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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Our Founders Day speaking engagements this spring were unusually extensive, and permitted us to get in touch with a great many graduates. The Deputy Superintendent, the Dean, the Commandant, and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, in addition to myself, spoke at 38 West Point societies and Army posts between March 10th and April 1st. On March 23, while I was speaking to the West Point Society of St. Louis, General Bagnal was in Cleveland, General Smith in New Orleans, and General Bard at Fort Sill. We returned deeply impressed with how united our graduates are in their interest, loyalty and support for West Point. There was helpful criticism, together with a strong sense of concern, and many questions on a wide variety of subjects. It will be our effort to respond to your concerns, and keep you informed as we work to reach a common standard of excellence in every area of cadet endeavor.

One of our efforts throughout this spring has been in response to a need we have identified to conduct a comprehensive review of Academy procedures for handling cadet honor, conduct and leadership cases. Procedural errors were experienced in several cases, particularly certain ones which led to considerable delays in the adjudication and processing of such cases. With the aim of overcoming procedural problems, and insuring that our standards will be legally supported as essential to the accomplishment of the Academy mission, I tasked a working group in March with identifying and taking steps to correct deficiencies and eliminate delays in all areas where the possible separation of cadets is involved. This working group has now completed some detailed studies in the areas of honor, conduct, leadership, and major disciplinary offenses and has offered what I consider to be wise proposals for strengthening some of our fundamental governing systems.

These proposals have been briefed to the Deputy Superintendent, the Commandant, the Dean, the Academic Board, the Cadet Honor Committee, and the Staff Judge Advocate; and, with modifications reflecting these reviews, are now taking shape in the form of refinements to our existing regulations. Because these refinements are still under development, I shall not elaborate on them now. You may be sure, though, they have all been conceived with the best interests of the cadets and the institution in mind, as we refocus on those values and standards that have made the West Point experience what it has been, what it ought to be, and what it will continue to be.

In another area, it is a pleasure to report that we are enjoying our best year in athletics since 1968-69, when nineteen Army teams won 74.4% of their games. Our seventeen varsity teams, playing in the fall and winter seasons, won 68.8% of their contests, and the spring sports teams are continuing that trend. It is noteworthy, too, that only two of the seventeen teams involved had a losing season. The record against Navy has also shown an improvement. With the spring contests still to be played, we have won 7, lost 5, and tied 1. If we can hold this edge, it will be our best year against Navy since 1970-71.

Coach Smith has added a number of new coaches to his staff, and the spirit at spring football practice is one of enthusiasm and optimism. Some of the plebes look particularly good, and there's enough "contact" at the scrimmages to satisfy any of our old grads! We're looking forward to the fall season, and we hope to see many of you at West Point for the home games.

Sincerely,

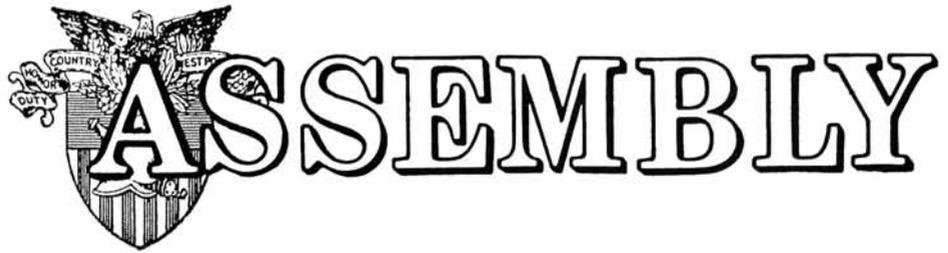
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# GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY

**G**EN Lucius D. Clay, the commander of United States forces in Europe following World War II, died 17 April 1978 at his home in Cape Cod, Mass. He was 80 years old.

General Clay was one of this country's very few professional soldiers to earn four-star rank without holding a combat command.

But it was this sharp-eyed, sharp-witted and tough-minded officer who defied the Soviet Union's attempt, less than three years after Germany's defeat in World War II, to force the Allied occupying powers out of Berlin. His organization of the airlift during the 327-day Communist land blockade of the Western sector in 1948 and 1949 was credited with saving the people there from starvation.

It also saved that city for the West. For that achievement he was to be hailed by Congress as "the hero of Berlin."

General Clay was a man of unmistakably military figure. His manner was decisive, he made quick decisions, he spoke with authority and assurance and he expressed himself in terse, clear statements.

In war and peace, in the Army and in business, he was known as one who could get things done. He sometimes worked 72 hours at a stretch. He was a calm, tenacious trouble shooter with a knack for bringing order out of chaos. His rise to the rank of full general was credited to his extraordinary ability as administrator and leader.

He was the kind of man who "could run either General Motors or General Eisenhower's armies." That was the accolade of former Secretary of States James F. Byrnes, who, in World War II as director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, had General Clay as his deputy.

## Memory for Facts

The General's powers of concentration were remarkable. He could work as well amid the clatter of typewriters and the jangle of telephones as in the quiet of oak-paneled carpeted rooms.

At the drop of a helmet liner he could speak on foreign affairs, civil defense, the menace of Communism, the state of business or the state of the nation. And when he accepted an invitation to speak, he rarely prepared a text. He did not have to, because he had a phenomenal memory for a wide range of facts.

He gave an impressive demonstration of command of his material on May 17, 1949, when he had only a few hours' notice that he was expected to make separate informal reports on Germany to the House of Representatives. This he did without a single note and without faltering.

Despite a reputation for brusqueness, he could be pleasantly informal in conference. He seldom stayed put for more than a few minutes at a time. He liked to slump into a deep leather chair sideways, letting his feet dangle over one arm.

In his Army days he sought release from tension by chain-smoking cigarettes, and he liked to have a container of hot coffee always on his desk.

"General Clay is a very good companion when he's off duty—he likes to sit, tell stories and have a drink," an old friend once said. "The trouble is, the fellow is never off duty—he's always working."

A classmate at West Point said of him: "He is the smartest man and the toughest-minded man I knew in our class."

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GEN Lucius DuBignon Clay was born in Marietta, Ga., on April 23, 1897. His father, Alexander Stephens Clay, was a United States Senator from Georgia for 14 years, and young Lucius served as a Senate page for a time. He was a descendant of Kentucky's famous Henry Clay, who had been known as "the Great Compromiser" for his efforts in holding the Union together. A hundred years later, General Clay was to become known as "the great uncompromiser."

The young man from Georgia entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1915 and was graduated three years later, the curriculum having been curtailed for his class because of the war in Europe.

He achieved a good academic record, standing 27th in a class of 137. However, in his three years at the academy he never ranked higher than 111th in "conduct," and one term stood 132d. One of his most heinous offenses as a cadet was conspiring to smuggle a phonograph into a clandestine gathering of some of his classmates.

## Quick Promotions

On the day of his graduation from West Point, on June 12, 1918, as a second lieutenant of engineers, he was simultaneously promoted to first lieutenant and captain because of the war-caused shortages of officers in the expanded Corps of Engineers.

In the years before World War II, he served in the engineers, both in the United States and abroad. In 1937 he was a member of GEN Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Philippines. The following year, he became district engineer at Denison, Tex., in charge of the design and construction of the Red River Dam.

He organized and directed the first national defense program of airport construction in 1940 and 1941. It included improving and enlarging 277 airports and building 197 new ones in the United States, Alaska and certain Pacific islands.

For his work he received the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service." He was promoted to brigadier general in March 1942.

In that year he was appointed Director of Materiel, Army Service Forces, and for more than two years was responsible for the production and procurement programs supporting the armed forces in the field.

## Supplies Landed

A few months after the Allied invasion of Europe in mid-1944, GEN Dwight D. Eisenhower called General Clay, his close friend, to France. Cherbourg, the principal port of entry for Allied supplies, was a tangle of blasted installations, and shipping had become snarled. In a single day, General Clay doubled the flow of supplies, and when he left three weeks later supplies were moving rapidly toward the fighting fronts.

When General Clay received the Bronze Star for this accomplishment, the citation said that under his direction the Port of Cherbourg had "exceeded all records for the amount of tonnage handled."

Except for his short stay in Cherbourg and an earlier special mission to Brazil to establish defense airports, General Clay spent most of the war years in Washington applying his engineering skill to production—and, it might be added, envying his two sons, Lucius, Jr. and Frank, who distinguished themselves in combat. Both were graduated from West Point at the same time—24 years after their father.



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General Clay received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Director of Materiel.

## Praise and Blame

As deputy to Mr. Byrnes toward the end of the war, General Clay made a reputation for "tough home-front policies." He was credited or blamed—for banning horse racing and clamping down on nightclubs and other recreational centers.

In 1945, immediately after the war, General Eisenhower again called General Clay to Europe, this time to be his deputy in charge of all civil affairs in Germany. Two years later, General Clay became military governor of Germany and commander of the United States armed forces in Europe. He succeeded GEN Joseph T. McNarney, who had followed General Eisenhower.

General McNarney presented General Clay with an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal for his work as deputy military governor. General Clay rose to the rank of full general when he was appointed to command the American forces in Europe.

In carrying out the mission to rehabilitate Germany on a democratic basis, General Clay announced that his job was to "run Germany, not ruin it." He combined a humanitarian approach with firmness. He told the Germans to stop feeling sorry for themselves, to cease grumbling and to get back to work.

## Conflict With Soviet

At the same time, he took steps to improve their food supply and prevent their exploitation. Using an expression that stemmed from his Southern background, he explained: "We are not carpetbaggers."

A series of conflicts between the Western powers and the Soviet Union over the administration of Germany culminated in 1948 in the partition of the country into East and West Germany.

When the Soviet ring closed around West Berlin, General Clay at once declared: "They can't drive us out short of war." At the height of the tension he was summoned to Washington for a conference with President Harry S. Truman. He told of this meeting later in his book, "Decision in Germany."

"I asserted my confidence," he wrote, "that given the planes, we could remain in Berlin indefinitely without war, and that our departure would be a serious, if not disastrous, blow to the maintenance of freedom in Europe."

He got the planes and went back to West Berlin. The Soviet blockade was lifted late in 1949 after United States and British aircraft had flown 2,343,315 tons of food and coal into the city.

When General Clay returned to the United States in 1949, he received a hero's welcome. There was a ticker-tape parade in New York, and in Washington he was hailed by a joint session of Congress. President Truman personally awarded him the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal.

## Adviser to Eisenhower

General Clay then retired from the Army at the age of 52. In 1950, he was elected chairman of the board and chief executive of the Continental Can Company. In his first 11 years with the company, it grew from a concern having sales of \$397,864,000 to a diversified, billion-dollar business.

In 1952, General Clay helped persuade General Eisenhower

to seek the Republican nomination for President, and he helped organize the election campaign. He frequently advised the Eisenhower Administration on questions concerning Berlin, and also offered similar services to the Administration of President John F. Kennedy.

General Clay accompanied Lyndon B. Johnson, then Vice President, to Berlin in August 1961, as a member of a special mission appointed by President Kennedy to reassure the German people of this country's support in the face of increased Soviet pressure on the city. A few days later, President Kennedy announced that General Clay would be his personal representative in Berlin, with the rank of Ambassador. Taking a leave of absence from the Continental Can Company, General Clay returned to Berlin on Sept. 19, 1961.

After a series of crises involving the Soviet Union, General Clay came back to this country in May, 1962, having demonstrated that the United States intended to stand on its rights in Berlin.

Although he left the board chairmanship of the Continental Can Company in 1962 at the mandatory retirement age of 65, General Clay continued to be active in business. In January 1963, he became a senior partner in the investment banking house of Lehman Brothers.

Early in 1963, President Kennedy appointed General Clay to head a predominantly conservative 10-member committee to study the nation's foreign aid program. In its report of March, 1963, the committee contended that the United States was attempting to do "too much for too many."

In September 1963, General Clay, who had been called a possible Republican Presidential choice, announced that he would not seek the nomination, despite the efforts in his behalf of some 100 businessmen who comprised a "Committee to Draft Clay."

Although General Clay declined to seek the Republican Presidential nomination, he did take on the chairmanship, from 1965 to 1968, of the party's National Finance Committee.

In 1966 he was appointed by Mayor John V. Lindsay to form and head a Public Development Corporation to help revitalize New York City's industry.

Later, the General again served New York as a member of the City Charter Revision Commission. In November 1972, as members of the commission took a four-hour bus tour of the worst areas of the Bronx, General Clay was quoted as saying: "It makes you feel hopeless; why I saw the Germans take bombed-out cities and completely restore them in 10 years."

After his retirement from Lehman Brothers in 1973, General Clay remained active in civic affairs, serving as fundraising chairman of groups such as the Red Cross. He remained a director or member of the board of 18 major corporations.

General Clay's soft voice and courteous manner did not entirely hide a stubbornness and a capacity for occasional bursts of temper. After a hard bargaining session, a high British officer once said of him:

"He looks like a Roman emperor—and acts like one."

General Clay is survived by his wife, the former Marjorie McKeown; two sons, General Lucius D. Jr., U.S. Air Force, Retired, and Maj. Gen. Frank B., United States Army, Retired; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. General Clay was buried at West Point.

# The First Class of Seventy-Eight

## "FORTE BENE RECTI"

by DANWILL AOKI LEE

*"On the morning of June 13, 1878, the class assembled for the last time. The graduating exercises were held in front of the Library. Several officers of high rank were present, as well as President and Mrs. Hayes.*

*"General Sheridan made a short address, welcoming us into the army. Several other distinguished officials made short speeches. The diplomas were distributed; the battalion was reformed; marched back to barracks; orders were read; the class was dismissed, and before many minutes they began to appear, one by one, in the garb of civilians."*

**E**DGAR Wellington Howe, the Class Historian and Poet, recorded the graduation of the USMA Class of 1878, for *The History of the Class of 'Seventy-Eight at the U. S. Military Academy*. This rather unemotional account contrasted with the jubilant *Army-Navy Journal* version of the ceremonies. In that description, the speakers all voiced a paternal optimism of challenge and responsibility for the forty-three West Pointers about

to change cadet gray for army blue. From then-Lieutenant General Philip Sheridan, surely nostalgic on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his graduation from West Point; through the speaker for the Board of Visitors; on to the President of the United States; followed by the Secretary of War; then the Attorney General; and finally to the Superintendent's (then-Major General John Schofield, of the same USMA class as Sheridan) announcement

that "it now becomes my pleasing duty to extend to you, on behalf of the Academic Board, our parental blessing, and to confer the honors you have so fairly won," a recurrent theme emerged. West Point was only the preliminary phase of the graduates' military careers. Perhaps inadvertently, the cadets best expressed the theme in two engravings for their photo album. The captions for these illustrations, "Romance on the Hudson" and "Reality on

Class of 1878



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

the Plains," represented the past and future for the Class of '78.

Frontier duty dominated most thoughts. Of the forty-three, thirty-eight served on the frontier before that region closed in 1890 by official declaration; only the first five in graduation order of merit never served in the Indian-fighting army. Although glorified by intermittent skirmishes, the frontier soldier more typically endured an isolated, routine garrison existence. However, even for those not destined for the American West, "Reality on the Plains" reflected the difficulties of adjusting from West Point to the army.

#### FROM CADET GRAY

Before this transition, the affairs of being a cadet, "Romance on the Hudson," preoccupied the Class. For the institution in the 1870's, several major controversies threatened progress. Conflicts over governance, hazing scandals, and the colored cadet question as the admission of blacks was termed in the Reconstruction Era created disharmony within and animosity toward USMA. However, the Corps' participation in the Centennial celebration at the Philadelphia Exposition and the final interment at West Point of Brigadier General Sylvanus Thayer, the Father of the Military Academy, fostered faith in the institution.

The appointment of Schofield to the superintendency in 1876 and the estab-

lishment of the Department of West Point in 1877 reduced problems of governance and contributed to relative stability at USMA. Recognizing this improvement, in 1878 the annual Board of Visitors concluded:

"That there is at least one public institution in the United States of which it can be truly affirmed, that the more it is investigated the better it appears, and for the direct administration and control of which no person is believed to have been selected for any other reason than fitness to discharge the trust confided to him."

Although the public objected to, and perhaps misunderstood, hazing, cadets generally tolerated, survived, and then indulged in "devil" plebes. Howe recalled an unjust experience of an ex-member of '78.

"During the encampment (Beast), ——— refused to be hazed. He reported several members of the yearling class for interfering with him. That class was from that time his enemy. He was challenged, and, contrary to the spirit of chivalry in the Corps, declined a personal encounter. He was frequently reported, and his life was anything but pleasant. Two corporals were reduced because they treated him improperly. He resigned later, unable to endure the petty per-

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secutions of those cadets above him, and the slights of some of his classmates."

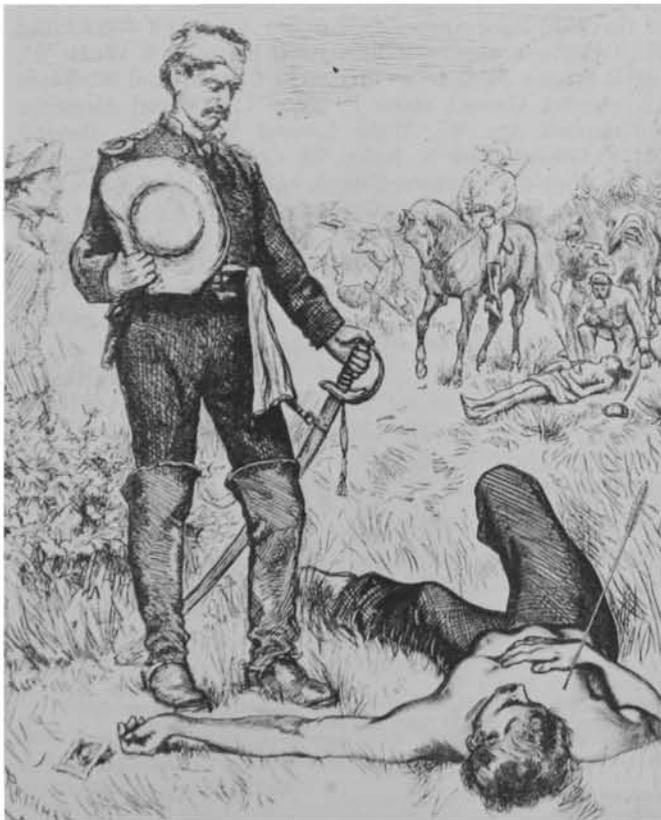
When yearlings, the situation reversed, and according to the reminiscences of the Class Historian for '79, the previously tormented relished becoming the tormentors.

Although the presence of black cadets was a major issue, there were no blacks in the Class of '78. From Howe's perspective, the controversy was directly avoided when the colored candidates, four in number, all failed to pass the examination (mental examination for admission, given after the physical, in 1874). However, the possibility of contact with black cadets in other classes existed. Henry Ossian Flipper, in 1877 the first Negro graduate, and Johnson Chestnut Whittaker, admitted in 1876, virtually represented blacks at West Point from 1874 to 1878.

Amidst the institutional environment, cadets combined frivolity and friendly competition. Howe reported that:

"[John Nelson] Glass, of the preceding class, was found deficient in drawing, and turned back to make another effort with us. He had competed for the last place in drawing in his own

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Reality on the Plains



Romance on the Hudson



# WEST POINT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

**E**ACH year the West Point Fund Committee publishes an annual report so that alumni and friends of West Point may be made aware of fund raising results. On behalf of the membership listed below, this report for FY '78 (ending 31 March 1978) is provided.

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** Total amounts given to West Point through the Association of Graduates are as follows:

	FY'77	FY'78	Percent of Change
West Point Fund (WPF)	\$ 659,364	\$ 449,743	-32
Association of Graduates (AOG)	42,804	86,586**	+102
Undesignated*	72,326	115,444	+60
Sub Total	\$ 774,494	\$ 651,773	-16
Bequests	255,067	892,945	
Grand Total	\$1,029,561	\$1,544,718	

\* Undesignated gifts are those for which the donor specifies no purpose. They are split between the WPF and the AOG in accordance with an established formula.

\*\* Includes a \$60,000 gift of a copyright and copies of the book of poems "To the Colors."

Unrestricted gifts and unrestricted bequests given to the WPF are used at the discretion of the Superintendent to support projects and activities for the direct benefit of the Corps of Cadets and USMA and for which government funds are not provided. Unrestricted gifts to the AOG help defray the general and administrative costs of operating the Association. Unrestricted bequests to the AOG are assigned on a case by case basis by the Association's Board of Trustees, usually to its Endowment Fund.

The Grand Total of contributions, including bequests, rose by \$515,157 during FY '78. This increase resulted mainly from the profound loyalty of certain graduates and friends who have passed on naming West Point in their Wills. While the total figure for contributions, less bequests, was down by 16% this year, this does not indicate a lessening interest in West Point. Rather, it can be explained by the fact that the special appeal for artificial turf in FY '77 brought in substantial additional amounts and the fact that giving to Class Gift Accounts was boosted by several large gifts last year.

**BEQUESTS:** In terms of numbers of bequests and total amounts, receipts from bequests were the highest in recent history. Ten bequests received by the Association of Graduates and the West Point Alumni Foundation during FY '78 totalled \$892,945. These were made by Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest '03, Colonel Eugene Santschi, Jr. '07, Major General Paul W. Baade '11, Brigadier General Harry R. Kutz '11, Colonel Alexander H. Campbell Apr '17, Major General William L. Barriger Jun '18, Colonel Clark N. Bailey '24, Colonel Fred W. Kunesh '27, Mr. Harold J. Sanborn-Friend, and Miss Edna E. Wright, sister of Lee O. Wright '12. Giving by Will is one of the most genuine ways of expressing one's fondness for the institution. On behalf of West Point, the Association and the Foundation extend this expression of public recognition to these individuals.

## OTHER AREAS OF COMPARISON.

	FY'77	FY'78	Percent of Change
<b>ANNUAL FUND DRIVE</b> (lasts only 6 months)			
Total Contributions	\$357,359	\$375,761	+5
Number of Contributions	5,440	5,364	-1
Average Gift	\$65.69	\$70.05	+7

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	FY'77	FY'78	Percent of Change		FY'77	FY'78	Percent of Change
ALUMNI GIVING--ALL PURPOSES				PARENTS GIVING	\$ 7,983	\$ 18,047	+126
(Less bequests)	\$477,733	\$343,302	-28	FRIENDS GIVING			
PERCENTAGE OF ALUMNI PARTICIPATION	27.5%	24%	-	(Incls. Corp. & Foundation Grants)	\$165,854	\$182,647	+10
CLASS GIFT ACCOUNTS	\$336,329	\$259,208	-23	CORPORATION MATCHING GIFTS	\$ 26,591	\$ 31,992	+20

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CLASS: A comparison of gifts received (not including bequests) broken out by Class follows below:

CLASS	FY'78 AMOUNT	PERCENT FY'78	DONATING FY'77	CLASS	FY'78 AMOUNT	PERCENT FY'78	DONATING FY'77	CLASS	FY'78 AMOUNT	PERCENT FY'78	DONATING FY'77
1895	\$ 50	100%	100%	1927	\$ 3,676	51%	89%	1952	\$ 5,199	19%	36%
1899	—	—	50%	1928	16,059	64%	33%	1953	3,345	22%	42%
1905	75	33%	50%	1929	5,613	77%	77%	1954	8,704	25%	24%
1906	—	—	100%	1930	2,818	30%	31%	1955	2,748	14%	20%
1907	100	33%	20%	1931	8,052	*31% (55%)	100%	1956	3,879	15%	24%
1908	—	—	—	1932	8,668	71%	55%	1957	2,344	17%	22%
1909	105	30%	40%	1933	7,191	45%	39%	1958	2,705	18%	24%
1910	244	75%	67%	1934	2,279	29%	34%	1959	2,318	17%	22%
1911	85	50%	33%	1935	10,533	43%	64%	1960	3,939	13%	9%
1912	100	7%	20%	1936	3,707	24%	52%	1961	1,951	12%	12%
1913	225	25%	21%	1937	8,661	59%	52%	1962	1,803	15%	17%
1914	85	15%	13%	1938	6,254	33%	50%	1963	2,458	14%	17%
1915	3,862	49%	37%	1939	14,424	62%	61%	1964	2,144	16%	24%
1916	341	60%	45%	1940	5,278	27%	40%	1965	2,143	18%	20%
Apr 1917	140	28%	37%	1941	16,781	55%	57%	1966	2,311	17%	23%
Aug 1917	500	21%	28%	1942	1,346	16%	19%	1967	1,642	13%	23%
Jun 1918	1,900	61%	45%	Jan 1943	4,581	22%	33%	1968	1,863	17%	10%
Nov 1918	1,427	44%	48%	Jun 1943	2,999	24%	32%	1969	2,231	11%	12%
1919	1,830	39%	36%	1944	3,409	16%	30%	1970	1,465	9%	9%
1920	1,384	43%	40%	1945	6,662	16%	12%	1971	2,996	15%	15%
1921	62	33%	44%	1946	9,035	24%	19%	1972	2,632	12%	13%
1922	4,308	63%	47%	1947	5,552	19%	36%	1973	2,436	10%	9%
1923	1,877	41%	34%	1948	8,290	18%	19%	1974	1,860	10%	6%
1924	2,710	36%	37%	1949	3,487	12%	29%	1975	1,851	9%	5%
1925	3,556	45%	64%	1950	9,545	32%	26%	1976	2,170	10%	8%
1926	975	33%	22%	1951	71,374	36%	22%	1977	1,952	11%	—
				TOTAL				\$343,304	24%	27.5%	

\* The figure of 31% represents the percentage of classmates actually making gifts during FY '78. The second figure (55%) takes into account the gifts of those class members who made large gifts to the Class Account during the years 1972 thru 1975 with the understanding that they would receive credit for participation through 1981.

DEFERRED GIVING PROGRAM: During the year, the AOG initiated its new Deferred Giving Program. This program features various types of charitable remainder trusts which yield an income for the life of the beneficiary and eventually pass to West Point when the beneficiary has died. By one of these trusts (a Unitrust, Annuity Trust or a Pooled Income Plan), a donor, who might otherwise choose to give by Will, decides to make an irrevocable gift during his or her lifetime, thereby: enjoying, while alive, the satisfaction of giving to West Point; receiving an income for life; receiving certain tax benefits while still alive; and preserving certain estate tax benefits which would accrue to a gift made by Will.

Since initiating this new program, four separate irrevocable trusts have been signed with a total value at the time of gift of \$28,741. Many other graduates and friends have indicated an interest in participation.

A summary of cases involving deferred giving prospects with whom the AOG Development Office has been in contact is as follows:

—The AOG has been advised of new Wills, apparently motivated by deferred giving literature (and, of course, a deep loyalty to West Point) totalling \$219,000. Two of these bequests are to be provided through life insurance policies.

—We have been informed of ten other new Wills listing West Point as a beneficiary but in which no amounts were indicated.

—Nine individuals or couples have expressed an interest in the West Point Pooled Life Income Fund. One of these has requested and received from the AOG a prepared agreement to be signed at the appropriate time.

—Two persons have shown considerable interest in creating an Income Only Unitrust funded by appreciated real property.

The extent of activity in the new Deferred Giving Program gives every indication that it will be popular with our graduates and friends and that it will yield substantial returns for West Point in the future.

The Development Office of the AOG will be happy to determine the income and tax benefits of a trust agreement to suit your desires. If interested, you may wish to call collect, 914-446-5773 or write to Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, Director of Development, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.



# A Visitor at West Point:

By THEODORE ROPP

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JAY Luvaas, United States Military Academy's first Visiting Professor of History, found AY 1972-73 flying by "with indecent speed." Though my impressions of AY 1976-77 are now indecently seasoned, it was a most memorable experience. I happened to visit the Royal Military College of Canada and all three American service academies. RMC had the best civilian-military faculty in Canada, United States Naval Academy the best in this country. Colorado's isolation was the most splendid, USMA's—in the midst of Megalopolis—the most beautiful. Many early American colleges have long since succumbed to macadam and MacDonald. Thayer Hall's elevators, Highland Falls' creek, and the Instant Aztec hospital were not too felicitous, but West Point and the Hudson Highlands as a whole were just what their painters had promised. Samuel P. Huntington's "bit of Sparta in the midst of Babylon" did need some revision. More motorized cadets are rarer on Main Street. They know a Babylon when they see one. Black gowns might make their uniforms even more appealing to Oxford and Transylvanian tourists. The Museum was a great tourist and educational attraction. Like most military museums, it had more weapons and uniforms than spades and kettles, but USMA's comparative lack of large modern war machines subtly reminded visitors that Kosciuszko's revolutionary fortress was partly responsible for the Bicentennial celebrations.

We arrived with the Amazons. Sparta's liver-gazers were worthy of "I, Claudius." Though the West Point Study Group was to find a special "intensity and proximity of living conditions at West Point," its orgies were subRoman. Combat boots and calories proved to be sex-linked problems. With fast food trained cadets setting ingestion records, gracious lunching was still a West Point Army Mess postgradu-

ate course. Duke University dining suggests that coeducation's supporters exaggerate its civilizing influence. Or were all those USMA graduates on the faculty civilized by graduate school and the sirens whom they brought to parties?

Those few cadets who make visitors instant experts were mixed-up about women, strong for physical fitness, and realistic about intercollegiate athletics. USMA makes physical fitness for all more than a Title Nine slogan, though many Duke students are just as concerned with it. Both groups are less sanguine about intercollegiate athletics than the Old Cids and Wellingtons. In spite of Nautilus, God is still on the side of the biggest battalions. The Study Group's Roland call for athletic "revitalization" and "manifest institutional commitment" may bring up enough Black Knights and Iron Dukes to beat "other service academies," but not enough "nationally recognized" wins to meet "post-season competition aspirations." Less worried about the "negative impact" of losses on their morale, many students know more about intercollegiate athletics than their professors, who first surrendered their control over athletics, then gave up on compulsory physical education, and are now bemoaning the results.

As a member of USMA's committee on faculty civilianization, I was impressed by our grasp of education and cost accounting. Would more civilians be cheaper, broaden cadets' horizons, and improve teaching? I broadened some cadets, and was broadened by my military colleagues. They may feel freer than non-tenured civilians to discuss controversial issues, even in an academy with a better academic freedom record than one military university. I agree with Dr. Luvaas that a civilian whose future depends on his research may be a less effective teacher than an officer with the same graduate training whose career depends on a successful

USMA teaching record. In the courses which I observed inexperienced, lockstepping teachers were less of a problem than cadets' overcrowded schedules.

Like many master teachers, Dr. Luvaas is too conscious of his early mistakes. Students sympathize with young, inexperienced enthusiastic teachers. Resectioning—to be fair to both of them—denies them the bond of making mistakes together, especially in subjects where there are few "clear 'right' answers." And officers know enough to avoid that adolescent palmanship which may grip young civilian teachers. The Study Group wanted to "increase the number of visiting professors to . . . about five percent of the faculty." If they are tenured, they will be expensive. But this will bring in experienced teachers, who should be supplemented by visitors from other government agencies, or from private business.

How should they be used? A visitor in a required course may have little advice to give until he has finished the course and his visit. Since advanced electives—which a new instructor may have just taken in graduate school—are often assumed to be harder to teach, most visitors may be asked to do them. This lets a department experiment, but it takes time for the cadet "poop" machine to get an elective's track record. The benign professorial portraits touting history on the third floor of Thayer Hall did not dispel term paper rumors from the basement. Since many cadets can't type—the weak tail of our paper tiger?—3000 words did not mean a mere ten pages, but Herodotus's horde of invading Barbarians. But the experienced visitor wants to know if his act still plays in Peoria. The cadets are as hospitable as the faculty. His knowledge and self-esteem are broadened, which is why, with tenure, he took the job at USMA.

ASSEMBLY readers are wondering why so many of my 3000 words have been

# Some Mostly Academic Impressions

spent on these academic issues. The reason is simple. They involve the choices which the USMA faculty must make to keep it an outstanding academic institution. Military education, to borrow Clausewitz's phrase, is "action in a resistant," but volatile, "medium." Soldiers are action-oriented, and in a position to act on their ideals. Civilian faculties may be better cushioned against big business, religious, and taxpayer, if not against student, fancies. Once parents pay cash to turn an adolescent heap into a Mercedes, they seldom kick the carburetor. The expectations of cadets, their parents, and their superiors may well reflect changing American perceptions of professional soldiers and recruiting patterns in an increasingly segmented, "professionalized" society. On these points Colonel Roger Nye's history of the Corps of Cadets will be interesting.

The Study Group recommended the periodic use of the Educational Testing Service's Institutional Functioning Inventory poll, even though some of its scales were inapplicable to USMA and others already look dated. They are Intellectual-Aesthetic Extracurriculum, Freedom, Human Diversity, Concerns for Improvement of Society, Undergraduate Learning, Advancing Knowledge, Innovation, Democratic Governance, Meeting Local Needs, Self-Study and Planning, and Institutional Esprit ("faculty and administrators"). If USMA is academically better than Dr. Luvaas observed it, this may be due to its raising faculty educational standards, while other faculties were wrecking their curriculums. With USMA's structured curriculum, teachers at least know what students have forgotten. In noting that USMA cannot set up undergraduate majors, the Study Group did not note that its graduates may be as well prepared for graduate school as those with "smorgasbord" majors. One Duke senior history major recently remarked that mine was her first course with a chronological framework.

I became as aware as Dr. Luvaas of cadets' reluctance to show academic enthusiasm. They had little time for taking thought, or paths which might lead nowhere. They wanted hard answers, the "poop" on the assignment, the next quiz, or "the effects of television on the American family." Fearing my usual tergiversation, that cadet explained that he just wanted to know. Once they got the hang

of it, cadets seemed to enjoy our hunt for skewed analogies, and were less worried about wrong "big pictures" and "immediate relevance." With more time to organize, cadets may learn to organize it better, to spend more of it on courses which are troubling or exciting them, and even to waste some on "dilettantish" or "idle" speculation. They may well develop those intellectually diverse interests and attitudes so important to resonant class discussions. The USMA faculty and the Study Group have also noticed these problems.

The graduate student studying the Mopeds of the Marne, the professor untangling his footnotes or pulling the United Fund to the top in the local zipper factory often forget, to use Clausewitz again, that undergraduate academic customs are as chameleon-like as their attire and ideals. Local atmosphere—egghead baiting, wearing hats in class—partly depends on their perceptions of their mentor's goats, and their mentors' power over them. With most undergraduates drifting back to dead center, I was even more impressed than Dr. Luvaas was with cadets' kinship with them. They know that they are part of the pollution problem. They have not seen much progress in Improving Society. They have checked the right boxes to get into college. Recruiters have told them that literates are becoming rarer. Those who read and write well are becoming a self-conscious elite. The others feel that they would not be in an elite school if they were really askew on spelling, punctuation, sentences, and paragraphs. Everyone will have to work "to improve the ability of cadets to write." A clearer definition of collaboration might give them more chances to correct each others' prose, a major pedagogical tool. They need practice in expository, as distinct from argumentative writing. They are interested in futurism and the ancient history of World War II. Television had told them that we won the noisiest war in history. This went well with their musical tastes and Thayer Hall's sound systems.

Professor Luvaas' cadets were idealistic. Mine were as cynical, careerist, and grade-grubbing as Duke undergraduates. Meeting Local Needs meant Meeting Mine Now. But their expectations of their colleges remain idealistic. At both USMA and Duke, the "trade school" charge hurts.

They expect a pre-professional and a liberal education from a school with USMA's Ivied neighbors or of Duke's Ivied pretensions. Cadets, accountants, and pre-medics are aware of the training demands of their professions. The cadet who asks a visitor about graduate school is like the Duke midshipman who wants to know if hard work will make as professional an officer as a USNA graduate. Both want to know if they have the foundation for further wider self-education. So "intellectual" cadets are bolstered by the fine graduate records of USMA's military faculty. Even without majors, they can be given a taste of undergraduate honors work. And their seminars with other undergraduates are as important for their academic morale as they are for "outsiders'" perceptions of our professional soldiers.

But concerns over women, athletics, civilization, the curriculum, and the intellectual atmosphere were overshadowed in 1976-77 by those over the Honor System. As a visitor with no special knowledge of that problem, I can only repeat that, under massive external and internal pressures, USMA remained a good undergraduate institution, and that some of the changes which were speeded up by various investigations may result in its becoming still better. Some cadets reacted by studying harder. Their "I might as well get as good an education as I can" suggested that one was to be had there. USMA's counselling and guidance services seemed to be as professional and more vigorously administered than those at many other colleges. Since the ethical problems of a society which promises personal fulfillment at any cost are not confined to USMA, visitors will be much interested in the success of USMA's new Ethics and Professionalism Curriculum.

Will "my" students make good officers? The Study Group was both realistic and idealistic. "Analysis, critical evaluation, and the handling of masses of data" are demanded by "applied science and engineering." More time for reading and reflection is needed to deal more critically with "issues for which there are no clear 'right' answers." Pressurized courses give cadets practice in making quick decisions and finding quick and dirty solutions. But a fully-pressurized curriculum is incompatible with that "broad, general education"

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# FITNESS FOR MILITARY LEADERSHIP\*

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**M**Y purpose tonight is to describe some of the requirements of the military profession and discuss some of the personal attributes of officers who have successfully met these requirements.

Over the years, I have had many occasions to meditate on what qualities characterize successful leaders, whether these qualities can be detected early in life, and whether they can be fostered, encouraged, and caused to grow. In other words, can fitness for military leadership be taught? Obviously, the Army thinks so since it has long maintained a complex school system for this purpose beginning here at West Point. Thereafter, in post-graduate life, further schools are available to prepare officers for higher levels of responsibility. This combination of schools, supplemented by training programs and field maneuvers, is clear evidence that senior Army officers believe that fitness for military leadership can indeed be taught.

Why has this country been willing to bear the expense and effort of maintaining this educational system? In the early days of the republic, there was an assumption that, in time of crisis, shirt-sleeved heroes—that is, untrained volunteers—would spring to arms and fend off the enemy. By now our nation has become more mature and recognizes the national importance of the quality of the officer corps. In modern war, the stakes are extremely high and in the future these stakes will become even higher with the increased destructiveness of weapons. Our nation appears to have accepted the wisdom of the words of Plato: "Nothing is more important to a nation than that the work of a soldier is well done." It is to assure the quality of the soldier's work that West Point exists and that you are here today. It is the justification for the existence of the entire military establishment.

There is much which is unique about the profession which you have entered. The officer's lot is quite different from

that of the lawyer, doctor, engineer or scientist. Many of the differences arise from the unusual circumstances under which an officer is called to practice his profession in its highest form—the leadership of troops in combat. His primary task is to overcome the opposition and obstacles posed by an enemy or a hostile environment to the accomplishment of his mission and at the same time to care for his men, keeping them well fed, well equipped and always combat-ready.

About 36 years ago today, the Battle of the Bulge began in the Belgian Ardennes where, I can assure you, neither the enemy nor the environment was friendly. It was Hitler's last effort to salvage a favorable peace from World War II. But more dangerous than the Germans to my division was the weather—the cold, the snow, the interminable damp, the semi-darkness in which we had to operate. The days were so short that we had sufficient visibility only from about eight o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon for useful activity. In that time the soldier had to meet his personal needs, assure that his weapons were functioning, and to do the patrolling necessary to be sure the enemy hadn't infiltrated his position. Then, before the light faded, he had to blast a foxhole in the frozen ground to get a place to sleep from which he could defend himself in case of attack.

In such an environment, conditions exist unknown to most other professions—the fear for life, the need for constant alertness, the fatigue arising from the performance of simple duties and an oppressive anxiety which affect all participants, senior and junior, in varying degrees. In a profession practiced in such an environment the role of the leader is decisive. How he behaves determines the outcome—whether he commands a platoon, a company, a division, or an army. In all cases the fundamental task is always the same—it is for the leader to carry out his assigned mission successfully, be it of minor or major importance, using all resources available to him with maximum effect. Such resources include his own talents and those of his associates, the fighting potential of his men, the supplies and equipment at hand and finally the military

advantages which can be drawn from the terrain and weather. It takes a real man to do all these things despite stress and danger.

Furthermore, in this profession the leader gets little advance notice of when he may face a major test. It may come after years of professional preparation, or it may occur very early in life as graduates have found who have left West Point for the battlefield. Also the first test of a leader may be the hardest and it may also be his last.

While the requirements of our profession, as I describe them, may seem unreasonable, depressing, or both, the Army has a thorough system to help young officers meet such tests as may present themselves. Believing firmly that leadership can be taught, it undertakes to do so, beginning with the plebe class here at West Point and carrying through the post-graduate school system. Additionally, it offers an officer the experience of varied assignments to broaden his professionalism and to afford him practical on-the-job training. But the enjoyment of these advantages in no way relieves an officer of a continuous responsibility for self-instruction and self-improvement—he owes it to himself and his country to dedicate his active life wholeheartedly to his profession and to strive constantly to acquire perfection in the performance of duty in peace and war.

To emphasize this point to the First Class, when Superintendent, I recommended to the cadets that as officers they always have at least three things among their possessions—a notebook to remind them of duties they had to perform, some athletic equipment to recall their obligation to physical fitness, and a good reading lamp to symbolize a commitment to the attainment of intellectual fitness through professional and general studies. I believe it is still good advice for young men entering a demanding profession of ever increasing breadth and complexity.

If the Army is to be successful in teaching leadership and the officer in improving his own performance, there must be a common understanding throughout the service as to the qualities of the ideal officer to serve as an accepted model. I

\*Based on an address at West Point to the Class of 1981, United States Military Academy, 14 December 1977.

**General Maxwell D. Taylor.** Born in Keytesville, MO, 26 August 1901, General Taylor was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1922. He commanded the 82d Airborne Division Artillery, and the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. From 1949 to 1951 he was Commander of American Military Government and Army Forces in Berlin. He was Commander of the 8th Army in Korea in 1953 and named Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Command the following year. From 1955 until his retirement in 1959 General Taylor was Chief of Staff of the Army. In 1961 he was named a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. In 1962 he returned to active duty and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until 1964 when appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Vietnam. He served in 1966 as Special Consultant to the President and as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

would describe such an officer as one who possesses complete fitness—professional, physical, intellectual and moral—for command in combat—the sternest test he is likely to encounter. Such a man would know his job and demonstrate that fact by excellence in the performance of all duties. He would be self-disciplined and require strict discipline from his followers. He would exercise authority with the confidence of the Roman centurion described by St. Matthew: "I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to the man, go and he goeth and to another come and he cometh." President Truman said much the same thing in more homely and specific terms: "A leader is a man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do and like it."

The French have a saying: "Don't speak of rope in the house of a hanged man." It may be equally tactless to speak of discipline to a plebe class which, I hope, has had considerable experience with the subject—and probably not all pleasant. Yet discipline is not a hair shirt to be worn as a penance but a virtue to be acquired as a distinguishing mark of the true soldier.

Discipline in military life refers to the inculcation of certain habitual patterns of behavior which must become almost instinctive to assure the proper performance of important duties under all conditions of a combat environment. The more dangerous and difficult the tasks to be performed the greater the discipline required—hence the very tough standards of astronauts, parachute units, bomber and submarine crews, deep sea divers, demolition teams, and the like. By the nature and purpose of their profession, military men must accept and demand discipline if only as a form of survival insurance. George Washington was merely paraphrasing many other great commanders when he said: "Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable, procures success for the weak and esteem for all."

Oddly, highly disciplined units generally have the best morale and deepest pride of

unit. I like to tell the story about a young parachutist joining my division in World War II. Parenthetically, I might explain that I never volunteered to be an airborne soldier and had never thought of being a parachutist. Then, in 1942, the infantry division in which I was Chief of Staff was suddenly reorganized into an airborne division. So I became airborne by order—one of the best things that ever happened to me, I might add.

Later, after entering operations in Europe, I made it a practice to greet all the replacements personally who joined the division to replace campaign casualties. I'd go down the line speaking to each soldier, usually asking something like: "Why did you volunteer for this parachute business?" And I'd usually get some swaggering reply like, "Oh, this is great stuff," "This is what I like," "I go for this parachuting." But one day as I was going down the line I asked a soldier, "Do you like to jump out of airplanes, soldier?" He looked me squarely in the eye and replied, "No, Sir." Surprised I asked why he had volunteered. He answered, "Sir, I like to be with people who do like to jump out of airplanes." I shook his hand vigorously saying, "That makes two of us in this division."

If discipline is a prime military virtue essential to the young officer aspiring to fitness for leadership, history indicates three attributes of character which are similarly important—reliability, justice, determination. A reliable man is one

whom you can count on to keep his word and to do his duty. In conformance with the Academy honor code, he does not lie, steal or cheat. As a just man, he gives everyone his due, plays no favorites, rewards duty well done and penalizes its derelictions. A man of strong will, he is determined to overcome all obstacles to carry out his mission. Such a leader will gain and retain the respect and confidence of his men, without which he can accomplish little.

From the foregoing, it would seem that the ideal officer we have taken for our model will be conspicuous by dedication to his profession, excellence in his performance of duty, insistence on discipline, and the possession of the cardinal military virtues of reliability, justice and determination. But I am afraid one quality is still missing—the X factor.

This indefinable quality is the spark that some leaders have which stirs other men to great deeds. A good leader may get everything normally possible out of his resources—human and material. But a truly great leader does that and something more—his men accomplish the impossible for him. A few of the greatest captains have had this quality—Hannibal, Caesar, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Washington and Lee, to mention a few. What explains this gift? Like these other qualities of leadership can this be taught and learned?

On this much argued point, I am not  
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# WOMEN AT THE SERVICE ACADEMIES AND COMBAT LEADERSHIP

by ALBERT P. CLARK

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*OF possibly vital import to the future maintenance of the security of the United States may be the advent of women into the ranks of the nation's military leadership. However controversial the subject may be, it is one with which we must grapple. The question of whether or not women should bear arms in combat has not yet been resolved. Yet the process of accepting women into those traditionally all-male roles has begun, furthered by Congress with the passage of a bill in 1975 allowing women to enter the three major service academies. Although the novelty of women at these academies has ceased to cause a sensation, it remains a possibility that they will never earn complete acceptance from their male peers. Despite the need to recognize social change, the security of the United States must remain the fundamental criterion on which to base a resolution of this dilemma.*

THE QUESTION of whether American women should bear arms in defense of the nation is a lively current issue. The extraordinary advancement of women's rights in this country in the past decade has not yet resolved this basic question. Most men who have faced the enemy in combat have serious reservations concerning females ability successfully to bear arms in combat and to assume combat leadership positions in our armed forces.

Regardless of these uncertainties, feminism is indeed on the march—spurred on by mounting impatience with the second-

ary role which many women perceive society has assigned to their sex. More legislation of consequence to the cause of equal rights for women was passed by Congress in the past five years than had been enacted by all previous Congresses combined. The Equal Rights Amendment is among these. Needless to say, the pressures causing this extraordinary series of actions were not exclusively confined to the civilian sector. All of the military services made corresponding changes in policy and regulations, greatly enhancing the opportunity of women for meaningful and rewarding service. Initially, much of this change was resisted and brought about by outside pressures, suits and unsolicited Congressional action. Rightly or wrongly, the traditional military attitude has been that fighting is a man's job. This attitude dominated policy decisions on women in the armed services for some years.

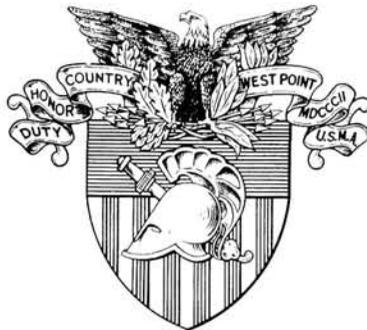
In light of this, it was no surprise when the individual military services and the Department of Defense took a dim view of proposals to open the service academies to women. These institutions traditionally have supplied the services with their best-trained young leaders. In all services, the graduates of these institutions have distinguished themselves in combat and have risen to the highest positions of command and leadership. The education and training at all the service academies have emphasized combat leadership, and while a small percentage of graduates from them have followed careers not involving com-

bat-type service, these exceptions have not invalidated the general image of the service academies as the source of the best-trained military combat leadership.

The prospect of Congressional or court action to introduce women abruptly into these male sanctuaries of combat training, while the basic question of the appropriateness of women as arms bearers in the nation's defense remains unresolved, was thus not a welcome development. Nevertheless, the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and the initial promising outlook for its early ratification by the necessary thirty-eight states caused the academies quietly to initiate contingency planning.

The Army and the Navy could make a fairly convincing case that their Academy graduates were trained and destined for combat unit assignments. All graduates of the Military Academy at West Point are given initial assignments in the combat arms—infantry, armor, artillery and air defense artillery. Virtually all Annapolis graduates are sent to sea in combat vessels on their initial assignments. Thus, these two services felt reasonably secure in their policies excluding women. The Air Force, on the other hand, could not make the same case and was more ambivalent in its attitude towards advent of women cadets. The combat personnel in the Air Force are largely the crews who fly the combat aircraft. The officer corps of the Air Force for some years has contained slightly more than 50 per cent non-flyers—officers in the forty-six other special skills required for a modern Air Force. About two thirds of the graduates of the Air Force Academy each year go into flying and thus into combat units. The fact that so many do not go into combat units made the Air Force's position opposing women cadets more difficult to defend.

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The Air Force's stated policy during this period was that while it did not welcome the idea of opening the Academy to women, it was up to the American people through the Congress to decide whether such a change in the traditional policy was desirable. If directed to change, the Air Force would be ready. A similar public expression of view was made by the then Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird.

#### *Legal Developments*

It should be pointed out that Title 10 of the United States Code specifically prohibits women from serving on naval combat vessels and aboard combat aircraft of the Navy Air Force and Marines. The Army is not prohibited by any similar passage in the Code. Its prohibition against women serving in combat units is a matter of policy and regulation. This is an interesting reflection on how far we have come in such a short time. The Army has enjoyed almost two hundred years of distinguished service in peace and war without a challenge to this policy unsupported in law. Army policy continues to be based on the view that to permit women to bear arms in combat would not reflect the desires of the majority of the American people, would not reflect a national need, and would not be in the best interests of national defense.

In September 1973, suit was brought against the Navy and the Air Force by two young women seeking admission to the service academies. Both of these women were seeking entry into the classes entering the two academies in July 1974. In their suit they charged that the ban on women cadets and midshipmen represents sex discrimination and is therefore unconstitutional. It was further claimed that the refusal of the academies to process the applications of women deprives them

of their equal rights in training, employment and career advancement in the military.

The government's answer to the complaints was filed in January 1974, and in April the government moved for summary judgment. The government position was that the exclusion of women from the academies is not an unconstitutional discrimination on the basis of sex, but that the policy serves a rational government purpose, and further that the statutes preclude the service academies from admitting women. The government also sought to show that the statutory prohibition against the use of women in combat strongly works against their admission to the academies, since the academies have as their primary function the training of combat officers.

In May 1974, affidavits were filed by the Superintendents of the three service academies and by the Under Secretary of Defense, William P. Clements, in support of a government motion to dismiss the suit. The positions expressed in those affidavits highlighted the nature of the training, the heavy emphasis on graduate assignment to combat units, and the significance of the all-male ethos in the academy environment. In addition the affidavits presented the view that the dispute was political and did not belong in the courts. Existing law, Mr. Clements pointed out, bars women from attending the schools. Congress writes the law; if the law makers want to admit women, they will pass the necessary legislation to open the class. Actually the position that the law (Title 10) prohibits women from being considered for cadet and midshipman status is somewhat tenuous. There is no specific prohibition, but the language uses exclusively male references. In addi-

tion, the intent of the Congress at the time the laws were written was clearly to provide for the training of males only.

In late June, Judge Oliver C. Gasch of the United States District Court in the District of Columbia ruled against the plaintiffs. The decision was immediately appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals with a request to stay the order of Judge Gasch and to grant an emergency hearing for their case. The Appellate Court promptly addressed the case and in late July issued an order denying the appeal and declaring that the issues raised were too fundamental to be dealt with hurriedly. A complete hearing of the case on its merits was assured during the court's next session. Thus, a hiatus in court action ensued, and the two young women lost their bid for entry into the academies in 1974.

#### *Congressional Action*

It can be assumed that the Appellate Court acted with full knowledge of the concurrent Congressional action on the basic issues of admission of women to the service academies. For in June 1974 the Senate had passed the Hathaway Amendment to an unrelated enlisted bonus bill, authorizing the admission of women to the service academies, and there were six bills before the Military Personnel Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee concerning admission of qualified candidates to the service academies regardless of sex. Thirty-three congressmen had already expressed their support for one or another of those bills, four of which were submitted by Representative Pierre du Pont. Under pressure from various members of the Committee, Chairman F. Edward Hebert reluctantly promised to give a hearing to a bill authorizing the admission of women to the academies,



as soon as the Department of Defense had submitted its comment on the bill.

In a letter to Mr. Hebert, dated April 26, 1974, Mr. Clements explained the Defense Department's position. He pointed out the great demands for graduates to serve at sea and in combat units. He stated that the limitation on space and facilities at the academies was such that the admission of women would directly reduce the number of male graduates allotted for critical combat-related assignments, thus working serious harm to combat units and other activities which have increased demands for academy graduates. Mr. Clements reminded the Committee that the academies train for combat service from which women are barred, that excellent alternate means for training and educating female officers for the services exist in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, Officers Training Corps and direct commissioning programs of the several services, and that these programs were now meeting all foreseeable requirements. He also pointed out that were women to be admitted, the provision of necessary funding for revised curricula and facility modifications would also have to be addressed. Mr. Hebert promised to give all interested parties an opportunity to be heard. On May 29, 1974, hearings began before the subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Testimony was presented by nineteen members of Congress, fourteen representatives of the Department of Defense, two spokesmen from the Maritime Administration, and nine individuals representing organizations or speaking as concerned citizens. With the exception of the representatives of the Department of Defense and Miss Jacqueline Cochran, who appeared at her own request, all of these witnesses spoke in support of opening the academies to women. Some of the testimony was quite interesting and colorful. Most of it was quite repetitive. Some was more emotional than accurate. A few clear points emerged:

The Department of Defense was strongly opposed to admitting women to the service academies, for the reasons already cited.

The Merchant Marine Academy, on its own initiative, had already begun to admit

women and was experiencing no serious problems.

Most other witnesses were uneasy about introducing women into combat bearing arms; but some, including some women, held no reservations on this point.

All witnesses favoring the admission of women to the service academies placed heavy emphasis on the inequity of prohibiting women from receiving the many benefits of the four-year academy experience: the superb education, the military training and conditioning for a professional service career, and the prestige of graduate status with its perceived benefits in promotion and eligibility for positions of higher command and leadership.

Throughout the testimony and discussions, there was a repeated suggestion that combat duty was too loosely defined in the services; that it in fact covered a broad spectrum of duties varying from radar-scope interpretation in bomb-proof locations to the hand-to-hand fighting role of the combat infantryman. The view was frequently expressed that some of these so-called combat roles most certainly could be effectively performed by women.

The testimony of Jacqueline Cochran, noted aviatrix, gave the committee pause. She has flown World War II bombers across the ocean, has been shot at, and has set speed records in several of the modern supersonic jets. She said that putting women into combat was nonsense. She added that any woman who wanted to go into combat was foolish. She placed heavy emphasis on the traditional societal role of women and cited the high rate of loss of her WASPs to marriage and child bearing. She was, I believe, the only female witness who spoke from experience in the aerial leadership role.

I was struck by the testimony of Admiral Mack, Superintendent of the Naval Academy. From his testimony it became clear to me the degree to which the introduction of women would disrupt the Naval Academy's program of professional training. This training, quite understandably, is conducted to a large degree at sea on board combat vessels of the fleet. Since women are excluded by law from service on these vessels, there is no way, unless the law is changed, that women midshipmen can obtain the full benefits of this vital professional training. Thus, a second

track auxiliary program for women midshipmen is necessitated, with all its undesirable collateral effects.

By the time hearings on the issue in the 93rd Congress were completed on August 8, 1974, most observers were satisfied that the remaining days of all-male service academies were numbered. Accordingly, the academies began planning in earnest. There were additional qualified women to be selected and assigned to all departments. There were professional education and training curricula to be reviewed and modified. There were facilities to be modified, especially to provide suitable dormitory environments for the women. Not the least of the actions to be taken was the design of uniforms for the women cadets and midshipmen. Decisions had to be made on physical requirements for qualification of women applicants, and a modified sports program had to be established eliminating contact sports and providing suitable substitutes. All of the above had to be done in a pioneering spirit and largely by male staffs still looking over their shoulders at Congress, hoping against hope that the specter of women at the academies would go away.

But it did not go away. In April 1975, an amendment was introduced into the 94th Congress as HR 5718 by twenty-four co-sponsors. On May 20th, the House approved this so-called Stratton Amendment to Title 10 of the United States Code, directing the Secretary of Defense to ensure that women were as eligible as men for admission to the three service academies in July 1976. The vote was 303 to 96. Last minute efforts to substitute a bill directing the Secretary of Defense to study the feasibility of establishing a women's military academy failed, as did a proposal to exclude West Point from the mandate to admit women. On June 6th, the Senate, during debate on military procurement and without a roll call vote, agreed to an amendment reintroduced by Senator Hathaway. This was the same amendment passed earlier by the House. On October 8, 1975, the President signed Public Law 94-106 directing that women be admitted to the three service academies with the class of 1980 entering July 1976. The amendment did not authorize a two-track program. It limited changes

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# SERVICE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: A MEMORIAL

**G**RADUATES in several West Point classes of the 1960's have advanced the proposal to establish a memorial to those soldiers of our time who were casualties of the war in Southeast Asia. This article is intended to provide everyone with information about the proposal.

The proposal is to establish a memorial which will affirm openly and with pride our affection for fallen friends. The intent is also to openly and proudly affirm our commitment to the highest standards of service and sacrifice to be found in their lives. Our memorial should provide a visible and enduring symbol of our allegiance to fallen comrades. But it should also provide a living and instructive gift to those who are preparing for military service. Accordingly, the memorial might be a modest but appropriate monument at West Point and, in addition, some action or activity that would periodically reaffirm our commitment to the concepts they died for.

These two facets of the memorial may be termed the "fixed" component (the

monument or physical memorial itself), and the "living" component. (The activity that would periodically reaffirm our commitment to the highest standards of service.)

To date, input in the form of many detailed comments and suggestions have been received. Of the many specific proposals, two have generated more enthusiasm and support than all of the others combined; they are:

A proposal for the "fixed" component is a scenic landscaped site on a small peninsula jutting into Lusk Reservoir across the street from Howze Field and the football stadium. This might include the emplacement of a large boulder with a suitable bronze plaque, paved walks with stone benches set so as to provide a view of the reservoir, and appropriate landscaping. The idea is to construct an attractive and inviting monument that properly reflects the ideals we feel so strongly about, while blending aesthetically with the rustic nature of the surroundings. An artists conception of how this

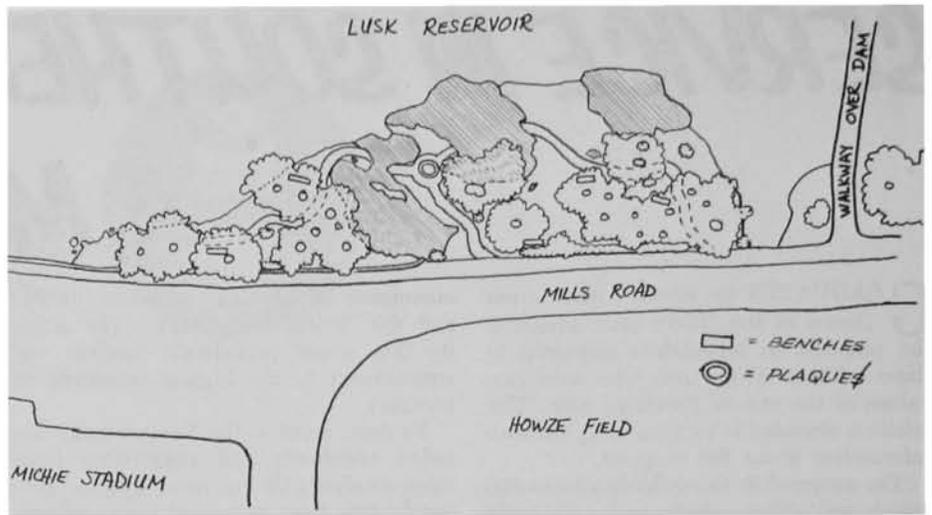
might look is shown in the accompanying drawings. The cost of such a project would be modest.

Initial proposals for the "living" component of the memorial included a lecture or concert series as well as funding cadet support of worthwhile community projects. All have been viewed as being redundant or competitive with other cadet lecture or summer intern programs. A proposal which would establish an award to junior officers, selected Army-wide, who best embody the ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country" has been advanced and is currently under review by the Department of the Army. This award would serve to reinforce the concepts of honor and professional integrity in the daily lives of cadets and officers in active duty situations and above all, provide a visible link between West Point and the Army. Nomination and selection of the recipient officers would be open to peers and juniors, and thus reflect peer judgments of integrity and the need to make professionally correct choices rather than to compromise



Proposed Bench and Walk: SEA Memorial

Sketch map of the  
SEA Memoria'



one's integrity because of perceived institutional pressure. The Superintendent and the DCSPER have been briefed on the initial concept, and a committee of USMA alumni is now at work preparing specifics for selection criteria and method of operation, for consideration by DA staff.

The '60's classes endured a common turbulence in our country and suffered a common war. While service in Southeast Asia was certainly not confined to the West Point classes of the 1960's, these classes suffered a great number of casualties. Service in Southeast Asia was distinctive in that the call to duty came in the midst of heated national disunity; our sorrow was shared in silence and solitude.

The members of the classes of the '60's probably have the closest ties to fallen comrades and the clearest remembrance of those years. The classes of the 1960's are then the ones who might be expected to show the most enthusiasm for such a proposal. In establishing a memorial across the bounds of class lines, we wish to honor both our comrades and the institution which prepared us for our duty.

Although the idea for the memorial and much of the initial groundwork was done by members of several West Point classes of the 1960's, and leadership in the continuing planning and implementation of the project is expected to come from these individuals, sponsorship is open to all classes. And, just as service in war in Southeast Asia was widely based, so is participation in all facets of the memorial design, selection, and implementation open to all interested persons, whether officer, cadet, enlisted, or civilian. All comments, suggestions and proposals are welcome. Additionally, we need to form working

teams for fundraising, design of the "fixed" component, and the selection of a "living" component. If you would like for your class to participate in sponsorship of the memorial, contact your class president, or if you have suggestions or comments, write:

Southeast Asia Memorial Project  
Box 16  
Army & Navy Club  
1627 Eye Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

or call:

(202)-737-6535



Proposed Plaque: SEA Memorial



# news from the SOCIETIES



Archie T. Colwell, Nov '18 (dark suit, center), with members of the West Point Society of Cleveland in front of his portrait in the Colwell Engineering Center.

## West Point Society of Cleveland

November 1918 is very proud of its classmate Archie T. Colwell. Arch was honorably discharged from active duty in December of 1922 just four weeks after graduation. He became very active and successful in pioneering the research and development on improved heat resistant valves and valve inserts especially for automobile and aircraft engines. He received international acclaim as an aircraft engine parts and valve expert. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc., in Cleveland. In 1941 he became the National President of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Case Institute of Technology conferred upon him its honorary Doctorate of Engineering and he has received many awards and recognitions. In 1960 the Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Company completed a five million dollar research and development facility in Euclid, Ohio, and as Arch had been the driving force in bringing the unit into being it was named the "Colwell Engineering Center." On 11 November 1977 the West Point Society of Cleveland honored Arch with a special dinner given following a tour of the Center. At the dinner, letters were read from the Superintendent at West Point and from the November 1918 Class President.

## West Point Society of Atlanta

The 1978 Founders Day dinner in Atlanta, Georgia, was the highlight of the West Point Society's 1978 calendar of activities. With the second largest crowd

in the Society's history, a packed house of 231 graduates, their ladies and guests were treated to an outstanding program featuring LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster, Superintendent USMA as the guest speaker.

Joined by Robert H. Schellman '39, President of the West Point Society, Atlanta, LTG Goodpaster renewed old friendships during the Benny Havens Hour prior to the Founders Day dinner.

With Arthur Moore '46 as Master of Ceremonies, the Founders Day dinner program was in good hands. Following the standard format, the "Old Grad" presentation was given by George T. Duncan '32, MG Retired, and "Young Grad" by Blake V. Peck '77, student at Georgia Tech. Both grads highlighted the "Corps Has" which may be good for the con-



Tenth annual Founders Day dinner, Hanover, NH. Attendees were (L-R) Moorman '38, Krueger '42, Luebbert '49, Crosby '53.

tinued strengthening of our alma mater. With the task of introducing a classmate, Robert H. Schellman '39 keyed his introduction to the brilliant career of LTG Goodpaster. Reaffirming the sound basis upon which the Academy today is structured, LTG Goodpaster presented an up-to-date analysis of the administrative modifications and the Honor System as it has been influenced by the Borman Study.

## West Point Society of Hawaii

Founders Day for 1978 was celebrated by the Society at Schofield Barracks on 10 March 1978. Our hosts were members of the 25th Infantry Division commanded by MG W. W. Scott '48. In anticipation of future things to come, a dinner-dance was held with wives of graduates and former cadets in attendance totaling over 120 couples.

Immediately after dinner, a short business meeting of the Society was conducted by the president. Elected officers for 1978-79 were announced. They are:

Wildrick, M. D. '47	President
Hiatt, W. '36	1st VP
Silver, D. L. '44	2d VP
Scott, W. W. '48	3d VP
Horne, H. W. '46	Sec-Treas

Accomplishments of the Society for 1977-78 were briefly reviewed as follows:

1. Continued support of the SROTC and JROTC programs of Hawaii with donated awards.

2. Continued support of the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates, with a check for \$185.25. Donations from this society have now reached over \$1000.

3. Continued assistance to qualified young men and women of Hawaii who wish to enter the Military Academy.

4. Held our annual party in June for the "New Cadets" and their parents. Held a luncheon for applicants for appointment in December.

5. Assisted in the financial arrangements in bringing the live telecast of the Army-Navy game to Hawaii. The Society's share of the cost was \$400 which was raised and oversubscribed by member contributions.

The program and goals for the year 1978-79 were announced as being the same as for preceding years. As a kick-off for 1978, the Society's checks for \$127.00 representing member contributions from the West Point Society of Hawaii were sent to the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates.

The annual cocktail party for "New Cadets" from Hawaii entering USMA to join the Class of 1982 will be held at the Cannon Club, Fort Ruger on 11 June 1978.

Following the business meeting, all were delightfully entertained by the talk of "the oldest graduate present," MG George E. Martin, retired, Class of 1927. He was followed by appropriate remarks from 2LT Robert P. Lennox, Class of 1977 as the "youngest grad."



West Point Society of D.C. President Palmer '36 (left) presents the Benjamin F. Castle Award to Phillips '40. The Award is presented annually to the graduate who has distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point.

### West Point Society of Charleston

Seventy-one graduates, wives and friends of the Military Academy celebrated the 176th anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy at the Charleston Naval Officers Club on 25 March 1978.

The Society was honored once again to have as its oldest graduate, GEN Mark W. Clark, from the Class of April 1917. GEN Clark's remarks as well as those of the youngest graduate, MAJ James Stapleton '64, were warmly received by the group.

The honored speaker of the evening was BG Frederick A. Smith, Dean of the Academic Board, who brought the Society up-to-date on recent changes in procedures and policies at the Academy.

### West Point Society of North Florida

We held our Founders Day dinner on 17 March at the Ponce de Leon Lodge and Country Club, St. Augustine, Florida.

MG Raymond P. Murphy was our guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk about the athletic program at the Academy

Founders Day WP Society of Ft Benning: First Row: Doris Seaman, Nancy Conard, Carolyn Christiansen, Trudy Tarpley; Second Row: Seaman '46, Tarpley '44 (master of ceremonies), Christiansen '18 (oldest grad), Shoemaker '46 (guest speaker).



and the changes that have taken place there.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President	Russell F. Walthour '51
Vice President	Joseph B. Love '50
Secy-Treas	Harry H. Haas '22

### West Point Society of Central Florida

The 176th Anniversary West Point Founders Day dinner was held in the Commissioned Officers Mess Open, Naval Training Center, Orlando, Tuesday, 14 March 1978. 127 attended, consisting of members and wives, guests, and 11 appointees to the Academy with their parents.

The guest of honor and speaker was MG Raymond P. Murphy, USMA '42, now Director of Intercollegiate Athletics USMA. General Murphy brought Society members up-to-date on changes at the Academy and the sound reasons for them.

COL Philip S. Day '17 made the toast to the Corps and remarks as the oldest graduate present. Mr. Frank M. Arnall '65, the youngest graduate present, directed his remarks to the appointees, emphasizing some of his memorable experiences as a cadet.

Society officers for April 1978 to April 1979 are:

Pres, Lytle '59; First VP, Benz '24; Second VP, Arnall '65; Secy-Treas, McAdams '64.

### West Point Society of Florida West Coast

The Society celebrated Founders Day on 16 March 1978 at the St. Petersburg Ramada Inn. Principal speaker was MG Raymond P. Murphy '42 who brought a fresh update of changes at West Point with a focus on athletics.

John McNulty '20 held forth as the oldest graduate with some inspiring words for younger generations of grads.

Skip O'Donnell '65 laced his talk with humorous anecdotes as he told of his growth under the influence of West Point before and during attendance as well as after graduation.

One hundred and fifty-seven persons attended from the Florida West Coast area including graduates, their ladies, and

other guests. Overall supervision of the affair was by MG Francis T. Pachler, president of the West Point Society, Florida West Coast. Class representation was from 1919 through 1965.

### West Point Society of Chicago

On 18 March, the Society held its annual Founders Day dinner at the Ft Sheridan Officers Club. The invited guests at the dinner were MG Michael Healy (Commander, Readiness Region V), COL Fremont Piercefield (Post Commander, Ft Sheridan), Mr. Hobie Murnane (President, West Point Parents Club of Illinois), Mr. Jim Hicks (new President, West Point Parents Club of Illinois), Mr. Taylor Benson (President, West Point Parents Club of Wisconsin) and the Guest Speaker, BG Frederick A. Smith Jr. (Dean of the Academic Board). Some 200 dinner guests enjoyed the festivities.

General Smith's remarks revolved around the theme that the measure of what West Point can do for the graduates is a direct result of what the graduates do for West Point. With this in mind, the Dean reviewed some of the changes and highlights at the Academy, not only in the area of academics but also in the area of cadet life. His speech was followed by a standing ovation for an individual who obviously believes in himself, in his country and in his alma mater.

Once again, our oldest living graduate, Dr. J. J. Mussil '18, spoke of his untiring love and devotion for the Academy and its meaning in the American way of life. His toast followed that of LT John Corey '74, our youngest grad, who proposed the usual toast to the Commander-in-Chief.

The new slate of officers for the West Point Society of Chicago was unanimously approved by the membership. Coll '65 will be the new Pres, Metz '37 will be the new Secy-Treas, Gallagher '63 will be the new VP-Recruiting. The Directors elected are: Mleko, '53, Cooley '65, Duffek '57, Laundry '57, Nelson '67, Corey (Honorary '38), Kobes '66, and Brugh '42.

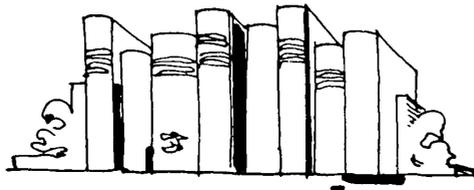
### West Point Society of Savannah

Our Founders Day dinner was held on the evening of 15 March in the Hunter Army Airfield Officers Club. We had a total of 50 grads and ladies for the sit down affair. The recent formation of Hilton Head West Point Society along with the Savannah St. Patrick's Day celebration contributed to the smaller group than anticipated.

The ranking officer was LTG C. W. G. Rich '35, who had his ranking lady Eleanor with him. They represented the Hilton Head group. The oldest graduate present was COL Claude Black '25 and the youngest was 2LT Jim Womack '77. Army's basketball coach, Mike Krzyzewski, was the intended speaker; however, the ECAC tournament kept him away. 2LT Womack, one of the leading Rabble Rousers of the Class of 1977, gave us all an indepth update on the honor problems, women at West Point, and the overall impact of recent changes as he evaluated them.

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# Book



# Reviews

SUMMONS OF THE TRUMPET: United States-Vietnam in Perspective

By Colonel Dave Richard Palmer, USMA '56. Presidio Press, San Rafael, California, 1978. 277 pages. \$12.95.

(Colonel Palmer will donate all royalties from the sale of this book to the West Point Fund. Colonel Palmer has also authored one of the best known books on West Point history, **The River and the Rock**.)

Reviewed by Major Vardell E. Nesmith Jr., USMA '66, PhD, Duke University 1977. Currently assigned as an assistant professor at USMA.

Chronological distance is no guarantee of objectivity in the writing of history. A good story needs controversy—we expect it. And once men are established as heroes or villains and issues take a peculiar moral tone, all are subject to re-evaluation in the disguise of objectivity, a leveling that either lowers or raises them toward a common line—we expect this also. Objectivity, then, regardless of age, is illusive. Yet historians, hoping for time to clear their visions, hesitate to deal quickly with events.

Colonel Dave R. Palmer has bravely broken out of the pack. He has written a much needed, readable history of the war in Vietnam. It is not a definitive history. He notes the difficulty of finding adequate unclassified source material. The book is a synthesis of much that has already been published; it is not the type work that requires footnotes. When the definitive history is produced, it will certainly be as Colonel Palmer suggests, a multi-volume text. A major problem in the production of that history will be capturing the essence of a war that belonged, at the same instant, to a President and to a thousand platoon leaders. Colonel Palmer has chosen to deal with the war at the higher level. He writes of national policy and strategy, only occasionally reaching into the jungle to pull out a tactical example to support his case.

Recognizing that he deals with an emotion-laden subject, the author says, "I have attempted to balance the scales." In this he is at least partially successful, although it is by no means clear by what standard success can be measured. He is moderate in his brief comments on the press and evenhanded in his treatment of Ngo Dinh Diem. His judgment is heavier, however, on some other controversial persons and issues. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara for one. Colonel Palmer finds that the philosophy which focused on cost-effectiveness and systems analysis fell easily into a policy of graduated response. When the President's military and intelligence advisors objected to the policy, ". . . it is not at all clear whether

Secretary McNamara ever even bothered to convey their arguments to him." When the policy failed, ". . . McNamara in frustration simply gave up." Colonel Palmer is no less critical of the President, ". . . whom history may well remember as our most reluctant and indecisive wartime commander in chief. . . ." Only once does the author lapse into ironic humor. In what may be the most entertaining lines of the book, he describes the White House situation room in which a "minutely accurate photomural" of the base at Khe Sanh lapped across several tables. There the President could be in the trenches with the marines. "And when the commander in chief mans the barricades his entire entourage gets mental mud on their boots. It is hard to keep an eye on the big picture while hunkering in a bunker." Colonel Palmer does not limit his criticism to these civilians; but when he directs it to officers, frankly, it is with a lighter touch. Perhaps, though, this is indeed "balancing the scales," for the American military institution has absorbed much blame for the kaleidoscopic problem known as "Vietnam."

The theme of the book is an evaluation of the cause of the problem. Colonel Palmer lays the blame on a national policy that produced an unworkable military strategy. The policy, as he identifies it, was one of graduated response. It was given its peculiar shape by a combination of fear of Red Chinese intervention, political influences, and a "whiz kid" attraction to quantification. The result was a military strategy that limited ground operations to South Vietnam and restricted air targets in the north, taking all but the promise out of "Rolling Thunder." American escalation in both areas was more of the same, evenly matched by North Vietnamese determination.

The war, he says, had become one of attrition. The realization came early to the U.S. commander in Vietnam, General William C. Westmoreland, at least by August 1966. Colonel Palmer declares the United States was "strategically bankrupt" as of that year. The problem, as he sees it is that attrition is no strategy at all—"It is, in fact, irrefutable proof of the absence of any strategy." The United States, then, having saddled itself with a defensive war, surrendered strategic initiative to the North Vietnamese.

The debilitating influence of the non-strategy of attrition extended down to the operations of combat battalions. Kill ratios became the primary measure of success ". . . by 1967 only a foolhardy or desperate commander would ever engage hostile elements by any means other than with firepower." To avoid casualties American

units would generally call for air and artillery while falling back into a defensive perimeter. This surrendered tactical initiative to the enemy. There is much truth in these observations by Colonel Palmer, yet they are not completely fair to the many infantrymen who "broke brush" in Vietnam. At the platoon level it was an active war. Patrolling by day and ambushing by night, riflemen often chanced upon small numbers of the enemy who had no intention of staying to fight. Although the contact might last only a few seconds, for the soldiers of both sides it was all the war they could handle. Defensive perimeters, artillery, and air were no options for startled point men. In the aggregate, these small encounters were an important dimension of the fighting, probably as significant as larger unit actions. It is the latter, of course, upon which Colonel Palmer has based his critique of the infantry war.

Criticism is the right of an author, and he is under no real obligation to offer alternative solutions, yet a reader of this book is certain to hope for one. Colonel Palmer's answer is somewhat insulated in vagueness. Perhaps this is to stimulate the reader's thought. His judgments suggest extension of the ground war into enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia and Laos, and escalation of the air campaign to the north—"striking for the jugular," as he says. These things were done to a degree by the Nixon administration, and Hanoi concluded a formal peace. But American withdrawal was in progress, and as the author says, ". . . Hanoi's politburo had no intention of relinquishing its ultimate objective of acquiring South Vietnam." Colonel Palmer seems to imply that had restrictions been lifted earlier in the war, before the collapse of American will, the resultant military shield would have turned aside North Vietnamese intervention, permitting eradication of the insurgency and nation-building in the south.

His proposal, if I have read it correctly, is thought provoking. However, it is predicated on finding the United States without a strategy in Vietnam, and about this I am uneasy. His criticism of American strategy is somewhat weighted by the use of the term "attrition." He further loads his argument by suggesting that it was no strategy at all. The sense of this is a purposeless waste of life. In fairness to the men who directed the war, he might have debated the question more thoroughly. At issue would have been the legitimate strategy of exhaustion. This is not just a play on words. Hans Delbruck, a German military historian of legendary fame, identified two basic strategies: annihilation and exhaustion. The first de-

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# down the field...

by PETE WEVURSKI

**T**HE date was 8 May 1970. Madison Square Garden was packed with 19,500 fans. With only moments remaining before the seventh game of the NBA Championships against the Los Angeles Lakers, N.Y. Knicks team captain Willis Reed unexpectedly hobbled out onto the court after sitting out the previous two games with a painful hip injury. An overwhelming ovation greeted him and Reed responded by sinking the game's first two baskets against Wilt Chamberlain (his only points of the game) and thus inspired the Knicks to their initial NBA championship.

Now we move ahead, to within two months of the eighth anniversary of that fabled night in sports. The site is Nassau Memorial Coliseum, the game is the opening round of the ECAC Metro Playoffs with Army battling Seton Hall for the right to meet St. John's in the finals with a possible NCAA Tournament berth ultimately at stake.

It's late in the first half, Army trails, 35-30, when center Gary Winton, the Cadets' silent but inspirational team captain and career scoring and rebounding leader, crumpled to the floor in excruciating pain. Diagnosis at halftime: pulled calf muscle. Gary may be through for the season.

"We didn't expect Gary back at all," offers coach Mike Krzyzewski, a wonder-kind himself. "In fact, we didn't see him during halftime. He was in a training room down the hall from us. During halftime we just told the kids that Gary has gotten us this far, and we would have to do something now for him. I think our squad really got pumped up. . . ."

But not half as much as they did when they saw their captain, his injured calf heavily taped, limp back out of the dressing room five minutes into the second half. They immediately began to "do something for him" as their coach had stated.

With just under 10 minutes remaining and the score tied, Krzyzewski sent Winton back into the game and the two teams battled tooth-and-nail from there until the final buzzer sounded. The score read: 69-69.

In a performance about which legends are made, Winton slam-dunked the opening basket of the overtime session and eventually scored Army's first six points of the extra period and the Cadets went

on to win it on Scott Easton's short jumper with just eight seconds to go, 81-79.

For West Pointers, there could be nothing else as the top story this past quarter.

For those who were there, it may have been the performance of a lifetime.

## BASKETBALL (19-9)

Last year at this time, Army basketball fans were basking in the glow of a 20-8 record and looking forward to much of the same during the 1977-78 season.

And, after the first eight games this season, those prospects appeared to be reaching fruition when the Cadets stormed out to a 7-1 record. But what followed next were six losses in their next seven games—including two by one point margins, one by two points and another by three—that had Coach Krzyzewski shaking his head in puzzlement and saddled the Cadets with an 8-7 record. That's where we left off last issue.

Army was not to lose again throughout the remainder of the regular season, streaking to 10 consecutive victories including: Colgate, 60-58; Seton Hall, 71-67; Fordham, 89-74; Penn State, 64-52; Rochester, 88-44; Buffalo, 74-53; Iona, 63-61; Niagara, 77-65; Manhattan, 74-58; archrival Navy, 66-62 (in a game that welcomed Matt Brown into the 1,000-point club).

Winton's miraculous recovery and courageous second-half performance earned the Cadets a rematch in the ECAC finals against St. John's, the team that handed Army its first loss of the season way back in December. Army enjoyed the upperhand during the early going, with Winton showing little effects of his injury. The Cadets led by three points at halftime, but defensive adjustments by the Redmen neutralized Winton in the second period. With Army hitting on only 19 of 32 free throws in the contest, St. John's was able to take a 61-57 lead with 1:48 remaining, thus setting the stage for the season's most controversial sequence—and one that wiped out the Cadets' hopes for their first NCAA appearance in history.

With 1:28 to play, Winton leaped for the basketball under the blackboard, fouled St. John's Gordon Thomas in the process and held onto the rim to avoid landing on a pile of bodies on the floor below. The personal foul was Winton's fifth (and final), but he also picked up a technical for grabbing the rim and Thomas converted all three free throws

for a 64-57 lead. When the ball was put in play again, Krzyzewski had not yet replaced Winton and attempted to draw the attention of the officials. They misinterpreted Mike's gestures and slapped a two-shot bench technical on the Army coach. And, although Thomas sank only one freebie, the Army deficit was eight points and insurmountable.

The Black Knights' season received a brief third life when the National Invitation Tournament extended a bid to Army and assigned the Cadets the chore of meeting host Rutgers in an opening-round contest.

Brown took scoring honors with 22 points, Scott Easton scored 16 and Clennie Brundidge added 13, but Winton was held to 13 by a sticky Rutgers defense and the Scarlet Knights triumphed, 72-70, behind Hollis Copeland's 18 points. Rutgers went on to Madison Square Garden and reached the semifinals against ultimate champion Texas.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (18-5)

Coach Joe Ciampi's Sugar Smacks closed out their first varsity campaign by winning six of their last eight games behind a smooth blend of youth and experience.

Carol Barkalow, a veteran of the Sugar Smacks' season on the club level last year, shared the team scoring lead with plebe Dena Caradimitropoulo, each with a 13.8 average. Barkalow also topped the Cadettes in rebounding with 189, while team captain Christi Stevens pulled down 135.

## SQUASH (4-6)

Coach Paul Assaiante's Cadets lost their chance for a .500 season when they lost to archrival Navy. Dan Hammond, the No. 1 position player, joined Tracy Freeman and plebe Russ Berkoff with 5-5 season records.

Hammond was named to the 10-man all-America team by the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association. He was eliminated in the third round of the National Championships by the eventual champion.

## FENCING (8-6)

With a near upset of archrival Navy, the Cadets of coach Terry Breshnick closed out the regular season with its first winning record in four years.

During the final weeks of the season, the Cadets posted a 4-2 record, with the losses decided by a combined three points.

Bob Hamilton set the pace in foil with a 31-6 record while Paul Johnson led in epee with a 19-13 mark and Joe Reed and Mike Kiser shared top honors in saber with matching 21-13 ledgers.

Hamilton, Pete Martini—owner of an 18-16 bout record in epee—and Reed, next year's team captain, qualified for the NCAA Championships after leading Army to a sixth-place finish in the Eastern Championships.

#### GYMNASTICS (10-2)

Coach Ned Crossley's gymnasts continued their winning ways since we last met, losing only to defending national champion Southern Connecticut and Temple. Included in that final record was a fourth straight triumph over the Midshipmen and five performances with 200 or more team points.

Outstanding individual Army acrobats included Steve MEEK (all-around), Scott Schorr (floor exercise—Army's first Eastern champion since 1971), George Roberts (pommel horse), Army Ferrando (parallel bars) and Rob Caliva (parallel bars). Earlier pace-setters included Lee Jourdan (still rings) and George Rhyndance and Bob Boggs (horizontal bar).

Rob Caliva was elected captain for the 1978-79 season.

#### HOCKEY (13-12-1)

No, coach Jack Riley couldn't believe it, either, "if somebody had told me we'd win only 13 games," said the veteran of 28 seasons on Army ice.

The Cadets' chances for a stronger finish evaporated during the final month when they managed only a 3-5-1 record. One of those losses, came against traditional rival Royal Military College of Canada, while one of the best victories came over ECAC Division II playoff-bound Holy Cross.

Despite their inconsistencies in the nets and out front on the attack, the Cadets still nailed down a berth in the ECAC Division II West tournament, marking their

fifth consecutive post-season appearance. Army, seeded sixth, bowed to Plattsburgh State, 6-3, in the opening round.

Team leaders included high-scoring center Tom Rost and winger John Harrison, with help from Mike Hussey and Ken Hawes.

Ken Hawes was elected captain for the 1978-1979 season.

#### PISTOL (10-0)

Coach John Smith's sidearmers finished their regular season with an immaculate record and put icing on the cake with a victory in the NRA sectionals not long after snapping Navy's 18-match winning streak.

Team captain Pat McLaugh joined teammates Dave Mull, Gary Reisenwitz and Steve Wolszczak on the all-American team selected by the National Rifle Association, marking only the second time in history Army placed four men on the squad. That feat occurred previously following the 1972-73 campaign.

Lou Anderson was named to succeed McLaugh as next year's captain.

#### RIFLE (18-0)

Coach Ken Hammill's sharpshooters completed a weekend sweep of RMC and joined their pistol-packin' partners in keeping Navy pinned down but didn't neglect to do the same to their other 16 opponents.

Top marksmen were Dan Szarenski and Bob Jacobs, two second-team selections for the National Rifle Association's all-America squad.

Not to rest on their regular-season laurels, the Cadets also captured the NRA Sectionals.

#### SWIMMING (11-2)

Coach Jack Ryan's aquamen held a 4-2 record the last time we looked and things just kept getting better as the Cadets stroked to victory in their next seven dual meets to finish the season with an eight-match winning streak. Army added a

fourth-place finish in the Eastern Seaboard Swimming and Diving Championships and also came up with several fine individual efforts in the National AAU Championships.

And, ah yes, a victory over Navy—with-out benefit of a point in the relays—which nailed down a third-place finish in the Eastern Swimming League.

Among the season's outstanding swimmers were Ruck (200 butterfly and 200 I-M), Hein (500 and 1,000 freestyles), Tavrides (50 freestyle), Prinslow (100 and 200 backstrokes), Wilhelm (200 backstroke), Brown (100 freestyle), Jackson (200 breaststroke), Gladura (1,650 freestyle), Glenn (500 freestyle), and Nishimura (100 breaststroke).

Following the 1978 Men's and Women's Senior Metropolitan AAU Swimming Championships at West Point, seven Cadets packed up and moved on to compete in the National AAU Swimming Championships.

Team captain Tim Glenn was joined by Ruck, Tavrides, Brown, freestyler John Holmberg, Prinslow and Nishimura.

Bill MacHardy was elected captain of Army's 78-79 team.

#### SKIING

Coach Howard Brosseau's alpine and nordic snowmen enjoyed a full season of the white stuff competing in the USMA, Cortland-Cornell, Alfred-Buffalo and RPI Invitationals, then skied in the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association's Division II West Championships.

Two Cadets, Jim Arsenault and Elliott Gruner, were selected to the Division II West all-star team. Arsenault won his second consecutive first-team nod in cross-country while Gruner—who also competed in ski jumping events—earned his all-star honor as a member of the cross-country second team.

John Macdonald was named captain for 78-79.

#### INDOOR TRACK (9-2-1)

Coach John Randolph's cindermen enjoyed an excellent season that was assured when Moratz, Leathers, Arriola and D.C. Adams combined for victory in the mile relay over Navy by six-tenths of a second to earn Army a 68-68 tie with Navy in the season finale.

The Cadets then went on to a second-place finish in the Heptagonal Championships, their highest finish in the indoor Heps since 1970, but their third straight Heps silver (outdoor Heps, cross-country Heps and now, indoor Heps) since Randolph became Army coach.

Curt Alitz, Army's all-America distance runner, running with only 30 minutes rest between events, captured the mile championship in 4:08.2 and finished second in the two-mile in 9:01.4 at the Heps, while Adams won his first Heps crown with a 1:55.9 in the 880-yard run.

Alitz then led the Cadets to a fourth-place finish, their best since 1968, at the

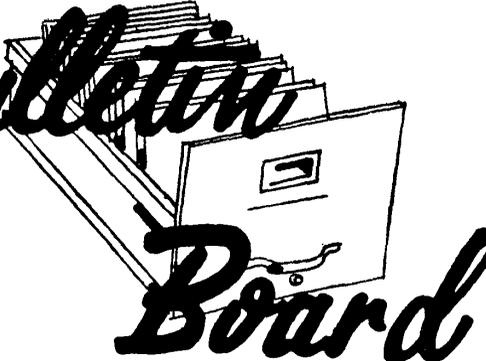
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### Army Sports Summary

#### 1977-78 ARMY VARSITY SPORTS SUMMARY

Fall & Winter	Contests	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Navy
Rifle	18	18	0	0	1.000	Won
Pistol	10	10	0	0	1.000	Won
Volleyball	8	7	1	0	.875	
Swimming	13	11	2	0	.846	Won
Gymnastics	12	10	2	0	.833	Won
Track (Indoor)	12	9	2	1	.792	Tied
Women's Basketball	23	18	5	0	.783	—
Soccer	13	9	2	2	.769	Won
Basketball	28	19	9	0	.700	Won
Water Polo	31	20	11	0	.645	—
Football	11	7	4	0	.636	Won
150-Lb. Football	5	3	2	0	.600	Lost
Fencing	14	8	6	0	.571	Lost
Cross Country	11	6	5	0	.545	Lost
Hockey	26	13	12	1	.519	—
Squash	10	4	6	0	.400	Lost
Wrestling	19	6	11	2	.368	Lost
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# Bulletin Board



## Board of Trustees Meeting

The officers and Trustees of the Association of Graduates held their regular winter meeting at West Point on 24 and 25 February 1978. The meeting opened with a session in the afternoon of 24 February devoted entirely to a briefing on the current status of actions resulting from the Report of the West Point Study Group. Golden '65, gave a detailed report on the new curriculum and O'Donnell '63, The Commandant's Special Assistant for Honor Matters, gave a comprehensive briefing on the general status of situation on honor at West Point. The implementation of and problems related to the new honor procedures and information on honor education. Henninger '58 summarized other actions taken concerning The Study Group Final Report.

The Saturday morning session began with the traditional remarks by the Superintendent, Goodpaster '39. The Superintendent addressed a variety of issues of current interest, including significant actions taken since his last previous comments to the Board of Trustees. His remarks were followed by Committee reports, status reports on the Development and Publication Programs and a budget presentation for FY 1979 (1 April 78-31 March 79), which includes an expense budget of \$555,600 based on projected revenues of \$613,800.

The Board of Trustees approved the following slate to be submitted to the members of the Association at Annual Meeting on 2 June 1978:

President: James B. Lampert '36; Vice Presidents: Luke W. Finlay '28, Patrick W. Guiney Jr. '33, Arthur S. Collins Jr. '38, Thomas E. Griess Jan '43, Fred B. Proctor Jun '43, Jack Capps '48, Edward P. Andrews '53, Robert G. Moscatelli '58, Francis G. Hall Jr. '63, William L. Robinson '68, Fred M. Brooks '73; Trustees at Large: James Q. Brett '30, Oren E. Hurlbut '33, Chester V. Clifton '36, Kenneth F. Hanst Jr. '42, Frederick A. Smith Jr. '44, H. Minton Francis '44, J. Robert Harman Jr. '45, E. Douglas Kenna '45, Absalom T. Webber Jr. '51, Lee B. Gray '53, Richard C. Gallagher '63, James S. Conley Jr. '65; Trustees (One Year Term): Theodore W. Parker '31 (to replace Bonesteel); Robert M. Kimmitt '69 (to replace Lampert).

## English Standards for Admissions and for Progress

Although standardized entrance exam-

ination averages in English have remained fairly constant for entering USMA classes and have not paralleled the marked and steady national decline, West Point has not been oblivious to the persistent clamor objecting to the dismal state of undergraduate (and recent graduate) writing. The Academy has always recognized competence in oral and written communication as an essential element of success in the military profession; hence, demonstrated English proficiency has been required for graduation and sufficient English aptitude to develop that proficiency has been required for admission. To continue to meet its need for cadets with the potential for full professional development, USMA looks carefully at candidates' records in English. The intention at present is to maintain and perhaps to raise standards, even though for the foreseeable future there appears to be little promise of general improvement in candidate preparation in English. SAT-Verbal and ACT-English scores remain the initial screening devices in weighing the candidate's potential for success after admission. The records of candidates otherwise qualified but with evidence of weakness in the area of English competence (inadequate high school transcript; scores below 480 SAT-V or 20 ACT-Eng) are referred to the Head of the English Department for consideration. In such cases, the candidates' complete records are scrutinized, particularly the appraisal from the English instructor and the candidates' own correspondence and personal interest statement. Qualified candidates are those adjudged to have sufficient aptitude in English not only to complete the standard freshman course in composition and rhetoric during their first term at West Point but also to proceed as qualified members of their class into more advanced English study and into satisfactory performances in other courses that demand extensive oral and written communication. On the other hand, West Point seeks to avoid the candidates who are either incorrigibly inarticulate or incorrigibly glib, for neither type is likely to be susceptible to the learning of clarity and freedom within the disciplined limits of standard English expression. Those candidates whose records indicate that they should begin their college careers as remedial students are not admitted. All those admitted begin their first term in standard or advanced English study for full course credit.

Our Association membership of 25,306 represents over 99% of our living graduates.

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

His address:

Executive Vice President  
Association of Graduates  
West Point, NY 10996

The English faculty is well aware that student ills in communication are many and varied, that diagnosis is difficult, and that prescription of cure is demanding. But the faculty is not fascinated by ills only: its concern is improvement at all levels of student ability. In the new curriculum this concern remains unchanged as the English Department guides cadet inquiry into its traditional areas of interest—language, forms and values. The curriculum at West Point demands that cadets be perceptive and imaginative readers and listeners, sensitive not only to what they read and hear but also to what they write and what they say. In the process of their education, some cadets find it extremely difficult to use habitually the standard English dialect characteristic of an educated professional and those cadets who discipline their oral and written communication only in the English classroom sooner or later find themselves in jeopardy both academically and militarily.

Thus, there is renewed effort at West Point to take a closer and more critical look at cadet oral and written communication and to become more insistent upon standard English expression in all areas. It should not be surprising, therefore, that the English potential of candidates for admission is now receiving more attention than it has in recent years.

—COL Jack L. Capps  
Professor of English USMA

## Branch Selection—Class of 1978

This year marked the first time that the Order of Merit was not the method used for determining the order the cadets could select branches, and the first time that other than combat arms were open for selection by all members of the First Class. Previously open only to cadets with medical profiles or special considerations, a number of support branches were open to the entire class.

Since the Class of '78 had been under the Order of Merit for three years a modified system was used in determining the selection order this year.

The first branches to fill their maximum quotas were Engineers, Finance, Chemical, Military Intelligence, Adjutant General and Quartermaster. Combat Arms branches filled slowly and only to minimum levels. The first selection made was the Engineers, the last Infantry with 41 ranked into that branch.

The branch statistical breakdown for the 992 members of the Class follows:

#### Quotas

Branch	Number		
	Min.	Max.	Selected
Air Defense	53	83	53
Adjutant General	0	36	36
Armor	117	185	117
Chemical	0	9	9
Engineer	75	100	100
Field Artillery	150	236	150
Finance	0	12	12
Infantry	245	388	245
Military Intelligence	0	55	55
Military Police	0	26	22
Ordnance	0	46	39
Quartermaster	0	32	32
Signal	0	79	66
Transportation	0	57	56

#### Alumni Access to USMA Buildings

In a letter to the Superintendent last January, one of our graduates highlighted a problem that has vexed some of our alumni in recent years. Although the intent was never to prevent USMA graduates from visiting their old "stomping grounds," for security reasons, and in order to insure some degree of privacy for cadets and their guests, many buildings at West Point are "off limits" to visitors. During Alumni Homecoming and June Week, special arrangements are made for returning alumni, and access to areas normally reserved for cadets does not present a problem. At other times, however, graduates have experienced difficulties.

Under a new system just adopted by the Military Academy, USMA graduates and their families will be permitted access to Eisenhower Hall, Grant Hall, the USMA Library, and the cadet dining area of Washington Hall.

Graduates may pick up a special pass for these areas, good for one day or a weekend, from the Association of Graduates office or the Alumni Affairs Office, both of which are located in Cullum Hall. As implied above, these special passes are not necessary during Homecoming and June Week and they will not be issued for those periods.

Since both the Alumni Affairs Office and the Association of Graduates offices are normally closed on weekends, graduates who plan to visit these facilities on Saturday or Sunday should write in advance for tickets to the Alumni Affairs Office, West Point, New York 10996.

#### Engineers Celebrate 200th Anniversary

The lack of a sufficient number of engineers in the army persisted throughout the Revolutionary War, and almost all of those who served as engineering officers were of foreign birth and education. It was recognized that most of these men would return to their native countries when the war ended. America required engineers, not only for the immediate military needs, but also to meet the future requirements of a civilian population when the nation would be independent and developing. These were the conditions and

sentiments of the times when the army established winter quarters at Valley Forge, on 20 December 1777.

Shortly after encamping, Brigadier General Louis Duportail, a French volunteer who was serving as chief of engineers, drew up a plan for the establishment of an engineering corps as a permanent part of the Continental army. His plan dated 18 January 1778 called for the formation of enlisted men into companies of sappers headed by officers, and proposed that the companies might serve as a school of apprenticeship for the men. On 28 January, Washington endorsed Duportail's plan and recommended to Congress that an engineering department be organized. This was done by a Resolution of Congress on 27 May 1778 as part of a general organization plan for the army. The engineering department was established with three companies, each to contain 1 captain, 3 lieutenants and 68 enlisted men, with the requirement that "These companies to be instructed in the fabrication of field works . . . The commissioned officers to be skilled in the necessary branches of mathematics."

Washington readily complied with the resolution, stating in the General Orders issued at Valley Forge on 9 June that:

"Three Captains and nine Lieutenants are wanted to officer the Companies of Sappers: As this Corps will be a school of Engineering it opens a Prospect to such Gentlemen as enter it and will pursue the necessary studies with diligence, of becoming Engineers and rising to the Important Employments attached to that Profession as the direction of Fortified Places &c. The Qualifications required of the Candidates are that they be Natives and have a knowledge of the Mathematics and drawing, or at least be disposed to apply themselves to those studies. They will give in their Names at Head-Quarters."

A ceremony commemorating this event will take place on 9 June 1978 at Valley Forge under sponsorship of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Freedoms Foundation. Honors will be extended by a combat engineer battalion of the Army; the Army Band and Chorus are scheduled to attend. The Chief of Engineers and the Dean of the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College will make addresses at lunch that day. The USMA Chaplain and USMA Color Guard will participate.

This ceremony, organized on the initiation of General Bruce Clarke, USMA 1925, will be a formal testimony by the engineering profession to the foresight of George Washington in furthering engineering education.

#### Army Settles Out of Court—Suit Dropped

Reports circulating in the press concerning the alleged involvement of a USMA cadet in a plebe fraternization case with Honor Code implications have been highly misleading.

In the spring of last year, Cadet Kevin C. Downey '78 was reported for multiple violations of cadet regulations concerning his relationship with a woman plebe. The total accumulation of demerits from these multiple infractions caused Cadet Downey to exceed this limit for the semester, and resulted in the initiation of a Conduct Review Board proceedings.

At approximately the same time, Cadet Downey was accused of untruthfulness in discussing with others the basis of his relationship with the woman plebe. This allegation of untruthfulness opened an Honor Code case parallel to, but distinct from, the Conduct Review Board case.

The proceedings in both cases were temporarily halted over the summer months because of the difficulty in assembling the required witnesses from the many distant Army posts at which the cadets train.

The Conduct Review Board case was ultimately forwarded to Department of the Army in the fall recommending that Cadet Downey be separated for misconduct. That case was returned to USMA by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for reconsideration.

The Honor case was to have moved to a full Honor Board hearing in late January, but was delayed at the request of Cadet Downey's defense lawyers.

On 24 February in response to a suit filed by Cadet Downey's lawyers against the Army and the Military Academy, Federal Judge Charles P. Sifton issued a temporary restraining order forbidding further disciplinary action against Downey.

On 10 March the Department of the Army announced the settlement in the law suit initiated by Cadet Kevin Downey against the Army and the Military Academy. Federal Judge Charles P. Sifton approved an agreement reached between attorneys representing the United States and Downey. The agreement called for the Military Academy to cease proceedings against Cadet Downey in return for his withdrawing his suit.

The action by the U.S. Attorney on 10 March was taken after a determination by the Secretary of the Army that it was in the best interest of the Army to negotiate a settlement in the case. The Secretary's decision was made after careful review of the facts and consideration of the circumstances involved. These circumstances included a number of procedural questions involved in the conduct and the honor proceedings against Downey.

In a letter sent to members of the Corps of Cadets and the West Point community, the Superintendent said, "The Secretary of the Army fully appreciates the impact this difficult decision has on the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy at large. He has assured that the decision to cease proceedings in this particular case does not constitute or imply a change in the West Point Fourth Class Regulations, nor in the Honor Code."

Lieutenant General Goodpaster concluded that letter by saying, "the decision

as concluded at Department of the Army Headquarters, and as agreed to by attorneys and the court, is final and binding upon all personnel at the Military Academy."

### **New Academic Title Established**

Last May the Academic Board approved the establishment of a new academic title of "Professor of (Subject)." Permanent Associate Professors may be appointed to the new rank of professor (non-statutory) based on distinguished service as an associate professor.

This rank may be conferred by the Superintendent on individuals, who have served as associate professors on permanent assignment to the Military Academy, who are nominated by the head of their department, and recommended by an ad hoc selection committee. In order to be considered for appointment to the rank, the nominees must hold the doctoral degree and have a distinguished record of teaching and scholarship, including at least six years service as a Permanent Associate Professor. The subject appearing in the title may be the name of the individual's department or a subject taught in the department. Thus far twelve officers have been appointed to the new academic rank. They are:

COL Allan C. Biggerstaff, Dept of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, PhD, Cornell; COL Harry A. Buckley, Dept of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, PhD, Purdue; COL Harry E. Cartland, Dept of Foreign Languages, PhD, Brown; COL Wilford J. Hoff Jr., Dept of Chemistry, PhD, Princeton; COL Lloyd J. Matthews, Dept of English, PhD, Virginia; COL George K. Osborn III, Dept of Social Sciences, PhD, Stanford; COL Farrell G. Patrick, Dept of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences, PhD, American University; COL Stanley E. Reinhart Jr., Dept of Electrical Engineering, PhD, Georgia Tech; COL William K. Stockdale, Dept. of Engineering, PhD, Illinois; COL William B. Streett Jr., Science Research Laboratory, PhD, Michigan; COL William J. Taylor Jr., Dept of Social Sciences, PhD, American University; COL William M. Wix, Dept of Social Sciences, PhD, Columbia.

### **First Visiting Professor of Mechanics**

The first Visiting Professor in the Mechanics Department, USMA, is Francis J. Hale.

Doctor Hale graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1944 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. He served in the European Theatre in World War II in a parachute engineer company. He then surveyed and made maps in the Philippines to be followed by a tour in the atomic weapons program at Sandia Base, NM and on Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

After transferring to the Air Force in 1948, he was an F-51 flight instructor and then was involved in the weapons, missile and space programs; as well as being the Head of the Astronautics Department at

the Air Force Academy. After 24 years of military service, he came to North Carolina State University in 1965, where he is a Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. In 1973-74 he was a Visiting Professor at the Middle East Technical University in Turkey, where he also served as an advisor to the Turkish Air Force and as a civil engineer with Hqs TUSLOG of the U.S. Air Force. In 1976 he was a member of the mission of the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization that evaluated and advised the aviation industry and aerospace engineering education in Brazil.

His graduate education was at MIT where he earned master and doctor of science degrees. He is the author of a book on automatic controls and is registered in the State of North Carolina as both a Professional Engineer and a Land Surveyor.

### **Deputy Head of Engineering USMA Retires**

Colonel William K. Stockdale retired 28 February 1978 at West Point after more than 27 years of active Federal Service.

Colonel Stockdale entered the service on 30 August 1946 as an enlisted man in the Regular Army. He graduated from USMA in 1951 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers. During his Army career Colonel Stockdale served in CONUS at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Washington, D.C.; USMA; and Champaign, Illinois. His military schooling includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College. Colonel Stockdale is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a PhD in Civil Engineering. His overseas areas of assignment include Germany and Korea.

Colonel Stockdale was assigned to the USMA on 14 July 1967 where he served as Instructor and Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Permanent Associate Professor, Dept of Military Art and Engineering, until 13 June 71 when he was named Deputy Head, Dept of Engineering. He served as such until the time of his retirement.

Colonel Stockdale has been awarded the following decorations: Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), and National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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

### **Sponsors Needed for Cadet Awards**

The annual awards for the outgoing captains of two of Army's athletic teams are in need of sponsors. Each year during June Week, the outstanding athletes of the Corps are honored at the Awards Convocation. The outgoing captain of every Army athletic team receives an award; but as yet no donor has come forward to

sponsor the award for the captain of the tennis team or the volleyball team. Until a donor is found, the West Point Fund sponsors the award on an annual basis.

The Military Academy would like to find individuals who would be willing to sponsor these two awards. The donor is permitted to name the award—for instance, "The William P. Fickes Memorial Award" is presented in memory of Lt. William P. Fickes to the captain of the Army Lacrosse team. The donor will also be invited to come to West Point each year during June Week to present the award, or he may select an individual to present the award in his name.

In order to sponsor an award in perpetuity, a donation of \$3,000 is required. The income from this donation is sufficient to purchase the annual award, usually a silver tray or a wrist watch for the recipient.

Anyone interested in sponsoring one of the above athletic awards should contact Colonel M.J. Herbert, Alumni Affairs, West Point, New York 10996.

### **Greg King's Run Inspires Baseball Award**

On 29 October 1977 Army halfback Greg King raced 97 yards for a touchdown against Holy Cross, and in so doing, broke an Army record that had stood for 54 years. On 27 October 1923 Cadet George W. Smythe (USMA 1924) ran 95 yards for a touchdown against Lebanon Valley College, one of five touchdowns the All-American quarterback scored that day in a 73-0 romp.

When Mrs. George W. Smythe, widow of Major General George W. Smythe, USA, read about Greg King's achievement, she wrote the Superintendent and offered to do something for Army athletics. No awards in football were available, but funds had been exhausted for the baseball team captain award, and Mrs. Smythe graciously agreed to sponsor the award in memory of her husband. The choice is particularly fitting, since George W. Smythe was captain of the 1924 Army baseball team. The George W. Smythe award for the Army baseball captain which Mrs. Smythe has established in perpetuity, will be presented for the first time to Cadet Patrick G. Landry '78 at the Awards Convocation this June Week. In addition to being baseball captain, Cadet Landry is the Deputy Brigade Commander.

George Smythe made a total of 9 varsity letters as a cadet in baseball, football, and basketball. He had his finest day against Lebanon Valley College in 1923. Playing only parts of the first and third quarters, he rushed for a total of 395 yards in five carries, all resulting in touchdowns! Cadet Smythe ran for 90, 85, and 45 yards in the first quarter, and then added runs of 95 and 80 yards in the third quarter.

### **Cadet Downs Receives Scholarship**

A \$1500 post-graduate scholarship from the NCAA was presented by the Superintendent to Cadet Curt Downs of Sarasota,

Florida. With this award, the NCAA recognizes Cadet Downs as one of the nation's finest scholar-athletes.

A first-teamer on the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference All East football squad, Cadet Downs has lettered in football at West Point for the past two years. Downs is also a competitor off the field as well, making the Dean's List each of his seven semesters at the Point.

General Goodpaster commented that the award was earned through a combination of "inspiration and perspiration." This is the second such award that Cadet Downs has received the other being a \$1,000 fellowship from the National Football Foundation awarded in November of last year.

### **Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame**

The Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame, established in 1970 to recognize outstanding leaders who have served at Fort Leavenworth and who have contributed significantly to the achievement, tradition or history of the United States Army or the Army of the Confederate States of America, inducted Colonel Arthur L. Wagner, USMA 1875 on May 1978.

Arthur L. Wagner was considered one of the foremost military strategists and writers of his time. The recorded history of the Army School System contains abundant evidence of the results of his years of devoted service.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the 6th Infantry and assigned to the Indian frontier, he served from 1876 to 1881 with his regiment in the Dakotas, Montana, Colorado, and Utah in the Sioux and the Ute Campaigns.

In June 1882, Arthur Wagner was assigned the position of professor of military science and tactics at East Florida Seminary, Gainesville, Florida. It was here that he first exhibited his ability as a scholar and a writer. His essay, "The Military Necessities of the United States and the Best Provisions for Meeting Them" was awarded a gold medal by the Military Service Institution of the United States.

In 1886 Wagner was assigned to Fort Leavenworth as an instructor in the Department of Military Art, School for Application of Infantry and Cavalry. He was to remain at Fort Leavenworth for 11 years and, according to Colonel W.A. Gano, author of "The History of the United States Army," became the Sylvanus Thayer of the General Service Schools. Wagner served at Leavenworth during the critical period when the recently organized Army schools were in the process of developing their curriculum, instructional techniques, and, most important, the standards they expected to achieve. Arthur Wagner conducted a detailed study of foreign military schooling systems. He admired the excellence of the Prussian school system, selected it as the model for American military schools to emulate, and set out to bring to Leavenworth the desirable characteristics of that system. Wagner authored

many military writings which, for years, remained the keystone of instructional material at Fort Leavenworth.

By 1897 Arthur Wagner had become a major and his reputation for excellence and achievement had become widespread. Consequently, in April 1897, after 11 years at Leavenworth, he was assigned as Chief of the Division of Military Information, War Department, Washington, D.C. Wagner remained with the division until 1898, when, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he was shuttled from one trouble spot to another and from one assignment to another in an effort to place him, as a leading authority on tactics, in the most advantageous position to help influence the outcome of the war. Wagner served with General William R. Shafter's staff in Cuba and was present during operations at El Caney and Santiago. He took part in military operations in Puerto Rico until August 1898.

In November 1899 he was assigned to the Philippines, where he was Adjutant General of various commands until March 1902. In November 1903 Arthur Wagner returned to Fort Leavenworth as assistant commandant; however, in January 1904 he went to Washington to become Director of the Army War College. He was still serving at the Army War College in June 1905 when he died. On the day of his death, Arthur Wagner's commission as a brigadier general was on the President's desk awaiting signature.

### **Class of '39 Restoration Project— First Division Tower Suite**

As their fortieth reunion gift to USMA, the Class of 1939 plans to finance the historical restoration of the second floor Tower Suite in the old First Division of barracks. The First Division is all that is left of the original Central Area Barracks, constructed during the 1851-56 period. The second floor suite of two rooms, on the northeast corner of the building, was traditionally occupied by the First Captain.

The project to provide a museum quality restoration of the two-room suite is designed to return it to the condition and appearance of the First Captain's rooms of the 1880-1900 period. Both John J. Pershing ('86) and Douglas MacArthur ('03) lived in the tower suite as First Classmen.

Assistance is needed in two areas. If any of our readers have sketches or photographs of a cadet room in the 1880-1900 period, we would like to borrow them. Also, the gift or permanent loan of cadet equipment, furniture or books from the same period would be appreciated.

If you have any of these items, and are willing to assist in the restoration project, please write to Colonel M.J. Herbert, Alumni Affairs Office, West Point, New York 10996.

### **Cadet Riding Team Excels**

During the 1977-1978 Season, the Cadet Riding Team is demonstrating once again that equestrian skills are very much alive at West Point. Throughout the season the

Cadets have maintained a commanding lead over their 29 competitors in Region I of the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association. This will make it the first year that the cadets will have finished a season with this honor since 1975.

It began in the fall with the first competition at Pace University. With a group of new riders from the Class of '81, and the veterans from the Classes of '78, '79 and '80, the Cadets began the season with a First Place High Point Trophy. With Pace University being the only fall competition scheduled, the cadets settled in for a long fall season of intensive practice and fine tuning of their equestrian skills.

As the spring season got under way, the drills began to pay dividends for the team. With a strong desire to win top honors in the region, the cadets began to accumulate their team and individual points. At the first spring show, the Cadets finished as the high point team and for the second time they were presented with the High Point Trophy. At present with 143 points for the season the cadets are 32 points ahead of the second best team in the region assuring them of the Regional Championship for 1978.

In addition to their fine performance in Region I of the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association, the Cadet Riding Team was also represented in the First Invitational Intercollegiate Three-Phase Riding Championship held in Sweet Briar, Virginia. Competing against twelve of the best riding schools in the country the four-man cadet team made up of Martin '78, Leins '79, Kreuger '79 and Lindholm '79, turned in an impressive score. The Cadet Team finished sixth in Dressage, third in Cross Country and fifth overall in the competition.

Under the leadership of Cadet Henry S. Gillen, the Club President, the Riding Team will achieve its goal for 1978 and send an expected ten man cadet team to the Regionals and be represented in the nationals at Penn State.

### **Attention Kentuckians**

Doctor Richard G. Stone Jr., Department of History, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 is working on a book about "The Kentuckian as Fighting Man" for the University Press of Kentucky. He would like to get in touch with West Point alumni from Kentucky who have written about Kentuckians in twentieth-century wars.

### **Franklin Hotel Preferred**

The choice of hotels for the members of the Corps of Cadets for next year's Army-Navy weekend in Philadelphia was recently announced following a survey of the upper three classes. The survey was conducted to see if cadets preferred a hotel in the downtown area or one on the outer limits of the city. The survey indicated that the cadets preferred a center city location by a margin of 3-1. Based upon results of the survey, coordination with the Benjamin Franklin Hotel for next year's game has begun.

## The First Class of '78

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class, but, fearing that Augur [Class of '77] would win this distinction, he had put saddles on some sheep which he had drawn, and succeeded in his undertaking beyond his most sanguine expectations."

Nicknames, humorously called technicalities, labelled nearly everyone in the Class. Most played on one's family name, to various degrees of sophistication, from James Franklin Bell's "Ding Dong" to the French "Verre" for Glass. Howe answered to "Mademoiselle" or "Mother" and dedicated the class history, "to The Members of the Class of Seventy-Eight, who were most dutiful children [in contributing letters to the history], the following pages are respectfully inscribed by their Mother."

George McClellan Derby, James Loring Lusk, Frank Emery Hobbs, Edwin McNeill Jr., and George Percival Scriven ranked, in order, at the top of the General Merit Roll of the Graduating Class of 1878. These same five monopolized the List of Distinguished Cadets from Fourth Class to First Class, although in varying order.

### TO ARMY BLUE

Furlough, the utmost priority after graduation, commenced immediately. For William Langdon Buck:

"On leaving the academy I at once began a very active life. I left the Point on the day of graduation . . . and the same evening arrived at Madison, New Jersey, where I attended a party, and tripped the light fantastic with many of the fair damsels present. Left early in the morning with 'a heart full of happiness and a pocket full of rosebuds.' The latter were to be souvenirs of the evening, so the damsels said, which I could admire when far away on the frontier fighting the redskins."

Memories of West Point marched on for Lewis Douglass Greene:

" . . . I stayed in New York City until the condition of my exchequer demanded a change. After a short stop in Connecticut and Albany, I halted my pack train and went into camp at Cortland, N.Y., for about three weeks. Here I had a very pleasant time. The Harvard-Cornell boat race took place near there, and, of course, that was taken in. I met Tillson at Elmira, the place of the race, and we passed the day together. Everybody was wearing some college color, and J.C.F.T. [John Charles Fremont Tillson] and myself, not to be outdone, donned a knot of blue and gray, fastened with a brass button."

Marriage asserted love's priority for five, wedded before 1878 ended. Glass, a supposedly adamant bachelor, turned ardent romancer and surprised the Class, being married first on September 18. The Glasses continued with surprises, but surely for them too, with the birth of the first son,

and second—twins on July 18, 1879. In the class history, Howe, married in 1879, ranked "The Class of '78 arranged according to merit in the Department of Matrimony" and noted that "the remaining thirty-three are, at present, deficient." By 1888, ten years after, twenty-three joined Glass on the rolls. James Sumner Pettit, remembered in 1908 in the Association of Graduates' obituary, perhaps appropriately, entered marriage under unusual circumstances.

"On the eve of the day appointed for the wedding while returning at a late hour from a dinner party, he was challenged by a highwayman to throw up his hands. Pettit, however, was not a happy choice for such a procedure, and promptly seized his assailant. In the struggle that ensued, Pettit was shot and the assailant fled. The wound was a dangerous one and it became necessary to postpone the wedding. Fortunately, however, he wholly recovered eventually, and at the end of his convalescence returned to his station accompanied by his bride."

Unfortunately, within this joy, tragedy touched the Class with a death in 1879. The Association of Graduates' obituary lamented the pathetic conditions of the passing away.

"So afraid was he of failure, when the object of his ambition was so near his grasp, that he made a solemn promise, during our First-class camp, not to touch any intoxicating liquors during the remainder of his time at the Academy, and if that promise had been for life, instead of for one year, our service would have possessed in him today one of the bravest officers of any time.

"But alcohol was his relentless foe. He gave himself up to it as soon as he graduated, with a resolve to conquer his desire at the expiration of three months; but so fast a hold had his enemy upon him that he was unable to throw him off, although he recognized plainly all inducements to do so, and the struggle culminating in pecuniary and physical embarrassments, he carried into effect the dreadful idea of self-destruction."

The dramatization of Indian-fighting and the specter of "Reality on the Plains" vanished as the prevalent experience became chasing the enemy. Tillson, Baldwin Day Spilman, and Donald Winston offered the Class vivid futile examples.

" . . . The Company was ordered out for the purpose of keeping Indians from crossing the Yellowstone. This duty required three weeks; during which time we saw one Indian, and he was a scout.

"We have been after Indians, too, but we did not catch any, though we rode two hundred miles, froze lots of men [Dakota Territory, 1879], and captured a pony with a sore back that the Indians would not have. Starr

[Charles Grenville] was anxious to go, but being a foot soldier, we were afraid he could not keep up. When we returned we found him contented.

"I have just returned from my first scout [Texas, 1879]. I was sent out with a detachment of eighteen men to protect the frontier settlers from the depredations of the Indians who were in the country. I went out about one hundred and fifty miles, and concluded that the Indians had heard that I was coming and had left, for I did not see one, or even a fresh trail. I thought I had found a camp once, and prepared to attack it, but upon closer investigation it proved to be a pile of buffalo carcasses."

The Far West provided adventure of a different nature for Scriven, a visit to the Hawaiian Islands.

" . . . I have just returned from my forty days' leave of absence, which I spent in a visit to the Sandwich Islands. I had a jolly time there; was presented at Court; lunched with the King; and afterwards had a little 'bat' with him; enjoyed the society of two or three Princesses of the Blood Royal; and, of course, returned to this country 'busted,' having used up three or four hundred dollars. You would have enjoyed being with me. The women are very pretty, at least some of them."

Abiel Leonard Smith reencountered Flipper stationed with black troops, part of the four black regiments on the frontier.

"Fort Elliott [Texas] is noted principally for its colored officer. Flipper came here while I was away with the paymaster, and when I returned I found him comfortably located in my old quarters, and my things had been placed in the Q.M. depot [a normal practice]. Little did I think when we were all in the U.S.M.A., that I should be serving with 'Flop.' He visits his captain's wife and family, and even messes with them. He has developed more cheek than when at the M.A., although everybody declares he is a good officer. I met him and shook hands with him, and tomorrow I will relieve him as officer of the day."

Out in the army, reminiscences of West Point evoked testimonials from McNeill and Pettit.

"Many things occurred during my life at the Academy which, even to this day, I recall with anything but pleasure, still I say with all the honesty of conviction that I would not exchange my course at the Military Academy for that which any institution in this or any other country can offer.

" . . . Is there any one of us who would not make almost any sacrifice, risk any danger, if, by so doing, he could once more unite the scattered frag-

ments of our Class? Is there one who would not endeavor to make the new union similar to the one broken on June 13, 1878, abounding in the same friendship, affection and brotherly love? I would be willing to sacrifice this month's pay (Heaven and Hatfield only know what a sacrifice it would be), if I could only be transformed for one week into a 'Cadet 1st Class, U.S.M.A.,' and have old Seventy-Eight again near me the whole time, and close the week with a repetition of our Graduating Hop."

#### AFTER THE FIRST TEN

Perhaps, singling out some later individual achievements will best exemplify, as representative of the group, the significant contributions of the Class of '78. Although several had success in civilian careers, the primary accomplishments occurred in military service.

The honor of the most distinguished military career eventually rested with Bell, after an inauspicious twenty years as a lieutenant. However, after 1898, he mercurially made the then-attainable top rank, major general and Chief of Staff of the United States Army by 1907. For heroism in combat Bell again claimed the honors. He won the Medal of Honor, when a colonel, for actions near Porac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 September 1899, during the Philippine Insurrection. The citation read "while in advance of his regiment he charged seven insurgents with his pistol and compelled the surrender of the captain and two privates under a close fire from the remaining insurgents concealed in a bamboo thicket."

While especially trained to act and lead, West Pointers thought about, wrote, and published written work on a variety of subjects. Generally, professional topics or translations of foreign military writings described their endeavors. The most productive writers were Scriven and Pettit.

Scriven exhibited a notable diversity of interest. As a captain in 1893, he won the annual essay contest of The Military Service Institution of the United States, a professional association for officers devoted to encouraging thought and writing on military issues; and he evaluated the Hawaiian Islands with an obvious emphasis on the social, political, and economic factors of military interest in an official report, five years before American annexation and fifteen years after his first visit. Much later in 1929, after retirement, he dabbled in history with *The Story of the Hudson's Bay Company*.

Pettit epitomized the intellectual officer. As a captain, in 1895 while head of the Department of Military Science and Tactics at Yale University, he filled a textbook void by writing *Elements of Military Science* for student use; in The Military Service Institution essay competition he progressed from a honorable mention in 1891 to first place in 1896. Later, in

1905 as a lieutenant colonel, he added The Seaman Prize, another essay contest of The Military Service Institution. His views on this topic, "How Far Does Democracy Affect the Organization and Discipline of our Armies, and How can Its Influence Be Most Effectively Utilized?" even provoked a brief controversy in the New York press. Later, Pettit earned a Master of Arts degree from Yale in 1903, then a substantial distinction for an army officer.

Of these and of all the group and individual contributions of the Class of '78, perhaps the most well-known one is by Lusk. In 1898 while an Instructor of Practical Military Engineering at USMA, he supervised the construction of Lusk Reservoir, thus providing West Point with a water supply and a piece of plebe poop, surreptitiously immortalizing the Class of '78. "How many gallons in Lusk Reservoir?" "78 million gallons, sir, when the water is flowing over the spillway."



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which is needed for the self-development of a professional soldier who must keep in touch with the needs "of the people, government and society which he will serve."

Visitors who have been as well-treated as USMA has treated its Visiting Professors of History may develop too optimistic views of its standards, and of its will and ability to solve the problems—some very real and some partly imaginary—which were revealed in 1976-77. To me, at least, USMA seems to have a clear idea of pre-professional military education and how to accomplish it. Its future graduates can enter their careers with the desire for and some idea of how to further their intellectual self-development. I may be too bureaucracy, management, and paperwork conscious, but I wonder whether they will have enough freedom from busywork to grow intellectually while they are climbing to the upper rungs of the military professional educational ladder. At the moment the answer may, unfortunately, be clearer than the effects of television on the American family. In education the "old college try" seems to be more important to the Army and the country than the "old school tie" of Duke or USMA. We enjoyed the year, the scene, the people, and the opportunity.



My unfootnoted quotations are from Morten Jay Luvaas, "A Visiting Professor's Impressions of USMA," ASSEMBLY, Vol. XXXII, No. 1, June 1973, pp. 18-19 ff., and Department of the Army, "Final Report of the West Point Study Group," 27 July 1977. Some of the 152 recommendations of the Study Group were jejune, rhetorical, or even frivolous. But I

was impressed by the general good sense of their academic recommendations and their reflection, in many cases, of what I got as the sense of the faculty.



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sure. But certainly we can study individual leaders who have had notable success in stirring their men and gain some insight into their methods. An impressive leader must look and act like one—a fact that General George Patton always had in mind when he donned his shining helmet, polished boots and pearl-handled revolvers. Also, the leader must know how to deal and communicate with his men. It is said that Caesar knew many of his veterans by name and would often join them to talk of old times around the campfires. One clear evidence of possession of the X factor is the stirring effect of his presence on his troops in battle. When General Lee appeared at the front on Traveler, his men would cheer, then urge him to retire to the rear while they won the battle for him.

The Duke of Wellington, who wasted little affection on Napoleon, conceded; "The presence of Napoleon on the field of battle is worth 40,000 troops." Wellington himself, although devoid of the charismatic qualities of the Emperor, was a great leader of a different sort. A very strict disciplinarian, he spoke disparagingly of the recruits sent him from England to Spain in the Peninsular War, calling them "the scum of the earth" and adding the hope that they would frighten the enemy as much as they did him. Yet this "scum of the earth" manned the squares at Waterloo and gained the victory which sent Napoleon to final exile on St. Helena.

In listing the characteristics of our perfect leader I have not mentioned courage since, to be reliable, a soldier must be able to conquer fear. In battle, everyone is afraid in different degrees—the test is to prevent fear from interfering with the performance of duty. Marshal Maurice de Saxe, one of the great commanders of the 18th century, was famous both as a gallant soldier and as a writer on military subjects including leadership. Although in his writings he emphasized personal courage as the first quality of a general, he was himself notoriously nervous before any battle. On one occasion, a jesting friend, seeing his nervousness, asked: "Maurice, what's the matter with your legs? Why, your knees are knocking together." The marshal replied: "They would knock more if they knew where I'm about to take them."

After this brief survey of the qualities which we would like to discover or foster in our military leaders, let us return to the role of West Point as their point of departure. The Academy has always taken ultimate total fitness as the goal of cadet training and has pointed the way to at-

tainment by its graduate. It is unique in the educational world in taking this comprehensive objective and in so doing, has consistently resisted becoming a trade school producing second lieutenants ready to command a platoon. To the surprise of many civilian educators, the educational goal of the Academy closely resembles that described by the poet John Milton as "a complete and generous education fitting men to perform justly and skillfully all the offices, public and private, in peace and war." I think that the record of our graduates over the years in performing varied services to the nation, military and civil, attests to the effective implementation of this concept.

The Academy has also a unique record in instilling loyalty in its graduates for their "rock-bound highland home." Civilian friends have often asked me how I could stand the regimentation of a West Point education. I readily confess to having been regimented if that means having to work hard every day, to acquire orderly habits, to obey orders without discussion and to offer no excuses for failure. If that is regimentation, I can only say that I benefited greatly from it. Only my parents and my wife have had greater influence than West Point in shaping my life. West Point also inculcates in its graduates a philosophy of life miniaturized in the motto of the Academy. All the qualities essential to leadership are contained within its three words—Duty, Honor, Country. The observance of their precepts has permitted to generations of graduates the realization of a full life enriched by important service to country. I hope that the members of the Class of 1981 will in due course derive similar satisfactions and display similar dedication to:

Duty, not leisure,  
Honor, not greed,  
Country, not pleasure,  
West Point and its creed.



### *Women Enter the Service Academies*

Until each institution was well into the recruiting and applicant-processing phase, no one knew the answer to the question: How many qualified women will apply? If only a handful entered, howls of tokenism would be raised by the ever-watchful women's rights groups; and very costly and inconclusive experiment would ensue in which a few lonely women would hardly have a fair chance in a predictably skeptical environment. Thus, all institutions prepared to launch aggressive recruiting campaigns to ensure that a large enough group of qualified young women applied. Experience has shown that the key to an entering class of high quality is a group of serious applicants at least six times the size of the desired entering class. The Air Force Academy, for example, wanted an entry group of approximately 150 women each year which would predictably produce, after four years, a body of four hundred to six hundred women cadets. This would ensure that there would be a representative group of women in each of the four classes and in each of the forty cadet squadrons. At the same time, a group of this size would not completely eliminate the opportunity for young males to graduate from the Academy into career fields other than flying.

Public Law 94-106 gave the Secretary of Defense adequate flexibility to determine, or to permit the individual services to determine, the suitable numbers of women to be admitted to each academy. To some degree the numbers of women who actually entered the academies depended upon the success of recruiting techniques, and reflected each service's view of the value and future utility of the program.

The question of how to accommodate the women in the dormitories was a very important issue. Unit spirit and teamwork is an essential element in the academy ethos. This is to a great extent nurtured in the dormitory, where aspirant military officers must learn to live together in harmony and develop a spirit of comradeship. Inter-company or inter-squadron competition is keen, and all members of each unit must learn the importance of doing their share. On the other hand, there exist very real limits to the suitable degree of integration and mixing of women cadets in the overwhelmingly male dormitories. Each academy prepared its own solution to this dilemma. Solutions were to some degree

dictated by the architectural design of the dormitories. Some were massive single-building affairs, and some were divided into smaller units more easily modified. The Air Force Academy alone among the four institutions planned to group the first two classes in an enclave in a separate part of the dormitories, and to place them under the supervision and control of surrogate upperclass women carefully selected from among young Air Force women officers. This was a pattern successfully employed for the first several classes of cadets when the Air Force Academy opened in 1955. Once the women were established with their own experienced upperclass women, the surrogates would be withdrawn.

During the first week of July 1976, the class of 1980 entered each institution and began intensive summer training. Amid a great deal of undesirable, yet inevitable, press and media attention, the young women of this class made their historic debut into an almost totally man's world. At West Point, female cadets represented 8 per cent of their entering class; at Annapolis approximately 6 per cent; at the Air Force Academy, 10 per cent. All the academies have reported that the qualifications of the young women selected for entrance compared favorably with those of the young male appointees in all respects except for their scores in the standard physical aptitude test.

Prior to class entry, all institutions took vigorous action to condition their officers and cadet training supervisors to this new challenge. Surveys reflected an initially high degree of negativism towards the reception of women. Such an attitude would, of course, impede successful outcomes in the basic training phase. At both the Military Academy and the Air Force Academy, in the process of adjusting the training programs, the elimination of the last vestiges of unproductive harassment of the new cadets appears to have been achieved. This was accomplished with meticulous attention to protecting the essence of the rigorous physical program, which is intended to identify as early as possible those individuals who lack the basic motivation, stamina or temperament for a career of military service.

### *How Have the Women Fared?*

Several indices are available to measure the success of the initial efforts to integrate women into the environments of the academies. There are the relative attrition rates of the male and female members of the class at each academy, and at least two of the institutions conducted attitudinal surveys to measure the degree of acceptance of the new program and the perceptions of male and female cadets. At the end of the summer training, the relative attrition of women cadets was the highest at West Point and the lowest at the Air Force Academy. Only at the latter institution was the attrition of the women lower than that of the male members of the new class. At



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to those required by the physiological differences between men and women and left the physical standards for admission and the numbers to be admitted to the discretion of the Secretary of Defense.

In all of the Congressional deliberations concerning this issue, the Coast Guard Academy appears not to have been involved. Just prior to the August 1975 Congressional recess, two Congressmen independently introduced identical amendments to correct this apparent oversight. No action was required by Congress, however, as the Coast Guard announced on August 11, 1975, that the Coast Guard Academy would be opened to female candidates beginning with the class entering in July 1976.



West Point, where one would expect to find the toughest physical training program, women had moderate difficulty in performance. For example, it was found necessary to equip the women with the lighter M-16 rifle on marches and runs and for bayonet training. Pugil stick training matched women only against other women. Dropout rates of women on the morning runs occasionally climbed to over one quarter; the average dropout rate for women throughout the summer was twenty-three percent; for the male cadets the rate never exceeded three per cent. Orthopedic and stress clinic sick call and stress fracture rates were higher for the women. Professor Rubins, Deputy Physical Education Officer at Annapolis, noted that physiological differences between male and female midshipmen were evident in areas such as upper body strength, power, endurance and grip strength. As a rule, women could not run as fast or jump as high. He reported that adjustments were made to accommodate these differences.

There is no question that male and female differences in early conditioning in our American culture account for a large part of these differences in physical performance. Presumably, new broader sports programs for women in our public school systems, the opening of little leagues to girls, and similar changes will in time produce higher physical performance among American women. Basic physiological differences in upper body strength, however, are a fact that cannot be altered, short of a reversal of the millennia of human evolution.

It would be unrealistic to ignore the importance of such factors in the physical combat environment faced daily by the infantry soldier and at times by all other individuals who bear arms in war. This issue bears importantly on the subject of the performance of women in the service academies. With the heavy emphasis at the service academies on successful individual performance in demanding physical activities, differences in male/female strength and endurance have an impact on a woman's self-esteem and her acceptance by her male peers. There is a real challenge for each academy to make a success of the introduction of women without lowering its standards.

To date, the acceptance of women cadets and midshipmen by their male colleagues has been a very important factor in determining the success of the program. Judging from the experience of the tra-

ditionally all-male universities when they went coeducational, the process takes a few years of adjustment. Until the last class which had known the all-male campus environment has graduated, acceptance will not be complete. Certainly at the service academies the degree to which the women can perform in the physical realm is critically important, as is the degree to which they are able to integrate into their assigned units. This integration is clearly inhibited if the women live in dormitory enclaves isolated from their units. The rap sessions, unit pep rallies, impromptu games, hassles and escapades are all essential ingredients of unit esprit de corps and fellowship. All of the academies now recognize this and are moving to integrate the women cadets more closely into the daily life of their company or squadron.

The novelty of women at the service academies has now begun to fade from the news. They are gradually being accepted at all the institutions, although this process will take a few more years. A few have resigned, having proven to themselves (and in some cases more importantly to their parents) that they could do it. Several have resigned in order to marry.

Scholastically, the women performed on a par with the men during this first year. They are well established in the athletic field, with some women on the traditionally male varsity swimming, diving and gymnastic teams. All women varsity teams in other sports are competing creditably against much more experienced women's varsity teams from other schools. Clearly, women cadets and midshipmen are at these institutions to stay.

It is too early, however, to attempt to draw any serious conclusions from the introduction of women into the service academies. The long-range impact on the academy programs, the quality and numbers of graduating women officers, their rates of retention and performance in the service, and their success in the promotion process towards higher rank and command—all these matters, crucially important as they are, will have to await the passage of time. These questions are all somewhat dependent on the as yet unresolved issue of whether or not women should be authorized to bear arms in combat.

#### *Looking to the Future*

The present situation in which the services are committed to accept increasing numbers of women in virtually all career and skill areas except those involving combat is a personnel management time bomb. It will require very firm ceilings on total strengths of women personnel, or resort to radical solutions, if we are to protect the present state of readiness of our armed forces.

Radical solutions are dangerous and hopefully can be avoided. To some, the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment represents a radical solution open-

ing the flood gates in an uncontrollable manner. Experts tell us this is not to be the case. Even the present laws prohibiting women from serving on combat air crews or crews of combat naval vessels will not automatically be overturned if it can still be shown that the laws serve a legitimate government interest.

All the services except the Marines have opened flying training to women, but their flying will have to be limited to the non-combat type aircraft and the noncombat type jobs unless the laws are changed. At the present time the air crew training of women is in an experimental stage, but will probably be expanded as experience is gained in dealing with the special problems involved.

A bill to amend Title 10 of the United States Code to prohibit the exclusion, solely on the basis of sex, of women members of the Armed Forces from duty involving combat has been introduced in Congress each year since June 1974. It is significant that this bill has rested so long in the hands of the House Armed Services Committee without action. Apparently pressures on Congress are not yet sufficient to stimulate action. It further appears that Congress has chosen to let progress toward ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment be its straw in the wind, and the ERA has now failed ratification for 1977. Nevertheless, pressures are building in Congress for an early resolution of the issue of women serving on combat duty as a result of growing numbers of women in the armed services weakening the overseas rotation base, the growing problem of volunteer recruiting, the two-track program at the Naval Academy, and the class action suit being brought by naval service women who want to be eligible for line careers.

In an effort to eliminate the two-track program at Annapolis, the Navy has requested Congress to modify the prohibition against women serving on combat vessels. Senator Proxmire has requested that the Department of Defense re-examine the definition of combat jobs. Both these actions will ease personnel problems, but could adversely affect the readiness of combat forces if carried too far.

Passage of suitable amendments to the law by Congress in the near future is by no means certain. The services may be required to accommodate themselves indefinitely to women service members authorized to perform only limited duty. There are at this time about 135,000 women in



the armed forces (about 7 percent of total strength). Although this is believed to be the largest representation of women in military service in the world, it will soon look like tokenism to the American feminist movement.

If the ERA should become law, the battleground will shift to the courts, and one can anticipate a host of troublesome issues to be settled through court actions. It is generally agreed that the ERA will not ensure identical treatment of the sexes in all circumstances, but is intended to ensure equal protection under the law. This should allow the services, for example, to accommodate their personnel assignment and career opportunity policies to the physiological differences between the sexes: women will not be arbitrarily assigned into military job areas for which they are manifestly unqualified. The Air Force has already established physical strength standards for each of its 245 enlisted job skill classifications, thus protecting the service from men or women being assigned to jobs for which they lack the strength or endurance. This management control is being studied by the other services as well. Developing practical and equitable solutions to the countless individual cases will take time and forbearance. One can foresee a slow and difficult transition period during which the impact on our combat capabilities will continue to be the subject of heated controversy.

In the meantime, a serious dilemma faces women who enter the service as commissioned officers, and who aspire to higher ranking positions of leadership and command. As long as they are prohibited from acquiring combat experience, women officers will remain unqualified for command of combat units. One of the fundamentals of successful military or naval combat command has been the requirement for personal knowledge and experience in the basic function of the units commanded. There is little prospect, for example, of women being selected to command combat-type flying units unless they have come up through the ranks as pilots or navigators in combat-type aircraft. The same goes for ships of the Navy's fighting fleet and units of the Army's combat arms.

In all of the military services, officers with career skills other than those which qualify them for combat leadership are rising to respectable levels of command and rank. Given the highly technical and complex nature of our military services today, this trend will probably increase and women should find themselves in fair competition with male officers for top management slots in all the services. Yet advocates of women attending the service academies seek to open to women the top command and leadership jobs in the military services. The record is filled with statements emphasizing the intelligence, dedication and ambition of women who could introduce a new dimension of effectiveness into war planning and top leader-

ship of the services. One need not dispute the validity of these predictions, but without prior service in combat type units these women would still lack the experience and credibility to ensure their effectiveness in such positions. Thus, the career ambitions of young women entering the service and aspiring to high command will surely continue to be frustrated unless the law is changed to permit them to bear arms in combat.

It seems clear that the United States is embarked on a course which will require redefinition of combat skills in all of the services. The existing laws prohibiting women from serving on combat vessels and in combat aircraft will probably have to be modified. The process of integrating women into suitable roles associated with actual combat is going to be slow and worrisome, and not without risk to national defense. The protection of the readiness of our armed forces—not emotional bias—must remain the basic concern in determining the future role of women in the military services.



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pend on battle itself to defeat the enemy; the second is a much used option which focuses on the enemy's will, when political restrictions or limited resources preclude victory by battle alone. American planners may not have thought in Delbruck's terms, but their target from the beginning was Hanoi's will. Their goal was to cause the North Vietnamese to desist in the south. Fear of Red Chinese intervention prohibited the full application of American power and held us to the equivalent of a strategy of exhaustion. Cast in these terms the question becomes, did we set our threshold of force too low? That we did seems to be a statement of Colonel Palmer's position, without the baggage of his argument about the non-strategy of attrition.

Issues from the war in Vietnam will, of course, be discussed by historians for years to come. Colonel Palmer in his excellent book has laid some groundwork for future debate. More than this, he has given his audience a much needed account of the war that is, at the same time, analytical and readable. No one with a serious interest in the Vietnamese conflict should fail to read it.

**THE SAGA OF THE FIST: (The 9000 Year Story of Boxing in Text and Pictures)**

By John V. Grombach, USMA '23. A. S. Barnes and Company, Granbury, New Jersey, 1977. Illustrated. 242 pages. \$19.95.

Reviewed by Colonel Don Hull, USMA '39, President, Confederation of Olympic Boxing in the Americas.

This book is a must for all boxing fans who really want to understand the development of boxing from its primitive form to the sophisticated self-defense science of today. The author covers a great amount of information and a long period of time in the book. It is not just a review of the nostalgic boxing championships of the past, but a study of the development to modern day boxing. There are sufficient interesting facts and amusing incidents concerning well-known matches to keep the reader's attention throughout.

It is a rather ambitious effort by the author to cover the long period of boxing's development. Direct physical competition between individuals of similar species is a game played by almost all creatures on this earth. The involvement of the sport of boxing from its first form to its present technical excellence is almost the story of man's development, and the author has kept this parallel throughout the book without becoming too academic or stiff in its presentation. While the book is still basically a history of the sport, the author's research and personal sports knowledge presents it in an easy-to-read, informative and clear manner.

The recording of the difficult Greek and Roman names who were active in the early practice of the sport may tend to get a little boring at times. However, if the reader has a basic interest in the development of boxing, he will soon see how the author threads the beginning into the pattern of the present.

The author's excellent descriptions of the early boxing encounters make even that part of the book worthwhile. When the reader gets to the more modern champions of the manly art of self-defense, the reader will relate more closely to the modern performers, but with a better appreciation because of the knowledge of early history.

It may be the best and the most comprehensive study and history of the sport of boxing. I found it fascinating, and I would recommend it to anyone with even a tiny interest in the manly art.

**NOW IS THE TIME! To Prepare a Guide for Your Survivor**

By Rear Admiral Benjamin Katz, USNA '26, USN (Ret). Overlook Company, 910 N. Overlook Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305, 1977, 2d Edition, 46 pages. \$2.35.

Reviewed by Colonel James A. Samouce, USMA '20, USA (Ret).

**NOW IS THE TIME!** is a highly practical book showing, step by step, how to prepare a guide so that when death comes, your survivor is fully informed on the myriad of actions to be taken on funeral planning, burial, survivor benefits, finances, records, taxes, wills, legal matters . . . It contains helpful do's and don'ts and a timetable for accomplishing important tasks.

The author has made a thorough research of this subject and has provided cross-references to his many sources. Ap-

pendix I is a form for recording names, addresses, telephone numbers and important family and financial information. Appendix II gives some of the forms for Death and Survivor benefits. Appendix III lists sources consulted.

The Uniformed Services Journal of the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS) in its March '78 issue says it is an excellent book, "called by many the best of its kind . . . The author has been informed by the Library of Congress that the book will be produced in Braille. . ."



A four-game winning streak prior to press time lifted the Cadets into second place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League and helped foster the Cadets' confidence in their new coach and he in them.

Junior right-hander Jeff Wright leads the pitching staff with a 2-1 record, including a three-hit shutout over Wagner and a two-hit victory over Brown. Jake Matthews owns a 4-1 win over Yale, losing his shut-out bid to an unearned run in the ninth inning.

Top batters include Paul Taylor, Jeff Foley, Skip Dietz and Tom Snukis, who had three home runs. Meanwhile, Ted Heath, sprung free by coach Permakoff's running game, had 12 stolen bases in the early going, more than halfway to the Academy record of 23 held by the immortal Glenn Davis.

#### TENNIS (3-4)

Coach Paul Assaiante took his netmen down South for some seasoning before the regular season opened and Dan Hammond seems to have benefitted most from the sunshine and warm weather.

Upon the Cadets' return to West Point, Hammond took charge in the No. 1 position and posted a 5-2 singles record in the first seven matches.

#### GOLF (5-2)

Coach Dave Yates fielded the youngest team in Cape Coral, Florida Intercollegiate Golf Tournament and received plenty of experience against stiff competition.

The Cadets opened with a victory over Lehigh and identical 402 scores with Princeton in a triangular, but lost to the Tigers on the basis of the sixth-man score.

Army bounced back a week later and swept a quadrangular from Manhattan, Boston College and Connecticut with a phenomenal round of 363, just three strokes off the course and Academy record despite conditions more suitable for cross-country skiing. Manley set the pace with a one-under 69, while King added a 71,



Frestrom fired a 73 and Thronson and Bressler recorded matching 75's.

#### LACROSSE (6-1)

The makings of a fairy tale season came to a screeching halt when the Cadets put their six-game winning streak up against third-ranked Johns Hopkins and came away with a sound, 13-3 thrashing.

Attackman Finlay and goalie Olivero repeated their 1977 all-America performances during the first six matches, with Finlay again leading the Cadets in goals and total points, Dave Reeves and Harkin follow close behind in scoring and as the leaders in assists. Olivero took a .756 into that Johns Hopkins ambush.

#### OUTDOOR TRACK (2-1)

Blustery weather conditions made coach Randolph's cindermen run faster if for no other reason than to stay warm during the early spring campaign.

Individual gold medals during the three dual meets went to Dexter Adams for three victories in the 800/880; Davison for two intermediate hurdles triumphs; Enright for a pair of victories in the 1,500-meter/3-mile; Willis for a pair of high hurdles conquests and one apiece to Hall (200 dash), Arriola (1,500) and Alitz (steplechase).

Other golds went to field event stars Fuller, unbeaten in three discus tosses and one victory with the shot; Wiseman for doubling in the triple jump, Wiener for nailing down a pair of victories in the hammer throw and one each to Kreider (javelin) and Magerkurth (pole vault).

Army then swept its own USMA Invitational, with Fuller stealing the show flinging the discuss 177-foot-2 for an Academy record. The Cadets won five of the eight field events for 110-2/3 points. Penn State was second with a shade under 108 points.

#### ARMY ADDENDUM

All-America ends Clennie Brundidge and Chuck Schott (offensive and defensive, respectively) were elected co-captains for the 1978 football season after helping lead Army to a 7-4 record last fall . . . John Sullivan finished third and Dave Schulz was 10th in the men's 30-mile A race during the USMA Challenge Cup cycling race as Army finished second in a field of 13 schools.

Bob Thornton, an assistant football coach at the University of Nebraska the past three years, has joined the coaching staff at West Point. A 1973 Nebraska graduate, Thornton was a starting safety in the Cornhusker secondary during both the 1972 and 1973 seasons. Following graduation, Thornton served as defensive coordinator at Nebraska Wesleyan for one year prior to returning to his alma mater in time for the 1975 season. He worked primarily with the freshman group his first two years there, but last fall was elevated to the varsity ranks to help coach the defensive secondary.

Several members of the Intercollegiate

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IC4A Championships by winning the three-mile run in personal, Academy and meet record time of 13:23.8.

#### WRESTLING (6-11-2)

It was a rebuilding season for coach Ron Pifer's pretzelmen, who followed their regular schedule with a 10th-place finish in the 16-team Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships.

Rich McPhee turned in the best effort at the Eastern by placing fourth at 177 pounds.

#### VOLLEYBALL (11-5)

Coach Bob Bertucci's spikers, seeded fifth in the eight-team field, placed second at the Eastern Volleyball Championships by avenging a pair of regular-season losses to Springfield with a 2-1 triumph in the tourney.

The Cadets also vanquished Delaware but lost to eventual champion Rutgers-Newark.

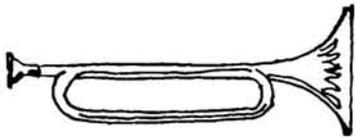
#### BASEBALL (8-5)

Bill Permakoff, an assistant at St. John's for the past four years, was named head baseball coach, succeeding Eric Tipton, who retired last July after leading the Cadets to three Eastern League titles and 234 victories during his 20-year tenure at West Point.

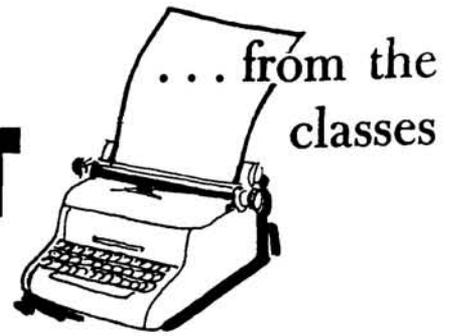
The new Army coach, who will double as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education, has a wide range of baseball experience as well as an excellent background in athletic administration.

Permakoff graduated from St. John's in 1967 with a bachelor of arts degree. He starred for three years with the Redmen's baseball team, served as team captain as a senior and was a member of two district championship squads.

Following graduation, Permakoff accepted a teaching position at Holy Trinity High where he coached football, basketball and baseball on varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels, and was the director of intramurals. In 1975, he received his master's degree, majoring in administration and supervision.



# REPORT



## '09

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Probably the main event for our Class, taking place shortly before this issue comes out, is the week-long celebration by the City of San Ant, TX to honor our distinguished classmate, GEN William H. Simpson on the occasion of his 90th birthday. All '09ers are aware of this because the Chamber of Commerce, some time before this is written, has requested each of us to contribute a short talk on 16 mm film about "Bill" and some photographs of him to be used during the huge banquet given in his honor. Then "Simp" himself is giving an open-house party in his own apartment in the Hotel Menger in San Ant on the afternoon of 19th of May, his 90th birthday. It looked for a long time as tho Bill might not make his 90th—he was ill with arthritis and kindred ailments, but he did, and now his friends say he is much better than he has been for years, thanks to the excellent care by the Army Medical people and others.

Now it begins to look as if all surviving '09ers come the 19th of May of this year can be classed as belonging to a "'09-90" category with Simpson as the youngest and Bob Sears the oldest.

Bob Sears is my only '09 "neighbor" in Atlanta—a neighbor so far out in the suburbs that we don't very often get together. We did get together recently, however, for the movies as San Ant requested. WSB/TV sent a man and some of their equipment to my home here, and among other things, a colored movie was made of Bob standing on his hands in my living room. Probably Bob is the only man of his age in the U.S. who stands on his hands every day and he sure is in excellent condition for a man of 93.

Your scribe hopes he will be in good enough condition next May to take in some of the festivities in San Ant, even though it undoubtedly will be a genuine "mob scene." Of course, if he is able to do so, he hopes to be able to report some of the "high-lights" in the next issue of ASSEMBLY.

Last night your scribe attended the Founders Day dinner at the Ft McPherson Officers Club. It was the largest attendance at any of these functions in the long and continuous series of them given over the years. Many of the officers' ladies attended with them. The dinner was honored by having as its guest speaker LTG Andrew Goodpaster down from WP as its principal speaker. Speaking as our Academy's present superintendent, his remarks were exceptionally interesting and informative. He told his hearers of present conditions at the Academy and stated that while much is left to be done to bring our alma mater's condition in line with the many

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

the September issue by — 30 Jun 78  
the December issue by — 30 Sept 78

For the benefit of contributing members, material for Class Notes should be submitted well enough in advance to allow Class Scribes to meet these deadlines.

innovations of recent years, it is making steady progress both academically and physically, never forgetting the moral development of its cadets. It would appear that General Goodpaster left his hearers' moods much better about their Academy on the Hudson after his speech than before.

Your scribe regrets very much that these Notes are so abbreviated but reminds you that unless our survivors in '09, including the distaff contributors, send in some news or comments which others might be interested to read, brevity or a total blank is liable to be the result.

Some important late news received in a newspaper clipping sent from San Ant, TX: On Sun, 9 Apr, GEN William H. Simpson exchanged wedding vows with Kay Berman, 56, during a simple church service in his North TX hometown, Weatherford!

## '10

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Due to an unfortunate lack of communication between your scribe and the editor of ASSEMBLY, no '10 notes appeared in the Jun issue. However, we are still around though numbers are down to 4, Strong, Chipman, Pillans, and the writer.

Strong returned from the West Coast in time for Founders Day Reunion at Orchard Lake Club where MI grads have celebrated the occasion for several years past. Fritz has been a prime factor in bringing together at this location a large group from Detroit and Upstate assembled to hear addresses by Academy personnel including, on 3 occasions, the Supt—this year GEN Goodpaster. In Washington we look forward to a visit by Fritz in May.

Chipman reports a pleasant life in San Antonio where the abundance of Army friends provides pleasant associations. He refers to regular participation in poker and bridge, being probably better adapted thereto, like the rest of us, than to the equestrian pursuits or even tennis or golf of earlier years. I have no recent news of Pillans, the most recent be-



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ing his change of address from Mobile to Daphne, AL.

Founders Day in Washington brought out a large and enthusiastic gathering to hear the Supt, GEN Goodpaster. The meeting at Ft Myer Club was chaired by GEN Bruce Palmer Jr., Class of '36, Pres of the DC Society, assisted, most appropriately, by several of GEN Goodpaster's classmates of '39. Your scribe, the oldest grad present, having been chauffeured to the meeting by a youngster of '18 and assured of support by the youngsters of '20 who have "adopted" him in various activities, toasted the Corps of Cadets, a privilege acquired by age.

## '11

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On 17 Mar, St. Patrick's Day, our oldest living grad, GEN Louis M. Nuttman, USMA '95, and Mrs. Nuttman, attended the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers Club, where he gave a short talk that was enthusiastically received by over 300 West Pointers and wives. For the first time in the San Francisco Bay Area, the grad-

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uates' ladies were invited to this dinner, where they made the occasion the more memorable for the Nuttmans.

From recent contacts, we can report that those of '11's western group, the **Ben Lockwoods**, **Dorothy Bagby** and **Marta Cowles** from Palo Alto, the **Oliver McClearys** of Carmel, **Gerry Stanton** in Oakland, and **Helen Shekerjian** and ourselves in San Francisco, all are well. Of the Easterners, no late word has come except from **Maud-Ellen Foster** in NH, and **Virginia Talley** in the Capital.

# '12

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I promised myself that if half of our survivors would respond to my last bulletin, I would get out another though I have thrice resigned as scribe. So here goes.

As we approach the end of the road, a Class bulletin should presumably be solemn. Our Class had at least its full share of grads who were dedicated to serious achievement. But I feel impelled to remember the comical side of our life.

We had some rare comedians, such as **Harry Malony**. But in my estimate, there was one who stood alone. That was **Steve MacGregor**.

It began in plebe barracks, when Steve lived in the first-floor room of the 17th Div, with **Goat Henry**. Those two kept everybody, including upperclassmen, in a gale of laughter. They got away with endless pranks, because the upperclassmen couldn't crawl them and laugh at the same time.

Throughout his Army career, Steve was doing everything backward, and getting laughed at. In World War I, Steve was proud of his Ord layout, and invited **Bill Somervell** (then a Big Shot) to inspect. Steve led Bill to a door to show him "The finest Ord display in Washington!" He threw open the door and there was an empty room! Steve said: "Oh, I forgot, we moved this to another room!" Steve laughed heartily at his own mistake, but Bill was not pleased.

When he died, Steve achieved his lifelong ambition to ride to his grave on a caisson, leading a horse with stirrups turned backward. A great and lovable neer-do-well, was Steve!

Today our most serious minded survivors are **Bill Wilbur** and **Frank Mallon**. Frank is our oldest. I marvel at his ability to keep abreast of, and report on the affairs of this world. . . In my present irreverent mood, even Frank makes me laugh when I remember him as a plebe in "F" Co., the only man in the co. in-step. Forgive me, Frank!

Then there was **Bill Weaver**, an all-out cadet rascal who became one of our 2 foremost combat soldiers. The other was **Ham Haislip**. Ham was also a cadet rascal who seemed dedicated to nothing except baseball. Yet in war, he was a terror to the enemy. Invincible!

What am I proving? Nothing, except that life is a Divine Comedy in which Drama is interspersed with laughter and tears.

When we were plebes, we were taught to develop a WAR FACE. To laugh was considered unseemly. How absurd! If some of our Tacs had learned to laugh, it might have saved them much grief. **Rufus Longan**, for example. He was a dedicated soldier, but he didn't know how to laugh. As a result, he lost control of the Corps. One of the best features of our old Riding Hall was that the

antics of riders and horses was a provocation to hearty laughter. Even **Guy Henry** had to laugh on occasion!

So, as we approach the end of life, let's not forget to laugh. Laugh and the Gods laugh with you. Weep, and you weep alone.

One of my best correspondents is **Charlie Drake**. Charlie is beset by grievous physical ailments. He can get around only in a self-propelled wheelchair. (Rumor has it that some of his pretty nurses have a hard time outrunning his wheelchair!) But he continues as a dedicated student of Civil War History. He has thrown much light on the controversies between Longstreet and Lee. He has made it quite clear, to me at least, that Longstreet was unjustly blamed for the defeat at Gettysburg. In that battle, Lee was suffering from severe physical ailment. Had Longstreet's views prevailed, the results might have been reversed. Who knows! I admire Charlie for his efforts to get at the facts of the matter.

My old pal, **Red Crawford**, has also been plagued by serious physical ailments. Through it all, he has worked unceasingly in behalf of WP and of our Class. He, **Carl Dick**, and **Charlie Drake**, under **Frank Mallon**, are our oldest. All Hail to them! May they outlive the century.

Friday I sailed my boat, solo, 8 miles from Richmond Boat Works where she had her bottom painted. Ladies paint their lovely faces. A good boat must have its bottom painted. Topsides, my boat is rather unkempt. But she is ready to GO! I arrived home exhausted and am resting up over the weekend.

Another serious-minded member of '12 is **Burphy Brown**. He too is a dedicated supporter of WP and the U.S. Army. I suspect that he disapproves of my persiflage. I don't rate it very highly, myself.

I am not naming all members of the Class. **Thorne Deuel**, for example, is also inclined to frown upon my line of bull. But one and all, their hearts are in the right place. HAIL to 1912!

I failed to attend the last meeting of the WP Society of San Fran Bay Area. I heard about it only from **Tom Monroe** with whom I correspond regularly. For the first time, ladies attended this meeting. I wholly disapprove. This Society is dominated by **Ben Swig**, who is a fine old fellow but does not belong as head of our Society. He get fine ret. jobs for the ret. Top Brass.

While on this line, I express my disapproval of the high double salaries enjoyed by our ret. Generals. For once, I am in accord with the Congressional Cmte which is investigating this matter. We have too many high-ranking Generals and not enough Army. As an Army brat I never even saw a brigadier general until I was 12 years old. Today, they are a dime a dozen!

All Hail to the Class of 1912.

Let's sing our reminiscences of **BENNY HAVENS** oh!



# '15

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**THE BELL TOLLS:** For the passing of **Gibson**. **Gibby** suffered a fall and was admitted to the VA Hospital, Miami, where he died the next day, 10 Feb. Burial was in the family plot, Flagler Memorial Park. Full military honors were rendered by personnel of the 31st ADA Bde, Homestead AFB. A nephew, LTC **Richmond J. Cooper**, USA Ret (USMA '48), was in charge of general arrangements. **Gibby's** father was an Army surgeon and among his descendants were 4 USMA grads and one USNA grad. The Class extends sympathy to the surviving relatives.

**THANKS:** For the recovery and return to normal activities of **Blister Evans**, **Louise Kahle**, **Ingrid Graves** and **Henry Aurand**.

**FOUNDERS DINNER:** Attending at Ft. Myer and enjoying good food and an excellent address were **Blister Evans** and **Det Ellis**, seated at **Table No 1**, no less, in company with **Cary Brown '10** (who toasted the Corps) and 5 '16 files. A few years ago, '12 used to ask, "Mister, do you think '15 will ever come?" And now look at us!

**DC DOINGS:** Were greatly curtailed by the weather. (And let's not get started on that!) At the Mar Luncheon AN Club all 4 ambulatory Guys attended—**Ellis**, **Evans**, **Gillette** and **Harris**. The Distaff Dolls turned out: **Benedict**, **Davison**, **Gesler**, **Leonard** and **Wallington**. Immediately after luncheon **Det Ellis** departed for SC on his semiannual checkup of kinfolk and '15ers therein. Full report next issue.

**SUNNY AZ:** **Betty**. **Small Moser**, daughter of **Dora Small**, writes **Det Ellis** that her mother is fine and very active; that **Midge Strong** emerged victorious from a bout with flu; and that she, **Betty**, an embryo artist, for the first time submitted a painting to an exhibition and took second prize! As there were 132 entrants it seems to us that **Betty's** painting signature, "B. Small," is a misnomer. Oh, yes, and "the winter in Tucson was beautiful." (That verges on rubbing it in.)

**AROUND THE ALAMO:** **Old Reliable Squire Taylor** comes forth with his regular quarterly report as follows: **Alice Woodruff**, **Rosa-Maye Harmon**, **Mary Davis**, and **Cecelia Hanley** are "about the same." **Squire** and **Hazel** have joined an **Elderly Citizens** group; otherwise, no change. Their weather, sunny and mild, as usual. A group report and all good news!

**PCS:** Grab your roster and record **Ed Hartigan's** new address: P.O. Box 368, Green Harbor, MA 02041.

**RATHER LATE NEWS:** From **Henry Aurand** we have an AUSA Newsletter describing despedida ceremonies at CANG Ctr, Los Alamitas, honoring **Omar Bradley** before he and **Kitty** departed for Ft Bliss on PCS. Present were **Gov Brown**, **MG Schober**, **CG CANG**, and many other civ and mil notables. Among the some 2000 spectators were many who had served under **Omar** overseas. The ceremonies were highlighted by the presentation by **Gov Brown** to **Omar** of California's Medal of Valor, the State's highest award.

**CODA:** With a reminder of the old saying, "If the shoe fits, wear it," may we ask—very humbly of course—when was the last time you sent us some news for **ASSEMBLY?**



1916: Bottom: Mangon, Riche, Wilson, Miley, Sharrer, Martin; Top: Fraser, McLean, Kuhn, Herkness, Houghton, Merrell—summer 1915.

# '16

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Marjorie Moses received a card from a friend which said "We're in pretty good shape for the shape we are in." That is the way most of us feel. Marjorie is in better shape than most of us. She is doing something to help the WP Altar Guild's needlepoint project, and the Class of '16 will be represented in one of the kneelers.

Bill & Boots Spence celebrated Xmas with all members of the family gathered at the home of their son Craig in San Ant. The other son, Bill, lives in Austin, TX and works for IRS. One of the daughters will receive her master's degree from TX A&M next spring. One of Bill's grandsons, William Spence III, recently joined the Army, and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, GA. Craig is a recent grad from St. Mary's Law Sch in San Ant. Bill and Boots also visited Bill's sisters in Albany, GA, in Mar, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. B.G. Taylor.

The Jones's say that the sun shines 362 days a year and that the weather is nearly perfect in El Paso. In early Mar they had already eaten home-grown spinach and radishes; and jonquils and calendula were in bloom. Harriot writes an article on "Heritage Homes" 4 times a year for the local Historical Society publication, "Pass Word." They are included in the post official social life and are active in church work. Many times Cramp has been the oldest living grad at the local WP Founders Day dinners, but now surrenders that honor to Omar Bradley.

Peggy Prickett was honored in the Golden Anniv of Army Daughters for having served as National Treas of the organization for 27 consecutive years "with never a mistake." Each year the auditor has found the books in perfect order. Fay says he has been married to the filing cabinet for the same 27 years.

At the Jan luncheon of the WP Soc of DC, Calvin DeWitt and Fay Prickett were introduced as representing the oldest class present.

Carolyn, the daughter of Virginia & Carl Doney, is a planner for an Indian Reservation in AZ. Virginia has been busy in San Fran and on the ranch.

Fleurette Rinearson spends a lot of time checking on the health and welfare of friends and neighbors. Her attractive daughter is Librarian at the UTX Med Cen in San Ant.

Edna Miller enjoyed a cruise in Nov, sailing from LA and going thru the Panama Canal. Edna has been on the AF Village waiting list for some time but doesn't expect to make it for another year.

Dick & Marquenita Levy have both been very ill. She spent several weeks in Walter Reed in Aug, and Dick 2 wks in Jan. Marquenita is bedridden, but Dick is able to move about in spite of impaired vision due to cataracts.

All of us must take off our hats to Shugg. He keeps up with his arm of the service and gives his views concerning recent organization trends as published in the FA Journals of Jul-Aug 77, and Jan-Feb 78.

On 13 Feb, during a snow storm which had drifted to more than 3 ft around his home, Bill Hoge became seriously ill and required an ambulance to take him to the hospital. Through the efforts of his son and the cooperation of the County Engrs Road Crew, he was taken to the hospital where he remained 3 wks.

On 7 Mar, anniv of the capture of Remogen Bridge, COL George Hoge brought his father home. Bill reports for blood tests twice a week and appears strong but is on medication for heart and breathing. He had a close call but is now in fine spirits.

Bobby O'Hare, who has lived at the Fairfax Hotel, DC, for the past 22 yrs, will move 1 Apr to the Chevy Chase House—a ret. home—located at 5420 Connecticut Ave, Washington, DC 20015. The Fairfax Hotel will be completely remodeled into a super-luxury hotel, requiring present residents to move.

DC area classmates missed the monthly luncheon in Feb due to hazardous driving, but met 14 Mar at the AN Town Club. The men, DeWitt, Gallagher, Prickett, Scott, Walsh, their wives, and the Prickett daughter, Polly Roberts, as a guest, were present.

The annual WP dinner at Ft Myer on 10 Mar was attended by the 5 1916ers mentioned above.

The last notes missed the AN football game party Virginia Doney had for local classmates in San Fran. Woody and Helen had gone on

a trip to the South Seas but the Shuggs and Bob and Eve were there and Laura Johns, Dwight Jr, and his wife.

After the funeral services for Dwight, Bob and Eve had Laura Johns and her family (about 15), Helen and Woody, Virginia Doney and the Shuggs in their home.

Britton writes from Thomasville, GA, that Ellen and he had their annual physicals and hoped to pass. They visited their daughter and son-in-law, LTC and Mrs. Newton, in their vacation house at San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Finley's daughter, wife of LTC Gordon Rogers, visited him with her family for 2 wks at Xmas. They spent 2½ years in Europe and are now stationed at Ft Leavenworth, living on their 50-acre farm.

The grandson of "Tuppy" Snow with the same name, and his wife Eleanor, have a son born 2/19/78, named Matthew. This is the 88th great-grandchild of the Class.

Quoting from a note of appreciation from Tup Snow's son, The Very Rev. W. J. Snow II (Class 1945), "Gen Johns will not only be missed by the Class of '16 but also by many others. He has been a man who was far more interested in other people than himself. Although we only corresponded a few times and then only on the progress of my son Tup '73, I felt very close to this fine man."

Add the Irvines to the list of 60th Wedding Anniv, which includes—Irvine, Levy, Prickett, Scott, Spence. Let us know when yours comes up.

There is an interesting article in the Mar issue of Army Magazine by MG A. S. Newman discussing athletes who became fine soldiers. A picture of the 1914 West Point Football Team includes, Goodman, Hoge, Mitchell, Neyland, O'Hare and Weyand. GEN Geo. C. Marshall, Army CS during WW II, said—"I want an officer for a secret and er." This statement is on the bronze plaque dangeous mission. I want a WP football playon the Northeast corner of Michie Stadium, USMA.

# A P R '17

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On 2 Feb Willis Slaughter wrote, "Elizabeth and I are doing fine here at Kendal at Longwood, but just to let you know the latest escapade, one month ago I fell and fractured my skull. Have checked the groundhog for 6 more weeks of bad weather and a complete recovery for me."

Joe Collins is working on his memoirs, and they should be ready for publication this spring. They should be most interesting. That will be 3 books published by members of our Class including Ernie Harmon's *Combat Commander* and Bill Heavey's *Down Ramp*. Both are very interesting books. By the way, the title of *Down Ramp* was suggested by Bill Heavey's wife, Jule. If any other classmates have written books, please let me know; I'd like to mention them.

We'd like to hear from you other classmates. What have you been doing and what are you planning?

Fred & Vivian Irving have moved to an apartment in The Representative, 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd, Apt 1110, Arlington, VA 22202.



Aug '17: Oldest Grad—Chapman.

AUG  
'17

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When Catherine Schaefer died recently, Jules was badly broken up. He is now a wheelchair patient in N.E. Nursing Home, 5005 E. 21st St, Wichita, KS 67128. Other bad news is that Marcia Morgans was suddenly taken by encephalitis. She was the daughter of young Bob & Marcia Bringham and granddaughter of our Bob Bringham. Mary Louise Hartman who has lived with her mother, May Heavey, has had a stroke and will have to go to a nursing home when she leaves the hospital. Young Jack is quite wonderful in helping out. May had plenty of troubles before this. Ed & Ann Hart spent 5 wks at Siesta Keys; when they got back, Ed was operated on for a triple aneurism. He is now recovering slowly but surely.

Snow and age have kept Biff & Elizabeth Jones indoors since Xmas; they are happy that Barbara is now living in the same apartment house with them. Bob & Marjorie Hasbrouck, operating on three canes, have stayed in too. They are fortunate in having a splendid housekeeper who does the needful. Red Warner, who is a bit on the frail side himself, has been sticking close to Dorothy lest she have one of those falls we all seem to be prone to. Tiny Bellinger hasn't shoveled any snow this winter. Margaret still paints, God bless her.

Winter Park was enlivened by a visit from Honus & Emmalene Wagner. The Morgans, the Rolfes and the Days took turns rolling out a red rug and before leaving for Atlantic Beach (later to Athens), the Wagners returned their hospitality. A memorable event.

Hi Ely with his daughter Hope and Hope's husband went to Oahu and Hawaii; while there he checked the presence and health of Ed & Ruth Leavey. On the way home, Hi stopped with the Kernans. Mickey, Peg and Hi got together at the Presidio with Mary Louise Bobrink, Laura Cole and Frankie Carr. First time in 50 years Mickey and Frankie had met. Next day the trio went to Pebble Beach to enjoy the hospitality of Bill & Toodles Chapman together with Bill & Dagmar Wilson, Vada Bissell and Virginia Harloe. Mickey says it was a great 3 days, sort of sub-reunion.

Doc Faust says he will be back at Christmas Cove next May. Troland reports in good health. Locally, Leo & Miriam Conner, your scribe and his Little Chickadee, and Lois Stamps must admit to have tolerable if not ideal health. Loessa Coffey refuses to be so classed; she thinks her hip is healing far too slowly. On the days of no dialysis, Ellanor Sharp is bright and merry.

Space forbids quoting all the kudos Dorothe

Matlack got in the magazine AOWCGWA publishes. She is just about as active now as when she was the first pres of the Wives Club.

June Week will be big for the Risings. They will gather for the graduation of Harry Rising III and there will then be 3 Academy grads in the family and briefly under the same roof.

Llew Griffith, chronic oldest living grad at Ft Hood Founders Day, broke his string to officiate at the Austin ceremony, promising to go back to Hood next year. He is a big SAR man and has offered the Supe some good advice about the Honor System. He and Elaine are extravagantly well.

Froggy Reed died quietly but suddenly in Pasadena, 25 Mar. Enurnment at Pasadena after services and a party which he wished to follow the services. Froggy had a wonderful full life.

JUN  
'18

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Many reports about the winter weather, the wet Far West, the snowy East and the fair to middling sunny South.

The Axelsons' son Ruddy, and his wife, started on another caravan trip with over 150 campers and headed for Panama. However, due to unrest in Nicaragua they were unable to proceed as planned so they toured Honduras and Yucatan on the way back. There's another Axelson son. This one recently became No. 3 in the "great-grand" category.

Betty & Mike Grenata stayed over for the graduation of Mike's grandson, Michael McIntyre.

Anne Kreber left her sunny Ft Myers for still more sun on a cruise of the Carib. Not as interesting as had been anticipated tho, being a repeat.

Congratulations to Harry Mewshaw on his marriage to Dorothea Jenkins, 21 Jan. Welcome to the Class, Dorothea, with our good wishes. They will attend our 60th.

The Mileys are very happy in their new home, frequently visited by their children and lots of friends of Fenie's family. They spent 3 wks in FL with friends from DC.

Bea Rundell had a very enjoyable stay on Maui, HI.

78 Pipers by category: classmates—16; wives—14; widows—8; and guests—15. That's 16 of 33.

Carol Gould died last Aug. Betty Sherman died in Jan. The sympathy of the Class is extended to the survivors.

NOV  
'18

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It was with much sorrow that we learned of the death of Frank Bowman on Mon, 13 Mar, while a patient in the Ft Ord Hosp. He will be buried at WP after cremation sometime in Apr. Frank's big heart had been giving him trouble for some time and compounded with the results of some light strokes, it was all too much. He and Lucy had made their home in nearby Carmel for some years. Frank was one of our 8 living MGS.

And Doc Johnson (D.T.) had just had a

physical exam and was in apparent fair shape, but on the night of 18 Feb at his home in Columbia, MO, he died suddenly. Services were held for him in his church, the Bethel Baptist, on 21 Feb followed by burial in the Bethel Cemetery.

Of our non-grads, 2 losses have occurred. Rene Pinto died 12 Mar after a long illness suffering from terminal cancer. Rene was one of a very few who saw action in WW I. After the handicap of losing an arm, he completed his education by obtaining a PhD and had a very successful life thereafter.

The other loss was Basil Kimball. Both Rene and Basil, though non-grads, always maintained a lively interest in Class affairs and were loyal to the precepts of WP. Shortly after leaving the Academy, Basil became interested in the automotive industry, making his home in Birmingham, MI. In recent years and due to the results of several strokes, he and Linda resided in Naples, FL, where he died on 16 Feb, and was buried there. Linda expects to make Naples her home.

Of our widows we lost also Virginia Stearns, who died on 25 Jan.

Then on the 6th of Mar, Dot Shaler died as a result of heart failure. Dot was in poor health for some time and has had to have a resident nurse for over a year. Her ashes will be brought to Arlington later to rest beside Harrison's.

With 5 more in the Class passing the 80th year mark, i.e., Fitzpatrick, Holbrook, Odor, Gillespie and Styron, it leaves just 14 of our 80 living grads under 80.

Card from Eleanor Dickson: "Just trying to dig my way out of my house and get it on the market. Will move to a 'town house' Jun or Jul. Very busy real estate season here keeps me on the run."

Card from Felix Usis: "I've been ill for a couple of months. Too many ailments (according to the doctor) to get them all on a postcard. I feel much better but am devoid of energy. The winds have been disastrous for our area. The houses here are O.K. and we had no long loss of power."

Postcard from Fitzpatrick at the Perry's Ocean Edge, FL: "This is where we are spending the winter months (from 2/8 to 4/8)."

Postcard from Pat Bergman: "Still studying hard at archaeology and art history. I'm now taking 2 nights a week, too—Photography and 'Powder Puff' car mechanics, a class given by the Navy. I drive on so many back roads exploring my new home state (ME)—looking for good sketching spots. Muriel Searby went to Cleveland for another hip operation in Feb. I haven't heard anything, so I suppose she's O.K. This is such a beautiful state—I've loved the winter along the shore—exciting."

Card from Dad Miller: "No news, except that I've been out plowing snow 23 times, so far, so my patients can get in to see me. Not bad for old Doc, going on 84!"

Letter from Hugh Palmer: "Our home here in the picturesque Monadnock region is an ancient cottage buried behind lilacs and apple trees, literally approached through a primrose path of golden flowers interspersed with a carpet of wild forgetmenots! Our village is one of 3 contiguous villages that inspired Thornton Wilder as background for his play "Our Town." If you have been fortunate enough to see the movie version of that drama, you have seen Hancock, for what outdoor scenes were not taken here 'on location' were duplicated, fences and all, in

Hollywood. It is a very pleasant place for one's 'twilight years,' though in recent years the urban exodus from MA to avoid exorbitant taxes is fast changing our village complexion. So far we have kept condominiums out and kept one grocery, one church and one gas station."

**Ethel Conrad** wrote: "In late Feb I took a brief trip to the SW to get rid of the mid-winter blahs. I went to Tucson and El Paso, and while in El Paso had dinner as the guest of **Pansy & Sammy Walker**, whom I had not seen since young Sammy graduated from the Academy 24 yrs ago when Bryan and I had a party at The Squirrels for the graduating sons of Nov '18 and their parents, during June Week. Sam and Pansy looked fine and Sam drove us for dinner across the border to Juarez, where I had never been before. In El Paso at several dinner parties I also met several ret. Army couples who had known Bryan at various posts during his active career."

While the DC area enjoys the largest concentration of classmates, it has also had a lot of serious sickness and surgery this past spring. **Elmer & Dorothy Barnes** moving out to OR creates a real void, but **Wanamaker** has moved to Alexandria from Raleigh, NC. His address is: 2601 Park Center Dr, Alexandria, VA 22302.

The big turnout of grads for Founders Day at Myer on 10 Mar included **Holbrook, Valentine** and **Hastings** from our Class. Others were out of town or home sick.

In mid Feb **Bob & Tiny Schow** in visiting **B.G. Stevens**, in the nursing home where he'd had such a painful convalescence, found him greatly improved. By the end of the month Polly had him home. Bob and Tiny were gloating over a bumper citrus crop this year when a terrific wind picked most of it for them.

**Jim Styron** had 6 wks on the southern coast of Spain in Jan and Feb.

**Jake & Henrietta Freeman** are proud to have 3 great-grandees, 2 boys and a girl.

**Barbara & Hal Cocke** could justifiably complain of the Houston weather last winter and early spring, but so could everyone else. Hal hadn't been too well but snapped out of it in spite of some loss in weight.

And **Dunkelberg** always sounds chipper and meets his Class obligations very promptly, as does **Chorpening** and many others.

With the advent of spring and summer into the CO-WY region, **Bill Blair** is spending more time at his mountain place and with his new colt. And **Chief Brimmer** has his fishing gear in action and his garden seeds in. **Otto Praeger** and **Kitten** are well and **Vange Buchanan** has slowly improved and ready for San Fran. The sad note came from **Josephine Eddy**: "While on a Xmas cruise my house burned down, a complete loss, a life time gone. We went to Guatamala and Yucatan and saw the Maya ruins, all very interesting, but what a cost." **Lee Gray** has spent a lot of time in the hospital with 5 times in intensive care. He's looking forward to a family reunion in the late summer.

**Ericson** spent 2 wks at Xmas time in Riverside with his daughter Betsy. This gave him a chance to talk with **Dickey, Morrison** and **Mendenhall**. He reports that **Murry Carter** is doing fine. Had him over for dinner twice. Her mother is 98 and alert and independent.

**Ruth Kendall** has pretty well gotten over the injury from her fall, but Paul is having trouble with the results of too much radia-

tion treatment for a cancer and is getting treatment which he hopes will prevent another operation.

**Fred Butler** is getting along very well but **Philippi**, second fall breaking her other hip, has made her immobile and it will probably be sometime before she will be using her walker.

The **Gillespies** are doing fine. **Esther** still busy with bridge and **Mike** still kept busy as a substitute teacher.

**Alice Pope** spent Apr with a friend on a trip to Europe and Greece and will not be able to attend the Reunion. **Margaret Aaron** spent Xmas with her daughter **Jean** in Australia and stayed on until after her birthday as it is the last trip, perhaps, down- under.

**John Dietrich** has moved to 317 Tarkview, Kingman, AZ 86401. Phoned him and he reports all okay (602/753-2593).

**Al Miller** expected to see **Monroe, Ericson** and **Butler** at the annual dinner of WP Soc, SF Bay Area on Fri, St. Patrick's Day. He and **Ruth** are looking forward to the 60th if they're in luck on a place to stay.

**Ruth & Charlie Morrison** visited the **Gildarts** shortly after **Isabel's** return from the hospital after her serious operation. She was progressing rapidly and was taking long walks. **Charlie** says the torrential rains and winds up to 92 miles an hour did not damage any of their properties, but many nearby large trees were blown down.

# '19

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Leaders of the Class of Nov '18 have been disappointed to learn that not all who want to attend their 60th Reunion can get rooms at the Thayer Hotel; they share priority with Jun '18. We hope that we will do better next year, but **Dick Ovenshine** must know how many expect to attend next year. He intends to send a letter to each classmate and widow concerning our 60th Reunion and hopes that when he does so, each will reply promptly.

**Kester Hastings**, Nov '18, gave **Dick Ovenshine** an extra "1921" HOWITZER. Anyone who wants it should write promptly to **Dick**. If he doesn't hear from anyone, **Dick** will offer it to a library.

**Dorothy Ferenbaugh** has sold her home in Bethesda, MD. A most attractive place, it was furnished with beautiful rugs and furniture, much of which had been acquired by **Dorothy** and **Bud** during their many periods of foreign service and travel. **Al Wedemeyer** reports that the dau of **Dorothy** and **Bud** is a lovely young lady, works in NY for the Time-Life organization. **Dorothy** has moved to the Army Distaff Hall (address below). **Al** strongly supports **Chic Noble's** vigorous campaign to arouse the Class to renewed activity in the direction of recomputation. At his own expense, **Al** has reproduced and sent copies of **Chic's** letter on this subject, as well as some other pertinent material, to all of our classmates, strongly recommending action on our part at what is a crucial time in relation to this subject.

The DC Founders Day dinner was held the night of 10 Mar. **GEN Goodpaster** gave the principal address to an audience of about 500. **Al Wedemeyer**, **Al Gruenther**, **Doc Martin** and **Dick Ovenshine** from our Class attended. **Stu Barden** reports that he and 10 classmates attended the Mar stag

Class luncheon. **Herb Jones** has been visiting in FL. **Jack Murphy** broke his shoulder in a fall while fixing his smoke alarm. **Mary Hopkins** is beginning to recover nicely after being operated on at **Walter Reed**. **Ed Hopkins** returned from another hospital in a weakened condition at about the same time that **Mary** was leaving for **Walter Reed**, so **Doc Martin** played good Samaritan and stayed with **Ed** for 3 wks, while **Mary** was away.

**David McLean** reports that **Inez Jacoby** has been rediscovered. She had been traveling in Britain and HI, is busy, apparently well and happy. **Dick Emery** is taking antibiotic treatments for an infection. His phone number has been changed (see below). **Nate & Maude Twining** have a lovely condominium on Island Estates, "with a marvelous view of Clearwater Bay and the mainland." They are near their son and medical facilities which are more accessible than those at **Hilton Head**; and **Nate's** health is better than it has been in some time. **Katharine Kean** is able to be up and around after a back injury and broken shoulder have kept her confined all winter. **Margaret Kurtz**, widow of **Maurice Kurtz**, lives in St. Petersburg, FL. Her son, **M.K. Jr.**, USMA '49, COL, CE, ret. last year, lives at **Satellite Beach, FL**. **Henry Jones**, while in the hospital in St. Pete, fell and split his right femur from the knee, almost to the hip, a most unusual and serious break. **Felicia** says that **Henry's** attitude is marvelous and they are glad that their son **Robert**, MAJ USAF ret., and a grandau live nearby. **Virgil Shaw** reports that **Paul Miller**, now at the VA hosp in Columbia, SC, is doing well, and hopes to move back to a nursing home when a place is available. **Hugh Waddell** has left the naval hosp in Charleston, SC, and is home. The medics were not able to discover the cause of his illness, but he is much improved and he hopes to recuperate and remain at home. From **Floralia, AL**, **Skag Faine** reports that he has had a cataract operation on his left eye and an implant operation on his right eye and can now drive again. He became involved in building a public library and an addition to the same, and he and **Billie** are active in civic and church affairs. In late Dec **Eddie Strohbehn** said that **Dominey** and **Rice** were both well. **Virgil Shaw** says that he has finally caught up with **Logan Shutt** who has been visiting his relatives in the East, dau in CA, granddau in AZ, and is planning a trip to AK. **Caramba!**

**Hei Heiberg** reports that he and **Ann** have visited their dau **Heidi** and husband, **Jack Pinckney**, and 3 children in **Greenville, SC**; and **WP**, for the funeral of **Hei's** sister **Dorethe**, widow of **Eleazar Parmly**, USMA '24; and that they greatly enjoyed seeing **Eddie & Marilyn Strohbehn** when they went through **Louisville** some time ago. The **Heibergs** frequently see **Loraine Risen**, a fellow church member. Seeking smaller quarters they explored **Hilton Head** and **FL**, finally chose a town house condominium in **Louisville**. They describe the sale of the old, the purchase of the new, the move and settling operations as hectic and chaotic, but they are very pleased now with their new home, where they have so many old friends.

**Bob Springer** reports that **Rhoda** fell and fractured her left hip, spent 19 days in a private hosp (which fractured **Bob's** bank account—one can believe that), is now home with a metal plate supporting the broken bone, and for the present is walking slowly with the aid of a walker. **Bob** says, however,

that even with a walker she looks good to him. **Pewee Collier** says that he and **Lib** are happy to stay in San Ant and are not planning any trips. Their talented dau and 2 grandchildren live in Austin, about an hour's drive away. **Whitey** and **Bobby Gard** enjoyed their visit with son **Bruce** and family at Ft Huachuca, AZ, and in Feb their reunion with the 3 children of their dau **Joan**. Recently, **LTC Gard**, older son of **Whitey** and **Bobby**, was guest speaker at the Academy of Health Svcs at Ft Sam. His only trouble is that no matter how much he eats, he is unable to increase his weight above 130, says **Bob Springer**. A priceless trouble to have, many would say. **Bob** says that **Bunker Bean**, with **Fay's** permission, of course, tells this one on himself: Shortly after **Bunker** married **Fay**, one of the local widows complained, "I don't see why you had to go a thousand miles to find a bride when, all this time, I've been living right in the very next block." Said **Bunker**, defensively, "Sorry, but the day I started out to get married, nobody answered your door bell."

**Archie & Verlie Cooney** plan to visit IA this spring for the graduation of granddau **Debra** from Wartburg Coll. **Chic Noble** plans to attend the coming convention of the 16th AD Assn, of which he is hon pres, at Colo Spgs, CO.

**Chic** has begun a vigorous campaign (see above) to arouse classmates to action in working for recomputation. His model letter, to be sent to congressmen and senators, and copies of which were distributed by **Al Wedemeyer** to all classmates, brings out the main facts on which our claim to recomp is based. Classmates, however, should consider also certain additional facts not in the model letter: the "Pay Commission" did not recommend recomp, despite vigorous support from Commission members, **GENs Davis, DePuy** and **Filer**; more than 25% of the letters received by the Commission were on recomp. We will have another chance to present our views on the subject, however, late this year (95th Congress), or reply next year (96th Congress), when the House Mil Sub-Cmte meets to consider this subject. In this connection, however, it is very important to write now to our reps in Congress so that they will be familiar with our facts and have time to understand and investigate this injustice before voting or receiving our next letters; and then to write them all again, of course, when this subject comes up for consideration by the sub-cmte. **TROA** has promised to get out an alert for all members to write their congressmen at that time. Already, on 3 occasions, the Senate has passed recomp and we can succeed in this effort if we want to; and this is no piddling matter—it can make a difference of hundreds of dollars a month in the ret. pay of an individual. **Chic** has brought out all of the foregoing in his zeal for action. Incidentally, a 24-page pamphlet entitled "Tell It To Washington" is a gem. It is a guide for citizen action, including Congressional Directory, and excellent practical advice for writing to the Pres, senators and reps. Send 35c to the League of Women Voters of the U.S., 1730 M St, Washington, DC, 20036. **George Elms** got a card from those seasoned travelers **Ham & Viv Hamilton**, who were visiting Greece and Turkey and were surprised, on entering the elevator of their hotel in Athens, to encounter the son and dau-in-law of **Chic Noble**. **George** recently had a phone chat with **Sid Stovall**, who is well. **George** attended Founders Day dinner at Ft Bliss on 16 Mar. **GEN Omar Bradley**

attended too, made a few appropriate remarks, got a laugh when he said that he had the distinction of serving longest in grade without promotion, 27 yrs as a 5-star **GEN. COL Chilton '07**, who always gave brilliant speeches as oldest grad, did not show up this year.

On 1 Apr a luncheon will be given in Tucson, AZ, in honor of the 50th wedding anniv of **Bill & Effe May Isaacs**. The Class extends its enthusiastic felicitations to them. After **Jack Vance** spent some very boring time in Letterman Hosp, undergoing a series of tests, the medicos informed him that surgery would not be needed and that he did not have cancer. We are happy for them and with them. **Jack** says that '19 was represented at the San Fran Founders Day dinner by **Ruth & Babe Ruth, Charlotte Ritchie, Louise Paquet, Vere de Vere Hutchins**, who was escorted by her son **Bob Jr., Betty & Jack Vance**; all had a most enjoyable time. **GEN & Mrs. Nuttman** were quite near their table, and he, in a firm voice, read a few sentences of greeting to the more-than-300 diners. **Roly McNamee** writes that **Flip Sutherland**, who celebrated her 80th birthday last Dec, says she believes that life begins at 80. She lives in Santa Barbara, is going to celebrate Easter in the Carmel Valley, and that will suffice for her travels. **Margaret Jackson**, widow of **Charlie**, says that she and her sister will go to England in May. **Fred Marlow** reports that **Lynne** has left on a 3-wk trip to Red China; their visit there 6 months ago was plenty for him. **Fred** works 3 days a wk and golfs 2; and being oldest grad in the WP Soc of L.A. does not charm him. **Bobbie Broberg** is hyperactive; no other word for it. She and a friend flew to San Fran in Sept, did Chinatown, the Japanese Ctr, the Bay Cruise and more. They took in 3 shows at Las Vegas at Thanksgiving. In Mar she and **Deborah Nichols** will spend a wk at a hotel in La Jolla. **Caramba! Roly & Emily McNamee** have invited them, the **Hollys, Mary Bassett** and **Margaret Jackson** to an Easter dinner at the Beach and Tennis Club in La Jolla. **Helen Kanaga** is thankful to have escaped serious injury when a huge eucalyptus tree crashed in her back yard, narrowly missing her house. **Dave Hale** still enjoys golf, tennis and hiking in the hills. He and some friends are considering a trip to HI. **John & Eunice Denny** report that they are enjoying inactivity: "It's nice to look out the window and see the rain." Quite a few of us feel that way. After **Rocky's** death **Margaret Rockafellow** visited her younger dau, then her older dau in MD, many other relatives in Camden, SC. She caught a bad case of flu and flew back to CA on 2 Jan but was nearly recovered 3 wks later. We hope she is quite well now.

#### DEATHS

**Bernard A. Byrne** died 30 Oct 77; we have learned that **Bernice** died more than a year ago; but we have no further data. **Robert Barrett Hutchins** died at San Fran 23 Jan 78. A memorial service was held at the Presidio with private interment. He is survived by his widow, **Vere de Vere**, 4 children and 10 grandchildren. **Vere de Vere** will continue to reside in the family home. **Dorothy Wilson**, Count's widow, died in San Fran last Nov. As she and **Count** had agreed, no one was notified and there was no service. They had no children. **Mrs. Hugh G. Elliott** died on 6 Aug 1977 at Brunswick, GA, after a short illness, 3 wks after entering the hosp. In accordance with her wishes, her body was cremated, the ashes scattered over the sand at the north end of Sea Is

beach, a spot where she used to walk frequently. She is survived by her son, **Hugh G. Elliott Jr.**, and a favorite grandson, **Hugh G. Elliott III**, both of Jacksonville, FL. The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### VITAL STATS

Living—100; Missing—2; Deceased—182; Widows—86.

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**GEN Goodpaster** was the principal speaker at the Phila Founders Day dinner, which was held at the Union League. He gave a most interesting account of the status of present developments at **WP. Stone & Conchita Sorley** represented the Class and **Stone**, as oldest grad present, gave a short talk. Founders Day dinner for the WP Soc of Central FL, on 14 Mar, marked the end of **Eddie Strohbehn's** term as pres of the Soc. **Harry Rex** and **Eddie** attended the dinner. **MG R. P. Murphy**, Dir of Int Ath, USMA, gave an excellent and encouraging talk on the present **WP. Felicia Jones**, wife of **Henry C. Jones**, represented the Class at the St. Petersburg, FL, dinner. **Henry** was in the local V.A. hosp, and illness prevented several other classmates from attending. **MG Murphy** gave an excellent talk at this dinner also.

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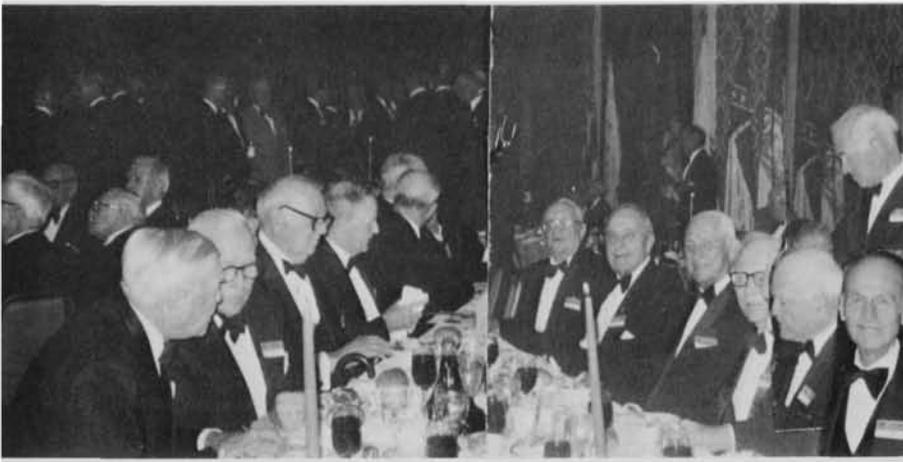
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With great sadness I report **Zuke Amazeen**, **Terry Tully** and **Bill Withers** have died.

**Zuke Amazeen** died 2 Feb 78 at **Walter Reed AH** of pneumonia and complications. He was buried in Arlington with full mil honors on a bitter blizzard day. Attending with his widow **Edna** and son, **COL Charles P. Jr.** and his family, were classmates **Denson, Farrell, Fisher, Hinds, Loupret, Rehm** and the **Samouces**. **Zuke** had not been well for some years. After his wife **Nell** died 20 Jul 73, he moved from CA to DC to be near his son, now on duty at WP. He was happily married to **Edna Gross** on 12 Feb 77. In



1920: Founders Day Ft Myer, VA: **Carey Brown '10** (adopted by '20), oldest grad present, and **Gallagher '16**.



1920: Founders Day Ft Myer, VA: Holle, Mitchell, Stratton, Burns (back of head), Fisher, Lemnitzer, Rehm, Routheau, Hinds, Loupret, Farrell (standing) and Samouce (snapshooter).

WWII Zuke served in SW Pac, 43-44; and after KW, in UN Civ Asst Cmd. Our deepest sympathies go to Edna, son Charles, 3 grandsons and their loved ones.

Terry Tully died of a heart attack 27 Mar 78 at DC's Sibley Memorial Hosp. He and Jo had returned but 3 days before from FL where they had spent the winter in the Travises' home. He was buried in Arlington with full mil honors. Attending with his widow Jo, dau Margot and dau Patricia with her husband, Dr. T. Crandall, Alford and their family, and Jo's son, Archibald McLachlen and his wife and family, were the Burns, Densons, Farrells, Fisher, Hinds, the Hines, Holles, Lemnitzer, Loupret, John Mitchell, Rehm, the Routheaus, Samouces and Seybolds. Terry's first wife Margaret died 15 Aug 66. A few years later he was happily married to Jo McLachlen. His WWII service included duty as SO 2 Cps T-M 42-43 (LM), and CSO US Fcs and Dpty CSO A1 Fcs T-M 43-44 (DSM). Our heartfelt condolences go to Jo, daus Pat and Margot, Jo's son Archibald, 6 grandchildren, one great-granddau and their loved ones.

Bill Withers died 27 Mar 78 at his home in Kerrville, TX, of angina with which he had suffered for many years. Memorial services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He had willed his body to the San Ant Med Ctr. In WWII Bill served in 4AD T-E (SS); and in KW 50-51 as Armor Off 8Ar (SS-LM-DFC-BSM-5AM). Our deepest sympathies go to his widow Bunky; sons, William P. Jr. ('46) and Peter ('52); brother Ned;



1920: Engelhart, Vogel, Reuter, Wisheart at Coast Arty School, Ft Monroe, VA, 1920.



1920: Reuter, Bartlett, and Howard.

sister, Mrs. Avis Edwards, 4 grandchildren and their loved ones.

Attending Founders Day dinner 10 Mar in Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA were Burns, Denson, Farrell, Fisher, Hinds, Holle, Lemnitzer, Loupret, John Mitchell, Rehm, Routheau, Samouce and Stratton.

Leland Smith reports '20 was the oldest class present at Founders Day dinner of the FL West Coast West Point Soc at Ramada Inn, St. Petersburg, 16 Mar. Present were the Daniels, McNulty, CW Smiths, LS Smiths, Terry Tully (Jo was home with flu) and the Van Sicklers. John McNulty gave the toast to the Corps as Oldest Grad.

The Leland Smiths planned to spend Apr with dau Janet and her husband, Ret. COL Charles L. Steel Jr. '44, in Little Rock, AR.

Leland also reports the Travises were expected back home early Apr from U.S. Canal Zone where they spent the winter with son, COL Tom, Ch Surgeon, Gorgas GH.

The American Legion distributed its Panama Treaties brochure to all its posts, domestic and overseas. In it is Lemnitzer's position—"I do not support the Panama Canal Treaties in their present form. I do not support turning over the complete control, operation and defense of the Canal to the Marxist Panamanian dictatorship which is publicly aligned with Castro's Communist Cuba, which is, in turn, under the complete domination of the Soviet Union... I consider it essential... to retain... preferential passage of our naval vessels and right to defend the Canal when... necessary." Lem gave his position for presentation to the Senate Foreign Relations Cmte at its public hearings early Oct. He was later informed, "It was a very important factor in setting up the Pres Carter-GEN Torrijos meeting in DC later in Oct in which they orally agreed to the positions I took... While they do not consider it necessary to change the wording

of the Treaties as negotiated, I do not consider an oral agreement adequate..."

On 26 Jan Lem addressed The Pinehurst Forum, a large group from Pinehurst, NC, and surrounding area, on "Our National Security in the 70's." He was delighted to see the Sears, Romains and Dixons there and had a nice get-together with them and friends after the lecture.

Louise George returned home mid-Jan from long visit with son Bill and his family in Bombay. Even welcomed the blizzard here after intense heat there.

Louise has been invited to be guest of honor of Post 92, 29th Inf Div at its gathering 2-4 Jun at Freedoms Foundation in Phila in annual commemoration of the D-Day 1944 Normandy landings. This year's gathering is dedicated to Alex as an expression of their esteem and high regard of him. Alex commanded the Div's 175th Inf Regt until wounded in action, later returning to command its 115th Regt.

Pop Herrick had several opns for cancer of the colon in past 2 yrs. but is doing well now.

Julia Mitchell had a bad fall in her home late Jan and suffered a fractured hip. After opn at Walter Reed she was kept in traction for a month. She returned home for Easter and is slowly recovering with the use of a walker. John's sister and her husband will be with them for a while until Julia becomes stronger.

Marguerite Rehm also had a fall in her home early Mar and suffered a displaced sacro-iliac. At this writing she is beginning briefly to get about in her home.

Lillian McGaw is holding her own at DC's Wisconsin Ave Nursing Home, says her dau Lillian's husband, Ret COL Alan W. Jones Jr. '43.

On 21 Feb Singer reported McCullough had diabetes, HBP, mild stroke and pneumonia. He was one wk in intensive care, Lackland AFB Hosp, before transfer to nursing home in San Ant AF Village where he has an attendant around the clock.

The Singers plan to visit son, Richard Tompkins, and his family in Baltimore in Apr.

The Samouces visited Elton's brother, Edward Hall, and his family in Reidsville, NC, for Easter.

The Hinds quietly celebrated their Golden Anniv 15 Feb. Gina had had a terrific spell of flu since Nov with some hospitalization at Tripler GH in HI and Walter Reed. She is doing nicely now.



1920: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: McNulty—Oldest Grad.



1920: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Van Sicklers, Daniels, McNulty's, Tully and Smiths.

Doolittle Doings '77 were highlighted by completion of and move to new home—a 1-story, Spanish Territorial design, 2200 sq ft surrounding an atrium, with a moderate rear yard having greenhouse and space for Rosalie to restart the show-place garden she left at old home. "I love it all so much I don't want to go out," she says. Dau Jeannette and husband, Don Ingram, almost commute to their Honolulu vacation home; their son Don was married in a lovely garden wedding. Son Jim and family love their Bar Nothing Ranch raising registered Herefords. Son George Jr. is wrestling the Carter market for Merrill Lynch while wife Mikie works for her ME master's at Portland, OR, State U. Granddau, Jeannette Guth, graduated from CO State U and granddau, Annette Rupert, blessed them with 2d great-grandson Christopher. Congratulations all around, George and Rosalie!

Anne Holle presented a scholarly, historically-researched talk 4 Feb to the Natl Soc, Daus of Founders and Patriots of America (she was formerly its pres) at annual meeting in DC, about the Holles' visit to USSR last Sept. She spoke of life, education and news media there; visits to olden cathedrals and palaces in Leningrad, Moscow and elsewhere, even to modern Wedding Palace where Charles extended warm U.S. wishes to the young couple and Anne presented the



1920: Sid and Gina Hinds—Golden Anniversary 15 Feb 78.

bride with a bouquet on behalf of all U.S. tourists; and Black Sea cruise.

Ford spent a wk Xmas with son Bill and his family on the Thames in their house boat which they had had made in and shipped from U.S. Then another wk with oldest granddau (dau of Wally's dau Elise and husband, R.F. Knapp Jr. 40) and her London banker husband.

Frances Wakefield is having as much trouble adjusting to contact lenses as is Irene Dixon. "I too feel like I could go crazy," she says, "but I'm stubborn and... attended all my clubs and did all my church work this past year." Her son's and dau's families have prospered and blessed her with 6 grandchildren (the only grandson, a football scholarship college grad; the only still-single granddau, a soph at ME's Bates Coll) and 4 great-grandsons.

The JK Mitchells attended wedding in Bucknell U. Chapel of their only granddau to LT Alec McDonnell of Ft Bragg's 82d Airmobile Div. "Granddaddy had to break his dress blues out of mothballs to blend in with the rest of the wedding party... Didn't pop a button... Had a grand weekend..." He and Red had their annual trip to Cape Cod last Jun. And last Xmas celebrated Golden Anniv with the whole family there except the young couple at Bragg. JK is one of the town auditors of Pittsford, VT, and says, "I've learned to have a great deal of respect for the old fashioned New England Town Meeting..." How about bringing them down as Consultants to DC, JK?

"Englehart's Army Service" is the modest title of Carl's too-short book (299 double-spaced typewritten pages) mainly about his and fellow POWs' searing ordeals after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. As a language student in Japan 1927-31 with remarkable retention 10 yrs after, and Asst G2 Philippine Dept, 40, he holds eminent credentials for this account of a dark chapter in our nation's history. He tells it simply, tersely, factually, grippingly in easy style and faultless English. He provided copies only to Goff, Kreuter, Lemnitzer, Plank, Reuter, the Class Gov Cte and members of his family. He is considering submitting it to a publisher.

Lemnitzer's reaction: "...You have done a great service to posterity... Your memoirs

contain a wealth of material... extremely valuable for scholars and researchers studying POW problems and related matters."

# '21-'22

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The following is an excerpt from the Miami Herald dated 25 Feb 78: "Only 48 members left out of 119 in the WP graduating class of '22, but they still know how to get together for a good time. They are celebrating their annual FL reunion this weekend with CPT Rupert H. Johnson and wife Edna making up the agenda. The Johnsons have lived here 30 yrs, have a home on Alton Rd where the group will gather Sun night for cocktails before going to La Gorce CC for a farewell dinner. Fri they were at Hialeah for the races, tonight will journey to Deerfield Beach Golf Club for cocktails and dinner as guests of COL Granger Anderson. COL Anderson is a onetime roommate of CPT Johnson. The latter, who served in France during WWI before entering WP, later had Wall St service as a member of the New York Stock Exchange. Some others in the group are LTC James D. O'Connell and COL Francis Crary, Boca Raton; COLs R.V. Murphy, Miami; Harry H. Haas, Jacksonville; G.M. Nelson, Sarasota and C.F. Sullivan, Los Altos, CA." While at the races, twice during the afternoon the "moving" electric sign flashed: "Welcome WP Class of '22." In addition to having a grand and glorious time we got a lot of publicity besides. The ladies present were: Lucile Anderson, Clare Crary, Hazel Haas, Edna Johnson, Elsie Nelson, Helen O'Connell and Dorothy Sullivan. Those who sent regrets at not being able to attend were: Isabel Albert, Jordan Bassett, Oscar Beal (with 15 inches of snow in St. Louis and temperature at 3 below, he envied those who could attend but he just couldn't make it), Nelle Sue Branham, Milo Cary (so sorry they could not make it to FL—48 inches of snow in Cortland—nuf sed), Hartley Caldwell, Lillian Chidlaw, Orval Cook (he wrote: "the agenda you sent looks like a program for 25 yr olds. FL plus vitamin C must do something to pep people up"), Lou Dolan, Irene Douglass, Mary Paul Freeman, Shelley Gibson, Freddie Hein, Dolly Hisgen, Ollie Hughes (his bad heart prevented him from attending), Al Kastner (a visit to his son at Eglin AFB could not be combined with the OWR), Art Klein (he entered the hosp on 21 Feb to have a tumor removed just above the appendix—nothing serious), Bill Lawton (trip to Egypt, Jordan and the Red Sea together with a Bd of Dir meeting loused up the Lawtons' plans to attend), Alliw Lee, Morris Marcus, Harry Marsh, Mark McClure, Ham Meyer, Slaton Miller (annual trip to HI



1921-22: Jim and Helen O'Connell



1921-22: At the OWR (seated): Sullivan, Crary, Murphy; (standing): O'Connell, Nelson, Johnson, Anderson and Haas.

to visit sons and their families), George Olmsted (business—so what's new), Al Price (travelling is not his cup-of-tea. He visited in Wash, DC last Xmas week and found that the travel was a little too much for him), Rummy Rumaggi, Madeleine Sadtler, Jim Spry, Muriel Stephens, Jake Stewart, Pat Strong (a family wedding interfered), Max Taylor, Bob Taylor, Helen (G.A. Taylor) Towner, Elizabeth Uncles, Numa Watson (poor eyesight and bum hearing make it difficult to function away from home), and J. Purcell Wallace. Each and every one wanted to be remembered to those attending and sent their best regards and wishes for a happy reunion. While it was one of the smallest Oriole Winter Reunions (OWR) it was one of the most enjoyable ones. We are most grateful to Johnny & Edna Johnson and Granger & Lucile Anderson for their many kindnesses and generosity in staging these winter reunions and the 78 one in particular.

It is with deep regret to report that Harry Bodine passed away on Feb 25 after a brief (5 days) illness. While he suffered from diabetes, ileitis and eye cataracts, it was an intestinal blockage that caused his death. Harry is survived by his wife Anne, 3 daughters, a son, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. On behalf of the Class I extend to Anne and her family our sincere sympathy.



1921-22: Lucile Anderson, Hazel Haas, Dorothy Sullivan, Elsie Nelson, Clare Crary, Edna Johnson, Helen O'Connell.



1921-22: Dorothy Sullivan, the newest addition to the Class, and Sullivan.

A letter from Bill Lawton last Jan arrived too late to include its contents in the Mar issue of this magazine. He wrote that within ten minutes after the end of the Navy game last fall Milo Cary called him on the phone. The Army victory just overcame him so much he had to talk to someone about it. It was the first time they had had a conversation with one another in over 20 yrs. To finish off the conversation Milo and Martie sang a little duet of their own composition. The Lawtons were not the only ones that Milo called that day. He called me, but unfortunately I was not at home. He also called Harry Marsh, his old roommate Gus Nelson, and Johnny Johnson. It was a case of "telephoneitis." Back to Bill: 2 new great-grandchildren have been added to the Lawton Clan. One was born in Germany and the other in CA.

Mark McClure in reporting on the DC goings-on stated that the weather was so bad he did not attend the Jan Oriole monthly luncheon and he thought that no one else did either. He also missed the WP Soc of DC meeting at which MG Ray Murphy, Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics at WP was the guest speaker. GEN Murphy was the guest speaker at our WP Soc of N. FL Founders Day dinner, 17 Mar, at the Ponce de Leon Lodge and C.C. He gave a most interesting talk about the athletic program at WP and some details about the changes

that are taking place there. Mark, you did miss something.

The 13 Feb meeting of the DC Orioles was attended by 5 classmates. Bill Lawton was on a junket to Egypt, but no word was received from Kastner nor Conway to explain their absences. Several subjects were discussed at the luncheon: George Olmsted's International Bank and its former subsidiary, Financial General Corp., Max Taylor's position regarding the Panama Canal treaties and a medical contraption that Orval Cook was wearing that was supposed to make some readings. All were present at the 13 Mar meeting except Max Taylor who had a luncheon date with the "Supt." There evidently were no earth-shaking discussions, at least Mark did not report any.

Mark & Evelyn McClure spent some time in FL last winter. They came thru Jacksonville 9 Mar, called me on the phone, but unfortunately we are not at home. Sorry Mark.

A feature story in the Washington Post, dated 6 Nov 77 (copy sent to me by Bob Murphy, 16 Mar) was headlined "International Bank Ready for Wider Role" and "Olmsted Optimistic" and "I.B. Awaits Financial Center Role." The gist of the article was that George's bank would establish a new center where foreign investment groups could channel requests for acquisition of U.S. companies. I gather it is somewhat on the order of a real estate broker who gets buyers and sellers together in property transactions—except in the case of the center it would supply mgmt if required. Never a dull moment in the life of George Olmsted.

This past spring "PD" Lynch was galavanting around the country visiting friends and relations. On his way to Athena, GA, to visit a nephew, he stopped here in Jacksonville and we had a very pleasant visit. He said that he had seen Bob & Janet Taylor at Xmas time and both seemed to be in good shape.

A "P.S." on Morris Marcus' letter read: "If anyone has an extra copy of the '22 HOWITZER, I would like to buy it (including postage), or maybe they would settle for a box of See's candy, CA's best." If there are any offers please write to Morris.

This past winter was the first winter since 59 that Bev (Kane) Ellsworth missed spending the winter in sunny FL. As reported previously, her husband Len has had a rough time of it since returning from FL a year ago. And now Bev says that she gets dizzy spells, can't see, goes unconscious and falls. On one occasion she ended up in the hospital for 12 days. Medication has helped and she and Len must be well on the road to good health, because they entertained the Andersons last Apr while they were en route back to Southfield.



1921-22: Clare and Frank Crary



1921-22: The two hosts at the OWR: John-son and Anderson.

While the Class has a pretty good record of subscribers to this magazine there are still a few who are not. Let's make it 100%.

**Illamary Svihra** wrote me that she was sorry to have missed the 55th. But despite her aches and pains she attended a AAWW convention in St. Paul where her niece took her in tow and showed her the town. She was then driven to Duluth, her hometown, where nieces and nephews gave her a royal treatment. Illamary, the 55th could not have been more strenuous.

**Cort Schuyler** writes that his health "stays good," but his tennis game is slowing up. His doctor says that with a little luck he should last another year or 2, at least. Judging by the way he looked at the 55th he should live to be the oldest living graduate.

**Glenn Wilhide:** "We seem to be in good health for our age, only the usual infirmities."

**Wes Yale:** "Had a fine reception for my piece in Jul issue of Army and have another in a forthcoming issue. No word yet on the new book."

**Milo Cary** took his 12-year-old grandson to the 27th annual Small Fry Football Father and Son banquet on 10 Dec. The grandson is quite an athlete, having won awards in the Little League in football and baseball. He is also a basketball player. Here is hoping we live long enough to see him become a 3-letter-man at WP. Milo had a polyps operation last year and also had a few nodules removed, but he is back to normal again.

How about some more biographies? When and where did you meet your wife? Who, what and where are the children and what are they doing? What have you been doing since retirement?

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In the DC area we have been concerned with preparations for the 55th. Reunion Bul-letins 1 and 2 were developed under chang-ing circumstances. The Cmte believes they provided a satisfactory workable program. As of 30 Mar they had firm information that some 30 individuals would attend.

The weather and the attractions of FL and other places reduced activities in this area, including Class and grads' functions. **Biddle, D'Espinosa, Fry and Smith** were our only attenders at the Founders Day dinner. But the record attendance and the Supe, the main speaker, coped admirably with a

malfunctioning fire alarm system and the Supe's laryngitis. Dwyer's notes have more to say about the Supe's talk at Phila.

#### SAD NOTE

Our only loss since the last ASSEMBLY was **Gladys Vandenberg** who was buried in Arlington on 11 Jan. **Wogy Towle** and **Joe Smith** attended the services. The DC Group of '23 made a donation to the AF Village Fndn at San Ant, in memory of Gladys. The Vandenberg's son, **Sandy, MG, USAF, Ret.**, thanks us in thoughtful and impressive letters thru **Fritz and Joe Smith**.

In his letter of sympathy to Sandy, Fritz noted that the **Breidster** family moved into an area of Milwaukee from which Hoyt's parents had just moved. Roma and her family knew the Vandenberg parents there.

From San Ant Lawrence reports that he and Katy will have to miss the 55th because of his assortment of ills and limitations even though he has all sorts of pills to keep him comfortable and the blood pressure of a 23 year old in an old frame which his doctor says means he may outlive us all. **Charley** thinks his emphysema may preclude any-thing like that. He was preparing to repre-sent the Class at the Founders Day dinner which he says will be coed and at the new USAA building instead of the Ft Sam O Club. **Charlie and Katy** sent greetings to all of you.

**Berb (Lorraine) Schlatter** has given up her large home and become an apt dweller. (see address changes.)

**Roy Dwyer** tells us:

**Jimmie & Helen Carroll** thought when they moved from Syracuse, NY to Carlisle they would get more pleasant winters. Their first 2 in Carlisle were OK but this one blasted them. **Jimmie** represented the Class at the Founders Day dinner at the AWC on 14 Mar. He is annoyed by the qtrs situation for the 55th, but they have made reservations at Stewart.

**Don & Dot Tredennick** took off for HI for a prolonged visit with Dot's sister in late Jan. Tred planned to try to visit with our classmates, **Hayelden and Neal** while there. Cards from the **Tredennicks** indicated they enjoyed the balmy weather especially when they read of the mass of snow and bitter cold in P.D. Land. They plan to at-tend the coed Founders Day dinner at Scho-field and be back in Reading about Easter.

**Frank E. & M.E. Wilder** have always had a different opinion on the temperature to keep in the house in winter. So in Dec Frank made a deal with M.E.—he would wear old-fashioned winter underwear, wool socks and a wool shirt if she would hand wash all his woolen things. So the thermostat was lowered and both are happy with the deal. Frank had shocking proof of our advancing age when he staggered into the house under a 35 lb bag of oranges from his daughter and recalled that at 15 he heaved around 120 lb bags of potatoes with ease. They are happy to report that their grandson had an-other promotion at his bank in Ft Lauderdale. They were unable to accept an invitation to visit with **Jim Evans** in Birmingham.

**Roy & Mary Dwyer** stuck to their apartment during the stiff winter. Roy's legs do not permit much walking and he is in the process of getting a 4th set of glasses within a year. He is able to drive in the daylight but for-goes driving at night. This is possible because they are blessed with cooperative children, grandchildren and wonderful neighbors. **Mary and Roy** get to see their yearling grand-

son quite frequently as the authorities at WP have become liberal on weekend leaves and other passes. A granddaughter in Med Coll and one in Nursing Coll are working hard and doing well as is the grandson at Bucknell. Married granddaughter will get an MBA from Drexel Inst this spring, and her husband will get a PhD at the same time. Other grandchildren are doing well in H.S., one scheduled to graduate each of the next 4 yrs. **Mary and Roy**, their son, **Roy Jr.**, and wife **Jackie** and daughter, **Mary Helen Hone-brink**, (her husband was in Europe on busi-ness for G.E.) went to the Phila Founders Day dinner at the Union League on 11 Mar. It was a nice affair and well attended. The Supt was the main speaker. Unfortunately he was suffering with a severe case of laryn-gitis and had to speak into the microphone in a whisper. Happily he was heard very plainly. He gave an interesting talk but con-firmed for this listener that WP is being changed from an essentially mil acad to furnish leaders for the U. S. Army into an essentially acad acad to vie with civ colleges. Otherwise, the talk was assuring in many re-spects. **Mary and Roy** plan to attend the 55th and the 102d Inf Div Assn Reunion in Stoffer Valley Forge Hotel in King-of-Prussia, PA in Jul.

From the West Coast **Pink Palmer** reports that **Eleanor Buckley** and **Oscar Stewart** are continuing their return to normal health. He has heard no more than the usual about the creaks of rusting, aging joints from the rest of '23 there. He said he and **Elizabeth** would not make the Founders Day dinner so he had asked **Harmony** to give us a report. Here it is: "This year the WP Soc of the San Fran Bay area had a great turn-out for the annual event and it was coed all the way. The mgr of the Presidio Officers Club told me this morning that 327 dinners were served at the Club last night. Those in our Class present were **Ray & Mary Pierce, Louie & Lucille Rutte, Oscar & Ruth Stewart, John & Alice White** and yours truly. We all had a fine time and en-joyed the event a lot. I also learned that **Abner McGehee** is recovering in the Stan-ford Hosp from surgery for replacement of a



1923: Founders Day Hawaii: The Tredennicks with Steer '25 and Mary Keeley.

hip joint. Oscar Stewart told me that Abner is getting along very well. I missed seeing Einar & Genevieve Gjelsteen; they never miss the annual Founders Day dinner and I am certain that they will be present at the one in southern CA. Trooper Price is on an extended motor trip and neither he nor Loriena were present. I do know that the Garrechts are getting along quite OK but they did not make it either. Sixth Army CG, LTC Flanagan served as Toastmaster and introduced the Oldest Living Graduate, BG Louis M. Nuttman, Class of 1895, who was featured on the cover of the Mar issue of ASSEMBLY. Gen Nuttman is 104 yrs old. He made a brief statement in a strong voice and ret. Everyone present gave him a standing ovation; all of us were proud that he is a member of our WP Soc of the San Fran Bay area. The Cmdt of Cadets, BG J. C. Bard '54 was the Key Speaker of the event. He assured us all that the Corps of Cadets 'has not' but rather is doing just fine. He pleased everyone by saying that the long period of supremacy in athletics by Navy is at an end. All in all, it was a wonderful evening for all who attended the event. I am looking forward to seeing you at the 55th Reunion. I plan to fly to DC either 26 or 27 May and spend a few days with Clyde & Helen Fry and then go with them to WP as they drive up for the Reunion."

Heaney reports that the Weikerts told of visits from the Galloways and W. C. Johnsons in Jan. In turn they visited the Johnsons and saw Marjorie Greene at Palm Beach when they attended a Gettysburg College Alumni Dinner at Ft Lauderdale.

Like so many of the Class, Blomme was disappointed that we could not get into the Thayer but plans to be at Reunion just the same.

Roy Foster has ended his year as pres of the Central Florida WP Soc and the local S.A.R. Chapter, but is busy in a scholarship contest for the Patriotic Oration contest encouraged by the national S.A.R. Soc. Through this he and his people are able to stimulate patriotic sentiment in the area. He estimates that the Central FL Admissions Program may have some 14 appointments.

Einar & Virginia Gjelsteen were the only one of 10 classmate families in their area (La Jolla) at the Founders Day dinner. They made it by a 13 mile taxi trip to the Miramar Nav AS. Einar was the oldest grad present because GEN Ludson Worksham couldn't attend because of illness. We've all read about the rain in their area but Einar made it meaningful when he said they are in the 5th heaviest ever recorded. It was 15" with more than 20" in some suburban areas and 30" in L.A. He notes that the flooding and damage in this area is caused by what would be normal, about 35", in Green Bay, MI his hometown area. He gave me addresses of classmates in his general area. I will check them against ours. He also invites attention to the Mar-Apr issue of the FA Journal which may be of interest to those of us wagon soldiers who were at Sill in 27.

A letter from Clyde Rich came too late for the last issue. It gave us address corrections and told of a snowless year in Madrid with sunshine 99% of the time and almost no rain. However, streets are about 200% overloaded with traffic and the economy is in bad shape. He also noted that Bing Crosby, who died in Spain last year, had been a great favorite there. He also reported that their daughter is working in

Madrid and travels in Africa, the Middle East and S. Amer for her company. In a more recent letter he notes that ASSEMBLY engenders memories of the Acad and was impressed by the obituary on Frank Dodd in the Dec issue. He says Spanish press comment on Pres Carter's trip last year was not in the least complimentary, with one writer speculating that his goof may have been due to "jet lag" and fatigue.

Phil Enslow confirms that George & Fran Buell are moving to a ret. home near Charleston.

Trooper Price planned to set out for Reunion 21 Mar by way of FL. In his letter to D'Espinosa he enclosed copies of their last 2 Xmas letters which he wrote jointly with Loriena. I assume many of you have copies.

Stuart Cowles made some kind of a record when he had a 3d prostate operation in Jan. His change of address puts him near George Stewart.

Charley Gettys met our news deadline by phone, telling me the Groves were the '23 reps at the local Founders Day dinner. He is still working! Laning is again in their area. We may see Charley at Reunion but Lela is unlikely to make it.

Our trip to FL 11 Feb to 11 Mar was short enough to keep the cool weather there from bothering us and saving us from the snow and cold of DC. We enjoyed visiting with relatives and friends but we have no tan to show and our bathing suits stayed in the baggage.

I had a phone talk with Heaney and we had one large family party with Dorothy's relatives which included the Salsmans (Edna is Dorothy's sister). One other impressive evening party hosted by the Al Johnsons and including the Salsmans and us was a gem. A brunch given by the Salsmans, which included the Al Johnsons and the W.G. Johnsons, gave us a chance to learn about the Wendell Johnsons' travels. In our trip home we were hurried along by a tornado alert and greeted by about as much snow on the ground as when we left.

Sydney Smith, widow of Budge Smith, has succeeded in establishing an organization to develop Madison Bks at Sackets Harbor, which has been designated as a national historical site. The aim of the organization is to enhance the historical and residential possibilities of the area. Many of you who served there know about the mil background of the area, but few of us know about the other important aspects of its history and its developmental possibilities. Send Sydney any facts or ideas you may have. Her son, Hale and family, are with her in their historically significant home in Sackets Harbor, and her daughter (Sydney 2) and family are in the state forestry service in upper NY.

Other than those mentioned earlier, from our locals the Cunns spent part of the winter in Sarasota, Guevara did a tour at Walter Reed for a prostate operation and Elsie Adams did a stint there also. We also have several periodic visitors there and Timberman, Towle, Roper and I are among those with mobility problems.

Fritz tells us that Roma came down with the flu just before they were to be hosts for a large cocktail party in Nov so he had to pinch hit as hostess. Since he did so well as a big princess in 100th Night, I'm sure that was no problem for him. After they returned from a granddaughter's birthday party in Cincinnati, Roma found she had a

case of "walking pneumonia" but by St. Patrick's Day, Fritz was able to report she had favorable results from all medical tests. He like the rest of us is concerned by our inability to get accommodations at the Thayer. He sends best wishes to all and expects to see a good and merry attendance at Reunion.

Adams estimates the Class deposited funds to be at \$2,357.57 on 31 Mar with another \$200.00 on deposit as earnest money for Class reservations at the Stewart 5-Star Inn. Our fund dropped \$16.90 in the last quarter making a total loss of \$52.84 for the year. Adams is glad to say that is still better than Uncle Sam is doing.

Hope that I will have seen you at Reunion when you read this.

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# '24

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Mary & Eddie White attended the wedding of their grandson, LT Lewis R. Whatley, at St. Simond's Is, GA, in Oct. The bride was Charlotte Rogers whose summer home is on the Island. The wedding took place in the quaint white frame church on St. Simond's. LT Whatley graduates from Emory Med Sch in Jun and will be commissioned a CAPT in the AF Medical Service. Their first asgmt will be Wilford Hall Hosp, Lackland AFB, undergoing training in radiology. Mrs. Whatley is currently a registered nurse in the VA Hosp in Atlanta.

Dorie Kirkendall told us in Dec that she wished she could report good news of Jack but feared he was growing weaker and was at that time facing an operation. Brighter news, her daughter Tami is happily married and living in FL. Husband Jim is with the Harris Corp in Melbourne. They have 2 brilliant and beautiful children age 4 and 3. Grandmother Dorie is disgustingly proud of those little people and is kept constantly amused by their antics. Dorie completes her report by asking if we don't just hate having women at the Academy? Her own feelings are expressed: "Down with Women's Lib!!"

Les Fletcher is involved with an organization known as the Service Cps for Ret. Execs, SCORE, which helps and advises ret. people, saving them from making expensive mistakes. He finds the work interesting and satisfying. The Ken Strothers spent 2 wks in the Hale Koa in HI during Sept. The Gillettes also went to Honolulu in Dec, expecting to return in Apr. They call it their 2d home. Bob & Ella Stika were on the plane with them. The Stubblebines' son Craig was promoted to head the new Center for Law and Economics at Claremont Men's Coll. His brother Bert, USMA '52, recently received his star. The Wally Merrills spend their summers visiting their children in NJ, and winters in FL where Wally competes in the men's golf league. Dot drives an Alfa-Romeo roadster, the Spider.

Rags Raguse is doing fine since his operation in Apr 76. Plays golf 3 times a week, does



1924: French, Malin, Van Wyk.

the marketing and most of the housework, but no cooking. Marcus & Agnes Stokes cruised the Caribbean on the cruiseship "Sun Viking." The ship is so clean that one morning they caught the crew mopping the ceiling of the main lounge. Then in Nov they visited their daughter in VA. Tommy Ryan reports that he is distressed about what is happening at WP, but gives no details. Vonna Burger thinks that the Class dues should be increased. Neither of the Willie Schaefers is well in Columbus, GA. Walter Gillespie has no children to worry about, travels only to and from the supermarket, and complains about both the foreign and domestic policies of the govt. He says he ventured into the realm of needlework and had some experience sewing buttons on his shirts which the laundry had torn off like they used to do at WP.

Martha & Cary King rediscovered snowstorms in Dec when they drove from San Fran to Seattle. Martha has 2 grandsons now at WP, Pat Rogers '78 and Mike Conrad Jr '79. Cary's granddaughter Mary Liz is a freshman at Yale. Hey Roberts' son, Tommy II USMA '59, returned from Germany where he commanded a bn of the 4th Inf. Hey Jr. is still at McGuire AFB. In May, the Van Ways drove to Cincinnati where they boarded the riverboat "Delta Queen" and cruised down the Ohio River to Paducah, then up to Nashville, and return. In Jul they drove to Denver to visit their son, and then on to Phoenix and north to "Four Corners" where they stood in 4 states at the same time. Pat Pasolli's grandson Scott is doing well at the USMA Prep Sch. He wrestled at 145 lbs and belongs to both the Sky Diving Club and the Scuba Diving Club. Denis Mulligan reports minimal travel by himself and Betsy, mostly 20 or more auto trips across the Hudson in connection with the settlement of the estate of his late cousin of which Denis is the executor.

Bill & Martha Ryan are trying to decide whether to cross the Atlantic or the Pacific on their 50th wedding anniv next Jun, although Bill expects they will wind up at Buck Hill Falls in the Poconos where they have been going for the past 30 yrs. Armin Linn is still busy with his insurance agency and developing the old family homestead. George Moses, youngest son of Russell and Janet, has ret. from the Army and is now operating an unstained furniture store in Killam, TX. Oldest son William has been transferred to Ft Sam Houston from Ft Carson. Daughter Marion (Mrs. Craig Harrison) has sold her home in Carmel Valley, CA, and has purchased a new one near Lake Tahoe. Paul Nelson says they have so many children, grandchildren and their spouses attending colleges that they are up to their ears in BA, BS and MBA degrees, with medical and religious degrees in the offing. The Pickhardts are enjoying reasonably good health since Pick's operation in Oct. Son

John Paul was transferred from Dallas to the Coca Cola Hqs in Atlanta to become a member of the staff. Younger son Bob continues as prof at the UNC and is publishing a book on business mgmt and law.

Eric Kunniholm's son Eric is attending Harvard U. Dan & Virginia Hundley keep themselves busy with friends and various activities. They have memberships in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Missouri Historical Society, and the Sons of the Confederacy. Their trip in Apr to the Pacific Ocean area included visits to many places where Dan had been before and he reports that most of those places have greatly changed. Walter French reports the arrival of 2 more great-grandchildren, making a total of 5. Karl Woltersdorf has recuperated from a heart attack in 76 and his doctor says everything is now in fine shape. Karl Jr., USMA '52, is still in Atlanta with Westinghouse as Regl Mgr of Business Devl. Herb & Julia Benz are another couple who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniv in 77. A party for them at the country club in Orlando was hosted by son Ted and daughter Dorothy, and attended by over 100 guests including many from Herb's old outfit, the 20th AAA Group.

Dick Nugent gives an account of the scholarly activities of his 3 granddaughters. One is a PhD student at Purdue U., as is her husband. Another is at Duke U., working as a computer specialist. She also is married to a PhD candidate. The 3d is still high-schooling. Dick's son-in-law, Blaine R. Butler, USMA '48, is Prof of Aeronautics at Purdue. The Peyton McLamb's have been well but have done no travelling other than to their daughter in L.A. and to their son in WI. As noted on the Address List, Alex K. Hancock, Ex-'24, formerly of F Co., USCC, who completed his plebe year and then resigned, has become a member of the Herd in the DC area. He recently ret. from the practice of law.

The combined families of John & Talley Hill, formerly the widow of George Millener, are doing well at carrying on the mil tradition. John's son, John Jr., MG, USMA '46, is stationed at Ft Hood. Daughter Jocelyn is married to a capt in the Navy. Talley's son, George Millener Jr., COL. USA (Ret.), lives in El Paso. Of the 19 grandchildren, one is married to a 2LT stationed in Germany and another is a First Classman at WP. John and Talley have been blessed with good health. During the past year they divided their time between Arlington and their 2d home in Hilton Head Is, SC. At both places they hosted the visits of their many friends and relatives. John also attended the 60th reunion of his high school class in KS. He graduated in 1917 just before marching off to WWI.

Pat & Dotty Dugan took a trip to Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong last summer. Later they spent 5 wks visiting children in CA, and dropped in on George Busbey at Grass Valley. Ben & Evelyn Mesick gave themselves a special anniv gift of an 11-day cruise on the "Pacific Princess," visiting 5 ports along the Mexican Riviera, accompanied by Emil & Nelle Lenzner. Harry & Betty Van Wyk cruised to AK on the "Royal Viking Star."

Peter Hains reports that their big event in 77 was his being invited to attend the World Championship in Modern Pentathlon in San Ant in Oct, as honored guest. Two of his teammates at the 28 and 36 Olympics

were also present. During the opening ceremonies Peter was presented the UIPMB Gold Medal of Honor by GEN Sven Thofelt, Pres of UIPMB, and against whom Peter had competed in the Amsterdam Olympics.

Joe & Margaret Kieley took a 5-wk trip to Sligo, Ireland, to visit Margaret's birthplace and numerous relatives. From there they went to Lourdes, France, where they prayed for the Class of '24, and then on to San Sebastian, Spain, to visit another one of Margaret's relatives. Red Trew is exhausted from moving into their new house in Ft Walton, FL. The old one in St. Petersburg became too crowded after great-granddaughter Kelly Anne reached the age of one year. She wants to become a 2LT someday.

Sammy & Erica Samouce went to England in Oct, spending 2 wks in London visiting Erica's daughter and family, then on to the English Riviera at Torquay where they explored the beautiful but wild coast of Cornwall from an old castle converted into a hotel in an old fishing village near Land's End. In Nov they went to Switzerland visiting more of Erica's relatives in Lausanne and Geneva. They flew home in Dec via Air India which provided an excellent meal and afternoon tea, and permitted Sammy to admire the stewardesses in their beautiful and colorful saris.

Last Dec the town of Mesa, AZ, was preparing its Centennial float for the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Phoenix, come Xmas. Nye Elward responded to the call for volunteers, stating his specialty to be "fabrication." He was first assigned as carpenter's helper and then advanced to carving styrofoam figures. That expanded to figure animation with the title "Animation Consultant." His last requirement was to produce 2 jumping frogs.

Charlie Royce has written a cookbook containing recipes for a myriad of exotic culinary delights, gathered during a 40-yr period of research in places all over the world, and guaranteed to provide satisfaction for the most epicurean tastes. Those interested in obtaining a copy should contact Charlie's sales mgr, Daisy, with a check for \$5.00.

Catherine Wells has advised us that Jesse has been in a nursing home since Apr of last year, suffering from arterio sclerosis, and is not expected to return home. We are also saddened to announce the following deaths:

Stephen Stanley Koszewski passed away on 26 Feb 77, suddenly but peacefully from a massive hemorrhage. Gertrude McComsey died in Jun after suffering a stroke in Feb. A small private graveside service was held at WP. Kenneth Negley Decker died on 29 Oct.

Mary H. Stadler died of pneumonia in Edmond, OK, on 15 Dec, and was buried at the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. James Barclay Dickerson passed away on 17 Dec.

Dorethe Parmley died suddenly of a heart



1924: Founders Day Carlisle Barracks: Tom Allen.



1925: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: Mrs. Cleland, the Newmans, the Linkswailers, and the Dunnaways.

attack at her daughter's home at Ft Mason, San Fran, on 30 Dec. Burial was at WP with memorial services there and also in DC on 10 Jan. Russell Leonard Moses died on 3 Jan from a massive heart attack at his home in Quitman, TX.

Wolcott Kent Dudley also died suddenly from a heart attack on 18 Jan at his home in Sewanee, TN. Following cremation, his remains were buried in the cemetery of the U. of the South with which Dud had been affiliated for the past several years.

As a tribute to each of the above, the Class provided flowers or a contribution to the WP Fund, as desired by the relatives.

'25

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While some of us were hibernating with the cold and snow, Hoppie was serving as our roving reporter for the FL scene. He and Sophie passed quietly through Salisbury in the dead of night so as not to awaken the Fowlkes, visited Sophie's brother in Orlando, Hoppie's cousin on his ranch near Lake Okeechobee (no longer a ranch since he sold off his cattle—a familiar story!), then on to Sarasota. While there they had lunch with Liz & Bill Wood, both in fine fettle; same for Lit Roberts. They had dinner with



1925: Founders Day, WP Society of Savannah: The Blacks.

Dorothy & Red Newman in their elegant new condominium apt. Eloine & Mark DeArmond joined them for the gourmet dinner. Red's navigation is not up to standard but his spirit remains strong, even fiery about the state of affairs in the Army and the nation. Mike reminisced about a dance band he and other shavetails organized at Ft Sam umpteen years ago. All in all—all is well. Then on to the South and East; stayed overnight with Frances & Nick Nicholas in their beautiful home on one of the waterways in Ft Lauderdale. Nick stays in shape by doing 90-100 laps in their pool. This is beginning to sound like a commercial travelogue—too good to be true. But thanks for good news to report.

Genevieve & Johnny E. L. have also been on the road. Three day trips to points in TX (you can't make one in less time); then a longer one to visit son Douglas and wife Nancy, then through Mexico and up to San Fran. Obviously they are both well and vigorous. Johnny reports that John Dansby is feeling better than he has for years; his Parkinson's problem helped a great deal by new medication.

We also learned from Johnny that Jack McCormick has published a book of poems. Probably like me you couldn't figure Gravy McCormick as a poet. I had to have a copy, and I can guarantee you he is a genuine, serious poet, not just a user of iambic pentameter. Chilton would have been proud of him. If you will send him \$2.95 (15c extra in TX for tax) he will send you an autographed copy. Address: 315 Northridge Dr, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Bruce Clarke is busy with plans for the Engineers 78 National Celebration, observing the 200 anniv of Washington's call for engr educ at Valley Forge 9 Jun 78. This is not a Corps of Engrs event. It is sponsored by the National Soc of Prof Engrs and others. At Bruce's suggestion we have agreed that the Class of '25 will also be a sponsor. One idea was that the "engineers" in the Class be asked to subsidize the cost of the sponsorship but Charlie Saltzman disagreed. He felt that all of us should participate inasmuch as this call by George Washington for formal education in engr, the first such call in our fledgling nation, led to the establishment of



1925: Howze and Gillmore

the Military Academy in 1802. A REMINDER: Class dues, \$5.00, become due 12 Jun. May we suggest that you pay them promptly and add another \$5.00, or whatever you feel is appropriate, for this sponsorship, to our harried treas, COL. A. Hopkins, 21 Ocean Dr, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Also read Bruce's book "Clarke of St. Vith." It's about him, not by him. A highlight is his defense of the north side of the "bulge" in the Battle of the Bulge. The publisher: Dillon/Liederbach, Cleveland.

Bailey, Barnes, Barnett, Cole, Crandall (with son Steve), Dunford, Galloway, Hopkins and Van Brunt attended the Founders Day dinner in DC. The principal speaker was the Supe, GEN Goodpaster. He was suffering from laryngitis so could not be blamed for the concentration of hot air which set off the fire alarm, fortunately without serious consequences, not even stopping the hot air.

Marcelle & Bud Hankins commute between Paris and Cannes. Bud stays busy with his painting and sculpting. One of his paintings was accepted in the recent Intl Art Exhibit at Cannes in the "Troisiem Age Non-French" class. It won 2d place. As a matter of interest without gloating, of course, a ret. Navy file came in next to last. Bud and Marcelle still find time for playing boules, swimming and boating.

Jane & Jerry Galloway had a grand holiday in Chapel Hill, NC, with Diane and Mo, where Mo is "prepping" to become a WP professor, no less.

We are happy to report that Mac McManus is doing well despite his physical problems.

There has to be some bad news. Jack Chamberlain died on 14 Jan. He had distinguished himself not only in the military but also in the diplomatic and educational fields. And from the latest ASSEMBLY we learn of the death of Gus Farwick on 10 Dec. To me he has always been the best guard I have ever watched play football. I was pleased to have the opportunity to tell him this at the 50th, not that he was overly im-



1925: The Clarkes at his retirement 10 June after 59 years in the Army and 52 years married.

pressed. News flash: **Harry Crandall** died suddenly on 18 Mar, no details yet.

It's becoming embarrassing to read ASSEMBLY and see all the photos of happy people socializing, seemingly for all except '25. You shutterbugs, when you have a small meeting of the clan, PLEASE take a photo and send it in. Photos should be sharp and clear, preferably black and white, captioned as to event, participants identified.

# '26

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**Eddie (A.E.) Watson** sends position report from Honolulu, HI, 23 Jan 78: "Here on my annual Jan jaunt. Temp—84-87 degrees. Lots of Hawaiians and vacationers playing bridge like mad. I see friends I've met at bridge tourneys from OR, Seattle, Canada and all over. An unusual coincidence occurred the other evening. I was going to Princess Kaiulani to play bridge and asked a bellboy to call a taxi. Moments later a pleasant couple wanted a cab. Bellboy says 'you are second—one ahead of you.' I asked 'where are you going?' They said 'Cannon Club.' I said 'I'm going to Princess K—it's on the way—I pay to Princess K—you take take over.' Fine. He was a ret. Naval Officer from WI. I said I had a very good friend and classmate from Racine, WI, **Roy (J.R.) Andersen**. During WW II he took off from here with GEN M. F. Harmon '13. They completely disappeared. He said 'I know—I was on a carrier 100 miles at sea—we searched for a week for them.' With millions of people about, what are the odds for getting into a cab with a Navy guy that searched for Roy? I had internal surgery 29 Sept 78. Very lucky—no complications. 12 days in the hospital, 2 months walking only. In Dec began exercising and squash. Hawaiian sun helped. Feel like a new man. Back home tomorrow.

**Virginia & Red (W.P.) Corderman** report that they spent Xmas-New Year's 78 holiday season with their daughter, son-in-law and family in CA. In Feb they took off for St. Croix, V.I. for 2 wks. T was very enjoyable. On both trips much golf was included. They report no improvement observed in their scores.

From San Ant, TX: **Kathleen & Ralph (R.M.) Osbourne** report that they have sold their No. 2 home down Corpus Christi way. They decided that a couple should be young in age as well as in spirit to operate and maintain 2 homes 165 miles apart. They add that going thru 2 hurricanes in 7 years was enough for any tired, ret. couple to endure.

**Bill (W.E.) Dean Jr.**'s classmates continue to share his grief—his tragic loss of Pat. He reports that repair of the burnt part of his house awaits the skilled craftsmen necessary for the job. Pat's hobby was breeding and training of Arabian horses on their farm north of San Ant, TX. Bill has disposed of about half of them. He plans to sell the remainder during the next few months.

**Bill's 2 sons** are finishing their academic education. One son will enter the practice of dentistry, the other son will go to the Tax Dept., Arthur Anderson Co., Dallas, TX. Bill was recently hospitalized for suspected ulcers. The suspicions were false. Bill also says that old roommate **Herx (H.R.) Baxter** & wife Sally escaped from the frigid land of PA, visited in San Ant, TX, thence to Laredo for a week before returning and heading for home by way of New Orleans. Both Sally and Herx looked great.



1926: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The De Shazos, Heibergs and Roomsas.

Author and philosopher **Red Reeder** reports from Iglooville-on-Hudson that his and Dort's most cherished possession this past terrible winter was a long-handled A-1 snow shovel. After one blizzard he crawled upstairs, dragging it along, and cleared 14.78 sq yds of heavy snow off of the shingles. During one Feb blizzard a neighbor staggered in thru snowdrifts bringing 10 lbs of catalogues and a tax bill. Red also posed a 'Research Question': "How many baskets has **John Sieba** thrown in his lifetime?" All guestimates by our readers should be sent direct to Red, Home Plate, Garrison, NY. Current "Fixed Opinion" by Reeder: "It won't be long before these overpaid ball players are creating such news as a blistered finger etc."

"**Babe**" & **Tommy (T.E.) de Shazo** enjoyed a pleasant Xmas Day 77 with **Margareta (Tyler) Calhoun, Elizabeth & "Griz" (H.McN.) Grizzard** in Orlando, FL. The Grizzards spent Dec 77 and Jan 78 in Orlando looking after



1926: Founders Day Atlanta: Malcom and Betty Jones.

a mansion **Elizabeth** inherited from her uncle, COL J.W.S. Wuest '03.

Our source advises that our newlyweds, **Martha & Harry (H.W.) Johnson**, have settled down, after their Aug 77 wedding and before Xmas, at Holly Farm, Travelers Rest, SC. They touched down on their "run around a bit" honeymoon at several points including El Paso, TX, and Rome, GA.

A column by **Al Duitman** and headlined "Historian's life focuses on saga of Ft Bliss" appeared in the El Paso, TX Herald Post late Feb 78. A clipping of the item came to hand. Excerpts follow: "**Richard K. McMaster** enjoys the view from his window... at the easternmost edge of McKinley. It looks over the mil post he knew as a lad of 12 when his dad was stationed there in 1915-16 with the 4th FA. He lived with his parents... at the foot of McKinley at Dyer St. intersection. A '26 grad of WP, McMaster was assigned in 36 to Ft Bliss with Btry D FA (Horse). His major recollection of those days, 'We had more damn horses than we needed.' His early interest in Ft Bliss and the story of the mil man of the SW didn't come into full bloom until early 50 and after he had earned his master's degree at TX Mines (UTEP). Writing his thesis for the degree kindled his literary talent... He also gained a penchant for painting and drawing while at UTEP and uses that skill to illustrate his publications. McMaster is well known... for his book 'Musket, Saber, Missile' which has become recognized as the only authentic history of the fort (Ft Bliss). For each printing he has updated the story of Ft Bliss. General of the Army, **Omar Bradley '15**, made his mark on the book's 6th printing. McMaster's publications include an historical novel entitled 'The Caparisoned Horse' and 'Canby's Captains of the Southwest... 1860-1862.' He feels that the historical novel didn't go over because 'not many people know what a caparisoned horse is.' Altho McMaster... doesn't expect to gain either wealth or fame from his writings or artistic skills (he studied under **Urbic Soler**... who sculpted the cross atop Mt. Cristo Rey), it's his hope that what he does leave behind is an easier historical trail."

News of **Hazel & Bill (W.L.) Bayer** indicates that they continue to have an active

life. Bill still teaches 5 days per week in a local private school. Additionally, he has recently taken over from Red Corderman as chairman of the Ft Monmouth Retiree Council. These Councils provide ret. input to local commanders. During last Xmas holidays Hazel & Bill took off from NY on a Caribbean cruise. They report having a great time on this cruise away from the freezing temperatures and heavy snows in NJ.

**Kath & C.R. (former Prez, Class of '26) Smith** attended the State Convention of the VA Council of Chapters of The Retired Officers Assn, last fall, at VA Beach, VA. Rodney is a director on the Board of the Northern VA Chapter of TROA and attended the convention as a rep of the Chapter. They report enjoying the many convention activities, the sunshine, the marvelous beaches and the sightseeing around the Hampton Roads waterways, Norfolk and the many Army, Navy and Marine bases in the area.

**Marcy & Jimmy (J.B.) Burwell** are travel addicts. They are students of photography—Marcy is in color-prints—Jimmy is in color slides. In past years they visited the Orient, 13 European countries, 4 of the Hawaiian Is and 6 times around the Caribbean during which they have maintained a good photo record. This year it's Grand Canyon, several National Parks, The Rocky Mts, of CO. They will return home in time for the hunting and holiday seasons. What a delightful and interesting hobby. Last winter, Jimmy required some surgery in the lower part of his anatomy. The doctors first used a drug for a caudal block, with near fatal results. He lost consciousness, stopped breathing, had muscle spasms, suffered slow and irregular heart beat. It took 6 minutes to restore breathing. Several days of testing failed to show any permanent damage. Two weeks later he returned to the hospital and had the operation with a local anesthetic. Back home again he recuperated OK. He does suggest that for people of our age watch that "caudal block" business. Jimmy and Marcy plan to make the 55th Reunion.

From the dim past: When **Tep (T.E.P.) Barbour** was 15 he got a summer job and made enough money to go shopping for a suit. An eager beaver salesman pulled him from the sidewalk and slapped a suit on him exclaiming "A perfect fit." Tep said, "the sleeves are too long." Salesman said "pull them up and crook your elbows—no one will notice." Tep said "The pants are too long." Salesman said "Pull up the trou—rest your elbows on your knees—no one will notice." In his new suit Tep went duck-waddling down the street in a half squat—elbows on his knees—keeping things in place as one of two old ladies remarked, "What a terrible shape that poor lad is in." The 2d old lady said, "Yeah, but don't his suit fit him?"

From Prez **Vald Heiberg**: "Founders Day dinner, St. Petersburg, FL, on 16 Mar was attended by several members, Class '26. **Babe & Tom de Shazo** from Winter Park, **Marge & Johnny (J.S.) Roosma** from Siesta Key, **Lucile Ryan** from her near-by condominium and **Evelyn & Vald Heiberg** down from Clearwater. The de Shazos have bought a condominium in Winter Park and are about to move there for permanent station. The Roosmas are winter residents of Siesta Key and reside in Verona, NJ the better part of the year. **Lucile Ryan** looks great—she was honored lady at the '26 table. **Evelyn** and **Vald** continue to maintain their mobility by daily contests on the tennis courts. They plan to continue to maintain mobility by flying to



1926: Murphy, Black and Hamilton.

HI in Aug; thence by flying to Istanbul in Sept. Envy?

**Helen & Egon (E.R.) Tausch** will celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniv, 20 Apr, in a story book setting—rolling hill country, 15 miles north of San Ant, TX, with a solid stone house erected by Egon's 19th Century German settler forbears. Egon's hobby is restoration of old homes, especially the old German homes in Comal County. Egon reports that his twin 7-year-old daughters come out to the country weekly to ride the ponies. We wish for each of you a Happy Anniv.

**Elizabeth & Wally (W.H.) Barnes** informs us that their daughter **Cynthia** and **Bill Shoemaker** were married 7 Mar 78 at their home in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA. The ceremonies were attended by 100 plus members of the family and friends including **Desi** and his daughter **Luci**. The bride and her bridegroom have known each other since she was a teenager. **Cynthia** must have gotten the horse-riding bug from her horse-Cavalry father. **Shoemaker** has watched her riding hunters and jumpers—he says, admiringly, that "she is a lot prettier on a horse than I am." **Shoemaker** is still one of thorough-bred racing's top jockeys 10 yrs after his election to the National Jockeys' Hall of Fame. The couple will forego a honeymoon until the current racing season is over.

**"Sparky" (W.M.) Baird** proudly reports the birth of his 2d great-grandson, **David M. Baird**, born 20 Mar 78. **David** is the son of **W. J. Baird III**, grandson of **COL W. J. Baird Jr., USAF '51**. **Sparky** anticipates that he will have 1 great-grandson entering WP in 93 and another one entering in the year 1995. Congratulations **Sparky** and "hang in there."

**"Stag" (F.J.) Stagliano** had developed an old hobby, oil painting, to the degree that his paintings were considered good. His hobby was interrupted by physical difficulties resulting in a series of near fatal operations prior to our 50th Anniversary. He reports a lengthy period of recuperation has brought him back to recovered status. He resumed his painting and brought it to the stage that he modestly says some knowledgeable people think he is pretty good. As "Fran" says, "We have our aches and pains once in a while but enjoy life and friends."

**Elsie & Roy (R.J.) Herte** in report mid-Feb 78, "Like everyone else in this white landscape, we look to spring."

Change of Address: **Mrs. Doris (I. Jones) Salisbury**—51 Sample Rd, Pompano Beach, FL 33064. **Mrs. Robert (R.K.) Gaffney**—27 Fox Blvd, Merrick, L.I., NY.

**Herx (H.R.) Baxter** says: "The times have been rewarding for me . . . my life has become commonplace. The 'podunk' I settled in is the County Seat . . . a college town . . . lucky to be here. We've been travelling by Kungsholm

about the globe . . . gardening in summer—greenhouse work in winter . . . amateur furniture reconditioning . . . baby-sitting with 2 wonderful grandchildren and watching the Phillies during the summer."

'27

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The Post Army-Navy Football Game Luncheon was held by the WP Soc of DC at Ft Myer on 17 Jan. **MG Raymond Murphy '42, Ret., Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics at USMA**, guest speaker, covered all aspects of sports at the Point. He also mentioned that the A-N game got the highest TV rating of any collegiate football game of 77. The Academy emphasis must be on "sports plus integrity." There are many highly successful Academy sports and teams, but recruitment is difficult; among other obstacles, the young athlete hesitates to obligate himself for those years of mil service after graduation. Needed improvement of athletic facilities is underway this year. Present from '27 were: **Asensio, Burgess, Miller, and Lillard**.

Our **Hutch Hutchison** in his role as chmn of the USA Ret. Council, HI, has written some fine, emphatic, convincing letters to editors to give accurate comments on the subject of "Mil Ret.," to correct the many loose statements which appear in the media of the type started many times by **Les Aspin**. In a letter **Hutch** denies effectively that "mil people are on the gravy train with high pay and apparent excessive ret. benefits." He included a question: "Why aren't there block-long lines at mil recruiting stations pushing to get their snouts in the trough?" Instead, the young seem to head for the Fed Civil Service—"5 million apply for 31,000 jobs in the first 6 months of 77." As **Hutch** well put it, "Possibly they heard about the long, hard hours and years of demanding, dirty, and dangerous work, or about family separations, frequent moves at financial losses, and a host of other items." Good work, **Hutch**!

As an addendum, as you are reading this, it seems appropriate to recall that 47 years ago this month the recently married **LT & Mrs. Hutchison**, back to Ft Davis, Canal Zone, from their honeymoon in Costa Rica, were given a traditional Arty wedding ride, with a striking difference, however. There being no caisson at the fort, "a docile mule was used. Two chairs were rigged up on the mule; one on each side." **Esther** and **Hutch** were helped up to the seats, and the procession took off for the post tour, with the usual mounted buglers leading and mounted officers following. "There was plenty of fun for all." Again, from the Class, congratulations to charming **Esther** and **Hutch**!



1927: Isaacson and Schull



1927: The Bell Brunch (L-R): Miller, Bell, and Lillard.



1927: San Antonio's Luncheon: Kaylor, Towner and Wood.



1927: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Garlands.



1927: Founders Day Hawaii: Martin, oldest grad present.

Willis & Gene Matthews spent several weeks on a trip to the West. There were a few contacts with classmates during their absence from Chevy Chase. He had an inspiring chat with Roy & Vi Axup. Roy, Willis' roommate for 4 years, is in bad health, but "he is an inspiration to talk to—his morale is wonderful, cheerful, and the world seems bright to him." Vi, also, has had bad health, but they "both take care of themselves and their house and yard." We can all join Willis in his wish: "That I had their guts and outlook!"

Willis also talked to Gar Davidson, very interested and concerned over the future of the Academy, for which he works continually. Then he and Gene had dinner with Betty & Woody Hocker, finding them fine and active in church and community affairs from their "beautiful home in the section where Bing Crosby lived," planning an extensive tour of Europe this summer.

Then on the way back home they spent some time in Nashville, and again visited the inspiring Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson. As an additional bonus, this year's trip took the Matthews out of the reach of the bad snow storms that fell in the DC area.

Woody Burgess gave a full summary of their trip to the West Coast and AZ. The trip was planned around daughter Liz's 2d marriage in Oakland to James Clarke of the Forestry Service. Granddaughter Phebe Burgess came from San Diego, plus Liz's grown children, for the festivities. After, Woody called Gar Davidson, but he and Verone were just leaving with Tom & Marg McManus for a weekend at Lake Tahoe. Then at Hillsborough they had a fine "refresher course" with Betty & Woody Hocker before going on to San Diego. There they stayed with granddaughter Phebe, but were "entertained royally" by Dutch & Donnie Holland and Ray & Barbara Curtis.

Then Woody and Jean sped on to Tucson, where they explored well and liked the area more and more. Now for a startling addition! When they "lucked onto a place" in the community known as Green Valley, south of Tucson, they "plunked down some earnest money and now have a firm commitment to move in on 1 Sept." How's that! It is hard to imagine the Burgesses pulling out of the DC area after all these years! While in this real estate venturing, the Burgesses talked several times with local Bob & Peggy White, but Bob's "busy civic schedule" prevented their getting together. "Their health is good, and they both love AZ." In Phoenix, Woody talked with May Townsend, who reported our Harry Forrest Townsend's death by stroke last Nov after several years of ill health. May and her sister apparently plan to stay on permanently in Phoenix. This would have been hers and Forrest's 50th wedding year.

Knowledge of Harry Townsend's death was first received when its inclusion was noted in the Dec ASSEMBLY's "Last Roll Call." The sympathy of the Class is thus belatedly extended to May.

Also in Tucson the Burgesses got in touch with Bea Luebberman, who was in the Med Cen but recovering well from an operation. Tony Luebberman Jr. lives in Tucson, to which she and Tony were planning to move from FL when he died so suddenly last year.

The Burgesses got back to Northern VA in time to see the results of the 10th snow-storm of the winter. That settled them more firmly on the AZ move, Woody states, and



1927: Founders Day Ft Benning: Bender

he asks: "Any one want 2 well used but serviceable snow shovels?"

We have another loss. Word has been received of the death of Constance McNally, who was the widow of our Joe Ganahl. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Berwald of Cleveland, and 2 sons, COL Joseph Ganahl Jr., Ret., Class of '54, Springfield, VA, and Timothy, an investment banker in Seattle. Connie's oldest son, William E. Otis Jr., graduated from USMA in Jun of 50 and was KIA in Korea in Sept of the same year. The condolence of the Class is extended to Connie's survivors.

Ray Bell, in a summary of his southern winter trip, said he talked to Ty Cobb in Birmingham, and he is still "hanging in there." He could not reach Fred Day in Tampa, he being away. He saw Spike Webb in Bradenton; "he appeared in good spirits." He spent several days with Hal Jordan in Cocoa Beach, enjoying walks along the beach every morning with him. He had heard also from Dick Dickerson, who, as chmn of the cmte for the



1927: A Bell Trio (L-R): Shaw, Dot Zwicker, and Bell.



1927: Another Brunch Bunch (L-R): Zwicker, Carolyn Holtzworth, Lucile Lillard.



1927: A Bell Group (L-R): Miller, Bert Pence, Suzanne Shaw and Lillard.

Deerfield Founders Day dinner, had called to ask some aid in finding a speaker.

Then on 19 Feb Ray came to DC, thus providing a joyful occasion for a gathering of the '27 clan around DC for a festive Sunday brunch at the Officers Club, Naval Med Cen, Bethesda, MD. Everything was excellent for a fun gathering aided by an exceptionally beautiful day, one very scarce this snowy winter. Ray thus was able to see again the following from the Class: Mac & Jean Miller, Bert Pence, Carolyn Holtzworth, Mone Asensio, Ralph & Dot Zwicker, Larry & Suzanne Shaw, Trap & Betty Trappnell, and Jerry & Lucile Lillard.

Oh, yes, Mac & Jean Miller have been proud grandparents since the birth of a son to their CPT & Mrs. A.M. Miller IV. This grandson, Andrew Macomb Miller, was born 11 Jan 78. Congratulations!

Chris Nelson of San Antone sent in that good snapshot of when Stu Wood was there on his Dec trip to the coast, his arrival fortunately coinciding with the monthly luncheon gathering of the '27 group. He reported that Watlington was back in town and at the luncheon, and a "good time was enjoyed by all." San Antone weather was cold and drizzly at the time of Chris' writing. Now it should be its usual "grand" for the monthly fetes.

The Founders Day dinner for the DC area was held at Ft Myer on 10 Mar, the Supe, LTG Andrew P. Goodpaster, who had to talk with a whispering voice owing to his severe cold, was the principal speaker. He stressed that values at the Academy were "sound, strong, and meaningful." Although acknowledging that this is a difficult period, he works to keep the institution "strong, inspired, and capable." The academic area is strengthening, the military is back to fundamentals, and the honor code reaffirmed and strong. The annual DC Soc Benj. F. Castle Award was presented to Paul D. Phillips '40. This was the largest turnout ever for the local dinner, literally elbow to elbow, but also one of the most spirited. From '27 were Asensio, Burgess, Collins, Lowe, Miller, Zwicker, and Lillard.

George Martin got in a brief report on the Founders Day dinner at Schofield Bks. It was a "femmes-also" dinner, and Esther & Hutch Hutchison took him and Joe up on the drive from Honolulu. George and Hutch were the only members of '27 present—and also, as George puts it: "I gave the remarks as the Oldest Graduate. Wow! Time marches on!" In that observation we can all concur!

At deadline a full report had not been received, but it appears that our Ev Bixel's tour to the South Sea Is and Australia had to be curtailed in Mar for her to fly back to L.A. to help meet aspects of the very severe damage from the mud slides which there befell

the home of daughter Dabney and husband Robert Lopez. This was a terrible winter almost everywhere!

As one reads this Jun issue of ASSEMBLY he or she will probably recall that it is just a year since our great 50th Reunion. Don't we all wish that we could have had a 51st this month! We have so much fun getting together, and reunions are simply not often enough! Well, anyway, here's to this 51st! Skoal! Cheers!

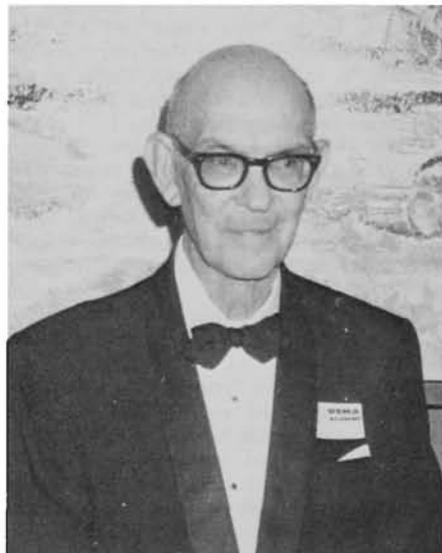
Let the scribe hear from you all this summer, with a snap or 2. We still need more composition—write one, write all, write on!!

# '28

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In observance of 78 Founders Day, Cralle, Gavan, Haskell, Raymond, Seaman, W. D. Smith, and Walter joined the very large group of DC Area grads who gathered at the Officers Club, Ft Myers, VA.

Luke Finlay was off on a 5 day jaunt in Dec to serve as a speaker and panelist at a symposium sponsored by the Ocean Assoc.



1928: Founders Day Ft Sill: J. Holley.



1928: Founders Day Ft Benning: The Coverdales.

of Japan on the interrelationship of marine technology and law in the development of ocean resources. Luke has accepted membership on the GEN Thomas A. Lane Scholarship Cmte of Christendom College, Haymarket, VA, and urges all members of the Class to join in honoring Tom's memory by sending contributions (tax-deductible) to the fund, c/o Treasurer, Christendom College, 16006 Tiffany Lane, Haymarket, VA 22069.

Carl Sturies died on 15 Jan at Champaign, IL, leaving us to join his beloved Juanita. To his daughter and his sons, and their families, I send the most heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

Wee Todd died 14 Feb at the Base Hospital, Maxwell AFB, AL. We join Virginia and her daughters, and their families, in their grief at this loss.



1928: Johnson and Sherburne



1928: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Trents, Bredens, Spiveys and Kissner.



1929: Founders Day, WP Society of FL West Coast: The Stephensens, Wards, McCullas' and O'Haras.

## '29

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By now, you should have long since received a memo from the 50th Reunion Cmte outlining the tentative schedule and giving billeting and other arrangements. Questions soonest to the Cmte, as time is growing short.

Jim & Doris Hannigan took a most enjoyable trip to HI during the Xmas-New Year's season. While there, they not only enjoyed the weather, scenery and swimming, but also visiting with Bob & Jo Chandler. A phone conversation with Warren McDermid confirmed his good health and the pleasures of Hawaiian life. On the way back, they visited in San Fran where they had lunch with Bat & Jan Carns and Dutch & Hank Kraus at the home of Karl & Daisy Scherer ('32). All were well and in high spirits. They then visited the Kraus' lovely home high up on a wooded hill with a splendid view of the ocean. All in all, a pleasant trip, although too short (still 26° in Dallas).

Other travellers included Bozo & Gertrude McKee who had a thoroughly enjoyable trip to Egypt—Cairo, Luxor, the magnificent statues of Rameses, and, of course, camel riding. Nick & Jackie Nichols enjoyed their visit to Mexico (as usual); they found San Miguel Allende quite friendly. They second the McKee's enthusiasm for Egypt.



1929: Carol Orr (wife of Orr '54) and Lynch.

Tommie & Rose DuBose attended the Founders Day dinner at the Naval Tng Cen, Orlando, FL, and were happy to be with Tom & Marian McDonald, and Bob & Mary Cook. The speaker, MG Ray Murphy, covered activities at the Academy since the arrival of GEN Goodpaster, and the highlights of the athletic programs. The latter have been aided in no small part by cadets from the Central FL area; a product of the efforts of Foster ('23) and other dedicated grads. Tommie is happy to report that son Winston is now a prof soccer player (goalie) with the Tampa Bay Raiders; he is aiming for #1.

Roy & Josie Cuno have been letting Roy's leg mend, but did take a trip to Brownsville. Hunt Bassett and Freddy Smith get in a round of golf now and then, but San Ant has had its share of winter with the course closed, or else too cold even for inveterate golfers. Freddy & Martha Smith planned to attend the wedding of their youngest son, Jan, to Miss Maureen McCauliff, at Jacksonville, FL on 8 Apr. After a brief honeymoon trip to Europe, the happy couple will be at Jacksonville Air Sta for the next year.

Tiny & Caroline Jark returned early in Mar from Xmas in Las Vegas, 5½ weeks in HI, and visiting L.A. on the way to Aruba, and back home. Billy Greear was judging a hunter-jumper horse show in Mar in Houston; he averages a dozen judging stints a year. He's made shows in Denver, Chicago, and, last year, in Panama. Marilou Hammack still finds jobs to do on her home, and son Jim is remodeling his future abode. According to Marilou, his affection for some of her prized knicknacks knows no bounds.

Up at WP George McAneny found the snows too deep and Storm King too dangerous for a trip to the Founders Day dinner. He was most disappointed because GEN Rogers, the speaker, had been a colleague in COL Beukema's Soc Sci Dept back in 43.

A delayed report from Dan & Ruth Sundt tells of the marriage of their daughter Karen to Robert Statz. They are living in Wilmington, DE where the groom is employed as a sr rsch chemist.

Via Paul Gavan ('28) word has been re-

ceived of the death of Miles Brewster in Suffolk, England. The remains were cremated and shipped to WP for burial.

At the Class Cmte meeting here on 8 Mar there was a discussion of a possible memorialization project for classmates who died in the performance of duty (those KIA in WWII and Korea are included in plaques in Cullum Hall). By now, you should have received a memo on the subject.

Jack Seward had a major operation at Walter Reed this spring; followup radiation therapy went very well.

Johnny Theimer represented '29 at the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio of San Fran. When our Oldest Living Grad, BG Louis Nuttman and Mrs. Nuttman made an appearance in wheel chairs, Fly Flanagan ('34) Sixth Army CG and MC commended Mrs. Nuttman for cooking all their meals, following which GEN Nuttman made a brief and exemplary address. He truly holds up his end of the Long Gray Line. The Com, BG John C. Bard, assured us the Corps hasn't, interspersed with good humor.

Jupe Lindsey, our hard-working VP, has taken on additional responsibility; he has been overwhelmingly elected to the Bd of Gov of the AN Town Club. The Founders Day dinner in DC was well attended and was fortunate to have as its speaker the Supe, GEN Goodpaster. Although suffering from a severe case of laryngitis, he gave a splendid talk. A bonus was a series of slides shown during his talk, depicting present day WP activities and facilities.

Dutch Kraus enjoyed the WP dinner the evening of 19 Mar. The Com spoke well and a good time was had by all. Paul Freeman, as usual, did a fine job of introducing the Oldest Grad. Bat Carns and Chuck Rau were there, but Bill Francis couldn't make it. Dutch and Hank Kraus are hacking away at tennis. Bat Carns intends to have an operation on his thumb; it's disjointed, or something, and interferes with his golf. Luckily it's his left hand so he hopes to play tennis until it is well. The Sladens called the Kraus' in Mar; they sounded cheerful and Jim apparently is getting better. Even said that they would be at Reunion.

George Reilly spotted an article about Barbara Moseley who, at 71, swept the Latin-American pro-am division of the U.S. Ballroom Championship, becoming the first woman ever to win gold medals in all 4 categories—rumba, samba, cha-cha, and pasa doble. Since 64 she has won more than 125 trophies. (Makes one tired just to think of all that energy).

Paul & Mary Freeman took a motor trip through the SW as far as San Ant. While there, they had a delightful evening with Billy & Helen Greear and Freddy & Martha Smith.



1929: The McKees—camel riding in Egypt.

At last report, **Bill Bullock** is still looking for place to roost; he expects to be in ME until Jun.

Salute to **Sandy Chilton**. Alexander Wheeler Chilton '07 is to celebrate his 92d birthday on 28 Jun 78. Last year marked the 70th anniv of his graduation, the 60th of his marriage, and the 50th of his departure, on his own volition, from WP after 4 tours as successively instr, asst prof, and acting head of the newly created separate Dept of English. Those of us fortunate enough to be in his special sections in yearling English, 1926-27, remember him as an inspired and inspiring teacher. As '29 approaches its 50th Reunion, we salute the last of the great professors of our cadet days.

# '30

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Dear Gang:

Once again, with deep regret, I have to report another file lost to "The Long Gray Line." **Mark Smith** died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 3 Feb. **Jessie's** note to me commented on the 41 happy years they had shared, some of which I can attest to from our service in the DC area during WW II, and later when he was the CO at Aberdeen PG. He was a solid professional and a warm friend who will be sadly missed, especially by those of us who had the good fortune to be exposed to his sunny disposition and ready wit. **Jim Lunn** has accepted the always delicate chore of preparing an obit for publication in ASSEMBLY.

Another bit of sad news which, regrettably, reached me too late for inclusion in the last issue, was the death of **Lillian Dudley** in late Nov. By way of solace to **Jack**, they had just enjoyed one of their most interesting years of travel together. Her ashes are to be interred at WP.

Also on the scary side, but thankfully not mortal, was a letter from **Gundy Gunderson**. He went to spend the Xmas holidays with his son in Fairfax, VA, and suddenly felt some twinges that warned him of something amiss. Quick consultation with some of the wizards at **Walter Reed** revealed the possibility of a cancerous condition. After numerous examinations and exploratory surgery, the medicos decided on a complicated operation called the "Whipple Procedure." It was touch-and-go for a bit, but he has successfully survived various realignments of his internal organs and, as these notes are written, is recuperating at the home of his son, **COL Roy Gunderson**, at 3228 Wynford Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030.

On the cheerier side: Plans for our 50th Reunion are afoot. At a small ad hoc luncheon at the Army-Navy Club in DC in late Jan **Ray Brisach** had the bad judgment to excuse himself briefly from the meeting and returned to find that he had been elected "in absentia" to chair the cmte for that very special occasion. Characteristically, he has already started some of the long-range planning, particularly as regards our lodging, which will presumably be at the **Thayer**. Two years hence may seem to be a long way off, but it behooves all of us to set our sights, as well as we can, on Jun 80. In due course, all hands will be hearing from **Ray's cmte—Brisach, Fitch, King and Wood**—with 45th Reunion Chmn **Charlie Dodge** as (unpaid!) consultant. Stand by for further advisories.

The **Howie Quinns** continue to live up to their reputation as the most peripatetic couple we know, although this title might be disputed by **Happy & Lonie Brooks** and **Fritz & Kate Weber**. This time, the **Quinns** paid a return visit to the Philippines, presumably to patch up all the holes in **Howie's** work of last year. Says **Howie**: "From winter to summer to tropics within a week takes a little doing and let's say that the **Quinns** are getting a tetch slowed-down for such nonsense!" It appears, however, that he's still doing useful things for the Philippine govt and will be persona grata in that area for as long as he (and **Jean**) can stand the pace. And from **Fritz & Kate Weber**, another pair who do a lot of "getting around," news of their numerous and far-flung kith and kin who carry on the military tradition in typical **Kingman/Weber** style.

Note new addresses for: **Chris Clarke**, at 8124 Greenslope Dr, Austin, TX 78759; and for **Pat Patrick**, at 176 Oasis, Sahara Park, Palm Spgs, CA 92262.

Finally, a personal footnote, writ with sincere appreciation to those who responded to our solicitation on behalf of the American Heart Assn. "The Gang" sent in over \$1,000 and **Dolly** said: "Lord, Lord—we certainly do know some nice people!" To which I add: "AMEN!"

# '31

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There is some sad news to relate to you. **John Berry** died here in DC on 21 Jan, and was buried in Arlington. **John**, as you know, worked with the Class exec cmte and was the Class Treas. I must also report the death of **Oral Willis** in Feb in Waynesboro. **Oral** was buried in Arlington with Class members in attendance.

A letter from **Percy & Margaret Lash** enjoying the winter in FL. They did get around and visited the **Dishmans**, the **Sams** and the **Cassidys**, around and about **Satellite Beach**. They also sent cards that they had received from **Klemm & Norma Boyd**, who were spending a couple of weeks at **Tucson**, and from **Dick & Pat Harrison** who were luxuriating in **Kauai**. **Dick** and **Pat** spent some time in **San Fran** and saw the **Easterbrooks**, the **Chandlers** and the **Coolidges** and stayed with **Herb & Vesta Mansfield**. A letter from **Bob Holland** recants a bit of the blizzard of 78. He says they were very lucky as they had only a foot and a half of snow. **Deane & Jo Gough** wrote an interesting letter telling about some things that happened in 34. I am glad the toaster still works, **Deane**. **Gordon & Josephine Singles** were in **Atlanta** and saw **Peggy Wagner Lindsay**, widow of **Seiss Wagner**. **Peggy** has asked that her name be placed on the mailing list and it will be.

**O.Z. & Allison Tyler** have returned from their trip down under (Australia) with a week in HI as a bonus. **O.Z.** also sent in a letter from **Carl Damberg**. **Carl** and **Wanda** had a visit from **Deac Roller** and all of them went to see **Jim & Kel Corbett** who were in CA visiting their son **Jim**. **Jim** and **Kel** are returning to Spain after having spent about 5 months here visiting children and **WRAMC**. If you read the Apr Readers Digest, you must have read the article that mentioned **Charlie & Cora Densfords' son, Charles Jr.**

I have a note from **Ockie** about the Class gift. This is sort of a quiet period insofar as



1931: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The **Pachlers** and **Skidmores**.



1931: The **Bonds**—he was oldest grad present.



1931: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: the **Hagoods**.



1931: **Easterbrook, Fletcher** and **Pratt**.



1931: Mopey, Deac and Polly.

the Class gift is concerned. There is every reason to believe that the concept of the gift has been accepted by all concerned at WP. Currently under study are proposed locations which will be submitted to us and of course the all important cost of the project. We hope that by this fall we will be able to come to you with something concrete. In any event do not let this stop you from sending checks to the "WP Fund AOG 1931 Memorial."

This was rather a short column, until just as I was about to send it in I received a few more letters so I do have some more.

A note from Ben Turpin told about his trip to CA. He did miss Deac Roller on this trip, more later. He stayed with Rick & Roz Steinbach, but the weather kept them out of a golf game. He went on to visit Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook. Everything went allright until Ernie started to put together a few pars one after the other and Ben went to find some one else he could play. On the way back he stopped in El Paso and saw Ashton Haynes. Then he went to LA and stopped by Deac's house. Deac wasn't there but Ben stayed around for a few days. He can't see why Deac doesn't stay home with all those copies of magazines around. I said more about Deac above. It seems that he went to Mexico to the Baja. He says, "Have you heard about the tourists who were caught in the Baja by washed out roads and broken bridges. Wee, I was one." I can't give you all the details, but he did go through a dip where the water was higher than the trailer floor and a 500 yard trip through a stream that was 15 inches or more in depth. Now all he has to do is get his trailer back in CA and everything will be fine.

And a letter from Charlie Densford. The Founders Day dinner was for both husbands and wives and Cora enjoyed it immensely. Also there were Little Swede & Jo Carlson, Dick Danek (Lucille was back at Albuquerque watching the store), Jack & Petey Gordon, Johnny & Norma Barr, Tom & Ruth Marnane, Maggie & Mary Ann Magee, Elwin & Mary Eddy. Charles Jr. came down from Ft Hood to attend with Charlie and Cora. Any classmate who plans to be in TX, Pipe Creek, that is, is invited to attend a barbecue to be put on by Johnny & Norma Barr to celebrate their new house. As an ending to his letter, Charlie has put in a bid for the title of reproductive champ; they have 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Can anybody beat that?

As you see, a few letters will add to the column. I guess the blizzard kept people from writing. Maybe we can do better next time.

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In this part of the country the papers will soon be filled with Cherry Blossom time and that will be a welcome change from predictions of snow. Our last bit of that appeared during Pop & La Trelle Duncans' visit early in March. Joslin Morris gave the usual Cordon Bleu dinner the night of their arrival and guests included Bessons, Gillettes, Lyons, Davidsons and Roscoe Huggins. A couple nights later the Duncans responded with dinner at Ft Myer and included Ernie (Nick) Powell and our son Bill, who was attending a seminar in Rosslyn. It has been more than 10 yrs since Bill had seen the Duncans at Ft Monroe. Pop plans to ret. from Yerkes at Emory U. this year. Earlier he had sent a Yerkes Newsletter that was very informative and recently on the TODAY show, Atlanta was featured and showed pictures of some primate residents at Yerkes. Pop and La Trelle looked great and their very brief trip was fun but ended with a little trauma when they had to deplane from their scheduled flight back to Atlanta due to snow, and delay their departure until that night by train. Joslin returned the end of Feb from a 5 wks vacation in Europe. Son Jay and wife Beverly had departed just prior to Joslin's flight to Paris for the beginning of an Intl Conference that began in Brussels. They joined Joslin in Paris where the conference continued and Joslin had a gala 5 days or so with them and then headed for Denmark to visit friends. A birthday letter to me (we share Geo. Washington's natal day) described a candlelight dinner with music, formal dress and featuring a simply staggering buffet—the usual Danish "Kold Bord" plus a lot more—at The Royal Hotel in Copenhagen to celebrate her birthday. She also had luncheon with Kirsten Lindhardt whose daughter is the wife of the Sundts' eldest son, Richard—a brief stop with friends in London in their fabulous apt and

back to VA to greet the Duncans. In Apr Joslin will be on her magic carpet once again to tour the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey.

Archie & Helen Lyon presided as George and Martha Washington at the yearly Birth-night Ball on 18 Feb tendered by the Mt. Vernon Citizens Assn. Gov and Mrs. Dalton attended as well as Ward & Mary Ellen Gillette. The Washington POST had a lengthy write-up and showed pictures of Helen and Archie doing the Virginia Reel with others and then a picture of Archie (in full regalia, of course) as George Washington. Proceeds from the ball go to Collingwood, one of Archie's many activities. Mary Cain had a pleasant trip to FL in Jan and attended the Valentine luncheon at Ft Myer on 9 Feb. Rush Lincoln was present as he was in the area attending a transportation meeting. Roscoe had his camera handy and pictures will be sent along w/copy. Those appearing in last issue were taken at Aug luncheon (not at reunion as mistakenly captioned) and somehow names did not appear. Bea Besson, Bobbie Sundt and Margo D'Orsa appeared first beside a picture of Marv Iseley and Johnny Gavin. Below is Bob & Jackie Schukraft w/Nora Gerhardt and alongside one of Danny Campbell and D'Orsa. Then Roscoe Huggins with Mary Cain and below Janie Smith, Dick Hunt, Dan Sinclair and Helen Hunt. The group picture includes Edith Gill and her aunt and McCawley and Davidson (don't know how mine slipped in). Below is one of Ruth McCawley and Dossi.

The '32 Sick Call since last issue included Woolnoughs, Eleanor McCormack, Tuffy Homer, Jackie Schukraft and Marv Iseley. Marv had surgery in Dec and returned to WR 1 Feb and discharged 15 Mar after spinal surgery. Last report from Marv is that he is doing quite well convalescing at home. He had seen Aminda Riley at WR who has returned to FL after a session of eye treatment. Click Rees sent Archie Lyon a note telling that I. W. Porter (Bud) had died shortly before Xmas. I received a phone call from Bud over a yr ago and then a letter which was reported in an earlier issue.



1932: Lover Huggins with Bobbie Sundt and Smith: 9 Feb luncheon.



1932: Front: Janie Smith and the Sinclairs; Back: Frances Graham and the Davidsons—9 Feb luncheon.



1932: (L-R): Hansen, Pat Ondrick, Ruth McCawley, Lyon, Eloise Hansen, Bobbie Sundt, Dossi Davidson and Smith—9 Feb luncheon.



1932: McCawley and the Lyons—9 Feb luncheon.



1932: Billie and George Mather.

Chester Hammond wrote a letter in Jan enclosing a write-up on the Peterborough Inst of Counseling which was established by Chester and associates 3 yrs ago and is oriented on the basis of counseling alcoholics. Also enclosed was a copy of Jul issue of YANKEE, a NH magazine which had an article and pictures of Chester's home in Peterborough which was entitled, "The Most Elegant Place in New Hampshire" and from the exterior views of the estate complete with waterfalls, main house and large 2-floor separate barn-garage and interior scenes; plus the vivid description, there is no doubt this is a modest claim on the part of the author, an impartial critic. Chester has sold the house complete with furnishings and is now settled in an apt at 1 Pine St, Peterborough, NH. He has a bird's eye view of the town as the apt sits on a hill and he has a real wood-burning fireplace in the living room. While Chester was in the DC area



1932: Founders Day Atlanta: Duncon toasting CINC.

during the Xmas holidays, he had luncheon with classmates.

Other than the pictures taken at Feb luncheon at Myer there are some taken by Roscoe Huggins when he was in San Ant visiting his brother, Ralph, the asst dir of the Army Band there. The Zitzmans had a Brunch on New Year's Day and Roscoe took pictures of that event. El Davis sent an old picture of the Army-Navy dancing class started in the early 20's and held in a studio at Du Pont Circle, DC. The picture was taken 50 yrs ago and although cracked, it is quite clear. Seated in front row are Rush Lincoln, El Davis, and Dick Coiner. In left center, Ed Hartshorn and Johnny Steele. Split evenly between male and female they make a handsome group. Pop Duncan sent a photo of himself and Rom Puryear while on the immemorial and dastardly Plebe Hike. Their expressions speak for themselves.

The Founders Day dinner had the largest attendance ever. Bruce Palmer was M.C. Principal speaker, Andy Goodpaster. It was the youngest grad who brought the house down with his account of being a member of the Beast Detail when he had the delicate task of instructing the females in folding clothing for locker. There was a little problem when it came to the bras and in stretching it in order to hook it, the elastic zipped it from his hands and it flew out the window. He didn't explain who retrieved the garment. Around here the Gillettes took off for The



1932: Mary Cain, Powell and Titter Horner.

Homestead in Warm Springs and the Gerhards for Hilton Head and the golf tournament. Send in your news!

The following is from Ken Zitzman in San Ant:

A ltr from Johnny & Noi Kambhu says that Johnny has phased out his routine biz activities but is hardly "ret." As a former big wheel in the Thai military, political and business structure (consecutively, not concurrently) he is constantly engaged in such activities as Chmn of the Thai Ind Foreign Biz Council, VP of the Asian C of C & Industry Council, on the Jt Cmte of Commerce & Industry, etc. They plan a U.S. visit in 78 which is always good news. Bangkok being where it is, whenever they come to the U.S. they just keep travelling in the same direction until they get home, visiting friends along the way from DC to San Fran.

The snows up North have been beneficial in 2 ways—good skiing there and welcome visits down here. Isabel & Harry Porter stayed here a few days during an auto tour from their MN home to Denver, Phoenix, Brownsville (southernmost city in the U.S. not to mention TX) along the Gulf Coast to FL and then back.

Eddy & Tiny Hartshorn phoned from Green Valley, AZ, during their annual interlude from N. MI, saying they would visit here



1932: Plebe Hike: Puryear and Duncan.

en route to dau Ellen in OK before returning to their home and 4 boats.

Dwight & Flo Beach were here on a sad mission. Flo's mother, Mrs. John Clem, well known by all of us who came here for initial assignment in '32 and many others since, was buried here in Feb.

Sick Call gets scarier every yr but our guys continue to meet it with the courage we know. Bill Means had an operation for throat cancer last yr which he handled well but is now back in the hospital with a newly installed heart pacemaker. Bill has lost the excess poundage he gained in the yrs since he played for the Goats in 30, but it's a tough way to do it.

Dick Coiner had a large growth on his lung removed, NOT malignant, and spent 10 days in intensive care before going home. Last yr he went to Mayo Clinic and brought back interior photos of his left auricle in technicolor. He still looks like one of the healthiest (and best dressed) men in our Class.

Maxine McDonald, who has her own problems, not only hosted their big annual party at the Ft Sam O's Club, but went to Houston with 2 lady friends for 3 days to play in a national bridge tournament, leaving Tom to hold the home front with their 2 personable dogs. Makes me ashamed to mention the operation on my hand and the device I had to wear for 3 wks which made it look like an outrigger canoe. It had the ridiculous name of "reverse knuckle bender"; anyone out there need a slightly used reverse knuckle bender?

Landon & Liz Head spent a month here



1932: San Antonio, TX, Jan 78: Zitzman, Huggins, Birdie Moran, Pat Zitzman, and the McDonalds.

to greet younger son John and his family when they returned from Germany and reported in to Randolph AFB for dy. All went well, including a long brunch for them chez nous with the Godwins, Glatterers and McDonalds in attendance. The Goodwins were out of town but they got together later to celebrate Beanie's and Liz's joint birthday.

Reliving old times, we recalled that the Heads' elder son, Dick, was the first '32 son to graduate from USMA in 56; followed within the hour by Herroll Skidmore Jr, Julian Abell, Robert Hewitt Jr, Terry Creighton, (godchild, Stan Stewart's son), John Liwski, and Jefferson D. Childs III. Damon Runyon would have expressed it better, but how do you like that for a 7 horse parlay, Guys and Dolls?

Dick is now an AF COL at Langley. Liz is working on her father's notes which he had not finished for publication before he died. They should be interesting because he was head of the Chicago Tribune's Washington Bureau during the time Liz was one of the cloud of DC beauties who used to make the weekly shuttle to WP for the hops.

Never one to underdo a good thing, Landon always used Head skis and currently lives on via Cabeza. He has a good head on him, that boy.

Have been in constant contact with Marv Isey re our 50th Reunion gift and received comprehensive Project List from Archie Lyon. Held a mtg of classmates here, including Gracia Grunert to get the widows' views, and forwarded results to the throne.

Have fun and keep in touch.

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Reunion! Still ahead as these Notes are written, yet when the Jun ASSEMBLY reaches us, SYAFF (see you at the 45th) will have become past tense, to be followed in due course by SYAF. Sic semper tempus . . .

"Classmate" has many meanings. For us in this (DC) area in mid-Jan it meant gathering with Bob Thompson at services for his Lucy Lee, buried in Arlington near many who were close to her, after finally losing her long and gallant fight. Don Cubbison came up from Clearwater to be with us (Molly had to cancel). Bob's and Lucy Lee's dtr Marsha and her husband, Trion Francher, were towers of strength in adversity.

An instance of '33 action occurred in Feb: Bill (W. V.) Thompson came off 2d best (he being on foot) in an encounter with a truck in Pearisburg, VT, his hometown; he was rushed first to the local hospital, thence by ambulance to Walter Reed. Word of this somehow reached Ebe Downing, then the Hartels' dtr Linda, who called Fritz, who called your scribe, who went to see Bill next day and found him in bad shape. Involved before the episode was over (and while Bill was recuperating) were Gee, Lincoln, Quinn, King, Bernard, Carver, Parker, Bob Thompson, and Brindley—each was interested, each in some way responded. So when Bill, much recovered, headed for home 2 wks later, he must have left with little doubt of his Lucky Star support. Thanks are due also to Marvin Iseley ('32) for his ringside reports from Ward 10.

Tom Beck kicks off (the alphabeck) this time: he's reported as recuperating well from abdominal surgery at Walter Reed (in Mar);



1933: Robersons in Santa Barbara.

he and Soapy Watters met in a corridor to exchange views (pardon!) (Soapy was in for a heart check-up). Bob & Ann Blanchard report "Our 77 was exciting and the ups were all so good (including) Mary's wedding. Late in the summer we had a great trip to Ireland and Scotland. . . ." Ruth Carroll, not to be outdone, plans a trip down the Nile (Apr).

Hottest news in the Carver family is that son-in-law WH Schneider (currently CS 25 Div HI) is #3 on selection list for BG—this is believed to be a "first" for '33's next generation. Charlie got the word, by the way, at 0430 local time, kindness of Hurly Hurlbut, who saith "I sort of forgot it was that early (DC time)—anyway, that'll fix old Charlie for giving me a dachshund 7 yrs ago!"

Carl Darnell, sending a check to Phil Pope for the Class Fund, postulated: See by the papers you're having coolish weather. No matter what others say about HI, we too have suffered—it was down to 59° the other morning. Of course, it was up to 80 by noon. . . ." Phil reports also having seen Jack Schmelzer for lunch, and that Bing Downing has been advanced from Vice Commodore



1933: Founders Day, WP Society of Charles-ton—Ira Cory.

(Dec Notes) to full fledged Commodore and Top Dog of the prestigious Annapolis Yacht Club. Congrats, Bing and Bimbi! "What do Plebes rank?" "Sir, the Commandant's Cat . . . and all the Adm in the whole damn Navy!" Takes time, but "one of our boys did it. . . ."

From Bill Ely: "Helen and I ret. mid-Feb from 8 wks of travel looking for sun and golf. Found plenty of both, plus a number of healthy, happy '33-ers. Enjoyed great hospitality of Hurlbut in Honolulu; also saw much of Dunc & Barbara Hallock, who live in same highrise. Hurly will return to DC with fine tan but doubtful improvement in golf. Saw Ed & Dottie Doleman briefly; both trim and fit. In San Fran we found Bobby & Lylian Tripp looking younger than most of us; couldn't check his swing as courses in that area had seen too much rain. During the Bing Crosby (tournament) at Carmel we'd planned to see the Harrells. Saw the golf but not much of Harrells: Ben had just undergone 2 operations for abdominal problems, but was sitting up and grinning in his hosp bed before we left. Saw no classmates in the splendors of Palm Spgs or at the crap tables in Las Vegas. In AZ spent 2 wks in Green Valley w/ Eddie & Dot Hartshorn ('32); dined w/ Ted & Bessie (Ely) Schull, and talked w/ Dick Meyer by phone." Thanks for fine coverage, Bill.

Ernie Gabel's widow Roberta, besides a note to Phil Pope and checks to both the West Point Fund and Phil's, wrote also to Abe Lincoln with an account of hers and Ernie's 3 children: "James Allen Gabel, presently with DIA as a MAJ, USAF, is on the promotion list for LTC. Beau Ernest Gabel, our eldest (USAF '62), resigned to go with TWA as a pilot. Diane Letitia (Tish) was a charter member of the first graduating class at USFL and is now a Program Specialist and Juvenile Parole Consultant with the State Youth Services. As for me: after Ernie died" (Ed: in glider crash, 1943; he was posthumously awarded DSM for his glider work), "I worked as a sec (CSC) and was with STRICOM at its inception. There I met Bob Neely, Charlie Chase (CS), and Ted Conway (CinC). . . . I ret. after 27 yrs, but would be glad to help as a volunteer with '33 clerical work . . . My door is always open to Ernie's friends and classmates." Your letter (here curtailed) speaks eloquently of you, Bobby.

From the irrepressible Dave & Betty Gibbs, a great, hard-to-compress letter and a later card, plus a chamber-of-commerce flyer on Sierra Vista. "Arriving at Ole Olson's, we were invited to a party at Betty (Reynolds) Allen's ('30), Roy Reynolds was there, also Fletter, Vidal, Harpo Chase. We all went over to see Kay Kaesser, who is steadily improving. Please note that there were 6 of 'L' Co, incl Cadet Capt Fletter. (And I had stopped to see Bill Given at Foley, AL, so that adds another of our famous group . . . At Maxwell AFB I attended Founders Day and sat with my old table cmdt (and First Captain) of Plebe year, LTC Ralph Swofford ('30). And my son, David Jr. ('57), now preparing to put away his B-52 and be a Civil Engr . . . (Incidentally, he's a sailor, too—I crewed for him at the Chrysler Int'l Regatta at Pensacola, and we took 3d.)

"Back in AZ I took my Ft Huachuca golf team up to Tucson, where we left The General's Trophy with Dick (RJ) Meyer; later he brought his team to Huachuca, where the Trophy now hangs . . .

"For the record: I suggested to Roy Reynolds that he stop off in Tucson and play



1933: The Sparrows pause at an especially meaningful sign: "33 East to West Point for the 45th!"

tennis with Ted Schull, both of them being still active at the net. In Jan we're off by freighter from New Orleans thru the Canal to Valparaiso, returning by air via Buenos Aires, Rio and Caracas. In Mar, to FL. I'm writing you at this time only because the weather is bad." (Ed: Much obliged Dave, and may you have more bad weather.)

Rod Gott (Chmn, AMF) sets the record straight: "Sib's comment (Dec Notes) that the Bd of Dir had held me on for another year beyond ret., was correct; but having in the interim produced a proper management succession here at AMF, I'll officially ret. on 2 May. Although I'll hold enough outside board memberships to keep busy until the mandatory ret. age of 70, continuing also on AMF's board and as Chmn of the Executive Cmte, I know there'll be a major adjustment to make, and I hope I make it as well as all of you have done . . . See you at the Class Picnic."

Rita Guiney spent 2 wks in Oklahoma City for the advent of a grandchild: "Margie had a lovely baby daughter (16 Dec); I was there until the 22d, when father Ken took over (when his vacation from med sch began); it was fun to see our 3½-yr-old grandson too . . . (Young) Patrick likes his Engr course at Dartmouth . . . Pat (Sr) is busy with the '33 Reunion plans . . ." A tough job that will be over when these notes are published, Pat.

News of the TX contingent, kindness of Billy Harris: "First, an update on the Grubbs family. After Rosey's death, Janie continued to manage the small apt complex they owned in San Ant. Finally she sold it and moved to Port Aransas, where she bought a condominium and at times acts as asst mgr. Their youngest son Don (29) served 4 yrs in the Navy, with a tour in RVN; a grad of TX A&M ('77) in oceanic engr. Dtr Nancy Jane is married to a CDR, USN (USNA '57); she's now in real estate and newspaper work in Thousand Oaks, CA (4 children). Son Thomas (38) has BA from TXU, MA from U Houston, is aerospace engr at NASA (3 children). Son John (37) (USMA '62) is now MAJ, CE; he holds MA from Princeton, attended Nav WC, is now stationed in Baltimore (3 children). A great family!

"Bill Due had a fall in Jan, broke his hip, underwent surgery for artificial joint, suffered severe complications; he was successively in the VA hospital, then at BAMC (condition stabilized), where he is listed as in serious condition.

"Re our cataract cases: (1) Cyr (lens implant) OK—playing golf; (2) Blackie Myers (lens implant) has problems; waiting for improvement before doing #2; (3) Mac

McClelland surgery OK, uses contact lens (soft).

"Our daughter Punkin is on the West Coast at language sch with her husband (LTC T. G. Stroup Jr CE (USMA '62), before going to Germany, where he will command an Engr Bn.

"On the lighter side: George Powers recently vacationed with 13 grandchildren on the TX coast—and survived."

From Fritz & Dot Hartel, word of their FL visit: ". . . with Charlotte & Dutch Kaesser. Charlotte had invited Charlie Chase, Mo Kaiser and Ryland to dinner. We 4 classmates were in great spirits" (Ed: or vice versa?) "and our rendition of 'O'Reilly's Daughter' shook the rafters! Next day, Dutch and I walked one mile on the beach, he using a 4-pronged cane. He also does 4 flights of stairs daily for exercise, a great example of guts and determination. Our visit w/ Ted & El Conway was another highlight. Our son-in-law Stan Domall and our Mary being ordered to McDill, the Conways hosted them while they house-hunted. All look forward to SYAFF. We're remodelling to include a 3d bathroom, a therapeutic pool and whirlpool, an enlarged master bedroom. I'm out nightly with gun and mask to help pay for all this, but believe it's worth it."

Leo Heintz writes, "Allyn and I are attempting to substitute activities normally as-



1933: Harrell, Van Way, and Meals.

sociated w/ FL and HI by using the Olympic pool at the Bethesda Nav Hosp. We try to make it about 5/wk in the evening, now that Allyn has ret. from the Pegasus-Meadowbrook Stables; it's great winter sport . . . (Speaking of horses) our youngest girl Anne and husband Jim (he's w/ERDA) are raising horses on their farm near Emmitsburg. We don't visit much, but last Xmas we stopped in Kennett Square, PA, to see a former CO of mine, GEN WR "Pete" Slaughter (Apr '17), who regaled us with stories of his 60th reunion. All Ord types, in particular, know him. As for me, I'm representing the fair State of MD at the AARP-NRTA Convention in Chicago (this results from my job as State Coordinator for the AARP Tax Aid Program." Good going, Leo—and thanks.

From Katherine Henderson to Abe Lincoln: "Your letter brings memories." She then describes an incident when Bill Darby dropped in on them at WP during WW II, and their young son Walter (Henderson) had measles: "Today the youngster Bill was afraid (of catching measles from) is a 46-yr-old lawyer in DOD (Walter Henderson, USMA '53). George, our youngest ('61) is now a civil engr in Saudi Arabia, building air bases."

From Monterey, Fran Hill's widow Ansley writes, "My Dad, Isaac Spalding ('12) died

last Aug." (Scribenote: As Reg'l CO, 13th FA, he taught me and others of our vintage much of value, early in our service.)

Ed Herb has written Abe with address corrections for the Class Roster (always helpful). "Occasionally I see Bob Tripp, Stan Lonning, Tom Kilday—all well and active."

"Polly and I have been here (Oahu) since late Dec," writes free-huiling Huilbut, "enjoying weather free of the dandruff you guys have been getting. Dunc & Barbara (Hallock) are fine and look forward to SYAFF. Bill Ely (who visited here) had his mail forwarded to us; it came by slow boat and arrived after they left. Took a day to unload it on the local APO (I'm now brooding on a fitting retaliation). Next arrivals were Alan & Svava Chapman, followed by Posie Neely, who came dragging old Polecat behind her, so we had a mini-'33-reunion at a watering spa. Polecat also distinguished himself at a local bistro by loaning his napkin to the bellydancer. Ed & Dottie Doleman are fine; I believe Tom Evans was here and the Dolemans were due to see them. Carl Darnell in and out of Tripler. Louise is fine. I'll try to have some dope at the Apr Class luncheon on a memorial plaque for (W.G.) Sills Field at Schofield, named for Bill Sills; it is now the main parade field and chopper landing for Hq 25th Div."

From Baton Rouge a welcome note from Lafar Lipscomb: "Rowena and I both well, enjoying life. I keep busy with house and garden; until recently we've had the happy care of Rowena's mother (92), now with her granddaughter in NC. We now have a motor home and are planning on some local trips." Good to have word of you, Lafar.

A most interesting part of Dick Montgomery's last letter, too long for Dec Notes, follows: "My recent project was to put a snazzy sports car together. Began with various parts of 5 different VWs: 1967 50 hp engine, 1968 gear train, 1967 frame, 1968 front end—and a 1911 nut behind the wheel! Had a fiberglass body shipped in from Minneapolis. Then came the lift—cut—fit—grunt—and cuss. See photo for finished product, which came out 'real good'—lots of pizzazz, tops out a mite over 100 mph and gets 24 mpg in traffic, 48 on hwy. I'm well pleased. SYAFF!"

Larry Merriam's widow, Wendy, writes Abe from La Grange, GA: "I remain deeply interested in '33 affairs and shall be honored to support Class projects. I shared Larry's love for the Army and for the Class of 33."

Our faithful correspondent, Posie Neely, sends a St Patrick's Day ltr on their return from visit w/ Wheelabouts in HI: "It was fun and a real treat to get out of the snow. We progressed from Oahu to Kauai, and



1933: Jan Grubbs at "Executive Keys," condominium on the TX Gulf Coast.



1933: GEE BEE stands for Gold Bug—FL license plate.

home after overnight visit w/ Phyliss & Bob Glass ('31) in Oakland. Dashed back to say Aloha to our younger son John who leaves next week for Saudi Arabia, where he'll work 18 mos for Morrison-Knudsen Cst Co. at the King Khalid Military City—a shock, I'm sure, after the giddy, carefree life of ski instructor."

Phil & Janic Pope returned to Laurel after 7 wks in S. FL. Phil reports a fine response to Abe's appeal for funds, including some news notes: John Cooper, who writes that he and Marguerite will not make the 45th; Bill Fritz, who says he will; Reggie Weber, likewise.

Janet Berry (widow of John Berry '31) speaks of having visited Seuss & Claire Pritchard at their beautiful home in Elizabethtown, KY, where Seuss had served 3 times as mayor.

End Mar brought disappointing news from Carolyn & Gerry Roberson: ". . . we're stopped again! Gerry has never been able to get to a reunion—we had planned for this one . . . but on 6 Mar Gerry had a light stroke which left him paralyzed on his left side. His face is better; he can raise the left leg some, but his left arm shows little improvement—that may take 3-6 mos. He has excellent care at Vandenberg, and he's determined to beat his problem . . . I go to the hospital next week for biopsy and possible further surgery. But our spirits are good, and that counts! Gerry and I wish all going to the Reunion to have a good time." It goes without saying, Carolyn & Gerry, that those of us who do make it will be thinking especially of other classmates who are unable to be with us for this one. SYAF, God willing!

From Barbara (Scoville) Brown & husband Dale we have a fine capsule Xmas message, courtesy of Hal & Faith Edson ('34); the capsule speaks eloquently of full, interesting and happy lives.

Wally Thinner writes nostalgically from Austria that life abroad is not always what it seems, and is less so as the dollar weakens . . . It isn't very strong over here either, Wally!

Bob Thompson made a 3-wk trip to FL at end Feb: "In Clearwater I stayed with Don & Molly Cubbison; and in Largo, with Barbara (Scoville) & Dale Brown; then via Miami to Vero Beach as guest of Red & Sue White; and to Satellite Beach to stay w/ Harpo Chase. Was wined and dined and golfed by all. Pic Vidal, pres of the local WP Society, was Toastmaster at Founders Day dinner, Patrick AF Base, where attendees included Ferrises, Kaessers, Shinkles, Mo Kaiser and Ryland Breen, and Ruth Scott

(widow of Bruce von G). And Pic is also pres of Sea Shore Est, Indialantic, FL, where the condominium townhouses, still under construction, are going like hotcakes! (That's what Pic said.)"

Kindness again of scribe Hal Edson ('34) we have word from Mary Ware & Art Tyson, "We're trying to move into our new home on the golf course at The Landings, Savannah, but the ties at Hinesville keep holding us away. So we've decided to close out at Hinesville completely—and everything is now in chaos!"

Doris & Neil Wallace are proud that Neil's daughter Carol, who received her MA from Sarah Lawrence in 58 and has been teaching modern dance at William & Mary, has advanced from Assoc Prof to the status of full—or should we say, well rounded?—Professor. Neil, from what I recall of our days with M. Vizet in Cullum Hall, and notwithstanding your prowess as a gymnast, I'm still surprised!

. . .

#### ADDENDA/LATE POOP

Earl Signer's widow, Irene, "I'm employed by a tour co., escort tours around the U.S. and Canada (recently, on tour of NY State, took a group through WP). Travels on my own: Canary Is, Morocco, London; and to Mexico next month. Between trips I'm still in my condominium in Downer's Grove, enjoying my grandchildren."

And from our good correspondent, Tere Versace, "I've just been promoted to 'Life-style Ed' (what used to be Women's Pages); it'll be quieter than reporter photog, and I'll miss the excitement of reporting, but I hope to live up the new work . . . Hey, can we donate trees for the park project? Madison, WI named a park after our son Rocky (killed in RVN) . . . it's a living thought."

Message from Pres Abe: The next revised Class Roster will be mailed out after Reunion (please get corrections in ASAP), together with a detailed report of our 45th Reunion activities for the benefit of those who do not attend.

Message from Scribe Bert: Warm thanks to the increasing numbers of you who are responding with notes and letters (they can be short!) to our appeals. Them as writes, gits written up . . . To the extent that these Lucky Star notes are interesting and readable, keeping us informed of one another, it is thanks to input from each of you. So, next deadline: mid-Jun, after the Reunion!



1933: Johnsons at Mayflower Society dinner Army-Navy CC.



1934: Second row: Cheston, the Shaughnesseys, Leslie (Fijian guide), Cleda Pattison, Betty Anne Cheston; Front row: Edson, Pattison and Faith Edson.

# '34

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There is a new novel just published, "Episode In Zamboanga," that will take you back to your carefree days as a 2LT. This delightful story artfully combines romance and the stimulation of "a mystery thriller." It was so intriguing that I started reading it one afternoon, stopped for a dinner party, then picked it up to finish it well after midnight. The author is none other than our classmate Jim Wells, who as a young Army child, lived at the U.S. Army's outpost in Zamboanga, the southern tip of the Philippines, when his father was stationed there. Jim has extensively researched the subject and gives a marvelous account of the early days of our small American Army garrison in its security role among the Moro tribesmen and the Philippines.

It is the old, but always pleasing story of the young LT and the beautiful daughter of a senior CPT at a time when CPTs had datable daughters. The mystery is ever-enticing, and the ending is completely unpredictable. You can get it by writing to the publisher: Ashley Books, Inc., Port Washington, NY 10050. Our cheers to Jim as a very successful author!

Current address changes include: Hester (wife Martha); MacDonnell, 1701 N. Kent St, Apt. 906, Arlington, VA 22209; Reeves, 510 L St, Suite 1006, Anchorage, AK 99501; Renfro, SSN 263-60-4597, c/o MAJ R. E. Brown, JUSMAG MAAG, Army Sect., APO NY 09285. Jack and Ruth leave Spain on 1 Apr for an undetermined location in England.

We were very saddened to learn that we lost 2 of our classmates in Feb. Gantt Hickman died of emphysema in Bradenton, FL on the 3d. Bill Mullen died at the Ft Bragg, NC, hospital on the 19th. Burial services were held at WP on the 24th.

We were pleased to receive a warm note from a cold place—Bunky & Willie Mae Reeves in AK. They are now joining many others and have bought a condominium, thus avoiding the snow and ice. They also have a place in Maui, so do a bit of traveling. This past year they went to TX, CO and CA, and visited with the Leggs and Canterburys. Bunky is still a dir of the Alaska Pipeline Co., as well as a Bank and Life Ins Co., so keeps busy and ends his note with an appropriate remark we now hear quite often, "We are generally in good health for folks



1934: Johnson and Hanley.

our age." I would add my own comment, "A well maintained Cadillac is generally a lot better car than a new Honda."

People all over the DC area decided to leave town and avoid the snow and cold this winter. Bob & Nancy Fuller joined a group on a cruise ship, the Stella Oceanis, for a 2 wk trip through the Caribbean with stops at San Juan, St. Eustatius, Ile des Saintes, Guadeloupe, St. Lucia, and then 180 miles up the Orinoco River to Ciudad Guyana. As with many others, they returned to McLean to find 4 inches of new fallen snow.

Elinore & Jim O'Hara made a short trip to FL in Mar. While staying in the home of Gary and Gale Robinson Hall (USMA '32), they attended a cocktail party given by Knox & Babs Yarbrough. Other guests were Bob & Jane Adams, Jim & Louise Snee, Harry & Eddrea Hillyard, Gary and Gale Hall ('32), and "K" and Charlotte Kaesser ('33). The O'Haras also visited with the Kaessers and with Bob & Marguerite Kyser in Orlando, where they had lunch with the Kysers and Moon & Nancy Northam. Present at the Founders Day dinner at Patrick AFB Officers Club, 15 Mar, were the O'Haras, Snees, Hillyards, and Vince & Mary Lamb. On the return trip to DC, they stopped at Americus, GA, for a visit with one of Jim's old 10th AD pals, John Sheffield. As an interesting side trip, Elinore paid a visit to "Miss Lillian" in Plains with Sheffield's wife.

In Feb, Johnnie & Francie Stevens escaped the snow and ice of Falls Church by hopping the auto-train to FL to stay 10 days in Vero Beach. They attended a mini-reunion hosted by Bill & Peggy Craig, with Fred & Rosa Barnes, Don & Thelma Durfee, and Eddrea Hillyard. On the way north, they had lunch at the Patrick AFB with the Hillyards, Jim and Louise Snee and Knox Yarbrough. Quincy, FL, provided the opportunity for a short visit with Francie's sister Dotty. At Beaufort, SC, they had a delightful overnight stay with Jack & Mary Seaman, then on to New Bern, NC, for a "Stevens" family stopover. To follow the normal pattern, their arrival home was accompanied by our 10th winter snow-storm.

After a year's planning, 4 Army couples joined a Travelworld Tour to the S. Pacific. Leo & Nadine Shaughnessey from Phoenix, Dan & Betty Anne Cheston from Baltimore, plus Hal & Faith Edson, and Hal & Clede Pattison from VA all met in L.A. for a 13-hr direct flight to Auckland, New Zealand. Thus began a "summer vacation" in Feb, with expertly guided tours to historic and interesting spots through both the North and South Is of New Zealand, several cities of Australia, plus the last 6 days on the beaches of the Fiji Is. We learned that New Zealand has 3 million people and 63 million sheep; hot springs that furnish a major portion of their electric power needs; beautiful 10 to 15 lb

rainbow trout; so many deer that hunters are urged to go hunting; and above all, delightfully friendly people; delicious food and pleasant weather. Australia has a beautiful opera house with marvelous acoustics—yes, we attended the opera; cities and a countryside that are a cross between USA and England; and a vast "outback" that is truly out of this world. Can you imagine riding a 30-passenger bus across the ranch land at 40 miles per hour chasing kangaroos? Well, we did! Snorkeling among the coral and colorful fish along the Australian great Barrier Reef and on the Fiji beaches was a real pleasure. It was hard to leave; we too managed to return to DC during the 10th snowstorm.

Notwithstanding the reality of "facts and figures," some of us are not growing older—at least don't show it! At a recent fashion show held by the DC Chapter of the Army Daughters, celebrating their 50th anniv, none other than our Elinore O'Hara was one of the 6, slinky, seductive and highly selected models. We know Jim always did exhibit good taste.

Received a cheery note from Hector & Betty McKinnon reporting on Tom & Foss Footes' visit with Sim & Peggy Wipple on Hilton Head and with Jack & Mary Seaman on Lady's Is. I should add that Tom and Foss spent about a month over Xmas visiting their son Fred and Tom's sister Diane and brother-in-law Jim Lawrence. Although they did see many friends, the bad weather convinced them this is not the best season to leave Ireland for a stateside "vacation."

We noted that in the monthly publication "Officers Review" of the MOWW that Dick Moorman is the El Paso Chapter Cmdr and acted as host for the Midwinter General Staff meeting. He and Betty, both photogenic, looked grand, and ready for our 79 Reunion at WP.

Our DC Founders Day dinner on 10 Mar was one of our very best—attendees included Bruce, Corrigan, Edson, Kern, Lewis, Luehman, O'Hara and Walsh.

Thanks to Pete Ward who keeps us well informed on news from Tidewater, VA, through letters, phone calls and visits. He and Evelyn joined the O'Haras, Stevens' and Edsons at the New Year's Eve party at the Army-Navy CC. Pete recently wrote that the Wards attended the 3 Feb party of the WP Soc of Hampton Rds at Ft Monroe together with Jerry & Muff Blair and Tammy Weber Purcell. Tammy has moved from the Tides Inn at Irvington, VA, to an apartment in Norfolk, and looks grand. Dave Routh is the proud owner of a plush, completely winterized, hunting lodge southwest of Charlottesville, VA, where he spends time hunting and



1934: Founders Day Ft Sill: Lynn and Sanders.

enjoying the outdoor life. Bill Tank, still teaching at Thomas Nelson Comm Coll, swears he's going to quit—a statement he's made for several years. Charlie & Susie Hill visited relatives in the area during Xmas. They're both young looking and vitally interested in the educ and rsch fields. Johnnie & Janet Diefendorf also joined the "get away from winter" bunch and left in Mar for FL where they plan to visit with friends, including the Hillyards at Indiatlantic. Pete and Dave furnished your scribe with a recent news clipping stating that Jabo Jablonsky was recently named to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame for 78. Cheers, Jabo, for a recognition long deserved!

If you guys in the "outback," particularly in CA, TX, FL and HI would drop me a few notes and pictures, I could keep you better informed. Nuff said!

# '35

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Al Matyas lost his wife Yvette in 75 after a long illness. Last year Al remarried and in Aug moved to a new home at 17 Tilton Dr, Wayside, NJ 07712.

Ben & Collette Heckmeyer on 1 Mar 1978 moved to a new home in the foothills overlooking Tucson, AZ. The address is 7136 N. Chimney Rock Place, zip 85718 and the phone number is 602-299-9267.

Al duMoulin writes that he and Bobbie were sorry to miss our rendezvous in Mexico, but about the same period spent 2 wks in Puerta Vallarta on the West Coast and greatly enjoyed the sea and sand and sports and seafood—"like a return to youth!" He also reports that the last winter in SC got so cold that as of 15 Mar their address is 1500 College Pkwy, #58 Hidden Gardens, Ft Myers, FL 33901.

Ken Bergquist writes that he and Allie won't be able to make it to our 79 NW Roundup but plan to be with us at WP in 80, and that as of 15 May 78 their address will be 3325 Foxbriar Lane, Cibolo, TX 78108, phone 512-625-5964.

George & Helen Jones sent change of address to 3973 N. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ 85715, phone 602-749-3321.

Esther Agnew requests change to Ocean Towers #1102, 4004 Ocean Front, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Louise Pillivant requests change to 18700 Walker's Choice Rd, Apt 319, Gaithersburg, MD 20760.

Rooney Rynearson wrote early in Mar that Iron Man & Doty Russell spent several days with them in Sun City, AZ, en route to CA and HI, and that they hoped to see the Russells again on their way back east. CPT Bill Rynearson, CE, is in Germany and 1LT Charlie, FA, is en route to school at Ft Sill. Rooney says that they enjoy AZ even with the floods—no snow to shovel and no grass to cut. He says our last roster should be corrected to show zip code 85373, phone 602-977-0793 and "summer camp" 802-893-7943. He urges us all to call when coming through the Phoenix area. He and Betty went to Mexico City in Feb to play in the Mexican Nat'l bridge tournament and Rooney picked up enough points to become a Life Master.

George (NMI) Ruhlen wrote to report that Bud Russ got 2 bucks during the hunting season to his own none, and also to decry the middle initial that someone threw into his name a couple of Class rosters ago, and is



1935: Planning Group at Proctors': Eulalie, Dot and Marge.

still carried in this last one. So delete it. Bud Russ writes, not mentioning the bucks, but to give us Bob Wood's address at 7731 Broadway, San Ant, TX 78209, phone 512-828-2475, and to suggest that we list names of classmates who are "participating" in the fund raising for the Soldiers Memorial described in Bud Schlanser's 21 Feb letter. That sounds like a good idea, and may become necessary.

Mac & Kathleen Peeke have returned from Ireland after all these years and are touring the country apparently trying to decide where to settle down. They visited Bill & Eulalie Proctor in Jan, and seemed headed south but latest word is that they can be contacted c/o Gunter Malik, 628 S. School St, Cuba City, WI 50837.

Bill Martz wrote to include his phone number 714-982-2940. Mail sent to George Wilkins at the address in the last roster was returned undelivered. Bob Stillman writes to correct their phone number to read 826-0857, and the complete Jim Walsh number is 505-982-9479.

At a Class luncheon on 12 Jan the DC Contingent mustered only 14 plus Bernie Waterman's guest, Raymond B. Firehock Jr., aka Bud, who is a student at the NWC this year. Bud is on Mr. Warnke's staff but says he doesn't see much of him. Incidentally Bud's father Ray wants his phone no. corrected to 305-626-7827.

Plans for the NW Roundup in 79 have crystallized as indicated in the 21 Feb news-letter and as of now about 3 dozen responses have been received with only 5 "no's" and a couple of "probables." Charlie & Marge Leonard were in DC late Feb for the arrival of another grandchild (Edward Alden Starbird, 9 lbs 4 oz, 19 Feb 78) and Charlie attended our Class "coed" luncheon on 21 Feb and gave a glowing description of the events being scheduled. Our luncheon was a huge



1935: Planning Group at Proctors': (L-R) Bill, Charlie and Ducky.

success with 41 present. Johnny Cole's poem about the Roundup should inspire all to attend. Here it is:

Who could take a view that's dim  
of reunion interim?  
(No longer "mini" lest the runts get shook)  
Surely such is not in order  
By the ones who South of Border  
Shared the thrill of every pleasure in the  
book!

What we need is more recruiting,  
Raucous noise and loud horn tooting,  
Pull out all stops and bang upon the drum.  
Bound to do more good than harm.  
Grab and twist reluctant arm,  
Convince the folk who last time didn't  
come!

No excuses, pass the test  
See the gorgeous great Northwest,  
Catch plane or train, or drive or walk or  
crawl!

Let nothing spoil the happy day  
Form once again that line of gray



1935: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: Glenn Cole.

Like Xmas plebes, we're going to have a ball!

Each one specially invited,  
Come and see us reunited,  
It's later than we think, on that we'll bet.  
Come and see who's bald and fat,  
Yet young in heart in spite of that.  
We'll sound the ancient battle cry—more yet!

Russ Nicholls regrets that their health limits their travel so that they cannot plan to be at the NW Roundup, but asks that anyone passing near Medford Lakes, NJ stop by.

There is no significant change in the status of the Soldiers Memorial from that in the 21 Feb letter. Contributions are coming though not fast enough.

With reference to the first paragraph of Bud's letter, the complete Class Exec Cmte as of 1 Jul will be: Chmn, Walt Simpson; VC, Bill Patterson; members-at-large, George Hill; and Al Robbins, with Carmon Rogers continuing as Secy-Treas and yours truly as Hist (Scribe).



1936: Founders Day, WP Society of Savannah: the Davis', Riches '35, and the Quinns.

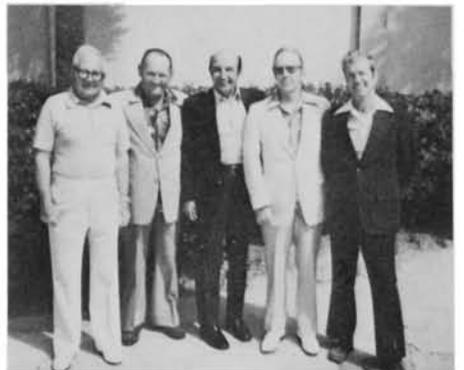
# '36

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Last evening the Gages ('09 and '36) sat at the oldest table at Ft McPherson's Founders dinner. However, sorely missed were the Kellys and COL Sears ('36 and '09). Undoubtedly many of you have heard Andy Goodpaster expound on the emerging changes at WP (I shouldn't be surprised if he's attended a half-dozen Founders dinners this year). I have not heard of anyone, even hint, that this man isn't going to be a "Super Supe"; what a terrific break for the Academy and the nation! And while on the WP subject, the '36 gift guys (Billingslea, Estes, et al) supposedly will provide the Class with information somewhat as follows: Classes '35 & '36 will underwrite a 3-man (9-ft figures) bronze statue, mounted on a black marble pedestal, in the vicinity of Eisenhower Hall.

Although it was too late for our last notes, and as unwelcome to report now—we lost our dear friends and loved ones: Lois Kieffer and Hank Benson.

Sally Beard sent out a delayed Xmas letter in Jan, because school kept her too busy earlier. Received a splendid letter from Cec Combs who is planning on his 2d cataract removal; the first being very successful. Ted Clifton wrote that he was "looking at" an addendum for THE BOOK at WP. The Currans wrote following their Founders dinner in St. Pete; said the Catos were bubbling over in anticipation of the Curran-Cato cross-country to Monterey. The Klocks were also present at that dinner, but Stokes and Michaelis' couldn't make it. Ken Dawalt wrote several times. He said the plaque and the presentation to Van Sutherland at a DC luncheon was a very successful occasion. He further reported the full and final ret. of Bob Breaks and Paul Oswald. Early this month (Mar) Bob



1936: Major, Fisher, Mucci, Drain and Cairnes.



1936: Betty Connor, Turnage, Fronnie Turnage.

Fergusson called and announced his same (ret.). On that particular week he and Charlotte were going over to Palm Spgs to play golf with Westy and Kitsy.

I acknowledge great pleasure in receiving a letter from "long-time-no-hear" Bob Fisher at Satellite Beach FL. He provided me the whereabouts of Hank Mucci (509 Melbourne Bch, FL 32951), and most prized—a picture of some G-Co., semi-flankers (see pic). Bob, Major, Mucci, Drain, and Cairnes had a reunion lunch at Patrick AFB Mess. The Drains spent Feb in a seaside condo in Satellite B. Have heard from Pete Garland about every month; he believes he's holding his own with chemo-T. He and Joe took a short trip to Athens (GA) in Mar. Phil Greene chatted from airport returning from a Tulane visit to his son in New Orleans. I asked if he and Helen could join us at Kiawah this fall. COL Tom Heavey, Dutch Hartman's brother, kindly wrote me a full account of her condition at Walter Reed. He said following a stroke in late Feb, she is making some recovery. She can sit up and feed herself with difficulty, but she can't speak. He said he reads to her but is not sure she understands. Arrangements are being made for continuing therapy over the next year or 2. He says her courage is magnificent and that the doctors and nurses at WR love her and do everything they can to assist her improvement.

Helen Hess writes she's looking forward to Monterey to catch up on Class gossip and to spend a few days in San Fran at the St. Francis, which they haven't visited in over a quarter century. The Hess' trip to the Holy Land was beyond expectation. She stated that they were at Herzlia about 2 wks before the PLO attack! Lyn Hosmer wrote the end of Jan, after just returning home from a visit to Walter Reed, where she said she was "electro-verted" (shocked into natural heart



1936: Betty Chaffin, Maddy McCormick, Jane Kelly, Gage, and Helen Spencer.

rhythm), and where she hopes she remains. Lyn again wrote 2 wks later noting "we joined the rest of the idiots and stood in line 5 hrs to see King Tut's art-facts in New Orleans. I'll never give up that I might regain my full vision but not so yet. I'm still blind in the right field of vision in both eyes, but I seem to blunder along happily." (I get a strong feeling that the men of '36 have fought and been acclaimed in three wars; but what about the determination and guts of '36 women? Many of them should be decoration recipients for outstanding courage and valor. Ed.). Jake & Dale Jacoby wrote following their return to Pensacola and after their proximate recuperation from the elaborate Dec wedding in Atlanta. Received 3 very warm and personal letters from Pete Kieffer since beginning of the year. I am very delighted that he will join us in Monterey. Jim & Gerrie Lampert wrote stating they've had rewarding and fine visits with the Cliftons in DC and Betty Connor, Westys, and Turnages in Charleston. He regretfully decides they can't go to Monterey. Grace Layne sent some of her excellent picture work from our last Kiawah outing. Since her effort is excellent and the subjects (female only) are very complimentary to the Class, I add them to this column. In late Feb, Howie Snyder and I had breakfast together. He informs me he's re-ret. in Mar. Wort & Patty Williams were here visiting their insurance son and dau-in-law air stewardess. This afforded the Kellys and Gages an opportune situation for a leisurely lunch, pleasantly overlooking the pretty but polluted Chat-tahoochee.

From the "trivia dept": A few of you may know I've attempted (unsuccessfully) to upgrade some classmate's decorations. A reason: we are famous for everything else, so why not at least one Medal of Honor? Well, recently I re-discovered a ribbon like the MOH. It is red-with white stars, instead of light blue. It is the "Marine Brevet." It is awarded for battlefield promotion in action with the enemy, and I saw it worn in WW II above the DSC. Certainly there must be some of you who might qualify! No! The only way would be if the "M" in USMA stood for "Marine." I failed again!

# '37

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I am sorry that we failed to report Donald B. Brummel's death of last 5 Sept. After resigning from the USAF, Beau went to work for N. American Avn and did quite a lot of writing. We in C Co. remember Beau as a very generous and cheerful person who spent most of his spare time coaching those less endowed with academic aptitude. His widow, Marcella, still lives at 501 S. Ridge East, Geneva, OH 44014. A note from George Murray enclosed a clipping on Ed Richardson's death 13 Jan, at Highland Park Hosp. Honors were given at the Masonic Lodge and at Bethany United Methodist Church, followed by military honors and interment at Ft Sheridan Cemetery, 17 Jan. He is survived by his wife Rena, and two sons, Major Ed Jr, and David C.

A clipping from the Ottumwa Courier announced that MAJ Dyke A. Spilman, USAF, son of Mrs. Lester Glover, 6 Rayman Dr, had been declared KIA more than 11 years after his two-seat recon jet failed to return from



1937: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: the Sawyers and Hipps.

a photo mission to N. VN, 27 Sept 66. He was born at Ft Jay, 15 July 41 to the late Lawrence A. & Helen Spilman.

From the west coast of FL, Stu O'Malley reports that in Jan he spent several days with Carl & Carolyn Lyons at their beautiful home in Boca Raton. Carl's problems seem to be under control and he expects to be swinging the clubs soon. He also saw Bill & Peg Strandberg for a few hours while they were stopping off at St. Pete during a FL vacation. He joined Willie Williams, Ernie Laflamme and Hugh Sawyer at the Jan meeting of the WP Soc. Ernie lives in Sarasota. And I just received a nice long letter from Willie, reporting other items of interest from the Tampa-St. Pete area. Hugh & Polly Sawyer, Bill Hipps and Willie represented our Class at the Founders Day dinner. Hugh and Willie tried to get Gordon Kimbrell to a luncheon last fall, but he broke into the V.A. Hosp at Bay Pines where Bill Hipps visited him. He was later transferred to the Tampa V.A. Hosp and released in early Mar. Willie just talked to Gordon and expects to have lunch with him and Hugh soon, so things appear to be looking up for Gordon after a long spell of illness. Willie also talked to Kelsie Reaves who is taking therapy for his leg in the V.A. Hosp and, although he has been having a rough time of it, he remains in good spirits. PS from Margaret Williams says that she and Pam keep too busy while Willie still enjoys ret. He's smart. Pam will wear you out. She has



1937: The Seedlocks with former Deputy Minister of Defense, Manuel "Sal" Salientes, and Linda Salientes in Manila.



1937: Air Marshall Manob Suriya, "Nobby" Tense and Bob Seedlock.

a part in "Oklahoma" at the St. Pete Little Theater, twirls a mean baton in local P-rades and is active in church and school groups. It's nice to know that all of you characters live fairly close to one another. The Coast Guard Sta (CI VI Store) seems to be a favorite rendezvous. Phil Sterling reports from Lake Mary, FL, that they attended the Founders Day dinner at the Navy OC in Orlando with the Fitzgeralds, Palmers and Lawsons. He walks on 2 "bionic" knees with no problems, minus the discomfort of arthritically damaged joints. He complains about occasional squeaking. How about grease fittings? He keeps active with golf, bridge and as pres of the Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club, while Esther is pres of the Auxiliary of the Seminole Memorial Hosp in Sanford. They await the arrival of their 9th grandchild!

Luke Elkins wrote from Tucson that he had just finished running the WP Soc of S. AZ's Founders Day dinner. He expects to be busy for a while coordinating athletic recruiting in the area seeking good prospects for the Army teams. Betty was spending most of Mar on the West Coast visiting daughter Trudy in Santa Barbara and daughter Nancy and husband in Longview, WA. Luke had talked on the phone with Bob Stegmaier in Sun City. Steggy said that Ruby was recuperating from Dec major surgery. He planned to have a little surgery in Apr but hoped they'd both be well enough for a trip East in the summer.

The DC Founders Day dinner was well represented by Drum, Frazier, Hall, Oden (water corp), Maliszewski, Pearsall, Prentiss, Frank and Bob Taylor, Teeter, Underwood, Unger, Zehner and me. Bud U. had a field day needling the juniors from 64 who sat next to us, while in a more serious mood gave us some interesting insights into the Panama Canal situation. I hope that all of you have read his excellent article in a recent issue of the Retired Officers magazine. Lee Martin called several days before the dinner to bemoan the fact that he wouldn't be able to make it because he couldn't get reservations. They cut it off at 500 and the place was jammed. Lee is now back in bat-

tery again after having been through some tough operations on eyes and other parts.

The Fraziers returned in early Mar from their extended vacation. In connection with the big wedding of their son Doug, they rented a house on Balboa Peninsula for a month. Then they sailed to the Islands on the "Mariposa," doing Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, and back to Honolulu where they debarked and stayed with the Chases for several weeks with an interlude at Kilauea Mil Camp. While in Honolulu they checked out the Hale Koa, the Cannon Club and the Outrigger Club, among others. Then back to CA aboard the "Mariposa" where, by happy coincidence, they picked up the Smalleys in San Fran and sailed down to L.A. with them. The Smalleys continued on to the Islands on what is the last trip of the "Mariposa," while the Fraziers spent some more time with relatives in Capistrano Beach and La Jolla. On the drive home, they stopped over at Sun City where they attended a WP coffee with Curtis, Kirsten and Stegmaier (Did you read Steggy's article in the last ASSEMBLY?).

Something you probably have forgotten. I did. The grandmother's clock that the mothers of the Class gave to USMA at graduation. Delk Oden spotted it in Cullum Hall in need of repair. It was repaired and refurbished with Class funds and now performs a useful service while adorning our handsome Regimental Room.

I heard from someone that Hank Byroade is VP of Worthington Pump and is located in Saudi Arabia. A change of address places Houghton & Patricia Hallock at 232 Beacon St, Boston, 02116. Jerrie Stumpf leaves shortly to oversee the birth of a grandchild at Jacksonville where son Bobby flies A-7s for the Navy. In Jun she plans to visit son Harry who is stationed near Wurzburg.

Sally Taylor got the Class(y) ladies together at the Country Squire Inn, Falls Church, for luncheon recently. Sally has accepted the reins from Marge Bailey who has been the honcho for some time. There were 15 in attendance, much better than their counterparts have been doing. Our luncheon attendance in Feb hit an all-time low of 5 plus a guest, John Stowell, who is well known throughout the Class. John married an Army brat by name of Beryl Summers, was PM at WP and our next door neighbor there on Barnard Loop from 45 to 48. After Easter they moved to vic of Williamsburg. The Apr luncheon will be co-ed and I hope to have a good report on it because the gals usually liven things up a bit. In anticipation, Stan Connelly has already sent in his reservation. He will be here on business sans Mary Jane. Better reconsider, MJ!

Bitts Hallock visited DC end of Jan to see her sons, Howie (lawyer with SEC) and Dr Jeffrey, on temporary asgmt at Children's Hosp from his regular Dartmouth Hosp duty. A recent report from Milt Clark indicates a change of heart about picking up stakes and moving to NH (the winters are getting tougher). They have, however, sold their home and their new address is 4141 Krupp, Apt 18, El Paso, 79902, same unlisted number. It looks like Verona for a month next summer during the opera season. Otherwise they plan to remain in El Paso for a while and Phyllis will continue at the U.

And now for the piece de resistance, a beautifully typed and thoroughly interesting letter to Jim Pearsall from the Seedlocks, complete with pics. As of this writing Jim is vacationing at Ginny's stepmother's place

in Hilton Head with his daughter Barbara and her family. The Seedlocks now reside at 181 S. Marengo, Pasadena, 91101, where he is Principal Proj Mgr of the Proj and Process Engr Div of The Ralph M. Parsons Co.

"Tense and I completed the round-the-world swing by returning from Saudi Arabia via the eastern route. The happiest part of the trip was getting the opportunity of seeing Nobby Suriya in Bangkok and Manuel Salientes in Manila.

"Leaving Jidda, we proceeded to Singapore via Karachi, Kuala Lumpur and Colombo. The Raffles Hotel in Singapore lived up to its best Somerset Maugham and Rudyard Kipling traditions. The rooms were large and cool (as were the Singapore Slings), the food was excellent—it is the hotel in the world that ought to be copied—to include bar recipes.

"From Singapore we flew to Bangkok and contacted Nobby immediately. He looks great, undoubtedly the result of swimming a 1000 meters daily. In true princely fashion, Nobby drove us around his beautiful capital city, with its plan similar to Paris and even the river comparable to the Seine. We saw Thailand's WP and the King's palace where we observed his agricultural research facilities. The King is personally leading the way to improve agricultural productivity of his people and he and his Queen are well beloved for this concern. That evening we enjoyed a gourmet dinner with Nobby complete with native music and dances featuring the famous bamboo "slap-stick" dance, I call it, designed to eliminate the toes of the less than nimble-footed. But the highlight of the evening was Nobby's showing us a handsome medallion which he carried with him at all times. It was one of 12 in existence, hand carved by the King and personally presented to Nobby by his majesty.

"Nobby's message to us as we departed Bangkok was the fervent hope that our Congress and the American people did not underestimate the Communist threat to his country—the threat was real and now.

"We then proceeded to Manila skirting typhoon Anita en route. We bedded down in one of "Sal" Salientes beautiful hotels—the Mirador, where he is Chmn of the Bd. Cuisine and rooms were more than perfect. Our reunion with my god-child Margie, and her handsome banker husband was highlighted by a traditional Filipino dinner topped off by



1937: Skeldon, Tense Seedlock, Elain Skeldon, Seedlock, and the Richards in San Francisco.

a floor show featuring historic and symbolic dances.

"On Sunday, Sal and Linda entertained us at their lovely home. Happy children and grandchildren were all over the beautiful place. Sal brought us up to date on the reunion, including their trip to Europe on the "Concorde." As you can see from the photo, USMA receives constant visibility, courtesy of Sal. And he finds time to spread the word in between serving on at least 6 Corporate Bds of Dir and Chmn of several.

"Leaving Manila, we continued our trek home via Hong Kong and Tokyo. The U.S. dollar was at a low disaster level in Tokyo which obviously took the joy out of our short stay there. We stayed in Japan's tallest hotel, the Keijo Plaza which reminded me of the radical changes in Tokyo's sky-line. For it was on my last trip there about 10 yrs ago that the city fathers decided to remove the restrictions on building heights due to earthquake considerations. Japanese architects and engineers have taken full advantage of their new freedom.

"Shortly after our return home, Tense and I enjoyed a mini-reunion, in San Fran with Jim & Elaine Skeldon and Dan & Janie Richards who entertained us royally at Jim's lovely home on Lyon St., just outside of the Presidio. The photo was taken at Jim's penthouse level, that's his view of San Fran behind us.

"Tense and I are now in Pasadena, CA, living 2 blocks from the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade and within walking distance of the Ralph M. Parsons World Hqs where I am now serving in the Sys Div. Tense is picking up her Braille volunteer work again. She is one of 32 Brailleists in the U.S. who transcribe music with Braille for blind organists, singers and other artists. So we are both keeping busy.

"Best wishes to a great editor,"

I still have some 25th Reunion books. They are now collectors items but are available at the original uninflated price of \$5.00. Proceeds will help finance an up-to-date address list mailing. Thanks for the grand support that you have given to Jim and me. Keep it coming. Where was San Ant this time?

George McDowell has cranked up plans for a mini-reunion at Houston next 6, 7 and 8 Oct. Firm reservations and checks must be sent to WP '37 Mini-Reunion, PO Box 6628, Houston, TX 77005 no later than 1 Sept. Cost, \$150 per couple. Contact George direct if you have questions.

# '38

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After a truly horrendous winter I received on about 1 Mar my quarterly deadline notice for scribes from Krisman setting a 30 Mar deadline. A search of my input file yielded a total of two items: 1.) a postcard from the Dapprichs in Key West; 2.) A full page color ad from the Dec TROA magazine containing 2 photos of brilliantly hued aloha shirts modeled by Ben Sternberg.

The card from the seasoned travellers, Carl & Dottie Dapprich indicated a wise decision that wintering in FL this year one should go as far south as possible. As a long time Miamian since 24, it pains me to admit that when it's cold in Miami it's particularly miserable since heating provisions are poor to non-existent. In fact the Beach



1938: Founders Day Hawaii: The Sternbergs, Keeleys, and Jackson.

is a recognized disaster area, since the sand is largely washed away and the hotels are decrepit and run down. The city is clinging desperately to the hope that gaming tables will redress the imbalance with Disney World and Mickey Mouse. HI, Ben and the aloha shirts are another story. Since he, Beck, Jackson & Kelley had the sagacity to settle there and Carter Duncan came later to stake claim to the Big Island, weather has been perfect and growth phenomenal. Classmates have visited in droves and entertainment has been so hectic and diligent that Dutch Williams, after visiting Jackson wrote to me for Chuck's address. Tracy & Dottie Harrington have another resource. They have just returned from a 2-month (Jan and Feb) visit with their son and family there. The only moral I can draw from this story is that aloha shirts are more colorful than the Overseas Highway. The wretched weather precluded the scribe from making the arduous 15 mi trip thru DC on slippery streets in rush hour traffic to Ft Myer for the Founders Day dinner. Fortunately I was able to draft a most capable surrogate writer to cover the event for us. Art Collins tells me the place was so crowded that one could hardly move an elbow to cut the meat. Bill Smith had to join the Class of '48. Seems my space may have been more appreciated than my presence would have been. Present were: Stillwell, Lahti, Lewis, D. Brown, Taylor,



1938: Founders Day, WP Society of Charlottesville: The Sundins.

Conell, Izenour, Bixby, W.W. Smith, and Collins.

Ed Lahti said to be star bowler (172 avg) of the AWC 53 bowling team was making his first appearance in several years. Ed spotted on page 16 of the Mar 78 ASSEMBLY a historic photo, (mis-labeled 32, actually summer of 35) marked by female dance instructors and the fact that Ed is on the right end of the chorus line. In response to Ed's challenge I will identify the line: Chalgren, Byars, (blank), Skerry, Norris, F.W. Craig, Hamilton, Healey and Lahti. Several months ago Pat & Virginia Healy returned from several years in France. They divided forces, Virginia going to FL and Pat staying in N. VA house-hunting. Apparently they joined forces in Charlottesville, VA and found a farmhouse on the Blue Ridge north of town, and near the Burkes' similiar establishment in Stanardsville. They will probably join forces along with Jane & Petie Sights in TN in raising grapes and corn. New address: J.P. (Pat) Healy, Rt. #3, Box 3222, Charlottesville, VA 22901-Tel. (804)-823-5851. Mac & Bettye McHaney were guests at the White House 9 Mar along with other Floridians to celebrate Pres Carter's victory in the South. It happened to be Bettye's birthday and she received a kiss from the Pres plus a serenade of "Happy Birthday To You" played by the AF musical combo in appreciation of her campaign efforts. After visiting daughter Ellen in Richmond, Bettye will fly home to Ft Walton Beach, FL and Mac returns to the DC area in pursuit of the info regarding his family tree.

# '39

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From Sam Samuels, our Prez: I'm sure most of you know by now that the Class voted to set a new goal of \$50,000 for our Class project and exceeded the goal before the votes were in. There was also near unanimous support for restoration of the First Captain's suite in the old First Division as the project to celebrate our 40th Reunion. The response was so overwhelming as to be almost unique; each of you should take great pride in this spontaneous grass roots achievement. The question now is how to maintain the momentum we have built up towards the well deserved support of USMA. There is the possibility of identifying a worthwhile project in the future to commemorate our 50th anniv. We might turn over a portion of our funds directly to the AOG for general support which it needs. Anyway, at the 40th Reunion proposals will be tabled so you can decide how to proceed. In the meantime we hope to accumulate a nest egg against some worthwhile proposals. With these short term goals in view, this will constitute our only solicitation for the Class fund during 78. We only hope that all of you will maintain the habit of giving to a worthy cause as you have done in recent years. The annual AOG fund drive this fall would be a convenient and appropriate time to contribute. Be sure to make the check to Class of 1939 Fund.

A letter from John Dickerson in Austria says, in brief: I have lived here in Vienna since 68. I was employed here by the United Nations until I reached their age limit in 74. Being fully ret. now I would be particularly happy to hear from or see some class-



1939: Founders Day, WP Society of Michigan: Minahan.

mates. I am now a pretty good guide in these parts and would enjoy showing you around. I hear regularly from **Elder James** in Tucson, AZ, and from **Carl Dapprich '38**, with whom I shared a German course here some years ago. My son graduated from Harvard and the Harvard Law Sch but after 3 yrs practice in a NY law factory decided that was not what he wanted, so gave it up and now is finishing his first year in the Harvard Business Sch. Obviously more hivey than I, his old man. All the best to the Class. My Tel: Vienna 43-81-29. **Len Kaplan**, who is still VP of a realty firm in Miami, is conducting the south FL fund raising drive for the construction of a Jewish chapel at WP. The chapel is planned for a spot between the Cadet and Catholic Chapels and will also include a library, classrooms, and an outdoor amphitheater. Incidentally how many WP'ers know that 50% of the Class of 1802 was Jewish?

**Harry Kinnard** has moved to the DC area (1105 N. Crystal Plaza, 2111 Jeff Davis Hwy, Arlington 22202) and is working for United Technologies. He still manages to get in enough golf to maintain his handicap. **Dick Curtin** moved from the DC area in Dec and is now established in a nice big house in Phoenix, AZ (19 E. SanMiguel, 85012). Haven't heard from him directly but his big-hearted brother-in-law, **Bill McCaffrey**, is inviting all classmates to drop by and stay a while with Dick any time they might be in the area.

Last summer **Nemie & Tommy Thomason** spent 6 wks motoring through the UK. They visited **Sybil & Hack Conner** who live in Dublin. Hack is still teaching in a boys' school there. Tommy has been in touch with **Danny Nolan** in CA (who had open heart surgery last fall but was up exercising in a week's time and continues well) and with **Dave Goodwin** who had a stroke last fall but is getting along well and now needs only a cane to walk

with. Word from **Riel Crandall** is that he is very involved in the construction of 3 new buildings on the Trinity campus in Hartford, CT. Doc, Bea, and dau Fern had a wonderful 3 wks in Paris, the chateau country, Spain and Switzerland last summer.

**Mike Davison** pulled off another big one with his **Bob Hope 75th birthday bash** here in DC at the Kennedy Ctr. Hope you all saw the NBC TV show 24 May. An excellent show and will net well into 6 figures for the coffers of the USO. And what a swan song for Mike who is just completing 3 yrs as pres. Don't misunderstand that swan song bit—that's only for the USO job. Mike will continue as VP of **J. R. Loring & Assoc** (enr design) and as a dir of Mercedes Benz North America. Jean and Mike spent Xmas in LaJolla, CA with his parents. They ran into **Harvey Fraser** and all his family at the beach club where they had come to escape the cold and snow of Klamath Falls, OR where Harvey is dean of the Inst of Tech. Harvey Jr works with IBM in Boulder, CO and Janet's husband David is a student at Leavenworth. Harvey told of how much they had enjoyed seeing **Lydia & Frank Kobes** and **Harriet & Phil Royce** during their visits last summer.

Sadly this column must report the loss of 2 more of our group. **Rita Kepple** died last Jan, and though I don't know just when, I have it on good authority that **Agnes Shanley** died some time last summer. Our heartfelt condolences go to both **Charlie** and **Tom**. And an apology to **Tom** in not getting this notification out sooner. Shortly after **Rita Kepple** died **Charlie** went for what was supposed to be an extended stay in FL. It was not to be. In less than 10 days he was called back because someone had broken into his VA home. Among other things the burglars got some stereo, jewelry, 3 guns and 50 pieces of heirloom silver. They must have been scared off because in crossing the fence behind **Charlie's** house, they dropped a bag with all the silver—which was recovered. It has been established that both a girl and a dog participated in the robbery.

**Janet & Scott Kurtz** got tired of the cold and snow last winter and spent 3 wks in the Caribbean with a particularly fine time in Aruba. They returned looking tanned, rested and content. Two other couples who warmed up in the south—the **Ed Hamiltons** and the **Teeters**. Ed and Grace visited **Ken Scott** in Ft Lauderdale one day. **Bernie & Phyllis Teeters** were joined at the Homestead AFB Officers Club one night by the **Len**



1939: Goodpasters and Yarnall.



1939: Founders Day Atlanta: Schellman

**Kaplans** and the **Hall Cains**. It is good to know that now, after his stroke last fall, **Hall** gets about with the help of only a cane. The **Teeters** like FL so much that this summer they are pulling up stakes and moving permanently to Homestead. It must be nice because **Bob Haffa** is also moving into the same community, in fact his house will be just down the street from the **Teeters**. The **Bill McCaffreys** and the **Bob Camps** used Bermuda for their defrosting last winter.

The following is from a letter from **Ned Glenn** in HI. "Having a 16-yr-old daughter has forced me to continue to be gainfully employed in the Air Div, Trans Dept, State of HI. My wife Kay is an Asst Prof in HI Loa College and dau **Bernice** is a jr in Punshua. Close to 2 yrs ago we moved to the windward side of Oahu to Lanikai which doesn't even have a post office—we use Kailua. Also brought my boat which is now in Kaneohe Yacht Club. I recently organized the Diamond Head chap of the Assoc of Former Intel Officers, and stuck **GEN Doleman '33** with its presidency.

In early Dec **Jim Collins** had lung surgery and was extremely pleased to find that the lesion was benign. He is fit as a fiddle now and looking forward to his planned (now completed) Apr trip through the central states where he will escort **LTG Zhilin**, Dir of the Mil Hist Inst, USSR. **Dutch Kerwin** was lucky when a car came out of a side street and smacked his little Fiat. Dutch came out unscathed but the Fiat was totaled.

The Feb dinner dance at Ft McNair drew 50 total classmates and wives. Hope to see even more at the gathering at **Chet Lennhoff's** the 8th of Jul and that some one brings a good camera so we can show off in this column how well preserved we are. Coming up later is the overnight party at **Trudie and J. D. Richardsons'**, 28-29 Aug, which promises to be a big one. When this column was on its way to meet Mike's publication deadline **B. Kerwin** had a gathering of '39 wives scheduled for 19 Apr at Qtrs 8, Ft McNair.

26 classmates turned out for Founders Day at Ft Myer to hear **Andy Goodpaster's** report on the state of the Corps—which due to a sudden onslaught of laryngitis he had to finish in a whisper. Thanks to a good PA set, and Andy's perseverance, no one missed a word of his talk and the reassurance that things are clearly on the right track and are getting better.

Everyone should begin cranking up for



1939: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: Wohlffel.

the 40th Reunion next spring. Somehow some of the Class take a lot of prompting to be ready to move. Heck—40 years isn't a long time—could it be that some are slowing up a little? No matter what, don't miss this reunion. It's going to be a great one. If the experience of other classes is any guide, more will attend our 40th than were at the 35th.

Just a reminder that now is the time to renew your subscription to ASSEMBLY and REGISTER. If you haven't please do so—today, before it slips your mind.

# '40

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Since the spring of 37, I've come to realize that after a rather sorry winter, the weather will moderate enough to justify omitting overcoats from the uniform now and again. In turn, this always leads to introspection as one contemplates one's unpressed trou and wonders what other chores have been postponed. Cheer up, spring buckup is upon us all.

In any case, Kermit Dyke asked me to report that the Class Cmte is continuing to work on the selection of an appropriate Class gift to WP for '40's 40th. George Dixon recently visited WP, conferred with the appropriate authorities, and surveyed the likely possibilities. Next step: deliberations. More report later.

Kermit says that he intends to send letters through the AOG to the Class from time to time, covering such subjects as Reunion planning and the Class gift. He points out, though, that the separate letter method is expensive and hence must be used sparingly. To fill the communication gap, he'll use these Class notes in ASSEMBLY. Since some classmates now don't subscribe to ASSEMBLY, though, they may miss the news. Pass the word: your subscription to ASSEMBLY and REGISTER will keep you up to date.

At the WP Soc of DC Founders Day dinner on 10 Mar, present from the Class were Dick Abbey, Jack Corbly, Joe Couch, Kermit Dyke, Vic Hobson, Dick Kent, Oz Leahy, George

Mayo, John McLean, Stew McKenney, Bidwell Moore, Paul Phillips, Hobic Pillsbury, Ray Renola, and T. K. Spencer (Tom came in from nearby Solomons, MD, down in sea-food country). We enjoyed the cocktail session before dinner, with its opportunity to see old friends of all classes. We liked the martial music, the colors, the toasts, and the dinner. We were much impressed by the Supe's remarks. But what we of the Class most appreciated was the presentation of the Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award for this year to our Paul Phillips.

The Benjamin F. Castle Award is made each year to a deserving alumnus whose service most exemplifies "Duty, Honor, Country." As Bill McCaffrey '39 said in making the presentation, Paul's achievements were outside the glare of national publicity. He referred to Paul's 39 mos as a POW of the Japanese until his rescue by the Russians at Mukden, Manchuria. He commented on the selfless dedication since shown by these POWs, reflecting their realization that they were of the few spared by the Lord for the future. Bill described Paul's long service in the Pentagon, culminating in his present long-standing appointment as Dpty Asst SA for Manpower and Res Affairs; Paul served there under 4 Pres, 5 SA's and 6 USA's. Bill pointed out that Paul had for several years taught a course to inner city boys on how to study and said that for 6 yrs Paul had participated in providing coffee and doughnuts at the meditation and prayer services in the Pentagon. Bill concluded by noting that, perhaps most remarkable, Paul had become a great-grandfather twice over before he had become eligible for social security.

Paul's acceptance of the award was as modest and straightforward as we would have expected. He closed with a philosophy he said he had learned late in life: one can do anything if one doesn't worry about who gets the credit.

Skip Fowler checked into the net from Colo Spgs, noting that the customary Class gift to graduating sons of classmates was not made to either Marsh or Zahrobky upon their graduation from USAFA in 77. The Class Cmte had not been aware of the omission and is moving promptly to make amends by sending the appropriate gift to these 2 young officers.

Skip also asked if we had heard about the recent reception Sil & Dottie Gasperini held at Ft Carson to honor 2 of their sons and their brides. Both young men are Army officers, one a grad of USMA, the other of Wharton Sch of Finance; both brides are nurses, one commissioned in the Army. Among the many guests were classmates Bill & Ann Clark, Wendell & Benny Lee Coats, Len & Doris Orman, Bob Raleigh, Page & Helen Smith, as well as Skip & Mary Lou Fowler.

Early in the year, Dave & Betty Parker were here in the DC area, while Dave did a bit of TDY for his parent corporation. Dave did take time off to attend our local Class luncheon at Ft Myer on 24 Jan, at which he enlightened all hands on the advantages of life in the Far West.

Lee Cagwin writes from Carmel, CA, that he works at the nearby Monterey Inst of Foreign Studies, where the same well-traveled Dave Parker recently spoke effectively. Lee also enclosed a San Fran Chronical clipping reporting a recent talk to a Rotarian luncheon meeting in San Fran by former Gov Parker supporting ratification of the Panama Canal treaties.

Lee continues, "Elsewhere in the news out here is Eben Swift, who is playing a feature role in George Bernard Shaw's *Candida*. I haven't seen Hank Adams in a long, long time; he apparently spends most of his hours down at Big Sur. I infrequently see Tom Muller; he's fine."

You recall that Larry & Pat Klar divide each year—6 mos at Tulsa and 6 in St. Petersburg, FL. Larry wrote recently to tell what goes on during the FL part, "Pat and I shipped Charley Banks back to Tulsa, after a 3-day visit, at 2:30 of a Sun afternoon. We played some tennis, but the highlight of the visit was a '40 get-together at my place on Fri. Attendees included Walt & Ella-Keen Gunster, Steve & Betty Morrissey, Otis & Maggie Ulm, and Bob & Daisy Warren—Bob is in excellent health, by the way. Rol & Helen Gleszer had to drop out at the last minute because of flu and the Stoddards and O'Neils couldn't make it either. Martha England has moved to Macon, Ga. Scottie Green, while presumably still in the area, hasn't been heard from recently. Pat and I will be going back to Tulsa in Mar for our annual 6 mos tour there."

Phil & Chic Elliott also reported about the good life in FL, but down near Key West, where they're at Sugarloaf Shores and obviously resting after the extensive touring that was covered in the Dec notes. From their place on Pelican Point they can keep in touch with daughter Betty, who is married to a pastor in Fairton, NJ; and son, Jeff, who works in Miami as a mobility instr for the blind. Chic reports that Bob & Daisy Warren have bought a house on Cudjoe Key, about 8 miles away from the Elliotts.

The Sept 77 notes reported that Bill & Kathy Porte were moving from Denver to Des Moines to keep up with Bill's advances in the insurance business. Move they did; Bill's latest report lauds the heartland of America, but says that not much of the Class lives in IA. In fact, even the Portes are transient; Bill now anticipates a transfer back to Denver to head up a "major marketing thrust." On a recent Rockies skiing vacation, Bill said that Page & Helen Smith breakfasted with them at the Broadmoor in Colo Spgs, along with son Bucky Smith, now a student at CO State U.

Ray LaRose writes that after teaching high school math on Long Is for 17 yrs, he's made his 2d ret. in his home town of Glens Falls, NY. Butch says, "Since ret., I've been traveling a bit. For example, I spent 7 wks roaming around Europe and the British Isles (even kissed the Blarney Stone) and last spring I spent 2 weeks touring Russia." Between trips, Ray says he reads a lot and spends 3 mos each year at his summer cottage on the Thousand Islands.

Luther Arnold wrote Stew McKenney from Linwood, NJ, that he had ret. from Bache &



1940: Muller and Swift

Co on 31 Dec, but hung on for another 60 days to make an orderly transfer of his accounts to another broker. Lu's forecast of his future employment are hazy, but Midge & Lu did announce plans to go to CA the end of Mar, including a stay of a few days with Mike & Janet Bavaro.

From Hilton Head Is, Don Bennett writes that he and Mosshead Parker are holding up the Class of '40's part of the action. Don says that things do indeed get busy; he joins me in wishing for a 40-hr day. Don has a fairly active job with a small firm in Tyson's Corner, which keeps him busy flying National to the DC area and which interferes rather seriously with his golf and fishing. "Bets thinks I should reduce my activities a bit, but so far she hasn't put her foot down." Mosshead & Margery Parker are also on Hilton Head; Margery's studio was on the local "Studio Tour" several months ago, thereby providing good, healthy exercise for the Moss and a real chance for him to gain a feeling of participation.

That long-time proponent and practitioner of Army aviation, Bob Williams, checked in from Ft Worth where he says he's working hard and thoroughly enjoying it. He's been pres of Bell Helicopter Intl since he ret. from the Army in 74. Bob says he does a bit of traveling; I believe it—I well remember the extent to which he was flying around central Europe in 46 in a liberated Messerschmidt.

There's nothing like the end of gloom period to induce a little wanderlust in the best of us. Witness the following extracts from a recent note from Jim Maedler: "Barbara and I have just returned from a ret. exploration trip to the Seattle-Tacoma area. Seeking to draw on Class of '40 experience, I had written a number of classmates in the area, asking advice. Out there on the ground, we were able to see all except the Lucases and Nelsons during our short stay. Kitty Brown, Betty Cameron, Mary Jean Mandell, Margaret Shagrin, and Zee Stella filled us in on the facts of WA State life; Hal, Bob, Frank, Dick, and Harry offered opinions—fixed and otherwise. The folks we saw are all enjoying themselves and enthusiastic about the glories of the great NW; they were most helpful."

Morris & Flora Shoss effectively broke up the local gloom period by entertaining the San Ant contingent of the Class. Flora says the group continues to keep in happy touch, celebrating holidays: the 4th of Jul at the Schockners' beautiful ranch; Labor Day at the Franciscos' Bandera River hideaway; Army-Navy Game with the Bartons; and eggnog hoisting at the Bates. More than that, the Shoss' forwarded a collection of notes and comments from the participants, so that you, too, can benefit from their wisdom:

—Ray & Sissy Bates occupy themselves happily, even when not partying: Ray, messing around with his hi-fi and Sissy, doing needlepoint.

—Pete & Vi Kramer report that Pete succumbed to the temptations of full and complete ret.; he quit teaching high school this year.

—Morris Shoss is still in the math business, adding students and more ret. officers to his Tech Math Dept at San Ant Coll. He manages a mile swim nearly every day and helps train lifeguards for Ft Sam Houston pools. Flora keeps busy publicizing various community organizations and programs. Son Robert is a dermatologist in Albany, NY, while daughter



1940: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: Morrissey, Klars and the Gleszers.

Maurie Lynn and family live way down in McAllen, TX near the Mexico border.

—Mickey Fellenz travelled over Europe this past summer, revisiting historic scenes of his World War II exploits.

Dan & Babs Briggs settled in San Ant after Pappy hung up his green suit in 68 (30 yrs, courtesy of the MO Militia). For the last 10 yrs, Pappy has been doing various flying jobs such as instr and corporate pilot. Now he says the time has come to chuck it all to protect a 10 golf handicap (first things first) and to try to keep it all together in a local health spa.

—Bill & Nancy Francisco never did get around to ret. Bill left the Army, went on to school, and then decided to change sides of the lectern. He philosophizes that the USMA system as we knew it was better—grade 'em every day and avoid grading 200 blue books at once.

—Les & Thelma Schockner report that Thel's working hard while Shock is taking his leisure building a ranch, making wine, and growing apples and cattle.

—After building their first home, "The Agony and the Ecstasy," Stan & Kay Smith have finally resumed cordial relations and are beginning to enjoy the quietude of their pastoral setting beside a pond with ducks—in short, the works. S. T. Smith III (Tom), an AF CAPT, is following in the old man's footsteps as a fighter pilot and is now stationed at Eglin AFB, FL.

—Don & Mary Lou Stewart say that Don quit teaching math in high school last summer and started graduate work in computer science. However, prostate cancer was diagnosed in Sept; since then, after operations and radiation, he's doing fine.

—Bart & Mary Ann Barton sent best wishes and say they enjoy their adopted state. Bart says he is on the 11th yr of his new career of teaching math and looking forward with mixed feelings to a 2d ret. in 2 more yrs—and then perhaps a leisurely 3d career.

I'm sorry to relay a delayed report that Rowland Renwanz died of cancer on 6 May 76 at a hospital in Missoula, MT. We're indebted to Karl Scherer '32 for the information. Junior's last tour of his 30 yrs was as CO of Hunter Liggett. His Mary having died previously, he had ret. in western MT and had built his dream house near Victor. Burial was at Ft Lewis, WA.

Kermit Dyke's Dec correspondence netted a few letters from sources that have been quiet for a while. Bill (that's Willis F.) Lewis advised that he's vegetating in northwestern LA, that he doesn't see many classmates, and that in consequence he's looking forward to the next reunion. Frank & Celeste Sullivan are gradually thawing out in Williamsville,

NY, where Sully is busy with the construction of the State U. of NY at Buffalo. P. S. Cullen came to full attention in Lawton, OK; Charley Banks stirred a bit in Tulsa; and Lou Thommen reacted briefly in Las Vegas.

George Dixon reports from Carlisle that Urey Alexander has been elected dist gov of Rotary and that this, along with his duties as business mgr of Dickinson Sch of Law, keeps both Urey and Sugar right busy. George counted Class noses at the AWC Founders Day dinner, 14 Mar, and found that only Tony Wermuth, Bill (that's William F.) Lewis, and he were there.

From Malindi, Kenya, Rolland Hamelin reports in as gen mgr of the Turtle Bay Beach Hotel. "I should have written sooner, but we have been jammed with Swiss, Germans, French, Belgians, and Italians, plus a few Americans every night and we do have much to keep us busy. Turtle Bay Beach Hotel is a relatively new intl hotel in a beautiful setting on the Indian Ocean. Our price is right and business is terrific. Helen and I are now in our 3d yr here, so the nomad instinct has dictated a recent letter to the Bd of Dir announcing our departure 1 May. Helen operates a boutique in the hotel and helps me. I have a Swiss resident mgr, a Swiss rooms manageress, an Asian (Indian) accountant, and a flock of tribesmen such as Giriama, Beyluia, and Chagga on the staff. For 3 yrs (from 72-75) Helen and I were up in Kikuyu and Samburu country running 2 lodges, one of which was a game lodge not too far from Lake Turkhana (formerly Lake Rudolf). From 70-72 we were roaming Africa and writing. From 68-70 it was Ethiopia. So after 10 yrs in Africa, I think we are due for a major change of environment and we have some hopes of finding hotelier work in HI.

"We have enjoyed Kenya very much. It is a beautiful country with pleasant people and a great variety of terrain. Two of the most beautiful areas are the Indian Ocean Coast, where we are now, and the Abedare Mts where we spent several years. The one thing I have really missed in Africa has been visits from classmates. Helen and I have been spending annual holidays in Europe and the Pacific, plus a month each year at our home on Montserrat, but our passage through the States has consistently been hurried with barely enough time to visit our sons. We hope to change that in the near future, see some classmates, and visit WP."

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We ended Gloom Period with a bang this year. On Kay's birthday, 23 Mar, with Bob (our soon-to-be HS senior) we boarded United 166 and headed for a never-better combination of mini-reunions. It all started last Nov when Skip Brown urged Bob to come to DC during spring break. As the time approached Kay and I decided to tag along and share the Smithsonian, Mt Vernon and Williamsburg with our youngest. When George's problem developed Carmen & Wendy Knowles insisted we stay with them, bless their hearts.

However, just before we launched, Carmen got a call from family so we passed her in the Denver traffic pattern. Although we had Wendy all to ourselves, we saw Carmen on her return leg. Wendy, ably assisted by their beautiful setter, Katie, provided



1941: Founders Day Atlanta: The Males, Brinsons, Van Hoys, Lawsons, Callaways, Korioreks and Kramers.

us with an elegant base of operations from which we sortied to a fabulous mix of sight-seeing, classmates-seeing, and feasting. It started immediately. Ruth & Brad Smith wined and dined us in their lovely townhouse. We were delighted to see how well Ruth looked after the series of surgeries she has endured. And her spirits matched her looks—what a gal. Brad, relaxed and looking like he could still get into his hop manager's sash, told of their beautiful beach home at Kitty Hawk. They see a lot of Hank & Kathy Boswell who also live just 5 miles south of Duck. They had just returned from HI where they visited son, Porter, who is in the other service, the U.S. Navy.

Fri we saw the fascinating Air & Space Museum. As we toured the WWII exhibit we couldn't help thinking of Jim Walker, Charlie Peirce, Dave Taggart, Jack Lokker, Joe Tate and the other good guys who paid the price for our command of the skies in the war the U.S. won! That evening we took Wendy to the Bolling Club where Kay and I had our first date almost exactly 35 years before. On Sat we did the Museum of Natural History and I told Wendy I'd scarf the Hope Diamond for Carmen, but he said he didn't think she'd like the color. That evening he hosted us to a lovely curry dinner and included Lucy Millikin who continues to carry on beautifully despite her nagging back problem.

On Sun we drove to Potomac for a gourmet luncheon at the home of Woody & Jane Garrett. Who would have thought that the guy who invented Special Forces would turn into a restaurateur? The elegant Chicken Kiev proved they know what they are doing. We toured their lovely home, admired their 2 acres of beautiful boxwood, the outstanding gun collection and were regaled with Woody's wall-to-wall war stories. [Incidentally, we have since learned that he has sold his interest in Flaps Rickenbacker's and is planning to buy a restaurant in Old Town.] Jane is about to take off for a visit with son Bob, CPT JAG, stationed in Germany, as soon as she finds a sitter for her pet skunk, Baby.

That evening Ruth and Brad dropped over to introduce us to their lovely daughter, Debbie, who told us of the work she is doing

with the handicapped in NC. Later I phoned Burnside Huffman and found the old red-leg full of optimism and resolve to make a full recovery. Marka and the kids are fine. Another call to Molly Brown revealed that she has finished her BS (in Social Work) at George Mason and that all her kids are fine. She told of a recent Class luncheon arranged by Joe Gurfein (who runs the George Mason plant) at which she found herself seated beside what college kids once called Prexy! Heartiest congratulations, Molly, on attaining your degree. A 3d call found George Stalnaker doing great after a bout with some surgery. Told him that we were all looking forward to a chance to meet Celeste and urged him to make a trip out to CO.

Monday noon we rallied at the AN Club downtown for a scrumptious luncheon with Pooge & Bucky Curtis and their lovely daughter, Fallon. The old Thompson Trophy winner Fred Asceni, with Kay who looks like a teen-ager, were also present. Bucky looks great and Pooge does well in spite of the horrendous arthritic problem. As we strolled through the elegant dining room we thought we saw the two old codgers who serve as interlocutors in the charming Muppet Show.

That evening we stopped by Lucy Millikin's for a drink and were delighted to find Jean Moody who told us that Joy will marry Dr. John Lipsey on 3 Jun. He is interning at Johns Hopkins and will soon take a position on the staff at Stanford U.'s hospital. Jean is busy with her job at the bank and looking great. She also serves on our Class Bd of Dirs and is doing a wonderful job.

Next stop was at Eileen & Mike Greenes for a scrumptious Shrimp Jambalaya. Mike, resplendent in a St. Patrick's day green jacket, topped things off with a great Irish coffee. Eileen, fully recovered from her painful leg injury, said that Mike Jr. might be the smallest officer in the Marine Corps, but he is one of the "few good men" they are looking for, and damn proud to be a Marine.

Tues nite we journeyed to Qtrs 6, Ft Myer, for a cozy at-home dinner with Skip & George Brown. The festive occasion was greatly reinforced by the good news from George's team of doctors. After the discovery

of the very scary problem he was subjected to a battery of tests to determine if there was any indication of spreading. All tests reported negative! The next good news was that after a tour involving consultation with the top 5 authorities in the country, all agreed on radiation with the new linear accelerator and no surgery! It was wonderful being with 2 great people and finding them relaxed in the face of considerable strain. They talked of plans for a Class party on 5 May and after his ret. on 1 Jul moving into their new townhouse, 2337 S. Rolfe St, Arlington 22202.

On Wed we gave Wendy back his house and journeyed to Mt. Vernon and Williamsburg. Incidentally, we stayed in a VIP cottage at Eustis and here's one blue suiter who truly appreciates the way the Army took care of him! On this trip we reestablished contact with a lovely lady member of our '41 gang. She is Helen [McDaniel] Mahone, and she lives in a lovely home in Williamsburg where her husband, Dick has the considerable responsibility for the Williamsburg Nursery—more than 80 gardens. Son, Tom Jr., USAFA '68, "doing well" in the USAF at Scott AFB. You can write her at PO Box 751, Williamsburg 23185 and she'd love to hear from you.

Sat we headed north again and found our way to Cheyney & Jack Norton's mountain home at Bayse. Another lovely dinner with 2 beautiful people who are in great shape and spirits. Jack is the busiest VA farmer you ever saw. Next day he took Bob and me bass fishing and showed us where they ski on grass! As a practicing realtor, I can say that Bryce Mtn has a great deal to offer.

Later that day, as I checked into Andrews for a space-A trip, I had a Budget car to turn in. Squeezed for time before take off, I phoned Barney Woodruff who came to my rescue with a fast trip to National. On the way back, had a chance to chat and learn that the Woodruff gang is fine. Barney promised to stop with us on his next trip to trout country—hopefully next summer.

We got home in time to greet Carmen as she returned from the W. Coast. Showing no trace of her traumatic surgery, she was truly a breath of spring! At a lovely cocktail given by old friends for Jim & Lou Carroll she had a chance to meet the Colo Spgs gang: Ben & Harrie Spiller, Mal & Alma Troup, Dave & Mary Gauvreau as well as our newcomers, Jim & Lou and Curt and Terry Chapman. Make a note in your address book: Carroll—825 Oak Hills Dr, Monument, CO 80132 and Chapman—1925 Calle de Seville, Colo Spgs CO 80904.

And before we leave Carmen and Wendy let me say that these 2 great guys continue to provide a strong helping hand to people of South VN. They have an adopted son, Nguyen van Phuoc, who they are putting through college. While we were there Wendy spent the better part of 2 days writing a



1941: Clint, Terry and Jeannie Ball.



1941: Knowles, Korea, Sept 52.

resume to help a former LTC find a job. And dozens of people from that country know that they can come to the Knowles for help. Wendy gave 9 yrs of his life to service in that country. Carmen and Michael spent countless hours teaching the blind, coaching and teaching English, and continuing to offer their friendship and love. Hats off to a family doing a great service to humanity.

The happy news comes from CA where Maggie Tyndall and Bob Borman married in Jan. God Bless the new bride and groom.

But the sad news continues to dog us. On 17 Jan Arnold Torgerson died of a heart attack while shovelling snow. Edith can be reached at #5 Longbow Court, Overland, MO 63114. On 27 Feb Martin Shadday, after surviving bypass surgery in the past year was bicycling for exercise when a dog knocked him from the bike inflicting a fatal head injury. Jenny can be reached at 2224 Geenpines Rd, Columbia, SC 29201. And on 1 Mar, after a long illness, Ed Zarembo passed away. Dorothy can be reached at 52C Woolsey Ave, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Please let me know if you can help with an obituary.

George Hicks is off the MIA list. Writing from his new address 347 S. MacArthur St, Panama City, FL 32401, George reports that he is a licensed Ocean Operator running a public relations boat for Coca Cola. He and Dana are grandparents to a beautiful little girl who lives in the same city. "Would love to see anyone passing this way: phone 904-763-4994."

Art Meyer writes, "On 14 Mar Bill Clifford, Jock Adams and I were just finishing Benny Havens hour at the AWC when in popped Cocky & Hope Cochran en route home to FL. They looked well but admitted they did not know that Founders Day was in the offing. BG Bagnal gave us a good talk and brought along a mixed quartet of cadets." Bill & Jerry Brier are setting up their 3d annual Cheyenne Frontier Days Mini and it will be a great one based on their past impeccable performance as planners and logisticians. The dates are 21 to 30 Jul so come if you want to see "The Daddy of 'em All."

Dick Couch did what none [out of at least 6] of my USAF buddies could manage—to get me a pair of Iranian AF Wings for my collection. They see the Geraces regularly and seem to be enjoying Teheran. Jim Healy

writes to acknowledge that many people can't find Port St. Lucie on the map but that it is a great place for all sports except skiing. Dick Scott wrote that he delivered the SE FL Xmas letters despite my planning. All is well on their front which is good news. And Wire Coakley reported 6" of snow on his beach on 5 Feb and that my recent pix in *The Retired Officer* looked like "a benign Dracula." Gregg McKee reports another great mini on the part of the red-hot chapter in San Fran. Gregg and Mickey were guests of Walt & Doris Mullane who hosted a great Class party: Vince & Bert Carlson visiting their ultimate home from MO, the newlyweds Bob & Maggie Borman, Marge & Roy Hendrickson, (both looking great after Marge's illness), Anne McElroy, Bud & Carole Thompson, Bob & Audrey Tarbox, Lew & Anne Elder, Jack & Muriel Christensen and Marge Hershenov.

Got a nice card from Paul Skowronek who is eating up some great skiing at Garmisch.

Despite a very gloomy prognosis from the MD's, Clint Ball responded to my letter saying, "I feel fine." He sent along a couple of pix showing the real Baby of the class, Terry Natalie Ball, along with a current pic of Clint and Jeannie. Terry was born on Xmas day 75. Clint says she, "Started off at 8 lb. 7oz and now about 36 lb, size 4 and precocious, pretty and pampered. I'm on chemo therapy and am helping to write a history of my WWII Bomb Gp. Jeannie and I may go to England this summer on an 8th AF tour of the old bases." Write him at 701 Kingsbridge Rd, Columbia, SC 29210, or phone 803 772 7157.

Wally Lauterbach reported a Mini with Gurnees, Christensens and Mullanes at the Crosby Pro-am and a plan to do it again at Salishan over Memorial Day. Wray White sent his periodic bundle of clippings to support his notion that the media is gleeful about the nation's ills in addition to being dedicated to defame our profession.

New addresses: Kosiorek: 2313 Headland Terr, East Point, GA 30344-404 762 7968. Schremp, Chmn, Continuing Ed in Engl, U. of Cal, Extension, Berkeley.

During our visit, Jack Norton briefed me on the Bd meeting and his plans to raise money for the furniture for Nininger Hall which Herb Stern has done such a fine job obtaining. Jack will have a letter out soon on this and related Class business. He has instructed me to get going with the Directory; I plan delivery by Xmas.

Marion Gurfein wants me to quit talking like Ronald Reagan and maybe I should. At the same time guys like Wray White are prodding me to keep reminding you of Edmund Burke's admonition about the triumph of evil. As we ride into the sunset it will be hard enough to fight the gloom brought on by the certain attrition of our beloved classmates and wives, but it seems too much to ask me to overlook our nation's illness while we are still on active duty as



citizens. '41 hasn't been licked in any of the wars we've fought thus far and we sure as Hell remain in the fight. So until we have our final reunion at Fiddler's Green it seems necessary to talk about keeping the powder dry!

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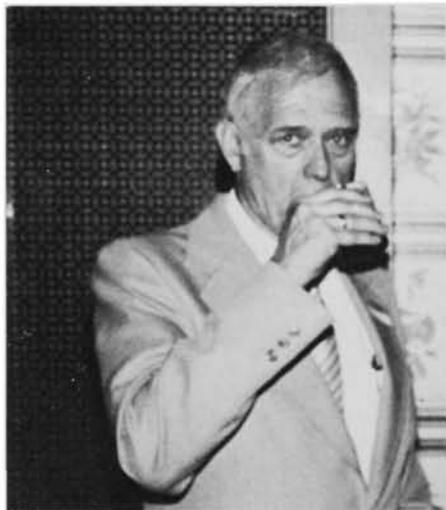
Let's hear it for spring and the delight of being uncomfortably warm, even with the windows open!

The last blues of winter came in a phone call from Sam Hayes, advising of the death of Jim Braden in Feb. Services were to be at WP, and the good troops in the area were to bid our goodbyes. Jim had had serious problems for some time, and we send Bunny our sympathy and regrets that they could not be solved.

Our spirits were deeply distressed when word came that Bob & Marcie Bringham's daughter Marcie died suddenly of encephalitis in a Portland, OR, hospital on 27 Jan. It has been a terribly difficult loss to accept, but with many supportive friends, Bob and Marcie and Mac are pulling themselves together. A memorial service here gave us all a chance to be together, face the sadness and move on, as we must.

Feb was gladdened locally by the annual dinner-dance and election. Guaranteeing sobriety was a bomb threat which drove the 30 couples out of the Arlington Hall Club into the frigid night air. The negative findings were succeeded by redoubled efforts to recapture the warm glow—successfully. With only one dissenting vote in each case, the following were elected to serve on your behalf for 1978-79: Ulsaker—Chmn; Rip Young—Vice; George Allin—Secy; John Sheffey—Treas; what's-his-name—Hist and Ray O'Neal—Social Secy. Ray's title sounds too, too—but in truth there's great labor involved, and his efforts help greatly to make our functions the success that they are.

On that very same night—and who was around in 97 to tell the parents to rein in their passions and prevent the conflict—Bobbie & Butch Offley had a real wing-ding to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday. Typical of the Offleys' parties, everyone looked and felt older than Jerry before it was over!



1942: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: Voegeli.



1942: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: The Averys '41, and the Munns.

The decision has been made to press on, under George Allin's leadership, with a 37½-year Reunion for a USMA football weekend, other than Homecoming, next fall. No big thing, just a chance to get together on an appropriate occasion. Keep it in mind if you're in shouting distance. You other folks out of range might want to do likewise in your own geographic area. Maybe Hal Rice can assign us a satellite for inter-com purposes!

Hearty congratulations to Aulene & Jay Hewitt for cloning young Jack who was sworn in as Asst Secy of the AF for Fin Mgmt in the Pentagon on 10 Mar—and a gigantic bouquet of scallions to the proud Mom and Pop for not having spent a nickel or 2 to let us know in advance so that some of us could have arranged to share the auspicious occasion!

When you're convinced that the world is populated by giant buzzards and you're at ground zero, be grateful that you aren't Bud & Cald Ryder. In 65 when they were stationed at Mainz, we made our first trip to Europe and they had to wine and dine. They were caught in HI on our only trip there. They tried Greece—the Plotts and Sheltons helped us enjoy Ryder hospitality. When they were at Fort Sam, the walk from the Sam Houston House to their quarters was a cinch! And now Barbara and I are departing for San Antonio to see how they look in ret. status! Feel better?

Apparently they're enjoying life in their new home with 40-foot pool. Bud has dropped 8 strokes from his golf handicap, mixes in some tennis, they've been skiing in CO, etc. What else is going on is left to your imagination and Bud's quote, "It's a bit hard to wake up every morning and not punch a time clock, but I think I will bare up . . ." Written in Jan, too!

A note from Pete Russell that both he and Nancy are now licensed real estate brokers. For your guidance, their firm owns the Red Fox Tavern in Middleburg. Make sure that any business dealings include lunch there—on them! They're especially interested in real estate investment, and you all know about real estate and funny money in the DC area!

John Sheffey and Crit Crittenberger both passed along the word that Ink Gates headed the U.S. team that sought the fallen Russian satellite in Canada. Crit's note advised that Ink had appeared on TV and had been quoted, "We're grateful it did not fall on a populated area. If it had, we would have had a catastrophe." in the *New York Times*.

Crit became our jr member of the ret. set on 31 Mar. He's been over for our \$2.98 counseling special and can now concentrate on job hunting, enjoying, keeping out of Kitty's way or whatever. No details on the

ret. ceremony because his deadline is the same as that of the ASSEMBLY Editor!

A recent call from Bill Plott seeking help for his boss. Whatever else, Bill obviously still has his priorities in order!

Bob Spilman came by in mid-Mar while in our fair city for a conference. He'd been back home to IA to attend a memorial service for his nephew who was MIA in Vietnam.

Bob Clagett has turned up as a Dir of the N. VA Chapter of TROA. Watch for his name as a candidate for the Bd of TROA itself and do some politicking for him if it comes to pass.

A friend sent a clipping from a Naples, FL, paper about Sissy Shelton and her active involvement in the local and state Heart Assn and CPR work. She's in need of a pat on the back because her father died recently, and Sissy has once again been making the AR run to get his affairs settled. Let's all wish bright and sunny weather for her in the days ahead.

Ray Murphy addressed the Jan meeting of the DC WP Soc. Bob Clagett, Bill Kraft, Pete Russell and John Sitterson were our only reps but they reported a fine job by Murph of addressing the deficiencies and needs of Usmy's athletic program. There's already encouraging evidence that Murph's hand on the tiller has things moving in the right direction.

Had the pleasure of partying with Joan & Ted Michel and Kathy Flanagan at WP in Feb. Talked to Polly Roberts on the phone and saw the Cutlers at a hockey game. All well in both camps. Drank and dined with the Murphys and then went off to the hockey game with Elaine while Murph went to bed with the flu. I would have been insulted by his trust until I realized that letching in the chilly confines of Smith Rink or in the frigid outdoor atmosphere of WP in Feb could—indeed, would—be hazardous to one's health! And to cap it all, we lost the hockey game badly!

Our leader Carl Ulsaker has recently been appointed Sr Asst PM General for Admin. As the last of the comparative old-timers, he feels as though he's sitting in the last seat in the last section! Incidentally, construction comes under his aegis, so if your town is building a new post office, be prepared for Carl's appearance.

Frank Clay is probably my source for the news that Pat Timothy is the new Treas of the Republican Party in the State of LA. No word as to whether they can still hold their meetings in a phone booth.

Happy news that Pat Gates will wed ret. COL Bill Lynch in apple blossom time. Never did know what that phrase really means but thought the column could use a poetic touch—especially for such tidings!

A letter from Jim Studer with a few philo-



1942: Tom, Rosemary and Corky before Tom spoke—I betcha.

sophical comments on society, the mores and his work. The best part was a hint at a visit to our town in Jun. Remember the 4th Tues for the Class lunch, if you have any control, Jim.

George Allin advises that they journeyed to frigid Minneapolis in Dec for son Tom's wedding. And speaking of George, on the occasion of our first visit to the Air and Space Museum on an idle Sun afternoon, whom did Barbara and I spot wandering aimlessly but himself!

As a reminder of the Army-Navy CC policy of accepting young-uns of eligible parents, Charger Mizell showed up as a new member, as did our daughter and son-in-law recently. There goes the neighborhood—and more importantly, the tennis courts!

The Founders Day affair here was the usual fine occasion. Allin, Bobo Clagett, Lu Clay, Crittenberger, Ford, Hanst, Low, Sheffey, Sitterson, Vogel and Westenhoff enjoyed together, particularly the toast to the Corps offered by COL Carey H. Brown, our Carey's father and the oldest grad in attendance at 92.

Joe Cannon was thoughty enough to report attendance at the San Fran dinner by Joe, Jack Colladay, Camille & John Finney and Grace & Skip Young. Of course they showed up our 92-year old by having GEN Nuttman at age 104!

Cannon (sorry Joe) cockers who were liaison fire-support officers for a direct support bn in combat who wish to help in a survey should so advise: Cmdt, USAFAS, ATTN: ATSFDT-TS, Ft Sill, OK 73503.

A column on the dangers of low-level radiation quotes Dr. Edward Martell of the Natl Cen for Atmospheric Rsch as saying, "plutonium in fallout is one of the factors responsible for increased cancer in the population in general," which shows where this column rates. We have no quotes whatsoever from the good doctor!

Thomas the Rienzi was back for a visit in late Mar and seen by a good many of the local segment, courtesy of Dotty & Jeff Davis. The picture of him with Rosemary & Corky Corcoran was taken when Tom spoke at an AFCEA luncheon in Worms. Corky moved his teaching Hqs from Frankfurt to Heidelberg-Worms, with dwelling place in the latter site. Rumor hath it that Andy Low may be the new teacher on that scene, so if you can't find Corky, look for Andy.

Many thanks to those who remembered to drop a line. If you want to see your name in print, any message to the above address will assure! Be good to yourself—and to each other.

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According to all reports, the 35th Reunion of our West Coast contingent at the Presidio of San Fran with Fly Flanagan (CG, Sixth Army) as host was truly something to be remembered, but here's a report on the gala occasion from Fly himself:

"The group started arriving by POV and commercial air on Fri. I had my driver and other office people met the commercial air travelers at the San Fran Intl Airport and bring them to the Presidio. We also arranged for each couple to have a suite in Pershing Hall on the Presidio. Friday night they assembled at my quarters for a cocktail party, and the war stories, picture-taking, and remi-



Jan '43: Marie Conmy and Camm enjoy the celebration.

niscences began in earnest. After the cocktail party, they went either to the Officers Club for dinner or to Castagnola's on Fisherman's Wharf. You may remember MG Andy Lolli—he is principal owner of Castagnola's. From all reports, Castagnola's did a great job.

Sat morning, I assembled the classmates in the Sixth Army Conference Room and gave them the Sixth Army Cmd briefing, followed by a part of the briefing which I gave Prince Charles some time ago. Then we had a slide presentation accompanied by appropriate WP songs and music of the big band era. Part of the slide presentation was a tribute to the members of the Class KIA during WW II and Korea. The slide show also included formal and informal pictures of each of the classmates present. After that, I discussed selected stats with regard to the Class.

After briefing, the classmates joined their wives for a tour of the Presidio Museum, Golden Gate Bridge, the Engineers' San Fran Bay Model in Sausalito and then had lunch in Sausalito. They completed the afternoon with a tour of Fisherman's Wharf and shopping.

Sat evening we assembled at the Officers Club for cocktails, dinner, and dancing. I had the "Hell Cats" from the Sixth Army Band play the reveille routine, and after dinner I had the Sixth Army Band give a small concert of WP songs, plus marches which were familiar to us to those many years ago. After that, there was dancing to the Sixth Army Combo.

On Sun, everyone dispersed to various



Jan '43: "Fly" Flanagan escorts Prince Charles on tour of Presidio of San Francisco.

parts, but all in all, I think it was pretty successful.

Somehow we managed to get them all here and back safely with only minor incidents—one of which was a bomb scare at the club while we were having dinner, which I chose to ignore. Naturally, I "sweated it out" for some 20 minutes before the bomb was allegedly due to go off—but it appears to have been the right decision, because it turned out to be another hoax.

Also present for the West Coast celebration, but not shown in the 2 group photos were the Dick Batsons and the Bob Watsons. Unfortunately, Fly will not be with us for the 2d celebration of our 35th Reunion at USMA in Jun, because he and Peg will be moving to Beaufort, SC, where Fly will be joining a law firm. Incidentally, their daughter, Maureen Flanagan McNeill, was a recent winner in the annual tennis competition at Ft Bragg—must run in the family.

Meanwhile, on the East Coast, the DC area contingent assembled for our 35th Reunion at Ft McNair. Those present for an evening of dining, dancing, reminiscing, and Jim Frankosky's Polish jokes included the Arderys, Dee Armstrongs, Jack Armstrongs, Badens, Bennets, Bensons, Camms, Conmys, Cooks, DeGruchys, Elliotts, Fisses, Frankoskys, Fritzs, Grimms, Harringtons, Heltzels, Henrys, Kings, Mincklers, Nazzaros, Norrisis,



Jan '43: Cecily Wood and Baden.

Raaens, George Rebh and Suzanne Reed (Fred Kramer's widow), the Richards', Shaws, Seiths, Bob Smith and Gwen Gylar, the Stevens', Don Thompsons, and Jack Woods. The evening was a special occasion for the Badens, Bennetts, Camms, Frankoskys, Fritzs, Seiths, and Don Thompsons, who were also celebrating their 35th wedding anniv. In addition to the presentation of Colors by the Old Guard, the group was privileged to hear the Army Chorus in a medley of WP, Army, and all-time favorite show songs.

Bob Smith, who was until recently the Asst Secy of Def for Health Affairs, gave us all a pleasant surprise by slipping away to USMA where he married Gwen Gylar in the Cadet Chapel on 1 Feb. Gwen is a political journalist and former grad of OH State U. and the Inst of Far Eastern Studies at Yale U. I understand that the best man for the ceremony was none other than Tom Greiss—our enduring Prof of Hist at USMA. The Smiths have returned to Toledo, OH, where Bob has resumed his private practice. The wedding bells also chimed on 19 Feb for Hilary Richards, daughter of Pat/Darrie Richards, and James Peoples in Alexandria, VA.



Jan '43: Class Pres Frankosky addresses DC area classmates at 35th reunion.

Congratulations are also in order for Bob McDermott, who was selected as the Citizen of the Year by the N. San Ant CC. Bob was cited for "giving freely of his time, advice, and business knowledge in helping San Ant become a better place in which to live."

The spring business luncheon of the DC contingent of the Class at the Army-Navy CC was attended by some 28 classmates, who enjoyed Jim Frankosky's showing of a selection of slides from those prepared and used by Fly Flanagan during the 35th Reunion on the West Coast. Classmates in attendance at the annual Founders Day dinner of the WP Soc of DC included Ted Arderly, Bob Baden, Bob Cook, Jim Dempsey, Bob Harrington, Bob Kurtz, Rex Minckler, Johnnie Norris, Adrian St. John, Bob Smith and Jack Wood. We were privileged to have the invocation presented by none other than our own Rev Bob Kurtz.

Responses to Gregg Henry on the subject of our reunion at WP on May 31-Jun 2 also provided the following bits of news from classmates here and there:

Mary Ann/Britt May have built a new home in Boise, ID at 3215 Agate Court and occasionally see the Johnnie Stephens, Bob Muldrows, and Bill Kyles in the Salt Lake City/Ogden area.

Nine/Wray Pages' daughter Nina will be commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps on 2 Jun and has been tentatively assigned to Ft Carson, CO, after she completes her basic course at Ft Sam Houston.

The Johnny Johnsons' son Tom (USMA '65) is an instr in the Engl Dept at USMA.



Jan '43: Founders Day Atlanta: The James Cobbs and Flanagan.



Jan '43: The West Coast grads and wives at Presidio of San Francisco for 35th Jun-in-Jan graduation.

Billie Bestervelt was in town during Jan for the purpose of visiting her mother and brother, Bill Welsh (USMA Jun '43). According to Billie, their 15-year-old daughter is still at home, and Jim is Chmn of the Dept of Engr Tech at the Metropolitan State Coll in Denver, CO. Meanwhile, down in FL, Bill Smith of Plattsburgh, NY, was rescued by the Coast Guard when the 40-foot Tri-Maran on which he was sailing from Port Everglades, FL, to St. Thomas encountered foul weather and partially submerged. The Joe Connys escaped the Feb snows in DC by visiting their daughter in HI, where they saw the Griffins, both of whom are champion surfers, and the Berenzweigs, who are "living it up" on Waikiki. Don Griffin, by the way, is a beach erosion expert for the State of HI, being B-wig is preparing its natural disaster plan.

Here in the DC area, Jim/Liz Moore are moving to their brand new home (complete with a 5-acre fishing pond and a swimming pool) in Loudoun County near Hillsboro, VA. Their new address in May will be Box 110, Rte 1, Purcellville, VA, 22132.

The Class offers its deepest sympathies to Tom Flatley whose wife, Florence, died of cancer at Carlisle, PA on 21 Feb and was buried at USMA on the 23d. We also offer our sympathies to Bob Beightler and Ben Edwards, whose fathers passed away in OH in Feb and in TX in Mar, respectively.

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It is ironic to reflect that as these notes are written, the plans and preparations for our 35th Reunion are still maturing; but by the time you read this, the reunion will be history. Because of ASSEMBLY's lead-time, however, it can't be helped, so I had best get on with the news now at hand. Here's hoping all of you will attend the reunion, but for those who can't, my report will be in the Sept issue.

Last 5 Jan when I put the previous column in the mail I made my 6th mistake of 78. The information about the replacement of Class rings given in the next-to-last para-

graph was wrong-wrong-WRONG, for the class of Jun '43. Within minutes after the Mar issue of ASSEMBLY was delivered in the N. VA area, my phone jangled and I heard on the other end an irate Dutch Umlauf, who was, you will recall, Chmn of the Ring Cmte. "Willy," he said, in a steely-quiet voice, "You have blown it." He then pointed out that my item about L.G. Balfour Co. being prepared to replace rings by using the old Herff-Jones dies now in custody of the Treas, USMA, was irrelevant—because our rings were made by Bailey, Banks, and Biddle! "But, Dutch," I cried, "I have a poopsheet from the AOG that specifically lists our Class as one of those affected." "Poopsheet—shmoopsheet," he replied, "It's wrong. And if you had looked inside your own ring, you would have known it was wrong, you goat." Before I could say anything about a pot calling the kettle black, he added the corrective information that Bailey, Banks & Biddle still has our dies, and will make to order—but it is quite expensive. So please strike out the penultimate paragraph in the Mar 78 column, because I sure struck out on that bit. Alan Jones also knocked my head in—as did Bill Spahr, who wrote from Geneva, Switzerland, where he was then serving with the US delegation to the US-USSR Standing Consultative Commission. He confirms from experience that BB&B can make replacements exactly like the originals.

On 19 Jan DC area classmates had the pleasure of lunching at the General Officers' Mess in the Pentagon. This event had been suggested by Bernie Rogers and efficiently arranged by Jack Morris, who acted as emcee. Jack apologized for an overrun (very small) in the projected individual charge for the luncheon, but said at least he had been consistent with prevailing govt practice. The meal was excellent, the company was the best, the speeches and announcements were brief, and a most familiar atmosphere of relaxed congeniality prevailed. I wish I could convey to you how it was. It was not "formal," at all. It was something like dinner in the Mess Hall, a long time ago. There were 46 present, out of a total of approximately 80 in the DC Area: Aaron, Arnold, Atkinson, Baldwin, Benson, Steve Brown, Buzalski, Calnan, Childs, Cover, Grady, Hamblen, Hardy, Heintzelman, Hemsley, Hutchin, Alan Jones, Kelly, Magathan, Malone, Mathe,

McAdam, McGregor, Morgan, Morris, Naylor, Novak, O'Connor, O'Hare, Parker, Pigg, Pinnell, Rasper, Bernie Rogers, Roos, Rundell, Sawyer, Schroeder, Bill Scott, Dick Shaefer, Silvester, Spahr, Surkamp, Umlauf, Welsh, and Wood. This group included 2 recent returnees—Grady, who had just re-materialized from Spain, and whose new address in Chevy Chase I gave last time; and Rundell, back from Iran and now once again at 7005 Southridge Dr, McLean, VA 22101. The accompanying pictures are courtesy of Jack McGregor, Bill Roos, and MAJ Robert D. Brown ('65).

Bruce Arnold told a pre-plebe year yarn about his days as a young cavalry trooper at Ft Myer that was about the wildest horse story I've ever heard. I concluded that it wasn't technology and the tank that were really responsible for the demise of the horse cavalry, and I hope he records it some day for posterity. I can't handle Bruce's story in the compass of this column, but I must give you at least one anecdote from 19 Jan. During the attitude adjustment period before we took seats, Umlauf drew me aside and whispered conspiratorily: "Well, I see you've gotten your hair cut at last." I acknowledged that this was true, and he admitted to having done the same. At that moment, Rogers came along, and Dutch blurted out: "Bernie, I and Willy have a confession. Both of us broke down and got our hair cut for this formation." Bernie replied: "Really? I let mine grow for the occasion!" And—there you have it.

The first quarter's mail brought welcome news from several classmates, including a note from Al Burdett. It was a special Xmas for them, since it was the first time in 10 yrs the whole Burdett clan had been together for the holidays. With Al and Antoinette in the picture are Allen III with his wife Betsy and their small son, Aaron; Bill; Margaret (a sr at Trinity U); and Douglas (a sr at TMI). Al added that they had recently seen Rip Collins, now living in San Ant and drilling for oil, and Al & Betty Metts—all going strong. A note from Bill Glasgow advised that he was off on another business trip to Saudi Arabia in Jan, but that he and Janie were planning their time so as to make the reunion at USMA. Bob Sonsteli wrote that he, McGee, and Van Auken are organizing a Jun '43 mini-reunion at Gainesville, FL, for the Army-UFL football game this fall. Preparations are underway even now (Mar), and all who can make it are urged to contact Sonsteli with great speed. Accommodations are limited, and the game looks to be a sell-out. You can write or call Bob at 5300 North A-1-A #307, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Last fall, after the Army-Air Force game



Jun '43: After the game party at the Sweats: (seated) Ann Kullman, Betty Ann Childs, the Hollenbecks; (standing) the Martins, Kullman, Childs, the Sweats, Olds and fiancée, Morgan Barnett, the Becketts.



Jun '43: The Winfields.

at Falcon Stadium, Dale & Bettye Sweat entertained a Class group at their home in Colo Spgs. Thanks to Betty Anne and Deke Childs, we have the fine accompanying picture. You'll notice that Olds looks particularly exultant, as well he might, for he and Morgan had just become engaged. This was, I understand, the first opportunity he had to introduce a group of his classmates, and I also understand that the regard was instant and mutual. I used the expression "then-fiancé" advisedly above, for Robin and Morgan were married in late Feb 78, with Ben & Barbara Cassiday in attendance, and can be reached at Box 1478, Steamboat Spgs, CO 80477. Welcome to the Class, Morgan, and our congratulations and best wishes to you both!

This brings us to Founders Day events, 78. I have news of only 3 at this time. Perhaps—as sometimes happens—the editor will receive and insert other pictures separately received. As you see, **Pinky & Phoebe Winfield** attended the dinner at Ft Leonard Wood, where I'm told the Pink One turned out to be the oldest grad present. Unfortunately, I don't have a copy of his remarks, but will wager it was vintage Winfield. This was the 2d case I know of in which the "oldest grad" distinction at a Founders Day fell to one of our Class. The first was **Jim Bower** at Tehran in 77. One reflects—ruefully but resignedly—that it had to come some time! Had a picture postcard in late Jan from **Pete Langstaff**, who said he had just left his daughter and new grandson in Moscow, ID while he and his brother were testing the powder ski slopes. It was (as usual) hard to tell where Pete actually was, because he said he was on the slopes of Coeur d'Alene, but the picture was of the Schweitzer Basin, and the card was mailed from Spokane, WA. In any event, he made it back to FL in time to join **Tomlinson, Ed Wright, Van Auken, and McGee** for the dinner on 17 Mar at the Ponce De Leon CC in St. Augustine, sponsored by the WP Soc of N. FL.

Here in DC, Founders Day was celebrated by about 500—repeat 500—grads at Ft Myer on 10 Mar; and the post MPs and mess staff at Patton Hall deserve a word of praise for the efficient way they handled this battalion size turn-out while simultaneously carrying on regular evening activities. On hand from June '43 were **Childs, Cover, Hardy, Alan Jones, Magathan, Malone, McAdam, Bernie Rogers, Romanek, Roos, Sawyer, and Umlauf**. GEN Bruce Palmer '36, the pres of the WP



Jun '43: Ft Myer 10 Mar: Sawyer and Roos.



Jun '43: The Pentagon: Heintzelman, Aaron, Wood, Hamblen, Scott (blessing Novak's head), Morris, Schroeder.



Jun '43: The Pentagon (L-R): Rundell, Cover, Rogers, Shaefer, and Baldwin.



Jun '43: The Pentagon: Brown, McGregor, Pinnell, Childs, Calnan, and Hardy.



June '43: The Pentagon: Silvester, O'Connor, McAdam.

Soc of DC, was toastmaster. After presentation of the colors by the 3d Inf (The Old Guard), the invocation, and the toasts to the Pres of the U. S. and the Corps, GEN Palmer expressed appreciation for the fact that the U.S. Army CS was present, although not at the head table since he had elected to sit with his classmates—which he did, and which drew a round of applause.

During dinner the Army String Ensemble provided music, and the Army Chorus did a program of songs during the dessert course. The youngest grad present then spoke, and in this case 2LT Edward Lawnick '77 gave the best youngest grad's talk I've ever heard—full of optimism, determination, and dedication that would have *done your heart good*. Perhaps the most distinctive of his remarks, however, were those describing an unexpected leadership challenge he faced while on the Beast Detail when the first group of women were admitted as plebes in the summer of 76. Among the new cadet rooms assigned to him for instruction and supervision he found, to his alarm, one with three plebe women in it. There they were—in the midst of all their newly issued clothing and equipment. Somehow, he was not really prepared for this, but he resolved manfully to get on with the job—no partiality or different treatment here. So, he proceeded with the familiar routine of showing them exactly how to make up the bed, line-up the shoes, arrange the field equipment, fold the socks, etc., etc., and everything was going along fine until he got to the undergarment shelf in the lockers. Then, he said, "I just stood there looking at all those panties and bras, and those 3 girls just stood there laughing at me, because I had absolutely no idea what the regulation to fold those things was, and they knew damn well I didn't. But... we managed."

After the laughter and applause for LT Lawnick died down, the annual Benjamin F. Castle Award was presented to BG Paul D. Phillips '40, and the toastmaster introduced GEN Goodpaster, the guest of honor, but explained that because of a severe cold, aggravated by a heavy schedule, the Supt had lost his voice. Nevertheless, GEN Goodpaster took the microphone and addressed the graduates in a whisper. Complete silence fell on the room, and his words were perfectly distinct and audible to all as he briefly outlined the progress toward new goals at WP; emphatically assured the gathering that every cherished traditional value of the Acad continues to exist and grow; and asked for the support of all alumni in his determination to continue that progress, and safeguard those values. In his remarks, which were all the more inspirational because of the difficult circumstances in which they were made, GEN



Jun '43: St. Augustine 17 Mar: Langstaff, Tomlinson, Wright, Van Auken, and McGee.



Jun '43: The Burdett family—Xmas 77.

Goodpaster—as GEN Palmer had done before him—paid particular tribute to Rogers for his support in strengthening the Academy since assuming office as CS, USA. Following this address and the ret. of the colors, we sang “The Corps” and the “Alma Mater”—I can assure you the CS still knows all the words, because I was standing directly in front of him—and the gathering dispersed.

It was quite an evening. Because of the density of the crowd, it was virtually impossible to get a Class group picture; but I managed a few individual shots. For information, let me furnish the address of the WP Soc of DC—Box 29, The Army and Navy Club, 1627 Eye St, NW, Washington, DC 20006. For those in this area, I recommend joining. All grads are invited of course, but you won't get an individual Founders Day announcement if you don't belong to the DC Soc—for the simple reason that they have no ready way of knowing who is here, and where, if not on their books.

With their usual skill, Malones picked the first sunny Sun after the snow melted in this area for a highly successful “brunch” on 19 Mar at the solarium room of the Country Squire at Seven Corners. Cecile couldn't make it, and I arrived late, but in time to join Mary & Dave Davenport at the end of the serving line. Dave—like Chase, Daner, and Taylor—took to the law, you know, and has offices with son Dave in Vienna, VA. We welcomed back Cobe Hurley, who was staying with Baldwins while on a brief visit from FL. She looked great, and has an interesting and active job working for an entertainment and talent booking agency. It was a grand brunch, and the turnout included: Hal & Marianne Aaron, QC & Liz Atkinson, Clarke & Bettie Baldwin, Gary & Margie Black, Ned & Nikki Burr, Rex & Nancy Cocroft, Bill Cover, Dave & Mary Davenport, Rundy Hamblen, Les & Betty Hardy, Harry & Ruby Heintzelman, Dick & Winnie Hemsley, Cobe



Hurley, Johnny & Dorothy Johnson, Tom & Betty Johnston, Jack & Lois McGregor, Wally & Peggy Magathan, Bill & Nancy Malone, Bob & Elinor Mathe, Jack & Allayne Novak, Bill & Laurie Naylor, Jim & Helen Phillips, Milt & Pat Pigg, Sam Pinnell, Bill & Miriam Roos, Trev & Helen Sawyer, Ned Schramm and Pearl Shelley, Hank & Betty Schroeder, Harriet Scott, Dick & Caroline Shaefer, Art & Barbara Surkamp, Ted Tansey, Harriet Tenney, Dutch & Ginny Umlauf and Wick Wickert. Ned Schramm, I learned, formed “Schramm Assoc” on 15 Mar 78 at Skyline Towers, Bailey's Crossroads, as an exec and talent search firm—calls himself a “head-hunter.”

Ed O'Connor has been designated as pres of the Burns & Roe Industrial Co., and as of late Mar, he and Rita were preparing to move from McLean, VA to Paramus, NJ but the new address was not yet definitely known. Congratulations on the new job, Ed, but we are sorry to see you leave the DC area.

In other news, Umlauf tells me that Nobby Oswald is doing commercial real estate sales with the McBride Real Estate Co. of Naples, FL. Helen, sorry to report, has suffered from phlebitis. Let's hope the coming months bring improvement in her condition. From Hardy I learn that the new address for Mike Davis is 1414 E. Ramon Rd, #110, Palm Springs, CA 92262; and for Charles W. (Red) Carson, 12618 Old Wick Dr, Elm Creek, San Antonio, TX 78230. Art Van Schoick is now living in Costa Rica, where he is associated with several publishing ventures including a monthly information bulletin called Carta De Costa Rica. Personal mail reaches him c/o Office of Def Cooperation, APO NY 09883. And Hank Schroeder has had a letter from J.B. Stockton with a return address to “Agency Dir, USAREUR Class VI Agcy, APO NY 09102.” I guess that means John Stockton is the whiskey-meister of the N. German Plain—and I hope the editors have taken note of all these address changes.

No doubt the reunion correspondence and rosters now being developed by Hardy & Co. will provide many updates in address listings. But there are a number of classmates who have become hard to reach. For example, at Ft Myer recently I met Ed Hamilton '39, who had been Stukie Stevens bn cmdr in the 90th Div during WW II. He recalled the performance of Stukie and his company at

the Mayenne bridge crossing and asked if I had any current news of Stevens, but I did not. If anyone knows his current address or that of other classmates who have long been unheard from, please notify the AOG—or, your faithful scribe. So long for now, and before you read this I hope to see many of you at USMA in Jun.

# '44

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Rex Minckler '43 sent me a color snap of Dan & Kathy Wallis taken in their home at Carmel, CA, in the winter. They appear to prosper with youth.

Farther west, Joe & Susan Shelton, with the Silvers and Mahoneys as their weekend guests, concluded unanimously that a champagne brunch on a lanai at the Makaha Inn provided better seats for the Army-Navy game than a freezing stadium in Phila (with dust blowing in one's eyes).

Johnnie & Dottie Moore checked in from P.O. Box AB, Agana, Guam with reports of an unbelievable schedule of work and travel for last year that had the family scattered to Europe, Atlanta, WP and Japan.



1944: Donaldson meeting Presidents Carter and Giscard at Normandy American Cemetery, 5 Jan 78.



1944: Class with Strong '10.

Phil McAuliffe had a rough afternoon before the Senate Armed Svs Cmte in testifying for Senate support of the Panama Canal treaties. However, it looks like his trenchant testimony will influence the outcomes.

Congratulations are due Ernie Graves who was awarded his 3d star and assigned to head the Def Scty Asst Agcy.

Meanwhile Jack Cushman is reported in a local blatt to have ret. in grade of LTC. Further info not provided.

American Battle Monuments Comm in Paris thoughtfully provided a fully qualified interpreter to conduct the visit of Pres Carter to Normandy in company of m. le Pres Valerie Giscard d'Estang.

I have heard nothing concerning any Founders Day dinners here in the DC area. We had a local Class luncheon on Easter Mon; Connell reports no significant business and no out-of-town visitors. The annual Class business meeting will be held in early May and you can read "all-about-it" in Sept.

In the interim, please note that our 35th Reunion is only 11 months away. Hope we have a large crowd there. We won't count airplanes and grandchildren, but the first private jet and the first great-grandchild

might get someone's attention. And the folks we wanted to see in 74 will be those we wish to see in 79. Meanwhile watch your weight, smoking, drinking, and enjoy your tennis, skiing, jogging and romance to make sure you get there for June Week.

# '45

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Jim Elkey, our Class Secy, tells me there are 34 members of our Class who have disappeared! Between AOG and Class records we don't have current addresses for the following: Robt Babin, Paul Bullard, Clark Campbell, Renato Cervelli, Dewey Cummings, Arthur Doyle, Frank Draper, Paul Field, Max Findell, Theodore Fite, Andy Gatsis, Joseph Hill, Donald Huseby, R. H. (Zoot) Johnson, Fred Jones, Francis Klabouch, John Lish, Robert Lochry, Art Lozano, Ed Munyon, Slade Nash, Daniel Nelson, Harry Patrick, Edward A. Powers, Marshall Pulliam, William Reidy, John Shadday, Robert Siegel, James Stuart, Earl Thompson, Robert Tolar, Lamar Weaver, Robert Woodward, Laird Woolley. Anyone having a current address for any of these please send it to Class of '45, USMA, Box 1145, Ft Myer, VA 22211 and to the AOG. Jim says there are still a few copies of the 30-year book available. If interested, send check for \$20 payable to USMA Class of '45 Memorial Fund to class address above.

Speaking of "lost" classmates, Andy Gatsis is certainly alive and well. He wrote a great "Letter to the Editor" of ARMY magazine. Andy took issue with the standard public statement that many Army leaders use: "Today's army is the best we've had in umpteen years." Andy's point was that just saying so doesn't make it so. And whether it's Army or AF those of us who have been there will agree with Andy.

I know it's Jun when you're reading this, but there's still some news from Xmas cards which reached me too late for the Mar issue. Tom & C. B. Maertens report son Tommy is going to USMA to teach, after detour at UTN for master's. Buddy is still in AK where they plan to visit this summer to see grandson Jason and #2 grandchild due in Mar. Walt & Dot Root spent Thanksgiving with Snapper & Jane Rattan at Ft Sam Houston. Walt is playing lots of golf. Dot now has her real estate broker's license. D. A. & Hank Hankins youngest boy, Matt, was with them for the holidays on vacation from theology sch in TX. Lissa, their young daughter, is still at home. Nancy & Mack McGovern's first grandchild was due in Apr in Portland, OR—their son Mike's child. Oldest son Dan is making TV commercials in NY. Third son is rsch asst at Harvard Sch of Med, while youngest, Jim, is a soph in coll. Bob & Mary Velies' daughter Jane was married in June 77 to Navy LT Mike Waters. The young couple are living on a boat in HI. Lou & Lee Shoaff go fishing almost every Sun and keep busy in the Ft Lauderdale, FL area. Arch Arnold says that CA has found them in UT and that his pack trail business is improving each year along with Barbara's trail cooking. Their card showed them both on horses with beautiful UT mts in the background. Betty & Bill Zook still have a 10-year old at home in son Chris. They all went to London in Oct. Audrey & Les Ayres enjoyed seeing their 5-year-old granddaughter when visiting the DC area. Audrey is full time student at Sonoma State



1945: The Brauchers and Flums.



1945: Founders Day San Diego: Churchill and Gaye Dingeman.



1945: Founders Day Hawaii: The McMurdos.



1945: Founders Day San Diego: Drake, and Doyle '53.



1944: Silver, Shelton, Mahoney and room-mates—Makaha Inn.



1944: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: Smith (guest speaker) and the Boyles.



1944: Founders Day Atlanta (L-R): The Calhans, Hanleys and Hummas.



1945: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Perrys, Guthries, Burkes, Marks ('44), Nevilles, and Craigs.

U, while Les is growing grapes and making wine. Carl & Phoebe Nerdahl are enjoying life of leisure. Carlie, Jeff and 2 boys are stationed at Homestead AFB; Van and Stephanie and their 3d grandson, Todd, are doing fine in Atlanta. Cam graduated from The Citadel and was expected home at Xmas after year in Korea as Engr 2LT. Chuck & Becki Knudsen had a fall vacation at Hot Springs Nat'l Park with Chuck's brother and complain that they don't have any grandchildren as yet. Pat & Murray Field, in Bellevue, WA are still hard at the sailing, riding, and gardening. They planned to go on a Caribbean cruise in Feb—their first real vacation in years. Bob & Lei Fye were in DC in Sept for Bob to be on a board. While back, Bob had to have eye surgery at WRAH and a long convalescence. They did have a chance to travel to NH to visit Carolyn, husband, and children as well as several other visits with friends along East Coast before going back to Germany in Nov. They plan to be back in U.S. sometime this year. Dodie & Pat Powers enjoy life at Qtrs #1, Aberdeen PG. Pat travels all over the world checking on testing and evaluation of army equipment. Tom & Nina McCunniff sent a great poem describing their family's doings. Kelly's in Columbia (husband in grad sch), Dennis is going to med sch. Don is at N. GA and in ROTC. Kate is at Agnes Scott Coll in Atlanta. Anne & Lucian Truscott live in Albuquerque where Anne is working for 3 Urologists and Lucian is doing some writing. Their daughter Mary is now on her own at UNM, while Ginny, the last one, is still at home. Son Frank is with his wife Debbie living in a small N. VA farmhouse and son Lucian is in NYC having just finished a novel about WP. (See class of '69 column in Dec and Mar for more on this!) And with that, we'll send Santa back to the North Pole for a few months.

Tom Schwinn attended the dedication of UKS Sch of Law bldg in Feb and had a good reunion with John & Eleanor Gage. (John practices law in the Kansas City area.) When Tom attended an oil meeting in San Ant in late 77 he had a good visit with Moose Hardy who is doing well there in the real estate business.

Dan Whitcraft was recently promoted to



1945: Founders Day Blacksburg, VA: The Heards, McDaniels, Marvins, and McMurrays.



1945: Founders Day Atlanta: The Grosses, Ringler, Longinos, Childresses, Trottis, Hartlines, McCunniffs, Geers and Gillands.

asst secy of the non-profit company The Aerospace Corp of El Segundo, CA. His previous job was their dir of govt rels.

Jim Shilstone was sitting in the Heathrow airport in London in Feb and spotted an article in the Jan 27th American Traveler newspaper that had in it a picture of Larry Jones. Larry was reviewing officer at a change-in-command ceremony at the U.S. Army Depot at Burtonwood.

Bill Holcombe is living in El Paso teaching math in high school on weekdays and teaching skiing in the mountains of NM on weekends. He wrote me a wrap-up of El Paso area classmates doings. Ray Cavanna & Jim Christiansen are teaching math in schools in the area. Buster Hayden is the USMA Athletic Admissions Rep for El Paso, so every time Army beats Navy, he just smiles and says, "I told you so!" Fred Parker is the newly elected pres of the WP Soc of El Paso. But Pitzer is rebuilding his grape arbors, and Joe Russo is the grad asst to a prof at UTX-El Paso. Last fall, Bill Wakefield hosted the yearly Class of '45 Army-Navy football TV gathering at which CA Omar Bradley '15, was the honored guest. Bill Walker is the dir of the El Paso rehabilitation center.

Marty Brewer is one of the few people that writes with a legible handwriting. But even more important he responds with news every quarter for which I thank him very much. The following is from his letter of 14 Mar: "Had a note from Bob Hippert in late Jan. At the time of its writing, it was Xmas Day and he was in West Palm Beach, FL, en route (or coming from?) a visit to his middle daughter (Terry) who is with husband and family, I believe in the Ft Lauderdale area. Bob's and Jodie's youngest (Diane) was recently married. Rumor has it that as they watched Diane's new husband drive away from the reception, Jody wistfully said to Bob, 'Now there's just you and I left,' whereupon Bob replied, 'Jody, that's all we started with!' I was in West Palm in Feb visiting my sisters there, and despite being a native-born Floridian, must reluctantly admit that I hastened to get back to S. CA to get warm again! I am still with Federal Electric on base and Jane is still plying the real estate trade. Only change to our family is that my eldest, Deb-

bie, took a job in early Jan with a publishing co. in Denver. She is doing book reviews for publication, editing, free-lancing, etc., and may soon take off in her own name and write a book for publication for her co. Jack has one more year at the UNM (EE) and Tim is in jr coll (pre-engr) locally. Tell the troops that if they are in the area, the door is always open and the welcome mat is out"

Mar AF mag showed a picture of some of the distinguished guests and participants at the Greater Seattle AF Assn Chapter's fall dinner meeting. Among those pictured were Kendall & Polly Russell, as Kendall is chapter pres.

Our Middle TN Founders Day dinner was held on 11 Mar at Joe Rawlings' ('51) Country Resort Lodge. '45ers attending were Harry Walker from Henderson, Russ Taliaferro from Jackson, and Hap Macintire. Missing this year were Quent La Prad who lives here in Nashville, and Bill Jarrell from Cookeville.

The news from the DC area has been slim for this issue. But a letter from Rachel McDaniel told of a most enjoyable brunch hosted by Bunny & Bob Hall. Those attending included a number of '45 people as well as some old paratroop buddies. The Halls' delightful home was a great place to gather for mutual reminiscing and most tasty food.

Jack Burke wrote that the '45 group celebrating Founders Day on FL's west coast included Bill & Gloria Craig, D.C. & Jeanne Perry, Al & Johnnie Neville, Bob & Barbara Guthrie, and Jack & Betty Burke. The Guthries made the trip from Winter Haven and were overnight houseguests of the Burkes in St. Pete. All were delighted to see Elaine Casey now wed to Murphy '42, USMA Dir of Athletics, who was guest speaker at the occasion. Herb McChrystal has joined the faculty of FL Tech, extending '45 rep to 4. The others are George Jones, Registrar; Ed Cudgel, Admin of Off-Campus Programs; and Jack Burke, Resident Coordinator in St. Pete. Doc Hesse left FL West Coast and his position as gen mgr of the Reg'l Water Supply Authority there and is now working for Harza Engr Co. of Chicago as resident constr mgr for the "Mainstream Tunnel Project," a \$500-million effort to control flooding and storm water runoff in the Greater Chicago area. Rumor has it that Doc resigned in protest to FL West Coast political hanky panky and then moved to his new job in Chicago.

Tom Longino thinks all of the '45ers in the Atlanta area have been in hibernation since Xmas since his contacts produced little news. The Founders Day meeting was scheduled 2 wks late in Atlanta because of the Supe's speaking itinerary. Those planning to attend were Al & Marian Childress, Jack & Sandra Geer, Jim & Claire Gilland, Don & Virginia Gross, Dick & Harriet Hartline, Tom & Lou Longino, Tom & Nina McCunniff, Dick Minor, Bill & Ree Preston, Art & Dot Ringler, and Marion & Martha Trotti. Other items: Don & Virginia Gross made a flying trip to Curacao, the last remnant of the Dutch Empire in the Caribbean. Andy Gatsis called Art Ringler recently reporting that he is living in Rocky Mount and working for the conservative cause with Sen Helms and GA Congressman Larry McDonald. Tom & CB Maertens are planning to drive all the way to AK for that visit mentioned earlier.

Our younger son, Jeff, who is a pre-Vet student at TN Tech is going to basic airborne cse and ranger sch this summer in place of ROTC summer camp. He says he relishes the

idea of being an airborne-ranger veterinarian. His Mom and I think he's crazy—but aren't they all?

Many of our Class don't subscribe to ASSEMBLY. Encourage any classmates you see to subscribe—it deserves support and it's our best way to stay in touch.

## '46

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(126) Those of us in the NE will long remember this winter. As I start to write this column it is 60°F out and we still have over a foot of snow on the ground. It's the second day we haven't had some freezing temperatures since Xmas. As you will see in reviewing "down the field" Army basketball had a very good season again, including a win over Navy.

Before I proceed with news, I wish to correct an omission from the Mar 78 issue which left out the names of those in the photo taken at the Bill Cound residence. Although they were in my notes to AOG they got left out and therefore the text that followed could lead to the question: "Who's he writing about?" So, refer to that issue and insert the following ID's in center column, page 72, before the word "Phil": Front—L-R, Dodo Rogers, Jean MacDonald, Dusty Cound and Jean Hutchison; Rear—LaCouture, MacDonald, Cound, Hutchison and Rogers.

A note from John Bodley ex '46 indicates that he is now in the Ret Res as of 5 Sep 77, at which time he received a MSM. His last active tour as a member of the Army Res was with Wilt Persons in OTJAG. John said Wilt runs one of the finest law offices he's ever seen. Steve Edwards is now working with a science and engr firm in Springfield, VA. John also mentioned seeing a picture of George Patton in Europe with Rommel's son; I missed that one.

MG Bert David has ret. as of 1 Feb 78 to live at 244 Deerfield Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011. He will begin a career as Dist Rep of Lutheran Brotherhood. I spent the 2 wks just prior to our entry into USMA in 43 at Camp Hill, since my Dad had just been assigned to QM depot nearby.

From the Sun NY Times 26 Feb 78 I saw an announcement of the engagement of Wes Posvar's son Wesley William to Anne Palmer Fishwick of Roanoke, VA. A Jul wedding is planned. Anne is admin asst at the achievement center of St. Vincent's Home. Young Wes is in the Roanoke Rep for the Mine Safety Appliances Co. of Pittsburgh. He has his AB from Harvard and an MBA in marketing from the Wharton Sch, UPA.

Bob Kren sent a short note with a clipping from the Washington Post of 24 Nov 77 indicating that he had to carry the news to the MO football coach that he had been fired. Although the 76 season wasn't too bad, the 77 season was, capped by a loss to arch rival Kansas. Homer Smith certainly was luckier. Bob also mentioned seeing Throckmorton in town in Nov for his father's funeral. Wes Brothers, Throck's brother-in-law and also a Columbia, MO resident, was at the funeral. Throck lives in Sumter, SC. As Bob said, "Sad occasion to meet classmates."

Harl & Judy Koch wrote in Feb from Bangkok, just after a trip to many parts of Thailand. They had a Datsun rental to drive through the teak forests and elephant coun-



1946: Founders Day Atlanta—Moore, Master of Ceremonies.



1946: Founders Day Hawaii: The Hornes.



1946: The Peters, Palmatiers and Hornes.



1946: Mossy (center) receives TMQDA award.



1946: At the Hopkins'—Xmas.

try along the Mekong. They have also been to Chiang, Mai, Nan, Loei and Nong Khai with Thai-style Sheratons at \$3.50 to \$6.00/night. They'll go to Hong Kong before returning to San Fran and the rain in Mar. Must be tough business trips, Harl?

Seems this is the time to talk about some of our auto dealer classmates. John Jones mailed a clipping from the *Washington Star* of 3 Dec 77 about Don Beyer who is one of the top 7 Volvo dealers in the nation, with an agcy in Falls Church, VA. Don has been elected to represent dealer and consumer interests for the mid-Atlantic states on the national Volvo dealer advisory council. Don had initiated his own consumer advisory board which resulted in several innovative practices being undertaken by his agcy.

The other auto dealer in the news is Roy Mossey who has an Olds agcy in New Orleans and is also VP of an Olds agency in Albany, GA. Roy was honored last Feb in San Fran while attending the National Auto Dealers Assn convention by receiving the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award. He is one of 65 dealers to receive the award this

year for recognition in business and community achievements. When Roy resigned in 57 he started as an Edsel dealer, but a year later as Edsel faded, Roy joined his father and brother at the family dealership of which today he is pres, and has been since 70. Roy has been active with the Boy Scouts, Rotary, United Fund, United Service Organization, Cultural Attractions Fund and was a draft board member. He has been active in other community affairs as well. Ann and Roy have 4 children and one grandchild.

Norma & Zeke Hopkins moved to a new home (6 Lakeside, Irvine, CA 92714) early in the year. Last Xmas they hosted a gathering of classmates, many of whom made it to the 30th at WP. He enclosed a neatly typed synopsis of each. Zeke is Asst Program Mgr for the DC-10 Adv Tanker Cargo Aircraft at McDonnell Douglas.

Jennie & Bob Burke, who had arranged a tour to WP for the 30th (9 in the photo were on the tour) have since sold their travel agcy. They now live in Redlands close to their son's expanding horse breeding and training ranch. Bobbie & Ed Brechwald,

also in Redlands, are enjoying ret. Bertha & Dave Bradburn, now a MG Ret., lives in Manhattan Beach and is a consultant to TRW. Their son Dave is at Cal Tech and son Bob in HS. Bradburns and Hopkins, each with their youngest sons, flew to AF game last yr.

Bettie & Bruce Shawe ret. in 71 to run his own realty firm in Apple Valley. He has sold that and opened an ind'l realty firm for Century 21 in Riverside. Bruce, although a Korean POW, made special arrangements to stay in command of his F-4 outfit when ordered to Vietnam in the late 60's. He completed 44 combat missions.

Alex Papajohn, a bachelor, has been in computer programming for Rockwell for a number of years. He is active in WP Soc activities and last summer travelled to Greece. Gail & John Barricklow after AF ret. worked for GE, then taught, but is now fully ret. LaDorna & Bob Eichenberg worked most recently as Adm Asst to a State Sen. He has completed a successful tour as pres of the Curtis Lemay (Orange County) Chapter of the AF Assn. Harriet & Jack Cairns is a manufacturer's rep in Seal Beach, is on the local school bd, plays tournament tennis and is a past pres of the L.A. WP Soc. Son Tom just passed the CA Bar.

Lenore & Walt Hamilton teaches school in L.A. Also very active with WP Soc. Peggy & Kibbey Horne is Dir of Int'l Programs for CA State U. and Coll. He handles all foreign exch arrangements for CA students in foreign universities. Marian & Ray Boyd, since ret., has been attending UCLA (along with his son) and is also working in computer tech.

Tacho Somoza, as we all know from the news, has been having his trials and tribu-



1946: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Montagues and Joyces.



1946: Class reps.



1946: The Crowleys.



1946: Founders Day, WP Society of Charleston: Blair '56 with the Stanfields.



1946: Bellis's and Walkers (Bellis—oldest grad present; Walker—guest speaker).

lations. His reform programs are now being announced to insure a stable govt for Nicaragua in the future. His Information Service in the U.S. is staffed by Judy Bayshore, wife of Boyd, USMA '50. We certainly hope all turns out for the best. The news Judy sends goes into much greater detail than could be included in this column.

Dave Peters mailed a photo to me of group at Schofield Bks on 10 Mar. Dave is Exec Asst to Sen Inouye with offices in the Prince Kuhio Federal Bldg, Honolulu. He hopes to get the classmates together for a luncheon soon. Hal Horne is PMS at the Kamehameha Schools and Frank Palmatier is enjoying ret.

# '47

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It being that time we'll start this column with news from Founders Day dinners: In DC—Bill Sullivan, John Lauterbach, John Gerrity and yours truly; from Atlanta, GA—Elise & Bob Haldane, Ginny & Jim Fraser, Mimi & Alan Gould, and Sam Wellborn. And would you believe that at the DC dinner WE were closer to the head table than the Army



1947: Beuhlers and Duquemin's—Hof, Germany, Oct 77.

CS!! A quirk of course, but at least, or at last, we've come far enough to be able to be affected by that kind of quirk.

A few items of business. AOG has advised that Herff-Jones has gone out of the class ring business. The dies for our rings have been turned over to the USMA Treas who, in turn, will make arrangements to provide the dies to Balfour for anyone who needs re-cutting or a new ring. WP Fund reports the status of the Class Gift segment as follows: Bal 4/1/77—\$183.81; Contrib—\$4,463.20; Disburs—\$3,380.60; Bal 9/30/77—\$1,266.41. The Train Station is paid for. We have a small balance. We need the rest of you to finish your pledges or make one to provide for the 35th as well as ongoing expenses. Our balance is really too small to be viable at this time. The AOG has taken admin action to change Clement W. Reininger from Ex-Cadet Class of 1948 to Ex-Cadet Class of 1947. Those of you who were at the 30th will remember Clement joining us.

Al Cretella appointed to the Court of Common Pleas of CT by Gov Grasso, will become a Superior Court judge in Jul under CT reorganization. Al says "George Dell will not have to bow down to me though because he still has longer tenure and will still be mak-



1947: The Burners.

ing more money than I do." Congratulations Al, particularly on being appointed by a political adversary. Or was that the only way she could get you out of the way? From Raul Roca in Mexico a report on his new ventures consulting in mgmt & mktg, with export-import business on the side. Inquiries welcome to Roca & Asociados, M. Chimborazo 563-1, Mexico 10, D.F. (phone 520-10-49). Congratulations and best wishes for success. And any of you who find your way to Mexico, Raul says: "Welcome."

Mary & Hap Beuhler send along the great picture of themselves with Patt & Duke Duquemin taken in the shadow of an East German guard tower during an Oct visit to Paris, Heidelberg, Grafenwehr, Rothenberg, and Hof. Generate old memories???

Betty & Bill Reckmeyer back from a visit to FL where they had a great time with young



1947: Perry

uns (?) and saw Lois & Tex Hightower both looking great. Bill Mahlum moved (ing) from IL to TX. John Hoover ret. at end of Mar and tentatively settling in Augusta, GA—just in time for the Masters. Good luck John.

At the Mar lunch in DC following cmtes appointed: for May party—Pete Boerger, Hugh Bartley, and George Harrington, (Geo in absentia). When Jack Faith asked Pete if he could handle it, the quick response was; "I think Betty can handle it very well." For fall joint '47-'48 party—Dick McAdoo, Bill Naim and Bob Curtis.

One sad note, our condolences to Bernie Abrams on the loss of his mother in Mar.

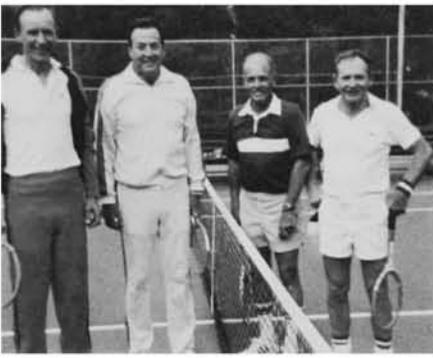
From time to time during the past 8 yrs I have bemoaned the apparent lack of attention to these quarterly words. I now have the statistics which show that FORTY PERCENT of our Class are non-subscribers, and assumedly therefore, non-readers. There is of course no way I can reach them through this column. So I ask each of you, next time you meet a classmate ask him if he is a subscriber, and if he says "no," go to work on him. We and the ASSN need every one.

It's also time once again to try to catch up with those for whom we have no addresses. This list varies from time to time altho a few names are perennials. If you can get me (and the AOG) the addresses of any of the following it will be a great help: J. B. Reese, J. J. Murphy, J. V. Pearce, G. Dicker, J. G. Gaddie, D. Newcomb, R. J. McNeil, Frank Kremser, W. Lange, S. Force, E. Cofield, K. Landis, C. McKnight, O. McDougall, R. Fahs, A. Alfano, C. Munford, J. Frost, R. Draper, J. S. Mallory, F. Blanchard, F. Perry.

That's it for another quarter. Have a happy summer, and keep the good word coming.



1947: Gardners, Goodpaster ('39), Adele Shneer and Bland.



1948: Osteen, Day, Bowen and McEnergy.

# '48

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After an extended illness, John Wadsworth passed away on 25 Mar. He was buried at WP on 29 Mar. His inspiring leadership and ready wit made him one of our most outstanding classmates. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our deepest condolences to Babs and the family.

It was a pleasure to read of Charlie Horn's reappointment in the active list of the RA from temp disability ret. As I mentioned in the previous issue, he looks great and feels the same way. Keep up the good work, Charlie.

Ben Eakins called my attention to an error in my last column which pertained to him. Ben is on the staff of the Bd of Regents of the UCO, not a member thereof. My apologies, but it was a natural mistake considering Ben's qualifications for such a position. His ret. date is 1 June 1978, and he notes that he remains a humble peon as he passes that milestone.

Tom Bowen sent along the photo of a titanic struggle between "normal sized" people and "ant-like runts" which took place during John McEnergy's visit to the Presidio. The winners, John and Tom, bested that dynamic duo from yesteryear, Phil Day and Jack Osteen. Thanks, Tom.

Jay Brill brings us up to date on Wright-Pat. He and Kay saw Paul & Marie Weaver at the A-N game party there. Paul is with NCR. Evan Rosencrans had dinner with the Brills in Nov. Evan is Vice Cmdr of ATC at Randolph AFB. Jay and Kay were here last Sept for the AF Assn Nat'l Conv, reported in last issue's column. They saw Otis Moore, who is with Martin-Marietta in Denver. Last Jun Jay got to Paris and Germany, and tried calling Donn & Letty Starry, but missed them by one day. The Mummas' son,



1948: Founders Day Hawaii: Scott and the Dingemans.

Mort, is a 2LT at Wright-Pat, and is the most eligible bachelor in town. Don & Mae Kipfer also were in town in late summer, 1977, his mother having passed away. Very sorry to hear of it, Don. He handles the AFLC's functions for Jay's program. As to the Brill boys, all are 6 feet, or better, ranging up to 6 ft, 3 inches. Jay II married his college sweetheart, a finalist in the Miss Indiana contest, and who is 6 ft tall. Jay is a bank branch mgr and Jan is dir of a private kindergarten. Dwight graduated from coll and is working on "Ski-ology" for a few months in Denver. Christopher is a jr in high school, recently turned 17 and is working on 27. Sounds familiar.

Warren Graves has been on a venture to Saudi Arabia. They plan on another year in Jiddah. As to offspring, daughter Annie is with them, and one of the boys gets married in Jul. Warren reports seeing the Haydens while passing through L.A. and they are all fine.

Jim & Annie Hooker enjoyed the holidays with son Jim home, and her mother visiting from WVA. The A-AF game party



1948: Founders Day Ft Benning: The Hattes (St. Cyr '48), Hatches and Meinzens.

at their home drew about 100. The crowd found a sign on I-25 about the party and its location placed there by ever resourceful Norm Lovejoy. Included were Ken & Carolyn Barber, Ginny Day who lives in Colo Spgs, Woe & Marge Enderle, Mercedes Hughes, Jim & Chris McCray, Arnie & Kit Sargeant, Stan & Corky Thevenet, Tom & Barbara Clark, Bill Cook, Lake & Jimmy Churchill, Punk Hartnell, and Donna Cook. Jimmy Hooker went to the Super Bowl, and Annie was considering hitting the streets to pay for his week. He was on TV, on 2 Denver stations, one Dallas station, and a local station in New Orleans. A bit overexposed, mother thinks.

Spent an evening with Irv & Ann Schoenberg in Feb. They have a beautiful home north of Atlanta in the Dunwoody area. Irv had the flu, but we managed well, anyway.

The annual Spring Fling took place on 4 Mar at Arlington Hall. The theme was "Around the World in 30 Years." Singing and dancing entertainment from around the world were furnished by classmates and wives.



1948: Kirwan and Packard.

Pilar Witko performed a charming Equadorean dance; Jim & Sally Macklin sang and stepped to a tune showing what it was like in AK (at least when they were there); Bill Cummings, dressed as a Korean, brought that part of the world back to us; and Walt & Katy Plummer were vintage Europe in song and dance. The evening was topped off by an auction of "white elephants" we all had bought overseas. One man's trash is another man's treasure, it's said, and truly so. We came home with 4 items we "just couldn't live without," and we noted that active bidding finally resulted in one couple carrying off our offering from Germany. From out of town came the Barnetts, the Doyles and daughter Adrian, the Cushings, the Halls, the Hollidays, the Starrys, and the Wares. Should I have missed you, please forgive me. Bob & Beji Ward did their usual great job, ably assisted by Ennis Whitehead, Chloe & Imogene Swearengen, Marianne Kiernan, Ann Ware and her brother, Chuck Spettel ('49), Marge Barondes, Ann Griffith, Jane Harsh, Dolly Petersen, Frankie Swenholt, Jack & Mary Ella Waggener, and Jim & Sally Macklin. Our thanks to all for a great evening.

Next report—the thirtieth!

# '49

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Big news for you people in the outlands is the promotion of Collier Ross and Jack Albert to LTG. Collier will be the CG of I Corps in Korea while Jack will be the Cmdr of AF Log Acq Div at WPAFB. Two deserving gentlemen and our sincere congratulations to both. My prediction is that we will have



1948: The Edwards and McCuens.



1949: Seated: (L-R) Bonnie Wynne, Braun, Arline Winter, Wynne, Le Verne Schlosser, Martha Parrish, Eileen Braun and Schlosser; Standing: Bannister, Winter and Parrish.



1949: Founders Day Ft Sill: Keith and Marley.



1949: Dave Parrish.



1949: Gerometta with son Gregg (87) and nephew John (50).

another 3 star in the AF by the time you receive this issue, in the area of R&D.

Jerry Lauer did take the job in Iran; he is now in charge of Logistics for Bell Helicopter in that country.

The first returns are in on our interest flyer for the 30th Reunion and the compilation shows 222 replies of whom 141 classmates expressed interest in Ladycliff qtrs plus 15 others who will make their own arrangements; and so far, we will go well over 300 people in attendance at the Reunion. If you haven't received your flyer, write Bill Bumpus, 6953 Duncraig Court, McLean, VA 22101; and if you have the flyer and haven't replied, please send it to Lee Surut, 5100 Brookway Dr, Washington, DC 20016. We have had the following flyers returned for improper address or had no address for some of our Class—if you have an up-to-date address for any of the following, please mail it to my address shown at the top of the column (and also to the AOG): Carroll, Gardner, Dean Dickinson, Gilbreth, Joe Henry, Ross Johnson, Neal Judd, Ogden Jones, Dick McKenzie, Chuck Smith, Ev Tallman, Ed Wagner, Byrne, Chism, Crites, Bill Cummings, Bob Garrett, Joe Guthrie, Hinckley, Hoot, Hugh Jenkins, Fred Johnson, Bob Johnson, Kessler, Levings, Marr, Stu Martin, Messinger, Lew Moore, Moses, Murray, Norman, Oliver, Pratt, Rosen, Sanders, Jerry Schulz, Stillson, Don Thompson, Trieschman, and Bill Ware.

The following info was gleaned from some of the replies to Lee Surut—Gil Kirby will go on a year's sabbatical to the RMC of Sci at Shrivenham, England; Bill Luebbert is teaching at Dartmouth; John Costa is now a full time P at WP in Foreign Languages; Lee McCrary has moved to Austin, TX; Dave Colgan has returned to Augusta, GA, and has 3 children under 12; Joe St. Clair will be moving to the DC area this spring; Ed Townsley still on active duty will also be coming to DC; Chet Gilbert now Dir of Pers for Helmet Federal Savings and Loan in CA. Harry & Ann Griffiths' note from Korea indicates that they are due to return on 30 May 1979, but son Paul graduates on 6 Jun. We will also have 4 sons graduating on our 30th anniv—my son Rick, Dick Tobin, Tom Underwood, and Grey Kemble.

We had several letters which just missed my last deadline—from the Griffiths—Alina & Jack Hodes are stationed in Korea, and Harry and Jack are proving to be a good doubles team in tennis—they met Bill & Joan Rank in HI where Griff describes their cozy cottage on the north end of Oahu where they are enjoying life on the beach—sure sounds good. Clay Buckingham was through Korea on an inspection of ADP facilities and joined the Griffiths and Hodes at the Marine Ball. Clay's son Andy is a LT stationed in Korea.

Art Gerometta sent along a note saying it was his first contribution to the column in 28½ years—readers note, you too can contribute. Nancy and Art still live in Ogden Dunes, IN, and still have close contacts with several of the Class, many of whom they enjoyed seeing at COL Blaik's 80th birthday party. Also met a group at George & Muriel Cralls' home in L.A. on a recent visit. The State High School Championship Game in Indiana, Class AAA, was won by the Gerometta clan—hope Art has them headed up to WP to help the Black Knights.

Ted Swett sent along a photo of Lee Surut, Pat Patterson, and Ted plus an inanimate friend on their recent trip to Bolivia. I could make the remark that at their age



1949: Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 17 Nov 77: Patterson, Swett, and Surut.

this is an appropriate companion for the 3 of them, but I won't!

Then along comes Arnold Winter with news and pictures of Dave Parrish's ret. The Winters ran into Punch Jamison and Dan & Shirl McGurk at an L.A. WP party. Punch is into his business venture in "do-it-yourself" auto repairs while Dan is staying busy with a host of activities after his stint in OMB with the Republicans. Dave's ret. was a big bash with some 300 people including guests from the White House, AF, industry, and friends. The theme of the party was a "roast" with Dave taking many digs, and I'm sure giving back just as many. Dave will join Aero-Ford in Palo Alto where Art Bannister is also doing his post-ret. stint. Other classmates in the picture are Bob Braun with Autonetics, and Bill Schlosser and Bud Wynne still on active duty at El Segundo while Arnold has a consulting business in Encino. Al Coering and his daughter were recent visitors to the Winter home. John Kulpa, Class of '50, is CG of Sp Proj at El Segundo and introduced Dave's classmates to the group. John was a nav in SAC and served in Korea on the plane piloted by Arnold.

Other late news—Dave Hendrickson now in



1949: Marc R. Jartman.



1949: Croonquist and Rasmussen.



1949: The Yeats, Jones', Kingdoms.

CA with Aerojet, lives in Claremont. Bob Ennis ret. on 1 Apr from the AF, has recovered nicely from his heart attack and is resuming his normal pursuits—Bob and Wren will remain in the DC area. Duane Smith turned in his green suit and has joined Decisions and Designs, Inc., in the DC area. Wayne Norby has joined Jim Rawers at the CIA, and finally, Marc Jartman has joined Lockheed Electronics in NJ as Dir of Mktg for Prod & Sys Div; how they managed to blast him out of MA is a story I'm waiting to hear.

## '50

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The grass is turning green, and we in VA hope we've seen the last snowfall of the year. By the time this column reaches you, we'll be ready for swimming weather. How about dropping me a line to let me know, among other things, what your summer plans are.

Several Xmas cards arrived after the last deadline, so I'll pass along that news first: Tom & Bonnie Sharp thrive in So. CA, they spent the week before Xmas in HI and Tom said it certainly beat his first encounter back in 51 when he passed midway at a 12-mile distance on a troopship. Tom has formed a new investment real estate corp; Bonnie teaches P.E. at jr. high; Tom, 14, and Toby, 11, are enthusiastic about soccer. The Sharps are really hoping to make the 30th Reunion in 80. Tom says he sees Phil & Sandy Bardos at WP Society functions now and then—and also sees Phil "on TV whenever the L.A. sch board acts up."

Linc & Ginny Faurer, in Stuttgart, were looking forward to daughter Patty's arrival

from CO State U. where she is a Jr. They were planning trips to Italy, Paris and Berlin. Son Doug works in Snowmass, CO, and Bruce is in VA; both graduated from college in CO. Pat & Elaine Wilson send greetings from White Sands where Pat is CS and Dpty for Tech Opns. Daughter Patricia and her family are in Berlin; Anne Elizabeth married Martin Leo Foss Jr. at White Sands on 14 Jan 78 and they are now living in Marysville, WA. The Wilsons saw Ray & Mary Hansen and Paul & Ginny Roach at Bliss in Nov.

Bettie & Bill Curry remain in Tucson where Bill flies A-10's. Bettie wouldn't trade her life for anyone's, loves the western sunsets, gorgeous golf weather and Mexican food. Artist son Chip has opened his own shop in Myrtle Beach; Linda, with a P.R. degree is in Tucson.

Jack & Margaret Irwin have been touring the Pacific NW for the past ten months in search of the ideal place to settle. Kelly, 16, finishes H.S. this Jun, lives with sister Muffin and her husband Dan in Corvallis, OR. Lisa is at the UOR in Pre-Nursing; Patti hopes to grad from college in 78—she's interested in the research side of microbiology. Bill and John both work for different branches of the Regal Shoe Co. in So. CA; Libby is studying for C.P.A. exams; she and husband Jim live in Rialto, CA, where they all expected to gather for the holidays.

In Feb Joe Love came up from FL on some business for the Barnett Banks Computing Co,



1950: Beishline '31 joins Elaine in pinning stars on Ward.

for which he works. It just happened to coincide with the Woodruff-Nee Squash Tournament at the University Club, a warm-up for the Nat'l Squash tourney the following week. Both Joe and Dave Monihan were in the seniors; while they didn't make the finals, they battled for Class of '50 honors. Mary Bland, Joe & Mary Pharrs' oldest, who is a 3d yr law stu at UVA came up to be her Dad's date at the Valentine Dance that followed the matches. It was great to see them both here, and only wish Mary Pharr could have come along, too. Daughter Robin is in Switzerland for sch this year. Ouida and Lee are in Jacksonville. Mary Pharr had a trip to Europe in the fall with her parents, when she visited her brother in Heidelberg and also Jim & Esther Curtis.

Great news for Will Hill Tankersley and Bill Ward who were promoted to BG in the USAR. Will Hill is Dpty Cdr of the 87th MAC which is headquartered in Birmingham. He and Theda are back in their home in Montgomery, AL. After 3 yrs here in the DC area when Will Hill was the Asst SECDEF for Reserve Affairs, Bill is Dpty Cdr of the 77th ARCOM. He and Elaine live in Suffern, NY. Bill is Exec VP of the American Cancer Society, NY Div. Congratulations to both of you!



1950: Miller receives Westinghouse award.

While on the subject of achievements: Sid Steele received his PhD from GWU in the Sch of Govt and Business Admin on 21 Mar 78. Sid and Jeanie live in Vienna, VA, and Sid's dissertation was especially interesting to those of us who live in this area: "Citizen Participation within the Planning and Land Use System (PLUS) Program of Fairfax Co., VA: A Survey Study." Good show, Sid!

The pic of Don Miller (flanked by the Chmn and Exec VP of the Westinghouse Elec Corp) was taken in Dec when Don was presented the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Westinghouse employee: The Order of Merit. Don is the Gen Mgr of the Westinghouse plant apparatus div.

John Hamel was recently appointed Dir of Licensing and Technical Svcs in Intl Opns for Owens-Illinois, Inc. John joined O-I in 54 and most recently has served as pres and gen'l mgr of Cisper, O-I's affiliate co. in Brazil. He and Marie returned to Toledo, OH, in his new asgmt. They have 3 sons, Steven, David and Thomas.

Bob Whiting, at Offutt AFB where he is Dir of Pers Mgmt for Hq SAC, received his 2d award of the LM in Feb—for outstanding service as Chief of Nat'l Securities Studies and Vice-Comm of the Air WC at Maxwell AFB.

Jerry Waldor appreciated Bob Gard's remarks (a couple of issues back) that he, Jerry, looked so young "because he has young people around to provide him a fresh outlook." Jerry wrote recently and caught me up on his family. He and Rita live in So. Orange, NJ, and have 3 sons: Mark, 23, is pursuing a MA at NYU; Matthew, 20, is an undergrad at Yale; Peter, 14, is in jr. high and plays in the father-son tennis circuit with Jerry (not winning too often). The Waldors see the Gottesmans frequently; their young people are Ellen, 23, a nurse in the Denver area; Robin, 21, about to enter med sch; Andrew, 7, studying hard to become a future cadet.

The pic of Macon Fooshe with those



1950: DeGraf wedding: The Jones', Yours Truly, Linda, Scot, Robin, Brad and Gwyn.



1950: McCleary, Singer, Grow, McFarland and Fern.

handsome '50-ers surrounding her was taken in Oct 77 at Tom & Betty Lou Austins' home here in Alexandria, when they had a C-1 get-together.

One happy group with a bride was gathered in Williamsburg 7 Jan 78 when Jake & Ann Jacobsons' daughter Marie married Robert Johnston in historic Bruton parish.

The other happy wedding group is our family. That pic was taken 19 Mar 78 when son Scot married Linda Jane Dunn in Blacksburg, VA. There aren't many occasions when we're all together, and it's great now because with a bunch of adults, no one complains anymore when the camera starts clicking!

Another wedding to report is that of Lou & Peg Prentiss' daughter Jacquelyn, who married James Anthony Marusic in Heidelberg, Germany on 11 Feb 78.

Pookie Crittenberger took her young people to Puerto Rico over the Xmas holidays, and they all loved the warm weather and wonderful sand and water. Plebe son Bill was with them, and Pookie said he was already counting the days til Jun. Chris lives in nearby Arlington working on her master's from Vanderbilt. Julie is at Princeton, Dale at GWU. Amy, Kelly and Jamie are at home.

Sam Smithers, during one of his trips around the area as the WP LnO, had brunch at Ft Meade recently with the Merediths and Andy Rutherford who are stationed there—and with GG Thomas who was up on a trip from McPherson. Also at Meade are the Lewandowskis and Lopers. Gray Tate called on his way through DC to say hello. His son Randy along with Sam Stapleton's son, have been working on an oil derrick down in the Gulf. Sam, I understand, is still out at the Lang Sch at Monterey. Gray also said that Carl Stone heads the ROTC in Albuquerque. Since Gray commands the Def Nuc Agcy Field there, the 2 get together once in a while. In Mar I talked with Dick Lunger who has ret. in Norman, OK, and is teaching math at the local H.S. His older son Ray graduated from the AFA last Jun, was married in Aug and is now taking flying tng at Vance AFB. Younger son Jay is at the UOK where he is in AF ROTC—hopes to join the AF.

Ding Price spent Easter with his son Allen



1950: Chaplain Ford, guest speaker, and Kelley.



1950: Jacobson wedding (L-R): Jake, Marie, Robert, Ann, Smith, Johnsrud, Genuario, Austin, Irons, Steele, Groseclose and scribe.

at Ft Bragg, where Allen is with the 82d Abn. Twin Van came up from his asgmt with the 24th Div at Ft Stewart to join them. While at Bragg, Ding had a good visit with Ray & Gladys Maladowitz. Ray is dpty to Jack Mackmull at the JFK Cen there, but unfortunately Jack was out of town during Ding's stay.

Dick Wyrough has been very busy touring the U.S. to talk and answer questions about the Panama Canal Treaty. He tells me that in a 90-day period recently he visited 26 cities in 21 states. During his travels he had had a visit with Jack & Margaret Wagoner in Dayton, OH. The Wagoners report they have 2½ (?) of their 6 children at home these days; Dick says Jack and Margaret look great. Another stop for Dick was in Stillwater, OK, where he had dinner with Walt & Jane Price. Walt is VP and Head Cashier of the 1st Nat'l Bank of Stillwater. The climate must agree with the Prices, for Dick says they've never looked better.

I hope the Army is getting as much good out of having Blackie Bolduc as Dpty IC, as the ASSEMBLY '50 column is. Robin and I get frequent calls from Blackie reporting on classmates he's seen or heard about during his trips; it really is great. In Jan he saw Bud Pritchett and Mark Hanna at Ft Leavenworth; retirement will probably be coming up soon for both of them, and the Hannas will probably stay on in Leavenworth. When Robin and I were there in 61, Mark's parents played in the duplicate bridge group there, and we enjoyed seeing them each week. In Feb Blackie was in CO, saw Dave & Pat Hughes in Colo Spgs. Dave has ret. and has a business called "Enjoy Colorado" which daughter Becky (21) is running. It retails knowledge of CO and Dave said they were really involved with the Bicentennial and the State Centennial. Son David, 23, will finish CO Coll in Jun, with an Arts degree. Becky attends El Paso Co Community Coll. Edward, 14, in jr. high is very interested in computers. Dave and Pat have moved into a 19th century home, and both stay on the go with their interest in the historical part of CO. On New Year's Day Blackie called to say he had recently seen Dean Schnoor at Ft Jackson; Dean is the IC there, and after 2½ years is making noises about moving on; at Bliss Blackie saw Jack Koehler who is enjoying his multi functions as CG there. His biggest problem seems to be the 4,000 archaeological sites in the area. Jack says his new "guest" on post,



1950: At the Austins': Front—Davis, Reed, Macon, and Austin; Back row—Wallace, Steinberg, and Wheatley.

GEN Bradley, is great to have around. Jack, I understand you've joined the handball-before-work-gang. Wish we had you here. Blackie reports that Phil Donohue is working at the UOK in Lawton, but right now he's trying to recover from having 3 of his young people married within an 8 month span. Unfortunately we didn't get any details, but perhaps Phil will fill us in. Blackie had dinner with Joan & Stan Fye, as well as David and Ann, at Schofield Bks in HI. Got the word that Don Payne was out there with PACAF and that Bob & Sue Weber are also there. Denny & Ruth Roush are still in HI. To keep their 18 mos. old son Bob company, the Roushes had a girl on 19 Dec 77. Incidentally, Denny is the head of the Pacific Ocean Div for the CE. Bill Mastoris likewise is enjoying the balmy breezes as the Dpty Cdr of the Spt Cmd, HI.

In Mar Blackie saw the Singers at Ord. As we reported last time, Peg and Ray are due to come to DC this summer. As for their children: Tom is in grad sch at Columbia U.; Elizabeth is a Soph at UVA in Intl Relations and French; Ray Jr. is doing software work for Litton for the Tacfire program; Ann and her husband are living in N. VA and Richard is working as a police dispatcher. From the sound of things, Peg and Ray have the advanced guard already pretty well in place here in VA, waiting for the main body to arrive. At the Singers' were: Andy & Bunty McFarland, who are also living in the Monterey area where Andy is writing history; Bob & Barbara Grow—Bob is Dpty for Pers and Comm Affairs at DPCA and teaching



1950: Mary Pharr, Parks, Mary Bland and Love: Jacksonville, FL, Founders Day.

flying on the side; he is planning to ret. in Jun and the 2 of them will settle in that area. John & Herta McCleary, Reed & Peggy Davis, Al & Joan Fern are also out in that neck of the woods, but I haven't info on their jobs or families.

Warde & Dode Wheaton had a busy year in 77 and here is their news: Cheryl, 24, was married to Willard "Rick" Newell in Jun; David, 23, is an accountant; John, 22, is a Sr at Northwestern; Jim, 20, has finished his Soph yr at Brown; Sue, 19, is a Frosh at Lewis & Clark Coll in Portland, OR; Liza, 16, is a Jr in H.S.; Paul, 14, is in 8th grade; Anne, 12, is a star basketball player, the last one in grade sch. Warde is Gen Mgr of Honeywell's Def Sys Div; Dode is studying various accounting courses and enjoying Jr. League.

Sandy & Ruth Sanderson love the Bavarian countryside surrounding Nurnberg. Son Bud is finishing his 2d yr in the Navy; Dale has completed 1 yr of law sch at U. of Santa Clara; Sandi is in her Sr yr at Davis, CA; Fred is a Soph at Schiller Coll in Heidelberg.

Dick & Marilyn Hunt spent their final Xmas in the CZ for they expect to leave this summer. "It's been a fantastic asgmt for Dick and enjoyable for all of us." Steve and Bebe, who were married last Jun are in Darmstadt, Germany. Sherry is attending Cen State U. in Edmond, OK. Susan is a Sr at Balboa H.S.

Some new arrivals in DC; Tug Greer took over Dick Trefry's job as Dir of Mgt in the Chief's office; as mentioned above, Dick is now the IG. Toady Dreisenstok and Bruce Petree are both stationed at Ft McNair—Toady with ICAF and Bruce with NDU.

Phil & Jean Harper wrote from Montgomery the news that son Harry and his wife Susan are brand new parents of Aaron Rushing Harper, who was born on 12 Mar 78 in Vernon Hills, IL. Phil had a week of spring leave recently—he and Jean drove to FL and while in Jacksonville they called the Loves and had a long visit on the phone.

Morris & Faith Herbert have their WP qtrs full of friends and/or cadets most of the time, I think. Faith is enjoying her museum studies crse—says it's fascinating. Daughter Caroline has a job as a scientific illustrator working in the Smithsonian for the UMD. Morris is a cow this year; young Faith is a Soph at Gettysburg; George is the only one at home to see that Herb and Faith behave themselves.

Great news from Corinne Detherow that Ralph continues to make progress in his motor development since his stroke. The doctors can't explain the sudden spurts of improvement, but one thought is that the body could be building new cells; whatever the reason, it's wonderful news. They sent their best to all their friends. Persevere, Ralph; you'll write that letter one of these days FOR SURE!

Sandy Oliver ret. here in DC 31 Mar 78. He'll join a number of classmates working for Computer Sciences Corp. Bob & Sue Weber, as mentioned above, are at Hickam AFB. Bob recently became the Theater Airlift Mgr (TAM) of the Pacific and has assumed cmd of the newly formed Pac Airlift Cen (PACE). He's responsible for managing the Opns of MAC tactical airlift C-130's and Aeromedevac C-9s based in the Pacific.

Lou & Rose Genuario welcomed their 3d grandchild on 26 Feb. Carrie Anne Ott was born to Marina and Lyn in nearby Fredericksburg, VA. Tom & Betty Lou Austins' daughter Betty and her husband Miguel had their first baby, Elizabeth Alexandra, on 16 Mar in FL. Congratulations to all these families!



1950: The Hergerts, Millers and Means.

I must tell you about a speech Leo Romaneski gave at WP on 22 Feb 78 to the American Society of Mil Engrs. Taking part in the evening were about 50 faculty members and 100 cadets (Firsties who have chosen CE as their branch). Leo's talk was entitled, "The Swinging Party—Engineering is Fun," and I don't think that elite circumspet group will ever be the same again. Leo told them that after 4 yrs of putting linen in cuffs at WP, it's tough to change. Whereupon he took off his jacket, and there he was in his tee shirt, cuffs, collar and tie, with a little material of the shirt which came down over the front of his tee shirt. He finished his talk attired in this dignified sartorial splendor, and then turned around so that his back faced the audience. In red ink on the tee shirt were the words: THE CORPS CARES. Then he faced the audience, lifted the pieces of shirt so that everyone could see a red castle and the words: BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY! I understand it brought down the house! Jim & Ann Tormey had a lovely reception afterward where Marilyn and Leo could have a visit with the classmates on the post, plus other friends.

Unfortunately, the column ends with the sad news that Jack Pigman died of Leukemia on 21 Feb 78 at Johns Hopkins Hosp in Baltimore, MD. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Pat, son John, 26, and daughters, Kris, 22, and Melissa, 24. They may be reached at 220 Broad St. in Berlin, MD.

Have a great summer everyone, and remember this column is only as good as the info that reaches your scribe.



1950: Hamel becomes Director for Owens-Illinois, Inc.



1951: Akers receives his new 2-star flag.



1951: Pat and Bucky Harris.



1951: Sisson, Walthour, and Martin; Harmon and Irving, back row.



1951: Doerflinger, Nancy Thorsen, Holly Vellella, and Martha Doerflinger.

# '51

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Stars continue to fall on '51. Al Akers received his 2-star flag upon promotion in Jan at Ft Sill. John Hemphill and Elmer Pendleton both came out on the BG list this year. Al Akers is a dir in ODCSRADA and is finally settled with Mary and the family in the VA "horse" country. The only problem is that he is so busy in the Pentagon that he isn't taking advantage of being a country squire. Al reports that he left Jim & Gussie Barron to maintain the Class flag at Ft Sill. Jim is doing an outstanding job as Dir of CD in the FAS. No word yet on the BG asgmts. John is CS 7th Div at Ft Ord and Penny is commanding the COSCOM at Bragg. Congratulations to all.

Founders Day at Ft Sam Houston found Shy Meyer taking time off from Army Opns to address the Alumni. Shy saw Ab Webber's mother Marge with Ab, Sel Graham, John Lewis, and Gorman Smith. Ruby Prince was off to London selling seismic exploration devices.

From FL it took the Class of '22 (Harry Haas) to send in a photo of '51 at the St Augustine Founders Day dinner. Harry also reported that Russ Walthour was elected pres of the local soc. (I hope he'll send news and photos of '51 during the year!)

Founders Day at Carlisle Bks found the largest gathering of classmates there in recent memory. Here's the scoop on those who were (or should have been) in attendance from our reg'l rep in the area—Ron Roberge.

Lew Buffington made his annual trek, this time from Elizabethville, PA, where he and Sis have recently moved from the Carlisle area. Lew is working for the PA Public Utilities Comm and also practicing law on the side—he recently earned a law degree from Dickinson in Carlisle. Ted Charney, currently enjoying life with D'Arcy in Camp Hill, was supposed to be there but couldn't penetrate a heavy fog. Ted also works for the State of PA and can be found on the slopes of Ski-Roundtop with son Doug whenever conditions are right. Sandy Cortner made the long trip from the set of quarters right next to the club that he shares with Nancy and 2 daughters. Sandy is with the SSI and looks like he, along with a few others in '51, will count down to 30 together. John Hook, currently the Chmn of the Dept of Cmd and Mgmt, made his first Founders Day. Look like he and Pat will be there for awhile. The Carlisle contingent also welcomed Reilly Love, USNA '51. He is the brother of Joe Love, USMA '50. Gary Sanderson went up from DC to see what the big attraction was at Carlisle. And of course, Bob Yerks, the current cmdt at AWC, was there but did not have the pleasure of sharing in the clever and lively conversation during dinner since he had to sit at the head table. He and Iris and the few of their brood left at home are enjoying the echoing spaces of the castle that serves as home for the Cmdt. Ed Lukert is still there but was on a trip to Spain with Carol and a couple of their children. Ed ret. the end of Mar and had a job lined up in TX. Ron Roberge is enjoying his tour there—how could it be otherwise? Scotty and Ron will be there as the children move out to college through 81. By that time they will have 3 finished, 2 in and one still at home and will be looking for other things to do. It has been reported by reliable



1951: Peixotto presenting class plaque to Webber.



1951: Rockwell, Betty Ann Van Matre, Leffler, Van Matre.



1951: Sitting—Lukert, D'Arcy Charney, the Yerks, Scottie Roberge, Lukert III '77; Standing—Carol Lukert, the Hiltes, Roberge, Hook.



1951: Smith, the Cousins', and Ann Rockwell.



1951: Ann Rockwell, Betty Smith, Barber behind Jessie Rockwell, and Holly Vellella.

sources that Andy Remson will be going to Carlisle this summer to take over the SSI. That will put members of the Class in a fair number of key positions with Bob Yerks as Cmdt, John Hook head of Cmd and Mgmt, Paul Hilty as ed of Parameters, Ron resting in the Elihu Root Chair of Strategy, and Sandy Cortner propping up Andy. A bit of other news from PA: It has been confirmed that Frank Fischl has been elected mayor of Allentown probably a first for the Class. Unfortunately, Frank recently suffered a major artery blockage and recuperation from surgery does not allow him to attend to his duties full time.

Oh yes, one final note. Lee Duke has moved into PA and is in the process of finding the ideal location—or was at last report.

Founders Day in DC was a wild and happy mob. Example—the Supe lost his voice by the time it came for his presentation. He whispered his speech and not a word was missed, despite the stories retold by Dick Ryan. Did you know about our busted reg'l cmdr classmate who implemented a successful plan to get out of spring drill. Or that F-1 classmate in PA who painted his feet black for formation. Or that reporter classmate in HI who lived in his laundry bag—and between his laundry bag and the area, no one ever saw him. Even Pete Beczkiewicz raved about how Bill Richardson would recite out loud his German poems with a southern accent. Funniest part was that Bill couldn't remember the poem but Pete—who did NOT take German—recited it impeccably in German for Bill Lemnitzer and me.

Out at Ft LWood, Bucky Harris celebrated Founders Day by donning the O.C.'s armband. As you can see in the photo he's not a good example for his command out there—hands on a beautiful girl (even if it is wife Pat). Jim & Ann Rockwell hosted the winter get-together of the Class in their qtrs at Belvoir. Ab & Missie Webber were there and Ernie Peixotto took this opportunity as Class Pres and on behalf of the Class to honor Ab with a plaque. The plaque is inscribed "In honor of our classmate AB WEBBER for his warmth and generosity in rekindling the spirit of the Class of '51,



1951: The Steels, Rockwell, friend Rita with McDonald.

USMA." It was a touching occasion for all present.

Some of the news at the gathering: Don Van Matre reported that Dick Szymczyk was back from Poland and somewhere in Fairfax. Don is teaching physics at Woodson High and wife Betty Ann teaches science at Robert Frost Jr Hi. Dan Sharp has ret. and is now in Boise, ID per Red Leffler. John Cousins and Max Scheider were vying with each other as to who was the best citizen on post as far as shovelling snow. Mary & Gorman Smith are in Houston where Gorman is VP of Transco. Bob McDonald is ret. in Maryland destination unknown but is willing to listen to any offers. George Gardes is still Sr Policy Anal in the Nuc Reg Comm. Daughter Michele is at VPI. Carl & Cecilia Mena were off to Rio de Janeiro this past winter to visit daughter Gloria and their new son-in-law. When Max Scheider isn't shovelling snow, he and Joyce visit their daughter Marcy who is an Army CPT, married and stationed on post—a nurse at DeWitt; Son Jerry is in CA, Dave is a stu missionary in Panama, and Bob is still at home. Mary Luger



1951: Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and Weyand.

is working as hard as Joe (consultant for DCSOPS) as bus mgr for an import firm.

Ray Toole isn't too sure how his wife will like his 2-yr tour to Saudi Arabia this summer as the Sr Ord Adv. Women don't drive—no women's lib in Saudi Arabia, period. Howie & Dotsie Steele spent their spring vacation touring St. Thomas and the Virgin Is. Howie was taking R&R from TES where he is the Sr. Infantryman. However he did present an early diploma to Tom Odderstol's son who graduated early from TES last year to attend Rgr and Abn sch. Norm Jorstad has his own business in Potomac, MD, and has a partnership in another business in Burke, VA. Stan Sheridan dropped in at a Class luncheon in Mar from Warren, MI, where he is the PM Fighting Vehicles. His son Chip graduated from Central MIU and is looking for a job, and son Jeff is a soph at TX A&M. Stan saw Herm Vetort at Founders Day in MI. Herm is Dpty PM XMI Tank in Warren—his family will move up from Knox in Jun. Pat Ryan moved over from Andrews to the Pentagon where he is working with Sandy Vandenberg in the AF's basement office. Godfrey Crowe is working for an exec search org in McLean—ret. class-



1951: Luger, the Webbers and Mulder.

mates please note. Bill Edler is the new reg'l rep for McLean, VA. Hank Evans working with an applied physics and engr firm in Alexandria and commuting to his home in Baltimore! Don Zurawski just happened to be travelling with SACEUR in the DC area so he was able to attend a Class luncheon. He has had a busy year directing the Allied Command Europe public affairs program. Don thinks he has the shop in such good shape that he feels the Army might be able to take it over once again!

Reb & Dette Barber flew off to Russia for May Day—excursions to Helsinki, Leningrad and Moscow. Interesting sidelight—various govt agencies had to check them out for clearance to travel. Most agencies said "no interest." Joe & Carolyn Fant returned from Australia but Joe is so busy down in the FL resort area that he has not been able to pass on what a wonderful time he and Carolyn had down-under. Joe Rice is still in MILPERCEN handling appeals and George Orton is there running the Army's MILPO program and so busy that he has yet to attend a Class function. And Chet Bobinski with Army Mutual Aid is really keeping busy giving classmates all kinds of ret. data and projected data which is at his fingertips via the AMA computer. He's also travelling around the country orienting people at posts, camps, stations—including WP—on the services available from Army Mutual Aid. He runs into quite a few of the sons of classmates—in Apr at Ft Sill he gave advice to LT and Mrs. Frank Vellella.

Sandy Weyand is hobnobbing with royalty. Sandy commands the Allied Mobile Force (Land). Units from 7 nations comprise his command. Danish Queen Margarethe II came out to see her boys perform and had lunch with Sandy. Later Sandy conferred with the King and Crown Prince of Norway prior to maneuvers (Info about Sandy came from the Class of '16—his old man.) Thanks COL Weyand!

This past Apr the AOG sent out application forms for the REGISTER and ASSEMBLY. The Regl Reps are trying this year to add another 10% of classmates subscribing. Currently only 60% are subscribers. For only \$2 a non-subscriber can send direct to the



1951: Pattillo, Herte, Hemphill.



1951: Mena, Scheider, Gardes, Leffler, Webber, Cousins.

Assn for an ASSEMBLY to keep up with what the Class is doing. Please pass the word. As we start preparing for the 30th Reunion it's important that we have a means of communicating with each classmate. The best way is through the ASSEMBLY. Chmn of our 30th Reunion is Sandy Sanderson who has gathered a few of our hardy souls to begin plans. Sandy will provide an initial report in the next issue.

Finally, a sad note in closing. Pete Kuhn passed away in Mar while competing on the tennis courts. During a winning volley Pete suffered a massive coronary. Tom Odderstol the NJ Regl Rep alerted classmates in the Westfield, NJ, area for the services and Joe Rogers the rep in NY coordinated the arrangements for the burial at WP. Father McCormick officiated and the comments back were that he hasn't changed since we were there 20-odd years ago. Pete's roommates, Ab Webber and Reb Barber were there with their wives and Ab's mother also attended from New Orleans. After the burial Alice Stockdale held a reception at her quarters for the many classmates and wives who were present (Bill was in the NW sewing up his new job after ret.). Pete's widow, Camilla, asked for contributions to the Class Fund in lieu of flowers and many of Pete's civ friends did make contributions to our Fund. Pete gave untiring support to the Class and will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt sympathies to Camilla.

# '52

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As you read this, most of the members of the Class of '52 who still remain on active duty are passing through an auspicious and solemn moment; a milestone in our lives. On the 3d of Jun 78, we achieve 26 years of service. This date represents such a memorable moment because, at that moment, we receive both the largest and the last longevity pay raise we'll ever receive on active duty. I do not yet have any details concern-



1952: The Slugas and Perritts.

ing the annual Class meeting in Jun in the DC area but I'm quite sure that someone there will offer a toast to this fleeting moment.

I've discovered that I'm not alone in losing things in my desk drawer. Some of the notes this month are late because I lost them momentarily; some are late because a classmate lost them momentarily and the rest only seem late because the article must be written more than 2 months before you see it and events reported to the writer right after an article is written must wait 3 more months before another article is written. So get your notes to me early. My articles are written about a week before the end of the months of Jun, Sept, Dec, and Mar.

My copy of the 25th Reunion Book and Class address roster arrived shortly after mailing my last article. It proved to be every bit as good as expected. Kudos to John Bart and Paul Malone. Bill Raiford has informed me that several books have been returned as "undeliverable." The Class would like to reestablish contact with Frank Allen, Bernie Ashkenaze, Jim Cain, Al Dombrowsky, Art Elmore, Lee Grossman, Dan McMahon, Dick Rogers, and Warren Spaulding. In Feb, Dave



1952: BG Designate Clint Winne.

Lyon reported to me the final amount contributed to the Class Fund as excess from the Reunion after all bills were paid. The amount totaled \$2602.77 and came about by getting a much lower price than we expected on printing the reunion book and as a result of having to cancel the planned cocktails at the Cmdt's house. Bill Raiford sent a copy of the Reunion Book package to GEN John Waters. His note of thanks reads, "Dear Bill—Many thanks for including me in on your mailing list for your 25th Reunion Bulletin. I am pleased to have it—and it brings back many fond memories. I believe that those of us who made life so miserable for you all will never lose our interest in each of you—and hope for the best for you! Many thanks. Sincerely, John."

Jay Luther wrote to comment on the Reunion and to obtain some addresses. I hope they reached you, Jay. Ruth and Jay were proud to discover they could each still fit in their wedding garments when they donned them for a special memento photo. Jay re-



1952: Don Lasher with father ('29), and son William ('77).

ports that son Dennis was graduated from Penn State in Mar 77; worked for several months for B.F. Goodrich and looking for a new position. Janice is a frosh at Mary Washington Coll in Fredericksburg (where the Luthers encountered and befriended Lou Roper, also a frosh, and Carrie Winger, a soph). David is a freshman at Randolph-Macon in Ashland, VA. Timothy is still at home and in the 7th grade. Jay's ministry is a big (1400 members) church, offering plenty of ministry challenges.

Don Lasher's BG promotion came through on 21 Oct and a festive party followed, including a '52 contingent consisting of Pat & Ed Eckert, Charlotte & Doug Slingerland, Ron Obach, and of course Nadia & Don.

Ann & Lou Arnold got way behind in their Xmas cards, not finishing them till Feb. They were delighted with the reason, however. Frank's arrival home pushed everything aside. Cathy also made it home, completing the set and insuring a grand time.

Clint Winne is our newest addition to the growing list of class BG nominations, bringing us to 27 that I've heard about. Claire and sons, Mark, Christopher and Scott are rightfully proud of Clint as are all the rest of us. Our heartiest "Congratulations," Clint!

George Tronsrue ret. on 31 Aug and he and Florie have been "story book" happy, recommending San Diego to all. They weren't yet in their own house at Xmas so, when their 3 youngsters arrived, all 5 crowded into a one bedroom apt. Barbara (a forester tech with Intl Paper) came from OR. George (who will grad from USMA in Jun as an Inf 2LT) came from WP. And Karen flew in from pre-nursing studies at UCO at Boulder. Florie is selling real estate and George is, among other things, a manufacturer's rep for a plastics firm. John Kenney, visiting the Navy from DC as a pers consultant, is the only classmate the Tronsrues have seen in San Diego. They attended the Founders Day dinner but the closest they could come



1952: The Eckerts, Lashers and Slingerlands.



1952: Misch and classmates.

to classmates were reps (one each) from '51 and '53.

The Ft LWood Founders Day Cmte sent me the enclosed pic of Nicky & Bill Reilly. But that's all the Founders Day info I've received.

There's somewhat of a long story that goes with why I missed our Founders Day dinner in MA. But, I'll shorten it drastically. It started with the 6 Feb snow emergency that closed parts of southern New England for almost a week to all but emergency auto travel. From about the midpoint of the storm I became involved around-the-clock, 7 days a week with contracting for emergency snow removal as well as follow-on activities involved with the storm caused coastal disaster that coincided with the snow event. A long planned important leave had to be postponed and when Charlotte and I finally got away, we missed the local Founders Day gathering. Suffice it to say that I feel I have now seen all the snow I ever care to. FL looks more attractive to me every day. The leave we took was to FL and, while



1952: Sykes and Elliott.

there, we spent an evening with Joan & Bill Schroeder. They showed us the E.F. Hutton office in Ocala and sounded rather convincing about the benefits of FL living. Bill tells me that Joe Santilli is settling in Orlando. And, as I reread past columns, I see that we're setting the stage for a pretty big '52 Reunion somewhere in FL some day.

But you'll all be reading this in the summer, when a little bit of snow might even look attractive. So I wish you my very best, wherever you are. Until I put pencil to paper once more on about 24 Jun, please keep those cards and letters coming.



1952: Nicky and Bill Reilly.

## '53

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Eloquent is the word to describe the obit for the fine man, father, soldier and friend that Mort O'Conner was. We will always keep Mort in our hearts and those of us who served in combat with him share a special relationship to be held dear in our reflections of duty, honor, and country.

Business as usual comes first. We still have several obits to catch up on, so roommates it's time to get at this responsibility we dutifully incur. I reported on Jim Eubanks passing in the last column, and the Class has since received a message of thanks from Taffy Eubanks and sons for remembrance and assistance.

The Class Fund. As of 20 Mar there was \$11,769 on account, or an addition of \$930 this past quarter. It may become increasingly evident that the longer the money is held, the less it will purchase. The bottom line is that we need contributions now if we are going to realize the Class goal of \$30,000 and commit to a purpose for which it is to be used no later than 1980. Again, it is suggested that each classmate consider a pledge of \$100.00, which could be contributed over a 2- or 4-yr period unless a lump sum is preferred. The contribution is tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "The West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates, Class of '53" to be sure it is credited to our Class segment of the fund. For further details contact Keith Born, 7916 Slidell Ln, Springfield, VA. Tel: 703-321-9517. Send your check now before you let the thought pass!

It appears the AOG is in some trouble financially, in particular the deficit incurred in publishing ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER. The Assn must average a 65% subscription rate of living grads to break even. The Class of '53 currently is running a 58% subscription rate. Your support is encouraged. Maybe you can help by finding and reporting the address of the following "lost" classmates: J.H. Cooper, W.A. Strickland, H.J. Hall Jr., J.E. Hogan, R.C. Rohlman, J.P. Ceglowski, A.C. Ravelo, B.F. Hurlless Jr., T.J. Nugent, F.G. LaBrash, E.L. Rhodes, R.T. Beaucond, C.L. Brewbaker, T.G. Sofis, L.J. Greely, J.A. Loedding, R.H. Nutter, E.T. Lynch Jr., E.L. Bishop, J.M. Buckland, J.O. Dritz, J.R. Englehart, D.A. Dennis, J.L. Bade, D.K. Rice, T.O. Pickett, R.A. Young, M.E. Laundry, S.M. Thomas Jr., R.K. Potter, E.H. Smith Jr., G.R. Vigilar, F.P. Barrow Jr., L.A. Kaufman, J.W. Olson, T.E. Anderson, J.C. Phillips, C.L. Hammond, T.C. Davis, D.L. Wilson, J.R. Temp, G.W. Robbins, J.H. Elliott, E.E. Demand, M.R. Murrell, J.P. Jones, E.C. Metzcher, A.L. Spooner, M.A. Chojnowski, H.R. Matson, R.L. Sanders Jr., Maarten Vet and O.K. Ehlers. Send the info to our Class secy: Mr. Bob Kaplan, 6739 Baron Rd, McLean, VA 22101. Tel: 703-821-2665.

As reported in the last ASSEMBLY, "53" will hold its 25th Reunion during Homecoming 78 at WP. That's 27-29 Oct and the game is with Colgate. Various cmtes are hard at work to make this a memorable occasion. Bill Harris heads up the program activities cmte with Al Grum and George Waters handling WP coordination, Jack Johnson and Jerry Colonna are handling publicity, "Slick" Walt Henderson our perennial Class treas will keep track of the bills, and Jack



1953: L-R: The Dinges, Schroeders, Eineigls, Tanzers, and Sibleys.



1953: Selected Design.

Yale ably assisted by several of the DC gals is selecting a suitable 25th memento for the Class wives. Other committees and subcommittees will be formed as time passes. Although the first mailing was a little late, things are still on track. Please help in locating lost classmates, a list was enclosed in the mailing. Also any ideas and suggestions anyone may have are most welcome. Rooms and facilities are blocked out at the Sheraton Eagle Bay north of Ossining, and you should personally make your reservations. Larry Davis is the trans chmn and will ensure dedicated "53" bus transportation will be available for the trips to WP from the motel. Contact **Bob Daly** at 8105 Northumberland Rd, Springfield, VA 22153. Tel: 703-



1953: The Arnhyms with CA license plate.

455-9374 for any questions. Jane will be Bob's secy!

To wind up the business a bit of good news. In Mar the Pres announced the appointment of 3 classmates to the rank of BG. Promoted in the Army were **Cary Hutchinson** and **Robert Joyce**. New AF brigadier is **Bob Karns**. Congratulations.

First on the social notes are the Founders Day activities. **Bob Laflam** reports 53 contingent was largest one at Ft Monmouth with **George & Joann Broscius**, **Lou & Joyce Friedersdorf**, **Ken & Lois Heitzke**, **Jack & Dot Johnson**, **Ray & Sandy Lesinski**, and **Bob & Peg Laflam** in attendance. Celebration at Ft Belvoir included: **Vi Davis**, **Charlie & Edy Fiala**, **Bert & Molly Fuller**, **Bob & Jeanne Glasgow**, **Bob & Jean Kaplan**, **Roger & Liz Peterson**, **Don & Frances Ramsey**, **Fred & Pat Siebert**, and **Bob Segal**. Couldn't get the roster on Ft Myer, but several were in attendance. Way off in Portugal **Weemo Wubben** reports Founders Day was held with a libation at the **Wubbenas'** followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Four USMA grads were present: **Wubben** (with Marie), **Schuler '56**, **Taylor '62** and **Muratti '64**. The USNA group numbered 6 and included **RADM Eugene B. Fluckey Ret.**, who holds the Medal of Honor for submarine duty in WWI. **Weemo** is Chief, MAAG, Lisbon.

Now for the latest news on Class sons and daughters at the Academies. **John E. Johnson Jr.**, (Jack & Dot) will enter the AFA this summer, Class of '82. **William D. Horton, III** (Bill & Jo) is a yearling on the Dean's list at WP. **Jerry Matson** (Dick & Emily), **Clair Conzelman** (Pete & Mary) and **Patrick McCarty** (Dyke & Pattie) are cows at WP, and **Walter Paulekas** (Al & Elaine) is a Firsty at WP.

Signal Cps Time. Would you believe there are only 6 classmates on active duty in the SC? **Bob Laflam** (35 Russel Ave, Ft Monmouth, NJ 07703) reports that fact and as follows: **Sam Rogers** at Ft Bragg as XVIII Abn Cps Sig O but not for long as **Bill Renner** will replace him this summer. **George Broscius** at TRITAC (Monmouth), **George Dimsios** SATCOM (Monmouth) and **Al Biggerstaff**, a Prof (MT&G) at WP.

Now for the odds and ends, bits and pieces. **John Tanzer** is CS of the 3d AD and sent the picture of the group that gathered to bid farewell to **Margaret Mary & Bob Schroeder**. **Ed Dinges** is ADC 3d AD; **Bob Schroeder** departed from G3, 5th Corps; **Ray Eineigl** gave up his command of the 130th Engr Bde and became Dpty Community Cmdr, Hanau, on 10 Feb; **Jim Sibley** is Dir of Engr and Housing for 5th Corps. From time to time **John** and **Peg** also see: **Cary Hutchinson** (Dpty Community Cmdr, Darmstadt), **Norm Delbridge** (Chief, Engr Div, Frankfurt) and **Glenn Otis** who took command of the 1st AD in Ansbach recently.

Back to the USA. Guess who says he's getting action on the freeway! **June & Rolfe Arnhy** show off a CA plate, "USMA 53." **Rolfe** and **June** spent Mar in FL for daughter **Kathy's** wedding (sr at UFL). **Carolyn** is a soph at UFL. **Rolfe** also reports **Howie Thompson** works near him, and **Lee Gray** and **Dale Peloquin** are with **Rockwell** and they see each other from time to time. He adds they need a West Coast reunion (may be Founders Day sufficed?).

**Patti McCarty** dropped a note that **Ed & Betty Davis** will return from HI this summer. **Bob & Marilyn Karns** to return in Apr and expected to make the reunion. **Patti** has been talking up the reunion to **Harley & Paul Floyd** (MS) and **Billie & Tex Schneider**



1953: Bob Tumperi.

(OK). **Dyke** is on the faculty of AFIT in Dayton and will go to Iran for the summer to teach. Daughter **Amy** is a sr in HS. I'm sure **Bob Daly** appreciates your efforts **Pattie!**

**Bill Horton** called as this deadline approached. He and **Jo** are in Farmington, NM, ret. in Jun and is with **Steam's Rogers, Inc.**, a 9 billion annually construction firm, as a Contract Admin. Daughter **Lisa** is soph at CO St U. on Dean's List, Engl Lit major, and was selected to attend the U. of Lancaster in England for her jr year by a State of CO screening board. **Bill** reports **Bob & Ada Scofield** in Washington State. **Bob** graduated from law sch in Dec and took the bar exam in Feb. Daughter **Martha** married in Oct at Ft Lewis, **Tracey** is a soph at Pacific Lutheran U. (Tacoma) and son **Brad** a jr in H.S. **Bill** also reported that **Dick & Emily Matson** are back in the U.S. (Alexandria, VA) from a civ tour of duty in Greece and Saudi Arabia.

**Bob Tumperi** recently completed a "tour" as VP opns of **Esterline Angus Co.** in Indian-



1953: LT and Mrs. Ray Oden (USMA 1976).



1953: Founders Day Ft Monmouth.

apolis (saw 3 500-mile races), and was appointed pres of Indl Timer Corp (Parsippany, NJ). Barbara beats Bob at golf, daughter Laura is a sr at Purdue, Eric a jr in H.S. (varsity basketball) and Scott is in the 7th grade, nearing Eagle Scout.

Up in the land of snow, a word from Ed Burdeau. Barbara and Ed ret. in Jun 75 and bought a motel in the lakes region of NH (Alton). Look for the Riverview Motel at the traffic circle on your vacation. Ed said they will make the reunion in spite of the slow mail in NH. (You should have received Bob Daly's letter of details.)

Ret. also include Stu & Abby McLennan. Stu ret. 31 May 78 and plans to stay in the San Ant area. Stuart III was married in Dec. He received a commission from TX A&M in Arty and is going to Ft Sill. Bob Daly also passed along that Pete & Mary Conzelman are at Glastonbury, CT. Daughter Susan at Vassar and one son, Peter, at Norwich. Also reported at Glastonbury, Dave & Susan Motycka and Fred & Judy Smith. Hal & Bobby Porter are with Eagle Royalty and Mineral Co. in Denver, CO and back to Bob & Jane Daly, I understand daughter Chris is off to be a stewardess with United Airlines.

Here in the DC area Kurt Brewer (Ft Hood) dropped in for lunch with Cliff Landry and Bob Daly. Dave Horner returned from Saudi Arabia and is now at BDM Corp with Cliff Neilson, Don Davis, Bill Bell, and Bob Barton. At American U. there is a pretty, new Dean of Students as Carmen Neuberger took up her duties after receiving her PhD. Weddings in the DC area included Patricia Ann Colonna to Ray Oden (USMA 76).

The Class luncheon for Feb was held at the Rafters, Landmark, VA. Attending were: Bob Daly, Rob Roy McGregor, Jim Linka, Doc Vierck, Don Shaw, Fred & Pat Siebert, Chuck Fiala, Graham & Sue Vernon, Bob &



1953: Bob and Harriet Ayers.

Margaret Schroeder, Cliff Neilson, Graham & Norma McIntyre, Jim & Inge Bleecker, Larry Davis, Robert Kaplan, John Yale, Thomas McGregor, John Smythe, Neal Creighton, Dick Fischer, Ken & Joan Sweeney, Gary & Pat Colonna, Burt Fuller, Dick Remers, Jim Stuart, Jack Johnson and Rocky Ventrella.

I drank a bottle of Chablis writing this. I enjoyed it. Keep the news coming.

'54

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Good news and bad news—first the good news. Stars fell on John Galvin, Hugh Robinson, Robert Forman, Larry Skibbie and Dale Vesser as announced by orders on 24 March—congratulations from your classmates. From Fred Qualls, I understand that Stan Beck is leaving AFA to become the Cmdt of the Air CSC at Maxwell AFB.

Bob Chapman made his star while Cdr of Leadership & Mgmt Devl Cen at Maxwell AFB, is being assigned to the Pentagon Air Staff as the Dpty Dir of Data Automation. Phil and I enjoyed many a good time with Helen and Bob while together in HI, it will be good to have them join our DC group.

Mentioned in the DC Post as "the other major Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, Phoenix Apt Developer, William Schulz"—I'm sure if Bill runs—he will win!

Dick Hobbs joined Teledyne Corp last



1954: Strong '10 with Class '46 reps.

Nov at Corp Hqs in L.A., upon being assigned a Div/Co, Dick and Diane will relocate.

John Bard wrote that he made a swing through the W and SW as part of the Founders Day dinner and Admissible Candidate Meetings, and ran into a number of classmates: Ft Lewis—Pete Witteried, B.T. Thompson, John Stephenson; San Fran—Jack Charles, Don Bradbury, Brad Honholt, Doug O'Connor, Don Rains (Ex '54); L.A.—John Klingburg, Bob Egelston, Colby Ross, Jerry



1954: Stuart and Adams.



1954: Founders Day Ft Benning: The Orrs.



1954: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Buttons and the Suppiches.



1954: Adams, Thackwray, Pawlowski, and Broumas.



1954: Albro, Parshall and Evans.



1954: Parshall, Evans, and Weatherby.

Anderson, Jim Randall, Dave Scott, Hugh Robinson, Alvin Milder; Tucson—Perin Manhinney; Phoenix—Bill Schulz, Bob Blaisdell, Bob Lykens, Jud Mathias.

John has addresses of the above if anyone should want them, please contact John.

Founders Day dinner in DC was held at the Ft Myer Officers Club. Attending were Ames Albro, Jerry Parshall, Walt Evans, Doug Stuart, Bob Adams, Ed Pawloski, Lee Thackwray, John Broumas, and Yale Weatherby. During dinner, John Broumas presented the Class with a one thousand dollar check for the 30th Year Class Gift—Many thanks to John from all of us in the Class.

Pat Dyer has been named by Air Product & Chemical Inc. as Group VP for Worldwide Merchant Ind'l Gas and Medical Products Business.

Again from the Washington Post—Around the World—it was reported from Moscow that our Bill Odom of Carter's Nat'l Security Staff has been an observer of the Soviet Army winter maneuvers during that big winter storm that hit Europe.

Now for the bad news—Joe Palastra being the Mil Asst to the Dpty SECDEF asked to be excused from his position as Class Pres, due to the demands of that position. So during Founders Day dinner, we proceeded to elect Fred Qualls to the position as Pres and since no one volunteered to fill Fred's

position as Secy-Scribe, you are now doomed to be bored by my fictional notes unless someone out there starts to write some letters. Gloom period is over, kids out of school, vacations, PCS. Come on and let's all write to Phil and Yale.

# '55

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About the biggest event that has come down the pike for the Class of '55 in the last few months was the publication of the BG list. We were well represented, and our warmest congratulations go to Carl McNair and Ed Trobaugh. Carl has been XO to the DCS-RDA here in DC since coming out of cmd at Ft Rucker last summer. Ed has been in HI for a few years, first as Bde Cdr in the 25th Div and more recently as XO to the CINCPAC. At this writing, their first "General Officer" assignment has not been announced.

Bad weather and a flu epidemic played havoc with the Class party at Bob & Linda Newtons' home back in Jan. Coordinating the affair were Rich & Maryanne Miller, ably assisted by Dave & Kaye Wheeler. Those hardy troopers—and hard core party goers—who were able to make the formation included Mike & Lorna Maloney, Leo & Pauline Hergenroeder, Ray & Ann Gunderson, Ted & Nancy Bishop, Bill & Fran Maus, Dick & Sany Wargowski, Bod & Marly Carpenter, Jack & Paula Campbell, Joe & Connie Franklin, Paul & Laverne Bazilwich, Will & Margo McIlroy, and Jim Ryan.

Todd & Sue Graham are thoroughly ensconced at Ft Benning these days. Todd assumed cmd of the Sch Bde last Aug after 2 yrs in Iran. Sue has developed into one of the country's finest racquetball players. She won the Birmingham Open in Feb and barely missed out on going to the Nationals later in the month. Their oldest son, Bruce, is a Yearling and is doing great things for the Army Hockey team. Assisting the Grahams in keeping the Benning scene active are Roy & Ann Dunaway. They have recently been joined by Billy & Ray Arthur. Billy has joined the civ ranks, but continues to work for Uncle Sam there at Benning. Photographic evidence of the Graham-Dunaway-Arthur presence at the Benning Founders Day dinner accompanies this column.

Received a very nice letter from Bill Carington. Bill and Sue will depart W-P AFB in May for AFSCmd, Foreign Tech Div, Oberammergau, Germany. Their oldest son, Bill, finishes his 3d yr at the AFA this summer.



1955: The Dunaways, Grahams and Arthurs.



1955 Rod and Ginger Vitty.



1955: Founders Day WP Society of Charleston: The Browns and friend.

Bill sends an invitation to any of us who may be visiting the Bavarian Alps the next few years to drop in on them.

Saw Jack & Kathy Jeter in Mar while on a quick trip to WP. We all were visiting John & Martha Feagin. Jack is headed for the DAIG office in DC when the academic year at Carlisle Bks comes to a screeching halt. Other classmates who will be graduating include Rex Perkins and Bob Nourse. Rex is going to RR IV at Ft Gillem, GA. Bob is returning to his old stomping grounds in the Enlisted Dir of MILPERCEN. And speaking of the AWC, Bill & Jane Hadly will arrive there this summer. Bill is finishing up 4 years in Italy and will be on the S&F at Carlisle.

I have recently had the pleasant opportunity to visit with Bill Lozier at Ft Leavenworth. Bill and Joan arrived there last Aug. Bill is Div Chief in CACDA. Their oldest son, Bill, graduates from Penn State in Aug and will be commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. Dave is a jr at William and Mary, and the 3 daughters are with them there at Leavenworth.

A few short items picked up in travels are: Frank O'Brien is teaching Electricity in a Jr Coll and lives in Germantown, MD; Dave Wheeler returns to WP this summer to the Math Dept.; Dave Mc Nerney is at HQ, TRADOC and heads the Project CONCISE Office; Rich Miller departs DC this summer to be the Chicago DE; Howie Stone still holds down one of the ADC jobs in the 9th Div at Ft Lewis. In my last conversation with Howie he mentioned that he was in the process of buying a home in the local area; Don Gransback is the TECOM IG at APG. His oldest son, Steve, enjoyed a very successful year in wrestling at VPI. The next son, Gregg, is a MP at Ft Hood; Lou Tebods has recently moved up the bus world ladder and is now Pres and Gen Mgr of the Ram-





1955: The Schicks.

sey Corp of TRW, St. Louis; Russ Parsons, our last bona fide bachelor, is on his way to assume cmd of the 3d Div Arty in Germany; Ed Guthrie was on the last 0-6 cmd list and will depart DC soon to assume cmd of a tng bde at Ft LWood; Rich Cardillo, currently at ARR VIII in Denver, will assume cmd of the 3d ACR, Ft Bliss, in Oct; Pete Booras is the Central Section Cmdr for MEPCOM and is stationed at Ft Sheridan, IL. Pete's operation runs the AF Entrance and Exam Sta, a part of the Recruiting Cmd functions; Bill Maus will ret. in Jul. He and Francis are looking hard at Fayetteville, NC, as the place to go, but were not absolutely decided at the time this column was written; and Stan Sydenham has a very fine position as AdminO with a law firm in DC. Stan and Carla live in Fairfax, VA.

As was indicated in the Mar edition of the ASSEMBLY, I will put this column together for an interim period (that silver-tongued devil, Joe Franklin, can talk a guy into doing anything). Please note my new address. As of mid-May I return to WP as the Dpty Dir of the Intercollegiate Athletic Dept. Brownie, Joe and Wendy will arrive in Jul. By then my oldest son, Sam, should be a member of the Class of '82. He has had a great year at the USMAPS, Ft Monmouth, and is raring to go. Keep those cards and letters coming, gang. It's tough to dream up items for the column. It really does depend on you folks to keep it going. I'll be hearing from you.

'56

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Ward Le Hardy reports from the AWC that a new BG list happily picked up 3 more of our Army classmates for their first star: Jim Ellis, Norm Schwarzkopf and Leroy Suddath. That is great news and our hats are off to these 3 outstanding soldiers. Jim Ellis, currently the Exec Dir in OCE in DC, has held a variety of jobs in the Army to include Engr cmds at every level. Norm, the first infantryman in our Class to make GEN, is the CO of the 1st Bde of the 9th Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA. He also has commanded at every level through Bde and most recently spent 2 years in AK as the Dpty Bde Cmdr. Leroy is one of those rare guys who has only spent 8 months in the Pentagon on staff duty. With the exception of 3 years in officer asgmts in DCSPER, USAR-EUR, Leroy has spent almost every other moment of the past 22 yrs with troops. He had 22 months of Bn cmd (2 different bns), and most recently he completed commanding a Bde at Ft Dix. Currently, Leroy is the CS at Ft Dix. To Jim and Mareth, Norm and Brenda, and Leroy and Carol, and all of

their children, we offer our most sincere congratulations.

By now you should have your 20 Year Book. If you haven't received it, contact Farrell Patrick at Qtrs 47, Wilson Rd, WP, NY 10996. You may have noticed that the article on Vietnam, compiled by a group headed by Dave Palmer, ended abruptly with the year 66. Regrettably, the last part of this fine article was inadvertently omitted by the publisher. Some of the most tragic and significant events for our Class in Vietnam happened after 66; therefore both Ward Le Hardy and I feel you will all want to read this missing part of the article, and have decided to devote the remainder of this report to publishing it. We trust those of you who were so thoughtful to provide news of yourself and others, will bear with us this time—we promise to make it up to you on the next report.

#### Missing portion—20 Yearbook:

By the end of 67, the U.S. appeared to be making headway in the war of attrition. There was some reason to think things were looking up. It was hard to see day-to-day improvements, but the long-range trends were encouraging. Apparently Hanoi saw it the same way, and decided to bring matters to a head in a decisive confrontation. The stage was set for the war's climactic encounter. GEN Giap foresaw a general up-rising flowing out of a general offensive. If the people of S. Vietnam rose in mass, he reasoned, the Americans would have no option but to go home. He set out to make that happen. Having shrewdly drawn attention to the borders, particularly to the base at Khe Sanh, he launched an Oriental version of a turning movement, striking simultaneous blows behind the combat elements against population centers throughout the country. His offensive opened on the first day of Tet, 68.

Combat during this period was the most intensive of the war. Casualties were heavy. Allied units recovered from the initial shock to deal a resounding military defeat to the communists—and again, '56 led the way. Not without loss, though: Walt McCahan was killed in Mar, and Frank Bonnarens became the 9th classmate to be killed in action that Sept.

By this time, we were beginning to get "repeated" tours. Jesse Blackwell arrived for his 2d trip just in time to be swept up in the Tet battles. He emerged without a wound, but suffered an accident he describes as "too embarrassing to bring up." H-m-m-m? Robin Speiser and Charlie Singletary were also back, flying missions in a hotter war than they had known the first time around. Classmates by the dozens experienced Giap's



1956: Founders Day Ft Sill: Hammond and Lwiski.



1956: The Wagners and classmates.

climactic surprise, each with his own particular version of it, according to where he was. Wally Crain, Hugh Munson, George Lee, Jim Waldeck, Ev Caldwell, Bob Nicholson, and Dave Berry all served in the 101st Abn Div during the offensive. They could have held a reunion all by themselves if there had been time.

Tet was the turning point of the war. The psychological blow to the home front in the U.S. proved to be lasting. The American public did not bounce back. From that point on, it was a different war. The Pres set the U.S. on a course out of VN, but he decided to leave Saigon strong enough to defend itself. That meant the withdrawal would be prolonged. As far as the Class of '56 was concerned, "withdrawal" at first meant even deeper commitment. Our members there rose. By this time, too, members were serving in more responsible positions, many as bn cdrs. J.J. Clark, the last of the Class to fall, was commanding one when combat claimed him in Jun 70.

Bob Hammond, John Snodgrass, Jerrie Hutchinson, and Arv West led bns in the 101st Abn. Bob Bacon, Charlie Prather (he was masquerading as Charlie Saint then and on an earlier tour as an advisor), and Norm Schwarzkopf were CO's in the Americal, while Dick Woods, Al Carr, Mike Conrad, Scott Smith, and Jerry Burcham headed units in the 1st Cav (Jerry commanded Mike's kid brother at one point). John Foss returned to his old outfit to take a bn in the 4th Inf; Leroy Suddath, Rick Brown, and Bill Haponski were cmds in the 1st Inf; and Gary Williams led a 9th Div bn. Jack Nicholson preceded a "real soldier" in command of a bn in the 173d Bde (ask him about that some day), and then went to advise in the ARVN Abn Div. Don O'Shei, Sam Kem, Ken Withers, and John Wall were at the head of engr bns, while Gene Dewey, Jack Woodmansee, Paul Winkel, Charlie Bagnol, Bob St. Louis, and Rude DeFrance were back again leading avn units. Harry Christopher was by this time commanding one of the organizations that kept them all in the air. And it should be noted that Lowell Smith's arty unit fired in support of George Stapleton's bn up in the middle of the country. George reports no short rounds.

Records amassed were too numerous to list here. Dick Woods may have had the most interesting change of command ceremony, taking over at 0300 hours in the middle of a hot action. Mike Conrad became one of the few non-aviators to be shot out of the sky—and survive. Bob Caron spent



1956: Founders Day Carlisle Barracks: DeFrance, Richards, Bagnal, Soeder (associate), Bowes and Mericle.

the most time in SEA—after an Army tour, he flew for Air America from 68-75. (Of course, he had a special attraction. As he put it, "I took time off to marry a lovely Vietnamese girl, Therese, in Reno, NV, on 4 Jul 69.") Bob Flory won the Navy CM in combat, while on land yet, and Les Weinstein may have the distinction of being the only classmate ever to command a sea-going vessel, the *Corpus Christie Bay*. Doc Bahnsen had the most motorcycle accidents, admitting to 3.

Speaking of Doc, no account of the war would be complete if it did not mention his exploits. The story sounds incredible, but enough classmates witnessed and recorded—and later reported on—his deeds to indicate that the whole story is even more amazing than the established record. Altogether, he earned 18 awards for valor. The total of all sorts: 1 DSC, 5 SS, 3 DFC, 4 BSM, 52 AM, 2 ARCOM, 2 PH, and several Vietnamese awards. When GEN Abrams presented the DSC, the citation was read by Jim Anderson, Abe's aide. On his first day of command, Doc fought off an attack on his CP, killing 20 enemy. The next day he was in a fight and his outfit accounted for 85 more. And so it went. He led by example, always in the thick of the fight. Among the weapons he personally used on enemy soldiers over a period of time were: armed helicopters, a mechanized flame thrower, a rifle, hand grenades, and his bare hands. Jim Dozier and Bill Haponski can elaborate on details at future reunions—Bill even got one of Doc's deeds on movie film.

Never let it be said that fighters aren't lovers! Doc was as successful in locating attractive feminine companionship as he was at finding the enemy. They had to be pretty or they didn't count. In fact, once when he met a particularly homely female correspondent at Jerry Burcham's base camp, he flew away without taking her out, with the result that she had to stay overnight—and Jerry had her on his hands when an assault hit. Now that is being classmated!

Everyone has his own cherished vignette of the war. Bill Haponski's is of sharing a bottle of Mateus rosé with Gus Johnson while watching a fantastic sunset and listening to Gus' "lies, lies, nothing but lies." Jack Wood-

mansee's is the time George Stapleton "refueled Vinh Long airfield with 50,000 gallons of water." Joe Dougherty's is the sight of a rescue chopper after he had been shot down behind enemy lines on Halloween, 66.

A roundup of all the kinds of work shows that '56 was deeply involved in the total effort. Bob Krutz logged over 600 missions in a spotter plane as a FAC for the 9th Div, getting 4 DFC's and a SS while doing it. Bill Crum also put in a tour as a FAC after doing his stint in jets. Dick Pierce, Don Graesser, Skip Ross, Bob Cremer, Dave Muntz, and Jim McNulty were among the stalwart engns having a hand in nation-building—literally. John Wagner introduced the M551 to VN, and we hear there are a couple of Armor types still looking for him! Jim Ellis and Zeb Bradford each did a stint as aide to GEN Abrams. Dick Mackin was also seen wearing aide's brass. Frank Matthews, commanding a TC, was training Cambodians. Charlie Prather was advisor to a province chief, Harry Crandall was advising at corps staff level, Gene Fox was a TC advisor, and Lisle Kendall and Paul Dougherty were advisors to the Vietnamese AF. Doug Johnson, another AF advisor, won a BSM for valor while putting out aircraft fires during a mortar attack. Chuck Kottich and Gary Williams served together as S3 and S2 of a bde in the Delta. Conn Anderson, Phil Farmer, and Jack Munsey were among the unsung warriors working in civil affairs. Among those in HQ jobs were Gerry Demers, Jim Bolin, Steve Boylan, and Bucky Harris with the Army, and Mark Smith and Nick Mavrotheris with the AF. Walt Rundgren commanded an



1956: Hewitt and Lash.

aircraft maint bn. Epitomizing the diversity of effort were old B-1 Co. mates Dick Lorey and Al Renshaw. Dick flew air-sea rescue missions and Al provided close ground support with B-52s.

Nearly everyone, at one time or the other, checked out the R&R system. A new high in classmate closeness may have been set when Jerry Crouter and Bob Schuler showed up on the same flight to Australia. As for all the other things that might be said about R&R, nothing else was submitted in response to the questionnaire.

Finally, perhaps no one had a more interesting asgmt than Rick Brown as the shooting switched to talking. Serving as GEN Alexander Haig's XO, he went on 10 Pres missions during the negotiations and had a hand in the formulation of national policy during that key period.

When Americans departed in the spring of 73, among the last out were Zuke Day and Bill Schrage. Bill was a vestigial member of MACV, as he had the job of completing the cmd's history, which he finished in Jul 73. Also leaving that spring was Peggy Miller, who, although she didn't know it then, was destined to become the bride of Doc Bahnsen. Actually, the war was not to be over for a couple of years. And even in its closing scene, '56 was represented. Tom Bowes was among the last Americans out of Cambodia, and Bob Caron was the last classmate to see many of those places in VN which had become so familiar to us all. Bob flew numerous rescue missions from cities throughout the country as everything collapsed in Mar and Apr of 75. Then he and Therese, with 4-year-old Michelle, were involved in the frantic evacuation of Saigon.

Departing also in those final dismal days was Bill and Betsy Schrages' newly adopted son, 8-year-old Nguyen, now John. For the Class, then, the war ended with a beginning.

# '57

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April Fool's Day has come and gone, but still my mail bag is relatively empty. Consequently, this will be a short column. To start, Don Miller provided me with a listing of the AF O6 selectees. They are Archie Barrett, Al Davidson, Bob Gadd, Ben Glyphis, Jerry Jagrowski, Tim Lawton, Bob McCoy, Sam Morthland, Larry Murphy, Bill Page, Walt Rabe, Bob Rodriguez, Tom Rush, Paul Schwehm, Ben Waller, and Fred Wells. Congratulations to you all. Let me know when you make it, and where you're going. If I've left anyone out, please give me the word and I'll be happy to correct it. On the Army side we have another biggie. Dick Scholtes has been selected for BC. He's no. 20 on a list of only 36, and is our 3d "starman." Congrats Dick. It must have been your timing at the Army-Navy game (see the column in the last ASSEMBLY). Another list that has just come out in the Army is the O6 Cmd list. I think we are now living from list to list. The lucky selectees and the types of units they will eventually cmd are: Les Bennett, Inf; Steve Glick, Arty; Joe House, ADA; George McGovern, SF; Ed Olsmith, Arty; Ellis Parker, Avn; and Bob Vermillion, Engr. Most of them will take cmd sometime between 1 Oct 78 and 30 Sept 79. Congratulations to you all.

The Class had a Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance on 11 Feb, and it was really great,



1957: The Deans, Teeters ('58), and Golden.



1957: Drudik.



1957: The Somers and Pockocks.



1957: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: The Westerfeldts.

thanks to JD & Esther Smith. They planned it, made the arrangements, and ran it—complete with nametags. Stan & Cecily Cass had to cancel out of the party at the last minute because Cecily gave birth to a 5 lb 9 oz girl on 9 Feb. The baby's name is Sarah—a beautiful name. I think that at this rate '57 will probably still be having babies well into the 21st Century. Speaking of Sarah—my daughter that is—she has received an appointment to Annapolis (forgive her, for she knows not what she does) and will enter in Jul, unless she has a change of heart. I would appreciate info about any other service academy appointees. At the party I learned that Fred Krafft ret. about 6 months ago and is now working in Crystal City, in the field of advanced logistics mgmt. Also found out that Tom Garrigan has left the SA's office and is now the PAO in OCE. I consider that a step up.

The Class made a big splash at the WP Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer, with 20 classmates attending. We all provided moral support to Bob Alsheimer, who helped set the whole thing up, but it went smoothly in spite of us. Well, almost smoothly, if you don't count the fire alarm going off just as dinner was starting and the Supe (who was the principal speaker) losing his voice and having to whisper his message. Mike McCarthy was the big news at the dinner—at least for me. He ret. about 2 months ago and is now the Mgr, Proj Svs, for Morrison Knudsen Saudi Arabia Consortium—complete with calling cards that resemble a small book and are bilingual (English and Arabic). Sounds like a really great opportunity for an engr, but Mike was in the Inf. No problem, he learns fast. On the subject of learning, got a note from Alex Vardimis, who is a rsch fellow in the Prog for Science and Int'l Affairs at Harvard. This is in lieu of attending the AWC—seems like a much better deal. Alex wrote an article on the "neutron" war-head (which has been much in the news of late) for the spring issue of *Parameters*, the AWC magazine. Fran, his wife, has been keeping busy writing unpublished novels, but one never knows when she'll get a break. His daughter Sharon is majoring in Astronomy and Religion at Smith Coll, and his son Daniel (4½—what a spread) attends Harvard nursery sch and French classes at Boston Coll. They must be starting younger these days; I didn't start college until I was 16. Nothing like a little education. Alex said that the family's most significant accomplishment of the year, to date, was living through the blizzard of 78. Fred Koehler wrote to say he just changed jobs, and is now Corp VP of the Computer Div, SCI Sys, Inc., in Huntsville, AL. His family will join him in Jun, after his oldest son graduates from H.S.



1957: Founders Day Atlanta: The Campions, Armstrongs and Faulkenders.



1957: Archie Borrett.



1957: Founders Day Ft Sill: LaPorte and Glick.

in Dallas. Bryan T. Kennedy has moved up from the NJ State Assembly to the NJ State Senate in the 10th Senate Dist. He sends his thanks to all of you who tried (?) to vote him using absentee ballots. Look for BT in the U.S. Congress in the not too distant future—he's a winner. Received a letter and 2 publications from Russ Ramsey, whose academic achievements continue to grow at an astonishing rate. I counted 21 pubs amongst his credits. He is, as you may recall, the Principal, Alternative Sch, Alachua County Public Schools, FL, in addition to being a prof at several universities. Look for the book, *Zarpazo the Bandit*, printed by the U. of AL Press. Russ edited it and wrote the introduction. His oldest daughter was tops in her class, at Orlando Navy Base, in Electronic Torpedo Maint. Rumor has it that she is the first female sailor in that area. Russ, give me a call the next time you're up in the DC area lecturing to the DIS. Down at Ft Bragg, Jon & Betty Nottingham placed 2d in the O Club's Mixed Doubles Inter category, and their son Kevin was one-half of the winning Men's Doubles team in the Advanced Div. The family that plays tennis together has lots of love. Received a letter and a picture from Bill Page, who is in HI. Unfortunately, the picture is unprintable—nothing like that! Just not clear enough. When you take pictures, try to make them clear, and preferably in black



1957: The Murphys, Lib Murphy, and Bloomfields.

and white. The picture was taken at the Founders Day dinner, which was with wives (a nice idea), and included **Ted & Toddy Voorhees**, **Ralph Stephenson**, and **Bill & Judith Page**. Reenie S. was at the party, but missed the picture. Bet you never saw a picture in words before. Bill said that other classmates in HI are **Bob Johns**, **Russ Harris**, **Willie Thompson**, and **Tony Miklinski**. He also noted that **Ralph**, who is his neighbor, has a 22' **Tanzer Sailboat** (yacht?) on which he crews during the racing season. Bill has one major complaint about his asgmt—the work keeps interfering with his recreation schedule.

Lots of orders are out and here's a brief rundown of the ones I know. First, me. I will be Dpty Chief, R&D Office, OCE. **Ed Hickey** will become "Mr. Transportation" in Korea. **Ralph Luther** will be the Japan DE, as of Jun. **George McGovern** will take cmd of the 5th SF at Bragg in Feb, but will remain in the DC area 'til then. **Bob Merrick** will be the Advisor to the 104th Army Reserve, Vancouver Bks, WA. He said to visit him there. I saved the best for last. **Jerry Jagrowski** may go to Denmark as the head of the Office of Def Cooperation, and will work in the middle of downtown Copenhagen. Hope you get it, Jerry—so I can visit. That's it folks. Have to get ready for my TDY to Israel and England. WRITE!

# '58

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Seventh column and the latest ever. I just received a call from the ASSEMBLY, so this will be brief to make the mail today!

Reunion. Spread the word, there will be a great 20th Reunion.

**Air Force.** My last column sparked USAF response: 2 great letters and a phone call... first, apologies to **Dick Osborne** who was selected for COL below-the-zone and omitted by me. Dick's at Wright-Pat in the F-16 SPO working on FMS. He's homesteaded there since 72! **Jack Halsy** is also at Wright-Pat and contemplating ret., as are many Army and AF types I might add. **Walt Barnes** wrote from Bellevue, WA where he's Dpty Plant Rep at Boeing. I left Walt off of the regular LTC list. Sorry. Think I'll have to leave classmates off lists intentionally in the future, one way to generate letters! Walt is also a lawyer, started at NYU in 59, continued at Indiana



1958: Founders Day AWC: Back row: Schroeder, Frick, Schwar, Gilbert (USCGA '58), Brintnall, Ramsden, Umbaugh; Front row: Andreson, Hidalgo, Nadal, and Bons.

in 64, and finished JD at Okla City U. in 72. **Walt Patterson** wrote with some AF news/corrections: **Frank Crowley** is at SAC in Offutt not MAC as reported. There are 3 at MAC Hq, Scott AFB: **Patterson** (Sys Anal), **Card** (Aircrew Stan/Eval), and **Kubiak** (Cmd Data Automation). Walt provided info on 4 others: **Halsey** and **Livingston** are at Wright-Pat in AF Sys Cmd, **Yarr**, is Sqdn OpnsO with 16th TATS at Little Rock AFB, and **Chuck Davis** is Exec to GEN Wilson in Naples (NATO Southern Cmd). Walt would like to find **Frank Smith**, can anyone help? They should plan to meet at Reunion in Oct. I found **Denny Sharon's** long lost card; he's Dpty Cmdr for Ops of 56th Tac Ftr Wg at MacDill AFB. Keep the cards, letters and phone calls coming, AF!

Lists. More on the ASSEMBLY Connection. 1971 Relook Board squares accounts for **Bacon**, **Brockwell**, **Evans** (Tony), **Lancaster**, **Mignano**, **Miller** (Bob), **Miller** (Lee), **Miller** (Ray), **Nowak**, **Pedersen**, **Stritzinger**, **Sullinger**, and **Weis**. Command Selection Boards. Cmbt Spt Arms Cmd/Engr: **Palladino**, **Peck**, and **Sigler**. Cmbt Arms Cmd/Inf: **Fernandez**. Gen Spt Trp Cmd: **McLean**, Depots: **Pat Donovan**. PM Selection Bd: **Al Salisbury** for Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Subsystem, and **Neil Williamson** for TOW/DRAGON Guided Missile Sys (a double dipper, Neil is commanding the Fire Control & Small Caliber Wpns Sys Lab). Congratulations to the selectees! And now for the trivia list, the **Sibert** POAC list: **Pete Trainor** (who

did ret. 1 Mar 78), **Frank Wright**, **Van Fleet** (playing in VA state volleyball championships), **Mel Drisko**, **Tony Bauer**, **Tim McLean**, **Sandy Evans**, **Pete Kusek**, **Phil Pryor**, **Bill Bicher**, **Chuck Profflet**, **Tery Connell** and **Don Williams** (recently elected to POAC Bd of Gov).

**Bad news.** Next Army 06 board to convene 12 Oct-10 Nov, list due out Jan 79, primary zone thru 31 Jul 72. Net effect is about 16 months additional slow down from 57 to 58 and an escalation in the ret. talk in the halls of the Pentagon! Our RA LTC list is due out in Jul 78.

**Retiring.** I saw **Dave Powers** recently here TDY from St Louis. He's ret. 31 Aug. Talked to **Walt Hitchcock**, 31 Aug also for him. **Bill**



1958: The Nowaks.



1958: Tenth Reunion, June 1968.



1958: Founders Day Fulda, Germany: The Saints and the Graves.

McCaffrey is ret. in Jun and declined COL promotion on 1 Mar to do it. I think Jude Theibert ret. in Feb, please keep me posted otherwise MILPERCEN may start routing ret. paperwork through scribes in keeping with the ASSEMBLY Connection. Hearsay evidence that Bud Montemann and Pete Vanture are ret., Pete to Eugene, OR.

**Marathoners.** Wally Ward, oldest classmate, ran in the 18 Mar Virginia Bch Marathon (... "cause it's flat"). I understand that Pete Vanture has run in Boston. Any other marathon runners? Wally celebrated 20 at Virginia Bch; as for me, I'll wait for Oct Homecoming at WP.

**Founders Day.** Received pics from Redstone Ars of the Thompsons, Perreaults, Hunts and Oberg; from Ft Leonard Wood of the Jim Halls; and from Fulda of the Saints and Graves (how does it go? "if you're Cav, you must be—or something like that). The latter should provoke a response of some kind. At the DC gathering '58 trailed both '57 and '59 in the bodycount: Bullis, Lawton, Weis, Higgins, Devens, Call, Shepard, Brockwell, Bradshaw and Sibert. Someone noted that the DC 10 were cadet sgts and a cadet pvt.

In print recently were Gary Kosmider who won a Freedoms Foundation award and Jerry Betts who wrote an article, "Overcoming Company Grade Mentality," in the Army Logician, Mar-Apr 78.



1958: Delores and Jim Hall.

The next 2 DC area parties will be 3 Jun at the Washington Navy Yard and 26 Aug swimming party at Sam Myers' swimming club.

Jim Ramsden wrote from Carlisle that he'll next go to Johns Hopkins en route to perm assoc prof in Chem at USMA. Paul Bons will return to BS&L Dept after AWC. Jim Frick goes from AWC faculty to student next fall. Pete Hidalgo will go to England as exch officer at British NBC Def Sch. Tony Nadal will remain on Carlisle faculty. John Schroeder may be headed for DC. Joe Schwar is off to SHAPE HQ. Doug Sedgwick and Pete Britnall didn't have orders when Jim wrote.

Mike Mahler wrote from Heidelberg that 4 '58 couples attended Founders Day and "were funneled in through the geriatric entrance with the 'older' classes." Attending were Paul & Paula Johnson from EUCOM, the Stones from Heidelberg and the "Manges ('s or es?)" from Karlsruhe. Duff Manges is moving to USAREUR DCSLOG.

Any suggestions for a Reunion Theme Song? Mine are Anthony Newley's "Stop the World, I Want To Get Off" and/or Johnny Paycheck's "You Can Take This Job And Shove It." Longer column next time. See you in Oct!



1958: Founders Day Redstone Arsenal: Thompsons, Perreaults, Hunts and Oberg.

'59

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I'm sorry to report the death of our friend Jack Poole, who had struggled with cancer for some years. It occurred at the hospital at Jackson on 16 Jan and burial was at Arlington on the 19th. Our thoughts are with Joannie and the family.

A formal meeting of the Class was held at Ft Myer on 25 Jan (as previously reported) and the Standing Cmte was elected. Powell Hutton is Chmn, Bill Breen is Vice Chmn, Frank Campbell is Secy-Treas (ex-officio as a permanent Class officer) and members are Gerry Stadler, Jack Knebel, and Joe Coreth (ex-officio). More on this motley group later.

This, of course, is the Founders Day issue, and the one I attended was at Ft Myer. It was a magnificent affair, with no less than 25 classmates (a whole table to ourselves), with some of the conversation concerning the virtues of the old braid on a COL's mess jacket versus that on the new. Some talked of ret., which made me feel very old, but only for a few seconds. It was a big deal, with the fifes and drums of the Old Guard, the Army Chorus, an address by the splendid GEN Goodpaster, a good meal, and all the rest. What more can I say? As the colors were



1959: The Phillips', Lehrfelds, and O'Connors.

piped out, (ah, for the smell of the powder again), there wasn't a dry eye at the table except for those of a few old fogies who consider this sort of treatment their due. Those present (in alphabetical order) were: Ollie Langford, Harry Walters, Dave Cotts, Bob Ryan, Lou Beard, Bob Holman, Ray Beurket, Frank Besson, Powell Hutton, Joe Coreth, Dick Le Clere, George Kleb (with his carefully-nurtured-but-still-unruly mustache), Bill Breen, Tom McMorro, Al Dorris, Hugh Socks, Bob DeMont (just in from Ft Knox), Charlie Tennant, Ed Burba, Em McCracken, Bob Bowers, Fred Manzo, Bob Novogratz, Bruce Porter (in a scarlet jacket and a tie our waitress called informal), and Frank Campbell. A great time was had by all.

The only report from another Founders Day comes from the ever-thoughtful Mary Callaghan, who says Bill was the only classmate present at the St. Louis bash. They have been at Scott AFB since AFCS Hqs moved there last fall. The address is 1308 Salem Dr, Belleville, IL 62221.

Some miscellaneous news, gathered from generally disreputable sources. Art Bair is in Korea, wife in DC, and Art Jr. is a champion wrestler. Mike Duggan's brother was overheard (in a bar) to say that Mike is at Ft Meade and has a lousy job and works for too little money. Greg Page has signed a contract to co-star in a movie with Richard Dreyfuss. Fred Wilmoth sent a letter, which the Standing Cmte refuses to let me print, refuting in unprintable language the report of last issue. He is so angry that he won't give me his address.

Hear this. Powell Hutton is getting married after a long holdout on 23 May at the Post Chapel at Ft Sam Houston. Believe it, and remember you heard it here first. The lucky bride (and groom, I might say) is Joanne



1959: Founders Day, Ft Sill: Tillar, Plummer and Tyler.



1959: Ware, Goodpaster '39, and Bell.

Ray, our classmate's younger sister. The honeymoon will be in the basement of the Pentagon, where Powell says he feels the most comfortable.

In a more spurious vein, the following. No one has heard from Rudy Letona, Pete Barouidan, or Dorsey Baker since graduation. Jim Adams is a honcho at MDW. Pat Campbell will pay the highest prices for oriental rugs. Fred Franks is at the NWC. George Day is in the DC area, but my confidential source couldn't remember where. Greek Johnson is on the cmd list. Dan Schrader is at MC Hqs and lives in Woodbridge, VA. His unlisted phone number, for interested girls, is 221-7925. John Grinalds, also a marine, is at the NWC and will have a cmd at LeJeune this summer. Fred Malek has been appointed Exec VP at Marriott, and Jerry Aamodt is reportedly alive and well and living in Caracas. Jack Smith is back from So Amer and is in DCSOPS. Bob Weekly is with OSD. If you have trouble with the abbreviations, write the Soviet Mil Mission in E. Berlin, who seem to be the only people who can keep them straight.

Oh, yes! George Williams is in OSD somewhere. Milt Newberry is in Stuttgart with EUCOM, and Gene Madigan is working on DA's 5-year plan, reportedly in charge of Jun of the 3d yr. Gary Beech is going to Carlisle, and Bert Bertils is at DCSRDA. Don Eckelbarger has a cmd with the 3d Armor in Hannau, Ray Baugh is with DIA, and so is Bob Wheeler, who just returned from Tehran. Mark Liddy is said to work for the Undersecy of the Army for Opns Rsch. He wears civ clothes and answers awkward questions. They say his most frequent answer is "Who Knows?" with a shrug of the shoulders and his palms upturned. John Shock is Chief of Ophthalmology at Brooke in San Ant, and was promoted to O-6 on 11 Jan.

The first meeting of the Standing Cmte (now that it has been reconstituted in DC, where the mass has gravitated) was held at the Coreths' house on All Fools' Day. The location was chosen because Coreth missed the organizational meeting. Jack Knebel couldn't make it, because of a previous commitment, so the next meeting has been scheduled for his house. Also, he has been appointed chmn of the first 7 subcommittees.

the names and purposes of which have not been decided.

As you may know, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Class dictate that the Standing Cmte do certain things. They are as follows, with my comments in parentheses:

- a. Coordinate all routine Class business. (There ain't much, but we do have about \$20,000 in the bank which Campbell guards like a hawk.)
- b. Set the date for and call the annual meeting.
- c. Furnish a Class rep for any official duty or function when required. (Knebel has been appointed the next one, absent any volunteers.)
- d. Prepare and distribute correspondence as appropriate on matters concerning the Class. (Try and get a penny from Campbell on that one.)
- e. Keep and maintain the Class locator. (Breen has a good start on this which he and Roy Greene compiled. As I read the charter, however, your current address must also be on record at the AOG before you can vote on Class matters.)
- f. Record and report Class activities through the Class column in ASSEMBLY.
- g. Insure the publication of all Class obits. (Our last living member will have a helluva job on this one.)

Our Chmn, Hutton, has reviewed these responsibilities with us, and he has pointed out that our major concerns, for the moment, are the Class money and the 20th Reunion. He has noted that there is no pressing need for us to do anything with the funds right now, and he has also noted that whoever will be in charge of the 20th Reunion should be appointed by someone who will be resident here on an asgmt covering the crucial period 78-79. The rest of the cmte has agreed unanimously. He also noted, and the cmte agreed, that the mandate for this particular cmte included the coordinating of social and other desired activities of the Greater DC contingent.

All of the above is true and is the sort of thing you might clip out and put in your official records. Now let me tell you the way it happened. Powell was his usual tyrannical self. You had to pound on the table before he would let you speak. It was a good meeting, though, because we all got to know each other a little better. Breen was immediately identified as the only "pinko" in the group, so we elected him head of a subcommittee. There was only one heated discussion, and it involved a provision in the By-Laws that an ex-officio member (Campbell or Coreth) can be removed only by death or incapacitation. Breen suggested assassination, which was defeated by a 4-1 vote. Stadler, in a most ungentlemanly fashion, insisted that we were incapacitated, our each having had 3 glasses of the excellent Sabastiani Mt. Burgundy provided by Hutton. Hutton said that no wine procured by him was incapacitating, so the motion failed 2-1 (Campbell and Coreth abstaining). Stadler was named chmn of another subcommittee. A lot of questions about money were asked during the evening, and Campbell kept saying "no." We're not terribly sure of some of his votes, therefore, because even when we said "goodnight," he said "no."

The meal for this meeting was provided by Pat Campbell, Marsha Stadler, Sue Breen, and Polly Coreth. The recipes for their lasagna, spinach salad, and oranges in port wine can be obtained by writing them or by contacting the exec chief at Lutece in NY.



1960: The Campbells.

'60

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Hey gang, where is all the mail? You have slacked off from the boom season of Xmas last. For the future, resolve to overcome Glood Period Inertia and restore the flow of news you were providing in the past. Fortunately, there were a few stalwarts who came through this time and what they have to report is worthy indeed.

First off, Manuco Hidalgo wrote in from Ft Lee, VA and enclosed a Forbes magazine article (3 Apr edition) about entrepreneur Bruce Nevins—more on Bruce in a moment. Manuco lives in Chester, VA and invites any classmates passing through the Ft Lee area to stop by. His phone at home is 748-9630. Now to Bruce... seems as though he has shifted from the advertising business at Benton & Bowles and is now trying to hook Americans on Perrier bottled water. Over a 12-mo. period, Bruce has pushed this imported, naturally carbonated water to the tune of 34 million little green bottles. Classmates concerned with waistlines (who isn't?), should do themselves a favor and join the Perrier Bottled Water Rush. (This is not a paid commercial.)

Received a letter from Grafton Jung, now living in San Rafael, CA. Grafton, with his interest as our Ring Cmte Chmn, noted that the Class of '44 had made some arrangement through Treas, USMA, for L.G. Balfour to receive their class ring dies and make rings if and when necessary. Herff-Jones, now going out of the die manufacturing business for class rings, had the original contract for the Class of '44, and our Class as well. Does anyone know what the situation is with our dies? Do we want to make a similar arrange-



1960: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: The Haycrafts.



1960: The Champs.

ment? If you have any ideas, write Grafton at 90 Forest Lane, San Rafael, CA, 94903. Grafton, please keep your scribe informed of any future developments.

The remaining news focuses on the DC area. John LeFebvre departed recently for Germany where he will take command of a Lance Bn. Don Summers has orders to activate this summer an Improved Hawk Bn at Ft. Riley. In the meantime, Don will remain busy tracking the U.S. Army's commitment to NATO—a hot item on the Army Staff. Don, that unit activation should be a snap after your current E-Ring job. Really, Don's life would be much easier if he weren't harassed by his classmate in PA&ED. (Wonder who that could be?) Jim Fairchild is expected to return to the DC area after his tour in Korea as bn cmdr of the Honest John Bn in the 2d Inf Div. Jim will rejoin Sandy, Jim Jr. and Douglas, who have been living in Springfield awaiting Jim's return.

Spoke with Bill Carpenter the other day (Bill is still working for the SA) and discussed the doings of several classmates. Bill wondered if anyone had heard from or about Bob Anderson. News of John Lenti surfaced during our conversation and the word is that John is doing well as the Reception Cn cmdr at Ft Jackson, SC. Bill C. also allowed that he had occasions to see Fred Bidgood who, would you believe, is now in charge of "Women in the Army." Watch out, gals, lock your doors... we know this guy and advise caution. Seriously, Fred is also working in the SA's office and has been deeply involved with the many actions and issues involving the expanding role for women soldiers. (Fred's interests haven't changed a bit!)

Randy Perkins joined me in PA&ED several months ago so I am no longer the sole '60 member in the directorate. When I first arrived in 75, there were 4 classmates in PA&ED—Ed Post (now at Ft Carson), Charlie



1960: Founders Day Ft Sill: Rudesill, Bonifay (USNA '60), Wilson, Seaward.

Ostott (in Germany) and John House (at Ft Jackson).

Congratulations to our 2 classmates selected for bde level command—Bill Carpenter and Mike Ferguson. Looks like the Army contingent of the Class is coming into its own in the big time. My apologies to Phil Walker for omitting his name from the list of War Coll selectees reported in the last Class column. Phil, you have to change your last name and make it more distinct for the benefit of your erring scribe.

That's all for now. Try to get those letters in sometime before the end of Jun. In the meantime, Go Like '60.

## '61

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Disjointed as this column may be, you'll have to agree there is an influx of news. Word from the hinterlands flowed DCward, and I hereby pass the poop.

Sixty-one's runners proliferate. Dave & Vicky Biddinger write from Birmingham, MI, where he is on the Gen Motors Mfg Staff at the GM Tech Cen in Warren. Their family (Marty 17, Lisa 15, and Dana 12) must appreciate the marathon syndrome too for Dave ran 3700 miles last year. He's run 2:43 and 2:46 in regular (26 mile +) marathons, but sets his sight on a representative performance in Boston. Bill Tobin ran in the MILPERCEN mini-marathon and did great. He hasn't opted yet for the "serious runner" syndrome. Bill, Joyce, Joan 15, Mary 12, and Billy 10 are headed for USMA this summer where Bill will work in ODIA. Joyce has been working as a OB nurse in Alexandria.

Also returning to USMA in the near future will be Hank Rennegal, recently selected to be PAP in Chem. In Jun I too head back to the Hudson, this time as Dpty in PE. (Barbara, Joe 12, Wendy 11, and Morrissa 10 are going too). Pat & Anne Hoy also are scheduled to revisit their alma mater, Pat as PAP in Engr, reporting for duty in Jun.

Dick & Metta Jackson wrote from Ops-Div Shape, Belgium. He is in the Nuc Opns Section in an "interesting and educational" task. If Dick is getting educated, the duty must be far from the "goat" comprehension level. At Baumholder, Dick saw Phil & Martha Sykes. Phil is the Dir of Engr & Housing which is appropriate. Last fall the Sykes had their 9th child (2d son, John). "He looks a lot like Phil, but is a doll anyway," according to Dick. Also, at SHAPE is Joe Stewart, serving as the Engr.

In SC a few weeks ago, I heard on the radio a few hints from the Golf Pro at Hilton Head. In a daily spot, none other than Bert Yancey tells the local folk how to attack par. He sounded great and is teaching and talking at Sea Pines CC.

Ron Hannon, with Neuzy, Mark 12 and Michael 1, is back to the grind pursuing a PhD in Hist at MI. Ron plans to center his dissertation on GEN Ridgway.

Members of our Class are helping to sponsor a memorial to those who were killed in SE Asia. A complete discussion of this project is included in the feature section of this ASSEMBLY. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

From Spain, word comes that Dick & Lenore Angstadt live in Pomploma with Michel 15, Kelly 10, and Eric 6. Dick is wrestling with a series of business ventures and the Angstadts plan to visit the U.S. in Jul.



1961: Class reps.



1961: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: The Graves and Taylors.



1961: The Lewis', Dunnings, Westphelings and friends.



1961: Sisk, Olshanskys, Goodpaster ('39), and Couvillion.



1961: First row: Enfield, Beckett, Cullum, Hansell and Miller; Back row: Butterworth, Holmberg, Watt and Armstrong.



1961: Gabriel, Stanbres, Cornelson and Eiland.



1961: Founders Day Izmir, Turkey: Downey and the Quinns.



1961: Founders Day Ft Sill: Heimdahl, Kirkpatrick and Legge.

FOUNDERS DAY  
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA  
CLASS OF 1961

Pat & Terry Carroll live in Detroit. Pat is associated with the auto business—he and Ron attended a Lions-Tampa Bay game last fall.

Ben Glidden is running the library at USAFA while Pat in addition to mothering Lance and Dawn, is commuting 60 miles/day to work as a nurse in Pueblo.

Mick Seidl, I'm told, is a Visiting Prof at Stanford. Speaking of CA, Larry Butterworth reports from Ft Ord of the '61 contingent. For a time the 3 DivArty Bn's were commanded by Bruce Holmberg (later DivArty XO and to AWC this summer), Charlie Hansell and Dick Cullum, while Larry had the ADA (Chap/Vulcan) Bn. Larry, Judi and their 3 children send glowing reports of Monterey/Carmel. Also there are Chuck Armstrong in the 7th Div, Sam Enfield with CDEC, plus Ron Beckett (DLI readying for Potsdam) and Al Armstrong, Nav PGS preparing for Belgium. Bruce Holmberg validated much of that data (some guys always validate) and wrote also that Jay Cook, at CDEC, recently ran 20 consecutive 6-min miles. Ken Teel is commanding an Inf Bn.

Dave Eaton is in the insurance business, living in Houston, TX. Bob McConnell was at NPGS and DLI, thence to Moscow for the USAF. Bruce continued that Paul Vallely is still in business, doing well and recently assumed command of a USAR MI Bn.

Scott Dillard reports from Riley that Bill Reno is recovering from a broken knee (soccer). Isn't running safer?

Bruce & Anne Gronich moved next door to Scott and Anne. Bruce is the Asst Dpty Post Cmdr awaiting his Sig Bn.

In the DC area, Larry Budge is working on the Officer Educ Study. He and Connie will become part of the NWC family, he as a student, in Aug. Dick Buckner moved from DCSOPS, DA to DIA. Dick is involved also with recruiting athletes for USMA while Trish is selling real estate in N. VA. At a recent gathering I found the Buckners' eldest son Richard to be bigger than me—lots bigger. Dick reports that Tom & Brenda Blanda will be arriving in DC for duty with the JCS this Jul. Cort & Matiel Rittgers are still here, Cort having moved from Soldiers Magazine to the O Ch PA.

Steve Walker, driving a Corvette and

free as can be, was a guest at Tom & Grace Cuthberts' house for dinner. Steve, along with Drew Casani is a student at the DMS at Belvoir. After school Steve's going to Redstone Ars while Drew and Bunney move to DCSRDA, DA.

Speaking of Huntsville, AL, Bill & Daphne Born live there, he working for the Msl Intel Agcy. The Born clan includes Heidi 14, Kirsten 12, Derrick 10, and Brandon 8.

From snowbound Peabody, MA, Jack & Phyllis McLaughlin wrote of their recent trip to Spain and N. Africa, and upcoming trip to Paris (Mar). Phyllis passed on a comment about a camel that shall go unreported. Jack works for Container Corp and Phyllis is a free-lance home decorator (hence the overseas trips).

Frank & Liz Tilton announce from 3d Engr Bn, Ft (Swampy) Stewart, the birth of no. 4, Tilton, Michel William. Melinda, Jay, and Paul appreciate their new sibling. Well Liz, at least you only have one in diapers now; remember when you had 3? Actually, shouldn't children of Engineers learn more quickly than other children? Joe Stringham completed a bn cmd at Ft Stewart, now has the Rgr Bn, also at Stewart. Jim & Suzzane Nichol森 in CO had a daughter, Katharine Marie, in Dec. Jim is running for something out in Denver. Mac Greely is in Palm Spgs, CA flying Marine Corps aircraft. Several other recent engr cmders are Ted Vander Els (Germany—9th Engr Bn) and Bob Harris with Heidi at Ft LWood. Also, Gene & Georgia Witherspoon in HI with a Topo Bn.

Tarey (Priscilla) Schell and Carl (Anne) Bacon are a team in the Dean's Office at USMA. They related that Larry & Pat Prather in Germany live in the same building in the same stairwell on the same floor as that which they inhabited 14 yrs ago as shavetails. Tarey saw Dick Thompson in Madison, CT, near where Dick now resides. Stan Clough is Asst PM for ATACS and Chuck Hodell works with ARTADS, both at Ft Monmouth. John Goldtrap, after TDY at Monmouth, will be a SAMS0 in CA.

At Sill are Gerry Dombrowski (TACFIRE), Mike Underwood (Arty Bd), Gunner Carlson (Tng Bn Cmdr) and Barney (Denise) Legge (8-in Bn). While Pat Trinkle matriculates at AWC, Mary is in Cornwall constructing, I'm told by a reliable source, a home.

Terry & Jeanne Kirkpatrick are also at



1961: The Sawtelles, Dagleishes and O'Neills.

Sill, he commanding the 299th Engr Bn. Pete & Pat Heimdahl are also in Lawton along with Dave & Dot Miller. Pete commands a 155 Bn while Dave is an official in The Arty Sch. He's also become an OE expert.

Pete & Kathy Boylan are still at Bragg. Kathy has become a tennis player and according to the post paper, was runner up in the intermediate doubles competition. Speaking of competition, as the Sr Phys Ed I congratulate all of you who are staying fit, but urge exercise for fitness and fun, not for distinction. Everyone can win if the prize is for participation. Henceforth, no more times in this column for marathons during my tenure—only plaudits for finishers.

Unfortunately, Anne Crews died in TX as a result of an auto accident. Ev was seriously burned and remains (as of 25 Mar) in Brooke G. H. Our condolences go to Ev and his children along with wishes for his speedy recovery.

Finally, there will be a Class picnic in DC on 28 May. Everyone is invited.

Thanks for the input—keep it up.

# '62

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Happy almost summertime to you. . . . June Week is upon us once again and the Corps hasn't, even if the plebes can drink beer in Eisenhower Hall.

By this time everyone for whom we have addresses should have received 2 parts of a Class list in some mangled shape—please let your scribe know if you are unhappy (always get mail that way from unsatisfied classmates) and we'll attempt to make you madder to keep the info flowing.

Great cards, calls and letters from many of you—boiled down then: Jeanie, Larry and 4 other Ailingers report from CENTAG Engr Div that they are camping their way throughout Europe from home in Mannheim. Mary, 14; Kevin, 12; Tom, 6; and Peggy, 4; are seeing history from a "pop-up" camper.

"Haime" Andress and family have just gotten their French-Canadian down pat when Abbott Co. decided to transfer them back to Chicago to main Hq in early summer. The Andress kids will be great bi-lingual material.

Very highly regarded M.D., Chan Armstrong with Marilyn and 3 children (Cammy, Catsy and Billy) are at Silas B. Hayes Hosp—Ft Ord. He "toughed" it through med sch at U of Miami and is in 2d yr of a family practice clinic residency. Word is that he is a very busy man.



1962: Founders Day Ft Sill: Szwarcop and Robb.

Barbara & Denny Benchhoff plus Melissa and Peter arrived in Feb at Ord where Dad took cmd of the 707th Maint Bn in 7th Div Spt Cmd. He was in DC at Budget shop-ODCSOPS.

Don Bergeron, pres of Consumer Success Sys, Inc. of Box 353, Newtown Square, PA 19073 sent word of his becoming a "born-again" Christian and the effects it has had on his life. He was in favor of our announced attempt to do the 20th "Bald, Gray and Old" annual but wondered if an autobiography of your scribe would sell. He lost his wife, Ellie, a decade ago and reports we almost lost him 4 years ago when his auto plummeted over a 150' embankment on the turnpike iced-over bridge. He did a stint as a member of the Bd of Gov for the WP Soc of Phila. sitting as Chmn of the Career Adv Bd guiding grads into career planning methods. He has also been on NY's Career Adv Bd too—note well future retirees. He asked for location of Brian & Nancy McKinley. If anyone can help, give him a call at 215-431-2371.

15 MAR 63—Youngest Grad, 2LT Hudak, speaks at Ft Hood to audience with Bailey, Clark, Cross, Darrah, Daugherty, Gertsch, Higginbotham, Mennie, Phillips, R.; Schmidt, Tarbet, Telenko, and Thomas in new shave-tail uniforms—Remember?

Art & Karen Brown stimulated lots of mail



1962: The Kirkegaards, Dominys and Ellis's with Chaplain Ford (guest speaker).

with their report from Peach Country—keep the word coming—Atlanta is hopping.

Cannot thank Lew & Linda Brown in Menlo Park, CA for their hospitality to the scribe who "crashed" after getting stuck out West when the blizzard shut down flights east to Boston. Their children, Garth and Blythe, were a delight and added much to the new home into which they have moved and are redecorating. Lew has blossomed in his new position as a rsch physicist and Linda is doing her "thing" as an English "P."

Maryann & Phil Browning with 2 neat daughters, Carol Anne and Jennifer, should have added a 3d child to the crew in May. Phil has been 7th Div G1 while being at Ord since Dec 76. He came to Ord from Ft Stewart where he commanded light inf bn in 24th Div. On this year's AWC list, he was deferred one year. Reported to have improved his golf game; he still buys the beer on occasion.

Kathy, Bill and Burns clan hit 68 B Elm St, Ft Devens just in time for the now famous Blizzard of 78. They are cross-country skiing now and finding the muscles OPE forgot.

Deadline: 25 Jul 59: The Gernade-Camp Buckner-Simcox, 5th Co. Editor; Buttolph,



1962: Doolie Squad—can you name them?

4th Co. Assoc Ed; Learish, 5th Co. Sports Ed; Evans, 4th Co. Art Editor; Carroll, 1st Co. Feature Ed, and MAJ "Duke" Duquemin as OIC. Remember? O.K. you editorial types—get your news in here.

Willy Cannon is now "managing litigation" or honest work, as he called it, as a lawyer with Shell Oil in Houston. The photo shows his lovely friend, Dorothy Belinoski, and his two children, Scott and Kristin. Your scribe was chastised for not including her name in past issues, but such a lovely secret was bound to escape and now Bill will have to fight off most of TX.

Letter from Bill Cauthen states emphatically that he is not "missing" but a life member of AOG, who is currently editing the FA Journal at Sill. He, wife and 11 year old daughter born in Naples, plus 3-year-old born in Stuttgart, hope to be in OK 'til May 79 and then have a last tour at McPherson.

Had a great time talking to venture capitalist, Frank Caufield, who resides in Ather-ton, CA. He is busy placing other people's money in proper spots to make it grow for both parties concerned.

Nostalgia quiz: Can you name the doolies in front of the 25th Div? Hint: the one on the right is a lawyer in Detroit. . . .

Bill & Liz Christopher saw the Andress crowd over the Easter vacation and also visited Harriet & Chris Stanats' mansion outside of Syracuse on their way home to Detroit. Harriet is doing the masterful re-decoration with Chris doing the masterful money earning. They attended the Orchard Lake CC Detroit Founders Day and saw Jim Schmidt, Win Ward, Dave Jones, Karl Henn, Harry Meeth, Frank Scharpf, and Joe Petrolino.



1962: Cannon with Dorothy Belinoski, and his two children—Scott and Kristin.



1962: Hudak lower left front with CG class, Yorktown, VA.



1962: Founders Day Atlanta: The Ivys, Prices, McKeys, Browns, Fishburnes, Wertz's and Williams'.



1962: Front: Stroup, Benchoff; Back: Douglas, Kambrod, Szymczak, Browning and Snider.

Don & Betty Chafetz and 2 children, Gwyn (12) and Ross (9), are home based in Randolph Township, NJ. Don works for Exxon Rsch and Engr Co. and is on asgmt in Phoenix since Aug 77 'til Aug 78 with Honeywell as a sys engr putting in full computer sys to control oil and chemical plants. He has been at the work 10 yrs and will go to Norway after this current asgmt. For enjoyment, he is a stamp collector and philatelic writer. He reports that he finds this quite amusing since he flunked English and was turned back and having had such a good time twice now writes every Sun in the Morris County Daily Record, Morris-Sussex Jewish News; Linn's Stamp News, and Strictly US. His wife stays busy by being enrolled in a 2-year graphics art and cartooning course in NJ. She will graduate this Jun and will be employed drawing comic books.

John Darrah's "Batch" pad was the scene of a mini-reunion in Hayward, CA, as Hudak, L. Brown and lovely wife, Henn and lovely wife, Heldman and lovely wife, and T. McCarthy wined and dined a great evening into early a.m. in Jan. We found Gary Sharp by phone in Sacramento. He is knee deep in real estate. Mike Schredl didn't connect with us, but his letter and invite to dine together this Jul-Aug trip will generate another bash. Thanks to Tina Heldman for their invite to stop by Berkeley—count on it!

Mike Schredl had a surprise visit from Rick Cesped at Mike's San Jose digs. Rick is back from Venezuela. Mike also reported Ken Lutes at Rt. 1, Box 790, Littleton, CO 80120.

Thanks to CPT Weien, '69, Ft LWood had Marge & Paul Kirkegaard, Mary & Chuck Dominy and Carol & Jim Ellis with USMA Chaplain Ford at their Founders Day dinner.

Bob Douglas is assigned to CDEL at Ft Hunter-Liggett 40 miles south of Ord. He was reported headed for the West Coast Founders Day along with Ted Stroup, Dick Gramzow and Bill Kinard—all at DLI.

Anne & Pete Horoschak are settled in CT. with children, Suzanne, Katherine, Christopher and Michael since Sept 75 when Pete became Dpty Comm for Educ. Having left the Army to settle down, he reports more PCS's for educ adminis than the average lifer. He was in MA as admin asst to the Boston Supt of Sch. They have visited Cal Johnson at USMA.

Bill Hughes reported in from DOD Res Compensation Sys Study (our kind of people) with the thought that J. Pendergraft is still in New Orleans as a private eye; Rod Schmidt in Cleburne, TX, with a manuf firm—anybody have further data??

Eligible bachelor and man about Atlanta, GA (lawyer type), Chuck Ivy is in a partnership located in Cain Tower. He has learned that Dick & Sharon Wylie have recently had their 3d young'un which is now about 1½. Dick was travelling throughout N. and S. Amer to implement the Panama Canal Treaty.





1962: The Wards and classmates.

Matt & Patricia Kambrod with 3 daughters, Holly, Heidi, and Heather are at Ord where he is Bn Cdr for 7th Div Avn.

Did you know that Zabik and Prince engineered a condemned bridge at Buckner that so frightened Chuck Ivy that he was awarded a Bolo badge with 9 bars as he carried an oar to war with Fiery Sixth Co. Remember???

Tom Middaugh sent in his HQS USAREUR ODCSRM Budget Analyst report indicating that Wayne Parker and wife, Biene, are at 35 Lopodunum Strasse, 6802 Ladenburg, Germany; and Susie & Jack Reavill are with Hq, V Corps (FSE) APO NY 09069. He also takes full responsibility for any fall of the dollar overseas!! Look out for J.D. Szwarcokop on his way to USAREUR.

Jim Peterson teamed up with Gael Harris to take the advanced mixed doubles tennis championship at the O Club, Ft Bragg. War is hell!!

Hudaks, Reagans, Seascholtz and T. Walkers hold down the MA WP events and get-togethers. What happened to the rest of the MA, NH, and ME crew?? Please write in.

Great letter from Don Snider with much on the West Coast mil crowd. Thank you, thank you, thank you... Jenie & Don Street with kinder are headed to Europe in Jul. They are at DLI studying German.

Caroline & Don Snider with 2 daughters, Kara and Paige, have been at Ord since Aug 76 where Don commanded 3d Bn, 32d Inf but is now Div Staff. He heads to DC for ICAF as S&F member.

Great letter from Sheila Dean Stilton in the Richmond, VA, neighborhood. Her husband is mgr of Product Acquisition for a chem co. Charlie Dean Stilton is a busy young man with studies and interests, and his 2 sisters keep him hopping too!

Reports have it that Mickey Rosenberg is hiding in AK selling real estate, specializing in medium to large icebergs for investment. Unlike many of the FL swamp lot salesmen who sold property which was 90% under water, Mickey has cornered the market on the water itself which is not under water.

Next deadline is 30 Jun and we hope that you will take pen in hand and send words of your doings. Please do not hesitate to send along those pictures. We are formulating quite a good locator network, but our news needs you for the input... SPIZZERINC-TUM...

## '63

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I had a delightful chat this evening with Ed Banks who called from Long Beach, CA, where he is working for Rockwell Int'l with the Space Shuttle Prog. He wanted to know if any of our Class was stationed in or around Heidelberg, Germany. He is on his way to Europe this summer to watch the Formula I Grand Prix races in Europe and wanted a contact there. The only one I know who is at Heidelberg is Curt Esposito stationed at 7th Army Hqs in Ops. Others of our Class in Europe include Larry Anderson and Dale Garvey at SHAPE, Jeff Dalia and Tom Griffin in Berlin, and Dick Kosevich with the USA Mission in Potsdam. Others include: Brendle (Kitzingen), Bill Brown (Schweinfurt), Capps (Miesau), Carney (Gonsenheim), Dave Cole (Schweinfurt) Bob Coulson (Numberg), Counts (Aschafenberg), Dewire (Zirndorf), Dickey (Ansbach), Eberts (Wiesbaden), Entlich (Aschafenberg), Foley (Aschafenberg), Goldsmith (Wiesbaden), Halgus (Seckenheim), Hustead (Augsberg), Doug Johnson, Keaveney (Schweinfurt), Kinsey (Kitzingen), Ward Lutz (Baumholder), Hank Morris (Grafenwohr), Moses (Babenhasen), John Parker (Cralshelm), Jim Roberts (Neu Ulm), Glenn Smith (Karlsruhe), Tom Solenberger (Seckenheim), Larry Spohn (Baumholder), Swisher (Pirmasens) and Waller (Wiesbaden). Whew! Now I remember why I was almost found in German!

Mike Jenks who is still wandering the halls of the Pentagon dropped by a newsy



1963: CO Woodard and wife Nona pin new rank on Ballard.

note from Bill Grolemond. "When I first came to St. Thomas (Virgin Is for you Marines) in 70, I planned to stay only one year." But he jot a job and got married. "Sandy and I honeymooned in Austria 73, toured Mexico 75, and cruised around the Caribbean 77. The rest of the world--well it's a nice place to visit. If any classmates are in this area, we'd be glad to hear from them."

Nona Ballard sent a picture of Clark being promoted to LTC. She says that Clark receives more than his share of hazing from the staff at Letterman having that rank and being an intern simultaneously. The Ballards were visited by Pat & Isabel Stevens and their beautiful new daughter Nancy. The Stevens' reportedly enjoy their tour at Ft Riley. The Ballards spent New Year's Day in San Jose, CA, with Don & Marjorie Reid. Don is in his 2d yr as sr scientist for Lockheed in Sunnyvale, CA. Nona's brother (I didn't know that) Allen Christensen is a Bn XO at Ft Hood now, but will move with the bn to Germany in Sept 78. Phil & Susie Bosma are presently in HI where Phil is an IG. The Ballards visited Ivan & Jeanne Farris in Albuquerque last summer. By-the-way, did I tell you that Clark is a psychiatrist?

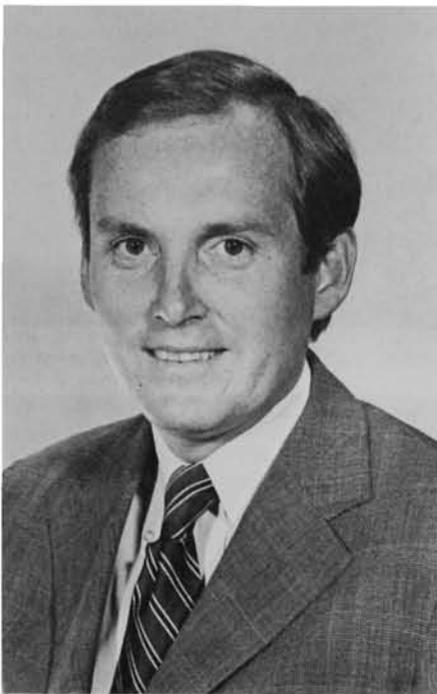
I recently received a very impressive news release noting that Tony McKinnon has recently been appointed as asst VP--marketing admin for Delta Air Lines. The release says that Tony has been with Delta since 74 when he joined Delta as an atty. Prior to that



1963: Kelley and Anderson.



1963: Sandy, Bill and Chris Grolemond.



1963: Ralph J. Rasmussen.

time, he was associated with a law firm in Atlanta where he now lives.

I received 2 announcements of classmates who have recently been appointed sr VPs of banks. **Ralph J. Rasmussen** has made that appointment to manage central operations for Crocker Bank of L.A. **John Dorland** has been appointed to sr VP of the Commerce Union bank of Nashville in charge of the Asset/Liability Div. He said in his note to me that he has run into a number of other classmates in the banking business including: **Homer Holland** and **Dick Gallagher** at First Nat'l Bank of Chicago, **Ralph Bivens** with Bank of America, **Al Clark** with Republic of Dallas, **Rob Vanneman** with Bank of Calif and "**Buz**" **Rolfe** with Republic of Dallas.

Would you believe that **Al Genetti** is **Dick Scharf's** Bn XO in HI? **Dick** is the BC and **Al** is a promotable MAJ... something fishy here? Also in HI are **Iain Reilly**, **Gary Sausser**, **Will Wilson** and **Bob Winters**.



1963: John H. Dorland.

Members of our Class are helping to sponsor a memorial to those who were killed in SE Asia. A complete discussion of this project is included in the feature section of this ASSEMBLY. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

**Lyndol Cook** writes that he and his wife **Diana** are still happily residing in San Diego where he is pres of American Agar & Chemical Co. and **Diana** has her own computer software and service business. They have one son **Bryon** (2) and another on the way.

**Jay** and I went to the Ft Myer's Founders Day dinner. We were joined by **Rudy Ehrenberg**, who is going to Ft Jackson this summer to command a Bn, **Don Byrne** who is trying to get the Postal Service off its feet, and **Alex Whitacker** who looked dashing in his Reserve USMC dress mess. If you have never attended a Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer, try it sometime for a real experience. After nearly 15 yrs of service, our Class was still back row... along with the Class of '37. As Secy of the WP Soc of DC, **Jay**, of course, sat up front with the Class of '10. **GEN Goodpaster** whispered his address (lost his voice) and the fire alarm rang during the toasts.

**Mike & Claire Vopatek** have established Vopatek and Assoc, Inc., an agcy of Wilson Learning Corp, on 21 Jan 78. Their firm specializes in mgmt, sales and customer relationship tng in Clarendon Hills, IL.

I saw **Ken Hollander** entering the Pentagon from South Parking recently all spruced up in some civ duds to find that he has moved from his job at ODCSRDA to become the mil asst to the Asst SA for R&D. Other classmates around the building include: **Barry** (DCSOPS), **Cargile** (DCSOPS), **Coomer** (DCSRDA), **Cunningham** (DCSOPS), **Dowling** (DCSPER), **Ingram** (OSD), **Jenks** (OASA-Civil Works), **Millerlile** (OCSA), **Palmer** (NAV ACT), **Pope** (DCSRDA), **Siebenaler** (DIA), **Emmett W. Smith** (OSD), **Weyrauch** (DCSOPS), **Yamashita** (DCSOPS), and **Yanagihara** (OCSA). Other classmates in the area include: **Lawn** (OTEA), **Leach** (MILPERCEN), **Maxwell** (INSCOM), **Art Meier** (OTEA), **Sutton** (USASA), **Walker** (MILPERCEN), **Sturbois** (OCSA), **Jay McClatchey** (Civ), and **me** (DCSPER).

**Marty Ischinger** was up here from TRADOC recently and he said that **Don Griffin**, **Roger Manning**, **Jerry Pogorzelski** and **Bill Smith** are all attending the AFSC at Norfolk. Also at TRADOC are **Jim Green**, **Len Gregor** and **Dick Guthrie**. **Marty** said that **Cynthia Griffin** is expecting her 5th soon. **Don** and **Cynthia** now have 2 boys and 2 girls, a balanced family. I suspect that when the new one arrives that the probability that they will have an unbalanced family are very good.

Our reunion chmn at WP, **Frank Hall**, dropped me a line with some info on our scheduled 15th Class Reunion. The reunion is scheduled for the weekend of 27-29 Oct 78. A block of reservations will be made in advance, probably at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh. Tentative Class events include: Informal Class Get-Together, 1800-2400 hrs on Fri, 27 Oct; Tailgate Party prior to Army-Colgate football game, 1130-1330 hours on Sat, 28 Oct; Memorial Service at Old Cadet Chapel, 0930-1030 hours, and Class Brunch and Business Meeting, 1100-1200 on Sun, 29 Oct. The AOG events will include alumni exercises and the alumni review on Sat morning and the Alumni Dinner Dance at Washington Hall, Sat eve. A detailed reunion flyer will be mailed out in mid-Jul. Please insure that the AOG has your current address. Currently ap-



1963: The Shines.

proximately 50 classmates' addresses are unknown to the AOG. **Frank** accumulated all this good poop during a party he and his wife **Donna** had for the WP stationed '83 contingent. Classmates in attendance included **Chum & Carol Roberts** (departing for Ft Sill this summer), **Mitch & Virginia Mitchell** (departing for Stuttgart this summer), **Garry & Barbara Hall** (Math), **Bill & Pam Lutz** (Tac), **Al & Gret Chapman** (Engr), **Leigh & Janice Fairbank** (1st Bn, 1st Inf), **Ty & Judy Tyler** (Civ), **Dan & Martha Demchuck** (MED-DAC), **Jeff & Lori Davis** (departing for Ft Campbell this summer). Not attending **Frank's** party, but stationed at WP were **Jack & Violet O'Donnell** (departing for Ft Hood this summer), **Ed & Marty Tezak** (Mech), and **Colin & Sue Kelly** (Asst Post Chaplain).

In addition to my normal call for info I would like to have come comprehensive dope on AF and Marine pukers. Please get your letters or phone calls to me by 25 Jun 78 for the next edition of the ASSEMBLY. In the meantime, **Pam** and I wish all of you the very best.

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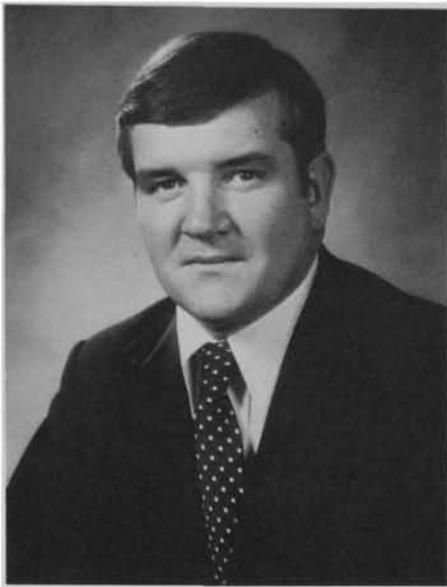
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Spring has just about poked its head out from the sand. The long winter has just about ended its hold on WP although there is still ample snow on the ground for skiing. The ski cmte has extended the skiing period to 2 Apr, weather permitting. So far the weather has permitted. Conditions are excellent on the slopes.

Pleasant surprise the other day. **Art Kelly** dropped into the office on his way from Language Sch at Monterey to a year of study in S. Amer. He has become a Spanish linguist and will brush up on his language while



1964: Schaugnessey, Togashi, Carson and Haydash.



1964: Paul T. Rennie.

travelling for a year south of the border. Art passed on a lot of poop about some classmates which I'll review in this column. **Ted Togashi** is at Ft Ord with the 7th Inf Div as the Asst Div C-E officer. He will be going to CGSC in Aug. **Mike Prothero** was also studying Spanish at DLI preparing for a one-year tour at the Uruguayan Staff Coll at Montevideo. **Pete Shaunessy** is the Adj of Troop Command at DLI. **Jim Carson** is in the G3 shop of the 7th Inf Div. **Bill Reynolds** is in Karlsruhe, Germany, keeping **Dennis Culp** out of trouble. **George Smith** is also there keeping the other 2 on the straight and narrow. He is one of few in the Army with an Inf/Engr OPMS designation.

**Wayne Wheeler** is at the Argentine Staff Coll at Buenos Aires after language sch in Spanish at DLI. Ran into **Art Mack** down in NY. He is at the Chaplain Career Crse. **Bill Chescavage** is on orders from CGSC to DC. **Roy Finno** from CGSC to Ft Gillem (wherever that is). **John Knutzen** from San Fran to Frankfurt. **George Cromartie** from MILPERCEN to Schofield Bks (Tough duty, George). **John Otjen** tells me he is going from MILPERCEN to Yongsan, Korea, to be XO of the 3d Bde of the 2d Inf Div. He'll leave in Apr. **Ben Sternberg** will be leaving WP from the Soc Sci Dep to become a speech writer for the SA. **Joe Arnold** will be going to Germany with the 1st Div (Forward). **Eddie Sims** is going to Panama to an ORSA job there. **Karl Robinson** hasn't received orders yet. **Ken Sprague** is going to HI for an assignment with J4 CINCPAC.



1964: Cook, Flint, Michaela, Cunningham, and Johnson.

**Chris Shore** passed through WP on his way back to Germany with his new bride. Yes, he finally bit the dust. I read in the *Army Times* where **Ken Kvam** will be making a long PCS from USAFA all the way to Ft Carson. **Jim Koster** is headed for Ft Lewis from Ft. Leavenworth where he has been on the Staff & Faculty for 3 yrs in the Dept of Strategy or whatever it is called now. They change the name every 3 or 4 years.

**Ann Brown** left for Germany to join Jed and his battalion. **Howie Schue** sent a nice letter and picture to bring us up to date with his activities. I'll quote some of his comments. "I've never written to the '64 scribe before due to lack of anything of real interest to provide, but I have observed how your predecessors have sometimes struggled to fill the space allotted in the ASSEMBLY, and I thought you might like to have a little filler in case you need it for the next issue. Last Oct I got called back to DC to receive the Natl Foreign Intel Bd's National Intel Medal of Achievement. The old guy in the photo I am enclosing is Adm Stansfield Turner, the Director of the CIA, who made the award. Barb and I moved to the Denver area last Aug when I went to work for Martin Marietta Aerospace. We enjoy the Denver area very much, but don't get a chance to see many classmates. I have seen **Dick Schuley** and **Le-**



1964: McLaughlin (R) with classmates.

**Roy Mills** and we hope to see **Bill Simonis** on his way to OH in Feb."

The annual financial report for Class funds shows a net worth of \$5833.12. Receipts (interest earned on savings and investments) totaled \$374.97. Expenditures for the same period totalled \$14.00. Thus, net worth increased by \$360.97. Most of the monies are on deposit with the AOG. There is \$98.00 in the checking account for immediate use. This information was prepared by **Karl Robinson**, the Compt of the 77 Hqs Cmte.

Went down with **Bob & Carol Tetu** to the Army-Rutgers basketball game last week. Bob told me that **Jim Schoonover** will be coming to WP as a tac next year. Since we are losing at least 4 from '64 this Jun, he will be a welcome addition. While at the game I ran into **Bobby Wright** who lives somewhere in his home state of NJ. A check in the REGISTER shows that he lives in Fairlawn, NJ.

Photo is of **Paul Rennie**, recently elected 2d VP, Building Mgmt and Const of the John Hancock Life Ins Co. Paul lives in Quincy, MA. Congratulations, Paul.

Received word that **Ron Smith** is serving at the NH Sat Tracking Sta with the AF Sys Cmd. He is in Manchester with wife Evelyn.



1964: Howie Schue.

**Frank Watson** recently graduated from the AFSC at Norfolk and has been reassigned to Fairchild AFB, WA, as a KC-135 Navigator. Wife **Billie** is with him in that asgmt.

It is with deep regret that I pass on the following: **Greg Hayward**, with wife and son, was killed in a plane crash in upstate NY on 20 Mar. He had lived in Frederick, MD, for quite a while after getting out of the Army. He was buried in Frederick on 23 Mar and a contingent of classmates from the DC area represented the Class. Among those at the funeral were **Joe Zengerle**, **Gene Sullivan** and **Leon Yourtee**.

Nice note from **Steve Bettner** who is assigned to OTEA with **Bob Balderson**, **Joe Moss** and **Dave Fitzpatrick**. Steve is TDY right now at Ft Bliss where he is part of the field test team on the XM-1 Tank. He writes that **Bob Cary** is at the SGM Acad and **Bob Merritt** is with TSM-Stinger.

Well it's deadline time so I'll end this particular epistle. Keep in touch.

A son, **Robert Patrick**, born 20 Mar 78 to **Dave & Judy Bramlett!**

# '65

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Well, only one more report after this one and I will be replaced by a classmate to be named.

**Ken Yoshitani** was just promoted to Sr Engr for Fluor Pioneer, a Chicago-based engr & const firm, serving the elec-power industry by providing engr, procurement, and constr svcs for nuc and fossil-fueled plants. **Jay Stevison** has been appointed resident VP of Allied Insurance Co. and its subsidiary, Pacific Employers Insurance Co. He previously was sr strategy analyst with INA



1965: Classmates with the Nichols' and the James'.

Corp. Ronald Floto has been promoted to gp VP, Admin, for Jewel Food Stores. Ron will head the VP group responsible for fin, const and maint info svs, real estate and field admin. Ron, Sara and their children, Lisa, John, Mary, Patricia reside in LaGrange, IL.

Rich Hall of L-2 and I-2 fame is presently in CO where he saw Les Hagie and his wife, also Tim Simmons, and Robert Sowada who dropped out yearling year. Sowada is a prof at Mesa College. Rich says "May Broncomania afflict your progeny." (pre-game)

The WP Soc of Chicago just elected Dennis Coll to be the new pres and Jack Cooley (a lawyer) to the directors. Tom White

advises that Terry Ryan will be at Ft Belvoir and DC the next few years. Tom is an advisor to a NG FA gp in RI. He invites all to visit.

Judy Williams writes that Ron is attending ACSC at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL. Steve & Olive Paek and Don & Barbara Hall are there also. Ron is headed for 6 mos TDY at Rucker, Edwards and then, Jan 1979, starts Naval Test Pilot Sch. Also Matthew Williams joined the family on 15 Jan 1978.

From Iran Rick Kuzman reports that the Class of '65 is well and that he has been in Tehran, Iran, for 2 yrs as cmdr of the Army Comm Unit. Tom Mushovic is an advisor with ARMISH/MAAG. Tom and Rick are going to C&GS this summer. Paul Bucha was the Gen Mgr of E.D.S. World Corp and has since moved to Paris. His replacement is Lloyd Briggs. Rich ran into Carl Letterie and his family in Bahrain. Carl is monitoring fuel purchases for DOD. Mark Walsh has been assigned to SHAPE HQ in Belgium after AFSC. Iran is heavily saturated with Grads; 2 of the 4 generals are West Pointers and many of the civ contractors are also.

Locally it's time for a few to leave after 4 yrs here. Joe & Lynn Defrancisco, Sherry & Kim Olmstead, and Judy and me. Also leaving will be Rick & Patty Shinseki, Alice & Pat Kenny, Julie & Bob Radcliff and Kay Ellen & John Connor. Saw Duncan Brown last night—he is the aide for the Chief of Engrs GEN Morris.

During my past 2 yrs I've tried to keep a low profile concerning myself and my family. However I was just elected to Bd of Dirs of the U.S. Orienteering Federation and I was also selected to be the U.S. Official and team coach for the U.S. team at the World U. Orienteering Championships in Jyvoskyle, Finland, 18-23 Jul. (3 of my cadets are on the team.) Enough for now—Write, Write!!! Bud



1965: Ronald J. Floto.



1965: Founders Day, WP Society of the FL West Coast: O'Donnell, Youngest Grad.



1965: Jim and Mary Holmes.



1965: Kuzman and MG Miles.

## '66

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Greetings to all you correspondents and readers out there in the real world. First thing on my agenda this month is to make sure that everyone knows that there will be a '66 Class reunion here in Tinsel Town on 1 Jul. We'll be getting together at the U.S. Coast Guard Sta on Telegraph Rd in Alexandria, VA, from 12 noon to dark. It's basically a BYO lunch arrangement. Jerry Sands is handling the arrangements and reservations and asks that you call him at 202-695-4753 (office) or 703-451-0975 (home) if you're coming or have any questions.

And now to the news from around the world. Bob Seger sends greetings to all from Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, where he heads up a Tech Adv and Assistance Team which will be working with the Saudi Land Fcs. While he's enjoying the sand and sun for a year, Nicki and kids will remain at Ft Carson, CO. Bob spent 32 months there as a BN XO and S3 and Div Arty S1 and Asst S3. Finally, Bob wishes all of you in the secondary zone for LTC lots of luck!!!

Bob & Alma Huston write from Redstone Ars to announce a successful launch of their firstborn, Ryan Edward, who weighed in at 8 lb 1 oz on 6-Mar 78. Bob has been working on the new AD Sys (PATRIOT), but says that he is looking forward to AirC&SC in Aug.

My apologies to Bill Hughes for the error

in the last column. He will not be going to CGSC, but rather, and more importantly, graduating from the Med Col of VA. He, Susan, and children, Carolyn and John, are then off to HI and Tripler AH for an internship in OB-GYN. For all of you health nuts who think you are in good shape, I invite you to beat Bill's time in the Shamrock (Virginia Bch) Marathon (26.2 miles) of 3 hrs 52 min!!! Makes me tired just thinking about it!

From the WPSoc of Chicago, I have received news that Frank Kobes was elected to the Bd of Dir of that august body at the Founders Day meeting.

In DC, there were a few '66 stalwarts at the Founders Day dinner at Ft Myer. Dave Martin, my note-taker, is now with Combustion Engr, Inc., where he serves as Mgr of Govt Affairs (I think that means lobbyist). He collected the following info for me.

Bob Satter, who has been in the housing business for the last 6 yrs, is now pres of his own firm in W. Palm Bch, FL, as well as being a member of the Bd of Dir of the Nat'l Assn of Home Builders. Bob and Joan have 2 children, Jonathan and Allison, who keep them running at full speed. Steve Eisenberg reported that he and Joyce are at the JAGC Career Cse in Charlottesville, VA, and that they will remain there for a faculty tour of 3 yrs. John & Alice Smith are doing good things in DC with the CDC and have managed to find time to sponsor a foreign student this spring. John was slated for



1966: The Kimels and the Hustons.



1966: Class reps.

CGSC this year, but has been deferred until 79. Ken Fish and family have left the Army but remain in close touch as Ken is a staffer for the Senate ASC, where he keeps track of things like the Army and USMA budgets. Do we have a friend on the Hill? Jim & Ellie Cullum and Christine and Jimmy will finish a 3 yr tour at USMA and head off to the heat and wind of KS and CGSC in Aug.

Rich & Mary Amatulli write from New Canaan, CT, where they and Rich II, John, and Christopher James now enjoy the amenities of the civ world and the life of an importer of fine Oriental rugs. Rich has stayed in the Reserves and is doing CGSC by correspondence. His only problem is that houses in New Canaan cost at least as much as a good "middle range" house here in DC. But the rug business is good, and Rich did a special show at WP on 9 Apr. For those of you in or around Greenwich, New Canaan, NYC, or New Rochelle, drop in and let him convince you that Orientals are both "in" and a good investment!!

Rich is in business with Rick Thoden (still in the Army), and they have established themselves as the largest importers of Turkish rugs in the U.S. In addition, they are "into" Persian and Pakistani carpets, leather, and ceramic tile imports. During his travels, Amatulli has seen many classmates, to include Bob & Peg Kesmodel. Bob was in Latin America, and they were getting ready to go to Argentina and Brazil for a mixture of business and pleasure. Bob Ramsey and Rollie Stichweh ('65) are in New Canaan, and Tony Mazarella and Mike Stepp are bankers in adjacent towns. Chuck Hoffman is a bar-rister of note in PA. Finally, Rich promises

some photos of the Army-Navy party at his house for the next issue and asks that any of you in Saudi Arabia or the Middle East send an address to him at 897 New Norwalk Rd, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Jan Van Prooyen and Ken G. Carlson (he's the tall blond one) were Regional Finalists in the White House Fellows competition this year. Fame continues to MIX with '66!!

One last item: now that the greatest concentration of classmates is in the DC area, it might be a good idea to consider moving our Class Cmte down here. We have kept it at WP for obvious reasons, but the logic of that seems overshadowed by the practicalities of being where the greatest number now are. Let me know what you think or bring your ideas to the picnic in Jul and I'll forward them to Norm Fretwell and the standing cmte at WP.

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Good luck to all of you making PCS's this summer. That's it from Tinsel Town for this edition. Remember to keep them cards and letters comin' so I can pass the news on to the rest of the Class.

'67

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Greetings from WP. The top news comes from FL. The Class of '67 is now represented among the astronaut corps! Mike Mullane was selected last Jan to be one of the 36 new astronauts and will enter a 2-yr training program to qualify for mission specialist duty on NASA's Space Shuttle flights in the early 80's. Mike, who is in the AF, served as a nav in Vietnam, was assigned to NATO in England, got his master's degree from AFIT, and graduated from test pilot sch 2 yrs ago. He and his wife Donna have 3 children: 9-yr-old twins, Amy and Patrick, and 6-yr-old Laura. By 1 Jul they should be settled in near the Johnson Space Cen (15707 Lawefield, Houston, TX 70759). Best wishes



1967: The Haines and Vineys.

to the Mullane family. Keep us posted on your progress through the program, Mike!

Locally the turmoil of the past few years has diminished. The winter ski season was even better than last year. The accompanying photo shows Kathy & Tom Calocci, Sally & Ray Winkel, and Carolyn & Al Donnell. They spent the week from Xmas to New Year's at Sugarbush, VT, along with Chuck & Carol Swanson and their children (Carolyn and Charon), the Calocci children (Kelly and Sean), and the Winkels' dog (Ducrot Pepsys).

Jim & Margaret Ann Tankovich are pleased to announce the arrival of their firstborn, Catherine Bays, in Feb, here at WP. Jim has heard from Joel Matulys, who has obtained a degree in architecture and is now living in Seattle, WA.

The CS of the Army, GEN Rogers, addressed the local Founders Day dinner. The Class was represented by Doug & Vickie Brown, Tom & Jean Blaney, Bill & Donna Richards, John & Shiela Rollow, Ed & Jan Smith, and Jack & Judi Wood. The local Class members also had a "quiet" gathering the next day (St Patrick's) at the club. Attending were Tom & Kathy Calocci, John & Ginger Gale, Bob & Joyce Love, Harry & Susie Rothmann, Chuck & Sharon Suttten, Ray & Sally Winkel, Larry Izzo, Roger Waltz, Jack Wood, and Linda and me.

News from elsewhere was provided by



1967: Skiing in Vermont.



1966: Muir, Brown, and McKearn.



1967: Perry, Dewey, and Bigelman.



1967: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: The Crowleys, Caldwell and Appler '65.

John Darden and Em Mahle. John is a lawyer and U.S. Magistrate in Las Cruces, NM, near the WSMR. Em & Barb Mahle are expecting their first child in Sept. Em is attending law sch in Sacramento, CA. He reports that the San Fran Founders Day dinner was also attended by Buz Altshuler, Tom Curtis, Bob Griffin (stationed at WP), Dave Hadly, Mike Hickey, Nick Horn, Bob Kunselman, Mike Norton, and Carl Savory. Dignitaries there included the oldest grad, BC Nuttman, and the Cmdt of Cadets, BC Bard.

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Thanks for passing along all the news, guys! Next time I'll relate the new asgmts of departing Class members and announce those who arrive at WP this summer. John Kuspa.

# '68

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This article comes at a time when most of the Class either is or has been enjoying our 10-yr Reunion. It goes without saying that a good time is being had by all—a trait to be associated with the “No Task Too Great For '68” class.



1968: The Thygersons, Nyquist, the McClains, Halstead, the Van Horns and the Browns.



1968: The Guernseys, McCanns, Halstead, the Brodericks and Bunnells.

I was fortunate to run into some classmates during the Supt's Founders Day touring: In the DC area I saw Pat Toffler, Joe Dooley, Dave Schultz and By Shields. In Philadelphia—Danny Bunnell and Rob Broderick.

Detroit was particularly nice since I stayed in the home of Jeff Rogers. Jeff's father is Class of 44. Also in Detroit were Tim Brown, John Frinak, Bill Thygerson, Larry Van Horn, Steve Nyquist and Jim McCain. From Detroit to St. Louis where I was informed that I was the youngest grad just one hour before show-time. In Atlanta I saw Dick Bowers, Mike Bressler (who is about to work as an int'l finance asst in Carrollton, GA), Barry Conway and Chuck Hawkins. It was good to see those folks, and we pledged to see each other again in Jun at the Class Reunion.

I've got some baby news: Dave & Susan Ohle greeted their son Darren on 23 Feb; Dan & Kathryn Kaufman—a son, Dave Daniel, on 13 Feb; Bill & Jane Bachman pro-



1968: The Larks



1968: Dave Martin in Upper Volta, Africa.



1968: The McCauleys and the Mills.



1968: Front: Nora Brunnee (guest), Claire Joseph, Nancy Mangino and Paulette Limbaugh; Second row: Brunner (guest), Mangino, Limbaugh.



1968: Manning, Vennum and Scaglione.

duced William Bryan on 21 Mar; Bob & Sue Pinzuti—their son, Michael Turner, on 30 Mar; and Dave & Helen Ford greeted Katherine Winson on 28 Mar, the only girl. This must be the time you are all getting ready for our 10-yr Reunion because I got only one letter from faithful Dave Martin. He's coming to the Reunion from Upper Volta, Africa, where the inclosed snapshot shows him next to the Pres of the Republic of Upper Volta. He proudly reported that his 2d child, Douglas, was born 7 Feb in the middle of the Boston blizzard. His ambulance was, as you would have suspected, a snow plow.

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Well, gang, I can't report what I don't receive. Put pen to paper and let me hear from you! See you in Jun!

'69

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This column is being written on 31 Mar, covering news received since 4 Jan. My next deadline is 30 Jun, so please send any news for the Sept issue by that date.

This quarter is typically the one during which I receive the fewest letters, as the column length reflects. However, there is some general Class news to pass along, so I will begin with that info.

Contrary to what was said in the last column, there has been no letter mailed concerning the Class' 10-yr Reunion. Among the many reasons for not sending the letter was the fact that AOG identified over 100 classmates for whom they had no current addresses. Instead of sending the letter, therefore. Bob St. Onge and I began a 2-pronged

effort to locate these classmates while at the same time intensifying Reunion preparations by the 111 classmates at WP.

One result of this effort, which took into account views you expressed in letters to me, was that we have tentatively scheduled the Reunion for June Week of '79, rather than in the fall of that yr. The festivities would begin on Thurs, 31 May, and extend until Sun, 3 Jun. Chief among the reasons for this decision was the fact that at least 35 more classmates will be stationed at WP at that time. In addition to raising our attendance figures by that number, this also means that there will be more individuals available to assist in planning the activities, and more individuals with whom classmates can stay during the Reunion. Also very significant was the fact that we will have considerably more time for Class activities during June Week; those of you who attended the 5-yr Reunion will recall how very rushed we were then. At this Reunion, we strongly desire to have a memorial service and an important Class meeting, and the extra time in June Week will allow us that opportunity.

As mentioned above, this decision is still tentative since the Supt must approve our proposal, and it will not be submitted until after evaluation of the Class of '68 Reunion during this year's June Week. So, we would still appreciate your comments on the subject, but we must have them rather quickly. After the final decision is made in late Jun or early Jul, a detailed letter will be circulated.

A major factor in the success of the Reunion will be locating "missing" classmates, especially before we send our first letter. Listed below are the names of the classmates concerned, and I earnestly solicit your support in finding their current addresses. Please send any addresses you have directly to me as soon as possible, so that I can include a revised list in the next column. The classmates for whom the AOG does not have a current address are: L. Anderson, Babcock, Bacon, Bacot, Bailey, Barth, Beard, Bogema, Brillante, Brundage, Byrnes, Calandro, Cooper, Crawford, S. Davis, Dickerson, Dimler, Di-Nicola, Erickson, Fell, Ferraro, Fettis, Fowler, Furneaux, Gallagher, Gaylord, Grimm, Hanson, Hatch, T. Hayes, Hillburn, R. S. Hoffman,



1969: A-2 at WP (L-R): Male, Dolton, Wintermute, Furbank, Mayer and Robyn.

Hozier, Ireland, Jarmon, J. H. Johnson, W. J. Johnson, Kithcart, Kopp, Lavelle, Legere, Lennon, F. McCullough, McMinn, Metzler, Morrill, Nanney, Newman, Nigro, Nix, Parobek, Payne, Pettit, Ploss, Potter, Retana, Riggsby, Ruwet, Salazar, Schaaf, Schiraldi, Shafe, Silver, Spencer, Staples, Stevenson, Stoutner, Strother, Swenson, Taricska, and Zupsich.

The 2d bit of gen info is to remind you that the annual summer get-together will be held at 7:00 p.m. on 24 Jun at my parents' home in McLean, VA. As I mentioned last issue, this event attracts primarily the DC area contingent, but all are welcome to attend. If you can join us, give me a call at my home number above or at work (202-426-7001), and I will send you more detailed info. Also, we can always find room for guests over the weekend. Let's turn now to your news, beginning with correspondence from classmates in the service.

As is to be expected, a good number of letters arrived from WP this qtr. Marianne & Bob Ivany welcomed a new member of the family, Mark Robert, on 17 Jan. Harry Dolton sent a nice letter which mentioned that Jed Cantlay, Bob Harper and Bob Hoffman had all qualified for this year's Boston Marathon. Kappy & Geoff Prosch were preparing for their summer move to CGSC, and were hoping to make the summer party en route. George Demetriou wrote that he was expecting orders to a cannon unit in Germany, but that another year at the Academy was still a possibility.



1969: The Brittains, Murrays, Brambila and Diane Minor, and the Carlsons.



1969: The Skills at Ft Stewart.

Definitely heading for Germany this summer are Cindi & Paul Raglin, after Cindi takes her nursing boards in Jul. Rags was in Walter Reed for some minor abdominal surgery earlier this year, but there were no complications and he returned to work at Aberdeen very shortly after the hosp stay. Writing from further south were Pat & Pete Skells at Ft Stewart, GA. They and their 2 sons were in the process of moving to Battle Creek, MI, where Pete will be an area cdr in the recruiting cmd. Pete said that Joel Snow was also on orders for recruiting duty, but in VA.

DeLynn & Vince Corica sent a card from Ft Campbell announcing the birth of their 2d daughter, Nicole Mancill. DeLynn also mentioned that they were moving to Norfolk, Va, but did not say whether that move also entailed a switch to the civ world, as Vince had indicated in his holiday note. Ona & John Hamilton sent a long letter from Ft Knox, where they welcomed their first child, Christopher, last Sept. John said that he and Mike Tesdahl work together for the Dir of Combat Developments, while Steve Lindell is an instr for the Sr Officers' Crs at the Armor Sch. Finally, John had seen John Willut, who is out of the service and working for DARCOM. The Willuts also had their first child, Christina, in Sept.



1969: Jewel and Jeff Weien.

In touch from Ft LWood were Jewel & Jeff Weien, who were preparing for a move to Okinawa. They had heard from Carolee & Alex Zupsich, who were en route to a job with TX Inst in TX, and Mary & Bill Bahr, who are out of the service and working in KS. Also due to move shortly were Pam & George Coan at Ft Leavenworth; after a planned stop at the summer party here in DC, they will be heading to HI. Janice & Paul Albright wrote from San Pedro, CA, where Paul is working on his master's in guided missile engr at the UCA. They were expecting orders to Ft Sill this summer.

Tom Venard sent a note from Korea, where he is a vet with the 106th Med Det in Seoul. He and Polly, who are expecting their 4th child this Jul, will be in Korea until Jun 79. Tom said that Charlie Gwynne is with the 2d ID, and I saw in the Army Times that Jim McDonough is on orders for the same unit. The same issue of Army Times indicated that Joel Alvarey is scheduled for the JAG Adv Crs this summer.

The first news from the civ world was an announcement that Dave Hill is now associated with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow & Garrett, a patent, trademark and copyright law firm here in DC. Another lawyer, John Lucas in Richmond, called to say that Carol gave birth to David Marshall on 12 Jan.

While visiting Pittsburgh in Feb, I spent a very enjoyable afternoon with Greg Nasal,



1969: The Gavitts and Kings.

who is a 3d-yr dental stu at Pitt. Greg reciprocated with a visit in Mar, and he, Steve Rhyne, Mike Steele, and I got together for supper and an evening of stories about fellow A-4 classmates. Greg said that John Abbott is out of the service and working outside Dallas, while Jim Nelson had moved from Allentown, PA, to just north of Pittsburgh.

Betsy & Jon Anderson sent a card from Lakeland, FL, announcing the birth of Devon Elizabeth on 27 Jan. Linda & Ken Bevis were in touch from Dothan, AL, where Ken is working as an accountant. Further north were Barbi & Tom Whitaker in Ft Wayne, IN, where Tom works for TX Inst. Their C-4 newsletter located Susan & Jim Stelter in Ann Arbor (where Jim is working on his MBA), Carol & Doug Williams at Ft Ord,



1969: Schroeder, Williams, Adkins, Anshus and Rogers.

and Ed Simms at Ft Monroe. Barbi also said that Amy Francesca was born to Gigi & Andy Wielkoszewski at WP on 15 Nov.

Larry Feigenbaum wrote from San Fran, where he now works for Honeywell in their commercial div. Larry has also been bitten by the marathon bug, and he planned to enter the San Fran marathon on 9 Jul. He had seen Dave Byars, Tony Kaiser, and David Smith at Founders Day. Dave owns his own co. and was planning a move to ID, while Tony is stationed with the Readiness Region at the Presidio and David is a doctor at Letterman.

Larry also said that John McBeth and Roger Balog were due to complete JD/MBA studies at Hastings this spring. Also on the coast were Linda & Walt Mischler in Chatsworth, outside L.A. They had seen Paulette & Jim McCall and Kathy & Dutch Harmeling, who are also in CA. Walt had recently switched jobs and is now reg'l sales mgr for Charles-of-the-Ritz group. He and Linda welcomed their 2d child, Eric, on 6 Sept.

Bob Berry's newsletter located Hank Osterhoudt at Ft Bragg, but en route to grad sch, then WP. On a recent trip to Germany, Bob had seen Bill Burke and Bill Ward, the latter in Bamberg with the 1st AD. Finally, Bob reported that Val & Jon Smrtic, with Soc Sci at WP, are expecting their first child.

The only other news I have is that 2 ex-classmates, Mike Reing and Dennis Carlini, are both doctors at Georgetown Hosp and are due to complete their residencies this year. Hopefully, both will be able to attend the summer party this Jun.

Tom McCord, who works for Nat'l Refrigerated Transport in Tulsa, is due by for a visit in 10 min, so I will begin to close for this issue. I hope to see many of you at the summer get-together and to hear from many more of you. I ask again that you help locate any of the classmates for whom AOG does not have a current address. Of course, if you are moving this summer, please notify AOG, and me!



1969: Founders Day, Ft Sill: Ondo, Bolger, Bettencourt, and Warner.



1969: The Albrights in San Pedro, CA.

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I sincerely hope that your summer is a happy one. God bless to all in '69.

# '70

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Greetings to '70 from the Reitz's. Incoming mail was plentiful this quarter; much of the mail marking the first contribution from the sender. Naturally all contributions are welcome, but contributions from the seldom-heard-from are especially pleasing. Besides the letters enough photos came in to fill an album, and there is an update on planning for our 10th Reunion.

**WEDDINGS:** 3 weddings lead the news of the Class for this quarter, and on behalf of the Class I extend our Best Wishes and Congratulations to the new couples. **Bruce & Beth Michalowski** were married 19 Mar 77. They met in Europe either during Bruce's last active-duty tour or in the year following. Bruce completed his MSBA in Europe, and

he and Beth are now in Green Bay, WI, where he works for P&G and she teaches.

Rob Stewart was also married last Spring. He married Anne Snively; the ceremony took place in Hagerstown, MD, with Tom & Ginger Nicholson and Dan & Sally Shaw in attendance. Both Tom and Dan were ushers. Rob and Anne currently live in Frankfurt, Germany; Rob's asgmt is CO of HHC 143d Sig Bn 3 AD.

A much more recent wedding is that of Bob Richardson and Debra Lee Hoke. The wedding took place 11 Mar 78 in Alexandria, VA, with a number of classmates present: Mark Meranda, Tom Armeli, Mike Ryan, Bob Driscoll, and Lou DeScioli. Debra is a native North-Virginian who was working for the Treas Dept before Bob took her away from the city life—far away—to Ft Hood. Bob deserted FA for the Engr and he arrives at Hood with EOAC and a master's from GWU completed during his stay in the DC area.

**NEW CADETS:** Births last fall at WP: a son, Jason, to Fred & Lisa White; a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to Tom & Kathy Oettinger; and a son, Timothy, to Wally & Mimi Kaine; Bill & Maria Patterson announce the birth of their first, Derek James, 18 Sept 77, Ft Carson. Gerry & Chris Saari also had their first, Erik Christopher, 11 Sept 77, Paris, France. On 18 Nov 77, Ann Ruth is the new daughter of John & Mary Mearshimer, Ithaca, NY. Dave & Barbara Wagner now have their 2d child, Allison Marie, fall 77.

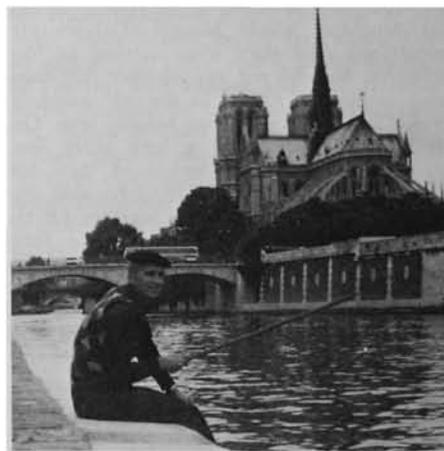
News from Europe is scattered this quarter, but Carl Linke hopes to keep the Class posted on USAREUR info. Carl & Penny squeeze some traveling in between his field trips. Besides the Xmas jaunt, Eiger Mtn in Wengen, Switzerland, they plan a Mar reunion with Randy Carlson and Gerry, Cris and Erik Saari in Paris. Randy and Gerry are both ostensibly in Paris to prepare for a tour with the French Dept at USMA. I caught a fragment of Randy's note to Carl, however, which said, "...escargot and flowers are inexpensive. Life is good." It sounds like Randy studies by osmosis. John Biddle is the only classmate Carl had seen as of Feb, but Mike Gyovai joins Carl's Bde this



1970: Tom and Beth Gerard.



1970: Susie DeCort, the Barths, Don DeCort and fellow fans.



1970: Carlson fishing in the Seine—Paris 77.



1970: First row: Morrison, Armeli, Cramblett; Back row: Costello, Cater, Clow, Horacek, Steele; Kneeling: Newby.



1970: Joan, Jay, Jack and Jimmy Sabia.



1970: The Linkes in Switzerland.

Mar. **Rob Stewart**, Frankfurt, 3AD, says that **Brian Bryson** is now a civ working with the Engrs in Frankfurt, and that **Fred Carrol** is nearby with JA, 3d Bde 3AD, in Friedburg. **Rob** also notes that **Dan & Sally Shaw** are enjoying life in Pittsburgh, PA, where **Dan** is working for DRAVO(?).

Jumping from Europe to CA, I'll cover the letters in a West to East Coast progression. **Bill Hedberg** writes from Stanford where he is doing grad work preparing for a Jul 79 tour with the Dept of Engr at USMA. He, **Sheila**, and **Erika** (1½) share the campus life with **Tom Bennett**, **Gil Harper**, and **Dorn Crawford**. En route to CA the Hedbergs visited the **Kowolczyks**, **Paul**, **Mary**, **Andrew** and **Kathyrne Marie** in Bettendorf, IA; **Paul** is presently assigned with the Engr Dist at Rock Is.

**Eddie & Carol Mitchell** wrote to tell me about the growing contingent at NPGS in



1970: Rob and Anne Stewart.

Monterey. **Eddie** is working on an ORSA degree and will make a short move to Ft Ord for his utilization tour. **Tom & Phyllis Fricks** were expected there in Feb and the **Sabias** arrive in Jun. **Carol** met **Gary Steele** one day at a car dealership where she works as the pres's secy. **Gary** is studying Greek at DLI. **Bob & Carol Heaton** came from Edwards AFB to meet the **Mitchells** at Bakersfield where **Eddie** and **Bob** celebrated the weekend reunion by running a marathon; both **Bob** and **Eddie** were on the Triathlon team at WP way back when.

Moving north, **Bruce Michalowski** had some news of classmates. Also working at P&G are **Pete Jones** and **Bruce Clay**. **Dennis Williams**, USAF, is an F4 instructor in CA with his wife **Susan** and daughter **Kimberly**. **Bill Bennett** and family are currently at Ft Riley; with 4 sons **Bill** will be able to field a family B-ball team soon. **Larry Clark** has a Btry at Ft Carson. **Mike Pearce** now at Ft Knox has a well-rounded family with a son and daughter, and **Rich Bronder**, who is still with IBM, Bloomington, NY, also has a family with a son and daughter. **Bob Faraguna** is now with JAG at Ft Hamilton, NY.

A short note from **Bill & Maria Patterson** notes that when their first child was born



1970: Paulette, Frankie, Michael and Frank Monaco.

he was in Germany for Reforger, but **Derek** was a great homecoming present when he returned to Ft Carson in Oct 77. **Bill** is CO of an Inf Co.

**Susie DeCort** writes a short note from San Ant where **Don** is completing law sch. She also included a picture of a football weekend with **Wayne & Genia Barth** at College Sta where **Wayne** is getting his master's at TX A&M. The **DeCorts** spent Xmas with **Bill & Paula Trivette**; **Bill** is completing law sch with **Don**. **Susie** says she, **Don** and their 3 children hope to move east this summer after **Don's** Bar Exam.

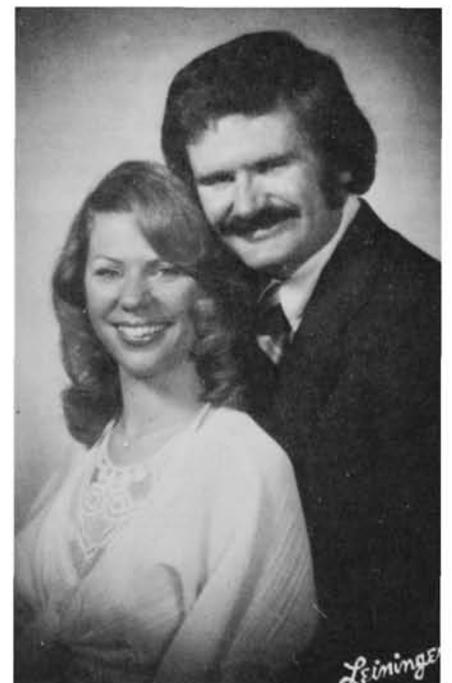
**John, Cindy & Daniel Norton** logged their first letter with the scribe. **John** and **Cindy** were married 12 Aug 76 in a mil ceremony that included both families with **John's** father serving as Best Man. The location was the Nurnberg Merrill Bks Chapel in Fuerth, Germany. **Cindy** and **John** honeymooned starting with 2 days sealed in a Swiss Temple and following that spending 10 days on Lake Thun in Switzerland. They returned to Italy to complete **John's** command tour and then moved to Ft Benning for IOAC in Jul. The **Nortons** stay active with church activities and lots of tennis and golf with a little traveling squeezed in. **John** begins a tour in Korea this Apr and **Cindy** is with **Daniel** at



1970: Bob and Debra Richardson.

BYU, UT for the duration. When **John** returns in Apr 79 he will enter a Russian FAST program.

Lots of news came in from Ft Bragg. **Frank Monaco** collected bits of info from every corner of the country. **Frank**, **Paulette**, **Frankie** and **Michael** are still at Bragg, where **Frank** has had both firing btry and HHB cmds. The **Monacos** start grad sch this Jul; **Frank** will study computer sci for a tour with ES&GS starting in Jul 80. Other news: **John Marcello** is now in Korea, but before leaving Bragg he captured the honors as BC of "Best Btry 76-77, 82 Abn." **Tom**, **Duranne**, **Susan** and **Karen** left the service, and **Tom** now works for IBM in Houston. **Tom & Beth Gerard** are now at Ft LWood where **Tom** has an Engr Co. **Dave**, **Barbara**, and **Allison Wagner** are in FL until **Dave** finishes law sch and goes to work for JAG. **Bill Hahney** is now a prof artist living in Seattle. **Dick**, **Patti**, and **Ricky Moser** are still in the DC



1970: Beth and Bruce Michalowski.



1970: John, Cindy and Daniel Norton.

area but en route to USMA soon. Dick hopes to be assigned to the USMA hospital after completing his residency at Walter Reed. Brian Davis also wrote from Ft Bragg where he works somewhere in the Finance section. Brian says that Jack Zoeller did not go to DC but is still at Ft Bragg. Brian got to Homecoming and saw Phil Richard, and Dave Porreca. Roger LeDoux and Gary Steele were in sch at Ft Ben Harrison at the same time Brian was. New info from the folks at Bragg includes a move for the Coulmans; Mike and Judy move to Corning, NY, soon where Mike will work for Comingware. John Noll has left JAG by now to hang out his shingle in Springfield, IL. Brian also advises me that Phil Linn completes his Olmsted scholarship from the U. of Munich soon.

My pointed pleas for info in the Mar issue produced one response. Paul Dixon called from Ft Lee to say that he felt cowed into responding. I did not aim to shame anyone into writing but I'll take what I can get. Perhaps Paul was thinking of the retribution Temp Cumisky and I used to exact in A-1 when we wanted results. Paul, Wendy, Dwayne (5), and Heidi (2) Dixon are at Ft Lee, VA, until Nov 78 when they move to Ft Monmouth, NJ. Paul enrolled in a contract and procurement mgt course that produces a master's in a co-op program with the Army and FIT. Paul says his studies are snowing him under but he and Wendy still find the time for church activities, and Paul is quite happy to have some time with his family in spite of the course load. Paul also notes that Bill Campbell is now a consultant for Technakron(?), and his wife Linda is a supervisor in one of NY's big dept stores. Paul also said that Frank Gerhki, AR, was the #2 man in his IOAC and should be with a recruiting office in Okla City now.

Jim Crawford sent a roster of the USMA group along with a note. Steve & Gail Strom,



1970: Diane and Greg Holton.

and Jim Price came on board this winter. Steve Wesbrook starts in the Hist Dept this summer, and Harry Crumbling, Bill Addy, John Drinkwater, and Ralph Churchill will join Tom Schmidt, Ron Spears and Jim Crawford as Tacs. Chuck Lucente is finishing a degree in mechanics at GA Tech. Jim saw Dave & Karen Young, and Jim & Pat Murray at the BC-Army Hockey game. That weekend John & Kai Huncharek held a successful Beat Navy B-ball rally at their quarters at USMA. In other news Jim says Ric Gass is going to work for Ford in Dearborn, MI. Nelson Johnson will start a 3-yr tour instructing at Ft Lee. Bill Conard is in Natick, MA, with the Army lab there. Toby Quirk who sells life insurance now saw Jim when he came down to talk to the cadets. COL Feagin told Jim that Jack Ryan is doing well at Letterman Hosp in San Fran and has made the MAJ's list. Jim has heard of no formal activities for this June Week for 70 but Barney Forsythe called reference our 10th Reunion. Since our classmates at WP now will not be there in the fall of 80 there is not much point in having them start any plans. Those arriving this summer, however, will still be at WP for the 10th. The plan currently is for the newly arrived Classmates to



1970: Allin, Brenner, Ancker and Seifort.

start planning next fall. Basically all the planning and arrangements for our Reunion will be made by those candidates assigned to USMA at the time of the Reunion, and I will keep the Class posted on developments. In other Class news Barney says he has been talking to Fred Zilian about the Foundation Fund, but memory fails me on this point, so I'll have to put out any necessary poop on this subject later. Any suggestion for Class activities is welcome; please send them to Barney or to me.

Bill Vogt wrote from Cornell U. to say that he and Kathi will move to DC this summer after he finishes work on his MBA. Also at Cornell, besides Tom Lennox who was mentioned in Dec, are John, Mary and Ann Ruth Mearshimer while John completes his PhD before moving to DC to work in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agcy this summer. John Shull and family arrived in Jan; John will get an MA in Russian history and linguistics for a USMA tour. Trevor Reid is completing his law sch and expects to start work with the DA office in Manhattan when done. Bill Vogt pledges future news forthcoming from the shores of Lake Cayuga, and we'll be waiting for it.

That wraps it up for now. But before I conclude let me correct an error from the last issue: Larry & Jane Horacek live at 3014 Kennedy Ct, Marina, CA, not in Salinas—my apologies to the Horaceks. Please keep the mail and pictures coming, and remember to

update your addresses either with your subscriptions or with me since we need an accurate mailing list for our Reunion planning. Have a safe 4th of Jul.

'71

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A last minute surge of letters saved me from literary ruin this quarter. Fortunately, you may now read some comprehensive info as you sip your mint juleps this fine Jun day. I am continually impressed by the efforts of you contributors as we push past our 7th post-grad year. I am going to have to get organized and appoint reg'l or co. scribes. Any volunteers? I never did learn to delegate responsibility properly!

Rather than pool new babies, new civs, new asgmts, etc., let me distinguish each piece of comm separately this issue. Ed Cliff Powell forwarded to me the 2d issue of his "E-4 Rag," loosely termed a quasi-annual scholarly letter, excerpts from which follow. Cliff and Kathy (married Dec 76) are presently in Memphis where Cliff is in med sch on an Army scholarship and Kath is pursuing a degree in Sp Ed. Bob Kulbick trains mgrs for Procter & Gamble, while also studying for a MBA. Bob, Donna, and Bob, Jr. live outside Scranton, PA. After completing a rotating internship at Ft Gordon, John Moore is now participating in a 3-year program in Pediatrics at Fitzsimons in CO. As a lawyer, John's wife Jinny worked in a gen practice law firm in Augusta and is now a member of the CO Bar. Little Stephanie Dematatis Moore entered the family scene in Dec 77. John & Becky Pitts, along with daughters, Niki and Kathryn, are settled in at Bragg, where John is a Fire SptO applying that good mgmt philosophy gleaned from his MS from MIT. After graduating from Rutgers Law Sch, Mike Wamsted has been diligently defending our misunderstood soldiers at Ft Hood. Although very satisfied with their son, Jay (2), they are expecting another bundle soon. Ed & Cindy Pogue have been dabbling in the arts for entertainment at Ft Sill. Ed recently performed as Chief Sitting Bull in "Annie Get Your Gun" and Cindy has participated in several productions at the Ft Sill Dinner Theatre. After the FAOAC, they hope to return to Europe. Chris Clarke, sometimes seen at the FAOAC, is more often found at the golf course with Jim Schlesinger and Jeff Rock. Artistic painting for the Officers Club commands the time



1971: Cron—Youngest Grad, Izmir, Turkey.



1971: Pat, Susie and Lisa McDonald in Spain.

and efforts of Sue Clarke. Upon completion of their stint at Sill, Jeff, Jeanne, and Kelly (4) Rock will depart for OKU for 2 years and then move on to the Mil Leadership Dept at WP. Jeanne finds enjoyment in her capacity as one of the top real estate agents in Lawton. Rick Rentz is performing engr work on NSA projects at a place called Vint Hills Farms Sta, VA—must be down the road from Waltons Mtn. Unfortunately, his present scenic asgmt is bracketed by one in Korea and one coming up at Ft Hood. Rick and Deb are considering civ employment as of this writing. Glenn & Linda Barefoot have been braving the bitter winters of the NE for the past 2 yrs. They live in NE PA, where Glenn is a sales rep for Lukens Steel Co. They should have been blessed with their 2d child by now. Also adding a 2d to their brood are John & Diane Fogarty. John remains at Ft Belvoir while completing his family practice residency. Bob Holcombe was slated to become the aide to the 82d Abn Div CG last spring, after completing his cmd time at Bragg. After tours in Turkey and at the EOAC, he has his sights on grad sch on the West Coast and then on to a teaching position at WP. Bob's wife Geri is probably more active than he with her participation in the Red Cross, Army Community Service, and OWC.

Bob Ireland has also joined the ranks of med sch. After leaving the service in 76, he took some med prerequisite work and was subsequently accepted to the UMS Class of



1971: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: Erickson, Ms. Knauer, the McNulty's.

'81. Bob and his wife of 6 years, Lynn, have a curly-haired boy, Robert (2). Bob received a letter from Craig Hughes, who is out of the service and working in La Jolla, CA with wife Barbara and daughter Erika. Terry, Carol, Peter (3), and Philip (1) LaCasse have settled in Neenah, WI. Bachelor Gerry James, a registered prof engr, is a proj engr with Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, PA. Bruce recently returned from a tour in Korea after grad sch at Berkeley. Bruce's wife, April, was geographically widowed in Walnut Creek, CA during the short tour. I believe the Smiths are now headed to WP in the Physics Dept. Bob Ireland also mentioned that his info on the F-2 Zoo is somewhat sketchy and that he would like to compile a co. newsletter. Contributors please forward your news to him at 707 Lakeland Dr, Apt B-1, Jackson, MS 39216.

Steve Wilcox is blackbirding at Benning after IOAC, while waiting to attend the UIL in aerospace engr this summer. In 80, Steve, Viki, and their new baby, which was due in late Mar, will report to the Mech Dept at WP. Steve mentioned a couple of other classmates who will also join the growing contingent on the banks of the Hudson. John Spears will teach in OML after grad work at Yale. John and Sue recently became the parents of little Shane. Dave & Kathy McIntyre will join the Engl Dept in 80. Tex Ridder left the service to pursue a master's in Physics in AZ. Unsure of his future plans, Tex, Lynda, and Jennifer are happy in the sunny clime of Tucson. Also residing in the SW are Ray, Dianne, and Shannon Pierce and Paul, Judy, and Julie Finberg. Ray is doing grad work in Albuquerque while Paul is working at TX Instruments after completing his master's at TX A&M.

Mike Neyland returned from a 3 year tour with the AF in Guam in Jan. As a member of the 54th Wea Recon Sqdn, the "Typhoon Chasers," he was the Stdzn & Eval Flight Exam for his WC-130 aircraft and for all the weather officers in the sqdn. During the course of his tour, Mike managed to pack up 1400 hours of flight time, 39 typhoon penetrations, 2 AM's, 3 CM's and saving the best for last, a wife named Joy. The Neylands are presently at TX A&M, where Mike is pursuing an MS in Meteorology. They are on orders to March AFB in Riverside, CA. John & Donna Friel joined the civ world in early 77 and temporarily settled in the NYC area. John is doing post-grad work in some area of fin mgmt and hopes to go to work for a large city bank firm. Al Pohl, a civ for 2 years, is teaching winter mountain survival, back packing, and cross-country skiing in the mountains of WY. Al really enjoys the work that most of us just dream about, which includes taking groups into the mountains for 2-3 weeks at a time for training.

After 7 years of silence, I heard from Marc Erlandson recently. After their initial tour in Germany, Marc, Kris, and their daughters, Emily (6) and Betsy (3), spent 3 yrs at Bliss. Marc commanded a tank co. there and stayed on to attend the ADAOAC. Mike Breithaupt and Herb Gallagher were also in that Adv Crs class. The Erlandsons will return to the midwest where Marc will attend the UWI prior to returning to WP in the Hist Dept. After commanding a howitzer battery at Bliss, Guy Berry left to attend the FAOAC. After graduation, he and Ginny will move to the UCO. Guy will participate in a 5 year master's and ROTC asgmt there.

A news update from Columbia, SC shows



1971: Larry and Joan Kinder.

that John Beard was accepted into the Med School of SC. Rather than utilize the Army program, John will resign in Aug and become a penniless student. Oh yes, the Beards horse made them the proud parents of a chestnut colt in Feb. And one errata from last issue—Dan Allemeier joined Phil Lower at graduation from the McGeorge Sch of Law in May. Lenny Kloeber is working in real estate in St Paul while attending law sch in the evenings. Carol Allemeier mentioned that Dr. Pete Andersen will finish his residency in Jun. He and Mary were expecting their first child in May.

After I accused Jim Floyd of being behind in his studies at LSU vet sch because he had yet to publish anything, he promptly made it into print. The 7 Nov 77 issue of TIME includes a letter to the editor by one J. Graceton Floyd Jr. on his views about the cadet honor system, which includes an admission of stashing unauthorized articles in his laundry bag. Unfortunately, he received a retroactive 8 and 8 from his former Tac. Also from the "Can you top this dept" comes a story from the nation's capital that Tom Mannle has become a Fed. Yes, Moves landed a govt job as a budget examiner in the Office of Mgmt & Budget. Ironically, his specific duties deal with Army operations. Interesting how in such a short time, one can rise from worrying about budgeting Army pens and typing paper to dictating budget policy to commanding generals!



1971: Weiman, Ellen Tust, and the Bonds.



1971: Front row: Beliveau, Schrantz; Back row: Clifton, Chiacchio, Pherambuqa, Jones, Drummond.



1971: Founders Day Ft Sill, OK: (L-R) Root, Baumann, Berry, Eberle, Tetu, Renaud, Fox, Spoun, Beard, Shoemaker, Schlesinger, Rock, Gorski, Borcheller, Reischl, Aaron and Bracy.



1971: Class reps.

My wife received a very pleasant phone call from Alan Oaks in CO. The Oaks as you may remember, are the parents of twins and may be expecting more of the same in Aug. He mentioned that Pat Grant is out and living in IL with his family which includes 4 kids. Also, Ray Halvatgis works for Procter & Gamble in PA, Mike Tokarsky for Ford Motor in Boston, and Joe Seletsky for Uncle Sam in Ft Eustis. Mike O'Brien wrote from the home of the Boilermakers where he is pursuing a grad degree in aerospace engr. He relates that Bruce & Barb Litwin are in Sugarland, TX where Bruce works for Texaco. Paul Waddington is in the const business down in longhorn country. Jeff Hubsch is currently working for TX Inst in MA, but, along with Eric Sundin, spent much of his time last winter terrorizing the New Engl ski slopes. Eric is with the SF at Devens. Bob & Sandy Cates left the service in late Mar and settled in Ocean City, NJ, where Bob manages the Harbor House Inn and Marina. He says he can swing "grad" rates for classmates. Sandy wrote that Pat & Ellen Plugge and their 4 children are in Van Nuys, CA.

Tom Metz, Gordy Schnabel, and Sam Pride command companies in the same bn at Knox. Pam Metz is expecting her first child in Jun. Shortly thereafter, the Metz' will move to Raleigh, where Tom will start grad sch at NC State in preparation for the Mech Dept at WP. In Jun 77, Bert Lennon turned over his inf co. in HI to Steve Lewis and moved on to the IOAC. After TDY to Ft Rucker for the Avn Update Cse and Cobra Transition, Bert will report to the 6th ACCB at Hood. In Mar, Bert married Carol Bush of Columbus and became an instant father, as Carol was a widow with a 10-yr-old son. Accommodating quickly, Bert is already a little league baseball coach.

I received an abundance of birth announcements this quarter. Along with the previously mentioned, Ron & Linda Knight had a 9 plus pound boy, Eric, on Xmas Eve 77. Ron has completed his 3d yr at the dental sch of the Med Coll of VA. After graduation in May 79, he will return to active duty. Linda hopes to go back to work as a stewardess for Eastern Airlines this summer. Lisa & Charley Enright had their 2d child and first daughter, Paige, on 31 Jan. Charley is out and working for Service Bureau Co. in Boston. Lisa mentioned that George O'Brien was recently hired by that same firm. Married in Aug 77 to Linda, they were expecting in May. Dan, Cindi, and Michael (2) Scioletti have settled in Lynn, MA, where Don goes to Northeastern. Bill & Merrill Baldwin are celebrating the birth of their first child, Andrew MacLeod, born on 13 Feb. Dianne & Joe Holcombe added number 4 to their family. David Lanman arrived on 22 Feb. My latest news was from Pat & Bob Worthington who welcomed Anne Frances on 28 Mar. Other expectants include Jack & LuAnn Klevecz, due last Apr, and Pat & Susie McDonald; who will have to wait until Oct for their 2d child. Pat told me that Bob & Nanci Fitzgerald had a baby boy, Robbie, and that Jim & Marcy Arietti are still at Bragg with their son and daughter. Jim works at night on his master's. Tom Turner finished his MBA recently. Tom and Carol live outside Detroit with son Brad.

In my never-ending quest to update records, I find that I still remain 60 addresses short. If you have either the current or permanent addresses of any of the following please



1971: Founders Day Ft Benning, GA: First row: Ann Marie Hartline, Charlene Carpenter, Sue Baber, Peggy Godwin, Dottie Jones; Back row: Munoz, Hartline, Carpenter, Baber, Godwin, Jones, Holcombe.

forward them to me and the Assn of Grads: Ackerman, Annis, Bearchell, Bridges, Camp, Carver, Cottingham, D. Curry, Dierkes, Dille, Dodge, Droegemueller, Friel, Fullerton, Gaffney, Gitt, Glass, Grigg, Gustin, Halloran, Hazeltine, W. Hitchcock, Hoffman, Hopkins, G. Jones, Keene, M. Kelley, Kempfe, Kesler, Killpack, Kirchberger, Koontz, Mabry, MacAaron, G. MacDonald, McClelland, McKinney, McMonagle, M. Miller (B-1), R. Miller (G2), J. Morrison (H-2), Newell, Niumpradit, P. O'Neil (H-4), Pillasch, Pirkle, Roberts, Rosenberg, Ryder, Sapp, Satchell, Singer, Sutter, S. Thomas, Vlk, Weiman, Wharton, Wing, Witschonke, Wyrick. It may be interesting to note that only 3 companies have the distinction of having their records updated: D-1, C-2, and C-3.

Please have a safe, but exhilarating summer. I will not be putting the next issue together until 30 Jun if an inclination hits you to write.

# '72

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A last minute rush of news saves us from a skimpy review this time. Hope things will improve, however, as the spring and summer bring with them moves, reassignments, and gatherings of various sorts. To get us off on the right foot we should take a look at last year's Ft Benning Rugby Football Club. No less than 7 '72ers were stalwart performers for that group. A pic of the "Magnificent 7" was sent to me by Bob Jarrell. The names of Jim Mohnney, Dusty Sanders, Willie Webb, Jerry Williams, Ben Martin, Bruce Barlow, and Dave Wildes, struck fear in the ranks of opposing rugby clubs, as well as local establishments after the matches. Since rugby season Mohnney, Martin and Barlow have been working in bldg 4 at Benning, Sanders has gone to Italy, Webb has been flying in HI, Williams learned to fly at Rucker, and Wildes has departed Benning for parts unknown.

On to other news from around the world. Joe Wishcamper reports from UWA where

he has just completed his first year of law sch. Joe says he hasn't run into any classmates while in DC, but has been able to get up with 2 grads (Bill Knowlton '70 and Mick Zais '69) attending grad sch there. All 3 participated in the Seattle Marathon last Thanksgiving and were victorious—they finished. Joe was best man in Scott McQuarrie's wedding last Xmas. Scotty & Patricia Swanson were married in Harlingen, TX and both will have finished their law degree at St. Mary's Law Sch by publication time. After that event, Wishcamper went to Ft Benning for some New Year celebrations with Charley Williams and Danny Kelso. At the time, Williams was S4 for the Rgr Dept and Kelso was in IOAC. The writer has info that Kelso will be getting married this summer. A final note from Wishcamper is that he ran into Kim Putnam in the Seattle-Tacoma Airport and discovered that Kim is just finishing his first year of law sch at the U. of Puget Sound. Thanks for the update, Joe.

A quick note from one of the column's mainstays, Bob Strong, has some newsy tid-

bits. Bob is at Penn State working on his PhD in fin and is also a grad asst with that Dept. Also at PSU is Chip Tejan. Tejan left the service last year and is after his master's in Public Admin. Strong went to see Jerry, Karen, and Kimberly Smalley in DC (actually living in Springfield, VA). Jerry works for the Army Chief of Engrs.

Doug, Nancy, and David Wise are at Ft Stewart and the Rgrs. Doug writes that he has passed the 6 mo mark in his co cmd asgmt with the 1st Rgr Bn. Since he spends so much time on the job, Nancy keeps occupied as the chairperson for Red Cross Volunteers at Stewart. By the time they see their



1972: Founders Day Ft Sill, OK: C.W. Clements.



1972: Wishcamper, Knowlton ('70), and Zais ('69).



1972: Judy and Paul Dunn.



1972: Speer and Wise, Ft Benning, GA.



1972: Ft Benning Rugby Football Club: (L-R) Mohney, Sanders, Webb, Williams, Martin, Barlow, Wildes.

names in print, the Wises may have a family addition. Doug sends an update on others: Joe & Cyndy Drach are settled at Bragg where he is S4 of 2/504 and Cyndy is the pres of N.O.W. for the state of NC. Joe gets his rifle co. this summer. Erik & Cathy Pocrack announce the birth of daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, last 29 Dec. He is CO of Service Co., 10th SF and working on his MBA at the same time. Another birth announcement comes from Jack & Cris Shafer. Jessica Michele was born last 18 Dec. They are at IOAC with a move to Europe afterwards. Mick & Cathy Hanratty are still at Ft Campbell, where Mick is CE for 3/187, but soon to be Cdr of an Inf HQ Co. Meanwhile, Cathy is getting her nursing degree. Wise picked up this info at Founders Day. Pete McDonald is with the STA; Tommy Waters is out and works for MA Mutual in Savannah; Ben & Cathy Williams are with the tank Bn at Stewart; and Charlie Frost recently turned over his arty btry for HHB Divarty. Finally, Gary Speer is at Benning for IOAC after being S4 of 1st Rgr Bn and receiving the MSM. Gary is headed for Europe after IOAC. Thanks for the info, Doug.

Mike Dougan got his news in just in time for printing. That way it's as recent as possible, right Mike? Mike is attending the UIL for an MSCE degree along with several others. These include Tim & Helen Sanford (daughter Kimberly), Cliff & Debbie Willis and family, and Walt Ennaco. Looks like Dist Engr positions within a year or so for that contingent. Dougan says that raquetball is as popular as post grad study.



1972: Founders Day Ft Benning, GA: (Standing): Horton, Lyon, Leis, Greczyn, Higgins, North, Speer, Ritter, Waldbueser, Travis; (Seated): Williams, Hunt, LeBlanc, Lee, Kelso.



1972: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: Moncures and Tulkki.



1972: Front: Rainer, Kerin, Collins, Wood, Herrell; Rear: Chaney, Sterrett, Boyntom, Toler.



1972: Graff

Thanks for keeping the Class up to date on its reps at UIL, Mike.

At the request of his sister, Mrs. Kate D. Crawford, I wish to mention the death of John D. Delano III, ex-'72 (F-3), on 10 Jan 78. John was killed in an automobile accident in Tucumcarri, NM en route to Austin, TX from CA. He was attending UTX at the time of his death. Anyone who wishes to do so can contact John's sister at WP beginning in Jul (CPT H.D Crawford Jr.).

Scribble down those notes and mail them to your scribe (before the postage rates go up again!).

# '73

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Greetings from Atlanta, GA! Finally a stabilized tour. Thank God for super big favors. After being a veritable int'l nomad (and keeping the Class guessing as to where to send info) the prospect of a 3-year tour is supremely glorious, no?! If any ya'll folks are in the Atlanta area, please stop at Ft Gillem (Readiness Gp Atlanta) or call me at above numbers.

So—here it is Jun already. Can you believe that 5 yrs have swept by? Where does the time go when you're having fun? Surely a few '73 grads will be bidding adieu to the Army green now that our commitment is up. As my Class records are pitifully in need of update, please write and clue me in on the latest—in or out—what now and thereafter—por favor.

Heading off the Class news is a lengthy general epistle from Bob & Jane Jarrell at the IOAC, Ft Benning. Bob gave me a status report on 75 grads! To avoid overkill, I'll just highlight a few. Steve & Meg Bogosian are at Syracuse U. for med sch; Bob Portante is in the G3 shop, 24th Inf Div, Ft Stewart; Frank Garabato married GEN Brady's daughter in Korea and is now at IOAC; and Buzzy & Terry Murphy are in HI where Buzzy's a HR/EOO in the 25th Div. Also in HI soaking up the sun are Dave Winklbauer, Dave Pickett, and George Rollins—all 3 flying. Paul Trotti is in the Rgr Dept, Cp Darby, Cheeks Purcell is flying for the 4/77 at Campbell, and Bob Brown and Matt Wotell traded in their fatigues for 3-piece business suits. (Matt's now working with a family incorporated business in MI.) Of particular newsworthiness, Bill & Mary Porkorney won 2 tons of snow



1973: Founders Day Ft Sill.



1973: Founders Day, Ft Campbell: The Ritters, Lyons and Janeks.

in a local Columbus contest. Pretty flakey deal, yes? Please note the scrum too. An anonymous photographer captured on kodachrome for all eternity the grim visages of the notoriously savage Ft Benning Flyers Rugby Team.

Also reporting in from Benning are Doug & Liz McIntyre. Doug stressed 2 things in particular: Fred Brooks (A-1) is our Class' POC for homecoming/reunion activities. Anyone interested in helping with arrangements please write him at the Pers Svc Div, USMA, WP, NY 10996 or call (AV) 688-4811/2621. Doug's also a proud daddy. Robert McIntyre was born last Sept. More about births later.

Got a great note from Bill & Kathy

Epley at Bragg to boot. Bill's currently CO C/2/505 in the 82d and is programmed for the AOAC, Knox, in Jul. Also in 2/505 are Jim Scott and Ben Cabell. Jim's CO of A Co, Sharon's expecting (due date Jul), and they're heading for the IOAC in Oct. Ben is CO of the Cbt Spt Co. Other folks mentioned were Kevin Bond, now in law sch in CA, Mark Grunseth, who's still with the Army Wrestling Team, and Roger Mills, 10th SF, Devens.

Hot news! Joe Pallone (a Tri-Gamma Gopher!) wrote from AOAC that he married the former Catherine Lyons (of England by jove) last Oct and will be assigned to Benning in Apr. Also with the Pallones at Knox but now in Korea: Mark & Elaine Dieterle; at Bragg: Mike & Sylvia Burton and Pedro & Carmen Marrero; at Bliss: Norm & Terri Hoerer; at Rucker: Scotty & Michelle Mair, Ron & Ginger Petrika, and Ed & Gail Quinnan; at Hood: Paul Rana; at Polk: John & Ulrika Twomey; and in 1st AD, Germany: Al & Susan Sciarretta.

Reporting from the ADAOAC at Bliss were Jeff & Cheryl Cartwright. Jeff's scheduled for Bragg upon graduation and others in cse 1-78 include Steve Gerhardt, Al & Jane Costantine, and Ed Stikeleather. The cse that started in Jan includes Jim & Judy Gillcrst, Mike Basten, Steve & Barbara Kuffner, Bart Clare (on the way to grad sch and then



1973: Founders Day Atlanta: Arison and guest, Wilson and guest, and the O'Donnells.



1973: Cathy and Joe Pallone

WOOPS to teach PH201), Rob Gregg, and Jim Grenier.

John & Gail Hazel wrote from McClellan to report that after graduating from the MPOAC in Mar he'll be assigned to the 295th MP Co., Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY. That's almost as bad as Ft Gillem, GA, no? Enclosed in John's letter was a most unique photo too—a familial long gray line over which Thayer would indeed revel. Reminds me of a haunting melody: "They are here in ghastly assemblage, the men of the Corps..." (sic)

Proffering an update on some of the luminaries from F-1 was Paul Hamm. Paul, Joe Mastrucci, and Dana Mather graduated from EOAC in Jan and all got great asgmts. Dana remained at Belvoir, Joe moved down the street to the Pentagon where he's with the Facil Engr, and Paul's in Memphis with the DE. In other news—Tom Hanifen and Mike Pearson graduated from IOAC in Jan. Tom, while extracurricularly aspiring for a black belt in karate, is now in Germany and Mike's at Sill where (reliable sources have it that) Rob Roe has been all this time. Dave Ramm is now in the Land of the Morning Calm, Tom Jervis is in the Paradise of the Pacific, Jim Branham's making his mark in Deutschland, Todd Kersh is at Ord, Charlie Hall's at Stewart, and Jim Hayes is a CO at Achffenburg. In a peripheral report on some H-1 Hawgs, Paul added that Bob & Linda Cadow are at EOAC, and Larry & Joanne Gaydos are enjoying Charlottesville (UVA Law Sch).

Still a C-141 navigator for the 60th MAW and world traveler, reporting in from Travis AFB, CA, is Kirk Brown. Kirk joined the married ranks on 13 Aug 77 and he and Jill are living at 119 Ramsey Dr, Vacaville, CA 95688. While shuttling to Europe a few months back (Dover, DE to Rhein-Main), a breakdown in Frankfurt afforded Kirk the opportunity to visit Mike & Jeanie Vidlak in Fulda. Mike's enjoying flying border patrols for the 11 ACR.

Before leaving Korea for Bragg, Tom O'Connor wrote offering late C-1 news. Rich & Jo Ann Babbitt art at Ft Myer (Tom's with



1973: Ft Benning Flyers Rugby Football Team: Jarrell, McKennon, Porkorney, Mitchell, Murphy, Coats, Schultz, Venable, Silva.



1973: Founders Day Ft Benning: Back row: Trotti, Pfister, Campbell, Grenchus, Tully, Finnigan, Peneau, Jarrell, Kaminsky and Fulton; Front row: Mary Jane Trotti, Sue Pfister, Rita Grenchus, Maureen Pineau, Barbara Campbell, Gail Fulton.



1973: Founders Day, Fulda, Germany: Wendy and Bill Fox.



1973: Front row: Little, Snow, Kersh, Spring; Back row: Frederick, Jung, Hermanson, Silva, Green.



1973: All in the Hazel family! George '75, John '73, Edward '81.

the Old Guard), Tom, Charlene, and young Christy Mulyca left the FOAC for Wurzburg where Tom's working in the Central Acctng Ofc, Rex Beck is out of the Army working for CA Bell, and Charley Venable and Jim Mayer are happy husbands.

The last letter bearing late news for this installment is from Lou Bartok, S3 Air, 2/33 Armor (Kirchgons). Lou says Jim Bessler is Plans O, HHC, 2d Bde, 3 AD, John Daly is CO HHC, 2d Bde, 3 AD, Glenn Hawkins is S4, 3/63d Armor, Augsburg, Mike Griswold is S4, 1/37th Armor, Ansbach, and lastly but certainly not least—Sandy Rubenstein is at Hofstra working for his MBA. Please write and encourage him as he pursues greater academic heights: 1 Jefferson Ave, Apt H-1, Rockville Ctr, NY 11570.

Birth reports: Rob & Darlene Williams—son, 18 Aug; Bob & Jane Jarrell—Patrick, Aug; Tom & June O'Connor—Tom VI, 7 Sept; Doug & Liz McIntyre—Robert, Sept; Bob & Pat Souza—Michael, Sept; Mike & Kathy Hockley—Christopher, 15 Oct; Dave & Deb Bubb—Sara Beth, 4 Nov; Al & Susan Sciarretta—Kimberly Lara, 18 Nov; Al & Jane Costantine—Hillary, 10 Dec; Paul & Mary Jane Trotti—Paul, Jr., Dec; Warren & Peggy Brooks—Geoff, Dec; George & Joan Weightman—Brian, Dec; Glenn & Susie Carriere—son, Jan; Chris & Sharon Losey—John Robbie, 8 Feb.

Rich Wilson is also here in Atlanta. I'm thankful he was here to help me get settled in too! Still a bachelor and enjoying a co. cmd at Ft McPherson, Rich reports that Art "A-Man" "Impending-Doom" Coumbe (now at Carson) will be bailing out in Jun to get his MA in hist at Duke and Brent Crabtree (as of 8 Jun) will be with the 2/36 Inf, 3AD, Germany.

Well, in brief, that's it! What a barrage of news. Please keep me up to date on the latest.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you at WOOPS in a few months. God Bless!

'74

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This installment opens on a sad note as I wish to announce the first death of our Class. Bruce Kruegar passed away 13 Sept 77 as a result of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash near Eschslufuher, Germany, on a Re-

forger exercise. Bruce was a true friend to all and will be dearly missed.

The new address above now marks my home until approximately next Dec. And then . . . Hopefully Founders Day pics will find their own way in this issue. My presence on the beautiful isle of Kauai prevented my attending the function in HI and due to PCS, a large number everywhere missed out on the occasion.

A late letter for the last issue is from Ted Lombard. He's finished up as XO of a Lance Btry in Germany and is in Sill for FAOAC. Lou Egrid, from Germany and Tim Kiggins, AK, join him there.

Eric Vonderscheer and Tom Wills (MtrO, 1/30 Inf) arrived in Germany the same day and will depart the same on 25 Apr for IOAC. Same maybe old news by now is Tony Ressler, Bde A/S-1 in 3d ID, Germany, is headed for AOAC; Ed Sanders, Spt PL in 1/4 Inf; Terry Elmore is S3 LnO, 1/4 Inf; Tim Shaver is LnO S3, 3d Bde. John Sapanara ext in Germany a yr; Steve Bollens and family arrived and is in the 123 Sig, 3d ID; Todd Bacastow is an aide in Berlin. Eric plans to meet me in CA in May and we'll run a marathon together prior to IOAC. Watch out Boston!



1974: The Markhams, Moores, Pasinis and Millers.

Bob Bassler dropped me a card while leaving Germany. He and Marce will be at Belvoir in EOAC now.

Denny Gum sends greetings and pictures from the DMZ in Korea. He had just rtned to Tumwater, WA, in his mid-tour lv to visit with wife Karen along with Julie, Dennis II, and newly arrived Melissa Elizabeth on 1 Feb 78. Denny has seen a lot of folks around Korea, Mike Rogers is flying Cobras at Cp Stanley. Don McGrath, Paul Millner, Ned Chabot and Keith Saddler are all in 2/9th Inf at Cp Greaves. Denny and Tom Turner are both Pls/Security O's at Panmunjom. Rick Goodhand has br trans to CE, he's in Korea. Tim Peterson and Dave Rodarte are partying it up there too. Back at Campbell, Denny hears that Don & Sherry Jenkins added #3 with the birth of Kirsten in Dec 77. Also Sparky Anderson and Lee Van Arsdale married sisters in Dec 77. What a precedent, that's happened twice in our Class. Sparky is now a CoCO in 1/327 Inf; Denny Dimengo is also a CO in 1/501st and Marv Searle is both XO and Recon PL in D/1/501st.

John Martin recently left warm HI for a bout in winter Rgr Sch and dropped me a line prior to city wk. He says Jim Sharp, one of our 3 defects to the Navy, is now in cmd of a Navy-Marine Res Cen in Reading, PA, an O-4 slot. Since Jim is on the O-3 pro-



1974: Williams and Gleichenhaus.

motion list, he was made LT (CPT in the Army) already without the raise in pay. They call it getting frocked, similar to an E-4 to AJ for you grunts. Anyhow John and Jim visited Woops and were shocked to learn the beanheads can get beer on weekends at Eisenhower Hall! I was shocked too, old corps I guess. Further John says Gary Pestrak is running the Pathfinder Comm at Ft Ben and Jesse McCorvey is a tac there for IOBC or OCS. Also Mike Davis br trans from Inf to OC, has been to Redstone Ars and on to Korea. Good Luck in Rgr, John.

Now to attempt this next spiel, to glean an H-2 newsletter by Milt Spaulding. Milt is in Harvard Law Sch now and last summer he traveled cross country and checked up on his ole buddies. This should be somewhat reliable, here goes. Don & Lauri Dubia (FA), Ft Carson, where Don has been S1, Legal O, and Lauri is an AG 2LT, the post social dir. Don recently was accepted into the Army JAG program and will start this fall. Pete & Gail Breton (ADA) are still in HI, Pete has his MBA and Gail is working toward hers while teaching. They are slated for the May 78 adv cse at Bliss. Randy & Ann Francis Hughes, Riley, where he is A/S1 and Ann (AG 2LT) is working in the Riley Post O. They like Manhattan (KS of course). Rick & Debbie Vincent (AR), Germany, where Rick is in an avn unit and they have one child. Larry & Christy Milam (AR) is with an avn bn in Ft Wainwright, AK. Chuck & Sally Thebaud, Berlin, and due for IOAC in Jun. Others last heard of are Don & Marianne Zacherl, Germany, a daughter Christina: Steve & Gina Monks, Germany; Doug & Karen Crewse, Reese AFB, TX; Perry & Cathy Falk (CE) are in Belvoir now for the adv cse, recently they both got their master's at Purdue, Perry in EE. Wendell & Kathy Garcia, he's near Athens, Greece, after Mon-



1974: Founders Day WP Society of Savannah: Banks and Nations.



1974: Fulda, Germany: Wolf, the Kalinichs', the Loys, Bean, the Hunters, Potter, Hastie.

terrey language sch. Mike & Pip (Roberta) Kelly are split up presently because Mike is in Korea as an Btry XO of 150's, Pip back in OH. Mike is rooming with Ron Miller in Korea. Al & Carol Malich, HI, married Apr 77 in FL. Al is now FSO of 1/14 Inf. George & Lori Runkle, Germany; Don & Sherry Jenkins in Campbell along with Danny, Tasha and Kirsten. Brad Harris (ADA) at Hood, spent 15 mos in Korea and was last heard to be engaged to a TX honey.

Now Milt gets into his single category of H-2'ers. Marv Searle is at Campbell and according to Milt is "next likely to get engaged" of the 8 remaining bachelors. Marv was recently selected as an alternate in the Army JAG prog. Good Luck. Bill Reinhart (SC) is now CoCO of HHB of a 155's and 8-in Bn at Ord. He was previously the C&E O, rooms with Todd Troxell and is due for the SOAC in Jul 78. Ted Martin, AF, is in Edwards AFB, CA, was previously an engr on the A-10 project but now on the cruise msl. Jim Corman (ADA) has quite an interesting track.

From Carson he went to Leavenworth as a BG's aide, returned to Bliss in Jan 78 and is slated to join the same BG in Germany in Aug 78 as his aide. John Sladky, Germany, was due for IOAC in Apr 78. Mark Austin, MSC-MD, is in the Army Med Sch prog somewhere. Cliff Krebs spent 22 mos in Korea, returned to Ft Stewart, GA, in the Rgr Bn as a co. XO. Milt also reports that Andy Green and Dave Fastabend are at MIT now too. Thanks Milt, if the other 35 co's did like you I'd be all smiles (with writing cramps).

Dwight & Linda Webster met the deadline with some Lewis poop. They'll be heading for Redstone Ars and then Aberdeen in the 2-phase Ord Msl Adv Cse. Bob Beecher rtrned from Germany, chased a few single girls in the Lewis area and is now in FAOAC. Bob was a Svc Btry CO of 2/377 FA in Germany. Founders Day was a success at Lewis, among the attendees were John and Sue Miller, he's XO/HHC/2d Bde; Tom & Holly Daula, he's XO/A/864th Inf Bn.

I had the pleasure of being visited in the

isles by a few buddies. Scott Shires, a BG's aide at Lewis, came on business in Feb 78 when a portion of the 2/75 Rgrs came for a short exercise. In the Rgrs still are Eric Paternoster, Ed Yeterian, both PL's, Greg Gardner the Spt PL. Craig Robinson left the Rgrs and is now XO in 2/47 Inf. Steve Shambach, 2/60 Inf, married Vicky Warner, daughter of the former Lewis CG. Duncan Turner was married 29 Dec 77 to Becky at Lewis. Lou Vozzo has been Spt PL, 4.2 PL, and is now the A/S3 in 3/39 Inf, still single and due to attend the Aug IOAC with Scott. Bruce & Pat Grant are there, he's a rifle CoCO in 2/1 Inf as of Nov 77. Eric Fardelman has been XO of HHC, 9th Div and recently he and Robin had a child. Pat McBrayer is CoCO of a rifle co in 3/60 Inf. Also Marty Giandoni, at Ord, was married last Aug to a 1LT, Terry. Marty br trans from MI to AGC.

Steve Stevenson was taking lv in HI prior to taking a cmd job at Ord and gave me a buzz. He and his wife Gail welcome all to visit them, he'll be there another yr. He notes that present folks at Ord are Chuck Tobin in HHC, 2/31; Charlie Gleichenhaus is S3 Air in 6/31 Inf, Todd Troxell is XO of HHC, Bde; Bill Kenny the S1 in 6/31.

Steve & Kathy Leggiero recently arrived in the islands from Rucker along with Ryan (2 yrs). He's flying Cobras in 3/4 Cav and promptly deployed with them for a month's tng on the Big Island. His news: Bob & Melanie Jewart are in Germany until Sept 78, they have 2 little ones, most recent is Scot. Rick Binger and Rich Kornacki, both married, are recently out of Rucker and off to Korea. Frank & Grace Prindle are now at Rucker along with their boy, Brandon. Geary Bauman is in Korea, wife Chris is back in NY. John Gilmer from Rucker to Germany he goes.

Gene Dickey informed me of the complete list of men accepted into the Law Prog, as follows: Gene, Don Dubia, John Fitzpatrick, Dave Fowler, Bob McFetridge, Dennis Phillips, Ray Saunders, Chuck Thebaud, Harry Williams, and Craig Wittman. Marv Searle and Jim Blackwell were named as alternates. These along with last yr's group make quite a contingent in the legal area; a handy group of friends, eh?

Gene also notes that Blaine & Marcia Hyten are in B Co Cbt Avn Bn, Germany; Greg Butson is in HHC/3/28 Inf, from Riley to Germany and involved in nuc wpsns. Ed & Mary Filiberti were off to the Mar IOAC. Ed Polom was in Italy, br trans from ADA to CE and is in Belvoir for EOAC. Ted & Deni Davis, Carson, have a son Jeremy, 10 mos and eating as much as Ted! Ted's an XO in 1/10 Inf. Jim & Julie Grunseth, Germany, have a daughter, Sara, 15 mos and doing great. He's in B Co 4th Sig Bn. Gary Coleman is now the MtrO of 1/8 Inf, Carson. The Bob Williams', bof'em (Georgian for "both of them"), are deploying to Germany on Reforger with E Co, 704th



1974: Founders Day Ft Sill.



1974: Bridge of No Return, Panmunjom, Korea: Gum, McGrath, Turner, Millner, Sadler, Chabot—Jan 78.



1974: Camp Stanley, Korea: Rozzoni, Bennett, Kelly, and Miller.

Maint Bn. Steve Trauth, Carson, is S2 of 1/10th Cav and suspected of dating steadily. Jim & Bea Fishback spent a 2d honeymoon in HI, he's the Bn MtrO in 4/46 Arm. Bill Betson PCS'ed to Germany from Carson as the Sct PL in 1/70 Arm. Thanks to the Dickey's for the info.

Warning, tidbits to follow: Rob & Bridget Minor announce an addition, Erin Eileen, on 22 Jan 78; He's at Notre Dame. Mitch Craig-mile finished cmd of HHB of a corps arty btry at Bragg. Bill Davis (CE) has a co in HI and Steve DiSilvio was soon to get one there.

Some orders, to Korea are Jim Davidson, Paul Tafone, Roger Goodman, Mike Tulay, Willis Marti, Joe Greer, Dave Rogers and Bob Kocher. Rtning from Korea are: John Mainwaring, Al Saum, and Marty Svoboda, all to Knox; Denny Gum, Dave Burget, Mike Rogers, Keith Saddler, all to Ben; Hal Hedberg to Homestead, Ken Hicks and Gary Gorby to Bliss, Jim Relyea to Lewis. To Germany are Dave Hohnstine, Den Rochette, John Majeroni (now AGC I think). Sig Kirchner from Rucker to Hood, Randy Tart from Germany to Carson. And most of the other orders delt in the adv cse lists.

Ralph Bower was killed on 4 Apr 78 in Spangdahlen, Germany, in an airplane accident. He was buried at WP on 10 Apr. Services were held in the Old Cadet Chapel. Susan is temporarily at the home of her parents, COL Milum D. Perry, 264 Soldad Dr, Monterey, CA 93940.

Well our yr group always gets to try out new things, and now it's the O-2 over 4 exploit. Some have told me it's a bad deal, a bite in pay, and a longer way to O-4 (for those of you inclined). Or you can look at it as an extension of LT screw-ups, such as with a map and compass, as I usually do. Grin and bear it and Aug will soon be here. Write your Benning friends and I'll get the word, OK?

'75

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Greetings from everywhere so let's get started. Roger Kaplan sends horror stories from HI. The temp had dropped to the 50's and they wore sweatshirts to PT for several days this winter. Worse yet the FA types will stay until Sept 79 due to FAOAC dates. I really feel for him on that sad note. Roger spent a month in New Zealand during Pacific Pack V and he, Gary Neiderlander and Ray Riddle are now Btry XO's. Tom Berens is Liaison to 3/4 Cav. Bob Boyko is CO, HHC 2d Bde while he and Joan welcomed Adam in Dec. Lynn Wahlgren returned from Eniwetok after 6 mo of making the island

livable for 400 at a price of 40 million. Good sun. John Gilbert is trying to transfer to the Marine Corps. Tom Warren, Jack Hug and Roger fought the Army-Navy game from the Pearl Harbor Officers Club. A bit daring but the food was worth it and so was the score.

For all D-2 members, Jerry Hill and Roger aren't going anywhere so drop them a line. They love Phoa Kuloa.

Dave Morris is enjoying DLI in Monterey. He was with Keith Self, Jim Davis and Al Perle in SFOC graduating Nov 77. Judy is an accountant working with CPA firm while he studies Spanish. They'll be driving to Panama in Aug where Dave will be assigned to Ft Gulick 3/7 SFG. Mike & Susan Wimmer left Monterey for Panama in Apr. Mike was the top man, and received the Cmdt's award for his DLI class.

Dave stopped at Polk to see Bill Hoffman a while back. Bill gave up tanks for the post rifle team so he's not overdoing it.

Speaking of Polk, Pam Baker wrote; Phil recently picked up an Armor Cmd in Jan. Hope I see him on Reforger. Tom Connors is the GEN's aide back there and Squeaky conned him into buying a house. Jane & George Kaigh, Henry & Sandi Umanos are both expecting this Aug. Mark & Sue Hertling should arrive at Polk this summer.

Kathy Pardue wrote to release the startling news that Happy Hour at the Rucker O Club looks like homecoming every week. Bill's in fit sch with Jeff Hill, Joe Jagers, Bob Johnson, Joe Langan and Joe McCutcheon.

From the Hood dust appears word from Dougald MacMillam. Doug's an XO of a



1975: Jennifer and Mark Novara—married 18 Sept 76.

Cav trp, working on a Div Restructure study to streamline maneuver div TO & E. Marc Morgan returns from Germany with the 2/7 Cav next month and he's getting married so fast it's part of his inprocessing for CONUS. Leo Muniz is TDY on recruiting duty at WP. Mike Colotti and Ace Burkhard are wandering around, Mike as an S4, Ace as an S1. Leo's getting over and Mike and Ace need cases of bufferin.

Mark Novara married Jennifer in Sept and they'll leave Sill for Germany in Jun. Welcome Aboard!

Drummond Taylor signed in from Jackson. '75 got hit real hard with the Korea levy but I'm not positive on who. Tony Cherri has a BCT Cmd at Jackson while Dave Milton has a HHC Cmd at Benning. Drummond has had a reception station co. for 14 mos with no end in sight. His branch transfer to MI was approved 20 Dec 77. His first input is based on a recon mission at WP where he reports Marymount girls still like to party. Some things will never change.



1975: Mehlenbeck, Chevolis and Fletcher.



1975: Founders Day Ft Campbell.



1975: Madsen wedding 2 Jul 77.

Ed Murdock is a 1st yr stu at the Uni-formed Svs U. of Health Science at Bethesda, MD, following the footsteps of Bill Lloyd.

Jim Pettit has bit the dust. He and Linda were married 24 Feb in Dillon, SC. Naturally he didn't write but whoever sent me the unsigned newspaper clipping, thank you.

Pete Madsen sent a long letter full of news in early Jan. Dave Frenier was married to Sandi (last Feb). She's an Army nurse, an acquaintance from Belvoir EOBC days who only recently was reassigned from Polk to join Dave at Bragg. Dave is switching from Co XO to S3 Air of his Bn. Bernie Spence, now an Engr is forever trying to teach equipment operators Inf tactics. Rick Hoefert arrived from Korea last spring and he's the Bn Santa Claus.

Pat Findlay is now on Div Staff as the Engr LnO. Fancy title but really he's a ping pong ball with Div Hq as the table and O'6's as the paddles.

Pete's got a yr left at Bragg then he's off to grad sch at GA Tech or U. of TX. He and Linda had a lovely honeymoon in the Virgin Is. Pete's now a Co XO. Rich Langhorst is the S1 for a CEWI Bn. Steve Hetz is enjoying married life and coasting as an S4 (why later). Mike Killiam is in an S3 air slot while he and Heather took time off to win post tennis championships.

Bob McDonald has this request from Pete. "It took an engr to find a wife for an infantryman. I hope he doesn't ask me to help with the kids." Paul Peterson hibernates in the S4 shop of the 2d/505th Inf. Bill Lloyd will be the only Abn, Rgr, Engr, MD in the Army, but he promises to have patients "low crawl" into the office and his scalpel will be a demo knife from Rgr Joe's.

Wes Hayes has a lot of news. Mike & Kathryn Kershner moved on post with Mike assigned to the SF Group. A 2½-yr reunion was held at Pope AFB with John McNally doing the bulk of the work setting it up. He deserves a pat on the back and an offer for the 5-yr slot. Approximately 50 classmates and wives attended.

Rob Byers has an AT Plt so does Bob Sellers. Bill Troy has an XO CSC Co slot. George Mitchell has Btry XO job while Lee Buckner has a Redeye section. Lee only has one kid, not 2, sorry about that, Lee didn't mean to jump the gun. However Joe & Kathy Schroedel have 2 little ones now. Steve Hetz is coasting as an S4 as previously

noted cuz he's headed for med sch sometime soon. Bob McDonald is a Co XO with John Adams taking his slot as a Bn S3 Air. Charley Skaggs is running a lot. He finished 8 out of 350 in the JFK Cen race. Mike Pinkney is married and in the SF Class with Kershner, Jeff Akamatsu, Jim Wooley, Scott Mooney, Ron Baynes, Keith Huber, Jean Nash, Greg Fogg, Bo Boehmuler, John Davis, Gerry Johnson, Charlie Ford, Paul Bonney and Pat McGree.

Ralph Ghent has a Sig Cmd now with Bill O'Brian due to take cmd soon. Bill and Pat recently had a baby girl—with cmd on the way Bill will have his hands full. Sonny Gibson has an aide slot down at Benning.

Wes told me the interesting news that women hit the 82d in Jun.

Bob Enzenauer is finishing up his 3d yr of med sch with graduation slated for May 79. Bob hopes to do his residency in pediatrics at Fitzsimons GH (79-82) near Denver. He's also engaged to be married to Jill Monterey in Apr 79. She's an attractive fellow stu. Neil Ahle is considering vet sch at the

UMO. Bob talked to Don Gagliano and Don is enjoying med sch with a rumor his fiance is a nurse at Leonard Wood.

So much for CONUS, now for the hard working side of the world. John Deacon's now with 563 Ord in Wiesbaden. He's with a GS missile spt co. for USAREUR; DS for 7th ATC, SETAF and Berlin. His job is great, calling for TDY trips all over Europe. John will be in Crete in Jun. He says Wiesbaden is better for partying than Baumholder. I know that, I live in Baumholder. Roy Allison has branch transferred from Arm to Fin. He's now the mainstay of V Corps Finance in Frankfurt. Lynn McCrum received his MSBA from BU this winter. He drives in excess of 130 mph with his new \$14,000 77 Porche. Jim Bonine is happily married and running around in Frankfurt. Frank Mrak has a Lance unit in Wiesbaden and can't decide if he enjoys himself more on duty or off duty. Steve Guthrie's with the 509th in Italy. He just got back from a field problem in England where a pub owner's daughter snatched him up. Consequently she's visiting Italy. Steve always has been a sneaky devil.

Out of Bad Tolz comes a letter from Glenn McDermott. He's the XO at the Plt Confidence Cse in the Alps with a SF det. He's been there since Aug and loves it.

Gil Mestler, Bill Kay, Pete Anderson and John McFarland were in his SFO class. They're now at Devens and Bragg. Glenn has a story about John who was caught by John Lane and Bill Reid of the 82d during the end of course field problem. John McFarland was swimming to get away from aggressors when a troop fell in the lake and couldn't swim so John came back and dragged him to shore. He was captured and had to spend the night in a Port-a-Poddy. Doesn't sound too fair does it, but Bill Reid and John Lane always were ones to grab an opportunity.

Charlie Cardinal has been located in the 2d Rgr Bn at Ft Lewis. Ben Freakley has a rifle co. and Susan is expecting in Jun.

Dick Gourley is rambling through Stuttgart but I don't know what he does for a living. Larry Hartman is drinking hard in



1975: First row: Barget, the Brewers, Kolars and Lynes; Back row: Strom, Rogers and Ramirez.



1975: Algeo and Ms. Faris.

Berlin. Drew Stanley had a Sct Plt in Jan. Glenn received a letter from Joe Manzo at Hood. He's married to Kay and can't wait to get out of Hood.

Does anyone know where Joe Farrington is?

Founders Day in Heidelberg was great. I discovered many interesting items. Dan Monken still dips potato chips in mustard and Dan and Justin have a little baby girl. I found Steve Westfall and his fiancé, Lisa. She had some words for Bill Barrantine which I can't print, though I'd like to. Darrell Harris is BG Williams' aide while John Fiedler has moved from his relaxing post at Graf to a S4 slot in Stuttgart. Bob Grossman was there drinking hard. He was crushed in a ¼ ton which got hit by a 5 ton, medivaced to Walter Reed for 5 mos and now he's back in Bobbenhansen with 2/83 Arty.

Tom & Diana Fix have a message for the world. "She's not pregnant yet and fingers are crossed." However luck runs against her because Baumholder is noted for its effect of the water. Diana is the secy in the 1/39 Inf where Dorian & Sherll Anderson have a baby, while Vic & Faith Bero are "expecting."

Steve & Denise Beever danced around celebrating Steve's departure from Spt Plt 4/69 AR to Cmdr of Hq Co of the Mainz Mil Com. It was noticed how the Engrs banded together for protection at dinner, Bob & Jean Hoopes, Jim & Mary Ann Raney, John Fiedler, Tent Keeble, Dave & Jean Rittenhouse. The rest of us enjoyed ourselves with the exception of Dave Morris who as usual wandered off from his date, Trish, to talk to every other beauty in the place. Naturally we bachelors put on our fire hats and calmed Trish down while we all jumped on Dave. John & Pat McConnell are working hard at HHC 3d Bde 8ID while Doug Brown



1975: Novaro, Annen, Beaty, Anderson, Jablonski.

helps out the 3/8 Cav. John & Wendy Bailey are enjoying Europe and Arty duty with the 2/83 while Matt & Jo Ann Finley enjoy the 2/6 FA. Carl & Sandy Johnson were there from Bamberg where Carl works in the S3 shop of 1/54 Inf. The last man to depart was Kurt Hansen. He was so busy dancing he didn't notice everyone else leave. We waited a long time for pictures but the 61-68 classes took so long to organize that some of our group headed for home. John & Pat Sapienza enjoyed dinner with us and we enjoyed hearing about John Jr., who arrived on 3 Jan 78 just in time to miss the tax deadline. Pat had some H-4 news: Dan Judy will be married in Jun (Carson), Bill Highfill is in med sch and married but we don't know to whom. Gary & Marsha Nicholas have a baby girl, Heather Marie; Dean & Jan Ashbaugh have Jacqueline Marie. Pat received a note from Denny & Leslie O'Rorke. They're traveling around Europe while Denny moonlights with D Tm 42D USAAD

I saw Ward Jones in a Polish labor force latrine during Feb and met Pete Martin in an abandoned rock quarry 2 days later. Beat those 2 if you can. Thanks for news, it's really picking up.

'76

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I hope this epistle finds all of you in good health and spirits. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all others in med school "happy hump summer"—we're half way there. On to the news.

Scott Mackay sent news from Ft Ord. He's the only quartermaster grad in the Class and is Class I Officer in the 7th S&T Bn. Scott's sharing an apt with Paul Harjung who's a CE officer for the 14th Engr. Dusty Huscher, who by the time this gets out will probably be in sunny England for his Rhodes, was a PL in the same Bn. Doug Koenig's there too in the Div 13th Engr Bn. John Labella, long time-no hear, is the CO of a MSC co. with the post hosp. Scott's seen a



1976: Founders Day Fulda, Germany: Schroeder, Mauro, the Jettes, Rollins (youngest grad present).

bunch of Inf grads including Ed Healey, Walt Sutterlin, Steve Kidder, Mike Cantrell, and Wally Schrepel. (Kidder's as grey as ever.) Harry Jarred and Rick Gonder are both in the 127th Sig Bn while Dave Heekin guards the skies with the 151st ADA. Stover James is stumping DIVARTY with his baseball trivia as a btry XO in the 2/8th FA.

Randall Braden wrote to send some news from Illesheim. Bob Klotzback and Mark Berry are there to keep him company. Bob's doing well as a Mech Inf PL and Mark's in Arm. Randy, who's in a HAWK unit, says that there's more to it than pushing buttons. While in the Hohenfels, Randy saw Neil Youngberg who is now happily married. He also saw Bruce Hoover in Schweinfurt—Sheri and he are also doing well. Both Bruce and Neil are PL's. Randy says that Louis Held is still doing his sketches at Ft Bragg. Up at Buddy Cornell's place, Randy saw Mark Grimes and Carl Kikerpill—both have good jobs near the Moselle. Joe Riolo also showed his face up there. While in Crete, Randy saw Scott Kallman who apparently likes FRC a lot. Randy also saw Larry Slate in Nurenberg—he's in Wildflecken. Apparently, one day at Randy's Tac site, Mark Dulong wandered out in the vicinity and ended up down range—Randy turned him



1976: The Evans', Valerios, Misyars, and Milburns.



1976: Standing: Premont, McLeod, Carroll, Bornhoff; Seated: Sue Premont, Joannie Hutchins (guest), Donna Carroll, and Leigh Anna Allen (guest); O'Leary in front.



1976: Founders Day Ft Benning: Front: Ida Botto, Beth Felty, Bev Thompson, Melanie Jones, Karen Keeton; Rear: Botto, Felty, Monday, Bruckner, Jones, Lawson.



1976: Front: Cogliandro, Gasparovic, Colchado, Boca, Daron, Bromfield, Riojas; Rear: Davis, Nyander, Klawitter, Doan, McLean, Judge, Converse.

around and everything ended up happily ever after. Randy Cuthbertson is now at GW Med Sch in DC. He and Elaine apparently have a very nice place in Alexandria. As a PS Randy says that he just got a wedding invite from Jack Merklein—the wedding's on 28 Dec.

Bob McClure sent a bachelor-way-of-life-lauding letter from FRG where he and John Taylor are PL's in A Co 12th Engr. Mike Dellarede is in the same apt bldg. Mike's apparently enjoying 1400 on Fri when he can happy hour it with his secretaries. Wayne Trujillo is across the river in Wiesbaden with the 1/133rd FA(Lance). Bob ate Xmas dinner with Jimmy & Karen Donovan in Ashaffenburg. They're doing very well—Jim's in C Co. 1/4Inf. Amy & Jack Myers' new daughter's name is Becky—Jack's ADA in Wurzburg. Ken Liepold is north of Frankfurt in Butzbach in the FA. Steve Eisenhart hails from Giessen and is also doing OK. At last report, Mark Tillotson was playing some tough rugby for a Darmstadt team. Rich Downie is in Mainz in the 2/28 Inf as is Billy Walsh. Dan Whiting was married on 7 Jan to Patrice Fischer in MI. Bob heard a rumor that Jose Cuellar in Bragg is getting married sometime this summer. Rich Dean was married in Sept in Honolulu to Heather—Bob says she's a real beauty. Dave Yatto and Ellis Golson are also with Bob in Mainz. They're in 4/69 Armor. George Sherman passed through Bob's stomping grounds a while back. He's finished his tour in Korea and is now in Kaiserslautern. Bob finished by saying that he and J.T. are trying to drink Germany dry . . . All I can say is best of luck. I've notified Guinness.

Rick Manson's back from Korea now and is at Ft Huachuca. Willy Medsger's living next door—what a pair. Rick's right now at a 12-wk cse at Ft Ben Harrison. Apparently, Dave Finkelstein just found out that he's going to be BG Symmes' aide for the next year and he's pretty happy with that. John Reidt's already left Korea by now and stopped in Philly to marry Maria on 18 Mar.

Got a letter from John Williamson's mother in NM. She's the first person to let me know I erred in the column. (We all know there must have been others?) John's now back stateside a Ft Carson. He was able to take leave over Xmas to be best man at his brother Bill's wedding.

Gary Jerauld wrote from Mainz to say that he and Marijane are doing well. He's the XO for B Co. 4/69 Arm. Derek Weaver is a PL in 2/87 Inf and Mike Hall is the Scout PL for 2/28 Inf. Linda & Billy Walsh are enjoying Germany. He's also in 2/28 Inf along with Bobby Tezza. On New Year's, Sharon & Larry Renfro came in from Bad Nauheim where he is a PL in 1/36 Inf to



1976: Dale and Pat Snyder, 25 Nov, Washington, DC.



1976: Kneeling: Soeth, Sutterlin; First row: Gonder, Schrepel, Rooney, Husher, Lemza; Back row: Jarred, Heekin, McKay, Prinslow, James, Kidder.

party with the Jeraulds. Brian Zahn was also able to make it from the wastelands of Hohenfels. He will be back at Ft Hood as BMO for 2/41 Mech by the time this goes to print.

John Brenneman wrote from Ft Jackson to let us know about his cousin, Dave McSween's wedding on 30 Dec. At the wedding were Lou Liuzzo, Joe Saffer, Steve Rawlick, Pete Tuebner, Ed Cawley, and Karl Grunewald. The bride was Ann Flaherty. Ann and Dave are now at Ft Riley. At Ft Jackson with John are Tony Jett, Rick Holcombe, Greg Fountain, Clint Austin, Max West, Paul Ligman, and Dave Noel.

Nanette Gordon sent the pic of the Army-Navy game and also said that Vicki & Bill Sipes had a son Gregory Ryan, on 30 Jan. John and Nanette spent a weekend with the Sipes in Mar.

Got a short note from Don Knowles' mother who says that Don married Carlyn Lewis from Omaha, NE on 2 Apr. Jim Williams was best man. Carlyn is stationed at Ft Hood along with Don. She just returned from a month in Germany. Don will be leaving sometime in Jul for 6 months in Germany.

The Odens wrote to say that Ray and Ann were married on 17 Dec at the Old Chapel at Ft Meyer. Dave Mabee was best man. Dave and Leslie are at Ft Bragg and doing well. Mike Driscoll and Steve Hayward



1976: Football at Ft Knox.



1976: Army-Navy 77—K-town, Germany.

were sabre bearers at the wedding. Steve is now living in Clarksville, TN but stationed at Ft Campbell. Mike is at Ft Bragg too, and just about to get married to Caroline. Jerry Warner was able to make it to the Odens' wedding, just getting back from ROK. Ann says that Ray and she saw Bruce Chudoba on the plane coming into Frankfurt and that he's doing well.

Dave Kapinos wrote to say that he and Rachel Banas were married on 1 Oct and are now living in Gelnhausen. Dave ran into Mike McGuire in Frankfurt International.

Dave Rees wrote from Ft Riley saying that after 10 months as a FO with 1/7th FA, he's finally been assigned a tank platoon with 4/63 Armor. Dave McSween was in the same boat, being an XO with Service Btry 3/6 FA. Joe Lesini, John Lawrence, and Brad Gillund are all in 1/7 FA. Dave's new XO is Kevin Anastas who's reteaching him everything he forgot about armor while with FA. Rob Schuett was an XO for a tank co. but has escaped from Ft Riley and is now at Flt Sch. During Reforger in Germany, Dave saw Michael Hamilton (his controller) and Dan Korzym (the controller of the German unit). Dave saw Chuck Allen in a motorpool and Chuck said that his controller was Bill Steffan. Tim Miller and Dave went to the AF game last fall and saw the bunch at Ft Carson. Tim's now TDY at Camp

Drum, NY for the winter. PS: Dave wants letters from Hector Topete and Keith Snider.

Going through the stack of letters, the next one's from Dave McSween about his wedding. Looks like he's getting double mention. Dave's now a PL/motor officer for C Co. 2/63 Armor and the word's out that he's in for Reforger next Jan. I'm taking up a collection for ear muffs for Dave.

The quarterly Finkelstein note is as follows: "Our best to George & Nita Greenlee on the birth of their daughter. J.T., where is my invite to the boat ride? Patti & Bill, Hobie, Cal, Slick, Tony Hello to you all and everyone else, Dave and Lorraine too. The letters come in so fast I can't answer them all. "Bachelors 8" watch out—spring is coming."

Jim Bob Rollins wrote a small biography and pictorial essay in his letter. He's now in Bad Heufeld along with Steve Mauro where Jim Bob has 2d PLT and Steve has 1st PLT in I Troop 3/11ACR. His adventures are unparalleled as far as other letters go. If you look in Stars and Stripes, Vol. 36, No. 100 about a LT who tried to make Guinness book of Records by setting the record on the most people crammed into a tank . . . well that was Jim Bob. He never got the record 'cause some of the folks higher up didn't look too well on it. Jim Bob says that Dave Eachus is stationed in Schwabach and his CO is CPT John James, his former Juice P. Dale & Pat Snyder were married 25 Nov in DC. The folks at the wedding included Jim Bob, Glen Krc (now at Ft Lewis and planning to go to grad sch in Phys at MIT sometime early this year), Mike Pinckert (now at Ft Bragg and enjoying himself), Tom Swaim (at Colo Spgs), Jim Brege (at Ft Campbell), and of course Dale who had just returned from HI.

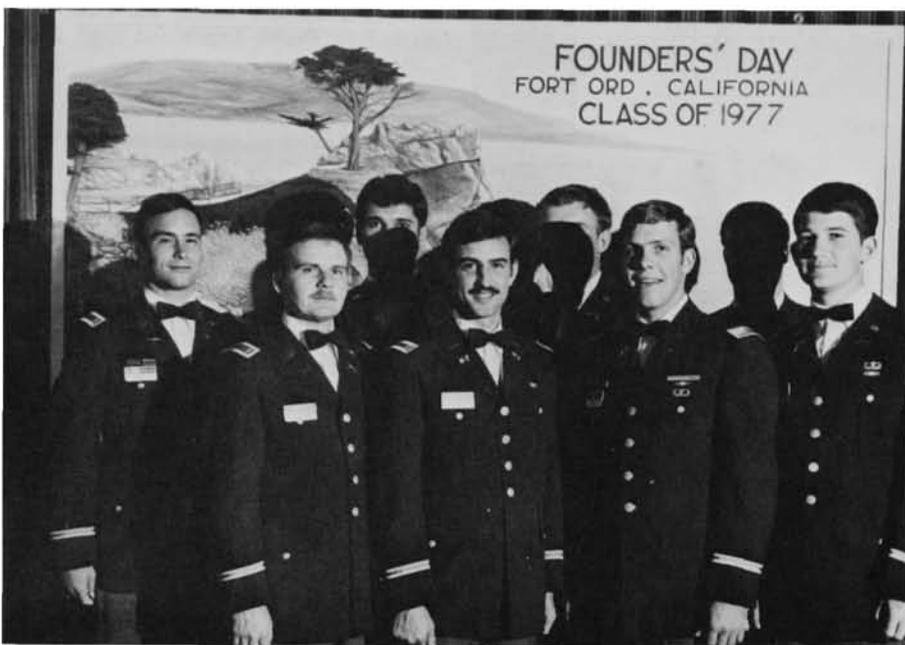
Last but not least, Patti & Robert McEwin are coming through New Orleans next week. They timed it perfectly. We're having a crawfish boil and going to do some water skiing. Anybody coming through N.O. is likewise invited to drop by for similar torture. Everybody have a good summer and send in those Founders Day pictures!!



1976: Jim Bob's now infamous tank.



1976: Dale and the crew in DC.



1977: Front: Hayden, Jacobson, Goebertus, Dougall; Rear: Hughes, Betros, Berry, Biggerstaff.

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Before we know it a year will have gone by and we no longer will be the jr class.

My apologies to those of you who have written me and I have not answered your informative letters. I hope to get most of those letters answered soon. As you might have noticed my address has changed, I recently moved into a house which I bought. At Ft Ord I learned that the life expectancy of a line PL is very short. I had a platoon for 2 mos but now I am the XO of Co A 3/17 Inf.

Dave Chadwick is having a great time in Baumholder. He told me that "the German people are fantastic, food is great, and the Deutsch women are FABULOUS!" Along with Dave are Nicky Altomare, Steve Tupper, Skip Clements, Phil Thompson, Danny Alberico and Tim Flanagan. All of them are in COL West's bde. Good luck fellows. I told you it was a small Army.

Mike Kanner seems to be doing well at Ft Knox and has a lot of news. Armin & Doreen Cruz have settled in nicely and Armin is a TO for one of the AIT companies. Mike Kwan has recovered from his mishap at Rgr Sch and can be seen hopping around. Kevin Pilgrim and Mike went through the M60A1 Armor Basic Cse. While Andy Sando, Bob Mathis, Andy Manuele, Mike Johnson are going Cav and took the M551 course.

Mike & Deslie Church are in Ft Knox anxiously waiting to go to Wiesbaden after Mike finishes the Motor Officer Cse. Deslie is expecting a baby in May, so we wish them the best of luck and hope to hear the details later.

Jeff Tensfeldt finished FAOBC along with many of our classmates. He will be going to Korea and then to Ft Bragg instead of Ft Campbell. It seems as though many of our classmates asgmts have been changed. Rich Grammier will go to Italy instead of Germany. Bill McDonald will go to Korea and then to Hood. Gary & Paula Krahn are coming to Ft Ord instead of Germany.

Now it is time for my quarterly "cupid report." Kelly Ferrell and Janice Brown were married 26 Nov 77. Skip Paul and Karen Hillsman followed suit over Xmas. Don Fuller got married while was at the basic course at Ft Sill. Scott Lofgren and Arlene Wujciak joined hands on 11 Feb 78. Dave & Debbie Rost were also married during Feb and should be in Germany by now. Jeff Hetherington and Casey (good name) got engaged. The lovely Jan Priester and Mike Hughes will get married on 29 Apr. Ken Miller, Jamie Renfrow, Terry Stewart, Dave Brooks, and Kurt Struder will be at the wedding. Jack Kime has found "true love" and by the time this is published he should be married. His fiancée took the Motor Officer Cse with Jack and they should be Germany bound by now.

Next on the agenda is the "stork report." Above all our congratulations to Kevin & Ann Hayes and George & Nancy Mitroka. Kevin

and Ann are the proud parents of Christine Marie; she arrived on 23 Feb weighing in at 8 lbs 4 oz. In the past, the "cup" has been awarded to the "godson" of the class. This year our first-born might have been a "goddaughter" and Christine Marie could be the first goddaughter of the Corps. What do you think? I am waiting for your comments. George Andrew Mitroka III might on the other hand be our godson. He was born on 13 Mar at 8:10 a.m., weighing 8 lbs 3 3/4 oz and was 20 1/2" long. We wish the best of luck to George and Nancy. Along with the Hayes' and Mitrokas there are many more "expecting mothers" and "fathers to be" in the Class, among them are: the Churchs, Comptons, Grammiers, Harwoods, Hodges' and Hicks. Good luck to all of you, we hope to hear from you soon. Please send pictures.

Mark Mengel continues to enjoy med sch. The snow storms back East gave him some days off so he relayed info on some guys from B-4. Rand & Janeann Ballard are in Ft Lewis now, Rand describes the job of Chaparral PL with the 1/67th as "challenging." Chris Batchelder finished Rgr Sch and is now at AOBC. Wes Walters has gone to FAOBC after Rgr Sch. Tom & Judy Hesse should be in Berlin by now after IOBC.

Tom Strehle on his way to Berlin sent me a report from winter Rgr Class 3-78. In a class that set a record for spot reports (Rgr demerits), and grad 86 out of 210, our Class fared quite well. Our special congrats to Bob Heun the Distinguished Honor Grad and Chuck Busick the Honor Grad. Not to mention all of you who graduated. Mich Howell was also an Honor Grad in another Rgr class.

Marty Long wrote from Korea. He has been assigned as the Commo PL, HHB 1/44 38th ADA at Reno Hill, Korea. The post is very small but Marty is happy and believes Korea will be a great first assignment for him. Tom Kuchar is also in Korea as part of the 44th Engr Bn and he too is enjoying his job.

Nick & Pat Iorio are at Ft Bragg following EOBC. Nick is a PL in C Co. 27th Engr Cbt Abn Bn. During the snow blizzards his unit participated in Operations Snow Plow I&II to dig Toledo, OH and Boston, MA out of the snow.



1977: Front: Alderson, Frederickson, Pierson, Goodson; Rear: Gouthro, King, Welch, Stinner.



1977: Front: The Carrillos and Eltings; Rear: Dowell and Knight (youngest grad).

Kent Cuthbertson is in the 1/320th Abn FA at Ft Bragg and he will be going to Northern Warfare in AK at the end of Mar. Fred Alderson was able to get his asgmt changed to a FORSCOM slot and is now in the 2/1st FA, a 105 mm Bn at Ft Sill. As a new arrival, Fred jumped right into the AGI as the Motor Off, Tng Of, Safety Off, Crime Prev Off, and another half dozen additional duties. Dick Trotter and Wally Frankland are also slated to join Fred at Ft Sill. Phil (Konan) Pierson and Paul Richardson are PL's in the Int/Task Fce assigned to the FA Sch at Sill.

Jim Fitch is a PL in the AT Co. of the 3/10th Cav. at Ft Hood. He is in the DRS (Div Restructure) program and he enjoys it immensely. John Brannis is spending 6 mo in Germany as TDY from Ft Hood. Matt Martin's Bn at Hood will PCS to Germany sometime in Aug. Ken Scott is in the same boat as Matt since his Bn will PCS in Oct.

Fred Mills is recuperating from his broken ankle at the Motor Officer Cse, and will be Korea bound on 1 May. Mike Donahue is a PL for a Mech Bn at Ft Carson. He just bought a house with 2 fellow LT's in Colo Spgs. Jim Greer is enjoying his asgmt at Ft Knox. Chris Kurek is going to DLI here in Monterey for 9 mos to study German and then to liaison job in Deutschland.

Andy & Cathy Lamb are stationed in Zwübrecke, Germany. Andy is the Opns Off for the 327th Sig Co which is a fixed comm installation. Andy would like to hear from any fellow '76 and '77 grads of "Old F-1," especially Gary Starkweather who also is in Amberg. Andy is trying to get to med sch and would like to know if Jim Malcolm got an early out from his asgmt so he could go to Med Sch. By the way, Art Jackson you are reminded that Andy's parents are still expecting your visit in AL.

Steve Spaulding has reconsidered his previous statement on med sch. After 6 mo Steve can firmly state that "so far, med sch has been cake." I guess everything is relative. Anyway, Steve is enjoying himself and has become his class' pres. Of course the class has had a lot of parties since Steve's induction. After one short semester Steve has managed to get the reputation of "being the most laid-back member of the class as far as worrying about sch goes, and being a ski bum." I can't say that I am faring that well.

I hope most of you had the opportunity to celebrate Founders Day. I suppose many of us got the chance to speak as the "Youngest Grad." Keith Bombaugh did the honors at Ft Hood. BG S.R. Sheridan '51, wrote from Detroit to inform me that Mark Milia gave the best talk he has heard in over 20 Founders Day celebrations. Harry Knight spoke at Ft LWood, and I got the privilege to represent the class here at Ft Ord.

There are many of our classmates here at Ft Ord. As a matter of fact there are many who I have not seen. Doug Biggerstaff is still the Med PL for 2/32 Inf. Mike Hughes is the XO of C Co 3/17 Inf. Kelly Ferrell is in the 14th Engr Bn. Pancho Kinney is a PL in the 2/32 Inf. Hobbie McShea has a platoon in the 3/17 Inf. Dusty Frazier is also a PL in the 2/17 Inf, as Tom Hayden is in the 6/31 Inf. Steve Rotkoff is in a MI unit. Other classmates at Ft Ord include Kevin Scherrer, Lance Betros, Steve Torres, Dean Berry and Bob Newman. Chuck & Donna Holloway, Randy Hall and Harry Looney are recent arrivals to the Div. Mark & Sarah Jacobson seem to be doing quite well. Mark is the Commo PL for a



1977: Founders Day, WP Society of MI: youngest grad present.



1977: The Neals.



1977: Founders Day Ft Campbell: Rear: Rogers, Brooks, Renfrow, Laurence, Stewart, McGuan; Front: Mrs. Rogers and the Clays.



1977: Founders Day Ft Benning: Front: Kathie Ogas, Gloria Flynn, Patricia Roche, Monica Kiley; Rear: McFadden, Tedesco, Lopez, Durso, Schwegman, Montanari.



1977: Founders Day Hawaii: Lennox—youngest grad present.



1977: FAOBC 9-77 and FACBOC 2-78.

Cav Bn. In Apr Opn Brave Shield XVII will begin and it will take most of us to the field. The operation involves wargaming against the 9th Inf Div at Ft Irwin, CA and should be a very worthwhile exercise.

And that is all folks. . . Thanks for your great support. I hope to hear from you before my next deadline on 30 Jun.

#### MEN OF '77

This is the last of four free copies of ASSEMBLY that your Association of Graduates will be sending to those of you who joined the Association while you were still members of the Corps. To continue receiving ASSEMBLY and REGISTER after this issue you must subscribe at member rates. An order blank for this purpose was mailed to you on 1 April 78. We urge you to return it with your remittance and with data for your entry in REGISTER.

Since it is not always easy to understand our publication schedule, you should know that the four annual issues of ASSEMBLY are tied to major events: Founders Day, June Week, Homecoming, Christmas. By setting deadlines

#### Important message from USMA F&A Officer:

"Army regulations reduced the authorized term for graduation leaves to 30 days effective with the Class of '77. Secy Hoffman provided relief and authorized for the Class of '77 60 days leave because the class members were already cadets when the regulation was changed. Notification of this authoriza-

tion immediately following these events (not always possible with the fluctuating Homecoming) Class Scribes can draw from contacts and correspondence to enrich their Class Notes. Because it normally requires 8-10 weeks to put the magazine together and get it printed, you obviously do not receive it until a long time after those events.

If you do not keep us informed about your moves—and lieutenants are great travelers—your copy may never catch up to you. As military men you enjoy a special privilege, provided to insure the delivery of your mail. A printed form, DA FORM 3955, is readily available to you for reporting your change of address. It's a neatly printed card available in quantity, and you can send one to all



1977: The Mitrokas with George Andrew III.

tion was transmitted to the Supt, USMA, by letter from the CS of the Army in Feb 77.

"The U.S. Army F&A Center has received information that a number of '77 grads have had their leave accounts incorrectly adjusted because they used more than 30 days for graduation leave. The adjustments were made under the provisions of paragraph 9-2c(4), AR 630-5.

"It is recommended that all grads of the Class of '77 review their leave accounts to insure that improper adjustments have not been made. A review of the Leave Information and Remarks contained in members' copies of the JUMPS-Army Leave and Earnings Statements will reveal any errors. If errors related to this change in regulations are detected, they should be brought to the attention of the servicing F&A Office."

your correspondents (and publishers) free. Do send one for each move to your Class Scribe, and one to the Association here at West Point.

With each issue of ASSEMBLY and REGISTER you will find yourself more and more curious about what your classmates are doing. They in turn are just as curious—and interested—in you. So get in the habit now of keeping in touch with your Class Scribe. If letter-writing is a chore on top of everything else a new lieutenant has to worry about, the postal card is a convenient device. You might be surprised if you knew how many people in your Class and among the alumni are waiting for a word from you.

THE EDITOR

## Down the Field

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Champion USMA Orienteering Team have been chosen to compete in trials to gain acceptance for competition on the USA University World Team and the US Team for the World Orienteering Championships.

Based on their performance at the National Intercollegiate Championships held 1-2 April in St. Louis: Maloney, Arsenault, and Klaben qualified for slots on the USA University Team. Major Fish, Club OIC, was selected to act as the American coach and team official. These individuals will travel to Finland in July of this year to compete in the University Games if financial support exists and training schedules allow.

Also, ten cadets, Baker, Maloney, Arsenault, Klaben, Rush, Hellzen, O'Shaughnessy, Hoff, Platt and Sumner, were invited to the trials for the US World Team. The selection of these cadets was based

on orienteering performance over the past two years. The trials will be held in Minnesota on 5-7 May. Those selected at these trials will compete on the US Team in Norway in September of this year, again if scheduling allows.

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This year's West Point contingent of Boston marathon runners proved to be the fastest. In all, 20 cadets and six officers carried the Army colors in the contest. All 26 finished the grueling 26 plus miles, many with their best times ever run. Captain Greg Camp, Department of Math, finished first among the West Pointers (65th place) with a time of 2:24. The first cadet to finish was Montanez, Class of '80, with a time of 2:33.

The Army Bowling Team, while competing in the National Match Game Championships in Springfield, Massachusetts, qualified two individual bowlers, Kiewel '79 and Wiley '79 for the semi finals. Wiley finished number one and now moves on to the finals in New York City.

Thirty one members of the Rugby Club took the opportunity afforded by the Spring Break to visit the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in England for a return Rugby game. Sandhurst never recovered from a tremendous start by the Cadets who scored two tries in the first twenty minutes. West Point got its first victory in this match, 11-0. The second 15, although continually pinning Sandhurst in their own 22 meter line, could only manage a 7-7 tie in their match.

Assistant athletic director Tad Schroeder resigned his office in Admissions Support . . . LTC Richard McCann joins AAA as director of promotions . . . Through the fall and winter seasons, Army's varsity squads have compiled a .688 won-lost percentage (178-69-6), with all but squash and wrestling registering winning records . . . Included is a 7-5-1 mark against barnacle bait—Navy. If spring sports results hold, 1977-78 promises to be the best year since 1968-69 when percentage was .744. See summary.

# 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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**Isaac Spalding**

NO. 5065 CLASS OF 1912

Died 14 August 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 89 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



ISAAC SPALDING

IKE SPALDING was born at Denton, Texas, on 18 December 1887, the son of Henry Moses and Eleanor Lindsay Keller Spalding. As a young boy he lived in Northern Texas. In the late nineties the family moved to North Enid, Oklahoma Territory, and it was here that Ike got his grammar and high school education. He always rode horses as a boy, and in his early teens carried currency and silver in saddle-bags from his father's bank to other banks within a radius of 25 miles. Ike served in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1904-1906. He was always proud of his service in the Guard, and cherished the friendships made in those younger military days.

Ike was appointed to the Military Academy from the Territory of Oklahoma. The cadet days will be passed over with the remarks that he was in that "roughneck" F Company, and that he was the first person confirmed in the New Cadet Chapel.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Cavalry, the first station being at Camp Overton, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Upon reporting he was directed: "Mr. Spalding you are assigned to Troop K, and in addition you are Post Exchange Officer. Take over from Lieutenant Hicks at once." Strange first duty, but 39 years later without any intervening post exchange duty, Ike was appointed Chief, Army Exchange Service, and was promoted to brigadier general.

He transferred to Field Artillery in 1916. He had the changes of station and promotions common to the Army in his days. He graduated from the Mounted Service School, the Field Artillery School, the Command and General Staff School, the Army War College and the Navy War College. He took post graduate work at the University of Michigan in Pedagogy. During World War I he was an instructor in Officer Training Camps and at the Field Artillery School. He was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Auburn, Alabama, for four years, and each year the college received the "Distinguished" rating. Ike served four years as an instructor at

the Field Artillery School in the Department of Tactics. He served on the War Department General Staff four years in the War Plans Division, and four years later, one year in the G1 Division.

World War II service included Chief, Army Exchange Service; Commanding General, Fort McPherson, Georgia. His combat service was with the 77th Division in the capture and re-occupation of Guam in July and August 1944. He was invalided out of Saipan in October 1944. After six months in general hospitals he was put on "limited service" at Fort Bragg Replacement Center, then later at Fort McPherson Personnel Center and as Post Commander.

Ike retired for physical disability in July 1946 and established a residence in San Antonio, Texas. He went back on Active Duty, September 1946 to October 1947 and served in the War Assets Administration under his West Point roommate, Major General Robert McG. Littlejohn.

While on furlough Ike became a Blue Lodge Mason, and later joined other Masonic bodies. After retirement he served two elective terms as alderman in Terrell Hills, Texas. He served as Commander of his American Legion Post, and of his chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. He also served as president of the West Point Society of South Texas. He was quite active in civic and club affairs. His only hobby was landscape painting in oils, taken up after the golfing days.

From 1948-1969 the Spaldings summered at Chautauqua Park, Boulder, Colorado, where for a good many years Ike was Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Ike and Alice Trippett were married in Enid, Oklahoma. Their fathers had known each other in North Texas when the men were bank presidents. Ike and Alice lived happily at many Army stations, where Alice was very active in Red Cross, Grey Lady and kindred Army responsibilities.

Their daughter, Ansley Lues, was born at Fort Riley, educated at Sweet Briar College, George Washington University and University of Oklahoma. Ansley and Lieutenant Francis Hill were married at Fort Sam Houston. Hill was Class of 1933 and was in the Field Artillery.

Ike loved his alma mater, his country and his family. He believed in the basic religious principles that he learned in the Cadet Chapel.

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**John Henry Cochran**

NO. 5363 CLASS OF 1915

Died 6 July 1977 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 87 years.

Cremated ashes scattered at sea

*"... he brought the type of counsel that moves the titans of the earth..."*

HAVE YOU EVER, on a dark night, looked steadily at a point in the sky, a sort of empty hole, where there is no evidence of light? And yet if you continue looking, there is suddenly a glimmer which grows and grows until in an instant it is a star! Scientists tell us that these holes are actually areas of high pressure which grow inwardly until the contained pressure causes an explosion and lol There is light.

We wonder whether an Omniscient Power, on the night of 31 July 1889, looked omnisciently at a spot in the sky of the earth which

suddenly became the locale of The Plains, Virginia, and lol there was the glimmer of a star!

We called him John Henry—John Henry Cochran to be exact, and we watched incredulously as he grew and grew—and again lol he was a West Point cadet!

Whatever his incredulous or miraculous origin we took him enthusiastically to our hearts and he was one of us!

On a certain day in June, 1911, John Henry, with a heterogeneous group of aspiring (and perspiring) cadets, presented himself for entry into the Military Academy, blissfully unaware of the fate which awaited him. John Henry, in an unguarded moment, confessed that he had arisen early that fateful day and had spent all of an hour tying and re-tying the bow tie which was to conspicuously adorn his habiliment. He had never heard (nor could have comprehended) the name "Sullivan." Ah, Sullivan! What damnable thoughts of perdition you were to undergo—you and the likes of folk named Nap Correll, and Duke Edwards, and Gatchell, not forgetting an omniscient and omnipresent chap who enjoyed the name of Tubby Dean—names which are seared into the hollow depths of our memory, even though at a later date in the service we found them good-fellows—all who laughed with us at the remembrance of our discomfiture (such as a temptation to salute the Supe's yellow dog on the premise that he might just be a First Classman!).

Ah, days of our youth! Could we but recall them! We might even forgive Old Ferdy Sladen with his rubber chest paradin'; or Rufe-the-Long-One for his reprehensible (our word!) enforcement of discipline. It is, of course, not our purpose to malign or be malevolent to any of those superiors who nursed a certain enigma of duty; but memory is a fictional thing whose pervasive validities often recall incidents from an all-but-forgotten past. So we are bold to inject the names of Gatchell, and Nap Correll, and Duke Edwards, and Tubby Dean as men who played a commanding part in our early past and whose memory (God bless 'em) will ever be a living part of life to us all. They belonged to the breed of doers; and those of us who strove humbly to emulate their example are among the bright stars which shone upon our Class! When wars shall cease and iniquities subside, we can look to men like these who bravely led the way.



JOHN HENRY COCHRAN

ASSEMBLY

14 June 1911 was indeed a big day for all of us, Henry included, for on that date we learned to our discomfiture that the human anatomy had a chin and a pair of protruding shoulders, defects which required the better part of four years to eradicate. But four years eventually rolled by and we tasted (or assumed we did) freedom for the first time. But not for long, for soon it was again September and we all headed for our first assignments.

Henry was assigned to the Coast Artillery with station at Fort Monroe. In fact Fort Monroe was destined to play a big part in his life; for after numerous interim assignments to the Mexican Border, Cape Fear, and France, 1920 found him again at Fort Monroe, as an instructor at the Coast Artillery School. Be it said, at this juncture, that he served with distinction in both World War I and World War II and was the recipient of numerous medals and decorations citing the meritorious quality of his service. He was promoted successively over the years, attaining the rank of colonel in 1941, retiring with that rank in 1945 to take residence at Dunedin, Florida.

His many interims saw service at West Point, the General Staff School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, the Balloon Training Center, and as Commanding Officer of the Anti-Aircraft Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. His service at all of these stations being of outstanding quality. His final duty, before retirement, was as Harbor Defense Commander at Fort Williams, Maine.

To his everlasting credit, be it said that on 20 October 1917 Henry married Mary Welby Turner of his home town, The Plains, Virginia, a marriage of unique happiness and success which covered a felicitous span of 60 years.

Henry was a God-fearing man with a clean mind. In all the years that we knew him we never heard him tell a ribald joke or an off-color story. This is not to say that he was without humor for he enjoyed a good joke as well as the best and was himself proficient as a raconteur of note, with an infectious laugh to add zest to a good story. Add to this that he was a good-natured chap who never raised his voice in anger, though quick to admonish an errant classmate if need be. It was his quality of honesty—of fair play—which endeared him to those of us who knew him best and won him the respect and affection of those whose privilege it was to serve under him. He could be (and was) firm where firmness was required but his men knew he was a square-shooter, and respected him accordingly. During those long afternoons at the Academy when snow lay blessedly deep on the ground, to preclude any pretense of drill “the gang” used to gather in Henry’s room for a bull session, particularly to enjoy his exchanges of wit, an ability in which he excelled. On one such occasion, when Henry had been particularly witty and particularly amusing, one of the group was heard to say: “This guy is just pure liquid sunshine.” And indeed it was this quality—this gift—that permitted him to go through life spreading sunshine and laughter and joy into the hearts of us all.

Elsewhere, we have alluded to Henry’s capacity to help his fellows, to make life comfortable and *livable* for those around him. He was verily the epitome of the law of which life is the instrument; for love, indeed, beats with the same glow of anticipation—even of kindness—among all peoples;

the small thing well done is as meritorious as the great thing grandly accomplished; for the contribution to the sum of all things is, after all, one’s self. The manner in which one single ray of life—one precious and immortal idea—can clarify, perhaps energize, the whole human spectrum is one of the greatest phenomena of life’s aspect.

*“Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends.”*

In concluding our brief analysis of John Henry’s character, it is perhaps germane to dwell upon his ideal of personal responsibility—the trust which one man has for another, indeed the trust which one man evokes in another.

Henry had one faculty—one facility—which always amazed us as cadets: a ready, almost infallible, memory. He rarely forgot a friend. (Nor did he ever lose one.) Aristotle maintained that the basis of all knowledge (at least of all education) is memory. So also with Henry. His answer to any question was almost instantaneous. It is said of Newton D. Baker, when Secretary of War, he could dictate the answer to one letter while reading a second. So also with General George Marshall as Chief of Staff; he never tried to answer reporters’ questions individually. Rather waited until all questions had been proposed, then proceeded to answer each in turn. Henry had such a gift; and, but for a certain lassitude, would have commanded a much higher rank at graduation. But he was satisfied with his lot. And satisfaction, after all, is an ingredient of happiness; and happiness is possibly the finest ingredient of life.

In Henry’s case there was always a warm perfection in his happiness—a smile which was readied in an instant—a friendliness which bespoke the lifting of a mist at sunrise. There was nothing pretentious about him, nothing illusory—nothing forced. He was merely, and heartfully genuine. To know him was to believe that no one has success unless he has a certain abounding sense, a sense of humanity which is both sympathetic and spiritual, a constancy of belief in the law of which life, itself, is the instrument. Industry, as they say, may be a better horse to ride than genius, but a spiritual belief in others, an attained belief in the eminence of the other fellow, are qualities which elevate our thoughts to the stars. So: Henry Cochran, who unconsciously looked for the good in all about him.

John Henry lived in a world measured by heart and imagination; a world which nourished the concept of personal responsibility. It has been said that in the long fight, the watch word must be to spend and be spent. But in this one man’s world there was much to spend and too little to be spent; in the heart lived the zest which cemented the bonds of deep and lasting fellowship. He possessed a serene ascendancy of mind; a sagacity of unbending virtue; a belief in his fellow man and in his God; which refused to be haughty or intractable in the face of trifling occurrences, with a spirit which overrode any combination of images of more emotional mien.

No greater tribute to him—no finer assay of the sterling quality of his character—could exceed his wife’s simple and loving paean at his death: “He never had a single fault”!

*“... our hearts shall reap where we have sown  
And we shall know peace beneath the hill.”*

—J. E. H. 1915

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## Harris Jones

NO. 5602 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 1 July 1977 in Asheville, North Carolina, aged 84 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WE HAVE LOST one of our most respected and beloved classmates. West Point has lost one of its distinguished and admired sons. Harris Jones died 1 July 1977 at the St. Joseph’s Hospital, Asheville, North Carolina, of a heart attack.

Hannah and Harris attended our 60th Reunion at West Point in June and those of us who were there were privileged to enjoy again Harris’ dry humor and pleasing personality. We were shocked to hear that Harris was stricken shortly after returning to Asheville and died suddenly during the night.

Harris was born in Torrington, Connecticut, on 16 September 1892. He was married 15 February 1919 to Hannah B. Humphreys of Whitney Point, New York. Harris attended Harvard University for two years prior to entering the Military Academy on 13 June 1913. He earned the nickname “Prof” early. He forged to the top of his class early in academics and remained there throughout the four years and graduated number one in the class on 20 April 1917, two weeks after the declaration of war against Germany in World War I. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and was sent to France as company commander of Company D, 6th Engineers. He participated in intense combat while attached to the British Fifth Army during the great German offensive in March and April 1918 and later with the 3d Division during the second Battle of the Marne. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for “extraordinary heroism in action” at Warfosse, France, in April 1918.

After World War I, Harris was ordered to duty at West Point as instructor in the Department of Mathematics where he served until 1922. After attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was assigned to the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he remained for three years. He then had a two-year tour in Washington, D.C., as Assistant Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks



HARRIS JONES

of the National Capital. From 1928 to June 1931 he was on duty with the American Battle Monuments Commission under the chairmanship of General John J. Pershing, stationed in Paris, France.

Then he commenced his long and distinguished career at the Military Academy. On 1 October 1931 he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics, a position he held until 1947. His outstanding execution of this assignment led to his appointment as Dean of the Academic Board in 1947 and his promotion to brigadier general. He remained as Dean until retirement in 1956.

During his service as Professor and Dean his wise counsel and superior intelligence in the solution of problems were greatly admired by his associates. Few if any persons have contributed so much to the academic affairs of the Military Academy as did Harris Jones during his twenty-seven years of service at West Point. For his outstanding performance as Dean he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

After retiring, Hannah and Harris moved to Asheville, North Carolina, where for twenty-one years Harris was active in the Red Cross and other civic affairs. Harris was buried at West Point in a graveside service. The Superintendent, General Goodpaster, received the flag and graciously presented it to Hannah in a fitting tribute to one who had done so much for the Military Academy. Harris is survived by his wife Hannah, who resides at 40 Gertrude Place, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

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### Jesse Ellis Graham

NO. 6190 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 28 July 1977 in Alexandria, Virginia, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JESSE GRAHAM entered the Academy 15 June 1916 having been appointed to West Point from his home state, Oklahoma, where he was born on 27 July 1895, and where he was raised in the town of Wagoner. After high school he entered the University of Oklahoma, taught school for a short time and prepared for West Point at Shads in Washington, D.C. World War I brought on early graduation with his 1920 class on 1 November 1918. The Infantry School at Camp Benning, Georgia, just starting, was his first assignment. Upon graduation in March 1919 he spent two months with the 45th Infantry in Camp Gordon at Atlanta before joining the 4th Infantry, 3d Division in Plaidt, Germany. When the Division returned to the United States in August 1919, he was detached to the Rents, Requisitions and Claims Service in France until mid December when he was assigned to the 53d Infantry in Camp Grant, Illinois. He spent some time at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania on Reserve Officer Training Corps work and at Fort McPherson, Georgia before taking the Company Officers' Course in 1927-1928 at Fort Benning. Then came a tour in Manila with the 15th Infantry and with the 57th Infantry (Philippine Scouts). En route home in mid January 1931 he spent several months in China, reporting in mid August at Macon, Georgia, where he remained as an instructor with the Georgia National Guard until 14 July 1936. He then joined the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning. In June 1939 he became



JESSE ELLIS GRAHAM

the Adjutant of Special Troops in the 3d Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, and later commanded the Division's Headquarters and Military Police Companies. In August 1940 he went to Alaska as Senior Instructor of the Alaska National Guard in Juneau and was the commanding officer of Chilkoot Barracks and then Post Commander and Task Force Commander on Atka Island. In January 1944 he took command of the 90th Infantry in Camp Carson, Colorado, and in July of 1944 became G1 of the XXXVI Corps. In January 1945 he was made Deputy Chief of Staff of the 9th Division in the European Theatre of Operations. From September 1945 through August 1946 he was in Washington with the Army Service Forces and the National Guard Bureau and then became the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Indiana University in September of 1946. In June of 1950 he was assigned to Munich, Germany, until November when he became the Deputy Post Commander of Heidelberg. He was in Germany for three years and returned to National Guard duty in Raleigh, North Carolina before retiring for physical disability in late 1954.

It was in Dublin, Georgia, on 4 August 1923 that Jesse married Eva Blackshear, endearingly known as "Evie." Upon retirement they built a home in Asheville where they lived for eight years before selling their home and spending two years in Europe to be near their daughter Eve (Mrs. Jas. V. Galloway). On return they located in Alexandria, Virginia, where Jesse died from a heart attack the day after his 82d birthday on the 28th of July 1977. Evie and her daughter Eve and her husband, Major General Galloway, and four grandchildren, survive him. He was buried in Arlington with full military honors.

Jesse was always observant of changing conditions, opinions, actions, policies and their results. He was always alert to the trends in national and local interests. His thoughtful interpretations showed his ability to assess the truth and brought forth a respect for his ideas and opinions which may not always have been in keeping with popular opinion. He always maintained a fine sense of humor. Personal wishes were never a question in his loyalty. His devotion to his duty, to his superiors, to his family and to his country were always paramount to his personal feelings. A splendid officer left us in Jesse Graham.

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### Linson Edward Dzau

NO. 6216 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 15 April 1976 in Macau, aged 81 years.

FEW MEN HAVE experienced the vicissitudes in life as did Linson Dzau. At first he enjoyed great wealth and high positions of influence; then was forced to live in utter poverty, with its suffering and mental depression, but was strong enough to finally be recognized as an esteemed teacher and an honored personage.

Linson was born in Shanghai, a descendant of the Dynasty of the ancient Dzau Kingdom. His family was reputed to be the second richest in North China. His father and uncle had graduated from Yale. His mother was a Soong, related to Madame Sun Yat-Sen and Madame Chaing Kai-Shek. All were Christians. At thirteen he was sent to the United States where he lived with a close family friend, Mr. Arthur Collins Williams, a former missionary. There the boy was educated in the best New England schools and graduated from Choate in 1916.

In June of that year he entered West Point with the Class of 1920. His happy, ever ready smile, his keen perceptive wit and his open generous nature made instant and life-long friends. He was a cadet lieutenant his First Class year and graduated a comfortable forty files from the bottom of the Class of 1 November 1918.

After graduation Linson promptly began a career of responsible service to his government, both in diplomatic and military positions, abroad (Paris, London, Washington) and at home. He served as secretary to successive Chinese Ambassadors to the United States (Wellington Koo, Sun Yat-Sen, C.T. Wang and Dr. Sze). He was a member of the Chinese delegation to the Paris Peace Conference following World War I, and later attended the Washington Limitation Armaments Conference as secretary to the Ambassador Sze. He was accompanied on this mission by his new bride, Mei Tjung (Sze), a beautiful, gracious, young Chinese lady, educated in France.

Back in China in the early nineteen twenties, Linson devoted himself to reorganizing and modernizing the family interests. While still a member of the Ministry of Foreign



LINSON EDWARD DZAU

ASSEMBLY

Affairs he helped found Tsing Hua University, its mission to qualify students to enter universities or graduate schools in the United States, and he served as its Commandant and Professor of Military Science and Tactics for four years. He next joined the staff of Marshall Chang Tso-Lin, Governor-General of the three Northeastern provinces (Manchuria) as Counselor to the Ministry of War, then the General Staff and eventually the Ministry of Defense where he received his rank of brigadier general. In 1928 he resigned his military commission but continued his advisory post with the civil government. He was sent to Europe as Minister on economic missions and to the League of Nations.

In 1934 he was appointed Chief-Comptroller under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of all government purchases, but resigned after a few months.

When the Japanese invaded in 1931, Dzau was forced to move his business offices from Shanghai to Hong Kong. There he remained as managing director of two large conglomerates until 1943. He was finally cornered by the Japanese, arrested as a spy of the United States, imprisoned, and tortured. After a year of this incarceration and interrogation he was pronounced "dead" but was revived by a Japanese doctor (a Yale graduate) who treated him and allowed him later to escape in a manure cart. Somehow he made his way to Kunming, exhausted and starving. He was given asylum by the British, was hospitalized and brought back to health. He finished the war as an advisor to the British Military Mission in Kunming.

In 1948 the Dzau family was reunited in Shanghai after nine years of separation. Soon the Communists came. Linson was stripped of all of his possessions; was issued an exit visa without his family and told to go to Hong Kong. Even there he was unwelcome. He fled to Macau with few funds and no friends, a landless exile. With great effort he was able to eke out a bare existence. He wrote of this period: "I suffered extreme depressions, almost lost my mind... Faith in Christ's word and a resolve to work to the brink of exhaustion, forgetting losses of the past, praying that Mai and the children be granted exit... was my only remaining strength... Teaching absorbed all of my efforts leaving no time for correspondence, reminiscences or regrets."

When his fortunes were at rock bottom, he was discovered by a West Point classmate, working eighteen hours a day, every day but Sunday when he went to the Portuguese Catholic Church. He was sending what he could to his family across the Bamboo Curtain. But a better day was coming. With his classmates' help he was able to purchase a small condominium and later to found a private college preparatory academy, LINSON COLLEGE for which Headmaster Dzau's experience and talents were eminently suited. He now felt that though banished from his homeland and unwelcome in Taiwan, he could best help his people by remaining in Macau. Eventually his prayers were answered when Mai and Kim, his grandson, both in poor health, joined him.

For several years the college flourished, showing promise of permanence. His pupils made high academic honors in the universities of America, Asia, and Europe. His reputation as an educator was firmly established with more applicants than he could accommodate. Linson College finally had to close for economic reasons but Linson had become a revered figure in Macau. He had many friends in all walks of life. The Gover-

nor placed him on his staff as an advisor and in the eyes of all he was a beloved sage.

DUTY—He never shirked—rather, he sought it.

HONOR—He would not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.

COUNTRY—Tho banished, he would not desert his people.

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## William Travis Van de Graaff

NO. 6372 CLASS OF 1919

Died 26 April 1977 in Florence, Colorado, aged 81 years.

Interment: Fort Logan National Cemetery, Colorado

THE CLASS OF 1919 lost one of its most beloved members when William T. Van de Graaff died on 26 April 1977. He was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 27 October 1895, and came to West Point in 1917 from the University of Alabama. There he had earned the Phi Beta Kappa key, and as a football tackle he had become that university's first All-American in 1916. As a cadet, Bully was one of the oldest members of his class, but always took his "hazing" as a plebe without losing his sense of humor.

Although graduated on 1 November 1918, because of the Armistice ten days later his class was returned to West Point as second lieutenants, and again graduated in June 1919. Bully was commissioned in the Infantry.

After graduating from The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1920, Bully joined the 23d Infantry Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division at Camp Travis, Texas. His first regimental commander was Colonel Alexander T. Ovenshine. There was great rivalry among the regiments of the 2d Division, and it was inevitable that Bully would play on his regimental football team. At that time the 2d Division was the only division at full strength.

After two years with the 23d Infantry, Bully served four years as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Alabama; he also coached the freshman football team. His next assignment took him to the Canal Zone, but after a short time there he resigned in 1927 to become Athletic Director and football coach of Colorado College at Colorado Springs.



WILLIAM TRAVIS VAN DE GRAAFF

One of those who knew Bully there, first as a member of his team and later as his assistant coach, wrote of him: "He was a great coach, the forerunner of the modern defensive specialist, and a tactician who was at least a decade ahead of his rivals." As a young coach, he liked to demonstrate how he wanted his players to do it, and was constantly thinking about the game and how to play it. He was an inspirational leader. His teams played in the twelve-team Rocky Mountain Conference and won their share of victories.

In April 1942 Bully returned to the Army as a major. After a short period with Special Services and as Assistant Corps Area Engineer in Texas, he spent two years as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, later as Professor and Commandant, at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater. In 1944 he went to New York, New York, to serve a short time with the Army Service of Supply. This was followed by service on Okinawa as Assistant Special Services Officer of the Tenth Army; with the G3 Section of the Okinawa Base Command; and as Commandant of the Okinawa University Student Center. Upon returning to the United States he served as a lieutenant colonel with Headquarters Third Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of California at Los Angeles in the Sixth Army. In 1954 he was retired for physical disability; he suffered severely from arthritis, and was badly crippled.

In 1934 Bully married Patricia Cogan and they made their home in Colorado Springs. They had two daughters, Cherokee and Patricia. Both are married, giving Bully five grandchildren. He had a stroke in 1974 from which he did not fully recover.

William T. Van de Graaff was an exemplary son of West Point, always loyal to it and all that it stands for, and a friend of whom his classmates and those who knew him are proud. He died 26 April 1977 and was interred in the Fort Logan National Cemetery.

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## Alexander George

NO. 6719 CLASS OF 1920

Died 13 July 1977 in the Iliff Nursing Facility, Fairfax, Virginia, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

EXTRACT FROM THE 1920 HOWITZER: "Alex is a file who has done things, and as long as he is Alex he will continue to do things worth while. It has been necessary for us to keep a card index of his accomplishments and successes; even at that we are not certain that something has not been overlooked." No truer words could have been spoken of Colonel Alexander George at any time.

Born in Scotland in 1897, he came to the United States with his parents in early life and grew up on his father's ranches, one of which was the site of the future town of Elsa, Texas, named for his mother. He was educated at San Antonio Academy and at Rice Institute in Houston. World War I having started, he left Rice as a sophomore and enlisted in the Army in April 1917 at San Antonio. After a period of training he joined the 57th Infantry. His company commander, Captain Eisenhower, ordered him



ALEXANDER GEORGE

to take the enlisted examination for West Point; he passed and entered the Military Academy on 14 June 1918.

At West Point he was active in athletics and during his last year was elected captain of the football team, on which he played quarterback. In the same year he was made a company commander. As a member of the Hop Committee he often mediated between the Tactical Department and members of his class. He was very popular.

From the Academy he chose the Cavalry and served at Fort Riley, Kansas, and at Camp Marfa, Texas. He then took flying lessons at Brooks Field but returned to his first love, the Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Virginia. He had a tour at The Signal School and spent several years at Headquarters 2d Corps Area, Fort Hamilton, New York, where he was aide-de-camp to the Corps commander, General Lucius Holbrook. He studied Japanese while attached to the American Embassy in Tokyo, returned to the 11th Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey, California, went on to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, to Fort Riley again, and finally to the staff of the Caribbean Command in Panama.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was sent to Australia with the first Pacific troops. He trained troops in New Caledonia, and commanded the 132d Infantry in combat on Guadalcanal. Following his outfit's capture of Hill 27, Mount Austen, in company with the 3d Battalion, 10th Marines, he was named "Honorary Colonel of the Marines" by the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Manly L. Curry. Wounded in action in March 1943, he spent seven months in the hospital in New Caledonia. He returned to the United States and recuperated at the hospital at Fort Hood, Texas. Here, he had a chance to be reunited with his family and to enjoy a few vacations on the Gulf.

While still recovering from his leg wound, he volunteered for duty in Europe and was sent to Cornwall, England, to join the 29th Infantry Division, and command the 175th Regiment. He crossed the Channel on D-Day, and, six days later, outside Saint Lo, Normandy, was gravely wounded in the head by a German hand-grenade, suffering the loss of an eye. Three months later, he rejoined the 29th Division, trained troops in Compiègne, France, and commanded the 115th Regiment as it moved to join the Russian Army at the Elbe River, and then to occupy

Bremen, Germany. He returned to the United States in April 1946, and after a stay in Brooks General Hospital, he was retired in September 1946.

Alex was a superb athlete, and could play almost any game. His trophies from horse-shows and steeplechases were numerous. He played polo at all his Cavalry stations and was in many tournaments and on many winning teams. He had a hole-in-one in golf, was on several pistol teams, and could boast of having coached the first football team, and refereed the first football game, in Japan.

During his tour at Fort Myer with the 3d Cavalry he was the leader of the Mounted Monkey Drill Team presented at the annual horse show. Here he met and married Ethel Louise Wright, leading lady of the Broadway musical "Rose Marie." They have two children: Louise George Clubb of Berkeley, California and William Alexander George, presently living in Bombay, India; and a grandson, Nicholas Alexander George.

After retiring from the Army, Alex was assistant to the Mayor of New Orleans, Louisiana, business manager of the Lake Charles, Louisiana, newspaper, *The South-west Citizen*, manager of the Standard Fruit Company in Honduras and later in New York. He and Louise lived for several years in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before settling in Rockville, Maryland, in 1964.

Among his many service medals and honors, Alex was awarded the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Soviet Order of the Fatherland and the Belgium Order of Leopold with two Palm Clusters. He was buried with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

We have lost a loved Classmate, a Soldier and a Fighter.

—George A. Rehm

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### Halley Grey Maddox

NO. 6793 CLASS OF 1920

Died 26 May 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 78 years.

Interment: San Marcos, Texas

HALLEY GREY MADDOX entered the world on 29 January 1899 at McHenry, Kentucky. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Maddox of Central City, he grew up in the heart of the blue grass country—a circumstance that would have a profound influence on his career and character.

After being graduated with honors from Marion Military Institute in 1917, he was appointed to the Military Academy by the late Congressman R.Y. Thomas joining the Corps 14 June 1918. An avid horseman, reared in the land of thoroughbreds, he was a hit in the Riding Hall. An instructor once punished Halley making him take the hurdles about six times. He later recalled this was no punishment at all, but just the kind of exercise he liked. Classmates considered him "an unfeeling friend, unselfish, and always cheerful."

Commissioned in the Cavalry, Halley served at Camp Stotsenburg in the Philippines, was a member of the Army Horse Show Team, and became an instructor of horsemanship at The Cavalry School. In 1941 he attended the Command and General Staff School.

Through his equestrian activities, espe-

cially the United States Army Polo Team, he came to know George S. Patton Jr. Presently mutual respect and friendship garnered from "combat" on the polo field would join them together in a military saga of Herculean dimensions.

During World War II, Halley served as G3 for both the Seventh and Third Armies when commanded by General Patton. From the Sicilian Campaign through the Battle of the Bulge, Maddox wrote the annexes and supervised the execution of the short field orders issued by General Patton.

Among those who served on the Third Army Staff in World War II was the distinguished journalist and author, Colonel Robert S. Allen. Here is his description of Halley's service in the European Theatre of Operations:

"Throughout Third United States Army's epic campaigns in Europe, Halley Maddox, as G3, was the crux and mainstay of combat operations.

"From the Cotentin to Austria, he was the ever brilliant and unfailingly steadfast executor of plans and campaigns that liberated the continent in sweeping drives that are as historic as they are phenomenal. Calmly and smoothly, without uproar and furor, yet firmly and surely, Maddox set famed fighting units into motion and kept them moving aggressively and triumphantly on their assigned missions.

"It was aptly said of him, 'Patton issued the directives; Halley Maddox made them work.'

"Always his sure and reliable effectiveness was present, and the battle forces knew it and relied on it. Graphically illustrative is Third Army's first crucial test.

"Within hours after jumping off on its immortal sweep across France, Third Army was threatened with a desperate counter-offensive at Mortain. With Third Army armor and infantry spearheads slashing through the narrow corridor to overrun Brittany and Western France, Hitler, in a frantic effort to strangle the assault, ordered an all-out counter-offensive at the Avranches Gap, a narrow pass between a hill mass and the sea.

"It was a fateful moment; a menacing threat to not only Third Army but the entire Allied bridgehead on the continent.

"Apprized by Intelligence of the ominous situation, Patton instantly ordered measures to meet the desperate Nazi thrust. Halley



HALLEY GREY MADDOX

ASSEMBLY

Maddox, Operations Chief, quietly and deftly saw to it that this was done.

"In his usual calm and unfurried manner, standing before an operations map, Maddox issued orders that thrust XV Corps, comprising an armored and two infantry divisions, squarely across the powerful Panzer counter-offensive and stopped it dead in its tracks after two days of fierce fighting.

"It was the same dramatic story three months later when another of Hitler's last-ditch offensives was unleashed in the Ardennes against First United States Army. Taken completely by surprise, this assault in the depth of an unusually severe winter quickly became the famed Battle of the Bulge.

"Once again, Third United States Army was called on to save the day and once again, it was Halley Maddox, Operations Chief, who planned and executed the fabulous troop movements that smashed the mighty Nazi offensive.

"Armored and infantry divisions, heavily engaged in the Saar-Moselle region in the south, in preparation for an offensive eastward through the Siegfried Line to establish bridgeheads over the Rhine, were quickly and skillfully disengaged and literally hurtled northward over snow-stacked highways to blast the enemy's southern flank and completely unhinge his drive.

"It was a feat without parallel in military history, and in the heart of it was Halley Maddox, as always the imperturbable and invincible Operations Chief."

After the collapse of Hitlerian Germany, Halley became the Chief of Staff of the United States Constabulary charged with establishing order in the war-ravaged nation and acting as a deterrent to the Soviet armies probing for signs of weakness.

Returning to the States, Brigadier General Maddox became the Commanding Officer at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and married the lovely and talented Madeleine Chace. Though a stranger to military ways, she became a highly effective Army wife in her unobtrusive way.

With the advent of the Korean War, Major General Maddox served as Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division and later as Chief of the Korean Military Advisory Group. In the latter capacity, not only his proven command abilities were called upon, but also the tact of advising very young Korean officers having high rank. Because the Koreans venerate older persons, Halley was able to establish a father-son relationship with the young Koreans leading to a cooperative atmosphere based on affection rather than strict military protocol. Halley achieved one of the most difficult tasks for an advisor: getting advice accepted.

A visitor to KMAC Headquarters in the summer of 1954 would have been impressed with the quiet business-like atmosphere. Officers and men did their jobs smoothly, efficiently, and without what he called "fuss and feathers." Entering Halley's office, the visitor would see a greying, short, and compactly built man whose eyes seem to take in everything without being critical. The greeting would be formal, correct, but not stilted. Regardless of rank, everyone received the same unflinching courtesy. After a few minutes, the visitor would understand why KMAC Headquarters emanated the muffled sounds of smooth-running machinery.

Attention to detail is drummed into every soldier. One of the hallmarks of a truly competent military commander is intelligent attention to detail. The following is typical:

In the 1950's many commands would arbitrarily issue order to go into, say, winter uniforms on a certain date. Soldiers could experience real misery if the weather didn't cooperate. Halley's solution: issue a warning order a month in advance that officers and men should be prepared to go into winter uniforms on 24 hours notice. When the weather turned cold, out went the order. Simple? Yes. But a "detail" that produced good morale and effectiveness.

Halley's method of leading in some ways was similar to coaching a baseball team. Correction and instruction prevailed over criticism—light hands on the reins. He took great pride in seeing "youngsters come along." And, it didn't matter what color your skin happened to be, if you were a United States soldier and did your job, you would be encouraged and recognized. On the other hand, those who failed to measure up got what they deserved.

Leaving Korea in 1954, Halley went back to Europe as Chief of Staff of United States Army Europe, Commanding General of VII Corps, and Deputy Commanding General United States Army Europe. His final assignment before retirement in 1959 was as Deputy Commanding General of the Second Army at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Upon leaving the Army, Halley and Madeleine restored a handsome residence named "Crednal" near Middleburg, Virginia where both their hospitality and company were highly valued. In 1961 Halley was called to Texas to become the military advisor to the President of the San Marcos Academy. According to the Academy's President, Halley ushered in the "most prestigious era" in that institution's history.

Halley's United States decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. His foreign decorations are French Legion d'Honneur, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Medal of Metz, Czech War Cross, Czech Order of White Lion, Luxembourg Order of the Red Lion, Luxembourg Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Republic of Korea Order of Taeguk.

Halley is survived by his wife Madeleine of San Marcos, Texas, and two daughters, Madeleine Mitchum and Sara Bullard, both of Houston, Texas.

—Charles F. Lombard

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## John Joseph Binns

NO. 7051 CLASS OF 1923

Died 20 August 1976 in San Francisco, California, aged 76 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, San Francisco, California

JOHN JOSEPH BINNS was born 27 June 1900 in New York City. His father, John Joseph Binns Sr., was Chief of the New York City Fire Department. His mother, Molly Connor Binns, hoped her son would join the priesthood. However, a military career was what appealed most to him and he became a cadet at the United States Military Academy in June 1919. Soon after entering West Point he was called "Jeff" and "Pope of 'I Company"; that was the way he was known for the rest of his life. Jeff was a fine student. He enjoyed mathematics and English. He was always anxious to help a classmate who was having academic difficulties and was re-



JOHN JOSEPH BINNS

sponsible for several who probably never would have graduated had it not been for his generous help. He was active in Corps activities—Manager of the Hockey Team and Advertising Manager of the HOWITZER, to mention only two. He chose the Artillery as his branch.

Although career management was more informal during Jeff's time than it is today, Jeff's career was well balanced among his various assignments. He served as a Battery Officer, Battery and Group Commander, Regimental Staff Officer, student in his branch school and the Command and General Staff School. He was on special duty in Paris, an instructor of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Texas A&M, and at the Field Artillery School. He served in important General Staff positions, including Chief of Staff, in several major commands.

Jeff's first assignment was with the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, which he joined in September 1923. There he served part of the time as a battery officer and part of the time as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Paul B. Malone. He also met a lovely and vivacious San Antonio girl, Jess Edwards, whom he married 1 June 1926. She and their only child, Jeanne, survive him.

In December 1926 Jeff was transferred to the 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks. After a short period as a battery officer he was successively Personnel Adjutant and Regimental Adjutant.

Bill Grove, who was with Jeff all four years as a cadet in I Company, and for the first seven years of commissioned service, was among the first to tap Jeff as a leader. He writes, "Jeff was an organizer and exerted his all to fight for the right solution."

From Hawaii Jeff returned to Fort Sam Houston for only a few months when he was placed on special duty with the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage to France from April 1930 to April 1931. This was a very choice assignment. He was stationed in Paris where the social life was very pleasant for the Binns family. All of Jeff's tact was required in that assignment but he enjoyed every day.

On his return to the States in 1931 Jeff attended the Battery Officers Course at the Field Artillery School, followed by a four-year assignment with the ROTC Unit of Texas A&M. Phil Enslow '23, who served with Jeff on ROTC duty, writes: "Every cadet who came in contact with Jeff knew

him well, liked him, and was going all out to do what he could for him. He was extremely popular there, as elsewhere, and justifiably so."

Morris Marcus '21, who was with Jeff four years at Texas A&M writes of those years and later years: "Jeff was a born leader. Instilled with a natural sense of self-confidence, he was able to make almost instantaneous decisions on matters of every day life. Nevertheless, on more important matters he studied the case thoroughly before reaching a conclusion. He never failed to offer his services to anyone who needed help."

After two years as a battery commander at Fort Ethan Allen, Jeff was tapped for the Command and General Staff School which he completed in 1939 and then went again to Fort Sill where he was an instructor in the Department of Tactics. His duties were principally writing problems for the Tactics Department. That work gave a full play to Jeff's professional knowledge, imagination and his skill as an author.

In late 1942 Jeff was called to Washington to Headquarters Army Service Forces to head the Strategic Logistics Branch of the Planning Division. During 1943-1944 Jeff directed the long range strategic planning (one year in advance) needed by the technical services. Our classmate, Carter Magruder, who was Chief of the Planning Division, writes: "Jeff showed a remarkable degree of imagination, intelligence and common sense as well as a sound knowledge of strategy and logistics in performing this difficult function."

Early in 1945 Jeff was sent to Europe to take command of the 224th Field Artillery Group, attached to the VII Corps Artillery. William Bullock '29, VII Corps Artillery Executive Officer, who was in charge of the Fire Direction Center, writes: "Jeff's fire control methods were adept, rapid and accurate. His displacements were well planned, and followed sound doctrine; his battalions were out of action for the bare minimum of time. I consider Jeff a splendid Combat Commander."

After V-E Day Jeff remained in Europe with artillery units and the United States Constabulary until June 1947 when he returned to Washington and became Chief of Budget Control and Management Branch of the Civil Affairs Division, Department of the Army. In September 1948 he went back to Europe and became Chief of the Military Personnel Branch of the European Command at Heidelberg, Germany. In January 1949 Jeff was given the job of preparing a staff study for the Comptroller Section for the Headquarters. When the study had proceeded to a certain point Jeff felt that the officer who was to be the Comptroller should join the study group. He went to Major General Daniel Noce, the Chief of Staff, and said, "General, the study has proceeded to such a point that I believe the officer who is to be the Comptroller should be brought into the picture." General Noce replied, "Jeff, that has been done. You are going to be the Comptroller."

On approval of the study Jeff organized the Comptroller Section at European Command—United States Army Europe Headquarters, the first comprehensive one in a large major command. Comptroller sections under Jeff's sponsorship were organized also in the subordinate commands and in the technical services. Jeff's comptroller setup was used as a pattern by other commands. Charles Hutchinson '27, who was Jeff's deputy writes, "Jeff was a dynamic leader. General Handy had complete confidence in him. He always

retained the respect of the various United States Army Europe troop and post commanders, even though he was cutting out some of their pet projects. For this fine work as Comptroller, he was rewarded with his first star in February 1951.

In 1952, when European Command was established as a separate headquarters, Jeff went to Frankfurt with General Handy to establish the Comptroller Section of that Headquarters. In addition to his Comptroller duties Jeff was the Department of Defense Member of the United States Delegation to the Tripartite Group on Germany; the senior member of the European Command Advisory Group to the United States High Commissioner in Germany; and the Command Representative in support of the Secretary of Defense at all meetings of the North Atlantic Council and the Foreign Ministers during the period September 1951 to August 1953.

Jeff returned to the United States in 1953 and was assigned as Assistant Division Commander, 5th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee. In July 1955 he received his second star and became the Division Commander. He enjoyed that assignment but again in 1956 he was ordered to overseas duty and went to Korea where he became Chief of Staff, Army Forces Far East/Eighth Army. There he did an outstanding job.

Jeff's last assignment prior to retirement was Chief of Staff, Sixth Army, from June 1957 until he retired 1 November 1959. Settling in San Francisco, Jeff played a lot of golf and enjoyed the comradeship of the game as well as lending a helpful hand to others wherever and whenever he could. As a member of the Volunteer Committee at the San Francisco General Hospital, he soon made his presence felt by developing the operation of vending machines into being a source of much needed funds for the volunteer activities. It was just after the dedication exercises for a new hospital, which he attended, that he suffered a massive heart attack that caused his death a month later.

At the end, in looking back over the fifty-seven years we have known each other, we do not think of the high positions Jeff has held nor of the honors he has won. Rather we remember the many times we have met and greeted each other, in many parts of the world, the many happy conversations, and just knowing that we were good friends.

—EBG & JWH  
Classmates

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## William Howard Arnold

NO. 7283 CLASS OF 1924

Died 30 September 1976 in Lake Forest,  
Illinois, aged 75 years.

Interment: Fort Sheridan, Illinois

DUKE—IN MY CASE, Father—was born in Dyersburg, Tennessee, the son of Luther Coleman and Lockie Dufford Arnold, on 18 January 1901. Always proud of his Tennessee upbringing, Father retained much of the frontier spirit throughout his seventy-five years. He had, however, no intention of remaining in Tennessee. Although he admired his father, a GM&O railroad man, Duke looked to the military as a passport to adventure. His first opportunity came with the United States declaration of war on Germany in 1917. Always one to seize an opportunity, Duke enlisted at sixteen. His mother squelched this early bid for fame, and, to make matters

worse, his high school expelled him for this act of insubordination. Finally, after graduating from Castle Heights Military Academy, another opportunity came. A congressman on Father's newspaper route offered an appointment to West Point. This was a dream come true. Not only was this the passport, but it was a rare opportunity to attend college.

Duke entered West Point in 1920. "There was no Beast Barracks," I remember him telling me forty years later when I entered, "We had what I consider more beastly than Beast Barracks. We had Army Officers." He blamed this unpopular innovation on the Superintendent, General Douglas MacArthur, and was quite pleased that it was short-lived. Father rarely spoke about the rest of his cadet life except to mention his difficulty with the French language. It must not have been too bad, though. He graduated in 1924 in the top third of the class. According to the 1924 HOWITZER, Howard (as Father was known throughout his early years) had quite a way with the ladies. While he continually refuted this distinction, the nickname "Duke" was assigned during his cadet days because of "that wicked southern line that he possesses(ed) to the nth degree."

As a second lieutenant in the Infantry, Duke was posted to the 6th Infantry at Jefferson Barracks. His future was partially assured by quality non commissioned officers (NCO's). "They were the ones who trained the officers," Father used to say. "We didn't get any training except from the old non-coms." The most important boost to future greatness, however, came with Father's marriage to Elizabeth Welsh Mullen (Lib) in February of 1926.

After Jefferson Barracks there came The Infantry School at Fort Benning; followed by the 21st Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; then back to the 6th Infantry and Jefferson Barracks. Then the plum assignment of the time—the 15th Infantry in China. The Arnold family, which now numbered five, lived in a three story house with five servants. This was on a 1st lieutenant's pay. Heaven does not last forever, however; and when the 15th left China, Duke went to the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. This was followed in 1937 by the Command and General Staff College. After graduation, the Chief of Infantry called him to Washington for an important assignment—club officer of the debt-ridden Fort Benning Officers Club. In the words of the Chief: "If you get the damn club straightened out, I'll give you whatever you want." A year later, at his request, Duke was a company commander in the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning.

As the war neared, Father became General Oscar W. Griswold's (USMA, 1909) aide. He subsequently followed General Griswold to the 4th Motorized Division, then the IV Corps (where he was appointed the Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel in November 1941 and in February 1942 Corps G3). In April 1943, General Griswold was appointed commander of the XIV Corps at Guadalcanal. Father joined the general as his Chief of Staff.

By November 1944 the Tennessee boy had reached the pinnacle of an infantry officer's career—command of a division in combat. As commander of the Americal Division, Father received the first major Japanese surrender of the war. Over 10,000 Japanese soldiers surrendered to him on the island of Cebu, 28 August 1945, days before General MacArthur's official acceptance of the Japanese surrender.



WILLIAM HOWARD ARNOLD

After the war, Duke retained his two stars and occupied various positions in Washington: President, War Department Returnee Advisory Board; Deputy Director of Plans and Operations; Chief, Budget Division, Army Comptroller's Office; and finally Acting Comptroller of the Army. In 1950 Father was appointed Chief of the Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey, where he helped organize the Turkish brigade that fought so well in Korea. With a third star on his shoulders, Father was transferred to Austria as the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria. The assignment in Austria was a diplomatic triumph. The mutual affection between the Austrian people and the last American commander was aptly represented by a departure picture published in *Life* magazine. As Father's train was departing the Salzburg station after an emotional farewell, the *Life* photographer caught Duke dabbling the tears from his eyes. He completed his distinguished military career as the Commanding General, Fifth United States Army. In five years, Lib and Duke made many friends in the Chicago area and decided to make nearby Lake Forest their retirement home.

A distinguished career begets many rewards. Besides the admiration and respect of those who served with him, Father received many decorations from the nation he served. These decorations include: Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal for valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal plus many campaign service medals. In addition, the Philippine government presented him the Legion of Honor, Degree of Chief Commander; France gave him the National Order of the Legion of Honor; and Austria their Grand Gold Cross of Honor.

Upon retirement in January of 1961, Duke and Lib settled into their beautiful home in Lake Forest, Illinois. Father stayed busy for a while as a partner in the brokerage firm of Betts Borland and a member of the Illinois State Police Merit Board, but the old soldier was never happy outside the military life he had so dearly loved. Lib tried to keep him active, but, when she succumbed to cancer on 22 August 1976, Duke lost all desire to live. With both his loves denied him, he died of a broken heart on 30 September 1976.

Duke and Lib will be sorely missed by three children: Elizabeth Welsh (Betty) Dallman, wife of James Howard (Dipper) Dallman, USMA 1945; William Howard Arnold Jr., married to Jodie Routheau, daughter of Edward Routheau, USMA 1922; and Joseph Coleman (Joe) Arnold, USMA 1964, married to Mary Sethness of Chicago. Another daughter, Emily Cooke Clancy, died in 1960 at the age of 32 as a result of a fall. In addition, there are seventeen grandchildren who are the greater for having known them.

(Mother and Father, it took me over a year to build the emotional strength to write this. I hope I have added in some small way to your memory. I love you.)

—Major Joseph C. Arnold  
Class of 1964

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## William Reineman Forbes

NO. 7488 CLASS OF 1924

Died 23 June 1974 in Tucson, Arizona,  
aged 74 years.

Interment: Tucson Memorial Park, Tucson, Arizona

BORN IN FRANKLIN, Pennsylvania, on 6 June 1900, William R. Forbes, well known by his classmates and friends as Bill, attended the New York Military Academy at Cornwall prior to his appointment to the Military Academy from the 28th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Throughout his cadet life, Bill entered enthusiastically in sports and will be remembered especially for his prowess in basketball. In the words of one of his teammates, "He was one of the greatest running guards that I have ever seen in our day or today (1977)." During the time that Bill played on the Army basketball team, they won thirty-three consecutive games for an Academy record. The recognition prized most by Bill was the time when the "Supe," General Douglas MacArthur, came in person to his room to inquire about his recovery from an injury on the basketball court.

Bill's roommate in "M" Company's 30th Division and life-long friend, Jim Stowell, writes of Bill's struggles to keep proficient in French. Bill's brother "Fritz," United States Military Academy Class of 1914, was his instructor! In addition to basketball, Bill was outstanding in tennis, and Jim notes, "Bill's prowess in basketball and tennis became evident early, but we never could figure out how he could be so light-footed and graceful wearing size twelve shoes! He was a star in both sports. After graduation, we managed to get together at June Week or on one of my cross-country trips." In addition to his enthusiasm for sports, Bill enjoyed the social contacts of the Cullum Hall Hops, as evidenced by his outbursts of loud guffaws. His election as the Hop Manager indicates success in this field of activity.

Although the HOWITZER indicates his assignment upon graduation as Cavalry, Bill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery and was assigned to the 7th Field Artillery at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. During the five years that he was stationed there, Bill made many friends, both civilian and military. Moreover, the Green Mountain State and its residents attracted Bill so very much that he returned there in later years.

Like so many of his classmates in that period before The Great Depression, second lieutenant Forbes envisioned prosperity in civilian life and resigned 5 September 1929.

After several years experience in the banking business in New York City with the National City Bank and A. Iselin Company, Bill became Assistant Treasurer of the Burlington Trust Company in Vermont. He married Mary Ann Jackson of Burlington. They had one son, William R. Jr., born 14 January 1933. Several years later, after Mary had died, Bill was married in Burlington on 2 July 1940 to Zorah (Zoe) Bodman. While living in New York City, Bill maintained his military contacts as aide to General Vanderbilt of the famous 7th Regiment, New York National Guard.

Even though Bill had been successful in civilian life, he wanted to get back in uniform when his country became involved in World War II. After a brief refresher course at an officers' training school in Miami Beach, Florida, Bill was commissioned as a captain, Army of the United States, in June of 1942 and assigned to the Army Air Corps. He was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, first as a student and then as an instructor in the Command and General Staff School from 1942 until August 1944. During that period, Bill advanced in grade to temporary major and lieutenant colonel. As the "oldest major" in the outfit, he flew with the 111th Reconnaissance Squadron while on temporary duty in connection with the landing in Italy at Salerno.

During the significant transition period (1944-1948) of the Army Air Corps to a separate service, the United States Air Force, Bill was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Plans and Training and was awarded the Legion of Merit and Commendation Ribbon for his meritorious services. A two-year (1948-1950) tour of duty in Panama followed. He received his permanent grade of colonel, United States Air Force, on 22 November 1948. At this time, he was Assistant Chief of Staff-A2—of the Caribbean Air Command. Upon his return to the States in October 1950 Bill was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, Headquarters 14th Air Force at Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia, where he served until his retirement in 1955.

The decision to make their home in Tucson was a compromise—Zoe refused to live in the Southeast and Bill chose not to shovel snow. After trying civilian jobs with Hughes Aircraft, with the city of Tucson, and with Equitable Life Insurance, Bill settled down to enjoying golf until ill health forced him



WILLIAM REINEMAN FORBES

to stop that game. Although only a "shadow" of his former robust self, his heart was set on going to his fiftieth reunion; he and Zoe went. Bill insisted on participating in every event, including walking in the parade of "Old Grads." After a brief visit in Vermont, they returned to Tucson where Bill answered the final Roll Call only a week or so later. Colonel William R. Forbes is survived by his widow, Zoe; two daughters, Nancy Forbes and Mrs. J.R. Hester (Virginia); and by four grandchildren. His only son, William R. Jr., died in 1964. As best stated by big Jim Stowell, "When Bill passed on, the Long Gray Line lost a great soldier; Zoe lost a loving spouse; his children a loving father; and Jim Stowell lost his best friend."

—An "A" Company Classmate

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## Raymund Gregory Stanton

NO. 8218 CLASS OF 1927

Died 1 July 1977 in Columbia, South Carolina, aged 72 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

COLONEL RAYMUND G. STANTON, (United States Army-Retired), died at his home after a long illness.

Colonel Stanton was born in Fort Hancock, New Jersey, and was graduated in 1927 from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree. During his Army career he also graduated from the following schools: Regular Infantry School, 1936; Infantry Tank School, 1937; Command and General Staff College, 1941 and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1952. He was an instructor in the Armed Forces Staff College in 1952 and 1953.

Prior to his retirement in 1957 after 30 years of service, Colonel Stanton served in all sections of the United States and in Panama, Puerto Rico, New Guinea, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, China and Europe.

During World War II he was Deputy Chief of Staff of X Corps in New Guinea, and in the Philippines he served at Leyte, Samar, Panay and Negros as regimental commander of the 126th Infantry of the 32d Division. He also served as commander of the 160th Infantry Regiment of the 40th Division.

In Korea from 1946 to 1947, he served as regimental commander of the 20th Infantry of the 6th Division and in Japan he served as the regimental commander of the 34th Infantry, 24th Division. He also served as port commander of the Port of Pusan in Korea.

Among his awards were the Silver Star, awarded for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds received on Leyte in November 1944, and the Bronze Star Medal for achievements connected with military operations on Negros Island on 15 May 1945.

He also was awarded the Legion of Merit for performance of outstanding services on Negros Island between 8 March and 1 May 1945 and the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster for services in the Philippine Islands and Korea from 1 July 1945 to 15 January 1946. He was also recognized for services in organizing and directing over one million Korean and Japanese refugees in Korea.

During the early period of World War II, Colonel Stanton was assigned as assistant G1 of the Army Ground Forces and implemented the personnel policies which facilitated the rapid expansion of the Armed Forces. Later, as G1 and as Deputy Chief of Staff of X



RAYMUND GREGORY STANTON

Corps he contributed to the success of the combat in the South Pacific.

Following the war, Colonel Stanton became Chief of the Procurement and Separation Branch in the Personnel and Administration Division of the Department of the Army General Staff.

He came to Columbia as Chief of the South Carolina Military District in 1955, and then served as Inspector for Training at Fort Jackson. After retirement he remained in Columbia where he was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

He was a member of the Columbia Drama Club, the Palmetto Club, the Retired Officers Club of Columbia, the West Point Society and the Army-Navy Club of Washington.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Henderson Stanton; a son, Brendon Paul Stanton of Los Angeles; a step-daughter, Mrs. Samuel C. Miller of New York (the former Rosetta Averill of Columbia), and a brother, Colonel Walter C. Stanton of Washington, D.C.

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## Howard Monroe McCoy

NO. 8818 CLASS OF 1930

Died 12 October 1976 at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 68 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MAC WAS BORN to be an engineer, arriving at Kane, Pennsylvania, 4 December 1907. He spent his school years through high school at Elmira, New York. After attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Albany, New York, for a year, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Senator J.W. Wadsworth Jr. to enter with the Class of 1930.

Being tall and of large physique, Mac was assigned to M company (a flanker company) during his four years at the Military Academy. He was one of the smarter cadets among us and was always willing and available to help the "pluggers" with the more complicated academics. He also participated in sports and was a member of the basketball and track squads all four years.

Quoting from the HOWITZER relating to Mac's future: "In every group there are

some few individuals who stand head and shoulders above the others. Such a one is Mac. His versatility and ability have distinguished him from less fortunate ones here at the Academy, and these same attributes will always preclude the possibility of his being relegated into a minor position elsewhere." Forty-six years later one can but praise the foresight of the author of that paragraph.

After graduating 33d in the Class, Mac took a detail to the Air Corps for flight training at March Field, California. Successfully completing the primary and basic flying instruction, he went to Kelly Field, Texas, and completed the Advance Course as pursuit pilot on 13 October 1931. Assigned to the 1st Pursuit Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan, he had the opportunity of experiencing all the various squadron officer duties. Sandwiched in with such duties were breaks for duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps and the military Air Mail operation. All of these experiences surely gave Mac a firm footing for the future.

Mark Bradley relates a McCoy milestone which occurred in 1933. Mark's squadron, the 27th, had already landed at Selfridge Field and he was watching the 94th (Mac's squadron) circling in preparation for landing. There were about six sets of three, each flying in close three-ship formation at about 600 feet above the ground. Suddenly two of the three-ship elements seemed to brush together. While Mark watched in horror, two P-6's began spinning toward the ground. Since they were quite low, Mark figured it was all over for a couple of friends; when just before the airplanes hit the ground, he was thrilled to see two white parachutes blossom less than a hundred feet above the crashed airplanes. The two lucky chutists both escaped unhurt. One was Mac McCoy. His Caterpillar Pin is dated 2 June 1933.

In June 1934 Mac and Pauline Bowe of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, were married and they began a long and happy marriage which produced three fine sons: John, Paul and Hugh.

Mac having escaped from the Civilian Conservation Corps and having survived the air mail, the McCoy's moved to California for a year's training and a master's degree in Engineering at California Institute of Technology. After graduation Mac went to the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field, Ohio. Following this school, he spent



HOWARD MONROE MCCOY

several years in engineering sections of the Material Division of the Air Corps. In 1940 it was back to Cal-Tech to earn a degree as a Professional Aero Engineer. In 1941 he returned to Wright Field and was assigned to the Propeller Laboratory. Here he became the uniformed "Mr. Propeller" for the Army Air Force. For a number of years he contributed greatly to the technical perfection of aircraft propellers. It was here he served the early World War II years, during a period that propellers became highly complicated and expensive parts of our high performance aircraft. Mac saw to their integrity. He became a full colonel in 1942.

In 1944 Mac went overseas to England where he was assigned to the 8th Air Force Technical Intelligence Division. The job was mainly one of preparation for the big technical intelligence collecting job, soon to begin after Germany's expected collapse. In early 1945 he was ordered to set up an office in St. Germaine near Paris at the Air Forces Headquarters for the purpose of finding out what the Germans had been up to technically. It was obvious that the Germans had made tremendous advances, and with the Japanese war expected to continue for considerable time, our government was anxious to find out how far Germany had progressed in a number of critical fields such as proximity fuses, jet engines and rocket-powered aircraft. While not many of us knew of the atomic bomb, it was known that the Germans had been busy working with heavy water. Our government wanted especially to know of German progress toward a usable bomb. This was Mac's job, and he set upon its accomplishment with great enthusiasm, and he did a great job too.

During the ensuing months, many notable and famous people came to Paris to report to Mac's outfit and to take a look at German technology. Among them were Charles Lindbergh and Dr. von Karman, both of whom knew of our own bomb and the importance of the information on the German progress. Mac gave them all a hand and contributed his great enthusiasm and personality to the entire operation. In fact, it was in this job that Mac accomplished an unheralded and thankless task for which the country and the Air Force should be forever thankful. He collected, collated, and sent back to the United States Air Force Air Technical Center the papers and memorabilia which became the nucleus of the very complete Air Technical Library, which continues to grow in usefulness even today. Had Mac not done this, most of the technical records which came into United States hands at the war's end would, in all likelihood, have been lost.

Mac got a real taste of the technical intelligence field during his work at St. Germaine in 1945. He liked it, and after the war he served in the technical intelligence field until his retirement. He was most interested in all varieties of intelligence-connected gadgets, such as locks and codes, and contributed a great deal to new and improved ideas in that field.

Ralph Swofford relates the following: "Mac and I were in the same class at the Air Corps Engineering School, Wright Field, 1935-1936, and were next door neighbors then and for several years thereafter. He was an excellent student; always ready to help those of the class who were having heavy going. He and Polly were kindly, hospitable and wonderfully pleasant friends to all the young gang at Wright-Patterson in those days. Mac had two distinguishing characteristics in my opinion. He was innovative; never

willing to accept the conventional just because that's the way it has been done. He was ALWAYS searching for new and better ways of getting from here to there, be it materials, fabricating techniques, design or whatever; in this regard, he made many contributions to the development of propeller systems for aircraft.

"He was a very tenacious fighter for whatever he was convinced was technically correct and in the best interest of aircraft development."

For his excellent work in the intelligence area during and after the war in Europe, Mac received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

Retiring in 1954, Mac, Polly and the family settled in Severna Park, Maryland, where they spent many happy years and where Polly still resides.

In civilian life Mac was a representative in Washington for several concerns, Curtis-Wright Corporation amongst them. He was consultant for several other concerns and was employed by the State of Maryland Health Department as consultant for solid waste. Until cancer began to take its toll, he was very active in several fields.

Mark Bradley comments: "The last time a number of us saw Mac was at the Class of 1930's 45th Class Reunion in June of 1975. Mac and Polly were there and took a whole-hearted part in all of the activities. Mac was a true inspiration of courage to us all. His bout with cancer was far advanced but he gave no sign of self pity or sadness. He was just as jolly and full of love of living as he'd always been. At least that's all he ever showed. We all thoroughly enjoyed the few days together, and Polly says those few days were the happiest days Mac had during the last year or so of life. We will miss Mac as long as we're on board and especially so if we're fortunate enough to make the 50th Reunion of the Class at West Point."

—A Classmate

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## William White Ragland

NO. 9036 CLASS OF 1931

Died 30 July 1976 at Angwin,  
California, aged 66 years.

Cremated ashes scattered on the lake at  
Summit Lake Ranch

MEMORIAL SERVICES honoring William Ragland were held on 5 August 1976 at the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, California. In attendance were seven classmates residing in the Bay Area.

Bill and his wife Ginger had just returned from a seven weeks tour of Central and Eastern United States where they visited their childhood homes and relatives and friends. They stopped at their ranch in Napa County for a few days of caretaking before returning to their home in Greenbrae. Bill was driving his tractor, towing a water trailer when the trailer overturned. He was thrown under the 1000 gallon water tank and killed.

Bill Ragland was born at Lynchburg, Virginia, on 27 September 1909, a ninth generation Virginian. He graduated from Danville, Virginia, High School as class valedictorian, and entered the United States Military Academy on 6 July 1927. At West Point he was known as Willie. He was a popular cadet, a hop manager, wore stars on his collar and developed a deep sense of devotion to the principle of DUTY, HONOR and COUN-

TRY that was to guide him throughout his life. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and assigned to duty as assistant to the District Engineer, Norfolk, Virginia. Here he met and married Frances Roberts. In September 1933 he entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a graduate student. He and Fran then returned to Fort Belvoir where he was a student at The Engineer School. Here his son Ned (United States Military Academy Class of 1956) was born. At graduation the three Raglands sailed to Honolulu where he was a company officer, 3d Engineers, at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. They returned to Fort DuPont, Delaware, where he served as a pontoon bridge company commander and as battalion staff officer.

With the outbreak of World War II, Lieutenant Colonel Ragland was assigned to command the 551st Engineer Battalion and later to command the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion which he took to the European Theatre of Operations, participating in the landing at Utah Beach in Normandy. As the war progressed he was promoted to the grade of colonel, and joined the Engineer Section, First Army. While with the First Army, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service. He was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal, and the Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. For his outstanding performance of duty during the invasion, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

After the war Willie returned to Virginia as a student at the Armed Forces Staff College. In 1948 he and his family again returned to the Pacific where he directed his efforts to construction and reconstruction of the war damaged ports on Luzon, serving as Assistant District Engineer and as District Engineer in Manila, Philippine Islands. In 1950 they returned to Washington, D.C. where he joined the United States Defense Planning Group. From 1951-1953, he was Executive Officer, South Pacific Engineer Division stationed in San Francisco. Here he demonstrated such talent and sincere interest in civic affairs that he was made a member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The Raglands returned to Washington, D.C. for another school assignment—this time as student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Upon graduation he was



WILLIAM WHITE RAGLAND

assigned to the Office Chief of Engineers as Assistant Chief for Real Estate.

In 1957 he returned to Europe where he served as Seventh United States Army Engineer. While on this assignment, he authored a textbook entitled "Leadership" which was used throughout the Seventh United States Army. In July 1961 he returned to the United States and was retired from active duty.

Upon retirement, the Raglands returned to San Francisco and he enrolled as a graduate student at Stanford University. Here he received a master's degree in education, with a secondary teaching credential. He spent six years as teacher of mathematics and science at Lick-Wilmerding School in San Francisco. In 1969 he accepted a position as teacher of mathematics and physics at Drew College Preparatory School in San Francisco where he served until his untimely death on 30 July 1976.

As a military officer, Bill Ragland loved the Army and cherished deeply his opportunities. He served with distinction and honor. In a letter from his correspondence file, an extract states, "I consider my service with the 4th Division as the high point in my army career." At its 33d reunion in 1976, the 4th Infantry Division eulogized the memory of Colonel William W. Ragland as "an outstanding leader determined to train each man to the highest degree of efficiency, instilling in them a desire to win any assigned task. He was a fatherly, kind and thoughtful man, very much concerned for the welfare of each individual regardless of rank. His memory will continue in the hearts of his family and his many friends for years to come. This world is a better place for his passing through."

Colonel Ragland's career as a teacher of high school students was equally spectacular. The Drew School yearbook, 1976, contains the following *In Memoriam* bearing his picture and the inscription, "He was a man of many talents, and great integrity, best summarized by the motto which appeared over his classroom blackboard: OBEEDIENCE TO THE UNENFORCEABLE."

At the memorial service, his Headmaster, Mr. Robert B. Cole, said of Colonel Ragland: "He was a philosopher, and his philosophy was sound. He taught by example and continually emphasized that education is learning to think rationally and to develop a natural intellectual curiosity. He felt that all productive work is valuable and no one is educated until he has acquired some manual skill. He left to Drew School an exceptionally outstanding legacy in the field of secondary education."

Willy was a sports enthusiast, played a good game of golf, bowled a 165 average. His hobbies included gardening, clock repair, furniture refinishing, hi-fi music, auto mechanics, bicycling, general semantics. He was an avid reader, reading highly technical books for recreation. During his retirement years he spent every available hour of his spare time at his beloved ranch in Napa County, where he was a gentleman farmer, enjoying what he called qualitative living, simple farming in collaboration with Pacific Union College at nearby Angwin. At the ranch he entertained many friends and the high point of each summer was the annual picnic.

Throughout his professional career he was an active member of the American Association of Civil Engineers. He was a registered Engineer in the state of Texas, and a found-

ing member of the Academy of Organizational Science.

On 30 August 1972 his wife Fran passed away after a long illness. On 14 April 1973 he married Ginger Fowler, who survives him. Also surviving are his son Ned, and two grandsons, David and Drew, and three brothers and two sisters living in Virginia and Florida.

William Ragland lived a full life, blessed with a legion of friends. He gained the respect and admiration of all who knew him, always human and personal in dealing with others, but a firm taskmaster when required. His career was one of dedication to the service of his country, ever a loyal and true son of West Point.

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## Daniel Turner Workizer

NO. 9302 CLASS OF 1931

Died 14 January 1977 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 69 years.

Cremated ashes placed in the rose garden of the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, Florida

DANIEL TURNER WORKIZER was born 3 October 1907 at Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of John G. Workizer, a United States Military Academy Graduate of 1897 then on duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Nebraska.

Danni graduated from St. Petersburg High School, Florida, in 1926, and then attended Schadmann's West Point Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., before winning a Presidential competitive appointment for entrance into the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1927.

Undoubtedly the shortest member of the Class of 1931, Danni claimed to have hit himself on the head with a hammer in order to pass the 5'4" height requirement for entrance to the Military Academy at that time. Danni also had the deepest booming resonant voice in the class, and during plebe year many upperclassmen came around to hear Danni give commands. Danni was not too happy or comfortable during these demonstrations.

However, Danni's stature in life was not to be determined by his physical size, as he was indeed a tall man, when measured by



DANIEL TURNER WORKIZER

the qualities and virtues of a husband, father and an Army officer. He was a true son of a West Point graduate.

Danni never shirked a duty, evaded a responsibility nor equivocated on any issue. He met every challenge head on, with Duty, Honor, Country and The Corps as his constant guides.

During Danni's cadet life he was an eternally optimistic "goat," always bucking-up deficient classmates, even though he was probably more deficient than they were.

Daniel T. Workizer was originally commissioned in the Infantry, and served five years in that branch of the Army before transferring to the Field Artillery. After varied assignments, normal to a subaltern of those days, he was to become a specialist in logistics and the Orient.

The eve of the Korean War found Danni in Tokyo, with the Logistical Operations Section of General Headquarters, Far Eastern Command. As C4 of the Inchon Base Command he was a member of the planning staff for General MacArthur's famous landing at Inchon, Korea, 15 September 1950. During those operations his sense of humor, cheerful optimism and unflagging energy could always be counted on to land another ton of critically needed supplies, and move it to the needy units.

Christmas of 1950 found the Base Command moving from Inchon to Pusan, with a change in mission from that of combat logistical support to prisoner of war activities. With the abruptness of changing situations during war, Danni suddenly faced the responsibility of moving 127,000 North Korean prisoners of war from the metropolitan area of Pusan to the island of Koje-Do, some 40 miles off-shore from Pusan, and the simultaneous construction and supply of the facilities there.

Again, Danni cheerfully and courageously met the challenge head-on, and literally poured his life into accomplishing a seemingly impossible task. This time, however, the challenge cost him a heart attack that forced his early retirement in 1952.

All through his service career Danni was a teacher. He taught service schools in every command to which he was assigned. While assigned with the Chinese Army in Kunming, he instructed both American and Chinese personnel at the Field Artillery School there.

Following his retirement, Danni continued his interest in teaching. He became a high school teacher and a tutor, in the Sarasota area of Florida.

While attending The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Danni met, and wooed, Edith Selman, a visiting sister-in-law of George Vanture, United States Military Academy 1920. Eda, as Edith is called, and Danni were married on 26 October 1935.

Daniel T. Workizer joined the Long Gray Line 14 January 1977. He is survived by his widow; a daughter Susan, married to Major Richard G. Jones; and a son, Major Daniel T. Workizer Jr.

—Two Classmates



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## Merrick Hector Truly

NO. 9308 CLASS OF 1931

Died 29 January 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 69 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

IN THE 1760's an indomitable widow, Sarah Truly, from Amelia County, Virginia, moved her household of seven children, three brothers, and an unspecified number of slaves to the Natchez District while it was still a Province of Spain. She settled on a grant of land near the present town of Fayette, Mississippi, an area which subsequently became known as Truly's Flats.

Well over a century later, on the 29th of November 1907, Judge and Mrs. Jeff Truly, the leading citizens of Fayette, welcomed into the world a son whom they christened Merrick Hector. With his background of staunch pioneer heritage and southern aristocracy it was predestined that he would follow the path of Jefferson Davis and other distinguished Mississippians who graduated from West Point.

Upon graduation from the Gulf Coast Military Academy Hector received a Congressional appointment for the United States Military Academy. Entering the Military Academy in July of 1926 he immediately began to accumulate a host of military friends, which never ceased to grow throughout his career. Classmates recall him as "a genius without a single enemy in the whole world" and always comment on his "pleasant and cheerful personality under every condition." Some remember best his ability to inspire others and dissipate their worries. Unfortunately, the Math Department was immune to his charisma, and he dropped back to become a member of the Class of 1931—a positive gain for that class.

Upon graduation in June of 1931 Hector was assigned to the 23d Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. A few months as an Infantry platoon leader in the heat and dust of Texas convinced him that a career in the wild blue yonder was exactly what he wanted. In 1932 he was detailed to the Air Corps and reported to Randolph Field for primary flight training. Upon successful completion he was shifted to Kelly Field for advanced flying training. Having qualified as an attack

pilot he was transferred to the Air Corps with station at Fort Crockett, Texas. Three years was sufficient to dissipate some of the more romantic notions of life in the air, and at his own request, he was transferred to the Infantry. Again, he reported to the 23d Infantry at Fort Sam Houston.

While on his initial tour of duty with the 23d Infantry he had met, wooed, and married a charming "daughter of the regiment," Mildred Lynch. They were joined in matrimony on 20 February 1932. From this happy and lasting union came a daughter, Jeanne, and a son, Merrick Jr. Jeanne is now the wife of Colonel Thomas Davis and the mother of four fine Truly grandchildren. Merrick Jr. has added a charming granddaughter to the list of grandchildren.

Upon completion of the course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and after a tour at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, the Trulys embarked in April 1939 for Manila, Philippine Islands, where Hector was assigned to the 31st Infantry. He was one of the lucky few whose tours were completed in time to allow his return to the United States in October of 1941.

In World War II, Hector was selected as Executive Officer of the 23d Headquarters Special Troops, which was a unit with the mission of deception. It was the only unit of its kind. There were no manuals on doctrine, principles, nor scope of operations. Hector was admirably suited for such assignment by his initiative, boldness, innovativeness, imagination, and uncanny concepts of what our units under combat conditions in the field would look like to German intelligence.

Hector accompanied the major portion of his unit to England where other elements joined. He remained with the 23d Headquarters Special Troops during the entire European War (5 campaigns) and brought the unit back to the United States where it was disbanded.

One of his key staff officers states that "Hector, more than any other individual, was the person most directly responsible for successful operations of his unit."

His superb leadership was ever present in molding concepts. His administrative and organizational abilities conquered seemingly impossible tasks. The tougher operations became, the more Hector's humor, charm, and cheerfulness were evident. He was at his best under stress.

His contacts and the respect he enjoyed among his contemporaries in the combat divisions in action made possible many deception operations designed to assist those units in their battle missions—he saved lives.

His infectious good humor was a wonderful asset in handling situations where deception operations also fooled our own troops. Some officers returning to their own units and finding a fictional force when their real unit was miles away were more than a little chagrined to find themselves duped. Hector seemed at his best in handling and pacifying such individuals.

Deception missions naturally are not publicized—nor should they be. A quiet and silent assist to combat units in battle insures success to those units. Approximately some 37 successful deception operations attest to Hector's abilities.

Hector contributed in an outstanding manner to successful wartime operations demonstrating his leadership abilities in the highest tradition of Duty, Honor, Country.

With his unique background as a successful combat deception officer which required extensive knowledge of enemy inten-

tions and capabilities, it seems only natural that the major portion of his service between the end of World War II and retirement should be spent in intelligence and counter-intelligence assignments at Army level commands. For these he was commended often by his commanding generals.

Subsequent to retirement in 1961, Hector and Mildred devoted themselves to their home in San Antonio and traveling both here and abroad. His health was generally good so his sudden heart attack on 29 January 1977 came as a real shock to Mildred and to his many friends.

It can be said that Hector was truly an officer and gentleman—an officer by training and a gentleman by heritage and instinct. An honorable addition to the Long Gray Line. Well done, Hector.

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## Humbert Joseph Versace

NO. 9781 CLASS OF 1933

Died 15 June 1972 in Black Earth, Wisconsin, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

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## Humbert Roque Versace

NO. 22607 CLASS OF 1959

Executed by the VietCong in Southeast Asia—Officially Declared Dead  
1 July 1966, aged 29 years.

(Editor's note) Sometime ago Colonel Humbert J. Versace's widow, Mrs. Tere Rios Versace, herself a writer and reporter, was asked whether she would care to write his obituary for ASSEMBLY. She responded by suggesting that she attempt a combined submission covering both her husband and their oldest son "Rocky" (United States Military Academy Class of 1959) who lost his life while a prisoner of the VietCong during the early years of that tragic war. Here then is a father-son picture of those two fine officers, a moving and poignant tribute to them both, and a ringing testimonial to the courage, steadfastness, pride and love of this Army family.

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BELONGING TO HUM and Rocky was inspiring, exhilarating, secure. Two strong men, they loved their country with a fierce and demanding love that transferred itself to us, so that even in losing them, we came out survivors.

Hum gave his wisdom, his intelligence, his humor, his balanced judgment to the four men and a woman he fathered.

Now Hum and Rocky have gone on ahead and the others, Steve, Dick, Mike and Tracy, with the same kind of angry generous love, are leading, teaching and caring for the young.

Throughout his life, Hum remained steadfastly loyal to West Point, to the Army, to our country. The Army was his life. He tried to make the world a better place living by and within that system. His greatest show of courage was when I, his wife, chose to question that system. Weakened by strokes and heart attacks, he staunchly defended my right to think and speak freely as an American citizen.

His purgatory was knowing what was happening to Rocky and keeping his own promises to God and country, down through those years.



MERRICK HECTOR TRULY



HUMBERT ROQUE VERSACE

HUMBERT JOSEPH VERSACE

Rocky gave those same qualities to the Service. Just before he was captured, he had decided to leave the Army for the priesthood, and was accepted as a candidate for Maryknoll.

Captain James N. Rowe, who was captured with Rocky, says in his book, *Five Years to Freedom*:

"Rocky, with a wounded leg, surrounded by deep mud terrain and a camp full of guards, had tried to escape. He had more guts than brains to try it at this point, and he was caught, pulling himself through the oozing slime toward a canal... where he could swim... northward toward a friendly outpost. Before, the cadre had assumed from Rocky's opinions that they had a hard case on their hands. Now they knew it."

What they didn't know was that without his glasses, which were lost in battle, Rocky was almost blind. After the escape, Rowe says,

"The guards constructed a tiny cubicle wide enough for a mosquito net and barely high enough to raise the three-foot height. The sides and top were covered with thatching, blocking out light and any flow of air. With his wounded leg in the restriction of irons and forced to stay in the cramped, hot cell, Rocky continued to duel verbally with the cadre in French, Vietnamese and English..."

At the end of two years, Rocky was killed by a VietCong firing squad.

It might be a good thing that the Vietnamese do not return Rocky's body to his own land. But even if they do, his spirit will be there as it is with us, as Hum's is, as strong as they were in life.

It takes a strong country to permit the existence of one such valiant spirit. Hum and Rocky were two. There are four more of the same calibre. We'll be all right.

—Tere Rios Versace

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### Harry William Sweeting

NO. 9797 CLASS OF 1933

Died 20 July 1977 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

IN PREPARING MY thoughts for this article it occurs to me that one of the finest things about having attended the Military Academy is the memory all of us have of such wonderful people as Harry Sweeting. I first met him when I was assigned as his roommate after a transfer from another company during Beast Barracks. Those were not the jolly days of our lives but Harry did much to make them a lot more interesting and a lot less trying for me. His early efforts to regale me with stories of his success as a teacher of a Bible Class did not impress me as being particularly applicable to the numerous problems of the moment but they did much to divert both of us from the other distractions of our somewhat hectic existence.

Harry was a roommate whom I enjoyed, a classmate whom I knew well and saw frequently, and a life-long friend. We graduated not far apart on the roster, we went to Branch

school together, and we fought our battles with the elements, the terrain, and the Germans on the same battlefields in Italy. We saw each other occasionally during the following years and after retirement settled down only a few blocks apart in the area of Arlington. I am proud to say I knew Harry well, admired and respected him as a professional soldier, and regard it as sincere good fortune to have him counted among my friends and classmates. He was always pleasant to be with, willing to help or join the fun, enjoyed sharing his experiences and knowledge with others, and could be counted on to come through in the clutch when we had some common endeavor.

Harry was born in Portland, Oregon, the son of James P. and Agnes D. Sweeting, on 17 April 1911. The family moved in his infancy and Harry grew up in Auburn, New York. He was appointed to the Military Academy from that district in 1929. During his cadet days he made many friends, fared well in academics, and shared the area and the tanbark of the riding hall with some of the best of us.

Upon graduation Harry was assigned to Fort Wayne, Detroit, with the 2d Infantry, one of those scattered remnants which we called our Army in the 1930's. As Harry phrases it in a class yearbook, "After four years of using the last of the oldest equip-

ment in the Army we moved to Benning." In 1937-1938 Harry attended The Infantry School and upon completion of that course was selected to remain at Benning and attend the Armored course, completing the latter in 1939. His career thereafter was primarily in the tank and armored fields. For two years prior to World War II he served at Fort Meade with the 66th Light Tank Battalion and back at Fort Benning with the Second Armored Division. In 1941 he assumed command of the 756th Tank Battalion and accompanied it to North Africa in the winter of 1942.

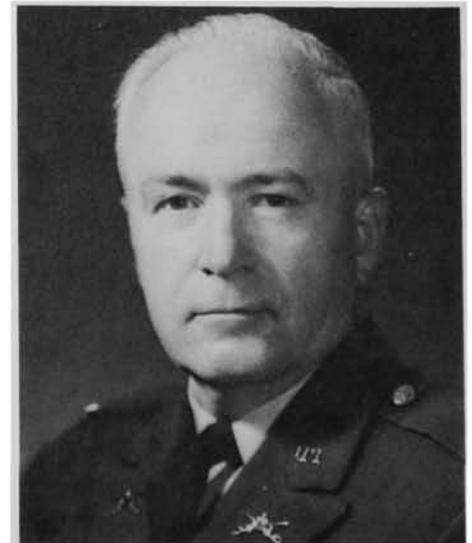
Harry took his battalion into combat in Italy and while leading his unit in the assault on Cassino was decorated a second time for bravery. His citation for the second Silver Star award, during that operation, reads in part: "... a sniper sent a bullet through the sleeve of his jacket. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he proceeded on his mission..."

A former schoolmate of Harry's, Mr. Howard Hosmer, wrote in his Rochester *Times Union* column of Harry's part in the Cassino operation: "It was no surprise to us that International News Service said cracking of the Nazi bastion was accomplished in what a correspondent called a classic display of tank-infantry teamwork. For there was Harry Sweeting again, ready with all the answers."

For the Rome-Arno Offensive Harry was assigned to the 34th Division as commander of the 135th Infantry Regiment. In his words, "Subsequent to Anzio and Rome I ran into some 3d Panzer Grenadiers who converted my status to 'Kriegsgefangenen.' After marching over half of Germany with 'Pop' Goode, I escaped with a couple of Royal Air Force types, and effected juncture with United States forces—an armored outfit again."

During his service in Italy Harry participated in the Naples-Foggia, Anzio, and Rome-Arno Campaigns, and distinguished himself by his outstanding leadership in combat. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and received three awards for valor, including two Silver Stars and the Bronze Star Medal.

After the war Harry attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and thereafter was assigned to The Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky. There he put his expertise in Armor and his skill as writer to good use in developing doctrine and training literature for Armored units. He also directed the production of a new series of field manuals



HARRY WILLIAM SWEETING

on Armor. In 1950 he attended the Army War College and was subsequently assigned to Headquarters, Army Field Forces, at Fort Monroe, to serve as a branch Chief in the Combat Developments Division, where again his knowledge of armor proved invaluable in the development of tanks and other unit equipment.

His next assignment was with the Military Assistance Group, Korea, where he served as a Senior Unit Advisor and also as a Logistics Officer in 1954 and 1955. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding performance of these duties and reassigned to the Pentagon in 1955. During that assignment he served with the Weapons System Evaluation Group, a part of the Joint Staff.

In the summer of 1959 Harry was re-assigned as Executive Officer, Military Assistance Group, Oslo, Norway, and remained in that capacity until November 1962. Of that period he wrote, "The tour in Norway was one of the best and it was there that I met, and later married, Eva Rordam." Upon his return he was again assigned to the Pentagon, this time to Project "Cloud Gap," an element of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He retired in July 1963 after thirty years of service. Following retirement he was employed by Bendix Corporation and by Melpar Corporation in the Washington area for a period of about five years. Since that time he followed his hobby of fishing and at the time of his passing was devoting full time to the preparation of a book on nutrition, a subject in which he had an absorbing interest.

Harry's eclectic interests and his congenial personality were as many-faceted as are the numerous and diverse assignments of his distinguished military career. He wrote well and entertainingly, was an excellent chess player, superbly talented in telling any story, and a well informed student of military history. His easy conversational ability made him a delightful addition to many of our gatherings and those of us who knew him will miss him there in the future.

Harry Sweeting joined the Long Gray Line in August 1977, after unsuccessful surgery to repair an aneurysm. He rests at peace in Arlington among many of his comrades who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife Eva of Falls Church; a former wife, Helen, of Fairfax; two daughters, Susan of Falls Church, and Elizabeth Getman, of Spirit Lake, Iowa; and three grandchildren, George, Linda, and Brian Getman.

We will miss Harry but we can look forward to his welcome when our own call comes to march through that final dim sally port and join the Long Gray Line with him.

—Lyle W. Bernard



GEORGE ROLFE WALTON

others, but I'd like to be in the same squad with Ike, and I'm sure that the rest of the Class will say the same."

George Rolfe Walton was born in Chicago on 25 September 1909. Raised by an aunt in suburban Blue Island due to his mother's illness, he attended Morgan Park Military Academy and graduated second in his class from Blue Island Community High School. After a year at Stanton Prep, he entered West Point with the Class of 1934 on an appointment from the Third Congressional District of Illinois.

At West Point Ike was a popular cadet, respected by his peers and those who served above and below him. He performed well on the wrestling team and went through all the agonies of making "weight" during the gloom period when most of us were spending time at the Boodlers. Ike wore the stripes of cadet sergeant with pride.

After graduation, young Second Lieutenant Walton, at his own request, was sent by the War Department back to the Middle West to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, some 35 miles north of his home town. There he bought a Chevrolet on monthly payments, and on every weekend he would return to Blue Island, mostly to visit his childhood sweetheart who grew up a few houses away from him on Greenwood Avenue. The girl's name was Frances "Sis" Hackett, and she often worried about George traveling back and forth from Sheridan, especially on snowy nights when he would get behind the wheel of the old Chevy and find that the windshield wiper would not work.

In the summer of 1934, George visited General Robert Wood, Class of 1912, of Sears Roebuck, a man whom he had long admired, to get his opinion on the selection of a career. General Wood, who greatly valued his own Army experience and training at West Point, suggested to George that he get some troop experience and then come back to see him after a few years of service.

In the late winter of 1935, George was greeted one day with orders to Hawaii and, after telling Sis, he queried, "You're going with me, aren't you?" and of course she did. The young couple spent the usual three weeks on the United States Army Transport *Republic*, going by water from New York to San Francisco and thence to Honolulu, where George assumed his duties as a second lieutenant in the 27th Regiment of the Pineapple Division.

In May of 1937, the Waltons returned to the continental United States. George wondered once again about working at Sears, but he wanted most to attend The Infantry School at Fort Benning. There a son, Jay, was born.

From Benning, George went to the Presidio of San Francisco, where he served with the 30th Infantry. He was detailed to the Quartermaster Corps for a brief tour of duty; but with a war in the offing, he opted for jump training at Fort Benning where, along with classmate, Louis A. Walsh, he helped to form the 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team which subsequently participated in the invasion of Southern France.

Don Murphy, who served with George at that time and remained his lifelong friend, remembers: "While Lou Walsh was ol' Blood & Guts, and got our outfit in fighting shape, it was the 'Little Colonel,' Ike Walton, who used to go around patching up people's egos. They made a great one-two combination and gave Colonel [Rupert] Graves a great outfit when he took us overseas."

Thanks to General Walsh we have a detailed and vivid record of Ike's impact on the 517th: The unit sailed aboard the Santa Rosa troop ship in mid-May, 1944, arriving at the Bay of Naples on 31 May. On 17 June they boarded LSTs and sailed north through the Tyrrhenian Sea, landing at the battered part of Civitavecchia. They participated in the battle of Rome and continued the attack northward. On 15 August Ike Walton was injured in the jump into Southern France. For General Richard A. Seitz it was he who had "kept the original 517 spirit alive, and when he departed that spirit also departed."

Don Fraser, a fellow Blue Islander who served under Ike and remained close to him in civilian life, remembers his pride in West Point and his Army service and the friends he made there: "He had that special ability to make the tough jobs seem easier, and could make you feel you had solved the problem by yourself." General Melvin Zais retains a lively impression of his personality at this time: "He listened quietly, intently, and sympathetically. If you were just blowing off steam or acting in an immature fashion that wonderful jolly face would break into a big grin and those merry Santa Claus eyes would dance. The message was, 'I understand, I sympathize, but your problem isn't very big and you'd do better to knock off the kid stuff and get to work.'"

After recovering from his injuries, George was assigned to the 3d Parachute Training Regiment at Benning. When the regiment was disbanded after V-J Day, he served briefly at Fort Leavenworth and studied international relations at Columbia University for a year. His Army decorations included the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star with Cluster, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

With the war over, Ike once again visited his old friend, General Wood; and the general, one who always had an eye for talent, immediately hired the young man, now seasoned by war and over ten years of troop duty. George rose rapidly at Sears. His last position with the company was as Labor Relations Director, a strenuous job which he was supposed to have had for two years, but he insisted on remaining. It was after the fifth year that George suffered a stroke; and although it was suggested that he take sick leave, in keeping with his independent spirit, he decided to retire after fourteen years with the company.

In 1963 an injury in a fishing accident left him bedridden. During this long and trying time, he received many of his old Army

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## George Rolfe Walton

NO. 10086 CLASS OF 1934

Died 15 September 1976 in Chicago, Illinois, aged 66 years.

Interment: St. Benedict's Cemetery, Worth, Illinois

THE HOWITZER BIOGRAPHY for the Class of 1934 memorialized his "generosity, humor, ability," and "personal magnetism" and predicted that when "First Sergeant Gabriel is lining up the keen files for a separate outfit, he will go down the line and pick Marse' Robert E. Lee, Abou Ben Adhem, and Ike Walton." "This," added the biographer, "is straight stuff, no blarney... I don't care about the

friends and maintained a lively interest in politics, baseball, and the Navy game.

George Walton is survived by his widow Frances, who lives in Chicago; a brother Thomas; a son James, who is an associate professor of English at Notre Dame; and two grandchildren, Ann and Jack.

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### Thew Joseph Ice Jr.

NO. 10088 CLASS OF 1934

Died 8 August 1975 in Middletown, New York, aged 65 years.

Interment: New Prospect Cemetery, Pine Bush, New York



THEW JOSEPH ICE JR.

THEW J. ICE was born on 28 September 1909 in New York, New York, and spent his early years on a ranch near Powell, Wyoming, that his parents had homesteaded. Later the family moved into Powell where T.J.'s father, Doctor Ice, practiced dentistry. T.J. graduated from Powell High School in the class of 1928. He served in the old Citizens Military Training Camps program as well as the Wyoming National Guard where the yen for the military and West Point developed. T.J. attended Valley Ranch Prep School in Valley, Wyoming, where his roommate was Lincoln Borglum, son of Gutzon Borglum, who sculptured the famous heads on Mount Rushmore, South Dakota. During his preparatory years while swimming T.J. saved the life of another swimmer for which he was awarded a life-saving medal by Charles A. Lindbergh.

T.J. entered West Point on 1 July 1929. As a yearling he was stricken with scarlet fever and was forced to be turned back to the Class of 1934. Our class was glad to accept this pleasant, cheerful, easy-going cadet. He was a true pal and faithful friend. I had not seen T.J. except for a brief moment in the Pentagon until our 40th Reunion. T.J. was still the amiable friend I had known as a cadet.

After graduation T.J. married Carol Rider on 21 August in the West Point Chapel. T.J. met Carol early in his cadet career and she immediately became his one and only.

T.J.'s first assignment was with the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah, along with four other classmates. Fort Douglas was T.J.'s favorite station among the many of his military career.

From Fort Douglas, T.J. was assigned to The Infantry School at Fort Benning for the 1937-1938 course. Afterward he was sent to the Panama Canal Department for duty with the 33d Infantry at Fort Clayton. It was in Panama that T.J.'s service became involved in communications work. Transferred to the Signal Corps on returning from Panama, T.J. was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and later to Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York. The fall of 1941 found T.J. setting up radar stations along the New England coast where he encountered many humorous experiences among the suspicious coastal inhabitants.

Signal aircraft warning duties in 1942 took T.J. from the East Coast to the West Coast and back to Orlando, Florida, then to North Africa in October of that year. From Africa he moved into Italy where he spent most of the war on signal and radar duties returning in January of 1946 to the States for a brief stint in the Pentagon. This assignment became duty with Joint Task Force One, as Assistant to the Deputy Task Force Commander for Aviation. Here he was commended for

his outstanding service in the Bikini Operation by the Task Force Commander, Admiral W.H.P. Blandy. On the move again he was a student, instructor, and assistant director, Air Communications Staff Officers' Course at the Air University at Craig Field, Alabama. In September of 1947 T.J. was formally transferred to the Air Force. Early in 1949 T.J. attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, after which he was assigned to the Armed Services Electronics Standards Agency, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, until 1953. He was then assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and in August of 1954 attended the Air War College at Maxwell Field followed by a tour in Japan as Chief of the Communications Branch of Headquarters Far East Command. Returning to the States in 1958 with station at Hamilton Air Force Base as Region Commander, Western Airways and Air Communications Service Region, where he retired in July of 1961.

T.J. was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with one silver and one bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

After retirement T.J. spent ten years with International Telegraph & Telephone Corporation as a senior program specialist. Most of his civilian duty was spent in Nebraska where he worked closely with the Air Force at Offutt Air Force Base. After retiring from IT&T, T.J. returned to New York. His retirement period was spent keeping busy with his many hobbies such as ice skating, skiing, horseback riding, photography, reading, and cryptograms, and restoring an old home. While at Hamilton Air Force Base T.J. was able to develop his old hobby started at Fort Douglas of rock hunting. He joined the Rock Hound Club and took up faceting and all other forms of lapidary. His work with silver was outstanding.

On the 7th of August T.J. was stricken with a massive heart attack and death came quickly. He is survived by his wife, the former Carol Rider, and one daughter, Diana Carolyn. His insistence that each member of his family stand on his own two feet has helped them over many a rough time since his passing. His daughter Diana is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley—Phi Beta Kappa, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography—and of the University of Michigan, where she received her master's degree in Library

Science and was Beta Phi Mu. Her present position is as Assistant Head of Cataloging in the Library at the State University of New York at Oneonta, New York. Carol presently lives in Burlington, New York.

In the many letters I have written to friends that knew T.J. at various times during his military career, there was always a certain theme that ran through their comments: "He was quite unassuming but with a high sense of humor." "He was a capable officer with strict attention to details but always compassionate when dealing with subordinates." "He was always honest and preferred to meet problems head on." "Duty, Honor, Country, was no slogan but always a part of his life." T.J. was a quiet man but fun loving and always enjoyed pulling a prank on a friend. In the letters I have received from his friends a prank or two was always mentioned. He never failed to help a neighbor, his was a steady hand and a cool head for his family. It may have been from his experience in Western Wyoming that he derived his handyman abilities and his willingness to lend a hand to help his neighbors. To his many friends and his family he will be sorely missed.

—A Classmate

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### Dana Watterson Johnston Jr.

NO. 10089 CLASS OF 1934

Died 19 April 1977 in Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C., aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

DANA W. JOHNSTON JR. was born in Tennessee on 1 October 1909, son of Mary I. Morris and Dana Watterson Johnston (deceased).

After graduating he was assigned to Cavalry units at Fort Bliss, Texas, Randolph Field and Fort Riley, Kansas. He then became a Japanese language student in Tokyo, Japan, where he was interned until August 1942, at which time he was a member of the American Embassy Staff exchanged for members of the Japanese Embassy staff from Washington, D.C.

Other assignments in his outstanding career were in Intelligence in the Pacific; Washington, D.C.; and Norfolk, Virginia. He



DANA WATTERSON JOHNSTON JR.

attended Harvard Business School for a master's degree in Business Administration and then transferred to the Finance Corps of the Army.

In 1953 he became Commanding Officer, United States Army Finance Office, Paris, then Finance Officer for the Office Chief of Ordnance in Washington, D.C., returning to the Comptroller Division of the European Command, 1960 to 1963, and Commanding Officer, Finance Accounts Officer, Paris. He retired as a colonel in 1964.

Dana did consulting work in Europe after which he went to work as the Director of Research, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Maryland. He and Anna and the two little girls returned to France where he became ill, and he returned to the United States he was so proud of.

He made friends wherever he went. His concern for his fellow-man was greater than words can describe. It was his desire to see his two daughters grow up. His passing is a great loss of a devoted father and husband.

He is survived by his wife, Anna M.L. Johnston, and the following children: Donald W. Johnston, Captain, United States Navy; Dana M.; William H.; Taylor C.; Christine and Mary Lou; and a brother Roy.



CLAIR BEVERLY MITCHELL

day of 1 July 1931, he passed through the sally port of the West Academic Building and into Central Area to begin his military career which was to carry him to, among other eventful places, the battle for Cherbourg, France.

Dave Stone, his West Point roommate of four years, adds: "Mike early demonstrated the zeal and ability to concentrate on objectives that characterized his later military career. He was what was referred to as a 'Spoon' cadet; sparkly clean as to person, his dress, his equipment, in essence his whole being and attitude toward life. One of his outstanding characteristics—looking back on it from this distance of nearly a half century—was his wholesome sincerity, his belief in the 'system,' religion, the good people (and distaste for the bad) and his wholehearted enthusiasm for whatever he was involved with. I suspect that, at times, he must have felt like a guardian angel toward me, as my performance there was quite the antithesis of his high standards. He was a thoroughly 'professional' military man in the best sense of the word and always exemplified the finest traditions of what he considered an inherently honorable career. Even as a cadet during the early 1930's while that long-drawn-out Chinese Civil War was dragging on in that land so far away, Mike kept close track of the ebb and flow of action there through the accounts in the *New York Times*, plotting the daily moves on the maps and diagrams he had devised."

His cadet years were characterized by the high regard in which he was held by his classmates and the members of "B" Company who knew him so well. His appointment as a cadet corporal in his Second Class year and as a cadet lieutenant for his First Class year attest the official recognition of the leadership qualities he so ably demonstrated.

Upon graduation Mike's first assignment as a second lieutenant was to the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland. There he performed the myriad of duties typical of all "shavetails," undergoing the training and developing process of a junior officer. During this period he attended the two-month Basic Course at the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. In February 1937 he was ordered to Panama for duty with the 33d Infantry at Fort Clayton where, as he described it humorously: "Two years of Panamanian tropical splendor unfolded and I acquired a lifelong taste for Scotch

whiskey." His duties there were again typical and professionally broadening. Most of that tour was spent in a machine gun company, and for a while, as leader of the pack train which supplied the troops on jungle station and during many maneuvers.

In March of 1939 his two-year tour of "foreign service" completed and by then a first lieutenant, he was ordered to Fort Benning, Georgia, for temporary duty with the crack 29th Infantry Regiment pending the start of the annual Regular Course at The Infantry School in September. Relevant to that short assignment in the 29th, a contemporary in another regiment remembers: "Mike and I were involved in a fierce but friendly competition for the annual Chief of Infantry Rifle Squad Award. Mike brought his representative squad of the 29th Infantry to such a high degree of tactical excellence that it won the Army-wide competition." This was typical of Mike's drive and leadership.

The course at The Infantry School had been programmed for the customary nine months; however, as the portent of the darkening war clouds in Europe grew ever sinister, the completion date was advanced to 1 February 1940. Mike enjoyed the course and excelled as a student.

It was during this period that he met Marguerite Lucy Talbot, daughter of Ralph Talbot, United States Military Academy, Class of 1905, better known as Peggy Lu, who had come to Benning to visit her brother, first lieutenant (later Colonel) Ralph Talbot III (United States Military Academy Class of 1933), who was on duty there. The romance was to prove a lasting one.

Indicative of the tempo of events of that period, Mike, with ten other Infantry School classmates, reported on the afternoon of graduation to their next assignment—the 4th Anti-tank Battalion, activated that same date at Fort Benning. It was the first anti-tank battalion in the history of the United States Army, but one of many to follow. Such units were conceived as a partial answer to the emergence of Germany's massed-tank warfare. Until the 4th entered the war in North Africa in 1942 as the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion, it had played a considerable role in testing and developing the organization, tactics, techniques, and weapons and equipment for such units. Mike's enthusiasm was boundless. One of his contributions was the development of an improved sight for the anti-tank gun. An officer with the unit during the 1941 Louisiana and North Carolina maneuvers writes: "What I recall most vividly about Mike was his calmness, tact, understanding and solid dependability. When things seemed especially rough, he could always interject a steadying influence. His splendid, mild sense of subtle humor and even disposition were invaluable to all of us."

On 10 July 1940 Mike married Peggy Lu at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where her father was stationed. Dave Stone served as best man.

In June 1942 he was sent to Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he commanded "D" Company, 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion. The following April found him at Camp Pickett, Virginia, in the cadre of the 79th Division as S3, 313th Infantry. That same month he was promoted to major and shortly thereafter was given command of the 1st Battalion which he took to Camp Blanding, Florida in August. In January 1943 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and from that date until he left the Division served either as Regimental Executive Officer or Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 313th Infantry. This

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## Clair Beverly Mitchell

NO. 10373 CLASS OF 1935

Died 4 June 1977 in Catlett, Virginia,  
aged 64 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,  
Arlington, Virginia

MIKE (CLAIR BEVERLY) was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on 8 April 1913, the son of George Edward and Lucy Jones Mitchell.

It was not surprising that Mike aspired to a military career and had set his sights on West Point. His father (United States Military Academy, Class of 1897) was a colonel in the Cavalry. His older brothers, George E. Jr., (United States Military Academy Class of 1922) and Paul J. (United States Military Academy Class of 1928) had been similarly captivated by the bonds, dedication and esprit of the old Army. By the time he had completed high school his father had retired from the Army and had established a family home, dubbed "Birdwood," near Catlett, Virginia. It was from there in the fall of 1930 that Mike entered renowned Schadmans Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., to better equip himself for the West Point entrance examination and, if successful, the tough plebe year ahead.

A contemporary at Schad's recalls: "Burst out of the backwoods of Virginia into the scene of pseudo-sophisticates with clear eyes, curly hair, a bright, smiley face, a ukulele in his hands and the improbable name of Clair Beverly. I couldn't stand it—so, without matriarchal authority, I christened him Mike to give him some stature in our belligerent masculine society. I remember him also as a leader in the ukulele-centered song gatherings so vitally needed in the grind of studying and classroom drills. We were fortunate to have had him among us."

Throughout the rest of his life he was known to his military associates only as Mike.

His efforts at Schad's were successful. He passed the entrance examination and received an At Large appointment. On that eventful

period included the Tennessee, Desert and Kansas maneuvers.

April 1944 found him in European Theatre of Operations (England) commanding the 1st Battalion. The 79th Division landed in Normandy on 14 June 1944, eight days after D-Day, with the mission of capturing Cherbourg. On 23 June, just nine days later and while issuing orders to his commanders for another phase of the attack, Mike's combat days, for which he had prepared himself so well, came to an abrupt halt. To use his own words written sixteen years later: "On the outskirts of Cherbourg the Krauts filled me with so many shell fragments that my birthdays almost came to an end. My left hand and arm are mostly paralyzed and my legs and knees aren't quite the same either." In that short period of nine days, he had earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and (earned is hardly the word) two Purple Hearts.

On 25 August 1945 after numerous operations and periods of convalescence, Mike was finally released from the hospital, returned to limited duty and assigned as an instructor in the Tactics Department, The Infantry School, Fort Benning—an ideal and fitting assignment. Periodic physical checkups and reevaluations ensued the rest of his military career. In August 1947 he was assigned as a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It was while there that Clair Beverly Jr., better known as Chuck, their first child, was born. Upon completion of the course the following July, Mike was assigned as an instructor and staff advisor at the Ecuador Staff College in Quito, Ecuador. It was a pleasant and interesting two years for both Peggy Lu and Mike. But all good things must come to an end and in October 1950, "through an error," as Mike related, he found himself in G1, Department of the Army. In January 1951 he was promoted to colonel. After only a few months in the Pentagon, he was sent to Norfolk, Virginia to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. Upon completion of that course he returned to G1 where he served the next four years. It was during this period that on 12 September 1951, their second child, Marguerite Lucy (Molly), was born at Alexandria, Virginia. In early September 1955 after appearing before yet another medical evaluation board, he received his final military orders which read: "Having been determined to be permanently unfit for duty by reason of physical disability due to wounds received in action of 70 per cent... is retired from active service 30 September 1955."

Mike accepted retirement in the same spirit that he accepted his battle injuries—without bitterness or self pity—just something to be accepted at the appointed hour in the profession of a soldier.

However, although he had to hang up his helmet and spurs, he had not been defeated; he merely exchanged his military "chapeau" for a civilian one and asked the Army if it could use his services in his new status. The answer was affirmative.

Transition to civilian life, though abrupt, was hardly unexpected; nor did it pose any great problem or readjustment. He simply walked down the hall, so to speak, and sat at a different desk, this time in Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, and adjusted his thinking cap to a different tilt—the combat developments field—the development of the future Army. Few, if any, officers were better fitted in military background and personal qualification for the job. His imagination, foresight, gentle manner, sound judgment

and "unflappable" calm nature were invaluable in that "Flap Factory on the Potomac."

For the next thirteen years Mike devoted his every energy to his work; then, feeling the need for a slower tempo, retired from Civil Service on 14 August 1968. Certainly all will agree that anyone who could spend seventeen consecutive years in the Pentagon in positions of major responsibility must be someone special. Mike was just that.

He followed his second retirement by completing additional college courses to qualify for certification in the Virginia public school system and for six years, 1971-1977, taught mathematics in a Fairfax County public high school. As if that were not enough, he also qualified as a real estate broker and during his last five years devoted such time as could be spared to that field. From the advantage of hindsight, it may not be surprising that in April 1974, he was the victim of a severe heart attack; but with sound medical care and months of careful recuperation, he resumed his teaching and real estate activities. Additionally, though not realized by many of his military friends, both he and Peggy Lu had been very active in local church and community affairs. Both had taught Sunday School classes for twenty years.

In addition to attending to his own family and home, Mike found it necessary to devote increasing time to caring for his nonagenarian mother (widowed in 1935) and "Birdwood," her estate (or homestead, as he sometimes referred to it) in not-too-distant Catlett, Virginia. His mother wintered with him and Peggy Lu in Fairfax, but during the summers had insisted on residing at "Birdwood" alone. Peggy Lu, Mike or Chuck either worked and/or visited there daily. On 3 June 1977 Mike had gone there to accomplish several chores and remain overnight. Peggy Lu was to join him the following day. When she arrived in mid-morning, she found Mike still in bed. He had gone to sleep for the last time—in "the backwoods of Virginia" from whence he had entered West Point 42 years earlier. Heart attacks had thus taken a father and his three sons—all Military Academy grads.

The attendance at Mike's funeral in Arlington was huge. The scores of condolences the family received, especially those from Mike's former Sunday School and high school students, were indicative of the mark he had left. He was a man, leader and a gentleman in the finest sense of those words. Surely that Power in the Sky needed him and knew that he deserved a rest. The drums must have rolled a little stronger and with some special significance as Mike walked through that last sally port.

We shall miss him; we have already.

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## Robert Matthew Burnett

NO. 10535 CLASS OF 1936

Died 24 June 1977 in Kingsland, Texas,  
aged 65 years.

Interment: Lakeland Hills Memorial Park,  
Kingsland, Texas

DURING THE NIGHT of 24 June 1977, after fighting emphysema for many years, Bob slipped quietly from this life. By his side as always was Mid, the "Girl Next Door" from Pennsylvania whom he had married in 1936. Surrounded by relatives, friends and classmates, Bob was buried in a site he had chosen



ROBERT MATTHEW BURNETT

on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful Texas hill country he and Mid had come to love. They had started their life together in Texas with the Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston and had returned 35 years later for six wonderful years together in a beautiful lakeside home at Kingsland, Texas.

Robert Matthew Burnett was born in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, on 20 January 1912, the son of Matthew and Nan (Kirkendahl) Burnett. He attended grammar, high, and preparatory schools in Saltsburg. His attendance at Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School, where he was a cadet captain, plus two years at Pennsylvania State College where he majored in mathematics, were excellent preparation for West Point. He earned the rank of cadet captain again, managed the swimming team, taught Sunday School and graduated in the top quarter of his class. He was popular with his classmates, who elected him their Hop Manager for four years and enviously called him "Bernoulli" because of his facility with mathematics.

The day after graduation, Bob and Mildred Spence, the girl who had been his "One and Only" for many years, were married in Garden City, Long Island, New York, by former Cadet Chaplain, Arthur B. Kinsolving, whom they had known during Bob's plebe year.

The years from 1936 to 1943 were spent in routine artillery officer duties preparing Bob for his principal wartime service as commanding officer of a Field Artillery battalion during ten months of combat in Europe. For this service, in addition to his American decorations, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

From the end of his duty in Europe in 1946 until he retired voluntarily in 1958, there were, in addition to his attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College, two tours of duty Bob found particularly satisfying. One was in Puerto Rico where his duties included extensive contacts with the civilian community, and the other was in Washington, D.C., with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he worked with senior military and civilian officials and traveled extensively both in the United States and abroad. Bob especially enjoyed working directly with individuals, and his warm personality together with his unusual ability to establish rapport with everyone he met led to

outstanding performance of duty in these assignments.

In spite of the fact that he undoubtedly would have reached even higher levels of command, Bob retired from the Army after twenty-three years of service because of a desire to face the challenge of the civilian world. The next twelve years were spent in the competitive business arena in Chicago where, to judge from positions held and remuneration received, he was an unqualified success.

Bob developed his extensive reading and his talent for letter writing into a hobby. He enjoyed written debates with authors and editors and never allowed military or historical errors to go unchallenged. Through correspondence he was active in class affairs, and being very proud of the Class of 1936, never failed to congratulate those whom he felt helped make it outstanding.

Retiring for the second time in 1970, Bob planned to relax in Texas and devote full time to gardening, fishing, woodworking and letter writing. However, his leadership ability was quickly recognized and he soon found himself part time in real estate with the local bank, a member of the Church Board, and deeply involved in community activities.

Bob is survived by his wife Mid, two sons, Leonard Wayne and Robert Glenn, and five grandchildren.



CARLIN HAMLIN WHITESELL JR.

in the Ballistic Missile Construction Office, Carlin was awarded his second Legion of Merit. He supervised the construction of warning and missile facilities throughout the Western United States and Canada. As the capstone of his first career, Carlin served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, for which he again earned the Legion of Merit.

In 1964 he retired to join Peter Kiewit Sons' Company in construction and direction of their operations. From 1967 to 1970 he constructed and operated the Omaha Hilton Hotel for the Peter Kiewit Company and a group of investors. His efforts are one of the principal reasons that downtown Omaha did not expire; and he was a staunch early supporter of the now successful efforts to resuscitate the area.

He was appointed by former Nebraska Governor, Norbert Tiemann, to the Little Hoover Commission, which studied state government operation and by Governor J.J. Exon to the Nebraska State Department of Economic Development Advisory Committee.

He formerly served as a vice president and was 1976 treasurer of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and was a board member of Occidental Savings and Loan Association, past president of Nebraska Goodwill Industries, past president of the Omaha Symphony Association, and board member of the Omaha Safety Council and Boys Town. He was an active member also of the Moles and the Order of the Bear, Society of American Military Engineers, and American Society of Civil Engineers.

He also was a member of the Nebraska Citizens Advisory Council on Alcoholism, board member of Immanuel Hospital, a member of the University of Nebraska Foundation and the Omaha Economic Development Council.

In addition, Carlin Whitesell was past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dundee Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Church session at the time of his death.

Carlin also headed fund-raising drives for Immanuel Hospital, the Symphony Association, and at his death was Omaha chairman for the Hastings College Centennial Campaign fund-raising effort.

Those of us who knew him primarily in his military career remember a driving intellect coupled with tireless energy that ensured that things were done right. This

was tempered with a kindness and understanding that made his associates want to do it Carlin's way—he was so right and such a dynamic leader that you could not help but want to be right too, and follow him wherever he led.

Surprisingly, those who knew him principally in his civilian career felt very nearly the same. His pastor, commenting on his death, said, "King David said at the time of the death of a friend and respected leader, 'Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?' He will always be remembered with deep gratitude as a shining example of a man devoted to his family, committed to Christ and his church, respected for his leadership in the community and successful in his chosen profession."

To all of us who knew him in the community, the monuments to his leadership and compassion are to be found everywhere in the lives of those who have benefited from those causes he espoused.

His children remember him as a loving, patient, generous father who always looked for the good in them, as he did in the lives of everyone he met. He also taught others to always look for the good in people.

Carlin was the kind of husband whose wife can say that she cannot remember a time when she has not known him, or a time when she has not loved him. The day after graduation, Carlin married Leone Milward of Cameron, Illinois, and after thirty-nine years of marriage Leone describes the relationship as one that was as near perfect as any could ever be.

Carlin Whitesell was the man who got things done, and at the same time remembered the little things that showed his love for people. In the words of Saint Paul, Carlin's love was patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not arrogant or rude. He did not insist on his own way; he convinced others that his way was best. He was not irritable or resentful; he did not rejoice in wrong, but rejoiced only in the right.

In his final months Carlin's love helped him bear all things, believe all things, hope all things and endure all things. His love never ends; and His love gives us the faith and hope that Carlin did not live in vain.

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### John Clayton Adams Jr.

NO. 12945 CLASS OF 1942

Died 22 December 1976 at the Veterans' Hospital, Long Beach, California, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN CLAYTON ADAMS JR. was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on 25 February 1920, the son of John Clayton and Ninabell (Record) Adams Sr. He attended grammar school at Alamo Heights, Texas; San Antonio Academy; Texas Military Institute; Flushing High School, Flushing, New York; and graduated in 1936 from North High School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

John was appointed to the Military Academy from Illinois on 1 July 1938. After graduation on 29 May 1942 he was commissioned in the Field Artillery but transferred to the Air Corps in December 1942.

He reported on 8 June 1942 to the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics at Orangeburg, South Carolina, for his primary training. He received his basic flight training at

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### Carlin Hamlin Whitesell Jr.

NO. 10787 CLASS OF 1937

Died 9 May 1976 in Omaha, Nebraska, aged 61 years.

Interment: Evergreen Memorial Park, Omaha, Nebraska

CARLIN HAMLIN WHITESELL was born in Galveston, Texas, and showed the touch of greatness throughout his life. Graduating near the top of his class in 1937, he stayed at the top until his untimely death in Omaha took him from his friends and community who loved him.

Carlin had two very successful careers, either of which would have been enough for an average man. After graduation he served in the Philippine Islands as company commander and regimental adjutant, Civil Works Officer in the Los Angeles Engineer District, and then was sent to Alaska where he earned the Legion of Merit for his part in the defense of Dutch Harbor. Thereafter he served in the European Theater of Operations and then back to the Philippines to prepare for the invasion of Japan and then to assist the Philippine Government in recovering from the extensive war damage. Upon his return to the United States, Carlin was one of the first officers selected for graduate study and received his Master of Science in Civil Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

After an absorbing tour as Assistant Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia, Carlin returned to the Far East where he served in Korea as the Assistant Engineer for Reconstruction and Economic Development. Then for two years in Japan at Headquarters, Eighth Army, he negotiated with the Japanese Government for the use of facilities in support of the effort in Korea.

Returning to the United States, Carlin once again found his immense experience in difficult, large engineering projects to be what his country needed. For his outstanding work

Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina, and graduated in the Class of 42K from Advanced Flying School at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia, on 13 December 1942.

He instructed fighter trainees in Oakland, California, until 1944 when he went to the European Theater of Operations with the 367th Fighter Group, flying fighter bombing missions in support of the Third Army. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal and five Air Medals.

Returning to the United States in 1945 he became an instructor in the Department of English at the Military Academy, West Point, New York from 1946 to 1948, after a short tour at Mitchel Field, New York. Next came temporary duty at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, on the Air Academy Planning Board; then to Annapolis, Maryland, as instructor in the Department of English from 1949-1951.

His next assignment was with the 12th Air Force, 1150th Group, in Weisbaden, Germany, where he had charge of the Seventh Army-12th Air Force Joint Air Ground Instruction Team.

Then back in the States with Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, from 1953 to 1958 when he resigned from the Air Force to become a senior engineer with Westinghouse, Baltimore, Maryland, and later with the General Electric Company, also in Baltimore.

Later he moved to Massachusetts where he was Quality Control Manager for the Elco-Webster Corporation in Watertown. When the company moved to El Segundo, California, as the Elco-Pacific Corporation, he went with them and remained until his last hospitalization in September 1976. Death came 22 December 1976 after a long seven years of battle with cancer.

Shortly after he returned from World War II, John Adams married Barbara Gould at the West Point Chapel on 20 January 1946. Mary Elizabeth was born 30 April 1948 at the West Point Hospital; John Clayton Adams III was born at the Naval Academy Hospital on 24 March 1951; and Cheryl Ann was born 19 March 1958 at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

He had three grandchildren born to his oldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth: Kevin Clayton born in 1969, Kelli Maureen born in 1971 and Nicolle Lei born in 1973.

When one loses someone very close, it leaves a void that can never adequately be filled. Yet each of us, in our own way, must learn to live with the reality of that passing, however painful it may be. Thus it is fortunate that we retain our warm memories to sustain us during this most difficult of transitions. It is these memories of my father, John C. Adams Jr., that I would like to share herein.

My father was a deeply compassionate man, possessed of an intellect and sensitivity that is all too rare. His intellectual capacity was literally awe inspiring. Engineering, advanced mathematics, aeronautics, physics, literature, and history were all within the ambit of subject matter in which he was well versed. He



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was fluent in three foreign languages and throughout his adult life maintained an acute perception of world and national affairs. In both breadth and depth, he exhibited a brilliance of mind that bespoke a potential for greatness and not extrinsic circumstances conspired to divert his energies. His tremendous command of the English language, whether written or spoken, enabled him to express himself with incredible clarity and precision. He was at his best in spirited conversation, as remembered by his fellow-classmate and long-time friend, Ben Hardaway:

"After graduation, we went different routes in flight training until the fall of 1944 when Jack joined the 367th Fighter Group in France, some two months after I did. Although we were assigned to different squadrons, I delighted to join Jack and his roommates for frequent evening gatherings, at which Jack was at his best, sparking conversations, exchanging opinions, recounting experiences, displaying original and fanciful cartoons, and working on handicraft projects. Sometimes we were joined by Leon Jacottin, a Frenchman from Berry-au-Bac, on whom Jack and I practiced our French. He christened our group the 'Conseil de Cinq,' and had us to dinner at Berry that frigid winter when a windfall of food, such as a brace of rabbits or a young wild boar was available.

"Jack and I were sent at the same time to be forward air controllers with the 5th Armored Division, at that time entering the Hurtgen Forest. Jack was with Combat Command R, engaged in vigorous probing, and was awarded a Bronze Star for his work under fire.

"We joined in concern over one of the 'Conseil' who developed target fixation during strafing. We warned and pleaded after two close calls; and after the third and fatal one we mourned. Jack mourned, too, only a week or two later, when I crash landed my P-47 behind German lines; it gave me almost as much pleasure as surviving to see his face light up when we met at a forward base, he being on a liaison mission there and

I hitchhiking my way by jeep back to the Group.

"After V-E Day we were separated again, briefly, until 1946 when we were assigned to the Department of English at the Academy."

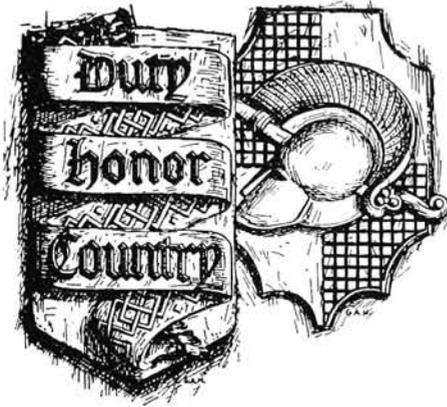
Especially cherished in my own recollection are the many splendid evenings my father and I spent, together engrossed for hours in fascinating discussions on historic subjects of mutual interest. History was his passion and his extensive readings combined with his personal insights provided a wealth of information on a wide spectrum of historical topics. His mastery of verbal expression and an acute awareness of the human condition made history come alive; establishing its relevance as the continuing chronicle of the collective human experience.

Most essentially, my father was a gentle man with a genuine sense of humor and a fundamental concern for his fellow-man. He held a deep conviction in the basic human rights of all persons and would react with a very personal and intense outrage to violations of those basic rights. He despised arrogance and bigotry, as well as the reinforced ignorance on which they breed and the atrocities he believed they inevitably inflict upon innocent people. The unspeakable horrors he personally witnessed during the second World War left emotional scars which he was to carry throughout his life. His awareness of contemporary examples of similar outrages against human dignity were a vexation to his spirit and to his intellect; notwithstanding the ideological label under which they were perpetrated.

My father's emotions, like his intellect, ran very deep. Ironically, however, I believe it was in regards to his deepest felt emotions that he experienced an unaccustomed difficulty in expression. He was enigmatic in that he loved people yet often he would be extremely introspective and seek solitude. However, there is no doubt that he loved his family intensely, most especially his loving wife, Barbara. Together they shared over half their lives and she remained by his side throughout both the good times and the bad, until the last moment. On numerous occasions my father confided that it was in her love that he knew his greatest joy and contentment.

Finally, we will always remember his courage. Not only the type of bravery he displayed in the deadly skies over Europe in 1943-1945 or which he summoned to survive the ordeal in the Hurtgen Forest, but maybe even more the emotional courage it took for a man of his abilities to accept menial employment to support his family when the aeronautic industry collapsed and left him unemployed. The courage it took for him to continue going to work for six long years, while desperately trying to prevail over the cancer which sapped his strength, as well as the side-effects of the purported treatments—which often proved more devastating than the cancer they were supposed to cure. Yet, even on the last day I saw him he managed to summon a smile. I was, and am, extremely proud of him.

—John C. Adams III



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the March 1978 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Marion W. Howze	1903 . . . 29	January	1978 . . . New York, New York
Richmond T. Gibson	1915 . . . 10	February	1978 . . . Miami, Florida
Henry M. Black	Aug 1917 . . . 13	March	1978 . . . Broomall, Pennsylvania
Frank F. Reed	Aug 1917 . . . 25	March	1978 . . . Pasadena, California
Lucius D. Clay	Jun 1918 . . . 16	April	1978 . . . Chatham, Massachusetts
Frank O. Bowman	Nov 1918 . . . 13	March	1978 . . . Fort Ord, California
David T. Johnson	Nov 1918 . . . 18	February	1978 . . . Columbia, Missouri
Basil Kimball	Ex-Nov 1918 . . . 16	February	1978 . . . Naples, Florida
Rene W. Pinto	Ex-Nov 1918 . . . 12	March	1978 . . . La Mesa, California
Robert B. Hutchins	1919 . . . 23	January	1978 . . . San Francisco, California
Clarence E. Burgher	1919 . . . 1	April	1977 . . . Santa Barbara, California
Terence J. Tully	1920 . . . 27	March	1978 . . . Washington, D.C.
William P. Withers	1920 . . . 27	March	1978 . . . Kerrville, Texas
Harry E. Bodine Jr.	1922 . . . 25	February	1978 . . . Jonesboro, Arkansas
Francis M. Day	1924 . . . 5	February	1978 . . . Fort Riley, Kansas
George E. Penton	1924 . . . 9	March	1978 . . . Augusta, Georgia
Heyward B. Roberts	1924 . . . 17	March	1978 . . . Blacksburg, Virginia
Harry W. Crandall	1925 . . . 18	March	1978 . . . Alexandria, Virginia
Albert R. Dowling	1925 . . . 8	December	1977 . . . Orangeburg, New York
William H. Morford Jr.	1925 . . . 12	December	1977 . . . Nashville, Tennessee
John P. Doidge	1928 . . . 23	May	1975 . . . Long Beach, California
Walter E. Todd	1928 . . . 13	February	1978 . . . Maxwell AFB, Alabama
Myles W. Brewster	1929 . . . 29	March	1978 . . . Suffolk, England
Charley P. Eastburn	1930 . . . 13	October	1977 . . . Newport News, Virginia
Howard W. Quinn	1930 . . . 23	April	1978 . . . Annapolis, Maryland
Albert M. Smith II	1930 . . . 3	February	1978 . . . Tucson, Arizona
Oral G. Willis	1931 . . . 23	February	1978 . . . Waynesboro, Virginia
Clifford M. Snyder	1932 . . . 6	January	1970 . . . Washington, D.C.
John E. Mead	1934 . . . 14	February	1978 . . . San Jose, California
William J. Mullen Jr.	1934 . . . 19	February	1978 . . . Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Donald B. Brummel	1937 . . . 5	September	1977 . . . Cleveland, Ohio
Rowland H. Renwanz	1940 . . . 6	May	1976 . . . Missoula, Montana
Martin A. Shadday	1941 . . . 27	February	1978 . . . Columbia, South Carolina
Arnold S. Torgerson	1941 . . . 17	January	1978 . . . Overland, Missouri
Edward B. Zarembo	1941 . . . 1	March	1978 . . . Jamaica, New York
James S. Braden	1942 . . . 17	February	1978 . . . Boise, Idaho
Jerry G. Capka	1944 . . . 2	April	1978 . . . Seoul, Korea
James M. Mueller	1945 . . . 9	March	1975 . . . Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
John B. Wadsworth Jr.	1948 . . . 25	March	1978 . . . Northfield, Vermont
John H. Pigman	1950 . . . 21	February	1978 . . . Baltimore, Maryland
Theodore A. Seely Jr.	1950 . . . 29	March	1978 . . . San Francisco, California
Peter R. Kuhn	1951 . . . 3	March	1978 . . . Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey
Ralph H. Floyd Jr.	1956 . . . 23	March	1978 . . . Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Robert A. Stewart*	1956 . . . 3	April	1978 . . . North Vietnam
Merwin L. Morrill**	1958 . . . 3	April	1978 . . . North Vietnam
William J. Poole	1959 . . . 16	January	1978 . . . Columbia, South Carolina
Gregory J. Hayward	1964 . . . 19	March	1978 . . . Lake Clear, New York
James J. Rackley	1972 . . . 16	December	1977 . . . Colorado Springs, Colorado
Ralph E. Bower III	1974 . . . 4	April	1978 . . . Spangdahlen, Germany
John H.B. Krueger	1974 . . . 13	September	1977 . . . Eschslufuhr, Germany

\*MIA Since 12 May 1967

\*\*MIA Since 21 August 1967

## **Eulogy for General Lucius D. Clay**

delivered by the Governing Mayor of Berlin,  
Dietrich Stobbe on April 21st, 1978 at West Point

Mrs. Clay,

Together with the Americans, the people of free Berlin  
mourn the death of Lucius D. Clay.

For my fellow citizens and for me, he is the man whose  
name is linked with our existence in freedom and democracy.

His work is of historic dimension, for our city, for our country.  
Supported by his President's confidence, he ventured upon  
the Air Lift and its success has proved him right.  
It was in those days, so short a time after the terrible  
war, that friendship was born between our nations.

Evidence of the special friendship between the Americans  
and the citizens of Berlin is heard every day when the  
Freedom Bell rings out from the tower of Schoneberg City Hall.  
This Bell was donated by millions of Americans.  
It was Lucius D. Clay who initiated the appeal for donations.

And when the Wall was built, it was again Lucius D. Clay  
who personified the determination of the United States and  
her allies to stand by Berlin.

Berlin has sent a delegation from its House of Representatives  
and me, its Governing Mayor, to pay a final tribute to him.  
His life is an example to us. It stands for courage, for the  
firm will to defend the basic values of freedom in times of  
threat. This will be our continued commitment.

To us, Lucius D. Clay was a citizen of Berlin, he remains  
our Honorary Citizen.

Dear Mrs. Clay, we who now carry responsibility in Berlin,  
bow in gratitude before this great man.