, settled in Mountain Home, Arkansas, in the heart of the Ozarks they loved. Here they were to spend many happy years. George had plenty of time for his hunting and fishing, and for many civic projects. As the County Chairman of the American Cancer Society, Arkansas Division, he did an outstanding job of organization; as a result of his exemplary planning, Baxter County led the state in per capita contributions. The Arkansas Division of the Society requested that he tour the state, lecturing to other groups on his techniques. He was an active board member until 1968, when he assumed honorary status for medical reasons.

George was also active in the Elks and Kiwanis Clubs, and was a frequent and effective speaker on international topics before local organizations and school groups. Closest to his sportsman's heart were his activities in conservation—such as promoting projects for the protection and breeding of quail and doves. Flycasting for rainbow trout in the clean and beautiful White River remained his greatest pleasure; in fact, it was his interest in trout fishing and love of the outdoors that caused him to retire in the Ozarks.

George's professional career is an open book and one that embodies the highest ideals of the West Point he revered. He was a stern soldier who strived for the best and would brook nothing but perfection, but beneath that brusque exterior was a loyal friend, an inspiring teacher, a kindly and considerate husband, a loving father and grandfather. No sentimentalist, he might frown at these words, but surely he will forgive us when we say we miss him very much and are very proud to have been his friend and classmate.

—R.A.E.

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### William Bobbs Miller

NO. 6124 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 25 November 1969 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WILLIAM BOBBS MILLER was born into the 8th United States Infantry on the Fourth of July 1897 at Fort D.A. Russell, later Fort Warren, Wyoming. He was the younger son of Colonel, then Lieutenant, John K. Miller of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and Minnie Bobbs of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bill, as he has been known most of his life, and his older brother, John K. Jr., followed the usual educational pattern of Army children, attending grammar school on or

near the various garrisons where their father was stationed, completing their high school education at Leavenworth, Kansas. They entered preparatory school in Washington, D.C. in September 1915. Both boys won Presidential appointments to West Point and entered the Academy on 15 June 1916.

Bill was a quiet, dignified, serious-minded cadet who particularly enjoyed hiking in the beautiful and historic area surrounding the Point and in inclement weather reading historical literature with which the academy library was liberally stocked. He was meticulous in his manner and dress. While an ardent spectator he himself did not participate in team sports. He studied hard, kept out of trouble and graduated well up in his class. Jack, as his older brother was known, left the Academy, immediately entered the service and in France won a commission as first lieutenant. All before Bill had graduated.

Electing to follow in his father's footsteps, Bill chose the Infantry as his career and after a month's leave following graduation he reported to Camp Benning, Georgia, as student in the Basic Course, Infantry School of Arms. Following graduation his assignments followed the hectic pattern of those times: Camp Grant, Illinois, with the 14th Infantry; Aide to General W.A. Holbrook at Camp Grant; Overseas Replacement Depot, Camp Meade, Maryland; Camp Pontanazen, Brest, France; back to Washington, D.C. on the Infantry and Cavalry Equipment Board on 1 December 1919.

Bill joined the 63d Infantry on 1 April 1920 and served with it both at Potomac Barracks, (now Fort Leslie J. McNair) Washington, D.C., and Fort Ontario, New York. He then applied for The Tank School at Camp Meade, Maryland, and after graduating was assigned to the 16th Tank Battalion at Meade.

Here Bill met and married Frances Heald who was visiting her brother, Captain Thomas J. Heald, stationed there. Bill's classmate, Lieutenant Reginald W. Hubbell, acted as best man and the bride's sister, Mary Heald, acted as maid of honor in a ceremony conducted by Colonel John T. Axton, then Chief of Chaplains, on 13 May 1922.

Bill and Frances remained at Meade until ordered to the 30th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, in 1924. In 1926 Bill joined the 33d Infantry in the Canal Zone. In 1929 he joined the 10th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and in 1934 reported as student in



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the Regular Course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Following graduation Bill was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

In August 1939 Bill decided to further emulate his father, who after 15 years as a doughboy became a paymaster.

Bill applied for detail to the Finance Department, was sent to The Finance School, Camp Holabird, Maryland, and then assigned as Finance Officer 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. While at Bliss Bill transferred to the Finance Department and thereafter followed Finance assignments at Camp Bowie and Fort Sam Houston in Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma and with Headquarters United States Air Force Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany.

In 1948 Bill returned to Washington, D.C. and to his final assignment, the Army Personnel Records Board of the Adjutant General's Office. Again he followed in the footsteps of his father, who had been on duty as Chief of the Enlisted Division, Adjutant General's Office at the time of his death.

After two years with the Adjutant General's Office, in 1950 Bill requested retirement to devote full time to his home, garden and reading. He lost Frances in 1964 and thereafter took little interest in the world around him.

Throughout his career Bill was known for his interest in and protection of his subordinates and their families. He was always available to them for guidance and they were assured of mature, factual advice and sympathetic treatment. Having no children of his own one can readily understand this admirable characteristic of Bill's.

Always outspoken, no one was ever in doubt as to Bill's opinion on an issue. However his quiet dry humor took the sting from his disagreements and avoided possible ruffled feathers.

He will be remembered by the Army and by his classmates as a quiet, kind and understanding individual. We all shall miss him.

—A Classmate

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### Ivins LaRue Browne

NO. 6201 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 12 February 1977 in South Pasadena, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

IT WAS IN THE early morning hours on the 12th of February 1977 in South Pasadena, Florida, that Ivins LaRue Browne endearingly known by his classmates as "Boscoe," left us. It was due to a heart attack. He had entered the hospital on the 9th of February and until then had been in relatively good health although slightly handicapped from the loss of a leg in an auto accident a few years earlier. He had made his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, with wife Edna and three of his five stepchildren nearby and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Boscoe had passed his 80th birthday on 8 September 1976. He was blessed with a very happy spirit which made him very popular within his own family and with his many friends.

Immediately after graduation he attended the old Infantry School of Arms at Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by short tours in



IVINS LARUE BROWNE

Camp Grant, Illinois, and Camp Meade, Maryland, before going to Germany in mid-June 1919 where he joined the 8th Infantry. He was there until December 1922 when he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at his own request as a first lieutenant. He soon became resident supervisor of construction and superintendent in charge of construction for two firms. Shortly he was an associate member of the firm of Ethan Allen Dennison and Associates in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1939 he became a member of Scheide, Browne and Wilkins, Architects, of Hartford where he was involved in considerable housing construction for the government and the Army especially. In 1942 he reentered military service as a lieutenant colonel. Boscoe's first assignment was in New Orleans as the executive officer and then the commanding officer of the Air Depot Group. In November 1942 he became Assistant A4 at Elmendorf Field in Alaska, and later commanded the 23d Service Group and then the 337th Air Service Group as a colonel, in the Aleutians, until January 1946. He spent a few months at Fort Belvoir and was in Korea with the Engineer section in 1947 and in Okinawa as Engineer for the 20th Air Force in 1948 and 1949. He returned to the 4th Air Force at Fort Hamilton Air Force Base, California, and then was with the Corps of Engineers in Dallas, Texas, in 1952 and 1953. When he was retired from the Air Force in 1953 he was with the Ohio River District of the Great Lakes Division, Rivers and Harbors, Corps of Engineers. After military retirement he was one of the developers of Vina Del Mar Island and was a former commissioner of Pass-a-Grille at St. Petersburg Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Edna West Browne; three stepsons, Douglas W. and Donald K. Parker of Reed City, Michigan, and David T. Agin of Spring Hill, Florida; and two daughters, Jalane Stone of St. Petersburg and Jerianne Leverock of Pinellas Park, Florida. Also seventeen grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Boscoe was always very active and found great joy in his many years on construction which permeated his entire attitude. His departure has removed a source of great happiness and strength from those left behind. Services were held for him at the Beach Memorial Chapel in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, and followed by a graveside

service in the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, with eight classmates as honorary pallbearers.

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### Henry George Lambert

NO. 6544 CLASS OF 1920

Died 28 November 1975 in Bronxville, New York, aged 76 years.

Interment: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, New York

HENRY G. LAMBERT was born on 23 October 1899 in Chicago, Illinois, the first child of George and Mary Lambert. His boyhood years were spent in the Chicago area where he attended Saint James School, Proviso Township High School, and, later, Lewis Institute. He was active in sports and extracurricular pursuits throughout these early years, and established a reputation for the scholarly and inquiring mind which was to be one of his hallmarks throughout life.

"Hank," or "Harry," as he was known to classmates and friends, entered the United States Military Academy, and the 1920 HOWITZER notes, "He led a skyrocket career in his academic work." Harry's staunch friendship with his roommate, Joe Dillon, resulted in his meeting and later marrying Joe's sister, Grace Dillon, on 14 November 1923, a marriage which was to last 52 years.

After graduation from USMA and initial assignments with the Corps of Engineers, Harry attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) until June 1922 when he was graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. Having served with the Corps of Engineers at Fort DuPont, Delaware and Fort Mott, New Jersey, he resigned as first lieutenant in 1925, joining the Investment Banking and Securities Firm of A.C. Allyn & Co. in New York. Harry's business career was interrupted by World War II service. Returning to the Corps of Engineers in 1942, he served in the European theater throughout the war. He completed active duty in November 1945 as colonel, Army of the United States, and returned to civilian life.

Harry's mathematical and analytical abilities served him well in his business career. His perception of the underwriting and securities field became widely known and highly respected in the financial community. In ad-



HENRY GEORGE LAMBERT

dition to his duties at A.C. Allyn, and later at the Francis I. DuPont Company, he also served as President, Colonial Ice Company, and Director of Seabrook Farms and Pacific Power and Light Company.

Harry maintained his interest in mathematics and science throughout his life. After retirement from his active business career, he worked on a book detailing a new mathematical approach to municipal bonds which he had developed, and a "game" approach to teaching mathematics to children. He immersed himself in the study of ancient civilizations and soon was on a par with many career experts in the field. He was a natural teacher who, with great patience, would spend hours explaining different concepts to his children and later, his grandchildren. Grace's and Harry's four children (Kenneth, Grace, Marijane, and Harry [United States Military Academy, Class of 1960]), produced 24 grandchildren of whom Harry was very proud.

The Class of 1920 was always close to the hearts of Harry and Grace, and particularly so in Harry's later years. He spent many hours via phone and letters tracking-down "lost" classmates, and he remained active in class affairs until his death.

We who were closest to him thought he was a very special man, blessed with a brilliant mind, and determined to live his life according to the motto of West Point and the tenets of his faith.

A memorial resolution passed by the Board of Directors of Pacific Power and Light Company after his death says in part: "We cherish his memory. He was a gentleman, a patriot, a warm friend, and a delightful companion. We felt the warmth of his affection for family and for country, which he served so well in peace and war. It was a privilege to have shared a place in his life."

—His Family

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## Benjamin Wiley Chidlaw

NO. 6869 CLASS OF 1922

Died 21 February 1977 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 76 years.

Interment: United States Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado



BENJAMIN WILEY CHIDLAW

who made that choice. After mastering the old "Jenny" in primary school at Brooks Air Force Base, he was sent to Kelly Air Force Base for advanced training. Between changes of station he took time off to get married. At Kelly, he was assigned to the Pursuit Section where he was trained on an assortment of World War I relics such as the Spad and SE5. The big day of graduation and the award of wings finally arrived in February 1924 and Ben was on his way to an illustrious career.

Very few officers have had the variety of important assignments as did Ben during his 33 years of commissioned service. Training, research and development, supply and maintenance, staff, combat command, command of international forces and personnel and attendance at the military's highest schools of education were all a part of an enviable career that brought credit to himself, the Air Force and his country.

After a stint of instructing at Kelly, he was assigned to the 3d Pursuit Squadron in the Philippines. Two years later he was back in San Antonio instructing in the Primary Flying School at Brooks Air Force Base. His desire for involvement in the technical side of aviation earned him an assignment as a student at the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field in 1930. After graduation in 1931, he was retained at Wright and spent four years as a Project Officer in the Aircraft Branch. It was during this period that saw the emergence of the forerunners of modern aircraft from the "wood, glue and cloth" models of World War I. This job was interspersed with a few months of flying the air mail. Attendance at the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Air Force Base and Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth kept him busy from August 1935 to June 1937. He then went to the 2d Bombardment Group at Langley AFB as Operations Officer where service testing of the original B-17 was being conducted.

His experience at Wright and Langley drew an assignment in 1939 to the Office Chief of the Air Corps where General "Hap" Arnold gave him the job of monitoring and directing the design, development and testing of the original United States jet engine and aircraft, the Bell XP-59. He was among the first to test flight this airplane. The project was closely coordinated with the British efforts in the development of their jets and

necessitated many trips to England for conferences with their designers and supervisors. This association led to additional duty as Consultant and Air Corps Advisor to the British Purchasing Commission after we entered the war. It was on this assignment that he received his first star.

In March 1944, his desire for overseas duty was granted and he was assigned as Deputy Commanding General of the XII Tactical Air Command in the North Africa-Mediterranean Theater. Later he organized and commanded the XXII Tactical Air Command which provided support for the United States Fifth Army. He was promoted in early 1945 to major general and to command of the 12th United States Air Force. Shortly thereafter, he was selected by Field Marshall Alexander to command Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Forces, which consisted of the 12th Air Force, British Desert Air Force, Brazilian Air Force and units from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, France, Italy and Poland with a total strength of approximately 260,000. He dictated the terms of surrender of the German Luftwaffe opposing MATAF and participated with General Mark Clark in the actual surrender of all of the German forces in Italy at Florence in May 1945.

Shortly after VE Day, he was ordered back to the United States to assist in the reorganization of the logistic side of the Air Corps. This involved the bringing together under one single command all the research and development, procurement, production, supply and maintenance operations which, during wartime conditions had become the responsibility of the various theater commanders and/or several different commands within the United States. He considered this to be the most difficult task that he was ever given, involving as it did the immediate cancellation or cutback after VJ Day of some 50,000 wartime contracts; the immediate transition from wartime to peacetime basis necessitating the closing of scores of air supply bases and depots; the inventory of useable Air Corps equipment worth billions of dollars; the return of approximately 5,000 aircraft to the United States for inventory, reclamation and/or storage and the consequent discharge or transfer of a hundred thousand or more civilian and military personnel engaged in these various logistic activities on a world-wide basis. That task was successfully, efficiently, and smoothly accomplished without fanfare or scandal. He was promoted to lieutenant general in 1947 and in 1949 became Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command where he served for two years.

In August 1951, he was selected to command the newly organized Air Defense Command and received his fourth star in October. The Continental Air Defense Command was created in 1954 and Ben became its first commander-in-chief and served in that capacity until his retirement, 31 May 1955.

His United States decorations include: Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Air Medal with oak leaf cluster; and the Army and Air Force Commendation Medals. His work with foreign governments was rewarded with: Commander, Order of the British Empire; Officer, Legion of Honor (France); two awards of the Croix de Guerre with Palm (France); Commander, Order of the Southern Cross (Brazil); Aeronautical Medal of Merit (Brazil); and Cross of Valor (Poland).

Following his military retirement, he ac-

cepted a position as vice president and director of Thompson Products (now TRW Inc.) and remained with that company for ten and a half years. During this period he also served one term as president and director of the American Ordnance Association.

He and Lillian selected Colorado Springs as their retirement home where they enjoyed a happy and busy life. Ben became involved in community activities and took particular interest in many aspects of the operation of the Air Force Academy which frequently sought his advice and assistance.

Ben had not been in good health for several months prior to his death but nevertheless was planning on attendance at the class' 55th reunion. The end came quickly on 21 February and thus ended a full and productive life which his family and friends can look back upon and remember with pride. He entered into everything with a will to win and his competitive spirit is well illustrated in many Air Force clubs where his name is engraved on the golf championship plaques. One of his classmates wrote the following description of him in the class HOWITZER: "And so long as there's fun to be had, he's with you to the end, and when there's work to be done he's working just as hard as he played." A truly remarkable insight into the character of the man. Throughout his life, second best was not for him—nothing less than the best effort was acceptable, with the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country," always guiding him.

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## Francis Townsend Dodd

NO. 7150 CLASS OF 1923

Died 5 March 1973 at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, aged 73 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

ON THE FRONT page of the *San Antonio Express* for 24 May 1952 were a photograph of Frank Dodd and headlines reporting that he had been reduced from brigadier general to colonel, after he, as commander of the Prisoner of War camp on Koje-Do, Korea, had been seized by North Korean Communist POW's on 7 May 1952 and held by them until 10 May. Almost exactly 25 years later, on the front page of the *San Antonio Express* for 2 April 1977 were a photograph of Frank Dodd and the headline: Dodd's Name Cleared At Last.

Frank was born in Angola County, Indiana, 5 October 1899, the son of William G. and Josephine White Dodd. He was brought up in Tallahassee, Florida, where Dr. Dodd, a noted Shakespearean authority, was Professor of English and later Dean at Florida State University.

At the Military Academy Frank distinguished himself as an athlete who was on the wrestling squad for two years, and track team for three, winning his "A" his Second Class year, and on the football team for four years, winning his "A" each of the four. But in later years Frank, on innumerable occasions, had to disclaim credit for the most famous play of his four years of football at West Point and explain that, contrary to the author of the HOWITZER account of the memorable 1922 Navy Game, it was not he but Pat Timberlake who caught the touch-



FRANCIS TOWNSEND DODD

down pass in the closing minutes of that 17-14 victory. (And thus it was that for the next three years cadets could, and did, say that Colonel Timberlake scored the first touchdown against the Navy and Pat Timberlake scored the last.) In addition to being on sports squads, Frank was a Cadet Chapel Sunday School teacher. He was successively a cadet corporal, sergeant and lieutenant.

Upon graduating from the Academy, Frank was assigned to the 6th Field Artillery, at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. Continuing to be a fine athlete, he played football on the III Corps Area team for two years, again with Pat Timberlake in the same backfield, and became a polo player and golfer of commendable ability.

After two years in the 6th Field, he was appointed aide to Brigadier General Edgar T. Collins, and a short time later he was assigned to the 8th Field Artillery in Hawaii; in 1928 he was appointed aide to Brigadier General Paul A. Wolf. In 1932 he took the Battery Officers' Course at Fort Sill. After a year as Adjutant, 15th Field Artillery, he was ordered to duty as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Florida, where he served for six years. He was in the 4th Field Artillery and on the 13th Field Artillery Brigade staff at Fort Bragg, then on the staff of the Air Support Command, Oklahoma City, and then, after Pearl Harbor, Director of Tactics at The Field Artillery School.

In 1943 Frank became Assistant Corps Artillery Officer, IV Corps, went to North Africa in that capacity and then served as Executive, Seventh Army Artillery, in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was awarded the Legion of Merit twice, the Bronze Star and two Army Commendation Medals. In 1948 he became Deputy Chief of Staff, Fourth Army, at Fort Sam Houston and, after promotion to brigadier general in 1951, Deputy Chief of Staff, Eighth Army, in Korea.

In February 1952 he was ordered to take command of the POW camp on Koje-Do after a particularly bloody incident in which an American soldier was killed and 138 POW's wounded when the inmates of Compound 62, armed with handmade weapons, attacked an American infantry battalion.

With the Armistice Conference in Panmunjom deadlocked over the repatriation of POW's, Frank was directed to provide the Conference with two sets of rosters and

fingerprints, one of POW's who would voluntarily return to Communist control and the other of POW's who would "forcibly resist" return. The disagreement at Panmunjom was reflected in turmoil on Koje-Do. In a camp in which day-long Communist and Anti-Communist demonstrations, Communist stoning of Republic of Korea army guards and POW murders of other POW's were routine, and with force the only means of restoring order behind flimsy compound fences, with repeated injunctions from Tokyo to prevent bloodshed and with the International Red Cross representative poised to investigate and report each violation of Geneva Convention III, such as "the injury, intimidation or insult of a prisoner," Frank screened and listed 115,000 POW's and transferred to the mainland the 80,000 who said they would forcibly resist return to Communist control. Left unscreened were 43,000 POW's in eight compounds whose leaders refused to permit screening.

Ridgway, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command, Korea, sent a message of appreciation to Frank for his "personal performance of exceedingly difficult and important tasks."

Shortly before this, the Department of the Army approved Frank's transfer to the command of a division of the Eighth Army "in the near future," with promotion to major general sure to follow.

As for the 43,000 unscreened POW's, with force ruled out, Frank was reduced to persuading or coaxing compound leaders to let their POW's be listed and fingerprinted without any questions about repatriation. On 6 May one of Frank's lieutenant colonels told him that the leaders of Compound 76 would permit their men to be listed if Frank gave his personal assurance at a meeting scheduled for the next day that there would be no questioning. Having gone through every compound in the camp to inspect it or to conduct visitors through it without a bodyguard, without incident and without criticism (in fact, he had conducted a United Nations commission through Compound 76) and it being well-known that Collins, the Chief of Staff, Ridgway and Van Fleet, Commanding General Eighth Army, all had gone into compounds when they visited Koje-Do, as had Cardinal Spellman, Frank did not hesitate to agree to go to the compound. However, when he arrived in the vicinity of the compound gate, he found that the meeting was only about routine POW complaints. After standing some distances away for several minutes, he decided further wait was fruitless and turned to go back to his headquarters. It was then that the POW leaders rushed out, seized Frank and dragged him inside.

Colson (United States Military Academy, Class of November 1918) was appointed camp commander and, after obtaining the specific approval of the Commanding General, 2d Logistics Command, to each UN proposal, obtained Frank's release May 10th.

[It might be noted that, contrary to some reports at the time, neither Frank's capture nor Colson's negotiations affected the Armistice proceedings. The Armistice was signed very quickly in 1953 after the redoubtable Syngman Rhee simply released all of the North Korean POW's who had said they would forcibly resist repatriation and had been transferred to the mainland.]

On 13 and 14 May Frank appeared before an Eighth Army board of officers appointed to investigate the incident. The result is best

described in the book, *From the Danube to the Yalu*, by Mark Clark, who arrived in Tokyo the day Frank was captured and succeeded Ridgway on May 12:

*"I was amazed soon thereafter when a board of officers convened by Eighth Army to determine responsibility for the affair found that General Colson displayed coolness and excellent judgment in handling the negotiations and recommended that no blame fall on Dodd for being captured."*

*"Washington wanted... preferably someone's head on a pike."*

*"Dissatisfied with the report of the Eighth Army Board of Officers, I appointed a new board of investigation, headed by... my Deputy Chief of Staff..."*

*"On the findings of the new board, I recommended that Dodd and Colson be reduced in rank. These recommendations were approved in Washington."*

After his assignment to Headquarters, Fourth Army, and at the urging of the Fourth Army commander, Frank wrote to the Adjutant General for a copy of the proceedings of the Clark board, before which he had been precluded from appearing. In due course he received the incredible reply: "The material requested in basic communication is classified as 'Top Secret' and therefore is not available."

Following his retirement in San Antonio, Frank turned his hobby of designing and making beautiful furniture into an activity so successful that he was frequently required to refuse some of the special orders of interior decorators.

Frank met and married his beloved Margaret (Wolf) in Hawaii in 1929. She died of cancer in 1961.

Frank is survived by his two daughters, Margaret Dodd Joyce and Elizabeth, both of San Antonio.

Warned by the doctors during his retirement physical examination that he would suffer a mental breakdown if he did not stop thinking about Koje-Do and even about the Army, it was not until 1968 that Frank mentioned Koje-Do to one of his oldest friends. However, he refused to permit any action to be taken for his vindication until two paragraphs about his case in an article in ARMY for August 1969 by Newman (United States Military Academy, Class of 1925), a man whom Frank had not seen since graduation, persuaded him that others than his closest friends were concerned about his case.

Then followed years of blind alleys and long waits. In 1972, after Frank had been assured that he would not have to re-live his traumatic experiences on a witness stand, he finally authorized another retired officer, as counsel, to submit an application to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records, a civilian agency under the Secretary of Army. Because the Top Secret report of the Clark board was not available, the application was based largely on supposition, with later understanding that the counsel would be given the report at the Army Board hearing; however, the Army Board denied the application without a hearing in August 1973, after Frank's death. In 1975 a copy of the report of the Clark board was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Following an appointment Frank's counsel had with Secretary of the Army Callaway (United States Military Academy class of 1949), and then with the head of the Army Board, a panel of the Army Board held a 3½-hour hearing of the case 2 July 1975.

In closing his presentation at the hearing, Frank's counsel read extracts from four letters he knew of that Van Fleet had written about the case between 1957 and 1975. Only the end of the letter Van Fleet wrote in 1975 after he had requested and read a copy of the Clark board report is quoted here:

*"Generally when officers take action that proves successful, they are often promoted and decorated. In this case, both officers were pressured, and their judgments proved beneficial in the long run. No one, and I repeat, no one, could have done a better job."*

In 1977 the Secretary of the Army directed that all Department of the Army records be corrected to show that Frank was placed on the retired list as a brigadier general as of the date of his retirement, 1 August 1953.

One record did not have to be corrected. In 1973 the Superintendent of the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery had the headstone for Frank's grave carved to read:

Brig Gen  
U S Army Ret

—TMW

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## Robert Milchrist Cannon

NO. 7754 CLASS OF 1925

Died 3 September 1976 in Wilton,  
Connecticut, aged 75 years.

Interment: Presidio of San Francisco Cemetery,  
San Francisco, California

"TO EVERYTHING there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven:"

*a time to be born*

Robert Milchrist (Joe) Cannon was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, 16 August 1901. He took the oath of a soldier on the Parade Ground at West Point in July 1921. For his 50th reunion yearbook he wrote: "Looking back over the past 50 years, I realize how lucky and fortunate I have been. I could not possibly have had a professional career which gave me more happiness and satisfaction. It was a great day for Joe Cannon when he entered West Point."

The Cadet Prayer was the creed—the religion by which he lived and it influenced everything he did throughout his life.

He spent his boyhood on the family farm where he raised and rode Shetland ponies. When he was eight years old he was delivering newspapers at 4:30 a.m. on his favorite pony.

*a time of peace*

From these beginnings came his love of horses and he continued to own and ride horses throughout his early military career, playing polo, riding to hounds, training horses, riding and jumping in horse shows—winning many ribbons and silver cups—until Pearl Harbor. On that unforgettable day he was at the Fort Sill Hunt Club breakfast. When the news came over the radio everyone left in shocked silence.

*and a time of war*

In February 1942 he received orders to join the Stilwell Mission in India. He reported to Fort Screvens, Georgia, and boarded the S.S. *Brazil* to begin a 60 day voyage to India with stops only in Puerto Rico and South Africa. A classmate wrote, "We were very close during one of the most trying times of my life—and probably for Joe—but

he never let it show. We shared a tiny cabin during that nightmare voyage. His example was a great source of strength for me and I do not mind saying that I leaned on it heavily. All in all he was a man—and I know not when we shall see his like again."

Joe was highly commended by the Commanding Officer of the S.S. *Brazil* for his expert organization of the 2,000 troops and for improving the sanitation and the 7,500 meals prepared daily under extremely difficult conditions. He was a lieutenant colonel at this time.

During his more than three years in the China-Burma-India Theater Joe was successively Artillery Instructor, Assistant Chief of Staff to the Ledo Sector, Assistant Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Northern Combat Area Command with the mission of driving the Japanese out of Burma so the Stilwell Road could be built. Their forces advanced from Ledo, Assam to Lashio, Burma—a distance of 400 miles through mountainous terrain, dense jungle and monsoon weather—plagued by dysentery, malaria, leeches and mosquitoes.

General Frank Merrill said of Joe: "The conditions under which the Northern Combat Area Command functioned were as unfavorable as those encountered anywhere else in the world... many of the personnel were obliged to spend extended periods of up to two years in the jungle without relief and without amenities—food and equipment had to be air-dropped. That there was no single case of court martial throughout the command during the entire period can be attributed in large part to General Cannon's personal influence on the morale of all ranks of the command."

"In supervising the execution of his plans approved by General Stilwell and later by General Sultan, General Cannon devoted himself to the task with intelligence, energy, foresight, professional ability and personal enthusiasm to a degree unsurpassed by any other officer of my knowledge in the CBI Theater."

General Stilwell wrote: "General Cannon prepared all the detailed operational plans for the invasion of the Hukwang Valley and the Myitkyina areas which led to their successful conquest. He ably coordinated the action of American, Chinese and British units and composed the many difficulties that arose from differences of nationality, organization, equipment, customs and tradition." and on leaving: "You have put over a job that seemed impossible and I am proud to have been associated with you in it."

General Sir Francis Festing, Commander of the 36th British Division wrote: "Well, between the lot of us we seem to have pretty well pulled it off in Burma and I am not trying to flatter when I say that I consider one of the main factors in the success was the three Joes. (General Joe Stilwell, Joe Stilwell Jr. and Joe Cannon.) NCAC really bore the brunt of the whole campaign and until I got to know the country I had not realized what a tremendously difficult task you had before you. However you have achieved it by your determination not to be turned aside or frustrated by uninformed strategists and adverse circumstances. It would open the eyes of many a military genius who thinks if you don't stick to the book—you are doomed to failure."

Here Joe earned his first star, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for ground combat against the enemy while

...serving with an infantry battalion; the Air Medal for sustained operational flights under constant threat of enemy interception and fire; the Honorary Commander of the British Empire for his outstanding help and cooperation and the Chinese Order of the Cloud and Banner.

Joe returned from Burma in May 1945 after 26 months in the jungle and was sent to Okinawa in August 1945 where he commanded a task force that disarmed the Japanese forces, driving them out of their maze of underground tunnels and destroying their war material on the islands between Okinawa and Formosa.

After the war he distinguished himself in successive positions of great responsibility: Assistant Chief of Staff G4 Sixth United States Army under General Stilwell and General Mark Clark.

Commander of Division Artillery and Assistant Division Commander of the 82d Airborne Division after undergoing the rigorous airborne training course at Fort Benning—earning his Parachute and Glider Badge at age 46. During this period three young lieutenants wrote, “Your inspections were conducted in such a fatherly manner that anyone serving under you felt like going out and shooting themselves whenever anything went wrong. Your leadership is of the type which inspires men to do the impossible.”

Chief of the United States Army Group Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey. Joe considered this his most interesting and happiest assignment.

Chief of the United States Army Audit Agency; of this period General John B. Hess, Comptroller, wrote: “The magnificent leadership you have given the Army Audit Agency will of its own force enable the Agency to carry on your fine new programs in the spirit you have given it.”

Chief of the Joint Military Advisory Group to the Philippine Government where, and I quote from a Philippine publication, “he stood like an oak, calm, unperturbed through all the ‘storms.’ Well placed observers say that perhaps no man in his position has done more for the Armed Forces of the Philippines than this amiable, capable, unassuming American.”

General Ridgway reported a conversation with President Ramon Magsaysay in which the President expressed the hope that General Cannon be left with him because of his conspicuously superior performance of duty.

Ambassador Ferguson reported that during his tour of duty General Cannon’s actions and decisions were sometimes subject to violent criticism in the Philippine Press. This however did not deter General Cannon from performing his functions in the best American traditions and in the interests of the United States.

Joe’s executive officer during this period wrote “I have admired the courageous manner in which you have elected to discharge your responsibilities to the United States Government. Many times there was an easy way out but your sense of duty would not permit you to take it. (Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong.) You invariably selected the right course knowing full well that you might be subjected to much indigenous criticism. It was a rare privilege to have worked for you.”

Special Assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Mutual Defense Advisory Pact Affairs where he traveled by air all over the world and on being given his third star as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, Headquar-



ROBERT MILCHRIST CANNON

ters United States Army Pacific. General Cannon culminated his brilliant career as Commanding General, Sixth United States Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

On his retirement in 1961 he was awarded his second Distinguished Service Medal at a “booming” Farewell for a man with a name to fit—Cannon. The seventeen gun salute was fired, 1200 soldiers passed in review, two military bands played “Army Blue,” the flags of the United Nations fluttered in the wind, and a fleet of light planes and helicopters flew over blowing long strings of colored smoke and carrying a sign, “Good Luck General Cannon.” At this time he said “I am humbly appreciative of the successes and recognition which have been mine and for this I will always be grateful for the wholehearted support and assistance given to me over the years by those in all the services with whom I have lived and worked.”

A recital of his assignments and decorations gives no true picture of the man—so I would like to quote from some of the hundreds of letters I received—tributes that have come from friends and acquaintances near and far.

“General Cannon was an outstanding professional soldier with great character, humility and compassion who served the Army and our country with distinction.”

“His successes were hard won, eminently deserved and greatly merited. He was a great officer and a great friend. We suffer in his loss.” (a classmate)

“In my book Joe was of a class by himself—as able as any who has served his country—with all his brilliance and abilities, he had a great human side with the right amount of humility. It was a privilege to have served under him.”

“General Cannon’s caliber of integrity and honesty is achieved by very few. He was truly an exceptional warm individual.”

“My heart goes out to you with the loss of Joe—for he was one helluva man.”

“Wherever Joe happened to be became a better place for his presence.”

“I have never served under a senior officer more considerate not only to me—but to all other officers under his command. He placed all at ease—whether at a social or official function. The memory of this brilliant man will remain with me the rest of my life.”

“He was always ready to give friendly advice and cheer to everyone and his very

presence in the clubhouse seemed to increase the aura of friendship and cooperation that this club has always had. It seems almost superfluous for us to say that we will miss him—because we will do more than that—we will never be able to replace him.”

“We knew that whenever you and Joe entered a room, joy would come with you. So often it is said that happy memories are the best of all things we can have. Your Joe left all who knew him very rich indeed.”

“He will always be missed by me. I admired him greatly as a human being. His joy of life, his great sense of humor and foremost his clear sense of right—his dedication to high standards will influence what I do as they have what I have done.”—his son-in-law, Donald A. Schwartz.

“Bob and I had the greatest admiration for the way you and Dad lived—your morals, your ethics or philosophy of life—however you want to say it—and how each day seemed to be a new celebration of life.” JoAnne Cannon Schwartz.

“There are no words to say how heavy our hearts are because he is gone. But you know and we know that only once in a lifetime are we blest by a General Joe being a part of our world.”

“He was truly one in a million.”

He was known as “Joe” to most of his friends. This nickname was given to him as a cadet at West Point because at that time “Uncle Joe Cannon” (not related) had been speaker of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. He married a girl named Josephine—so throughout our lives together we have been known as Mamma Joe and Poppa Joe, Big Joe and Little Jo, and latterly simply as Joe and Joey.

#### *a time to love*

We were married at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on 4 January 1928 and this was the beginning of one of the happiest marriages anyone could have. We had hoped to celebrate our 50th anniversary—but this was not to be. However we were able to attend his 50th Reunion at West Point last year—an unforgettable, inspiring experience which meant so much to him.

His unswerving devotion to duty never interfered with his devotion to me and to our children, JoAnne Cannon Schwartz and Robert Lamar Cannon.

Joe loved his Army career and his work was his hobby—all during our life together he would jump out of bed at 6:30 every morning and shout—and I mean SHOUT “another day in which to excell darling—rise and shine.” Excel he did—he was a general officer for 17 of his 36 years of service.

Joe retired in 1961 with 40% disability—the strenuous years had taken their toll. But he immediately became a member of the board of directors of San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association, which gave him broad new interests in a new field, new friends and a rewarding happy life for 15 years in spite of his constantly failing health. His courage during this period was an inspiration to me.

#### *and a time to die*

Joe died suddenly of cardiac arrest while visiting our daughter in Connecticut. His ashes are buried in a lovely spot in The Presidio of San Francisco Cemetery—a beautiful tree protects his grave and the American flag in all its glory flies near by.

“The great throng of friends who more than filled the Presidio Chapel at the Memorial Services showed the very high regard

both you and Joe had earned in the military and civilian communities of this area. The services were beautiful and perfect in every way and the reading of the Cadet Prayer was most impressive. All who knew Joe, know he lived by that prayer constantly. Both the services in the Chapel and the final military honors at the gravesite were entirely befitting the great soldier Joe had been for so many years." JWH

Now that you have been transferred from your temporary post on earth to a further assignment in a higher realm which is screened from mortal eyes, be thou at peace my darling. Five giant redwood trees in the Honor Grove in the Humboldt Redwood State Park have been named in your memory by the Directors of the San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association. You will not be forgotten.

—JRC



KEITH RICHARD BARNEY

Keith Richard Barney

NO. 7877 CLASS OF 1926

Died 12 January 1977 in Washington, D.C., aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

KEITH WAS BORN and raised in Vermont and his New England background was evident in his personality, industry, frugality, high morality and dry wit, which were evident throughout his lifetime. After going through grade and high school in his hometown of Springfield, he ventured across the state line into New Hampshire for a year at Phillips Exeter Academy from which he also graduated. With two high school diplomas to his credit before he was 17, he went to work for a year in a mill in Springfield. Then, in 1922 he received a Congressional appointment to West Point and was accepted for admission without having to take a mental examination.

At West Point his hobbies were, in his words, "bridge and history—especially after we were allowed in that lovely First Class Reading Room in the old Library." He described his cadet athletics as consisting of "a long line of conspicuous indistinction at intramural." However, he proved his fine mind by graduating seventh in his class, on 12 June 1926.

After two years in typical assignments for junior engineer officers, he was sent to Cornell University for an Engineering degree. While there, along with seven other bachelor engineer officers, he occupied a large residence on the slopes above Cayuga's waters, which was known to Cornell students as "The Army House." He was unanimously selected to serve as manager and treasurer of the establishment, collecting rent, food and other costs and keeping the house on its feet financially in spite of the occasional extravagances of the other seven occupants. During this year Keith proved his constancy and devotion to his OAO (one and only). One of the graduate students that he met was a young lady from California who had these revealing observations: "One of my most interesting encounters with a group of unusual young men involved Keith Barney. He was one of eight bachelor second lieutenants living in the so-called Army House at Cornell. All were working hard to receive an Engineering degree before returning to Army life. Each of the group was special in his

own way (I married one of them!) and all, I thought, were serious in their work. Keith had an engaging dry wit I like. Along with dedication to his work was a devotion to his 'girl back home.' I learned that he wrote Frances every night and even wrote a special delivery to be delivered on Sunday! I've always remembered and been impressed by that fact. Not having met an Army man before in my life, I have never forgotten my introduction into the service that year."

After attaining his Engineering degree at Cornell, Keith and Frances McClymonds were married in Washington, D.C. and took up residence for the next three years at Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir), where Keith served as a company officer then as a student at The Engineer School. There followed a tour in Hawaii, an assignment to River and Harbor work at St. Paul and then Reserve Officers Training Corps duty at Michigan Tech where Keith was Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

With the approach of war, Keith was ordered to Fort Belvoir where he was given the task of developing transportation for the new 25-ton pontoon bridge. Of this assignment Keith wrote: "I found that I was the expert in this field; not that I had ever seen a 25-ton bridge—nobody had—but I had seen drawings of one, and this made me the expert." After completing the design, Keith had a series of battalion and regimental troop assignments before he took command of the 1120th Engineer Combat Group. He took this unit to the Desert Training Center in California before embarking with the Group for England in December of 1943. His Group was assigned to the VII Corps of First Army throughout the European campaign, beginning with an amphibious landing on D-Day plus one and continuing through France into Belgium and Germany. During these operations, Keith was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre.

After the War, Keith served in several assignments including a tour as Engineer of the Pacific Air Command in Hawaii. In January of 1955 he was named Director of Installations in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, and three months later was promoted to brigadier general. A little over two years later he was promoted to major general. There followed a tour as Division Engineer of the Missouri River Division during which he was also a member of the prestigious Mississippi River Commission.

Keith's final assignment was as Deputy Chief of Engineers for Construction, and as Chairman of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. For this duty he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

When Keith retired he made the remark, "Military retirement, I expect, was less of a change to me than to many—I didn't go to the office on Monday. Frances and I were already living in Arlington, Virginia, where we had bought a house in 1949. We never contemplated moving to another community." Keith did not stop working, however, as he took time to research and write a 726-page history of his hometown of Springfield, Vermont, which was published by the Bryant Foundation. He received no compensation for this effort and considered it a labor of love. There is a copy of his book in the West Point Library. In a typical statement of disparagement, he remarked that the book was "too bulky for a paperweight but excellent as a doorstop." After retirement, he also served on the Board of Distaff Hall where he claimed that he had 300 girl friends.

Keith's greatest hobby was golf, and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Army Navy Country Club (he served for a year as Chairman), he was instrumental in making changes to the golf course layout, necessitated by the construction of Highway I-95 along the eastern boundary of the property. In his words, "I play a good deal of bad golf and am always happy when I break 100."

Keith and Frances have a son, Keith Jr., who teaches in the Fairfax County School System. He is married to Alice Marston (an Army brat) and they have three children. Of his grandchildren Keith observed, "If there is anything to the theory of heredity, some of these three should turn out to be engineers. Both grandfathers are retired Army engineer officers and a maternal great-grandfather was Dean of Engineering at Iowa State University."

Keith's final major project—and one for which he will long be remembered by his classmates—was the assembling and editing (with his copious humorous comments) of the biographical sketches of every living member of the Class of 1926 for their 50th Reunion Booklet. So much of Keith's engaging personality was revealed in his candid and entertaining remarks, which were scattered throughout the publication, that the Booklet serves as a vibrant memorial to a warm, witty and discerning person.

We'll miss you Keith; the world will not be as bright without you.

—Anon

Frank Sayles Bowen Jr.

NO. 7935 CLASS OF 1926

Died 24 September 1976 at Moncrief Army Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FRANK SAYLES BOWEN was born at Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands, 4 March 1905. His father, Colonel Frank S. Bowen, was born in Ohio and was a graduate of United States Military Academy Class of 1900. He retired in San Francisco and died there 12 May 1947. His mother, Mildred Alford Bowen, was born in Tennessee and was a resident of Columbia, South Carolina, at the time of his death.



FRANK SAYLES BOWEN JR.

"Bill" (as he was known to his many friends), or "Mutt" (as affectionately referred to by classmates), attended grammar school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and preparatory school at Kemper Military School, Missouri. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Nebraska. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. On 12 September 1926 he reported to the 13th Infantry, Camp Devens, Massachusetts. He became Commanding Officer Recruit Depot, Fort Warren, Massachusetts I Corps Area until June 1927, then attended Military Government School at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, from July to September 1927; then to Fort Andrews, Massachusetts, until May 1928. Back to Fort Ethan Allen for company duty Military Government School until October 1928. Remained there on company duty until January 1929. He reported to 31st Infantry, Philippine Islands 2 April 1929. While there he was promoted to first lieutenant December 1931. He was in Shanghai with the 31st from July to September 1932. From there he went to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student in The Infantry School until May 1933, then to Big Basin, California, for Civilian Conservation Corps duty. He returned to Fort Benning, Georgia, for student officers Tank Section Infantry School. He was maintenance officer then Commanding Officer, Co D, 66th Infantry. He became a captain in the Infantry in 1936 and Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 66th Infantry. From September 1938 until June 1939 he was a student officer at Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, then became Regimental Plans and Training Officer at Presidio, California until October 1940. He then became aide-de-camp to General Eichelberger, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, until January 1942. In February 1941 he became a major (Army of the United States). In January 1942 he became G1 77th Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, until June 1942. (He was promoted to lieutenant colonel, Army of the United States in February 1942.) He remained in Columbia, South Carolina, as G3 I Corps until August 1942. He went to the Southwest Pacific as G3 I Corps being promoted to colonel, Army of the United States 28 December 1942. He served in Papua, New Guinea, Hollandia and Dutch New Guinea until September 1944. He served as G3 of the Eighth Army on Leyte, Luzon, Philippine Islands and arrived in Japan for

Occupation duty September 1945. He was promoted to brigadier general, Army of the United States, June 1945. After Japan he attended National War College 1947-1948. He went to Camp Carson, Colorado, where he served in the 14th Regimental Combat Unit from July 1948 to March 1950. In May 1950 he joined Headquarters, Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From 1950-1951 he was Commanding General 187th Regimental Combat Team, Airborne, in the Korean War. He was promoted to major general in 1951 and served in Paris with Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe until 1954 when he became Assistant Commanding General, 6th Armored Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, until 1955. From 1955 to 1956 he was Commanding General, 101 Airborne Division and Fort Jackson, South Carolina; from 1956-1958 he was Chief of Military Assistance Advisory Group in Taiwan. After Taiwan he was Commanding General of XII Army Corps, Atlanta, Georgia. He became Deputy Commander in Chief of Navy Forces East Atlantic and Mediterranean from 1960-1962. From London he returned to Third Army Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. He retired as major general in November 1962. As his record shows he had a most distinguished and rewarding career. He was one of our nation's most decorated soldiers and had an outstanding World War II record.

His decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Silver Star with three oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster and "V" device, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Ribbon, American Presidential Unit Citation with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge with second award, the Parachutists Badge with two stars denoting combat jumps.

His ribbons include the Yangtze Patrol (Navy), Asiatic Pacific with arrowhead, silver battle star and bronze star; Korean Service with arrowhead and four bronze stars, Medal for Military Merit (Philippines), Ulchi with gold star (Korean), Philippine Liberation with two bronze stars, World War II Victory Ribbon, Occupation Ribbon (Japan), American Defense; National Defense; and United Nations.

Bill's retirement ceremony was at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and he made his retirement home in Columbia, South Carolina. He remained active in civilian life. For two years he was executive director of The South Carolina Safety Council and the following three years he served as director of the South Carolina Traffic Safety Program, a tremendous job well done. He was state chairman of the South Carolina Jobs for Veterans and also president and chairman of The South Carolina Cancer Society. He was chairman and member of the Board of Directors of The Salvation Army, and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He was the organizer and president of The South Carolina Retired Officers Association. For two years he was chairman of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council as liaison between the 8000 enlisted and officer retirees in the area.

Bill was a beloved and efficient leader as proven by his military record, and later in jobs of important civilian status. He had a keen understanding of human nature and gave generously of his time and intellect in helping others achieve their goals. He thought things out carefully and made firm decisions. He was a gentleman in every way, possessing

high principles, courage, integrity and kindness. He well deserved the great respect and love of his many service and civilian friends. He was truly a son of West Point as well as a West Pointer's son epitomizing Duty, Honor and Country.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Kelly Bowen, his mother, Mildred Alford Bowen, both of Columbia, South Carolina; also by his son, Frank Sayles Bowen III, Class of 1958, United States Military Academy, now residing in Humble, Texas.

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## Edwin James Van Horne

NO. 7967 CLASS OF 1926

Died 12 October 1976 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ON 15 OCTOBER 1976 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, services were conducted at graveside for Colonel Edwin James Van Horne, United States Army (Retired), with military honors. His widow, members of his family, a number of classmates and other long-time friends were present.

Van was born in Baltimore on 13 February 1902, the son of William Kenneth and Lillian Garmer Van Horne. Both parents died when Van was a young boy and he was raised by his maternal grandmother. In 1918 with World War I in progress he tried to enlist but could not obtain the needed family consent, so he left high school and went to work at the Sparrows Point shipyard until his seventeenth birthday when he enlisted in the Army. Two years later, as a sergeant in the 17th Infantry, he qualified for admission to the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Promotion from private to sergeant in the post-war Army in such a short time was a remarkable achievement, and exemplified Van's determination to succeed.

One of the officers who instructed him stated: "Van came very ill prepared for this course, having had only a few weeks of high school. However this did not daunt him and from the very first he drove himself constantly in diligent application to his studies. He soon became a top student, was



EDWIN JAMES VAN HORNE

always physically and mentally active, and was every inch a soldier." Van entered the Academy in July 1922, and each year his class standing improved so that at the end of his First Class year he ranked 37 out of a class of 152 for that particular year. He was also a cadet lieutenant.

On 12 June 1926 Van became a second lieutenant in the Infantry, and on 1 July he was married to Mary Beatrice Howe in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. This was a double wedding ceremony as Mary's sister Ethel married Van's classmate, Second Lieutenant C. Rodney Smith of the Corps of Engineers. Van and Rodney had met the Howe sisters at the beginning of Yearling year.

The Van Hornes' first station was Fort Eustis, Virginia, where Van was assigned to the 34th Infantry. It was there that their son, Edward James Jr., was born 8 April 1927. In 1929 Van was sent to the Philippines for three years foreign service, and while there he served as Camp John Hay (Baguio), Fort William McKinley, and at the Post of Manila. It was during this tour that their first daughter, Cornelia Howe, was born 19 January 1931.

They returned to the States in 1932 and Van was assigned as a student in the Company Officers' Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning. He had been promoted to first lieutenant. The next year he commanded a Civilian Conservation Corps company in Leadmine, West Virginia, after which he returned to Fort Benning as a student in The Tank School, and was promoted to captain in 1936. He then served with the 66th and 67th Infantry Regiments until 1938 when he was transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a student at the Command and General Staff School. The next year he received the assignment he had always wanted, and became an instructor at the Military Academy in the Department of Economics, Government and History. Their second daughter, Gretchen, was born at West Point 22 August 1941.

Van was promoted to major in January 1941 and to lieutenant colonel in February 1942. In September of that year he was appointed Acting Professor of the Department—one of the youngest in the history of the Academy. He completed the thirty credits required for a master's degree in Public Law, but the initiation of hostilities prevented him from taking the comprehensive examination. In 1943 he was promoted to colonel and served as military advisor to a Walt Disney production series on United States participation in the war. Van had no intention of remaining in the United States while his country was at war and continually requested an assignment to a theater of operation. In 1944 he was sent to Washington, D.C., as a student in the newly established Army-Navy Staff College. In November of that year he received orders to report to General MacArthur's Headquarters which at that time was in Tacloban, Leyte. After a twelve year absence Van was back in the Philippines.

He was assigned to the G4 Section as Executive of the Transportation Division. This office was responsible for the logistical support to all the divisions of the Sixth and Eighth Armies during their operations on Mindanao, the Visayan Islands and Luzon. For this duty Van received the Legion of Merit. The end of the war found Van in Manila and he accompanied General Headquarters to Tokyo where he remained in the

G4 Section as Chief of the Transportation Division. Here he was involved with logistical support to the Army units in Japan and to those of the XIV Corps in South Korea.

In the spring of 1946 he suffered a perforated ulcer and was hospitalized in Tokyo for several months, returning to the United States that summer. Classmates will recall that this was during the period when the Army was directed to reduce the officer corps, and in spite of his superb record and over his protestations Van was retired for physical disability in June 1947. He did not remain idle. In May 1949 he joined the Washington office of the United Nations' International Refugee Organization. He was made chief of Air Transportation and inaugurated world-wide air movement of war refugees from Europe and Asia. That same year tragedy struck the Van Horne family. Van's beloved wife Mary died in Walter Reed Army Hospital on the 29th of August.

Despite this terrible blow Van continued to work harder than ever with IRO. In 1950 he was made Chief of Transportation and handled both air and sea movement of refugees. In 1952 he became Acting-Chief of the United States Office of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration. This Committee represented 27 non-communist countries interested in immigrants. In 1954 Van was made Deputy Chief of the United States Mission of ICEM and he developed methods for air transportation of refugees on a world-wide basis. In April 1954 Van married Mary Macmillan, a co-worker in IRO and ICEM whom he had known for several years.

In 1956 Van was transferred from Washington to Geneva as Chief of Air Transport at the Headquarters of ICEM. The Van Hornes arrived in Switzerland at the beginning of the Hungarian revolution and Van organized and operated a world-wide charter airlift of Hungarian refugees from Austria. He also arranged a United Nations special airlift of 8,000 Hungarian refugees from Yugoslavia to all continents except Asia.

Van retired from ICEM in 1964 and the Van Hornes selected as a permanent home an attractive apartment in Fort Lauderdale. After more than ten years of happy retirement Van became ill from emphysema, and in spite of excellent treatment his condition failed to improve. His strong heart finally gave out on the 12th of October, 1976. Van is survived by his widow Mary of the home in Fort Lauderdale, his son Jay of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan; his daughters, Cornelia Sweeny of Bowie, Maryland, and Gretchen Ganz of Salt Lake City, and eight grandchildren. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation of Japan Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal. Throughout his entire military career Van was faithful to the motto of his alma mater, "Duty, Honor, Country," and his classmates mourn his joining the "Long Gray Line."

—A Classmate



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## George Wareham Gibbs

NO. 8944 CLASS OF 1930

Died 7 February 1976 in Atlantis, Florida, aged 68 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



GEORGE WAREHAM GIBBS

AN ARMY CHILD, George was born in Cuba, where his parents were serving with the American Army of Occupation following the Spanish-American War.

To those of us so accustomed to loyalty among our fellow graduates, George was outstanding in his devotion to West Point, our country, the Army and to his beloved wife Anne. He was afflicted with an inoperable, incurable stomach cancer. As I sat by his bed during the last week of his life, George, although in agony, was more concerned with the future welfare of Anne, his country and West Point than his own approaching end. He faced death like the brave soldier he was, as he had faced death so many times on the battlefield. His citations for gallantry in action (Silver Stars in Africa and Sicily) are replete with the words "courage and leadership." With his fine analytical mind, it is to be regretted that all his stars remained on his service ribbons and never reached his shoulders.

On that bloody day in June 1944 when we stormed ashore in Normandy, George, although an artillery battalion commander, was one of the first of the assault force to penetrate the enemy's coast defense line, and added the Distinguished Service Cross to his other decorations. And although he had been twice wounded in Europe, when Germany was defeated he was among those who volunteered to go around and fight the Japanese. Never did he murmur a word against the Army because he was not promoted—such was his loyalty.

His mortal remains have gone home to West Point, and as he joins that Long Gray Line I am certain that he will not be among the file closers. George was the epitome of the Cadet Prayer, and any reported deviation from it actually hurts him.

He is survived by his wife Anne; a daughter, Judith E. Alexander; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Major General David P. Gibbs and Admiral Robert H. Gibbs. It is of especial interest to note that his

father was Chief of the old Army Signal Corps and that the equivalent position was held by his brother David in the new Army.  
 —Brigadier General Philip F. Kromer  
 Corps of Engineers (Retired)

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**Edward Joseph Burke**

NO. 9529 CLASS OF 1932

Died 24 July 1976 in Bayport, New York, aged 66 years.

Interment: Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn, New York

THERE ARE MANY terms that can be used to describe Ed Burke; career officer, business executive, father, and grandfather, but perhaps the most apt is gentleman. He was low-key and reserved, yet a warm, friendly person to all of those who knew him.

Edward Joseph Burke was born in New York City on 31 July 1909. His father was a staff officer in the New York Police Department. Ed graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School in New York and entered West Point in 1928. As a cadet, he participated in many extra-curricular activities, ranging from B Squad football, where he was a lineman who was difficult to knock over, to a Catholic Sunday School teacher, to a member of the First Class Beast Detail.

Upon graduating in 1932 Ed was assigned to the Infantry post at Fort Williams, Maine. While there he met Marion Conneen Dugan of nearby Portland and they were married in 1934. Ed and Marion went to Benning next and after Ed graduated from The Infantry School in 1937, to Fort Wayne, Michigan; then to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, where C Company classmate, John Gavin, had established the first West Point Prep School. Ed took over as Commanding Officer when Johnnie left.

Ed entered the University of Virginia Law School in 1940, but the attack on Pearl Harbor a year later abruptly interrupted his studies. He was immediately transferred to the University of Michigan to establish the Judge Advocate General's School where lawyers, already qualified in their profession, were trained to deal with the uncertain complexities of Army legal problems. In the last critical years of World War II, Ed served overseas as Judge Advocate of the XXII Corps in Czechoslovakia. It was during this period of service that he earned the Bronze Star.

After a year as Judge Advocate of the Antilles Command in Puerto Rico, Ed returned to the University of Virginia and received his Bachelor of Laws degree, and was admitted to the Order of the Coif, the legal society for excellence in scholarship. The Virginia Board of Examiners appointed him attorney and counselor at law, qualified to practice in all courts. He was a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the Judge Advocate General's Association, and the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

His next year was as Staff Judge Advocate at the Infantry Center in Fort Benning, then back to West Point as Staff Judge Advocate on the Superintendent's staff from 1949 until he retired in 1953.

Upon retirement from the Army, Ed worked for AMF, in New York City as an executive, and in 1958 moved to Long Island. Here he joined the prestigious Brookhaven National Laboratory, where multidisciplinary sci-



EDWARD JOSEPH BURKE

tific programs in nuclear physics, oceanography, meteorology and medicine are conducted. For fifteen years, until he retired in 1973, Ed served as business manager of a major department, security officer for the entire laboratory and as a member of the Office of the Counsel of Associated Universities which operates the Laboratory. These were the years of Brookhaven's greatest growth and the establishment of its reputation as a world-class scientific research institution.

Ed was selected as chairman of the Long Island Chapter, American Society for Industrial Security, and was instrumental in the founding of the West Point Parents' Club of Long Island where he served on its board as vice president.

Ed's greatest joy was his family. He and Marion raised nine children. Each one was separate, each was an individual, but they were bound together by a deep love and great respect for their father. Ed never demanded the respect of his family, but rather earned it by being a figure of moral strength and guidance. He was always available to provide direction, advice and counsel but never pressed or forced his opinion as the only correct solution. Over the years, Ed's family, because of military orders or other commitments, was dispersed around the world, yet they never lost awareness of his availability and he was constantly consulted on matters that ranged from minor to major significance.

Ed is survived by his wife Marion and their eight remaining children. (Lieutenant Thomas Burke was killed in Vietnam in 1970.) Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Jr., United States Military Academy Class of 1958 is stationed in Heidelberg, Germany; Major Robert J., (Regular Army) is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Andrew P. will graduate from college in 1977, and Donald F. is a college junior. James M., who made Marion miss our 20th Reunion at West Point in 1952 by being born on opening day, is a teacher on Long Island.

Mrs. Maureen Burke Liegeot, who was the pretty seventeen-year-old hostess on Ed's arm when he welcomed the Class of 1932 to their 20th Reunion as the class' only West Point resident, lives in Kensington, Connecticut. Mrs. Kathleen Burke Reksten and Mrs. Elizabeth Burke Burke live in nearby Blue Point, Long Island. There are fourteen grandchildren in the Burke family. Ed is also survived by a sister, Mrs Marion McIvor of

Brooklyn and a brother Hubert, of New York.

Edward Burke was a man who was many different things to many different people. He possessed the aggressiveness, drive and discipline of a career officer. He possessed the business acumen and interpersonal skills required of a corporate executive, and he possessed the compassion and sensitivity of a father and grandfather. Perhaps the best insight into the man, Ed Burke, can be realized by reading a prayer he wrote for the West Point Parents Club of Long Island:

O Lord, we ask Your blessing on this meeting of the West Point Parents Club of Long Island; we solicit your divine assistance in the accomplishment of the worthy objectives which this organization has established; look with favor, we ask, on us, here assembled, in the furtherance of the goals of our club.

Continue to bestow Your blessings, O Lord, upon our great country; protect it, we ask, from its enemies; bestow wisdom and guidance on our President in his executive duties; protect him, O Lord, from calamity or catastrophe.

Protect the members of our Armed Forces, we ask, as they serve their country, at home and abroad with honor, fidelity, and courage.

Look with particular favor, O Lord, upon the United States Military Academy, for we have entrusted to that great institution our most valued possessions—our sons; guide its leaders, we ask, that they may impart to our sons those worthy attributes which they require now, and later in life.

Lastly, we ask Your special protection for our cadet sons; guide and assist them, we beg you, in their Cadet life so that they may ever be true to West Point's creed—DUTY—HONOR—COUNTRY.

All this we ask in Your name, O Lord. Amen

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**Thompson Brooke Maury 3d**

NO. 9964 CLASS OF 1934

Died 15 December 1944 on Prisoner of War ship in the Pacific, aged 34 years.

BROOKE MAURY was killed at age 34 in the prime of life. The Army and the country lost a great leader who had not nearly reached his potential. Few facts are known about the sinking of the Prisoner of War ship on 15 December 1944, but I know that Brooke upheld the ideals of the Point until the end.

Brooke was appointed from Brookline, Massachusetts, and came from an esteemed literary family. His father was a newspaperman and served as editor on a prominent newspaper. Brooke was an outstanding student at the University of Virginia, graduating just prior to his coming to the Point. It was there that he developed his athletic prowess in swimming.

The 1934 HOWITZER had this to say about him: "Brooke, can you show me how to do this?" That is a question one hears frequently in Brooke's room. It may concern a poem, a Math problem, a bit of fortification, or perhaps a rather hard Spic passage to be translated. But Brooke always knows the



THOMPSON BROOKE MAURY 3D

answers. He is one of the hiviest men in the Corps, and in addition he is one of the best athletes we have. Few men possess the ability to earn an Academy Letter during Plebe Year.

"As Company Commander, Brooke has piloted 'D' Co. through a hectic year. It is rumored that he once thought he would never be a Captain, but he became that ideal army combination—a soldier, an athlete, and a student. Be it never said that Brooke is a file-boner—if he were many classmates would never have graduated, for he has lost many files in aiding others."

As a college graduate Brooke was more mature than most of us in the class. This made it difficult for him to accept directions from upper classmen, especially yearlings, whose age and experience were usually less. However Brooke's natural dignity adapted to the situation, primarily, I think, because of his unique sense of humor, and he was able to "take it" as well as any of us.

We got to know each other in 1st Company during Beast Barracks and on the swimming team. He was our best swimmer and held several Academy records. He also found time for chess, Hundredth Night Crew and coaching during all four years and luckily for his friends, an occasional bull session.

He kidded me on my southern accent but his was undeterminable, being of Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Virginia. One pronunciation I was able to jeer at him about was "bean" for "been," although I secretly admired the "bean" sound and wanted to emulate it.

His wife Priscilla, who knew him best, summed up Brooke in a nutshell when she wrote me of his marvelous enthusiasm for life, his intellectual curiosity, and his joyful, unpredictable sense of humor.

An example of his sense of humor took place at our swimmer's training table in the mess hall during First Class year. Brooke, no doubt goaded by me, suddenly proceeded to spread butter on my cheek, saying: "George, you need buttering up." In fun or not, I had to reciprocate by pouring a little milk on him. The bad thing was that the Tactical Officer in Charge saw the melee and Brooke and I found ourselves bracing before him pronto. The good thing was that the TAC was "Pete Nubie" Conrad who, after flaying us verbally for what seemed like a long time, did not choose to skin these two "unworthy, totally undignified Cadet Officers."

Shortly after graduation Brooke married Priscilla Bunker, sister of our classmate Bill, and an Army Brat of the renowned Bunker family. Brooke had chosen Field Artillery and had picked Fort Myer, Virginia, as first station. The Maury's spent a busy but relatively carefree and fun-filled four years (1934–1938) there. I last saw Brooke at a Fort Meyer party in 1935. He attended the Field Artillery School in 1938–1939, and was then transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 1941 Brooke was ordered to the Philippines. He said goodbye to his wife and family in June 1941 in the hospital at Fort Lewis, the day his fourth child, Sally, was born.

Brooke was devoted to his wife and to his family. Although he was with us such a short time, his stimulating influence will be long remembered by those who knew him. He did his duty to the best of his ability and he will always be a distinguished part of the "Long Gray Line."

—George Lowe Eatman '34

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## William Loveland Rogers

NO. 9971 CLASS OF 1934

Died 5 September 1968 at Fort Sanders Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"HE WAS ALWAYS SO accessible, never pompous. He had a truly pleasing congenial personality, was friendly and reasonable in his dealings with people. A highly competent officer, he was careful to depend upon the advice and counsel of staff assistants, thereby imbuing them with self-confidence and dependability. In social contacts he was gregarious and thoroughly enjoyed meeting people."

This tribute—these words of sincere respect and admiration came from a junior officer who worked with and for Bill Rogers. They spell "LEADERSHIP" in capital letters, a characteristic that Bill Rogers possessed to the highest degree.

William Loveland Rogers was born in Larchwood, Iowa, on 29 December 1911, the son of William Boyington Rogers and Oliva Loveland Rogers. Bill graduated from Rock Rapids, Iowa High School in 1929, top in



WILLIAM LOVELAND ROGERS

his class. He was active in extra curricular affairs, taking a prominent part in debate, glee club, dramatics, and winning his letter in football.

Before entering West Point in 1930 for one year Bill attended the University of South Dakota where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

At West Point Bill's zest for living found him running with the track team, singing in the Cadet Choir, acting in the 100th Night Show, serving on the Pointer staff, leading the singing and cheering at the varsity football games, playing in the Cadet Orchestra and making like Fred Astaire on Saturday nights at Cullum Hall. Oh and yes—Star man and Cadet Lieutenant Rogers did have some serious thoughts about the purpose of his being at West Point.

Bill's widow, Dolores, says "he relished and felt blest by his whole experience at West Point and he was always unwaveringly devoted to the Academy and the friends he made there—even sentimental," and that "he remained staunchly committed to West Point's values and ideals."

Upon graduation in 1934 Bill was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. Following an assignment in the Philippines he entered Cornell University receiving a Master of Science degree in Engineering in 1939.

With the advent of World War II Bill was sent from Fort Belvoir to Camp McCoy to the Panama Canal Zone and in 1944 to the European Theatre of operations. As commanding officer of the 1141 Engineer Combat Group he moved with the XIII Corps of the Ninth Army across France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. For "outstanding personal gallantry while directing the efforts of his engineer group at the Roer River crossing operation on 23 February 1945" Colonel Rogers received the Silver Star Medal. Bill's first award of the Legion of Merit also came during his assignment in Europe.

In 1947 Bill transferred from the United States Army to the newly created United States Air Force and the Air Force lost no time in putting Bill's advance education, talent and skills to best use. From assignments in the Strategic Air Command Bill attended the Air War College in 1950, and thence to staff assignments in the Military Air Transport Service (now Military Airlift Command), Air Research and Development Command and the Air staff in the Pentagon.

Following his promotion to brigadier general in 1956 and the launching of the Soviet missile "Sputnik," he was assigned as Vice Commander of the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base (Cape Canaveral), Florida, just as the United States space program began to get off the ground.

In June 1961 the Air Force truly found the right man for the right job when Bill assumed command of the Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tennessee, the incubator for United States terrestrial and space flights.

General Bernard A. Schriever, United States Air Force (Retired), the father of the United States Air Force Missile and Space program writes that "I was quite close to Bill over a period of about ten years from the early 50's to early 60's. He was a fine gentleman and an outstanding officer. During my association with him, he held highly responsible positions at the Air Force Missile Test Center and Arnold Engineering Development Center. No one knows better than I that without the outstanding contributions made by the Test Center and the AEDC

that the vital Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and Space Programs could not have been so eminently successful. Bill's contributions during this pioneer period of missile and space development did much to insure its success. Bill possessed, to the highest degree, the knack of motivating people to achieve beyond their capability in arduous and high pressure situations. His friendship and outstanding contributions will always live in my memory."

Upon his retirement in 1964 as a major general Bill was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit. He was a member of the American Ordnance Association, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

For one year following retirement Bill allowed himself a well earned vacation of fishing, travel, family projects, television sports watching and general relaxation.

On 1 July 1965 he became director of the Water Resources Research Center and associate professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Late in August 1965 following minor surgery he suffered a ruptured aorta which led to his untimely death on 5 September 1968. He was interred at the West Point Cemetery on 10 September 1968.

Doctor A.D. Holt, president of the University of Tennessee, in a letter to Bill's bereaved widow Dolores said, "He was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known, and he has made a marvelous contribution to our institution. In this time of great sadness you should receive comfort from the knowledge that you were such a wonderful wife to him and brought him so much happiness throughout his life."

And so to you Dolores and to your and Bill's children—Jonathan, Martha, James and Genevieve—I, as a classmate and friend of Bill's say you have every reason to be proud of your husband and father. He was truly a great man. The heritage he passes to you is to be cherished.

—Jack White '34

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## Joseph Sylvester Piram

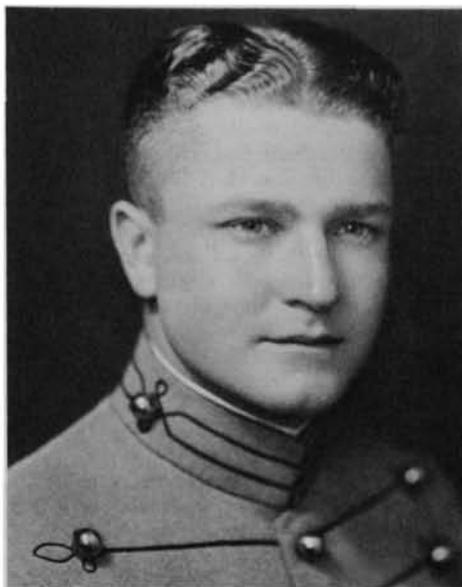
NO. 9994 CLASS OF 1934

Died 24 June 1974 near Gunnison,  
Colorado, aged 62 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston,  
Texas

JOE WAS BORN near Billings, Montana, on 14 April 1912. He attended grade school and high school in Billings. He played football, and that is where he probably learned that determination is a very important part of any contest, be it physical or mental, play or work.

Joe reported in at West Point with the rest of us on 1 July 1930. He related to his children that had he the train fare to Montana he would have quit after his first encounter with upperclassmen. It seemed that one individual had him remove his straw hat, set down his suitcase, put on his hat, pick up his suitcase, etc. After several minutes of this Joe stated that he would not do it any more. This comment caused a horde of upperclassmen to descend upon him and "educate" him in the ways of a plebe. It was during those trying days that his sunny disposition emerged, earning him the nickname



JOSEPH SYLVESTER PIRAM

"Sunshine." He never lost that inner glow during his years as a cadet or after he entered the Army and faced really hard times in some of his assignments and personal life.

He reported to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for his first duty station when it was the Mecca for Coast Artillerymen. He was one of the carefree bachelors in Randolph Hall. The Coast Artillery Corps knew how to welcome and break in new second lieutenants. We could learn from anyone, from private to general. Lieutenants received a myriad of extra duties to round out their experience. Joe's first extra duty was to prepare a to-scale drawing of one of the gun emplacements. After working nights and weekends he presented proudly his drawing to his battery commander. The BC, after a glance at the drawing, tossed it in a trash can. At this point Joe was under the impression that a new second lieutenant was no better off than a plebe.

In 1935 Joe reported to the 64th Anti Aircraft Artillery Regiment, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He continued to be the carefree bachelor, living on commutation with several other bachelors in a beautiful home. In spite of his many duties he had time for social life.

In May 1936 he married Phyllis Jones. The couple appeared to be unusually calm during the Fort Kamehameha ceremony. We learned later that they had married previously in Honolulu City Hall because their license was invalid at Fort Kam. His first child, Vicki, was born in 1937.

In 1938 Joe returned to Fort Monroe in order to attend the Coast Artillery School Regular Course. His early reporting resulted in his assignment to the main part of old Quarters Number One, while Walt Moore was assigned the kitchen and servants' quarters. The reason for his Quarters Number One assignment was that the Post Engineers could not get the heat to function properly; therefore, senior officers did not care to occupy the quarters. After experiencing several cold nights, Joe bled the radiators with the help of a skate key. The result was perfect heating and the loss of quarters to students. In 1939 he was assigned to Fort Barrancas, Florida. His second child, Bert, was born there. Special duties followed, then he was made battery commander. With the beginning of World War II came new assignments and promotions.

In July 1942 he went to Headquarters

Southern Sector of East Defense Command, starting as Assistant S3. In July 1943 he was the G3. In September 1943 he took the Leavenworth short course, thereafter resuming his G3 duties. In January 1944 he received amphibious training, following which he went to Europe.

He served for a short time with the British 51st Highland Division Headquarters. He then attended the British Army Staff College. In July 1944 he joined Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces. In July 1945 he joined Field Intelligence Agency Technical in Germany. For his service he was awarded the Legion of Merit and Commendation Ribbon.

In November 1946 he began his tour in General Staff, United States Army Research and Development, Washington, where he occupied different positions. Again he received the Commendation Ribbon. In August 1948 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College.

In February 1949 he was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, for his first tour there. He took command of the 67th Anti Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. In July 1950 he went to the Pacific and Enewetok where he served as G2 for the Task Force for a year. In August 1951 he returned to Leavenworth and joined the staff and faculty of the Command and General Staff College, where he served until May 1955. His third child, Barbara, was born there in 1953. He journeyed to Fort Meade, Maryland, to serve as Executive Officer, 35th Anti Aircraft Artillery Brigade until December 1956. He then made the long trip to Washington, D.C. where he served on the Regular Army Augmentation Board until July 1957.

In August 1957 Joe returned to Hawaii where he became the Inspector General United States Army, Pacific. He did much travelling throughout that vast area. For his service in that demanding position he received the Commendation Ribbon. His tour was terminated by his first heart attack on 30 November 1959. Until July 1960 he was a patient in Tripler United States Army Hospital and Beaumont General Hospital.

Joe was then assigned to Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, to serve as Deputy G1. On 7 May 1961 he lost his wife, Phyllis. He came through that loss in fine shape and carried on by raising Barbara alone. For his Fourth Army Headquarters service he again received the Commendation Ribbon. In May 1963 he married Evalee.

In June 1963 Joe returned to Fort Bliss to serve as G1 United States Army Air Defense Center until retirement for disability on 31 July 1964.

Subsequently he enrolled in Texas Western College, El Paso, in order to qualify for teaching in the local high schools. He taught mathematics full time until 1970. By this time his wife Evalee had become ill and required much time and attention. He did continue to teach as a substitute whenever required. By 1972 he was forced to devote full time to Evalee.

Throughout his entire life, Joe loved gardening, woodworking and fishing. Trout fishing was his real passion. Joe could spend months preparing for his yearly thirty day fishing trip. The route was always the same basically: start fishing in Colorado, fish in Idaho, fish in Yellowstone on the way to visit his mother in Montana. Return to fish in Yellowstone and then return home. He was basically a cautious man; however, when fishing was involved, caution went to the winds. Joe would climb down into canyons

and cross raging rivers on slippery logs just to get where the fish were biting supposedly. He would think nothing of altering his plans to drive for an extra day on a "hot tip" from a fellow fisherman.

On many posts he had one or more plots in the post garden area. His home in El Paso became a show place with fruit trees, bushes and vines, and many flowers. He was an organic gardener, making and using compost. As a result of too hard work he suffered two more heart attacks, the second of which almost did him in. At this point the William Beaumont doctors implanted a pacemaker in his chest. Among his activities, Joe worked wood and refinished furniture. Contractors built the shell of his El Paso home den, but Joe finished the interior with panels, bookcases and cabinets.

In June 1974 Joe went on his last fishing trip. He and his son Bert went up into the back woods of Colorado. On the 24th of June they were fishing a stream, leap frogging each other in order to locate the best fishing spot. At one point Joe sat down while Bert went on. When Bert returned he found Joe stretched out comfortably as though asleep. He was gone, but what a peaceful way to go, enjoying his favorite sport with his son.

All of us will miss the sunshine which he seemed to radiate.

(Footnote—EvaLee is now in a nursing home in Houston, Texas, put there by a son of a previous marriage. Her illness is such that she does not realize Joe is gone.)

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## James Alexander Costain

NO. 10006 CLASS OF 1934

Killed in action 15 June 1944 near Sainte Mere Eglise, Normandy, aged 33 years.

JAMES ALEXANDER COSTAIN was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, 29 March 1911, of middle class, Congregationalist stock. The four sons of his parents, Arthur Howard Costain and Anna Hart Costain, all saw service in World War II; two of them gave their lives for their country. Besides Jim, the brothers were: Lieutenant John M. Costain, Captain Arthur H. Costain Jr., and Captain Phillip M. Costain (United States Military Academy, Class of 1942). Phillip was shot down while a Liberator pilot over Vogels-

burg, Germany, 24 February 1944. A sister, Mary Jane Olsen, resides in Moorhead, Minnesota.

As a boy, Jim was studious and sober-minded, an avid reader of any and all material that he could find. He graduated from Moorhead High School at fifteen, enrolled in Fargo Business College and taught penmanship there for three years. Motivated by a desire for the best college education, Jim was able to swap with a young man from a nearby district an Annapolis appointment for the United States Military Academy appointment he really wanted. His devoted mother sold her diamond ring to finance his preparation and travel expenses so that he could enter West Point in July 1930 with the Class of 1934.

As a Cadet Jim continued to manifest the studious bent that he had shown as a boy. He was driven by an insatiable curiosity, with particular interest in acquiring knowledge of the unusual. This inclination inevitably gave him a store of facts with which he was prepared to debate either side of almost any issue. His fondness for books led him to participation in their preparation. He worked with classmate, Bob Miller, in producing that Plebe Bible, "Bugle Notes," and he was Photographic Editor of the HOWITZER. It was said in this latter connection that no one could recognize more faces of classmates than he.

Jim chose Field Artillery upon graduation and was assigned to the 84th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Riley, Kansas. He met a lovely school teacher on a visit home and it was love at first sight; Jim asked for Martha (Moxie) Atkinson's hand after thirty days acquaintance. They were formally engaged Christmas Eve 1934, and after their marriage in Moorhead on 1 June 1935 the young couple began life together at Fort Riley. Jim soon became an active horseman, and also an active father, for it was during this tour that the Costains' first two daughters, Patricia Ann (1936) and Margaret Ann (1937), were born.

In 1937 Jim was ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, initially assigned to the Field Artillery School, and subsequently to the Advanced Horsemanship Course there. He did so well in this course that his next orders to Fort Carson, Colorado, were cancelled at the last minute so that Jim could train for the Olympic Horse Show Team at Sill. During this tour at Sill two more children, Phillip (1939) and Paula (1940), were born to the Costains.

In June 1942, under war orders, Jim moved his family to Moorhead, and proceeded to Shelby, Mississippi, where he joined the 103d Field Artillery Battalion of the 43d Division. The unit embarked for the Southwest Pacific in July 1942.

In October 1942, while Jim's unit was preparing to disembark from the converted troopship, "President Coolidge," the ship struck Japanese mines and after listing radically for about an hour, rolled over and sank. This dramatic event was heavily chronicled in the press at the time. However, Jim was not to see combat in the Southwest Pacific; as the 43d Division lay off "some Pacific Island" waiting for a pre-dawn attack, orders for his reassignment arrived, and Jim was lifted off the ship for return to the Zone of interior. Jim described the reaction to the Coolidge incident while on reassignment leave: "... I have never seen such a change come over a group of men.... The next day they were a sober lot—the sinking of the Coolidge had brought home to them for the first time, what

they were really in for. It made them better soldiers overnight."

After his leave, Jim was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and assigned as Commanding Officer, 915th Field Artillery Battalion of the 90th Division, Camp Barkley, Texas. On completion of desert training, the 90th moved to England where they continued training for another year until D-Day.

Jim went in over Utah Beach and was leading his battalion during the breakout from the beachhead when he was killed. The setting in which he gave his life for his country is best described in the words of Brigadier General John M. Devine, his Division Commander: "On June 15, 1944, Colonel Costain was in command of his artillery battalion supporting the advance of the Infantry. The fighting had been fierce. One infantry battalion had advanced about 800 yards only to become separated from the rest of the outfit to the rear. The artillery forward observer with the forward infantry battalion lost his wire communications to the rear. Then Colonel Costain realized that if the infantry battalion was to receive artillery support, wire communications had to be re-established with its forward observer. The need was pressing as the forward infantry were receiving heavy machine gun fire from the flank, and needed artillery support. Colonel Costain, who was already at one of the forward infantry command posts, organized a wire patrol and led the patrol forward.

"The patrol advanced for some distance with Colonel Costain in the lead. About half way across the open field an enemy machine gun opened fire. The patrol was pinned to the ground, and a friendly machine gun covering the advance was destroyed. Colonel Costain, with the utmost bravery, returned the fire of the machine gun and attempted to silence it. He continued to fire until his ammunition was exhausted. About that time a flank machine gun struck and mortally wounded him."

The esteem in which his fellow-soldiers held Jim is expressed in extracts of letters to his wife:

"... His quick intelligence, his ability to see the crucial point in a situation, his intolerance of bungling, either on his part or that of other people, and his willingness to fight anyone for what he thought was right, made him a man hard to forget. He died the same way he lived—trying to do his job better, when a lesser man would have been more than satisfied." (Bob Moore)

"... Just one more thing I want to say and that is that every officer in the battalion wanted to go to war with Colonel Costain. We all knew he knew his stuff, and in the days of action we went through together we all found him to be considerate, responsive, and acceptive to suggestions, and understanding.

"One of the things that stands out in my mind and that I will always remember is that when we had a complaint, as junior officers always do, we always concluded our remarks with 'Well, Colonel Costain knows what he's doing and I'll be glad to go to war with a man like that.' And every one of them meant it." (John Klas for all the officers of the 915th Battalion.)

After the war, the Field Artillery School named an artillery hill at Fort Sill, Costain Hill.

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In 1947, Moxie married Jim's brother, John. John adopted all the children. John and



JAMES ALEXANDER COSTAIN

Moxie live at 1521 12th Avenue, N.W., Minot, North Dakota 58701.

Jim's surviving children are: Mrs. Robert E. Keller (Patricia), Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mrs. James Albers (Margaret), Dallas, Texas; Major Phillip A. Costain, United States Military Academy, Class of 1962; and Mrs. Jack Goodman (Paula), Fort Wayne, Indiana.

—Johnny Stevens '34



WILLIAM MELLARD CONNOR

was retired in 1966. Of his many decorations, he prized most highly the Silver Star.

Betty and Bill moved to Charleston in 1966. From 1967 Bill taught German as a member of the faculty of the College of Charleston, until his second retirement in 1976.

Bill came back strongly from a major operation in 1974. He and Betty continued their life of community activity and travel, and he left the college only when, in the spring of 1976, the increasing strains of his illness became too great.

Betty and Bill had four fine children: Bill Jr., United States Military Academy, Class of 1964, Major, Armor; Jimmy, who lost his life while in Army helicopter pilot training in 1966; Pat, who after service as an Army officer is now a successful aeronautical engineer; and Katherine (Cassie), who is busy with her own retail business in Charleston. They all were, and are, a close, active, devoted family.

Biographical facts are no more than a bare frame. Memories of Bill at West Point are of his head cocked to one side, a cowlick of black hair (he lost it early on), an ever-present twinkle in the eye, a husky voice, and a quick sense of humor. As a cadet he boxed with success (won the "A" three seasons), managed hops, helped run the *Pointer*, "drove" the 2d Battalion, and wore stars. His flair for foreign languages, his ability to memorize and to compose poetry, and also to make bad puns, all added to his fame. He won many honors, as a cadet, as a Rhodes Scholar, and in later life, but he never flaunted them. He was modest, considerate of others, and a friend who never failed anyone.

Bill was a serious student of the military profession. During vacations from Oxford, he served tours of observer duty with French and German infantry and artillery regiments. He saw, sooner than many, the approach of World War II. In part because of his language ability, he was called on to work frequently with military people of other nations. He and Betty gave special effort to the personal side of these assignments, and were rewarded with many warm friendships among people in other countries. Bill's professional accomplishments and interests were varied and rich, but like most soldiers, he was happiest when he was with troops.

After his retirement he found new honors, rewards and friends in his teaching and in

the many community activities in Charleston which he and Betty joined. He was for several years president of the English Speaking Union in Charleston, and he served as a member of the South Carolina Committee concerned with selecting Rhodes Scholars.

Throughout his service and right up until his death, Bill gave unstinting priority to his West Point Class and to his classmates. At our 40th Reunion at West Point in 1976, he summoned his dwindling reserves of strength, and in a superbly moving way presided over the memorial services for deceased classmates in the Old Cadet Chapel.

Respect and affection came to Bill from all who knew him. He was highly intelligent, widely read, and had a systematic, analytical mind. He was a firm leader and a wise associate. He also was a warm, kind human being. His standards of decency and integrity were very high, but he was never stiff-necked about them. He was a serious Christian who practiced his religion faithfully, but also quietly and unobtrusively.

My own friendship with Bill goes back to pre-West Point prep school in 1931. Over the years the ties became very strong. His departure is not easy to accept.

The services on 15 January 1977 at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston were crowded with friends, students, and former students. A group of his classmates were honorary pallbearers. Bill Jr., writing afterward, described the near perfect rendition of "Taps" at the graveside, evoking poignantly John Bunyan's words:

"So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

—Jim Lampert

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## Arthur Joseph Lacouture Jr.

NO. 13836 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 8 June 1976 in Sedona, Arizona, aged 54 years.

Interment: Fort Logan National Cemetery, Colorado

ART LACOUTURE was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, 28 June 1921. While still young, he settled with his parents in Leavenworth, Kansas, and completed high school there. Leavenworth and the old frontier post nearby were always home to Art. He entered the Military Academy from Kansas in 1940 and began a distinguished and rewarding military career that culminated in his retirement in July 1973.

Art showed the same good nature as a cadet that would be his hallmark throughout his life. The Academic Department held no terrors for him, and the Tactical Department did not bother him and he was careful not to bother them. Art operated on the concept that it was easier to avoid demerits than to walk the area. He treasured his limited free time too much to waste it on unnecessary "extra training."

Upon graduation in June 1943, Art was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, became an expert in air defense and served with the 98th Anti Aircraft Group in the Pacific Theater during the war years. He returned to the States from Japan in 1946 and was soon embarked on his next specialty—communications. Acquiring this new skill at Fort Monmouth (as well as the hand of his lovely wife Jane), Art was soon applying his knowledge in assignments at Fort Scott and Fort Baker in San Francisco and with the

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## William Mellard Connor

NO. 10485 CLASS OF 1936

Died 12 January 1977 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 64 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina

BILL CONNOR DIED after a long and valiant battle with illness, and is buried in the National Cemetery in Beaufort, South Carolina. Much admired and respected by his classmates, he had been since cadet days our permanent class president.

As he enjoyed telling, Bill was born in Zamboanga, Philippine Islands, 27 October 1912. He was the only child of Colonel and Mrs. William M. Connor, Judge Advocate General's Corps. His father was Professor of Law at the United States Military Academy while we were cadets and again in World War II; his mother, known and loved by many of Bill's friends, was Katherine Peyton Connor. Both his parents are deceased.

Bill's wife, Betty—the former Mary Elizabeth Lattimore—survives him. She lives at 51 Tradd Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

Growing up in the Army, Bill finished high school in San Antonio, Texas; spent two years at the University of Virginia; and entered the United States Military Academy with an appointment from South Carolina, his father's state. On graduation, twenty-sixth in his class, Bill joined the Field Artillery.

Bill's all-around leadership at West Point helped him win a Rhodes Scholarship. He studied at Oxford 1936-1939, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Modern Languages.

After Oxford, Bill served at Fort Sam Houston and at Fort Sill. At Fort Sill he met and married Betty, an Army Daughter. Theirs was a most happy life together.

In 1942 Bill went to the War Department General Staff in the Operations Division, "OPD." From OPD he went to Europe. He was in III Corps Headquarters in the Normandy Landings, and later was on the staffs of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces and First Army Artillery. He commanded an artillery battalion in combat in the Rhineland and Bavaria. After the war he and Betty were in Europe until 1947.

Bill took a Field Artillery Observation Battalion into the Korean War in July 1950. He was in Korea for a year. His subsequent assignments were in the Office, Secretary of Defense; student at the Army War College; on the staff of the Command and General Staff College; three years in the 25th Division in Hawaii; and in the Personnel Directorate of the Army staff. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1962.

Returning to Germany, Bill was Assistant Division Commander, 8th Division, from 1963 to 1965; and then G3, Allied Land Forces Central Europe at Fontainebleau. He



ARTHUR JOSEPH LACOUTURE JR.

68th Anti Aircraft Group in Alaska. Alaska was meaningful for Jane and Art as their two sons were born there—young Art in 1950 and Dick in 1951.

Further schooling at Fort Sill and the University of Southern California produced in 1955 a Master of Science degree in Engineering and a new talent—research and development, which was to remain Art's principal joy throughout the rest of his active career. Jane's and Art's only daughter, Sue, was born in San Pedro, California, while Art was a graduate student at USC. His R&D expertise was used to great advantage in assignments to the Missile Division of the Artillery Board and three tours of duty with the Army Air Defense Command Headquarters where he specialized in the development of new missile systems for defense against ballistic missiles.

Art's military schooling continued at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, in 1958-1959 and the Naval War College, Newport, in 1967-1968. Some of his happiest years were spent with troops while a member of the 7th Artillery Group at Goose Bay, Labrador, in 1961-1962; while commanding the 7th Artillery Battalion at Austin, Texas, in 1962-1964 (Art's battalion was selected as the best in ARADCOM, while he was in command); and as commander of the 100th Artillery Group, Norfolk, Virginia, in 1967. Soldiers related well to Art during these many years with troops, and he loved the association with men of all ranks. This mutual admiration is perhaps best expressed by a warrant officer in one of his units who states, "I didn't think anyone could be so cheerful...and mean it!" The rigors of command have never been easy, but Art managed to meet the challenge with a happy disposition and a ready willingness to share the successes with all his subordinates.

Art the man had the same wonderful outlook on life as Art the soldier. He believed in the positive and he faced each day with a zest for life and a cheery hello to the world. His interest in doing things for people was reflected in many years as a member of the Rotary Club. He was active in Rotary work in Austin, Texas; Norfolk, Virginia, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. He loved music and filled his home with his favorite selections anytime he was in the house. Nothing pleased him more than to have guests he could entertain, a pleasant melody

in the air, and a pipeful of good tobacco to smoke. A pipe was one of his most distinctive features and the pleasures he found in fine pipes reflected his serene outlook on life.

Art took great interest and pride in the accomplishments of his children. In just the three months before he died, young Art completed his Navy tour of duty, Dick graduated from Stanford Law School and Sue graduated from Colorado State University. It was on the way back to Colorado from Dick's graduation in California that Art was stricken in Arizona. Jane has won the admiration and respect of all her friends by the magnificent manner in which she has accepted her great loss. She will continue to live in Colorado, and so will each of her children. While Art cannot be replaced in their lives, they all have happy memories of the many years they shared together. In commenting on their life in the Army with its many moves and new locations, Jane said it all when she states, "We were happy every place we were."



JOHN BROOKS OLIVER



### John Brooks Oliver

No. 23452 CLASS OF 1961

Died 18 November 1975 at Van Nuys, California, aged 37 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN BROOKS OLIVER was a Bay City, Michigan, native, a University of Michigan alumnus, and a proud member of the "Second to None" Class of 1961, whose class fund is now named in his honor.

With graduation came selection of the Field Artillery as his branch. Marriage in the Cadet Chapel to his beloved Linda preceded an initial assignment in Hawaii. Serving in a variety of battery-level positions, John's lieutenant-hood indicated great potential based on demonstrated job performance and mission accomplishment. The fundamentals of Field Artillery were deeply ingrained in John and would become the cornerstone for his career development. Selection as an aide-de-camp to the division's commanding general enabled him to gain a first-hand knowledge of leadership, command, and staff operations. As a commander of a direct support field artillery battery in Vietnam, John drew on his knowledge of field artillery and demonstrated his leadership of troops in combat. The result was responsive fire support for the infantrymen locked in combat with an elusive enemy provided by inspired soldiers who were responding to a dedicated commander.

Accelerated promotion to major was a reflection of John's early career performance and an indication of his career potential. Assignment as a tactical officer at West Point was a pleasure for John and a unique experience for the cadets of his company. He led them, counselled them, fought battles with the academic departments for them, and laughed with them. His reward was their graduation and entry into the Army. He cherished their



friendship and, as their paths crossed at Fort Sill, he would enjoy being kidded that they had risen from cadet to Army captain, while John remained a major.

John left West Point for Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. His graduation was followed by a second tour to Vietnam with duties as a battalion executive officer and staff officer with the Vietnam assistance program.

John then came to Fort Sill. Here in a research and development capacity, John was the representative of the entire Field Artillery with the most direct responsibility for the development of the TACFIRE, the computerized system of the future. John's success as a combat developer is measured best by TACFIRE, which is now planned for fielding ahead of schedule. This is due primarily to John's extensive knowledge of the Field Artillery and his ability to communicate his knowledge to the civilian contractor. At the time of his sudden death, he was preparing for a day of work with the civilian contractor/builder of TACFIRE. A posthumous award of the Legion of Merit provides a measure of his success in this challenging role.

Posthumous promotion to lieutenant colonel and almost certain designation as a battalion commander complete the legacy of John Oliver. The troops he would have commanded will miss him and their chance to follow a man who had carefully prepared himself as a professional leader of men. His friends miss his cheerful smile, quiet dedication, honesty, and sincerity. Mom and Dad miss a son of whom they are deservedly proud. Daughter Amber misses a dad who loved her, who enjoyed sharing in her activities, and who cherished their friendship. His wife Linda misses his love, warmth, and a unique relationship.

And so, with a quiet suddenness, it was ended by a massive heart attack. In the mid-years of life, the only dreamed-of death became a solemn reality.

To all who miss him:

*"When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart, and you shall see that, in truth, you are weeping for that which has been your delight."*

On 24 November 1975 amid friends, classmates, and family, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver was laid to rest with full military honors in the cemetery of his alma mater.

West Point—your son has come home.



MICHAEL EDWARD BERDY

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Michael Edward Berdy

NO. 25914 CLASS OF 1965

Died 26 December 1967 in Vietnam, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BELOVED BROTHER,

I am looking into the bathtub at two happy, and very beautiful boys and, although they are my sons and your nephews, I am actually seeing two completely different children. As I gaze into their sparkling faces my mind is flooded with thoughts and emotions that go back some twenty-five years to when you and I shared a similar tub. In a frustrating moment a montage of mental images passes before me which takes us out of that bathtub through your years of young manhood and my awkward years of adolescence. The memories of love and closeness, which few people on this planet can ever claim, pass so quickly that it only tends to exacerbate the ache of loss and grief which remains a part of me since your death in Vietnam, Christmas 1967. The tears fall from my eyes and, as they do, the entreaties of your oldest nephew Erik to stop, bring me back to the present. You would be proud of him, Mike. He is a good son and brother who is remarkably sensitive and perceptive about the world around him. He stretches his arm out to touch me while simultaneously telling his little brother Mickey that Daddy is crying because their Uncle Mike is gone. For a moment this six year old appears ten years older and somehow his acute awareness of my sorrow lessens the trauma of your early death.

This present undertaking has been a most difficult task for me. I have sought to complete it on many occasions and have failed. A fear that I could not do justice to expressing, in words, the death of the love enjoyed by our family, and a hope that one of your classmates might assume the task, provided an effective self-imposed obstacle for me. Ten years is too much time, however, and with the past year seeing the end of the war and the concomitant drive to reinstate draft evaders and deserters to a position of total social and political acceptability I feel that the time is propitious for the printing of this farewell to you.

Yes, the years since your death have produced feelings of acrimony and vindictiveness in your family. This is due, in part, to the frustrating conclusion of the war you died in, and, additionally, to the exoneration of those who violated the law of the land and fled, only to be hailed for their "sacrifices" like some cruel epitaph for the thousands that died. However, if anything has been able to assuage the rancor in our hearts it has been the powerful love which permeates the entire fabric of our family relationship, and the knowledge that in such a short amount of time you had been able to touch so many people. How sad that most men pass a lifetime without experiencing that love or knowing the admiration and respect which you did. Indeed you were a very fortunate man and your family was as equally fortunate for being a part of it.

When I think back to our years together, which is usually every day, what do I remember? Primarily I recall an older brother who showered me with love and sought to ease my own growing pains by passing along the things he had learned before me. Our father, wisely gauging the breadth of your capabilities, allowed you great latitude and autonomy in guiding me through my early years. Always present to apply the brakes if necessary, Dad recognized the special bond between us and allowed it to manifest itself through this subordination of some of his prerogatives to you. No, they were not all days of wine and roses for many were filled with fights and recriminations. However, through it all the one overriding impression that prevails is that there was always a conscious desire on your part to teach me, to prevent me from erring along my path of growth. There was never a selfish motivation or jealous reaction characteristic of most older to younger brother relationships. Or, if there was, you had enough love and understanding to shelter me from it. Whether it was academics, athletics, or just life in general, you assiduously sought to impart in me those lessons which would assist me in achieving the very successes you had. You were not always successful with me and often I would have to learn from my own failures. But ultimately you did succeed in transferring to me the need for hard work and dedication and above all an abounding degree of love and loyalty to our family. That family has grown to include a wife and two boys and I hope that the example you have set lives in my relationship with them. If there is any sadness in this it is the knowledge that we will never be able to share in the common experience of family and career which has marked my life since your departure. I can only hope that you are watching us from afar and gaining pleasure from your observations.

I recall the day of your death and the subsequent traumatic period afterwards as some dark cloud. Tears, hysteria, and above all an aching helplessness to want to strike out at something that simply was not there. We only knew that you would never be coming back to us again and this stabbed at Mom, Dad, and me like a knife piercing our hearts. Your burial at West Point was marked by one overriding aspect—specifically, the attendance of an entire community and scores of classmates wishing to say a last goodbye to their friend and comrade. What was so special about you to command an appearance of so many people? Why did the Corps chant for "Igor" on the football field when you certainly could not be termed a

star in a true sense of the word? There are a myriad of reasons, some of which I am probably unaware of. However, foremost among them was a rare blend of leadership, charisma, dedication to hard work, and love and respect for your fellow man which few people were fortunate to have. Your physical, mental, and moral strength impressed all who had contact with you and the flood of sympathy which attested to these qualities serves as testimony to your accomplishments and is a more worthy epitaph than the one alluded to earlier.

You died as a professional doing that which you cherished most—leading an infantry company. Your letters to me were flowing with pride and accomplishment as you recounted your experiences as an infantry officer in combat. They were not filled with the bombast of someone thrilled by the exposure to battle. Rather they reflected the serious nature of war and the death contiguous to it and the role that the leader played in limiting the latter in this destructive experience. You were wounded once and could have avoided return but chose not to knowing that there was a job to finish. Your joining of The Long Gray Line can be noted with pride as you served your Army and country honorably.

We miss you dearly beloved brother. However, our loss is mitigated by the memory of love that we held for each other and by the knowledge that you died doing that which you most wanted to do.

May God be with you. I love you and always will.

—Your brother, Andy

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Gaylyn Floyd Jones

NO. 31675 CLASS OF 1973

Died 28 December 1976 in El Paso, Texas, aged 26 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

GAYLYN FLOYD JONES entered West Point in July 1969 and graduated in the Class of 1973. After a short illness he died at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, on 28 December 1976.

Gaylyn was born 20 April 1950 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended many public schools across the nation. His high school days were spent in Albuquerque, New



GAYLYN FLOYD JONES

Mexico. Throughout his schooling, he was very active in athletics.

Gaylyn began his service career enlisting in the Army in June 1968. Completing basic training at Fort Ord, California, Gaylyn went to the United States Military Academy Prep School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. At the end of the year, he received appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point.

As a prep schooler he breezed through plebe year—even in the infamous H-1. Always quick with a grin and sparkle in his eye, he was game for any joke or prank. He had no great love of the academics, but prided himself on playing with the elusive tenth. Untold souls survived that first year on his savvy.

Sports played a major role in his spare time. He was a member of the 1972 Intermural Volleyball Championship team. As a sports man to the end he pursued every sport with a lust that bespoke his love of athletics. With his knee problems he was mutely restricted to intermurals.

During his first year, Gaylyn performed the duties of assistant operations officer on regimental staff. Upon graduation he took his physical profile board on his knees in stride and entered the Transportation Corps. He then headed for Fort Eustis, Virginia, to attend the Transportation Officers Basic Course and the Cargo Officers Course.

Although being a student was Gaylyn's main objective while at Fort Eustis, he was asked to take over the coaching duties of a football team. On the gridiron, Gaylyn led his team of 13-year-olds to the Peninsular Championship with an undefeated season.

Gaylyn left Fort Eustis in early December 1973 for Fort Bliss, Texas. Before arriving at Fort Bliss, Gaylyn married his girlfriend, Joanna. Once at Fort Bliss, Gaylyn was assigned as a platoon leader to the 62d Transportation Company, a medium truck company. He served with the 62d until his retirement in November 1976.

While assigned as a platoon leader, Gaylyn made innovations with his platoon that en-

abled them to be rated the best platoon within the 62d for approximately 18 months. Later these innovations were put into effect by the entire company. Gaylyn's platoon led all others in mileage and tonnage and received countless praise from those he supported.

In addition to his platoon duties, Gaylyn was in charge of the transportation requirements for operation Callant Shield during April and May 1975. The operation moved some 40,000 troops and equipment to and from Fort Bliss for extended desert training.

Gaylyn was retired from the Army 28 November 1976. Upon his death an athletic memorial scholarship was established in his honor at Manzano High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Joanna; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Jones; one brother, Allen Jones; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Frances Oliver, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## Women at West Point

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a REAL TRAIN exercise, participation in the demanding Recondo training and a rigorous physical training program which culminated with a four-mile run. Specific problems encountered by the women were: the attainment of the 27-minute qualifying time on the 2.5 mile Enduro Run; absence from training, primarily due to medical injury; difficulty in carrying combat equipment such as radios, machine guns and extra ammunition (particularly slightly built women); and achieving physical training standards established for men. These problems should not overshadow the fact that the women performed successfully throughout the summer, with obvious commitment and determination. Some individual achievements were notable, such as the women tank gunner who during a REAL TRAIN exercise killed all five tanks of the opposing platoon.

The transition from summer training to academic endeavors was much like that of previous years with new plebes learning to manage their time and new upperclassmen shouldering more responsibility. This year, however, is another first as women share the responsibilities of leadership in the Corps as "Yearlings."

In conclusion, it has been a year of some interpersonal and organizational change at the Academy. In spite of its opposition to admitting women as cadets, West Point planned for them carefully and listened to carefully considered advice on how to do it. Because of its commitment to athletic prowess, West Point pioneered in scientific analyses of physiological abilities of women. It discovered how to challenge women physically and push them to new levels of endurance. It was able to select and retain an academically and attitudinally talented group of women and give them the satisfaction of new intramural and athletic teams, as well as academic training which was suited

to their individual abilities. West Point joined the mainstream of American co-education, while retaining many of its distinctive qualities as a "school for soldiers."



## General Bard Visits USSR

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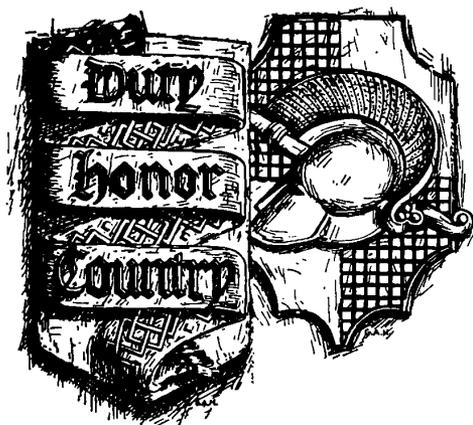
and the Second World War and improvements in Soviet military capabilities since World War II. Saturday afternoon the group met with General-Lieutenant Zhilin, Director of the Institute of Military History, who had just returned the previous evening from a speaking engagement in East Germany. General Zhilin expressed his interest in the lecture series and the exchange of publications between the Soviet and American military establishments. That evening General Zhilin hosted a dinner for the American group and the officers who had assisted in the escorting duties in Moscow. The formal dinner was in one of the many fine Moscow palaces and again the toasts expressed the best wishes for good relations between Soviet and American peoples, and the hope that this exchange lecture series will become an annual event.

Sunday morning the group departed for the United States. No stone had been left unturned to be certain that the American delegation had the best possible visit conditions, support, and opportunity to

see the military and cultural heritage of the Soviet people. Great emphasis was placed on the valorous actions of those involved in the Revolution and in the Second World War, with particular concentration on the sacrifices made by those who participated in the many battles on Soviet soil. From the Children's Guard at the Heroes Monument in Volgograd, to the gigantic paintings of battles of the Revolution and the "Great Patriotic War," to the gruesome museum exhibits from Nazi concentration camps, the central themes are heroism and horror. So much of this is institutionalized and permanent that its effect on the Soviet people should not be underestimated. The West Point group certainly took away with it this impression, and the desire by all those with whom the group had met that good relations will forever flourish between these two great powers of the world in the pursuit of peace. There was no sharp contentious comment, no impediment in the schedule, no aggravation whatsoever during the week-long visit. Every detail of the visit to the Soviet Union had been extremely well planned so there were absolutely no delays in moving about. There was generous support in handling luggage, arrangement of meals, knowledgeable guides, and first-class transportation. Meals were delicious, varied, and generous, and hotel accommodations were deluxe. In addition, the warmth of every Soviet or civilian with whom the group came in contact, their generosity, good wishes, sincerity in the group's well being, and desire for friendship, were literally overwhelming. It proved to be a very worthwhile, educational, and informative visit.

The return visit by the Soviet Army will take place in November 1977 when their delegation will lecture at the Army War College and the Command and General Staff College on the Oder-Vistula River operations of World War II. At the end of their trip they will visit West Point for a brief tour of classes and facilities.





# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the September 1977 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Isaac Spalding	1912....14	August	1977....San Antonio, Texas
Isaac Gill Jr.	1914....14	September	1977....San Antonio, Texas
Samuel A. Smith	Ex-1915....31	July	1977....Annandale, Virginia
Fred G. Sherrill	Nov 1918....10	September	1977....San Marino, California
Thomas H. Dameron	1919....23	August	1977....Pueblo, Colorado
Edgar H. Snodgrass	1919....24	August	1977....Crossville, Tennessee
James P. Barney Jr.	1920.... 1	September	1977....Aberdeen, Washington
Wendell Blanchard	1924.... 8	September	1977....Washington, D.C.
Kenneth N. Decker	1924....29	October	1977....Tacoma, Washington
Charles E. Dunham	1927.... 8	October	1977....Clearwater, Florida
Arthur E. Solem	1927....23	September	1977....El Paso, Texas
William R. Currie	1928....25	September	1977....Washington, D.C.
Richard D. Wentworth	1929....24	August	1977....Arlington, Virginia
Charles H. Bonesteel III	1931....13	October	1977....Alexandria, Virginia
Wilbur S. Jones	1931....16	August	1977....Wheeling, West Virginia
John W. Bowen	1932....18	August	1977....San Francisco, California
Albert E. Stoltz	1932....17	June	1976....Tucson, Arizona
Maddrey A. Solomon	1933....22	August	1977....Vero Beach, Florida
George B. O'Connor	1935.... 9	June	1977....Tucson, Arizona
Henry C. Thayer	1935.... 4	October	1977....Washington, D.C.
Maxwell A. Tincher	1937....27	July	1977....San Francisco, California
Carlin H. Whitesell	1937.... 9	May	1976....Omaha, Nebraska
John C. Emery	1940....20	October	1977....Washington, D.C.
James E. McElroy	1941.... 9	April	1977....San Jose, California
George L. Theisen	1941....30	September	1977....Valparaiso, Florida
Leonard J. Pasciak	1942.... 4	April	1977....Miami, Florida
Frederick C. Uhler	1942....16	September	1977....Fairfax, Virginia
Charles R.H. Bootz	1944....25	July	1977....Brookfield, Wisconsin
John E. Pitts Jr.	1946.... 9	August	1977....Greenville, South Carolina
Benjamin B. Williams	1946....21	June	1977....Westlake Village, California
Bobby G. Vinson*	1950....12	September	1977....North Vietnam
Paul T. Murphy	1962....14	September	1977....Kirkland AFB, New Mexico
James E. Bryan	1965....14	September	1977....Kirkland AFB, New Mexico
Joseph C. Neuman	1970.... 2	August	1977....Syracuse, New York

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