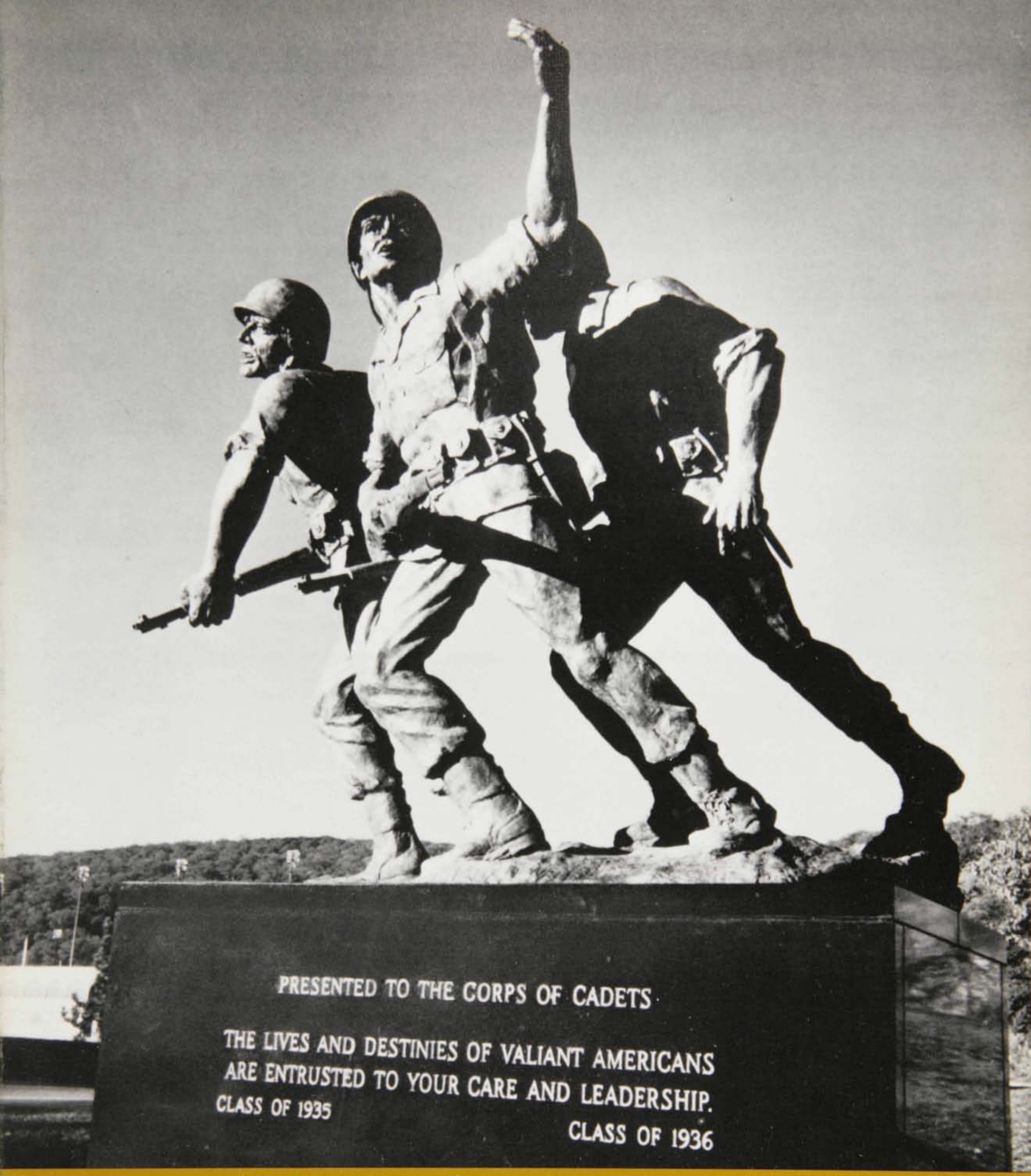

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

West Point welcomed many alumni during Homecoming this year (31 October - 2 November), as the 5-year Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970 and 1975 held their major reunions. Again this year, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, '15, led the march to Thayer Monument. He and his classmates--Colonel John K. Meneely and Major General George Richards--together with the other graduates present, reviewed the Corps of Cadets shortly afterwards. It was a memorable occasion for all, and a tribute to the Military Academy and its graduates.

During the weekend, members of the USMA Classes of 1960 through 1969 dedicated their joint class gift project, the Southeast Asia Memorial, to the Military Academy. The memorial commemorates their classmates and all the members of the United States Armed Forces who died in the Vietnam conflict. The Memorial is located in a scenic landscaped area adjacent to Lusk Reservoir, across Mills Road from Howze Field and Michie Stadium.

Earlier in the fall, October 10-12, the USMA Classes of 1935 and 1936 celebrated their 45th reunion. In conjunction with their reunions, they jointly dedicated their class gift project, the Soldiers Statue, to the Corps of Cadets. It is a magnificent bronze sculpture of three soldiers going into battle, each nine feet high, on a black granite base along Mills Road overlooking Lusk Reservoir. The statue is dedicated to the American Soldier and the inscription on the base reads "To the Corps of Cadets - the lives and destinies of valiant Americans are entrusted to your care and leadership."

It is a pleasure to announce that Carl F. Ullrich became West Point's new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics effective 1 September. He is a talented, energetic sports administrator who has experience in dealing with the problems confronting the service academies in developing outstanding sports programs. Details on Ullrich's appointment are presented elsewhere in this issue of Assembly.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) completed its inquiry into rules violations alleged by a former head football coach. On 10 October, the NCAA announced that the Academy had been publicly reprimanded for violations occurring largely in the conduct of its football program, and primarily involving policies implemented by the athletic department during the 1976-77 academic year. The NCAA action will not affect West Point's eligibility for postseason competition or NCAA television appearances.

In a press release, Dr. Charles Alan Wright, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, stated, "Of significance to the committee in determining a penalty in this case were the corrective actions taken by the Academy and its demonstrated commitment during the period the case was processed to conform its operating procedures to NCAA regulations." Dr. Wright added, "Another significant mitigating factor in considering a penalty was that the violations did not appear to be the result of an organized effort to circumvent NCAA legislation, but rather, they appeared to result from an inadequate review of athletic department policies in light of NCAA requirements."

The Academy has acknowledged the NCAA findings, and has accepted the sanction. The NCAA investigation was thorough, comprehensive and fair. In working with the NCAA during its investigation, we attempted to be complete, candid and factual. Obviously, some mistakes had been made, but you may be assured that the Academy has taken steps to correct the inadequacies cited by the NCAA. We have instituted programs of education, accountability, inspection, interpretation and procedure to insure strict compliance with NCAA rules. The lengthy NCAA inquiry was not a pleasant chapter in West Point's long, proud history. It is a chapter that we do not intend to repeat.

West Point Societies have long been interested in sustaining the Corps of Cadets. Two societies have undertaken specific admissions oriented projects during the last year that are worthy of review by others. The Houston Society hosted an invitational meeting in January 1980 that was reported in detail in the June edition of Assembly; the D. C. Society hosted a dinner in July that is reported in this issue. We salute these efforts. A more active role in support of admissions by those societies willing to work at it will ensure continued high quality in our incoming classes. West Point Societies that desire to participate more fully should contact the Director of Admissions, USMA. This contact is especially important in support of admissions programs for athletes, since we must ensure that we fully comply with rules of the NCAA and AIAW in our efforts to recruit these young people.

With best wishes from West Point,

Sincerely,

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

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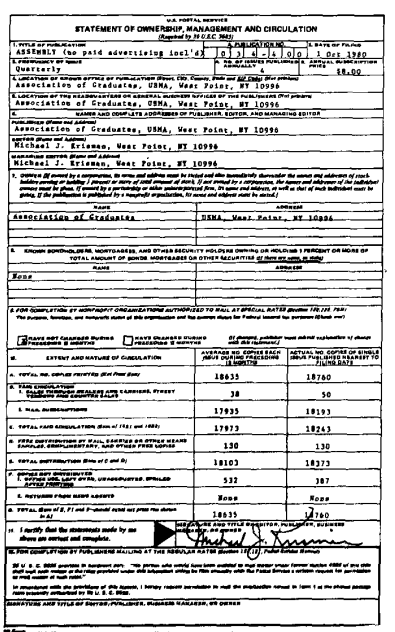

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THE SOLDIERS' STATUE

Felix de Weldon, world famous sculptor, speaking at the dedication of the Soldiers' Statue.

WEST Point has an exciting new monument, a statue of three American World War II soldiers, presented on 10 October 1980 to the Academy and the Corps of Cadets by the Classes of 1935 and 1936. It is dedicated TO THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, the first statue to honor the United States enlisted man, including the airman. The monument is already known at West Point as The Soldiers' Statue. The 3,500 pound statue, a nine-foot bronze sculpture, was commissioned to Felix deWeldon, one of the world's most famous sculptors of military heroes. It came into being because members of the two classes presenting it recognized that West Point has no permanent tribute to the American soldier. It is one of the larger statues at West Point, the only one with more than one figure.

As the 45th graduation anniversary gift of the two classes, it was presented at the first reunion to be held under the Superintendent's new policy of having the 25th, 35th, 45th and 55th reunions held at times other than the Annual Homecoming or Graduation Week. The Class of 1935 delayed its 45th until fall, and the Class of 1936 moved its reunion forward so that the statue could be presented at reunion time.

In the dedicatory remarks, the purpose and inspiration of the work was described by the two classes as follows:

"Since the days of Sylvanus Thayer the purpose of the United States Military Academy has been to select, to develop, and to train those who will be worthy of leading American fighting men in the nation's defense. Its splendid record in achieving that purpose needs no advertisement.

"An essential ingredient in the education of every officer is the development of a strong appreciation of what the men he leads must face, and how they will face it. Otherwise, he will not earn their respect, nor their confidence. He will not be their leader.

"The successes of military commanders of all ranks are as much dependent upon the qualities and dedication of their men as upon the brilliance of their own plans and decisions. Rare indeed are the instances in our history where the American soldier has been found wanting. His history has its beginnings before the birth of the United States. It is filled with examples of valor, sacrifice, steadfastness, ingenuity, endurance under adversity, in victory or defeat. His combat reputation is unsurpassed.

"We are honored to have been among those who have led him, to whom he has entrusted his life and welfare, no matter what the outlook. In some small way the statue says just that.

"The spirit of the American soldier, so

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Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy accepting the Soldiers' Statue for the Academy at the dedication ceremony held 10 October 1980 just north of Lusk Reservoir.

Command Sergeant Major Richard K.A. Price acknowledging the dedication of the Soldiers' Statue to the American fighting men, and accepting this monument at USMA on behalf of all enlisted persons.

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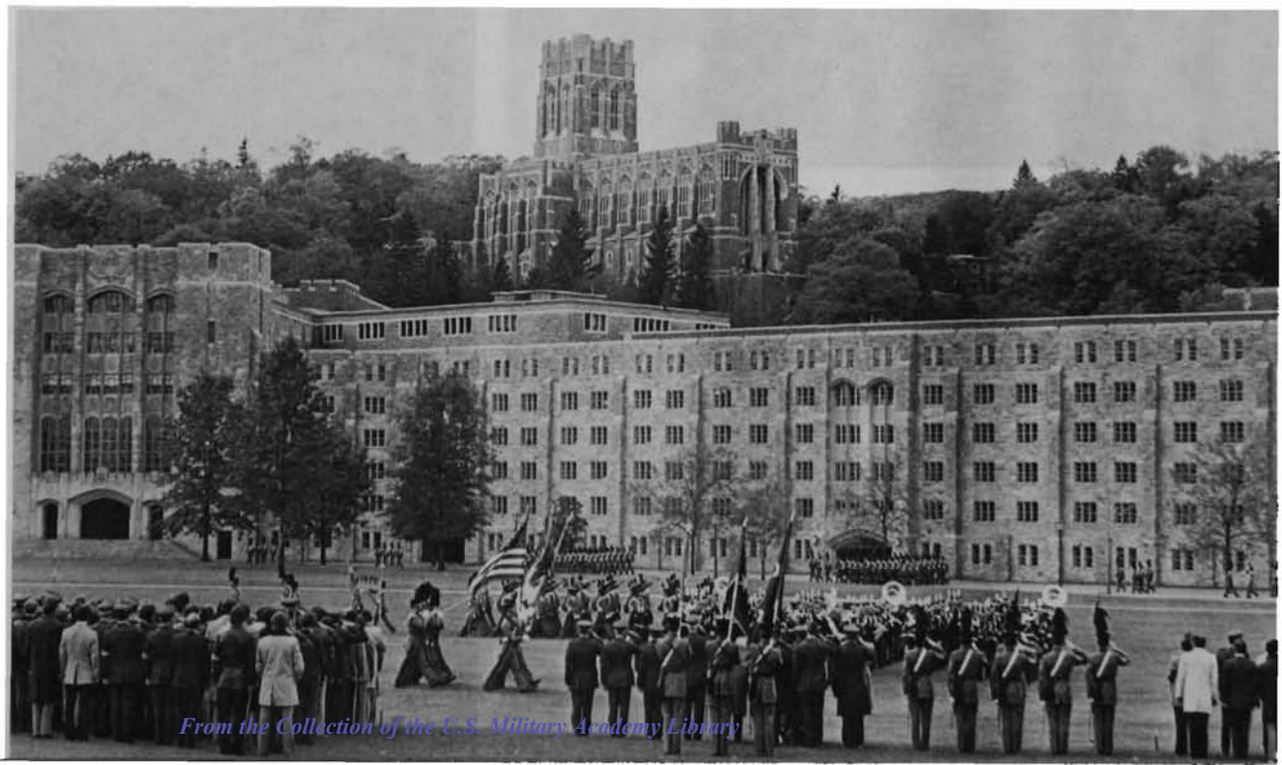
Younger end of Reviewing Line at Alumni Review.

Returning Alumni honor Thayer, led by General of the Army Omar Bradley.

HOMECOMING & REUNIONS 1980

Approximately 650 graduates returned to West Point this fall for class reunions. The Classes of 1935 and 1936 took the occasion of the dedication of the Soldiers' Statue on 1 October to celebrate their 45th reunions. The Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970 and 1975 celebrated their reunions during Homecoming 31 Oct–2 November. The oldest graduate present was John K. Meneely '15.



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From homes throughout the nation, every form of transportation,
In the land of Benny Havens to arrive.

Came to swap some chit and chat, came to see who's bald and fat,
The lassies and lads of thirty-five.

Statue grand to dedicate, ceremony truly great,
Setting worthy of its jewel we all allowed.

Glee Club sang for us "The Corps," goosebumps as in days of yore,
Popped up collective chests, were justly proud.

At the Thayer board and bed, cocktail party, gorgeous spread—
Supe's reception scored a perfect three-o-max!

Food and drink, delightful mix with old friends from thirty-six—
Class meeting where we voted for a tax.

Plebes all whistled but in vain—Corps review upon the Plain.
We'll ne'er forget that colorful array.

Morale high and spirits bold, baseball caps of black and gold,
What hair a few had left supplied the gray.

Football game, last second kick—a hundred thrills, just take your pick,
Magnificence in lovely sights and sounds.

For reasons full well understood the Black Knights cannot be as good;
Cheerleaders, though, improve by leaps and bounds!

Dinner dance, delicious fare—music quite beyond compare.
Frank Fiore put us all on home TV.

Don't understand—it does appear the men get older year by year—
Our ladies all more beautiful to see.

So au revoir to thirty-five—with Texas gang we'll soon connive
To meet again, still closer friends, you bet!

Each other toast with finest wine; until we join the Long Gray Line
We'll sound again the ancient cry—"more yet!"—John Cole

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THE 44TH REUNION was difficult to describe except in superlatives. After the Class of '36 had officially been credited with making two gifts (one to USMA and one to USAFA), a third seemed most unnecessary. Many tangible objections refuted or interfered. Therefore, on 11 October when the Soldiers' Statue was unveiled–appropriately at the entrance to Fort Putnam, the oldest landmark at our hallowed Academy–the ceremony, the dedication, the form, and the meaning of the 35-36 heroic figures were magnificent. Perhaps Fortune's benevolent gaze will form history's opinion that this statue will earn one of the most significant niches among the already brimming symbols, legacies, and traditions at our Alma Mater.–*Gage*

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Superlatives cannot describe the success of our Reunion. On Thursday we expected 290 classmates and by Saturday we probably had 285 classmates. We do know that our party of 500 plus set attendance records. Shelby and Melissa Stevens came from Hawaii. Steve and Marla Cook from Germany and John and Paula Roberts came from Alaska. We discovered a new class this football weekend; a class that was hidden by the similarities of cadet gray and now revealed by the differences of soldiers, surgeons, counselors, contractors and geographical locations. Whether talking to roommates or little known friends from across the Corps, the words came easily because we felt the wholeness, the completeness, found in one word of our motto "integrity." Integrity: honor (a way to act):: Integral: completeness (a shared value). Abstract words which taken together explain the travel, the laughter, the crowds. See you again in '85.—Reitz

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John P. Wheeler III '66, Keynote speaker at dedication.

SOUTHEAST ASIA MEMORIAL

THE United States Military Academy Classes of 1960 through 1969 dedicated the Southeast Asia Memorial 31 October to their classmates and all other members of the United States Armed Forces who fell in battle in the Vietnam conflict.

Dedication ceremonies began at 3:30 p.m. at the memorial's site—a scenic landscaped area adjacent to Lusk Reservoir, across from Howze Field and Michie Stadium. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Lagasse, Class of 1960, senior representative of the Southeast Asia Memorial Gift Committee, presented the memorial to the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

The Reverend James D. Ford, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, gave the invocation, and the benediction was given by the Reverend Robert F. McCormick. Ford and McCormick served as chaplains at the Military Academy during the 1960s. John P. Wheeler III, Class of 1966, an initiator of the Southeast Asia Memorial project provided some background on the project saying:

"There are bonds born in military service that are never broken, I think that they are not even broken by death. They are bonds of intimacy and fellowship. They give us strength. They are a source of sorrow when battle or the changes of life keep us from seeing each other. But the bonds are a great source of creativity and leadership. The story of the Southeast Asia Memorial at West Point illustrates all these things.

"The Southeast Asia Memorial Project was born in April of 1976 when some West Pointers gathered in Washington, D.C. to plan a remembrance for their troops and brothers who died in Vietnam. For four years the project grew. Today you see its outward and visible result.

"But there is the inward and spiritual story. The project united the ten West Point classes of the war years. The ten sixties classes led the effort to build the memorial. The act of uniting has helped us reconcile ourselves to the past, to see it more clearly, to learn from it, to weep, and to be strengthened for the work we have in our life. This reconciliation is important. The reconciliation is born of bonds that tug at us—The bonds to the men who died. Our allegiance to the best in their lives is what drew us together to create this project and brings us together here.

"Look about, at this site. The landscaped, garden-type design expresses a mood of mature reflection and of invitation to passers-by.

"These themes of reconciliation and of a reflective, garden-type design have been proven at West Point, and they have become guides for the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project which is being created on two acres in the Mall area in Washington, D.C., next to the Lincoln Memorial. Developing these themes is an act of leadership.

"This link of reconciliation, of creativity, and of leadership runs right from this place at West Point to the heart of our nation's capital. The link is with leaders from all across our generation of American men and women. The link has been fashioned by many West Pointers. The names matter. Look at some of their names: Pete Lagasse, Jeff Rogers, Mark Lowrey, Art Mosley, John Ford, Matt Harrison, Bob Kimmitt, Joe Zengerle, Dick Radez, Wes Clark, Jack LeCuyer, Tom Carhart, and Stew Bornhoft. Their work expresses a bond to men now dead. You know the dead men, too: men like Mike Field, Buck Thompson, Tommy Hayes, Al Hottell, Barry McGee, Frank Reasoner, and Jerry Clark.

"There is one message here. It is that West Point gives us each other. This is the secret of all military service. Its power is intimacy and fellowship. Each of us does the work. We build the bonds to each other. And the result is that we teach each other. We teach each other the most important things: that the soul of leadership is sacrifice and that valor is bearing blows that would otherwise fall on a sister or brother; that the love of brother and sister is not broken by anger, or distance, or time, and it bridges the shade of death."

The memorial which consists of a bronze plaque on a stone monument and five granite benches situated along flagstone walkways, was established by the unprecedented collaboration of 10 classes of graduates. It is the first monument of its kind in the nation to honor the members of the Armed Forces who were lost in Southeast Asia.

The immediate support the project received among West Point graduates demonstrated the potential support for a national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. That memorial is being erected to honor, not only those Americans who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, but all who served, and to provide a symbol of national unity and reconciliation.

The Classes of 1960 and 1965 conducted a joint memorial service for their fallen classmates on 2 November at the Southeast Asia Memorial site. Once a year for the next four years, memorial services will be held by two reunion classes until each class of the 1960s has participated.

Representatives of the Classes of 1960-69 (standing), Reverend Ford, John Wheeler III, Superintendent USMA, and Reverend McCormick (seated) with Peter Lagasse at the podium presenting Memorial to USMA.

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West Point, May 1980:
if any grandchild would care to know

by FRANK WALDROP '30

THE Hudson is classed, technically, as a "drowned river," meaning that the gorge in which it runs is filled not only with fresh mountain water but also with sea water from the Atlantic ocean. There is a long, complex explanation for this, but irrelevant to these notes. The effect is that as you go up from Manhattan and the Palisades, past the Ramapos and into the Catskills, you are immersed in a geographic context no amount of human scuffling has yet been able to clutter. Inland, yes. The Central Valley is almost a match for the Jersey Flats for detritus, but as State 17 rises over the west side of Bear Mountain and you begin the winding down through the granite and the birch trees, it is easy enough to imagine nothing has changed, can change and that the last of the Mohicans would find all his friends and his ancestors waiting.

Then the view opens onto the Plain and the river and the opposite shore. This is the country of Edith Wharton's, "Hudson River Bracketed." The forestry on the East Shore is broken, but only briefly, to make room for Dick's Folly, a castle never finished, the Osborne place, and four or five others visible from the West side, but these are only episodes, interludes, quickly lost into the mass.

West Point is, after all, just that, a point, a corner the river twists to pass, and opposite it is Constitution Island, once known as Maerteler's Rock. In my day, it was common cadet gossip that the river is 70 to 80 feet deep at that passage, but this time somebody on the Post told me it is 200 feet. Either way, it was a pretty good engineering trick to run a chain across from the Point to the Island, (you can see some of the links in a circle on Trophy Point, today) as a barrier to the British Warships.

The best place to see it all is from the parapets of Fort Putnam, up the mountainside from the Plain. From there all the river approaches are clear to see, and the mass of Academy buildings, so fitted together that from a view down on the Plain they are masks for one another, in a sensible unity. What are they for? What goes on here?

In the Revolution, West Point was the key to survival for the Ragged Continentals. If the British could patrol the Hudson they could split New England off from the rest of the colonies and grind down resistance undisturbed. It was sound strategy. Do you know how close it came to working? General Washington put one of his most trusted and loved young men in command of the West Point barrier to the British Patrol, Benedict Arnold. And Arnold was a traitor. He turned over to a Major Andre of the British forces the plan of West Point defenses, and it was just by luck that three louts straight out of Washington Irving happened on Andre, so that it all came unravelled, on the shore opposite the Point.

On the very day Andre's operation was uncovered, General Washington decided to ride up to West Point to visit his young friend, pet his sensitivities a little, (Arnold had a grudge, and a justified one, too, as who doesn't?) and see generally how the defense operations were holding. If West Point was the key to the Revolution, geographically, what was Washington, the man? He was riding that morning with no troops to defend his person, only his aides. And he was only thirty minutes from the Post (and the trap, for it would have been Arnold's triumph to hand him over) when word reached Arnold of Andre's capture on the other side of the river. Arnold ran down to the waterside, jumped in a skiff and made it out to a British ship as Washington was riding into the fort.

In the old West Point Cemetery, the old Cadet Chapel still stands. And around the walls inside are medallions in remembrance of all the generals of the Continental Army. One medallion is blank. And So, if it must be put in words, West Point is for memory of the perils we have passed, for teaching that the life of this nation is a gift of God to be cherished and protected. Luck is for the lucky, and the lucky know luck when they see it. And the walls at West Point are covered with the graffiti of luck: what do you think when you see "Remagen" cut into the stone of the sally port? Do you know the story of Remagen? Well, go look it up, or Cerro Gordo, or whatever battle name intrigues you. They're all up there, one place or another.

When I was a cadet, the atmosphere at the Point was more of the 19th Century than the 20th. I cannot, or at least here will not attempt to, make my meaning clear to one who never saw it, then, but South Barracks still stood with rooms that had been used by Grant, Lee, Jackson, Sherman, names you may have heard. The old Cadet Hotel still stood out on Trophy Point and windowpanes in its parlors bore initials from long, long ago cut in the glass with engagement rings of boys and girls dead even in the history books by the time I got there. Douglas MacArthur's mother lived in that hotel for all the time he was a cadet, meddling. He survived. Luck, again.

In my day, Plebes *ran* everywhere, except in marching formations, on all missions of personal character, for the full year. Plebes "sat on infinity," (bayonet points) or "swam to Newburgh," did crosswise athletics on top of partitions, or literally, sweated their shadows on the wall, whenever upperclassmen thought some extra hardening of temperament was indicated. Or just thought they'd entertain themselves. Map-making, hippology, dancing, fencing, were still taught, struggling against the rising load of physics, mechanics, electricity, the guns of a new era. Names were beginning to take unexpected turns, but racially my class was considered exotic in that we had one cadet from the Philippines and two from Siam. Max Janairo, I saw last week. What happened to Pradisdh and Sudasna? Nobody could recall.

On Friday, (May 23) the classes homecoming at intervals of 5 years, assembled to march across the Plain (on a merciful diagonal) to Thayer statue for brief exercises, were led out by the Oldest Living Graduate (class of 1910) fairly young for the honor, aged only 94. He had recently married for the third time, and had driven to the Point in his new car. He usually carried a cane, but on Friday, not. Our class (1930) had special treatment, as the 50-years-on exhibition, but the lot tailed onto tough youngsters full of noise, Class of 1955, and to bring up the rear, 1,000 serving cadets out of the 4,400 who make up the Corps.

It was one of those West Point summer days, bright, beating sun, a touch of haze on the river unruffled by wind, the colors of the greenery and the gray of the buildings melting into one another in a fashion no photograph and very few paintings have ever caught. On days like this, when the Corps parades, cadets sometimes fall over in a faint, whereupon a filecloser moves up into the gap and if the Corps moves before a stretcher-bearer party can get in there, the ranks part just enough to avoid mishap. And as we waited to move out, a member of '30 (Major General T.F. Bogart) who was already too frail but determined to be there, keeled over. Now, how do old men who have, in the main, led rather grim lives, behave at such a moment? The medics were in there before you could say "Ruby Tuesday" but

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The Reverend
Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

THAYER AWARD:

THE Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame since 1952 and one of the nation's leaders in religion and education, received the Sylvanus Thayer Award on 11 September.

The award, established in 1958, includes a gold medal and scroll. It has been presented to 22 distinguished Americans. Recipients have included: Dwight D. Eisenhower 1961; Francis Cardinal Spellman 1967; Neil Armstrong 1971; and Clare Boothe Luce, last year.

Ceremonies to honor Hesburgh began with a review in his honor on The Plain at West Point. After receiving the Corps of Cadets, Hesburgh received an engraved cadet sabre. An award banquet in the Cadet Mess Hall followed.

For Hesburgh, the Thayer Award is one of many prestigious awards he has earned in a lifetime's dedication to public service. President Lyndon B. Johnson bestowed on him the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1964. He has been awarded the Meiklejohn Award of the American Association of University Professors and the Reinhold Niebuhr Award for theological concern for social justice. Sixty-eight colleges and universities have conferred honorary degrees on Hesburgh. His major contributions on the national level have been in the areas of civil rights and international development. He has chaired the Commission on Civil Rights and heads the Overseas Development Council, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Council on Foreign Relations. In the field of education, Hesburgh headed the International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Association of American Colleges, and the Institute of International Education. The author of ten books, he stresses the interdependence of the earth's people as the key to human survival in a time of shrinking resources.

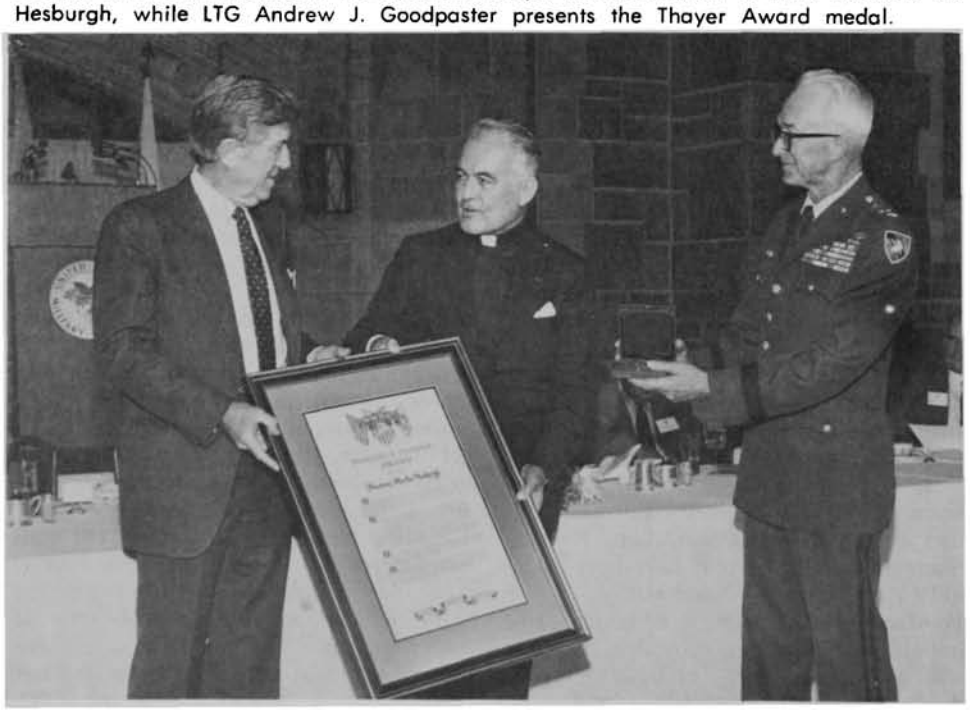
After the banquet General Goodpaster, Superintendent USMA, introduced the President of the Association of Graduates saying: "We are assembled here to recognize the extraordinary achievements in the national interest of an outstanding American. Like all of you, I have for many years been keenly aware of the accomplishments for which he is being recognized today. The Military Academy is pleased to be your host on this occasion, and to join the Association of Graduates in honoring the twenty-third recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

"It is appropriate that this award be made at West Point and that we note its significance. Colonel Thayer's contributions to education and the development of leadership have been widely felt and recognized both here and in other institutions. However, it is here that his insistence on the integration of excellence of character with excellence of knowledge has had its greatest impact on generations of American military and civilian leaders and thus on the security and welfare of our nation. Many of the physical characteristics and, indeed, much of the curriculum and the military training at West Point have changed since Thayer's Superintendency—and are likely to change in the future—but the standards of conduct and the intellectual values which were his vision and which have been throughout our history so important to the development of leaders remain today an essential element of the character of West Point and its graduates, and these values must not change."

The President of the Association of Graduates, George F. Dixon, Jr., USMA '40, before presenting the award to Father Hesburgh said: "The Sylvanus Thayer Award was first presented 22 years ago on the initiative of the Military Academy Class of 1931. Since that first presentation in 1958, the award has been conferred annually on a citizen of the United States whose accomplishments in the national interest exemplify devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto: 'Duty, Honor, Country.' Annually, a select committee of the Association of Graduates recommends a recipient to the Board of Trustees of the Association. The Chairman this year, General Ted Parker, has been introduced to you. I want to add that we could not have had a more dedicated and competent chairman. We thank him and his Committee. This year the selection procedure resulted in our conferring the 1980 Sylvanus Thayer Award on Father Theodore Martin Hesburgh. His career of service in both public and private sectors, conspicuously exemplifies the standard of eligibility for the Award.

"Few, if any, living Americans have contributed so significantly and in such diverse ways to the well-being of our

George F. Dixon Jr. presents the Sylvanus Thayer Award citation to Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, while LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster presents the Thayer Award medal.



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country. As I reviewed Father Hesburgh's distinguished career, while aware of the differences between his contributions and Colonel Thayer's much earlier one, I was also impressed by their similarity, for in the lives of both we see an extraordinary emphasis upon the value of education and personal integrity."

After Dixon read the citation he was joined by General Goodpaster in presenting the award to Father Hesburgh.

After receiving the award Father Hesburgh addressed the Corps and guests saying:

"I am greatly honored to receive the Sylvanus Thayer Award here at the United States Military Academy today. Our two institutions have had a long and cordial relationship since that famous game in 1913 when a small Midwestern university, playing here for the first time, unexpectedly beat the Army powerhouse by the strategem of using a legitimate play that, up to then, was rarely used, the forward pass. The obscure Notre Dame player, a Norwegian immigrant, who received the first passes from the quarterback, Gus Dorais, was named Knute Rockne. That day a new kind of game was inaugurated here and the two teams involved are still playing, meeting each other for the 44th time on October 18. I assume that there will be some more forward passes. (It was also in a game with Army that the Four Horsemen were born).

"Our two institutions have much more in common than that yearly meeting on the gridiron. Curiously, we are both named in connection with a river, you West Point on the Hudson River; we South Bend on the St. Joseph River. Beyond that geographical similarity, there is a far deeper point of coincidence between West Point and Notre Dame. Your motto is Duty, Honor, and Country. Ours is God, Country, and Notre Dame. You will note that the word we share in common is country. That is to say that we are both, as institutions, unabashedly patriotic. Both our founders took seriously the concept of devotion to country, the *patria*, the fatherland. I am sure that Sylvanus Thayer would approve of my addressing the Corps on this subject today, especially since it gives a special character both to our institutions and our graduates.

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1980 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

CITATION

THEODORE MARTIN HESBURGH

As a distinguished educator, theologian, and author, Father Theodore Martin Hesburgh, C.S.C., has rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the United States and its citizens. In positions of extraordinary responsibility in education and in the public service, Father Hesburgh has exemplified, through his accomplishments in the national interest and manner of achievement, the ideals of West Point expressed in the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

As Executive Vice-President and President of the University of Notre Dame for over thirty years, Father Hesburgh has developed and executed programs in liberal arts education that have had a profound influence not only at Notre Dame but throughout the national community of colleges and universities. During the difficult years of United States involvement in Vietnam, Father Hesburgh's wise and resolute leadership and his ecumenical approach to problems strengthened and enhanced the role of higher education in American society, and reestablished the credibility of our centers of higher learning. Throughout his active career as President of Notre Dame, as a lecturer and prolific author of books and articles, Father Hesburgh has addressed the major social problems of our times. In his writings and speeches he has demonstrated the moral courage to face difficult issues and a degree of personal integrity and ethical standards that have markedly influenced opinion and gained for him the enduring respect of men and women representing the complete spectrum of religious and political thought.

Father Hesburgh's public service has spanned over thirty years. As an advisor to six Presidents and as a member and chairman of an unusually wide variety of important government commissions and committees, he has brought to our nation a vision of the essential goodness of humanity, a dynamic concern for the rights of people all over the world, and an example of service to others.

Through his long and selfless service to his country and his fellow man, Father Hesburgh has made a significant and lasting contribution to the security and welfare of the United States. His willing response to the nation's recurring call to duty and his self-initiated service symbolize the values expressed in the motto of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1980 Sylvanus Thayer Award to Theodore Martin Hesburgh.

GEORGE F. DIXON, JR.
President

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh receives cadet sabre at Review in his honor.

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Lieutenant Colonel Herman J. Koehler: taken near the time of his retirement in 1923.

Lt. Col. Herman J. Koehler

MASTER

An Account of his Service and Influence

BARON von Steuben, in a letter to General Washington in April 1783, urged the establishment of a military academy, and suggested that its course of study include fencing, horsemanship, and dancing. And indeed, as it turned out, these activities were present in the curriculum for over a hundred years. But now they have vanished, hoof and hoofer, to be replaced by a new model of physical education. How this change was wrought is well recorded, if not well known, and the principal agent of modernization was Lieutenant Colonel Herman J. Koehler, Master of the Sword from 1885 to 1923.

Physical Education in the Early Years

The rise of physical education in the United States, together with the necessity for it, paralleled the decline in the rigors of daily living. In the very early days of the Military Academy there was little demand and little need for organized physical exercise. The requirements of military life, the infantry drill, the man-handling of artillery pieces, and the summer marches to distant cities provided more than enough for most tastes. Yet it appears that the value of exercise as a refreshing offset to sedentary academic pursuits was appreciated, and although no formal physical training was introduced, the existing military drills were deliberately made strenous enough to achieve the desired effect.

One early superintendent, Alden Partridge, was a prophet before his time. He was a strong believer in physical exercise as an absolute necessity for the preservation of health, and for "confirming and rendering vigorous the constitution." Physical education was a feature of the many military schools founded by "Old Pewter" after his departure from West Point in 1817.

At West Point, however, physical education received little emphasis in the following years, being provided mainly by drills and fencing. In 1826, when educators were beginning to address the problem of providing exercise in the wintertime, and Harvard and Yale had just built their first gymnasiums, the Board of Visitors recommended that a similar facility be provided at West Point. The proposed structure was not erected until 1839 and even then, though it contained classrooms and some space for riding and fencing, it had no room for gymnastics. Eventually a small room was provided for this purpose and later expanded when a new riding hall was built. But it was to be fifty years before any more gymnasium construction was to be undertaken.

Some increased interest in gymnastics began to appear at West Point in the 1850's, and a promising four-year program including calisthenics, swimming, bayonet, gymnastics, target practice, and fencing was developed for 1860 by Lieutenant John C. Kelton ('51), afterward Adjutant General of the Army. Alas, the Civil War intervened, and this excellent program was not revived after the war.

Meanwhile the cadets themselves had imported athletics to West Point, conducted on a strictly informal basis. The memoirs of early graduates mention participation in games called football and baseball as early as 1815. An attempt was made, with official approval, to introduce cricket in 1847, but it died out after one year. Rowing was very popular for a time after the Civil War, but was then suddenly banished by the Superintendent, apparently because of some infraction of propriety on the river. Informal games among cadets continued to sprout persistently, however, even though they had to be played in dress coats, the only uniform permitted outside the barracks area. This situation prevailed until about 1898; the reform in athletics was destined to follow the reform in physical education.

A New Master of the Sword

Beginning about 1880 physical education was the beneficiary of a great rise in cultural popularity in the United States, and programs were instituted or expanded in many American colleges. In 1881 the Board of Visitors commented severely on the lack of swimming and gymnastics instruction and facilities, and pointed out the requirement of the military profession for good physical development. A physical education program was quickly put together by Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow ('76), and received some praise in the following years. Nevertheless the need was felt for a professionally trained instructor, a point that was urged by Captain Henry A. Reed ('70) who had once been a pupil of George Brosius, Director of the Milwaukee Turners. When the veteran swordmaster, Antone Lorentz, died in 1884, a vacancy became available and an approach was made to Mr. Brosius. He declined in favor of remaining at his own school, but suggested that consideration be given to his nephew, Herman J. Koehler.

Herman John Koehler was born in Milwaukee on 14 December 1859. His father, John Koehler, had emigrated to Milwaukee from Grafenberg, near Nuremberg, prior to 1857, and shortly thereafter had married Maria Brosius. The Brosius family had come to Milwaukee in 1842, when it was still called Juneau Town, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to which it had earlier emigrated from Hesse-Darmstadt. Herman Koehler was educated in the Milwaukee public schools and graduated in 1882 from the Milwaukee Normal School of Physical Education. He had received his early gymnastics training under his uncle in the Milwaukee Turnverein. In 1880 he was one of seven young men who represented Milwaukee at the Fifth German Turners' Festival in Frankfurt-am-Main with highly satisfactory results. Koehler won second place, and three other Milwaukeeans took third, fifth, and sixth. The following year, while present as an observer at another meet, Koehler discovered that the man who had beaten him was competing again. Even though he had not trained for it, Koehler entered the competition and won first place against a field of three hundred.

Herman Koehler married Anna Theresa O'Connor in Milwaukee on 10 May 1883. Anna, who had been born in County Waterford, Ireland, accompanied him to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he had been recently employed as Director of School Gymnastics. He was serving in this capacity at the time of his selection for the

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by ELLIOTT C. CUTLER JR.

OF THE SWORD

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West Point position, and took up his duties at the Military Academy on 1 February 1885. He was then twenty-five years old.

The Koehler Program

From the beginning Koehler had a very clear idea of what should be accomplished through gymnastic exercises. He proceeded to make immediately such changes as could be made to conform to the existing schedule while laying his plans for the following year. In five months he made such a favorable impression that he was praised in the 1885 report of the Superintendent. His program included three weeks of daily setting up exercises, followed by daily attendances alternating between gymnastics and fencing from 1 October to 1 June. All periods were 45 minutes in length, and the program was presented to the Fourth Class.

Koehler's philosophy was well and succinctly expressed in the *Centennial of the United States Military Academy*. The purpose of his program was to "promote health, and at the same time develop strength, grace, agility, precision, self-reliance, courage and endurance. . . . The means are a very extensive and thorough course of exercises, every one of which has by long experience proven its worth, every movement having its object. All exercises of questionable value and those in which there is a danger of overexertion or of bodily injury are rigidly excluded."

Swimming was also part of Koehler's program, and was begun during the Fourth Class summer training period. The purpose of the instruction was to bring each cadet to the point where he could swim 10 minutes using the breast stroke. Tests given at the beginning of the instruction revealed that about 70% of the incoming cadets could not meet the standard.

Koehler gave all instruction in swimming, gymnastics, and fencing personally from 1885 to 1900. The success of his work gained recognition through the striking impression made on successive Boards of Visitors as they watched the cadets' performance in gymnastic exercises. Beginning in 1889 recommendations were made regularly in the annual Superintendents' Reports that the Master of the Sword be commissioned. Congress finally acted in 1901, specifying that "the Master of the Sword shall hereafter act as instructor of military gymnastics and physical culture at the Military Academy, and shall have the relative rank and shall be entitled to the pay, allowances, and emoluments of a first lieutenant, mounted." Koehler was subsequently promoted to captain in 1905, major in 1917, temporary lieutenant colonel in 1918, and lieutenant colonel in 1921, each permanent promotion being by act of Congress.

From the beginning Koehler had two complaints. One concerned the inadequacy of gymnasium facilities in the 1839 building. The other, which could hardly be addressed until the first was resolved, concerned the limitation of physical education to the Fourth Class only. In 1887 an appropriation of $35,000 was secured for a new gymnasium, but the amount turned

Lieutenant Colonel Koehler conducting calisthenics during June Week 1922.

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The 1892 gymnasium on the site of Washington Hall. It was replaced by the present gymnasium in 1910.

out to be less than all the bids. Soon, however, Koehler's recognized success with the means at hand began to tell; in 1889 a new appropriation of $100,000 was granted, and the new gymnasium was completed in 1892 on the present site of Washington Hall. It proved to be everything Koehler had hoped for, and he proclaimed his belief that it was the best equipped gymnasium in the world. As West Point buildings go it had a short life. When the authorized size of the Corps was doubled in 1904, and a major expansion and building program undertaken, it was replaced by the oldest section of the present gymnasium, completed in 1910. As part of the expansion program boxing and wrestling replaced a portion of the fencing in Fourth Class year, and at last some professional assistants were hired to help with the instruction. Francis H. Dohs, gymnastics instructor, Louis Vauthier, fencing instructor, and Thomas Jenkins, wrestling and boxing instructor, were all to become famous names in West Point history. By 1919 Colonel Koehler had two military and four civilian assistants.

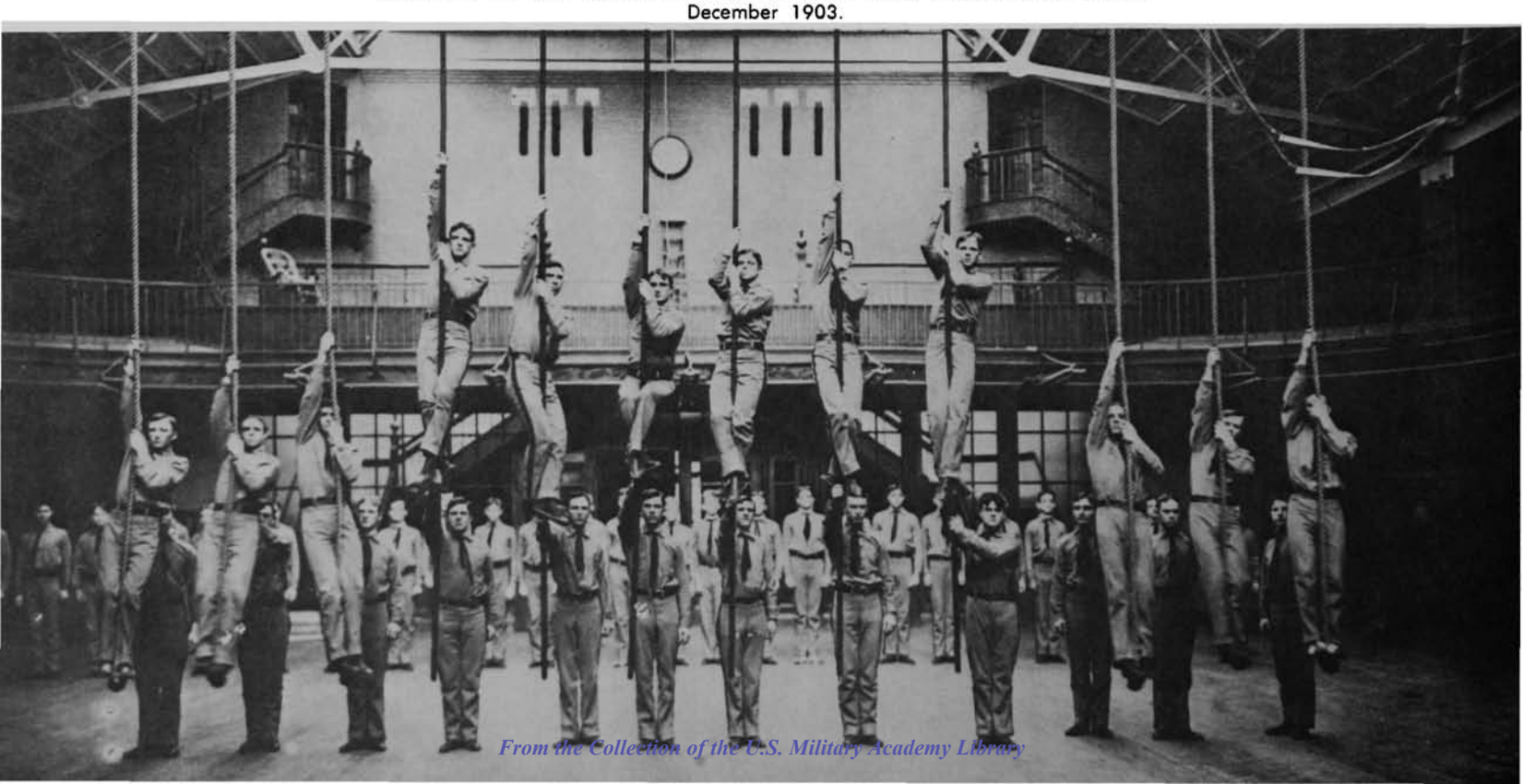
It is not surprising, granted the fullness of the cadet academic and military schedule, that Koehler's appeals for extension of physical education to the upper three classes should fall at first on deaf ears. But he was nothing if not persistent in the determined pursuit of his goals. Eventually his opinion that "cadets of the upper classes do not receive sufficient physical exercise to offset the drain on their mental facilities" was quoted approvingly by the Superintendent in his 1898 report. Support from other quarters followed, and in 1905 the tactics program of the upper classes was modified to include 35 periods each in the Third and Second Class years devoted to extensions of the work begun in the Fourth Class year. First Classmen were given a 25-lesson course in the theory of physical training and such work as would prepare them to become physical training instructors in the Army. This general four-year structure and capstone element have been maintained ever since in the USMA Physical Education program.

A Scientific Element

The feature of the Koehler program that distinguished it most from what had existed before, and that is also most responsible for its lasting future effect, is the fact that it was a truly professional scientific program. There is no science without accurate measurement, and with his first program Koehler introduced anthropometric measurements and strength tests. In 1902 there were twenty-six measurements (such as height, weight, chest normal, chest expanded, etc.), in accordance with the standards of the American Association for the Advancement of Physical Education, and these were recorded at intervals so that comparisons could be made. There were also seven strength tests: pull ups, dips, right and left grip strengths, back and leg dynamometer strengths, and lung capacity.

One use of measurement and test results is to modify the selection or design of exercises so that they will lead to improved results in later measurements. It is not a great step to use them also to select those cadets most in need of "redesign" through exercises in order to attain a desired standard. This Koehler proceeded to do and he developed a system of "deficiency cards" that were given to cadets needing remedial work. These

Interior of the 1892 gymnasium. Rope and Pole Climb being demonstrated in December 1903.



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cadets were required to work out under tutorial guidance until they had met a required minimum standard. The willingness to expend considerable effort to bring every cadet up to a set standard was in line with Koehler's educational philosophy. He considered it a more worthwhile objective than any endeavor "to turn out record-breaking strong men or skilled acrobats."

But what about those cadets who could not be brought up to the minimum standard? In Koehler's day, and for many years afterward, it was not possible to separate a cadet for deficiency in physical performance. But the seeds were there in the existence of the testing system and in the philosophy of the minimum standard. Finally, in 1943, the regulation was changed, and thereafter cadets were subject to separation for deficiency in physical performance.

Other outgrowths of Koehler's scientific methods were the eventual inclusion of academic credit for physical education in 1944 and the development of the Physical Aptitude Examination for candidates, first administered in 1947. Twenty years after his death Colonel Koehler's influence was still at work.

Athletics for All

At the time of Koehler's appointment American intercollegiate athletics had just embarked on its golden age of expansion. It was an era in which affairs were controlled by students, when captains engaged coaches. It is not difficult to understand the reluctance of the authorities to import such a free-wheeling activity to West Point, and for a time the Academy stood rigidly aloof. Nevertheless, agitation by cadets and younger officers continued to mount. In the summer of 1890 an Academy baseball team was permitted to play several games with club teams from New York City. But the dam really burst when a challenge was received from a Naval Academy football team in the fall, and a game played a few days later on the Plain. Navy's victory was the last straw.

No sooner did athletics get under way than the need was perceived to establish some controls. In November 1892 a group of interested officers formed the Army Officers Athletic Association. In addition to the usual offices, its board included a representative for football, one for baseball, and one for general athletics, this last post being held by Herman Koehler. At the same time a cadet organization with a parallel structure was formed, known as the USMA Athletic Association. The officers' association set about promoting athletics of all types and in all seasons, not just the intercollegiate variety. In 1893 an annual Field Day was instituted, soon to be known as the Outdoor Meet, in which the classes competed in track and field events. The first Indoor Meet was held in March of 1895, and the 1896 HOWITZER recognizes that the impetus for this affair came from the officers, with the emphasis (except in the tug-of-war) to be placed on individual, rather than class, competition in the gymnastic events of the Meet. Here the hand of Herman Koehler may definitely be discerned; maximum cadet participation was always his foremost principle in athletic affairs throughout his long career.

In 1897 Koehler became head coach of football, an extracurricular duty he performed for four years. Some of the difficulties faced by Army coaches in those days are suggested in the 1896 Report of the Army Officers' Athletic Association: "It was necessary to develop a center, both ends and tackles, a quarter-back, and one half-back; and, although this had to be done in four weeks, during which practice could only be had on Wednesdays and Saturdays, West Point was able. . . ." Despite such obstacles Koehler's teams compiled a creditable record of 20 wins, 11 losses, and 3 ties. A singular tribute was paid to him by the Association's representative for football in the 1899 Report: "It was recognized then as it is recognized now by those of us who are conversant with matters football that we have in Mr. Koehler a man with an athletic mind and an athletic eye; a man who has no equal in analyzing play and players by simply

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Koehler Memorial: Tablet in gymnasium, USMA, unveiled in 1931.

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EVALUATION OF USMA

by GREGORY D. FOSTER

1. INTRODUCTION

In addition to attracting a few top athletes to West Point the biggest admissions challenge now, and for the next few years, is in increasing the number of high quality black Americans and women admitted to West Point. Surprisingly to those of us who entered USMA long ago, the the attractiveness of West Point varies greatly within the college-bound population of top quality young people. Upon the advice of the Superintendent's Civilian Public Relations Advisory Council, and approval of Department of Army, the Admissions Office initiated a contract proposal to review current admissions programs and to recommend methods for increasing future enrollments of well-qualified blacks and women. Market Facts, Inc., was awarded the contract.

Some may ask "Why spend more money trying to effect class composition in this way?" Gregory Foster, USMA '69, working for Systems Planning Corporation (an unsuccessful bidder for the job) states the reasons eloquently in the following article which has been extracted, with permission from the Systems Planning Corporation Technical Proposal to USMA dated 22 August 1980.

Results of the program evaluation will be the subject of a future article in ASSEMBLY.

—Colonel Manley E. Rogers
Director of Admissions, USMA

2. STUDY NEED

The evolution of the All-Volunteer Force has carried with it a continuing recognition of the need for high-quality black and female officers in the U.S. military. Current force composition figures provide an initial appreciation of this need. For example, in Fiscal Year 1979, 29.6 percent of the entire enlisted force were minorities (21.2 percent black, 4.3 percent Hispanic, and 4.1 percent other). As has been the case historically, the Army had the highest minority content (41 percent total, 33 percent black), while the Navy had the lowest (20 percent total, 12 percent black).

In contrast, 7 percent of the active duty officer force were minority personnel (4.3 percent black, 1.5 percent Hispanic, and 1.3 percent other). The percentage of black officers has more than doubled since Fiscal Year 1964, when it was 1.7 percent. The Army is up from a low of less than 3 percent in Fiscal Year 1970 to its current 7 percent. While in percentage terms the number of black officers is less than representative of the total black youth population, black officer accessions are roughly proportional to the college-educated black youth population.

At the end of FY 79, nearly 150,000 women were members of the active force, an increase of some 16,700 over the previous fiscal year. As recently as 1968, a mere 35,000 women were in uniform, comprising roughly 1 percent of the nation's military personnel. When the draft ended in 1972, there were 45,000 women in uniform—approximately 1.6 percent of the armed forces. Today the figure has more than tripled and constitutes roughly 8 percent of the two million officers and enlisted personnel in the force. Of the Army's total estimated strength of 759,000, nearly 61,000 are women; 6,800 of these women are officers, slightly more than 8 percent of the Army's officer corps.

The Department of Defense plans to increase the size of the female contingent to 254,000 or 12 percent of all uniformed personnel, by FY 85. At the end of this period, 96,400 women will comprise 12 percent of the Army; the Navy will have a female content of 10 percent, including 5,000 enlisted women at sea; and the Air Force hopes for approximately 100,000 female recruits, or roughly one out of every five Air Force personnel.

In light of these projections, the need for high quality black and female officers becomes virtually self-evident. And, given the proposed size and composition of the Army over the next 5 years, West Point's ability to meet its precommissioning objectives will assume increased significance. While in relative terms West Point's contribution to annual Army officer accessions is rather modest, its reputation for producing career officers who will rise to the highest ranks is clearly established. Its role, therefore, is pivotal.

The Military Academy each year admits approximately 1,400 young men and women to a corps of cadets that, by law, numbers over 4,000. It produces 900 to 950 graduates annually, and some 10,500 of its graduates currently are on active duty in the Army, about one officer in eight. Blacks have comprised a small percentage of the Corps since 1877, when Henry O. Flipper became the first black to graduate. Since then, more than 330 blacks have graduated, and over 200 currently are enrolled.

Due apparently as much as anything to poor academic preparation, West Point has experienced difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified blacks. One Academy spokesman recently noted that the Academy was finding the recruitment of qualified black applicants to be "a competitive task."

The situation with women at West Point is not dissimilar. The admission of women to the service academies first was authorized by an amendment to Public Law 94-106, which President Ford signed in October 1975. On July 7, 1976, the first 119 women ever to attend West Point entered with the Class of 1980. Sixty-two of those women graduated. Although the attrition rate for females in that first class may seem high by normal standards (48 percent), it was less than that for both males and females in the Coast Guard Academy's Class of 1980. Furthermore, the attrition rate for males actually exceeded that for females at the Air Force Academy.

West Point officials tend to point out further that the Academy is one of the only institutions of higher learning in which much of the course work is prescribed. Since females have done less well than men on engineering, "hard" science, and military science courses which constitute a rather sizable portion of the cadet curriculum, the attrition rate perhaps is not unexpectedly high. In fact, the dropout rate for all-male classes has hovered around the 40 percent mark since 1972, actually reaching a figure of 46 percent in 1977 (due in large measure to the previous year's well-publicized honor incident). The dropout rates between men

TABLE 1

ANNUAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS

(15-19 Year old age group) (thousands)

	White		Black	
	Male	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
July 1, 1981	8,500	8,205	1,449	1,435
July 1, 1982	8,215	7,931	1,420	1,407
July 1, 1983	7,927	7,650	1,389	1,376
July 1, 1984	7,681	7,413	1,364	1,353
July 1, 1985	7,558	7,285	1,350	1,338
July 1, 1986	7,558	7,276	1,362	1,345

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ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

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and women in the classes of 1981, 1982, and 1983 have narrowed considerably with the difference approaching approximately 1 percent in the Class of 1983, according to one estimate.

USMA recently has raised its target number of women per class from 10 to 15 percent, but it admits only about 9 percent annually, and officials contend that there are barely enough qualified applicants to fill available openings. Colonel Manley Rogers, the Director of Admissions, has noted: "This doesn't allow us to be as selective as we otherwise could. And that adds to our dropout problem."

The preceding reflections and statistics suggest that West Point has reached a juncture where it recognizes the need to assess its progress in accommodating the sweeping winds of change. In adhering fundamentally to the Academy's contemporary theme of "change within tradition," USMA Superintendent Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster observed in an interview 2 years ago:

"There should be no mistake: West Point is a dynamic institution built on a foundation of unchanging values and traditions, but forward-looking in its thinking and sensitive to the goals and aspirations of the country it serves. Our approach is to welcome and accept where it is appropriate, but to guard carefully those qualities of the West Point experience which have contributed so notably to the growth and development of our national heritage."

In making this statement, General Goodpaster evinced a realization that both change and stability contribute to the survival and growth of any system. The military in general, and the service academies in particular, have been thrust into a vortex of change during the past decade.

If in fact (a) Defense policies, programs, and objectives create the need and demand for greater numbers of qualified black and female officers, (b) West Point plays a pivotal role in fulfilling annual officer accession requirements, (c) future funding for admissions programs is likely to be curtailed, and (d) the competition for quality students increases, then the need for an evaluation of the ability of the USMA admissions program to attract requisite numbers of qualified blacks and females in the future becomes manifest. The basis for such an evaluation must be an investigation of the existing admissions program, particularly those elements focused on minority and female applicants, in light of the size, attitudes, and capabilities of the projected student market in the years immediately ahead.

3. CURRENT USMA ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

The USMA mission is "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the character, leadership, intellectual foundation, and other attributes essential to progressive and continuing development throughout a career of exemplary service to the nation as an officer in the Regular Army." By itself, this mission statement contains no language that would serve to either encourage or discourage blacks and women from applying for admission. Nonetheless, there are a number of basic requirements and qualifications that effectively serve to delimit the number of potential candidates who can and do apply.

Basic requirements are that each candidate:

- Be 17 but not yet 22 years of age by July 1 of the year admitted
- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of enrollment (an exception is when a foreign student is nominated by agreement between the U.S. and another country)
- Be trustworthy, emotionally stable, and motivated
- Be unmarried
- Not be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support a child or children.

Academically, each candidate should have:

- An above-average high school or college academic record (61 percent of the males and 76.2 percent of the females in the Class of 1983 had secondary school grade averages of A– or above upon entrance at USMA)
- Strong performance on the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Program exam or the College Board Admissions Testing Program Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) (West Point's high selectivity is reflected in its general acceptance of a cutoff score of 1,025 on the combined verbal and math portions of the SAT; the mean for the Class of 1983 was 1,184 for males and 1,180 for females).

Medically, each candidate must be in good physical and mental health and must pass a comprehensive medical exam. Physically, candidates should have:

- Above-average strength, endurance, and agility
- Adequate performance on the USMA Physical Aptitude Exam (PAE), which consists of four events—pullups for men or the flexed-arm hang for women, standing long jump, basketball throw, and a 300-yard shuttle run.

Minority or disadvantaged students have the same qualification criteria for admission as other candidates and must compete with the latter in their nomination category on the basis of individual records and potential. Nevertheless, it is recognized that prospective minority candidates may have limited or distorted knowledge of West Point and the military and also may perceive the admissions process as unduly difficult and thus not worth the effort. The Equal Admissions Opportunity Program's purpose therefore is "to communicate the availability and advantages of a West Point education, specifically to outstanding young people from

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TABLE 2

PROJECTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

(thousands)

Year	Total	Male	Female
1980-81	3,043	1,522	1,521
1981-82	2,944	1,463	1,481
1982-83	2,835	1,415	1,420
1983-84	2,740	1,368	1,372
1984-85	2,692	1,344	1,348
1985-86	2,694	1,345	1,349

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MILITARY DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

by TOM F. DYNE

A fundamental objective of the United States Military Academy is the development, within the Corps of Cadets, of the qualities and attributes of leadership necessary for exemplary service to the nation as a commissioned officer.

Military Development encompasses all four years a cadet spends at the Academy. It is based on two basic components: (1) development within each cadet of those qualities required to be an effective leader, and (2) improvement of cadet military performance through continued practice and professional assistance.

The main thrust of military development is towards creating and shaping cadet attitudes and values. The program strives to impart to each cadet the values exemplified by the West Point motto, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

Beginning AY 1980-1981, all cadets at the Academy will be evaluated on their leadership abilities according to certain specific performance criteria. The philosophical basis for military development has been changed from one that examined cadet leadership traits as a valid predictor of leadership potential to one of viewing a cadet's past performance as a true indicator of future performance.

The new Military Development System serves five principal functions:

(1) Each cadet receives valuable feedback through counselling sessions as to his/her strengths and shortcomings in military development. The Company Tactical Officer uses results of various ratings to provide guidance to cadets. If a cadet's military development is assessed as being deficient, he/she will be placed on a special developmental program by the tactical officer.

(2) The cadet chain of command provides one tool for the development of leadership skills. Opportunities for further practice of leadership techniques are provided to cadets who have outstanding performance records and also to those experiencing difficulties in military development. Those First Class positions deemed by the Commandant as critical to the discipline and efficient operation of the Corps of Cadets are provided to those cadets who have consistently demonstrated strength in military development.

(3) Practice in evaluating leadership behavior is also afforded cadets under the new system. Cadets evaluate other cadets on the leadership traits determined to be valid predictors of future success as an Army officer.

(4) Although the Military Development System is primarily developmental in nature, the Department of the Army and West Point have recognized that some cadets may fail to meet minimum standards in military development. Such cadets may be separated, turned back, graduated without commission or conditioned. The Military Development System provides data essential for determining the outcome of cadets whose military development is below standards.

(5) Organizational values are reinforced and taught to cadets through the behaviors cadets are expected to display.

History

The Secretary of War in 1941 directed that the Military Academy develop a fair, effective procedure for eliminating those cadets who lack the basic aptitude for service as commissioned officers in the Army. The "Aptitude for the Service System" which was first used with the Class of 1944, was the product of this directive.

This system and two other evolving systems, The Leadership Evaluation System (1971) and the Leadership Assessment System (1977) were designed primarily to assist in identifying those cadets lacking personal leadership requisites for officership. However, the intended purpose of these systems was seldom met. During the past 20 years, four-year attrition by class has varied between 28 to 40 percent. Of this, cadets leaving for lack of aptitude for the service seldom was higher than two percent. This fact, and a growing concern that the fundamental rationale underlying the leadership program was not being met, necessitated a complete review of the Leadership Assessment System. This review has produced the new Military Development System.

Rating Components

Cadets will be evaluated under the new military development system by the following components:

–Tactical Officer
–Instructor
–Cadet (Class Immediately Senior) (Same Plt)
–Chain of Command (Cadet)
–Special Ratings (Not Computed) (Guard, CCQ, Corps Squad, Extra Curricular)

The Tactical Officer Component is prepared from the perspective of an experienced military officer serving in a command or overall supervisory capacity. The Tactical Officer evaluates the cadet's performance with each Cadet Performance Criterion based on input from all areas of cadet participation.

The Instructor Component is one of the new features of the system. Instructors provide direct input into a cadet's military development assessment. The evaluation is prepared from the perspective of an experienced military officer, or civilian, serving in the capacity of an academic instructor. Evaluations are based on a cadet's performance based on observation within the classroom.

The Cadet Component is prepared by cadets in the same unit. It consists of two subcomponents. The "01" component is an evaluation of a cadet's performance by all cadets of the class next senior from the same platoon. The '00" component is completed only during Third Class Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner. Cadets of the same class from the same squad evaluate each other.

The Chain of Command Component is completed on each cadet by their immediate cadet supervisor and the rated cadet's supervisor next removed.

Extracurricular and Special ratings recognize performance and individual contributions to the Academy that are not usually noted in standard ratings. These can be completed by coaches, officer representatives and other individual responsible for Corps Squad teams, competitive and noncompetitive clubs and other extracurricular activities. These evaluations provide input to the Company Tactical Officer for developmental counseling and formulating the Tactical Officers' Component rating.

Cadet Performance Criteria

The standards for cadet military development are set forth in the Cadet Performance Criteria. These are:

Task Structuring and Management: A cadet is expected to provide the structure and direction for proper task accomplishment by specifying rules and policies: informing subordinates of their duties and responsibilities; communicating expectations to subordinates; and directing and monitoring work efforts.

Interpersonal Relations: A cadet is expected to be supportive, emphatic, considerate, open and fair to others; help others resolve conflicts/disagreements; and possess effective and persuative communication skills.

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Compliance with organization expectations: A cadet is expected to demonstrate support for lawful orders, policies, and expectations, and to meet or surpass established standards of personal appearance, conduct, and equipment maintenance.

Intellectual Application and Growth: A cadet is expected to strive for intellectual self-development; to demonstrate intellectual confidence, foresight, and ability to grasp and think through problems without detailed guidance; and to produce innovative solutions to problems.

Personal and Professional Ethical Behavior: A cadet is expected to accept and acknowledge full responsibility for his or her own actions; to be above-board, open and accurate in all actions; and not to take advantage of his or her position or authority.

Performance Oriented Development: A cadet is expected to emphasize the importance, quality, and efficiency of performance in others, both subordinates and peers, by establishing performance priorities and by recognizing and providing adequate skill training and learning assistance.

These criteria are described in terms of expected performance, which is observable and can be objectively measured. These criteria have been scientifically derived from fundamental indicators of successful officer performance, provided by the observations of a very large sampling of officers and senior NCO's, using the most valid techniques of research and quantitative analysis available in professional literature.

Review Process

The Commandant determines grade cutoffs for each Class in military development after each review period. There are two review periods in the calendar year. The first period begins on the day after graduation and expires on the last day of the first semester. The second period begins on the first day of the second semester and expires on graduation day.

The Company Tactical Officer conducts an initial review of all cadets in the company upon receipt of the military development grades. Cadets who are determined proficient for the review require no further administrative action. Cadets who are deficient will have their Cadet Record Briefs forwarded to the Regimental Tactical Officer. These will outline the cadet's shortcomings and recommendations for disposition of the cadet. The cadet will normally be recommended for conditioning if the cadet is not already in a deficient/conditioned status. A special development program is established for each cadet conditioned in military development. The special developmental program is placed in effect during the review period next following the review period when deficiency was noted. The cadet's Company Tactical Officer is the designer of this program and is charged with monitoring progress during the review period.

The Regimental Tactical Officer reviews the Company Tactical Officer's recommendation on the Cadet Record Brief. If an error is discovered in the award of a deficient grade, they may award a cadet an appropriate passing grade. If the Regimental Tactical Officer concurs with the deficiency, the review packet is endorsed and sent to the Commandant recommending deficiency and appropriate disposition of the cadet.

The Commandant reviews the cases of all cadets recommended as deficient by the Regimental Tactical Officer and all cadets currently in a conditioned status. Cadets who are currently in a conditioned status and receive a passing grade are recommended to the Academic Board for removal of their conditioned status.

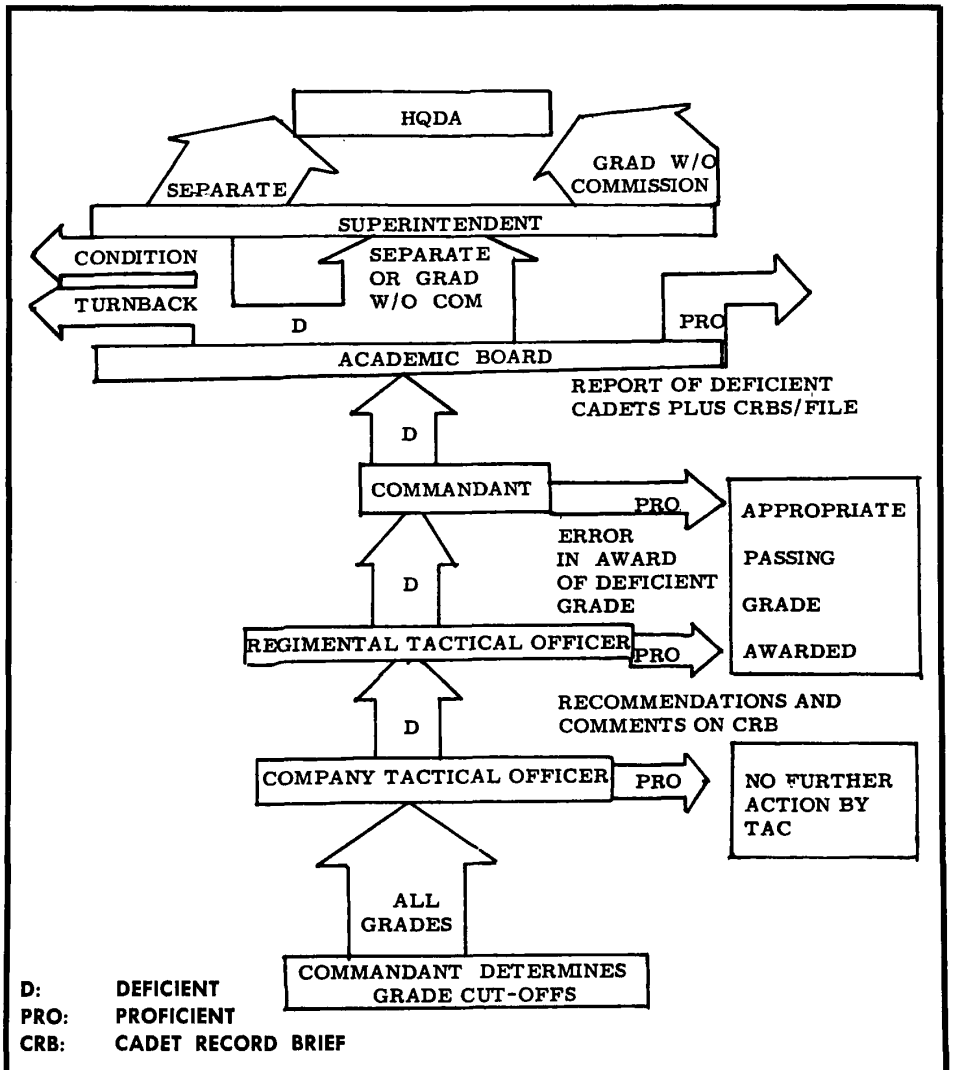
If the Commandant concurs with the deficient recommendation a letter is sent to the Dean of the Academic Board listing all conditioned cadets recommended as again deficient. The Commandant will normally recommend separation for cadets who are again found deficient while in a conditioned status. If an error is discovered in the award of a deficient grade, the Commandant may award an appropriate passing grade.

Cadets who are declared deficient for the first time will be reported to the Dean of the Academic Board as deficient. The Commandant will normally recommend conditioning for cadets currently not in a conditioned status.

The Academic Board considers the cases of all cadets recommended by the Commandant as deficient or recommended for removal of a conditioned status. Cadets declared deficient in military development, who were already serving in a conditioned status during the last review period, will normally be reported to the Superintendent for submission of a recommendation to the Department of the Army for separation from the Military Academy.

If the Academic Board disagrees with the Commandant's recommendation for deficiency, the cadet will be awarded an appropriate proficient grade. If they agree with the recommendation, the cadet will normally be conditioned.

The Superintendent, as Presiding Officer of the Academic Board, participates in the consideration of military development matters. Recommendations of the Academic Board to separate, or graduate without commission, are reported to the Superintendent for submission to the Department of the Army.



The Review Process—The goal of military development is effective officership. The learning vehicle is a four-year program of development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes requisite to an effective leader in today's Army.

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CLASS RING BANQUET

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Class of 1981 received rings on 6 September 1980 and celebrated the occasion with a banquet and hop in Washington Hall. We use this event to present a short history of class rings at West Point and to print some appropriate inspirational remarks by the Superintendent, USMA, on this happy occasion.

THE custom of wearing class rings was inaugurated in this country by the Military Academy in 1835. The class of that year had adopted a motto in Latin: "Danger Brings Forth Friendship," which was then carved in the stone of a ring. These rings were purchased at private expense and were made to individual order. In 1836 no ring was adopted, but the following year the custom was taken up again and has been consistently observed. In 1879 cuff-links in the form of shoulder boards were selected, otherwise rings were the rule. Prior to 1897 the ring was an engraved seal or signet with the class motto in most cases although personal initials were also used at times. After 1898 the Academy motto, "Duty—Honor—Country" was the only motto, if used, to be placed on the ring. The year 1897 marked the change from an engraved seal to a purely ornamental stone and after 1917 a standard die design was instituted for each class and individual preference ceased. The increasing size of graduating classes made this change necessary. Though the mountings of the rings were uniform, the stones were varied, being selected by the owner.

By the time the design had become standard, Latin had been dropped from the subjects studied at the Academy, and class mottos in that language died out. One motto was Scottish, "Dinna Wait," and others were in English. Starting with the Class of 1917, it was customary to place a class crest on one side of the ring and the crest of the Academy on the other.

Remarks to the Class of 1981
Ring Banquet—6 September 1980

It is an honor and a pleasure for Mrs. Goodpaster and me to be with you and your guests this evening to participate in this milestone event—a real highlight of your years as a cadet. It is a memorable evening—the evening when you proudly

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Left—USMA Class Ring 1837: "My class has given orders, measurements, etc. for a class ring—a heavy gold, a red carnelian stone with sunken design—a book with a sword passed thro', the owner's name engraved on the inside. The device intends to convey our eternal enmity to 'Artillery,' **vide** 'Notes on Artillery,' a book of much trouble and sorrow to many a West Pointer."—Bratt 1837. Center—USMA Class Ring 1847. Right—USMA Class Ring, June 1861. Motto: "Per augusta, Ad augusta" Bottom—USMA Class Ring 1878.

display a symbol that marks a West Pointer more clearly than any other emblem.

The handsome gold ring you put on yesterday and now wear will serve as an insignia of your membership in a particular group of men and women, dedicated to serving their country and devoted to the ideals of West Point. It is a distinguished group—distinguished both because they are marked by the standard of excellence, and because they apply that standard to a special responsibility for the future safety and well-being of our country.

And it is a group marked also by a special bond—a bond to all others of the Long Gray Line, past and future, but especially a bond among yourselves. In all your lifetime nothing else will ever have quite that particular meaning.

Your ring bears a dual inscription: The mottos of both your class and your alma mater. Its symbolism extends far—all the way to doing your duty with pride, living your life with honor, serving your country with excellence and—by the force of your example, your commitment and your attachment to classmates and fellow-graduates, keeping high and lustrous the ideals, the traditions and the meaning of West Point.

As we meet here briefly tonight let me suggest that you reflect on the meaning of this ring—*your* ring on *your* hand—and let me suggest that this reflection be mirrored again and again in the years ahead as you ponder your lives and your duties.

For such reflection—now and later—it will be useful I believe to trace the meaning of your ring in terms of *what lies behind you, where you are now, and what lies ahead.*

That you are here tonight tells much of what lies behind you. There had to be an interest in what West Point offered—however dimly seen before actually being experienced—and what West Point stood for.

Your selection to attend was a first demonstration of high qualifications—of intellect, of physical strength and stamina, of leadership potential and of character. Once here you were subjected to high and heavy demands—a multitude of requirements, duties, assignments, customs, rules and regulations, standards of many kinds. Some of you were the beneficiaries of positive and supportive leadership, at least some of the time. Many of you were not, but you found resources of inner strength, confidence and determination within you to see you through.

One thing, I would assert, you did not experience—at least in substantial degree. West Point did not and does not, I would argue, "Tear you down to build you over again." From the day you arrived your talents and the things that form your value patterns have been respected, and indeed have been a fundamental part of your success story. A few things we do take away—drugs and their use, which have no place here; the freedom to sleep late in the morning, since the military life does start early in the day; the option of letting things slide, since the Army does like to have things done on time and in the approved style. But most of what has happened has been not subtraction but addition—a rigorous high-quality education that equips you to deal with the problem-solving demands and the intellectual challenges that are placed on an Army officer; the physical abilities and endurance to meet the demands of stress, stamina and courage to serve as Army officers; the moral and ethical standards required to lead others and to shape an army our country can be proud of; and the military skills on which you can build the ability to serve as an officer defending our nation's freedom at home or on distant frontiers.

In helping you prepare for service as Army officers, West Point has recognized and enforced the high demands of leadership. The ring that you wear tells that you, as cadets, have responded to these high demands. That is part of the meaning of *your* ring, on *your* hand.

Your ring also carries meaning in terms of where you are today, and for the rest of this year. You are adding to your own leadership preparation, through your studies, your training, your experiences this year. And you bear—already—heavy and important leadership responsibilities. In the supervision, leadership, and direction you give, in the tasks that you perform, in the environment that you maintain within the Corps, in the example you set, you as individuals and as a class, are day by day discharging those responsibilities and contributing to the preparation of other cadets for the duties of officership after graduation, and their duties within the Corps and the Academy before graduation comes. Your role is both individual and collective, and your ring well symbolizes that role—it is *your* ring, it is *your* Class ring, and it is *your* Academy ring.

Your ring already carries deep meaning for what lies ahead—especially for what lies ahead after May 27th next year.

It speaks to you first of all about duties in the Army in which you will serve. Permit me, as one who has preceded you in the Long Gray Line by a good number of years—and even a good number of decades

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Great Weapons Museums of the World:

THE WEST POINT MUSEUM

by George M. Horn

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of interest of many graduates in the USMA Museum, we reprint here excerpts from an article on this subject taken with permission from the 1981 edition of the Shooter's Bible—**published by Staeger Publishing Company, Robert F. Scott, Publisher.**

AT 4:30 on the morning of 12 April 1861, a Blakely rifled cannon in a battery at Confederate Fort Johnson, South Carolina, was loaded with a 24-pound conical bullet equipped with a lead sabot. The command to fire was given by Wade Hampton Gibbes, a young Confederate officer who had graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1860.

Lobbed across the Charleston harbor, that first shot struck Union-held Fort Sumter, commanded by Major Robert Anderson, another West Point graduate (class of 1825). A Fort Sumter mortar replied with a 42-pound spherical shot, but did no damage. It was later picked up and brought to the headquarters of Confederate General Pierre G.T. Beauregard, also a West Point graduate (class of 1838).

Today, both of these projectiles are in the museum at . . . West Point. They are but two of the thousands of exhibits of weapons and artifacts of war that make this museum unique. Its claim to fame lies not only in the distinctiveness of its exhibits—which include every type of weapon ever employed in the history of warfare—but almost every weapon has been scarred by battle and many are associated with famous military leaders. First opened to the public in 1854, the West Point Museum now holds the largest diversified collection of military arms, flags, uniforms, accoutrements, paintings, prints and portraiture in the Western Hemisphere.

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The collections are extensive enough to satisfy the most demanding collector or student of firearms. In fact, it is no exaggeration to say that the entire Military Academy itself is a veritable museum, with guns, relics, flags, portraits, and other mementoes everywhere the eye can see. Mounted vertically to the north wall of the library, for example, are two cannons: one, served by Confederate troops, fired the first shot in the Civil War several days before the attack on Fort Sumter at a steamer passing Vicksburg, Mississippi; the other gun fired the last shot before General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. Other field pieces ranging from light horse-drawn cannon to giant artillery and siege guns await the visitor.

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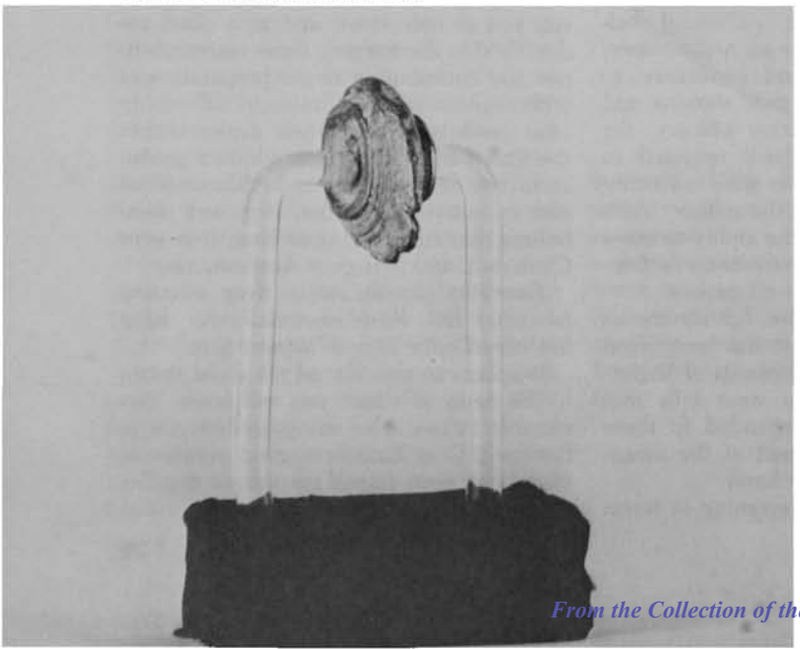
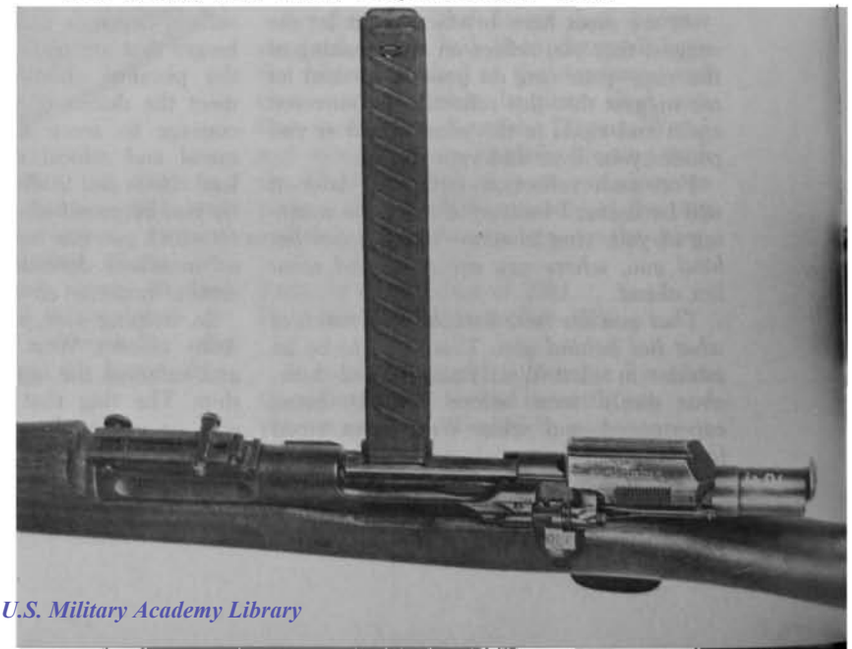
The visitor enters the West Point Museum through a pair of massive oak doors studded with iron bolt heads. Once inside, the visitor is assailed with a cornucopia of delights, starting with the colorful collection of military art which depicts battles, engagements and clashes from a multitude of wars, as well as representations of the life of the soldier. Next comes an ambitious presentation of the broad sweep of military science and tactics, with dioramas depicting changes in the art of war from Roman times to the present.

Now the visitor enters a hall devoted to American military history, with weap-

The Minie ball helped to make the Civil War the bloodiest conflict in American history. Pictured is an example of one of the rarest phenomena in warfare: two bullets fired from opposite sides of a Virginia battlefield which met and fused together in midair.



One of the best-kept secrets of World War I was the Pedersen device, a self-contained unit designed to convert the bolt-action Springfield rifle into a rapid-fire weapon. Sixty-five thousand were produced in 1918, but most were destroyed after the war, making them widely sought collectors' items.



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Goering's Baton

Washington's Pistols

ons, accoutrements and memorabilia from the past 200 years. On still another level are exhibits devoted to World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. Weapons, uniforms, trophies, souvenirs, captured booty, swords, flags and banners abound; in fact, the temptation is great to dart from one exhibit case to another, each more exciting and awe-inspiring than the next. Truly, here is what the French describe as *un embarras de richesse*, an embarrassment of riches.

Among the Museum's holdings, handgun fanciers will find a wide-ranging assortment: General George Washington's silver-mounted pistols made by gunmakers Hawkins and Wilson of London about 1750 and given by Washington to his secretary, Bartholomew Dandridge; two matched Lefaucheaux percussion dueling pistols, complete with loading accessories made in France about 1840; an exquisite Harper's Ferry flintlock pistol of 1807, one of the most attractive and graceful single-shot handguns ever made; a rare cutlass pistol, devised by George Elgin of Macon, Georgia, for use by the fledgling United States Navy on the South Seas Exploring Expedition—its attached knife blade called into service when there was no time for reloading; a valuable North and Cheney Model 1799 flintlock pistol, the first contracted for United States armed forces; a Model 1836 pistol with swivel ramrod by Asa Waters and Robert Johnson, the last military-issue flintlock; a Colt Whitneyville Walker Model 1847 revolver, the first repeating revolver issued to American cavalrymen and one of the heaviest handguns ever used by troops; and a pistol carbine with detachable stock made at the Springfield Armory in 1855, intended for use as a pistol when mounted and as a carbine afoot.

Among the one-of-a-kind pieces are Napoleon's handsome .48-caliber pistols made by Boutet of Versailles about 1802, which were later given to the Emperor's stepson, Eugene; the pistol owned by Brigadier General Joseph G. Swift of the class of 1802, the first graduate of West Point; the beautifully engraved Adams revolver once owned by Major Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter fame; Heinrich Himmler's gold damascened Walther 7.65mm pistol presented by him to S.S. General Karl Wolff, and Hermann Goering's revolver, which was—believe it or not—a Smith & Wesson .38-caliber Military & Police Model K, worn by him when he surrendered to the American Seventh Army.

Long-gun aficionados will find many treasures: a breathtakingly simple Ferguson breechloading rifle, designed by a redoubtable Scotsman, Major Patrick Ferguson, who died in a hail of bullets in 1780 at the battle of King's Mountain in North Carolina; a handsome Model 1841 Mississippi rifle, adopted by the Army

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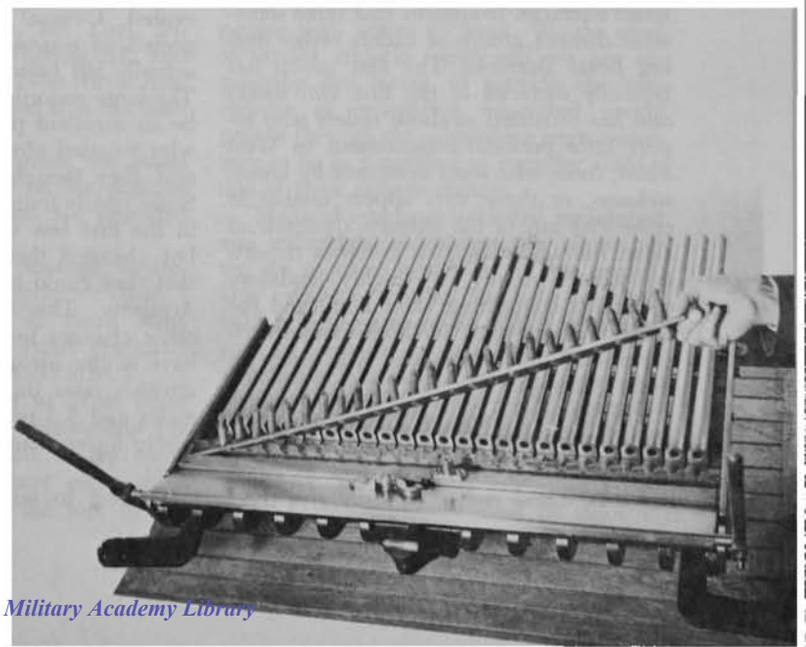
A 40-caliber chain rifle, patented in 1838 by Epentus A. Bennett and Frederick Haviland. It featured 12 rectangular blocks bored out as chambers on a linked belt, turned from below by a disc with four projecting spindles. Such chain guns were hazardous because any or all of the chambers could fire and injure the shooter or bystanders.

This 58-caliber machine gun built in 1861 by William Billinghurst (who received a patent with J. Requa for a "platoon battery gun") had 25 barrels mounted on a light metal platform. Each cartridge case was hand-loaded with loose powder and a patched ball on the theory that this gave greater accuracy. The gun may have been slow to load, but when discharged, its volley of 25 bullets could quickly cut down an entire platoon.



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BG Joseph Franklin

THE COM REPORTS...

IN this article I'd like to talk about attrition, and focus briefly on procedures we used this past summer to keep tabs on resigning cadets. Attrition, like AWOL in the Army, is a statistic of continuing concern, particularly at West Point where the candidate selection process should guarantee some immunity from inordinate losses, at least in the early going. In past years, however, approximately 10 percent of each incoming class is lost in Cadet Basic Training (Beast Barracks). Another 10 percent leaves in the fourth class year, and 15 to 20 percent more depart in the three upperclass years.

Of note is the fact that, from this overall attrition rate of some 35 percent, only 5 percent is forced (through academics, discipline, injury etc.). The remaining 30 percent comes from resignees, many of whom have demonstrated desirable qualities and thus represent an undesirable loss. And fully one-third of these resignations come during the first six weeks at the Academy, in Beast Barracks. (Contrary to the idea that high early attrition is good because it strips out eventual losses, history shows that high early attrition carries through all four years; classes with high losses in Beast Barracks graduate with proportionately higher attrition than those with low rates during the same period.)

Understandably, then, the most intensive focus on attrition has occurred during Beast Barracks. It appears that three somewhat distinct groups of cadets resign during Beast Barracks. The first group has typically surfaced in the first two weeks and has consisted of those cadets who report little personal commitment to West Point, those who seem overcome by homesickness, or those who appear unable to cope with any of the stressful demands of Beast Barracks. This first group of departing cadets usually has highly laudatory comments concerning West Point and the cadre, and accounts for approximately 20 percent of the cadets who will resign in Beast Barracks.

The second group of resigning cadets begins to emerge in the third week and extends through the fourth week of Beast Barracks. These cadets typically give their reason for leaving as too structured a life style at West Point or too much regimentation. These cadets often have negative comments about West Point and account for 70 to 75 percent of the Beast Barracks resignees.

The last group to resign develops after the fifth week. These cadets often indicate a desire to remain at West Point, but seem to have run out of energy. They appear to be experiencing considerable anxiety, but are no longer able to deal with their distress effectively. This group is the smallest and accounts for about 5 percent of the total Beast Barracks resignees.

An evaluation of reasons for resignations compared with the degree of stress experienced in Beast Barracks has resulted in an identification of three high stress periods. These occur in the first few days of Beast Barracks (the initial transition), in the middle of Beast Barracks (the change of cadre detail) and at the end of Beast Barracks (transition into academic-regular lettered companies.) The identification of these high stress periods has allowed us to shape the training schedule so as to assist cadets in negotiating these difficult times.

As noted in my last column, a three week "no resignation" policy was instituted with the Class of 1984. This policy required new cadets to remain at West Point through the first three weeks of Beast Barracks before resignations would be accepted. Unusual circumstances were expected, of course, so a handful of cadets actually left before three weeks were up. The large majority of the class felt this to be an excellent policy. Even those cadets who resigned after the three week period said they thought the policy had merit. Some cadets indicated an intent to resign in the first few weeks of Beast Barracks, but changed their minds as they found that they could meet the demands of the Academy. This moratorium, along with other changes to Beast Barracks which I have written about before, helped produce attrition rates this year of 7.1 percent in males and 5.3 percent in females, significantly lower than the averages in recent years.

Turning to resignation procedures, all cadets who expressed a desire to resign this past summer were required to inform their squad leader. The squad leader could use a number of options, beginning with personal counseling, calling in the chain of command, or referring the new cadet to athletic coaches or professional counseling activities such as the chaplains or the Cadet Counseling Center. All of these efforts were focused on reviewing and evaluating the decision to resign.

Tactical officers then interviewed each cadet who continued to indicate a desire to resign. If the cadet persisted, the tactical officer helped with the required administrative details such as a letter of resignation. Parents were notified by the tactical officer before the resignee began formal outprocessing. (Parental support, incidentally, plays a crucial role in helping cadets through the adjustment to West Point, particularly in the early going, i.e., the first group of potential resignees.)

An in-depth interview was conducted with each resigning cadet during the formal outprocessing by officers assigned to the Cadet Counseling Center. Resignees were queried in order to identify feelings of failure or distress as well as to glean information about West Point from the new Cadet's point of view. Information obtained from resigning cadets was used to identify potential problem areas and to build a catalogue of reasons for resignation from West Point during Beast Barracks, a catalogue we are putting to good use each year as we tune our procedures and training schedules.

Finally, let me say that attrition is only one of a number of important indicators of how we at West Point are doing our job. It is a particularly encompassing statistic because it is sensitive to the candidate selection as well as the West Point experience. A low rate of attrition by itself, however, can offer only a limited measure of performance. High attrition rates are not without merit under some circumstances or for some categories of individual. Getting a handle on the resignee's thinking has been a help to us in viewing attrition with the proper perspective and respect.

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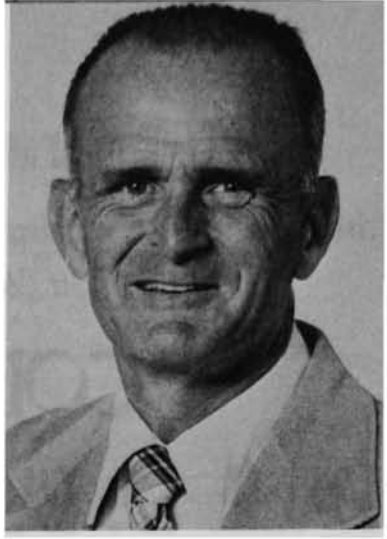
Ullrich Named West Point Athletic Director



CARL F. Ullrich was named Director of Intercollegiate Athletics of the United States Military Academy on 15 August 1980.

Ullrich succeeded Major General (Retired) Raymond P. Murphy, who announced he would not renew his contract as athletic director in April 1980. Ullrich assumed his duties 1 September 1980, bringing more than a decade of sports administration experience, including five years as the assistant athletic director at the United States Naval Academy, to the position.

In announcing Ullrich's appointment the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster said:

"I am delighted that Carl Ullrich will lead Army's athletic program in the coming years. He is a proven talent in intercollegiate sports management. He is thoroughly familiar with the specifics confronting the service academies in developing outstanding sports programs. Carl Ullrich is a winner, and I am confident that he is the man to lead Army sports to success within the framework of the Academy's mission."

Ullrich, 52, was selected from among more than 60 applicants seeking the West Point athletic director position. West Point officials said that Ullrich met every qualification established by the Superintendent for the position. Ullrich's leadership ability, his thorough familiarity with NCAA and AIAW policy, his demonstrated success in organizing and managing major college sports programs, and his personal, positive manner in generating community and institutional support for athletics at both Navy and Western Michigan were instrumental in his selection.

In accepting the athletic director post, Ullrich said:

"The West Point athletic director position is one that appeals to me strongly, one that I feel I thoroughly understand, and one for which I feel able to provide outstanding leadership."

Ullrich came to West Point from Western Michigan where he had served as athletic director following his appointment in 1979. While there, the Broncos' sports program began an immediate resurgence. In 1980, Western Michigan finished second in the Mid-American Conference Reese Cup standings, emblematic of conference all-sports supremacy. The women's softball team also finished fourth in the AIAW national championships.

During his 11 years as athletic administrator and coach at Navy, Ullrich supervised the areas of admissions, counseling, recruiting, eligibility, Congressional liaison, and NCAA and AIAW policy. He also coached the Navy varsity crew for six years, winning the Eastern intercollegiate championships in 1971.

Earlier Ullrich served as freshman crew coach at Cornell from 1955-60 where he produced two national and three Eastern Intercollegiate champions. He also served as the varsity crew mentor at Columbia University from 1960-65 and at Boston University in 1968.

Ullrich had additional coaching experience at the secondary school level at Friends Academy in New York from 1952-53, and at Irvington High School and the Newark Academy in New Jersey from 1953-55. He also served as an assistant commandant at the Sanford Naval Academy in Florida from 1965-67.

As a service man, Ullrich saw active duty as a Navy enlisted man in the Pacific theater in 1945-46, and later served as a United States Marine Corps officer during the Korean conflict. He was a rifle platoon leader, rifle company commander and assistant regimental operations officer. He was discharged from the Marines with the rank of captain.

Ullrich and his wife, Becky, have five children: Julia Anderson, 26; Carl, 24; Kathleen Donovan, 23; Thomas, 22; and Michael, 20. Thomas is a 1980 Naval Academy graduate, and Michael is in his third year at Annapolis.

After two months in office we asked Carl Ullrich to comment on his position and how we can help him. He provided the following:

"It is with a feeling of privilege, excitement, enthusiasm and optimism that I accept this opportunity to share some thoughts with our West Point graduates and other subscribers to ASSEMBLY.

"My previous exposure to West Point has been in an adversary relationship (as you know if you are aware of my background) in this very short eight week period with exposure to the top, to our outstanding coaching staff, and to the superb members of the Corps of Cadets who make up our athletic squads, it is very easy to say with unbridled enthusiasm 'Beat Navy.' I believe that intercollegiate athletics at a service academy has more meaning and certainly greater impact on many aspects of the institution's life than at any other college or university. Certainly the most important aspect of this fact is the spirit and attitude of the Corps of Cadets. Our Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, much like the other departments here at the Military Academy, has an offering for our cadets that can make them better persons and certainly better officers and provide them an experience which they could never replace or forget. Our mission is to provide a maximum number of cadets a competitive opportunity in their sport of interest at the highest possible level. We intend to do just that.

"Across the board, you can be very proud of our teams. Our cadet athletes win approximately two out of every three contests they enter. Unfortunately, in some of the high media interest and certainly high alumni and fan interest sports, our fortunes have not been very good in recent years. All of us presently associated with West Point athletics believe that our teams *can* be competitive across the board and we feel that we can provide the leadership, input, and effort to make this happen.

"Our coaching staff is doing an excellent job. We have fine facilities and, as I indicated earlier, a great group of young people with whom to work. We do need to attract athletic talent and we are organizing our forces to provide the mechanics of processing interested young people through the admissions steps necessary to be in a position to consider USMA one of their college choices.

"Many of you have indicated an interest and willingness to support this effort and we are in touch with you in this regard. Our primary direction for help from the field is in the area of SEARCH. We need you to provide us with the names of athletically talented young men and women whom you feel might have the academic and character potential to be successful cadets here at the Military Academy. Your referral will bring a con-

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by J. DAVID VALAIK

"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,"
—Sir Walter Scott

COLONEL PAUL D. BUNKER

MARCH, 1943. Grim, poorly clad men shuffled about in clumsy footwear. Gaunt, they went mechanically about cleaning up, tending wretched gardens, watching over a few goats. Remnants of military uniforms identified them as soldiers and sailors of three nations, America, Holland and Great Britain.

The place was Karenko, Formosa, and among the hundreds of starving, badly treated prisoners of war was Colonel Paul D. Bunker, United States Army Coast Artillery, West Point Class of 1903. He lay in the hospital, coughing, shivering under layers of clothing, newspapers and blankets. He was dying, but one task remained.

Sometime before this, hidden from the prying eyes of his captors, Bunker had entrusted Colonel Delbert Ausmus with a relic of his nation's agony, a scrap of cloth cut from the flag he had lowered over the embattled shores of Corregidor on 6 May 1942. Bunker hid the square in his uniform, burned the flag, and vowed one day to return his treasure to America. On 14 November 1945, Colonel Ausmus presented the tattered remnant to War Secretary Robert Patterson in Washington, D.C.

Bunker's duty was done, but the tough old veteran of two wars had died on 16 March 1943, far away from the Point and the nation he loved and served so well. On that very day, graduates of the United States Military Academy around the world gathered to celebrate West Point's founding in 1802.

A professional standing army was opposed by many Americans then, and still today our Service Academies endure much criticism, but they have served our nation well. In an age when many people cannot conceive of "Duty" as meaning anything other than self-interest, the careers of such men as Grant and Nimitz stand out. When "Honor" is a concept which provokes acrimonious debate rather than respect, we reflect fondly upon the lives of Lee and Sims. And when love of "Country" is counted a vice rather than a virtue, the contributions of MacArthur and Halsey must be highly valued. "Duty, Honor, Country," this motto was never more important for Colonel Bunker than after 7 December 1941.

Commanding the heavy artillery of Corregidor's seaward defenses, Bunker fought the Japanese with all the weapons of this 59th Coast Artillery Regiment, but once Bataan fell his men could only fight on, hoping for relief from the United States. However large their guns, however ample the ammunition supply, the defenders of Corregidor had to fight from exposed, fixed batteries, subject to unopposed aerial attacks and massive artillery bombardment by hidden, mobile batteries to the rearward. There would be no relief.

Perhaps Colonel Bunker knew this from the beginning. On Saturday, 3 January 1942, after the second bombing of the fortress island, he drove to his devastated quarters. His treasured shell collection, his library, and the family genealogical study he had been compiling for years were lost forever. Paul Bunker was a scholarly, sensitive man who loved literature and music as well as guns. Fortunately, the once feared boxer was also a diarist, but in this war there was little the old fighter could do.

Japanese planes flying over the "Rock" to bomb Bataan were beyond the range of anti-aircraft guns. The occasional ship sighted was usually beyond the range of his guns or gone before they could be brought to bear. As an Army man, Bunker expected nothing bold from the "gallant" Navy and nothing whatsoever from the thousands of administrative moles sheltered in Malinta Tunnel, but his fighting spirit was high. When told that the "brass" had burned millions of dollars, Bunker raged: "Why damn their eyes, who says the Japs are going to take Corregidor? We haven't even had a chance at them yet. All we've done in the Seaward Defense is 'take it.' Give us a chance to dish it out."

His chances were few. Once, when he asked General George F. Moore for permission to fire on a Japanese troop concentration on Bataan, the request was denied lest innocent Filipinos be hurt. Bunker was angry. Each day he plotted salvos and counter-salvos, but the battle raged beyond him. When he was permitted to conduct a "real shoot," results were unknown, but it was still an occasion to celebrate, "a couple of scotches" with friends before retiring.

On Friday, 6 February 1942, the enemy unleashed the first artillery attack on Corregidor. Hidden behind the sun, their batteries could not be spotted, but Bunker's men returned the fire in blind anger. On February 15 the Japanese fired for three hours without a single sighting.

The future was grim. When radio's Walter Winchell called for an end to

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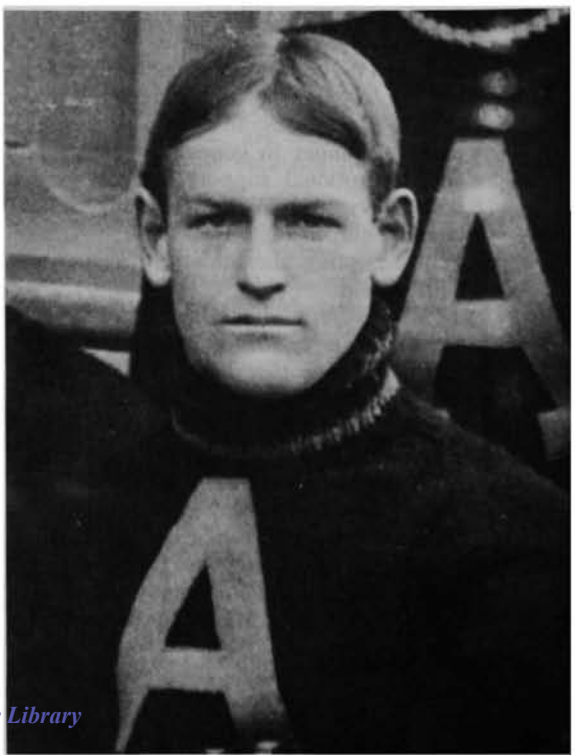
Paul Bunker as he appeared in football uniform when he was twice selected all-America, once as a tackle and once as a back.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

We have examined the balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1980, and the related statements of operating and restricted funds revenues and expenses, and of changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The financial statements of the Association for the year ended March 31, 1979 were examined by the Internal Review Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Military Academy.

As described in Note 1, the Association's policy is to prepare its financial statements on a modified cash basis; consequently, certain revenue and related cash are recognized when received rather than earned. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements identified above present fairly the financial position at March 31, 1980 and the results of operations and the changes in fund balances for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which basis has been applied in a consistent manner.

July 29, 1980

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES — OPERATING FUND

Year Ended March 31, 1980

Revenue:		
Dues and memberships		$ 13,891
Contributions		9,860
Investment income		348,629
Reimbursements — alumni services		35,796
Sales — gift shop		189,841
Publications:		
Subscriptions		197,709
Advertising		10,600
AOG Travel Program		4,713
Miscellaneous		769
		811,808
Expenses:		
General and administrative:		
Personnel costs	$156,886	
Other costs	96,454	$253,340
Publications:		
Personnel costs	74,792	
Other costs	175,673	250,465
Gift shop:		
Personnel costs	40,271	
Other costs	139,258	179,529
Development:		
Personnel costs	60,549	
Other costs	40,702	101,251
AOG Travel Program		4,924
Miscellaneous		3,633
		793,142
Excess revenues over expenses		$ 18,666

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 1980 with Comparative Totals for 1979

	1980				1979
	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	$ 88,182	$ 3,153	$ 111,883	$ 203,218	$ 121,980
Accounts receivable	6,312			6,312	4,731
Securities receivable			1,200,440	1,200,440	—
Inventories	134,367			134,367	139,571
Marketable securities (market value: 1980, $7,840,179; 1979, $6,498,158)	302,708	$ 88,772	7,492,113	7,883,593	6,421,211
Other investments			68,853	68,853	105,892
Equipment, less accumulated depreciation (1980, $52,277; 1979, $50,901)		20,206		20,206	16,809
Total assets	$ 531,569	$ 112,131	$8,873,289	$9,516,989	$6,810,194
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Accrued liabilities	$ 1,697		$ 15,280	$ 16,977	$ 436
Deferred compensation	122,154			122,154	91,420
Fund balances	407,718	$ 112,131	8,858,009	9,377,858	6,718,338
	$ 531,569	$ 112,131	$8,873,289	$9,516,989	$6,810,194

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES — RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year Ended March 31, 1980

	Restricted by Board	Restricted by Donor	Restricted by Agreement	Total Restricted Funds
Revenue:				
Contributions	$ 834	$ 15,473	$ 641,616	$ 657,923
Bequests	37,700			37,700
Grants			2,156,722	2,156,722
Investment income	57,916	13,967	369,569	441,452
Other			1,815	1,815
	96,450	29,440	3,169,722	3,295,612
Expenses:				
Awards, grants, contributions	99	3,588	612,406	616,093
Administrative	290		8,608	8,898
Revaluation of copyright	37,710			37,710
	38,099	3,588	621,014	662,701
Excess of revenues	$ 58,351	$ 25,852	$2,548,708	$2,632,911

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended March 31, 1980

	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	RESTRICTED FUNDS Restricted by Board	Restricted by Donor	Restricted by Agreement	Total Restricted Funds	Total All Funds
Revenues	$ 811,808	$ 7,942	$ 96,450	$ 29,440	$3,169,722	$3,295,612	$4,115,362
Expenses	793,142		38,099	3,588	621,014	662,701	1,455,843
Excess of revenues	18,666	7,942	58,351	25,852	2,548,708	2,632,911	2,659,519
Fund transfers:							
Operating surplus	(67,000)	17,000	25,000		25,000	50,000	—
Reimbursement for services	104,009			(766)	(103,243)	(104,009)	—
	55,675	24,942	83,351	25,086	2,470,465	2,578,902	2,659,519
Fund balance, beginning of year	352,043	87,189	4,499,194	154,795	1,625,118	6,279,107	6,718,339
Fund balance, end of year	$ 407,718	$ 112,131	$4,582,545	$ 179,881	$4,095,583	$8,858,009	$9,377,858

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a—The Association maintains its accounts principally on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, however, adjustments are made to record depreciation, and receivables and payables arising from gift shop operations. Adjustments are also made for any significant receivables and payables arising from unconsummated transactions.

b—Marketable equity securities are carried at cost or, in the case of gifts, at fair market value on the day of receipt. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are included in operations.

c—Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (primarily first-in, first-out) or market.

d—Equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method using a ten year useful life except for equipment acquired prior to March 31, 1976, which has been fully depreciated.

e—The Association occupies offices which are located in Cullum Hall at the United States Military Academy. This space is provided to the Association without charge and no amounts for the use of such donated premises is provided in the financial statements.

2—Property and Equipment

The following presents the amount of property and equipment of the Association at March 31, 1980:

Property and equipment	$72,483
Less accumulated depreciation	52,277
	$20,206

Depreciation charged to operations for the year amounted to $2,129.

3—Deferred Compensation

The Association has entered into contracts with its chief executive officers whereby it will set aside specified amounts to be paid upon the officers' retirement. Total charges to operations for the year amounted to $23,471.

4—Pension Plan

The Association has a non-contributory pension plan covering all employees with more than one year of service. Contributions to the plan for the year ended March 31, 1980 amounted to $13,153. All past service costs are fully amortized.

news from the SOCIETIES

News from West Point Society of D.C.

Lieutenant General Arthur S. Collins Jr. '38, President of the West Point Society of DC, and other members were hosts for forty-one prospective candidates and their parents at a special dinner held at the Fort Myer Officers Club on 31 Jul. A total of 150 candidates, parents and hosts attended.

The West Point Society of DC has long been in the forefront of those across the country who support the Academy in their ongoing search for qualified students who are interested in going to West Point.

The Admissions Department and the Athletic Association identified DC-Virginia-Maryland area high school students who will graduate in 1981 and who appeared to have great potential to make a significant contribution to USMA. After careful screening, invitations to the dinner at Fort Myer were sent to the students and their parents by the Military Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Dick Buckner '61, a member of the Board of Governors, made all arrangements directly with the Military Academy to have Brigadier General Joseph P. Franklin '55, Commandant of Cadets; Ed Cavanaugh, head football coach; Eddie Wilson, assistant coach; Lieutenant Colonel Al Rushton '59, assistant Director of Admissions; and Cadet Eugene Skinner appear on the program. A total of seven cadets interrupted their summer training to be present. They were Cadets Ann Bratton, Robert Fix, Nadja Grammer, Allen Griffith, Robert Heather, Eugene Skinner and Darryl Williams.

WP Society of DC dinner, 31 July 1980: Mrs. Eddie Wilson, Cadet Eugene Skinner, Asst Coach Eddie Wilson (at microphone), Miss Patti Wilson, Mr. Stottlemeyer and Todd Stottlemyer.

Special guests were Army Chief of Staff General Edward C. Meyer '51 and Mrs. Meyer.

Assistant Coach Wilson acted as master of ceremonies, introducing the speakers following dinner. General Franklin reviewed the unique education West Point can provide for the graduate. He emphasized the development of leadership potential and the moral/ethical training which supports and helps the person grow throughout a lifetime. He said, "Your opportunities are almost limitless. Your decision for West Point, in the broadest sense, can take you as far and wide as you want to go."

Colonel Rushton introduced a movie, "The Profession of Leadership," which explained the West Point traditions, long history of achievement, camaraderie and the quality education available there. He then explained the admissions process and special visits to the Academy which can be arranged.

Coach Cavanaugh emphasized integrity as a prime requisite, not only for the West Pointer but for all who would achieve success in life. In addressing the football situation, he said, "We are at a low ebb, are tired of being kicked around and we accept the challenge to change that. If you want to stand up and be counted, too, then think of us. You will get a quality education and we will get the job done."

Cadet Skinner, speaking for all the visiting cadets, said one word expressed the West Point experience, "challenge." After telling about life at the Academy, he said he hoped all would accept that challenge.

A question and answer period followed the speakers.

In order to fund this successful evening event, President Collins asked members of the Society to make special donations. General Collins said, "We are confident your contributions will

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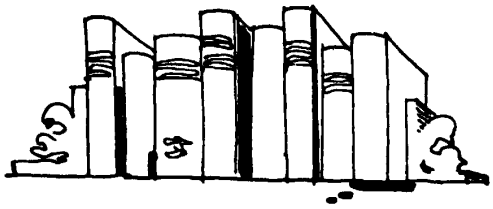
Book  Reviews

GAVIN

By Bradley Biggs. The Shoe String Press Inc., P.O. Box 4327, Hamden, CT 06514. 198 pages. $17.50.

Reviewed by LTC W. Scott Dillard, USMA '61, Permanent Associate Professor, Dept of History, USMA.

The main outlines of the career of Lieutenant General James M. Gavin are probably known to many of the readers of the ASSEMBLY. He was a remarkable man who seemed to influence most of those who worked for him; he inspired many others. He was a brilliant and innovative thinker who gave commonsense advice. I first heard him speak shortly after his retirement when he addressed the Corps of Cadets. I still, from the perspective of over twenty years, remember much of what he said. I was certainly impressed.

Bradley Biggs begins his narrative with the controversy that swirled around Gavin in 1956 when he testified against the "New Look" defense posture of the Eisenhower administration based on massive retaliation with manned bombers. With this brief section setting the stage and tone, Biggs flashes back to the beginning of the Gavin story, his enlistment into the Army, his cadet years, and early service as a young officer.

In 1940 Gavin was assigned as an instructor in the Department of Tactics at West Point. As Hitler's armies slashed their way across Europe, Gavin wangled his way out of the staid environment of West Point to the new school to train paratroopers at Fort Benning. Gavin believed that the mobility of paratroopers would provide the key to success in future wars. As the nation strengthened its Army to meet the challenges of those troubled times, Gavin rose from airborne company commander to parachute regimental commander, from captain to full colonel in about two years.

He took his regiment to North Africa, jumped into Sicily in the summer of 1943, and took the lessons of the operation to heart in developing better techniques for organizing a force that might be (and often was) widely dispersed, even, as in Sicily, landed many miles from its target area. After the Normandy invasion, Gavin succeeded Ridgway as division commander of the 82nd and stayed with it through the remainder of World War II. He was in on the airborne invasion of Holland and a key participant in the Battle of the Bulge. In the first several years of peace, Gavin remained with the division, experimenting with helicopters, new airborne tactics in a nuclear environment, and race relations. His Sky Cavalry concept, envisioning the use of large fleets of helicopters to deliver ground soldiers and light tanks into battle areas stemmed from this period.

By 1949, he was in the new Department of Defense as a member of the Weapons Systems Evaluations Group (WSEG). Here he first faced the difficulties that later led to his early retirement: the refusal of the Air Force to permit the Army to purchase the helicopters needed and the feeling of many officers within the Army that such an idea was too far ahead of its time. Gavin felt that the Korean War vindicated his visionary approach; that Sky Cavalry could have made a difference not only in preventing the near disaster at Pusan, but in the other critical phases of the war.

In 1951 Gavin became chief of staff in NATO's Southern Command. A year later he was VII Corps commander in Germany. In 1953 he was reassigned to Washington as chief of research and development for the Army. The next few years were very difficult for him.

During his Washington assignment, Gavin shared with General Ridgway and others the growing fear that reliance on massive nuclear retaliation alone would result in inability for the Army to fulfill national requirements in limited war. The early days of the Korean war seemed to have been forgotten when the nation scraped together a pitifully small and unprepared force to hold the line at Pusan. In his own area of responsibility, the policy of the Eisenhower administration was to limit the range of the Army's missiles to two hundred, later five hundred, miles, even though the Army Jupiter-C missile had been successfully fired for a distance of over 3,000 miles.

The Soviet Sputnik catapulted Gavin into the middle of the debate over the missile gap. He proposed before the Senate Subcommittee on Preparedness (Senator Lyndon B. Johnson presiding) that the current Joint Chiefs of Staff system needed more than just drastic modification. He urged that the JCS be replaced by a competent staff of senior military people working directly for the Secretary of Defense. In this way he hoped that innovations in weapons and tactics would not fall prey to inter-service rivalries and resistance to change. In December 1957 Gavin submitted his request for retirement which, after some delay and more controversy, was accepted.

Soon after his retirement from the Army, he accepted a position with the professional (*Continued on page 55*)

NEITHER ATHENS NOR SPARTA?: *The American Service Academies in Transition*

By John P. Lovell, USMA '55. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN 47401. 362 pages. $17.50.

Reviewed by Colonel George K. Osborn, Permanent Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, USMA.

Looking at West Point (and the other service academies) may be akin to looking at the face of the glacier—if one observes it every day, it never changes; if one observes once a decade, change is cataclysmic. For some of us, change is so rapid we pray for a time of consolidation and calm; for others, change is so slow we despair of institutional adaptation to the twentieth century before the twenty-first is upon us. John Lovell's study provides a comparative analysis of change and continuity at all four service academies. It can assist us in our understanding of these complex institutions because he takes us behind the glacial face, where we can see the dynamics of change. The academies, the services, and their political masters have been driven by doubts as to their ultimate faith in the ethos of Athens or of Sparta. That the perceived ethos are based on grammar school vulgarizations is relatively unimportant because the *papier mache* figures we all have fashioned are real to those who created them. Lovell is a cautious scholar, never willing to go further than his data, but full of insights that demonstrate his mastery of them. His conclusion that the academies never have attained the ideals of either Athens or Sparta and are unlikely to do so in future is sound indeed. Yet, to turn from Lovell's careful analysis to the academies themselves, one wonders if we do not see before us, to use Stanley Hoffman's felicitous phrase, ". . . a sisyphus-like job of methodological Byzantinism." It may be unfair to Lovell to push his findings beyond his own carefully documented work, but it is legitimate to conclude those who would restore the academies to the glories of some earlier golden age pursue a chimera. This is an important book, and it should be required reading for all who have an interest in or some responsibility for the four academies—past, present and future.

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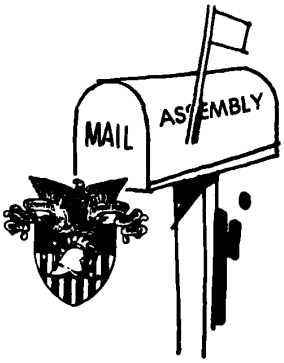
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the editor should cover subjects pertaining to the Association of Graduates and the USMA which are of interest to alumni and friends of West Point. All signed letters received will be considered for publication. The editor reserves the right to reject or edit letters.

A Tribute to West Point's Sons

A copy of a letter to me includes such a fine refreshing tribute to West Point's sons that I thought you should have a copy and perhaps might wish to include an extract in ASSEMBLY.

Name witheld on request.

Letter follows:

"Sir: In 1942 I was drafted into the Army at age 20. I knew nothing whatever, of course, about soldiering. I knew not commissioned or non-commissioned, platoon, company or regiment. West Point was a name I had heard and associated with newsreel shots of properly dressed ranks although dressed then to me meant only clothed.

"But I learned. I helped fill out the 96th Infantry Division cadre at Camp Adair, Oregon, trained with it, went overseas with it and left it only to be discharged in 1946.

"Along the way I had an enlisted man's encounter with West Pointers and discovered what a separate and rare breed they are (or hope they still are) and how fragile is our national future without them.

"Our commanding general was Major General James L. Bradley of the Class of '14 or '15. In the pre-war army, you no doubt were at least acquainted. Asst was Brig. Claudius Easley, who was killed on Okinawa. Commanding the 383rd Infantry was Colonel Edwin May who was the most commanding figure I ever saw and by far the most unforgettable person I ever saw (I cannot really say met). He also was killed on Okinawa. He was not a graduate of the Academy but was the personification of the best and basic qualities of the professional soldier. Thinking of him even now still makes me feel small.

"For a long time I felt vaguely that it would be most appropriate were my son to receive from you a brief letter he could some day appreciate and cherish. I hope to provide him with a background which will leave him a whole man, responsible and yet of an independent mind. A responsible man is aware of his obligations, implicit or implied, and discharges them in full. If he is unaware of his obligation to his country, he will be no better than the current crop of self-centered, self-righteous youth demanding all conceivable rights and denying any and all obligations. One wonders if self-control will ever again be even mentioned.

"Roy is now a bright, handsome, active, normal boy. His father would exhibit your letter to him proudly and in due time would outline your career to him in full.

"Your response to my son would be of great aid in raising at least one young American with an appreciation of our history and an understanding of the sort of men who created it."

"With respect and regards"

Of Plebes, Mint Juleps, A General, and a President

Have submitted this to several graduates, and they thought it would be interesting to your alumni readers, including the older ones.

Z. W. Moores '24

"Dear Mr. McCabe:

"Read with much interest your column on Mint Juleps, and the President at West Point. Have just returned from Arizona, where I submitted the Julep receipe to my brother-in-law, who was raised on a plantation in Arkansas just across the river from my home in Tennessee. He praised profusely the English used and word selection but was not sure how good the julep would be.

"Be that as it may, I would like to make some comments on General Buckner. When I entered the Academy in July 1920, he was one of the Battalion Tactical Officers who were over the Company Tacs, and formed the Battalion Board. They had much to do with the training and discipline thought necessary to make gentlemen cadets out of a bunch of green and irresponsible youth. Naturally they were not loved too much by us Plebes and, since the other two were named Butcher and Bonesteel, it did not take long for us to refer to them (among ourselves, of course) as the three Ba . . . ds!

"However, during the Plebe hike at the end of the summer we changed our thinking considerable. They were trying to instill into our thinking the doughboy credo of never falling out on a march. When a cadet would appear to be weakening (mentally and physically) a Tac would carry his pack for him. General Buckner was even seen once carrying two packs!

"Was very pleased that you referred to the General as Simon Bolivar Buckner, because it was always printed that way, including the final article on his being killed. Sincerely,

Z. W. Moores"

McCabe's column which follows is printed with permission (copyright Chronicle Publishing Co., San Francisco 1977).

Tomorrow is Derby Day, and I think of horses and Kentucky, and of mint juleps and of Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, who was born in Kentucky, graduated from VMI in 1906, and was killed on Okinawa.

In 1935 Buckner was commandant of cadets at West Point when President Roosevelt visited there. FDR had made it known that he would enjoy a mint julep before lunch. Major General Wm. D. Connor, Superintendent, pressed Kentucky's Buckner into service.

Buckner did handsomely. FDR had not one but two of his concoctions. General Connor was so impressed he asked Buckner two years later for his recipe. A copy of his reply has come into my hands. Thus Buckner to Connor, 30 March 1937:

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"Your letter requesting my formula for mixing mint juleps leaves me in the same position in which Captain Barber found himself when asked how he was to carve the image of an elephant from a block of wood. He replied that it was a simple process consisting merely of whittling off the part that didn't look like an elephant.

"The preparation of the quintessence of gentlemanly beverages can be described only in like terms. A mint julep is not the product of a formula. It is a rite that must not be entrusted to a novice, a statistician or a Yankee. It is a heritage of the Old South, an emblem of hospitality and a vehicle in which noble minds can travel together upon the flower-strewn paths of a happy and congenial thought.

"So far as the mere mechanics of the operation are concerned, the procedure, stripped of its ceremonial embellishments, can be described as follows:

"Go to a spring where cool, crystal-clear water bubbles from under a bank of dew-washed ferns. In a consecrated vessel, dip up a little water at the source. Follow the stream through its banks of green moss and wild-flowers until it broadens and trickles through beds of a mint growing in aromatic profusion and waving softly in the summer breeze. Gather the sweetest and tenderest shoots and gently carry them home. Go to the sideboard and select a decanter of Kentucky Bourbon, distilled by a master hand, mellowed with age yet still vigorous and inspiring. An ancestral sugar bowl, a row of silver goblets, some spoons and some ice, and you are ready to start.

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down the field...

by WILLIAM L. HICKLIN, PAO USMA

AT midseason, Army's young, enthusiastic football team had posted a creditable 2-3-1 record against strong competition. And, Army's lightweight football team, the women's cross country team and the women's tennis team all boasted of perfect records as the fall intercollegiate sports season unfolded.

The early going for the varsity gridders featured two upsets, a surprising 26-19 Cadet triumph over highly regarded California, and a disappointing 15-10 loss to underdog Harvard. There was also a strong performance against powerful Notre Dame in a matchup that was closer than the final score indicated.

Three Army players ranked high among the nation's statistical leaders. Senior split end Mike Fahnestock was twentieth nationally in pass receiving with 28 receptions for 570 yards. Plebe speedster Garry Rolle was eleventh in kickoff returns with a 27.3 average, and plebe punter Joe Sartiano's 40.5 average placed him third nationally among freshman punters. Junior quarterback Jerryl Bennett, out with an ankle injury, was fourteenth nationally in total offense with a 216.5 yards per game average, but does not qualify after five games because he is below the minimum 75 percent requirement for games played.

Also, Fahnestock and junior place kicker Dave Aucoin have established two new Army records. Fahnestock's seven receptions for 186 yards against Lehigh erased the old mark of 167 yards set in 1977 by All-America Clennie Brundidge. In that same Lehigh game, Aucoin kicked a 52-yard field goal, eclipsing his 50-yard effort against Duke last year.

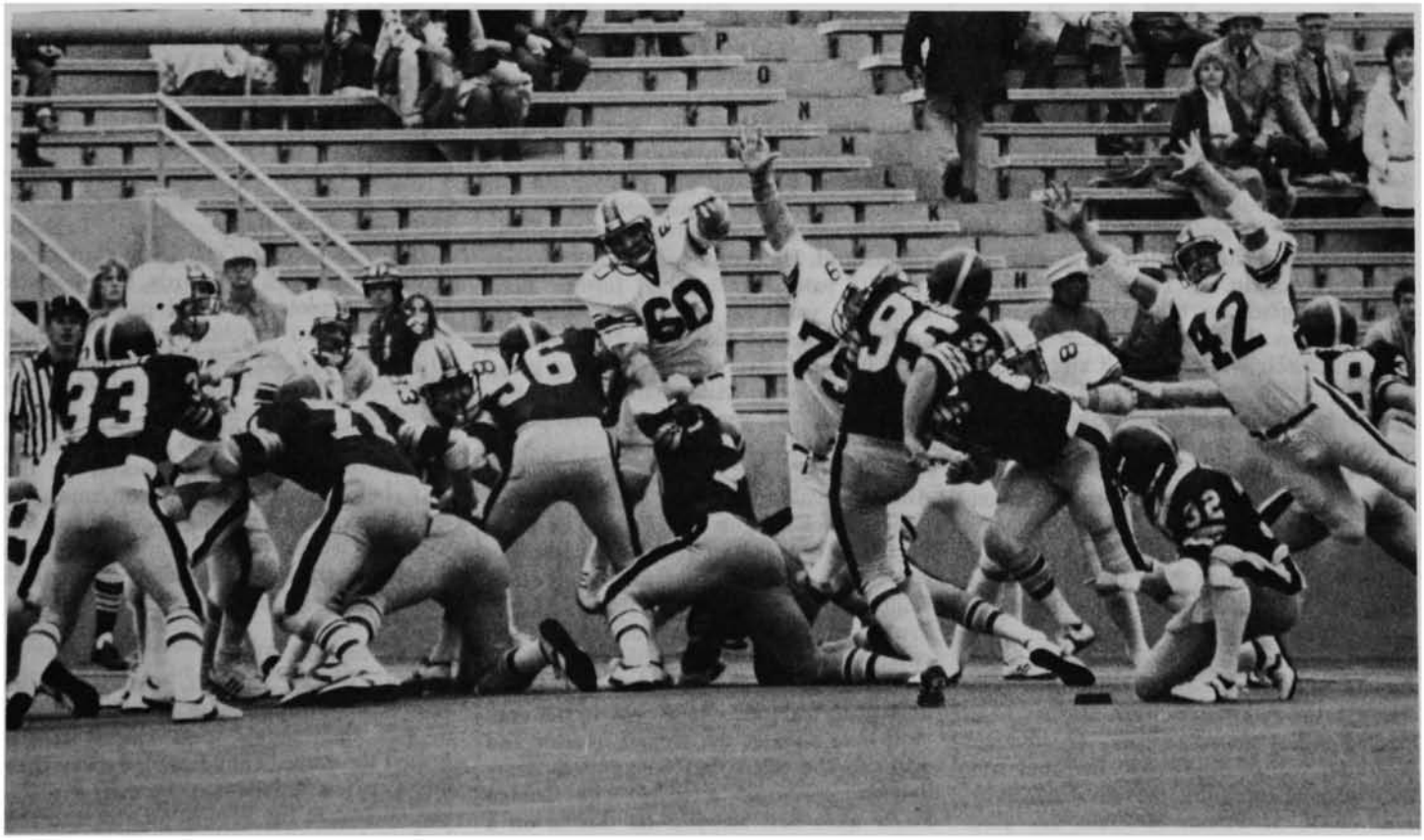
Also, sophomore tailback Gerald Walker has averaged 4.8 yards per carry with 528 yards on 109 attempts, including a 63-yard touchdown sprint against Lehigh. With continued strong performances, Walker could top the 1,000 yard mark by season's end.

While it will be difficult to post a winning season against tough opposition down the stretch, improvement by the Cadets is apparent. Coach Ed Cavanaugh notes that depth is a problem, particularly on the offensive line. But the starters up front are an excellent group, bigger and stronger than last year, which Cavanaugh credits to an improved weight program. From tackle to tackle, they average just under 240 pounds, a major factor in the Cadets' 355 yards per game offense average at midseason. The added strength throughout the team also has helped Army avoid the extensive injuries that crippled them last year.

Army's starting offensive and defensive teams have only eight seniors, and underclassmen are gaining valuable experience. Twelve plebes were on the traveling squad for the Notre Dame game. In Army's final offensive series, an all-plebe backfield worked against the Irish defenders. Afterward, Cavanaugh said, "We had an opportunity to use many of our young people against Notre Dame, and I think that will give them confidence."

In other matters, four coaches were added to Army's athletic staff. They include head coaches in wrestling, golf and women's volleyball, and an offensive line coach on Cavanaugh's football staff.

Ed Steers, a 1968 graduate of The Citadel, was named the Army wrestling coach.



Aucoin kicking 52-yard field goal in last second—Army vs. Lehigh.

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TICKET PRICES 1980-81 WINTER-SPRING ATHLETIC EVENTS

	PRICE
1. Winter-Spring Activity Pass (Good for all games except Special Events)	
a. AAA Members, Post Personnel, Adult Dependents	$20.00
b. Youth Dependents Ages 2-18	$10.00
2. Basketball (General Public):	
a. Single Season Ticket	$30.00
b. Family Plan (4 or more season tickets)	$15.00
c. Individual Game	
(1) Adult	$ 3.00
(2) Youth	$ 1.50
d. Reserved Chairback Seat (all)	$10.00
3. Hockey (General Public):	
a. Single Season Ticket	$45.00
b. Family Plan (4 or more season tickets)	$22.50
c. Individual Game	
(1) Adult	$ 3.00
(2) Youth	$ 1.50
4. Gymnasium (General Public):	
Two or more varsity events on Saturday only	
a. Adult	$ 2.00
b. Youth	$ 1.00
5. Field House (General Public):	
Indoor Track	
a. Adult	$ 2.00
b. Youth	$ 1.00
6. Michie Stadium — Lacrosse (General Public):	
a. Adult	$ 2.00
b. Youth	$ 1.00
7. Special Events:	
a. Army vs Portugal Basketball (no charge for Cadets)	$ 1.00
b. Army vs Navy/RMC (home events)	$ 3.00

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Steers comes to West Point from East Carolina University, where he guided the Pirates to an 8-6-1 dual meet record last year. Prior to his East Carolina assignment, Steers, 34, served as head wrestling coach at William & Mary from 1972-1979, posting an 87-32-3 composite record.

John Means has been named Army's head golf coach. Means, 25, guided the Colorado State golf team to a fourth place finish in the 1980 15-team Rocky Mountain Invitational Collegiate Golf Association Championship during his first year of collegiate coaching. A 1978 University of Oklahoma graduate, Means will also be an instructor in the Department of Physical Education. He will teach golf and boxing.

West Point's new women's volleyball coach is Gail Bennett, 28. She held the same post last year at Penn State-York where she led both the women's and men's teams to the 1980 Penn State Commonwealth Campus League Championship. Like Means, Bennett will be a physical education instructor. The Brockport State graduate will teach the art of self defense and fundamentals of volleyball.

Bruce Beatty brings 25 years of collegiate and professional coaching experience to the Army grid staff. He has been named an assistant to Ed Cavanaugh. Working with the offensive line and special teams Beatty, 52, served as an assistant coach at Miami of Ohio, his alma mater, and at Northwestern. He also was an assistant with the New England Patriots, Houston Oilers, Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills.

FOOTBALL (2-3-1)

Army 28, Holy Cross 7

The Cadets recorded their eightieth season opening victory compared to only eight losses and three ties. Army was able to score in all four quarters, and finished the afternoon with 459 yards total offense. Quarterback Bennett passed for two touchdowns and scored from a yard out for still a third. He completed 14 of 27 passes for 197 yards, and rushed for an additional 72 yards on 15 carries. Wide receiver Fahnestock hauled in 10 receptions for 149 yards, two of those catches going for touchdowns. And halfback Walker rushed for 107 yards in 19 attempts to complement the passing game.

Army 26, California 19

The Black Knights made it two in a row for Coach Cavanaugh, scoring ten points in the fourth quarter in a 26-19 upset of California. Bennett and flanker Larry Pruitt combined twice for touchdown strikes of seven and 13 yards, while kicking specialist Aucoin added a 24-yard field goal. California twice got to the one-yard line, once in the second quarter and again in the third, but an aroused Army defense prevented a score. The Golden Bears were first stopped on downs on a key tackle by safety Chris Zawie, then lost the ball the second time on a fumble.

Washington State 31, Army 18

Washington State rushed to an early 14-0 advantage, then made the most of six Army turnovers to hold onto the lead. The Cadets were down 21-0 early in the second quarter before scoring on a 15-yard pass from Bennett to Fahnestock. Moments later they were at the Cougar's one-yard line, following a 31-yard pass from Bennett to Pruitt, but the State defense stiffened and forced Army to settle for a field goal, and a 21-10 halftime score. Army accounted for 415 yards in total offense, but defensively gave up 489 yards. The Black Knights outscored the Cougars 18-10 after the first quarter.

Harvard 15, Army 10

The Cadets suffered their second straight loss, bowing to underdog Harvard, 15-10, as a series of costly mistakes determined the outcome. Harvard lost the ball only once on turnovers, while Army surrendered the ball on six of the 14 times they had possession. Four pass interceptions and two fumbles were pivotal. Five of the six Cadet turnovers occurred in Harvard territory, and erased potential scoring drives. Down by five in the closing moments, the Black Knights staged a desperate rally. Beginning from their 47 with 1:38 left, they drove to the Crimson 25 on the passing of senior quarterback T.D. Decker, subbing for the injured Bennett. But three pass incompletions and a four-yard scramble by Decker fell short, and Harvard ran out the clock. Overall, Army had the ball for 11 more plays than Harvard, and surpassed the Crimson in total offense by 61 yards, 353-292.

Army 24, Lehigh 24

The Michie Stadium clock gleamed 0:00 as placekicker Aucoin's record 52-yard field goal sailed through the uprights, earning Army a 24-24 tie in a tense battle with an experienced Lehigh eleven. Wide received Fahnestock also set an Army record with seven timely receptions for 186 yards, all in the second half. Tailback Walker registered his third 100-yard game of the season with 127 yards. Quarterback Decker completed 15 of 21 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns. His scoring strikes covered 25 and 65 yards—both to Fahnestock in the fourth quarter. In his post-game press conference, Cavanaugh explained his decision to go for the tie, "If Decker had not been sacked on the play before the field goal attempt, we would have gone for the touchdown. But with one second left, the only option was to attempt the field goal. Our players had worked too hard to accept a loss."

Notre Dame 30, Army 3

The Black Knights played tough against the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish, but it was the Cadets' own mistakes that turned the game. They fumbled away their first two possessions, yet were in a scoreless contest in the second quarter and still had a chance to score first. Notre Dame

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USMA WINTER VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	8	Portuguese Team	8:00
	28	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	8:00
Dec	3	United States Merchant Marine Academy (A)	7:30
	6	Fairfield (A)	7:30
	8	Northeastern	7:30
	11	Manhattanville	7:30
	19-20	Houston Tournament — Cougar Classic (A)	
	29-30	Connecticut Classic (A)	7:00
Jan	3	Central Connecticut	8:00
	5	Fordham	7:30
	10	St. Peter's (A)	8:00
	13	Yale	7:30
	17	Manhattan (A)	2:00
	19	Pennsylvania State	7:30
	22	St. Francis	7:30
	24	Long Island	8:00
	28	Seton Hall	7:30
	31	Iona	8:00
Feb	3	Holy Cross	7:30
	7	Niagara	8:00
	9	Fordham	8:00
	12	Siena	8:00
	21	St. Peter's	2:00
	23	Colgate (A)	8:00
	28	Navy (A)	2:00

HOCKEY

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	8	Upsala	7:30
	11	Westfield (A)	7:30
	15	Norwich	7:00
	19	Iona	7:00
	21-22	Oswego Tournament (A)	
	26	New Haven (A)	7:30
	29	Union (A)	8:00
Dec	3	Connecticut	
	5	Middlebury	7:00
	6	Williams (A)	7:30
Jan	3	St. Nick's	
	7	American International (A)	7:15
	9	Boston State (A)	
	10	Babson (A)	3:20
	12	St. Anselms	7:30
	14	Framingham	7:00
	17	Merrimac	7:30
	21	Elmira	7:00
	23	Cortland	7:00
	24	Cortland	2:00
	30	Hamilton	7:00
	31	Salem	7:30
Feb	4	Lowell	7:00
	6	TBA	
	13	Kent State	7:00
	14	Kent State	2:00
	21	RMC	
	24	Holy Cross	7:00
	27	Boston College (A)	7:30
	28	Bridgewater (A)	5:00

RIFLE

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	22	St. John's (A)	1:00
Dec	6	Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky (A)	1:00
	13	William and Mary	1:00
Jan	17	West Virginia, Penn State, Ohio State (A)	12:00
	24	Virginia	1:00
	31	Sectional	1:00
Feb	7	West Point Invitational	8:00 AM
	14	Virginia Military Institute	1:00
	21	Royal Military College	1:00
	28	Navy	1:00
Mar	7	MIT, Lehigh (A)	10:00 AM
	12-14	NCAA	1:00

PISTOL

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	22	MIT, Boston State, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (A)	9:00 AM
Dec	13	New Jersey Institute of Technology	1:00
Jan	24	Virginia	10:00 AM
	31	USCG Academy (A)	1:00
Feb	14	USAFA (A)	10:00
	21	RMC	
	28	Navy (A)	10:00 AM
Mar	7	Sectionals	

INDOOR TRACK

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Dec	6	Fordham, Connecticut, Iowa	1:30
	13	Seton Hall, C.W. Post, N.Y. Tech	1:30
Jan	8-10	Dartmouth USTFF (A)	
	17	Manhattan	1:30
	24	St. John's	1:30
	31	Cornell	1:30
Feb	7	Millrose Games (A)	
	7	West Point Invitational	
	8	Princeton Relays (A)	1:00
	14	West Point Invitational	9:00 AM
	21	Navy	7:30
	28	HEPS (A)	

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Dec	12	Open Meet	4:00
Jan	16	Lehman, Pennsylvania	4:00
	23	St. John's	4:00
	30	Cortland, La Salle, Fordham	4:00
Feb	14	Bucknell (A)	1:00
	20	Alfred, Syracuse, LaSalle	4:00
	28	Albany	1:00
Mar	7	Eastern Intercollegiates	TBA

SWIMMING

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Dec	3	Syracuse	4:00
	6	Cornell	4:00
	10	King's College	4:00
	13	Harvard	2:00
Jan	17	Yale (A)	2:00
	24	Rutgers	2:00
	25	Princeton (A)	2:00
	31	Columbia (A)	2:00
Feb	7	Dartmouth (A)	1:00
	13	Villanova	4:00
	14	Pennsylvania	2:00
	21	Brown (A)	2:00
	28	Navy	3:00
Mar	5-8	Eastern Seaboards (A)	
	13-15	Metro AAU	
	26-28	NCAA Meet (A)	

WOMEN'S VARSITY SWIMMING

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	1	Alumni	5:30
	11	Monmouth College	2:00
	15	Temple (A)	1:00
	22	Ithaca	2:00
Dec	10	Manhattanville (A)	6:00
	17	Montclair	2:00
Jan	20	Seton Hall (A)	5:00
	24	Cornell, Barnard (A)	2:00
	31	LaSalle	2:00
Feb	7	Fairfield	2:00
	14	Bucknell	2:00
	21	St. John's	2:00
	26-28	NYSAIAW	
Mar	5-7	EAIAW	
	12-14	AIAW	

SQUASH

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	21	MIT, Harvard (A)	
	25	Columbia (A)	4:00
Dec	6	Princeton (A)	2:00
	10	Fordham	4:00
	11	Wesleyan (A)	4:00
Jan	21	Williams (A)	4:00
	24	Pennsylvania	2:00
	30	Rochester (A)	4:30
	31	Franklin & Marshall, Hobart, Cornell (A)	10:00 AM
Feb	1	Hamilton (A)	1:00
	7	Dartmouth, Amherst (Place TBA)	
	11	Yale (A)	4:00
	13	Lehigh	4:00
	14	Stony Brook	
	17	Trinity	4:00
	21	Navy (A)	

GYMNASTICS

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	21	Massachusetts (A)	8:00
Dec	5-6	Farmingdale Open (A)	All Day
	13	SUNY Cortland, Long Island	2:00
Jan	17	Lowell	2:00
	24	East Stroudsburg (A)	1:00
	31	Temple	2:00
Feb	7	Springfield	2:00
	14	Syracuse (A)	1:30
	21	Southern Connecticut State (A)	2:00
	28	Navy	2:00
Mar	7	Farmingdale (SUNY)	2:00
	12-14	EIGL Championships (A)	7:30
	2-4	NCAA Gymnastic Championships (A)	All Day

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	19	Vermont (A)	6:30
	22	Cortland	4:00
	25	Trenton State	4:00
Dec	2	Northeastern	4:00
	4	Fairleigh Dickinson (A)	4:00
	6	Marist	4:00
	9	Fordham	4:00
	11	Iona	4:00
	30-Jan 9	Christmas Trip:	
		Cal State Dominguez Hills — 30 Dec (A)	7:00
		Cal State Northridge 2 Jan (A)	7:30
		UC Irvine 3 Jan (A)	5:00
		Cal State — Los Angeles 6 Jan (A)	7:30
		Biola 7 Jan (A)	5:30
		Pepperdine 9 Jan (A)	7:00
	14	New York Tech	4:00
	16	Cornell	4:00
	17-18	Dartmouth Tournament (A)	1:00-3:00
	21	Connecticut	4:00
	24	Immaculata (A)	3:00
	27	Yale (A)	7:30
	29	Scranton (A)	7:00
	31	St. John's	6:00
Feb	2	East Stroudsburg	6:00
	4	C.W. Post	4:00
	10	Dominican	4:00
	12	Pennsylvania (A)	7:00
	14	Boston University	2:00
	17	Syracuse	5:30
	19	Queens (A)	4:00
	21	Manhattan (A)	12:00
	23	Hofstra (A)	8:00
	26-28	NYSAIAW (A)	
Mar	5-8	EAIAW	
	26-28	AIAW	

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Date		Opponent	Time—PM
Nov	30	Cornell, SUNY at Cortland, Clarkston (A)	2:00
Dec	6	Princeton, Lycoming, Westchester State (A)	12:00 AM
	9	Yale (A)	2:00
	13	Shippensburg State, Springfield, Old Dominion	1:00
	27-28	Wilkes Open (A)	All Day
Jan	7	Salisbury State Invitational (A)	All Day
	10	Delaware Invitational (A)	All Day
	14	Show Case West Point (Opponent TBA)	7:00
	17	Lafayette, Franklin and Marshall (A)	7:00
	23-24	NYS Intercollegiate Tournament (A)	
	27	Rider	4:00
	31	Lehigh	2:00
Feb	7	Columbia, Drexel (A)	12:00
	9	VMI, USCGA (A)	
	14	Rutgers, Colgate, George Washington (A)	
	21	Navy	
	27-28	EIWA (A)	
Mar	12-14	NCAA (A)	1:00

(A) Away

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Eisenhower Monument Committee Holds First Meeting

The Eisenhower Monument Committee, chaired by General Lyman L. Lemnitzer '20, former Supreme Allied Commander Europe, met at West Point on 13 and 14 October. The following distinguished Americans have accepted the invitation of the Association of Graduates' President, George F. Dixon Jr. '40, to serve on the Committee: Robert B. Anderson, former Secretary of the Treasury; Herbert Brownell, former Attorney General of the United States; John S.D. Eisenhower '44, author and former Ambassador to Belgium; Gordon Gray, former Secretary of the Army and Thayer Award recipient; Lieutenant General Leonard D. Heaton, former Surgeon General of the Army; Anna Rosenberg Hoffman, former Assistant Secretary of Defense; Brigadier General John R. Jannarone '38, former Dean of the Academic Board; John J. McCloy, former High Commissioner Germany and Thayer Award recipient; Major General Charles E. Saltzman '25, former President of the Association of Graduates; Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army and Thayer Award recipient; Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson '29, former President of the Association of Graduates; and General James A. Van Fleet '15, former 8th Army Commander in Korea.

The Committee has the task of overseeing the project to erect a monument at West Point honoring General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, USMA Class of 1915, including the recommendation of a site, the selection of a sculptor, and the approval of a design.

During its meeting the Committee visited several locations that have been suggested for the monument, and also the MacArthur memorial and the statue of the American Soldier. The number of sites under consideration was narrowed, and the Committee expects shortly to recommend a site to the Superintendent. Photographs of the previously executed work of a number of sculptors were studied closely by the Committee members, and the number of candidates for the commission was narrowed. Consideration of the design of the monument, which is dependent on the final selection of the site, was postponed to another day.

First Captain March

Cadet Stanley R. March was named First Captain and Brigade Commander of USMA's 4,379-member Corps of Cadets on 8 August 1980.

March is the first cadet since National Football Hall of Fame and former Heisman Trophy winner Colonel Pete Dawkins (1958-59) to serve as both first captain and football captain. He has been preceded in his new position by such names as Robert E. Lee (1829), John J. Pershing (1886) and Douglas MacArthur (1903).

Academically, March has a 3.47 cumulative grade point average and is a candidate for scholastic All-American honors. He has been named with 10 other seniors, scholar-athlete for 1980, by the National Football Foundation and the Hall of Fame. They will be honored at the Foundation's annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on 9 December 1980 in New York City.

March, 6-foot-2, 244 pounds, a letterman and defensive tackle, was chosen earlier this year as Army football captain. The Houston, Texas, native was an all-league, all-city and all-district defensive player in high school.

Our Association membership of 26,862 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

When asked if being First Captain and captain of the football team at the same time would present a problem, March replied, "It won't be easy, but I have a great staff to work with and that should make life easier."

Other cadets chosen for Brigade staff positions were Richard Klatt (Goshen, IN), Deputy Brigade Commander; Charles Rich (Chicago, IL), Brigade Executive Officer; Robert Fix (Alexandria, VA), Brigade S1; Michael Bruhn (Bettendorf, IA), Brigade S3; Magdaline Caradimitropoulo (South Norwalk, CT), Brigade S4; Mark Hogan (Clyde, TX), Cadet Activities Officer; John Taylor (Gary, IN), Athletic Officer; Gregory Hiebert (Stuttgart, West Germany), Commander 1st Regiment; Ross Pauley (Lebanon, IN), Commander 2d Regiment; Billy Hubbard (Iuka, MS), Commander 3d Regiment; and David Pelizzon (Sharon, MA), Commander 4th Regiment.

March is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P.R. March of Houston, Texas, and a 1977 graduate of Westchester High School.

First Captain Stanley R. March

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

(Fathers names are in parentheses)

USMA:

1943—William B. Barber (H.A. Barber III).

1945—Leslie E. Lochry (R.R. Lochry), Peter S. McChrystal H.J. McChrystal Jr.), David M. Moore (H.G. Moore Jr.), Peter C. Morris (J.W. Morris), Edwin G. Pryor II (H.C. Jones **).

1946—Matthew E. Blyth (R.A. Blyth), Thomas E. Devens (W.G. Devens).

1948—Monique D. Thevenet (S.E. Thevenet).

1951—Bruce E. Robinson (R. Robinson Jr.).

1952—Kent S. Leonard (R.E. Leonard).

1953—Robert E. Renner (W.D. Renner), Steven E. Sibley (J.S. Sibley).

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1954—Susan G. Holtam (D.N. Holtam), Lawrence R. Washer (R.J. Washer).
1955—Susan A. Lenio (P.T. Lenio), Patrick L. Olvey (L.D. Olvey), Willard L. Robinson Jr. (W.L. Robinson Sr.), John F. Sloan Jr. (J.F. Sloan), Michael R. Streett (W.B. Streett Jr.), Patrick M. Wray (R.O. Wray).
1956—Robert D. Hammond II (R.D. Hammond), Donald C. Little III (D.C. Little Jr.), Joseph J. McClung (W.W. McClung), John P. Waldeck (J.J. Waldeck Jr.), Robert A. Woodmansee (J.W. Woodmansee Jr.).
1957—Christopher J. Beben (J.A. Beben), Andrew G. Glen (G.W.B. Glen).
1958—Vincent C. Bons (P.M. Bons), James R. Johnson (B.J. Johnson), Jay K. Johnson (H.P. Johnson), Thomas E. Weckel (E.C. Weckel).
1959—Dwight E. Beach III (D.E. Beach Jr.), Michael P. Cyr (A.R. Cyr Jr.), Robert L. De Mont (R.W. De Mont), David E. Eckelbarger (D.E. Eckelbarger), Timothy A. Haight (B.S. Haight), Wayne W. Lambert Jr. (W.W. Lambert), Bradley P. Nordgren (A.E. Nordgren Jr.), Paul F. Passarella (P.F. Passarella), Susan L. Reinhard (D.R. Reinhard), Theresa L. Walsh (J.E. Walsh Jr.).
1960—Paul J. Calverase (F.J. Calvarase), Thomas C. Chapman (D.C. Chapman), Thomas R. Jezior (M.A. Jezior), David A. Lagasse (P.F. Lagasse), Garrett R. Lambert (H.D. Lambert), Thaddeus T. Lewis (J.X. Lewis II), Roger J. Morin (R. Morin), Thomas A. Schmitt (C.T. Schmitt).
1961—Peter J. Boylan III (P.J. Boylan Jr.), Richard D. Clarke Jr. (R.D. Clarke), Monroe B. Harden Jr. (M.B. Harden), John S. Xenos (M.J. Xenos).

USNA
1951—Nicholas V. Buck (R.J. Buck).
1953—Karen A. Englehart (J.R. Englehart).
1954—David E. Berko (E.M. Berko), Timothy S. Mologne (L. A. Mologne).
1959—Craig R. Bertolett Jr. (C.R. Bertolett).

USAFA
1945—Stuart G. Guthrie (W.R. Guthrie).
1948—James M. Bratton (J.K. Bratton).
1949—Leslie S. Wynne (H.W. Wynne).
1950—Paul J. Mueller III (P.J. Mueller Jr.).
1953—John R. O'Hair (E.A. O'Hair).
1954—Charles R. Kyker (T.H. Kyker), Joanna M. Snyder (Quay C. Snyder), Daniel C. Sweeney (H.F. Sweeney*), Thomas J. Wachowski II (T.J. Wachowski).
1955—Michael V. McKelvey (R.D. McKelvey), Robert S. Stone (H.F. Stone).
1956—Michael B. Lynch (G.P. Lynch Jr.).
1958—David W. Webb (R.B. Webb).
1959—Robert J. Taylor (J.W. Taylor).
1960—Elizabeth M. Jenckes (J. Jenckes); James D. Godwin (J.S. Godwin).
1973—Jim B. Kestermann (R.E. Cadow**).

* Deceased
** Stepfather

USMA Adopts Underloading

In April of this year the Secretary of the Army approved changes to regulations for the United States Military Academy that authorized USMA to implement a pilot program of academic underloading during the next academic year.

The purpose of the underloading program is to redistribute the academic workload of certain cadets . . . to help them perform better in academics, and in the case of academic risks, to enhance their chances to complete the full academic program. For Corps squad athletes, the underloading program is further intended to relieve the overall physical and mental stress associated with keeping up with academics while participating in in-season intercollegiate athletics.

Underloading concerns three categories of cadets. First it affects incoming freshmen, whose admissions data indicate they are going to encounter academic difficulties. The program is designed to lessen their workload, while they get their feet on the ground here at the Military Academy.

The second category concerns upperclass cadets experiencing academic difficulty, at least in part, because of the extent of their participation in Corps squad sports. Underloading will allow them to lighten their workload during their particular in-season sport.

The final category includes those other upperclass cadets experiencing academic difficulties while making significant contributions to West Point in other than Corps squad activities.

Academically, the program offers great advantages to those cadets whose performances have been or are likely to be marginal because of poor academic preparation. It also benefits those who spend a great deal of time and energy in extracurricular activities in support of the West Point mission.

According to Lieutenant Colonel D.J. Phillips, Operation Division and Registrar, Office of the Dean, the underloading program has a two-pronged effect.

"During the summer school the students experience total immersion in the subjects," Phillips said. "They are taking a deferred course with no other duties to interfere. They learn more and are likely to get a good grade.

"Then during the academic year," he continued, "the students have only four courses instead of five or sometimes six to prepare for. So, they should be able to do better academically with more time to devote to these classes."

The pilot program was open to cadets of the Classes of 1981, 1982, and 1983 who were maintaining less than a C average during academic year (AY) 1978-79. They had to be members of a varsity Corps Squad or the JV football team during AY 1980-81, or they had to anticipate participation in some other Academy-related activity that would subject them to an excessive workload. These cadets could then take one course during the 1980 summer term and underload during the term of their choice during AY 80-81. Seventeen cadets accepted this initial offer, including five members of the lacrosse team, four football players and two members of the Cadet Glee Club. All but one completed their summer courses successfully.

The pilot program also permitted certain members of the incoming class, the Class of 1984, to underload by one course during the first term only of AY 80-81. Eligibility was restricted to those Fourth Class cadets considered academic risks by virtue of their low admissions scores. Specifically, those cadets with CEER scores (college entrance exam scores and high school class standings combined statistically) below 520 were eligible. To date, of 168 members of the class eligible, 68 have accepted the underloading option and will attend the 1981 summer term to make up a course.

An expansion of the pilot program was approved just prior to the current academic year. This expansion authorizes cadets in the Class of 1982 and 1983 currently maintaining less than a C average to underload in either term of AY 80-81 and attend summer school in 1981 to make up a course. Other eligibility requirements of the expanded program are the same as those for the pilot program. To date, 10 cadets of the 290 or so eligible have accepted this most recent option.

Cadets of the lower three classes eligible for the underloading program have been notified of their eligibility in writing. Those interested in underloading who have not yet taken action must do so soon, since no course in the current term can be dropped after 1 October.

Duty Training

As a result of several of General Goodpaster's initiative teamwork meetings with cadets and USMA officers, the Superintendent appointed a Duty Concept Working Group to develop a Duty Concept and to develop a training program for duty development at West Point.

In early April of this past year, the Duty Concept Working Group developed a Summer Training Program for the third and fourth classes. The programs included training the first and second class cadets who would be teaching the duty instruction to the third and fourth classes.

Both programs were based on the assumption that a devotion to duty is developmental in nature. The focus for duty during the four year period was obedience, commitment, and spirit of service. Both programs encompassed four hours of training

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and instruction for Cadet Field Training (CFT) at Camp Buckner and focused on the building of commitment through a case study approach to the study of duty. Case studies concentrated on duty at Camp Buckner, duty during the Academic year and duty in the Army. Each case study was presented by upperclass cadre and followed by small group discussions.

Training during Cadet Basic Training (CBT) focused on obedience. There were several lectures which were followed by small group discussions centering on duty, obedience and cadet life.

In all cases the small group discussions were led by first and second class cadets and monitored by officers. Officers presence was necessary to lend clarity and the voice of experience to the discussions. Many issues were brought up and discussed openly and at length.

Duty training was well received by the commanders, tactical officers, and cadets. It enabled the officers and upperclass cadets to examine their own values and to display these values to the underclass cadets. It gave all cadets an opportunity to clarify their thinking concerning "Duty" and the implications of a "Duty Concept." The summer training program enabled the cadets to gain an important perspective of duty from all participating officers.

Through candid discussions, role playing, and interaction with officers and general officers, each cadet clarified personal values and worked on the further development of a personal duty concept.—MAJ S. Vitucci

USMA Superintendent congratulates George Linck (center) at a recent retirement and awards ceremony held for Linck and Joseph Palone (right) on The Plain. Both men were presented the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Palone retired after 37 years and Linck with 33 years of service to the Academy. (Photo by Bud Miller)

Cadet Policy on Alcohol Consumption

An extensive examination of cadet privileges and social development has led USMA officials to revise policies regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages. The new policy permits cadets, who were formerly not allowed to drink within a 20 kilometer radius of West Point, to have a drink with a meal in a dining environment within a newly prescribed geographic boundary.

Beginning 18 August 1980 cadets will be allowed to consume alcohol with a meal in a dining environment within an area bordered by the Hudson River on the East, Interstate 87 on the West, Route 6 to the South and Interstate 84 to the North. Establishments immediately adjacent to either side of the roads are not included. The area includes Fort Montgomery, Highland Falls, Cornwall, New Windsor, Vails Gate and Newburgh.

The new policy defines a dining environment as "a private home when a meal is being served, or a public restaurant which is primarily in the business of serving meals." This means that a full dinner and/or lunch menu—not just snack food—is served and the dining room is the major facility.

Exceptions (additions) to this rule include allowing the consumption of alcohol at the quarters of members of the staff, faculty, coaches, parents or guardians, or at USMA sanctioned mixers.

The policy states that drinks with a meal can include a cocktail, beer or glass of wine, and/or an after-dinner drink.

On post, cadets must adhere to the policy while dining at the Hotel Thayer, the Officers Clubs, the Enlisted Soldiers Clubs and the Golf Course Club House. Cadets may also consume alcohol at Eisenhower Hall, approved unit functions, the First Class Club, or at functions, picnics, and tailgate parties with staff, faculty, coaches, parents or guardians. Picnics are limited to authorized sites only and to the hours between noon and 9 p.m. Cadets are not permitted to drink at the bowling alley or at the bars of the on-post clubs or the Hotel Thayer.

Cadets may not purchase alcoholic beverages at USMA Package Stores, the PX or any of its on-post branches. Bulk quantities of beer for unit level functions may be bought at the South Branch PX only with written approval from company tactical officers.

Cadets are expected to use good judgment, obey all local and state requirements in the moderate use of alcohol, and assume personal responsibility for their conduct, the policy states.

WP Museum Traveling Exhibit

A traveling exhibit entitled "Echoes from the Past," designed to inspire young people to seek military careers, was dedicated recently at ceremonies in the lobby of the Olmsted Building in Washington, D.C.

Among those present were retired Army Major General George Olmsted, USMA deputy superintendent Brigadier General Arthur E. Brown Jr., and Senator Roger Jepsen (R-Iowa).

Prepared by the West Point Museum with funds from a grant from The George Olmsted Foundation of $100,000 a year for 25 years, this exhibit will be displayed by ROTC units at seven colleges and universities throughout the next academic year and at eight more locations the following year.

By publication time the exhibit had been displayed at Virginia Military Institute and Tennessee Technological University. It is scheduled for display at: Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, 5-31 Dec 1980; Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 12 Jan to 10 Feb 1981; University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, 15 Mar to 15 Apr 1981; Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, PA, 28 Apr to 19 May 1981.

The exhibit features a theme which pays tribute to boys in their early teens who volunteered to serve as drummer boys and as camp attendants to help care for the wounded during the Civil War.

Displayed against a background scene of winter encampment, the exhibit highlights Julian Scott's oil paintings, "Civil War Drummer Boys Playing Cards," and includes manikin drummer boys dressed in colorful uniforms, an original Civil War drum and other memorabilia of the period.

The George Olmsted Foundation's extraordinary grant to West Point (see Sept 79 ASSEMBLY), which was made last year, is for the purpose of educating young Americans in the challenges and rewards offered by a military career and participation in the defense and security of the United States.

Other projects considered in the program include: Creation and operation of a special Exhibit Gallery in the Museum at West Point; Publication and distribution of a guide to the exhibits of the West Point Museum; Acquisition of special objects to be designated as part of an Olmsted Collection; Provision of some funds for the construction or renovation of a new museum if and when such construction or renovation is begun at West Point.

Anderson's Gift

A major addition to West Point's Michie Stadium was dedicated in a brief ceremony 31 October.

The ceremony officially acknowledged the donation of training room equipment and locker room furnishings—a value of

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$95 thousand—to the United States Military Academy by Carl B. Anderson Jr., in honor of his father, Carl B. Anderson Sr.

The younger Anderson, a 1944 Military Academy graduate, is a former football, basketball, track and baseball standout. His skills and athletic prowess earned him praise as "one of the most outstanding athletes that has ever entered the Academy." Anderson is currently president of the An-son Corporation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Father and son were in attendance at the ceremony as well as other Anderson family members. A brass commemorative plaque was placed in each room of the locker room, noting Anderson's contribution.

Alger '35 Endows Scholarship

Lieutenant General James D. Alger, USMA '35, has established an endowed scholarship at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine, for students who later intend to seek admission to one of the four service academies. The open ended scholarship fund was established by General Alger and his wife Consuelo on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his graduation from Gould Academy in 1930 and also on his retirement after 30 years of service on the Gould Academy Board of Trustees.

Mr. Donald W. Fudge, Gould Headmaster, announced that Gould Academy welcomes this unique endowment fund, which is aimed primarily at making scholarships available to the sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters of Gould Alumni who desire admissions to USMA, USNA, USAFA, and USCGA. In a recent letter to General Alger, Lieutenant General Goodpaster, USMA Superintendent, said that it was "a special pleasure to hear of your scholarship program at Gould Academy."

Donald W. Fudge, Princeton '63, Headmaster of Gould Academy with Alger, Gould '30, and USMA '35.

Mullins '33 Makes Major Gift to West Point

In anticipation of his class' 50th Anniversary, Colonel Clayton E. Mullins '33 has recently made a substantial gift of $11,000 to the West Point Fund. Colonel Mullins' gift has qualified him for a matching gift of $20,000 which was provided by the Atlantic Richfield Foundation. In making his contribution, Colonel Mullins, who spent one year with the Class of '32, has requested that his personal gift be credited to the accounts of the Classes of '33 and '32 on a ratio of four-to-one and that the matching gift be designated as unrestricted. As a further gesture of his continuing desire to support the Academy, Colonel Mullins has pledged a similar gift early in 1981 with a corresponding matching gift from Atlantic Richfield.

Having originally planned a gift of $5,000 per year in '80, '81, '82 and '83, Colonel Mullins learned that his company of 16 years, Atlantic Richfield, had raised the limit of their matching gift program to $20,000 per year for a single individual, matched on a two-for-one basis. The change in their policy motivated his early gift to honor the Class of 1933's 50th Anniversary. West Point and the Classes of 1933 and 1932 are indeed grateful to Colonel Mullins for his great generosity.

Woodruff Ends 35-Year Career

John I. Woodruff, assistant Director of Admissions, USMA, retired in August 1980 and was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for exemplary civilian service.

Woodruff began his employment at West Point in November 1945. He has seen some 24,000 of his admitted cadets graduate. He began working in the Registrar's Office in Admissions in 1947. He helped record grades and prepare transcripts.

Until the mid-1950's, candidates were selected solely on the basis of their scores on West Point's entrance exam. Woodruff helped replace that exam with national standardized aptitude and achievement tests. The standardized tests made it easier for candidates to apply to West Point and for West Point to process testing data.

Woodruff helped create in 1958 a new method for ranking candidates competing for admission. It was called the Whole Man Score. Today, it's the Whole Candidate Score.

In 1961, Woodruff assisted in designing an admissions system in which the applicant's high school class standing would be included in his Whole Man Score. The directives that serve as a basis for the admissions program today, which were compiled in part by Woodruff, were approved in 1963.

When the Corps of Cadets was expanded in 1964, Woodruff helped write the portion of the law that concerned admissions changes. Based on the Expansion Act, admissions to West Point jumped from 2,496 to 4,417. Nominations increased from 3,000 to 6,000 per year.

From January to August 1968, Woodruff served as acting director of Admissions while a search for a military director was in progress. The Class of 1972 entered USMA largely under his direction.

Woodruff worked to increase the minority enrollment at the Academy, helped pending legislation to aid applicants in receiving nominations to service academies and represented Admissions during the recent Middle States Accreditations Visit.

A native of Highland Falls, Woodruff lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson. He and his wife Joyce have two children, Barry, a 1973 graduate of West Point, and Susan, a graduate of Pace University in Pleasantville, New York.

Army's First Golf Coach Dies

Fred C. Canausa, 81, a former professional golfer, died 6 October 1980 at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, DC. He lived at the United States Soldier's and Airmen's home in Washington.

A native of Mt. Vernon, New York, he was the Army's first golf coach at West Point in 1922, and remained there for 21 years.

During World War II, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Air Force. After the war he was transferred back to the Army and taught golf. He was stationed at the Rehabilitation Center at Plattsburg, New York, where he devised leather golf grips for artificial hands. He was stationed at Fort Belvoir from 1955 and retired in 1963.

During the late 1950's, he published a book entitled, "How to Win at Golf," and in the early 1960's he received a patent for a leather golf glove.

He leaves his daugher, Jean Jacobs, 235 Diamond Road, Salem, Virginia; one son, Malin, of Fairfax, Virginia; a sister, Clara Maulucci of Mt. Vernon, New York; a brother Michael of Holiday, Florida; and three grandchildren. His wife Lilian died in 1972.

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The Soldiers' Statue

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well embodied in Mr. deWeldon's work, is not a proprietary trait of any single branch of Army or service—the nation, in times of peril, demands sacrifices equally from the soldier and the airman. The infantryman, we believe, is a good representative for all.

"Nor is that spirit peculiar to one period of time or specific conflict. The Minute Man at Concord's Old North Bridge is brother to the Combat Infantryman shown here. These men however are of a time and conflict that we ourselves remember, a time when our own fortunes were inextricably linked with theirs.

"We, the members of the Classes of 1935 and 1936, in presenting this statue to the Corps, hope that it will contribute to an awareness of the responsibility to their men; that it will be an inspiration to the cadets who have taken our places, and to those who will come after them. Therefore, the inscription

PRESENTED TO THE CORPS OF CADETS
THE LIVES AND DESTINIES OF VALIANT AMERICANS ARE ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE AND LEADERSHIP
Class of 1935 Class of 1936

The presentation was made by Colonel Walter A. Simpson, on behalf of '35, and by General William C. Westmoreland '36, the former Army Chief of Staff, on behalf of his class. It was accepted for the Academy by Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster, the Superintendent; on behalf of all enlisted soldiers and airmen by the West Point Command Sergeant Major Richard K.A. Price; and for the Corps of Cadets by Cadet Charles R. Rich, the Brigade Executive Officer.

In regard to the choice of sculptor, the class spokesmen pointed out that the choice was based on the advice of a small group of distinguished experts who offered the classes three names of sculptors whose work they felt would be not only worthy, but by their own reputations would add distinction to the work and the gift.

Mr. deWeldon, renowned internationally with his heroic and artistic sculptures already gracing all continents of the world, was the unanimous choice. He was selected because of his special association with the military and its heroes of all of the nation's armed forces. Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Felix W. deWeldon received his Ph.D. in art from the University of Vienna, Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture. His postgraduate studies in art and architecture followed in Paris, Rome, Florence, and Oxford. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Of his many public commissions, the best known is the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, depicting the Iwo Jima flag raising. This is one of thirty-one monuments in the Washington area alone.

The important role of the Association of Graduates is acknowledged. Application is being made by the Association for a copyright on the statue, with all residual rights assigned to the Association for its future use. This will include the production of any "miniatures" or replicas which may be made in the future. The work, including the base, cost approximately $200,000 and is now estimated to be worth more than $450,000 by current prices. From its inception as a Class of 1936 project prior to its 40th reunion in 1976, inflation raised the costs considerably. The price of bronze went from seventy cents a pound to more than five dollars a pound in the four years since the contract with its escalation clauses was signed.

The Classes of 1935 and 1936 are especially appreciative of the support given by the Association of Graduates and its recent presidents, Charles E. Saltzman '25; for a brief time, our late classmate James B. Lampert '36; Luke W. Finlay '28; and the present president, George F. Dixon '40. The West Point Fund Committee of the Association, under Chairman Paul W. Thompson '29, made the fund raising feasible.

And a final word of appreciation was given to the Superintendent in these words:

"For his encouragement and enthusiastic approval of the Soldiers' Statue for West Point, our deepest appreciation to the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Andrew J. Goodpaster '39."

—C. V. Clifton '36

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before them, the men around Bogy had him stretched out and his clothes loosened (something very like that had happened the day before on a boat trip with another classmate, too) but there was no gawking or crowding. Everybody except those who had something to do, held ranks, but the word went up and down in a flash. By the time we marched out, (about 30 minutes longer) word was back from the hospital that Bogy would make it. And sure enough, by nightfall, he was on his feet and in the crowd.

But there were two wheelchairs. One held a classmate, Phil Kromer, the other the last living Five Star, Omar Bradley, brought up for what most surely will be the last exhibition of his kind from World War II for the cadets to see. Some among the alumni thought it very wrong to exhibit a great general in his dotage, but they were men who had served under him in the war and quite naturally wanted to remember the days of vital action, undimmed and untainted by that which waits us all. On the other hand, it is worth something to keep the young reminded in every possible way of what West Point is all about and Bradley, in or out of a wheelchair, impresses that idea.

And so, we marched out. The band played "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, The Boys are Marching," (I don't remember what its title is, but surely everybody knows the tune) at a cadence bad hips, gimpy legs and busted knees could keep, but it was downright funny how the beat changed once all of us were massed and the living corps detachment came up to place. We stood there, got prayed at, and the Cadet Choir sang *Alma Mater* and *The Corps*. Those of us not so uptight we couldn't unclinch our jaws (not many) muttered along with the Choir. Later, I heard some complaints, again, that while the choir was beautiful it wasn't the way we learned to do *The Corps*. True. In our day, the Chapelmeister, (okay, kappel) taught us to bite off the words, hit the beat as if we were on quickstep, no harmonizing, all clean, hard crystalline separate sounds. This time, it was a rhythmic, flowing, soaring harmony. Thus, our introduction to female cadets.

We then took the review, meaning that we lined up by classes and the Corps of Cadets as a whole, 4,000 more or less, marched past. The First Captain, (the senior cadet at the Academy, in terms of cadet rank, so chosen by the Tactical Command for his soldierly qualities) was a black. In his headquarters staff, one of the marchers was (yes, West Point has its clever side, of course) a woman.

The interesting problem at West Point 40 years ago was whether the whole place would fall down in a fit at the presence of some of the oldest Americans, to wit: blacks. Could *soldiers* be commanded by *negroes*? It was not a trivial question, however offensive to people who don't expect to get shot at and therefore have high standards of nicety about what those who do get shot at, should feel. Now, the issue is reduced to whether the *man* who commands is up to his job, and a great relief that is, but it was not done in a single jump, or done apart from the rest of the nation.

Today the interesting question is whether the presence of women living the cadet life in the barracks will destroy the capacity of the male cadets to do the job. West Point is, after all, there to lead men in desperate battle. On summer days it is beautiful in the sunshine but in winter its flint speaks of—yes, Valley Forge, of Bastogne and those scenes in *Patton*, which was not a movie but a Chronicle. Women want in there? It was, and it is, against the grain of common sense, as men who have survived the lunatic past think of its purpose. But West Point, a hard place kept for a hard purpose, and operating on a ruthless principle of design to comb out uncertainty and weakness ahead of time so that the battle—always, remember, the battle—is not lost by the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time, is also an expression of national policy as designed by Congress and applied by the President. I heard one classmate say, "It is a disaster and an outrage,"

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but he added in haste, "not them, not them," meaning the female cadets, "they didn't do it," and I also, as a company went by with a girl commanding, heard—yes, applause. Not from the women in the stands, from the men taking the parade. It happened more or less in astonished spontaneity. I think, when the first such company paraded, but after that, each woman captain got her acknowledgment. It was an act of gallantry meaningless to anybody else, but if their little hearts didn't beat that much faster, what the hell have they been doing up there on that essentially heartless proving ground, these four years past? However wrong it was for them to be there, no man of West Point could see those women out there, rank and rank, and not know them for citizens of character and worth to this republic.

Are they soldiers? of course not. Can they ever be? That is yet to say. I heard that some 32 of them already are engaged to marry classmates and I have no doubt that in less than five years most of those marriages will have blown up not only because of problems of cross-posting but also for a far more human reason. Must I explain? Yes, I guess I must, a little anyhow. The sort of man who does best in uniform is one who comes home to a total contrast, it seems to me, to a woman who knows little of what he does, and so can at least pretend moderately well that she is interested. You may take it from there. But only a fool can deny that war, like life, is constant only in that it constantly changes.

I heard a lot of talk about "two track," and "corrupting the men's incentive by making it possible for the women to stick," and I do not discount that, either. Yet, that does not allow for the special aspect of the woman who would even want to go to West Point, let alone stick it out the four brutal, grinding years. Whether it will ever be possible to send a woman out into the bush of a Vietnam with a rifle company and have her come back unraped and breathing, I am too old to imagine. But I can imagine all too well that 130 lb. of female (they put on weight and are already complaining about the West Point calorie load) can manage a blowing-up machine or run battle computers, on which I comment next, as well as anybody. To me, the interesting point is that the longer I was there the more secure I felt. Somebody knew what he was doing to get Goodpaster to go up there and remind officers, cadets and country, what West Point is all about. He came out of retirement, took a reduction in rank (the Superintendent is 3 stars, not 4) and laid it out in plain view. In his talk to the Alumni he didn't duck a thing. He called the cheating scandal a cheating scandal. He didn't give an inch of ground on the past, either.

You see, cadet life, now, is strange to an old man. No reveille. I understand cadets may pass up breakfast if they like, and there is no tattoo, no taps, at night. Study until midnight if you like, and they do. No Hellcats at 5:30 blasting in the sally ports. Cadets don't waste time walking. They ride the shuttle. But, my God, how they work. I didn't have time to see all the academic exhibitions, but I did make the one that matters most. The name for it is the Department of Geography and Computer Science. Here is the beginning, if you like, of training for intergalactic war, and West Point has the finest equipment in the world, and I like to think I am right in saying "human," first.

FINAL NOTE: A parade and review of the Corps is for citizens at large, a grand and beautiful spectacle, unless the citizen was born without a heart or an imagination. But for anybody who has ever been out on the Plain, or had anyone out there of personal meaning, it is another thing: I cannot quite say what, but as best I can it is to me a religious ceremony, a transcendental exercise. Perhaps this explains it better. One of the people who came to West Point for the 50th Reunion was a widow. Her husband had been my roommate, but I had never met her until the evening of her arrival. He was killed in action in the Philippines and she had never remarried, had brought up their three children and then lived alone, but she traveled a very long way to be here, and she did it out of her widow's mite of a pension, too, I happen to know. As we marched (more or less) across the Plain, she was in the stands next to your grandmother, tears streaming down her face for all that was past and all the life missed, and another woman who had an investment in the moment of her own that she protected another way by trying to keep up light chatter, kept on and on and on. Finally, my friend's widow gritted out: "Oh, why doesn't she shut up!"

I think I'll do the same. All's well at West Point. Benedict Arnold has flown the coop, at last.

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"From the outset, one should admit that there has been spoken and written a lot of nonsense on the subject of patriotism, 'My country, right or wrong,' being the most noteworthy.

"Patriotism is a dynamic quality attaching us not only to our country as it has been—to our great national traditions—or as our country presently is—to the land of the free and the home of the brave. In addition, patriotism dedicates us to our country's future—what America might become, in fulfilling its best aspirations and the promise of our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, our Bill of Rights as evidenced in those first ten amendments and the sixteen that have been added over the past 200 years of our history.

"If all this is true of patriotism, then they are the most patriotic who most deeply understand the history of our country, how and why it came to be, what it aimed to become—in the words of the Mayflower Compact, a city on a hill, a light to the nations. There is nothing static about this light. Surely it shone more brightly, more in keeping with our original dream, after Lincoln's courageous Emancipation Proclamation when the slaves were freed. Surely then it was then more apparent than when the noble words were written by Jefferson, a slave owner, that we truly believe that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

"The light shone ever more brightly each time that we defended freedom and human rights, here and abroad. That was patriotism—love of country and all it stands for—at its best.

"Patriotism is, however, not merely military, even though the military have most often given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to keep liberty's light alive and shining brightly. They were also patriotic who worked peacefully, like Martin Luther King, to see enacted into law a new enlargement of freedom for all Americans, as happened with the passage of the great Civil Rights legislation of 1964, 1965, and 1968.

"Both West Point and Notre Dame are engaged in producing officers—you more than we, but we also produce Naval and Air Force officers, as well as Army. All of you will also be called, by Act of Congress, gentlemen, and I am sure some gentlewomen too. Is this a great contradiction that an officer, a leader and a wielder of military might, is also in the same breath called a gentle man or a gentle woman?

"No, I think not, and the reason is not unrelated to patriotism, the great virtue that so characterizes what one conceives an officer to be in our American tradition.

"The opposite of gentleman would be a savage man or woman, and the history of armies has seen many of these—Genghis Khan and Hitler to mention two of the most savage. What is really at issue here is the use of power. Much is written and discussed about power in America today. Do we have too much or too little? Are we less strong or stronger than the opposition? No one in his right mind wants a weak America, but a strong America—in and of itself in terms of power—is not the ultimate question that should concern us. The ultimate and most important question regards the *use* of power. Officers who are deeply patriotic want to see power used to forward the purposes for which this country was founded, to sustain and enlarge freedom, for ourselves and others, to be a positive force for good in a world full of evil and violence, in a word, to use power as a force for peace.

"This is an ideal, a patriotic ideal to which every young man and woman in the Corps can wholeheartedly dedicate himself or herself. It is something to be proud of, not to apologize for.

"During the student revolution of the

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late sixties and early seventies, many prominent universities in this land were eliminating the R.O.T.C. units on their campuses, because of an anti-military sentiment engendered by the Vietnam War. We at Notre Dame had a campus-wide convocation of faculty and students to discuss the matter since we had all three ROTC's. My main point in the discussion was to emphasize the true function of the military in our history, from the Constitution forward, and to emphasize that while all were free to criticize the military, there are some who wanted to join it, as a high expression of patriotism properly understood. Freedom cuts both ways. If some are free to yell, 'Hell no, I won't go,' others are free to say, 'I will; I want to serve my country in a special way, with duty, honor, and especially, patriotism.'

"When the discussion was ended, 86% of the faculty and students voted to keep the three R.O.T.C. units. Two of them, the Army and Navy, are the largest in the country today and that is not unrelated to God, Country, and Notre Dame. It isn't a matter of going or not going, but of going for what and why. That is a moral, rational, and even a humane decision. Military forces are at their worst when led by those who are brutal, irrational, and, ultimately, unpatriotic, loving power for the sake of power, not duty, honor, or country. Military forces are at their best when they embrace you.

"Make no mistake about it, true patriotism, especially in the military requires great inner spiritual strength and enlightened leadership. It is no excuse to simply say, 'The civilians give the orders, we just obey them.' Those who did that in World War II, we hung from a gallows after the judgment at Nuremberg. If the United States wanted automatons for officers, there would be no need to prepare them at such honorable places as West Point and Notre Dame. A country as powerful as ours needs the most intelligent, dedicated, and patriotic kind of military leadership from top to bottom, from Second Lieutenants to four-star Generals, precisely because power carries with it an enormous temptation to abuse, or to use power badly and, secondly, we need great officers because we are the kind of country that we are, dedicated to liberty and freedom, to law and civil order, to preserving the peace rather than waging unnecessary war. Duty means something very demanding to our officers, young and old, precisely because they do cherish honor, and they do honor all that America stands for, even at the cost of their lives.

"I heard a great intellectual say recently that the Communists really understand power and that we in America do not. They have used power consistently and persistently to achieve their aims and are successful. We in America are not, he said.

"My answer was simple, and possibly simplistic, but I noted that despite all of our geopolitic mistakes, we must be doing something right, since the Communists have to build fences to keep people in and we have to build fences to keep people out. Of the millions of refugees in the world today, how many are standing in line to get a visa for the Soviet Union?

"I am sure that across the decades, Sylvanus Thayer would want me to remind you today that you are an important link in a proud tradition. You will be a strong link if you are proud of what is best in America, proud to be a vital part of the leadership required to sustain and enlarge what is best and even to make it better. Never fear power, but be careful, intelligent, creative, and humane in using it well, beginning with those few you will command at first, on to those many some of you will command some future day. Remember always that no one is a good or great leader without a deep and lifelong commitment to both duty and honor, and, finally, be proud not only of your country as it is, but engage through your patriotic profession to make it even better, ever greater, a strong light in the surrounding darkness of a world where power is more often abused than used for the good of human kind.

"Sylvanus Thayer was a good officer who cherished his country and your service and this institution. I am proud to receive from you a medal bearing his name."

After the address and dismissal of the Corps, Father Hesburgh remained to greet individually members of the Corps of Cadets and other friends.

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watching a game; a man who has been thoroughly in touch with football and its progress during the last ten years."

It would not be surprising to find a track coach who could also handle cross-country, or a tennis coach who could do the chores for squash, but football and fencing never! Yet in 1902 Army fielded its first intercollegiate fencing team, coached by Koehler, and for the next three years its teams were undefeated in dual meets and were the intercollegiate champions. The cadets praised his hard work, enthusiasm, and bulldog determination, but perhaps the most significant comment appeared in the 1905 HOWITZER: "The Army victory was not a surprise. Under Lieutenant Koehler's masterful control, the consistent policy of developing material for the years ahead bore fruit in 1904 when the team was practically 'home-made.'"

Meanwhile things were stirring on another front. Koehler obtained some baskets and basketballs for the cadets, and an informal team won Army's first game, 54-10, against the Yonkers Young Men's Christian Association in 1903. That fall Koehler persuaded the Athletic Association to recognize basketball, and a regular schedule was arranged. The list of opponents seems a little obscure today, but the seed was sown.

In 1908 there was another athletic reorganization to provide further centralization of control over the now rapidly expanding intercollegiate athletic program. The Army Officers' Athletic Association was replaced by the Army Athletic Association and an Army Athletic Council was appointed by the Superintendent to oversee intercollegiate athletics. The council requested Captain Koehler, one of its members, to draw up a set of principles for the guidance of the athletic program, and this paper was approved and published in 1909. In it Koehler traced the history of athletics at West Point, and analyzed the objections to its expansion. While mentioning the danger of injury and the infringement of study time, he recorded the major objection as the fact that "the success of these competitions, then as now, was not generally determined by the benefits that accrued to the participants through them, but as stated before, by the ability to win; which made it necessary to restrict participation in these competitions to a relatively limited number of students who were selected because of superior physical attributes" to the exclusion of others. This, if not properly controlled, might undermine the mission which was the development of the very highest standard of general excellence of the mass of the cadets, rather than of a few. Koehler concluded that athletics could be conducted in a manner that supported the mission because "the authorities being empowered to set athletics a hard and fast limit, that of actual benefit to the institution and the individual, all danger of undue license on the one hand and over indulgence on the other are obviated." The authoritarian nature of the control exercised by the Athletic Council through its appointed officer representatives was not glossed over, and its variance with the customary prerogatives of captains and managers were very frankly stated. The report goes on to relate these measures to the objective of the Council in some paragraphs that give food for thought seventy years after they were written:

"The introduction of these methods was attended by more or less difficulty, as to the young man of the present generation, no matter what his own physical qualifications may be, there is but one object in athletics and that is to win; beyond that he cannot or will not see any other. That much of this spirit may be attributed to professional coaching cannot be denied. It is only fair to these coaches, however, to state that their success is dependent on turning out winning teams, and that this standard of efficiency was invented by those who employed them and not by themselves.

"The Council realized that ideal athletic conditions at the Academy could not be brought about by belittling the desire to win, and it made no efforts to make the desire less keen. What it did, however, was to take steps that would bring cadets face to face with the fact that no matter how much prominence was given to win-

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ning, there were other more lasting benefits to be derived from competitive athletics. To bring these facts out a change was made from professional to army coaching, and at the present time the only team not coached by graduates or other military instructors is the baseball team. The change has been invaluable to the Corps in general, for without detracting in the least from the quality of the various athletics, the army coaches have given athletics a much wider significance by inducing large numbers of cadets to indulge in them, not so much for the sake of making a place on the team as for the benefits they derive from them personally."

Koehler's dedication to the principle of maximum athletic participation, as well as his growing influence, is demonstrated by the fact that in 1913 he persuaded the Athletic Council to give up intercollegiate fencing in favor of increasing the availability of facilities to non-varsity fencers, a recommendation that was approved despite the fact that the 1912 Fencing Team had been the intercollegiate champions.

Despite Koehler's advocacy the principle of athletics for all did not become a reality until the end of World War I. Athletics formed a part of the physical training program in the great training camps of that war, and it had been noted that relatively few Academy graduates had been found qualified to conduct athletic instruction. Thus a military purpose supported Koehler's long-held views, and these coincided with those of the new superintendent, Brigadier General MacArthur. The compulsory intramural athletic program was born, and remains today as a legacy of the initiative of Herman Koehler.

Service to the Army

The almost immediate success of Koehler's first program of physical education at West Point carried with it, in several quarters, the realization that a similar program could be of use to the Army in general. This prompted the composition in 1887 of his first publication, "A System of Calisthenic Exercises, for Use in the School of the Soldier," which was forwarded by his superiors to the War Department. In it the emphasis was on exercises to strengthen the muscles, develop poise, and improve posture. Not long afterward his system was officially adopted for use in the Army. In 1904 Koehler wrote "Manual for Gymnastic Exercise," published by the War Department, which was intended to be used in service gymnasiums. As part of the same program selected young officers were brought back to West Point in the summer to be trained by Koehler as gymnastics instructors.

As Koehler's fame spread requests for his assistance multiplied. He gave his help without remuneration, his only desire being to promote the best interests of the service. A list of the organizations he instructed in the years before World War I includes the 8th Massachusetts National Guard Regiment, Boston's First Corps of Cadets, the 7th, 23rd, and 69th Regiments of the New York National Guard, and the Business Men's Training Camps at Plattsburgh, New York, in the summers of 1915 and 1916. In June 1916 he conducted physical training for New York State's quota of almost 16,000 men being prepared at Camp Whitman for service on the Mexican border. On one occasion he was even persuaded to instruct a class of 500 New York City police recruits.

In May of 1917, immediately after the declaration of war, Major Koehler was placed on detached service as Director of Physical Training for the Officers Training Camps throughout the country. Travelling from camp to camp he gave instruction to some 37,000 officer candidates. He also instructed the officers and men of four Divisions, and a number of Regular regiments. It has been estimated that he gave instruction personally to some 200,000 officers and men during the war. Those he did not reach personally were trained in accord with his program as set forth in Special Regulations No. 23 of the War Department entitled "Field Training of the Soldier." This was revised after the war and published under the title, "Koehler's West Point Manual of Disciplinary Physical Training" with a foreword by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker.

In September 1918 Lieutenant Colonel Koehler returned to West Point to resume his duties as Master of the Sword. In 1919 he was awarded a well-deserved Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his wartime service.

Conclusion

On December 14, 1923, his sixty-fourth birthday, Lieutenant Colonel Koehler was retired from active duty. This event was preceded by a review in his honor by the Corps of Cadets and a smoker at the West Point Army Mess attended by the officers on duty at the Military Academy. After many speeches and a presentation this affair was concluded by a "Long Corps Yell" for the retiring Master of the Sword.

Gone, but not very far. The day following his retirement his services were obtained by the Army Athletic Association as Executive Officer. He continued to serve his beloved West Point in this capacity for the next three and a half years, riding herd on the administration of the intercollegiate athletic program, and providing institutional memory to an organization that frequently needs it. There is mention in the archives that in 1925 he purchased the old yellow stage coach from Mr. Mandigo, had it repaired and refurbished at his own expense, and presented it to the AAA to be used by cadets after victories in Army Navy games. Who said that winning isn't all-important? At least it could get you a ride from the station to the Plain in "The Old Canary."

Colonel Koehler died on 1 July 1927 in Polyclinic Hospital, New York City. He was buried at West Point on 5 July. The Academic Board, which had long recognized his dedication to West Point, and had come to appreciate his often-expressed principle that a proper balance between academic and physical pursuits was necessary to the best academic achievement, expressed their sorrow at his loss in their minutes, and paid tribute to his talent for leadership, his sense of proportion, and his force of character, concluding with the words, "Colonel Koehler was proud to boast that he was a product of the Military Academy and that to her he owed everything that was most precious in his life. The Military Academy claims her son and receives him to rest in her embrace."

The last class to graduate before Colonel Koehler's death (1927) was also the last class of the forty that he had personally instructed as Fourth Classmen. In fact there were then only 22 graduates of the Academy on active duty (members of '86 and '87) who had not personally benefitted from his instruction. It is doubtful that any professor of the Academy had ever had such a direct impact on its product.

The national significance of Colonel Koehler's service was recognized by the *New York Times*, which paid tribute to him in an editorial on 4 July 1927:

"Many thousands of Americans today hold their heads a little higher and stand straighter than they would have if it had not been for Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Koehler, Master of the Sword at West Point, who died on Friday night.

"For thirty-nine years he supervised the physical training of the cadets at the United States Military Academy. But this was not all. When he took up this work he found that no adequate system of physical drill existed in the American Army. After careful study of systems employed by all nations he devised a program which has been used successfully for a generation.

"But his influence was not confined to West Point and the Regular Army. When the Plattsburgh camps were started General *Wood*, realizing the particular importance of physical training for the civilian officers-to-be, arranged for Colonel *Koehler* to attend some of the camps and take charge of the physical drills. Thus his vigorous personality made itself felt upon thousands who were to return to civil life and who carried with them a debt of gratitude to him for improved physique.

"When America entered the war Colonel *Koehler* became the director of the physical training of the entire army. So enormous was this task that he made himself felt through his textbooks and the instructors that he had trained rather than through direct contact. Many "rookies" at the time wished that the inventor of the physical training system had never been born. But now, as they look back upon their army experience, they realize that this physical drill was invaluable. Colonel Koehler's was a life of genuine service."

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Postscript

In the 1906 HOWITZER there appears a list of demerit awards for selected members of the graduating class, presumably representing what the editor considered most appropriate for each classmate. The gig for Cadet E. L. Daley is "one minute late reporting return from extended limits." One may suppose that he had some difficulty tearing himself away from the elder daughter of the Master of the Sword, because Beatrix Ottilie Koehler and the future Major General Edmund Leo Daley were married not long after his graduation. Three years later Colonel Koehler's younger daughter, Virginia, married Frank S. Besson of the Class of '09.

Each of these unions produced two graduates of the Academy. Edmund Koehler Daley graduated in '28, John P. Daley in '31, Frank S. Besson Jr. in '32, and Robert Besson in '37. Koehler Daley and Frank Besson were both class godsons. Two other grandsons also served on active duty during World War II.

John Daley's first formation as a new cadet had been his grandfather's funeral. His last one before his graduation parade was to represent the family at the unveiling of the Koehler Memorial Tablet in the gymnasium on 10 June 1931. This handsome plaque, sculpted by Allen G. Newman of New York City, presents a very fine likeness of Colonel Koehler in bas-relief, surrounded on both sides by cadets in the uniforms of the various sports played at West Point, most of which Colonel Koehler had played a key role in launching or encouraging.

It is a remarkable fact that at one time two of the major commands of the U.S. Army were headed by grandsons of Colonel Koehler. Lieutenant General John P. Daley commanded the Combat Development Command and General Frank S. Besson Jr. the Materiel Command.

And that is not the end of the line. Two great-grandsons of Colonel Koehler have joined the ranks of alumni: Colonel John M. Daley in '58 and Lieutenant Colonel Frank S. Besson III in '59. One other great-grandson, Lieutenant Colonel Edmund Koehler Daley Jr., is a Regular Army officer and three great-granddaughters have married into the services. Two great-great grandsons are now lieutenants in the Regular Army. In more ways than one, the influence of Colonel Koehler continues to serve his country.

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ethnic minorities and deprived socia-economic circumstances."

West Point has some 26 programs that could influence the admission decisions of minority personnel. These include, among others, Project Outreach, the Summer Enrichment Program, and the Cadet Public Relations Council Minority and Women's Programs. Project Outreach is a program of information in which selected junior officers make presentations before minority junior and senior high school students to inform them of the opportunities available through post-secondary education for those who are academically prepared. During the 1979-80 academic year, for example, Outreach officers engaged in the following activities:

Cities visited	117
Jr. High Schools visited	163
Jr. High School students briefed	23,826
High Schools visited	312
High School students briefed	8,784
Files opened for incoming class	55
Radio, TV, and newspaper interviews	61
Minority organizations contacted	17

The Summer Enrichment Program is a relatively new program under the auspices of the Equal Admissions Opportunity Office. The program was created in 1978 in collaboration with the National Urban League of New York City to identify, contact, motivate, and help qualify minority students for college and highlight service academy opportunities and admissions procedures.

The Cadet Public Relations Council conducts a program of cadet public appearances—in high schools and junior high schools, on radio and TV programs, for newspaper interviews, before civil organizations, as well as meetings with prospective candidates. The Minority and Women's Special Programs operated throughout the country during the 1979-80 academic year at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Leave. Their general purpose was to initiate files for 12th graders and generate interest among younger people.

4. FUTURE STUDENT MARKET

Any effort to evaluate admissions effectiveness and generate future strategies for attracting qualified candidates, particularly in the anticipated competitive environment of the future, must look to projected population trends. Table 1 contains projections for the next six years of youths in the 15-19 year old age group, that segment of the population that must be targeted for USMA candidates. It is important to note the more-or-less steady decline in the cohort, with some bottoming-out or leveling-off apparent among blacks toward the end of the period.

Table 2 similarly reflects a declining trend in the number of high school graduates that can be expected during the period.

Viewed in consonance, these data suggest (or confirm) the likelihood that the competition for quality high school graduates will increase markedly. On the other hand, assuming that tuition rates continue to rise and that the military does not become embroiled in any significant foreign entanglements during the period, it is reasonable to suppose that attendance at one of the service academies will become a more attractive option for tomorrow's college-age youth.

Of course, to obtain a more accurate picture of the available pool of youth for future USMA admissions, one must go beyond these aggregate projections and focus on the characteristics most likely to typify the smaller pool of potential candidates.

5. YOUTH ATTITUDES

In any effort to size a potential market, the most obvious initial steps are those discussed above: first, to identify the projected magnitude of the overall manpower pool of interest, and second, to circumscribe that pool further by clarifying established systemic requirements and individual attributes likely to characterize those who traditionally have entered the system. Without doubt, however, the single most important step in any such process remains to determine the attitudes of those who fall within the above bounds toward the military in general and the Army and West Point in particular. Four types of perspectives can be expected to contribute to this level of understanding: (1) those of potential applicants; (2) those of individuals who have been offered but declined appointments to USMA; (3) those of individuals who have entered and resigned from USMA; and (4) those of individuals who have entered the Academy and remained.

Concerning the atttiudes of potential applicants, a number of recent and ongoing studies offer interesting insights. First, going back a few years, the "Monitoring the Future" project of the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, in a sample of high school seniors from the Class of 1976, indicated that black males are twice as likely as white males (43 percent to 19 percent) to serve in the armed forces after high school. Black women, in turn, are three times as likely as white women (18 percent to 5 percent) to serve and actually approximate white males in that respect.

More recently, the semiannual Youth Attitude Tracking Study suggested, among other things, that the propensity of 16-21 year old males to serve in the military has dropped significantly during the past four years. Generally, those who demonstrate a positive propensity to serve in the military are younger, more likely to be nonwhite, more likely to be unemployed, less educated, have lower levels of educational performance, and prone to believe that the military is relatively more likely to enable the achievement of certain job characteristics. Those job attributes valued most by these "positive propensity" young men are job security, the teaching of a valuable trade or skill, the development of one's potential, enjoyment, good income, and the opportunity for good family life. The largest percentage of those who definitely or probably will consider serving in the Army come from the South. Unfortunately, the most productive mar-

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kets also tend to represent the lowest levels of academic achievement.

Another recent survey of high school and college students concerning their aspirations and perceptions suggested a number of potentially useful facts, including the following:

- Junior ROTC (JROTC) cadets are disproportionately male.
- The percentage of blacks in JROTC programs (35 percent) is considerable higher than their proportion of the population.
- 59.8 percent of white and 61 percent of nonwhite JROTC cadets plan to enroll in college immediately after graduation. This compares with 65.7 percent of white and 79.1 percent of nonwhite noncadets in the same schools.
- 28.8 percent of white and 43.2 percent of nonwhite JROTC cadets would go to college on a scholarship with a military obligation. This compares with only 8.8 percent of white and 30.1 percent of nonwhite noncadets in the same schools and 15.5 percent of white and 23.4 percent of nonwhite students in schools without JROTC programs.
- The major reasons cited for not planning to attend college are the desire for work experience and indecision concerning life goals.
- The most important college motivations are (1) because all of one's friends are going to college, (2) to get away from home, (3) to postpone having to make important life decisions, (4) for enhanced societal status and prestige, and (5) societal pressure to get a college degree.
- The highest percentage of males prefer the following career areas: (1) engineering, physical science, mathematics, architecture (those in JROTC programs actually cite military service as their first choice); (2) business administration. Females prefer (1) secretarial-clerical/office work and (2) medical and biological sciences. Whites and nonwhites alike, in the aggregate, tend to reflect the same ordering of career preferences that males do, including the JROTC choice of military service; noncadets and students from non-JROTC program schools also demonstrate an affinity for the humanities.
- The largest percentage of JROTC cadets—both white (31.1 percent) and nonwhite (40.3 percent)—indicate a definite intention to join Army ROTC, provided it is available. The largest percentage of regular students, in contrast, say they definitely do not intend to join Army ROTC.

From findings such as these, even though not focused on USMA, some rather significant inferences can be drawn concerning the aspirations and career preferences of potential West Point candidates. In a more directly relevant vein, the Academy itself undertook a survey of 5,000 high school juniors and seniors and 300 guidance counselors in late 1978 to determine their images of West Point. In general, counselors tend to have a more favorable image of the Academy than do students. Students rate all USMA programs (academic, physical fitness, leadership training, overall education and training, ethical and moral development, and inter-collegiate athletic) as being better than "above average," and they rate the first four between "above average" and "one of the best." Most of the students do not know the facts regarding tuition, cadet salaries, and electives. When asked what additional information would be useful, students listed academics first, while counselors would like more information on women cadets, followed by academics, military, and ethical development.

Similarly useful findings come from those candidates who seek and subsequently decline appointment to West Point. Among decliners from the Class of 1982, the major reasons given for choosing another college were (1) the majors offered, (2) superior education, (3) best career preparation, and (4) "can learn to fly." Fifty-eight percent of the decliners from the class entered another service academy, primarily because (1) they preferred a career in that service; (2) they desired to fly; or (3) that was their first choice, and USMA was an alternate. The majority of all early decliners (77 percent) indicated their intent to attend either the Naval Academy or the Air Force Academy, while most late decliners (53 percent) planned to attend a civilian college. Finally, the decliners of that class, as a group, were slightly better qualified academically than those who accepted admission. Two of the major conclusions of this study were that (1) the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy continue to provide the strongest competition for the USMA candidate pool; and (2) USMA will continue to operate at a slight disadvantage to the other academies by not offering flight training and a majors program.

Another class of attitudes that are important in the present context are those of individuals who actually have entered the Academy but later have resigned. In general, as earlier statistics have suggested, the drop-out rate at West Point may seem comparatively high. Yet, relative to other precommissioning programs, it may not be inordinately so. One source, for example, has contrasted first year attrition figures for USMA and ROTC with those of a given Officer Candidate Course class: ROTC—54 percent, USMA—24.9 percent, and BIOCC—10.5 percent. For the most part, the primary reasons for the high USMA dropout rate seem to be disenchantment with the military life, false expectations about the Academy, and lack of personal commitment.

Because of the saliency of the issue over the past few years, considerable attention has been focused on female attrition. Studies have shown that, since 1976 when women first were admitted to the Academy, they and male cadets have entered for roughly the same reasons: education and career commitment. Likewise, they have tended to leave for the same reasons: dislike of military discipline and regimentation, distorted expectations, and having it better on the outside. Of course, for the first classes of women there have been other reasons as well: the academic and physical grind, marriage, and male harassment.

The importance of these factors cannot be underestimated, for as the Academy itself has made clear: "Retention of enrolled students must be a key consideration in any recommended student-recruiting strategy. The best place to recruit graduates is within the student body by retaining a maximum number of the enrolled students. West Point's ultimate admissions objective is to graduate and commission officers for leadership roles in the Regular Army."

What this says is that the best way to meet Army objectives for officer accessions in the face of a declining recruitment base, increased competition, and reduced funding levels is not to incur the additional costs of expanded recruiting but to enhance the retention of those already attracted to the system. This requires a more measured, focused addressal of those conditions known to engender resignation and a clearer articulation of what West Point does, is, and offers, in order to ameliorate mystique and misconception.

Aside from the basic informational requirements that this implies, it suggests also that West Point must address head-on those issues likely to create perceptual obstacles for prospective applicants. For blacks and females, these issues would seem to be related to the questions of institutional acceptance, discrimination, and career potential.

Charles Moskos noted almost a decade ago that, although the military until modern times has been one of America's most segregated institutions, it has leaped into the forefront of racial equality in recent times.

But as Moskos also pointed out, racial integration of the military seemingly has not served to increase the acceptance or prestige of the armed forces. In fact, the military has tended to lose support among some of its traditional defenders while at the same time not gaining any increased support among liberal-radical groups. There continue to be suggestions that inequality remains in the military and, more specifically, that the officer recruiting system has yet to demonstrate its ability to attract minorities in the quantities needed. One recent study found that black high school students are more likely to perceive discrimination against both blacks and women in the military, while women are more likely than men to perceive military discrimination against women.

Because the novelty has not yet worn off, women can be expected to be acutely

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aware of their likely prospects at the service academies. In general, the Academy views itself as having been very successful in adapting to this change. As the first Project Athena report noted: "Women are being effectively integrated into the Academy due to the ability and the motivation of the young women who entered and the commitment of the institution to that goal." Similarly, General Goodpaster states: "I must tell you that I believe West Point is far ahead of where anyone could have expected two years ago regarding the integration of women. We believe we are in fact leading the way in areas which are tough, changing and challenging. It is an exciting time to be at West Point and to have a part in preparing our cadets—men and women—to run an integrated Army effectively in the future."

There nonetheless would seem to be areas of continuing concern to prospective female cadets. The first of these is the current degree of perceived institutional acceptance of women. A poll of graduates four years ago, when women first entered the Academy, indicated that 70 percent were opposed to the move. The same poll of 1979 graduates indicated that 50 percent still thought the admission of women was a bad idea. In fact, another survey of graduates from the Classes of 1930-1978 showed that 50 percent opposed female admissions prior to July 1976 and continued to oppose it in November 1978. Interestingly, a considerable higher percentage of graduates from the Classes of the 1970s (60 percent) opposed the admission of women than did graduates from the 1950s and 1960s (41 percent each).

Finally there has been particular concern voiced over the somewhat disruptive level of exposure given to the women of the Class of 1980. Both male and female cadets have noted their weariness with the publicity focused on the early contingent of women at the Academy. One of the greatest concerns expressed by some of the female graduates is "living in a fishbowl." As one observed: "I've worked hard at West Point to avoid being different, and now I hear that there are only 15 women officers in air defense artillery. Here we go again."

But, having been through it, women cadets seem not entirely comfortable with the possibility of new changes in academy regulations. One, for example, said, "If it gets to be like a regular college, why spend all this money on West Point; why not just have ROTC officers?"

This, of course, is the root issue here: to what extent is West Point unique as an educational institution? to what extent must it adapt to societal forces? and, to what extent must it compete head-on with civilian institutions for human resources? There are indications that the Academy itself recognizes the imperative to assume more of a fusionist stance, as exemplified by the following statement from three members of the USMA staff and faculty: ". . . we shall accept the dominant assumption in the U.S. Congress, that West Point is primarily an educational institution rather than a vocational school, and should therefore be subject to the same kinds of forces that affect the mainstream of American higher education."

Some maintain that the service academies, in general, have failed to meet some of the most pressing requirements of the armed forces. Key to this contention is a belief that, among other things, the academies have failed to demonstrate an ability to attract adequate numbers of minorities. "In spite of the services' designated role as icebreakers of integration, the academies were sluggish in developing effective minority recruiting programs. They also opposed the admission of women, despite their growth in numbers and clear effectiveness in a range of service jobs."

Given the range of initiatives undertaken in the past few years, however, there is an equally reasonable basis for the position that the Academy's admissions program "may already be an unqualified success given the market conditions that exist today." It will be the purpose of the research effort proposed here to reconcile these conflicting views and to enhance the likelihood of future success in attracting high quality blacks and females to the Academy.

Class Ring Banquet

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—and as one who has had the privilege to serve our nation in senior leadership positions—to say a word about this. You will be commissioned in an ever-changing, ever-advancing army, an army where limited manpower—the human component of the army—will be a constant concern. The demands of the leadership skills you have developed at West Point will be challenging.

A story about General Washington when he took command of the Continental Army at the beginning of the American Revolution is of interest.

There was an immediate need for that army. But what he found at Cambridge was a rather ragged body of soldiers. Some wore uniforms, others multicolored clothing from a variety of sources. Some carried guns, others sticks. Still others held farm tools. A few gripped ancient swords.

In particular, there was a regiment from Connecticut that looked pretty bad. Peter Marshall, former chaplain to the United States Senate, once wrote what Washington saw:

> "The men were few. They were badly armed and poorly dressed. They did not even stand at attention. Their ranks were ragged and they had the air of discouragement. Many of them were hungry and had gone without a decent meal for days on end.
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> "Some were lame. They were a sorry lot. Yet when the regiment was drawn up for Washington to inspect them, the great general stood erect and, looking at them as if they were the finest regiment in the world, he said: 'Gentlemen, I have great confidence in the men of Connecticut.'
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> "One of the soldiers writing home to his family said in his letter: 'When I heard Washington say that, I clasped my musket to my breast and said to myself, 'Let them come on.'"

What the story tells us is that given a challenge, proper recognition and sound leadership, the American soldier will have pride, will endure hardship and will undergo sacrifice in the cause of freedom, and service to country.

Of course, today's American soldier is better equipped than his Revolutionary counterpart, though even now we cannot field all the weapons systems we would wish to provide the balance of quality and quantity we require when we look at potential adversaries.

But the major challenge to your leadership skills will be in your relationships with today's soldiers. Today's army, like the Revolutionary Army, relies on volunteers, and your task will have it own special demands.

You will probably serve your initial Army tour in a troop unit. Your task will be to evaluate the abilities of your troops, to work to improve their abilities through training and education, to organize and direct their activities, to build and maintain their combat readiness.

You will be leading soldiers who dig foxholes, drive tanks, cook chow, load and unload trucks, operate computers and perform the many duties necessary to keep units ready to fight. It will be a difficult task to help hardworking soldiers see their role and importance in the perspective of national defense. The reputation of the Long Gray Line was not made by accomplishment of easy tasks, but by the mastery of difficult ones. I am confident you will add a proud chapter in that history.

You will be strengthened in that effort by your association with other West Pointers. You will know what to expect of them, just as they—and others—will know what to expect of you. And it will be a special pleasure for you to be present on occasion with classmates—at schools you attend, in major units to which you are assigned, at duty stations where special concentrations occur, such as West Point and the large headquarters complexes overseas and in the United States. You will find that your class will steadily forge a reputation after graduation, just as you are doing here. It is appropriate that your Class Motto is "Strength As One."

But there is a further personal dimension you will know in the future. At reunions and between reunions you will feel pride and warm friendship when you look at your ring, and re-live through it your class associations and your years at West Point.

In closing, permit me once more, if I may, to draw on my experience as one who has marched before you. Some day, this gold ring will come to mean more to you than the highest rank or the greatest

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honor society can bestow on you. The "Duty, Honor, Country" of West Point engraved on your ring will remain engraved as well on your hearts and minds, and will be a call as constant as it is compelling. And years from now after you have contributed to the nation in full measure, you will recall again and again the priceless value of your association with the men and women in this hall tonight on whose hands are worn the crest of nineteen hundred eighty-one.

On behalf of the entire Military Academy community, Mrs. Goodpaster and I congratulate you on the receipt of your class ring. Your work is far from finished. One of the great burdens of promise and potential is that you are expected to reach new heights. I am confident that you will fulfill those demands, not only at the head of the Corps as the First Class, but as the future leaders of our nation's Army.

Great Weapons Museums

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Ordnance Department and so named because of its spectacular performance in the Mexican War in the hands of Jefferson Davis' Mississippi regiment during the battle of Buena Vista; a Model 1855 rifled musket with a tape (paper strip) primer, invented by Dr. Edward Maynard, a Washington, D.C., dentist, which resembled nothing more than the caps in a small boy's cap pistol of today; the breechloading rifle and carbine patented by Christian Sharps (from which the name "sharpshooter" was born), widely used during the Civil War and along the western frontier; and the magazine-fed rimfire repeating rifle and carbine patented by Christopher M. Spencer, a South Manchester, Connecticut, machinist. The impressive firepower of the Spencers might have ended the Civil War sooner had these reliable guns (which had the endorsement of President Lincoln) been introduced by the North earlier.

Of edged weapons, there are a multitude: the sword carried throughout the Mexican War by Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, affectionately known as "Old Fuss and Feathers"; the sword bearing the Spanish motto *Envaines sin honor* (sheathed with honor) worn by Brevet General Thaddeus Kosciusko, the Polish patriot in charge of the West Point fortifications during the Revolution; the sword of Brigadier General George W. Getty of the Class of 1840 which is engraved with "Courage is greater than the sword"; the sword carried by Major General James B. McPherson of the class of 1853 when it fell in 1864 in the battle for Atlanta; the presentation sword of General John J. Pershing; Herman Goering's dagger with a Runic inscription on the hilt; and Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita's Samurai sword, surrendered by "The tiger of Malaya" in 1945.

Collectors of curiosa will have a field day: a pair of fused Civil War Minie balls from opposite sides of a Virginia battlefield which met and joined together in midair and remain as mute testimony to the fury of the battle; Hermann Goering's diamond-encrusted Reichmarshal's baton, made of ivory, platinum and gold, together with his silver-bound guest book bearing Hitler's signature and those of such guests as Charles A. Lindbergh and Britain's Neville Chamberlain; and the French 75mm field gun that fired the first American artillery shot of World War I just before dawn on 23 October 1917.

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The West Point Museum has had a long and honorable history. In the opinion of Richard E. Kuehne, the present museum director, the museum's collections may date back to 1785, when Major George Fleming was named "Ordnance and military storekeeper" at the arsenal at West Point, succeeding General Henry Knox, who had accomplished the superhuman feat of moving the heavy British cannons captured at Ticonderoga overland to lay siege to Boston 10 years before.

Originally housed in two long, yellow buildings, the collection of ordnance grew as years passed—and came from various sources, including captured trophies of war. The 1846–48 clash with Mexico, for example, added much booty to the collection.

In 1853, the Board of Visitors to the Military Academy, appointed by President Franklin Pierce, recommended that an ordnance museum be established "to display all the different kinds of arms and models used by civilized nations." In the strictest sense, therefore, this ordnance museum can be considered to be the forerunner of the present West Point Museum. According to early descriptions, the museum's walls were "draped with the colors of the veteran regiments engaged in the War of 1812, and with those which waved defiance at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, and over the National Palace in the City of Mexico."

The Civil War added many items—arms, flags and equipment—to the already-bulging ordnance museum collection, not to mention a large number of Confederate cannon balls that literally made the floor of the museum settle, according to a complaint made by Captain George T. Balch in 1864.

When a new academic building was erected in 1891, space was provided for the ordnance museum. But as lack of adequate space is the eternal bugaboo of ever-growing museums, the quarters of this one proved to be no exception. Accordingly, a new space was found in the Administrative Building constructed in 1901, and reputed to be the highest solid masonry structure in the United States. The museum's main exhibit area was a vaulted Gothic armorial hall two stories high, with wings leading from it.

In 1942, the museum was officially designated as the United States Military Academy Museum, and in 1948 it was renamed the West Point Museum, with a full-time director and curator. In 1959 the museum moved to its present location in the newly refurbished Thayer Hall.

Once compared to a gigantic curio shop, an arsenal and the property room of a Hollywood film company all rolled into one, the West Point Museum now represents one of the finest examples of the application of the principles of museum science. The interconnected series of exhibits are part of a topically and chronologically based master plan. Because it is so logically arranged, a visit to the West Point Museum can truly be a learning experience.

And learning is one of the purposes it serves, for the primary role of the West Point Museum is to supplement the education of cadets, who are allowed to study and handle the weapons and other items in class. In fact, the museum's holdings are more like an iceberg, with the tip the only visible part. The bulk of the collections is stored out of public view and is available for study by researchers and scholars.

Of course, a museum is only as good as its staff. And the West Point Museum, which receives frequent inquiries from all over the world, is tops in its field. Assisting Director Kuehne (who was formerly with the prestigious Metropolitan Museum in New York City) are Robert W. Fisch, Curator of Arms; Michael J. McAfee, Curator of Uniforms and Military History; Michael E. Moss, Curator of Art; and Walter J. Nock, Arms Specialist. A 1600-volume library of arms, armor and military reference books is available for use on the premises by appointment. Donations of weapons, equipment, uniforms and accoutrements from any period not already in the museum's collections are welcomed.

Ullrich Named

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scientious evaluation on our part and a follow through either in an effort to athletically recruit the young person or a referral to the Admissions Office for proper handling from that end.

"One word of caution—in your efforts to help us locate talent, it is extremely important that National Collegiate Athletic Association and Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women rules and regulations be followed both in letter and intent. In general, we would ask that you make no contact with potential athletes either male or female unless specifically requested by one of our men's sports coaches (contact in any way of a woman candidate is illegal). Under no circumstances expend any funds in the way of purchasing meals, West Point souvenirs or athletic event tickets, and should you have any question with regard to proper handling of a athletic candidate, please call and ask before you take any step which you feel might be questionable in any way.

"I look forward to future opportunities to bring you news of West Point athletics.

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Our fall teams are now moving along at a .685 clip with our undefeated 150-lb. football team and women's tennis at the top of our list of fall performers. Cross country and soccer are having strong seasons. We have been tremendously proud of our football team and look forward to the rest of the season with optimism. In our competition against Navy, our 150-lb football team got started on the winning track and our number one priority in ODIA is to turn the tide of the very strong Navy supremacy over Army in the last 10 to 12 years.

"I am proud to be here, am optimistic about the future, and seek your support in the heavy effort days ahead. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write or call me. We are always open to new ideas and thoughts from the people for whom we want so much to provide a program of which they can be proud."

Colonel Paul D. Bunker

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heroic speeches and urged that help be sent instead, Bunker approved: "Just what we've been thinking." Now they were on half rations, and his private supply of Maxwell House was exhausted. Enemy batteries were pasting his men, and a "smart rat" was sharing his dugout.

The Colonel's sagging spirits were given a boost on 7 March when classmate "Doug MacArthur" sent him cigars: they were a "small token of my admiration for the splendid efficiency of you and your batteries." The cigars were good, but the news that Bataan had fallen did nothing for his day. His son-in-law, Brooke Maury, also a West Point man, was serving there.

The enemy continued to punish the "Rock." Hours of constant shelling could only be answered intermittently, blindly, and soon even return fire became impossible. Still, "Mac" had escaped, and that occasioned three cheers: "Maybe we'll get somewhere now." Bunker, with faith in the General, had not given up all hope.

As March ended, so did daylight counter-firing from Corregidor. Japanese artillery was too destructive, the air raids so frequent that Bunker's men were driven into their dugouts. It was the "Alamo" all over again.

On 5 May, 2,000 Japanese stormed Corregidor. By the next morning, the thinly held Marine defenses had been broken, Japanese reinforcements poured ashore in spite of fire from Bunker's guns, and tanks had landed. General Jonathan Wainwright, his heart broken, ordered the surrender of 16,000 Americans and Filipinos.

It had been a brutal battle. Men died at their posts or were still fighting when Colonel Bunker lowered the flag. For two weeks the prisoners lived wretchedly in a small area on the south shore. Water, rations, shade, medicine, everything was in short supply but huge flies, so thick that the men almost inhaled them. Bunker was sick, weak from heat and poor rations, tormented by wild rumors—the Allies were in New Guinea, Hitler had fled to Spain, Congress had authorized money for repatriation through Geneva.

On 23 May the Japanese drove the prisoners, beating slow ones, to transports. The next day they waded ashore and formed up on Manila's Dewey Boulevard. The going was rough for everyone, but especially for Bunker who was too weak to carry even a few possessions. He stepped off with nothing but the clothes on his back.

The aging Colonel soon collapsed. Japanese guards prodded him to get up; he damned them and defied them to shoot him. Instead, they showed pity, found ice to relieve his suffering, and loaded him on a truck for Old Bilibad Prison. There, General Moore and others treated him tenderly, and Bunker must indeed have been grateful: he even had a kind word for some Navy officers. It was no wonder he collapsed—he had lost forty-four pounds since 7 December.

He would lose more weight, of course, for the daily diet of a few handfuls of rice, perhaps a "speck" of caraboo gristle, or thin onion (?) soup, was not enough to sustain any man. Time was a heavy burden, and Colonel Bunker bemoaned the loss of his books, the genealogy—forty years work "down the drain." Suffering from "Guam blisters," it was a "dog's life," but every day was precious. How many remained; how he begrudged the lost time he might have spent with Landon, his wife. Still, he had not given up hope: based on careful calculation, Bunker wrote that the government owed him $8,800 for personal property lost to enemy action. He also found an excellent book, Cronin's *Keys of the Kingdom*, and thoughts of loved ones eating melons back home was "sumpin to live for." But did Landon even know he was alive?

He had heard of countless prisoners dying of dysentary and other diseases in the camps. "What barbarity." Then, thanks to a Filipino's kindness, the despairing Bunker came to possess "one inch" of gin. He shared it with friends, 1 & ¾ spoonfuls each. "We said 'How'! It was bum gin, but it helped a bit, I fancy."

On 11 July, Bunker was moved to Camp Tarlac, but the food was no better, the insects no less numerous. His health was still a concern, and camp deaths weakened morale. While reading Spengler's cheery *Decline of the West*, he learned that Colonel Edwin Barry had died of infections.

Barry's friends placed his shrunken body in a "box" made of boards from a latrine. A solitary orchid in a beer bottle was the single pitiful amenity as the truck bore his remains from camp. "It was all dispiriting, to see how sordid a military funeral can be, and how ignominiously a U.S. officer can pass out." Bunker may have seen himself in that box, but he and his comrades gathered on Sunday to sing hymns and "God Bless America." It brought a lump to the old warrior's throat. So too did the shocking news that he was being moved to Formosa. Emotions ran high for Bunker and 500 other prisoners at leaving the Philippines, and they hoped they would not encounter an American submarine.

His new quarters were roomy and clean. Large bath tubs cheered the men, and on their first night there was a decent soup and good bread. With his few possessions and the precious diary, Bunker assembled his "3 section cupboard" and walked about the camp for exercise.

The men were kept busy. Colonel Bunker was a food carrier and later the camp librarian. Also, in spite of protests, the colonels scrubbed their quarters each day and stood latrine duty, checking users in and out around the clock. Soon his health deteriorated: his ankles swelled, "Guam blisters" soaked his shirts with pus. There was, however, a promise of pay, which would enable the men to purchase bananas, tea, cigarettes. There was even talk of raising chickens and pigs to augment their meager rations. The Japanese would steal much of this, but the news was encouraging.

Bunker, however, was very upset by the behavior of many men. Some enlisted men were "scoundrels," fat from working in the kitchens, but fellow officers shamed him even more. Some were obsequious toward the enemy; others were thieves. Imprisonment had done nothing for such "officers and gentlemen." Bunker lived by a strict honor code and generals were not excepted: some were "too scared to kick" about reduced rations, one was a "milk and water appeaser." Still, he made do. He was cheered by the arrival of cigarettes, "scags." They were so short that each amounted to only a single puff, but it was something, as long as you didn't burn your nose lighting one.

Bunker was also pleased with the presence of snails in camp. While tasteless, they added something to the ever "skimpier" rations, and Bunker took pleasure in cataloguing the shells. Eventually though, his snail forays gained attention and soon the starving men had eaten them all.

Bunker's weight loss continued, his teeth were bad, and he was grimly amused when the Japanese "suggested" that prisoners make out wills. The "Japs" could literally see how successful they were in "starving us to death." One night he had to visit the latrine three times: "Hell of a life when remarks like that are noteworthy; it just shows how empty our lives are."

Bunker's diary entries grew shorter. Rations and "scags" diminished. His swollen legs worsened; his muscles vanished. He grew weaker each day, often missing "bango," or roll call. He weighed only 158 pounds, his weight as a fourteen year old. He continued to read, to study Japanese and Spanish, and to write to Landon, never knowing if his letters were mailed. "A beautiful full moon tonight. I wonder if Landon noticed it and, if so, what she is thinking."

With the war one year old on 8 De-

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cember 1942, Colonel Bunker had been a prisoner for seven months and two days. The "Japs" seemed less cocky now, and in a conversation with a guard, Bunker suggested that he would soon be an American prisoner. Bunker would never live to see that day, the guard retorted.

Christmas, with thoughts of home, loved ones, was a "hollow mockery." The new year was no better: midnight found him in the latrine where he exchanged a sordonic greeting with some "Limeys." At sixty-one years of age, the cold chilled him to the bone, and numerous shirts gave neither warmth nor comfort.

There was little to live for. The "Japs" reported the arrival of mail but cruelly failed to deliver it. He felt "rottener and rottener," and when a Japanese officer hit him on the buttocks with his sword, Bunker felt the indignity painfully. The next day he reported to the hospital.

When the war began, Colonel Paul D. Bunker was a sturdy 220 pounder. The tall, two-time All American football player was legendary for his strength, but the cruel deprivations of captivity took their toll. By January 1943 he weighed no more than 150 pounds and grudgingly admitted that he was "weak as a cat." His hand was unsteady. Aching hunger and disease were his dreadful companions, causing swelling and the virtual disappearance of all muscle structure: he could encircle his arm above the bicep with his thumb and finger. Silently furious with the "Nips," Bunker wrote that he was being "slowly murdered." By late February, swelling and constant diarrhea had reduced him to virtual immobility, but he revealed an indomitable will: on the eve of Washington's birthday, he lay awake "planning on things I shall do when I see Landon again—and things I want to bring her as presents—including pearls."

Pain gripped his body, but he continued his diary with hands so swollen that they looked like "bags of suet." An inveterate smoker, he now refrained; it was easy "when the painful results are so prompt." A touch of the doctor's hoarded milk made Sunday, 28 February "a fine day all day" and lifted the "old morale" a bit, but relief was fleeting. Feverish, coughing raggedly, panting for air, the Colonel ended his March 1 commentary: "the night is such a nightmare! It creeps along."

It was his last entry. Colonel Paul Delmont Bunker died on 16 March 1943 of pneumonia and uremic poisoning. His comrades called it murder. On the morning of 18 March the urn containing his ashes was buried as Colonel Louis J. Bowler read the Episcopal service. Generals Jonathan M. Wainwright, George F. Moore, Percival of Great Britain and Ter-Porten of Holland rendered the hand salute and retired. Other officers present paid a similar last tribute. Finally, the Japanese officer in command stepped forward, uncovered, and bowed very low.

An anonymous report describing the Colonel's death and burial concluded with a bit of verse copied from Bunker's diary:

Cut off from the land that bore us,
Betrayed by the land we find,
The brightest have gone before us
The dullest are left behind:—
So stand to your glasses steady
They're all you have left to prize;
Here's a cup to the dead already.
Hurrah for the next who dies.

Colonel Paul D. Bunker was a professional soldier of distinction who gave his life for his country. "Duty, Honor, Country" was not simply a matter of words. For him it was a credo, a faith to order one's life. West Point and his country should be proud of him, of all the Bunkers, whatever be their names, past, present and future.

Gavin

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research firm of Arthur D. Little and by 1960 he was president of the company.

Then in 1961, at the personal request of President Kennedy, General Gavin became Ambassador to France. In that capacity he helped unthaw that frozen state of relations between the United States and De Gaulle's France. During this experience he developed arguments against militarization of foreign policy and the lack of creative thinking in the State Department. After several years, Gavin returned again to guide the successful fortunes of Arthur D. Little. His last year as Board Chairman was 1976.

In the early 1960s Gavin foresaw the danger to the United States of involvement in Vietnam. At first—and continuously—opposing intervention, he urged that the United States adopt his controversial proposals for the enclave strategy. The increasingly powerful role of the Defense Department in determining American policy toward Southeast Asia confirmed Gavin's belief that American foreign policy should be demilitarized.

Those are the main events in the career of James M. Gavin as Biggs the biographer sees it. For the most part this is an uncritical, almost adoring biography. There is little analysis, except as it may be found in lengthy quotes from Gavin's correspondence, testimony, books, and interviews between Gavin and Biggs. There is consequently less criticism of the general and his actions, motives, books. Such as it is may also be found in lengthy quotes from Gavin's contemporaries, some of whom were critics, some of whom were not so much critics but men in positions of responsibility who ultimately proceeded along quite different lines from initial views similar to Gavin's about the state of the nation's defenses and the policies of the Administration.

Perhaps General Gavin had few failings. Certainly he was viewed as "spoiled" by some who thought his actions in Washington, where he was assigned after he had been a general officer for some years with no prior experience there, and where for the first time in his career he was thwarted significantly in what he wanted to achieve, whether it was for "Jumping Jim" Gavin or for the Army. Little consideration seems to be given by Biggs to such considerations as Gavin's own relative lack of experience in the fiscal and political realities of the Washington environment and what effect this might have had on Gavin's attitudes and approaches. Although Biggs had extensive access to Gavin, such a question seems not to have assumed any significance in the preparation of the final book.

Students of military history will find the treatment of the World War II period disappointing. Although the material on Gavin's personal actions as commander of the 505th Parachute Regiment is sketchy, the context in which those actions occurs is even more so. Thus the reader comes away with a few anecdotes, but little feeling for the battles or campaigns. The same is true of the remainder of Gavin's World War II career, especially the Nijmegen and Graves Bridges action during *Market Garden* and the role that Gavin played in the early hours and days of the Battle of the Bulge.

Similarly, while Gavin was experimenting with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg following the war, did he have any particular feelings about the too rapid demobilization of the army that was taking place? He might at least have had an opinion on that subject. Some indication of how strongly Gavin felt and how that might have affected his later actions would have been a significant addition to this biography. There are some hints, but no solid connections.

Biggs does us all a service by examining the whole controversy surrounding Gavin's retirement, highlighting the role that Lyndon Johnson played in precipitating the affair for the Texas Senator's own political advantage, and laying to rest most of the accusation that Gavin was a "spoiled general" bargaining for another war. Biggs is not too certain, however, how candid General Gavin had been through parts of this, at least when viewed in retrospect. Still, the bulk of the evidence indicates that Gavin did retire out of principle and not for any negotiating ploy with the Army Chief of Staff over promotions. What we do not have a clear judgment on is whether or not that retirement was for the best interests of the Army and the nation —and perhaps we never can.

That this biography approaches hagiolatry is not necessarily bad. In a determinedly unheroic, even aheroic age, it is a pleasure to note that some men resist banality and cling to their heroes. It is an even greater pleasure to note that there is a press willing to publish such stuff. Despite the critical comment in parts of this review, I am glad to see this biography published. Although Gavin deserved a better biographer, all of us who have worn the uniform of the United States Army can be proud that we have had a leader of General Gavin's caliber in our ranks.

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Letters to the Editor

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"In a canvas bag, pound twice as much ice as you think you will need. Make it fine as snow, keep it dry and do not allow it to degenerate into slush.

"In each goblet, put a slightly heaping teaspoonful of granulated sugar, barely cover this with spring water and slightly bruise one mint leaf into this, leaving the spoon in the goblet. Then pour elixir from decanter until the goblets are one-fourth full. Fill the goblets with snowy ice, sprinkling in a small amount of sugar as you fill. Wipe the outside of the goblets dry and embellish copiously with mint.

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"Then comes the important and delicate operation of frosting. By proper manipulation of the spoon, the ingredients are circulated and blended until Nature, wishing to take a further hand and add another of its beautiful phenomena, encrusts the whole in a glistening coat of white frost.

"When all is ready, assemble your guests on the porch or in the garden where the aroma of the juleps will rise Heavenward and make the birds sing. Propose a worthy toast, raise the goblet to your lips, bury your nose in the mint, inhale a deep breath of its fragrance and sip the nectar of the gods.

"Being overcome by thirst, I can write no further. Sincerely,"

Bulletin Board

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Flowers in Cadet Chapel

Persons wishing to place flowers on the altar in the Cadet Chapel in memory of a loved one may do so by contacting Mrs. Edward A. Saunders, Quarters 74A, West Point, NY 10996—914-446-4887.

Daily Tours

Daily tours for prospective USMA candidates began on Monday, 25 August, and will be scheduled until 1 May 1981, Monday-Friday, except for holidays and cadet leave and examination periods. Daily tours are open to any high school student seeking information about West Point as a college choice. Appointments are required two weeks in advance to allow selection of cadet escort and to preclude overcrowding of facilities. Information and appointments can be made by writing to Admissions, ATTN: Daily Tours, West Point, NY 10996 or by calling 914-938-2455 or AUTOVON 688-2455.

Lost Rings Found!

So far in 1980, the Association of Graduates received letters from five different individuals who had located West Point class rings and wished to return them to their owners. One of these rings had been missing for over 10 years! The USMA classes involved ranged from 1934 to 1969, and in all cases the owners were delighted to find their rings.

Notice to all Graduates

Recently a number of Military Academy graduates have received correspondence, identifying them as graduates, from the so-called Military Officers Association. The correspondencce offers a hospital income plan. The Association of Graduates did not provide the so-called Military Officers Association with any addresses and the Association of Graduates knows nothing about that organization.

Corrections—For September 1980 ASSEMBLY

On page 28 of the September ASSEMBLY we stated that USMA lost 8.8% males and 13.8% females up to 30 July 1980 in Beast Barracks vs 5.9% and 4.7% last year. The figures should be reversed. The losses this year were very low.

Also on page 18 in article, "Graduation 1980," we indicated in the branch assignments that one woman was assigned to the Infantry. This is an error as none was assigned to the Infantry. A further check revealed that four were assigned to Transportation rather than 2, and 6 were assigned to Military Intelligence rather than 7.

We regret these errors but we are glad our graduates are reading ASSEMBLY.

News from the Societies

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pay dividends for our Alma Mater. This program should enable us to provide real assistance to West Point at a time when it needs support."—Wilson

West Point Society of Chicago

Our Society led a contingent of approximately 750 graduates, parents, cadets and many friends to South Bend, Indiana, for the foray against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The day began bright and early in Chicago where buses were spotted in various suburbs to pick up our people. En route to South Bend we enjoyed catered breakfasts, coffee and other liquid, "eye opener" refreshments. Major John Howe, the head of the Rabble Rousers, was our guest and came prepared with signs and many, many "12th MAN CAN Cans." The assault forces landed at the ROTC Building in South Bend at 11:00 a.m. just in time for a pep rally with the full Rabble Rouser contingent, the USMA Band (courtesy of pre-recorded tapes) and the Commandant leading the cheers. What a lovely sight to see amongst the splendor and panorama of the Golden Dome and "Touch Down Jesus" the West Point Society of Chicago along with representatives from West Point Societies from Dayton, Cleveland, Detroit, Lower Michigan, Indianapolis, Northern Indiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky. Following the pep rally, we enjoyed a delightful buffet lunch in preparation for the football game.

We then marched "en masse" through the Notre Dame Student Quadrangle to the game where we watched Army give Notre Dame a very good battle, especially in the interior line. Although the score did not indicate, there was no doubt in our minds that Army came to play and fought a hard, tough battle in comparison to previous years where the desire simply was not there. Our guys gave up approximately 40 lbs. per man in the interior line, but it was very evident that Notre Dame's 3 or 4 defensive All American's can be handled by smaller, aggressive, hard-hitting offensive linemen.

Following the game, we retired to the ROTC parking lot where the tailgate festivities continued. About 6:00 p.m. we reloaded the buses and went to downtown South Bend at the new, very impressive Century Center where we held a Benny Haven's Hour (actually 2 hours) prior to our buffet dinner. It was very interesting to see our relatively large group actually being a relatively small group in this huge Century Center where Notre Dame had three gigantic parties going on. The evening was capped with a stirring, impromptu talk by the Superintendent. Following General Goodpaster's remarks and a few cheers by the Rabble Rousers, no one wanted to go home but it was time to reload the buses. The day was capped with singing and socializing on the buses returning to Chicago. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to a great Army/Navy football game.

Our next event is the Army/Navy football game, which we will again have televised on large screen TV at the Elmhurst Country Club. It is our turn to host the Swabbies and, as usual, we expect a turnout of 2 or 3 times their number. We will be rehearsing our songs this time since they always come with a contingent of 5 ex-Glee Club members who seem to know every song that the U.S. Navy ever sang plus some. Mel and Marion Laundry are coordinating this event.

Preparations continue for the visit by the Glee Club in February. Paul Kessenich is making the arrangements for several public appearances as well as an appearance by the Glee Club for our Society members and their friends. Paul still has one or two openings on the weekend of Februry 14th for public groups. If anyone is interested, they should call Paul directly at 312-323-8835.—Coll

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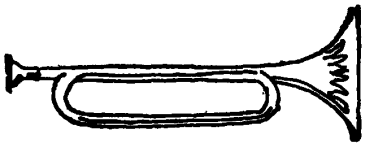

REPORT

. . . from the classes

'09

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Alas, the ranks of Old '09'ers is now diminishing with much too much frequency, the latest to be called to report to the Supreme Commander of us all being our beloved **"Bill" Simpson** of TX on the early morning of Fri, 15 Aug 80 at Brooke Gen Hosp in San Ant, TX. He was 92 yrs of age. Bill was one of your scribe's very best friends and had it not been through his efforts, your scribe, himself, would not have been able to enter Brooke in 79. There was scarcely a day while a patient in Brooke that Bill and his charming wife, "Kay," did not come to see him. Bill's death reduces the surviving members of our class to 7.

The last news received from **Bert Farman** was in the early part of last Jul. He and his wife were back in their home in the lovely highlands of the Hudson across from WP. However, Bert indicated that they may go away again late this fall to some place where living is less complicated. Bert, like your scribe, is in his nineties.

Krogstad is still in his home up in the mountains of TN but a bachelor son is looking after him. Nevertheless, he wrote your scribe a very legible and newsy letter last Jul. Krog owns 1½ acres of choice timberland right along the 18th fairway of the local country club. He used to play golf there and in England, but alas, no more. Krog firmly believes, and also practices, the theory that—no matter how old you get, if you have and practice a good sense of humor you'll have a panacea for all your troubles.

Fordyce Perego had not much news from down New Orleans way except for some eye trouble as a result of a cataract operation a while back—on both of his eyes. Otherwise, said he, everything is going along O.K.

News came from **Carlin Stokely** last Aug, but not much. News or not, it always is morale building to hear from him and to feel he is going strong in his present location: B-814, 1715 Belleview Ave., Richmond, VA.

"Peep" Reed's and his wife's last letter is dated 12 Mar 80. We all hope he is, and his wife, enjoying their new home at Syracuse Terrace in Nashville, TN, as much now as he did 6 months ago when he wrote last.

Smooth Van Deusen sent in a postal saying that he, too, is suffering from arthritis and fighting the curse of it. Unfortunately, it has slowed down his activities a lot and forced him to quit his golf entirely. But he is "game" and gets about all he can in spite of it. Best wishes, Smooth, from all us '09'ers and the wish that as time goes on things will get much better.

Several classmates have written and otherwise indicated that they thought it was high time that the scribe of '09 should mention in these "Notes" for the record, if nothing else, that on 12 Apr 80, he married **Irene Ord**, our classmate's widow, (Sunny Jim, and later a MG) of 1909.

In his wildest dreams your scribe never suspected that any woman would ever marry an old crock of his years, but again, it seems, fact is stranger than fiction, and the event actually did occur here in Atlanta and she changed her home from living in DC to living with me in my home here in Atlanta. As things have turned out, your scribe can truthfully state he doesn't know how he ever got on alone as long as he did without her.

DISTAFF NOTES

The only reply to several notes sent out to our distaff members is one just received by phone from **Tony Goetz** from her home at 636 Steamboat Rd, Greenwich, CT 06830. Tony went abroad again last summer after the sudden death of her youngest daughter, Mrs. "Kit" Goetz McGinley in FL last spring. Our Class expresses its sincerest sympathy to Tony. To assuage her grief as much as possible, Tony went to Europe for about a month last summer—first, to take in the Passion Play at Oberammergau, then to Baden Baden in Germany for a while—one of her favorite spots on the Continent.

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

the March issue by — 2 Jan 81
the June issue by — 30 March

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.

'10

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Some may feel that the news of the 1980 reunion in ASSEMBLY and elsewhere has already been sufficient to satisfy every desire, but to those who celebrated their 70th, some further comment may be justified. Certainly those who made it to a 70th have reason to be thankful; **Strong** and I echo that sentiment. We had been encouraged by the report of the three of 1909 who were there in 1979; we advise 1911 and following classes that a 70th presents opportunity for unusual gratification.

Presence of a cadet grandson at the Class dinner will not always be possible as it was in our case, but such an example of family tradition is heart-warming. A letter from **Hortense Brigham Chapman** regarding her grandson's presence at our dinner has been gratefully received, as were the flowers sent for the occasion.

Sometime ago these notes referred to **Kay Lewis** as a resident of Distaff Hall in Washington; it was not intended to imply that she was our representative there; Mrs. **Fred Clute (Spec) Wallace** is also at that fine home.

As these notes are written and Oct approaches, the round of the winter's Army gatherings begins. See you there!

'15

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TAPS: For **Howard Donnelly.** Howard passed away in San Diego 22 Jun and was interred Ft Rosecrans National Cemetery. Surviving is a son, Howard Jr., and 2 grandchildren to whom the Class extends its sympathy. (Our thanks to Mrs. Fred Nelson Jr. (daughter of **Ed Kelton**) who informed us of Howard's death.

TRAVELOGUE: Mid Aug **Jack & Evelyn Harris** hopped a plane in SC and headed for Boston. We don't know if this move is temporary or permanent but until further notice address them: Hanson Nursing Home, Pleasant St., South Nantick, MA 01760 . . . **Jake Meneely's** 90th Natal Day was celebrated midst of family at Chatham, Cape Cod, and did the welkin ring! Jake was piping Homecoming, accompanied by granddaughter Delia and new hubby. Come Dec and Jake will be at Sea Is, GA, and probably chortling as he reads of Albany's temperatures . . . 10 Sept saw **Det Ellis** headed for SC on his fall checkup of kin and classmates. Bedded down first night Ft Bragg and next morning had an hour's chat with **Doc & Terese White** before continuing on. Stopped at favorite motel, Isle of Pines, just outside Charleston where he was joined by grandson, Tracy Ellis Mulligan, his wife Margaret, and 3 children, and there was cavorting on the beach with Granpaw for a few days. A call to the **Moales** established they were still breathing and warm to the touch and a future Charleston luncheon was arranged. For further developments see next issue.

WHO DAT? In case any of you scanned our Reunion Photo with many a "Who Dat?" we are furnishing the following help for bad eyesight and poor memories: Left to right, 1st Row—**Richards; Aurand; Meneely, Marguerite Gilkeson; Dora Small; Elisa MacDonald; Helen Van Fleet; Van Fleet; Ellis;** Vesta **McDermott,** daughter of John and Vesta. 2d Row—**Bruce Lorch; Virginia Henley; Nan Chapin;** Sandy Simonds, niece of Nan; **Milly Robinson; Hennie Moale; Moale.** 3d Row—Eloise Rippie, daughter of **Bruce Lorch;** Margaret Mulligan, wife of, next, Tracy Ellis Mulligan, grandson of **Ellis; Evans;** Mary Ann Fullilove, daughter of **Swing; Swing.** Top

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Row—Elizabeth Yearing, daughter of **Ethel Hyde**; **Mary Ethel Hyde**; Jinnie Bohlen, daughter of **Virginia Henley**; **Peabody**.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Omar Bradley**, who, in the month of Sept, reached the 30th Anniv of his appointment as General of the Army! A First and a record none of us will live to see broken.

WARNING: 'Tis said that soon postal rates will rise so why not beat the jump with a newsy letter to us? It still follows that small input by you means small output by weuns.

So long for now.

'16

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Bill Hoge, our illustrious 4-Star Classmate, who died 29 Oct 79 will be memorialized in a later ASSEMBLY obituary by his sons George '45 and Bill '41. It will include the following statement by **Tom Finley**.

"In my opinion **Bill Hoge's** service in War and Peace has been unequalled by anyone in the Army in its diversity, the challenges it posed, and the value to the Service and the Country. He has known so many people and influenced so many lives, both civilian and military . . . I can say it, and not just as an old and dear friend, that he was the best man I have ever known, the best soldier."

Tom Finley's grandson Bruce has just entered Stanford U. as a freshman. He was valedictorian of his H. S. class of 430 and a crack soccer player.

Bobby O'Hare gave a lovely party in her aptmt home in DC. All the local class of '16 were present. **Ferdie Gallagher's** 89th birthday was honored with a champagne toast and we all enjoyed the luncheon in the dining room.

Madeleine Sharrar invited us all to her garden party art exhibition for her students at Guilford, CT. Keep up the good work, Madeleine—you're wonderful.

Cramp & Harriet Jones have had a wearing year. Twice Harriet was critically ill with thrombo-embolism in Nov and a gastric ulcer in Jul when she almost bled to death. To the eight blood donors she wrote, and it was published in the local newspaper, "Every night, in my prayers I ask God to bless eight people, who forever will be unknown to me. I do not know their names, ages, sex, race or creed. I do know that each went to a Blood Bank and donated a pint of rich, red, precious blood. This gallon of priceless fluid saved my life on 26 Jun. I wish I could say to each of them 'Thank you, thank you for my life.' "

Harriet and Cramp are resuming a limited social life, both using canes, but enjoying many friends in the area.

Read **Bob Whitson's** description of what happened in the San Ant area this summer—

"No doubt you've read of the heat wave we've had in TX, one so severe as to cause the death of a number of people. Since my ret I've lived in San Ant for 35 years and have never before experienced such a summer. Last year we never had a day when the temperature reached 100°. Last Jul we had 20 days of 100 or more, the highest being 105°. Of the remaining 11 days one was 97° and the rest 98° or 99°! In Aug we had one day of 100°. When Hurricane Allen came along it brought destruction to some and relief to others. For awhile, it appeared that the main force of this hurricane would hit Corpus Christi. Because she wanted no part of it **Joan Newgarden** hit the road to San Ant where she remained until all danger was past. The main force hit 100 and some miles south of Corpus, and that city suffered minor damage.

"I have a wonderful fig tree in my back yard and, until this year, had a bountiful crop of figs to share with neighbors and friends. This year however, because of the extreme heat and lack of rain, the crop was a fizzle and the few figs we got were only about a third of the normal size!

"**Bill Spence** reports that although he is experiencing some foot trouble he is still able to walk his dog and to play a game of golf once or twice a week. His better half, Boots, is still quite active in her many interests. They are fortunate in having children and grandchildren living in San Ant.

"Our two remaining widows, **Fluerette Rinearson** and **Fannie Tully**, although having nothing special to report, remain reasonably well and happy.

"Having recently celebrated my 89th birthday I'm beginning to feel the weight of my years. My doctor tells me, however, that most of this weight is due to worry and not to years. But nobody tells me how to avoid worry."

"Nell, with her ailments, remains about the same, but we both send our very best wishes to the class."

Charles A. Hoskins has been feeling better than usual this summer, but his wife Mabelle has shown little improvement.

Now is the time to make plans for our 65th WP Reunion. There are 24 of us still on the list. How many of us will be on hand? We hope the widows will join us. Arrangements are under way and we will soon be receiving them. So get your health together and let's all go to the Point.

We particularly want to see the seven class members who reach their 90th year in 1981. They are **Blankenship, Gallagher, Martin, Patterson, Pickering, Whitson** and **Woodward**.

Stan & Mary Scott had a grand family celebration of their 63d wedding anniv in their home in Aug. All their children and grandchildren (less one newspaper man in Rome) were present.

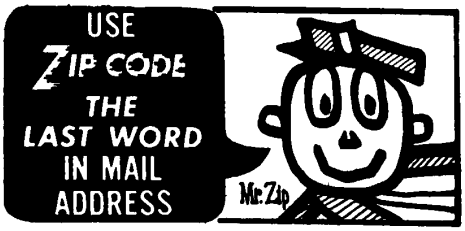
Bob & Eve McBride have invited the Class of '16 to their home to celebrate the 1980 contest of the Army-Navy game which inspires so many memories of things past and yet to come. They plan to spend Oct in DC visiting with family and friends.

Laura Johns reports that she is well and busy with her many projects and enjoys the visiting and nearness of Betty and Dwight Jr. Laura and her sister, Mary Sentry, from WI, attended a beautiful wedding of their grand niece held in Sacramento.

Blanche & Roland Shugg are well and enthusiastic in their lovely home by Lake Merritt.

Helen and **Woody** have just returned from their usual three months stay in the Tetons. Helen's son, Doug Inglis, and his family visited during the summer. Helen and Woody returned home via Seattle and a visit with Helen's daughter Barbara who was recuperating from an injury.

Virginia Doney keeps busy with DAR and her vineyard and this year reports a good crop and keeps her fingers crossed that no rain will surprise before the harvest of the beautiful Zinfandel grapes.



APR '17

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As you may have noticed on p. 24 of the Sept ASSEMBLY, the 2d room on the 2d floor of the old 1st Div has been restored to exactly the way it was about 1916, when it was occupied by our classmates **Stuart Hoover** and **C.D. Lewis**. In response to a request for items of that period to put in the room, **Fred Irving** donated his old F.D. coat.

While Fred was in Pittsburgh for the reunion of his old div, he telephoned the **Ridgways**. Matt was away, but Fred talked with Penny and urged that she and Matt come to our Nov 5 luncheon.

A letter was received from Peggy (Mrs. Gordon) Hutchins, daughter of our classmate **Harry Pierce**, asking about the origin of the sterling '17 tea service she has inherited. She wrote, "Someone told me that such a tea set . . . was made from the napkin rings of that class and given to the first to be married," but she knew that couldn't be true. Her dad and mother were married the day after graduation. The letter came to **Fred Irving**, who wrote Mrs. Hutchins and explained the origin of the tea service. He also told her that the class contributed either napkin rings or cash to pay for the Class cup for the first classmate to be married. Mrs. Hutchins wrote, "The tea set has been a great pleasure over the years. Not only did Dad and Mother enjoy it, but my family as well. My husband was post chaplain at the Point 60-64, and it was the best assignment 'we' ever had." Mrs. Hutchins' address is 92 School St, Gardner, MA 01440.

AUG '17

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Your scribe confesses an egregious error. He had completed **Honus Wagner's** obit for ASSEMBLY before sending in his Notes for the Sept issue: then he failed to put the news in those Notes. Emmalene and Honus had to end their winter in FL and go back to Athens. Honus went into the hospital and died there on 4 April. He was taken to Martinsburg for burial in the cemetery of the church of which he had been for years vestryman and treasurer. It was a shock to your scribe as well as to all who had known him well. He was generous, kind and lovable.

Henry Gantt wrote on 11 Jul that he was nearly back to normal, still harboring a crushed vertebra and a bent back. By bracing as he did when a plebe, he is improving his posture. He gave up tennis on his 85th birthday but still keeps busy.

Georgie Graham reports pleasure in her new home. With her wonderful disposition, she makes friends wherever she is. **Georgie Whitelegg** has moved to 324 S. Main St, Highland Falls. The other occupants make her

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feel one of the family. **Tina Rising** is in her new house at 108 Tollgate Way, Falls Church, VA 22046 and delights in having a home of her very own. The **Rolfes** have made a short move—to 1111 S. Lakemont Dr in Winter Park. They find the surroundings and the people most congenial.

Doc Faust claims his health has deteriorated but he still writes a fine letter. He will be here for our 2d mini-reunion 11 Oct. New French law says he must pay income tax if he is in France over 6 months, so Doc won't go back until Nov.

Llew and Elaine Griffith plan to combine the mini-reunion with a visit to their grandson in the Corps. They are 2 of the busiest people around—DAR, SAR, and lots more.

Jack Bellinger got down to 101 pounds and Margaret lost weight in the effort she expended getting him up to 106. **Loessa Coffey** caught her heel, fell and broke her arm. She has had a rough time and had to call off her trip to Minnesota to see John and his family. But she's still cheerful. **Miriam & Leo Conner** fled from the heat to their son-in-law's and daughter's basha in the hills. **Lois Stamps** weathered the summer with a 21-year-old air conditioner.

The **Hasbroucks'** daughter and family came over for a month-long visit. Their son-in-law took the 2 boys to Hilton Head for 10 days. **Dorothe Matlack** interrupted her busy schedule to run out to Beaver, PA, for the wedding of her eldest grandson, Joe. She is also rejoicing in the birth of a great-granddaughter in Germany, Heather Holly Hughes.

We are hoping for a successful 2d mini-reunion on 11 Oct. **Jim Hea** is coming from the West Coast and that should spur **Mickey and Peggy Kernan** to put in an appearance. **Horace and Mary Harding** will be here at that time. Of course nearby locals such as **Hi Ely** and the **Gerhardts** have already said yes. What makes the occasion most pleasant is the presence of the 2d generation. There are about a score of them and all who have been approached so far have shown enthusiasm for coming. They are all lovely people and a credit to our Class.

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Norma Axelson writes quite often. Her life style at Carl Vinson Hall is far from being monotonous. **Eve Blanchard** has started bowling. She and Charlie really enjoyed their pool in San Ant during that very, very hot and dry summer.

On last 23 Sept, a GEN **Lucius D. Clay** gold medal was presented to his widow, Marjorie, at a private ceremony at the CV Hall, McLean, VA. The medal, sponsored by The Federation of German-American Clubs of Germany, was awarded for GEN Clay's outstanding efforts to improve German-American relations after WW II. The medal will be awarded each year to the person who best exemplifies the aim of the clubs to foster understanding between nations.

Steve and I enjoyed having all of our family with us last Aug for an early celebration of our 50th wedding anniv. Son Tom and family came from Glendale, AZ; daughter Ruth from Edmonton, Canada.

Charlie Hoffman's garden suffered from the hot and dry summer so he just let the vegetables cook on the vine—a new method! No

Jun '18: Miley family reunion.

more waterfowl hunting for Charlie. Now he enjoys having the bolder mallards eat out of his hand.

Connie Jadwin, lame because of an ailing hip, has disposed of a part of his herd of Black Angus cattle, leaving 75! Being a gentleman farmer, he has 2 men to do the work.

Dick McKee phoned in order to meet my deadline. Good news—both well!

The photo shows **Fenie & Bud Miley** (sitting in the middle), and their family at their reunion in Starkville, MS, early last summer. Jr. is at Fenie's right with his daughter on his lap. John David is next to Bud. One of John's daughters is sitting on his knee and his other two daughters and his son complete the group, a very handsome group. John David graduated with the Class of '46. He had great-great grandfathers in the Classes of 1823 and 1827. His great grandfather was in the Class of 1861. His grandfather was in the 1887 class. His father—Jun '18. That is quite a record as the Genealogical Succession in the 1980 REGISTER shows. In due time, mothers, grandmothers, etc., will also be listed!

Murray Neilson reported: lots of heat but very low humidity last summer; like lizards, people out there walk in the shade; but in winter, the sun of Sun City, AZ, is most enjoyable.

Millie Pichel and Richard will spend the Xmas holidays afloat on a Royal Viking cruise to the South Pacific. No scramble for luggage at airports, says she.

Bee Rundell visited her sister Dorothy in Poughkeepsie in Sept. Steve and I enjoyed seeing them on their trip to WP. Bee is not afraid of the volcano as she lives nearly 200 miles east of it. We gave her some green tomatoes to ripen way out there in Walla Walla.

NOV '18

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At long last after many efforts by many classmates we have obtained a record of our only lost classmate, **Claude D. Anderson.** After searching many phone directories and trying postoffices, the IRS, Social Security, Bureau of the Census and his former employers and neighbors, the Veteran's Bureau gave us the information. Claude died in Memphis, his home, 6 April 1953 and was buried there in the Memorial Park Cemetery. His wife Edie died there on 23 Sept 1958 and was buried with Claude.

The Washington group always have a gathering on 1 Nov the anniversary of their graduation, this year it was their 62d. Many from outside the area attend, not only classmates and wives and widows but children and friends. It was a luncheon at Ft Myer and a very pleasant occasion.

Hugh Palmer lost his wife Dorothy on 2 Jul 80 which after 53 years of a very happy marriage has been an awful blow to him. Before her death, being very appreciative of the care she had received at the Ft Devens Hospital and at Letterman, she gave to the Ft Devens Museum a fine 16th Century Flemish tapestry, 11 by 15½ feet. It was drawn from Livy's Roman History and depicts the sacking of a town. The larger than life size figures show the commander on a handsomely caparisoned horse, rearing high, while a groom with bridle in hand is attempting to hold the steed in check. The interesting border is of vignettes of camp life, of flowers and of fruits.

In Aug **Chuck Gildart** visited son Charles Jr., in Burnsville, MN, and daughter Ruth in Ridgefield, CT. Draper Lewis, Ruth's husband, is a Chase Manhattan 2d VP. Charles Jr. ('51) is an engr with UNIVAC. Five of Chuck's 6 grandchildren have graduated from universities or are currently under graduates.

Melba Conrad (V.J.) has recovered nicely from a bad fall suffered this year. She is the deservedly proud grandmother of Melissa Monroe who graduated with honors from Yale and now attends Stanford earning her Master's degree.

Mendenhall, Morrison and **Gildart** got together for lawn bowling at Newport Beach last Jul while Chuck was an overnight guest of Charley's. Inspection or ret living facilities was on the agenda. **Dean Dickey** rides his bike every day, walks, swims and does some calisthentics which he says is easy to do in his salubrious climate 90% of the time. **Al Riani** and Eleanor feel they have contributed their share to the medical profession in the past and are now in pretty fair condition.

Dick Ericson wrote, "I have been in Nashville for a couple of weeks at the home of my son Eric who is in the advertising business there. We were joined by my other son who is on home leave from his post as Ambassador to Iceland. My brother, a ret airline pilot also showed up from his home in FL along with 6 of my grandchildren and 3 great-grandees. It was quite a gathering and did my heart good. **Mac (Monroe)** held the fort up here on the hill while I was gone. He's in good shape as always and was looking forward to the visit from his daughter Barbara at Thanksgiving." **Count Gorlinski** is now fine after being grounded for some time as Mary had to be hospitalized for some spinal surgery but she is now walking and driving. **Lark Gilland** had some major shop work done at Letterman. A cataract removal with lens implant and a pace-maker installed, both came out very well. Unfortunately a biopsy was also involved in which an accident produced some bad side effects which required considerable attention and care. Lark says all is slowly coming back and he also says that Corrine is doing very well. When **Frank Bowman** was P.S.ing Lucy during our cadet days, Lucy kept a good diary, 1916-1925. She searched it and found many entries which helped resolve and recall class activities. And some old notes of **Lem Popes** which Alice looked up on the same subjects also were helpful. Gravity seems to be the worst enemy of the class. **Kathleen Epes** had a bad fall also which resulted in a fractured fore arm and a sprained wrist. **Paul Kendall** came down with pneumonia in Jul and it was

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serious. He rallied but has not reached his former strength yet. In Sept Ruth was hospitalized with a threat of pneumonia but doing well now.

Dorothy & Elmer Barnes were kept busy with weddings for 3 of their 5 grandchildren, one in Jun, one in Sept, and one in Nov. The oldest great-grandchild is a teen ager which is living proof, as Elmer says, that we are as old as the calendar says. Also, "the doctors are finding more and more things wrong with me but Dodie is bouncing around as usual." **Bill Blair** was busier than ever last summer trying to stay even with the many jobs needing doing. His business in Sterling and his ranch in Victoria are demandng more time than the calendar provides. He and **Chief Brimmer** are hoping that the coming winter will be easier than last years which averaged 10 feet of snow and Chief has a corner lot. **Lee Gray** has had no ash in Seattle from Mt. St. Helens. He says he's feeling better now than he has in a long time.

Just as **Barbara & Hal Cocke** were ready to go to CA Hal said he felt a little run down. The doctors on checking him wouldn't even let him go home, they put him in the hospital at once and did some major surgery. He was there 3 weeks and then home with nurses for 2 more. He is now getting to his office daily but must rest a lot. **Carolyn & Jim Christiansen** seem to be quite happy in their AF Village apartment in San Ant. They made a quick trip back to Columbus and picked up more furniture for it. A new great-granddaughter arrived giving them their 8th, 4 boys and 4 girls. **Jim Styron's** area had the country's record for heat one day last summer, 116 degrees. It stopped his daily walks. **Corp & Mary Chorpening** were both very busy with TX politics, Mary was a delegate to a State convention and Corp was an alternate delegate. He is quite upset by being given orders by a lady doctor to stop smoking. They spent most of Oct in DC to witness the baptism of their twin granddaughters and where they did the museums and art galleries. **Lella Dunkelberg** also spent several days a week on the TX campaign. She and Dunk are quite well.

The **Trichels** sound very well. In Jul lots of grandchildren visited them and in Aug they visited son Charles' family in Northbrook, IL. **Fitzpatricks** felt at their age they should not be remodeling their home but that is just what they did, it kept their minds on the present and they enjoyed doing it. **Frank Cunningham** had a quick recovery from his cataract surgery and lens implant but vision is not yet back to normal; he still hopes. **Leslies** say there's nothing new, no trips, no slips and no terrors. **Bob York** has been in frail health and the 2 daughters, Mary and Barbara, are keeping him at home as long as they possibly can.

Dorothy Fellers is back in her home after quite a stay in Walter Reed with a fractured hip, but she was unable to attend the very interesting Quaker wedding of her granddaughter in late Jun. **Jimmy Peckham** has been moved into the Wisconsin Avenue Nursing home in DC. She is fairly well, not too strong, and her eye sight is not good.

The **Kit Bakers** spent some time in Germany in the early fall. They missed some of the FL heat which **Marie Stevens** did not enjoy. **Francis Middleton** went back to TX to be with her family but arrived there with typhoon Allen. She was glad to get back to Atlanta in spite of the heat. **Art Pulsifer** went up to Middleton, NY, to visit some of Marie's relatives then out to Colo Spgs to see some old friends. **Eric Molitor** was on the practice range when he overheard 2 youngsters discussing his efforts. One said, "He's a ret army officer." "Oh yeah, Union or Confederate?"

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Dick Ovenshine says that **Merritt Booth**, Class Treas, reports receipts of about $800 in donations and $122 in interest during the last year or so, with expenditures of $200, in memory of our deceased. Net on hand about $3000. Including widows, we now total 197; and at $40 each we would need nearly $8000 to complete our memorial donations. If those who feel so inclined would make a contribution to the Fund before our numbers are further reduced, (and such individuals are strongly encouraged to do so), the Fund would earn more interest. Notes from our bereaved indicate deep appreciation of the memorials from the Class. Donations should be made payable to: Class Fund, USMA 1919, and send to COL **Merritt B. Booth**, 630 Fairhaven Rd, Dunkirk, MD 20754. **Nancy Echols** sold her house in Charlottesville, moved to a rented apt in Reston, VA, (address below), while awaiting an apt in Army Distaff Hall. Her present apt is converting to condominium, so she is deciding whether to buy it or rent some other apt while waiting on Distaff Hall.

Stu Barden sent in a letter from **Ham Young**, and scribe's inquiry brought further information from **Margie Young.** (Ham was in the hosp after a mild heart attack). In Aug Ham and Margie visited Boston where the USS CASSIN YOUNG, (DD 793), is being turned into a museum at the naval base near "Old Ironsides" (USS CONSTITUTION). Some former skippers of CASSIN YOUNG and about 180 former crew members held a reunion; Margie says, however, that Ham seemed to be the star of the show. The destroyer is named for Ham's late brother, of USNA '16, who, on 7 Dec 1941 was cmdr of USS VESTAL, which was moored outboard of ARIZONA at Pearl Harbor. During the Japanese attack the explosion of the forward magazine of ARIZONA blew CPT Young overboard, stunned. Despite this, however, he got back aboard VESTAL, moved his ship to safer waters and beached it to prevent sinking, thus saving his crew and his ship. For this feat he was awarded the congressional MH. On 13 Nov 42, CPT Young was cmdr of SAN FRANCISCO, flagship of ADM Callaghan at the battle of Savo Is. Young Callaghan and most of the latter's staff were killed. Young received the Navy Cross posthumously. Ham is decended from a long line of Navy men on both his father's and his mother's side of the family. USNA turned him down, says Ham, because he had flat feet. Ham is now home after his stay in the hosp, takes walks daily, is doing fine. **David McLean** reports that **Jim Baker** was gravely hurt in an auto accident on 30 Apr and was still in the hosp on 9 Jul. **Maude Twining** says that they plan to move to AF Village at Kelly AFB; they are just waiting for a vacancy to occur. Two recent bright spots for **Wayne Zimmerman**: his dau Betty and husband Tom Cross have moved to Zim's area; and granddau Mary Cross has presented Zim with a great-grandson.

Virgil Shaw reports **Emmett & Ethel Niblack** as fine, about to move to their winter quarters in Biloxi, MS. **Ruth Cookson** is well in Clemson, sorry that changed plans prevented the visit this summer of her son from Brazil. **Mike & Zelma Smith** were pleased with their visit to his home area in TX after an absence of 25 years; they are well. At the time of Virgil's visit, **Hugh & Chellis Waddell** were about to leave their apt with its fine view of Charleston harbor, for a visit to their former home in Southern Pines, NC. Adrienne, wife of **Jim Baker,** says that after a long stay in the hosp Jim moved to a nursing home. His condition is worsening rapidly, and he may not survive much longer, says Virgil. **Duke & Anne Daniel** are well but the hot weather this summer in Nashville was bad. **Philip & Irma Lauben** are well in Clarksville, TN. In Aug **Ike & Allie Finley** moved to Mt Vernon, IL, where she entered the Jeffersonian Nursing Home. Their physician says that they are both holding up well. Ike lives with his dau Ann and her husband, Jack Overstreet, address below. **Frances Jones** lives alone in her home in Auburn, AL, suffers severely from arthritis. She has a cook who prepares meals 5 days a week, leaves prepared food for the weekend. Frances does what she can for herself. **Cele Mickle** is well and able to get about, even travels some. **Virgil Shaw** spent the summer traveling with his grandson, Matthew Abbott, showing him the US, visiting TX, LA, Grand Canyon, CA, OR, many other places, including several states on the East Coast. Virgil visited his 16 grandchildren, except 2 whom he could not find, and all 14 of his great-grandchildren; the odometer registered a trip of over 15,000 miles. Olé, Virgil.

Bunker & Fay Bean have traveled little this summer. Fall plans: to Denver and Colo Spgs, CO, to visit Bunker's son Dick and his family, his granddau and her new husband; to Army-ND game, South Bend, IN, 18 Oct; to Arlington, VA, to visit dau and son-in-law Betty Jean and Rip Young at Thanksgiving. **Virgil Shaw** has taken **Helen's** remains to Arlington, placing the urn in the new columbarium there.

Bob Springer says that **Bobby Gard** watches sports on TV, looks fit enough to enter some of the tennis matches. Whitey has left the wheel chair, uses a cane, a 4-footed de luxe affair. **Melba Noble** awaits the settlement of Chic's will, which is still in litigation. **Emily McNamee** visits Roly daily in the La Jolla nursing home where he is temporarily. She herself is "bright as a dollar" and manages things beautifully, is now struggling ably with Medicare and Mediplus. Another '19 girl we're proud of. **Bob & Rhoda Springer** enjoyed their recent trip to CO, but there was no sign of Pres Ford at Vail, nor, alas and alack, ". . . of the gorgeous blonde who pounced on his lap, (Ford's not Bob's), at the dinner theater on an earlier visit." Bob reports that **Francille Moroney** is remarkable: happy, healthy, plays golf all the time; known as "the best putter in the county," she enjoys untroubled vitality. Her dau Molly lives in San Jose, CA, and son Bill is a superior court judge in Phoenix, AZ. Olé, Francille.

In Jul **George Elms**, feeling "a bit restless" in El Paso—the heat hit 109 deg one day—flew east, visited his dau in NJ, and WP. His granddau Julie flew to Norway where she had a summer scholarship at the Univ of Oslo, planned a European trip after that. George is a very loyal grad and, among other things, has kept contact with some of our WP instrs

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in the El Paso area, such as COL Chilton, sole survivor of his Class, '07, and COL Thomlinson, who died some years ago. Recently Mrs. Thomlinson, a pioneer resident of El Paso for 70 years, died, and George represented our Class in a group who attended the funeral. Thanks, George. This summer, instead of making their usual trip to the Pacific NW, **Ham & Vivian Hamilton** spent 4 months in Chalet Village, elev 8100 feet, near Cloudcroft, NM; Vivian painted many scenes there. Flash floods delayed by several days their return to El Paso. **Effe May Isaacs** reports from Tucson that she was hostess at the wedding reception after the marriage of her granddau Madeleine Hughes and Peter Knaggs. After that Effe May treated herself to "R & R" at the beautiful Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, CA, and enjoyed it immensely. Also, she has had a cataract operation with a lens transplant and is very pleased with the result. **Jack Vance** reports that in Aug **Don Nelson** lost his son Robert, USMA '45. Don has recovered from his own abdominal surgery and is again driving for and assisting the disabled; he plans to visit his grandchildren in NM soon. From the picture window of his apt in Portland, OR, Don has watched the eruptions of Mt. St. Helens, finding them more spectacular than those of Mayon, (Philippines, 1938), Vesuvius, (Italy, 1939), Paricutín, (Mexico, 1949), all of which he had witnessed. **Margaret Rockafellow** will visit friends and relatives in the DC, MD, MN and Canada. Her traveling companion will be Ruth Marron Singer, widow of Bud Marron, USMA '23. **Sandy Sanderson** keeps busy in civic affairs. He and Dot are happy that their son, BG Alfred Lang, USMA '50, has ret and lives near them in Stockton. **Polly & Ed Sebree** were from Olney, IL, and in Jul her family, the Webers, held a reunion there, attended by 354 lineal descendants, "in-laws and out-laws," of whom 25 were the families of the **Sebree** girls: Ibby, (Mrs. Mark Brennan), Marty, (Mrs. Robert McAlister), and Teddy, (Mrs. John Olow). Polly and Ed have 8 grandsons, 6 great-grandsons, 3 granddaus, 2 great-granddaus; housing was provided by 3 motels, 2 campgrounds and a nearby state park. Family groups were identified by colored T-shirts and, avers Jack, there were no idle moments. **Opal Wiliamson** writes from San José that she is still ambulatory, enjoying her 16 great-grandchildren; she sends best wishes to all in '19. **Babe & Ruth Ruth** spent the summer in major maintenance work on their home, hence no travel. Their grandchildren live nearby. **Al Wedemeyer** left the gathering of the Bohemian Club on Russian River abruptly on learning that Dade had a malignant tumor.

Rosalina Kerr made her annual visit to her son Bart, USMA '45, in Orinda, CA. En route she stopped in Dallas and Albuquerque to visit relatives; and in San Fran she dined with **Louise Paquet, Jack & Betty Vance.** Jack reports that he and Betty live a quiet life, are ambulatory and able to drive. **Al Wedemeyer** says that Dade's tumor was removed successfully and that the prognosis is very favorable. Later, with a nurse, she went to VT to visit her 1-year-old great-grandson, "who will be pres some day." We all wish Dade a complete and rapid recovery.

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DEATHS

COL **Francis O. Wood** died 25 Jun 80, in Albuquerque, NM, and was buried in the family plot there. He is survived by his widow, Nina; 2 sons, Francis O. Jr. and Edward E; a dau, Dorothy; and 3 grandsons. Ote was a true friend, a fine officer, an expert bridge player and he was active in helping to found the WP Soc of Albuquerque in the 1950's. Mrs. **Minette V. Speed**, widow of the late COL **Horace Speed Jr.**, died peacefully in her sleep on 5 Jul 80 in Washington, DC. She was buried with Horace in Arlington. She is survived by her son, Horace Speed III, and 2 grandchildren. From 1919, **Dick & Emma Ovenshine, George & Hope Rogers, Marjorie Brannon** and **Dotty Wilson** attended the funeral services. Mr. **Howard A. White** died in Buffalo, NY, 3 Mar 80. A widower, he had no children. He is survived by a brother, COL Robert C. White, USMA 1927. After leaving the Army he spent the rest of his life in the publishing business.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

VITAL STATS

Living grads, 85; missing, 2; deceased, 197; widows, 94.

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With great sadness I report deaths of **Connie White** (TD), **Charles & Vivian Ivins**, and **Bill Tomey.**

Connie White died 12 Jul 80 of leukemia at the Bethesda, MD, Naval Hospital and was buried beside Tommy in Arlington. Like Tommy she was an ardent fisherman. When stationed in Brazil, she was decorated for her contribution to the science of ichthyology and a hitherto unidentified fish was named Cynolebias Constanciae in her honor. When in Japan she took up needlework, ceramics and water coloring; her paintings were later hung in the Smithsonian. For 20 years she was on the Board of DC's House of Mercy, and as Chmn of its Xmas Table Cte, directed its annual Xmas Bazaars. Her last public appearance was 5 Jun 80 when the National Geographic Society presented the GEN **Thomas D. White** AF Trophy to MG John E. Kulpa Jr. '50. Our deepest sympathy to step-dau Rebecca Ann (Mrs. T. Haliburton McCoy) and her loved ones.

1920: Pulchritude and handsomeness at the Shattucks' Golden Wedding Anniversary—5 of their 10 grandchildren.

Charles & Vivian Ivins died together 6 Sept 80 at the Nursing Home of Homestead Manor, FL, a ret community near their son Richard's home. They were inurned in the Arlington Cemetery Columbarium. Attending with family members were **Denson, the Farrells, Hinds, the Holles, Loupret, John Mitchell, Rehm, Samouce** and **Seybold. Eastman** had attended the memorial services in Homestead. Charles had been valiantly surviving a bad heart, bad deafness and inoperable cancer of the pancreas since mid 78; and Vivian suffered severe arthritis and lapses of memory since Thanksgiving 79, and in Jun was placed in the Nursing Home. Charles wrote 26 Jul: "Vivian fell 11 Jun while using a walker, was badly shaken up, lost the use of her legs and was confined to bed . . ." He lived a block away and shared every meal with her. Though philosophical about his own very serious state, he was greatly concerned about hers when the time could come that he could no longer look after her. Their entire 60 years of marriage was one of love and devotion to each other. Their last message to the family was that they consider it "an act not of violence, but as an act of love." Charles had earned a CR in G3 Sect Repl & Sch Comd 42-46 and LM as Ch Cent Exch Yokohama 47-51. They are survived by 2 sons, Richard and Peter (whose happy remarriage early Jun and visit to them with his new family brightened their lives) and by 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 3 step-grandchildren. Our hearts go out to them in their great loss.

Bill Tomey died of pneumonia 10 Sept 80 in the Bay Pines, VA, Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL, after years of illness aggravated by severe arthritis. He survived a major operation in 73 and lingered quite ill after another one 8 Jul 80. Bill served in IRTC 42-43 and on S&F Officers School in France 44-45. He was buried at WP where the **Hasbroucks** and the EC **Johnstons** attended with family members. Survivors are his widow Fern, son USAF COL Bill, son dsbl Ret 1LT Richard, dau Barbara Ann (wife of USAF MAJ P. E. Hoberecht) and 10 grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to them all.

The annual Class Gov Cte elections for 5 of the 10 members resulted in the reelection of **Farrell, Hinds, Holle, Samouce** and **Stratton** to serve for another two years until 30 Sept 82. They were closely contested by **Fisher, Hasbrouck, Kreuter, Routheau** and **Seybold.**

John Mitchell underwent a lung cancer operation at Walter Reed AMC early Jul and was home late Jul taking radiation therapy 5 days/week at Walter Reed. He attended the Sept DC Class luncheon. He and Julia (then on crutches) were real Trojans in attending our 60th Reunion, both knowing of John's upcoming operation.

Al Perwein had a stroke 10 Aug at his son Bob's home in Lemon Cove, CA. The hospital doctor predicted some handicap of left side will remain.

Dan Daniel was operated on 15 Aug for aneurism of the aorta. In intensive care for a week and listed as "serious" he returned home 6 Sept and is recuperating with fine nursing service. **Frank Henning** had been in daily touch with Katie and visited Dan very briefly 18 Sept. He found Dan very weak but in good spirits—as was Katie.

Anne Farrell broke her ankle from a fall on stairs in Jul. Recovered in time for planned 2-week vacation in Sept with Frank in Montreal and Quebec. They are happy their two older granddaus (dau Mary Anne's), Mount Holyoke

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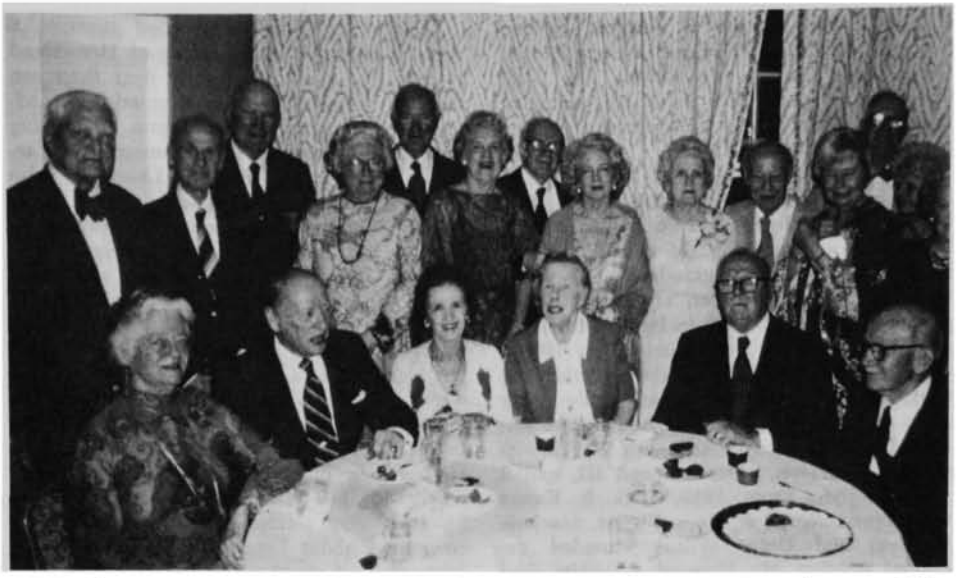

1920: Classmates at the Routheaus' Golden Wedding Anniversary: Seated: Anne Holle, the Hines', Gina Hinds, Stratton, Burns; Standing: Holle, Loupret, Hinds, Selby Stratton, the Farrells, Samouces, Routheau, Shattucks and Margaret Denson (Denny recuperating from eye implant).

and Smith graduates, are now gainfully employed, one in MA and one close by in DC.

Dottie Plank had an accident mid-Aug. Eddie wrote 27 Aug: "2 weeks ago Dottie slipped and tumbled down a flight of 14 steps ending with many bruises, lacerations and a fractured pelvis. With wonderful care at Letterman AMC, she is now home recuperating and the doctors think there will be no residual problems . . ."

Denny Denson is doing well after implant in right eye 26 Aug after left eye implant 1 Apr had healed. He and Margaret enjoyed a reunion at Tide's Inn, VA, with dau-in-law Pat (wife of COL Lee Jr., now at SHAPE in Belgium), granddau Mary Bruce and Pat's mother, widow of MG Armistead D. Mead '24.

Pinky Loupret has moved into a ret home in Chevy Chase MD.

The **Haswells** were disappointed at not making our 60th, as were the **Fultons, Chitterlings** and **VanSickler.** Chesty wrote: "My blood pressure and sugar content have both subsided and I'm recovering from an operation 2 Jul . . . This gives us hope for more active life and resumption of travel. Looking forward to the 65th . . ." Chit was so set on making the 60th he vowed he'd be there even if he had to have his son-in-law help him around in a wheelchair. The **Fultons** couldn't make it because Katherine had been in poor health. And Van writes: "I lived each day with you all even though I was AWOL during the Reunion" (Had stroke.) "Flying to ME to look over our Xmas trees which I'm told are doing well . . . Picked a good crop of Lychees here in FL, so as a farmer, the year has been good . . ."

Gus Vogel writes 14 Jul: "Life here on the Chesapeake is very calm at present and we (son John resides with him) await influx of 7 grandchildren for a month of their summer vacation . . . **Rutter** and I are in contact weekly. Tincy has had problems with a recalcitrant back but appears on the mend . . ."

From **Fran Wahl** 15 Jun: "Returned home 9 Jun. Found car at airport and our patio covered with Mt. St. Helen's ash . . . JF had no bad results from Reunion trip. Dau Jean was a real help to us there."

From **Alice Robinson** early Jul: "Our 60th was the greatest! Right now St. Louis is in a prolonged heat wave but we're glad to be home. It is a traveling year for us—5 weeks in Feb-Mar by chartered plane round southern part of the world, then to DC and the Reunion in May. We enjoyed the wild life in Kenya and South Africa. The animals in the wild are all so much more beautiful—the hyenas with their velvety ears and lovely eyes and the giraffes so regal . . . Now we're signed up for Vienna and the Oberammergau Passion Play and 8 days in Oct for plays in London . . ."

The **Holles** were in Tulsa several days in Sept, Charles for the annual meeting of the National Waterways Conference and the US adjunct of the Permanent Intl Assn of Navigational Congresses; and Anne, as Pres Nat Soc US Daus 1812, for a visit with the OK State Chapter of the Society. At the latter, Charles had an interesting visit with a veteran who had served wih **Duke Lanahan** and prized a citation from him which he showed Charles. Small world!

The **Samouces** visited Carlisle Bks, PA, with DC friends and enjoyed a very interesting tour of the US Mil Hist Inst conducted by Dr. Sommers, Archivist-Hist and his Asst, Dr. Laing. This is the largest repository of mil history in the US, and perhaps the world.

The **Shattucks** visited dau Pat (wife of Ret LTC Rahmann) in Chicago in Jul where they enjoyed the premiere of "Decent Life," a very amusing comedy written by Pat which may later play on Broadway. Pat's Pekinese had a part in the play. She is already busy on another play.

Ross Cullum visited the **Strattons** in DC after attending a wedding of a dau of close friend in SC. Jim couldn't accompany her as the doctor advised against further plane travels after his heart attack.

Crump Garvin wrote from Atlanta 28 Jul: "Hot here, but still getting in a little golf—got an eagle couple of weeks ago."

Elleane Nye says grandson Ed (in CO) now has 4 girls; granddau Robin stayed over until her baby was born (husband stationed in Panama), now has 3 girls and a boy. Elleane pines for the good old active days and old Army gatherings!

From **Frank Henning:** "**Evelyn Venture** sounds fine over the phone; dau Jan still with PanAm (22 years) though many are being laid off after the merger . . . **Eloise Smith** (RO) gets around . . ."

Russ Eastman, after over 35 years in real estate (Sr VP, The Keyes Co. Realtors in Miami), is now semi-ret with only a couple of hours or so at the office daily.

Ruth & Bill Bartlett continue slapping them straight down the fairway in sunny CA.

Carl Engelhart is hard at it putting final touches on his book about his 3½ years as a Japanese POW before having it published and giving a copy to the USMA library and possibly the US Mil History Institute in Carlisle Bks, PA.

From **Jack Goff:** "**Hannis** and **Duffner** not too well . . . Telephoned **Katherine Krause** when in Denver—she is well. **Isabelle Swartz** listened to my detailed account of the Reunion. She is devoted to her 96-year-old sister Veda and visits her often in the nursing home. Her dau, Ret WAC COL Jo, is very active with the Ft Lewis Mil Museum and convenes meetings of local Army officers' daus. **George Bare** was cited by National Sojourners for his work in giving medal awards to outstanding ROTC cadets. **Ray Welch** was honored with a **'Ray Welch** Night' by the Masons and received an award for 50 years devoted service which began as the youngest Master of the Fork Union, VA, Lodge. **Madeline Travis** is back with son Dr. Tom in Tacoma after visit with son Harrison Jr. in NJ. **Herb Reuter** has been north to check on his tree farm. He and **Madeline Travis** joined us for visit with **Bill Crist** who is holding up well and enjoys company. Then to the annual WP picnic at the Thurber Lake, Washington estate" (continued by widow of COL Thurber '14, who was NG Instr WA NG before WW II—and my CO 15th FA, Cp Travis, TX, 22-23). "We enjoyed seeing **Helen Honnen** visiting her sister, Charlotte Matthias, before leaving for visit with relatives in CA."

Millard Pierson was surprised with an award of LM for service in IG Sec HI Dept 42-43—38 years late! Congratulations, Millard!

The **Lemnitzers** vacationed this summer at their home in Honesdale, PA, as usual. Honesdale's newspaper **The Wayne Independent** for 7 Jul carried this item: "GEN **Lemnitzer** scored a hole-in-one on the 110-yard hole No. 11 at Honesdale Golf Club . . . It was his first in America though he scored 2 aces in the Philippines in the early 1930s." His vacations are never total. Mid-Jul, though heavily loaded with various responsibilities, he accepted the urging of the AOG Pres and the Board of Trustees to be Chmn of the Eisenhower Monument Cte because of his long personal and official contact with GEN and Pres Eisenhower during WWII and after. The Cmte is to approve the design, select the sculptor and location of the monument at West Point, etc. The AOG staff met with Lem at Honesdale several times, the members of the Cmte have been appointed, and the project is well underway. And, on 2 Oct, Lem was at SHAPE, Belgium, where, as Pres of the SHAPE Officers Assn he presided over its Annual Assembly and Dinner. The **Lemnitzers** planned to return to their DC home 27 Oct.

The **Routheaus'** Golden Wedding anniv 26 Apr was the occasion for a beautiful party given at the Chevy Chase MD CC by their dau Jody, husband William H. Arnold Jr., and their 5 children. The Ballroom was overflowing with their friends from near and far. Amid beautiful flowers, champagne toasts, soft music and dancing and delicious food, a festive air made this an evening long to be remembered by all. Our hearty congratulations to you, Jo and Eddie!

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Mark McClure reported that the July 14 luncheon of our DC classmates was well attended. **Frank Crary** was having some work done on himself at Walter Reed, but found time to attend the luncheon. Frank gave the group some news about the FL classmates. **Myron Leedy** brought a WP First Classman to the meeting. He had been spending part of his leave at Walter Reed helping in some research work. He told Mark not to expect too much from the Army football team this fall. But as I write these notes we have already defeated both Holy Cross and Calif. It is a good start anyway. Five classmates attended the 11 Aug luncheon. **Al Kastner** who is recuperating from a stroke was present. (I got this information about Al's stroke from his granddaughter, Shannon Young, while visiting our friends, the Millets, in Menlo Park, CA. Mrs. Millet is Shannon's aunt. By the way, Shannon is a Marine. She was attending the Marine Yeoman school at Petaluna, CA. After serving her enlistment she hopes to raise horses). **Myron Leedy** wrote me that he and **Max Taylor** were the only ones present at the Sept luncheon. It was the smallest Class luncheon that either one ever attended. Myson wrote that **Mark McClure** at that time was at the Sibkey Hospital with some heart trouble. I do not have any details about Mark's condition, but I hope by now he is back to normal.

Myron Leedy's new address is: Sevier House, Episcopal Home, 1515 32d St., NW, Washington, DC 20007. Tel: (202) 965-6220.

Henry Woodbury, in acknowledging receipt of the Class roster, wrote me that his wife Marion died last 31 Jan. We are sorry to receive this sad news and on behalf of the Class I extend to Henry our sincere sympathy.

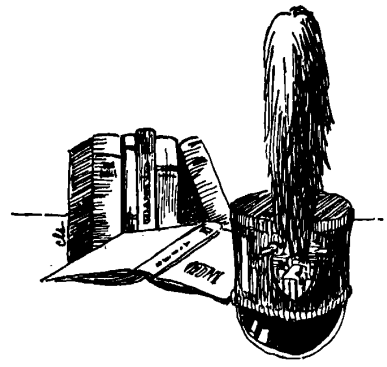
The Class roster I sent to **Ariana Raynsford** was returned from her last known address at Versaille, France. If anyone has any information about Ariana please let me know.

Both **Beverly Kane** and **Nelle Sue Branham** have moved into Army Distaff Hall, 6211 Oregon Ave., NW, Wash. DC 20015. This is something both have wanted for some time and I am sure they will be very happy there.

Marion Hensey's new address is: 601-E, Tanglebriar Lane, San Antonio, TX 78209. Tel: (512)-822-1847. This information was given to me by **Freddie Hein** who wrote that he is in reasonably good health and is looking forward to 1982.

Charlie Dobbs has moved to: 1902 Culver, Midland, TX 79701. Tel: 915-697-7370. Charlie and Kathreen are very happy in their new home, except as he put it, "We both are under treatment, Kathreen for high blood pressure and eye problems. I had a heart attack in Nov 79 and seem to be slowly recovering." Here's hoping that by now they are both fully recovered and back to normal. Their son and daughter both married with families living nearby and visit Pop and Mom often. The **Dobbs** have 3 great-grandchildren.

Hazel and I had a most enjoyable 6 weeks "furlo" last summer, but a bit strenuous. We visited our daughter and her family at Victoria B.C., Canada for 3 weeks, then a few days with our friends, COL and Mrs. Spage at Port Angeles, WA. While in Victoria and Port Angeles I managed to get out salmon fishing only 5 times. I had caught a cold soon after arriving, then the weather was



bad and worst of all the salmon were most uncooperative. In all that time I had one good strike, but I was so anxious to get the fish aboard it pulled hard and the line broke, so I caught nothing. It was the first time in all the fishing I have done up there in the Northwest that I have been "skunked." But it is most enjoyable sport even if one doesn't catch any fish. Our daughter and her family picked us up at Port Angeles and drove us to the Salishan Lodge at Gleneden, OR, where we stayed for 3 days and enjoyed this outstanding and beautiful place. Our friends the Millets picked us up there and drove us to their home in Menlo Park, CA. While in Menlo Park we visited with **Carroll & Dorothey Sullivan.** Sully took me to a Veterans of Foreign Wars luncheon and the Fellowship Forum luncheon. Incidently Sully is a past pres of the latter organization. They took us on a tour around San Fran including a ferry boat ride to Kentfield where his daughter Mary is dean of Marin College. Mary has a beautiful home on the side of the mountain. Unfortunately Mary had to attend a meeting so our visit with her was all too short. We then proceeded on a tour of the beautiful Tiburon Peninsula followed by the return to Menlo Park via the Golden Gate Bridge. Our friends the Millets and Sully and Dorothy were most hospitable and we enjoyed every minute we were with them. After galavanting around the country for 6 weeks it seemed good to get back home again and rest up. As we all know, we "ain't" as young as we used to be.

In a conversation Bill Lawton had with COL Krisman, he stated that the Class of '21-'22 would have a choice of celebrating our 60th anniv of graduation in either Oct or May. Bill brought this matter up at a Class luncheon and **George Olmsted,** without hesitating said, "May." I agree and I am sure every one else will agree also. Which reminds me that when you read these notes it will be only 18 months to our 60th. Let's start thinking about it.

Bill & Marge Lawton get away from the DC heat in the summer and spend their time from mid Jun to mid Sept at Riverside Motel, Cottage No. 7, Shore Rd, Ogunquit, ME, 03907. I hope I will remember to add this address to the class roster when it is next published.

For the past 4 years **Wes Yale** has been working on his new book, and he is hopeful that with the changing world situation he will be able to get it published.

Connie Marcus had a bout with diabetes and was hospitalized for 8 days. Because of the excellent care she received at Scripp's Hospital followed by the excellent care given her by "Dr. Morris Marcus" she is doing very well.

Meps Smith had a call to enter Distaff hall, but at the time she was in a nursing home with a back injury—pinched nerve. She is hopeful that she will be able to get in the Hall some time after the first of the year. She wrote that her son Perry went back to Germany, after a visit with his mother, for his 5th year there.

After sending these notes to the editor of ASSEMBLY, I received a phone call from **Bill Kyle's** son telling me that his father died on Sun, 5 Oct. Cancer was the cause of death. On behalf of the Class I extend to Dorothy and her family our sincere sympathy.

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We report with sadness the death of **Mrs. Frederick E. (Arline) Phillips** on 11 Aug 1980 at St Mary's Nursing Home, Cherry Hill, NJ. Funeral service was conducted at Holy Trinity Church, WP, NY on 19 Aug with burial at the West Point cemetery. On behalf of the Class our sincere condolence is extended to her surviving daughter, Susan Meade, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Lee Shafer, chmn of the DC group, reported a successful first quarter luncheon, in which spouses and class widows are included, was held at Ft McNair on 17 Sept. Those present were, the **Guevaras, Magruders, Shafers, Smiths, Timbermans, Pinky Dorn, Bill Despinosa, Dottie Kehm** and **Edna Salsman**; a good turnout of good friends and a very excellent luncheon. The **Frys** did not attend as they were making an air/sea tour of Athens and the Greek Isles, the Holy Land and Egypt.

Luella Magruder departed in late Sept on an air/train tour of China which included Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, Peking and other places of interest in China. Her journey extended over a month and we shall get more of a report for the Mar issue.

Ken & Laura Sweany made their annual trip in Sept to ME which included a visit with the **Johnsons** in Camden.

Damon Gunn continues to be in the recovery stage following his stroke and is showing some improvement each day. Nice going, Damon, we all hope you will continue to improve.

Forstall & Elsie Adams missed the Sept luncheon because Forstall had a medical appointment, which he could not postpone. Medical examiners at WR reported "ailment not serious," and gave him a complete bill of good health. Adams sent in his semi-annual treasurer's report which states: Savings account on 30 Jun 80, $2,366.30. Transactions during first half of 80 showed an income of $66.53 from savings account interest, and expenses of $108.30 for flowers and memorial donations.

Lee & Esther Shafer spent their usual summer vacation at Bethany Beach, DE beachcombing, swimming, enjoying the breezes, neglecting TV, phones and junk mail; just keeping busy doing nothing! His motto: a book, a bed and another nap—but summer is now over and as reported earlier they are back in DC taking care of class affairs.

In Jul, **Tom and Virginia Timberman** enjoyed several weeks at Lewes, DE in a cottage overlooking Delaware Bay, where they could watch the ferry making trips back and forth between Lewes and Cape May. Tim has made good progress in his mobility, being

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able at the beach to negotiate the stairs to their delightful screened porch. During their stay in Lewes, the **Timbermans** visited the **Shafers** in Bethany Beach for a dinner engagement. Lee also reported that **Dottie Kehm** continues to enjoy life at the Distaff House and an active social life at the Columbia CC.

In a letter dated 31 Aug to **Lee Shafer,** on miscellaneous class matters, **Breidster** expressed his and Roma's best wishes to all. He stated he had little to report from his area, except that, although the local area WP Societies were planning a bus trip to South Bend for the Notre Dame game, he and Roma had decided not to go. The trip would have entailed lots of walking "thru the campus" which Fritz, because of his knee problem (he is now using a cane), believed he could not make it.

Roy & Mary Dwyer in Jul attended the 32d annual reunion of the 102d Inf Div Assn at the Stevensville Country Club, Swan Lake, NY, in the Borscht Belt of the Catskill Mts. **Dwyers** were accompanied to the reunion by Mr. & Mrs. Baldwin, their close friends and neighbors. Mr. Baldwin did the driving because Roy, although he was fortunate enough to pass his latest drivers test, does no long distance driving. His eye problem and arthritic knees slow him up considerably.

Jimmie & Helen Carroll travelled to Syracuse, NY, during the summer to visit family and attend a wedding, following which they returned to Carlisle then went to Walter Reed Hospital for an eye examination for Jimmie. The doctor found no change in condition but required a return visit to be made in the fall.

From CT reports have been received on **WHP Weber** and **F.T. Manross. Weber** enjoys his ret in the small town of Bridgewater living comfortably in a Civil War vintage house on a farm where he grows hay and takes care of 2 horses and 2 dogs.

Manross lives in Farmington on 2 acres of rocky woodland but is thinking of moving south as the winters are getting tough. In the spring Fred and Betty, for their 50th wedding anniv, took a round trip to Scotland on the QE2. They reported that they found Sutherland the wildest country they had ever been in and the trossacks the most beautiful in a rugged way—also to top off everything they "nearly-saw the Lockness Monster!" **Manross** sends regards in the words of Robert Burns: "a right gude willie waught for auld lang syne and Benny Havens oh."

Wendell & Ruth Johnson remained home during summer and fall participating in their many civic activites. Johnny is now chmn of the Camden Improvement Cmte and its Historical Subcommittee and as an outgrowth of that, the Camden Historical Landmark Commission. In Jul the **Johnsons** visited Portsmouth, Ogunquit and Kennebunkport. **Ken & Laura Sweany** visited with the **Johnsons** in Sept, and they are expecting **Herb Enderton** to visit them when he visits his daughter and family in MA. Johnny and Herb served together in Spain before their tour at WP as instructors in Spanish. As an area Rep Johnny is endeavoring to gather information from **Ralph Bing** and **Jan White** but so far has had nothing to report. Johnny received a letter from **Larry Barroll** which reported that his trip to HI had been cancelled because he and Clare had the flu, but are well again and Clare continues to work on her 4th novel.

Charley Gettys from Tampa, FL, sent in the following about classmates and widows from the area: **"P.D." Weikert** meets with **Roy Foster** and other grads at a monthly luncheon (except summer months) of the WP Society of Central Florida at the Naval Tng Ctr O Club in Winter Park, FL. West Pointers in the area at time of meetings are extended a cordial invitation to attend the luncheons. PD and Mary spent a very enjoyable week visiting with **Dan & Betina Chandler** in Pompano Beach where the **Chandlers** vacationed during the month of Jun. **Harvey & Ann Palmer** have lived in Satsuma, FL, for 13 years, and a year ago HK ret from the real estate business, "is now just drifting along" watching his health, enjoying the community activities, and playing a lot of golf. Golf players of '23 please note. **E. F. Merchant** has lived in Lake Jem since ret in 47; does some gardening around his estate, a beautiful spot 30 miles northeast of Orlando, and also "a lot of cruising" in his motor boat.

A.L. Johnson reported that in Jul he had been in the Bahamas where he caught a blue marlin while fishing from his boat, the Kinship, (size of marlin not reported!). For Oct Al had scheduled a duck and goose hunting trip in Manitoba and then to Eagle Lake, TX in Nov for goose hunting.

Allen & Josephina Hume celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at end of 79. All 6 of their children, most of the grandchildren (of which there are now 13) plus one great-grandson were present at the celebration. The first of his grandsons, Charles Lea Galindo and wife then stationed in Germany were not able to attend. All 3 of **Hume's** sons performed volunteer service (one in Vietnam) and one of them has continued in the Reserve. As noted in the Sept ASSEMBLY, **Hume,** as a result of his cancer operation has no voice, and must use a mechanical apparatus for any talking he does, (which isn't much) and because of this handicap, although he feels fine, he can't participate in much activity. He sends best regards to all classmates and adds "if any of you have any idea where **Johnny Graffin** is, please let me know."

EB Howard acknowledged Charley's call for news but had nothing to add since he had reported the sad loss of his wife in Jun (see Sept ASSEMBLY). He has continued his activity of golf and swimming but states that it is tough going it alone. As before, E.B., your classmates send condolence in your bereavement.

Battle and Dorothy Horton report doing well as senior citizens although bothered somewhat with arthritic problems. Battle gets out almost everyday for 9 holes of golf, pulls his own cart, game is average but at least he is out to play, so he says! Their daughter is married to an AF LTC with 2 children—(a son and a daughter) now stationed at Andrews AFB. Frequently the **Hortons** see **Sallie O'Shea,** (a phone pal of Dorothy's), also Bill and Liz Wood ('25) who live quite near. The **Hortons** spent 2 months during the summer in the NC mts near Waynesville getting away from the FL heat and humidity. They have enjoyed the summer in the beautiful mts for quite a few years.

Eugene & Karla Harrison in late May attended their granddaughter's graduation from CT College, then stopped over for a week in DC where on one day they enjoyed lunch with **Carter & Luella Magruder.** From DC they went to their cottage in Highlands, NC. However because Gene had an appointment with a specialist at the FL University Hospital in Gainesville, they had to return for 3 days of necessary tests on 13 Jul. Then back to Highland and finally returned to Clearwater in early Oct.

Roy & Gladys Foster visited their granddaughters living in Franklin, MA; Mt. Airy and Gaithersburg, MD, had a wonderful time and enjoyed this trip "as the top of all trips." They send warmest regards.

Fine letter to **Gettys** from **Bruce King** about himself and Nell and also **Phil Raymond.** Bruce and Nell continue to live in their Shell Pt. Village apartment doing no more travelling but getting in a bit of boating on the river and golf. In Jul, Nell had just finished an 8 week stay in the hospital ailing from a lung infection caused by a fungus. Having left the hospital and after a short stay in the Nursing Pavilion she is home again. Thanks Bruce, we hope you have continued good health and happiness. We miss you up here in PA. **Phil Raymond,** having lost his wife in summer of 78 sold his home in Cape Coral and also moved to an apt at Shell Pt. Village. Last year he developed problems getting around, so moved to the 160 bed Nursing Pavilion where he gets round-the-clock nursing care, is now considerably improved and can get around with little trouble. Best regards, Phil, with sincere hopes from your classmates for further recovery.

Mrs. James E. (Aida) Bowen writes that she is in good health and keeps active with League of Women Voters and duplicate bridge. She still lives in the house that Jimmie and she built 20 years ago. In May and Jun she completed a trip to Spain and Portugal, had an enjoyable time but noted that it's not as cheap as it was in 66. The **Bowens'** 2 sons, James E, III, WP '53, and Stuart W., WP '56, are out of the service and working in the DC area.

Mrs. Thomas H. (Leslie) Maddocks continues living a quiet life in Palm Harbor in the home that she and Tom built some years ago.

Mrs. Edward E. (Mae) Lutwack continues to live in "Ole Jax" and would welcome seeing or hearing from old friends from USMA. Their son William married a Jacksonville girl, Marian Weeks, who has just finished law school, Cum Laude. They now live in Atlanta, GA; as does the **Lutwacks'** daughter Rosalind and family.

Mrs. Kevin (Sallie) O'Shea lives in Bradenton, near the **Hortons.** Sallie remained in Bradenton for most of the summer, then made a brief visit with her family in MS, then to NC in the fall.

Mrs. Allen D. (Clara) Raymond sent us from St. Petersburg, a list of the Academys' grandsons ("our grandsons") who have graduated from or are attending the 3 academies: Allen G. Peck, AFA '75, A.D. Raymond IV WP '79, Thomas B. Peck, NA '80. Charles L. Raymond Jr., WP '81, William M. Raymond Jr., WP '83, and Jeffery W. Peck, AFA '83. Clara has travelled quite a bit visiting her son Bill and family in Norway where he was stationed on the NATO Staff. Her message states that she is quite well and trusts that all in '23 are likewise.

Mrs. Wm. R. (Betty) Grove in a fine letter to **Gettys,** reported that after Bill's death in May 78 she stayed 4 months in Springfield, VA, with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Pence '46, then entered a nursing home in Lincoln, IL, near where her son, George W. Hartnell, '49 lives. (See new address at end.)

An inquiry made by **Gettys** to **Mrs Henry G. (Dee) Fisher** was answered by Mr. Carl B. Smythe, a ret Army officer, and son-in-law

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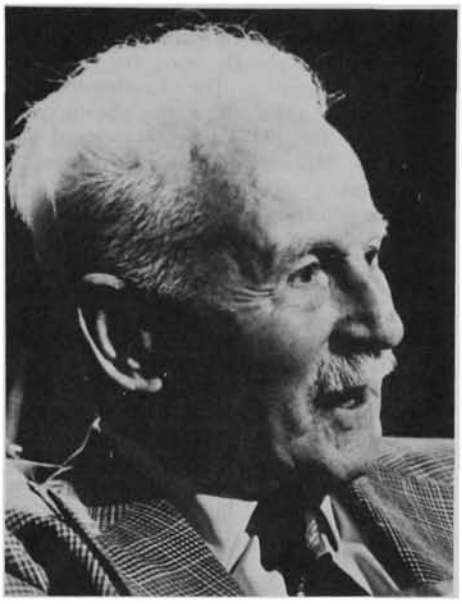
of the **Fishers.** He stated that **Dee Fisher** died in May 73. This is reported here because there is no record in our Class file of Dee's death. The surviving descendants are: Mrs. Carl B. Smythe, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, and Mr. Charles Fisher, Santa Clara, CA.

From Birmingham, AL (**James A. Evans** & Associates, Inc.), comes the following: Jim and Edwina have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. One of their grandsons (son of their daughter and a VMI Engr) entered Duke in Sept. At 17 he is a one handicap golfer! Jim, our esteemed cadet regimental supply sergeant, resigned in 27, worked in refrigeration and air conditioning business, served wth Carrier Corp in Mexico until 38, then went to Cuba as a partner in a mechanical contracting firm. He entered USNR in 42, serving 4 years in the Naval Air; then in 46 opened his office in Birmingham as a consulting mechl engr, and developed the business through major contracts with US Army, USN and NASA to the organization named in opening sentence! Jim has decided to close out his business in about a year, enjoy his garden, play 2 rounds of golf twice a week and generally relax. He reports keeping in touch with **Frank Wilder** and **George Stewart**—and sends best regards to classmates. Thanks Jim—see you in 83!

Information received from **Dave & Kay Dunne** supplemented by a fine note from their daughter, Joan, wife of Douglas S. Weart '49, tells of their activities during and after graduation at WP in May. The **Dunnes** had a most interesting and enjoyable time seeing all the sights, old and new: Cullum Hall, Eisenhower Hall, Washington Hall, the new barracks; marveled at the way the authorities and architects fitted the tremendous new construction into the older framework but still managing to preserve its traditional appearance and setting. Among other things they climbed to Ft Putnam, completely rehabilitated as a bicentennial project, picnicked at Delafield Pond, attended graduation dinner, the Glee Club concert, graduation parade and finally graduation ceremonies in Michie Stadium. Following graduation they drove to DC with the **Weart** family in their RV to visit with their great-grandchildren, Amy and Charles Franklin, and their parents, CPT & Mrs. Franklin, who had just returned from Germany. They stayed in guest quarters at Ft Belvoir and spent 3 busy days seeing friends and relations in that area. On their return trip to San Diego they stopped over for a weeks visit with their other daughter Gail and husband, Paul Maca, who live in Western Springs, IL (suburb of Chicago). While there they attended the high school graduation of another granddaughter, Sarah Maca; enjoyed 2 rounds of golf at the Hinsdale Golf Club, and attended Rotary Intl evening reception for Rotarian visitors from Tasmania. And finally back home to San Diego.

Out of the West from San Jose, CA, comes a long newspaper article on Trooper. It is captioned: "If you think **E. Hoffman Price's** life sounds far-fetched, try reading his fiction." And then in a big headline "KING OF THE PULPS". Trooper in a letter reports he was slugged with a tour of jury duty just after he had returned from 4 weeks on the road recuperating from completing his TANG DYNASTY paper back novel. While on the tour he stopped off in Albuquerque, NM to enjoy a gab fest with **Ken Hertford**. Trooper says the richest experience of his ret years is sitting with classmates, hoisting good liquor



1923: Trooper Price, Author.

and wishing he were a ret GEN or COL, or even a MAJ. There's more in the letter but too much to include in this report. Thanks Trooper, its good hearing from you. A later letter informed us that he is making some changes (suggested by Ballantine editors) in his 2d TANG DYNASTY fantasy novel, JU HAI & THE ENCHANTRESS, and then will have it accepted, and, of course, another victory banquet. His space opera, OPERATION MISFIT, has been published and is on the racks. In late Jul, at a fan convention in L.A. he received the "Fritz Leiber Fantasy Award For Outstanding Contributions to Adult Fantasy 1980." On the plaque is bracketed a replica MAUSER automatic pistol, a play on words devised from Fritz Leiber's famous "THE GRAY MOUSER" series. In addition to this, Trooper did the camera work for a Chinese wedding reception and a birthday party; modest affairs, he states, with more than a hundred guests at the former and eighty at the latter; a proper contribution since the **Prices** are honorary Chinese and members (honorary) of the family. He was amply rewarded; the girl watching was magnificent—but the camerawork in a Chinese restaurant did make him feel several years older!

From **Jazz Harmony** comes the following: **Ray & Mary Pierce** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 5 Aug at the Shadowbrook Restaurant, Capitola, CA; a luncheon hosted by their children: Bill & Lorna Pierce, Santa Clara, CA; Dick and Zada Pierce, Alexandria, VA. Their 4 grandchildren were also present as were other relatives, mil and civ friends, and the following classmates: **Buckleys, Peseks, Prices, Stewarts, Gjelsteens, Virginia Post** and **Harmony.** Unfortunately 26 of 60 invited guests could not attend because of health or other reasons.

Harmony and **Buckley** continue to compete in a golf match most every Fri but unfortunately during Aug Jazz had to lay off golf due to a slight accident: he got into a trash can to stomp down the clippings from foliage he was trimming. The can overturned throwing him to the ground, causing him to break four ribs, resulting in much pain for several weeks. As of now he is playing regularly again, has lost his touch in chipping and putting, is losing consistently to Mike, hopes to reverse the situation, but admits he enjoys playing with Mike (or others) so much that he will continue as long as he can pull his cart and compete reasonably well. Good luck Jazz and watch out Mike! In Sept Jazz, accompanied by his daughter, her husband and their two children, left for Belgrade where he was stationed for 2 years, to Dubrovnik; caught a tour up the Adriatic coastline to Venice, from where they visited Florence, Pisa, Siena, Assisi, Pompeii, the Amalfi Drive and then on to Rome for a week. Jazz hopes to meet some old friends in Rome where he was stationed for a little over 3 years after the war.

In his fine letter, Jazz reported the following: He had heard from **Bill Craigie** who stated that he had played in a golf tournament for Seniors in the L.A. area and shot a 78 (no report on the winning total). From time to time Jazz stops in to see **Art & Agnes Garrecht** and on his last visit they seemed better than he had seen them in a long time. Best regards Art and Agnes, we all wish for your continued well being. Jazz also had a chance to drop in on **Abner & Ella Verne McGehee.** Ella Verne not well enough to enjoy getting out very much, but Abner being well enough to be of great help.

An note from **Glenn Palmer** informs us that he did not attend the **Pierce** anniv party because he and Elizabeth had accepted an earlier invitation to a 90th birthday party of a neighbor lady where they live. They did get to visit with the **Pierces** in late Aug when they were in Oakland to lunch with friends who had recently moved there. **Palmer** reported that recently (Aug) the **Pierces** had seen **Judson & Ella Verne McGehee.**

Ella Verne was able to walk from the car into the house but Jud had a wheel chair for her to sit in while in the house. The **Buckleys** are both doing fine but same cannot be said for **Oscar Stewart** who has stomach or liver trouble; however, his wife Jo is a wonderful help. Take care, O.C. we'll look for a better report next time.

The **Gjelsteens** are nicely settled in their San Fran home, handy to Letterman Hospital where Einar receives therapy for his hip. As for the **Palmers,** they contiue to be A-OK for which we are glad as he is our area rep in the San Fran area!

A card from **Deke Stone** sends greetings and stated that for health reasons (a matter of avoiding all stress) he regretfully had to decline a small '23 birthday party on 18 Sept in honor of **Rosenberg** and **Fowler.**

Special good news from **Clyde Rich;** he returned home from the hospital in Jul with crutches and 2 new hips; is slowly breaking them in and expecting to discard the crutches within a month. The main thing he notices is that "he doesn't hurt any more." Neither does he expect to run a 100 yd dash, with or without crutches! He expected, in late Aug to attend a dinner party, his first following the operation, and his hostess assured him he could sit down. Clyde's wife Marjorie saw **Charlie & Katy Lawrence** at the local commissary, and apparently they do get around some.

Pat Timberlake called on Clyde during his hospital stay. Pat continues to do well and does some swimming almost every day. **Marjorie Rich** and **Emily Timberlake** enjoy a number of joint activities and keep in touch by phone.

Bill Goddard checked in from Sun City, AZ, where he meets monthly (except Dec and 3 summer months) with a WP group; a total of 24 grads from COL Row '13 to COL Maertons '43. Bill and wife Ann join with

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others, those with whom a close friendship has developed, in periodic dinner and cocktail parties. Good to hear from you, Bill.

Breidster received a "Thank you" note from 2LT Brad Brown, Royal Oak, MI, expressing his pride in winning and being awarded the Class of '23 swimming award.

For **Breidster** and on behalf of the Class we note receipt of and acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the many letters of appreciation sent to Fritz to thank him, and through him, the Class, for his letters of condolence in their bereavement.

Finally after a year of circulation, chain letter style in the East and the West, the 2 programs of **Breidster's** Enshrinement in the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, autographed by a great number of classmates, was returned to Fritz for his personal and family file. Letter of transmittal to Fritz stated: "The cooperation of classmates in circulating and signing these programs was gratifying, reflecting a deep sense of pride in your selection for the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, and more particularly for your dedicated leadership and service for the Class of '23." Extracted in part is Fritz's letter of appreciation: "That was a real heartwarming thing to do, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. I am proud indeed, and especially so that so many of our Class had the opportunity of seeing the program. Believe me, I will forever be honored by being the Pres of '23, and I have been happy to be of service over the years. Will you please express my thanks to all our classmates." "GRIP HANDS"

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'24

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Susie Smythe was at WP again last spring where she participated in the annual Awards Convocation held on 27 May. She presented the MG **George W. Smythe** Award to Cadet Ronald D. Schiefer who was the captain of the Army Baseball Team. The award, consisting of a suitably engraved silver tray, was established in 1978 by a cash donation for that purpose from Susie to the WP Fund. The recipient later wrote to Susie expressing his appreciation and the hope that he would follow the example throughout his military career set by the illustrious officer in whose memory the award was given.

Mark Smith wrote in Jun that he had just recovered from his 4th operation in 2 years, all for the same ailment. He hopes that the trouble is now permanently solved.

Charlie & Hazel Van Way made a short, museum-hopping trip into NY State in Jul. Weather and accommodations were excellent and they accomplished much sight seeing in only about one thousand miles of easy travel.

Their main objective was the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, which was more interesting and extensive than they had hoped for. The Cooperstown residents point out that Abner Doubleday, USMA-1842, did not "invent" baseball, though they have honored him by giving their minor league ball park his name. They respect him as a distinguished Civil War leader, and he is one of their 2 outstanding historic figures. The other, of course, is James Fenimore Cooper, whose father established and named the town. Leatherstockings, by the way, are wrap leggings of soft deerskin. The "Leatherstocking" of the famous Tales was a rough-hewn backwoodsman. The old Cooper homestead and a Farmers' Museum are other attractions in this village.

Charlie and Hazel also visited the Thousand Islands, touring amongst them by motor launch. The area is well populated and quite active. The central village, Alexandria Bay, near the Intl Bridge to Canada, is a typical, crowded honky-tonk, but the natural scenery is great.

They stayed in Watertown and visited Ft Drum, known to many in pre-war days as Pine Camp. It is a huge post with typical Camp Dix bks, though many have dared to paint them in varied pastel colors rather than white. The post was busy with summer reserve training.

Their last stop was at the Corning Glass Museum which had opened the month before. The old exhibit was destroyed a few years ago by a serious flood of the Cheming River. The new exhibit, consisting of many privately owned collections, is endless. The visitor is cautioned to "make every turn to the left" so as not to become lost while wandering among the displays. The exhibits show the history of glass artistry from earliest times. Included among the later collections is a beautiful display of Tiffany glass.

In Aug and Sept, the **Van Ways** made a trip to Denver to visit the rest of their family. They traveled all the way by Amtrack, going from DC to Chicago on the Broadway Limited, and from Chicago to Denver on the San Francisco Zephyr.

Evelyn Mesick passed away at the hospital in Tucson, AZ, on Sat, 4 Oct. Evelyn had not been well for the past year. Interment was in Tucson on 8 Oct. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund, Grace Episcopal Church, 2231 E. Adams St, Tucson, AZ 85719.

After a trip to TX to see Sammy's eldest grandson, Michael (son of W.A. Samouce '54), graduate of the UTX, **Sammy & Erica Samouce** took their yearly trip to Europe this past summer instead of the usual winter travel. Accompanied by Erica's granddaughter, Erica Mentz, they spent a week in London with Erica's daughter, Susan Donnell. Then, afer a flight to Paris, they picked up a car and drove to Clermont-Ferrand where they left young Erica in a French family to improve her French. Then followed 2 wks of driving through the beautiful Auvergne and Dodogne areas of France and the Loire Chateau country, a most enjoyable trip despite the hazards of the French roads and drivers. Then on to Switzerland through the Burgundy country and 2 wks with Erica's brother in his "Alpine Retreat," 10 kms west and 84 curves above Lugano.

After a trip back to Clermont-Ferrand, passing through the 15-kms-long Blanc tunnel with all the magnificent vistas, and picking up young Erica, they returned to Lugano via Geneva (where Sammy insists the driving is the most insane in all of Europe) and the beautiful Simplon Pass. Early in Aug they spent 3 days in Venice—very hot this year and full of European tourists but still fascinating. Several days later they heard the opera "Aida" in the famous coliseum in Verona, a very special event. By 18 Aug they were in London where they spent one month as guests of Erica's daughter, and enjoyed trips into the country and London's always interesting social life. Young Erica returned to CA to join her younger sister Stephanie at Ste Mary's Coll near San Fran. Their overall sojourn in Europe totalled 12 wks—5 in England and 7 on the continent. The latter was done by car over a distance of over 4000 miles. A word to the wise: Inflation in Europe, so well-known to all, has reached a level that it is imprudent to "go" unless you have the "dough," or have hospitable relatives or close friends to stay with.

At the time of this writing, the **Mark Smiths** were planning to depart for 6 wks visit with their son at NATO. **Logan & Betty Berry** went to San Fran in May via the Holland America cruise ship **Veendam.** Several stops were made in the Caribbean as well as a transit of the Panama Canal and stops at Acapulco and Mazatlan in Mexico. They spent 3 days in San Fran, their favorite city, before flying back to Ft Lauderdale. **Rupe Graves** had a hernia operation in Nov of last year, but has recently finished painting his house. No news has been received from the West Coast Herd because they are reported to be temporarily moribund.

A cmte consisting of **Muriel Elmore, Kitty Smith** and **Marguerite Stevens** hosted the fall luncheon of the '24 wives. The affair was held in the dining room of the Army Distaff Hall in DC on 23 Sept, and was attended by 21 wives and one guest, Dorothy Ferenbaugh, '19. The hostesses were complimented on the attractive table setting and the colorful flower arrangement which contrasted with the usual dried appearance of most of the DC scenery, due to the devastating heat of the past summer.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of **Gerald Goodwin Gibbs,** on 4 Jul, at San Ant. Services and burial were at WP on 14 Jul. Many relatives were in attendance, as well as **Tad & Margaret Tasker** representing the Class. The ceremonies were beautifully done. An impressive eulogy of his father was given by Gerry Jr., COL, USMA-1952. The Class sent flowers.

Glenn Bruce McConnell passed away at the Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames, IA, on 17 Aug. He had suffered several strokes during the past few years. The Class made a memorial contribution to the WP Fund in Glenn's memory.

John Phillips Kirkendall passed away in Biloxi, MS, on 11 Jun. Burial was in the National Cemetery in that city on 16 Jun. The Class made a memorial contribution to the WP fund in his memory.

'25

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That is not an error in the heading above, as **Red Long** is taking over as scribe from **Red Newman.** So, beginning **after** Xmas, news items should go to **Long** at the above address. **Until that time** news items continue to come to **Newman,** as I prepare the Notes for the next ASSEMBLY (deadline 5 Jan 1981 at WP).

To appropriate some words immortalized by our Plebe year Supt on his final visit to WP: Our 55th Reunion has now "gone a glimmering among other wondrous things that were." It was a unique privilege to talk with old friends after "long time no see". . . as with **Ralph Sears.** He and I are the '25er survivors of those who reported to Ft Benning, GA, as our first post (others were **Wayne Smith** and **Ernie Wilson**).

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1925: Bruce and Bessie Clarke, and Bruce Jr.

It was good to see **Pierre Denson** again, first time since graduation, and to meet **Valma**. We had little time to talk, so after returning home your scribe wrote **Pierre** for a status report—from which this extract:

"Our two favorite places in the service were San Fran and HI. I met **Val** in Honolulu in 1928-32 . . . returned there in 34 on leave; we were married, and our first post together was Ft Winfield Scott in Frisco . . . and our last post was Ft Baker, CA, north of Golden Gate Bridge. So we settled down in Frisco after my ret in 55 . . . in a flat about two blocks from The Presidio of San Fran."

To borrow **Hoppie Hopkins'** phrase, **Pierre** was "gainfully employed" until age 65, ret again—then on request of his firm came back for 12 more years, until his **third** ret this past Jun at the age of 77. He and **Valma** have 2 married daughters; one has 4 boys and 1 girl, the other 4 boys—all living conveniently near in CA for visiting. In the Class picture at the reunion **Pierre** is that young looking fellow in the front row, among all those elderly gentlemen.

That is a nice 2-page picture spread in the Sept ASSEMBLY for the Reunion Class of '25. Your scribe was a bit frustrated however (on reading the Class theme) to find a line in **Savor The Sunset** had somehow been changed from the collective "our heart remembers" by adding an "s" to make it read "our hearts remembers"—wonder how **P. Holt** would have graded that.

By request, **Bruce Clarke** provided the nice photo of himself and Bessie with our Class Godson, **Bruce C. Clarke Jr.** (We reported in the Dec 79 ASSEMBLY that Bruce Jr. had been named Dir of the National Foreign Assessment Ctr in the CIA).

Bruce also mentioned that in appreciation for the fine medical service to him and Bessie at Walter Reed Hospital, he had donated to Ward 72 the beautiful porcelain bowl presented to him by **Mayor Willie Brandt** of Berlin, when Bruce made a farewell visit to Berlin before he ret as CinC USAREUR. (The bowl is 17" high, 11" wide and weighs 15 pounds. It was made by KPM Krister, and is decorated on one side in gold with the seal of the City of Berlin—Berlin Bear).

A note from **Dependable Reporter Hubert Cole** said that only 4 classmates attended the Jul lunch in DC: **Clarke, Grayeb, Dunford** and **Cole.** On the ladies side: **Bessie Clarke, Ruth Barnes, Gladys Dunn, Betsy Crandall, Jane Galloway** and **Elizabeth Cole.**

Hubert also reported **Carl Meyer** had been hospitalized after the Reunion. For the latest word, your scribe called and talked to Louise —Carl was out somewhere. She said Carl entered the local hospital on an emergency basis on 1 Jun, and the doctors recommended an immediate operation—which was done locally.

A small section of Carl's colon was removed and, though it was malignant, doctors are sure they "got it all"—and they say he was very lucky to have this early discovery and removal. After 26 days in the hospital Carl came home, and Louise says he is doing fine. (Box 46, Chesapeake City, MD 21915).

From a copy of **Village Voice,** publication of AF Village on Ravenswood Dr, San Antonio, TX this extract:

"The USAF Hyperbaric Ctr at Brooks AFB—in the San Ant area. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is—intermittent, short-term, high-dose, oxygen inhalation therapy. Patients, pressurized in a long steel chamber, breathe 100% oxygen intermittently for 90 minutes. Conditions are equivalent to barometer pressure at 66 ft of sea water—**BG Edwin Johnson,** as a patient, has made a number of 'dives' in the pressure chamber."

All of us hope it works for you, **Johnny.**

Bill & Liz Wood were missed at the Reunion, due to a family commitment at that time. Later they visited son Dr William H. **Wood** Jr. in Easton, MD, and other relatives in Baltimore. When your scribe called for recent news, Liz relayed this information from a letter to Bill from former classmate **Johnny Roosma.**

1925: Berlin Bowl

John attended the opening football game with Holy Cross at WP, reveling in the victory and much impressed with the young quarterback. Johnny further reported on his 80th birthday celebration, complete with champagne before and after dinner—also, since John was in the Choir, with appropriate song. Additionally, he said **Red Reeder's** grandson, **Dale Hruby** is on the football team —another fine contribution by the legendary Red to WP.

Ubiquitous Reporter Hopkins is your scribe's most varied and consistent source of information. Extract from his relayed note from **Harold Wiley:** "What they call seizures

1925: Johnny and Genevieve El

keep me in close touch with the VA hospital, and kept me from the Reunion. . . . Am fitted with new hearing aids by VA—have worn doubles for many years. Was in FA in WWI, then fired those 12" mortars on Corregidor—though never on sick report for ear problems. But VA considers all health problems as Service connected for Vets of WWI."

A letter from **Rinaldo Van Brunt** ended, ". . . all of us have something wrong . . . eyes, ears, arthritis or what. But we seem to be hanging in there." So we'll wish each other well Carl, Harold, Johnny . . . and you too.

A note to Hoppie from **John Dansby** said, "Quiet and peaceful in my ret home, so I'll last a while."

Letter to Hoppie from **Jane Galloway** expressed thanks to our Class for the memorial donation to WP in Jerry's name. Also expressed appreciation for Class participation in Jerry's funeral.

Hoppie and Sophie again visited by children and grandchildren, "A blessing," he says, "that keeps us young—in spirit anyway!" On a recent trip to the Orlando, FL area he called **Mike McManus, Mac's** older son who ret from the Army a year ago and got a job with Exxon near Orlando. Exxon is setting up a new ctr in Stamford, CT and offered Mike a promotion to go there—so he is selling his year-old Orlando home and looking for another in Stamford.

A nice letter from **Florence Cleland** (11 Sept) who just returned from a month in Aspen, CO, which is, ". . . a unique place, set in mountain grandeur with a delightful climate . . . with a 2 month program of lectures, opera, ballet and all the music you can absorb . . . am leaving TOMORROW for a tour of New Zealand and Australia for 26 days, then to Bali, Jakarta, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Taipei, Honolulu and home on 13 Nov—gone exactly 2 months."

What a trip—and what a coincidence: Two days later a card arrived from **Russ Randall,** who had heard of her trip and asked how to contact her because he was to be in Taipei Oct 4-12 at the Grand Hotel—then to Singapore and Jakarta. So mailed Russ a XEROX of her letter.

This old soldier, after more than 20 years in ret, was invited to address officers of the 24th Inf Div (M) and Ft Stewart, GA, and selected as his subject. "The Human Element in Command and Leadership." After my talk a nice letter arrived from one of the officers: LT David **Van Brunt Price** (now a member of my war time regiment, 34th Inf) who said, ". . . My grandfather, a classmate of yours is **MG Rinaldo Van Brunt.**"

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Now comes another mail coincidence—a letter from **Grandfather Rinaldo** himself. But this one had sad news: While **Bill & Eleanor Ritchie** were vacationing at their summer home in Siasconset, Nantucket Is, Bill became ill on 1 Aug, and died following surgery for an aneurysm on the 17th of Aug.

Services were held for **William Ludlow Ritchie** at St. Johns's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Sq in Washington. Graveside music included our **Alma Mater, The Corps** and the **Air Force Hymn.** Classmates present were **Bruce Clarke, Don Bailey, Don Dunford, Hubert Cole** and **Rinaldo Van Brunt.** A fine write-up in the **Washington Post** detailed Bill's distinguished career before he was ret for medical reasons in 51.

Seems just yesterday that **Bill** and **Van, Jack McCormick** and **Bill Kerns, Kirkpatrick G.** and the rest of us in First Company (Plebe summer 1921) were getting oriented in the facts of WP life by **Red Reeder** and **Alex Sewell** . . . which leads to this extract from a letter by **Red Reeder** to **Bruce Clarke**: "The bad news. **BG Russell Alsbach** died of a heart attack on 2 Sept in a hospital in No. Hampton, MA. A fine man. As you will recall, he was an Hon. Member of '25."

From **Charlotte Roberts** via phone, the unwelcome news that **Elmer William Kerns** had passed away on 5 Jul 80. This was confirmed in a note from Hoppie that enclosed a letter from Bill's brother, **Thurman M. Kerns**, expressing appreciation by the family for the memorial donation in Bill's name. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in St. Petersburg, FL.

Now as to why **Red Long** is taking over as scribe from me (**Red Newman**). In Jun I signed a contract for publication in book form of the first volume of my collected articles in **ARMY Magazine** (and its predecessors), with an option to publish the next book. Also I'm now in my 15th year as "columnist" for ARMY (9½ years monthly, bimonthly since)—and, further, there are 2 more books in concept, that are "now or never." It is all I can manage to continue my long-time column in ARMY and write the books too—especially since the 2 books "in concept" are not much more than a gleam in the eye of my imagination and experience. While conception has occurred, without gestation and delivery there will be no books.

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'Spud' Murphy, from the Great Southwest, reports: 10/9/80: **Bob Nourse** called me to say that he had just heard that **Art Kirchhoff** had a serious heart attack. I called **Aline** at once. She told me that he had indeed had 2 heart attacks a day apart. That he was in intensive care but beginning to come out of it. Progress is now good. Son David is with them and son Bill arrived also, being by chance in the vicinity. **Aline** also brought me up-to-date on the **Hal Fordes**, who live nearby. They are selling their condo and buying a new 4-BR house. It seems that Hal needs more room to spread out, what with his art work & now his professorship work. Besides he can't exist without a garden to putter (putter isn't the right word) and **Hal** is a consumate gardener. Their dtr Ann & husband, John Jolley, are also selling their condo and buying a new house nearby. Both houses are in the Rancho Bernardo area." **Spud** also says

1926: Smith presents Class of 1926 award to Cadet Paul C. Rossbach, 27 May 1980.

that the big news comes from the **Nourses**; they have just joined the Great Grandparents Club—Steven Mueller joined the family in mid-Aug 80. **Spud** adds that **Ann & Dave Van Syckle** continue their pleasant life in Walnut Creek over the hills behind Berkeley, CA. And adds that **Hal Brusher** in Oakland needs to lead the quiet life because of his heart problem; also, that **Roy Kaylor**, in San Bruno, is still housebound. However, **Angela** makes up for it by being super active.

Betty & Harry Storke summered—6 wks—as usual at their cottage out on the spit in W. Falmouth Harbor. **Harry** says that he was almost ashamed to enjoy the pleasant breezes while the rest of the folks steamed. As usual, their families joined them from all over. **Harry's** Pam—honor grad from Holyoke and now in Boston with an investment house; Carol—sophomore at UMA; **Betty's** Chuchi & Ken Nelson with Camy (13) & Deane (10) from Attleboro, MA; Vis & Steve Benson with David (9) & Eric (7) from Newark, DE; Terri & Doug Benson from Clarksburg, MD. In enameling, **Betty** gave many lessons and also took advanced lessons and produced some beautiful things. **Harry** dabbled with his acrylic painting. We saw **Cecie & Johnny (JCB) Elliott**, of course, they were in fine spirits, under the conditions of **Johnny's** recuperating from a serious internal operation last Apr, now taking things slowly, improving all the time under **Cecie's** vigilant thoughtful care.

On our way home, we made our annual tour of the **Red Reeder** estate overlooking WP. We found **Dort & Red** in fine fettle. At a tasty lunch we gossiped about everything from '26 to today, politics to No. 55. Now **Betty** and I are getting ready to fly out to Boulder, CO, to see my Carolyn and her Jennifer at Colorado State and Chris (high school senior). Returning, we will stop at Freeport, IL, to

1926: Smith presents Sewell Tappan Tyng Memorial Award to Cadet Mark R. Stevens, 27 May 1980.

see **Betty's** Sissy and her husband, Ray Holtan.

SCRIBE: Letter from **Marion (Ted) Peck**, dated 7/15/80, addressed to scribe, is quoted: "Dear Class of 1926—The wreath of red roses, white Fiji chrysanthemums with rose bow was very lovely and the expression of sympathy from **Marvin's** classmates in such a wreath was appreciated by me, my children and grandchildren. God bless each one of his classmates is my prayer. Fondly, **Ted.**"

Carleen & Adm Sims, journeyed south, mid-Sept, for their regular visit to The Cloisters at Sea Island, GA. **Adm** says if one wants to take his wife on another honeymoon here is the place, a Shangri La. Fine people, food, golf (5 courses), swimming (ocean and pool), tennis, horse-back riding, **Carleen** is a golf addict and while at Sea Island shot a 73 as reported by a reliable source—no details were available to scribe for this report.

Flash—**Spud Murphy** reports: 8/22/80, **Art Kirchhoff** out of intensive care but must stay in hospital another 2 wks. All is quiet in the Monterey area—no reports from the 3 **Pauls, Black, Carroll & Hamilton. Gen & Spud** are going to HI for the Xmas and New Year season.

1926: Addie Gross and the Heibergs.

SCRIBE: Prez **Heiberg** received (Jun 80) a letter from **Hal Brusher. Our** Roving Reporter, always on the lookout for a story of possible interest to readers of Class '26 Notes in ASSEMBLY mag, was enabled under the Freedom of Information Act to review portions of **Hal's** letter. An excerpt follows: ". . . **Frank Miter** was a CAC assoc with me. We served together many times. With his dry wit and sardonic manner was always a good man to have with you. I was reminded of a weekend with him in the Philippines; Ft Drum, the floating battleship, was a boon to all bachelors needing money. It was a place where "bad boys" were sent sometimes. There was no place to go (it was out in Manila Bay—a hot stove at times—taking on typhoons, squalls, etc., without rocking). Fishing, drinking 11/2 beer, reading, writing was the usual routine. **Frank** & Don Bailey '25 went out to fish in a banca—the P.I. outrigger canoe. A squal came up and Frank was "lost." The danger was for the boat to capsize and be driven out into the ocean. When this happened all boats, searchlights and available men began to search for Frank. There was no radio and the weather was terrific. We searched all night—no **Frank.** 2 days later, **Frank** called in from a railroad station on the peninsula. He was driven ashore and walked thru the jungle to a railroad line. We were all relieved—but **Frank** couldn't see the fuss. He was having a good time on land and was the hero of the Barrio. It took Frank 3 days to return by overland route to Manila. When Don Bailey went overboard, it was rather

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1926: The Heibergs and the Matthiases.

different. Don stayed with the banca and was headed for China when found." SCRIBE: Don Bailey confirmed **Hal's** story and says that he was finally blown ashore, crawled above the surf line into the jungle on the peninsula, went to sleep. Much later he was spotted by some men and finally got home, developing a massive case of malaria.

Evelyn & Vald Heiberg carried out their threat to spend the summer travelling. They started by flying to Europe for a visit with son Bill and his family in Belgium; he is on duty with SHAPE. Then they boarded their new Chevvie heading north, pausing for a visit with **Vald's** brother near Ft Knox, then stopping for a brief stay with **Adelaide Gross** at her beautiful home in Northport, MI. From there they headed into Canada, driving thru Thunder Bay, Winnipeg and Moose Jaw to Banff & Lake Louise. There they inspected the fabulous and spectacular National Park. When they got back into the U.S. they stopped at Steilacoom, WA for a visit with **Charlotte & Matty Matthias** in their commodious new home overlooking Henderson Bay. Mt. St. Helens then cooperated by blowing off some steam and ash which gave **Vald's** car an unwelcome dusting. The rest of their tour included a reunion with **Evelyn's** sisters and most of their families at beautiful Lake Tahoe, then a visit with Dorothe and her family in Livermore, CA. The trip home included tours of Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. All in all, they drove 8,700 miles. They were much impressed with the warm friendliness of Canadians and the relatively reasonable cost of food, facilities and fuel (unleaded gas as low as 83 cents) in the great Dominion to our north. By contrast, they were shocked by prices of everything in CA. (Gas as high as $1.40). The cost of travelling decreased the farther they got away from the West Coast. They were glad to get relatively reasonable cost of living in summer FL.

Mac McFarland from the great NW, reports: **Rosie & Bill Mills, Kay & Mac McFarland** are scheduled to drive to Pullman, WA, for the USMA-WA State football game. Other '26ers of the NW area may not do so due to the driving distances involved. The Mills and **McFarlands** will hold a mini-reunion of '26ers while there. **Hazel & Ben Thurston** have had their fill of travel for a while—7 weeks of junketing thru Europe. They saw the Passion Play in Oberammergau and full of praise for every aspect of it. **Ben** highly recommends getting Eurail Passes for travel over there. The **Matthiases** report an enjoyable visit by the **Heibergs** in Aug. **Eddie Watson** had some tough luck in the form of a heart attack, 16 Jul. He was in the hospital for 10 days and is now home on an exercise regimen, which includes lots of walking, but no more tennis, squash, or jogging. He can still play bridge though, winning the club tournament by a wide margin in his first meet after his recovery. **Mac** says that since his last report, Mt. St. Helens has misbehaved herself twice more, but in a more ladylike manner, very little ash fall—none here. He also adds that they had a short summer—about 2 weeks. Since early Aug, they have had fall weather. Early Jul, **Kay & Mac** enjoyed a visit by Bev & Eleanor Powell '36, from the hottest spot in TX—Killeen; they enjoyed the contrast.

SCRIBE: We regret to report the death of our classmate, **Irving F. (Red) Duffy**, 2 Aug 80, at the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI, Interment was in The Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield, MI.

SCRIBE: Scribe reports that he has a firm directive that says Lucile and he will depart from home and proceed to Belgium, mid-Dec 80, to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's Season with son Robert & wife, Kiki, their dtrs Stephanie and Jennifer, Kiki's father & mother from Sweden, Kiki's brother, his wife and 2 children from Sweden, Kiki's sister and her husband, from France. Festivities are scheduled at Robert's home in Brussels. From there Lucile and he will proceed homeward via Helsinki, Finland, for a visit of 5 days, thence home via NYC, arriving mid-Jan 81.

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From **Milt Towner** down San Antone way came the picture to embellish the column for this issue, taken at a brunch he and Helen gave for the local Class group in Jul. Those present to enjoy it were: **Bob & Natalie Aloe, Al & Mabel Lepping, Mike & Verna Williams, Von & Mary Kaylor, Jack & Grace Griffith, Chris Nelson, Betty Lovell,** and **Evelyn Flock.** Milt commented: "My pictures didn't turn out so well. I enclose one. You will recognize some of the desperate characters." See if you can!

Mac & Jean Miller enjoyed a trip to New England, departing Chevy Chase on 20 Aug for WP and 2 nights at the Thayer, during which he talked with LTC Burney about "accommodations for our 55th" and with COL Oakes "re class gifts to the Academy." **Woody Burgess** and **Mone Asensio** have the resulting data, probably leading up to a Reunion letter one of these days! Mac also took a look at the Class Tree and found it to be "healthy and growing." Next stop was at Hartford, CT, where they attended "the beautiful wedding of the youngest daughter of Dunc Somerville, '28"—Jean's brother. The next week was spent in Pittsford, VT, with old Armor friends COL **Bob & Ruth White,** enjoying their country home "with a fine view of the Green Mts. in the distance." Then they proceded to Bangor, ME, on 3 Sept to visit with son CPT Rusty and his family there. Rusty is now serving there with the ROTC at the UME, and Mac and Jean enjoyed helping them get "settled in their recently acquired house—and had good fun doing it. Especially enjoyed grandson Andrew." From there they returned to MD, arriving 9 Sept, closing what certainly seems to have been a delightful summer break—especially in getting away from the DC Area's record-breaking hot and muggy weather.

Ray Bell still gets around. In an Aug report he told of his "pilgrimage" to the West Coast: "to see my 86-year-old brother and while there I saw **Tom & Marg McManus** and also **Al & Betty Pachnyski.** I also talked to **Gar Davidson** who informed me that Verone was on a cruise to AK. I didn't talk to **Paul Berrigan,** but I did say hello to Mary. Paul seems to be in the consulting business and keeps very busy." Ray also reported that "my old home in Pensacola is looking much better, and my sister and I are enjoying the refurbishing of it!" Ray said that there he had joined a "dancing" Senior Citizens Group, "which with golf, plus other chores on the place keep me hopping and in good shape." In good shape for that 55th he undoubtedly means!

1927: A joyous snap from the Towners' San Antonio brunch.

Chris Nelson got in his always informative letter on 6 Sept. Of striking news was that concerning the siege which **Jack Griffith** had undergone. While visiting in the DC Area in Jul with his son, who had "just made his eagle, Jack had a fall which put him first in Bethesda Naval Hosp and then into Walter Reed AMC. The docs blamed a back condition existing since a fall at our 30th Reunion, and had him flown back to San Ant's Brooke Gen Hosp in early Aug." Chris considered that Jack had improved greatly just prior to sending in his report. Nothing further has been received as of deadline. We all hope that Jack is up and about in great shape now!

Chris again added: "P.P.S. Once again I repeat the welcome mat is out." Don't forget that when you go through San Ant!

Duch Holland as Chmn of the MOWW Internal Security Cmte certainly submitted a moving report at the Natl Convention at Denver in Aug. Some of you may have read it, but all others should seek a copy. It is one of the most powerfully patriotic, purposeful, inspiring expositions of the severe challenge which faces us all today and what must be done to leave a strong America for those who follow. To quote most briefly from the extensive report, here are 3 closing sentences: "Today's challenge is to restore that which has given us the ability for greatness, our belief in God and our dedication to the principles of democracy. Our dreams of a future great America need not die if we garner the will to keep it alive. America will be kept alive if we vote into national office the AMERICAN PATRIOT who believes in AMERICA FIRST." As you read this in early Dec, well after the election, let us hope that you feel that we did in fact elect the American Patriot.

Sad news came from **Chuck Stone** of the death of his beloved Ama on 6 Jul, in L.A. after "a stubborn but losing fight for about a year and a half against cancer, . . . just 9 months short of their 50th wedding anniv." Graveside services were at the USAFA on

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11 Jul. Survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. Gigi Hooker, Mrs. Claudia Avitabile, son COL Charles B. Stone IV, USMA '57, a sister, Mrs. Yndia Moore, and 8 grandchildren. Condolence of the Class is belatedly extended to all. Chuck intends to keep busy in L.A., where they had been since 1960 and have many friends. "This," he added, "and my being chairman of a small company which I helped create should keep me busy enough. I do look forward to our 55th!"

Doubtless you all noticed **Wink Ehrgott's** listing in the Last Roll Call of the Sept ASSEMBLY as having died on 8 May in MN. No news as to the death had reached the scribe before the Jun deadline, nor has there been any further information whatsoever as of this deadline. Wink, as most know, was a staunch admirer of WP and of our Class; although officially ex-25, he considered himself emotionally an ex-27, as his attendance at almost all WP gatherings went to show, including especially our Reunions.

Now for a brief of successful medical care for a couple of the Class. One who "came through her ordeal with flying colors" was **Jo Martin.** All aware of her hospital stay in Honolulu are so pleased that she is soundly well again! **Chris Nelson** also reported that **Al Lepping** by mid-Jul was back from the hosp where he had had surgery on a hand. Hope it is fine now!

The scribe wishes to thank sincerely the many friends who have written inspiring messages and sent lovely flowers to his Lucile, who suffered on 22 Jun a severe stroke on the left side, which kept her till mid-Aug in Walter Reed AMC and since in Manor Care of Arlington, selected for its determined physical therapy, upon which hope of reasonable recovery must largely rest. She keeps fighting!

As this column may reflect, this has been a very "quiet" quarter for Class news and pictures reaching the scribe. Everyone owes everybody something about his and her experience in this life; we are all eager thus to keep together! Please do get something in by Xmas!

Happy Holiday Season!

'28

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Some of us are still on the move. **Steve & Skippy Harbold,** along with **Bryant Boatner,** journeyed to a convention of the Daedalions back in Jun. **Skip Seaman** is in England on a vacation trip. Ruth and I motored down to Williamsburg, VA, in mid-Jul. While there we saw the **Cralles** a couple of times, including a visit to their very attractive new home at Littletown Quarter. A letter just received from Maury said that he had seen **Bill Breckenridge** up in these parts for a 10th Inf Reunion. Also the **Cralles** had just attended the wedding of their first granddaughter at Ft Meade, where the young lady's father is stationed. At the reception they met **Alan McCutchen's** daughter, who reported that her dad was in good shape. Ruth and I spent this Aug in Tacoma, WA (thereby skipping that much of the D.C. heat) with some of Ruth's relatives. While there we got together with **Jim & Frances Lockett** several times. They are fine.

I have just had a letter from Susan Finch, daughter of **Paul Sanders.** Paul died on 20 Sept. in Tucson, AZ of complications from

1928: Boatner with Steve and Skippy Harbold.

emphysema and lung cancer. However, he had been doing well up to a week before his death and was looking forward to attending '28s 55th Reunion and the graduation of his granddaughter, Cadet Mary Finch, Class of 1983. A Memorial Service was to be held for Paul in Tucson, with cremation and eventual interment at WP. To Paul's wife, Margaret, his son, his daughter (and I thank you, Susan Finch, for taking the time to write to me), and his 5 granddaughters, I express the most heartfelt sympathies of Paul's classmates.

'29

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On 19 Aug at a luncheon at Knoll House, the Memorial Plaque for Jupe was dedicated in a simple, but moving ceremony. **Ken Nichols,** on behalf of the Class, uncovered the Plaque and dedicated it to the Army Distaff Foundation. LTG David Ott, Pres of the Foundation, graciously accepted. Both paid tribute to Jupe for his services to Country, Class, and the Foundation. Judy was guest of honor. Others in attendance were: Mrs. Ott, **Senta Bell, Bill & Kitty Bowyer, Red & Marian Calloway, Tom Conley, George & Mary Joe Conner, Bill & Marge Ghormley, Randy Hubard, Bozo & Gertrude McKee, Mac & Patsy McKenzie, Ida Milwit, Alice Nesbitt, Ken & Jackie Nichols, Georgia Ostrand, Betty Reilly, Jack Seward, Jack & Rhoda Stone, Marshall & Harriet Stubbs, Ye Scribe, Bill & Nell Thompson, Van Vanderheide, Slim & Muriel Vittrup, Isabel Wentworth,** and LTC Shirley, Mrs. Duff, and Mrs. Waters of the Foundation office staff.

1929: McCulla, Seward and Dot McCulla at 50th Wedding anniversary.

Additional replies and contributions have been received for the proposed Class Memorial Plaque at WP. As of 30 Sept, 110 had replied out of a potential 136. Of these, 88 approved; 7 rejected; 8 suggested more restricted criteria for selection of honorees; and 7 took no position. A total of $1,573.22 has been contributed and is on deposit in the Class Account, West Point Fund. **Ken Nichols** submitted a proposal to the Supt in Oct citing the substantial Class support for the project and enclosing the report of the Class Memorial Plaque Cmte.

On the 26th of Jul, **Bill & Doc McCulla** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniv at a reception at Ft McNair. The affair was planned and hosted by their children—Bill Jr. and wife Joan, and Jean and husband David Riggs; and by their grandchildren—Bill III and wife Cheryl, and Scott Riggs. Much planning and research was evident in the duplication of the wedding cake and its decorations, and in the use by Dot of the same saber to cut the cake that she had used on Corregidor. Jack Seward, their Best Man, was present, as was Phillis Riggs (widow of Scott ('28) who went to boarding school with Dot in 27). An altogether joyous affair.

1929: Doug Dwyre, Best Man; Gerry, Bride; George Coolidge, Groom.

George & Gerry Coolidge sent word of their Golden Wedding Anniv. Their daughter had a very lovely Luncheon for them on 7 Sept at the Presidio Officers Club. Among the many friends and relatives from all over were in order of Class: COL & Mrs Francis J. Gillespie ('18), COL & Mrs. J.G. Howard ('20), COL & Mrs. D.G. **Dwyre** . . . Doug had been Best Man at the Wedding . . . COL & Mrs. **William E. Chandler.**

On 6 Sept, at Ft McNair, **Bill & Nell Thompson** gave a dinner for a number of classmates and other service and civ friends. Unbeknownst to most of us beforehand, it was also their 49th Wedding Anniv (As Bill is the youngest member of our Class, he and Nell are a little behind some of us more anxious types).

Slim & Muriel Vittrup celebrated their 50th Anniv at a champagne brunch at Ft Belvoir on the 27th of Sept. A most congenial group wished them well.

The Aug issue of "ARMY" carried an announcement that AUSA had selected **Jim Gavin** as the recipient of its highest award—the George Catlett Marshall Medal. The award was presented to him at AUSA's annual meeting in DC on 15 Oct. Congratulations to Jim on this recognition of the many fine contributions he has made to our Country and to the Army.

Marna Statham has written **John Phillips** that Harlan is in a nursing home, and that her arthritis makes writing quite difficult.

Ed Lasher points with pride to the promotion of son Don ('52) to MG; in "ARMY" for Sept it was reported that Don was being

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transferred to USACSC. Still in the cheerful vein, **Roy Keyes** writes that his wife of 49 years, 1 month, and he are enjoying a happy ret; two boys—successful men now—and 5 grandchildren.

Upon returning from a trip to CA and TX in Jul, **Slim Vittrup** was pleased to find a long letter from **Sam Silver**. Although Sam waxed a bit nostalgic, he seemed to be doing well.

Roy Cuno was knocked out by a heart attack in Jun, but was about back to normal in Aug. We wish him well.

Ed Wright finds TX not only weather hot, but even hotter politically. He used to be a Democrat, but has turned Republican, and is trying to do something locally to put the damper on soaring taxes as well as inflation. (And if he finds out how, I hope he passes the word.)

Weary & Jeanne Wilson were honored and pleased by a 50th Wedding Anniv party that was conceived, planned, financed, and executed by their children. The festivities were held on 26 Jun (cheating a little on the correct date of 4 Oct because of logistic problems). A total of 61 people attended—a remarkable feat when one considers that no family was closer than 500 miles. Their oldest, WKW III, and his wife and 8 children were in Germany so joined the group in spirit; Ella closed on St Simon's Is with 3 children, furniture, dogs, cats, and a 22 foot sailboat. There she met Margaret and her 4 daughters to form a convoy to Mobile, which they reached the morning of the festivities. Fred, stationed in the DC area, flew in to join his family at Mobile about the same time. Absence of '29ers was partially compensated for by a compilation of memory teasers and comments. Cousin Jean Taylor Horstman, widow of Sandy ('35), came the furthest and had known Weary the longest. Two days later, reduced to 3 families, including 9 grandchildren, they all trooped to Gulf Shores for a week at the beach.

1929: Libby and Zeke Napier and daughter Betty Blanchard at 50th Wedding anniversary party.

In Memoriam

Zeke Napier died of cardiac arrest on 11 Aug at Wilford Hall Med Ctr, Lackland AFB, TX. Libby and he had celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniv only 10 days before at a lovely party at the AF Village. Although not well, Zeke seemed to enjoy the affair. A contribution to the AF Village Nursing Home was made in his memory from the Class. Libby sent a moving note of appreciation.

Rudy Fink, after being in and out of the hospital for several months, died 28 Aug of an embolism. Funeral services were held in Ocean Spgs, where **Dan Quinn** was a pall bearer. A memorial service was held at Arlington in which a number of classmates participated. Rudy's ashes were interred in the grave of Martha's father, Horace Hickham ('08). At Martha's suggestion, a contribution was made in Rudy's memory to St John's Episcopal Church, Ocean Springs, MS.

Charlie Allen died in Jul, and **Doug Keirn** in May. Further information is not to hand, but ye scribe will try to have a report for the next issue of ASSEMBLY.

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'30

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Dear Gang:

Very little in the way of Class news drifted my way during the summer months. **Bob Wood**'s fine Fifty Year Book, to which the majority of you subscribed, more than made up for the sparseness of material for this column. And **Frank Waldrop** has written one of his telling vignettes about our 50th Reunion which may appear in a forthcoming issue of ASSEMBLY.

Sadly, as the summer turned into autumn, tragedy struck the **Jim Wilsons**. In early Sept Lena died after a long illness and was interred in Arlington. And just one month later Jim himself was killed in an automobile accident near his home in FL. He was cremated and his ashes interred in the columbarium of Arlington after a memorial funeral service with full mil honors from the Ft Myer Chapel. It was a beautiful fall day and, as always, the ceremonies were conducted with the impressive precision and meticulous attention to detail that marks the traditional observance of last rites for General Officers. Honorary pallbearers were **Ben Beasley, Ray Brisach, Bill Carter, Ned Moore, Bob Wood** and **Sid Wooten**; and among others attending were **Bill (W.H.) & Nancy Harris** and **Connie Booth**. So with a heavy heart we say farewell to another fine soldier and friend.

'31

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There is some sad news to report at the beginning of this column. **Bob Bard** died in FL in Jun. **John Feagin** died in San Ant in Sept, **Bill Davis** died in Virginia Beach in Sept.

There isn't much news to report this time. Everybody seems to be staying home and waiting for the 50th. You have been getting letters from **Clyde McBride** on the reunion and from **Ockie Krueger** on the gift, so you have been kept up-to-date. We hope that you are answering all the questionnaires that Clyde has been sending you.

We do have a couple of pictures that you may enjoy. The first one is of 2 roomies meeting in Honolulu after almost 50 yrs. **Dick Harrison** and **Rog Moore**. The other one is of **Charlie Densford** and his red, white and blue chicken, I think that's so you can tell the difference. According to Charlie, the eggs haven't yet turned out to be red, white and blue, but the chicken is working on it. A post card came from **Dean & Martha Herman**

1931: Harrison and Moore.

in Jul from Norway, where it was shirt sleeve weather and beautiful. They were taking a trip east to Russian territory, but not going in. **Fred & Marie Warren** have moved from the DC area and now have a domicile in Rehoboth Beach, DE, at 25 Tidewaters, Penelopen Acres, 19971. **Peter Otey Ward** is still in the consultant business on industrial dev for VA. He says he now gets up a little later each morning and if the phone rings on Sat, he hopes it is for another person in the household. Pete and Anne were in Cape May and drove to Atlantic City, where you can really see the old expression, "Curiosity killed a cat."

We heard that **Maggie & Agnes Weber** were to be in DC for a stay, but don't know for sure, since we didn't hear from them. **Ockie Krueger** had a letter from **Bill Chandler** saying that he, Bill, had to wait until his domino winnings came in, and nearly equalized his golf losses to **Bill Train** and **Herb Mansfield**, so that he could send a check. **Don Little** writes that he will conduct the Class Memorial Service at the 50th and will be assisted by **Elwin Eddy**. In answer to your question, Don, we did have a bit of your heat here in the summer. Wish we had some now, when the temperature is 40. **Bill & Fran Dick** did their annual bit this year at Rehoboth Beach in the care and feeding of children and grandchildren. They ran into the **Warrens** who were doing the same thing for 3 grandchildren. Bill and Fran went to Crawford, NE, to celebrate the 50th reunion of Fran's high school class. It was very interesting; Fran was interviewed as an early settler in Crawford, and according to Bill, she now qualifies as a genuine antiquity qualified to expand in the olden days. (Bill said that, Fran. I am just repeating it.) **Moppy & Polly Perry** had a visit with **Art Hercz** who came over to MSU for a conference. They also took a trip around Lake Michigan, stopped by and visited with **Les & Ruth Kunish**.

I had a note from **Leo Cather** telling me about **John Feagin's** death. We also had a note from **Katherine Feagin** thanking the Class for the flowers and for the expressions of sympathy from classmates. And a note from **John Feagin** from WP thanking the class. A couple of notes from **Ockie Krueger**. He will send out a letter in Dec that he hopes will be a complete report on the gift. As of 25 Sept everything is on the beam. Funds and plans are both in good shape. In the mean time make sure that all checks are made out to include "1931 Memorial." Going back to the note that **Bill Chandler** wrote about his domino winnings, we also have to wait until the other golfers, **Bill Train** and **Herb Mansfield**, pay up their golf winnings. **Gus Wirak** writes from Sun City where the temperature is now about 100. Gus and Alice

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1931: Charlie Densford.

like the life at Sun City where there are a host of WP grads and several classmates near by. Gus said he had a visit with **Deac Roller** but we haven't had a letter from Deac yet. **Percy & Margaret Lash** sent me a copy of a newspaper notice about Woonsocket in Rhode Is. When I was a stripling in Central Falls, my family would not let me go that far north to visit the city.

Jim King says that he was the young man in the last ASSEMBLY. He says that his only way of shooting his age in golf is with a big handicap. He says that he and Marge are squinting their eyes, but still move around rather smartly.

A note from **Ruth Stayton** says that she is now planning to attend the reunion. **George & Tommie Speidel** went on a summer trip to ME with the summer seminars of the Universities of the US. They repeat what **Dick Harrison** said, that ME is beautiful in the summer.

In Sept, without much debate and with no TV commercials, the Class had a meeting and reelected the entire slate of officers for another year. **Trick Troxel** as Pres, **Ted Decker** as VP, **Warren Hoover** as Treas, me as Secy, **Clyde McBride** and **Charlie McNair**, Reunion, and **Ockie Krueger** on the Gift Cmte. To those of you who read this far and to those of you who received the DC list, I made a couple of mistakes in it. **Charlie McNair's** phone no. should be 301-757-2296 and **Bill Dick's** no. should be 780-7961. I copied the numbers wrong when I did it.

Not much new this time. Maybe more after Xmas. Happy New Year to all.

'32

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Well Sirs, Mesdames, I trust that you all voted in the presidential election last month, even though it was overshadowed by one of much greater inconsequence.

Throw the Rascals In. Honey Whalen chaired the nominating cmte to propose the new slate of Class officers and by secret, written, absentee ballot, the following were unanimously (surprise!) elected: Chmn—**Besson**, Vice Chmn—**Gillette**, Secy—**Lyon**, Treas—**Dan Campbell**, Hist—**Zitzman** (1 abstention), Councilmen—**Hansen, Horner, Hunt, Jamison, McCawley, Sundt, Schukraft, Sinclair.** It's a formidable lineup dedicated to producing the best 50th Reunion our Class will ever have.

Goings on about town—any town. A good Wash report from **Dossi Davidson**, right after the Sept luncheon and just under the deadline. Present: **Bessons, Mary Cain, Ward Gillette, Hunts, Isely, Jamisons, Lyons, McCawleys, Schukrafts, Sinclairs, Sundts, Jim Woolnough** and the **D'Orsas.** (Charlie & Margo on the way back to FL after a visit with Charlie's 96-yr-old mother.)

Dossi returned several photos from Dave's files to those featured. In a group mailed to me was one of **Ed Rowan Jr** '63, receiving the Class gift from **Bus Wheeler**, then Army CS, while proud Ed Sr. looks on. I passed it to Ed who was delighted.

An old classic, "the DC Dancing Class" taken in 28 is floating around somewhere. **El Davis** patched and put it to-gether to show the likes of **Dick Coiner**, El and his sister, **Eddie Hartshorn, Rush Lincoln, John Steele** and other future cadets & middies. I believe El's sister, **Fran Davis Price** has it now, and except for one of **Torg Wold** playing "La Paloma" on his cornet when I was trapped as a houseguest in his home during yearling furlough, I would rather have the "Dancing Class" picture than anything. Blackmail alone would keep me in tacos and typewriter ribbons for the indefinite future and get us over the hump for the Class gift to USMA.

1932: Footballers Hillsinger, Stecker, Trice and Suarez at Randolph Field in 1932.

Young **Bill Davidson** was honored by an invitation from Supt Andy Goodpaster to attend graduation and a luncheon at WP this past Jun. Dossi was looking forward to attending with him and witnessing the 1st graduation to include femmes. As those things happen with guys on their way up, however, Bill had an unexpected biz trip to IN, so they had to cancel, but Andy's thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Dossi concluded with the news that **Nora Gerhardt** has sold the house in Westgate where we had so many fun parties and has moved to a good condo in Kenwood Apts. It's not far from Westgate and the dogwood in spring equals or surpasses the famed cherry blossoms elsewhere about town.

Archie & Helen Lyon had an interesting trip to Colo Spgs to participate in the annual convention of the National Sojourners of which Archie is a Past Nat'l Pres. En route they attempted to see **Bob & Betty Hewitt** in K.C. but they were out of town. In Denver they had a delightful lunch at the Denver CC with **John Street**, Bob's cadet roomie. **Helen Street** is pres of the Denver Symphony and had a prior commitment so couldn't make the luncheon. John, who ret recently from his position as atty for Burlington Northern RR, is in fine form.

In Colo Spgs, Archie phoned **Herb Thatcher** who insisted he come right over and join a family cookout that his and **Cal Smith's** daughters were preparing for the

1932: Fran Pugh and Mary Cain.

older folks. A fine way to spend the only free time Archie had all week. Cal's golf game is still great and Herb will be back on the course as soon as a small matter of 3 broken vertebrae sustained in a fall last spring are back in service.

Archie talked to **DB Johnson** and **Benny Webster** on the phone, but in the press of convention affairs did not see either. We're looking forward to having Archie & Helen here as our houseguests in Jan. They probably expend more man-hrs & ft-pounds, not to mention blood, sweat & tears on '32 Class matters than anyone.

By the time you read this, **Carol Power**, doyenne of the El Paso opera, will have flown east with a friend to take in 6 performances of the NYC Met & Philharmonic orchestra. (At times like this I miss **Charlie Piddock**, God rest his jovial soul, who used to say he was going to take in the Philanthropic orchestra on his next week-end in NYC.)

Carol drove to Canton, NY, near the Canadian border to visit her sister, flew to Baltimore for a few days with Dan Cheston, WP '34, and then to DC to stay with the **Sundts.** After co-hosting a '32 party with Danny & Bobbie, Carol flew to Denver for Thanksgiving with her younger dau Kathy before returning to El Paso. Older dau Carly who relocated from Germany to El Paso, is doing fine with John Hancock Ins. They thought enough of her to send her to Boston for a seminar so she can clue in the cowpokes.

Our Viking lady, **Joslin Morris,** who splits her time between the North Cape and DC, sent greetings from Norway. **Dick & Helen Hunt** followed thru, same cruise, same ship in late summer. It must have been good because Joslin said "Hils fra Nord Kapp."

From Aptos, CA, my ex-roomie, **Fearless Fred McKeown,** who probably coined the phrase, "It only hurts when I laugh," checked in with his latest ham on wry. As of Oct he has matching hips, stainless steel and plastic on each side. I saw him after his 1st op'n when he was playing his par 3 gold course without a trace of a limp, and I predict the 2d will lower his score.

Betty Whalen wrote encouraging news of **Pat Ondrick** whom she and Honey took to the Jun Class luncheon for the 1st time in several months. The doc says that Pat should be fully recovered within the year. Betty also

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1932: The Woolnoughs with twin granddaughters c. 1962.

wrote that the **Hunts** went to Chicago for the graduation of 2 grandchildren and included some news of **El Davis** from his sister Fran which I was glad to get for El's memorial item.

It's la dolce vita for the **Whalens** who spend almost ever weekend from Apr-Dec aboard their boat on Chesapeake Bay. Betty signed off, "Honey's Gal."

Hard on the heels of that came a humorous one (what else?) from **Henry McFeely** in response to "Only Yesterday." He said he survived Hudson Tech, took Coast Arty because there were few horses therein. Good service, ret for the 2d time in 75, got his golf game in shape and teaches photography. Answering his own rhetorical question, what does he know about photography, Mac says, "a little more than my students and I get paid for it."

To bring everyone up to date, Mac said he married his current wife in Aug 32 and has no plans to turn her in on a 1935 model.

There must be a fatal charm about 32 that attracts gals like **Betty Whalen & Phamie McFeely.**

In San Ant. **Terri Steele**, mother of **Terri Steele**, our lovely equestrienne, hosted a foursome which included **2 Zitzmans** at a polo game at Retama, where the best in the world is on display. Terri drove us in her brand new Cadillac, her 1st car which did not have a trailer hitch to take hunters and jumpers cross country to competitions. Terri, Jr. has all that stuff at her new horse farm which she named for her late daddy, "**Preston Farms.**"

Gracia Grunert did her thing with a pleasant cocktail buffet in her home for **Fran Godwin, Tom McDonald, Terri Steele,** the **Zitzmans** and an attractive neighbor who is an admin at Brooke Gen Hospital.

Also in San Ant, when Hurricane Allen hit the Gulf Coast and drove thousands of refugees up from the Corpus Christi area, **Pat Zitzman** reported to the Red Cross on zero notice and took the midnite to 0900 shift. Helped bed down the 1st 500 to arrive in a high school gym on the far side of town and stayed with it for 2 more nights until the guests were on the road back to their homes. Meanwhile her **heroic husband** fed their 3 dachsies and made sure that no one drowned in the Swim & Stay Fit Program at the Ft Sam pool.

Pop Duncan will shortly become Pres of the Atlanta Kiwanis Club. Never one to be caught short, he and LaTrelle attended the Int'l convention in Anaheim, CA; attended all mtgs, listened to speeches, developed resolutions and took strong stands.

When the skies cleared, the dust settled and the seas calmed, the **Duncans** headed up the coast toward San Fran visiting friends & travelling by every means except pack mule (Pop always exaggerates.) to Carmel and Monterey where they stayed with **Frank & Catherine Johnston** in their delightful home overlooking the bay. Later with the Autrey Marouns, WP '35, in their lovely place at Pebble Beach surrounded as Pop says, by cats, racoons, deer and a beautiful golf course. They were entertained by **Chris & Phyl Dreyer** and other grads of our time. They saw the **McFeelys,** tried to call the **Boswells** who were out of town, then returned to Atlanta. A few days to fall out and reform, then off to Belgium & England for 2 wks. Every Kiwanis Club should have a pres who takes his indoctrination so seriously.

Danny & Ruth Campbell were in Colo Spgs for a few days visiting Ruth's mother who spends summers at the Broadmoor and had a pleasant lunch with **Benny & Bobbie Webster** while there.

Lou Coutts saw plenty of action while he was the houseguest of **Click & Mary Rees** in Winter Park. Swimming with **Don & Marian Hardy** in the local deep pool, cocktail buffet at the **Rees'** with **Ed & Bee Suarez, Ruth Sutherland** and the **Hardys. Ed Suarez** wrote that they talked over everything from the time Lou put **Benny Webster's** car into a snap roll somewhere in WY on graduation leave, the 1932 Democratic Convention in Chicago where **Johnny Gavin's** father was a wheel in putting FDR in the hot seat, and Lou's wedding to Mary in San Fran way back when. Lou had lost 38 pounds but from his comments on **Mary Rees'** cooking, he may have recaptured a few.

Pleased to get a letter from **Cliff Bielefeld** whom I haven't heard from since he left WP plebe yr after some differences with the math dept. (Remember when a plebe asked P. Echols if there were any optional problems on the turn-out exam and he replied, "They're all optional, take 'em or leave 'em.")

Cliff wrote that he took his 2 grandsons, 14 & 16 yrs, to WP last graduation week, showing them around the Academy. Good thing he did because there were no other '32s registered at Alumni Hq at Cullum. Note ref to Dossi, supra.

Bielefeld isn't on the Class address list but for anyone who might want to get in touch, his address is 1248 Par Four Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Also note new address for **Johnny Kambhu**; 37 Ekamai Rd, Bangkok.

Ltrs from **Eddie Hartshorn** and his diminutive Dottie are always entertaining. Grandson Brian Dooley Jr, a Dallas HS Sr, is a hockey player on the team which won the TX state championship. Eddie commented that it was like winning the Icelandic surfboarding championship. I'm not going to argue with my classmate, the swimmer who broke the Academy record when he was a plebe, but I'll wager a small sum that there are more acres of artificial ice in TX now than there were of natural ice in northern NJ when I made my hockey debut, c. 1924, on the pond next to the sewage disposal plant in Ridgefield Park.

News from **Nana Gilmer,** relayed by **Liz Head,** says that Dan is having a tough go with his cancer. He's at home where Nana can give him the t.l.c. but spends most of his time in bed. **Dave Kennedy** keeps in touch and I'm sure that Dan would like to get a little note of cheer from any of you. His address in the Class Roster is current; 334 Paloma Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901.

1932: Hansen between two McCawley flowers.

Final Farewells. We have been out of touch with **Harold Shaw** for some yrs so it was sad to get the 1st news in a long time from his widow, via the AOG, that Hal died of a heart attack on the night of 14 Apr at the age of 73. He had been quite active until 2 yrs ago when emphysema and heart trouble slowed him down. Our sympathy goes to his widow, **Edna A. Shaw,** 600 E. Rimrock Rd, 9, Barstow, CA 92311.

And we lost 3 of our dear ladies during the last quarter. A ltr from **Ed Burke Jr,** WP '58, said that **Marian** passed on 9 Jul. A lung tumor did not respond to treatment and she died in her sleep almost 4 yrs to the day after Ed's death. She is interred with him at Pinelawn cemetery on L.I.

Received phone calls from **Roscoe Huggins** in Kerrville passing the word from **Marvin Isely** and from **Carol Power** in El Paso relaying **Bobbie Sundt's** info that **Evelyn Isley** died after a lingering illness in DC on 27 Aug. Memorial services were at the Old Chapel with many friends present.

And we were sad to hear of **Aggie Woolnough's** passing on 28 Jul. For the past 3 yrs Aggie knew her number was up but she showed remarkable courage and maintained her wonderful sense of humor until the very end. We shall miss them all.

Our sympathies also go to **Dossi Davidson** whose oldest brother died in Jacksonville, FL, the same day as **Marian Burke.**

It's appropriate to mention here that most widows prefer a donation to a worthy cause in memory of the deceased, instead of flowers. A modest donation to the WP Fund, either to the 1932 account or "unrestricted" at the Supt's discretion, is particularly good and it registers in at least 3 ways.

At the time she needs sympathy most, the widow receives a personal note from the AOG with the name of the donor who is thinking of her. **All** of the sum (no overhead) contributes to something useful for WP for which appropriated funds are not available. It's permanently recorded on our classmate's page in the Memory Book in the Library at WP indicating the donor's name. If a donation is made for one of our deceased ladies, it is listed on her husband's page as being in her memory.

Friends and descendants may see it in the Memory Book for years to come. It need not be large and of course the amount is never mentioned anywhere. It's the quick reaction response that means so much.

While we're on the subject of deceased friends, give **Ned Winston** full marks for getting **Ray Stecker's** memorial article in ASSEMBLY. Ned volunteered to do it if he could get the info, which inspired me to write to **Mary Cain** to find the next of kin. Mary came through in her usual style and

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1932: Pat Zitzman chats with Betty Besson and Lyon.

told me that **Joan Stecker** Brown, Ray's oldest child lives here in Universal City, adjoining Randolph AFB, 15 minutes from my home as the Fiat flies. I have visited Joan and got a wealth of info from newspaper clippings going back 40 yrs. I offered to send the whole wad to Ned but he suggested that I should follow thru since I could talk over the details with Joan vis-a-vis.

I have since written it, have Joan's approval and it is with the ed. But Ned started it all for Ray, one of the best all-around athletes ever to graduate from WP and who followed through with a standout combat record in WWII from El Alamein through Italy and the Normandy landings to the successful conclusion of the war.

I urge all of you to look over **Archie Lyon's** list again and select articles you could write.

Oktoberfeste. Charlie Brown and Linus missed the Big Pumpkin once again on Halloween but various hobgoblins saw plenty of action in Oct.

The Class of '33 held a full scale off-year reunion in San Ant with about 120 attending which included a very fine feature. Entrepreneur **Bill Harris** scheduled a free evening with an open bar cocktail session at their Hq in the Menger Hotel on Alamo Plaza in the late afternoon. It gave their friends from all other classes a chance to drop in and say howdy to friends in '33 from all over the country whom we haven't seen in yrs.

2 days later, Pat and I went to Dallas for a triple whammy as the houseguests of the Johnny Murrels, WP '30. It was the opening day of the TX State Fair, the annual football shoot-out between UTX & Okla in the Cotton Bowl, and when that was over, the WP Society of N. TX had its annual Mexican dinner at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. Drove back to San Ant Sunday in good health, mas o menos. Next night was the annual picnic of the S. TX WP Society. Also, **Benny & Bobbie Webster** arrived from Colo Spgs the same day to visit many friends here, including Bobbie's sister Sally (Mrs. Samuel E. Anderson, WP '28). Cocktail buffet chez nous included some '32s and AF friends of the **Websters** in addition to respectable people.

Meanwhile, back at the home office, **Ward & Mary Ellen Gillette** ran the annual '32 banquet at the Bolling AFB Club, 10 Oct. More details in the next issue after I get the after-action report with the casualty list. And don't forget, Class luncheons are the 2d Tues each month at the Ft Myer Club with the gals.

Every man an athlete. The lead article under **Tennis** in the **Washington Star** was headlined "Tough guy **Powel** picked to Rule US Open." It said **Ernie** was picked as the independent arbitrator of the 5-man cmte which supervised the men's portion of the US Open Tennis tournament in Flushing, NY, last Aug. There were 2 Grand Prix supervisors, 2 USTA members and Ernie was recommended by the Pres of the Assn of Tennis Pros to prevent a recurrence of the fiasco that occurred in the French Open. They all agreed Ernie was tough but consistent and the players respected him for it. Urbane Ernie acknowledges that he's considered tough but it's because he won't let the players bend the rules. Sounds reasonable to me.

Kudos. The Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, PA, named **John Steele** as a permanent Trustee Emeritus. John went to Dickinson College in 63 as Business Mgr and Chief Financial Officer, and during his 10 yrs at the Law Schl reorganized admin procedures and put the school in a stronger financial position, for which he received an honorary DDL degree in 72. That same yr he was named "Man of the Yr" by the Carlisle Lions Club. John continues as a trustee of the Carlisle YMCA, Chmn of the Carlisle Dist of the Boy Scouts and a Board Member of the United Way Campaign.

After '32, what? Plenty. In the last issue I was so delighted to report that our grandson **Russell Robertson (Larry Babcock)** will graduate from WP on our 50th, that I asked if we had any others and I got 'em. **Wally & Ann Brucker's** grandson, **Wallace B Brucker Jr** entered with the Class of '84, as did **Dwight E. Beach** III. The latter is the 3d in line by the same name to enter USMA and obviously needs a nickname.

His father, WP '59, was known as **Sandy Beach,** a neat appellation inspired by the color of his hair. Maybe Dwight III will be known as **Windswept Beach** if he can't keep his hair under control, or **Oilslick Beach** if he does. Whatever it is, it won't come up to that of his granddaddy, Dwight the 1st.

Modesty forbids my saying who thought it up, but it was friendly, euphonious and with an exotic hint of Eastern Europe in consonance with the Polish jokes Dwight loves to tell; **Sahnva Beach.**

Tom Harvey (father of Tom Jr, who won the AAA award for the outstanding athlete in the Class of '58, and later picked up a DSC, SS, PH and 46 AM in Vietnam), now has a grandson in Colo U and another entering Georgetown after being an honor grad at Phillips Andover.

We also have remarkable daughters. **Diana Suarez** is the Curator of Education of the prestigious Hunter Museum of Art in Chatanooga. As a teacher, she had seen children get excited about art, so she wrote and illustrated a book, "Bluff and the Magic Mansion" as a children's guide thru the museum. It's a thoroughly professional work with Diana's own drawings specifically for youngsters supplementing the illustrations of the museums permanent collection, e.g., Winslow Homer, Thos Hart Benton, and the superb sculpture, "End of the Trail" by Jas Earle Fraser. It's nice to see this artistic talent passed on from Diana's mother, the late lovely **Delphine Suarez** and the book certainly impressed this boy of 17 (that's 71 spelled backwards).

I hesitate to mention the next because of a personal relationship but a glance at the Stud Book reassures me that I'm a bona fide member of '32, so here goes.

A feature article in the Austin, TX, **American-Statesman** described how a blind student got her law degree by means of the "Recording for the Blind" unit which put every text book, case book and assigned reading selection on tape.

The item cited **Katie Zitzman Nesbitt,** with photo, as an example of the skills required of the readers who make the tapes. She's an editor at the UTX Ctr for Energy Studies which itself is quite a job but, on her own time, volunteers 4 hrs a week to record for the blind.

Never one to do it the easy way like her old man, Katie qualified for the biology and medical reading tests which often require describing what goes on under a microscope. The tapes go to the master library in NYC with duplicates made for whoever needs them across the country. You gotta admit, it's a balanced family effort. She reads for the blind & I write for the dumb.

Thanks for the good flow of mail and calls that come in from all over the country. Please keep it up with the occasional pix. I can't do this without it.

Stop the press. Just after the above went to the ed, **Dick Hunt** sent me a letter he had received from the AOG's Steve Fuqua, WP '33, saying that **Clayton E. Mullins** (Moon to you and me) had come through handsomely for the Classes of '32 & '33. Moon started with our Class in Jul 28 but in March 29 had to take sick leave. He joined the Class of '33 the following Sept and graduated with them.

Recently, Moon made a personal gift of $11,000 to the WP fund to be split between the accounts of '33 & '32. His former employer Atlantic Richfield Corp, provided a matching gift of $20,000 which Moon designated for the West Point Fund unrestricted account.

Never one to rest on his oars, Moon pledged a similar gift next year with a corresponding match from Atlantic Richfield.

Thank you very much, **Moon Mullins.**

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Some 95 of us are getting ready, as these notes are written, to join 35 already in San Ant area for the 1980 MiniReunion (MiR) so long planned by **Billy Harris** and his cohorts. A few had to cancel for personal reasons; they will be missed.

In the past quarter we've lost another classmate. On 27 Jul **Dave Jellett,** whose wife Ethel died in '78, suffered a heart attack while driving home alone in Seminole, FL. Memorial services were attended by **Bob & Margaret Thompson, Barbara Scoville** Brown and husband Dale, as reps of the Class.

1933: Standing: Watters, Coleman, Bernard; Sitting: King, Cleveland, Brindley.

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1933: The Fletters used to see Mount St. Helens from their balcony.

Found among Dave's effects was his page-long handwritten "biography in retirement" dated 7 Jul, addressed to **Jack Schmelzer** . . .

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Ralph & Jane Alspaugh's dtr Virginia has married a fellow Army officer, Joseph Patrick Regan, at St. Paul's Church (next Ft Sam Houston). Both are CPTs. After a Swiss honeymoon they PCS to Germany.

Achievement: Author **Bill Baumer**, in a truly princely gesture has had his publisher distribute copies of his latest book, WE LED THE WAY (Darby's Rangers) to all members of '33, and widows, with this message: "This is **Bill Darby's** own story. For his unmatched contribution in WWII, we honor and cherish our illustrious classmate."

From all of us, thanks and well done, Bill.

"This area grows so uncontrollably," writes **Don Cubbison**, "that the crush is at times too much. Clearwater doubled in 10 years! . . . Molly and I may have another son in the DC area. Ted (36) is on Israeli desk at SD; and Chris (32) (now City Editor of **Miami Herald**) has been called for interviews with **Wash Post** hierarchy."

Achievement: Our authors are beginning to multiply. **Bill Ely** has just produced LEIF SVERDRUP ("Engineer-Soldier at His Best"), co-author Gregory M. Franzwa—a book about an outstanding citizen-soldier, friend of the Army and of WP, known to many of us. The book highlights Sverdrup's work in the SW Pac. Sverdrup served as Chief of Construction and for a while as Engr for MacArthur.

Bill says he has no wish to profit from the book. Any Classmate who wishes to buy it can send him $16.50; Bill will send the $10.50 cost to the publisher and the balance to our Class Fund.

On the personal side, Bill reports that Double Dam Golf Course is for sale and that he and Helen hope to become once more residents of the DC area.

From WP comes word that **Steve Fuqua** has just ret from his post at AOG, which he has graced with distinction these past several years. He can still get over there, however, "and I'll always be ready as ever to help any classmate who calls on me."

Sudden tragedy struck in the home of **Ned & Gladys Gee** on 6 Aug when their son-in-law "Skip" (COL Donald B. Smith Jr '56) died of a heart attack at his quarters at Schofield Bks, HI, where he was assigned to the J3 Section of CinCPac, following graduation from AWC 79. Burial was at WP, where Ned reports everyone was extremely helpful, including "young Solly" (John K. **Solomon** '61, then a Tac, but since transferred—a full Colonel—to DC). Jane (Gee Smith) and their 2 sons are making their home in the Fairfax (VA) area. Deaths in our next generation are especially poignant. The Class joins in sympathy.

Pat Guiney, our Sidewalk Supt and rep for the soon-to-be-completed '33 landscaping project at Eisenhower Hall, has done it again with yet another excellent letter published in **New York Times**: ". . . Draft registration, one small step in the right direction, should be supported by all thoughtful citizens." Further, "**Adrian Hoebeke** and his son, Terry, have been here with me for 2 days (Rita is in Holland, visiting her ailing father). At the moment the **Hoebekes** are up at WP watching the new Plebes arrive—as we did **51** years ago!"

"Ed **Hale**," reports **Billy Harris**, "elected to ride out Hurricane Allen at Los Fresnos (near Brownsville) . . . I talked to him before and after—no damage except branches torn from trees. At one time his wind velocity indicator reached 103 knots."

The DC Aug lunch was enlivened by a Square Dance Caller from the 49th State, one **Duncan Hallock**, who with his Barbara blew in looking as fit as Islanders are supposed to be. Participating in the turbulence of our Class discussions, said Duncan, gave him new insights (but he astutely avoided disclosing what they were).

Another tragic loss in our following generation occurred in Jul, when **Mil & Sally Haskins'** son "Buzz" (Edward I. **Haskin** '59) died of cancer in Fairfax, VA (age 45). Buzz resigned from USAF in 63, entered Civil Service, graduated from ICAF in 74, and at the time of his death held a key post in the Nav Ord Sys Cmd. Burial at West Point. Survivors include his wife Mary Claire and 2 dtrs (17, 18). The Class will remember that Mil's and Sally's eldest son, our Class Godson, Millard L. Haskin II, died in Germany in 58 following an auto accident. To all the **Haskins**, our deep sympathy.

Achievement: Remember the pic we had in this column several issues back, showing what **Mo Kaiser** had done to a bull's eye? Well, he now reports that in Jul he won the 1000-yd Championship in the Eastern Regional High Power Rifle Tournament at Quantico, VA. Mo outshot over 300 competitors, including teams from the Army and Marine Marksmanship Units, other service teams, and top civ marksmen from ME to FL. His score, the only 200/200 recorded that day, was not only a rare triumph of Age over Youth (hear, hear!) but was achieved with a cartridge Mo developed to show that satisfactory results can be had with a smaller, more efficient cartridge case than the "Magnums" used by most Long Range marksmen. "Maybe 60 years of shooting experience helped too," adds Mo. Yeah, Mo—plus a steady eye and a stout heart . . .

"Fort Worth is very quiet, and very hot," writes **Ivan Parr**. "113° for the last several days (of Jun) . . . We get together with **Adrian Hoebeke** quite frequently—also see **Nancy Fairchild**, who is doing well . . . The enclosed picture (other WP Coat-of-Arms) was taken at the WP Society of N. TX dinner. **Hoebeke** and I are both past Pres."

"Teeny and I are holding our own—so far," says **George Powers**, who wrote at length to report on the most recent of "Doc" **Kibler's** sojourns at William Beaumont AMC. Over the past 3 years Doc has waged a long and gallant battle and has undergone repeated surgery, chemotherapy and heart problems. George's letter is a tribute to a classmate of whom we may all be proud.

1933: Douglas, Dave Gibbs Jr. '57, Lewis and Montgomery.

"Here's a news story about a whale," writes our ME correspondent, **Harry King**, "which might fit into the '33 column." Sorry, Harry—people, yes; whales, no . . . but anyway, it seems that 6 people including a 9-month old boy were fishing the chilly waters of Casco Bay, minding their own business when a (estimated) 60-foot long finback whale surfaced immediately under their 28-foot wooden cruiser, piercing the craft with its dorsal fin and literally blasting it out of the water. The boat sank; the people didn't and were duly rescued; the whale blew and could not be reached for comment—"We expect one of Harry's Tank Destroyer officers and wife to visit us in Sept," adds Gracie. "Also Muff & Jerry Blair ('34) came by on their way south. It's been a good summer . . ."

Although the amounts may not be specified, the Class is pleased to learn that **Moon Mullins** and **Rod Gott** have each made generous contributions to the Class account with AOG—contributions augmented, moreover, by matching contributions from major firms with which they are/have been affiliated (see President's LinCorner below). Hearty thanks!

Achievement: An outstanding article, THE NORTH GERMAN PLAIN ATTACK SCENARIO: THREAT OR ILLUSION? In **Strategic Review** (his 3rd article in that prestigious publication by **Jimmy Polk**. "The specter of large-scale Warsaw Pact thrust over the North German Plain is a scenario open to question . . . NATO should regear its defenses to be able to respond to one or more major salients of attack almost anywhere along the Central Front, with emphasis on specific points of weakness as the Soviets may perceive them." The article has generated wide interest and is being republished in other publications. It exemplifies the contributions which can still be made by the combination of a keen mind and a continuing interest in our Natl Def. Other **Polk** news is less bright: Jim's sister, Molly **Polk** Wilson (married to Arthur Harrison (Harry) Wilson '37), died of cancer in Jul. We extend deep sympathy to the **Polks** and **Wilsons**.

A change of address prompts greetings from **Ray Sellers**: "After we (mostly Olive) had built up from scratch our beautiful yards with trees, shrubs, flowers and weedless lawns over some 18 yrs—and after 2 yrs of CA drought had reduced us to trees and weeds, we felt that we should move to a condominium and let the pros take care of the grounds. So we're at 5434-A Roundtree Court, Concord, CA 94521. Tel n/c. "We hope to SYAMiR, where Olive looks forward to catching up on woman-talk with **Bill Due's** widow, Dora Rodriguez; the 2 were close friends before Bill and I met back in the fall of '33."

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1933: The Parrs and Hoebeke at the WP Society of N. TX dinner.

"Margaret and I have recovered from our marvelous stay in Mallorca," writes **Bob Thompson,** but not without each of us having flu in succession. Our misery was somewhat eased by the arrival in late Jun of our family room furniture (ordered the previous Nov). For golf we tee-off at 7 a.m. to avoid summer heat while yet warming up for the '33 Intl" (see below).

Another **Thompson (Bill),** blew in from Pearisburg (VA) last month, RON'd first with **Abe & Mary Lincoln,** then at Walter Reed for a check of eyes and heart, but blew out again before we could properly get his news.

ADDENDA/GENERAL NOTES

GOLF. The **Ryan-Carver** organizers/managers of the USMA '33 Int Golf Tournament report that taking weather into account the 1980 event can be considered a blazing success. Scores were again compiled by **Ryan** and audited by **Hurlbut,** either of which alone would make them suspect, even if veracity could be attributed to the sources . . . Those who feel we're getting older, however (sez **Ryan**), may note that our average score in the Intl Flight has improved by 3 strokes over 79 . . . **Pope,** excluded by a minor physical ailment, claims that **Cal Smith's** eagle on the 18th hole from 160 yds could (or should) have been a double bogie; there were no other protests since Cal's handicap is still being investigated by a Congressional Cmte. Meanwhile Cal maintains that his victory over **Senter** by 0.2 is long overdue, he having lost to P Echols in 1930 by the same amount. **Ryan** solicits comments for future tournaments.

Results (Internat'l Flight):

No of Players . . 31		Number of Courses	
Average Score . .96		Played 16	
Lowest Score . . 75		Callaway Scores:	
Highest Score . 133		Lowest 73	
		Highest . . . 80	

Scores adjusted for course ratings:

			Callaway Scores:	
Low gross	Ely	76.	Van Way	73
2d " "	Smith	80.3	Meals	73
3d " "	Senter	80.5	Whipple	76

50-YR BOOK. The word from **Jack Schmelzer** is, he's got twice as much money (contributions as he has biographies: please get your biography-in-ret (a) written and (b) in the mail. It may be later than you think!

PRESIDENT'S LINCORNER. "We had a fine response to our last Bulletin," sez Abe, "Yet I still hope that classmates who have not yet contributed to our 50-Yr Gift will send at least a token amount. The gift is from all of us."

SCRIBENOTES. (1) The "achievement" caption risks being awkward in that many fine achievements (as in the selfless devotion of couples facing illness) are "unhonored and unsung"; yet the idea seems to have merit. For (2) this dynamic Class of '33, instead of venerably subsiding, seems to take on renewed vitality as the years pass. So let us hear what you are doing that we may share in the pride of your accomplishments! HGS

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Paul Hanley wrote a glowing account of the Annual Summer Solstice Festival held this year on 21 Jun at "Vista del Lago" for classmates residing in the GREATER San Fran area. As will be recalled from previous Class Notes, this affair originally was the brainchild of **Peg & Bill Neal** who so generously for so many years made their home and grounds available for this annual get-together. This year it was decided to give **Peg and Bill** a much earned rest and so through the kindness and generosity of **Helen & Bud Buehler,** it was held at the latter's home. Part of the success of this year's gala was due, undoubtedly, to the fact that Old Sol cooperated to make his fast-fading demise on the first day of summer a spectacular display of radiant glory which illuminated the **Buehler** home, vineyards and the beautiful valley below by bathing them all in a crimson glow of transient shades of captivating magnificence. It is of interest to note that guests came from just about all over and from directions embracing the entire 16 compass points. From Reno came **Biette & Charlie Fell** plus **Virginia & Dale Smith** while **Marge & Travis Brown** homed in from Grizzly Peak in Berkley. Marin County claimed **Helene & Art Inman, Jeanellen & Joe Killian** and **Peg & Bill Neal. Anne & Bill Kern,** who used to live in the East, had San Leandro as their initial point; **Dottie & Johnny Franklin** began their trip by heading north from Hillsborough and **Sue & Bob Erlenkotter** came all the way from Mendocino. **Betty & Charlie Johnson** made the trip from Carmel and **Paul Hanley** brought **Patti Crystal** from Palo Alto. Seizing the opportunity afforded by the first wine test, glasses were raised and the hope expressed that those who were unable to attend: **Catherine Caulfield,** the **Tom O'Neils,** the **Hollingsworths, Helen Shuck Putt** and **Jody Hanley** (who had to be in TX) would all be able to make it next year. The fact that so many were able to find their way over a winding country road to the **Buehler** Villa some 7 miles west of St. Helena was unquestionably made possible by the untiring efforts and engineering acumen of **Bud Buehler** who provided each vehicle navigator with a map which showed exactly how to reach his home from every conceivable direction. Apparently **Paul Hanley** and **Charlie Johnson,** independently that is, undertook to try all the possible ways. Nevertheless, no one can point an accusing finger at these 2 and say, "You were lost," because they did reach their destination and "on time"; but then, there must be some logical explanation for arriving with such a low level of gas in their tanks. For those who were fortunate enough to be there, this festive occasion was a great experience because it not only provided an opportunity to see a tremendous vinyard with a modern winery, but also a chance to observe how the skills and know-how of wine-making contribute so much toward making a unique wine. It is a pleasure to report that this great day and the unforgettable get-together associated with it ended on the note, Hail '34!

1934: The Wilmeths and O'Haras at Ocqueac Falls, MI.

1934: Dickery Dock, Front: Richardson, Corrigan, "Lonesome," and Spivy; Rear: Stevens, O'Hara, Edson, Fuller, Walsh and MacDonnell.

On 29 Jun "Dickery Dock," the lovely home of **Fran & Bert Spivey** in Annapolis was the scene of a great "Crab Feast" and evening of pleasure for the following: Gene & Hope Corrigan, **Bob & Nancy Fuller, Bob & Sis MacDonnell, Jim & Elinore O'Hara, BJ & Farley Richardson, Johnny & Francie Stevens, Lou & Louise Walsh** and, to be sure, their gracious hosts, **Bert & Fran Spivey.** It was a festive time, it was a happy time and it was a time to be remembered.

In a note from **George Eatman,** way down Mississippi way, comes word that **at long last** (emphasis George's), he and Catherine are the grandparents of Jacob George Eskridge Eatman, born 15 Feb 80, the son of George Lloyd Wade Eatman and his wife Ada. With all those names tossed into the hopper, it is easy to see that George and Catherine are enthusiastic and full-blown genealogical buffs who pursue their hobby with a burning zeal. After years of research, George also reports that he and Catherine have found a 17th century ancestor which makes them "Kissin Cousins" as well as descendants of ye olde Charlemagne. On Guard, George, for as Thackeray so keenly observed, "Nothing like blood, sir, in hosses, dawgs and men." And there is nothing like the reassuring good news which George made possible when he said that he was giving serious thought to attending our 50th Reunion.

A most interesting letter brought news from **Craig Smyser** who is still working by pur-

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1934: Sis MacDonnell, Hope Corrigan, Farley Richardson, Elinore O'Hara, Louise Walsh, Frannie Spivy, Nancy Fuller, Faith Edson, and Francis Stevens at Dickery Dock.

suing interests which now embrace a period of time far greater than all the years of his commissioned service. Craig is a practicing consultant in the field of civ engr which he finds interesting, challenging and, of course, remunerative. His 3 children have produced a total of 7 grandchildren of which 4 live in DC and 3 in Cincinnati. With these 7 compelling reasons, it is easy to see why Craig & Gan leave Dallas and head north whenever circumstances permit. Craig also indicated that Gan keeps very busy too with her portrait painting, her major in college, and currently has 4 commissions which no doubt is a lot better than struggling along on a straight salary basis.

From **Pete Ward** comes word about **Suzanne & Charlie Hill** who left their home in Covington, LA, the early part of May for a visit with Sue's sister (Peggy Doane) in Hampton, VA, and this gave Pete a chance to latch onto some news. Charlie is now enjoying his "second" ret, this time as "Professor Emeritus," a status which gives him an office and practically no work. Suzanne is still actively teaching and both are engaged in simian rsch. In mid-May they both attended a conference at Mt. Kisco, NY, where Sue presented a paper. In late Jun, along with Peggy Doane, they flew to England for a visit and then on to Italy where both read papers at a symposium on Comparative Psychology and attended the 8th Annual Congress of the Primatological Society (a group devoted to the propagation of monkey business). Following a flight to Wiesbaden, Germany, a visit of several days there, Suzanne and Charlie, having decided that they had done enough monkeying around, got on a fast plane and flew back to their home in LA.

In a note which unfortunately arrived too late to meet the deadline for the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY, **Si Gilman** reported on a trip which he and Fran made last Jun when they left their home in Quechee, VT, and headed for the Province of Quebec including the Gaspé Peninsula, New Brunswick and then back to VT by way of ME & NH for a total of 2400 miles in 8 days. In order to get the true flavor of life in French Canada, the **Gilmans** opted to stay in pensiones, to picnic in the parks and to see those places and to have those unusual experiences which come only as a result of close association with the people. Conversing with French-speaking people apparently posed no insurmountable difficulties, for the Canadians were all friendly, patient and helpful. Fortunately, Si had retained his WP Larousse and whenever he found himself groping for the English equivalent of a French word, or vice versa, he was able to look it up quickly. For both Si and Fran, it was a most enjoyable trip, particularly along the scenic St. Lawrence River and the Gaspé Peninsula. With unleaded gas at 80¢ per gal and with a 15% advantage on the money exchange, expenses averaged about $60 per day for two, which is rather good these days when one considers travel costs here at home and in Europe. As Si indicated, it was great to get away and see something different, but it was even better to get back home in the Green Mountains of VT.

Johnny Stevens reports that his grandson, David Stevens Sozio, graduated on 19 May from Wake Forrest College in Winston-Salem, NC, with an AB degree. In Aug, David entered the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, to begin graduate studies leading to a master's degree in Business Administration.

A most interesting letter from **Ralph Bucknam** reveals that although he has ret from his patent law practice, he is still as busy as ever. After a long lay-off caused by business pressures and other demands on his time, Ralph says that he is now back making violins again and has just finished varnishing his first violin produced since the lay-off. As he has already started to make another violin, this may be an opportunity for one of you stringed-instrument buffs to talk **Ralph** out of a rare, genuine Buckavarius, for a consideration, of course! **Ralph** also indicated that he was serving (gratuitously, no doubt) as lawyer for Northport Galleries, Inc., a non-profit art gallery established for the purpose of promoting and displaying the work of contemporary artists. Apparently this effort has been well received by both the public and interested artists and among the latter is Ralph's wife, Ruth, a very talented artist who already has had a number of paintings on display.

Late in Jun, the **Stevens and Diefendorfs,** having collaborated on making the necessary reservations, met at Peaks of Otter for a 3-night stay at this inviting mountain retreat located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway about 30 miles due west of Lynchburg, VA. This well-run motel has attractive and comfortable accommodations, excellent food at very fair prices and there is much to see and do in this beautiful area. For these 2 classmates and their spouses, it was a most enjoyable sojourn and they are looking forward to a repeat performance in the not too distant future, firm in the belief that it is well to smell the roses while one can.

For **Betty Anne & Dan Cheston,** last summer was a full one which started off in Jun with a trip to Europe to include, through a well-conducted tour, an opportunity to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau plus much of the Swiss and Italian Alps. In Aug they drove to New England to escape the heat of the Baltimore area and to enjoy the refreshing ocean breezes at Wentworth-By-The-Sea in NH. On the 8th of Nov, the **Chestons, Edsons** and **Pettys** all met at WP for the Army-Air Force annual football tilt. After the game they all drove to Lake Mohonk at New Paltz for an evening of pleasure and an overnight stay at Lake Mohonk's delightful, old-time hotel located right at the edge of the Catskills.

In a note relayed by **Stan Brown, Axel Waugh** reports that he & Dottie took off on a grand-circuit tour this summer in order to visit: their son & four grandchildren in Denver, their son & three grandchildren in Anchorage, AK & their daughter & latest grandson in Chicago. Now that was quite a tour as well as eight convincing reasons to do it all over again in the not too distant future.

Early in August, **Evelyn & Pete Ward** took off from their home in Hampton, VA & flew out to the west coast for a visit with their son, Nat in San Diego and a visit with Pete's sister in Santa Monica. Pete also reported that **Dave Routh,** who has had some medical problems in recent months, is now in good spirits & apparently doing much better. Keep making progress, Dave, and may a full recovery soon be yours.

Early August also brought from **Don Durfee** a letter indicating that 1980, up to that time, had not been a very good year for him. He had undergone 7½ weeks of radiation bombardment which left him feeling weak & rather low. From the other side of the coin, however, the picture was quite different, in fact, it was quite good, for his doctor now says that **Don** is doing just fine, that his strength will gradually return and that the outlook is good. That is good news, indeed, Don and all your classmates and their firstmates are mighty happy to hear it. From them all comes the wish that your recovery will be complete in every sense of the word & that it will not be long in coming. Don also indicated that he & Thelma were awaiting the arrival of their son, Dave (USNA '63) & his wife who were enroute to visit them from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA where Dave is stationed.

In a fine note which, unfortunately, arrived just too late to include in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, comes word from **Alex Stuart** who reports that **Polly Elliot** has decided to remain in her lovely home in El Paso. She had just visited her son, Torchy (now an LTC), his wife Sally and their three children at West Point. Apparently, **Charlotte & Harry Hubbard** with a home and a large cattle-raising farm to look after keep very busy. In addition, Harry has had more than a year as Chairman of our Class Gift Committee whose work has now been completed and was accomplished in far less time than any of us ever thought would be possible. During the month of Jun, **Mim & Alex Stuart** were privileged to have the opportunity of celebrating the 70th wedding anniv of Alex's parents, COL & Mrs. A.J. Stuart, Ret. Fourteen members of the family were there to participate in the festivities and to honor those who succeeded in reaching this great milestone. The entire Class joins in sending belated but sincere congratulations and best wishes to Alex's parents.

From **BJ Richardson** comes word that his wife **Farley,** who recently underwent surgery on her 2d hip is doing well and coming along nicely. That's good news **Farley** and prompts the wish from all of us that your recovery will be speedy in coming and that it will be complete in every way.

A recent card from **Paul Craig** (J.P.) reveals that he has had a rather difficult summer with 3 visits to Arlington Memorial Hospital in the Dallas area where he underwent a triple by-pass operation from which he is now convalescing and apparently doing well. This may take a little time Paul, and if it does, remember that Rome wasn't built in a day. From all your classmates comes the wish

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that your recovery will be complete in every way and that it won't be long in coming.

Through these notes the Class extends its deepest sympathy to **Sue Smoller** Stevenson (**John Smoller's** widow) for the recent loss of her husband.

In a special message relayed to your scribe under the heading, "Here's what's cooking," **Elizabeth Petty** writes: "Having heard that Phyllis Schlafy was going to be on the Phil Donahue show, I turned on the TV and was delighted to see **Mary Lawler (John Lawler's** better half) in the audience. The camera focused on her as she spoke against 'The women in combat aspect of ERA'; she was good, very lady-like and soft-spoken, positive and earnest; you would have been proud." We are, Mary, and that is why we all want to say through the medium of these notes: "Bouquets and kudos to you for standing up like a true stalwart."

From **Tete & Charlie Brown** comes word of the great hoe-down which took place at their home in early Aug when **Louise & Jim Snee** favored them with a delightful visit. For Jim and Charlie, it was a full-time job trying to catch up on all that had transpired since their last encounter which took place behind a Normandy hedgerow back in '44. For **Louise & Tete**, however, it was an even more demanding test of endurance, for having never met before, they had to go all the way back to the Year One. It is understood, so the rumor goes, that the book will be published in two volumes sometime in the distant future. Charlie indicated that when the **Snees** departed on 4 Aug to head north in their new Caddy Eldorado, he and Tete felt sad, but that their driveway looked even sadder having lost such a distinguished looking people mover.

From the west coast comes word that **Anne & Bill Kern**, after spending almost a year there, have finally sold their Oakland area property. Following completion of settlement details around the middle of Aug, the **Kerns** were to fly to HI for a sojourn of several weeks, after which they were to return to San Fran, pick up their car and then head for their home in Alexandria at a leisurely pace. Welcome home, **Anne & Bill**, it's good to have you back.

Gene Corrigan reports that he & Hope recently became grandparents. Their grandson's father is their son, LTC Robert E. Jr., now serving with the Defense Advisory Group in Indonesia.

The regular Class Luncheon was held at the A&N CC on 21 Aug with the following attending: Corrigan, **Diefendorf, Edson, Fuller, Lewis, Luehman, MacDonnell, Stevens, & Walsh.**

It all began at eventide on 22 Aug when 23 guests gathered at the spacious and beautifully appointed apartment of **Sis & Bob MacDonnell** for an evening of camaraderie and fellowship spiced with the indelible imprint of yesteryear. It was a time marked with good spirits, gourmet treats and a sumptuous repast as well as an occasion for songs which included all the old-time favorites, finally ending at farewell time with one which filled everyone's heart, "Oh What a Beautiful Evening." Those present: **Tete & Charlie Brown, Crys Munker,** Hope & Gene Corrigan, **Janet & Johnnie Diefendorf, Faith & Hal Edson, Nancy & Bob Fuller, Loretta & Emory Lewis,** Beth Sorley Lyon, Kathleen Lynch, **Jan Tibbets, Lil & Bob Tyson, Louise & Lou Walsh** and the two who made this

1934: Perry Griffith presents trophies to museum.

great gathering possible, **Sis & Bob MacDonnell.**

It is easy to say with a certainty which no one could possibly challenge that a letter from **Dudley Wilmeth,** "Correspondant Extraordinaire," is a most refreshing experience. Sometime last Jun, he wrote to say that there were two reasons why he & Frankie were unwilling to spend their summers in Ft Worth—Jul & Aug PERIOD! Now that we all have had the benefit of being able to reflect upon the summer of 1980, it is easy to see that while Dud's comment was terse, emphatic and right to the point, it obviously was the understatement of this century, for it didn't seem to presage what was in store this summer for those who continued to reside below the Mason-Dixon line. Or maybe it did, for **Frankie & Dudley,** that is, who must have had a premonition about summering so far north of Ft Worth. On leaving their home in Jun, they headed for the WI-MI area where they planned to spend the summer as participants in the Elder Hostel Program, an educational opportunity where you learn without studying. You simply go to class, bring an apple for the teacher, smile, look like you are straining to grasp every modicum of knowledge tossed in your direction, make a few notes as the spirit moves you to record those things which appear to have value for current use or which look like promising material for later reflection. You soon adjust to the routine of spending pleasant afternoons sharing gems of wisdom and experience with similarly minded contemporaries. Then, in the cool of the evening while there is still daylight, you retreat to the garden where, under the spell and fragrance of roses, you wander about in the manner of Socrates and start thinking about all the pressing problems of the world, only to exclaim, "OK, Tomorrow." Then in anticipation of a normally unseasonable opportunity, you scurry off to bed and sleep under blankets. Shortly before his departure from Ft Worth, **Dudley** sent your scribe an itinerary showing by date and address just where he would be all summer, hoping, it is assumed, that this would promote a continuation of correspondence all summer. Now the cat must be let out of the bag! Recognizing the importance of this instrument because of the privileged information it contained and appreciating fully the need for safeguarding it at all costs, your scribe put it away with such precision and care that no trace of it has ever been found and this, despite the fact that every conceivable repository and every possible hiding place has been searched out and inspected with the same diligence and thoroughness one would properly expect from Sherlock Holmes. On or about the 1st of Aug, the ceiling fell in. Through the courtesy of US. Mail, an envelope arrived bearing a MI postmark and the envelope contained a letter with the notation, **"O'Hara's** Heavenly Haven on Huron" appended in the upper righthand corner along with the date. It was a letter from **Dudley,** as you no doubt surmised, and by the time that your scribe had finished reading it, he was so cracked up that he felt he might not be able to finish up these Class Notes in time to meet the deadline. Realizing that time was of the essence, a panic-button letter was dispatched to **Elinore & Jim O'Hara,** the little hair available to your errant penman was let down all the way to include a complete confession of an egregious failure to put an important document in a place where it could be found. Thanks to **Elinore's and Jim's** timely response, which fortunately contained an address capable of being reached within the time limit imposed by the circumstances, a rather sizeable portion of Humble Pie was then promptly dispatched to **Dudley.** It is gratifying to be able to report that in his "Johnnie on the spot" response, Dudley said that the Humble Pie was received in good condition; that considering the reason for which it was sent, it was unusually good and that **he and Frankie** would like to have the recipe. Of one thing you can be sure, **Dudley** is going to get it!

Eight classmates and their O.A.O.'s found that Kill Devil Hills on the Outerbanks was an ideal place for a Sept get-together. Arranged in reverse alphabetical order in an effort to assuage a long-standing grievance, those who made this great mini-R possible were: **Walshes, Stevens, Spiveys, MacDonnells, Edsons, Diefendorfs, Craigs** (Bill) and **Cunninghams.** Because of such a wide variety of things to do, it was decided that everyone should feel free to pursue interests in one's own way and this was done. Each day promptly at 1830, however, the whole gang gathered to observe appropriately the Two-way Spirit Hour. This is the occasion when one puts his spirits down in order that his own may be lifted up. It is something like a reciprocity situation where each classmate gives himself and mate a little "touch" and gradually each receives a most rewarding dividend in return. Really don't understand what the mechanism is, but it works nevertheless, because those who arrive happy, always leave happier. It does seem odd that no one ever says very much about these affairs afterwards, but probably because so much is said during the period of moving spirits that no one is able to remember what was said. In any event, it is a friendly way to get together and a wonderful way to go and since no one ever complains, this must be the way to celebrate the most rewarding hour of the day.

Because of the overwhelming response to our Class Gift project and the resulting oversubscription to the established fund objective, announcement can now be made that the original goal of 12 granite benches will be achieved. Already AOG approval has been obtained to add 2 more benches to the 10 previously approved for construction and installation at Trophy Point. Consequently, work embracing a total of 12 granite benches along with the enhancement of the plinth to include shrubbery and an appropriately placed stone walk is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 1980. These

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12 benches, cut from the Stone of Ages, will be formally presented to our Alma Mater at a dedication ceremony to be held at the time of our 50th Reunion in May 1980. Record that date now, resolve that you will attend and start making plans so that this once-in-a-lifetime event will become a living milestone in your own life.

Flash just received from **Harry Hubbard** who reports that he and **Bob Finkenaur** have inspected the benches at Trophy Point. Ten of the benches are in place and beautifully sited. Two additional benches will be installed by 30 Oct 80. Each bench bears a word on the seat ends such as, COURAGE, LOYALTY, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE, etc. The Plinth Base is in place and will be completed as soon as the contractor receives the Plaque which will be executed in capital letters:

"THESE BENCHES ARE PRESENTED TO OUR ALMA MATER WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE PAST, AND TO THE UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE CLASS OF 1934–1984."

With the Yuletide season at hand and the end of the year fast drawing to a close, this is an opportune time to extend to all classmates, firstmates and friends of our Class, wherever they may be, heartiest wishes for a joyous Xmas and a New Year filled with continuing good health and much happiness. Ring out the old, ring in the new and before the next deadline, 30 Dec 80, send in some news to your Class scribe for publication in the Mar issue of ASSEMBLY.

Bits of cavalry history are finding their proper places among other relics at the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Ft Riley, KS. One horseman in particular, **MG Perry Griffith**, USAF Ret, recently presented 2 silver competition trophies to the Museum from a total of 6 earned while a student at the school. He also presented his wife's father's Barnsby dressage saddle to the Museum. Her father was the late COL R.M. Parker, U.S. Cavalry.

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When Eleanor **Gregg** did not arrive as planned on 5 Jul at a friend's home in Highlands, NC, a search was begun which ended when she was found in her car in a creek. When son David H. Gregg Jr. arrived from his home at 6 Chestnut St., Randolph, VT, the doctor in charge assured him that his mother did not drown, leaving the assumption of a heart attack while driving. **Jeff & Sarah Jeffus** are godparents of young Dave and had visited with Eleanor in Jun and sent the photo

1935: Eleanor Gregg and Jeff Jeffus

1935: Red and Lois Miner

of Jeff with Eleanor at her home in Highlands, taken by Sarah on 3 Jun.

Herb Gee, our First Captain, who was an outstanding officer in the CE for 15 years and then formed a nationally recognized firm of consulting engineers in West Palm Beach, FL, was unable to throw off an attack of pneumonia and died in a hospital there on 15 Aug. After a funeral attended by a multitude of friends and family, he was buried in the Presbyterian Memorial Cemetery in West Palm Beach on 19 Aug.

Helen Cox died in Albuquerque, NM, on 29 Aug. She was brought to DC where her 2 sons and other family and many friends gathered for the funeral at Ft Myer on 5 Sept and she was laid to rest beside Noel in Arlington where he has been only since May.

Arline Thayer was seized with a massive gastro-intestinal hemorrhage on 19 Sept and died at Montgomery County Hospital within a few hours. A memorial service was held at a local funeral home attended by a large assembly of family, friends and classmates on 23 Sept.

Hart & Betty Caughey have moved, but not far since the only thing changed is the street number from 2409 to 2412. They built themselves a home just across the street to be on the intracoastal waterway. They also bought a cottage on "the Island" in Canada last summer, but claim their biggest news is the birth of a 5th grandchild, Joseph Laurence Le Vine.

Jack & Leah Rhoades have moved to 8906 Wickfield, San Ant, TX 78217. The telephone number is 512-657-6427. **Ed Ferris** writes that **Laura Riemenschneider** has moved to 163 Treasure Way, Apt 165-A, San Antonio, TX 78209; Tel: 512-828-7449.

Al & Martha Johnson sent the photo of **Red & Lois Miner** at Vero Beach where they all live and visit each other frequently.

Kay **St. John** and daughter Helen visited **John & Ann Parker** in KY for a few days early in Aug and also **Chuck & Ann Symroski** in Williamsburg, VA, later in Aug. Kay had to go back to her librarian job in school on the 26th of Aug but she plans to attend our 45th Reunion with **Peggy Lu Mitchell** in Oct.

Jeff Jeffus' letter mentioned visiting the Parkers in KY, and helping them plant tobacco on Polohunt Farm.

A beautiful mil wedding was held on 5 Jul in the Navy Chapel in NW Washington, uniting Michelle Summers **Martin**, daughter of **Nat & Ginnie Martin**, and CPT Kevin William Powers, USAF. This was followed by a reception at the Sulgrave Club and a sumptuous wedding supper. It was thoroughly delightful.

A number of us in the DC area were very pleased to catch an interview with Ruth Ellen Patton **Totten** on WETA Public TV the evening of 27 Sept. It was quite interesting. Also there was a notice in the **Washington Post** on 10 Sept that LTC Michael Walke **Totten**, son of **Ruth Ellen & our** late classmate **Jim Totten**, is engaged to marry Miss Alexandre Campbell of Washington. **Mike Totten** is currently stationed at Ft Bragg.

The first fall luncheon of the DC contingent had a good turnout of 17, namely **Bowyer, Chapman, Fiore, Hill, Keating, Orth, Patterson, Pickard, Robbins, Rogers, Rumsey, Schlanser, Simpson, Skinrood, Taylor, Waterman,** and **Wheeler. Bud Schlanser's** latest nose count for our 45th is 143, about 65 couples and 13 singles, up from 62 and 3 in last issue.

Bernie & Harriet Waterman are very proud of their grandson, Jim Broadus Jr., who is the first Class of '35 grandson to be commissioned in the Regular Army! As you can see by the photo he is a sharp young field artilleryman.

1935: Jim Broadus Jr., first '35 grandson in RA.

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There are no Class records to report in this issue, but a **world's** record, for the U.S. anyway: we've all experienced the hottest and "prolongest" heat wave in history. It started right after our San Ant reunion, and it ended(?) with the "Statue" gathering in Oct at West Point. Heart, but not heat was mainly responsible for the great loss of loved members of the Class: **Marion Holterman** expired May 20th, **T.R. Davis** on 7 Jul, and **Cliff Cordes** on 25 Jul. How fortunate we have been to have known them; their memories will always linger.

Sally Beard attended a mini, mini reunion in Raleigh in Jul with the **Broyles, Katzs, Dickens** and **Nip Page.** One Sat in Jul she came to Atlanta to see her daughter Betsy, who's in local Para-Legal school, and we all had a pleasant lunch. **Mid Burnett** left San Ant and went north, east, and west visiting in Pittsburgh, CT, and Kansas City. **Cecil Combs** reported being much healthier (than in May) and was planning to join the **Carmichaels** and go to the Oct reunion.

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1936: Summer mini-mini reunion in NC: Broyles', Sally Beard, Page, Dickenses and Katzs'.

Gordy Austin sent Cec a news tape (instead of writing) and indicated that Joyce's ailments of the spring had thankfully disappeared. **Cliff Cordes** was recuperating nicely from an operation performed in San Fran. Then without apparent cause he suffered a massive brain hemorrhage to which he succumbed in a matter of hours. Also in Jul **Covington** wrote and although he does not claim to be in perfect health, he says "the docs have put me on Biofeedback." He was trying this out until the first of the year. The **Currans** wrote several times. After San Ant they kept going on to HI and visited 3 of the islands and the **Hiatts.**

In the interests of finding out where **Louis deLesdernier** is, **Inch Williams** checked with WP, but no luck! Anybody else have any ideas or info? Heard several times from **Ken Dawalt** who's spent a good bit of the summer doing the finishing touches on the Oct Statue—which many of you will see a good bit before you read these notes. He reported that **Jim Illig** was on outpatient status at Walter Reed cardiology and that that institution was watching him very closely. Ken had no new info, nor any reportable change, concerning **Dutch Hartman**—she's still in a nursing home. **Eddie Dunn** reported that **Tom Davis** was buried at Ft Sam and he, **Combs, Bill Davis, Grothaus, TW Morris,** and **Rutledge** were at his side. **Jo Garland** wrote that she was disappointed not to be at San Ant reunion, but was hoping to join us on another. The strain of the San Ant reunion "got to" the **Grothaus'**, so they left town right afterwards and headed for England. Upon return he and Dorothy went up to cool CO for the summer. They will probably be at WP in Oct. **Tom & Jean Hayes** will be in Vienna in Sept and on way back he'll join the Class at WP. **Helen Hess** wrote about a glorious 3800+ mile trip through England, France, Switzerland, etc. that she and Al took in lieu of San Ant. **Dave & Doris Hiester** have been helping out with the arrangements for the Oct reunion, but have been able to do a little visiting around the New Engl States as well. **Gordon Holterman** said Marion had a touch of the "flu" shortly after returning from San Ant and then her dear heart just stopped. He, of course, is disconsolate but will try to get to WP for Oct. The **Hosmers** attended a Gerontology Research meeting in Baltimore the end of Jun. They stopped one evening in Atlanta and at Moody AFB to see son Brad before he flew to Egypt with his fighter wing.

Florence Jakle wrote to express her pleasure at being able to participate in our San Ant reunion. **Bill Jones** stopped by to see the **Nazzaros** in their beautiful home in Tucson. He had been dude-ranching with a couple of his grandsons. He said Elly and daughter were touring Europe at the same period. **Peggy Joyce** said it was a wonderful coincidence that she was visiting her brother Tom in Kerrville (40 mi from San Ant) so she was able to come to the reunion. She hopes to visit the **McCormicks** in the fall. The **Kellys** celebrated their second sibling's marriage in Jul when the youngest, gorgeous "Rin-rin" got married to a "sea captain" from Puerto Rico. Of course they will be at USMA in Oct to unveil the Statue and to see plebe grandson, John. **Peggy Laurion** kindly sent some very well posed and selective pictures of San Ant, but they're far from "clearness" standard required by ASSEMBLY in order to even count the heads in a picture (possibly this is the method our magazine adopts to limit the number of pictures printed). Peg said Larry was back in hospital again with "his heart." **Grace Layne** supplied a number of fine pictures too as she always does. But then she wrote that part of the time she was working with an empty camera!

The **McCabes** moved to West Franklin, NH, in Apr. They are only 50 miles from the **Noakes** in VT, and they're still close to WP. **Fran McElheny** sent in enclosed pic and hoped she'd again see a lot of the Class in Oct. Received first note from **Helen Nazzaro** in a long time. The occasion was **Bill Jones'** visit and the announcement of the **Nazzaro's** first grandchild. **Frank & Sue Norman** made a permanent change of station from Winnetka, IL to Colo Spgs. **Bruce Palmer** wrote concerning the passing of almost 90-year-old F.C. Sibert, his father-in-law; our classmate's Bill's father; and our Class baby's, George

1936: Somewhere in TX: Swain, Fran McElheny, Kinards, Mimi Whipple, Vera Swain and Hayes.

1936: Jones and Nazzaro in Tucson.

Sibert's grandfather. Young full colonel George is the 4th generation Sibert to graduate from USMA. He is also his class' scribe—and a very excellent one (Class of '58). another first grandchild producer are the **Partridges.** Bob, who spent over 6 weeks in the Persian Gulf teaching "yankee tars" algebra on a Navy "tin can," is now engaging himself in further erudite endeavors: he's trying out for authoring a novel for publication. Good luck!

Over Labor Day the **Quinns** spent the long weekend attending an old cavalry reunion in Huntsville, AL. En route they stopped by Atlanta where we had a pleasant breakfast and Juana dropped a few dineros over at "Needless Markups" dept store. **Bob Safford** spent a bit of time going over lost addresses with me in Aug. He has done the best update of Class names in years. It is hoped that we can get these all together for you in a Xmas address list. THIS TIME SUCH A LIST IS GOING TO COST ABOUT $100. Will you please save your copies when they arrive?

The **Gage** clan had a pleasant, though warm, fish dinner with **Betty Connor** when we were in Charleston in Aug. **Ben Turnage** also took me to lunch—where we cooled off. **Eunice Tyler**, whose whereabouts was temporarily lost to some of us, is back in the fold following our pleasant reunion in San Ant. She wrote to send appreciation to the Class for giving her and others the chance to be together again. **Peggy Vincent** wrote about the pleasure the reunion gave her (and she did much of the preparation we enjoyed). She also anounced that her dear mother passed away in Jun. As Peggy said, all thought she was invincible. **Fred Walker** wrote that he's moved to Salinas, CA, and that he got married on 12 Apr, to a young lady named Isabelle. (This was quite a coincidence to yours-truly, perhaps because I still hav'n't recovered from the occasion of my father's new adventure—on the same day and to a girl named Irene. Only Phil Sr. was exactly 30 years and 27 classes older!) Fred and bride are planning a New Engl tour encompassing the reunion at WP.

90 degrees outside though it be, and anomalous though it sounds, I wish you a Merry Xmas—and perhaps this is my only way to make this column current with events!

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Two sad events since last ASSEMBLY. **Ernie Laflamme** died suddenly on 6 Aug while visiting his mother in Manchester, NH, according to a clipping mailed in by **Charley Register.** The obit covered his distinguished service in Saigon and the Philippines during WWII. He was with the 11th Abn Div and was a member of the honor guard aboard the **Missouri** during the surrender ceremonies. Besides his 101-yr-old mother he leaves a son, Ernest W., of Carlsbad, CA, several grandchildren, 2 brothers and a sister. No mention was made of a 2d younger son born at Carmel, according to the 25th Reunion Book. He was buried at WP on 13 Aug. Many classmates saw him at the reunion in Honolulu which he attended.

1937: Lopez-Dupreys and the Shives at San Juan.

We were also saddened by the death of **Harry Wilson's** Mary (Mollie), **Jack Polk's** sister, 12 Jul, at Free Union, VA. She bore Harry 3 sons and 3 daughters. There are 11 grandchildren. A large group of family, friends, classmates and wives attended the requiem mass at the Ft Myer Chapel and the interment in Arlington. A son, Arthur H. Jr, and a granddaughter, Susanna, daughter of Brooks, read passages from the scriptures during the mass. The **Wilsons** and **Polks** have been Army cavalrymen for generations and have given many distinguished sons to the services. The histories of their families are an inspiration to all of us.

Charley Register also sent some news along with the clipping. He and Virginia exchanged visits this summer with the **Halls** at their Kennebunkport Beach retreat. They also expect a visit from **Sandy Kirsten.** Charley is still working. He has been a VP of Sanders Assoc since 65. They expect to attend the Colo Spgs reunion next summer.

The **Lutes'** had a lovely party in their luxury high rise apt late in Jul. Among the many classmates and friends were a few we rarely see—**Jo & Vivienne Mitchell, Bud Hines** and **Jo Walker,** escorted by Phil Davidson '39. **Jo Mitchell** is CinC of the National Society, Sons of the Confederacy, and is working on a book. Vivienne is into archeology and is digging up Old Town, Alexandria, whenever she can. **Bud Hines,** tanned and fit, was in the midst of a 3-wk DC vacation during which he played tennis every day and visited his old haunts. We spent a delightful Hawaiian eve with him and **Jerrie Stumpf** at the A-N CC later. He is now Dean of the Math Dept at NM Mil Inst and is

1937: Me and my gals—Sarah, Jane and Judy.

still involved with the Navy shipboard instruction program, same as Randy. **Jo Walker** and Phil Davidson and the **Mercados** had just returned from a visit to the **Stowells** in Williamsburg in time to make the party. Phil had been ardently and persistently trying to join the Class of '37 and finally made the grade. Phil and Jo were wedded in Christ's Church in Alexandria on 26 Sept. Jo's son and daughter put on a large and elegant reception in **Jo Walker's** grand old town house in Alexandria. They had known one another since high school days in Muskogee, OK. The happy couple will divide their time between Alexandria and Phil's place in McAllen, TX.

While on the subject, we had a wedding on 6 Sept. Our middle daughter, Jane Louise, and Patrick Breslin were joined in holy matrimony at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac. The reception was held at home with the assistance of Fran's bridge ladies. **Jerrie Stumpf** did the floral arrangements and decorations. **Sally Mercado, Pat Frazier** and **Trixie Zehner** did most of the catering while John and Luis helped me erect a tent on the lawn and tended to the punch, etc. It was an "all hands evolution" as they say in the Navy. It was a lot of work, a lot of fun and it turned out beautifully, thanks to our friends without whom we never could have done it. Patrick and Jane spent their honeymoon on the oald sod of his forebearers. It's now 2 down and 3 more daughters to go.

Last May, Ensign Stanley **Zehner,** USNA '78, married Janice Parris in the Naval Academy Chapel. A sparkling reception followed at the Crofton CC. Proud mother Trixie enjoyed herself immensely. It was a very happy affair. Janice works as a nurse in a hospital in CT while Stanley is at sea on a Nuke sub.

In Jul I received a call from **Mary Swan McElroy** asking for **Harry Wilson's** address. Mary and Mc have a new address: Rte 6, Box 42A, Austin, TX 78746. She promised me a letter which came shortly thereafter and which I quote in part: "43 years later and a hot dry summer in Austin, Mc escaped and spent 6 weeks in ID with son Steve and 3 teenage kids working on a cabin we've had for 20 yrs. After 18 yrs on the Pedernales we are now in Oak Hill, 8 miles west of Austin. Can see the whole skyline from the Univ tower on the south and the town growing right at us. Steve graduated from ICAF and now in the Pentagon due for his eagles in Oct. He's senior Program Elm monitor, HQ USAF R&D Space Launch Vehicles, AF Space Shuttle Advactor." She indicated that Steve had saved the govt a bundle when, as Dir of Opns, he managed to recover an out-of-control satellite. No. 2 son works for the state in Corpus Christi. He had 2 tours in VN as a chopper pilot and has 2 girls, one 18 mos whom they enjoy baby sitting. For Mary Swan it is now PTA, viola lessons, etc.—a real challenge in their old age. Mc fishes, gardens, shoots doves in season and is glued to the tube through football season. Sounds like a typical '37 couple. She says that anyone coming to Austin can find them in the phone book and please do. Thanks for the long overdue news of the McElroy clan. Never would have gotten it out of ole tight lips Mc.

A note from **Phil Sterling** enclosing a pic of him proudly administering the oath of office to daughter Phyllis (Ward), 1LT ANC, 2 Jul 80. Congratulations to both of you. Your daughter bears a resemblance to you, but is a heck of a lot cuter. He said that some residual effects of a 5-hr back operation in Dec knocked them out of the Honolulu trip but he is now back on the golf course.

A Jul note from **Ken Wade** which missed my last deadline informed that he and **Enid** recently returned from a FE tour during which they visited Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Canton, China. He had a nice visit with the **Salientes** but was unable to connect with **Nobbie Suriya. Randy Hines** stopped over in Honolulu on his return from one of his Navy teaching cruises and got together with them, the **Chases** and friends, including McMurdo '45. They plan to make the CO mini next year and the 45th. He is looking for info on the 45th change of dates. See the Jun ASSEMBLY Bulletin Board. In accordance with that, we have selected 1-3 Oct, the weekend of the Harvard game. The **Odens** are now making a PR of WP and environs to pin down accommodations for what promises to be the biggest ever for us. A bulletin will be forthcoming shortly, or you may have already received it by the time you read this. It will also have info on the Colo Spgs mini, 10-14 Jun 81. Luke Elkins reports from Tucson that Betty was away for 3 weeks at summer's end. Half that time was at a conference of the Intl Federation of Univ Women in Vancouver with 900 from all over the world. The other half was spent visiting daughter Nancy in Portland, OR. Luke has been busy working on plans for USMA cadet admissions program activities in SE AZ, organizing a Tucson chapter of the AUSA, and keeping track of investments of Grace Episcopal Church. **Cynthia Cone** and son John were in Tucson in the spring because of the death of her mother, wife of BG T.L. Martin '16. **Bob & Margaret Griffin** spent part of the summer enjoying the breezes at Oceanside, CA. They still live among affluent civi-

1937: 1Lt Phyllis Sterling, ANC, and father Phil.

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1937: The Harrisons, CT Clagett in rear, and the Cosgroves.

lians and ret generals at the edge of a fairway at the Tucson Natl Golf Course.

A note in Aug from **Carmen Clagett** enclosed a pic showing the **Harrisons, Cosgroves** and CT. It was a great relief to see the **Harrisons** looking so well after their recent physical problems. Carmen said that hurricane Allen spared them. **Carlos Nadal** was in San Antone in May and the **Cosgroves** had a party for all classmates in the area. The **Clagetts** were unable to attend because Carmen's mother became critically ill on the 13th of May and died on the 17th. Our condolences in your loss. We know how close and devoted you were to your mother. Later they visited the **Cosgroves** in Jun and the **Harrisons** joined them for dinner. They were recently in Upper Marlboro, MD, but got tied up on the farm with the **Clagett** clan and didn't get to see anyone else. They managed to go AWOL to Dover AFB, thence to Torrejon, Spain, Avila Segovia, Madrid and return to the farm and more chores. After that they motored back to TX, visiting young CT and family at Ft Myers, FL. Sorry we missed you while you were so nearby.

From **Maryon Allen's** Washington column in the **Post:** "A man with a name that sounds like one from a Frank Buck movie was charming the ladies. The name is **Trapper Drum** (USA COL ret) and 'my nickname came at WP and has nothing to do with my real name, James Hunter Drum.' He refused to tell what or whom he entrapped at the Point. Now he's the DC American Motors rep." Thirty-seven's contribution to DC high society appears to be holding his own.

Van Vliet has a new address: 192 Country Club Dr, Sun Tree, Melbourne, FL 32935. Renee and Ada Lopez-Duprey visited the **Mercados** in late Aug on their way to reunion at Johns Hopkins. We enjoyed their company and dinner at the Four Seasons in Georgetown. The **Chabots** spent a long vacation in NH at their summer home. A stroke last year knocked him out of golfing which is a real shame since he was at the top of the seniors. He looked well to one of our classmates who saw him recently. Jo and Bonnie have added 3 to the Long Gray Line: Brian '60, one of the first Class sons along with **Kim Mercado,** Joseph '71 and Edmund '74. This is possibly a record for '37. I have not been able to verify that they may have a granddaughter there, Class of '84. Jo and Bonnie are still in NH.

The luncheons during the summer have been well attended, averaging 13. At the Jul one, Choppy awarded A-N Club ties to **Frank Taylor** for taking care of the wine and to **Finn** for his devotion to his classmates. Even from Charlottesville he hasn't yet missed a luncheon. **Finn** is virtually the mayor of the Farmington Estates where he resides with about 120 homeowners who look to him to carry the ball on municipal problems of this exclusive section adjoining the Farmington CC. The **Taylors** have acquired a 2d home in Wintergreen, a posh resort area nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mts near Charlottesville. Their chalet is opposite the 16th tee and one of the ski runs. **Betty Drum** joined us briefly from her luncheon in the main DR. As pretty as ever, she was so happy over the National Republican Convention that she could hardly talk. **Bud Hines** was our out-of-town guest. **A. B. Robbins,** who hadn't been seen for a long time, showed up for the Aug luncheon. He is now fully ret and plans to join in Class activities. He admitted to some difficulties with high blood pressure which was discovered when he had his first physical since active duty! He had no inkling of the problem and feels fine. He certainly looks the picture of health. After the luncheon **Finn** related some of his experiences as High Commissioner and CG Ryukus Cmd. Learning that Mrs. Buckner was interested in visiting the battlefield where her General, Simon Bolivar Buckner, had fallen, he arranged with the Army for a VIP tour. He described her as a most gracious, active and alert lady. John Frazier, who had served with General Buckner, told some tales, revealing a humorous and human side unknown to us cadets when he was Com. He was no doubt one of the most memorable of many characters we were privileged to have been exposed to as cadets. He was the only Army commander KIA.

As we walked into the club for the Sept luncheon, **Fred Diercks** handed me a note saying that **Paul Whittemore** was in the Navy Bethesda Hosp with a broken upper leg sustained when he fell from his motorcycle. A phone call to him recently determined that he had been there since 6 Sept and was going home 30 Sept. He has to use a walker for awhile, but otherwise he sounded in good spirits. **Wilhoyt** mentioned that his daughter met **Dan Richards** in San Fran recently and that he looked well and that he had a triple bypass opn. She also relayed the info that **Enid Forney** was having some eye problems. Choppy introduced his guest, Baron Alex Ostaja Starzewski, a Polish expatriate who divulged some interesting info on the recent events in Poland.

The **Fraziers** spent most of Sept near Caledonia Park in PA and visited most of the retail outlets in Reading, Gettysburg, and other PA Dutch towns. In Oct they will spend a week or so on Nantucket Is, celebrating Pat's aunt's 70th birthday along with other relatives. **Mette Parker** called to relay news from **Tense Seedlock** that Bob had been transferred by his firm, Davey, McKee Engr, to Phila on 1 Aug. He will be head of construction in rebuilding the Balto-Boston portion of AMTRAK. Their address is: Haddonfield Manor, Apt 301-C, 2-10 Linden Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Mette has quit work for a well deserved rest. Her son Hendrik has a job with an engr firm in Cleveland, OH, and Viveca is in NYC looking for work in the theater. **Ketty Green** has been ill in Walter Reed for the past month and is now back home. **Jim Polk** was in the hosp for about a week with a blood clot in his leg. He has phlebitis.

Many thanks to all for your support.

1937: The Lee-Van Volkenburgh wedding: Jessie Van Volkenburgh, Sally Lee, COL Van Volkenburgh, Pat Lee, John Van Volkenburgh, and Mrs. Van Volkenburgh.

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Information about our mini reunion will appear last in this column so that it will be up-to-date when mailed to ASSEMBLY 30 Sept. From **McHaney** 23 Aug, "I'm writing from my sister's home in Nashville after a short visit with Andy. My roommate of old, **Glenn Anderson,** aka the **Geep,** is fighting for his life down in Johnson City, TN; the doctors say he now has cancer of the esophagus that is unoperable and untreatable. Last Jan they said he was in perfect health and since then, when he complained of a sore throat, difficulty eating, and loss of weight, they've said a number of other things. He's pitifully thin but in no pain—just boredom from forced inactivity and frustration from the doctors' apparent helplessness. Anyone wishing to express his friendship for Geep may do so by writing him at his home 1601 Fairway Dr, Johnson City, TN 37601." Sept 20: **Dick Stilwell** has talked to **Lena Anderson** twice since we received **Mac's** letter and happily latest word is that Geep has left the hosp. He is recuperating at home on a restricted diet. We will keep you informed. From **Byars** 21 Jun, "I saw **Betty & Bob Ashworth** at Mar Founders Day dinner in Seattle. Shirley and I stopped by the **Ashworth** place on Whidby Is a couple of years ago: it is extremely handsome. We would be dropping in on them more often except that it is a bit off the beaten path. Actually they live just a couple of hours drive from Tacoma including a ferry trip to the island. **Ed Bailey** wrote that he and Jean are enjoying life in the NW corner of USA. They have acquired an "express cruiser" to their motor pool which already has a truck and travel trailer. Ed is "debugging" the cruiser preparatory (I suppose) to some trips. As you were. A rereading of Ed's letter indicates the "cruiser" is a boat. Ed lives 138 airline miles from Mt. St. Helens. On 18 May Ed heard what sounded to him "like the distant arty preparation for a general offensive." The following Sun they received a "bit of gray ash." The experience at the **Byars** house in Tacoma is similar in that we received a light dusting of ash on autos and bushes. We did not hear any unusual sounds that Sun morning. We live in the City and pay no attention to sounds of explosions unless accompanied by blood-curdling screams. A week ago I was involved in the WP Soc of Puget Sound luncheon for accepted candidates soon to report to USMA. Also I am trying to relinguish gracefully the position of Chmn of Ft Lewis Retiree Council which I have held for 3½ yrs. As far as Shirley and I are concerned, an important event took place last month. I refer to arrival of our 5th grandchild.

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1938: Cadets Van Sickle and Strand at USMA, fall 1936.

I realize the number is small compared to some of our classmates. Our son, David O. III, Class of '69, and his bride, became parents of David O. IV. I admit this shows little imagination—but why change when you have a good thing going?"

From **Barschdorf** 18 Aug: "We have a new home address—12 S. Plantation Dr, Greenville, MS 38701," where he has been Port Dir since ret as Dist Engr, Vicksburg. He has been deeply involved in port development throughout the navigable inland waterways. He wrote, "I have established roots in Greenville, and due to my involvement in public relations and ind'l development, I have become necessarily active in various civic organizations at local, state, regonal & national levels, including being on the Board of Dir of the locally owned C&G RR, Delta Council, Chamber of Commerce, MS Rivers & Harbors Assn, Nat'l Waterways Conf & Chmn of Bd of Inland Rivers Ports & Terminals, Inc., a nat'l org which I founded in 1974. In spite of this apparent hectic pace Emily and I are enjoying every minute of my second career! Right now we are preparing for a trip to China 5-27 Sept. I am taking part in an exchange of visits between China Nav Soc and our Am Assn of Port Auth. They are hosting us now and we expect to host them next spring. On the return trip we will spend a couple of days in Tokyo & Honolulu. Perhaps when I really settle down in a few more years, Emily and I can carry on a more leisurely life and take in some of the reunions and renew old friendships . . ."

Jane Learman to **Ward Ryan**, 29 Jul, "Hi! I bought this little Victorian house and am still busy getting settled in. 19 windows need curtains and guess who is making them!" Aug 20, **George & Betty Bixby** stopped by to see Jane and had lunch with her. Jane is no longer using CA address.

27 Jun **Harvey Barnard**, ". . . **Dick & Edie Bromiley, Bob & Peg Rhine, Peg & I** are going to Hale Koa 2/3 thru 2/13, with a side trip to Kauai-Coco Paleus 2/8 and 2/9. The **Colemans** and **Sherrards** will go on this side trip with us. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to have a good meeting, fellowship, and memories of days gone by in the wilds of HI scenery. While Peg and I were in Phila 10 days ago visiting our daughter Judie and her family, we had a good afternoon visit with **Marianne & Frank Glace.** They are still living at New Hope, PA, where Frank is still active with his ministry. Here in Sarasota **John Boyt** is still into real estate plus attempting to get his golf score down so that he can join the tour. Played golf with **Dick Bromiley** some time back and he is still holding his own. **Bob Rhine** has been operated on for a new knee. He claims he tore it up as a cadet and young officer in athletics. We believe he tore it up in his courting days. Perhaps **Peg** can straighten us out on this question. We see **Iris Ekman** often . . ."

News from our world travelers, the **Dapprichs** 28 Jun, "**Dot & I** are off and running—this time to HI and mainland China. Let you know the details later. Tried to reach several people in San Fran area with no luck—**Danielson, Peterson, Wickham, Altenhofen,** or **Kasper.** Tried to talk **Pattison** into visiting China too re his stint in Chinese at Monterey, but no dice. **Dottie** and I went out to Ft Chesarek the next afternoon for a swim. Ches has an electronic sentry on the gate and an Army of one (**Sgt Jenkins**) and even a vest-pocket size parade ground just about the right size for the '38ers in the area to pass in review! Ches asked **Ken Wickham** who had just returned from a month in St. Louis to stop by. We had a pleasant evening yakking, drinking, eating and etc. Needless to say we were very reluctant to bid **Ches & Joan** 'adios'." Later in HI **Dapp** reported the service at the Hale Koa was no better than he remembered from past visits. 13 Aug from China, "Well here we are. The trip has been surprisingly good re hotels, air conditioning, facilities, and buses but the weather stinks! Rain, fog, high humidity—not a photographer's paradise. Best from **Carl & Dottie.**"

1938: Van Sickle and Strand at Rapid City in Black Hills, Jun 80.

Doug Polhamus 9 Sept, from San Ant, "**Ted & Elizabeth Sawyer** held a gala wedding for their daughter in Jul. The groom is a MAJ stationed at Brooks AFB. **Omar & Marie Knox** recently visited Br Columbia, Vancouver, and Seattle to see their daughter. They have also travelled to the East Coast and visited Maria's brother who is stationed at the hospital at Andrews AFB. They also renewed acquaintance with their son who is in Civil Service at Aberdeen PG. **Jack & Jo Ryan** visited their son who has an F16 squadron in FL. They have just returned from the West Coast and a visit with their daughter. Next trip is to IA for Jack to check up on his relatives. (He claims that **Mr. Reagan** has not asked for his advice so he may not have to go to Middleburg.)" **Doug & Lo Polhamus** have been staying close to home now that the AF has assigned their doctor son from Wright Pat AFB to Bergstrom at Austin. They have also been enjoying their 4th grandson who arrived in Jun for the family of PhD son stationed at Brooks AFB. They engage in reciprocal visits with their daughter's family in Houston. The San Ant group are all looking forward to our Oct picnic and invite any of our classmates in this area at that time to join us for the occasion.

Fr **Strand** 9 Sept: This summer he took the Taft Inst Seminar on gov't at Trinity U and had two granddaughters for 6 wks visit. "**Bill & Dotsy Strand** enjoyed a nice trip in Jun with their new van and travel trailer. They visited Ft Riley, Bill's first station, scene of his marriage to Dotsy and birthplace of son John and daughter Kristen. They spent a week in Eau Claire, WI, with **Bill's** mother and a week in Rapid City, SD, with **Neil & Marge Van Sickle,** who have built a beautiful early American home in the pines west of Rapid City. Neil has been doing some interior finishing and is also busy as Co commissioner. Dotsy met **Mac & Barbara Macomber** at the Los Angeles AP in Jul. The **Macombers** plan to return to San Ant this fall and live here. Pam, oldest daughter of **George & Debbie Artman,** graduated from UT Galveston with degree in Occupational Therapy. Their other daughter Rita is a jr at SW TU and George is still teaching Physics & Science at Seguin HS. **Merrick & Celeste Bayer** enjoyed a visit by their grandchildren this summer. **Mert & Jean Singer** have had their travels interrupted by Jean's illness with encephalitis. She is now making a good recovery at home. They hope to take their boys to France this Oct. **Batt & Paulette Batterson** are still busy restoring their historic home. Their son is an USAFA grad recently ret from 2 yrs in Korea and now an LTC. **Hugh & Jan Wallace** had a busy summer entertaining, visiting children and grandchildren. Surgery to remove a cyst from **Hugh's** jaw was successful with no complications. Daughter Maggie, a jr at TX A&M was in Spain this summer for a language course. Jan met her in NY on her return and they toured the big city."

Taylor, 9 Aug from Hilton Hd, "Just a note to say I am now a member of the Coronary Bypass Club of the Class! Do not know how many there are, but at least **Tracy Harrington** and I are members. The operation went well and I came home 5 days later (no big deal so did the other bypasser that day). It is some adventure—no picnic though. . . . See **Fred Dean** often; they are off playing golf in the mountains. Haven't seen **Art Maloney** lately. They seem to travel a lot. . . . Hello to all of the Class at the next luncheon."

Stilwell, 20 Sept, had a note from **Jim Taylor,** "He is still recuperating, swimming and hitting some tennis balls. He and Charlotte were at Augusta recently for a cocktail party." **Bill Smith** 20 Sept, "I saw **Bill Corbett's** daughter last Sun. Bill and Fran are still building their underground house and getting along fine." **Bill Smith** is going to San Fran Fri for the wedding of his middle daughter that weekend.

Frank Miller 27 Aug: "We were in Germany at Frankfort one day (cloudy and cold) and did not see your daughter. With Frank Jr and his wife we spent 3 weeks visiting southern Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and Austria. We saw the Passion Play and visited Garmisch."

Mrazek, 27 Aug, "Mother has not been doing too well and I have been tending to her needs. We expect to go fishing soon in WI and about 1 Oct we will move to a condominium which we have bought. The address is: 5101 River Rd, Bethesda, MD 20015, Apt. 1203, same phone. **Bill Walson** lives in the same bldg."

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1938: At historic Pohick Church—Sinclairs '32 with Bixbys and Lewises.

From **Bill Wansboro** 24 Sept, we get this report from Augusta, GA, "**Jim & Dee Lynch** hosted the classmates in their fine usual style, honoring **Chuck & Dottie Jackson** visiting from HI and **Jim & Charlotte Taylor** from Hilton Hd. The **Tillsons, Machens** and **Wansboros** were present. **George & Vivian Rhyne** could not attend and were missed. Despite various and sundry medical bulletins everyone looked healthy. **Jim Lynch** had an operation on the tip of his nose to remove some growth and it is barely perceptible. **George Rhyne** has hip problems but seems to grin and bear them. I am officially ret from UGA system. For 10 yrs I filled in at Augusta Coll for accting profs studying for their doctorates. I am the only Temporary Instructor Demeritus in the system. I am allowed to work half time for Augusta Coll and teach one course per qtr. This fall I am teaching one course also at Paine Coll. **Dottie** continues to nurse at Med Coll of GA. . . . **Castex Conner** is a banker at Macon. **Si Sinnreich** received quite favorable publicity several yrs ago when he graduated from UGA Law Sch. **Henry MacDonald** had probably ret from his position with UGA."

During Sept **Dick Stilwell** sent a letter to everyone who had expressed an interest in the mini reunion, giving latest information available including a firm schedule of events. If you did not receive one and want one, please notify him. **Tracy Harrington** told me that Mrs. Macon Smith, Memphis, TN, had expressed an interest in attending. (She is **Lou Barbour's** widow.) If you know of others it may still be possible to get reservations. We hope to see everyone there.

On 9 Oct **Miriam & Jim Lewis** start a Circle Pac tour to NZ, Austr, Bali, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Hongkong and Japan returning in mid Nov. Our friends the **Jacksons** who went to Greece with us last fall are making this trip with us. On 30 Sept couples attending our Class luncheon at Ft Myer were **Bixby, Conell, Harrington, Izenour, Lahti, Lewis, Miller, Missal, Mrazek, Ward Ryan, Sibley, Stilwell, Sussman,** and **Blackburn,** plus **Chavasse, Schmidt, Bill Smith,** and **Walson.** In the Fairfax Cty Senior Olympics last week, **Cindy Lahti** won a silver medal for softball throw (distance and accuracy) and Ed won a gold medal in the same event for men. Cindy also won a bronze medal for 3d place in the mile walk.

Dick Stilwell reported that **Kitty Hutchin** is a patient at Letterman in San Fran and that he had asked **Ken Wickham** to notify classmates in the area that she would welcome visits or cards from friends.

From Clemson, SC, Dick received this from **Mel Brown,** " 'Stay alive til 45' was the friendly admonition among '38'ers at the conclusion of our wonderful 40th reunion. The following month I for one came close to joining the Long Gray Line while a patient at nearby Anderson Memorial Hosp. During the past 2 years I have had acute pancreatitis followed by shingles, then open heart surgery, (4 bypasses) and more recently surgery to replace an aneurysm on my aorta with dacron tubing. The surgeon told me that the tubing would last about 100 yrs, to which I replied, 'That ought to work out about right with my other parts. Go ahead.' . . . Louise and I regret that we will not attend the mini reunion. We will try hard to 'Stay alive for 45' and do look forward to being with you on that occasion."

From **Tracy Harrington** 30 Sept: "Here is the list of firm reservations for the mini reunion, Couples: **Kieffer, Strange, Lewis, Peterson, Mrazek, Harmon, Taylor, Art Smith, Wallace, Johnson, Strand, Bert Harrison, Miller, Danielson, Duncan, Bromiley, Sherrard, Coleman, Stilwell, Harrington, Kelsey, Ward Ryan, McHaney, Amick, Conell, Barnard, Bob Rhine**; Single: **Frank Norris, Bill Smith, Mrs. Macon Smith, Mrs. Desloge Brown,** plus **Kay Broberg** with 2 daughters and one son-in-law. Please notify Tracy of any additions or changes.

Let us hear from you with notes or photos of interest for future columns.

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First things first—and as far as this column is concerned long newsy letters are the most interesting (and those who take the time to write them are warmly thanked) and should come first. Honors to **John Carpenter, Bill Smith, Jack Habecker,** and **Bur Showalter.** Let's start with **Showalter's** letter.

After attending our 40th Reunion, Lucile and I decided that we should do some serious thinking about our permanent ret location. We devoured various publications, read the book on Sunbelt Ret, subscribed to the Orlando newspaper, and decided to stay put in Dayton. Well, not exactly stay put. We sold our house, which we had built in 63 (the yard was getting bigger every year), and bought a condominium here. No more grass to cut, no more snow to shovel, etc. And we really like it very much. The next question was how much longer did I want to hold down a busy position at the U of Dayton. I came here in 63 to head the ROTC for 2 years then ret and stayed on in the Univ admin (asst to Pres since 69). Decision: 41 years are enough! Although I enjoyed the position and the responsibility very much we decided that I should start a 3d career—one of leisure and doing whatever whenever while we still had the good health and desire to do so. Accordingly I retired from U.D. on 1 Aug—so far have been successfully staying our of trouble and off the streets.

We took a week's cruise of New England Islands (Block Is, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Newport) 27 Sept and return via the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. We also plan to spend 2 weeks in Guadalajara next Feb. Any classmates there? Time marches on. At the Founders Day dinner at Wright-Pat this year, to my amazement I was the oldest grad or at least had to act as the one. Actually **Curley Edwards** is a little more ancient than I but since he had done the duty last year he pulled his rank on me and made me think up some inspiring words. Now that I have time, we look forward to more opportunities to drop in and participate in Class activities in DC and other nearby areas. We expect to attend the Army-Notre Dame football festivities. New address: 1360-40 Black Forest Dr, Dayton, OH 45449.

1939: Nina Smith, the Merrills, Dottie Carpenter, Barbara McCoy, and the Knapps at the "Missing Man" Memorial, Randolph AFB, 21 Jun 80.

Thanks are due **John Carpenter** and **Bill Smith** for the following account of a reunion and 33 '39ers who gathered together in TX last summer. Bill worked like a Trojan (three separate letters to the column) to put this together for the Sept ASSEMBLY but didn't make the deadline (ASSEMBLY needs a put-together column by the last day of Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec) but here is his report.

On 21 Jun 1940 Flying Class 40-C (97 2d Lts from WP Cl '39 along with one 1st Lt '34, one 2d Lt '38 and 137 flying cadets) held their graduation exercise in the post theater at Kelly Field, San Ant. The 97 '39ers remained from the 149 who were started primary training in 9 different flying schools a year before. The principal speaker at the graduation was BG Robert C. Richardson Jr. He also presented diplomas to all graduates, one of whom was his son, **Bob Richardson III.** COL E.A. Lohman, Cmdt of the Adv Flying Sch gave us our wings. Needless to say there were 236 very happy lieutenants celebrating that day. Forty years later, 20 Jun 80 and in celebration of that day, 120 members of Fl Cl 40-C (incl their wives) rendezvoused at the Marriott Hotel in the newly modernized city of San Ant. Fri eve following an 8th floor poolside cocktail party, the 120 participants boarded 7 river barges for dinner. We enjoyed an excellent meal while being whisked around the San Ant R. amidst the cavernous large buildings that now line the river, all the while enjoying the Mariachi singing on each boat. After dinner we returned to dance to special Glenn Miller music of our era. Sat morning we bussed to the Missing Man Monument at Randolph Field for a short memorial service honoring the 71 deceased of 40-C. We then went to the Officers Club for cocktails and lunch. Sat evening was the last event, a gala banquet at the hotel featuring our kind of music played by a top orchestra. The hopoids of old starred anew; e.g. **Bill Martin, Tom Whitehouse,** etc. 40-C has held 5 reunions but this seemed the best. Most stayed at the Marriott although some fulfilled long time promises to stay with old friends such as **BJ & Huey Long** who stayed with **Nina & Bill Smith** in their home of a year in San Ant. West Point '39ers who attended the 40-C reunion were: **Jean & Milt Adams, Dottie & John Carpenter, Marian & Curley Edwards, Edna & Al Herzberg, Perry Hoisington, Mary Emma & Jim Knapp, Gale & Jay Lampley,**

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BJ & Huey Long, Jeanne Latoszewski, Barbara & John McCoy, Lib & Norm McGowan, Mary & Bill Martin, Jane & Jack Meals, Martha & Jack Merrill, Dorothy & Bob Rogers, Nina & Bill Smith, Ann & Tom Whitehouse, P.D. Wynne.

Tom Dolvin's job as the JCS Rep on the mutual balanced force reductions will keep him and Cynthia in Vienna most of the time. They have a nice apartment there. They will get back to the states at least 3 times a year for scheduled meetings of the group. With 2 classmate families living in Vienna (the **John Dickersons** have been living there for the past 10 years plus) travelers to Europe will have an added incentive to put Austria on their itinerary.

A note from **Jack Habecker** (please note correct spelling and forget the goof on the last ASSEMBLY) follows: Ann and I went to the Moscow Olympics. I saw **Speedy Hull** at one of the boxing pre-lims and tried to get his attention but the Soviets had too much control. I did have a guide take me down to the floor about 10 feet behind Speedy. I sent a note to him and called several times but he did not hear me over the ringside clamor and the Russians did not pass the note up before he left. I saw him several times on TV. The other national judges gathered around him quite often during meetings before matches. He obviously was the boss; however, he never participated in the award ceremonies.

Jimmy Collins had to attend a museum conference in Canada in Nov. Lawton's job gets him and Yolande to several nice places every year. When this column was written they were anticipating a very enjoyable trip. **Jane & George Pickett** are another couple who get in some interesting travel in connection with his job. The last was to Chicago in Nov so George could attend the national convention of the Assn of Independent Telephone Companies. Last summer they spent 3 weeks on Cape Cod and all their children were able to visit them there—not all at once but spread out over the 3 weeks. Others who spent most of the summer on the Cape are **Fran & Tom Smith** and **Jeanne & Dick Morrisson.** Incidentally last Sept the Morrissons moved into their new house in Alexandria, VA.

The DC contingent had their annual gathering last Jul and ended with a wonderful steak dinner etc. at **Nancy & Chet Lennhoffs'.** About 40 locals plus **Pat & Ed Kurth** from Wilmington, DE, attended. All of us DC'ers are so thankful for this grand party and for all the thought and efforts of Nancy & Chet. Congratulations are due **Charlie Kepple.** He and Nina Jaberra were married 21 Aug and moved into their new home in Burke, VA.

A good fund raiser is never idle. After working so hard as Pres of the USO, **Mike Davison** has taken on the job of raising about 3 mil dollars for a memorial to Vietnam Veterans. The memorial will be on the side of the Mall between the Washington Monument and, but closer to the Lincoln Memorial. Congress has approved the memorial and the location but the funds must be raised from outside sources.

For those who missed the Last Roll Call in the Sept ASSEMBLY **Jack Boles** died last Jun while undergoing heart surgery at Brooke AH. Our deepest sympathy to Brooke and his family.

Sam Kail has tried for some years to get someone to issue a roster of classmates and their addresses arranged by ZIP code so neighbors would have no excuse for not knowing each other and travelers could easily determine who lived in areas they were passing through. Getting tired of waiting for someone else to do it Sam has now produced a fine pamphlet of classmates and their addresses arranged not just by Zip Code but by city and state. He sent one to this column and said that he had a few spares for anyone who wanted one ('till they run out). He has already sent one to each "K" Co. classmate.

The duly elected Cl '39 Standing Cmte met 4 Sept 80 and took the following action:

1. Acted to transfer admin responsibility for Class **admin** fund to the AOG as authorized by our constitution. The Class retains complete control over expenditures but receives investment income and admin support from the AOG.

2. '39ers are hereby asked to contribute annually to the AOG, earmarking a portion of their contribution to the '39 Gift Fund. We hope to have a tidy sum by our 50th Reunion to do something useful for WP—just what to be decided later.

3. Confirmed **Norm Farrell** as agent to send flowers or memorial contribution upon death of a classmate or a member of his immediate family.

4. Noted that obituaries for ASSEMBLY need authors. Authors need data. Each member of the Class should assemble—now—the data the author of his obit would need and keep it with important papers.

Better yet write your own obituary—then you can write it like you would like it to read. Better yet, send it to AOG for your file so it can be used by the one who chooses to write your obituary. That's no guarantee it will be published that way but—why worry —you won't know if it's rewritten or not but the re-write man should have a good start. About a year ago the wife of the former senior editor of **Newsweek** magazine told me that for several months her husband had been down in the dumps but one day he came back to his home happy as a lark. He explained his good humor this way. The week before he had decided to write his own obit, and that day he had polished it off in what he thought should be final form.

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This past Aug, **Oz Leahy,** as our new Class Pres, held a meeting of available Class officers to consider several matters. Among the issues was a query from the AOG about the refurbished Ft Clinton parapet—our Class gift to WP this past May. The AOG noted that they had a proposal to extend the walkway on the parapet further to the north of Kosciuszko Monument, where it now ends. They asked if the Class of '40 would undertake this additional project or if another class should be asked. Since enough funds still remained in the '40 gift segment of the WP Fund, the AOG has been notified that '40 indeed wishes to underwrite this extra work on Ft Clinton.

I mentioned in the Sept ASSEMBLY notes that **Eben Swift** had written a manuscript comparing the plebe system as he knew it in 1936-40 with that which his grandfather knew in 1872-76. The Class reproduced the paper and made copies available to those who attended the Reunion. A 2d point discussed at the Class officers' meeting was whether to make further reproduction and distribution of Eben's paper to the entire Class. After some discussion, it was decided that the Class admin fund couldn't absorb the extra cost without injury. However, Eben has additional copies of his opus; if you missed getting a copy at the Reunion (or if you missed the Reunion) and would like one, drop Eben a line at 25940 Via Margarita, Carmel, CA 93923.

I regret that I have several items of bad news. On 27 Jun, **Ev Ware** died after a fall in his home at Tiburon, CA. Our deep sympathy goes to Phyllis. She carried out yachtsman Ev's request that his ashes be scattered over San Fran Bay from his boat ¿Por Que No?

And on 18 Aug, **Ray Millican** died in Los Altos Hills, CA, of lung cancer. The diagnosis was made only shortly after Peppy and Ray had come back to Los Altos from the Reunion. We also extend our sympathy to Peppy, who returned his ashes to their home town of Owensburg, KY.

I'm also very sorry to report that **Luther Arnold** lost his Midge after an extended illness. Lu brought her to Arlington from their home in Linwood, NJ; graveside services were held on 19 Sept.

A phone conversation with **Tony Wermuth** revealed that he's really leaving Carlisle. Tony finally decided on a place in Mt Dora, FL, about 45 mi NW of Orlando in the hill and lake country (Tony says it looks just like a small New England town). Settlement on his new house was set for 1 Nov, so he's an established Floridian by the time you read this. Tony plans to keep on writing; he says he has about a dozen articles boiling as well as a whodunit or so.

Tony also said he'd recently had dinner with the **Herb Bowlbys** at their Stonehurst Farm near Newville, PA, where he had admired the horses and cattle and wondered why Herb talked about cutting back on his farming operations. **Urey & Sugar Alexander** were on hand, too; Urey getting on well after a cataract operation. Tony also talked of **Bill & Anita Lewis** (that's William F. of PA, not Willis F. of LA) and reported that Bill is closing in on finishing his teaching career at Penn State.

Several classmates, including **Stew McKenney** and **Kermit Dyke**, called attention to an editorial in **National Defense.** It turned out to be written by **Harry Miley,** pres of the American Def Preparedness Assn, shortly after returning from the Reunion. If you missed the editorial, know that Harry reminded his readers that 40-plus yrs ago, when the Class of '40 was getting ". . . ready to become second lieutenants, the Western world was in turmoil. . . . It seemed clear to us, as we took our oath of office and buckled on our new Sam Brown belts, that the Class of '40 was in for it. Our perception was correct."

Harry referred to our recent Reunion and continued, "The Class of '40 stood, with the other reunion classes, on the Plain and watched the Corps go by in front of us. We noted the presence of female cadet officers and heard their soprano voices shouting the required commands. We talked briefly, after the parade, with 2 lady first classmen (?) who would be commissioned, in a couple of days, in the Field Artillery. We wondered, detachedly, if they would ever serve as battery commanders in combat. We tried to imagine how they might fare on some future rainy night when March Order came at 2400 hours and the road out was narrow, muddy and under enemy fire." Quite appropriately, the editorial is entitled, "Ave Atque Vale."

Len & Doris Orman drove home the long way from the Reunion. They stopped to see

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several classmates who couldn't join the Reunion, like **Walt Swank** in Harrisburg, PA, who couldn't get the necessary time off. They also saw **Dill** Ellis in Dillon, SC, and stayed overnight with **Ray & Jeanne Clock** in Charleston, SC, where Ray continues teaching at The Citadel.

A card from **Paul & Rita Phillips** points out that they can now be reached at P.O. Box 550, Tabernash, CO 80478. Obviously, Paul has been able to finish that new house that he was talking about at the 9000 ft level.

Pete & Vi Kramer wrote from San Ant that they've spent a quiet but hot summer. Pete has, after some 800 hrs of work, finished that doll-house we've been hearing about from time to time. It's modeled after Shadows-on-the-Teche, the mansion owned by the Natl Hist Trust in New Iberia, LA. Pete has wired his model for electricity and has reproduced chandeliers, lamps, and floor and wallpaper patterns from the original house.

Pete went on to say, "About 2 weeks ago we had a Class get-together at **Danny Briggs'** house to celebrate **Lester Schockner's** new hip joint. Not long ago, Schock had a ball joint put in and recovered so well he's now up and walking at least a mile every day. Danny, incidentally, has been looking very judicial on TV. He's been serving on an investigative panel looking into the competence of our county medical examiner. Danny is the very model of the distinguished citizen on a blue ribbon panel!"

Sam Patten wrote that Jean and he also made a long post-Reunion tour in Jun. "Our main purpose was to visit our daughter who is a Montessori teacher in Reno, NV. However, we also included a visit to **Sam & Kiki Goodwin** at their Crossed Sabers Ranch near Cerrillos, NM. It's quite a place—better visit it sometime."

Jerry Addington wrote to explain why we had missed them at the Reunion. "It came at the busiest time of the school year for me. I am still teaching eighth grade mathematics, which in more than a few cases amounts to leading to water horses that won't drink. This summer I'm spending most of my time gardening and doing yard work—trying to keep things green. At the moment, I'm holding the fort and babysitting our grandson two days a week while Billie is visiting relatives on the east coast."

Warren Stirling, no longer in Spanish exile, wrote from his new address at 2103 Morley Dr, Austin, TX 78752 to say that "We left Spain in Feb after more than 12 yrs there. However, things are normal—our household shipment didn't arrive here until the end of May.

"Slowly, we are becoming adjusted to the U.S. and to Austin, which seems to have a great deal to offer. Most of Flo's and my time thus far has been spent in getting the house and garden in order. We did, however, visit some friends in nearby San Ant. who, surprisingly, are close friends of **Bill & Nancy Francisco,** who were visiting them when we arrived. Bill told me all about the Reunion."

Marge and I offer best wishes to you all for the Holiday Season and for a happy and successful New Year!

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A salute to our new GEN and his lovely lady, **Charlie & Martha Schilling.** The message to them from our leader read: "On the occasion of your well earned ret, your classmates and their wives wish to give special recognition to your faithful and distinguished service over the past 39 years, to our Army, our Academy, and our Class. We salute you, Chuck and Martha, as outstanding Christian soldiers in the service of our country, and particularly our young Americans. As the last members of the Class of '41 to leave active duty, you take with you our warmest and best wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment. Sgd **Jack Norton,** Class Pres.

1941: L Co. Mini-Reunion at the Chapmans: Campbells, Chapmans, Fishers and Cochrans.

COL Morris Herbert, Dir of Alumni Records, and a man with a little corporate memory, noted in a letter "The number of attendees at General **Schilling's** ret ceremony was the largest crowd I have ever seen at one of these ceremonies. A fitting tribute to **Chuck Schilling's** service to WP and his popularity." Another observer said that most of the living members of Chuck's war time Engr Combat Bn were on hand to watch him receive his star and the Distinguished Service Medal.

And from his CP atop the mountain in Basye, VA, comes this word on the big event for 81. Jack writes, "Our 40th Reunion is going to start rolling in Oct! Letters to all hands with commitments not later than 1 Nov—PROGRAM: Wed 20 May—Check in at Westchester Hotel (Hudson River Conference Center), Ossining, NY (about a 30 minute drive). Informal dinner at hotel; Thurs, 21 May—Class Ceremonies at the **Kelleher, Jobes** Memorial—Class Luncheon **with wives**—Alumni Dinner-Dance; Fri 22 May—Alumni Exercises—Alumni Luncheon **with wives**—Class Dinner at Hotel; Sat 23 May—Sign Out.

In a phone call to back up this schedule, Jack said that the very strong Class feeling against the Holiday Inn in Newburgh had produced side effects against the tentative decision to go to the Ramada in Newburgh, so he had tasked **Potter Campbell** to go back to the drawing board. The good news is that we will (a) not have to shuttle to Newburgh over the Storm King and (b) we will be guests at a very attractive inn whose management wants to show us their brand of hospitality.

Mike Greene, the Class Man For All Seasons, filed the following report from our Nation's center of confusion: "On the evening of 7 Sept we had a '41 get-together at Wolf Trap Farm Park. Cocktails, picnic supper and musical show (Brigadoon). Everyone brought his own drink and eats and then we had a block of tickets for the show. We had 29 there—**Woodruffs, Gurfeins, Hatfield** with date Anne Garcia, **Lucy Millikin, Rownys** (Rita looking fine and showing continuing improvement), **Jean Moody, Reeds, Huffmans, Lucy Cooper, Sterns, Vera Wixon, Jo Greens, Ellsberrys, Skip Brown, Fletchers, Vaughns** [**Ruth Freese** & Jasper, one of our honorary members] and **Greenes.** A great evening for all! We plan to do this sort of thing each year (this was the 2d time).

"A note from **Peggy McClure,** in response to my notice about the party, reports that she remarried on 11 Mar. The lucky groom is Kenneth B. Johnson, COL USAF (Ret). A note from **Bob Reilly** reporting that they moved back to Towson, MD, closer to med facilities. **Howdy Clark** has ret again and he and Betty plan a PR to Asheville, NC, in early Oct—while there will see **Chick & Horace Brown.**

"**Pat's & Justine Hansey's** eldest, Pat III, was killed in an automobile accident near Baltimore on 15 Sept. We were able to get to the funeral home and to the services and to have a brief visit with Pat and Justine. Eileen and I were deeply impressed by the service and completely overwhelmed by the attendance! What a tribute to the young man! There were many, many young people there and all obviously affected deeply by the tragedy. [Note: Pat & Justine can be reached at 10424 England St, Overland Park, KS 66212].

"On a visit to San Ant to see our older daughter and 2 grandchildren, I attended a '41 get-together organized by **Tulah Crow** (Pete helped a bit, I believe). The **Marshes, Millers, Strains** (recent additions), **Les McKinley** (Jim was teaching), **Detwilers, Crows** and me plus daughter, Molly Monk.

"I am really pleased to report that **Cele Clinton** has made arrangements to endow an award in perpetuity at USMA in the name of his son, James Dillon **Clinton.** The award is to be presented each year to the Bde Exec Officer. The first award is to be presented at the June Week Awards Ceremony.

"The local '41 wives continue to have their monthly luncheons on the 3d Tues of each month. They take turns hosting, and seem to be much more successful getting a goodly number together than we guys do. They

1941: Welles, Rising, Brier, and Woodruff.

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average 18+ and we are lucky to get 10. That's about all! However—grandchild number 5 was born to our daughter Kate in Fayetteville, NC, on 20 Sept! Colin Douglas Gray weighed in at 6lb 15oz. Our son-in-law, CPT Stanley Gray, is attending a 5 month course at the JFK Center at Bragg. New addresses: **Lucy Millikin**, 3713 S. Geo. Mason Dr No. 1014W, Falls Church, VA 22041. **JOG Green**, 6506 Bluebill Lane, Alexandia, VA 22307. **Wendy Knowles**, Box 218, Rt 1, Princess Anne, MD 21853. **Jasper Vaughn**, 3525 Glenbrook Rd, Fairfax, VA 22031. Peggy [McClure] Johnson, No. 801 The Westbridge, 2555 Penn Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Al Muzyk writes: "To review the furniture project for **Nininger** Hall—All of the conference tables have been taken. The 2 large ones at $2,275 each and the four small ones at $1,000 each. Forty chairs have been taken at $300 each. This leaves ten arm chairs. We have until Jun 82 to complete raising the $23,500 for the 56 pieces of beautiful, sturdy furniture which **Herb Stern** had custom made in NC. The furniture has been delivered and is in place. Classmates and widows interested in one of the remaining 10 chairs, should write to me, naming the classmate and/or graduate being memorialized and making the initial or complete payment. The Alumni Affairs officer at WP will acknowledge the gift and thereafter correspond with the donor. Also, those classmates or widows who wish to make a general contribution or pledge toward the totality of our Class project for **Nininger** Hall may do so in the same manner. All contributions are tax deductible and should be made to "West Point Fund—Class of '41 Gift" and indicate the particular item for which the contribution is made. Our goal is to have the last 10 chairs spoken for ASAP and NLT 1 Jan 81 so that an appropriate bronze plaque may be made and attached to each piece of furniture. The wording must be approved by the Memorialization Cmte, and all of the arrangements should be completed by 40th Reunion time when the furniture will be dedicated."

The pix of the "L" Co mini held on the shore of Lake Sunapee in honor of the visit of **Hope & Cocky Cochran** is described by Cocky: "Damned if we don't look like 4 of the 7 dwarfs!" Hosted by sometime Coloradans **Terry & Curt Chapman** the visitors from nearby Lake Winnipesaukee were **Potter & Betty Campbell** and **Tom & Alice Fisher.** Says Cocky, "Our daughter Donna von Stroh and husband, Gerald, marketing mgr for St. Regis Paper, have redeployed our grandchildren to Parker, CO, and have a condo in Vail over Xmas. So Hope and I will be skiing with them the last 2 weeks of Dec. I hope we beach mums can survive the altitude!"

The second pix was taken at Frontier Days "The Daddy of Em All" 1980. **Bill & Jerry Brier** do a fabulous job of hosting us mountain folk to the games of the last of the red-blooded Americans. Would anyone believe that those 2 "H" Cos playing buddy-buddy in the picture were once captains of Army Corps Squads? This years attendees: **Corbins, Henschkes, McIntyres, Risings, Welles' Woodruffs, Schnittke, Carrolls** and **Troups.** Barney and Bettie, after a stop in San Ant, parked their trailer on the lot they bought near Colo Spgs. They promise to move out here in the near future and we're delighted. The letter which accompanied the pix, signed **Butch** added: Harry III '78, 1LT 82d Abn continues well at Bragg. Our daughter, Judy, has been home this summer after graduating from Smith. She'll enter the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Intl Affairs at Princeton in Sept. We're thrilled for her.

1941: Schillings' retirement ceremony with Gen Goodpaster and Martha doing the honors.

Others who contributed to one of CO's leading industries this summer include: **Frank & Martha Gerig** visiting their son, a lawyer living in Green Mountain Falls. According to **Ben Spiller**, "They are active nationally in Marriage Encounter. **Ken & Audrey Kennedy** were in town in Aug, stayed at the Garden of the Gods Club and played the Kissin' Camels Golf Course—they also played the AFA's beautiful long Blue course with **George & Betty McIntyre** and Y.T."

Jack Telfair phoned to say that he and his wife were RONing in our town based on a last minute decision that precluded advanced warning. They had to press on but wanted us to know that despite a recurrence of the original problem and subsequent surgery, Jack came through in flying colors thanks to some outstanding surgeons in Jacksonville. He said he felt great and planned to make the big 40th! More recently, the leading Ace of the Class **Ben Mayo** and Joyce were here to "scope out" the place for possible redeployment. Said Ben, "We just can't take another AR summer." Joyce summered here as a girl, they were stationed at NORAD Hq in the 50's and son Steve was USAFA '64 so they have some ties.

Re the "previ" by Ben on the **Lee** wedding in Cincinnati it was a huge success, see pix. Pat reports, "17 raccoons and still trapping." She phoned to say the pix was on the way and sent her love to the gang who were assembled to greet the **Mayos.**

In addition to the painful news about **Pat Tansey** III, I must pass the sad word that **Charlie Harris** died on 10 Feb after a long fight with cancer. He was buried at his home in Meridian, MS. Neville can be reached at 5404 10th Pl, Meridian 39301. And **Hegy Gelderman** died of cancer on 19 Jun. She had been very active with '41 wives in DC.

The birds and **Rod O'Connor** have flown south for the winter. A 15¢ stamp will reach him at Santiago, APO Miami 34033. **Jasper & Ruth Vaughn** reported that daughter and son-in-law, LTC **Rob Pollock,** CO 22 Ftr Sq (F-15) are stationed at Bitburg. Kathy is the daughter of **Jim Dienelt** and is a beautiful and gracious lady, a true credit to the AF; Rob is USAFA '63.

Dick Travis wrote from Chapala to say that he will be at Alamo KOA, San Ant for the early part of Oct. **Wray White** sent a cute clip by a local columnist named Bob Brumfield who took Wray's suggestion on a story likening the mailbox vandalizing problem with which Wray is coping as village manager, to the AF's MX program. The author concluded, "The village of Indian Hill has decided not to seek federal funds for implementing the MX proposal for its mail boxes, feeling that the govt might also feel duty bound to grant matching funds to the vandals for the purchase of explosives."

A warm and encouraging note from **Paul Skowronek** concluded with, "Good luck with your dissertation. After that, the words 'retired' and 'inactive' will cease to have meaning for you—a PhD is forever."

As you know, we will salute another Class son at the Big 40th who will be joining our special fraternity. He is E. R. **"Ned" Armstrong,** USMA '81. His father wrote to say that he was at Lewis last summer but at the time of the letter did not know what his assignment would be. Army is still with the state as a social worker in Arkadelphia. "Pat and Mary Jane are still in the Army at Ft Lewis. He is a CPT and they have 2 sons, Mathew and Patrick. Hendee is still in Erie, PA, with husband Rick and daughter Sid, age 10. Hank will be going to OCS soon. He and Shawn have 2, Benji and Shannon. **Paul & Betty Monson** live here now and we see them quite often. Had Paul as Secy during my year as Pres of local Kiwanis—a great help in that job plus on my tour as Lt. Gov of the 22d Div, MO-AR Dist. They have a lovely home and a greenhouse where they plan to grow orchids."

While ordering the Class gifts for Ned, I tried to contact **Tom Hendrickson.** He had just left WP for Livermore Labs and his father answered still chuckling over my addressing Tom as **Babe Jr.** Thanks to the Babe, though, we learned that **Frank Linnell's** lovely daughter, Mrs. Jean Halleran, is there with her husband, an English P, and she has agreed graciously to take over **Charlie Schilling's** job of having the color print of WP framed for the presentation. Babe is expecting his eldest son, Al, to join Honeywell in Colo Spgs, so we look forward to their visits.

We also look forward to a visit from **Pooge & Bucky Curtis** next month. Phoned **Charlie Schilling** this morning—they are settled in and well. He reported that **Spec Powell** was scheduled for a triple bypass on 2 Oct.

It is great to be back in beautiful CO—the aspen are turning as I write this—we watched 22 inches of rain come down on Okinawa in the month of Apr. A salute to **Ben Spiller** for taking over the "company clerk" duties while we toured. And didn't he do a splendid job? I'll have to hump to hold the pace.

From **Mike Greene**: "Our monthly luncheon on 23 Sept generated 11 stalwarts: **Tanous, Clark, Deane, Canella, Bodson, Buttery, Garrett, O'Connor, Lanigan, Anderson** and MJL (that's me). Other not so pleasant news—**Ed Kisiel** is on chemotherapy treatment for cancer. He has had to drop out of our monthly luncheons but we're holding his chair for him. **Spec Powell** goes into the hospital at the end of this month for a triple by-pass operation. He looks fine and seems to be in great spirits."

One of the great joys for those of us who live in the Rockies is to visit "Rainbow's End" the sanctuary in the mountains on a beautiful trout stream owned and operated by **Mal & Alma Troup.** Their 6 Sept rally, just before the aspen started to turn, was a gala: **Spillers, Gauvreaus, McIntyres, Corbins, Carrolls** rallied to wish Mal and Alma "Bon

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Voyage" on their trek to visit son, Brian, the Uptons and the senior **Troups** in NY.

That's all for now, **Over Easy** fans. Let's make the BIG FORTIETH the biggest and best ever. God Bless the Class of '41!!!

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Looks like those people across the river have fouled up the weather in addition to everything else. The calendar says that summer is over but the heat and humidity haven't gotten the word. Oh, well; makes it easier to sweat out the deadline.

Jim & Norma Cockrell again hosted the Aug picnic in great style. **Jeff Davis** circulated all potential customers and stirred 73 guys and gals to join the fun. **Ginger & Ec Cutler** again won the prize for the longest journey. (Maybe someday we'll have a prize!) The **Kosters** brought daughter Susie along, causing a great deal of standing tall and sucking it up! **Bill Harrell** labored vigorously to keep the ice chest full and the mixes handy, **Robbie Robinson** added his boat for scenic tours of Lake Barcroft, **Bobo Clagett** put on his nautical cap and helped as a pilot, **Westy Westenhoff** put on his always-appreciated slide show and the rest of us just enjoyed. Some began the beautiful afternoon in the pool, more to girl-watch than to exercise, I hasten to add—unless trips to the poolside bar count as exercise!

The **Brughs** had to decline as the maintenance on their rentals was scheduled for Aug. And Bob is trying to find a farm to busy himself with! **Plotts** also backed out on accounta Bette Lou was trying to get the doctors to decide on the cause of some miseries and make some improvements in her status and her quo.

Nancy & Al Hunter hosted another wives' plus hanger-on husbands' lunch. The response was outstanding and the crabmeat salad took a fearful beating. The record should show that steamed crabs were offered as an alternative but had few takers. Lazy or spoiled?

Recently arrived is a card from the **Hunters** while touring Cornwall. Said they'd had a wonderful seven days on the canals—which or where is not mentioned. They went over Space A and hoped to return likewise.

An unexpected change of address from **Sam & Betty Hays** to 1020 Longridge Rd, Oakland, CA 94610. How come, Sam? And I note that our sole ridge-runners, **Eleanor & Bunny Bonasso,** have deserted WV for Cocoa Beach. For shame! (But good judgment.) **Polly & Fran Roberts** were apparently so eager to get into the Pinehurst scene that they neglected to send in their new address—or was that on purpose? Anyhow, it gave me an excuse to call Polly's mother, Mrs. Prickett. I found her and the General doing well and she had the address on the tip of her tongue as well as the news that Ginger and **Lee Cage** were about to take off with daughter Ginny for Oberammergau and the Passion Play.

Despite my continuing efforts to get **Helen & Andy Low** on their way, they're still with us. Seems that the new home is now scheduled for 1 Nov completion. The Lake Barcroft home is as yet unsold so there's no problem—unless you are the one paying on 2 handsome mortgages!

Bill Zimmerman was here visiting **John Sheffey** recently. Missed seeing him but was told on the phone that he's found some folks

1942: Bill and Jaws III

in the world of commerce who are more shrewd than he, to his dismay!

A phone call from **Stan Josephson,** departing for home just one day too early for the Sept luncheon. He and Polly had been in London visiting offspring, coincidental with a selling jaunt to one of the Scandanavian countries. Stan said that the **Obenchains** had just moved our way, Jim in the employ of TRW, but they hadn't surfaced as of this writing.

Marg Wyman was an unwilling participant in a surgical exercise this summer. Added to the continuing arthritis, it has kept her close to home, but she's making steady progress. **Pat & Carl Ulsaker** had a trip to HI where they enjoyed the **Rienzis** and their guest facilities. Also saw the **Palfreys** and Rita **Blair.**

Charlie **Mizell** got himself a Space A flight to Torrejon and entrained for Madrid where he planned an extended delay to allow for some sightseeing. Found all the lockers in the RR station shut down because of bomb scares so he spent the hours sitting and watching his luggage. Thence to Paris to see their daughter. Lee, he still hasn't told me what day he arrived and what day he checked in with Mary Lee! Next across the channel on the hovercraft for a visit to the Royal National Inst for the Deaf—and then he fat-catted home on a plane from the White House stable!

While Enid was "doing" Europe with her mother, **Doc Hyde** combined a business trip to Colo Spgs and the Broadmoor with a visit with daughter Leslie in Boulder. The most fun was the doorman's effort to properly categorize Jim's cute female companion when Leslie accompanied him to the Broadmoor and left them briefly to park the car. "Shall we wait for your, er, ah, your—?" The second most fun was a chance encounter with **Lu Clay** and a subsequent Happy Hour with the **Clays** and the **Murphys.** In our conversation, Jim asked, "Guess who woke me up with a phone call at one a.m. the other night?" Having acquired at least a touch of wisdom over the years, I answered, **Bob Evans**"—and of course had a winner! And speaking of Bob, my comment last issue provoked a response to advise that his doctorate is in Counseling and Guidance—but he doubts that he's yet pro enough to do any good with Hancel or me! She is now M.P.L.A.—Miss Piggy of Lower Alabama, with her Dr. Bob! Bob added that his mother, who had known or known of so many of you, died in May after a considerable struggle.

Judges apparently age faster than the average layman. At least the fact that **Judge John Baker** was the **oldest grad** at the Republic of Panama Founders Day would seem to bear out the theory.

The AG of the Commonwealth of PA is keeping his name in the public eye. **Dick Scott** spoke to the local AUSA Chapter and also had a letter to the ret Asst Adj of the PA Dept of the American Legion published in The Red Keystone. Anyone not familiar with that publication of the Society of the 28th Div can drive around for a police call.

Carl Ulsaker passed along a copy of a letter his boss had written to **Claire** A. P. **Duffie** Jr., reference Duff's 31 Aug ret from the Postal Service and thanking him for "valuable contributions to the modernizing and greater efficiency of our operations."

Almost overlooked a note to Jeff from **Rita Jaynes.** Our godson's oldest daughter was then visiting Rita's sister in Highland Falls and dazzling the Cadets at Delafield. She and Rita were to head to FL for a month, causing Rita to miss the picnic.

Margaret & Don Bolton were in town in the process of taking full advantage of the Eastern Air Lines all-you-can-travel-special. So far they've been to Chicago to see family, to ME to visit friends, and here for a wedding, with Atlanta and a frolic with **Millie & Ted Marks** and **Sue & Jim Bartholomees** yet to come. Don says that Margaret is doing fine, even beginning to talk golf again.

Pappy Garvin reported that 2 old jocks, **Bill Gernert** and **Ray Murphy,** had been hobbled by separated achilles tendons and that a reinjury has left Bill with a braced ankle to skimp around on until the Holidays. Elaine saw the sympathy Murph was getting so she stepped off the curb and broke her leg! Ray has since been to MT fishing; whether the expedition happened before Elaine's accident or was an "I might as well go fishing," is not stated! **Bill Gernert** headed further north for his piscatorial adventure and was rewarded with a 46½ inch Muskie, pictured herewith and to be displayed chez **Gernert** in future. Pappy took **Joe Hennessee** as support and spent 2 weeks in AK hauling in halibut, salmon and grayling. There's a suspicion that after portaging a wet canoe with full waders, having wet clothes freeze solid on the line, etc., it may have been Joe's first and last such venture!

Jim McAdam sent a long letter about his and Pat's trailer travels. Included were stops to see his mother—90 yrs young in Sept—a 5-day square dance festival; a week in Dayton with daughter Penny, 4 grandchildren and a son-in-law on the MAJs' list; a stop in Muntgummery where son Ted has finished the Staff Coll and is assigned to the faculty to the delight of his wife and 2 troops; 3 days of the National Square Dance Convention in Memphis; to Colo Spgs to renew old and overdo and thence to Vallecito Resort at 7,600 feet in national forest, whence came his letter. In the course of all the above, they somehow found time to see **Dean Short**

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(Emily was attending a conference in CA) and cadge some Short strawberries and garden produce; **Joe & Marie Hennessee** who had them and the **Doyles** to dinner. Joe is supposedly giving up teaching to become the hired help Marie always wanted; **Pierce & Alice Doyle** raise prize roses, Pierce assuring that they would be prize roses by becoming a judge up to the intl level; **Lynn Sifford** surveying the half of Fairborn, OH, and 27 middle-aged autos he owns. Lynn is willing to change his status only if he finds a widow owning a Lear jet; **Dopey & Jackie Stephens** the former maintaining a position with the State in order to clear the decks for Jackie's schedule of gourmet cooking classes and party planning!; **Bob & Hancel Evans** to include a visit with Dee Dee and family; **George & Jane Buck** and **Joe & Ruth Morey** who showed what Suthren hospitality is all about; **Lu & Betty Clay,** timing things right to find Lu's mother visiting—and that's all!!! I owe you one for writing this column, Jim!

Butch & Bobbie Offley are carried on the Morning Report at Watergate at Landmark but seem to be on TDY most of the time. Since mid-Apr the log reads Spain, Royal Gorge, Virginia Beach and presently HI!

When **Jeff Davis** isn't planning our parties, he writes letters to the editor—and gets them published. His latest included a 3-column listing of bureaucratic buzz-words guaranteed to impress any deputy asst sec or flag officer. Jeff, what we need is some folks in the latter categories to impress our allies and foes!

Jim Cockrell penned a very scholarly letter on the subject of **Constellation** vs **Constitution,** which is America's oldest man-of-war? Jim's evidence favored the former and when I asked him what an old soldier was doing in that arena, he told me that he had done his homework before commencing his present project of constructing a model of the Constellation!

Hope you all read **Tony Wermuth's** fascinating article on the Class of '40 in the last issue. I do note that we lost at least one general officer on his count, and I suspect that he overlooked **Ec Cutler** and **John Atwood** in addition. No, Carl and no, Josey. Postmaster General does not qualify!

Barbara and I wish you all the happiest of Holiday Seasons and heaps of fun in 81.

HOT FLASH—**Ink Gates** just vaulted into a new tax bracket by being honored and stroked with his selection for a $10,000 meritorious, presidential rank award by the White House. In case you don't know, he is in charge of things that go bump in the night—or early dawn—in the NV desert. Congratulations, Ink. Nice to see that "meritorious" and Dept of Energy don't have to be incompatible!

JAN '43

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"Ten little, nine little, eight little indians" . . . and then there was only one, because **Bob Marshall** ret as the Div Engr of the Lower MS Valley Div and Pres of the MS River Cmsn in Vicksburg, MS on 31 Jul. Bob had more than 37 years of active duty and had lived in Vicksburg since Jul 77. The **Marshalls** ret address is 1050 Beasley Rd, Jackson, MS 39206. So, "the last of the Mohegans" on active duty is **Tom Griess,** who is Prof and Head

Jan '43: Keke Marshall beams as Bob receives the DSM (1st OLC) from Morris June '43 Ch Engr upon Bob's ret. (Courtesy of the **Vicksburgh Evening Post**).

of the Dept of Hist at USMA, but **Tom/Betty** have already purchased a ret home near the **George Maertens** in Sun City, AZ. Incidentally, Tom advised me that we have another "Class son" at USMA, but he suspects that this may be the last—though we may well have "Class grandsons and granddaughters." The new "Class son" is none other than **Hal & Charity Barbers'** son Billy—we wish him the best.

Speaking of retirements and the venerable order of sexagenarians, an increasing number of classmates are simply "hanging out the shingle" and going fishing, golfing, or traveling—for instance:

- **Brad Lundberg,** who quite work on the space shuttle and with Millie has been traveling far and wide—to include Antigua, where they joined the **Starnes** at the Lord Nelson Club, which is owned and operated by that "old wombat," Nick Fuller ('44);
- **Bob Cook,** who ret from the Dept of Energy and is spending 200% of his time operating and maintaining a 38-ft and 25-ft boat—much to Ruth's chagrin;
- **Charlie Heltzel,** who ret from the V.A. in Oct and is now enjoying life just fishing, hunting, and sailing the waters of Lake Barcroft, VA, where he and Margaret live, on his "party boat";
- **Joe Dover,** who ret from teaching in FL and is enjoying all those things that you can do in the FL sun;
- **Don Thompson,** who ret from the FAA, but is serving as a consultant to that agcy on a temporary basis, while Dawn takes a 17-day tour of Rome and Northern Italy with friends;
- **Jack Dulaney,** who ret from the agriculture products business in Duluth, GA, and is busy hunting, fishing, sipping good bourbon, and running the professional golf tournaments

Jan '43: Griess, Barber, and Knowlton at the Griesses quarters, USMA.

(with the able assistance of his children) at the Atlanta CC; and

- **Sid Peterson,** who ret from GE and the Army Reserves in NH and is spending his time fly fishing and tending his garden until the snow flies, and then he'll play indoor tennis. Meanwhile, he and Helen visited their son Robert and his wife at Hahn AFB, Germany, where Robert, a CPT, is flying F-4s.

In welcome notes from here and there, **Robby Robinson** advised us that he and Phyllis have returned to the States after living in Uruapan, Mexico, for the past 8 yrs. According to Robby, "teaching high school, gardening, making wine, and trying to get the city of Uruapan to do planning (which is like pushing a wet noodle) finally turned out to be not enough to do—so when the opportunity came to join the Sys Dev Corp working wtih the DOE, we decided to move back to the States. The DOE program involves the dev and construction of a new plant near Portsmouth, OH, to enrich uranium for use in nuclear reactors by means of large centrifuges which require only a fraction of the energy of the gaseous diffusion process to operate." The **Robinsons'** new address is 118 Greyston Dr, Oak Ridge, TN, 37830.

Jan '43: The Lundbergs visit Washington.

Also on the move was **Frank Kajencki,** whose return trip to Poland in Aug was featured in an article in the **El Paso Times,** which reported that "instead of a liesurely vacation in his ancestral country, his trip turned out to be a stay on a powder keg—without knowing the length of its sputtering fuse. **Kajencki** was in Gdansk at the time workers—one of his cousins among them—took over the shipyards and presented their demands for reforms. . . . During the strikes, the Govt prohibited the sale of liquor to maintain calm. Even in the cities, people have small garden plots, but there were shortages of bread, flour, and potatoes. So his cousin and her daughter took turns standing in line for 7 hours to buy bread." As Frank observed in retrospect, "Had the situation become even just a little hotter, Poland would not have been the ideal place for a former U.S. Army officer."

The "big news" from Placitas, NM, is that **Eddie McGough** has entered the race for State Senator from Dist 9 as a Republican. According to Eddie, his opponent is Lorella Montoya Salazar, a Democratic lady of 55 who is the last of the Montoya clan and whose 4 brothers have successively occupied the Senate position for which Eddie is running. Eddie's campaign strategy is to "bring the word to the people" by personal, door-to-

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Jan '43: The Rev Bob Kurtz (R) and Huntley at the ANCC.

door contact. Thus far, he and Romaine have knocked on approximately 8,200 doors and contemplate knocking on some 12,000 more before the election. We wish Eddie and Romaine the best in Nov!

Down in Evergreen, AL, the **Tut Frakes** are completing their "beach house on Ono Is in Perdido Bay overlooking the Gulf of Mexico—just 15 miles SW of Pensacola. According to Tut, there's plenty of fishing, golfing, and beaching, so "y'all come visit Nononoonono!"

Meanwhile, here on the DC merry-go-round,

• The DC contingent of the clan enjoyed their fall dinner-dance at the ANCC, though the temperature outside was still in the 90's—hottest summer on record for more than 100 years!

• **Buck/Madge Stahle** visited the clan from their home in Gettysburg, PA—Buck is "over the hump" in his campaign to raise $5 million for Elizabethtown College, PA.

• **Bill Brady** from LA dropped in to attend a course for executives at the Brookings Inst and had lunch with **Joe Benson.**

• **Barbara Fiss** left town to attend, first, a special course at Oak Ridge, TN for OPM pers who will administer the Senior Exec Svs (SES) of the Govt and, second, the Senior Exec Fellows course at Harvard U, while "lonesome polecat" Bob "keeps the home fires burning"; commiserates with their daughter Kathy, who's in town on a UofC fall intern program; and makes plans to move into their scenic new home on Lake Barcroft this winter.

• **Darrie/Pat Richards** returned from a one-month vacation on Whidbey Is and environs in WA State—while we were plagued by the heat.

• **Irene Norris** is talking about ret after 10 yrs with Xerox, which will provide John with a "bit of company" at home near Mt. Vernon.

• **Frank Shaw** is busy updating emergency plans for the Federal Emergency Planning Agcy (FEMA).

• **Ted Seith,** Class Pres pro tem, announced that **B-Ball Harrington,** with the assistance of **Joe Benson** as MC and **Gregg Henry** as Class Gift Coordinator, will be responsible for our 40th Reunion at USMA in '83.

Jim Aleveras and **Buck Lacy** have sent out a clarion call (flyer) for all of us to join them for our 38th Reunion in San Diego, rather than wherever-you-are. Key extracts from their flyer are as follows:

• Where: The Admiral Kidd Officers Club on North Harbor Dr, San Diego, with very reasonable accommodations at the Royal Quality Inn (4875 North Harbor Dr);

• When: 24 Jan (dinner) and 25 Jan (brunch).

Jan '43: Camm with Dottie Bennett, Arlene Camm and Boots Minckler.

• What: "All classmates, ex cadets, their ladies and Class widows are invited and, in most cases, expected to attend this unique reunion. This is a great opportunity to see long lost classmates (none of whom look as young as you) and to visit sunny San Diego and Old Mexico, while at the same time escaping (in most cases) from temperatures of 60° and below. The MC will be wild **Walt (Big T) Taliaferro.** Prizes and entertainment will be in abundance."

So, if you have not received your copy of this flyer, write or call **Jim Aleveras** at 2091 Ventana Way, El Cajon, CA 92020; tel: 714-562-4473. Come on, let's go! As **Bill Knowlton** recently remarked at the reunion of the 7th AD in Williamsburg, "It's always fun to see the old gang again—we're all really good friends."

In closing, the Class wishes to express its deepest sympathy to:

• **Dorothy Broach,** whose husband Dick died at Patuxent Naval Air Station, MD, and was buried at WP on 15 Aug with **Tom Griess** representing our Class; and

• **Phyllis Jones,** whose husband Jack succumbed to an illness in May, which he had been fighting since 49—The Jones' had been living in Mendocino, CA, for many years.

Tut Frakes also advised me that he is preparing an obituary for the ASSEMBLY in memory of **M.J. (Mojo) Gatewood,** who died of a malignant brain tumor at Walter Reed AMC on 17 Sept 78.

Jan '43: The Bob Woods at Knowlton's ret ceremony.

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THESE ARE THE SADDEST TIMES, for 1980 so far has not been a good year where Jun '43 is concerned. By my reckoning we have lost 5 classmates and 2 class wives. And I find I am remiss in not acknowledging all but in most cases where a death occurs after a deadline, or I don't find out about it until after a deadline, I try to rush a special entry for the editor's consideration. In almost every case they have accepted these and included them in the column, but once in a while I just don't make the ultimate deadline or as did happen, something gets lost in the late mail. One such case is that of **Jim Harrold's** wife Dar who passed away this past spring. Although I forwarded details as phoned to me by Jim they just didn't get into print. Jim, who has made a tremendous recovery is the soul of courtesy and has only chided me lightly for the sin of omission. He did ask me to repeat the deadline dates so that none of us procrastinate. They are 3 Jan for the issue that comes out in March, and then 30 Mar, 30 Jun and 30 Sept.

Jun '43: The Glasgows, Mathes, and Rheas, 23 Apr 80.

NOW TO PICK UP THE PIECES: **Maggie Saine** wrote me in Aug that back in Mar he lost his beloved Ruth in a rather bizarre accident just a few hundred yards from their home. He explained that he has been quite sometime getting over the shock and could only just then write. It seems that the 2 of them had become accustomed to a daily, late afternoon six-mile bike ride through their residential and park area and were proceeding on a familiar road when they realized they were being overtaken by a slowly moving automobile. At a point where the main road cruved left and a smaller access road continued straight Ruth was turning along the curve only to smash into the side of the car. There was little or no damage to either car or bike but Ruth suffered a concussion from which she died the next day. Ruth was born in Plains, GA, where her late father was a Lutheran minister. In addition to Maggie she is survived by one daughter, Carolyn (Mrs M.H. Yost), 2 sons, MAJ James of USMA and John; her mother and 2 brothers, both Lutheran ministers. Ruth was active in civic and church affairs where she was also the organist. Interment was in Columbia, SC. **Willie Herres** represented the Class.

Through the Assn of Grads I learned that **William Wintle Martin** died suddenly Jul 2d, of a heart attack. Will was ret from the Army and living in Houston when death occurred, but he was buried in the **Martin**

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Jun '43: Silvester, Steele, and Black.

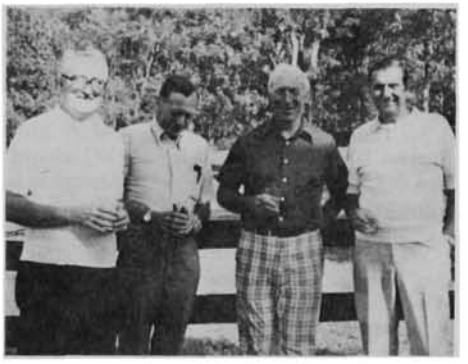
family plot in Leesville, LA, with the honor guard provided by Barksdale AFB. Although none of the Class was present, Will's bro-in-law, Bill West '47 attended the ceremony. Will's wife of 37 years, Jackie, survives along with twin daughters, Camille and Vivian, a son William Jr, another daughter, Jacqueline Nell, and 6 grandchildren. Will and family had lived in Houston since ret from the Army and were camping and hunting enthusiasts with hopes for a 2d ret on a mountain top near Kerrville. Our sincerest condolences to the **Saines, Martins** and **Harrolds.**

Stanley L. Wilson was reported to me as having passed away in Huntsville, AL, on Jul 8th, but as of this writing I have no details.

Johnny Moses, writing from Spartanburg, SC (home of the infamous Camp Croft), enclosed a copy of a tribute to **Al Burdette** that he sent to the Editor of the **San Antonio Express.** I quote in part from John's thoughts: GEN **Burdette** "was truly what WP is all about, embodying to a fine degree those qualities of a soldier so necessary for a career as a strong leader in the USA. An unusual combination of personality, command presence and intellect produced superior results in a variety of key assignments over 35 years of active duty." Well said, John. **Howie Coffman** did a superb job as liasion between **Jim Nash's** family and the Military Academy where Jim was buried. Howie notified the Class in the Dallas area and the **Coffmans, Parfitts** and **Charles Spieth** attended the memorial service in Denton. Howie then called the **Fred Proctors** in NJ and they represented the Class at graveside. Mary, Jim's widow, asks that any remembrances be in the form of donations to the Class Fund in Jim's name, a wish echoed by the **Burdette** family for those who wish to honor Al. **Fred Proctor** closed the circuit by having the Academy forward to **Bill Malone** who sent on to me the procedure to be followed in making memorial donations. In addition to making out the check to "The West Point Fund—Class of Jun '43 Account" also note on the face of the check, "In memory of———" A page in the Memory Book kept in a special niche in the Cadet Library will then be established for each person so honored, however small the contribution, and the names of those contributing will be listed on the heavy parchment page. The page is handsomely highlighted by flanking US and Corps colors, a view up the Hudson from Battle Monument on the bottom and it is headlined with the name in Old English script. Gifts may be made in the memory of deceased grads, wife, relative, friend or cadet and a separate page will be established for each.

Since we have progressed from necrology to memorialization I think it appropriate that we now update the Class Fund balance. Since Jun there were 13 additional donations totalling $812 so that we are at $11,457.37. Make a note to yourself: send money to the Class Fund.

ONE LAP AROUND THE TRACK Comes a letter my way from Charlotte, ENCY, headlined **Wm M. Glasgow** Jr, "Consulant, Engineering-Management, Rivers Spanned-Wars Fought-Battles Won-Taxes Collected and Loot Divided." Since my last report of Bill and Janie in Indonesia they have returned Stateside by way of mile-high Denver where they dropped in on **Bob & Eleanor Mathe** who in turn rounded up **Judy & Frank Rhea.** Bob and Frank together do what Bill does by himself, i.e., engr consultation. He enclosed a picture of 3 good looking gals, 2 with gray or bifocaled gentlemen, and one, Judy, with a guy that must have a corner on Grecian Formula. Hang in there Snuffy, it's just envy.



Jun '43: Hardy, Cocroft, Hill, and Benson at the Surkamps', 16 Aug 80.

ALBERT-QUE-QUE, NM, A nice letter from **Don Dargue** whom we last heard from wagon-training West out of NH to of all places, 601 Running Water Cir, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123; Ph (505) 293-3091. Don states that after 18 pleasant years on the fog-bound coast of NH, not only the cost of fuel oil but also Garnet's recurrence of a spinal problem that depresses the main nerve in the right arm, caused them to move to a higher and dryer climate—although at the time of writing Don said it had been raining steadily for more than 20 hours. Their daughter Marilyn married a NH college classmate, a Thai, now lives in Bangkok, but they are fortunate to have had several exchanges visits. Classmates seen locally are **Jack Rawlings** who ranches in nearby Corrales and **Rog Conarty** who works at Los Alamos Scientific Labs. Thanks for the follow-up, Don.

CEN-TEX CHIRPS: About 2 weeks ago I got a call from **Bud Bolling** who was to be in town to see some clients, so Peggy and I conned him into coming over to the house for a while. What we hadn't known at the time of **Al Burdettes'** funeral was that Bud had intended to be there along with Fran but the day before he was in Texarkana on business and in the evening his clients and friends went out for Mexican food and returned in a two car convoy. Bud was in the back seat of the lead vehicle going downhill to a deadend and sharp left turn leading to the Interstate when they were overtaken by an 18 wheeler loaded with coal who tried to pass. Just as he overtook the car Bud was in, the driver realized his error and tried to turn inside them, only to sideswipe the car and dump his trailer on top of the car. Bud was compressed downward receiving various injuries but miraculously he survived and was taken to a hospital. He still suffers from the compression and comes unglued about 2 o'clock each afternoon, but he swears he'll be back playing golf and racketball soon. The pictures he had of the car leaves no doubt in anyones mind that he was just plain lucky. . . . Another visitor to our digs was **Hal Parfitt** who succumbed to my entreaties that he talk to our Lions Club in Temple about his final years of US stewardship of the Canal. Hal is an outstanding speaker and extremely well-versed in the nuances of the international by-plays that took place. One of the key features of his talk was the point he made that the Panama Canal Co. is the only governmental agcy that for 75 years returned a profit on their undertaking while continuing to improve their living and working conditions and the general overall business with very little increase in the tolls. As many of you know, Hal was not only the last Gov of the Canal Zone but also was the Pres of the Canal Co. I think we can look with pride that he discharged his duties in an outstanding manner knowing full well that at the conclusion of his tenure he would be turning the entire venture over to a joint commission. My personal thanks to a real gentleman. Prior to Hal's coming to Temple Pat and Hal had been to KY visiting relatives, but had to return to Big D to see daughter Bev into N. TX State and supervise the construction and conditioning of a new swimming pool in the back yard. Pat's job, according to Hal, was to hose down the new concrete every other hour or so in order that it cure properly. This while Hal was gallivanting down in our direction. Ah, the women of our lives do get the most interesting jobs.

THE WASHINGTON SCENE: That darlin' little man, **Will Cover** packaged up the paper from the bottom of his birdcage along with other goodies depicting the life and times of modern DC. Will persists in this fiction about something in his lower garden. He now claims it was a lynx—an animal authorities tell me hasn't been seen in that area for over 50 years. Will, let it go, we understand. His venture into the world of

Jun '43: Cover, Burr, Nikki Burr, and Peggy Lucas at the Surkamps', 16 Aug 80.

writing was to convey the information that although **Barbara & Art Surkamp** have moved from their farm and were renting another, they once again in magnificent fashion hosted the Class to a picnic on a beautiful early fall day. Inasmuch as Will has to be taken home for his late afternoon feeding he can only account for the following being present: The **Atkinsons, Barickmans** (from VT), **Bensons, Blacks, Burrs, Childs, Cocrofts, Covers, Gordys, Heintzelmans, Hardys, Hills, Hulls, Al Joneses, Lucai, McAdams, McGregors, Magathans, Malones, O'Hares, Phillips, Piggs,**

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Pinnells, Pletts, Roos, Rundells, Sandy (Tomaga Tornado) and **Chris Sembach, Silvesters, Grumpy Steele** (from UK), **Tansey, Umlaufs** and **Arch Hamblen** and guest. Attached were 3 photos of some of the convivial guests amongst whom you will see a lovely Nikki Burr with a gentleman I took to be her father, but on closer examination it was just Ned poking holes in his hairdo. Art is accepting reservations for next year's clambake at PO Box 796, Middleburg, VA 22117. By this time **B. Rogers** will be the only active duty '43er as **Jack Headcastle Morris** takes down his flag the end of Sept. In general our Class has given the country measure for measure for the education they invested in us 37 years ago. There is no question but that some were outstanding and among that group I list Jack. I doff the Iron Derby to you, Sir. Jack continued Bernie's practice of Class meetings at the Pentagon, and this past Sept 3d they were joined by our counterparts from Crabtown, some names of which are familiar to me from my Naval Academy tour. Our own **Grady** emceed the event for the absent CofEngrs who was counting bulldozers in Europe, and an outstanding sailorman named **Jon Boyes** talked on the future in mil and civ comm that includes lasers, fiber optics and wee circuitry that will make Dick Tracy's wrist radio passé Attendees included **Bruce Arnold, Atkinson, Calnan, Cover, Childs, Buzalski, Grade-A, Hamblen, McAdam, McGregor, Naylor, Novak, O'Hare, Pinnell, Schroeder, Silvester, Surkamp, Scott, Umlauf, Wood** and **Walt Hutchin.** Inasmuch as my alloted time and space have run out simultaneously I shall bid you adieu while noting that the Army Team is 2 and 1. Dan'l Flannel.

'44

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Forty summers have passed since we struggled up the hill from the West Shore Railroad Station with the ratio of anticipation to trepidation only slightly above unity. Nature, praises be, denied us foresight or many would have marched right back down again. Adventure(s) we would have missed, along with our load of warts, wens and blemishes too. Not to worry, though; we have defied a few statistical probabilities and endure. Those of us still around have had **two** shots at life, at least, and ought to be happy with our lot, and we hope you are.

On a glorious June Week Sunday morning in the Dean's garden, **Bob & Margaret Mary Algermissen, Chalmers & Lila Deeter** were hosted by **Fred & Kitty Smith** as **Jack Pollin** presented classy '44 silver trays to Robert **Algermissen** and Don **Deeter,** Class of '80. Young Robert sent a gracious letter to your scribe thanking the Class for the tray and expressing his pride in "being a son of '44."

In Aug, the **Algermissens** very generously bedded down 2 of our youngsters in Albuquerque en route to Tucson and L.A. The kind hospitality was and is much appreciated.

The lighting project for inside night viewing of the Class of '44 stained glass windows above the entrance to Washington Hall was completed in Oct 79. Later your Class officers authorized Class funds for **inside** lighting to permit outside night viewing of the windows. The latter project didn't work; viewed from past the Washington Statue with the most powerful inside lighting, the colors blurred. The Supe wrote **Win Scott** recommending the latter project be cancelled and the funds instead be put to some other purpose chosen by the Class. The original lighting project, the Supe reports, provides an unexpected bonus: The exterior lights beamed upward dramatically highlight Washington Hall's ornamental stonework, visible from across the Hudson. Apparently, the gift is now getting its overdue recognition. Illuminations are reserved for 8 special occasions during the year. I hope that the editor will reproduce GEN Goodpaster's letter elsewhere in this issue of ASSEMBLY. Only 5 members of the Class wish to be identified as donors; their names are in USMA records. It is a splendid, enduring gift and a blue streamer on the Class escutcheon. Again, thanks are due to **Win Scott** for his leadership and to all for their support.

I encountered a French language journal from Louisiana featuring our **Wally Moulis** recounting advantages conferred by l'heritage Francais en Louisiane for sojourns in Southeast Asia and NATO Europe. Le point: La Francais Louisiane est vraiment affirme par le Sorbonne comme Francais presque pur! Fixe! (A 2.1, maybe?)

Joe Hale writes that he married Mary Alice Beal on 19 Jul 80 in the Ft Bragg, NC, chapel. **Ben & Cathy Snow** came from Wilmington to witness. The **Hales** are at 3053 Wycliff Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607. Long life!

We were saddened by the death after a long illness of our dear friend **Lucy Carl White Boutwell** in Winter Park FL, on 9 Aug 80. **Doc Boutwell** stood in our wedding as best man when **Bill Steger's** airplane crumped over KS 35 yrs ago. Lucy was a lovely lady and the world is emptier without her. Our sincere sympathies to Doc and family on behalf of all.

Dr. Doug Kinnard, Prof of Pol Sci, UV, writes happy news that **Wade Kinnard** was awarded her Doctorate at Princeton's commencement exercises in Jun. (I wonder if their pair of PhD's is a Class first??) Doug's 3d book, **The Secretary of Defense,** will be published in Oct while he is on sabbatical researching a 5th book whose central figure is Maxwell Taylor. The **Kinnards** will be in DC from Nov through Apr and hope to join Class social events. Meanwhile Doug's lecture to the Air WC on "Strategy and Conflict in Vietnam" stimulates a thought on div of labor in our modern mil community: planners and fighters, rarely vouchsafed time to reflect, are happy to find the rare lecturer to tell them what "**he** thinks that **they** think they **ought** to have thought" if he has heard a few shots fired in anger. Press on, Doug!

The autumn Class luncheon was held at the SA Mess on Mon, 22 Sept. **Jim Connell** reports the local gang was well represented but no out-of-town visitors turned up.

All of us point with appreciation to **Carl Anderson** who has made a large contribution to the athletic facilities at USMA which was appropriately written up in the last ASSEMBLY.

Rock Staser reports BJ is in Honolulu decorating a penthouse on the 44th floor. The **Silvers,** one floor below, object to the hammer and saw noise. Rock suggested Dave take a long walk on his balcony with no turns for the good of the community and family. I can't help but wonder what shyster pushed through the zoning variance to allow those 2 in the same high-rise! BJ and Rock are scheduled to L.A. and Honolulu for a conference and Silver's annual tennis lesson before Thanksgiving. Rock sez the **Gilsons** came thru on a month's tour of AK with a **Sierra** Club group "sleeping in tents, eating roots and berries." The **Stasers** broke their drought with a hot meal and warnings on local "sourdoughs" (AK's Houston Cowboys). In L.A. they will see **Bill & Nancy Stowell** and help **Gilsons** finish off the last of their freeze-dried food. Things Rock is looking forward to: **Steve Farris'** first painting; **McGlothlin's** first law case; **Connell's** first **defendant; Al Wald's** first book; the guy who can beat **Staser** at tennis! (You're on!)

Having shipped all our youngsters back to college, work and L.A., Audrey and I slipped off down to Nags Head after Labor Day where we loafed, swam, surfed, etc. With only 50 people per mile of beach, little traffic and no crowds we were nearly inert and absolutely useless for awhile. It was a good time to review the summer and try to plot a bit.

All of us in the DC area are looking forward to our 18 Oct jaunt to "the Parsonage" where **Nels & Donna Parson** will host a big Class picnic and outing on 18 Oct. It promises to be a great event on the Eastern slope of the Blue Ridge atop a sea of fall foliage, one of this Coast's most scenic settings.

By the time you read this, Xmas, Boxing Day, and probably Sylvester and New Year's, will be bygones. However, by Twelfth Night and Drei Konigen Tag our gang will be at Frisco, CO, whence we this year intend to make a fortnight's test of all the ski runs on the Rockies Eastern Slopes. If they're poor we'll go back to Aspen. Better yet, let's all gang up and drop in on **George & Jane Brown** in Durango to ski Purgatory. GSOYP, still!

'45

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Here it is the last of Sept as I write this but our memorable 35th Reunion is still fresh in my mind. We all had a great time. **George Benson** sent me the list of "acts" and the cast of characters for the show he produced Fri night after our Class dinner: **The Band: Bob Woods, Ted Flum, Jack Johnson, Pat Powers; Toast of the Town: Ted Flum, George Benson, Geri Woods; Thank Heaven for Little Girls: George Benson** (with help from Chevalier); **I'm Just a Girl who Can't Say No: Bill Zook**—"Ginch Boat Gertie"; **Get Me to the Church on Time: Jim Golden, Jock McQuarrie, Jim Morris, Jack Kennedy, Bob Krebs; The Girl that I Marry: Harley Damon** (piano), **Ray Jones** (props), **George Benson; Sonny Boy: John Powers; Sing-a-Long: Jack & Jane Johnson; I Remember it Well: Barbara and George Benson** (with help from Hermione Gingold and M. Chevalier); **Two Score and Five:** (Words by **Harley Damon**); **Our Way: George Benson** with **Harley Damon** at the piano. George said that in addition to the performances special thanks

1945: Company E-I at 35th Reunion.

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1945: Gaye and Bob Dingeman rafting on Colorado River.

go to **Mac McDaniel** who made the tapes and **Ted Adair** who played them.

Jim Herbert sent me the picture of our Class aides at the reunion. Our Board decided these aides should be appropriately recognized for their efforts in making our reunion a success. So the 3 aides were made honorary sons of the Class of '45. A suitable proclamation was written, Class medallions were presented, and **Dick Groves** sent a letter of commendation to the Supe. Jim's letter (a separate one was sent to each of the 3 aides) was as follows: "Dear (Major Brown, Major Olson, Captain Measner):

"Upon return from our 35th reunion in which you played such a great part, our Board sought to provide a simple token of our appreciation and high regard for you as a fellow officer and for your performance of demanding duty.

"We elected to declare you an Honorary Son of the Class of 1945, USMA. A proclamation and medallion is enclosed.

"In addition, there is your copy of a letter to the Superintendent from our highest ranking active duty classmate attending the Reunion.

"Please accept these in the spirit intended which could be described in a paraphrased couplet from our Alma Mater:

You sons of today. . . .
We salute you."

Sincerely,
James A. Herbert
BG, USA, (Ret.)"

The entire Class joins our Board in saying, "Great job, guys!"

Trina Pine wrote me about the group that attended the reunion from the central TX area. Trina was the travel coordinator as she had been for the 30th. The group included the **Masons** and **Pines** from Houston, **Robinsons** who joined them from Corpus Christi, and **McNeils** and **Reulers** from Dallas. Trina reported that, as usual, **Frank Kane, Bob Pine,** and some other night owls held their singing session the night before departure from the reunion until 4 a.m. when the hotel manager kindly suggested they go to bed.

Tom Maertens wrote from Seneca, SC (suburban Clemson College) to tell me about a special memorial. During the reunion meetings he and several other classmates who were close to **John Bennett** decided to contribute to a stone bench to fit in with our existing class memorial outside Eisenhower Hall. **Art Hanket** has ordered the bench which will cost $2500. Tom said they had over half that amount as of the end of Jul. If anyone else would like to contribute you can send your contribution to: "USMA Class of '45 Memorial Fund, Inc., Box 1145, Ft Myer, VA 22211." Note on your check that it's for "John Bennett Memorial." As are all contributions to our Class memorial, your contribution will be tax deductible.

Tom had some personal news to pass on, also. He and CB had a great trip up the ME coast to Bar Harbor, ferry boat to Nova Scotia, then on to Prince Edward Is, and returning via New Brunswick. Their son, Tom Jr. (Class of '70) is now on duty at WP while their other son is a Reserve advisor in W. Hartford, CT. Tom was promoted to Asst Prof of Industrial Mgt at Clemson last fall and enjoys his schedule of 8 months teaching and 4 months vacation each year.

Jim Elkey sent me an update on Class affairs from the DC-area. **Bob Ives** has been asked to head a cmte to publish a 40-year book based on the favorable vote at our Reunion Class meeting. Bob has already started work to organize a cmte. First word will be coming out to you early in 81. **Art Hanket** is following up on the continuing details concerning our Class memorial. Five benches have been ordered, and our contractor is arranging for suitable trees for the planter. Additional contributions are needed and welcome any time. (Address was in previous item.) As noted in some of the previous Class "columns" in ASSEMBLY, one of the reasons our memorial fund needs money is that a number of outstanding loans to Class members (for sons or daughters college attendance) have not been repaid. There is about $15,000 still outstanding. This together with the $9,000 previously in the Class Fund that was used for our 35th Memorial gift means that the Class will be unable to make any more loans. The Board decided to make a renewed effort to obtain repayment of loans overdue. According to Jim's records we have only 3 classmates remaining on active duty. Air Force files are all ret. **Dick Groves** and **Dick West** are LTGs stationed in DC. **Gouny Wallace** is a MG stationed at Fort Sam.

Mick McMurdo and **Stu Stabley** in HI have proposed hosting a mini-reunion of the Class in the spring of 82. Although the Board of Governors gave their blessing to the project, it will have to be a separate activity and not be officially sponsored by the Class.

A letter from **Sam Lessey** tells about his attendance at the Republican National Convention where he served as one of the Sergeants-at-Arms. (Is that O.K. for a General?) Sam was on duty for 2 weeks in the spring at the Air WC. While there he joined **Arch & Liz Patterson** at the Daedalian's Award Banquet where **Walt Galligan** was the speaker. In Jun he was on TDY to Kirtland AFB, NM. While there **George & Katie Dexter** hosted a super dinner under a full moon on the terrace of their new home. Other guests were **Rosalind & Wilson Hurley** and **Lucian & Ann Truscott.** Sam said he also visited **Hurley's** home and enjoyed seeing some of Wilson's extraordinary paintings. He talked to but didn't see **Bud Avery** and missed **John Stoer** who was in FL. The dozen classmates in the Albuquerque area were fortifying themselves for the invasion of **Fitzpatricks'** and **Gandys'** hot air balloon in early Oct for the National Balloon Meet. Sam said that **John Pauly** and **Rocky Brett** ret on 1 Aug.

My west coast correspondent, **Marty Brewer,** spotted a note about **Walt Galligan** in the Jul issue of **Air Force** magazine. Walt

1945: Presentation of proclamations and class medallions to Class aides at 35th Reunion.

is the pres of the AF Assn's Alamo chapter and participated in the chapter's award banquet there. Marty said that his old "wife," **Bob Hippert,** has moved into the Atlanta area. Bob and Jody are now at 215 Mountain Point, Roswell, GA 30075. Marty's older son, Jack, took a wife in Jan and following graduation from UNM took a job as an EE with Digital Equipment Corp in Albuquerque. (They make many of this country's minicomputers.)

Jack Bowen has been named Assoc Chmn for the Interfaith 40th National Bible Week (Nov 23-30). This is sponsored by Layman's National Bible Cmte as a publicity effort to raise public awareness of the importance of The Bible.

Bob Dingeman wrote that he was sorry to miss the 35th but enjoyed the pictures in the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY. (Hope you all did) The **Dingemans** were able to see **Wag & Peg Wagonhurst** when they were in CA to see their daughter, but missed **Nan & Rusty Heilbronner** since it was while the **Dingemans** were on their summer trip. After finishing his summer session teaching duties, Bob and Gaye went to Moab, UT for the start of a rafting trip down the CO River. Bob recommends it to all—but hurry before they close it to travel. They also stopped at Ft Carson where son Bob is stationed as a LTC in the Medical Corps. They enjoyed their visit with them and the grandchildren. Bob teaches history, math, and political science in the San Diego Community Coll and is doing grad study in American History at UC. Gaye now manages the San Diego Ecology Ctr for half days all week. Although not too many other classmates come through San Diego Bob says he saw **Alex Belmonte, Tom Drake,** and **George Churchill** at the WP Soc fall barbeque at the local NAS.

Have a happy holiday season. And don't forget to put me on your Christmas Card list. Please include your news with your card.

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(136) There are only 5 short months till our big 35th Reunion. Now is the time to make your reservation, if you haven't yet. Write Mr. Bob Smith, Director of Sales, Holiday Inn and Holidome, P.O. Box 637, Suffern, NY, 10901; ask for 21-24 May and tell them you are with USMA Class of 1946.

By now you have received **Judd Schulke's** letter regarding the Class Memorial Park to be dedicated to the memory of our classmates

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1946: Bresnahan, Shoemaker, Hall and Frantz.

killed in action. Hopefully the park will be under construction come May. I would expect you have also received poop about the Reunion from the Class cmte, but, if not, write: **R.T. Adams** 1002 Emerald Dr., Alexandria, VA. 22308.

Last Aug, Hap Macintire, '45 scribe, mailed an article about **Jack Green** written by George Leonard in the **Nashville Banner** dated 23 Jul 1980. On 20 Jun Jack underwent surgery for removal of a malignant brain tumor. As of the date of the article, he had survived a period of critical illness, a period of unconsciousness and has now returned to full consciousness and an ability to talk. His wife Jeanne was grateful for all those people who cared, and for God's help. As she told Mr. Leonard—"It's fourth down and we're going for it!" I also received a letter Jeanne wrote on 2 Aug and she stated they have started radiology for the part of the tumor the surgeon could not get to because it had made "in roads." She sounded encouraged by then, for they had been through a very trying time, especially that last part of Jun. Her address· 2914 Woodlawn Dr, Nashville 37215.

Leonard's article was entitled "What Might Have Been." When USMA was looking for a new athletic director they asked Earl Blaik for recommendations. He gave them only one name—**Jack Green.** Jack had been asked up for an interview, but fate intervened. Jeanne told Leonard "It was one of the nicest tributes Jack ever received." (Blaik's recommendation) We can all hope and pray for Jack's continued good progress, and may he have some more First Downs.

Jeanne's letter was forwarded to me by the recipent, **Lou Creveling.** Lou was to be in Nashville the end of Sept for a Regional Scout Meeting. He had hoped he would be able to visit Jack and Jeanne at home or in the hospital. Lou stated **Cornelius & Sue McMillan** are happily settled nearby at Seven Lakes. Lou is in Pinehurst, NC. Lou and Ann have been able to visit with **McMillans,** but have yet to play golf together.

Effective 31 Aug 80 MG **George Patton** has ret from active duty. As George said, it was not an easy decision to make, but he and Joanne felt the time had come. It will take a little time to break their ties in DC, but after 1 Nov they can be reached at 650 Asbury St, South Hamilton, MA 01982, the family homestead.

It hardly can be considered news to you, at this time, that **Tacho Somoza** was assassinated, since the papers and TV covered the item. On behalf of the Class I wish to extend to Hope, his children and family our condolences on such a tragic ending.

Norm Stanfield has been appointed assistant professor of business admin at The Citadel in SC. Norm has an MS from UIL (53) and an MBA from The Citadel (79). Prior to pursuing his MBA, he was responsible for the cooperative education program in engring tech at Trident Tech College with concurrent teaching responsibilities in engr and math.

MG **Bob Frantz,** Cmdr 99th ARCOM, sent the picture of himself along with MG **Dick Bresnahan,** GEN **Bob Shoemaker** and LTG **Charlie Hall.** It was the occasion of a FORSCOM Cmdrs' Conference at Ft Hood during the incredibly hot days of Jul 18-20. **Frantz** commented that that was poor planning on behalf of FORSCOM Cmdr **Bob Shoemaker. Hall** commads Sixth Army at Presidio and Dick is an Army Readiness and Mobilization Region Cmdr in Denver.

As noted, you should have received a first notice, mailed in Oct, of the early details concerning Reunion. In Jan the Class cmte will mail details with request for your participation.

Bob Kren has been named director of advertising and communications of the Real Estate Ctr, local affiliate of Electronic Realty Associates. Bob holds a brokers license, is an officer of the firm and joined them in Jun 79. The firm was created in 79. He had been a PR man at UMO in Columbia, where the firm is located. **Kren** is certified by the state as an energy auditor.

Tom McNiel '45 was kind enough to send me the following poop concerning **Jesse Harris.** Jesse, a builder in Dallas, was honored by the Home & Apartment Builders Assn of Metro Dallas by becoming the 31st recipient of the Hugh Prather Trophy. The Trophy, a community service recognition and the Association's most prestigious award, is given to the member who during the past year has done the most for the betterment of his community.

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The TX southern plains is hopefully completing the worst summer weather in history! Three months ago when I submitted the last column, it was blistery hot. Here it is the end of Sept and the temperature is still near 100°. All of the intervening days were hot, hot days with temps plus or minus 100° and very little rain.

Bernie Abrams continues to update me: he writes, "my son David, 21, graduated from Princeton in Jun as No. 1 in Chem Engr, worked this summer in Japan and enters the Harvard Bus Sch this fall. He is the one that should have been the West Pointer. Dau Janet, 19, has completed her first year at Harvard and worked in Georgia in a U.S. Congressman's office this summer. She is the one that should have been the West Pointer. My dau Judy, 12, presumably not West Point material, will be the one to go to USMA." I don't know where Bernie finds the time to be active in USO, AUSA, West Point Society, Civ Aide duties, Pres of Boy Scouts, etc., and still very successfully manages **Abrams** Industries out of Atlanta as Chmn of the Bd, as beautifully illustrated by the Annual Report for 79. Bernie epitomizes the ideals of WP into his commercial and industrial endeavors. . . . **Mimi & Al Gould** have recently received their qualifications in scuba diving.

It is with deep regret that I report the following sad news via **Mary Lou & Jim Edington. Mary Bushnell,** died on 17 Sept 79 after

1947: Karen and Allen Geraci, 10 August 1980.

a year's struggle with cancer. **Jim** is staying in Lynchburg, VA, working at Babcock and Wilcox, and would appreciate a visit from classmates and friends. The **Edingtons'** clan at home is now down to 2: Mark, who is an expert at mechanical things, and Patricia, who is attending UHI. Jim is getting his old form back swimming 40 laps more or less with Mark in local olympic-size pool. Mary Lou is approaching 40 laps slowly.

Frank Boerger, 324 The Alameda, San Anselmo, CA 94960, wrote re Class business: "We have been asked to pick a date for our 35th in the fall at one of the football games (not Homecoming)." Write directly to Frank with recommendations. Barb and Frank had a great trip to Europe. They took Tricia back to her "home town" of Roma, and Barb's mother, Bess Shippey, for a visit to her grandparents' farms in Norway. Frank says they have not moved and he is complaining that few people who come to the Bay area ever try to call them for a get-together. . . . I promise that we will!

I want to especially thank **June & Jean Burner** for keeping us well informed re "the Pres that we sent them from Texas Tech" and family events, particularly about grandson Scott who appears to be now making a satisfactory recovery from heart surgery. Jean participated in his third annual Mackinac Is run of 9 miles, coming in 9th place. Not bad for an old man! The **Burners** met **Mary & Ralph (Hap) Beuhler** for dinner in Brighton after a university sports event.

A short note from **Lee & George Lynn** reports that George is remaining very busy flying for fun, and with Lee, doing a lot of sailing, fishing, swimming, tennis playing and eating!

The DC contingent is staying active attending dinners and luncheons. Back in Apr, at the Bethesda Naval Officers Club the following had a very enjoyable evening: **Bartleys, Bellovins, Bensons, Callans, Ed Cottongim, Curtises, Fernandezes, Nancy Cronin, Johnsons, Lauterbachs, Lerohls, McAdoos, Wally Nickel, Rantzes, Reckmeyers, Snyders,** Then, in May, the men met at the Pentagon. Those present were: **Bellovin, Curtis, Gerrity,**

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Hauck, Johnson, Kain, Kennedy, Lauterbach, Lerohl, Lukens, Maloney, McAdoo, Mock, Nickel, Reckmeyer. . . . The **Nairns** made a trip to FL to visit their dau and hopefully stopped by to see the **Congers.** The **Pete Boergers** spent Memorial Day weekend with the **Haskins** in El Paso and travelled to DC the end of Jul to visit their son and family who reside there after several years in Germany.

Jim Johnson ret the end of Jul. Don't know what his plans are as yet; but Kay is now with TATUM Properties. **Bev Rosen** was in DC visiting their son and dau recently. She reports all well in San Fran with Bob. **Jane & John Mastin** continue to do a lot of travelling going to Dallas, where dau Linda is now with TX Instruments, and Houston. I thank **Barbara McAdoo** for most of the above info.

Betty & Pete Boerger journeyed through the VA, DC area in Aug and spent an enjoyable evening with **Muriel & Bill Webb, Jimmie & Kay Johnson, Bill & Bunny Nairn, Barbara & Dick McAdoo.** Pete reports that **Bob Baer** has ret as has **Lou Rachmeler. Bob Haldane** received his 3d star in Europe. **Jack & Jill Faith** are still in Europe. **Duke Duquemin** is still guarding southeast USA . . . Pete and Betty also visited **Shirley & Mel Rosen** in Salem, MA. Mel continues to do well as VP with Stone and Webster in NYC.

Marge & Andy Anderson are taking their long planned counter-clockwise, circular USA trip during the period 18 Sept-21 Oct. They will visit **Jane & John Mastin** on 17 Oct and then stop by here the following night.

Two beautiful post cards were received from the **Haskins** as they travelled on their summer trek to Santa Fe for the operas, and to Seattle, WA, and onward by boat to AK. Pat recommends the boat trip to AK with its majestic scenery to all.

I was delighted to receive **George Goldsborough's** letter. He complains that since moving his law offices from Wash, DC, to Easton, MD, he rarely sees classmates anymore. Julie and George issue the following invitation: "for all boating classmates who may be cruising the Chesapeake Bay, or those motoring through to the Ocean waterholes, please be sure to come alongside our dock on Peachblossom Creek just off the Tred Avon River." This summer, he and Julie had a lovely trip to HI where they saw **Meade Wildrick** but missed **Wink Scoville** because he was on the Mainland. **Goldsborough's** dau, Cindy, an AF nurse stationed in San Ant, has just presented them with a grandson.

Jane & John Mastin saw **Ann & Jack Pearce** at a Council of Chapters (TROA) meeting in Jul. We were sorry to hear that Ann was still on crutches after having broken her leg skiing in Feb. **Mastins'** son Wayne is attending Adv Cse at Ft Huachuca and is now a CPT. Unfortunately, his wife Kim is at Yuma Proving Grounds, which happens to be a lot closer than her original asgmt to Ft Irwin, CA.

I announce the following weddings: Melinda **Rogers** to Lt Deryl P. Smoak at WP on 30 Aug; Roberta **Hauck** to John Gribble in Savanna, GA on 26 July; Thomas **Haskin** to Kimberly Martin in Seattle, WA on 4 Oct; Nancy **Peckham** to unk. (I'm sorry but I lost invitation) on 30 Aug; and J. Allen **Geraci** to Karen Lee Sellers on 9 Aug at Ft Bragg, NC. The reception of the latter wedding was rather unique being held in the 82d Abn Div Sky Diving Club with many skydivers and troopers in attendance. We were glad to see Jack and Petey Cox ('49) there; (Jack was OIC of the Club back in '60's before I was). Allen and Karen, both national skydivers, appeared at the reception from 10,000 ft in an exhilarating display of sky diving. It set the stage for a very jubilant reception. Bobbie and I thought we might have to relearn PLF's again in order to see the simulated airborne wedding ceremony.

I want a Xmas card with news from each one of you. Beat Navy!

'48

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Joe Bratton was named Chief of Engineers and received his 3d star in the recent past. Congratulations, Joe; and the fact that you will be in the area for some additional time is most welcome news. **Tom Hoffman** has ret from Ft Devens, and he and Smocki have moved back to the DC area. Haven't an address yet, but will publish same as soon as I get it. **Tom Jones** gave some family news. Tommy is stationed in the Azores, and Jerry and Cammy were going to pay him a visit in Aug. Son Chris is studying at the N. VA Community Coll, and his brother Andy may make (maybe already has made) a career change.

The Govt **Executive** for Jul carried an article entitled, "Why Government Amateurs Can't Solve Energy Problems." The authors asked a DC rep of a major "Fortune 500" company, "Who, out of the top 30 or so executives of DOE would you hire? Three names were given in reply, the first being **Mike Tashjian,** who, the article states, has recently resigned as dir of contracts and grants. A fine accolade, Mike, and where are you now?

Weddings seem to be happening frequently this spring. I have 2d hand reports of one of **Bob Marshall's** daughters being married in Columbia last Apr, and one of **Bud Wagoner's** sons taking the same step, again in Columbia, in Aug. How about details, classmates? Adrian **Doyle** was married to Tim Tatum in Winston Salem, NC, on 30 Aug. It was a lovely wedding, and Lee and Johnsie held up perfectly. The reception was at the Hyatt there, and it was most memorable and great fun. **Monk Doty** was also in attendance, and we had a good visit with him, both at and after the reception, and at breakfast the next morning. Tommy **Doyle** came from Dallas to be an usher—he's with TX Instruments; and Tim, recently graduated from USMA, was also present. Adrian's sister Aimee was a very lovely bridesmaid.

Dave and Sarah Malletts' son Hunt was married at Bryn Avon on 20 Sept to Carol Pyle Kelly. For those who haven't been there, Bryn Avon is a beautiful spot for a wedding. Congratulations and best wishes.

Jess Kelsey has the best job I've heard of yet—Dir of Security for Coors Ind. Think of the year-end bonus—a case of Coors! He and Anne are very active in the county Republican party in CO, and are, of course, supporting Bo Callaway ('49) for the Senate. Jess closes with the comment that "like everyone else who writes to the ASSEMBLY, our kids are all smashing succeses." True, and we are proud of all our offspring.

Don Cerow is the DARCOM Proj Off for Army uniforms at Natick Labs. He is also responsible for the Postal Service uniforms; so, if you have an idea for change, send it to Don. Because their son Charles, 15, is in a special school in Boston, they intend staying there for a while. Son Davis, USMA '76, has completed the Advanced Cse at Belvoir and was off to Ord. Son John, 13, is another candidate for USMA in a few years. Don reports that the last address he had for **Walt Beinke** was 230 Sunset Court, Staunton, IL 62088, and that **Bob Taylor** was in the Boston area, but Don has lost contact with him.

Babs Wadsworth has now settled at 6-2B Glen Cannon Point, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. She's right on the golf course, and just down the road from **Jack & Pat Osteen.** And, the **Malletts** are close by. Son John III finished his four year Army career a year ago, and works for Control Data in Minneapolis. His brother Todd and Laurie visited Babs the end of Jun on their way to Winooski, VT, where Todd will teach 3 courses in the Business Dept at St Michael's Coll. Todd has also left the service after 4 years, but he did finish a master's in Human Resources Mgmt at Pepperdine before he left Ft Stewart.

Randall Bierne sent along an article from the 26 Jun **Baltimore Sun** which he wrote. He recounted in concise, but vivid, detail the early days of the Korean War 30 yrs ago, and how a greatly understaffed Army managed to hang on despite the weather and the odds against doing so. Like this past summer, 1950 was very hot, sometimes the temperature reaching 120 degrees F. In the confusion, friend was mistaken for foe, and the attrition from the fighting left the command of one unit holding a vital peak in the hands of a badly wounded LT, who refused to be evacuated because he felt his presence was vital to inspiring his men to hold on. Great article. Randall's oldest daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Alex, are both in grad sch at the UMI. Her sister Mary graduated from the UPA last May. Randall is chmn of the Sociology Dept at the U of Baltimore, and is immersed in paperwork, and directing (?) a staff made up of mostly young females who are all fired up with affirmative action. To re-charge himself, he and Bim were off to Munich, Austria and S. France for a few weeks.

Irv Schoenberg sent along a clipping about son Eric. As reported last time, Eric was named one of 141 Presidential Scholars this year. The program was established in 1964, and annually honors the nation's most intellectually distinguished and accomplished graduating seniors from high school. Before his trip here, Eric joined 400 outstanding seniors at the Banquet of the Golden Plate weekend in L.A., which is sponsored by the American Academy of Achievement. While here, Eric received his Presidential Scholar medallion from Secy Hufstedler, and met VP Mondale, who greeted the students on behalf of the Pres. Eric received a $1,000 prize for writing about his educational fantasy—to go back in time—from the G. Rockefeller-Dodge Fndn. Eric turned down a full 4 year scholarship at Washington U, St Louis, in order to be an Echols Scholar at the UVA (Irv notes that there is no financial help with this one). Eric's older brother, David, will be a senior at UVA this year—he was honored to be invited to live "on the lawn" which is the oldest part of UVA, and where Jefferson's first students lived. David intends to enter law school in the fall of 81. Number 3 son, Jeff, spent 5 weeks in Isreal last summer and will be a soph in HS this year. Ann has become very active in the GA State Red Cross and is head of volunteers in intl affairs. She is now on a speaking tour, and after all these

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years Irv listens to her instead of vice versa. Irv and Ann entertained the **Brattons** and daughter Anne, now in her 2d year at USMA, ad the **McEnerys** last summer. John is CS, FORSCOM in Atlanta. John "classmated" Irv recently at the AUSA installation dinner by accusing him of being a spy for the AF. Irv also reports that **Joe & Carla Huey** have ret to Marietta, GA. Irv visited **Hank & Lucille Stelling** in their beautiful new home, either in Richardson or Plano (Irv couldn't remember) north of Dallas. Hank is ret and working for Rockwell Electronics.

Our Class author, **Audrey Kastris**, had "July Can Get a Girl in a Jam" and "August's Sounds and Silences" published by the Star. "July is day lilies, phlox and portulaca . . . birds sun-bathing . . . putting baby martins back in their house . . . fresh corn on the cob and tomatoes at last! . . . Independence Day and trying to hang the flag without following it out the window . . . backyard cookouts . . . vacations for many, but I don't like vacating, preferring to occupy." "August is nature overdoing a good thing. It's heat and humidity . . . sunglasses steaming when you leave the house . . . an orgy of peaches, eaten out of hand . . . the contradiction of toting the cooler on grocery trips to keep frozen foods from thawing on the way home, while carrying a sweater over my arm against the supermarket chill." There's much, much more, and if you'd like a copy, drop me a line. They're great—thanks to you, Audrey.

Thanks to a safety program which is the brainchild of **John Egbert**, our subway construction jobs, once among the most hazardous in the nation, have become much safer. The program has as its centerpiece a cash reward for completing tasks with above-average safety records. The accident rate is now below the national average for the first time since the construction started 11 yrs ago. Nice goin, John.

The Feb bash here may be moved to the Greenbrier in White Sulpher Springs, WV. How does that sound to you? Special low rates for the Washington Birthday weekend. If you'd like more info, drop me a line.

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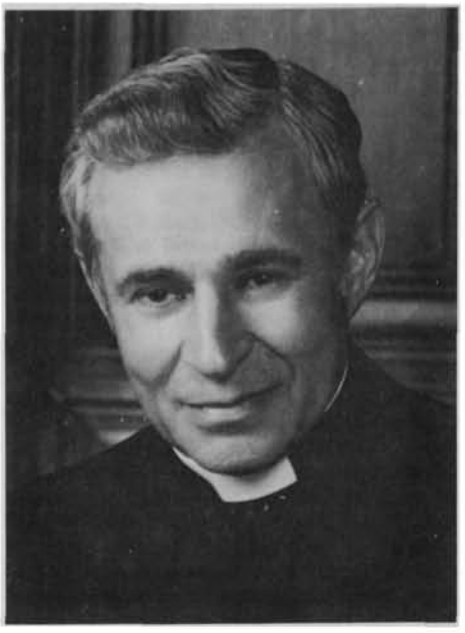
Lee Surut the new Cmdt at NWC sent along the photo and accompanying information on the dedication of a memorial to **Walt Milliken** at Ft McNair. I quote from the press release, ". . . . LTG R.G. Gard Jr., USA, Pres of the National Def Univ dedicated the COL **Walter R. Milliken** Memorial Table at Ft McNair on 28 Aug 80. COL **Milliken**, SR USAF Reserve Advisor to the Univ pres, while attending the school's annual welcoming picnic for over 400 Reserve Component officers, was struck and killed by a falling tree limb during a severe summer storm on 15 Jun 80. The memorial table overlooks the confluence of the Anacostia and the Potomac rivers at the end of Ft McNair, one of COL **Milliken's** favorite scenic views on campus. During the ceremonies, COL **Milliken's** wife, Priscilla, also accepted on behalf of her husband the posthumous award of the LM for COL **Milliken's** outstanding contributions to the University's educational programs. COL **Milliken's** son and daughter-in-law, LT and Mrs. Mark **Milliken**, USN, also attended the ceremonies." It is a beautiful setting and a lasting memorial to Walt and



1949: Maurice "Ben" Benitez

I hope all of you take the occasion to visit the site when you're in DC.

Harry Griffith received his 3d star at a ceremony on 12 Sept with **Gen Vessey** and Ann doing the honors. Harry is the new Dir of the DNA in Alexandria, VA. Son Harry is a newly commissioned 2LT and is on his way to Germany. **Dave Bolte's** mother and dad were in attendance, he being one of Harry's early cmdrs and both appeared to be doing quite well.

Another promotion, but this one a bit out of the ordinary, the Class' first bishop. **Maurice "Ben" Benitez** is the Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of TX and was to be consecrated in late Aug or early Sept. Ben had been rector of St John the Divine in Houston and will serve in his new position also in Houston. Ben following several years in the AF resigned to enter theological studies and was ordained in 59. He served in churches in Lake City, Jacksonville and Ocala, FL, and Christ Episcopal Church in San Ant prior to his Houston service. The news clipping stated that Ben said he has never before known what it is like to stand in "fear and trembling." I'm sure the fact of being elected to such a high position was awesome but Ben must have forgotten his Beast Barracks days. We all wish Ben and Joanne the best of luck in this difficult position. They have 3 daughters, Jennifer Shand, Leslie and Deborah.

Joan Weart's note arrived just after my last column was submitted but she commented on the pleasure of the recent graduates with the Class gift and the gracious hospitality extended by **Gil & Pat Kirby.** Their son Jeff '80 will be stationed at Ft Hood, his twin brother Steve, AFA '79 was present to see his brother grad and shortly after received his pilot wings at Reese AFB. Sister Margaret and her husband, Chuch Franklin '73, just back from Germany were also present as were Joan's parents, COL & Mrs. David Dunne '23.

Had a pleasant surprise in Jul when I received a note and phone call from Debi **Gower**, Don's dau who brought me up to date on her family. Don is the head of horticulture at Daytona Beach College while Libby runs the Crystal Run Tutorial School to put her Masters in Educ to work. They are busy traveling the East Coast showing their champion English Setter. Son Arthur is flying charter flights out of Key West, while Debi is busy working for the Mayor of Wash DC doing speech writing and working on exhibits, the latest of which dealt with merging public and private funds in the development of projects for mass transit.

Don Keith was one of the reps from the US Govt on a 2½ week visit to Red China during Sept. Among other things, the group were looking at R&D and production capabilities in that country.

Pat Wason will be upset with me for mentioning it, but she is recovering from an illness which affected her ability to swallow and which persisted for several months. After treatment at the hospital at Andrews AFB, she was able to return home to NH and resume out-patient therapy and is recovering, thank goodness.

Phil O'Brien living out in Reston, VA, has also run into some problems with a form of leukemia which I understand can be treated, we wish him well in this battle.

Our recent luncheon meetings have been increasing in attendence running between 45-50 the last couple of times. If you're in town, give a call to one of the group, you may hit one of our days and see a lot of your old friends.

As noted in the last column, with Ladycliff closing its doors, it is my current understanding that lack of space to handle large reunions is necessitating a change in policy. The ten year groups will be given precedence during the graduation period in late May which will make number 40 our next get-together at that time. For the 35th we'll have to select another time (other than Homecoming) and arrange our own get-together.

1949: At the dedication of the COL Walter R. Milliken Memorial Table by LTG R.G. Gards Jr., USA, is COL Milliken's wife Priscilla and their son and daughter-in-law, LT and Mrs. Mark Milliken, USN.

And I have to close with an important happening in the **Hinchion** household. Two of my daughters were married on the 6th of Sept at the Navy Chapel in DC. The eldest, Jody, a LT in the USCG married a fellow officer, LT Paul Breckenridge of Lincoln, Nebr. Jody is now stationed in **Seattle**, WA, while Paul who recently completed his active duty tour is enrolled in grad school at the UWA. Susan married Chuck Simpson, a fellow grad of St Francis Coll in Loretto, PA, and they are working in the DC area and will live in Lake Ridge, VA.

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It's nice to begin the column on a high note. Great news for **Bob Lunn**; he has been appointed the DCG of DARCOM for Materiel Development and promoted to 3 stars. Congratulations, Bob; we're glad you'll remain in the DC area so you and Lou can continue as a part of the '50 Bridge group. . . . To proceed with the good news dept: Lucinda "Cindy" **Loper** and Dan Kasser who were married 9 Aug 80 in St. Michael's, MD. Cindy and Dan are living in Redding, CA, where he is a photographer and teaches, and she (with art teaching credentials) is waiting for a job opening at the local H.S. or Jr. Coll. Tom wrote from Satellite Beach, FL, that planning a wedding long distance is not the easiest thing in the world, but everything went off beautifully, with the reception at his father's home on the water. Tom ret this past summer at Ft Meade, MD, and he and Jinny are settling into their new home. Son Tom is a Yearling at WP. Tom writes that he is about to begin landscaping (Welcome to the club, Happy Harry Homeowner), finds it frustrating being a minute or 2 from the Indian and Banana Rivers, having a dock at the back door, and NO BOAT! Needless to say, he's looking for one. Another wedding to report is that of Scott **Shaffer**, George's son who married Karen Hallberg in nearby Annandale, VA, on 28 Jun 80; they're living in this area: Fairfax County, VA.

1950: DeGrafs a-sittin and a-rockin.

The picture of Robin and me was taken soon after we returned from Reunion at WP. The chairs were given to us by the Class, and as I said in the last column, they really mean a lot to us. . . .

Biddy Hoffman recently returned from NYC where she was one of the 4 judges for the American Pastel Society; this was quite a feather in her cap, for the judges there are top flight people, from what I understand. In any event, she had a great time in the Big Apple; now she's getting ready for a show in San Ant, starting 10 Oct, then will be off to Mexico to get some new material for future paintings. I hope Dick likes his own cooking, with Biddy on the go so much! Dick, by the way, will have a total hip replacement in Dec; it's either that, or give up golf.

The pull of DC still remains strong. This time it is the turn of **Jim & Jeanne Lee** to find themselves back here, giving up the glories of Naples. Jim is the newly appointed Dir of the Army Staff; Jeanne has the job of settling into quarters at Ft Myer, and getting ready for the busy social life there. **Dick & Bonnie Drury** returned in Jun to their home in Alexandria. Daughter Beth, age 20, is at

1950: Eek-Rosson Wedding: Standing: Phillips, Sibbles, Parsons, Jim, Donna Veeve and Laurie; Seated: Jackley, Steffensen, DeGraf and Wagner.

SW TX State U; Bill, 12 years, is still at home. **Phil Bolte,** recently ret, has come back to Alexandria; he and Lorel drove 9,000 miles after leaving Detroit, just sightseeing; they headed west to CA and then with many stops on the way, came east. Now they're house and job-hunting. Phil's mother and dad are delighted to have all 3 of their children within an easy drive, which has never happened before.

Reg Lombard ret at Ft McNair, and a few of us were able to attend the ceremony. At **Jack Wagner's** ret **Ben Lewis** presented him with the LM. Jack was immediately called back on active duty and is working for Ben on Governor's Is. **Laurie Eek** retired, and he and Jean just returned from a trip to Ireland; they expect to remain in this area. **Jim Kelly** ret in Sept as his tour as CG Ft Belvoir came to a close; he and Patti have moved back into their home here in Alexandria. **Norm & Dahl Hubbard** had a ret dinner at Ft Meade in Jul and then moved west to settle in Albuquerque, joining our growing contingent there.

Carl & Dottie Stone were sorry not to be able to make Reunion; school was still in session in Albuquerque, and he just couldn't get away from teaching; **Blair Ross** wrote a good letter with news of his family: American Electric Power Co. moved the co. hqs. from NYC to Columbus, OH, so Blair and Mary Ann bought a home in Granville, about 25 miles from downtown Columbus. It was their first move in over 20 years, "so we were sort of out of practice." Son Blair Jr. (WP '78) is now Air OpnsO of a Bn in the 504th Inf. at Ft Bragg; daughter Elisabeth graduated in May from UT State with a degree in Geography; daughter Susan is a Jr at Vassar.

Marilyn & Leo Romaneski continue to enjoy life in Boston; son Mark and his wife Karalee live a few minutes away—Mark is in law school at Boston College. They had an almost-complete family reunion in Jul to celebrate Leo's mother's 80th birthday. Peter couldn't make it; he's flying jets in Meridian, MS but Joanne and Jim Nash and their 3 youngsters came east from Geneseo, IL, so it was a happy, busy time. Marilyn sent on the news that **Burke & Lish Lee** are leaving soon for Charlotte, NC. This is a sudden transfer, but they are delighted. (**The Lees,** NOT the **Romaneskis**)

1950: Loper-Kasser Wedding.

A couple of notes on Reunion: There were official photos taken, and there are 107 contact prints available, for $10.00 a set. Anyone who wishes a set should write: Mr. Robert W. Caudy, Horizon Photography, Lucky Lane, Washingtonville, NY 10992. Now, for a laugh: We thought the reunion would break even or lose a little financially; however, the 24-hour-honor-bar set up in Ladycliff, with all soft and hard drinks at $.50 each made us a profit of about $700. Amazing! If you're statistically-minded you'll enjoy the details of this "after-action" report from our Class aides. Tht above-mentioned honor bar at Ladycliff ran for 72 hours; during this period, the Class consumed: 9 gal Vodka; 11 gal Gin; 6 gal Bourbon; 8 gal Scotch; 1 gal Rum; 18 gal white wine; 360 cans of beer. This is exclusive of booze consumed at the 2 dinners and the picnic!

1950: Class bridge, DC area: Abbruzzese, Eek, Cody, and Phillips.

Joe Griffin ret in Sept after 6 years as DCSOPS at WP. GEN Goodpaster, USMA Supt, congratulated Joe on his more than 30 yrs of commissioned service and called him a "rock and mainstay" of the Academy staff. After the ceremony, all of Joe's many friends at WP joined him and Beth for a cruise on the Hudson in the Ferryboat. When the boat returned to the South Dock, the WP Army Band was on hand to serenade the **Griffins.**

The Assn of Iron and Steel Engrs in Pittsburgh, PA, recently elected **Bob McBride** first V-P of their assn. It is a 13,000 member int'l tech soc serving the steel industry, and Bob's term begins 1 Jan 81. He will continue, of course, as Pres, Great Lakes Steel Div, Nat'l Steel Corp. In Jul, **Nels & Margaret Thompson** went up to Sabego Lake in ME for a month of vacation and business. All of their children managed to find time to get there for the water skiing, food, and companionship, which everyone seemed to enjoy, including their granddaughter. One added pleasure was a visit from **Jinny & Bill Gearan;** they've built a very modern home at Fortune Rocks Beach in ME, near Saco, where Bill works for the Mermount Corp.

Robin had a great but all-too-short visit with **Ralph & Corinne Detherow** in Jul. She was off on one of her Genealogy jaunts, and when they found she would be at the St. Louis airport, they drove from their home in Columbia to see her for 20 or 30 minutes before she had to board her plane. She was more excited over seeing them than anything

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1950: Lombard Retirement: Reg, Sally, DeGraf, Beth Oliver, Lucy Gard, Sandy Oliver, and Robin.

else that had happened during the week she was away. The **Detherows** had heard from **Bill Bloss** at one A.M. one morning when he decided to catch them up on news of the Reunion. . . . Had a nice visit with **Jay Durst** not long ago; Jay is working for the NRC where he heads up Safeguards Rsch. He is a grandfather 4 times: daughter Gretchen Theodorakis, married to a shipping expert in NYC, has a 2-year-old son and a 3-mos-old daughter; daughter Evangeline and her husband Scott, who live in England have a 2-year-old daughter and a 6-mos-old son. The boys haven't gotten to marriage yet; Mark is a Liberal Arts major at East Carolina State, and David is trying his hand at living in NYC.

I've had a request to pass on the information that the Army-Navy Cotillion is a thriving group here in the DC area. An applicant for membership must be a son or daughter of an active, ret or deceased officer of the Armed Forces, at least 16 yrs old, and not more than 20. There isn't great formality; the idea of the dances is to meet people and have fun. For information call COL Chas H. Clemons, 703-591-3198.

Rose & Lou Genuario and Robin and I drove to WP for the 20 Sept weekend and stayed with **Morris & Faith Herbert** in Highland Falls. Army played CA and WON, so it was a perfect weekend including the game. Lou's mother and dad enjoy tailgating with several classmates for every home game, so

1950: Genuario likes the pool.

we all benefited from the feast they all provided for lunch before the game. Lou's brother and sister, plus spouses were there too, so there was a real **Genuario** family reunion. Classmates we saw: **Byers, Cuneos, Ebners, Wards, Camerons, Rogers,** and **Bob & Peg Wilson.** It was the first time we'd seen the **Wilsons** since their return from Bob's one year Sabbatical in Heidelberg; it certainly agreed with them both.

Jack Lougheed came through DC in early Jul. He and Clara were on their first trip to DC (from Garland, TX) and unfortunately weren't able to leave their Grayline tour to come out for a swim; so I tried to glean news of their family as we talked. They saw **Cloyce & Joan Mangas** in Richmond, IN, on their way east; Cloyce is still in real estate, and "is a pillar of the community." Jack works for HUD in Dallas and their 4 young people are all in that area: Son Jack has a degree in Electronics Technology and works for MAZTECH; James is a Sr. at No. TX State, working on degrees in Computer Tech and Accounting; David works for the local Parks Dept; Patty is a Sr. in H.S., is the only one at home.

1950: Wagner retirement: Lewis presented Jack with the LM.

Talked with **Norm Smedes'** wife Joan out in Trail, OR. They're developing some land in that area and plan to move there permanently before too long. Daughter Jennifer, 16, is still at home; she's going to H.S. in Ashland. Older daughter Melissa is in a special interpreter Program at Gallaudet Coll for the Deaf here in DC. She has no hearing problem herself, but wants to work with those who do, and she needs to master the rather difficult sign language of the deaf.

One baby to report is **Tom & Betty Lou Austins'** grandson, Carl William Horn II, son of Laura Nell and Carl, who was born 6 Aug 80; the Horns live in Lawton, OK.

Jack Wagner is doing a great job getting work underway for our 30-50 book, which he expects to deliver in the fall of 81. In order to do this, he needs cooperation from us all. Please send your family pictures, reports, fill-in-questionnaires ASAP, when the request comes to you. It will only be an outstanding book if WE make it so. There are Company Reps who will help Jack get the information, but everyone's job will be made simpler if we each take care of our own requirement promptly. If no report and picture is received, a Cadet picture will be used, plus any data available. Let's have 100% participation this time!

Short column this time—haven't heard from many of you. After you read this, sit down and write me a letter—please!

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We are proud to announce that **Bill Lemnitzer** has won a DOE Energy Idea Devl Rsch grant. This monetary award is for his novel method of carrying on the controlled ignition of a fusionble molecule. This molecule, designated "Lemnite," is made from sea water components (and is the same green liquid that he showed off in a worcestershire sauce bottle, as we watched the Army-Navy football game on TV last year!). He offered to donate this same idea to the U.S. Navy for development but hasn't yet convinced their nuclear rsch people that a useful amount of energy can be released. Hopefully, he can get the job done even tho he is underbudgeted. Incidentally, in his tinkering with the molecule, he has learned how to make a few atoms of uranium from some simple materials obtained from a local Montgomery Ward store. Nice going "Lem!"

1951: Foldberg and USMC 2LT John.

One more of our GOs moved this summer. **Elmer Pendleton** left his SUPCOM in Korea to become Dir of Log in the REDCOM at MacDill. **Fred Rockwell** brought **Brad Holle** up to date on what he has been doing for the past 4 years in Saudi Arabia with Jean and 2 of his boys, Ed and Christian. Fred is the resident mgr for a consulting engr firm working with the Ministry of Def and Avn. Jean is VP of the Intl Womans group and the 2 children attend the Intl school. Son Rocky (FGR III), is a JAG CPT in AK—after graduating from the U of Richmond Law Sch last year. Daughter Cary is in Muscat, Oman, where her husband is a foreign service officer. Son Browning and wife live in Georgetown. Son Browning is in the export business and travels occasionally to the Middle East. Daughter Jean is working and attending school in Norway. How's that for an Intl family? **Frank Sisson's** efforts to initiate

1951: The Lemnitzers with son Bill and bride, and bride's family.

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1951: Conti receives LM from Stan Umstead at retirement.

an annual '51 get-together with the USNA were successful. This year, under the auspices of **Don Zurawski**, USMA '51 sponsored the first luncheon at Bolling in Nov prior to the Navy game (as of this writing I don't know who won—as if there would be any doubt!). **Sandy Sanderson** and his Transition Cmte put on an Entrepreneur's Seminar this summer featuring none other than **Gio Goirdano.** For the past 2 years Gio has been assistant to the chairman of Safeguard Industries and he provided a seminar on opportunities with that company. They nationally market a line of accounting systems targeted to small business owners who need an inexpensive but reliable accounting system. If interested, drop Gio a line. **Pat Pattillo** and **Bud Conti** ret this past summer. Pat was at the UAL when he decided to hang it up and I haven't heard what his plans are as of now. But ret at Eglin AFB and **Stan Umstead** did the honors. San commands the Air U at Maxwell. But is now working in Dallas, TX, with Vaught. He and Irene had seen **Ed Markham** when they were out there earlier—and Irene mentions that Ed couldn't be more than 35 (years?). Ed is a VP with a chem co in Dallas and obviously has found some formula we all need!! One of the silent faithful stopped by DC at the end of Sept—**Fran Craig,** in from St. Louis looking as trim as ever. His sore arm was not from arthritis but from painting his house. Last year Fran was VP of the WP Soc and **Bugs Sines** was Pres.

1951: Rita McDonald, the Edlers and McDonald.

The **Washington Post** spotlighted **Dave Abshire** this past summer with a feature article about the Georgetown U Ctr of Strategic and Intl Studies (CSIS) which Dave founded in the early '60s. CSIS is interested in politico-mil issues with the concept of bringing very diverse ideas together and looking at them from different angles with practical, hardnosed reality. A week earlier the **Washington Post** featured an article with another of our famous classmates **Chuck Ewing.** Chuck was pictured as one of the 4 principal movers and shakers at Tysons Corner. He is one of the officers of the sprawling 560-acre, $125 million Westgate-Westpark office campuses. (And one of those "campuses" is where I do my analyzing!)

Dave Carroll has finally settled down in New Bern, NC (3506 Windsor Rd) and invites all classmates in the area to drop by. **Dean & Nancy Mulder** and family have been racing sailboats on the Chesapeake all summer. Dean is with the Prince George County Govt in the Licenses & Permit section. I finally was able to get a list of the organizations to which **Ken Holle** belongs: Soc of Amer Mil Engrs; Amer Soc of Civil Engrs; Soc of Mayflower Descendants (Treas); Sons of the Revolution; Sons of the American Rev; Descendants of Colonial Wars; Knight-Sovereign Mil Order of the Temple of Jerusa-

1951: Helene Ryan, Atkeson, Dean and Ryan.

lem. **Dan & Mary Foldberg** had a wonderful trip to England to visit daughter and family. Daughter's husband flies RF4's for the AF. Dan and Mary then returned for son John's graduation in CO. Dan is quite proud of new Marine Corps 2LT. Son John reported to Quantico in Oct for Platoon Ldrs Crs.

1951: Byers, Ginny (with Sanderson) and Akers.

Sam **Dickens** has been selected as chmn of the WP Astronaut Commission. The group has been organized to recognize contributions that West Pointers have made, by identifying an appropriate monument and ensuring its siting at the Point. The WP astronauts to be honored: Borman '50, Buzz Aldrin '51; Ed White and Mike Collins '52; Dave Scott '54 and Al Worden '55. Funding will NOT be accomplished by canvassing the classes—instead efforts will be made to locate individual sponsors. (However, no contributions will be refused!) Don't forget the 30th Reunion. In

1951: Faith Stannard, the Johnsons and Stannard.

1951: The Kleins, Louisell, Lydia Lemnitzer, and the Sissons.

Oct our chmn **Sandy Sanderson** sent out the info packet. If you've placed the packet aside without taking any action—dig it out! Don't procrastinate. Send in your reservation now with a check for your first night's lodging to any one of the motels in **Howie Steele's** memo which is in that packet. The first night is Wed 20 May 81.

FROM HOLLY'S NOTEBOOK: "If there are challengers, **Bob & Peggy Dean** claim no contest with the birth of their daughter Samantha on 7 Jul 80." **Dick & Helene Ryan** proudly report that son Rick graduates this month from W VA. Helene is still teaching elementary school and Dick is the treas at VMI Financial Corp. (Dick volunteered to audit my books as treas of the HBS Club here—if it's free, you're on Dick.) **Frank Sis-**

1951: Boatner, Lowerre, the Coughlins and Ryan.

son is Tech Dir at MANTECH—attempting to straighten out the Navy—wife Anne is editor of the AF Wives Club "Protocol" publication. **Larry Crocker** is Sr Mgmt Engr at the Nuc Reg Comm (NRC), evaluating nuclear plant safety. He reports that George **Gardes, Dudley Thompson, Don Kasun, Joe Lafleur,** and **Francis St. Mary** are also in NRC. Wife Pat does volunteer work with the Red Cross and is on the Bd of Gov of the DC Chapter. **George & Faith Stannard** are proud of their youngest son's prowess on the gridiron at Brown U. George has ret to Stannard Enterprises Inc. (gardener/handyman/wall climber). George mentions that **Lew Casbon's** mountain retreat has a lake with his own generator—which George discovered when snowshoing there earlier this year. **Bob Dean** is pres of Emperical Reseach Inc.—and at the beginning of this item you saw what wife Peg is doing! **Bill Edler** is carried away with his position as an Intelligent (or intelligence?) analyst—whatever he and Lil are doing is CLASSIFIED. **John Byers** is traveling more now than in the mil as Dir T&E for Data-Design Labs. Daughter Leslie Anne married AF brat this past summer and is living in Alexandria. **Paul & Sara Coughlin's** daughter Linda married professional golfer John Elam this past Sept. Daughter Cindy's husband, who's with the 4th Presbyerian Church in Bethesda, MD, assisted in the marriage ceremony. **Pat Lynch** is taking an unaccompanied hardship tour to Dallas and joining Vaught Corp in the intl msl and dev

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1951: Beczkiewicz, Ruth Sheridan and Crocker.

work. Lois is back in Public Health and was processing and coordinating health matters for boat loads of Indochinese refugees in Manassas this past fall. Children Erin and Shannon were running varsity track for Oakton High and son Pat was with the Chantilly Soccer Club. But daughter Shannon spent 2 wks in Ireland where she played with the Reston Rowdies, Select Soccer Team, which won all their scheduled age group games.

Please write and let us know what you're doing. We're anxious to hear from you!

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The annual Class party, held at **Inez & Chuck Yourees'** on 21 Jun 1980 was reported after my last article was mailed. **Frank Pimentel** was treas for the event and reported that the $30 surplus from previous events was reduced to $6 by this one. There were 75 people present: **Bartel, Bovard, Brown, Cline, Coleman, Deiss, Hubbard, Kenney, Kidwell, Larkin, Lowder, Malone, McInerney, Mitchell, Moran, Naber, Paluh, Parks, Pickett, Pilk, Pimentel, Ralph, Roper, Sell, Sells, Shipe, Speir, Stubblebine, Sullivan, Swygert, Thieme, Thompson, Tow, Van Trees, Walker, Wiles, Witherell, Woodward, Youree,** and 36 dates and/or wives (in addition to the wives who may be separately listed above, not accompanied by husband). **John Sullivan** reported the above to me and also reported that the party was a particularly good one and that **Inez Youree** was, as always, the gracious hostess. The party cmte presented her a plant as a token of appreciation for opening up her home.

John Sullivan also reported that, "The class lunch and meeting was held as usual on 4 Sept, the first Thurs in the customary location—the lower level of the Club at Ft McNair. Eighteen classmates were there; 14 repeats from the party, above, plus **Owen Holleran, John Keeley,** and **Fred Stevens** as well as **Bill Moore** who recently returned from Europe (Berlin) to a DIA asgmt here. **Hank Lowder** reported on the WP Astronaut Commission, a body started by Cl '50 to honor West Pointers who participated in the earlier days of the space program (Apollo, Gemini). Currently '50, '51, '54 and '55 are all represented on the Commission ('53 has no astronaut and is not). There was enthusiastic support at the meeting for '52 to designate a rep in response to an invitation from the Commission. **Bill Walker** was asked to serve as class rep to the Commission and has agreed to take on the job.

1952: Browns, Morans and Thiemes.

Plans for the 30th Reunion took a big step forward at the meeting with **Bert Kidwell** agreeing to take on the job of chmn of the Reunion Cmte and **Frank Pimentel** the job of treas. You probably know that Ladycliff is closed which means that the best prospect for convenient lodging won't be available. **Hank Lowder** is working with **Harvey Perritt** on the important lodging matter.

I am sure that the next issue of ASSEMBLY will report the death of BG (ret) Russell Alspaugh, who was deputy head of the Dept of Eng when we were cadets and later took over as Dept Head. He died in Amherst, MA, where he had been living since ret in 65. **John Kenney** and I went up to WP to attend a graveside ceremony. (Both John & I were in the Eng Dept w/Alspaugh. . . . other classmates who remember him might want to know of this.)

Otis Moran sent me the following:

"NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - **Bill Railford's** term as Class Pres expires 3 Jun 82. Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 5 of our Class Constitution, a new pres must be nominated or the Exec JUNTA will effect a 'Coup.' "**NOTIFICATION** is hereby given through ASSEMBLY that nominations for Pres are being solicited from all members of the Class. Please send your nomination to "Nominating Committee" Class of '52, Box 52, Army-Navy Club, Washington, DC 20006, to arrive on or before 1 Mar 1981. To further quote the constitution, 'A vote will be taken of those members of the Class in the Executive Cmte Location (DC) on all nominees and the 3 with the greatest number of votes will form the final nomination slate that will be submitted to the Class as a whole. Election will be by a plurality of votes cast provided a quorum (absolute majority) of the living Class is represented by the total number of votes cast.' "

Otis also reported that the next class luncheon will be on 4 Dec. "**Bill Moore** and **Jackie** are back in the DC area. They are living temporarily in the Rotunda in McLean. . . . **Bob and Pat McGowan** have departed for Brussels and can be contacted at USNATO APO NY 09667." On 16 Aug the Al Smith Realty officers and directors (**Al Thieme, Paul Brown & Otis Moran**) and spouses met at the **Browns'** pond in Fairfax, VA, to celebrate the company's 5th anniv. **Al Thieme** rewrote the Gettysburg Address for the occasion. Otis further included in his letter a calling card from **Keith Comstock** with the front crossed out and the back proclaiming that Keith is now Dir of Comm in Ft Lauderdale, FL. But I don't know whose comm he directs. **Mike Juvenal** has ret and he & Jackie have moved to Magnolia Springs, AL.

Loyd Rhiddlehoover wrote to report that, "On 31 Aug 80 I am going to ret to become the Pres of Kemper Mil Sch and College in Boonville, MO. Boonville is right off I-70 between St. Louis and Kansas City so if you or any other classmates are out that way, just drop in and I will have a review in your honor! I had been thinking about ret for a year or so, and when the Kemper offer came along I jumped at it. I am one of the few guys that will have to buy uniforms when I ret!"

1952: The Jelineks, Larkins and Mullanes.

Pat Jelinek reported 3 Class sons graduated with USMA '80: **Ted Jelinek, Mike Larkin,** and **Jerry Mullane.** Congratulations, all!

Ken Roper reported in from his leisurely tour of the Hawaiian Is. He sailed from L.A., reaching Hilo on 24 Apr. He, then, took his time sailing around the islands in his boat, "Rival II," reporting from Hanalei Bay, Kauai, on 1 Jul. He expected to be home by 1 Aug. In the meantime, he reported that No. 2 daughter, Lee, was to start flight training in Melbourne, FL, at FIT in Jul. Sorry I wasn't still in Melbourne to say hello to Nancy and Lee when they arrived.

Joan & Bill Schroeder stopped by on Labor Day on their way back to Ocala from a stay at the beach. They're looking well.

After my last article went in, I received notice of the Army, Navy, Air Force Cotillion, a series of dances in the DC area for young people. Even though the sign-up date is now past, those who have an interest may still want to inquire around; if too late for this year, to begin to plan for next.

From **Army Times: Don Lasher** has been named SG Computer Sys Cmd, Ft Belvoir, VA, to move from CG, Comm Sys Agcy, Ft Monmouth, NJ; **Drake Wilson,** on 15 Sept was to become Dir of Mil Programs, OCE, DC, moving from Europe Div Engr, Frankfurt, Germany; **Mac McKnight,** on 29 Sept was to become CG and Cmdt, Army Sig Ctr & Sch, Ft Gordon, GA, moving from CG, 5th Sig Com and Dpty Chief of C-E, USAREUR and Seventh Army, Schwetzingen, Germany; **Tom Ayers** has been named CG, 7th Inf Div, Ft Ord, CA, to move from DCSLOG, FORSCOM, Ft McPherson, GA; and **Mike Juvenal, Hank Moseley, Charlie Sell,** and **Jack Witherell** ret on 31 Jul.

1981 is just around the corner and promises many more interesting events for all of us. In the meantime, keep those cards and letters coming.

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First, some Class business: In response to many questions from classmates, **Keith Born**, the '53 Class Fund chmn, has asked that the following report be published so you all can see how we are doing.

A total of $24,966 is now in the fund. Monies collected represent donations of $19,990 from 222 classmates including any matching funds, $1300 from the Class checking account and $3787 from earned interest. Expenses deducted total $111. A total of $6,440 is due from 85 classmates for pledges made in May 1976. These pledges were to be paid by Jan 80. New pledges, made in Jan 80 and due by Jul 81 total $2,555 representing 28 classmates and corporate matching funds. Total pledges due would add an additional $8995 to the fund.

1953: Meglans, O'Hairs, Sligers at 1980 H-2 Reunion at Butte, Montana.

Our goal is to raise $40,000 by Jul 81 for a Class gift to be given at our 30th Reunion. We must keep our donations coming to meet this goal. Please remember to make your checks out to "West Point Fund—Class of '53 Account." In order for our fund to be credited, Class of '53 must be mentioned in the correspondence and preferably on the check itself. If you are in doubt as to the status of your pledge and donation, drop **Bob Kaplan** a line at 6739 Baron Rd, McLean, VA 22010. The Class fund and Class gift cmtes have now been combined and **Bob Kaplan** as chmn, is coordinating the overall effort.

As for the Class gift, a number of classmates have inquired about just where their money is going. What are we buying? The answer is that we don't know yet. Selection of an appropriate gift depends in part on how much money is raised. It was originally planned that the gift would be selected in 81 after donations were completed and tallied. As you can see, we still have some way to go. The Fund and Gift cmte will recommend one or possibly several gift alternatives in 81 and submit them to a Class referendum. The Cmte had its first meeting in NY in Oct. For those who have sent in gift suggestions, many thanks. All ideas will be considered. Remember, a gift does not have to be tangible property. We may not want to select something that could be bulldozed away in 100 years. How many of us Central Area dwellers would have imagined in 53 that in 80 our rooms would be gone?

Jack Johnson has asked me to put in a few words about the 30th Reunion. Jack is the 30th Reunion Chmn and has a very difficult and demanding job. The 30th is not very far away and planning has already begun. Jack needs volunteers to form a 30th Reunion Cmte. You don't have to live in DC to be on the Cmte. So anyone who wants to help, drop

1953: Delbridge and Heiberg pondering the fate of the Engineers.

Jack a note at 1700 N. Lynn St, Arlington, VA 22203. We won't have to commute by bus to activities as we did at the 25th. We will be given a large allotment of rooms at the Thayer Hotel and we will have priority on lodging in the Highland Falls area.

A very welcome and appreciated letter from **Abbie McLennan** brings news from classmates in the San Ant, TX, area. She writes that on 2 Jun the anniv of graduation was marked by a '53 dinner at the Argyle Club in San Ant. **Tom Rote** hosted the dinner and attending were **Al Hayes, Jana Nave** (John was out of town), the **Jim Lelands**, the **Paul Voses** and the **Stuart McLennans**. Stuart has just qualified as an Airline transport pilot. **Paul Vose** is Chief of Surgery at Brooke AMC. **Stan Sovern** was in San Ant for a wk and celebrated his birthday with the **Naves, Lelands** and **McLennans**. The **McLennan** sons, Kyle and Stuart III, are both stationed in Germany. A family reunion in Germany with them is planned for Xmas.

I was delighted to have the active AF come up on the net when a ltr arrived from **Shelly Lustig**. Shelly sent the pic of the **Ed O'Hairs** standing with their newly commissioned dau Karen. Shelly is now in Germany serving as DCS, Engr & Svc of USAFE. Speaking of **Ed O'Hair**, that Butte, MT, crowd just can't stay away from a camera. And we welcome the response. **Ed O'Hair** tells me that **Lee Gray** stopped by Butte for a visit on his way to CA. On a trip to Albuquerque, NM, Ed visited with **Jim Dritt** who is with Solar America there. **Jack Johnson** had a tailgate get-together at the Holy Cross game with **Art Brown** and **Ken Heitzke**. Jack also saw **Joe Volpe** at Ft Lee where Joe runs the fuel distribution system for the Army. Jack also saw **Frank Gay** and **Van van den Berg** in Orlando where they are in law practice together. **Frank Gay's** son graduated from MIT this year.

1953: The O'Hairs with daughter Karen at the Award of the Class Plaque.

The DC crowd started up our monthly luncheons again in Sept with a good number turning up at the Ft McNair Officers Club. Attending were **Rob McGregor, Stan Wielga, Jack Johnson, Bill Jolin, Jim Linka, Bob Breckenridge, Don Shaw, Bill Sutton, Bob Kaplan, Don Ramsey, Jim Stuart, Dick Remers, John Bringham, Cliff Neilson, Jim Wade, John Seigle, Fred Reynolds, Dave Horner, Vald Heiberg, Tom Brain, Walt Henderson** and **Jim Bambery**. A few months ago it was suggested to me that we attempt to publish our DC luncheon schedule so that classmates coming into DC could attend. The lead time of the ASSEMBLY makes it difficult since this is written in Sept, but we tried. I hope this schedule holds. The Luncheon schedule starting in Feb is as follows: Tues, 12 Feb, Wed, 25 Mar, Tues, 27 Apr, and Tues, 2 Jun. Come and join us.

Max Noah has just assumed cmd of The Engr Ctr, Ft Belvoir, VA. '53 classmates are now running 3 of the Army's major ctrs with **Ed Dinges** at Ft Sill and **John Oblinger** at Ft Bliss.

Finally, I'm happy to announce a marriage! **Sy & Ann Nerone** were married in Aug 80 at Ft Monroe, VA. Congratulations. Merry Xmas.

'54

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All checks for contributions to the Class of '54 Gift Fund should be written as follows: Pay to: "West Point Fund for Class Gift 1954." Checks improperly written are placed in the AOG general fund. Make your dollar count for '54 and write your checks properly.

Congratulations to **Bill Hilsman** on his promotion to LTG and asgmt as Dir of the DCA. Bill and Jean will reside at qtrs 11B, Ft Myer, zip 22211. Bill's promotion to 3 stars is the first for Class of '54 to my knowledge. The Class is proud of his accomplishments and his dedication to our mutual objective of a stronger and tougher America. The picture of Bill is minus his 3d star, but just imagine it sitting up there anyway. Bill's new staff is finding difficulty in getting time for his new official photograph.

1954: LTG William Hilsman (without star no. 3)

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1954: Kouns, Hilsmans and Marcuses.

Congratulations from the Class is on order to **Jim Williams** who was promoted to MG on the 8th of Sept and is assigned as the DCSI USAREUR and 7th Army, APO NY 09403.

Rose Mologne reported that Lew is now in Korea as Cmdr Med Cmd—Korea and 121 Evac Hosp (Seoul). Prior to Korea, Lew was the Ch of Surgery at Fitzsimons in Denver. Rose was allowed to remain in quarters since they had occupied them for the past 7 years. Rose has the 3 youngest children with her while son Tim is a 4/C Midshipman at USNA and other son Lew is a soph at CO Sch of Mines. Rose also reported that Dr. **Harry Emrick** has been appointed as Head of the new Basic Engr Dept at the School of Mines. Harry and Barbara are residing with their 3 daughters at 12225 W. 29th Place, Lakewood, CO.

Ben Schemmer informed me that on **Clif Berry's** last trip to Korea, he saw **Vic Hugo,** now a BG and commanding the 38th ADA Bde at Osan. Ben stated that BG **Hugh Robinson** has left HQ, CE for a TX assignment as Dist Engr.

Martin Lachance sent a 4th year letter from OK. Martin ret in Jul 79 and is enjoying working with the young people in a local high school ROTC. **Skip Forman** (BG) was assigned to Ft Sill in Jul as the Asst Cmdt of the FAS. Martin reports that Skip looks great, but won't give up golf for the Arty Hunt on Sun mornings. **Tiny Tomsen** joined the Founder's Day activities at Ft Sill.

Dave (J.D.) Macklin ret in 78 from the Army and was told by 602 corp that he was overqualified so he went into real estate. Dave says he has 5 kids (ages 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24) and that the 23 year old is Joseph D. Macklin Jr. and is a 2d LT, USAF, flying jets in Del Rio, TX. Joe Jr. is a USAFA grad, Class of 79.

Dave wants to know if the **Macklin** family has established a record—13 (13) class rings in the family from USAFA, USMA, USNA; and 157 continuous years of active service. Can you beat that record?! Dave requests hearing from **Bard, Reistrup,** and **Keener;** his address is 1811 Visalia Row, Coronado, CA 92118.

MG **Frank Ianni** attended the summer FORSCOM Cmdrs Conf at Ft Hood in Jul. A live-fire demo of the bde in the attack was given by GEN Meyer (CS) and GEN Shoemaker (CG, FORSCOM) and Frank's statement that it is good to see the emphasis being placed on basic soldiering (too bad it was de-emphasized in the past decade). Frank reports that MG **John Hudachek** has been assigned as CG, 4th Inf Div (Mech) at Ft Carson; MG **Joe Palastra** is CG, 5th Inf Div (Mech); and MG **Lou Wagner** is Cdr, Ft Knox; and Frank is MG, National Guard, The AG of DE. While in FL, Frank visited **Brandt Grubbs** at Shalimar, where Brandt has a luxurious pad, and thought everyone should go and see Brandt.

Fred Qualls did an information of one liners on me, so here goes: COL **George Kourakos** returned from Greece and is assigned to HQ DARCOM. COL **Tom Healy** is the Dir of Security Assistance at HQ DARCOM. **Jim Hayes** ret from CE to join Engr Corp in Chicago area. COL **George Calhoun** is the IG for HQ DARCOM. COL **Frank Hart** is the Dir of Army Rsch Inst in DARCOM Building. BG **Jack Galvin** is Dpty Tng Activities at HQ TRADOC. COL **Jack Swaren** is Dir Army Tng at Ft Eustis. COL **Bill Grace** left DIA for ACSI. COL **Paul Metler** ret to join the Long Gray Line at BDM Corp. COL **Jack Ballurintgure** to Ft Knox with **Lou Wagner.** COL **Jim Moore** is in DCSO. COL **Jack (J.T.) Miller** is the next exec to Asst Secy Army RDA. COL **James R. Miller** is the Exec to the Secy of the Army. Enough of one-liners.

1954: Guess who?

Chuck Wilson regrets to inform the Class of the sudden death of **Mercer (Pat) Patterson** of a heart attack while returning to CONUS from an asgmt in Italy. Pat was buried in Gulfport, MS on the 21st of Jul. He was survived by his wife Peggy and married daughter Linda, both of 12 East Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, MD 21202.

I had many inquiries regarding **Ed Cutullo's** death and proceeded to request information from the Adj, 10th SF (Abn). Ed was driving a mil-rented car in England while on an exercise. On the 25th of May 80 at approximately 2330 hours, Ed's car left the road and struck a hard object. Ed was extremely respected for his professionalism and will be missed by all ranks in the SF community. **Mary Louise Cutullo** and the 3 children have returned to Tampa, FL, and may be contacted at 467 Marmora Avenue, Tampa, FL 33616.

General **Ramon Aquillar Sanchez** has recently returned to DC, as the DATT for the Venezuela Embassy. Aggie left a couple of children in Caracas to manage the family interest there while Aggie, Victoria, and 3 children pull their tour of duty in DC. The Class will be looking forward to a visit to the Venezuelan Embassy for a Class party. Welcome back Aggie and Victoria.

Please continue to write to the scribe, as your letters are greatly appreciated.

'55

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Well guys, your friendly scribe is living evidence that you should not arrive at a party too early, or at least if you do arrive early, hide from **Joe Franklin.** However, now that I've "volunteered" I'll try my best to keep you up on our Class happenings.

Thanks to **Charlie Johnson** for writing last month's column on my behalf. Charlie, if you're listening, please send me all the necessary information to keep me out of trouble with Mike Krisman.

1955: Vitty and Regnier on the mound.

A few more reflections from out 25th. As we were marching out for the Alumni Review, and I was trying, but without success, to keep **Kelly Lichtenberg** in step, someone hollered "here come the babies." I must say we make a heck of a group of babies! Also, I still wonder how we all made it to the messhall from **Joe Franklin's** for the alumni dance. I know that it wasn't the wine. It must have been all that cheese that **Pete Booras** so happily donated.

Time does fly. Note that **Rod Vitty** and **Dick Regnier** are back on the mound exactly 25 years from the day that they combined to shut out Fordham. To prove that the old-timers are still in shape, the alumni took on the varsity in baseball. Rod loosened up his arm sufficiently to pitch one inning and even got a base hit. He tried to get Dick to show up for the game; instead Dick visited flirtation walk with his wife Terry. Glad to see that Dick still has his priorities straight. By the way, the alumni tied the varsity 7-7.

Happy to see that **George Monahan** is the new program director for the F-16 multinational fighter program. George was promoted to brigadier general on 1 May 1980. I know that we all offer our congratulations and best wishes for continued success to George, Mary and their 5 children.

Two items of interest were part of an Association of Graduates letter received by **Joe Franklin.** Nominations for candidates for the 1981 Thayer award and for AOG officers and trustees are due to the Association by 5 Dec 80. Joe didn't get the notice in time to catch our Sept column and the deadline will pass by the time you read this. However, start thinking about next year, and I'll try to remind you in next Sept's issue of the

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1955: Norm Smith at MAAG Portugal.

Dec deadlines. Nominations should be forwarded to our Class cmte at WP for consolidation and submission to the AOG.

A bill was recently signed into law by Pres Carter to set aside 2 acres of land in Constitution Gardens, near the Lincoln Memorial, as the site for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The two and a half million dollars estimated as the cost of the memorial must, however, be raised by public subscription. All contributions are tax-deductible. The address for contributions is: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 37240, Washington, DC 20013. Our Class along with many others felt the pain of losing close friends and classmates in this war. It seems that a contribution, no matter how small, would be a fitting tribute to those who are no longer with us as a result of their dedication to our country.

A final word about business. As you know, **Bob Hasbrouck** (83 Acorn Dr, Summit, NJ 07901) is our Class fund chmn. We've all just received a recent letter from Bob outlining the details of our Class fund drive. Let's try to support Bob with maximum participation. We should all try to push for $55 for 5 years, and see what we can do with matching funds, trusts, etc. Our 30th Reunion is less than 5 years away. Pete! Start aging the cheese.

Norm Smith wrote from Lisbon, Portugal, where he's Chief, MAAG, to offer congratulations (or whatever) on my selection as scribe. I think I'll take the "whatever." Norm wrote that the MAAG office is in an old mansion which was the German Embassy during WW II. The building is a Portuguese national monument, enshrined as such because of the enormous rubber tree in the backyard, planted by Vasco da Gama upon his return from India. Norm and Vi indicated they would love to see any classmates that pass through Portugal.

Bill Raiford (L-2, '52) hosed an L-2 get-together in the DC area for classes 1950-55. It was great to see all the L-2 files and swap inter-class war stories. Fifty-five was represented by **Jim & Nancy Cutchin, Tom & Peggy Herren** and **Dorothy** and me. **Stan & Carla Sydenham** and **Will & Connie Volkstadt** had to cancel at the last minute. Everything was great until Art Deverill (L-2, '52) tried once again to have me recite "How's the cow?" Needless to say I had to sit up. **Cutch** is now an atty with the Nuclear Regulatory Comm after many years of night work. **Tom Herren** is with the System Planning Corp here in the DC area.

Since I'm already late for the deadline I'll stop here. **PLEASE** let me hear from you with Class happenings. I want to try and write those things that will be of interest to all of us. I know you don't want to hear each quarter about my kids. However, that'll be your fate if pickings are slim. Keep well!

'57

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Greetings from Houston, TX. The Army has determined (with my help) that I need a little exec devl and I'm attending a one-mos-cse at the U of Houston. It's a semester crse (at least) and consequently we are in class almost all the time. No rest for the weary, especially those that have a column to write.

Unfortunately I must start with unpleasant news. **John Michael "Mike" McCarthy** died of cancer on 10 Aug at the WRMC, and was interred in Arlington on 14 Aug. Mike had ret in 78 and was working for Morrison-Knudsen in Columbia, MD. The family asked that anyone desiring to make memorial contributions do so to their favorite charity.

Got a letter from **Don Baughman**, who is still leading the double life of quiet, hard-working computer analyst for the Dept of Labor during the day and brilliant entertaining band leader of "The Aloha Serenaders" whenever fortune calls, while at other times he plays tennis, volley ball, softball, etc. Appears to be fairly often. Don's letter was the first response I got on the 82 Homecoming Reunion suggestion, and it was positive. We're off to a great start. On the personal note, Don's oldest dau, Debbie, graduated from Frostburg (MD) last May with a BS in Accounting. He also has a dau who is a Sr at St. Mary's (of MD) and one who is a Jr in H.S. He almost has as many daus as me. His youngest is a diver on the swim team and has already earned her letter. Speaking of daus, **Stan Cass** called to say that he now has another one, Corry by name, who was born on 2 May. He even made claim to being the most recent father, but lo and behold I just got a letter (at least Bernice says I got one) from **Jose Olvera**, presently living in Buenos Aires, anouncing the birth of a son, David, 11 Sept. He and Dianne are both doing well. All I can say is, when will it all end? Probably never. Back to **Stan Cass** (who now has a new incentive). Stan mentioned that he is the PM for the HELLFIRE Msl and is stationed at Redstone Ars in Huntsville, AL. Others at Huntsville are: **Jack Apperson**, who is the DCG for Readiness at MICOM; **Charley Moses**, who is the new CS and **Bruce Stout**, who is now the Dpty Dir for Test & Eval in the MICOM Labs. Stan also said that **Church Mathews** has gone to ARRADCOM (which I believe is at Dover, NJ) as the DCG.

Got a note from the **Houses** confirming the fact that May Week 80 was a great occasion. Their son Mark is enjoying the Basic Cse at Sill and has had several opportunities to get home and tell Joe how things are going. Joe and Sue hosted a party for 58 members of the class of '80 who are in the AD basic cse, and found out things never change. Young LT's can still eat beyond normal bounds. Joe's group has been redesignated the 11th Bde and he will soon be wearing his own unit patch. Their son Mike worked as a cameraman with a cablevision co this summer, and is studying mass commo with the objective of becoming a TV producer. **Jack & Cindy Crater** are also at Bliss, and Jack is the cdr of the tng bde.

Mac MacKusick wrote from Bettendorf, IA to update me on that part of the world. He ret on 30 Sept (it's now 1 Oct) after almost 4 yrs at Hq ARRCOM, which is located at Rock Is Ars, where he was a sys mgr for the M109 Series of self-propelled howitzers. His wife Pat is going to sch at Marycrest Coll for a degree in Library Sciences, his dau Joanne is a sr in Journalism at Drake U, and his son Dave is a stu at the UIA—when he's not bicycle racing. Dave went to the Olympic tng camp at Colo Sprgs in Sept to try out for the US Jr World racing team. Good luck. Mac's youngest dau, Lynne, is a H.S. jr and appears to be the musician of the family (she plays in the sch band). Mac saw **Ed Soyster** about a yr ago at Ft Stewart, where Ed was the Div Arty Cdr and later the CS of the 24th Mech Div. He also saw **Steve Glick**, who ran the Tng Cmd at Sill and is now working for the Recruiting Cmd at Ft Sheridan.

Stan Pore wrote to ask for **Wayne Nicoll's** address and even included some info about himself, for which I am grateful. Stan left the Army in 68 and moved to the Denver area to settle down. He and Mary have 2 children in coll and one left at home. Brief, but to the point. Stan said that there are 8 classmates in the Denver area, but he didn't say who. OK, here's the challenge—someone from Denver write and fill in the names.

Being in Houston has given me the opportunity to visit with **Bob Sprague** and his wife Betty—which I really enjoyed. Bob works for Brown and Root, but we spent so much time talking about others that I really didn't get too much other info. His oldest son is working on a family farm near Brian, TX (I think) and learning about it the hard way. Bob said that **Peggy Wheeler**, widow of **Charlie Wheeler**, has remarried and is now living in FL. I believe I owe Peg an apology for failing to note that her son graduated from the USAFA last May. I will write to her and see that her son receives the class gift. I would appreciate those of you who also have children at one of the Academies, or know of '57 offspring, to send me the info.

Jim Taylor sent in an info packed letter, his 2d in 23 years, from Newport News, VA. He intended to send a pic from the last Founders Day at Ft Eustis but the camera malfunctioned. I wonder if there's a message there. Here's his info. **Barry & Donna Fox** are living in Newport News and Barry is working at Ft Eustis. Donna is employed at Colonial Williamsburg. Seems to me that the **Foxes** are in the same boat as **Langworthys**, since Bud also works at Eustis and Nancy is also employed by Colonial Williamsburg. **Gwen & Ray Ketchum** are at Ft Monroe where Ray is in Combat Dev, TRADOC. Gwen has been keeping busy with sch projects, museum work and fighting to save Ft Monroe. Their son Jon is at Cornell and their dau Jane is at Hollins. As a side note, **Bill Liakos'** daughter is also at Hollins. **Bobbie & Don Barlow** are also at Eustis. Their daughter Kathy is engaged to a Class of '78 grad, Bob Olds, and will be married next summer when she graduates from Mary Washington Coll. Congrats to the **Barlows** and the **Olds**. Their daughter Karen is a soph at MWC, and Don Jr, is a soph at Hampton Roads Acad.

Fred Smith is stationed at Langley AFB. **Carl & Pat Vauno** are at Monroe, and I assume Carl is now a MG—our first. I'd like some info about any AF stars—please write if you have some. **Sid & Jerry Britt** were at Monroe and should now be at Ft Jackson. Sid was slated to be a bde cdr. **Carl & Kathy Burgdorf** are living in Hampton, VA, where Carl is in the banking business. Jim says that Carl even looks the part of a distin-

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guished exec. Both Jim and Peggy are licensed real estate agents with ERA Pearman and Associates in Newport News. If you're moving that way, give them a call—they need the money to feed their 3 children, 4 dogs and a horse. Besides money they would also like to hear from the **Sadlers** and **Bokovoys.**

So much for the mail. For those of you living in the DC area, or who will be here around Valentines Day, we do expect to have a party. Give **Bob Leard, Dick Kenyon, Fletch Elder, Mike Ilseman** or me a call for more info. Also, there's an organization in the DC area called the Army, Navy, Air Force Cotillion that sponsers dances for service juniors and Acad students. They will have a dance at Ft Meyer on 26 Dec and at Ft McNair on 21 Mar. For info call Mrs. Charles Clemons, (703) 591-3198 or Mrs. William Broyles, (703) 360-6972.

We had a Class luncheon on 16 Sept and the following info was provided by the attendees. **Bernie Loeffke,** who was the Army Attaché in Moscow and then spent 8 mos in NYC as a mil fellow on the Council of Foreign Relations, is now on the Army staff. **Dick Hurlburt** is currently with Science Applications, Inc. **Fletch Elder** has just switched jobs and is now a real estate agent with RE/MAX Advantage Realty. His son John is a soph at Rice U and is a member of the Rice Senate (student govt). His son Scott is a H.S. sr and is one of three students tied for Class Valedictorian. Scott is also working on his completion of Eagle Scout requirements. Fletch's wife is now a candidate for a PhD in Education at George Mason U. **Champ Buck** pointed out my inept powers of observation at graduation P-rade in May, but I pleaded a temporary lapse. I failed to note that his son commanded a bn during the P-rade. He is now cmding Co F-1, which has special significance since Champ's dad commanded F-Co in the old (old) days. His son also went to Kenya as part of the Crossroads program last summer. Champ is now ret and is a sr sys analyst with McLean Rsch Ctr, Inc. I was told that **Jim Edgar** is back in DC, but he wasn't at the luncheon. **Bob Reynolds** is working on the Integrated Logistics System in DARCOM and **Bill King** is doing force dev work with ODCSOPS. Bill's wife Julie has graduated from American U Law Sch and is now awaiting the results of the bar exam. Their son Tom is in his 2d yr at Duke and their daughter Debbie is studying at Lake Erie Coll, OH, to be a horse trainer. Others who were at the luncheon include **Mike Ilseman, Phil Stein, Nick Monaco, Rudy Pataro, Dick Fadel, Dave Nottingham, Bob Leard, Dick Kenyon, Steve Quatennans, Don Newman, John Stokes, Joe Tedeschi, Bernie Tuddington** and **Archie Barrett.** If I spelled names wrong or left anyone out, please forgive me—I'm in TX and they have difficulty spelling here. As a last note on people, **Bob Tener** has just been reassigned to the OASA (Civil Works), vice Israel as previously reported, and is living in the DC area.

For those who are wondering about Army's 1982 football schedule (considering when we should have our reunion), we play CA on 18 Sept, Harvard on 2 Oct, Boston on 23 Oct which is Homecoming, Columbia on 30 Oct and AF on 6 Nov. Also we play Rutgers on 9 Oct and Princeton on 16 Oct at Giant's Stadium in NJ, which is about one hour from WP. Got to go now—have to negotiate a labor dispute (simulated). Write—and have a happy New Year, in that order.

'58

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Seventeenth column. By not writing much in June my problems now are too much info and where to begin. I'll start with **Army COLs: Harry Hubbard** and **Will Morrill** won bureaucratic battles correcting their records and were picked up for 0-6 and were integrated sequentially where they belonged. Congratulations! The 80 list included 4 classmates: **Vince DeBoeser, Paul Johnson, Bob Lindquist** and **Heyward Hutson. Heyward** was in the zone for the first time due to his break in service back in 61. The other 3 are corrections to the Army's sins of omission last year. Super!

Army Cmd Lists: Mike Harvey (Avn), **Bob Moscatelli** (Inf), **Len Shrader** (Armor), **Bob Dey** (Cmbt Spt Engr), **Ron Hudson** (Cmbt Spt Engr), **Gene Wentworth** (Div Spt Cmd), and **Andy Andreson** (Chem PG). At least one change has taken place: **Andy** is not going to Dugway next summer, he has already gone to St. Louis as PM Blackhawk. Best wishes to our next batch of commanders.

On to the oldest news first. 14 Apr **Army Times** had **Phil DiMauro** going from Pnt to McNair, **Joe Shea** from Falls Church to Ft Monmouth (tho I've been told he's in Colo Spgs, CO), **Josh Jaschen** from APO 09794 to 09524 (wherever those 5 digit locations are), and **Jack Madigan** from APO 09777 to 09403 (partial translation: from French War College to Germany). A Century 21 letter from **Kelly Robinson** in AK reported that **Kelly & Mary** attended Founders Day along with **Bill & Ann Clary. John Devens** wrote from Carlisle that he and **Carol** were bound for Ft. Belvoir. **John** is to replace **Bob Bunker** as Dir of Tng Devls. **Bob** has become the Asst Cmdt of the Engr Schl. The **Devens** have 2 sons at VMI, 2d and 3d Classmen. The Belvoir Founders Day was attended by **Bob & Marion Bunker, Chuck & Patsy Densford,** and **Paul & Paula Johnson.**

Dick Beyea wrote from Kadena AFB, Okinawa, where he's been serving as the Cmdr of 18th Combat Spt Grp and Kadena. Son **Rick** graduated from HS there. He was active in football, swimming (junior Olympics in Japan) and soccer. **Dick, Betty** and **Rick** have moved on to DC where **Dick** is Cmdr of AF OSI. They should be settled into 7832 Lee Ave, Alex, VA 22308. **Dick** boosted the Class 25th Reunion gift fund with his check for $100 which I forwarded to **Stew Willis.**

Chuck & Patsy Densford became grandparents on 4 May 80 with the arrival of **grandaughter Eron. Chuck** wasn't sure whether **Patsy** would leave TX to return to VA; however, she has left daughter Karon and baby and returned to hubby. They are the 2d grandparents I know of—any others hiding out there? **Chuck** is still in ODCSRDA where he's been the rep on APTAG (translation: Army Proponent Test Advisory Group) which is some alphabetical soup catch-all for J-CATCH, EWCAS, AAH OT II, and AHOAG.

Bob Moscatelli sent the picture of '58 offspring at USMA taken in May. Since then the Class numbers have changed and, as reported in last brief column, our first son, **Kevin Kelly,** was graduated. Bob is **Dpty Com** pending reassignment for his 0-6 cmd tour. Maybe he can swing another picture with the new additions '58 sent to WP in Jul. The Class of 1984! seemed lightyears away when we read the science fiction thriller as Yearlings in 1955. I should report that **Kevin Kelly** went Inf and is en route to Abn, IOBC, and flight sch. Good luck.

Jim Chapman wrote in May in response/agreement with the comments by **Jim Tilley** in the 15th column. **Chapman** provided a quote from Huntington's **The Soldier and the State,** "The motivations of the officer are a technical love for his craft and the sense of social obligation to utilize this craft for the benefit of society." **Jim C.** feels the sense of social obligation has been perverted in the process of replacing leadership with managership and the corollary emphasis on statistical/numerical indices rather than mission accomplishment. The rest of his disertation you will have to get from him in person in DC where the **Chapmans** have moved from TX. He's with the Arms Control and disarmament Agcy located in the State Dept. He reports that **Bob McCann** is at Canon AFB as an F-111 Wing Cmdr. **Mike Dugan** is an A-7 Wing Cmdr at England AFB, having pulled off a cmd-to-cmd double!

A "flash precedence" letter from **Chuck Densford** announces that **Gin Lancaster** is

1958: Class sons and daughters in the Corps: Front row: Moentmann '81, Henninger '81, Kelly '80, Graves '82, Deborah Gillette '82; Second row: Peck '83, Kulik '83, Donovan '81, Pedersen '82, Finkenaur '83; Third row: Lucci '83, Robertson '82, Hruby '83, Merrill '83, Bons '83.

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1958: Devens at Carlisle: AWOL—Bellows, Dey and Kyle.

found—in Colo Spgs, CO, after having ret in Jan 80. Gin is living at 6030 Mach 1 Dr, 80901. The Mach 1 Dr serves as lead-in to a bit of gung ho trivia I've been saving: **Troy Chappell** lives on Oakleaf Dr while **Charlie Glover** has been residing on Caisson Crossing. Back to the **Densford** letter: **Nels & Georgia Conner** have returned to DC area from Kaiserslautern, Germany. Think **Nels** is back on Army staff in R&D.

A warm welcome is extended to **Kathleen Hicks Hubbard** in becoming **Harry's** bride on 26 Apr at the WRAM Memorial Chapel.

A recent Pentagon hallway reunion included **VanFleet, Densford, Jim Brooks, Bob Higgins, John Deely, Andy Andreson, Jay Stanton,** and **Garry Roosma.** There was a spirited discussion about whether such a meeting was mutinous and seditious or a proper exercise of the freedom of assembly. **John Deely** was still complaining about lunch last fall with **Marc Sigurski** at the "Class Reunion" restaurant. John had a cup of coffee, but **Marc** divided the bill by the ten attendees and "classmated" **John** out of $10. One of the more expensive cups of coffee on record, but the company was great. Don't you agree, **John**?

Phil Pryor wrote from Paris that he and **Bob Higgins** met for a couple of drinks at the "Winston Churchill's Pub" near **Phil's** apartment. **Phil** went on to recount the hardships of living in France with his weekend trips to St Lo, Normandy beaches, Loire Valley, etc. **Phil** attended SHAPE Founders Day and stayed with **Jack Bradshaw.** Since the letter, **Phil** was here in MA, TDY to MIT. Judy and I were glad to see him, hear more about Paris and his assignment to AGARD, and show **Phil** around our historic quarters. **Bob Higgins** got in touch with **Jack Madigan** in Paris before **Jack** left to become a DCS Resource Mgmt somewhere in Germany. **Bob** also added **Skip Hettinger** to the hallway crowd reported on earlier.

Gene Wilson is in Korea without **Ellie** and kids. **Gene** is CO, Special Troops, Combined Forces Army. **Gary Kosmider** sent a "short update from the desert." He's been at Ft Huachuca since Aug 77 and is staying another 3 years, having just become (4 Apr 80) the Dir for Materiel Test, EPG. Two offspring will be at N. AZ U in Flagstaff, **Leslie** (20) and **Jon** (18).

A letter received after the Jun ASSEMBLY reads in part, "Having now been given as much print in one issue as anyone should accumulate in 20 plus years, I won't expect to see anymore, at least for another 20 years. If you can get the word around informally, however, you might let members of the Class know that even though the Highway Patrol and other state law enforcement agencies are part of this Dept, I can't do a whole lot for anyone who happens to get arrested in NC. I do have a house with plenty of guest space, and would be glad to accommodate anybody awaiting trial or just traveling through." Too bad this reporter cannot reveal this source. My lips are sealed. I'd rather do time in **Bob Melott's** jails than reveal who provided the foregoing news.

John Stone writes from Florence, OR, that he agrees with **Jim Tilley's** comments. They "brought back many memories, not only of frustrations and idiot senior officers, but of victories won, peace of mind, and senior officers with equal integrity. In fact, having one of the latter somewhere in the rating/reviewing chain is probably the key to success for all 'non-yes' officers. Because I was fortunate enough to serve with some such senior officers, I could walk away from my 06 selection with peace of mind, knowing I didn't need promotion for success. Peace of mind is a much better measure of success than promotion, for selectee and non-selectee alike!" **John** asked to use the column to invite **OK Hill, Terry Connell** and **Paul Vanture** and families to "venture out to Portland to the beautiful central OR coast where there is no Mt St Helens ash!" **Stone's** phone 997-7695 at home and 997-2002 at his custom framing, art and antiques gallery. **John** ended with the hope that classmates are content with themselves and their work for "I have seen that nothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot. For who will bring him to see what will occur after him?" (Eccl 3:22). Thanks, **John**, we needed that.

Dodie Hruby wrote and asked me to advertise the **Army Navy Air Force Cotillion** for 1980-81. I'm too late for one, but can help with the 26 Dec at Ft Myer (8-12pm), 21 Mar at Ft McNair (8-12pm), and summer disco to be anounced. Son Dale II is a yearling and will be "dressing-out" for the football games.

Jim Weis wrote from Brussels "you may not know it, but you are participating in an historic moment. You hold in your hands my first-ever letter to the Class scribe . . ." Actually, in my pile of notes and letters this time I have 3 in this "first-every category. **John Devens** wrote, "First time ever, as you probably well know!" And my unrevealed source from NC wrote "Having a natural aversion to seeing my name in print, I have never written to you or any of your predecessors in office. I can assure you, however, that you and they have had no more faithful audience." This scribe can assure **Jim, John,** and **anonymous in NC** that all '58 scribes, past, present, and future appreciate receiving these "first evers" whether we've identified the writers as having provided historic firsts or not AND all scribes look forward to your 2d letters with the same relish while encouraging you all not to wait 20 years or so between events.

Back to **Jim Weis** in Brussels. **Mary Ann** joined him in Jun after selling the DC-area house: "that's right, sold the house—I ain't never gonna be back. . . ." During SHAPEX-80, **Jim** saw **Jack Bradshaw** and **Dick Graves,** CS III Corps, Ft Hood.

A recent **Army Times** listed **John Sewell, Ken Montgomery** and **Chuck LeMere** on orders "Pentagon to Washington." What's that mean? I found my note about **Pryor** at the SHAPE Founders Day. Seems **bachelor Phil** from Paris got the **Bradshaw-assigned** duty to toast the ladies. Later, **Phil and Jack** passed gracefully off to sleep in the **Bradshaw**

1958: The Clarys and the Robinsons.

library while listening to the MacArthur farewell to WP speech on a record. Some hours later **Phil** was rudely awakened by the click, click of the record still spinning on wordlessly without having shutoff. **Phil** reported that **Tom Morgan** was at SHAPE and the dinner also.

Gene Wentworth called a few days ago (another excellent way to communicate with the scribe) to let me know that he's still at DLA, Cameron Sta. He will go to 3d Inf DISCOM in summer 81. **Pam** is a freshman (freshwoman?) at TX A&M while brother **Gib** is a soph.

Retirees. Some of this may have been reported in earlier columns, however, repetition is better than omission. **Tommy Thompson** is in Huntsville, AL, in construction. **Jay Levesseur** and **Larry Perreault** are also ret in Huntsville. **Charlie Glover** ret 31 Jan somewhere doing something which scribe doesn't know about or about which scribe doesn't know or something to that effect. **Mil Pedersen** ret 31 Mar, also into the great unknown. **Corky Henninger** ret in Jul. He's working with Intl Paper in NYC and is living in Princeton, NJ. **Joe Brown** and **Vic Gongola** ret 29 Feb according to the **Army Times.** **Vic** is in Lancaster, PA (previously reported). **Bill Clary** ret in May per the AT. **Lou Gennaro** ret to Rochester U after his stint at WP in the Engr Dept. **Kevin Brown** ret in Jun from ROTC at UM. Think he's in Orono, ME. **Ray Hansen** ret from USAF in Jun or Jul and is said to be in Las Vegas wearing green eye shades. **Ash Haynes** ret from Pentagon in Aug and has gone with Litton Ind in LA area. **Kyle Rector** ret to Dallas, TX. Recent **Army Times** listed a few more retirees: **Joe Shea, Joe Brandl,** and **Joel Moore.** Again, no details. Info please! !

Active Duty Army as of 25 Jul 80. George Lawton sent me a print out of who is (was, as of Jul) still on active duty. There were 150 on the list; however, one was not a classmate (let's hear it for ADP) and I know of at least 3 not on the list, probably due to breaks in service. One other, not on the list, no break in service, ret in Aug per AT. So, 150 minus one plus 3 plus one yields 153 or so in the Army on 25 Jul. Of those, at least 5 ret in Aug. I would list the 148 names, but think the **ASSEMBLY Editor** would have a stroke. When the names are fewer, I'll try it. Meanwhile, check out your next **REGISTER** to see who is still active, both Army and AF. That is, check it, if you care.

That's about all the damage this scribe can manage this time. I hope to see some of the New Engl area classmates at the Army-BC game on 25 Oct or at other WP Soc functions organized by our NE Pres, **Ed Ofgant.** According to **Bob Finkenauer,** keeper

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of the local mailing list, the following are nearby (in addition to Ed, Bob and scribe): **Cloin Robertson, Ben Crosby, Joe Lupi, Dick Bauschspies, Joe Brown, Arny Doucette,** and **Chuck Cabell.** This column has a category for every member. Some recent examples have been/are as follows: ret, still active as in duty, most recent parents, grandparents, recently married, new colonels, generals, still bachelors, most children, first-ever letter (2d letter? haven't received one yet, ever hopeful), marathoners, ultra-marathoners, lawyers, doctors, etc. **If none of these cataeories suits YOU, write or call and give me a new one!**

PS. Merry Christmas and best wishes for 1981!

'59

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What a pleasure it is to report our first General! **Charlie Getz** received his stars on 1 Jul in the office of LTG Glen K. Otis (DSCOPS) at the Pentagon. Mary Jane assisted in pinning on the stars, and his daughter, now a Cow, was present in uniform. In his remarks, GEN Otis acknowledged Charlie's tremendous performances in a variety of very difficult and demanding assignments over a long period.

1959: Charlie Getz receives his stars.

From G3, 82d Abn Div to bde cmdr; as G3 XVIII Abn Cps to Chief, Doctrine & Systems Integration Div, Requirements Dir, ODCSOPS; he displayed superlative management and organizational ability. But LTG Otis paid particular attention to Charlie's unsurpassed abilities as a troop cmdr. His 6 SS, 3 DFCs, the DSC, and other combat decorations attest to one of our most outstanding combat records.

Charlie was in DC for a brief tour, the month of Jul, as a div chief in Requirements, DCSOPS. With his promotion, he left for Atlanta, where he is Asst DSCOPS, HQS

1959: Luther's promotion to O-6.

1959: Paul Weber

FORSCOM, at Ft McPherson. Congratulations to Charlie, and Godspeed, from a proud Class of '59.

The new Army Colonel's list is out, and a favorite mole in the Pentagon has spirited the list to me. It includes **Jim Abrahamson, Ron Baldwin, Ray Baugh, Lou Beard, Gary Beech, Ray Beurket, Tom Borlund, Ron Brass, Lee Briggs, Larry Burchell, Frank Campbell, Tex DeAtkine, Stan Delikat, Bob DeMont, Mike Duggan, Vic Fernandez, Don Fitchett, Phil Gibbs, Guy Heath, Jim Hill, Charlie Johnson, Don Kendall, George Kleb, Charlie Lymn, Dick Maglin, Butch Marsh, Em McCracken, Tom McMorrow, John Meloy, Larry Minnich, Riley Moore, Bill Murry,** and **Barky Norman.**

Also, **Bob Novogratz, Hugh O'Connor, Kevin O'Neill, Pat Passarella, Al Phillips, Marty Plassmeyer, Court Prisk, Jay Redding, Don Reinhard, Bob Riordan, Ed Robinson, Larry Ross, Dick Rothblum, Al Rushton, Tom Russell, Jim Satterwhite, Bruce Schmacker, Tom Seybold, Jack Smith, Howie Stiles, Don Svendsen, Bill Temple, Chris Thudium, Skip Tyler, Jim Walsh, Jim Walters, Bob Wheeler, Bruce Williams, Phil Yeats, Rush Yelverton, Stan Zagalak,** and **Bill Zaldo.** As usual, profuse apologies if my squinting has omitted anyone.

Bill Luther was promoted to 0-6 on 1 Jun

1959: Harry Walters

at the Pentagon. His wife Devon and MG Fred K. Mahaffey, Dir of Req, ODSCOPS, did the honors with daughter Leslie and son, Bill III, looking on. Bill came to DC from the Canal Zone, where he served for 6 yrs with the 193d Inf Bde, first as Chief of Force Devel, and later as CO, 193d Cbt Spt Bn. Panama was fantastic, says Bill, and they hated to leave. Classmates he knows about include **Joe Todaro and Cass Mullen,** both of whom retired this summer; **Hugh Socks,** who

1959: Smiling Group A

recently departed from the NG Bureau for a 2-yr tour with his wife Joyce in Korea; and **Pete Dawkins,** who is CS, 101st Abn Div, Ft Campbell.

Bill Schwartz relieved his conscience by writing for the first time in 20 yrs, and his relatives can rest assured that his handwriting is beautiful. He and Joyce are in Oakland Hills, CA, at 5858 Harbord Dr. (94611) and Bill has a new job with the Ampex Corp in Redwood City where he is on the corporate marketing staff. He expects to be there for 3 to 6 months and then, hopefully, to move into general mgmt. He ret from the Army on 31 Aug as Dpty Sr Advisor to the 91st Div in Sausalito, and he received the LM for a job

1959: Smiling Group B

well done. He sees quite a bit of **Sid Yateman** (Dpty DIO, Ft Ord), and **Bill Lehrfeld** (Chief, Combat Arms, Readiness Group, Presidio) and they continue to practice, he whispers, the secret Jewish Chapel Squad handshake. He also sees **Bill Zaldo,** who, until his departure for the War College commanded the Sacramento Dist Recruiting Cmd; and **Don Svendsen,** who is the Presidio fac engr.

Nancie Weber writes that civ life is agreeing with Paul. He's a Dpty Prog Mgr with Magnavox, and, after 19 moves, is settling in with **Nancie,** Kris (17), and Dennis (15) at 18446 Santa Veronica Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. They hosted German and Austrian exchange students for 6 weeks this summer, and are thinking of reciprocating with their children next year.

Bill Callaghan writes that he is on the move again. As of early Sept he was about to depart Scott AFB (where he's been Dir of Log Plans), for C-130 pilot qualification tng at Little Rock AFB. His PCS destination is Pope AFB in Jan 81, and he looks forward to a mini-reunion at Ft Bragg next Mar.

Now hear this. **Rody Conway** is with JL Assoc, Inc., at 7300 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33138. The company solicits or is solicited to find people for companies. Rody's specialty is the middle mgmt range of int'l marketers in the 25-50k salary range with special interest in Latin America. Call him collect at 305-757-6800 and he will return your call. And

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1959: Why is this man smiling?

you said this column was useless. Rody reports that **Paul Sper** is VP of Lamalie Assoc, Inc. in Tampa; and **Jean Engler** is still Exec VP of Continental Teledyne in Mobile. And Rody is still a joy.

'61

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It has been over 19 years since graduation and there are still new arrivals to the Class to report. On the 30th of Jul Sarah Lynne came into the world as our latest addition to the **Walsh** family at Ft Hood, TX. Congratulations to Sharon and Marty, keep up the good work. **Pete Gleichenhaus** and Marty are both still in command of battalions at Hood but plan to turn them over at the end of the year. Pete is making plans to go to Europe, Marty is just making plans. Pete visited the AWC in the summer as a student. He saw **Bill Williamson** who is on the faculty and doing a great job; and **Bob Rosenkranz**, student, who has a houseful of little kids. Also at the AWC are: **Denny, Eckman, Lynch, McGinnis, Popovich,** Sarzanini, **Sciple, Sherburne, Stone, Tilton, VanderEls, Vay, Westphelling,** and **Wooten.**

Most of my news for this issue centers around the DC area. **Dick Buckner** and helpers set up 2 luncheons in the Pentagon to get the Class together this summer. Out of the 80 plus classmates in the area, there was about a 60% turnout. It was decided to have the luncheons on a quarterly basis with the next one tentatively scheduled for 10 Dec 80. If you're in the area please contact me or Dick, 692-2020. **Gary Hyde** was the guest speaker at the first 2 luncheons and although it will be difficult to do, **Buckner** promises an more renowned speaker in Dec. We'll just have to wait and see. Some of the new people in the area are: **Bruce Bradford** on the **Army staff; Jim Taylor,** JCS; **Charlie Green,** DCSLOG; **Chuck Armstrong,** DCSOPS; **Frank Rauch,** DCSPER; and **Rusty Dyer,** OSD; just to mention a few.

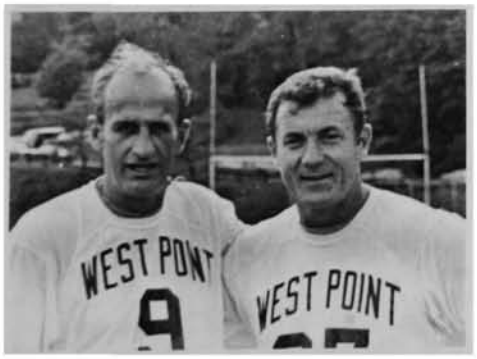
On the Bde Cmd list were both **Glenn** and **Phil Mallory, Dyer, Chelberg, VanderEls,** and **Harmond.** The COL promotion list included **Chuck Armstrong, Vick, Sherburne, Lionetti, Madden, Rauch, Stone, Vay,** and **Cuthbert.** Congratulations to all, even those of you I may have missed.

Red Zaldo stopped by DC and called from the **Blanda** household. All is well on the West Coast according to Red and if you are near Culver City please stop in. **Neil Gregg** also sent a note from Raleigh NC where he is the Asst Secy for Natural Resources. You can reach Neil at 919-733-4006 if you are in the area.

Dick Clarke, now with OCSA in the Pentagon, brings news from Europe. **Mike & Rita Hale** have extended to stay in Heidelberg until 81 and Mike has moved to DCSRM. **Jack Dorr** and family are in Acheusburg where Jack commands an Engr Bn which recently received a USAREUR award for German American relations. **Marsh Harrington** is in Stuttgart with the EUCOM exercise section. Marsh's son won the all Germany wrestling championship in his weight group last spring. **Scott Dillard,** the former manager for the men's football team, is now working with the Army women's basketball team; and is assisted by **Bruce Halstead. Don Barney,** asgmt unknown, is a recent War College Correspondence Course selectee for the Class of 82. Dick completed the first year of the AWCCC last summer and graduates hopefully in Jul 81. Now that **Ken Meissner** has returned to the States the Heidelberg HS is looking for a new wrestling coach. Ken helped coach the team to a winning season.

I'm sorry to have to end this article on a sad note, but **Scooter Wildermuth** passed away suddenly during July 80 in CA. His funeral was held at WP. He leaves his wife Sheila and 5 children who reside in Westlake Village, CA. I would like to express the sympathy from the Class to his family.

As you read this and the Xmas season is around us, please have a safe and merry holiday and don't forget to drop me a line.



1961: Hannon and Buckner reliving those "Good Old Days" at the October Alumni Lacrosse game.

'62

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ALOHA AND MAHALO to the San Fran and HI classmates who provided such a grand time to your scribe and wife on our recent visit. **Jim & Tina Heldman** hosted a Bay Area get-together to which **Bob Meceda, Phil Galanti, Ed Hendren, Lew Brown, Gary Sharp, Frank Caufield, Tom Eccleston** and assorted beautiful ladies renewed or discovered Class ties. A glass of cheer was lifted to celebrate new youngsters in the **Hendren** and **Brown** homes.

Tina & Jim Heldman are doing well in the Bay area with a number of changes in their lives. Jim and **T. C. McCarthy** packaged a multi-million dollar computer contract with the State of OR. The income tax seemingly was sufficient to cause Congress to up the mil pay raise recently. Thank you fellas. . . .

1962: Hudaks with Mrs. Bea Holland Helmick, retired Cadet Hostess.

Tina is now a buyer for the Clorox Corp having left teaching.

For those of you who are planning ret from the Service at 20, the civ side of our group has a contingent of some 15 to 20 persons who have volunteered to assist in counseling, relocation, resumé writing, or lead/contact assistance. If you wish to participate in that form of aid, please write to your scribe in confidence and I will place you in touch with a classmate who might be able to aid your planning or decision-making.

Cathey and your scrivener had the pure delight of visiting and dining with our ret Cadet Hostess, Mrs. Bea Holland Helmick, who is living on Oahu. She has maintained contact with many of us in various classes. She has asked that she be remembered to each of you.

We had a grand time visiting with **Bill & Betty Kosco.** Bill recently changed command with the 65th Combat Engr Bn and further added to Betty's plans with a pending Apr/May baby on the way. Their children play heaps of soccer along with those of the **Spanglers** to whom I promised an apology for missing much of their promotions, moves, etc. **Duane & Jan Slater** with boys, John and Daniel, were packing for and are now at **Knox** College in Galesburg, IL. We missed **Bill Ross** on 2 week ADT as a JAG MAJ reserve in from FL; **Stan Shutes,** who went to Canada for a fishing vacation; and **Jim Krause** on the mainland for a vacation. Jim is with GO Properties Inc. in Kauai and Stan teaches at the prestigious Hawaiian Prep School at Kamuela on the big island of Hawaii. His parents live in San Mateo, CA.

Larry Parmenter reported in as a West Coast member with new digs at 2515 Glebe Rd, Lemon Grove, CA 92045. He is a surveyor/engr in El Cajon.

Bits and Pieces: Add to the ret list **Will Harrison; Russ Reich** from Langley to Frankfurt; **Jeff & Sheila Dean** Stilton to 2620 Kenilworth Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091; **Dave Treadwell** in Birmingham, AL; **Bill Calhoun** with **Dave Phillips** at USMA Dean's Office along with USMA crew **Kays, Prince, Ricks** and **Fishburne.**

Jim Kays has finished his RPI PhD and is forging on as plebe math director and assoc P. Founders Day had **Devries** and **Bothwell** in attendance at WP.

Great letter from **Dick Mayo** reporting on the folks in Germany who number **Tom Faley, Barry Butzer, Tom Murray, Stan Whitmore, Don Karrer, Art Lovgren, Ron Tumelson, Joe Petrolino, Rick Gramzow, J. J. Spencer, Don Street, Ron Skarupa, Tom Herre, Jack Reavill, Skip Campbell, Chuck Dominy** and female companions.

Dick is the father of number 7, born 2 Apr,

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1962: Hudak on board USS **Constitution**, Boston Harbor.

and named Matthew Thomas. Your scribe will donate to the Class Fund in the **Mayo** name. Any other as productive, or more so, are encouraged to write. . . .

Dick will be in the Heidelberg area until Jun 81 and has offered to aid in the news from Europe.

Tom Kilmartin and **Dick Caccioppe** hosted a post game party at Army-Notre Dame. They both live in Mishawaka, IN, about 5 miles from Notre Dame. Tom, Gail and children moved there from PA where Tom is now Midwest Div Mgr for Henkels & McCoy Inc., the worlds largest utility contractor. Rich and Peg and their 3 girls are 5-year residents of the area, where after 11 years with IBM, he became pres of Krizman, Inc. about a year ago. If you want more data on the game or whatever, write Rich at 54490 Old Bedford Trail, or Tom at 54499 Whispering Oak Dr, Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Your scribe's old Beast roommate, **Jim Harrington,** wrote from Korea while headed to 1515 Dakota at Leavenworth. He has been J5 staff and got a few TDY's in to break up the land of the midnight sun work. He and wife Marty have 5 children having added 6 lb., 9 oz. Deborah Anne on 11 Mar. Oldest, Jimmy, is 16 and a H.S. Jr.; Julie is 13; Jodie, 12; and David, 8. Jim saw **Dan Buttolph** on his way to NWC and sees **Fred LaRoque** at the tennis courts or jogging in defense of the nation.

The "BIRD" has been or will be presented to new 0-6's **Arnold, Blumhardt, Browning, Dominy, Downing, Gavan, Gorden, Handy, Johnson, Ord, Rigby, Robb, Snider, Thomas.** AWC resident graduates include: **Arnold, Blumhardt, Bryde, Kambrod, Ord, R. Phillips, Sherard, Strong, Weinfurter** and **Wuerpel.** Walt Bryde also received an M.S. in Public Admin from Shippensburg State Coll recently. Selected for AWC Corr Crs are: **Chandler, Fishburne, Giradi, Hurst, McGurk, McKay,** and **Sprague.**

Dodie & Dale Hruby wrote to encourage young folks attendance at the Army-Navy-AF Cotillion at Ft McNair O Club from 8-12 p.m. on Dec 26th. For more data: contact them at 9502 Burning Branch Rd, Burke, VA 22015.

The "**Henn** House" hosted a Jul get-together with the Detroit area '62 contingent. All 9 arrived including the **Jones** from Toledo and the **Welpers** from Hillsdale (over a 3 hour drive).

Karl & Joyce Henn with boys, Karl, 4; and Matt, 2, spent the summer enjoying lake living, learning to swim and to ride bikes. Karl is senior proj engr at Fisher Body, trying to keep the company profitable.

Bill, Liz Christopher and boys spent the summer visiting amusement parks, friends and the MI upper peninsula. They also made a brief trip to the near "North Country-North Bay" Canada to pick up a son at hockey camp and to outdoor camp among the blackflies and mosquitoes.

Mike & Ruth Currin with John, 16, Pat, 3, and Peter, 20 mo., are living in Woodhaven, MI. They spent the summer doing inexpensive things after a trip to the Philippines to visit Ruth's family. Mike is a Jeep Corp engr and is studying to be a lay reader in the Episcopal Church. Ruth is super-busy with little ones while John is taking driver's ed as a H.S. Jr. and preparing for an M.D. career.

Jim & Ursula Schmidt with Stephanie, 10, are living in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He owns Schmidt Securities, a municipal bond firm.

Contrary to popular opinion (Your Scribe???) the **Scharpfs,** Frank and Betty are still in MI. Sumofagun. . . . Frank is Asst PM Prog Off Fighting Veh Sys. They are 6 in number with 2 H.S. and 2 Elem. kiddies.

The **Welpers:** Gene and Shelley with Rob, 14, and Pam, 9, live country style as Gene lawyers in Hillsdale and Shelley keeps active in civic activities. They welcome anyone to visit in the area.

Win & Barbara Ward plus Lisa and Jennifer lived in a lake house for the summer. Win is Dir of Marketing for Cadillac Gage.

Dave & Judy Jones with Robin, 12, Brian, 9, and Mindy, 5, live in Toledo where Dave is a trial lawyer for Eastman, Stichter, Smith and Bergman.

Bernie Skown moved to the Detroit area 2 summers ago as Dir of Corporate Devel for an intl firm that builds paint finishing systems for car assembly plants throughout the world. He is wheeling and dealing in a new plant start up in Mexico City and putting together several other acquisitions in the States. He was married 27 Sept in NYC (both for the first time he quipped. . . .).

Your scribe just finished 4 months active duty with the USCG and had the pleasure of being the USS **Constitution** Control Officer during the Tall Ships visit to Boston as well as writing the OpOrder for OPSAIL 80. He plans to attend Nav WC in Newport, RI in Feb and just completed a weeks visit to Hilton Head Is, SC, in Oct.

Hey—youse guys!! We NEED—more AF news, more Army news, more civ news, more photos, more complaint letters, more phone calls, more telegrams (that's them funny yellow things), more nasty notes to the scribe on missing news and we need more change of address cards; we need YOU to stop reading and enjoying and to START contributing so the scribe can get a pay raise for all of the overtime. Be different this month . . . let us know you are alive and well OR dead and buried. . . . COMMUNICATE.

See you at a football game, Homecoming, X-rated movie, or hot disco . . . where 2 or 3 of you are raising hell together one of you send notes. . . . BEAT THE SWABS. . . .

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Another hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to "63 QUALITY." We have 3 classmates wearing "EAGLES" in the Pentagon: **Bill Boice,** OSD; **Tom Carey,** OSCA; and **Frank Cardile,** Air Staff. Congratulations are also in order for our most recent 0-6 selections: **Jerry Harrison,** ICAF; **John Counts,** ICAF; **Tim Grogan,** AWC and **J. B. Wheeler,** AWC.

1963: Ischinger and the Jones'.

Curt Esposito reports he found someone who loves his trusty English Springer spaniel, "Sir Drumly, USMA" as much as he does. Hence, Curt and Mary Lyde Foster will be married at the Ft Myer Chapel on 7 Feb 81. Curt has been extended in command, 4th Bn, 1st (AIT/OSUT) Bde at Ft Knox. **Tom Carney** will be Curt's best man and they are hoping that **Colin Kelly** will come from Ft Leavenworth to perform the ceremony. Mary Lyde's family has an extensive WP background, brother '69, father '42, etc., back to the Class of 1815. Curt saw **Pat & Juanita Tate** in Nashville where Pat and Curt ran a 10 miler. Pat finished 94th out of 2000, Curt and Sir Drumley negotiated the course in about 460th place. Pat has been participating in marathons in Birmingham and Athens. Curt was scheduled to try the METRO in Louisville in Nov, with no ice hockey at Knox, 10 KM races have become his thing.

Received a change of address notice from **Bob Donovan,** who has moved from Lynchburg, VA, to 10 Ramsey Ave, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N3C358. **John Dorland** has been named head of Commerce Union Banks' correspondent banking division in Nashville, TN.

1963: Curry, Julie, Nancy and Virginia Vaughan.

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1963: Cyndy Christensen '76, Jackie, Christi, Elizabeth, and Al Clark.

He was exec VP of data processing for the bank. He will now direct the Commerce Union in relations with approximately 150 banks in the Southwest. John holds an M.S. degree from the U of S. Mississippi and a MBA from UTN.

Received a short note from **Al Jones** on the small contingent of '63 that got together this summer at the Leavenworth Pre-Cmd Cse. **Marty Ischinger** was en route to cmd a Mech Inf Bn in Korea. **Marty** had just completed a couple of eventful years at TRADOC. **Marty** and **Al** were roommates during firstie year and since then had not had a chance to trade war stories. **John Waller** is headed for an Inf bn cmd in AK. John dazzled everyone at Leavenworth CATTS facility when, acting as the Bn CO, he beat the computer. **Al**, a none REDLEG, was headed for Ft Sill to cmd the 14th Avn Bn and a cultural shock after just finishing flying with the 6th Army flight det in San Fran.

Rich Entlich reports a brief reunion at Ft Benning: Entlichs (cmd, 2/10 FA), **Genettis** (Cmd, 43d ENG), **DeGrafs** (en route to Heidelberg) and **Senecals** (en route to DC).

Nancy Vaughan writes their family back packed in the Smokies along the Appalachian trail, with Curry never losing his Inf drive. Photo was taken the day a 400 lb black bear terrorized their lovely camp site, stole **Nancy's** backpack and some food and generally "did as he pleased" for 2 hours before finally departing, leaving 4 very shaken people behind. They are currently enjoying their Korean tour. Curry has taken the pastorate job for South Post Chapel with 550 in attendance and growing every week.

Received a short note from **Al Clark**, Austin, TX. His wife Jackie teaches typing at the local middle school. The girls are enjoying horseback riding lessons and rodeos. Al's job continues to be challenging and fun. He was involved in Hurricane Allen as Governor Clements' liaison. He oversees the SEA Refugee Task Force, established by the Governor, among many other daily tasks. Al reports **Buz Rolfe** travels through Austin frequently calling on bankers. **Alden Cunningham** visited on his way to attaché assignment in Mexico. **Andy Seidel's** church is thriving at College Station and he was a guest lecturer at the Spring Canyon, CO, retreat of Officers Christian Fellowship.

JayWestermier confirms he made it to the wedding on time and will try to organize a Class luncheon to redeem himself for "skipping out" on the Class picnic. **Mike Boyle** did a super job in organizing our family Class picnic 23 Aug at Cameron Sta. Twenty-three classmates/families attended: **Jack Davis** in DC on business was a surprise visitor. **Jack** is an operation rsch consultant in Las Vegas (3068 Garret Ct, Las Vegas, NV 89121) with wife Susie and Jacquelin, 10, and Michael, 2. However, our biggest surprise was provided by **Ken & Sally Wall** with Susan, 16; Brick, 15; Anthony, 10; and Becca, 9. **Sally** is expecting in Oct. Ken said the baby's name will be Laura—that's an unusual name for a boy. Not to be outdone, **Bob & Daniela O'Toole** announced they are expecting a roommate for Leslie, 15 months. **Bob** cmds the 76th Engr Bn at Ft Meade. Home address is 1910 Wamsutta Lane, Hanover, MD 21706. **Mike & Linda Boyle**, Michael, 16; Brandt, 14; and Allison, 6, are living at 19314 Dunbridge Way, Gaithersburg, MD. Mike is selling executive jets for Universal Jet Ltd, tel: 202—656-1650, in case you need one. **Tom & Peg Carney**, Kris, 16; Eric, 14; and Jodie, 10, are at 5304 Dunleigh Ct, Burke, VA 22015. Tom is with OCSA (PA&E). **Jerry & Sharon Harrison**, Scott, 15, and Carolyn, 9, are at 4326 Cedarlake Ct, Alexandria VA 22309. Jerry is taking it in stride at ICAF. **George & Judy Moses**, Laura, 15, and Heather, 4, are at 1536 Forest Villa Lane, McLean, VA 22101. **George** is with OCSA PA&E). **Heidi & Kay Heiden**, Jo, 16, and Clint, 12, are located at 10008 Winnepeg Ct, Burke, VA 22015. **Heidi** is with DA, ACSAC. **Ray & Ilse**, Tom, 12, and Cindy, 9, **Klopotek** are at 3201 Wilton Knoll Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310. **Ray** is with the AF in DC. **Rich & Sue**, Amy, 13,

1963: Curt Esposito and fiancee, Mary Foster.

Rob, 11, and Anne, 7, **Goldsmith** are at 9303 Winbourne Rd, Burke, VA 22015. **Rich** is another classmate sweating out the year at ICAF. **Steve & Judie**, Scott, 16, Lori, 14, Tara, 11, and Eric, 5, **Silvasy** reside at 10730 Burr Oak Way, Burke, VA 22015. Scott has the size to play nose guard at Army or with the Steelers. Steve works for OCSA (PA&E) and is a daily visitor to our DCSOPS unit tng division. **John**, another ICAF student, & **Mona** and Joy, 14, **Counts** are living at 927 Mackull Ave, McLean, VA. **Herb & Julia**, Rick, 13, and Jim, 11, **Ellis** are at 10108 Marshall Pond Rd, Burke, VA 22015. **Herb** is the FA Test Mgr at OTEA. **Lee Ernest** at DARCOM IG attended with **Mary Ann**, Ben, 11, and Mike, 9, Ivan (Bob) **Farris**, with NUC Div, J5, OJCS, came with **Jeanne**, Ivan, 15, and Courtney, 14. The teenage girls were eyeing Ivan the younger. **John Ellerson**, with ODCSOPS, attended with Janet, Tracey, 10, and Amy, 9. **John** is doing well and has a distinguished look about him, especially the top of him.

Don Conrad, ODCOPS, brought along

1963: Genettis, Senecal, DeGrafs and Entlichs at Fort Benning.

Diane, 39 (oops), Elizabeth, 16, and Vicki, 15. Don and I have played golf recently, he is still buying drinks. **Alex & Claire Whitaker** are living at 888 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20006. Alex was responsible for the soft drinks and managed to deliver the kids goodies before the daddys finished the draft beer. **Bob Foley**, ODCSOPS, and **Julie**, Mark, 9, David, 8, and Sara, 3 were on hand and had another picnic later on to attend. **Rudy Sandy**, Rudy, 13, and Stephen, 11, **Ehrenberg** are enjoying **Rudy's** year at ICAF. Old, reliable, dependable buddy **Larry Capps**, OCSA (PA&E) attended with **Brenda**, Barry, 13, and David, 10. Larry was in charge of photos. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, we will all gather together next year, to retake classmate, classmate with wives, and group photos. Larry will be in charge of the soft drinks.

Recent DC arrivals include **Doug Mosier**, ODCSRDA, **Dick Matteson**, ODCDOPS, **Joe Halgus**, ODCSOPS, **Phil Bosma**, OCOA, **Jan Senecal**, ODCSPER, and **Dave Jackson**, ODCSOPS. **Jim Dickey** departs for bn cmd at Ft Riley.

The deadline for the Mar 81 issue is 30 Dec so drop me a quick note and tell me what's happening. Keep those ugly photographs coming. Appreciate your support. May the Lord Bless you and keep you well in the New Year!

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The football season has brought some classmates out of the woodwork after a hot summer at WP. Besides the crew that is stationed here, **Rusty McCormack** and **Jim Kofalt** continue to frequent the upper deck of Michie Stadium along with **Dave Smith**. I know there are others, but I am surrounded by big people and **Terry Rusnak** has refused to put me on his shoulders so I can count noses. **Mike Conway** was seen at the refreshment stand.

We have 11 classmates here now. **George & Piia Jacunski** joined the JAG's office this summer and **Peg & Gary Cecchine** are now in the Engr Dept with **Terry Rusnak** and me. **Sandy & Sam Burney** moved in this year to work with the AOG. **Fred Pope** is still a Special Asst to the Supt and **Bob Tetu** remains the Dir of Instruction for DPE. **Seth Hudgins** and **Norm Grunstad** are the S1 and S3 respectively, for USCC, but Seth will leave to take his Avn Bn before the end of the academic year. **Bill Connor** will stay with the Hist Dept for this year and will then be off to SHAPE. **Frank Giordano** continues to provide stability in the Math Dept as well as to us WP transients. **Norm Grunstad** has been elected local honcho to look

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1964: Kofalt, President, Cablevision of NJ and Westchester.

after affairs in **Dick Chilcoat's** absence. The Class "Headquarters" will probably move to DC within the next couple of years, since a larger number of classmates will inhabit that area.

George Hillard writes that he, his wife and 2 children lives in St. Charles, IL, where he works for NALCO Chemical Co. George is the Dir of TS, designing and conducting supervisory and management training programs. He also manages the Corporate Tng Ctr. George is the XO of the 12th SF Gp in nearby Arlington Hgts and says he enjoys the Res. In his travels, George says he sees **George & Merrill Domas** occasionally in LA and says he heard that **Skeet Sleet** is still there too. Thanks for the letter, George.

Jim Kolfalt has been named pres of Cablevision of NJ and Cablevision of Westchester, both affiliates of Cablevision Sys Devl Co of Woodbury, NY. Jim had previously been gen mgr of both systems. Jim has been working with cable TV since 72. Congratulations Jim.

Geff Kleb called from Ft Bliss to say that he will move to Garmisch, West Germany in Dec to be the Cmdt of the U.S. Army Russian Inst. He is pleased, to say the least. He also said that **Jim Koster** is on his way to command a FA Bn in the 8th Inf Div and that **Bob Merritt** who works with the Stinger at Ft Bliss will move to OTEA in DC in Dec.

Jack McWatters moved to Ft Meade this Aug and **Mike Horstman** moved to TRADOC at Ft Monroe earlier in the summer. **Jim McCormack** also has a new job with JCS. I read in the **Army Times** where **Jed Brown** and **Waldo Freeman** are going to be Colonels. Congratulations Jed and "Mike."

Those of you who have moved, tell me what you are doing and I'll spread the word.

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As of this writing we're gearing up for Homecoming and Reunion activities, so just a few notes for now . . .

New arrivals at WP over the summer include **Lee and Nancy Atchley** with D/Math. They and 13-year-old Cathy were at Leavenworth for C&GSC prior to this asgmt. **Don & Janice Rowe** are back for a 2d tour—in the international relations area of D/SocSci. Don just completed AFSC, which followed a tour at SHAPE in Belgium. Janice is completing her nurse's training while riding herd over their 4 kids. They report **Fred & Sue Timmerman** are at Ft Carson, where he'll command a bn, following tours in Heidelberg and Bamberg. They have a new baby, which brings the brood to 4. **Jim & Karen Ferguson** are also at Ft Carson following a tour in Heidelberg, where Jim was aide to GEN Blanchard.

Larry & Ann Konermann arrived on the scene after years of hiding out with MEDDAC-types. He's Dpty for Vet Activities, which means that in addition to other more lofty pursuits, he's in charge of the well-being of WP's own "donkey dust" producers which reside behind his office. They've recently given up an old Victorian home in Sausalito from which Larry commuted to the Presidio of San Fran. They've got more than a houseful here at WP—2 sons (Ivan 6½ and Bryant 2), 2 pseudo-ferocious weimaraners, and 2 Morgan horses.

Great news from **Jim & Julie McEliece** . . . he's been assigned permanently to WP. He'll finish out this semester in D/SocSci and gradually phase into new responsibilities in the Operations Div, Office of the Dean.

John Howell is the man behind the scenes in improving the looks, image, and performance of this year's cadet song girls. He's "Mr. School Spirit," it seems, and the fever's catching on. Good work, John!

John Shuford is back on the tennis courts again, and recently won the WP Racquet Club's Men's Singles title in the over-35 division.

Our European correspondent, **John Swensson**, got us some poop right at deadline time—and we'll get lots more from him in person at the reunion. John is currently in the IG shop at HQ USAREUR, his expected summer Olympic duties having been cancelled by the boycott. **John & Karen Pickler** and their 3 children are ensconsed in Idar Oberstein where John is both a Bn Cdr and Subcommunity Cdr. He's commanding the same Bn to which he was assigned as a 2LT. John is doing a super job and controls a vast empire. **Dan Christman** has an Engr Bn in Wurzburg with the 3d ID. He and **Sue** are expecting a baby soon. **John Alger** is a speechwriter for CINC USAREUR, putting that PhD to use. At Karlsruhe, **Swensson** ran into **Steve Harman, Ralph Locurico,** and **Ed Simpson**, and reports of the threesome that only Loco is sporting hair. Loco is XO of an Engr Bn while **Ingrid** is working in a leather shop. **Ann & Steve Harman** have 7 children, and he's the S3 for the 7th Sig Bde. **Ed Simpson** is also the XO of an Engr Bn. **John "Mosky" DeVitto** joined DCSLOG Plans and Opns last summer. **Lee Hewitt** passed through—he's in the Automation Office on Army Staff and was the staff observer for "OPN REGURGER," as the USAREUR contingent calls it. **Bob Guy** is serving as XO to MG Lynn, the USAREUR CS and keeping fit on the racquetball court. Heard that **Dave Jones** is doing great things at Ft Lewis with the 9th Inf Div.

Keep that mail coming in. The deadline for the next column will be around 30 Dec, right after you receive this issue of the ASSEMBLY. Happy Holidays.

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'66

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Straight column this time. They are all straight, really, but this one, being my swan song is more linear than most. Many pictures but few tidbits. Everyone must have been too busy to write this summer. You guys have to get out and "do" something. **John Burger** (lawyer out of AZ State) did. He was elected to the Desert Samaritan Hospital Advisory Council in Mesa, AZ, where he practices law. John and Susan have 2 children now. Congrats, John.

1966: Mystery picture.

Ed Kane sent me a fantastic newspaper article about **Bob Ramsay.** Seems that in his spare time Bob put together $2.5 million and bought the old Poloron Plant in Scranton, PA. He is reviving the metal working operation, putting people to work, and shooting for being one of the top 10 black owned businesses in the U.S. Bob says that it will be a long haul but I'll bet that he makes it. Keep humpin' Bob.

Jim Lee called from his new AF job in Albuquerque. He is at the AF Wpns Lab and has decided to turn semi-pro skier. The picture is of his first run this year and he will be on Wide World of Sports this Dec. Not to be outdone, **Dave Britain** has bought

1966: Gaynor and tennis instructor.

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1966: Brian Cole with his prize Guernsey.

a hot air balloon and he and his bride Judith are participating in races called "Hare and Hounds" all over OH and IN. Another Texan, **Brian Cole,** has taken up cattle raising. He has 250 head and is expanding.

That's about it. Two guys had the courtesy to write from their vacations this summer. **Dave Kelley** went on a Greek Isle cruise and found a great piano teacher. **Kevin Gaynor** learned to play tennis and vows to beat McEnroe as soon as they are both in the same age bracket.

The last mystery picture was accurately guessed by a not so ancient geneologist. The prize is on its way. This issue's mystery picture is courtesy of **John Deponai.** He would tell me only that it was taken in the fall of 74 and it is of a classmate who has made at least one early promotion. Direct all guesses to John at CERL in Champaign, IL.

Speaking of early promotion, congrats to Majors(P) **LeCuyer, Leach, Arthur, Calek, Farrell, Fry, Gorski, Harrison, Hock, Kelsey, Ogle, Wright, Scales, Kline,** and **Wood.** Next stop, Command List.

Norm Fretwell forwarded a letter explaining the new Vietnam Memorial to be built in Washington near the Lincoln Memorial. It will cost $2.5 million and they have raised one tenth of that so far. Twenty dollars guarantees the placement of the name of a person killed in Vietnam on the memorial. There will be more information in this issue or you can write to: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, PO Box 37240, Washington, DC 20013.

I shall be folding my tent and stealing silently into the night soon so I want to provide for an orderly transition. The next '66 column will be written by the new temporary scribe. This way our staffs will be able to work out a smooth transition. It was tough choosing my successor. He had to be inquisitive, display good judgment, and have flair. Surveying the local crop of classmates I found a guy who decided to venture forth one night to observe the nocturnal mating habits of the local raccoons. While padding about in his bare feet he managed to do a clean half gainer into a wheelbarrow breaking his fall with his head. Score for the dive—15 stitches. He is inquisitive and he did have flair and 2 out of 3 wins the prize. The next deadline is 3 Jan 81. Send your cards and letters to: MAJ M. G. WILLIAMS, Office of the Dean, West Point, NY 10996.

Thanks all. Tag, MG, you're it.

1966: Dave and Judith Britain, Centerville, OH.

1966: Jim Lee at Taos.

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Yo-Ho-Ho!! It is the Xmas Season again. You all have another chance to redeem your miserly performance of last year. This year I will not accept things that come in plain, brown paper wrappers. I hope you all did your shopping early. I have expensive tastes, and fine wine will not be getting any cheaper. On the other hand, **Ed Dewey** continues to swill Boone's Farm, which should tell you all you need to know about his standards of taste.

Ed, by the by, wrote to say that he is now firmly entrenched in USAREUR Hqs in Heidelberg as a war planner in ODCSOPS. My friends, we are in grave peril. I have seen the results first hand of Ed's planning. With luck, the Russians will simply be too confused to take advantage of this opportunity. In light of **Tom Schwartz's** continuing threats to send me to Germany, my morale is suffering no end. Since Ed was sent to one of the alternate CGSC courses instead of Leavenworth, he's not a fully qualified "Double Nothing." The consequences of all this are too frightening to consider.

Ed is not alone in USAREUR Hqs. **John Kuspa** is also working in ODCSOPS, in the Operations Shop; and **Kent Kraus** arrived in Sept, and is a Comptr in Resource Mgmt. That means he is supposed to come up with the money for Ed's plans. And guess who's helping him in that endeavor? **Terri Heglin,** that's who. Think about it—our classmates controlling the destiny of the free world. And, of course, there's **Alton Donnell,** merrily tinkering with the perfect bomb, to make it **all** work. Anyone care to join me in a drink?

Terry Hand managed to escape this potential catastrophe last summer. He was in the DCSENGR Office in Heidelberg, but is now back here in the States working on his PhD at Lehigh. Once that's accomplished, he'll be back here at the womb. Permanently! Lucky devil.

1967: Dyer and Balkcom with friend.

Roger Waltz is still in Germany. He's now with ACSLOG, 21st SUPCOM in Kaiserlautern as the Plans & Opns Off. Other Germany files: **Chuck Swanson** is in Frankfurt with the Dir of Engr. He even claims he likes his job. Careful Chuck—when was the last time anyone can remember having a pleasant experience with a post housing officer. (WP residents need not answer!) **Dean Risseeuw** is in the IG's Office at V Corps Hqs; and **Bill Obley** is a civ working for the Engr Dist in Frankfurt.

More Germany news—you'd think that's where it's all happening these days. **Tom White** sobered up from his promotion party (he became a LTC on 1 Aug) long enough to write a semi-coherent message about goings on in his neck of the woods. He is currently Regt'l XO of the 11th ACR, and will assume cmd of the 1st Sq in Jun. **Jim Tankovich** became the XO of the 3d Sq, 11th ACR on 1 Oct. **Steve May** is the Aide to the V Corps Cmdr in Frankfurt; **Larry Izzo** is the S3 of the 18th Engr Bde; **Ed Bryla** is a tank bn XO in the 1st AD in Bamberg; **Jack Wood,** who is also a LTC now, is also in the 1st AD, and is also on the Cmd List.

Dick Black was with an ADA unit at Grafenwoer, but managed to escape that garden spot this summer, and is now matriculating at CGSC earning his "Double Nothing" degree. And finally, but by no means least, the **Crowleys**—Jim, Karen, et al—are no longer in Germany; they are now at Ft Sheridan, IL, with Jim assigned to the local RR. So much for Europe. Tom, by the way, was supposed to send a picture of his being promoted—but no one was willing to record the event on film. Apparently, the powers that be were convinced that it was all a massive administrative error and wanted as little physical evidence as possible. So much for immortality. I had a substitute picture; but in fear that some of our children may accidentally pick up this magazine in the bathroom, I decided not to publish it. In lieu of a photograph, Tom sent the following trivia question: Who still holds the USAREUR javelin record set in 1969? I could make you wait 'til next issue for the answer, but considering your positively underwhelming response to my previous antipoverty campaign quiz, I shall only make you wait 'til the end of these notes.

Something must have inspired you all in the last few months—your letters and phone calls have been like a veritable flood. At last count, there were 7 letters! My cup runneth over.

First of all, there was a note from **Carolyn Donnell,** who sent along the picture of Alton standing in the Rio Grande River near Santa Fe, NM. I do not know why he was standing

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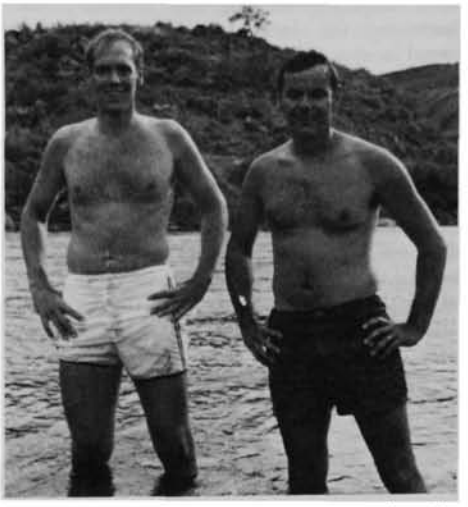
in the river, and Carolyn did not offer any explanation. Perhaps they were looking for heavy water with which to build the bomb **Ed Dewey** is planning to use? Carolyn says Alton stays on TDY a lot. Was he being paid Per Diem to stand in the river?

She also reports getting a phone call from the **Winkels** in Saudia Arabia. Lord, I hope it wasn't collect! Ray is working long hours for the Engr Dist, and Sally has a full time job to keep her busy. Next year they will go to Berkeley, where Ray will get his PhD. Then they will come back here. Permanently! Lucky devil.

Our man in DC, **George Dials**, is no longer our man in DC. In Aug, the **Dial** clan pulled up stakes and moved to Santa Fe, NM. Fortunately, he did not send a picture of himself standing in the Rio Grande River there. Maybe **Alton Donnell** knows something that George doesn't. George is now a sr assoc in a private consulting firm, Los Alamos Technical Associates, Inc, managing the fossil energy div. He wants to specialize in coal mining and coal-syn fuels (his word) projects. He says he's looking for good engr help and for contracts for projects in fossil energy areas. Any of you first section hives looking for something to do—give George a buzz. His new address is 1026 Calle Large, Santa Fe, NM 87501; phone 505-988-1647 (home) or 662-9080 (office). He claims the skiing and trout fishing are great, and the welcome mat is always out.

You thought that was the end of the news from NM—right? Wrong! Got a phone call the other night from **Bill Cates**, who is an account exec for—listen up, now—EF Hutton. He's also the Woo Poo Admissions LnO for Northern NM. Bill got out of the service in 78—his last asgmt being here in the Hist Dept—and has already done quite well for himself. In Jun he won an all expense paid trip to Europe, and is already a member of Hutton's Century Club. Isn't it funny the way we perceive things differently? Civilians talk about "winning" an all expense paid trip to Europe! I have one that I will gladly offer the lowest bidder. He further stated that **Gerry Misurek** is also in Albuquerque, working as a real estate consultant and as a consultant to a large swimming pool manufacturer. Bill was planning to get all these clowns together for a mini reunion dinner.

Have you ever gotten a letter written by a computer? Sure you have. You can always tell—the type looks funny. I got one the other day; it was signed by **Bob White**. He claims it was written by a nifty gadget called a "word processor." I do not trust computers, or people who are highly proficient in the use of them. This all began back in those horrible days of Plebe Year on the 5th floor of Washington Hall, when the ghouls in Squint & Print introduced us to the GE205, which is about how many tenths I went "D" in any course dealing with computers. I used to intensely hate the smart alecks in the upper sections who would walk up to the computer in Thayer Hall, push a button, and the damn thing would say, "Hi Bob, how are you today?" All I could ever get out of it was "abort mode" and an invitation for a turnout exam. Maybe it was the way they taught the stuff to us—you remember that catchy phrase "it is evident from the above that such and such is true." The above being 2 or 3 paragraphs of mixed ancient Hittite script and early runes. And now Bob has the audacity to send me a letter written by a computer. He did send along a photo of the **White** triplets—Brad, Emily, and Brian—taken on their



1967: Donnell and Ramos ('69) in the Rio Grande.

second birthday. One must assume that Brad is on a different diet than his siblings. Either that, or these triplets were born a **long** time apart. Bob and Ann, and the triplets, are in Omaha, NE. He's assigned to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, which does the nuclear target planning for DOD. In other words, he's the guy who decides where to put **Al Donnell's** bomb. That is a frightening thought. May I suggest Canoe U. as a starting place? Bob is working on a scheme to compile and computerize an up-to-date Class roster, to include addresses, occupations, wives, kids, girlfriends, and scandal. If he can pull it off, it would be a great help to all of us. Anyone interested in helping and getting on the roster, contact Bob at 12302 Walker Dr, Omaha, NE, 68123.

Short Bursts: **Doug Starr** is now in DCSOPS, the Pentagon, after a tour as XO of ½ ACR in Germany; **March Perry** is the Asst SIGO for the 1st AD; **Dean Kunihiro** works for the Nuclear Regulatory Comm in CA (recently transferred from Bethesda, MD); **Frank Kreeger** is at the AFSC, Norfolk, VA; **Harry Rothman** is in the 3d Bde, 101st Abn Div at Ft Campbell, KY; and **Steve Viney** is now a student at the Navy WC in Newport, RI. Speaking of which—2 classmates just graduated from that august institution this past summer: **John Kuspa** and **John Stewart**. Unfortunately, don't know where Stewart went from there. Kuska is in Germany with **Ed Dewey**.

Ron Naples was up here in Sept for the CA game and we had a few minutes to chat. He's still in Phila. Their big news is they are expecting their 2d child in Apr. Their son Jeffrey is about a year old now, I think.

O.K.—I won't keep you in suspense any longer. **Larraine Foelsch** finally did have her baby (No. 5!) on 2 Jul. Robert William signed in at a trim 8 lbs. Also, **Dave & Magda Baggett** had their 4th boy, Russell Anthony, on 22 Sept. Mothers and children are all doing well.

Ed Sullivan wrote with the good news that he and Mary were blessed with a new daughter, Mara Elizabeth, on 2 Jun. The **Sullivans** are adopting Mara—she arrived at the ripe old age of 5 days. They have one other daughter, Shana Therese, age 7 who, Ed reports, is quite delighted with her new baby sister. Ed left the AdmO here at WP in Jul 78, and went to Korea as S3 of the 2d Bn, 9th Inf on the DMZ. He redeployed with the Bn to Ft Riley, KS, in Dec 78, and is now XO/S-3 of the Bn (redesignated 2/16 Inf). In Jan, they'll all be off to Norfolk, VA, for the AFSC. Ed reports **Mike Lancaster** is at Ft Knox; **John Frink** is a PMST at TCU; and **Karl Jacobs** is in DC in an AG job.

Emmett Mahle wrote a real newsy letter to report that he's not doing much these days. For one thing, in Sept he was promoted to LTC in the Army Res. He's been a Bn Cdr in the 91st Inf Div in Sacramento for over a year, so the Army finally decided to promote him into the job. Well done, Em. He's also in his last year of law sch at McGeorge School of Law, Univ of the Pacific, at night; and works full time with the Sacramento County Public Defenders' Office during the day. Emmett, you really should get off your buns and get to work! He and Barbara have a 2-year old son, Colin, and hope to settle in the San Fran area after he graduates.

Profiles on Parade—Dec Edition. From the Deep South comes word that **Jim Balkcom** and **Tom Dyer** are 2 of the big names in the highly sophisticated and cultured world of bass fishermen. (**Dave Hale** does not belong to this clique; he claims to be a trout fisherman of sorts and he is neither sophisticated nor cultured.) Jim and Tom, on the other hand, are obviously highly refined, and certainly successful. Anyone who has ever spent a few hours trying to hang a hook in ole' Bigmouth is familiar with the names "Mann's Jellyworms" and "Humminbird" Depth Sounders. These are the standards of the artificial lure and depth sounder industry, and are made by an outfit called Techsonic Ind, Inc, in Lake Eufaula, AL. Jim has been the pres of that outfit for over 3 yrs, and Tom is his Marketing VP. Together they run, and partly own, Techsonic, which does about 10 million dollars in sales a year. The "Humminbird" is the nation's number one depth sounder. Both Tom and Jim work and live about 20 feet from the banks of Lake Eufaula, which is one of the country's better bass holes. The picture shows the 2 of them with a 6 lb large mouth purportedly caught by Tom during one of their "management conferences" on the lake. Jim's wife's name is Linda, and they have 2 daughters—Julie and Katie. Tom's clan includes wife Paige, and 3 children—Lisa, Katie, and Tommy. Jim reports frequent contact with **Ray Heath** who is with Procter & Gamble in Atlanta. I personally find it abhorrent that these 2 clowns get paid for going fishing. This is just another example of how decadent our society has become!

Bill Platt was in the news lately—on 1 Aug, he was named the new women's basketball coach at Purdue U-Calumet in Calumet, IN. Bill has been a boy's basketball coach at IN HS's for the past 8 yrs, to include head coaching jobs at 2 high schools. He left the Army in 71; while in the Army, he coached the US Army Korea All-Stars to the Pacific basketball championship in 69. His first game as head coach at Purdue-Calumet is on 6 Dec; so if you're in the area, get on up there and give him a Rocket or 2.

Kudos due—7 classmates are on the latest LTC list. These guys are now bona fide High Rollers. This list had 2 huge surprises—first, my name is not on it. Incredibly, however, **Dave Hale** is on it. That is unfortunate for the other highly worthy nominees, for these 2 obvious errors can only serve to cast a cloud of suspicion over the merits of the selection process. Anyway, the other 6 highly deserving heroes are: **Rich Altieri, Asa Clark, Tony Nida, Hobart Pillsbury, Ray Roe,** and **Ed Smith**. Congratulations, you guys. The Army obviously realized the magnitude of their error in regard to **Hale**—as soon as the list was

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released, he got orders for AK. In Jan, no less. Now I don't know about you, but if I got orders for the North Pole in the dead of winter, I would think the Army was trying to hide me. It was a cinch that Alaska salmon are in no trouble.

Would you believe we have a recording star in our group? OK, would you believe a recording artist? Well, how 'bout a guy who makes records? **Marty Harmless** has recently cut an LP of country/western music entitled "Times." Name of Marty's group is called "Hi-Ground," and they're on the Tenex label. I haven't heard it, but **John Severson**, here at WP, has a bunch of copies if you're interested.

Gerry Fox is now an ordained minister. He graduated from the seminary in WA State some time back; then he and wife Ellen spent several months in Baumholder and Hanau, Germany, with the Overseas Christian Servicemen's Centers (OCSC). They are presently in the States (until Dec) raising support for that ministry. OCSC is a ministry directed primarily to enlisted soldiers and provides recreational facilities, Bible studies, and a place for them to relax. Anyone wishing to support Gerry's and Ellen's work should send contributions to: OCSC, PO Box 10308, Denver, CO, 80210. Be sure to enclose a note stating it is for **Gerry & Ellen Fox.**

Next time you're on the way to the outhouse and need something to read, pick up the Aug 80 issue of **Commanders Call. Mark Hamilton** has a positively scintillating article on page 6 all about Vehicle Maintenance Supervision. Mark is currently XO of 2/4 FA at Ft Lewis.

Mike Aiello is back in the local area—he and family are now living in the nearby town of Montgomery, NY, and Mike is working for an engineering firm in Vails Gate. They joined us for a Class boat ride back in Sept, during which he admitted to having run the Boston Marathon 4 times in the past few years.

Speaking of which, I was sitting around with nothing to do one day in Sept, so I went out and ran a local marathon, finishing in 3:42. While I realize that is not up to **Bill Rodger's** standards, he never used to weigh 250 lbs. So much for boasting.

OK, the moment you've all been waiting for, breathlessly, I'm sure. The answer to our trivia question—**Bobby Rettig.** Bet you still don't know why he got the nickname "General."

OK kids—that's it for this one—I am out of inspiration. I am also one week late with this thing. Next time—a blow by blow account of my son's 3d Xmas. Stay tuned. Take care, one and all; write to me (my next deadline is 5 Jan 1981), send presents; and God Bless You all. BEAT NAVY!!

'68

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This issue begins with a letter from **Tim Brown's** wife Jane back in Jul. She had wanted to pass on the news of **Ernie Flower's** murder. If anyone knows the address of Ernie's parents, please let me or Jane know. At the time that Jane wrote she and Tim were about to finish their master's and Tim had recently accepted a position as dist mgr with NTN of America, a bearing co.

Jul also brought word from **Mike Bressler** through **Chuck Vehlow.** Mike had left the Army in 78 after accumulating some remarkable attaboys, such as a letter of commendation from the CS, and nominations as one of Atlanta's 5 Outstanding Young Men of 77, and to the White House Fellowship Prog 1977-78. Mike's latest news was his promotion to Asst to the Pres for Corp Dev of Southwire Inc.

1968: Mike Bressler of recent Atlanta fame and fortune, looking his civilian best.

The summer also brought news of **Ted Trauner,** who had recently been named as a sr consultant for Hill Intl, Inc, a "professional firm devoted to the prevention and resolution of disputes and claims from constr projects." Ted had accepted that position after working as a chief engr for another consulting firm.

Jim Altemose sent a note in Aug to say that he had seen **Mike & Eleanor Peters** who were passing through DS en route to Leavenworth. Jim had also spoken to **Tim Balliet** who was the exec of a bn at Ft Carson, and to the Manns in NY, where Pam had a baby due soon and Mike is engineering the constr of a water purification plant in Bangladash. Jim mentioned seeing **Joe Dooley** briefly in the halls of the Pentagon and said that **Frank Audrain** had just departed MILPERCEN for Europe, and that he had run into **Floyd Banks** working in the European Div of J5.

Sept brought a note from **Howard Harper's** wife Suzanne which said that they were still in the process of recovering from their evacuation from Iran last year. They lost everything and their insurance companies had refused to pay for their losses. Howard is presently working for the CS in the OTEA in Falls Church.

I also heard from **Tom Jewell** in Sept. I evidently had managed to overlook including some news on Tom in the last issue and Tom had the grace to bring the oversight to my attention—he had completed his PhD in Civil Engr at the UMA and is now an asst prof at Union Coll in Schenectady. His dissertation had won the 1980 Engr Sciences/Assn of Environmental Engr Professors Award. Tom also mentioned visiting **Larry & Judy Baker** this summer in Maplewood, NJ, where Larry is working for Colt Ind and they had welcomed a new dau, Carrie Ann. Tom had also visited **Henry & Karen Riser** in Bowie, MD, where Henry works for ERNC, and he had spoken to **Charlie Lieb** working for FMC in San Jose where he and Janet were expecting a child later this year.

Bits and pieces of news that I have gathered here at WP includes the recent resignations of **Jim Swinney, Dick Kent** (for medical reasons) and **Pat Moe.** Pat & Maryann are now living in Marinette, WI, where Pat is test flying for the Enstrom Helicopter Co. New arrivals here at the Acad include **Horst Sperber** in DFL and **Fred Shadid,** Tac for B-4. I need to make a correction to a typographical error in the last ASSEMBLY; it is **Jeff Wilcox** in NYC, not **Jay Wilcox.** At recent football games I have seen **Dick Steiner,** working at Ft Monmouth, who has taken up working as a DJ under the pseudonym "Click Clark"; **Mark Hansen** who is assigned to the Acad now is a physician, and I saw, but did not get a chance to speak to a very civ looking **Steve Caldwell.**

Finally, **Paul Joseph,** in the AG's office here, has undertaken an attempt to help **Fred & Diane Johnson** get our copies of the 10-year reunion book to classmates whose addresses have changed. If anyone knows the current address of any of the following classmates, please let me know (also AOG): **Charles F. (Fred) Klein, Ray MacDonald, Barry Hitner, Terry Kennedy, Jim Kohler, Douglas Cohn, Harold Yager, Charles Lieb, Ray Vinton, Dan Papov, Pete Poynter, Philip J. Samuel, Jim Carman, Gary Schappaugh, Mark Spelman** and **Joe P. Henry.**

That's about it for now, folks, keep them cards and letters coming, and take care.

'69

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This column is being written on 6 Oct, covering news received since 4 Jul. My deadline for the Mar 81 issue is 2 Jan 81, so please send cards, letters, and photos by that date. In fact, since you are probably reading this as you begin your holiday correspondence, why not drop me a quick note so that I may then share your news with the entire Class? Photos, which are conspicuously scant this issue, also will be appreciated.

You should receive by Xmas this year's version of the Class Directory. Thanks again to **Charlie Jarvis** for this outstanding service. If you have not received a copy, please contact me, because we may not have your correct address.

I will report next issue on the 31 Oct dedication ceremony for the SEA Memorial donated by the Sixties' Classes. The ability to fund and build this memorial in a relatively short period, thanks to your generous contributions, was a key factor supporting the recent passage of a bill setting aside 2 acres in DC near the Lincoln Memorial for a national Vietnam Veterans Memorial. A nonprofit corporation, with which I am associated, shepherded the bill through Congress and is raising the over $2 million needed to establish the national memorial. Private contributions will fund the entire project, and you may send tax-deductible donations to, and receive further information from, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 37240, Washington, D.C. 20013. The memorial design is still in development, but the names of all those who died in Southeast Asia will be displayed in some manner, and it is estimated that a donation of $20 will sponsor the name of one deceased comrade. As you consider your charitable contributions this year, you may wish to donate to this memorial as a means of remembering classmates and friends who have given their lives in the service of our country.

News was plentiful this quarter, even if photos were not. On the mil side, **Larry Sadoff** and family had returned from Germany to Middletown, RI, while **Linda & Greg Nosal** were settled at WP. Also at WP are **Corinne & Dave Hofstetter,** with whom Holly, Kathleen, & I stayed while I taught a few soc sci classes for **Dan Cox. Linda & John Harms**

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were planning to leave WP, and the mil, for a position with Space Applications Corp in Irvine, CA. Also leaving WP and the service were **John Deller** (for Seattle), **Bill Rice**, and **Dale Smith**. While interviewing for jobs in CA, Linda & John contacted **Cherry & Denny Hutchinson**, who are at Ft Ord, and **Nan & Jim Kenady**, who live in southern CA. John also mentioned that **Dan Kopp** was at Ft Lewis beginning his family practice residency.

Katie & Tom Fagan sent an address card from Princeton, where Tom is on sabbatical for a year from the Soc Sci Dept. Here in DC, **Lana & Tom Hayes** welcomed Patrick Michael on 3 Aug; Tom is now in the SGS at DARCOM. **Bill Yonushonis**, who is an Army vet at the Pentagon, called to report that his wife Patty took a position with the General Counsel's office at the Dept of Health and Human Svs.

Michy & KC Scull wrote from Ft Leavenworth to announce the birth of their 4th daughter, Kendra Cayce, on 6 Sept. **Rusty Casey** sent a card locating himself, **Bacevich, Bolger, Cababa, Ellertson, Frykman, Furbank, Bob Harper, Morris**, and **Mullen** at CGSC.

Mary Ellen & Barney King wrote to announce they will be leaving Ft Campbell in Feb after 5 years for Panama. Meanwhile, newly arrived at Ft Riley were **Marcy & Pete Heesch** and **Peg & Jim Isenhower.** Jim just returned from a year in Korea and is the 1 ID SGS, while Pete is an inf bn S3 after completing his tour at WP. Jim mentioned that **Chuck Anstrom** and **Cor Westerhoff** are also at Riley. Further west were **John Inselman** at Ft Irwin, CA, and **George Coan** in HI.

A good contingent of classmates is in Germany. Two of my sisters recently visited **Lois & Jim Johnson** in Heidelberg, where Jim is with DCSOPS. Also in Heidelberg are **Bev & Glenn Porter**, who is with DCSI. While at WP, Glenn did a great job with class addresses, and we all owe him a word of thanks. Elsewhere in Germany are **Joan & George Albrecht** in Soegel and **Joan & George Demetriou** in Baumholder. **George Albrecht** located the following classmates: **Coyle** (Pirmasens), **Friese** (Giessen), **Morelock** (Muenster), and **Speltz** (Moenchen-Gladbach). Recently arrived in Bad Kreuznach were **Susan & Mike Maasberg**, while **Marilyn & Steve Hammond** had settled in Babenhausen. Steve mentioned that **Peggy & Jim Love** are in Muenster, **Mike Landrum** is at Grafenwoehr, and **Pete Bazzel** is near Nuremberg. The final letter from Germany was from **Cindi & Paul Raglin** in Hanau, who proudly announced the birth of Susan Hoffman on 28 Jul.

Jerry Hackett sent the first letter from the civ side of the Class. He is still with Bell Labs and recently moved to Colts Neck, NJ. Jerry said that he had seen **John Seck**, who is at Ft Monmouth. **Leslie & Dave Hill** dropped a note to report on their trip to Europe, during which they saw **Arnie Haake** in Friedburg. Also in attendance at this gathering was **Don Smith**, who is moving from Mannheim to Bad Kreuznach. Dave also reported that **Jean & Rob Wilson** recently greeted a new son in Ann Arbor, MI, where Rob is an orthopedic resident. At Founders Day here in DC, Dave had seen **John Champagne**, who is with COMSAT, **John Suermann**, who is with the Nuclear Regulatory Comm, and **Rich Swick**, who is a solo practitioner in mil law. Dave, who compiled the list of Class lawyers, offered to send one to anyone in the Class who was interested, and he asked that lawyers receiving the list send him necessary corrections.

1969: Bazzel, Marilyn Hammond, KC Scull, Pat Bazzel, Hammond, and Michy Scull at Ft Leavenworth.

Bonnie & Wayne Renner are living in Downington, PA, and Wayne, who left the service in Jun, now works for Exxon Information Sys. Wayne located **Doug Madigan** in Germany and **Ken Christian** at Ft Hood. **Jane & Steve Rhyne** wrote from Charlotte, NC, where they settled after their wedding at WP and honeymoon in St. Thomas.

Further south were **Sandy & Tom Schafer** in Montezuma, GA, where Tom is helping to start a new Proctor & Gamble plant. Their 2d child, Elizabeth Ann, was born on 15 Jan. Tom mentioned that **Mike Munson** has left WP for Panama, while **Bob Brambila** is with Merrill Lynch in Macon, GA. Tom also had heard that **Gary Calvert** is in Columbus, OH.

Debbi & Jim Nelson, who live in Jupiter, FL, wrote to announce the birth of Joseph Daniel on 7 Jul. Recently moved to FL are **Jennifer & Jed Cantlay** in Pinellas Park near St. Petersburg, where Jeff is now out of the service and working with Champs sporting goods (of **Wilber, Kedrow, & Ferraro** fame).

Linda & Nick Stafford and their children were in a very serious auto acdt in Aug in Savannah, GA, but all are now back in Dallas and well on the road to a complete recovery. Nick called recently to ask me to thank all those classmates who wrote, visited, and prayed for his family during this period. Recently moved to the Dallas-Ft Worth area were **Mary & Jim Moeller**, who left Houston for Ft Worth and a position with the Paul Revere Companies. Jim had spoken to both **Gary Cantrell** and **Steve White** since arriving in Ft Worth. **Brian Wells**, who was working at the hospital in Savannah to which the **Staffords** were brought in Aug, now is with the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Center in Houston. Also in Houston is **Danford Meischen**, who said that **Jim Ruwet** is now in Vernon, TX. Danford had also seen **Rich Taricska** and **Arnie Stankus** on a recent trip to Cleveland; Rich is an atty and Arnie a CPA with Republic Steel.

Just out of the service and living in Glenview, IL, are **Susan & Bill Johnsmeyer.** Bill is now with Int'l Harvester. In Columbus, IN, are **Mart & Don Crosby**, who welcomed their 2d child and first son, Derek Faurot, on 1 Jul. Also welcoming their first son, and 3d child, were **DeLynn & Vince Corica**, who greeted (or were greeted by) Anthony Vincenzo (Nino) on 25 Jul.

Jim Russell (C-3) wrote from San Jose, CA, where he is a logistics mgr with Hewlett-Packard. **Kim & Scott Church** sent a letter from HI, where both are involved in real estate, she in sales and he in property development.

That's it for news this qtr. Holly and Kathleen are waiting outside in the car for a dash to the post office so that my editors will not berate me too severely for my tardy submission. We are all well and would like to wish you and yours our very best for a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year. My Xmas wish is to be able to report an Army win over Navy, but, win or lose, we will have a good party, which will be covered next issue.

Until the spring, God bless to all in '69.

'70

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Greetings to the Class of '70 from **John Page**, Ivan and Adam **Reitz.** Once again another holiday season is fast approaching and with this season we can also celebrate the conclusion of a successful reunion. Although this column was submitted a month in advance of our gathering, at that time **John Woloski's** computer program had 300 people listed as official reunion guests. This issue will feature some pictures and comments on the reunion itself, but the big news will come from the personal stories that cannot appear until the next issue.

1970: Vermillion, Addy, Churchill and friends.

FUTURE CADET: **Bob and Gerri Laird** are the proud parents of their 3d child. Breandee Marella **Laird** was born 15 Aug 80. There were 2 other births that I meant to announce, but I lost track of the information. Let me explain. At a successful tailgate party 2 sets of not-so-new parents mentioned that their one or two-year-old had not been announced to the Class. It is never too late to point out that you have a family. I will be delighted to introduce classmates and their families to the Class, but I need the information—so send the news, please.

Paul Dixon called from Ft Monmouth in Oct to check on the reunion and to provide some news. Paul reports that **Willy Campbell** and his new bride have a home in Cranberry, NJ, which is listed in the National Historic Register. Anyone interested in talking to them will find them at home busily trying to preserve their place in the Register. **Kerry Goodier** left Monmouth for Europe this summer while **Dave Carr** moved in from grad sch in FL. As for Paul, he spends his duty day in the world of procurement and contract deciding on the future components and producers of electronic password sys for aircraft. As for me, a pilot who does not want to get shot down by our air defenders, I have a vested interest in Paul's job. But as Paul would probably agree that job description is dry. So you can understand that Paul looks for something to capture his interest and imagination when he gets home. Some people restore cars, other refinish furniture, others play a sport, but Paul restores

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1970: Van Vliet, Lavelle, Morris.

pianos. In 78 Paul purchased a 1924 Knabe "player" grand piano. I never knew there was such a thing, and Paul wasn't so sure at first either because all he had was a wooden frame, a barrel full of parts, and the dealer's word that there was a whole piano there. His goal was a piano restored with original equipment down to and including the glue and rubber tubing. Two years, 340 feet of rubber tubing, and the patience of 3 jobs later, Paul presents his restored piano to the world. Anyone interested in a mint condition piano with 100 rolls should contact him soon because he plans to sell this one to purchase his next restoration project.

Mike Short called during a layover at Kennedy airport while he was waiting for transportation to another airport. He was recently promoted to copilot from navigator for Delta Airlines. He thoroughly enjoys the job and its fringe benefits. For example, Mike is a runner. He belongs to a long distance club of Delta employees. He ran in an event in Oregon this Oct, and will probably take part in another annual race this Dec in NM. Last Dec Mike not only ran in the race, but he also visited with **Bernie Zeper** who put Mike up for the weekend. Airline pilots, however, do not spend all their time in the sun, so Delta has a ski club which Mike belongs to. Besides running and skiing Mike also likes CA, that mecca of health nuts where Mike lived before joining Delta. But since Delta does not base pilots in CA, he would have to commute a thousand miles or so to work, which is not like commuting a thousand miles or so for a race or ski weekend, so Mike lives in TX.

Diane and Charlies Wagener also live in TX. Diane wrote in Sept to provide news of their last move. Charlie married Diane 3 years ago in the DC area where he was stationed. Their next move was to Ft Hood, TX, where Charlie got an MS in Computer Science. The **Wageners** left the Army this summer for Corpus Christie, TX, where Charlie is now a data processing mgr for the H.E. Butt Grocery Co. Diane reports that the climate of the "Sparkling City by the Sea" is quite enjoyable; she invites any classmate in the area to call them. My only other letter of the quarter came from Debi Gower.

1970: Crawford, DeLagarza and Mozoski.

She reports that **Chris Keegan** is currently restoring an old farm near Olympia, WA; he is also spending time as an engr working for the state. Although Debi is not a classmate, she knows a number of us from her days as an Army brat and as a cadet date. She would like to know if any of her old friends are in the DC area where she lives now.

That is all the news for this quarter. I hope to offer some good news for the next column. Please note, however, that of 2 letters this quarter, only one was sent by a classmate. I cannot write about the Class if I don't hear about the Class. Being at West Point provides some information but not much. So when you read this column if you have some news or something you want to know, jot it down and send it to me. BEAT NAVY!

'71

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As go the caissons, the years seem to be rolling along. But then, like the stone, we seem not to gather much moss after 10 years. I am encouraged at class parties and tailgates here when I see the vigor and aggressiveness spawned on those long, cold nights at Snuffy's. It is good to see we have not lost it. Speaking of losing it (transition; learned it in EN 101), herewith this quarter's entry in the "Corps Is" Dept: no memorizing parade songs, intramural hockey, black cardigan letter sweaters, weekday taps at 2400 hours, and authorized use of popcorn poppers.

1971: Ranger Cummins

The honor co of the quarter is G-3. This honor may be achieved by any group forwarding a newsletter or information on 5 or more classmates in the same company. As the spokesman for the G Co. Generals, **Scott Hutchison** is also honored in that he and Marci are expecting their 2d child in Apr. **Jim Conrad** left the service in 77 to pursue a MS in transportation engr design. Working for Ford Motor Co. he says, is much like the Army except for the overtime pay. **Jed Keith** graduated from the U of Toledo Law Sch and now works for a law firm near Dallas. **Mike Raymo** graduated from the United Theo Sem in Dayton last Jun. He is a Reverend working in the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn, MI. Although he resigned his commission in 77, he plans to return to the Army as a Chaplain in a couple of years. The **Raymos** have a son, Michael Patrick, and another young 'un on the way. **Tim Reischl** is an ORSA analyst at Ft Leavenworth as a result of his Naval PG Sch degree. He is looking to see some of our "water-walkers" in CGSC. **Danny Steele** is back in Germany commanding A-2/60 ADA. **Mark Weiman** lives in Chicago while starting a dental practice.

1971: Ft Bragg Founders Day, 1980.

The GA Tech fraternity now includes **Al Patterson, Joe Bergantz, Bob Holcombe, Neal Jensen, Chuck Libershal, Jim Lovell, Chuck Swannack** and **Dave Hardin.** I wonder what they are doing for entertainment on Saturdays, considering the current dismal football season for the Yellowjackets!

From the "Better-late-than-never" Dept, I was recently informed of the good fortunes of **Bill & Lenore Babic** now living in Tacoma. Here is an encouraging word for those of us that always enter, but never win. Lenore won $50,000 cash and a new Ford Granada in the 77 Sunset House Super Prize Sweepstakes. With their winnings, the **Babics** proceed to buy a large and beautiful home in Tacoma.

Ben Bauer is serving as the S3 of the Joint Security Agcy on the DMZ in Korea. **Cal Benedict** has been serving as an A/Bde S1 at Ft Bragg, but has surely taken a company by now. **Bill Benedict** is at Leavenworth with the CDC. The family **Brooks** live in Fayetteville where Johnny is on the staff of the 1/505th Inf. **Tom Burrell** received a MBA from Syracuse and now works as the cmptr for the IFFM Joint Test Force at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. Tom has committed Bonnie, in writing, to entertain any and all who care to spend their winter vacation in the sunny climes of NM.

Kevin & Phyllis Cogan and their 4 kids have settled in the Ft Dix area. Kevin commutes to Columbia to study for a MS in elec engr prior to returning to WP in 81. Phyllis continues her career as an Army nurse at Walson Army Hosp. **Steve & Peggy Cooch** have been located in Martinsburg, WV. Steve accepted a promotion with Corning to move there. After 27 months as the FSO of the 1st Ranger Bn, **Gerry Cummins** has settled into Springfield College to pursue a MS in phys educ. Unfortunately, so much time with the Rangers has proved deleterious to his hair growth. It refuses to cooperate after all the trauma.

Gordy Dietrich is at Stanford pursuing a MS in "Take Boards" procedures prior to returning to the Math Dept. MAJ **Al Fox** is attending the interservice CGSC at New-

1971: H-1 Hawgs.

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1971: Burrell and Schnabel at Syracuse MBA graduation.

port, RI. **Jim Godwin** has defected to The Citadel as a TAC. The **Greers** are at Syracuse U where Warren is seeking an ORSA degree prior to a utilization tour at Rock Is Ars, IL. **John Hamer** is flying with an Avn Bn in the 8th Inf Div. After a couple of commands at Bragg, **Darrell Harris** is now preparing to be a TAC at Purdue. The **Hortons** are in Ft Lewis where Jim is a budget officer.

Dave & Terri Kopp are settled in Vicksburg, MS after 3 years in Germany. Dave will work on a waterways project as an engr. **Doug Metcalf** is finishing his tour as a budget officer in the USAREUR Spt Budget Agcy. In Dec he will become a ROTC instr at Central MIU. unless the English Dept at USMA direct him to graduate schooling. **Ray Rasmussen** works on the arty team at the Readiness Group at Ft Bragg. **Rick & Reba Rowe** are enjoying the FL lifestyle in Tampa. **Gordy Schnabel** just arrived here and will work in the purchase and contract office of AAA. **Hank Schrader** will report to WP next summer after earning a MS degree in phys educ at the UW. Still in mech inf cmd with the 1st Inf Div (Fwd) is **Eric Sundin. Russ Vaughan** wears an intelligence hood in the 82d G-2 shop. The **Whartons** are in Atlanta where Les is an atty.

More "professionally done" babies: Apr—Brian Patrick **Cogan**; Jun—Christopher Matthew **Greer**; Jul—Douglas George **Metcalf**; Aug—Walter Cade **Metz**, Drew Steven **Vaughn**. Congratulations, kids, you pick your parents well.

The chmn of the 10-year reunion book **Dick Bridges**, has forwarded a form to each classmate for whom we have an address requesting an 80-100 word family biographical sketch and a recent picture by 1 Jan 81. At an expense of $6.00, the book will be released around reunion time and signs are that it will prove to be an outstanding publication. If you have not received an application to contribute to this class effort, please write Dick at the Dept of English, USMA.

Bless you and yours in the new year.

'72

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Whew! The cool weather finally got here. Those hot, muggy days last Jun turned into a summer-long drought. Only the past few weeks has it seemed like football season. Being a warm weather man, though, I can't complain about 85 degrees in Oct. The heat took its toll on the newsbearers as well. Just a few notes and letters this time.

One note came via a birthday card to our eldest son Cliff (5) from his godparents. **Bruce & Maurine Ritter** are settled in Arlington, TX, where Bruce is with Procter & Gamble. Son Aaron is rapidly becoming a Rangers fan no doubt. The **Ritters** report that **Pete & Emily Rich** are in Germany again and are expecting a family addition. Daughter Natalie looks forward to a playmate. **Ritters** also saw **Jim Birkhimer** a few months ago. Jim was staying with his brother in Del Rio, TX, at the time.

Congrats to **Jeff & Janet Park,** proud parents of Justin Marshall who was born 26 Jun. Papa Jeff is a structural engr with "Sargent and Landy" of Chicago, designers of power plants. The **Parks** have had contact with some others. **Chuck Jones Jr.** has set up his own law practice in Milwaukee after graduation from Marquette Law Sch. Also, **Ward Shaklee** was in that area until recently. Ward is an F-106 pilot in the AF. He recently departed K. I. Sawyer AFB, MI, for Colo. Spgs. Peterson AFB, CO, is his next asgmt. He's on the ADTAC IG team as an operations inspector. **Tim & Linda Norris,** with son T.J. have been assigned to Fitzsimons AMC, Denver. Thanks for the note Jeff and Janet.

Another congratulations—this one to **Rick & Debbie Redd.** Rebekah Michelle was born 27 Jun in San Ant. Big brother Jonathan welcomes his new sister, too. Greetings from Yohota Air Base, Japan, says **Bob Curran.** First, Bob has info on some folks from other places. **Bill Lescynski** is at UMA getting his master's and going back to WP in PE. "Ski" received the Commanders Trophy for Phys Fitness at his Inf Adv Cse. **Dave Hartmann** is in his 2d year of teaching Engl at WP and **Ron Scott** is a Tac. **Tony Dedmond** has finished Armor Adv Cse at Knox after returning from Korea and is now XO of an Attack Helicopter Co. at Ft Lewis. **Curran** stayed with **Charlie Fletcher** for a few days last Feb before Charlie transferred to Pearl Harbor from Schofield Bks. They attended a BBQ at **Tom Pressler's** on the Hawaiian north shore, some 20 yards from the ocean. **Willy & Kay Webb** were there also. Pressler mentioned that **Jon Medusky** was training for the HI marathon. Someone (**Curran,** I think) saw **John Rainier** at Schofield O Club. **Dan Lally** is at RPI before a teaching asgmt at school. **John Bonin** reportedly is at Duke. **Larry Baltezore** is back from Korea and living in Tacoma while working at Ft Lewis. **Gary Zmolek** and **Kim Putnam** are aspiring lawyers at U of Puget Sound. **Craig Hattan** is at Bethesda in med sch for the AF and **Mike Jones** is in his 3d year at UUT in the AF Med Prog. Mike was sworn into the AF Reserve by **Curran** back in 77. Bob was supposed to attend the Navy PG Sch at Monterey, CA, after a stint as a bn S4 in Korea. He has his cmd at Ft Lewis before that. With him in Korea was **Ken Searcy,** who trained his ROK counterpart to fire the highest ASP of any ROK battery in Korea. Ken's now at OSAN after extending for one year. **Joe Wismann** was scheduled for the Navy PG Sch along with **Curran** before the course was cancelled. Joe had a Ranger Co. at Lewis. **Bill & Jean Henry** are still with Pfizer Chem in NY and **Jay Kimmit** is doing comptr work in DC. Thanks for the poop, Bob, and maybe we'll find out after this issue if any classmates have sisters attending WP.

1972: Jones, Park and Shaklee.

Got a note from the **Bill Smith** family in Houston, TX, and Baylor Col Med Sch. Bill resigned his commission last May after a tour as S4 of the 44th Engr Bn in Camp Mercer, Korea. To top off the change of life style, daughter Elisabeth Standley arrived this summer. The **Smiths** report that **Scott Stonecipher** resigned in Oct and went to work for Mobil Oil in Dallas, and got a hint that **Randy Stein** will marry in Dec 80. Finally, dependable **Bill Guarino** updates one item from last issue —**Tom Marks'** wife is the former Linda Cadiz. Thanks Bill.

Short and sweet this time. Let's get those notes, letters, and Homecoming pics in next issue.

'73

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Merry Xmas all! Can you believe that yet another year has swept by? Time surely flies when you're having fun!

Well, this is the last installment penned from Hotlanta, GA. MILPERCEN, in its infinite wisdom, PCSd me in Oct to finish a MS degree program at the Univ of So. CA, Arlington, VA. No, you didn't read incorrectly . . . I'm in full-time night school at the Pentagon Study Ctr. When this "good deal" ends in Mar 81 though, I'll be back at WOOPS in the AdmsO working with **John Hazel** who's been there since circa Jun 80. It promises to be a good tour—but as a bachelor, I have some doubts. Remember how bleak and lonely some of those weekends used to be?

On a more cheerful note, while watching the Army team crush CA at Michie in Sept, I ran into **Kevin Bond.** Kevin, along with a bunch of other grads, graduated from the JAG school, UVA, Charlottesville, VA, in Oct. He's now at Campbell working for the SJA; **Dan Wright** is with the SJA at Ft Dix; **Tom Mason's** with the SJA at Ft Jackson; **Rich Carter's** with the SJA, Ft Meade; and **Mike Hockley** (who graduated from the UNE Law Sch) is with the Trial Def Svc, Ft Campbell. Congratulations all! **Walt Hunter** is staying in Charlottesville though—he's in the UVA Law Sch and also in the USAR. In news of other classmates—**Tom Bauer, Don Riley,** and **Don Brown** recently earned master's degrees at Berkeley and are now scattered worldwide. Tom's with the CE at Cp Zama, Japan; **Don Riley's** in the Land of the Rising Sun; and **Don Brown's** in that garden spot of the SE—Ft Stewart. **Kirk Shaffer** also completed a JD program at the UTX and is now with the 101st.

A couple of weeks ago while down at Ft Benning I had the pleasure of visiting **Mike & Lily Bollinger.** They're both doing great and looking great too—as you can tell from the family picture.

Back in Sept. I got a super letter from **Chuck Sacrison** packed with all sorts of good news: On 29 May Tommie and Chuck had their first—Katherine (Kate) Clare and they're "having a blast" with their new addition to the family. What a special blessing it is to have

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such a gift. They wrote that "every day we're a little more amazed by her." Adding to the excitement, Chuck left Ford Motor Co in Sept to work for (and get this) the Dept of the Navy. He's now an engr at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA. I guess he's launching a new career! In news of D-4 classmates, Chuck wrote that **Steve Coats** is at the UWI; **Rick & Lisa Rodrigues** are in Sao Paulo, Brazil, preparing for an assignment in the Portuguese Language Dept, USMA; and **Harry Allen** is in a Bde 3 shop at Ft Lewis eagerly anticipating a PCS to Middleburg, VT, to study French and to the Sorbonne in Paris and ultimately back to WOOPS. **Randy, Anna,** and **Rachel Noster** are in LA (Los Angeles, not Lower Alabama) where Randy's an Army LnO with civ firms dealing with electronic equipment; **Chuck Sargent** is in Lansing, MI, with Merril, Lynch (call him toll-free 1-800-292-5881); and **Tom & Cora Reynolds** are still in Germany where Tom flies fixed wing for the 7th Sig Bde. Oh, and **Gary, Judy, &** Matthew **Hall** are in Anderson, SC, where Gary's been working for Michelin since Aug 80. Thanks very much Chuck for all the up-to-date news!

1973: Mike and Lily Bollinger.

In a nice note from **Margee Franklin's** folks I learned that Chuck, Margee, Charles, and Amy returned from Germany last summer and are now living in Liverpool, NY. Chuck's at Syracuse U in their Cmptr Program.

I know what **Don Hollsten** is saying when he wrote "for too long I've intended to write and haven't—so tonight with the mood properly set with 2 refreshing drinks and some soft jazz on the stereo, I'm ready." One has to be in a certain mood and frame of mind to compose a letter that's not merely superficial—but one that's thoughtful, informative, and entertaining. Believe me, it's a lofty challenge each quarter for this unseasoned gossip columnist! Anyway, Don wrote that he spent 4 marvelous, glorious, fun-filled years at the UMN Med Sch. After graduating in 77 he completed his internship at Fitzsimons Army Med Ctr in Denver where he was "swept off his feet" by a lovely nurse who is now his wife. He and Lolli now have a one-year-old girl—Jordan—and are expecting a 2d addition to the family in Jan 81. After the "hardship" tour in Denver they were reassigned to the 2d most popular garden spot in the SE—Ft Bragg. Don was the Surgeon for the 7th SFG. Now they're at Ft Sam Houston where Don's completing a 3-year residency specializing in Ophthamology. In news of other grads in the medical field—**Merlin Gibson** is now at Fitzsimons training to be a radiologist. Isn't a radiologist the guy that fixes your PRC-77 when you're in the field? Oh well, now you know why I'm not in med school.

Reporting in from Crestview Hills, KY, are **Mike & Kathleen Colbert.** Mike joined the civil ranks back in 78 (I believe), earned a MBA from Notre Dame in 80, and accepted a rewarding job with AT&T. Not bad! They're living at 156 Steelway Farm Ct, Crestview Hills, KY 41017, (606) 341-0706. And, in news of C-3 grads, Mike wrote that **Bill Dougherty** now runs a respectable tavern in S. Baltimore; **Greg Hagen** spent last year at a grad business school in Scotland; and **Bud Krater** is enjoying the sun and the fun life in Ft Myers, FL. Both Mike and Kathy send their kindest regards and best wishes.

Guess who's the Asst PMS at Longwood College in Farmville, VA? **Tom Stanford** surely landed a fat asgmt methinks. Writing about Longwood, Tom says it's a great little school (4:1 female:male ratio) in a beautiful setting in central VA. He, Evelyn, Jennifer, and Rusty arrived there in Aug from Ft Stewart (my oh my what a welcome transition) after TDY en route at the U of Chicago. In addition to having a super job, the **Stanfords** also bought a beautiful home on one acre of lakefront property. Please drop them a line c/o Dept of Mil Science, Longwood Coll, Farmville, VA 23901. In other news, **Chuck Hendrick** (also D-2) is at the Naval PG School studying physics.

Well folks, I hope 80 has been as exciting and profitable for you as it's been for me. Please take special care if you're traveling this Xmas and whatever—don't let the over-commercialization and the ubiquitous Santa Clauses dampen your Xmas spirit. We all have much for which to be thankful and even more reason to be joyous. Take good care and God Bless!

'74

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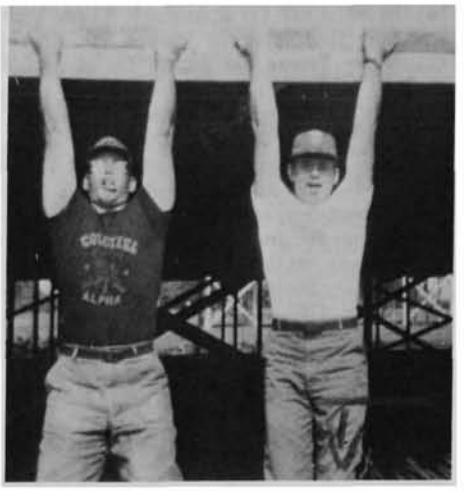
Howdy! Green-suitors into 2 mos of the new pay raise, kind of nice, didn't know one could splurge so much. Baby Boom really in progress, folks talk about their kids first and then add in passing, "Oh yeah, I've got an abn co too." At least we've got our priorities right.

Starting with news from Germany, **Tim & Jean Mahar** contacted. Tim was due to take cmd of his 2d btry, A/3/35 FA, APO NY 09047, in Wertheim, Germany. Others in that H-3 gang include **Mo & Dee Ingalls,** who are at Bliss. **Merle & Susie Miller** just left Bliss and the svc and were off to NC. **Jack, Wendy** and son Patrick **McDonald** left Wiesbaden this summer and headed for Sill, Jack to attend FAOAC. And at Sill are **Jim, Pat** and little Jimmy **Wimberly,** who are all due to PCS to Graf, Germany, where Jim will be involved with the new FA computer sys. **John**

1974: Withers and Ginther at Ft Sam Houston.



1974: '74 and '75 class scribes at Dix—Hang in there!

Matousek is now in Germany with HHT, 1st Cav, at Schwaback, reportedly married on 20 Jun 80. **Ned Bumgarner** is out of svc and working for Borg-Warner-York in Troy, MI. **Don Fritz** is still at Ord, **Dr. Steve Sihelnick** is practicing at Walter Reed, **Chuck Herrick** finished his cmd in Korea and is back at Bragg with the ACE board. **Lou Vozzo** also finished his cmd in Korea in good shape and is back in the Philly area, we went to see a Phillies game last summer.

Bill France writes from Ernst Ludwig Kaserne, Darmstadt, where he and some CE types are holding out. Bill has A Co, 94th Engr Bn and **Dale Mowry** has the D Co. **John Czarzasty** is the group engr for the 10th ADA Gp (Hawk), a job Bill had prior to his co. John used to be an ADA type and in Hawk before transferring to CE. Now he's back with the "Hawkers." Dale was the Bn Civil Engr prior to taking his co in Aug 79. On his PCS next spring he plans on a utilization tour for his MSCE he received earlier at Northwestern U. Bill is also working on his professional engr registration for MN, he plans to PCS next Oct. Jackie **Czarzasty** had their first child in May 80, Laura Lisa. And **Nancy Mowry** is expecting this Feb. Nancy and Jackie are active as ACS volunteers. Deb France is the bn secy in Bill's bn but he hastens to add "no conflict of interest."

The **Bonnets** in Panama are fine and Joe may have extended again. Joe has the HHC, 4/20 Inf and strives to make grunts out of them. Mary is a GS-9 now and a Tech Info Spec with the Tropic Test Ctr. Joe & Mary spent 3 wks touring S. Amer this last spring.

Rick Schwamb is now at Leesburg, VA, where he puts in some long days teaching at the Xerox tng ctr. Rick was to be married in Nov to a girl from Jersey and **Ned Chabot** was to attend. Ned is at GA Mil Coll. Rick adds that **Moon Rivers** is into Nuc engr in Orangeburg, SC.

All the ltrs I got from Germany this summer addressed the nasty weather they had. **Pat Cooney,** who's there, said the Brits blamed it all on Mt. St. Helens volcano. Right! Pat is cmding HHC, 1st AD in Ansbach since 29 Feb. Prior to Germany Pat was at Knox for 5 yrs, has a mate Mary, and a son, Brendan, born 30 Sep 79. In the HHC, besides the cooks, medics and generals are **Tom Goedkoop** and **Marv Decker** both in G3 tng and Pat adds "they don't go on leave until I sign their DA 31." **Jim Soncrant** was cdr of the 17th Fin Co in Ansbach a while back and has since departed for Hood. **Denny Rochette**

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has the 501st MP Co at Ansbach. **Fuzzy Webster** is in the 3 shop at Vilseck, 7th Ar Tng Ctr; **Terry Freeze** has an Inf Co at Aschaffenburg, and **Mike & Dianne Johnson** are in Schweinfurt where Mike cmds B Trp, 3/7 Cav (3d ID Cav Sqdn).

Talked with **Greg Bean** last fall at Homecoming, but just now got his info, says something about my memory. He served in the 547th Engr Bn and Co Cdr in 54th Engr Bn in Germany on his first tour, Adv Cse and then to GA Tech, due to grad this Dec with an MS in CE. He's then off to the Engr Dist at Detroit. He married Sally Ann Brodalski in Apr 79 and they now have a little girl, Melanie Sara, as of 21 Jul 80.

1974: Karen and Dennis Gum with Julie, Donny, Melissa and Denny.

P. R. Clark checked in from Leonard Wood; with him there is **John Schaefer** in the JAG. John had a stint in admin law but is in prosecution and "the defense counsels are going to have their hands full." John and Joyce added No. 3; a dau, Tracy Jean, joining Christy and Jake. **Frank Sablan** spent 2 wks Reserve duty at Wood as cdr of B/3/377 Inf, 95th Inf Div. Frank lives in TX and works for TX Instruments, also noting that his unit is full of former svc acad folks. Frank and wife Diane have one child and another is on the way. P.R. also heard from **Frank Roberts,** who is stationed at Ft. Baker, CA, in the Recruiting Cmd. He and Denise have a child, Kate, and are expecting again in the spring. And P.R. has been enjoying Wood, is a Bn XO, having completed a co cmd already. His bde trains all the Army's combat eng's, so all gripes on these folks can be answered by P.R. Thanks!

John Martin writes telling all about the inner workings of Nav PGS. They wear Civvies but coat and tie are a must and he can still pick out the Navy types cause they walk sideways. John is taking aero engr, **John Batiste** is studying finance and will eventually head for Korea for Comptrollership of the 17th Avn Gp in Seoul. **Bill Reinhart** is studying juice there also. John, Bill, and John all doing some running, ran the Artichoke 10 km, rewarded with T-shirts with a drawing of an artichoke in tennis shoes. Wear that to Berkeley John and you'll fit right in. Right on! And John marks a first for our Class: a date with a USNA female grad.

William Fierro has finally turned up in the southern hemisphere. In the past 6 yrs he first attended SMU for his MBA and then the Amer Grad Sch for Int'l Mgmt. He went to work for Owens-IL and was group comptr for O-I de Venezuela. Bill is now on special asgmt in Rio de Janeiro, lives a block from Copacabana. Bill welcomes any visitors in Rio, PH: 235-7189 (H), 283-6622 (w). Contacted thru PO Box 1035, Toledo, OH 43666. Bill adds that he's still single (a real convenience in Rio) and still playing soccer—practices on the beach.

Scott Myers hopes to finish his grad sch at UTX in Jan, says the Navy was trying to get him to join up. Scott notes that **Ralph Holweck** went from Ford to Chrysler's tank div in Warren, MI, close to Ralph and Sue in Dearborn.

Chuck Kuklenski bought a house outside Des Moines, IA, is still a sales rep for Dana Corp and doing quite a bit of traveling. During his 2 wks reserve tng at Carson he ran into **Bob Kimsey,** the BMO in 1/77 Arm. Bob and several others own a condo in Dillion. Also **George Gay** is a co cdr in an armor bn there. Chuck said a couple of ex-'74ers were at Carson; **Dennis Huffman,** now an inf co cdr and **Bob Heath,** an AG LT. Chuck also saw **Dan Zwack** at the John Deere tractor plant in Dubuque, IA, is married and likes it there.

Bob Mixon is doing well at Rice U, TX, and says it's quite a change to be a stu again. Bob also working with the basketball team there.

Milt Spaulding breezed thru Dix en route to an Army game, passed on where all the JAG types are headed from the JAG Basic Cse this fall. Milt is off to Bragg (a chg from Sill), **Rob Minor** to Riley, **Jack McGeehee** to Hood, **Joe Ward** to Belvoir and **Kasey Warner** to Knox. Also **Dave McCracken** is back at Bragg after IOAC Pers Mgmt Cse at Harrison and then Pathfinder Sch.

Info moves around a lot now. **Dennis & Karen Gum** left Dix in Aug, Dennis earmarked for the S3 Air job, 172d Bde, AK, and Karen expecting No. 5 .**Steve Shambaugh** is back from Korea to Riley and on an S3 staff there. Vicky and he recently greeted by Valerie Jean. **Lee Van Arsdale** was working in meat packing in CO. **Eric Fardelman** took a co in 2/2 Inf at Lewis in Sept, he and Robin had No. 2 child on the way. **Eric Vonderscheer** took his job as the S4 of 2d Rgr Bn there. **Paul O'Sullivan** is still at Campbell. vacationed in MA and Cape Cod this summer. **John Shortal** is back from Korea, has a bn HHC ot Carson. **Bob Pinson** is back to Campbell, **Lou Gelling** is an armor co cdr at Hood, also there is **Ken Hendricks,** the curator of 2d AD museum. **Tom O'Leary** is out of svs and said to be in IN. **Mike Rusho** recently left Campbell for FAOAC at Sill.

Jeff Ginther and **Ben Withers** called me from DC where they're both in their 1st yr of the 4-yr program in the UHS Med Sch. Jeff had been at Carson for 5 yrs prior to coming east, also was due to marry on Army-Navy day this fall, 29 Nov, to Elizabeth Gelpke. Jeff wants to start an A-2 newsletter and wishes all to contact him at: Apt. No. 5, 1513 Hampshire W. Court, Silver Spring, MD 20903. **Ben & Allison Withers** are there in the DC area, they are married 3 yrs now.

So **Charlie Gleichenhaus** is a Tac at the Prep Sch at Monmouth and says it's a lot of work. He says the men and women are intermingled in the barracks like at the Acad and their total academic effort is in Math and English. Charlie's been to several Army games, saw **Cliff Krebs** at WP, he's S-4 of USCC. **Tom Downar** is teaching nuc reactor theory and likes it while **Joe Mackin** is also with the Physics Dept teaching the basic cse to Yearlings. Joe had attended the NPGS in Monterrey. Charlie also thought **Willis Marti** was with the computer gp, the ISD in Thayer Hall. Charlie still waiting for PMLH.

Talked to **Matt Klimow** at Ft Myer, he's been cdr of E Co, Old Guard, since last Dec. This is the Presidential Honor Guard and often goes to the White House. Matt was to be married 25 Oct to Edie Gunnels at Ft Myer and then honeymoon in beautiful Ft Benning. Matt informs that **Dave Molten** was married a while back, thought to be in Riley. Also **Mitch Dossett** took a co at Benning and **Jeff Karhohs** is with a ROTC gp in MI.

Kurt Hansen an ex-'74er, Class of '75 (victim of 1° Soc) is now out of svc and living near Dallas with wife Donna. Kurt was 3 yrs in Germany in Baumholder and then Hood, had a pic in the **Army Times** with the ceremonial horse platoon. Kurt now works for Career Devl and handles the NW part of the US if anyone needs some advice. Kurt notes that **Jim Vestermark** is with TX Instruments, **Rich Dillon** is accntng for Frito-Lay, **Steve Schenck** got out in Jul and is with Ross-Groves, electronics; **Steve Marine** is still a trp cdr, 1/9 Cav at Hood.

1974: France, Czarzasty and Mowry in Darmstadt, Germany.

Here at Dix, **Dave & Marge Powell** arrived and Dave took over B-2-3 in Sept. Yours truly was slated to take a 2d co but the address listed remains the same. **Mike Wallace** spent 2 wks reserve tng with **Scott Shires** here. He and wife Ponzetta along with Jylindia and David live in Rahway, NJ, where Mike works for Dupont. Mike passes on that **Myron & Naomi Lynch** were expecting this Feb or Mar, Myron taking physics at RPI and due for WP upon completion. **Al & Carol Sample** are now living in Langhorne, PA; **Keith Saddler** was working for Mobil Oil in Atlanta. Also **Greg Lucas** is in Nashville, working for Air Associates by day, singing and recording by nite. **Steve Hashem** is still the asst bde S-3 and reported that **Jeff Knapp** recently passed thru after 5½ yrs in Germany—what a culture shock for he had never returned stateside! Jeff had a cmd in Germany, is off now to the ADA adv cse and then grad sch. Wife Karen will attend nursing Sch in El Paso. Also **Tom Froneberger** married a German girl in Aug. **Dave Stevens** is set to leave Dix in Feb for NPGS but first announces his wedding on 17 Jan in Wilkes Barre to Rose Ann Vincent, who was with the Red Cross here at Dix. Dave will be finishing 24 months of cm.

Please take the time to send me a **Xmas** card this Dec—it's easy and all will enjoy hearing from you. 5 Jan next deadline.

Sadly we report **Sean Murray** died in an air accident on 27 Oct 1980 at Hunter Air Field, Savannah, Ga. His funeral was at West Point on 4 Nov 1980. Services were at Holy Trinity Chapel followed by burial in the West Point Cemetery with full military honors.

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The Class offers sympathy to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, 915 Milne Street, Lockport, IL 60441.

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Greetings to all. By this time the Reunion is history and we are all looking forward to Xmas and the New Year. **Pat Lisowski** spent his summer at Dix working for SJA. He's spending more time in law sch playing intramurals than anything else. Pat commuted to Dix from Philly each day usually managing to return home on automatic pilot. **Phil Baker** is on post as the aide to the RR Cdr. Consequently he's never around, he's usually traveling.

Ward Jones is at Eglin in the FL Rgr Camp. He and Judy were married on 20 Sept. She's an AF nurse and hopefully will be reassigned from Offutt to Eglin. Anyone passing through Eglin give Ward a call.

1975: Talbot and Pardue at Ft. Meade.

Spider Marks wrote from Huachuca, he's relaxing in the MI adv crse. He and Marty are expecting their first in Jan. Our hidden "**Paul Schaeffer** MD" has been located in DC where he reads X-rays for a living at Reed. He may even be married but he was living at 4615 N. Park Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. Spider was highly complimentary of Huachuca the "Desert Secret."

John & Marsha Garver are at Duke with law sch and their 2 little boys using up their time. **Jack Crumplar** is at Carson enjoying the off duty activities with gusto. Jack's learned a lot over the years; he remembers to take his contacts out before he goes to sleep now. **Jim Slavin** is in Augsburg as the SSO. He & Gail have a little one of almost 2. **Ben & Sue Freakley** are at Ft Monroe with a new baby born the end of Aug.

Dave & Mary Meisell wrote from TX. Dave's working for an independent insurance agcy in Odessa. Civ life is a lot calmer than Ft Hood and 2 Bde 75 rotations to FRG. **Dan & Justine Monken** dropped a note from Ft Monroe. Dan's the CO of HHC, TRADOC. He's also the Post watermelon eating champion. Their 2 little ones are keeping mom on the run and a lot more tired than being a GEN's secy like she was in Baumholder. They are accomplished tour guides and request company whenever anyone is passing through.

Mike & Mary Ellen Hart wrote from Polk. Mike has an FA Btry and on 4 May became the proud father of Bryan Glen. His mom's birthday just happens to be 4 May also. **Red & Deborah Burris** are expecting their 2d

1975: Marks at Change of Command, 26 Jun 1980 at Fort Campbell.

soon. Red is the CO of CSC 1/40Arm. **Mark Hertling** is the CG's aide. He & Susie have a little boy named Todd Ryan. **George & Jane Kaigh** have just finished up at Rucker with George headed for Korea.

Bill & Kathy Pardue are at Campbell. Bill is the S3 of the 2/27 Cav. They are expecting their first in May. **John Talbot** married Betsy Bowie on 23 Aug up in Auburn, ME. John has an Engr co at Meade. He was one of our die-hard bachelors. There are not many left.

Chuck Hammond passed through Dix on the way back from Reforger. He couldn't stay long cuz he's headed straight to the field with the 3/3 ACR at Bliss.

Darryl Harris wrote from Lewis. He, **George Andrews** and **Dave Coughran** are in the same bn. **Dick Gourley** took cmd of an Inf co on 18 Sept. George was married back in Aug to a cute girl with a name still to be uncovered. Darryl reports he's getting married soon also.

Jeff Akamatsu was married on 30 Aug to Terry Poole. Those in attendance included **Wes Hayes, Harry Floyd, Jim Jarvis, Dave Morris** and **Dave McIntire.** Jeff & Terry are headed for Benning and the Adv Cse. Harry is getting his MBA at Penn State. Jim is a rgr instr at the Mtn Camp. **Dave Morris** just finished flt sch and is headed for Benning. **Dave McIntire** is flying with the 82d. Wes is enjoying law sch and joined the SC NG. He's an instr in their OCS program.

Jim Dunphy is at Catholic U in DC. **Steve Ptacek** married Lisa Kay Hoxworth on 25

1975: Monken assuming command at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Oct in Hayward, MO. Steve is another bachelor holdout who couldn't maintain his grip on life without company.

Curt Hansen called. He's working for Career Developments out of Dallas. If you are considering the civ life style, he may be able to help you out. **Mike Kershner** is at Benning in the Adv Cse. Being a permanent hop mgr, he's the Class S5.

Cory Loomis wrote from Vanderbilt where he's studying for an MA in English. After 5 yrs of speaking Inf, he feels like he's learning a new language. **Paul & Debbie Parkins** opted for early ret in Jun and are living in either WV or CO.

I have some sad news to announce. **Steve Strickland** was killed on 15 Sept 80 when his OH-58 crashed during the Reforger Certain Rampart exercise. Steve was from I-1 and had been assigned to B Co 3d Avn Bn 3d ID in Giebelstadt, FRG. We will all miss him and the sympathy of the entire Class is extended to Nora, and Steve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. **Strickland** of Savannah, GA. Please take a moment and remember Steve and his family in your prayers.

'76

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Hello again and Season's Greetings. Hope this ms finds all healthy and happy. Now to the notes.

Jim Warner sent a note from Ft Knox where he had a picnic for classmates in attendance. Those there, minus the names of the wives—apologies—included: **Steve Mauro, Ralph Gehrki, Bess & Jim Treadwell, Rick Hawkins, Betty Sue & Frank Kearney, Kathy & Hank Keirsey, John Cal, Matt Hyde, Scott Stevenson, Chuck Okrassa, Elliot Rosner, Dave Rodriquez, Tim McSween, Randy Morgan, Brian Shellum, Dan McManus, Mike Tatu** and **Don Knowles.** Jim added another bit of info—**Dick Koffinki** is at Ft Knox commanding the Army's only XM1 Tank co. Also **Bob Glover** is at Ft Knox and is going to be married in Clemson, SC, on 23 Aug (shows hold old Jim's info is).

The next note, on very official stationery, was as follows: "1. Reference article, "Report from the Classes ('76), ASSEMBLY, Sept 80, pp. 112-114. 2. Said reference is quoted in part as follows: 'Where are you John McCloud (sic)?' 3. That's 'MacLeod' you illiterate (expletives deleted). 4. Warmest regards." A letter that arrived about 2 days after John's from **Deb & Tom Kelly** helped this unfortunate scribe shoulder some of the blame—Deb says it was her fault but, no excuse—sorry. Anyway, Deb and Tom are doing well. They just had their orders changed and are now going to be heading to Carlisle Bks in PA. That's only 2 hours from their hometown. They left AZ after

1976: Wright, Taylor, Nelson, Grotte, Lieurance at The Preakness.

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Tom finished the Advance course in early Oct. Also, good news! After 2 girls, they finally had a baby boy born on 4 Jul (Ta Dah!), almost 9 lbs and quite "chubby" now for 4 mos old. His name is Thomas Acquinas and they hope that someday he will have the chance to live up to his name.

1976: Taylor, Wright, Nelson, band member, Grotte, and McCormick at Murphy's Irish Pub.

The next letter is from **Kevin Koester** at Ft Bliss. He enclosed an invitation to the promotion party of the 80's. The instigator and head Rabble Rouser for the function was **Ron Garridon.** In attendance were CPTs **Carl Kirkerpill, Randy Braden, Roger Schleiden, Kevin Koester, Ron Garrison, Glenn Peach, Willie Whitlock, Karl Kraus, Dave Eachus, Warren Brey, Dave Lutz, Joe Riolo, Mark Grimes, Scott Kallman, Mike Delarede, Scott Peterson, Henry Bivens, Dennis Kennedy, Bob Taggert,** and **Norm Balliet.** The party was a "smashing" success. The band was great, the catering excellent, the booze flowed, and the company was inimitable. Apparently they had a grand finale dessert: A cake decorated with a set of Captain's "tracks" imposed over railroad tracks. At one end of the RR tracks was an oak leaf, the other end had a $ sign. The question was posed, "Now we've got our tracks, which way are we heading?" (Sc note: Too, too subtle.) Apparently the $ signs end of the cake went first. All present except **Norm Balliet** who is with the Cav, were attending the ADA AC. Rumor control there had it that lurking about in the sands of Ft Bliss are **Jack Midgley,** who heads a Cav Troop and **Greg Bush** who is in an MP co, and **Chris Baggott,** also in the Cav. Kevin, modestly writing, announced his most recent title of Frost Triathalon Champion for Ft Bliss. In hot pursuit was **Chris Baggott** and **Carl Kikerpill** and a bevy of WP'ers from

1976: The Zimmermans: Eric, Alexander, and Margie.

subsequent classes. Rumor control also reports that **Skip House** is arriving at Ft Bliss in Nov. Kevin's final request is that all B-3's come out of the woodwork and WRITE! Finally, **Carl Kirkerpill's** starring as Diesel in "West Side Story" in El Paso and Kevin's got a role in "Bye, Bye, Birdie" on Post.

Well, **Linda & Harold Leeman** finally sent their 2¢ worth. He's finishing the adv cse at Ft Belvoir and seeing some of the fellow "hogs"—**J.T., Rich Rogers** and family, and **Eric Brewner.** Kinda and Harold just bought a new home in Clarksville, TN—they'll be at Ft Campbell—and they sent a welcome for anyone passing through to drop in.

Short note from **Maureen & Steve Canosa**—they were blessed with twin sons, Christopher and Brett, on 29 Feb 80. The note, dated 15 Jul found Steve as a CO at the 101st. Hopefully, we'll get an update at Xmas.

This issue **Finkelstein** note: Hope you all had a good summer, Dave was home for a couple of wks and then off to Ft Gordon. He is going to K-land in Jan. Patti and Bill, great hearing from you about your "blessed event." JT, nice talking to you as usual. Hope to see you soon. Good luck to all the new CPTs. Would really like to hear from you people, don't be lazy in writing. (Sc Note: ditto that.)

1976: Ian Murchie Thompson III, Asst Scribe, '76.

Another notice of arrival from **Lin & Dave Diedrich**—Scott David was born on 21 May. He weighed in at 8 lb 8 oz and the family increase is most welcomed. Dave says that he was enjoying the challenging(?) pace of the AC.

The **Mansons** wrote on 24 Jul from beautiful Sierra Vista. Young's being kept busy with 3 boys now. Rick doesn't think she's too crazy on the idea of trying for a **Manson** basketball team. Roger just turned 2, Scott will be 5 months old and Davey will be starting 2d grade this fall. (Young will therefore be losing her live-in part-time baby-sitter.) Rick's getting ready to leave Ft Huachuca. He'll be leaving for the AC in Jan. John Henry's schedule for the same course, unless he elects to extend out there. Rick just finished up his master's program in Bus Admin in Mar. Grapevine out there says that Finkelstein's adv cse bound; **Willie Medsger's** helping out JAG down there for the summer until he heads back to ASU for more law sch. John Henry's still programming computers. **Jim Travis** should be getting rid of his co in Sept. Dave Lopez just came in fresh from FRG via the Adv cse.

Another note of happy arrivals: To **Ann & Ray Oden,** born a son, Gary Sherman **Oden,** arrived 15 Jul 80 weighing in at 7lb 4½oz at 20" long. Heartiest congrats!!

Got a history update from **Collyon Koehler.** After 42 months in FRG, culminating as an aide to the CG, he's back at Ft Sill. While on leave he was married to Debra and they had their honeymoon cruise on the Canadian side of Lake Erie. Debra's an MI officer assigned to Augsburg, Germany, so she won't be with Collyon while he's at the AC. Obviously, Collyon's asked to return to Germany for another 3 years.

Finally got a note from **Mark Nelson** who sent 2 photos: one taken at the Preakness Stakes and one at an Irish bar in Alexandria, VA on a typical Tues night. The '76 grads involved hit the EOAC that finished in Jul 80. Among those involved were **Dale Snyder, Greg Schmitz, Rich Wolff, Jeff Jones, Al Carroll, Bill Eichinger, Clark Ray, Marc Elgaway, Harold Leeman, Mike Mikalonis, Dan Nash, Keith Nystrom, John Ross, Bob Shaw, Gary Wingo, Mark Nelson, Mark Grotte, Bruce Lieurance, JT Taylor,** and **"Waldo" McCormick.** All are now at their units. The 2 photos deserve explanation. Calling themselves "The Clancy Brothers" (also known as "The Knookai Knights) they cruised the good life circuit seeking relief from the great crippler of young male adults, T.S.B. (Terminal Shortage of Babes). At the Preakness, in force, all partied with the best of 'em but no one had any $ on **Codex.** The other photo shows the Clancy Bros performing at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub in Alexandria on a typical Gong Show Nite. (They didn't win.) **Mark Groote** added an addendum saying that Nelso about summed up their existence forgetting only golfing, sailing and stiff competition for Class Goat. (The goat gets a gunny sack full of Tooth's KB Lager—a delectable brew.) Grotto signed off with, "Tell everyone who has or is going to have one of those little anchors, that I'm very happy they're not mine—officially that is." Doug Wright's PS: "My last memory will be "The Corpse, the Corpse, The Corpse!" to which **JT Taylor** appends," Don't worry about what he says, he is harmless." JT's trying to maintain they're at Belvoir yachting, golfing, prepping for the Gerry Ford Biathalon, making HDR's, and trend setting; not a bad lifestyle when coupled with exotic beers.

As a note from this scribe, it's always a refreshing change of pace to get letters from the "excitable boys of yore."

1976: Linda and Harold Leeman and Eric Brewner.

Jeanne & Ramsey Cook added another son of '76 with Michael Ramsey Cook, born on 6 Aug 80 weighing in at 7lb 14 oz. After 3 years in Germany, the Cooks are back in OK for the AC. They'll be moving to Ft Stewart

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in Nov. They send further word of another '76 addition in Apr 80: **Christopher Eugene Meyer,** son of **Lois & Rick Meyer.** (They're somehow interrelated, Lois being either Ramsey or Jeannie's sister—sorry Jeannie and Ramsey, that wasn't too clear in your letter.)

Ed Colchado sent a note from WP where he's now working with Project Outreach in the Admissions Office. He'll be doing all his travelling on the W. Coast. Eddie called this afternoon and basically recruited himself as our reunion coordinator at WP for next year. Anyone else heading up there in the near future that's interested, give us a yell.

The last letter is from **Eric, Margie** and Alexander's **Z-man's.** The pic they sent tells all. At 5 mos, Alexander weighs over 19 lbs. Eric finished the AC at Ft Belvoir on 17 Sept. In his last letter concerning the EOAC softball team, he failed to mention **Bruce Daniecki** was their fearless coach who spent many moments nose to nose with umpires. Bruce and Cindy and son Michael are enduring Bruce's efforts at attaining his master's at night. He also has been assigned to Ft Belvoir as an instr in the Engr Sch. Other G-3 news includes: **Kathy & Mark Coomer** were supposed to have had their first child by now (Aug). **Pat & Rosemary Lusk** are at Ft Bragg and have bought a new house and are expecting their first child in Mar. **James Fletcher** is a CO of an arty unit in Germany. Margie and Eric are on their way to an engr bn in Heidelberg. (649th) Visitors Welcome! **Rich Morales** is in Med Sch in the East somewhere (Yale?) news to me! Well Rick, lets hear from you!!

OK, now for some important info. EVERYONE needs to send their current addresses to the AOG. AND, for all those itinerants who never write, if you know of one, send his address for him. REASON: when it comes time to send out the reunion poop, we will need those addresses. If we don't have yours, we'll look for you but don't expect the info in time to make adv arrangements. As soon as we have some solid info on dates, times, etc, we'll be sending it off.

As a last note, **Jim Warner** sent some info regarding **Duane Castro** last week. If anyone is interested in making some sort of donation in Duane's memory, please send it to Special Olympics, 1701 K Street NW, Suite 203, Washington, DC 20006. A suggestion has been made that some sort of gift or memorial be established at WP in Duane's memory. Please send in suggestions.

That's it for this issue. As you read this sentence, pick up one of your last Xmas cards, take an old pic of yourself, the kids or the dog, jot down what you've been doing, and send it to me. Believe it or not, there's a lot of folks that are wondering where you are. Let them know for Xmas. Well, have a merry and safe Xmas. Till next time.

Oops, goofed. Donna reminded me that I hadn't said anything about our newest. Oh well. Ian the 3rd was born on 9 Jul, weighed 7lbs 1½oz and is now a hell raiser. I've sent the pic. Donna would've never forgiven me if I'd forgot.

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BEAT NAVY

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'77

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Greetings Folks! I hope everyone enjoyed this year's version of autumn. Merry Xmas! Here's the news.

Newlyweds: John Klauck married Charis Gray on 21 Jul 79 at Colo Spgs. **John** is currently support PL with the 1/22 Inf. **Steve Gouthro** married Lee Anne on 19 Apr 80. **Ronny Ramos** and **Smitty Bradstock** were 2 of the saber bearers at the wedding.

The Stork Report: To **Mark & Georgi Haselton,** a boy, Sean Patrick, on 1 Aug 80; to **Dave & Lynn Calkin,** a girl, Kimberly Anne, on 7 Aug 80; to **Ron & Pam Porter,** a girl, Brenna Maureen, on 21 Aug 80; to **John & Charis Klauck,** a girl, Jennifer Therese.

More News: From Germany, **Mike & Deslie Church** write that they are doing well. **Mike** is currently a Bn S4, while **Deslie** is completing her degree with the UMD.

1977: Mark Haselton with Sean Patrick.

Mark Lowery recently left a job as XO, B Btry, 2/4 FA at Ft Lewis. He is now in the S3 shop for the 1/80 FA (Lance) in Aschaffenberg, FRG. During his travels he ran into **Wayne Chinsano,** a CO at Ft Sill, **Bob Zyck,** with the 864th Engr at Ft Lewis, **Gerry Hartig,** and **Jim Hubbard.**

Mike Kanner, XO HHC 1st Bde, dropped a line about classmates in the 1st Arm Div. **Al Phillips** is doing well as CO of A Trp 1/1 Cav. **Meredith & Kathy Stone** are in Illesheim with C Co 501st Avn Bn, where **Stony** is flying around. They were joined there by **Randy Buckner** and his wife, who are expecting a new addition. **Doug Arndt,** with the 1/51 Inf,

1977: Terry Carr and John Wolters, Panama.

1977: Tim, Debbie and Nathaniel Crain.

and his wife **Marilyn** just added to their family. **Dewey Blythe** has a tank company in the 1/13 Arm. **Mark Liebe** is aide-de-camp to the Div ADC. Mike ran into **Tim Holden** and **Mike Seiger,** both Bn S4's, at Graf., and requests the **Tom Beginnes** and the **Kayanans** drop him a line at Box 105 HHC 1st Bde, APO NY 09140.

Phil Pierson writes from Germany, "For the majority of the '77ers in this Bde, the 3d at Mannheim, we missed the Founders Day Banquet as we were in sunny Baumholder. Classmates who are in the vicinity are **Barry Bomier,** 3/8 Cav, **Bob Simmons,** 2/13 Inf, **Mike Adamson,** 3/8 Cav, and **Butch Watson,** 2/13 Inf. Both Butch and Mike are BMO's with their units. Both Butch and Barry have Corvettes so they are tearing up the Autobahn also.

"At the other Kaserne, there are **Ron McCandless,** S3 Air, 3/68 Arm, **Phil Pierson,** XO HHC, 3/68 Arm, and **Dan McConnell,** BMO 5/68 Arm. **Dan** and **Jackie** are expecting their first child in Jul. All of us here are anxiously awaiting this new arrival.

1977: At Wiesbaden, FRG: Robinson, the Churches, Lieto, Miott and Zambetti.

"As for others that I have seen: **Darril Nepil** is at Baumholder and is getting ready to tie the knot to a real cute gal. **Tony Lieto** is the aide-de-camp to one of the ADC's in the 8th Inf Div, while **Dave Schneider** is aide-de-camp to the other ADC. When **Tony** finishes as aide-de-camp he will go to Wildflecken as an XO. **Jim Ward** is now at Wildflecken as an XO for an ADA unit there. Also, I saw **Don**

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1977: Steve and Lee Anne Gouthro, 19 April 80.

Jacobovitz running his second Volksmarch of the day back in Apr.

"**Soulman, Keatdog,** and **Grrbah; Conan** is wondering if the perils of the world have swallowed you up." Thanks, **Phil.**

Steve Guthro sends greetings from the 82d at Ft Bragg. He is currently XO, B Btry, 26 FA, president/head coach of the Ft Bragg rugby team, and due to PCS to Germany via a TDY assignment at Ft Sill. Other classmates he has seen include **Smitty Bradstock,** A/S3 1/320 FA, **Ronny Ramos,** S3 Air 2/508 Inf, **Steve Pierce,** A/S3 1/319 FA, **Al Price** RSO HSB 1/319 FA, **Ken Cuthbertson,** BC HSB 1/320 FA, **Jeff Tensfeldt,** XO C Btry 1/319 FA, **Mike Owens,** S3 shop 1st Bde, **Doug Scallard, Ron Loveland, Greg Naudain, Bruce Carlson,** and **Al Andon.**

Tim & Debbie Crain are doing well at Ft Bliss. Tim is currently A/S4 1st Squadron 3d ACR, while Debbie is devoting herself to raising their 2 year old child, Nathaniel Thomas.

John Wolters, recently left Panama and classmates there: **Dirk Nelson, Jim Hodge, "Duke" Whittington, Les Kayanan,** and **Pat Healey.** He is attending the FA adv cse that began last Apr at Ft Sill. At Ft Sill he has run into **Gerald Nelson, Mark Henry,** and **Dave Plaza. John** requests that **Darell Nepil** and **Mike McGinnis** drop him a line at FAOAC 3-80.

Mark Haselton writes that he and his wife Georgi are doing fine in their new asgmt at WP. Mark is currently XO HHC 1st/1st Inf. Classmates **Mark** has run across include **Bob Lamb,** aide-de-camp to the Dpty Supt, **Vinnie Viola,** CO at Ft Hamilton, NY NYAC, and **Jimmy McFadden,** XO at Ft Drum, NY. **Mark** says that he and **Mac Warner** are going to the Army/Navy game together this year and hope to see other classmates at the game. He also requests that **Dave Brooks** drop him a line.

Jim Malcolm wrote a quick note stating that our Class gift account amounts to $1,753.38. Our regular account comes to $10,231.24 plus interest for this year, which probably pushes the total up around $11,000.

That's all for this quarter. Keep the Faith and may God Bless.

'78

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Hello Folks. Hope everyone is looking forward to the holiday season. After suffering through some 60 odd days of consecutive 100° temperatures in Lawton, I'll be willing to settle for a cool Christmas rather than a white one.

Ken Rackers is living with **Cal Carter** at Monterey, going to sch there learning Greek. Racks saw **Jack Faires, Scott Meyers** and **Tony Beam.** Rack studies a little, flys at Ft Ord and parties a lot I'm sure.

Len Palmer dropped a short note from Europe. **Tim Flugum** is there in 1st Armor DivArty and just got married. **Bill Janowski** was medically discharged due to knee problems. He now works as an engr on the East Coast.

Crazy **Freddie Koval** is still crazy. He went out with **Pete Henry** and got German Jump Wings in Jun. No training, he just jumped, and 5 times at that. Freddie works with the MP's at Butzbach, FRG. He passed his best wishes to "Eric the Red, Harry & Barb, **John Armstrong,** Bo, Inspector Metro, Doc Scott and the boys from MP Basic."

Mort Shea wrote from Ft Richardson. **Tom Grace, Mark Savarese** and **Ted Maciuba** are up there too. Tom is treas of the WP Society of AK. They planned a trip to Seattle to see Army get beat by Washington State. Rah-Rah Boom! More important though is Mort got married to Linda back in May 79. **Scott Kearby** got married 29 Jun 80, Congrats to all.

Frank & Elaine Shearer wrote from Bragg and they are the proud parents of Bradley Allen, born 13 Jun 80. They would like to know the whereabouts of **Mark Kwasniewski** and **Rick Makowski** and I think those names are spelled right. **Jeff Foley, Ed Poore** and **Kevin & Darlene Clowse,** are all enjoying their stay at Bragg too.

Bear & Linda Shuford were transferred by Rheem Mfg to NJ. Bear is probably VP by now. **Ward "Chief" Silvola** visited them during Easter prior to going to flt sch. Bear says "hi" to Cats, Rogey and Bala.

Dave Rich dropped a line from Ft Hood. Seems Dave is in love with the XM-1 they have down there. I don't think he'd give up Toni though! Dave says **Steve McHale** is working his buns off. **Mike Schaefer** beat those two to win Post softball. Dave traded his Celica for a 280ZX. Toni has a real good job working for a Women's Referral Service in Kileen. **Mike Kiser** is the CO for a Fin Co at Hood, and **Kenny Thronson** is still playing a mean golf game too.

1978: The D-Z Bunch

Abe & Laura Valdez were married in Albuquerque. **Gale Satre,** me and **John Taylor** were there and we all had a great time. Congrats to the newlyweds.

Chris & Marcia Maitin are stationed in Karlsruhe. They were married in TX back in Feb. Yee-ha. Chris received an ARCOM for his engr work. Others in the area include **Ace Estes, Vito Muscarella, Doug Maurer, Dave Lutz, Gene Bressler, Hal Alguire, Kirk Krist, Gary Meden** and **Joe Raczowski** whose wife had a baby girl in May. **Boots & Helen Burress** moved to Manheim, I met his parents at **Abe Valdez'** wedding. **Rudy Garcia** moved to Frankfurt and married Julie in May. All seem happy and keep busy playing sports from rugby to soccer.

Bill & Peggy Knoll were recently married. They saw **Doug Zimmerman** and **Herb Herndon.**

Pat Vye and **John Becker** are working hard in Cav and Inf. Bill says **Frank Lesieur** is enjoying bachelorhood and the Inf.

Saw where **Ace Wilhelm** is going from flt sch to Ord.

Roy & Lori Koepsell wrote from Germany. They had a D-Z reunion with **Steve & Lynn Daffron,** who are Cav. Others included **Jim & Julie Heverin, Leroy & Kathy Hurt, Jim Yuengert, Rick Steinke.** Leroy brought Kathy back from Mt. St. Helens, smart boy. **Don Davidson** is enjoying Ansbach. **Bill & Julie O'Brien** are enjoying the wine fests.

This is late and I'm beat so I'll close. Thanks for the support, I truly appreciate it.

God bless one and all and have a Merry

1978: Marcia and Chris Maitins' wedding reception in Karlsruhe: Attending were the Garcias, the Burresses, Meden, Melanie Bauerslag, Estes, and Lynn Lee.

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1978: The Wedding Party.

Xmas and a Happy, Safe New Year. I got chewed out last year for promoting alcohol on New Year's so this year I'm selling Safety. Oh yeah, Charlie did it again.

'79

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On a recent trip to Vilseck, Germany, I found **Lou Riebe, Dan Knowles, Mark Waclawski,** and **Rich Pederson.** Everyone was happy and well. Mark and Rich want everyone to know that the dancing girls are back at the Graff 'O Club and Lou is still practicing electronic football until 2 a.m.

Van Cockerman writes that he was married on 16 Jun 79 to Cindy Gillette, and they have since celebrated their first anniv. After ADA basic and the Nike-Hercules basic he has been kept busy working in B team, 509 Det, 5th Arty Group and in the 59th Ord Bde, APO 09078. At home Van has been busy because he and Cindy now have a bouncing baby girl named Shephanie Rebecca. Becky was born on 7 Apr 80. Van would be very pleased if **Tim Hayes, Steve Cramer, Brian Scilzo,** or **Steve Renfrow** could drop him a quick note. If they do not want to write to Van maybe they could write to Becky.

Mike Duffy took the everlasting plunge into marriage on 15 Jun 80 to Denise Stewart at Most Holy Trinity Chapel. Ushers included **William Duffy, John Keefe, Bruce Reminger** and **CPT Pat Duffy.** Mike says that his brother Bill has some notes coming with "X" rated photos, of "X" bachelors that is. Meanwhile, brother Matt is still single and hard at work at the 82d Abn. While in Germany Mike has seen **Pete Williams,** who was the honor grad from NBC school as well as **Joe Martz, Ron Kiewel, Cliff Graham, Bill Schleyer, Bob Bishop, Tob McCann** and **Bob Caliva.** At last report Mike was up to his eyebrows in mud at Hohnfels accomplishing his mission.

Mike McBride also has recently been married. On 27 Jan 80 Mike and Barbara were married in the WP Catholic Chapel. The wedding party included **Mike Oates** the best man, **Dave Clark, Einar Seedler, Kevin Burner, Buck Ulmer,** and Kip Edwards (76). Mike and Barbara are presently at Ft Bliss, where Mike is a platoon leader for "G" Tp 2/3 ACR. Also at Ft Bliss is **Buck Ulmer** and his wife Claudia, and daughter Kristen.

Mike Herman dropped a line to say he finished Ranger School 24 Apr 80 along with **Ed Castle, Davis Welsch, Tony Ash, Mark Lees, Phil Macklin, Chuck Otterstedt,** and **Ed Winninger.** All grads of '79 that started class 6-80 finished with Tabs. On 17 May, Mike, **Chuck Breslin,** and **Jim Rowan,** were ushers at the WP Chapel for **Joe Reed's** wedding. Mike is presently in Bamburg and surrounded by classmates including: **Bruce Bolden, Steve Chura,** and **Steve Austin** all in one Bn, as well as **Gene McIntyre, Thad Noll, Brent Nelson,** and **Jim Vaughn.**

Jim McGorry is now living in Northern Germany between Bremer and Bremerhaven, and is working with the 2d Armd Div (FWD). During Mortar Sch Jim was told not to expect a 4.2 heavy mortar plat for 3 years, however being an excellent student he got the job in only 3 weeks.

Since his wedding on 29 Dec 79, **Al Stultz** has finally caught up with his wife Karla. She is working for comm and elec plat while Al is a storage and issue plat leader as well as a maintenance plat leader. Just like the rest of us, overworked and underpaid.

Also from Germany **Dan Knowles** dropped a note about everyone that he has seen. At Garmish in Jan, he bumped into **Jim Raycraft** in the ski slope bar. It was Jim's first weekend in the country and he was making the best of it. He is now with C Co 2/48 Inf in Gelnhausen. In Mar, **Dave Sanders** and **Tom McCann** were found in the Augsberg PX. In Apr Dan found himself going TDY to Vilseck, only to find **Joe Neubert** in the BOQ. Joe and his wife are now living in Darmstadt and Joe is working for B Co 94th Engr, APO 09175. Joe was working on a 4-month project of building a new hardstand off the main tank trail. Also at Vilseck was **Lou Reibe.** He was the acting XO for B Battery 2/28 FA, APO 09177 in Amsbach. Lou has been real cool under the pressure, he was already planing ski trips for next winter. Also in the New Ulm area is **Andy Scharein,** who lives on the other side of the Kaserne, but it took a Volksmarch to bring Dan and Andy together. **Mike Cadle** is in the same unit as Andy, 1/81 FA. **Al "GO-GO" Gomez** was seen one day in QM Sales looking to pick up some bargains. Al is working for a small FA detachment, south of New Ulm. Dan also mentioned a rumor that **Ward Rotter** is moonlighting as a songwriter. Well Ward, what do you have to say for yourself?

1979: Barbara and Mike McBride

1979: Van Cockerham with daughter Becky.

Now for the stateside news. **Doug Turrell** says hello from Ft Jackson, SC. After AOBC on 16 Oct 79, a large majority of the Class started Ranger. **Bruce Batten** was the Co Cmdr in the final phase and one of the honor grads along with **Kelly Kruger.** Doug even said that Bruce was married on 25 Dec 79 at Benning. **Jim Rogers** and **Doug Anson** are to be given a great deal of credit for "carrying" DT through Ranger; anyone else would have a difficult time just lifting him. DT has been on the move; on 14 Jan 80 he was a Basic Tng Unit XO with long hours, but on 6 Jun he moved up to Bn XO. The Class is really taking charge of operations in the 1st BT Brigade. **Jim Towey** is Bde S3, and **Marcus Bonds** is 3d Bn S3. It is always easier to get what you need when working with a classmate. Doug saw **Joe Zator,** who is at Benning in the 82d. Joe is a FIST Team Leader in A Battery 1/320 FA. Joe is said to be getting nervous about a 13 Sept 80 wedding to Maria Kosprenski in Allentown, PA. Doug is even getting nervous, and he is only going to be the best man. Doug, if you forget all else always remember: NOBODY SAID IT WOULD BE EASY.

Meanwhile **Greg Banner, Ed Dottery, Jim Helis, Jeff Jacobs, Andy Duffy,** and **Steve Renfrow** are preparing to leave Ft Benning for REFORGER. Greg also sends along tidbits of information, that he has picked up while at Jumpmaster school with **Kevin Berner** and **Shep Sawyer.** Next summer Shep's Bn is going to Camp Buckner for another "best

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summer of your life." **Jeff Jacobs** just finished Jumpmaster and is now at IOMPC. **JJ Cook** was at Air Movement Sch. **Steve Whittey** just finished IOMPC and is planning an Oct wedding in Boston. **John Brophy** has finished his 1st year of med sch and is at Bragg on a CTLT type thing. **Brian Bocklage** just got back from a Florida Cuban camp while **Mike Oates** has been doing riot training at Ft Hood in preparation to going to a Cuban camp. Mike also became XO in Jul 80 and was married in Feb 80 to Barbara Boster of San Angels, TX. **Chuck Waggoner** is with the Abne Co in Panama but has heard through the grapevine that he will soon be going to 1st Ranger Bn.

I also have received a letter from **Ken Cox's** mother. Since she always wrote to the scribe for the class of '49, she thought there would be no difference in writing to the scribe of '79. Ken graduated from Ranger Srhool with the Merrills Marauders and the Distinguished Honor Graduate Awards. Also in the class was **Jack Cleland.** Ken is now working at Ft Stewart, GA, in a Bridge Co. But is still able to break free on the weekend and dash to the FL beach or up to Benning. **Mike Thalacker** is in Ft Lewis and working hard, about 28 hours per day; despite it all he seems to be enjoying it. **Tracey Herbert** is with A Co 547 Ranger Bn, 09175 and has been seeing Europe on the weekends via his side trips. Mrs. Cox had even heard from **Jim "the Bonz" Hartman** that he slipped out of Germany and made it to Greece. Also **Rich Hughes** married Melodes Page from Tuxedo, NY, at WP on 24 May 80. The best man, **Jim Treharne** flew in from Ft Ord while sabre bearers were **Howard Place,** Rich Galindo '78, Ken Grice '66, and Jim McEliece '65. Brother Ed Hughs '82 was an usher at the wedding.

Rich & Colleen Lochner wrote from Ft Polk. Rich is a C/E officer for 3/77 Armor and enjoying every minute of it. The **Lockners** are expecting an addition to their family around 25 Sept 80. The **Lockners, Marty Thomers, Bert Politoski, Drew Wiener, Kevin Butler, Steve Holmes,** and **Cliff Walter** have all been partying together at Ft Polk. **Todd Tetreault** also joined in for a week while on an FTX from Ft Bliss. Cliff is planning to get married in Nov '80 to Ann Bently. I would like to wish everyone a happy Holiday season and pray for a safe and peaceful New Year.

BEAT NAVY

'80

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After talking with a few of my "spies" planted in other basic courses, I wonder if some mistake was made in the design of our basic course at Ft Benning. There are words used in the descriptions given by **Tim Staggs** (Arm), **Jack Matthews** (Engrs), and **Pat Amstein** (FA) that are never heard in the Inf. I've only received second-hand news of the other branches, but it would appear that they follow the same line. Jack describes EOBC as "really easy," while Pat says FAOBC is a "piece of cake." I couldn't use Tim's description in this magazine, but it paralleled the other 2. I'll discuss IOBC later since I can't relate it to the other courses.

Tim said that most of our classmates have congregated in one apartment complex outside Ft Knox and have held at least one major party. Knowing some of the guys up there, I'm sure it was a memorable social gathering.

Pat's news was similar to Tim's story. He said that life revolves around one apartment complex. He also reports that his class' flag football team has been very successful, with great contributions made by **Dave Charest, Steve Lanza,** and **Jeff Kildow.**

Jack had quite a bit to say. It sems that the Engrs spend most of their time in air-conditioned buildings (he wrote in Sept) receiving classes on such interesting subjects as CPM (whatever that is!), leadership, ethics, and supply maintenance. Jack and **Nick Lucariello** are plat morale officers, and Jack claims morale is high. I assume Nick knows quite a few **good** jokes. Jack also stated that their land navigation course was a fiasco. Well, I know there is a group of Inf officers, led by "LT No-Go"—**Eugene Sullivan,** who would gladly share their wealth of land nav experiences.

Mike & Sandy Pyrz have been enjoying their stay at Ft Belvoir. They've been seeing quite a bit of Mike's brother Tony ('65), who is an AF officer assigned to the Pentagon. I've heard from several sources that **John Moeller** is the resident playboy of EOBC, dating a different girl every week (I hope this gets you in trouble!). And **Jake Kovel,** whose home is only minutes away, is moonlighting as a tour guide for the EOBC students, according to Jack.

Well, that covers the news I've received outside of Ft Benning. **Mike & Ann Peppers** were married in Jul in Alexandria, VA. He just flew up one weekend to make the arrangements and was married the next. He said that after 5 years of waiting, he could wait no longer. I guess IOBC will do that to a man. **Pat Donohue** and **Mike Stevens** attended the wedding. Other wedding news—**Bob & Laura Faille** were married on 11 Oct in Ft Benning. There were many classmates in attendance. **Bill & Cathy Bradshaw** were married on 25 Oct in Memphis, TN. It should be noted that Bill gave up Ranger school just for this wedding.

One major event which involved a lot of our classmates was the Chattahoochee Raft Race in Jul. My platoon's raft won a trophy for collecting the most trash along the route. The trash was primarily expended cans of beer—origins unknown. The crew, organized by **Bob Faille** and **Pat Donohue,** consisted of classmates **Pat St. Pierre, Bruce Schardt, Rick Matthews, Marc Richards, Berel Benecke, Mike Larkin,** and **Wally Walters.**

Unlike the other courses, there are several apartment complexes in which the Inf officers live and also, a beautiful BOQ (hah!). In all fairness, though, the IOBC hours are a bit dreary and our bodies are a bit weary, we are usually able to make it up on the weekends.

When this issue is released, a good number of us will be trudging through the mountains of northern GA. I'll apologize in advance for the quality of the next article since I'll be writing it during our break. I hope you'll make it easier by sending a lot of news for me to write about. If any of you married couples have had a child since graduation, please inform **Bret Dalton** or me and include the child's name and birthday so we can determine the winner of our silver cup. Everyone take care and enjoy your holiday season.

Russell E. Altinger '80 was fatally injured on the 15th of Sept in a motorcycle accident. Russ was awaiting the start of the Inf Off Basic Cse working at Martin Army Hosp at Ft Benning, GA. Through his 4 years at WP Russ was always challenging himself. He concentrated in chemistry with a desire to attend med sch. Russ also competed in Triathlon and participated in sport parachuting. He is survived by his mother and 2 brothers, Bruce E. '77, and Elden L., ex-cadet of '82.

Down The Field

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blocked an Aucoin field goal attempt, then took control. Ten points in the final 1:30 of the first half gave the Irish a commanding 17-0 lead. For the game, five Army turnovers were too much to overcome. Offensively, Army rushed for 106 yards and passed for another 63. Defensively, the Cadets surrendered 418 yards, but did not allow a pass completion in the second half. Notre Dame rushed for 344 yards and completed seven of 21 passes for only 74 yards. After the game, Irish coach Dan Devine said, "I thought Army played extremely well. They should be proud."

SOCCER (5-3-1)

Coach Dick Edell's squad boosted its season mark to 5-3-1 following a 4-0 victory over Rensselaer. First half goals by sophomore Scott Miller and senior John Cape helped propel Army to its fifth win. Senior Pete Courtois and sophomore Dave Freedman are the leading scorers for the Cadets with five points. Courtois has five goals, while Freedman has two goals and three assists. Jim Ahn, Tim McDonald and freshman Dave Shimkus are next with four points. Ahn has scored four goals, while McDonald and Shimkus have chipped in with one goal and three assists each.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOOTBALL (4-0)

Army's undefeated 150-pound football team, with a perfect 4-0 record and 3-0 in the Eastern Lightweight Football League, were seeking at least a tie for the league championship with a victory at Rutgers. Coach George Storck's eleven rolled to its fourth win of the season with a 28-0 victory over Princeton at Michie Stadium. It marked the second successive week that Army had shut out an opponent, having blanked Pennsylvania by an identical 28-0 score a week earlier. Tailbacks Tony Gates and Bob Scurlock rushed for a touchdown each and led Army's ground attack. Gates had 77 yards rushing, scampered 56 yards for a touchdown. Scurlock had 158 yards rushing and ran 27 yards for another touchdown. Other Army victories included a big 16-12 triumph over Navy at Annapolis and a 22-7 non-league win over Cornell. After Rutgers, the Cadets meet Cornell again, this time in a league match.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (6-0)

Army's women's cross country team, closing out its dual meet season with a 6-0 record and 18 consecutive victories dating back to 1978, were set to challenge for the first annual New York State AIAW

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Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.

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Harold Roe Bull

NO. 5263 CLASS OF 1914

Died 1 November 1976 in Washington, D.C., aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HAROLD ROE BULL

HAROLD ROE "PINK" BULL was born on 6 January 1893 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of Agnes Mesick and Charles Milton Bull. He attended public schools in New England and New York—wherever his father's dairy business took the family. In 1910 he entered West Point, the culmination of his boyhood dreams, having been appointed by Senator Page of Vermont.

On graduation in 1914 he was commissioned in the Infantry and served with the 30th Infantry at the Presidio of San Francisco, then Plattsburg Barracks, and on the Mexican border. In May 1917 he married Elizabeth Alden Shedden of Plattsburg.

During World War I, Pink, as his fellow cadets dubbed him, participated in the battles of Chateau Thierry and Meuse Argonne and attended the General Staff College at Langres.

After the war his assignments included service with the Chief of Military Intelligence, Washington; instructor in the Department of English and History at West Point; and troop and staff duty in Hawaii.

School assignments followed: The Infantry School, The Command and General Staff School, instructing at the Infantry School, graduation from the Chemical Warfare School, the Army War College and the Naval War College.

During the years leading to World War II, following duty with the 26th Infantry, he returned to Washington, first as Assistant Secretary and then Secretary of the War Department General Staff. From 1939-41 he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Culver Military Academy. In July 1941 Pink became Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Motorized Division at Fort Benning.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor, Pink returned briefly to Washington to serve as the G3 War Department General Staff. Next he was made Commanding General of the Ground Forces Replacement and School Command in Birmingham, followed by command of the III Corps. In October 1943 he was named Chief of Operations and Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, serving as such on the COSSAC Staff (Chief of Staff, Supreme Allied Commander). In February he took up his principal wartime role as Assistant Chief of Staff (G3), Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, charged with planning and coordinating the invasion and assault against Germany. During September 1944 he served a brief period as Commanding General of the 4th Division on the Siegfried Line, one of the most gratifying assignments for this staff officer who had hoped for field commands.

From December 1945 to September 1946 he was Chief of Staff of the United States Forces, European Theater in Frankfurt.

Upon returning from Europe and serving briefly as president of the Civil Defense Board and the War Department Decorations Board, Pink became Deputy Director of Organization and Training Division, General Staff, United States Army. From 1949 until his retirement in 1952, he was president of the National War College.

His retirement from the Army in 1952 did not terminate his service to the nation, for he then served for five years in the Central Intelligence Agency, as a member and then vice chairman of the Board of National Estimates, which Board reported directly to the President and the National Security Council. For this service he received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal and Citation from Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Pink's military decorations include many foreign ones and the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Legion of Merit for "performance of outstanding services . . . as a member of a mission for the Supreme Commander to the Russian High Command in Moscow for the purpose of coordinating operations against the German armies. . . ." His most prized decoration, the Silver Star, was awarded to Pink "for gallantry in action" as Commanding General of the 4th Division in Germany in September 1944. The citation reads in part: "The 4th Infantry Division occupied an extended front beyond the Siegfried Line and at many points repeated counterattacks were repulsed. Major General Bull daily visited these areas under artillery and mortar fire, encouraging troops and making improvements in their dispositions and positions by first hand knowledge of the terrain. On 26 September, over protests of a Combat Team Commander, he visited leading elements of a battalion in close proximity to Brandschied, Germany, in order to secure detailed information of enemy disposition in this area. By his presence on the very front lines, Major General Bull instilled confidence in the troops. By his coolness and calmness under grave, hazardous conditions, his keen judgment and tactical sense, he improved immensely the morale and tactical dispositions of the 4th Infantry Division at a critical time."

In a way it seems almost inappropriate to write of the many and varied contributions of Pink's career and the recognition given him because he was a man of genuine humility. Friends, and he had many—on both sides of the Atlantic, hearing of his passing wrote of his competence, integrity, his even temper and selfless devotion to duty and country. They wrote too of his easy and delightful sense of humor, which helped lighten a dark day and which added warmth and wit on a happy occasion.

Pink gave to the tasks assigned him his best, without thought of personal gain. He responded readily when others needed help, and drew as his reward the pleasure of seeing his efforts lighten the burden of others.

As his wife and daughter, we know there could not have been a more loving and devoted husband and father.

Pink is survived by his wife Elizabeth of the Army Distaff Hall in Washington, D.C.; his daughter Patricia, Mrs. William A. Jamison of Clinton, New York; his son John of Clinton, New York; three grandsons and a sister Dorothy.

The lines of one of Pink's National War College students and Central Intelligence Agency colleagues, Paul Borel, reflect the essence of our feelings at his passing:

With ready smile upon his face
He saw the best in men.
He served with honor, lived with grace
This soldier - citizen.

At Arlington we gathered round
As winds and chill impressed
Where heroes lie beneath the ground
We lay him to his rest.

A call to muster sounds again
The last salute to give
For us the memories remain
To light the life we live.

—*Elizabeth S. Bull* and *Patricia B. Jamison*

Francis Rusher Kerr

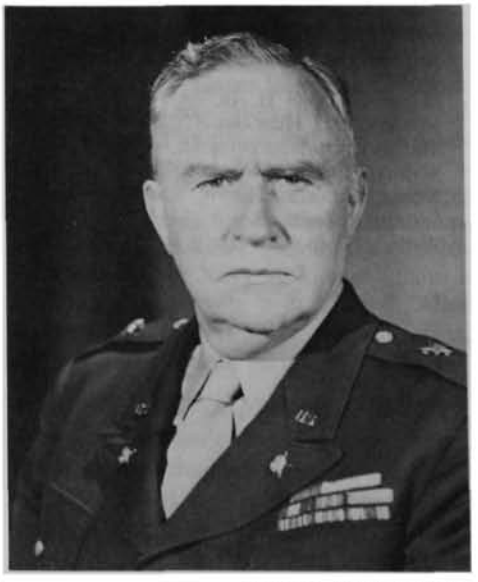
NO. 5280 CLASS OF 1914

Died 8 February 1975 in Newport, Rhode Island, aged 84 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FRANCIS RUSHER KERR, retired Army Brigadier General, and United States government official, died 8 February 1975 at Newport, Rhode Island, Naval Medical Center following a prolonged illness.

Born at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1890, he was educated at Yale College (1908-1910) and was graduated in 1914 from the United States Military Academy and commissioned in the Infantry.



FRANCIS RUSHER KERR

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He served on the Mexican Border in 1916 and in World War I was a battalion commander in France with the 88th Division. In 1919 he was assigned to the faculty of the Department of Drawing of the United States Military Academy. In 1920, following the death of his first wife, May Regina Rothwell of New York City, whom he married in 1914, he resigned to enter civil life in New York City where he became vice president of United Drug.

During the 1920's and 1930's as a Reserve officer he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Army War College at Washington, D.C., and served a tour with the War Department's General Staff. In Rhode Island he served in the 1930's as a business executive, a public school educator and administrator, and as Deputy Director of State Civil Service under Governor William Vanderbilt.

In 1940, prior to the entry of the United States in World War II, he was called to active duty at Washington, D.C., to organize the Claims Division of the Office of the Administrator of Export Control. At this time Franklin Roosevelt named him under Presidential appointment as Chief of Export Control of the Board of Economic Warfare.

Following the outbreak of World War II, he was recalled to the War Department General Staff and appointed the Chief of the Army Exchange Service and first Deputy Director of Special Services. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit (Army) and the Silver Life Saving Medal of Honor of the Treasury Department.

In 1946 upon retirement from the Army, he joined Veterans Administrator, General Omar Bradley, as Assistant Administrator of the Veterans Administration, a post which he held in both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations until his retirement from government in 1953. The following Veterans Administration citation was presented to him: "Your outstanding leadership, your warm personal friendliness, your amazing skill in getting persons of various interests to work together harmoniously, your clean vision, your pioneering spirit, your keen sense of right, your kindliness and perhaps, above all, your basic integrity have earned for you an exceptional place in all our hearts . . ."

Following his retirement in 1953, he served as a member of the senior officer promotion review boards of the United States Foreign Service in Washington, and in New York was a lecturer at the Baruch School and the New School for Social Research.

A frequent traveler abroad, and a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., in recent years, following his retirement from public service, he made his home at "Derrydown," Middletown, Rhode Island, with his wife, Marion Frances MacDonald Kerr, whom he married in 1926 and who survives him with one of their sons, John Hoare Kerr of Washington, D.C.; their six grandchildren; and their nephew, a West Point graduate, Major William MacDonald of Fort Bragg, Georgia.

He was pre-deceased by his son, Robert Johnston Kerr II, of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Burial was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, on a snowy day following a funeral mass at the Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1975. A memorial mass was held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Burlington, Vermont, by his nephew, Episcopal Bishop Robert S. Kerr of Burlington.

—JOHN H. KERR

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Ernest Nason Harmon

NO. 5677 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 13 November 1979 in Veterans' Hospital, White River Junction, Vermont, aged 85 years.

Interment: Ox-bow Cemetery, Newbury, Vermont

ERNEST NASON HARMON

ERNEST NASON HARMON was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, 26 February 1894, son of Ernest and Junietta (Spaulding) Harmon. Orphaned at the age of ten he went to live with relatives, John and Minnie Durant, West Newbury, Vermont. He attended the rural schools in West Newbury then high school at the Bradford Academy, Bradford, Vermont, graduating in 1912. He attended Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont for one year then received an appointment to West Point from which he graduated in 1917.

"Shorty" as he was known by his classmates, was a hard worker and although slight of build he earned his letter in football, became expert rifleman and member of boxing and hockey squads. He took part in both indoor and outdoor meets.

Upon graduation he chose the Cavalry and went to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, to the 2d Cavalry. He had brief periods of duty at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and School of Musketry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, before going to France with "F" Troop, 2d Cavalry, 17 March 1918, the only Cavalry unit to see overseas duty in World War I. He saw service in the Baccarat Sector in Vosges, Camp Du Valdahon, St. Mihiel Offensive, Meuse-Argonne, and in France and Belgium, returning to the States in June 1919 to Fort Riley, Kansas, as student officer at the Cavalry School.

In August of 1921 Harmon was assigned to the United States Military Academy as instructor in Mechanical Drawing. He was also backfield coach in football. He organized and coached the first lacrosse team at the Academy. In the summer of 1924 he went to France with three other officers, to represent the United States in the Modern Pentathalon event in the Olympics.

After his West Point tour Harmon served with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, then four years as Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Commandant at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. Then followed two years at the Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and one year at the Army War College, Washington, D.C. At Fort Bliss, Texas, he commanded a squadron of the 8th Cavalry then went to Washington, D.C., for four years on the War Department General Staff. From there he went to mechanized cavalry at Fort Knox, Kentucky. At this time the Armored Force was formed and Harmon became General Chaffee's Chief-of-Staff.

As major general, commanding the 2d Armored Division from Fort Benning, Georgia, he embarked for the invasion of North Africa, landing at Safi, Morocco. He was Deputy Commander of the II Army Corps in the battle of Kasserine Pass. Later he returned to command the 1st Armored Division in Tunis, completing the Tunisian Campaign. He participated in the battles before Cassino, Italy and Anzio Beachhead, spearheading the attack out of Anzio, entering Rome and continuing on to the Arno River. Harmon then became commanding general of the XXII Corps but was recalled to go to France and resume command of the 2d Armored Division in Belgium.

This Division, known as "Hell on Wheels," broke the Siegfried Line and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. General Harmon was the first military governor of the Rhine Province until it was turned over to the British and he went to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, with the Army of Occupation.

Harmon organized and commanded the United States Constabulary in Germany until he returned home to be Deputy Ground Forces Commander at Fort Monroe, Virginia, until his voluntary retirement in February 1948.

His many decorations and awards include: Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal(3), Legion of Merit(3), Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal and Purple Heart. The decorations from foreign countries include: Legion of Honor, Degree of Commandant (France); Croix de Guerre with Palms (France); Order of the Bath, Companian (British); Order of Orange-Nassau with Swords, Degree of Grand Officer (Netherlands); Order of the Red Banner (Russia); Order of Leopold I, Grade of Commandant with Palms (Belgium); Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium); Order of Quissan Alaouette, rank of Grand Officer (Morocco); Medal of Valor, Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus, rank of Commander (Italy); Order of White Lion, First Class with Czech War Cross (Czechoslovakia).

After two years on a farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Harmon accepted the presidency of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. In 15 years, 1950-1965, the enrollment at the college increased from 500 cadets to nearly 1200. Accreditation was reached in most, if not all courses with nearly all Department Heads having PhD's. Fifteen new or remodeled buildings were added to the complex and trees, shrubbery and flowers added beauty to the campus.

Harmon's leadership was tremendous in the growth of the University and in the quality, intelligence and ability shown by those cadets who learned patriotism and loyalty under his guidance.

In 1964 he was awarded the Tasker H. Bliss award for the most outstanding contribution to military engineering education by an engineer-professor or instructor.

General Harmon received honorary degrees from the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont; St. Michael's College, Winooski,

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Vermont; Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont; and Norwich University.

In 1951 Harmon was made a Thirty-Third Degree Mason because of his outstanding military career.

After his second retirement he wrote his autobiography, "Combat Commander."

On 15 August 1917 he was married to Leona Tuxbury, West Newbury, Vermont. They have two daughters, Barbara Roll and Jeanne Oliver; three sons, Halsey, Robert and Ernest Jr. All three sons fought in World War II. Of the 17 grandchildren, two grandsons, Henry and Jon Roll, fought in Vietnam. There are four great-grandchildren.

Ernest Harmon was honored and awarded for his military leadership and tactics, respected and admired for his academic achievement at Norwich University, and loved by his family and friends.

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Charles Solomon Kilburn

NO. 5693 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 28 December 1978 in Carmel, California, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CHARLES SOLOMON KILBURN

CHARLES SOLOMON KILBURN was born in Silver City, New Mexico, on 2 January 1895. His family soon moved to El Paso, Texas, where they were active in ranching. After high school graduation, he was appointed to the Military Academy at West Point from Texas.

While at the Point he played basketball and football. He was nicknamed "Rattlesnake Pete" by his classmates because of his ranching background.

After graduation in 1917, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Cavalry. His first assignment was to the 17th Cavalry at Fort Douglas, Arizona, which provided protection along our border against the Mexican revolutionist, Pancho Villa.

After promotion to captain, Pete was aide-de-camp to General Willard A. Holbrook and later sent to France to serve as a War Department American Expeditionary Force Courier.

Between wars, he served at a number of military installations and three times was aide-de-camp to General John L. Hines, Army Chief of Staff, and was an aide to General Joseph Dickman and General Malin Craig.

He completed courses at The Infantry School in 1923, The Cavalry School in 1933, the General Staff College in 1935 and the Army War College in 1937, also serving on the General Staff's war plans division and was Editor of the *Cavalry Journal*.

In 1941, when Pete was promoted to colonel, he took command of the 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division and later commanded the 3d Cavalry Brigade. On his promotion to brigadier general, he was named commander of Combat Command A, 11th Armored Division, then at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Early in 1943 he was named commander of the Division at Camp Cooke, California. The Division was moved to England in the following year and in 1945, into combat in the Battle of the Bulge where they stopped the German drive.

The Division trapped thousands of German troops near Bastogne, Belgium, in a surprise move in January 1945. Assigned to the Third Army front, the unit made a rapid 15-mile advance across the Nahe River to a town 14 miles northwest of Kaiserslautern, sealing a 300-square-mile pocket containing an estimated 2,000 enemy soldiers.

At the close of the war, he was assigned to the Special Plans Division of the War Department General Staff and later commanded Camp Blanding, Florida, in 1946. He retired from the Army in August of that year.

During the years before World War II, Pete was known as an outstanding Army horseman and polo player. He was instrumental in the construction of the Polo Field in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Pete's warmth and keen humor remain in the remembrance of his friends and family. He was loved and respected by many. At his death in Carmel, California, on 28 December 1978, his family was about him. We praised God for a wonderful father and leader in our lives.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Chabot formerly of San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, and a son; nine grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

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Archie Trescott Colwell

NO. 6064 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 18 December 1979 in Shaker Heights, Ohio, aged 84 years.

Interment: Knollwood Mausoleum, Mayfield Heights, Ohio

ARCHIE TRESCOTT COLWELL was appointed to the Military Academy from the Second District of California. He was born in Yankee Jims, California, 30 July 1895, and graduated from Placer High School in Auburn, California. He attended one year of junior college at the University of California at Auburn. That year he was Commandant of the High School Cadet Battalion—which caused him much annoyance in Beast Barracks.

Arch quickly assimilated into cadet life; was color corporal; cadet captain, driving the 3d Battalion; baseball; indoor meet; star plebe year; Young Men's Christian Association; choir; Hundredth Night; Glee Club; Mandolin Club. He and roommate Bob Coolidge entertained many times on Color Line and

ARCHIE TRESCOTT COLWELL

at the requests of upper classmen. Bob had been 1st Mandolin at the University of Illinois Mandolin Club, and Arch played guitar accompaniment. They were often joined by Harrison Shaler on steel guitar or ukelele.

At graduation Arch chose the Corps of Engineers and attended Engineer School at Camp Humphreys. While there he married Sallie Tuttle in Topeka, Kansas. After Humphreys he was assigned as Adjutant of the 9th Mounted Engineers at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This unit was then moved to Fort Riley, Kansas, after which Arch was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana.

While there in 1922 Arch left the service and joined Steel Products of Cleveland, Ohio, as a sales engineer. He later was in charge of Michigan as Sales Engineer for the Cleveland Division. He returned to Cleveland in 1929 as Chief Engineer of the company and later was made vice president of Engineering and elected to the Board of Directors. He served as a captain in the National Guard 112th Engineers for a short time, but constant business travel necessitated his resignation. From 1935 on he made many trips to Europe and made important connections in Italy, France, Germany, and England, both in management and engineering. He was granted a number of patents which are assigned to the company.

In 1941 Arch was elected president of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and made many addresses to sections of the Society, and to various national bodies. He was later given honorary degrees of Doctor of Engineering by Case School of Applied Science and Fenn College, which later became Cleveland State University. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, an Honorary Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, an Honorary Member of the Cleveland Engineering Society; and received the Distinguished Service Award of the Cleveland Technical Societies Council. He served on several Boards of Directors, including TRW, Ferro Corporation, and Harris Intertype. During the war, Thompson Products (formerly Steel Products and now TRW) was one of two sources making sodium cooled aircraft valves, which were vital for engines in both fighter and transport planes. As vice president of

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Engineering, mass production and engineering innovations were made. Hispano Suizo and Gnome Rhone in France were also supplied. Many thousands of aircraft fuel pumps were delivered to Wright Field.

One development of extreme importance was made. Planes had trouble in going to high altitudes because air in the fuel caused vapor lock as air pressure was reduced at altitude. Arch listened to an inventor who had the idea of beating the air out of the fuel with a booster pump in the fuel tank. It would act like a swizzle stick in a glass of champagne. The idea sounded so practical that the inventor was signed up at once on patent rights, and put to work in a high altitude laboratory. The work was successful, and many thousands of these booster pumps were made for both military and commercial planes, and are used today.

During the war he was a member of the Automotive Council for War Production, and served on the War Engineering Board of the Society of Automotive Engineers. After the war he was chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee of top automotive engineers to develop an engine design for tanks to increase their range. For several years he was chairman of the Aircraft Committee of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Toward the end of the war Thompson Products was offered the opportunity of making parts for jet engines. Arch's recommendation for acceptance was enthusiastic, which was done, and is a very important division of TRW today.

The name of Thompson Products was changed in 1958 to Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge, when the latter company was absorbed by Thompson, and then to the present TRW Inc. During his later years with the company Arch traveled to Japan, Brazil, Argentina, England, France, and Germany, particularly looking for acquisitions. He retired as an officer of the company in 1960 at age 65, but remained as a consultant for eight years. The TRW research building is named the "Colwell Engineering Center."

During 1977 Arch was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Automotive Organization Team (AOT, which *is* the automobile industry). He was also elected a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers and awarded the first Cooperative Engineering Medal of the Society.

About 1930 Arch took up golf and became an avid devotee of the game. Through persistent practice he achieved a handicap of three. His other hobbies were music and photography. Advancing age brought on a malignant vocal chord, which was successfully treated by X-ray, and a bout with diverticulitis, internal polyps, and a heart attack.

In his world-wide travels he assembled an amateur's collection of good movies and slides: in the Holy Land, Tree Top, Amboseli and Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Grecian Isles, Japan, Hong Kong, South America, and the Bahamas.

He was a member of the Union Club of Cleveland, the Midday Club, the Country Club, the Pepper Pike Club, and the Detroit Athletic Club, resigning from the latter at the end of his active career. He was a 32d Degree Mason, and a Shriner of Al Koran Temple.

It is obvious that Arch Colwell was a great achiever—one of the very top achievers of his class. He never wore stars on his shoulders, but the drive, the competence, the enthusiasm, and the leadership which he displayed during his entire adult life, and the contributions which he made to the automotive, aeronautical, and space industries and to the effectiveness of our arms are the things of which stars are made.

Arch was a big, warm, outgoing, friendly, kindly, generous, loyal, lovable man. He also was possessed of that priceless quality—a great sense of humor. Arch loved people, and people loved him. He had more truly devoted friends than anyone this writer has ever known. He was never so happy as when he was making other people happy. In visiting with him, if one were to comment upon his many accomplishments, he immediately would say, "Oh, but look at what *you* have done," and then would enlarge upon his visitor's credits—never his own.

Arch's advance to a top position in one of the country's great industrial complexes was rapid—but never at the expense of anyone else. On the contrary, he always was ready to offer a helping hand.

Arch loved to entertain people—with his famous guitar, with his inexhaustible fund of stories which he told so well, with his beautiful slides and movies, and with his (and Sallie's) hospitality.

Basically, Arch was a serious, self disciplined man of strong character. Whenever he undertook a project, or set a goal, he would devote whatever time, energy, and midnight oil it might take to bring it to a successful conclusion. That's how his great record was built.

But socially he was a delight. No couple was more fun to be with than Arch and Sallie Colwell. At class reunions, if one wanted to find the Colwells, all he had to do was to look for a group of people—probably singing or laughing—and Arch and Sallie would be at the center of it.

One of Arch's outstanding characteristics was his love for his family. He was utterly devoted to Sallie, and together they roamed the world, on both business and pleasure trips. Their two very attractive daughters were the apples of his eyes.

Finally, Arch was a loyal son of West Point. His love for the Academy was very deep, and through the years it never wavered.

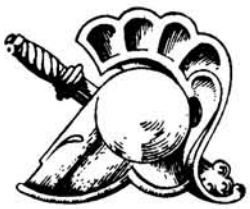
Archie died on 18 December 1979 of heart failure. He had had surgery for an intestinal malignancy just two weeks before his death.

His survivors are: daughters, Marion C. Findeisen and Sallie C. Smith; grandchildren: Karen Colwell Smith, John Colwell Findeisen, Mark Alan Smith Jr., Arch Colwell Smith, and Craig Zuern Smith.

In leaving us, Arch has left a great void—one which cannot be filled. But he left something for all of us. He not only brightened the lives of all those who knew him—he enriched them as well, and this we can keep.

To Sallie, Marion, and Sallie, the members of our class extend our deepest sympathy, and we want you to know that we claim a share of your grief, for the Class has lost one of its greatest.

—Robert B. Coolidge—Classmate



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Charles Henry Noble

NO. 6411 CLASS OF 1919

Died 12 August 1979 in Brooke Army General Hospital, aged 80 years.

Cremated remains placed in crypt, Mission Park, South, San Antonio, Texas

CHARLES HENRY NOBLE

CHARLES HENRY (CHIC) NOBLE was born in Boise Barracks, Idaho, on 30 October 1898, the son of Brigadier General Charles H. Noble and Mary Palmer Noble. His father, Infantry, served in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. His mother was the daughter of Colonel George H. Palmer, Medal of Honor winner in the Civil War. Her brothers were Colonel Bruce Palmer and Colonel Guy Palmer, the former being very influential in the mechanization of the United States Cavalry. Chic attended grammar school through high school in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Columbia Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., prior to entering the Military Academy by presidential appointment at large. He graduated early from West Point on 1 November 1918, but returned to the Academy as a student officer in the grade of second lieutenant from Dec. 3, 1918 to June 11, 1919. Following graduation from this course, Chic was engaged in the normal garrison duties of a lieutenant until 1 August 1935 when he was promoted to captain.

Chic married Miss Elsie Louise Pancoast in San Antonio, Texas, on 30 October 1923. She was a member of a prominent San Antonio family and grew up in the King William area of that city. Elsie died on 13 April 1978 and her ashes also rest in a crypt at Mission Park, South.

Chic attended the basic course at The Cavalry School and was one of the few chosen for the Advanced Equitation Class, an extremely sought-after assignment. He went on to be an accomplished polo player and an expert competitive jump rider especially over long and difficult timed courses. Although I had known Chic since we were cadets, it was not until we both arrived at Fort Myer in 1928 that we formed the close friendship that lasted until the day he died. Elsie and my wife Janie also became very dear friends for fifty years.

Chic's career reached its climax when he

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was made commanding officer of Combat Command B, Reinforced, of the 16th Armored Division, which eventually became part of General Patton's Third Army and was the spearhead of that Army's thrust into Czeckoslavakia in May 1945. Combat Command B took the lead in the advance on Pilson and the huge Skoda Munitions Works. There was surprisingly little resistance save for intense sniper fire which was finally silenced before the City of Pilsen was recaptured from the Germans. Combat Command B was received by enthusiastic and jubilant Czecks from all sides. For being the leader of this liberation force Chic was awarded the Czechoslovakian Military Cross 1939 and the Czech Order of the White Lion (Czech Medal of Honor) and was made an honorary citizen of Pilsen. He also received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor and the Legion of Merit as G4 of the Third Army. He retired on 30 June 1949 on his own application.

After retirement he stayed very busy. Among other things, he was the founder and first president of the West Point Society of South Texas and was made a member of the board, emeritus. He was also the founder and first president of the 16th Armored Division Association. He was the last surviving member of the United Services Auto Association's founding group. He served for some time as the Executive Secretary of the Printing Industry Association of San Antonio, Texas. Chic served as vice president and manager of the San Antonio branch of the Federal Finance Corporation. At his death he was in business for himself in investments and property management. Chic married Maureen Melba Hicks, a widow, who took faithful care of him throughout his terminal illness. Everyone marvelled at the courage and fortitude shown by him up to the last minute.

He is survived by his widow; a son, Charles Henry Noble Jr. by his first marriage; and four grandchildren. I am honored to be the one to assemble this memorial for my dear friend, Chic Noble.

—Chris Knudsen Class of Nov. 1918

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Willard Leslie Isaacs

NO. 6505 CLASS OF 1919

Died 22 October 1979 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 80 years.

Interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona

BILL WAS BORN in Minnewaukan, North Dakota, on 31 March 1899 to Edward and Carrie Isaacs. He attended high school in Buchanan and then, for one year, the University of North Dakota, while awaiting appointment to West Point, which he entered with the Class of 1919. He spoke of many interesting experiences at the Military Academy, but did not record them all. With a note of pride, however, he admitted leaving West Point owing a number of "tours."

After graduation, he accompanied his Class on a memorable tour of American and allied battlefields and bases of World War I in Europe. Upon his return to the United States he attended The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating there in July 1920, and was assigned to the 39th Infantry at Fort Dodge, Iowa, moving later to Camp Lewis, Washington. After a brief stay there he was assigned to the 35th Infantry, which was en route to Hawaii. After three years at

WILLARD LESLIE ISAACS

Schofield Barracks he moved to Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he was promoted to first lieutenant, being sent later to Boston University as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Here, in addition to teaching, he coached the University rifle and pistol team to a national championship.

On 3 April 1928 he was married to Effe May Walter. They had three children, one of whom died in infancy. In 1930 Bill resigned from the Army and accepted a position with the Stumpp and Walter Company in New York City.

At the outbreak of World War II Bill returned to the Army as a captain in the Air Corps. Here he had some very interesting overseas assignments, serving in India, North Africa and Italy. He returned to the United States as a lieutenant colonel, and at the close of the war resigned his commission. Shortly thereafter he and his family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he remained for the rest of his life. Bill was ill for many years before his death, but he never complained.

He is survived by his widow, Effe May; his brother, Larry; his daughter, Jean Hughes; his son, Willard Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

—E.M.W.I.

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Arthur Lee McCullough

NO. 6553 CLASS OF 1920

Died 6 January 1979 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 82 years.

Body donated to science

MAC WAS BORN on 3 December 1896 to Charles and Agnes (McIlroy) McCullough in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He soon became big brother to three adoring younger sisters. His future in aviation was prophesied when as a young boy he and a life long friend began building and flying rubber band powered models of the early Curtiss and Wright biplanes and Bleroit's monoplane. In his search for information on planes in the public library, he came across stories and information on life at West Point. After graduation from high school in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, he entered the University of Wisconsin to study engineering. During this time the opportunity was presented to him to take the competitive examination for an appointment to West Point. He won the appointment and joined the Corps of Cadets in June 1918.

Although he was a member of the "curious class of 1920" that had one of the shortest underclass period and total cadet careers, he was thoroughly imbued with the spirit and traditions of West Point.

After Engineer School and a brief stint of troop duty, he spent a year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. While there he met Margery Willard, the sister of one of his fraternity brothers. She was attending Vassar College then, graduated in June 1923 and taught in high schools for four years. Mac received his Civil Engineering degree in June 1922 after which he returned to duty with the Corps of Engineers. His engineering duty was most noteworthy for his service with the Engineer Rifle Team in 1923 and in 1924 when he helped the Engineers win the National Rifle Matches for the first time.

A change in his career came in September 1925 with his assignment to the Air Corps. After earning his wings at Brooks-Kelly Field, Texas, in 1926, he was transferred to Mitchel Field, Long Island, where, eight months later in June 1927 he married Margery Willard. Then he returned to Brooks Field for Flying Instructor School followed by duty as an instructor at March Field, California.

The prospect of a transfer to the Philippines just before the birth of his son Willard brought on his decision to leave the Air Corps and start a civil aviation career. For one and a half years he was a pilot and field manager for Pitcairn Aviation in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia. In 1930 he became operations manager for Compania Nacional Cubana de Aviacion in Havana, Cuba. Shortly thereafter his daughter Robin was born. Thanks to the availability of air transportation she was born in Miami, Florida. The job ended abruptly when, at the request of the United States State Department, he flew Cuban dictator General Machado and several members of his cabinet to asylum in Florida.

Just at that time Pan American Airways System had absorbed the small Cuban airline. So Mac went to Brownsville, Texas, and became a Pan Am pilot and captain in the Central American Division. With the advent of the long range flying boats and Pan Am's plans to start transatlantic passenger service, Mac went to Baltimore, Maryland in 1939 and on to Long Island in 1940. He quickly earned his rating as Master of Ocean Flying.

ARTHUR LEE MCCULLOUGH

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At the outbreak of World War II Mac made immediate efforts to rejoin the Air Corps in a combat role rather than as a military passenger and cargo pilot. He was successful and was assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command in August 1942. For his service as a staff officer in operations and training he was awarded the Legion of Merit. He also served for brief periods in the European Theater during the Sicilian airborne Campaign and again shortly before the Normandy Invasion. In late 1944 he was assigned to the Combat Cargo Task Force in the China-Burma-India theater. For his efforts in helping to run the aerial supply line over the Hump to China and for his performance in planning and leading the airborne invasion of Burma that recaptured the city of Rangoon, he earned the Bronze Star Medal and two Air Medals. Relieved from active duty in late 1945, he returned to flying Trans-Atlantic clippers for Pan American.

Mac maintained his affiliation with the Air Force Reserves and was assigned to command the 4th Bomb Wing Light and then the 514th Troop Carrier Wing. In early 1948 he received his brigadier general's star.

For the Korean police action, his 514th Troop Carrier Wing was recalled to active duty. He served as commanding general with his unit for two and a half years at Mitchel Field, Long Island. Then for the year 1954 he was commander of the 1503d Air Transport Wing at Haneda Airport, Tokyo. From this last tour he was retired on a medical disability early in 1955 and returned to his home on Long Island.

There followed a few years of adjusting to retired life working with the George Bryon organization in life estate planning. In 1959 Marge and Mac acquired the lovely small home in the hill country of Texas they had first seen and fallen in love with early in their married life.

The next eleven years were idyllic: summers at their home on Twin Lakes in the Poconos; winters at the "Casa Mas Alla" in Hunt, Texas; trips to different parts of the world with close friends; and trips around the country visiting classmates, friends and family. Sadly this life together came to an end in September 1970 with Marge's sudden death while they were on a motor trip with friends through New England.

Mac's new solitary state and declining health required that he leave the home he and Marge had loved so much. Therefore he took up residence in Air Force Village on the outskirts of San Antonio where he spent his remaining years.

With great determination in his state of failing health he summoned the strength for one more trip in May of 1977. He returned to Long Island for one last visit with his family and especially to meet his first great-grandchild. After his tiring three day visit he returned to San Antonio by train in order to have a last good view of his country he had flown over so many times.

The last two years of his life, when his health was deteriorating so rapidly, were marked by frequent visits of his family to Air Force Village. On New Years Day 1979 he was taken to Wilford Hall Medical Center suffering from pneumonia. This final illness he could not conquer. Arthur Lee McCullough passed quietly from this life on the afternoon of 6 January 1979 while his son and daughter were with him. It was the peaceful end for a man who rose to notable heights in two careers—the military service of his country and civil aviation.

He is survived by two sisters, his son and daughter; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

(from *High Flight*, by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.)
—His son

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Thomas Herbert Maddocks

NO. 6935 CLASS OF 14 JUNE 1922

Died 27 May 1977 at Tarpon Springs, Florida, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THOMAS HERBERT MADDOCKS

THOMAS HERBERT MADDOCKS, "Tommy," was born in Detroit, Michigan, on 17 November 1897, the son of Norman and Susan (Black) Maddocks. He entered West Point with a direct appointment from the Army on 13 June 1919, graduated on 14 June 1922 and was commissioned second lieutenant, Signal Corps.

Tommy's distinguished cadet record was listed in the 1922 HOWITZER as "Corporal (3), Sergeant (2), Class Historian (3), Class President (2) Young Men's Christian Association Historian (4, 3), Librarian (2)." He and 29 members of the Class of 1923, based on the provisions of the Act of Congress of 30 March 1920, elected to graduate at the end of their third year. Another class president was elected by the Class of 1923 after the graduation of the special class of 14 June 1922. Maddocks entered the Military Academy as a veteran of World War I, in fact with a Victory Medal with six battle clasps, and a veteran of service in a foreign allied army. In Paris, France, Tommy Maddocks enlisted in the French Army on 24 October 1917. He was awarded the Croix-de-Guerre with Bronze Star for outstanding bravery in action on 23 October 1918. His citation was a special commendation of the fact that as a member of medical and ambulance unit, he had rescued and attended to the wounded under heavy fire with great courage!

Calm, serene, efficient, Tommy easily proved to be the ideal Top Sergeant of the 3d Company as a quiet pipe-smoker in Beast Barracks. To quote the HOWITZER in 1922: "From Engagé Volontaire to Sergeant United States Corps of Cadets in three years . . . He did not know what it was all about but, adhering to the Fochian character picked up in the French Army, he continued to smoke his pipe through it all." The summer of 1922 saw Second Lieutenant Maddocks temporarily out of uniform and on a tour of the cafes of Paris and Nice, improving his already excellent French. Commissioned in the Signal Corps, he served with the 51st Battalion from 14 September 1922 to 15 September 1923. Maddocks then served in Washington, D.C., but his love of France, and good luck obtained for him the assignment of student officer at the Ecole Superieure de Electricité (1930-1931). He next joined the faculty of the Signal School at Fort Monmouth which was followed by a tour at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In Lawton, Oklahoma, while stationed at Fort Sill, he married Marguerite Wheeler Huston, a very attractive lady with three daughters, and the widow of the Cavalry Instructor at the post. His wife died in 1970. In 1936 he was Reserve Officer Training Corps officer at the University of Minnesota, later served on Governor's Island and again at Fort Monmouth and then served on important assignments in the Signal Corps in World War II, winning the Legion of Merit and a Commendation Ribbon. Maddocks was retired as a colonel, Signal Corps, in 1951 and settled in Charlottesville, Virginia; he later moved to Tarpon Springs, Florida, where he died on 27 May 1977.

Tommy's character was summed up by a classmate who wrote: "Tommy was a prince of a fellow and most likeable. He had to a marked degree that unique quality described as charisma."

Before completing any story about Tommy Maddocks, his second wife, Leslie Crawford, whom he married in January 1972, must be quoted:

"Although Tom and I were married only five and a half years we had known each other much longer. I would like you to add something from me to your final documentation. Something to the effect that our far too short years together were marked by the closest, loving companionship which will always remain the all-surpassing memory on my life. Tom's devotion to his country, to his Alma Mater, to his class and his many friends could not be surpassed. To know him was to love him."

To this, every classmate will attest with great sadness at his passing.

—A Classmate

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Lawrence Varsi Castner

NO. 7200 CLASS OF 1923

Died 6 December 1949 in Oakland, California, aged 47 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

LAWRENCE VARSI CASTNER, known as "Bill," was born in San Francisco, California, 1 May 1902, son of Brigadier General and Mrs. (Ada White) Joseph C. Castner. His father, Rutgers 1891, was known for his early and distinguished career in Alaska. It was in Alaska,

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LAWRENCE VARSI CASTNER

during World War II, that Bill as a colonel, distinguished himself as an organizer and leader of an intelligence unit that became known as "Castner's Cut-throats," while he served as G2 on the staff of General Simon Bolivar Buckner, commanding the Alaskan Theater. This guerrilla outfit, composed of natives, miners, fishermen and others who knew the north well, made an effective combat intelligence unit against Japan. For his leadership, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the Army, and also the Legion of Merit by the Navy for his work as military advisor to the Navy on the first amphibious operation in the Aleutians—Bill took over the command when the Naval officer in command lost his life during the mission.

Bill received a competitive presidential appointment to West Point from President Woodrow Wilson and entered the Military Academy on 13 June 1919. His famous statement to upperclassman McNutt that he was called "Bill," because he came at the first of the month, was largely responsible for his wide expanse of chest that became a handicap in fencing.

As a cadet he had a distinguished career: a member of the fencing team for four years, captain in his last two; individual sabre champion; individual dueling sword champion; a member of the tennis team for four years; earned a monogram in both fencing and tennis; member of the Bugle Corps for two years; a rifle and pistol marksman; participated in the indoor meet in Fourth, Third, and Second Class years, earning his numerals in the Third and Second years and was a member of the ring committee. He became national intercollegiate fencing champion in sabre in his senior year, and was a member of Maitre Vauthier's National Intercollegiate Fencing Team.

Upon graduation on 12 June 1923 he was assigned to the 20th Infantry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until March 1924 at which time he was transferred to Governor's Island, New York, and attached to the 16th Infantry for tryouts for the American Olympic team. He participated with the 1924 American Olympic fencing team, competing in epeé, foil, and sabre (individual and team competition); winning two silver medals, and reaching the semi-final round in individual sabre. It has been reported that he was proud of the fact that his predecessor in Olympic sabre competition was George S. Patton, and that one of his classmates, Frenchy Grombach, was on the 1924 Olympic Boxing Team. In the following years he was located at many different stations: Tientsin, China, with the 15th Infantry; in El Paso, Texas, at William Beaumont Hospital; in Fort Bliss for observation and treatment followed by a period of sick leave and recruiting duty; at Fort Lewis, Washington, commanding the 3d Tank Company, assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff G2 and G3, Headquarters 3d Division, and aide-de-camp to his father, BG Joseph C. Castner; at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student, Officer Advanced Course, The Infantry School; at Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, 7th Infantry; at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, student, Command and General Staff School, Class of 1938; then to Fort Douglas, Utah, 38th Infantry followed by his war service in Alaska.

In addition to the military awards, a special posthumous certificate (ordered by President John Kennedy, but not signed by him because of his untimely death) signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, was sent to Bill's mother. It reads: "The United States of America honors the memory of Lawrence V. Castner. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Bill was married in San Francisco, California on 17 June 1925 to Jane McCombe Raby, the daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. James Joseph Raby. They were blessed with two daughters, Diana and Juanita, both born in El Paso, Texas.

Bill was retired for physical disability 30 June 1944 and for a brief time he operated a cold storage business in Alaska.

He suffered from a heart ailment that had developed during his duty in Alaska. On 6 December 1949 in Oakland, California at the home of his mother, he died of cancer. He is survived by his two daughters: Mrs. Diana Castner Tebbetts and Mrs. Juanita Regis Carr; sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A great soldier, almost lost in history, must be acknowledged as a selfless hero who is revered by his classmates, the Military Academy and country. Ours has been a great loss and we salute you, Bill. "Grip Hands."

—A Classmate

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Ernest Orrin Lee

NO. 7241 CLASS OF 1924

Died 24 March 1975 in Berryville, Virginia, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ERNEST ORRIN LEE was born 16 January 1899 in Hoytsville, Utah. He served for a brief period as an enlisted man in the Army during World War I.

He entered West Point 2 July 1920. He spent all four of his cadet years in the same cadet company, developing a group of close friends. His academic work was outstanding. He wore the gold stars of a distinguished cadet one year and graduated 21st in a class of over 400. With his class standing he could have selected any branch of service, but chose the Field Artillery.

After graduation in 1924, he served in Field Artillery units at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, until

ERNEST ORRIN LEE

1929 when he returned to the United States to attend the Battery Officers' course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It was probably while here that he met his beautiful wife, Sally Thrift, of Virginia. They were introduced by Jean Daniel, wife of classmate Charles D. Daniel, initially through correspondence. They were married 21 June 1930.

To his classmates he was known as Leo, but Sally gave him the name of "Oleo" which was just hers.

After a year at Fort Sill Leo received orders for the Mathematics Department at West Point. There he remained for four years.

At West Point their three children were born: Fitzhugh, Ernest Orrin Jr., and Marion.

Leo went to Madison Barracks, New York, from West Point. Captain Lee commanded a battery of the 5th Field Artillery. Let Leo put this period after leaving the Math Department in his own words: "After completion of my tour in the Math Department in 1935, I ran head on into the First Army maneuvers. More maneuvers in the next two years after which I landed in Fort Sam Houston in 1937 with my old original 15th Field Artillery to go through PID and P2D. Then to Fort Knox in 1939 and the activation of the 19th Field Artillery of which I commanded, from recruit infancy and on through McClellan, Benning and Louisiana, Hq Battery (my last command).

"In July 1940 I was lured to the Finance Department on the basis that 'a change is as good as a rest.' Following five weeks of schooling at Holabird, I joined the 9th Division being activated at Fort Bragg, starting with a green crew of six recruits and a master sergeant, we soon started paying the Division . . . I believe the first division to open an accountable disbursing office. Carolina Maneuvers ended in time to receive news of Pearl Harbor.

"Into Casablanca, across to Tunisia and back for short rest (not for a Finance Officer) and then Sicily. Then II Corps and Italy until after the capture of Rome. From there to north of Florence with Mark Clark and his Fifth Army. I may be the only Finance Officer of Div, Corps, Army in order.

"Back to the United States and the War Department, Army Service Forces, where I have been Chief of Administration, which later developed into Military Personnel Division. Division of Chief of Finance Office,

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using aspirin to cure Pentagon headaches."

After Leo's service in the Office of the Chief of Finance, he served periods as Finance Officer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as Chief of the Budget Division, European Command and as Finance Officer at Fort Monroe, Virginia, which position he held until his retirement.

During the time he was Budget Officer of the European Command, the Lees' older son was left in the United States to attend college. Sally and the other children also returned later to the United States and lived in Charlottesville, Virginia, until Leo returned from Europe.

During his service Leo advanced through the Army of the United States and Regular Army grades to the grade of colonel, Regular Army. He retired in this grade.

After retirement, the Lees lived for a time in Roanoke, Virginia, and he taught mathematics for a time in nearby Salem College. Thereafter, they lived in Berryville, Virginia, near two of Sally's first cousins.

They bought a delightful older home. Leo restored and improved the house, doing much of the work himself. He also did some beautiful woodwork thus keeping occupied with interesting activities.

During service Leo suffered a number of ulcer attacks and underwent a number of operations. He was ill for a number of months before his death. During this illness Sally was stricken and died in Feburary 1974. She was buried at West Point. Leo did not survive her very long. He, too, was buried at West Point.

Leo and Sally are survived by their three children.

—A classmate

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Colby Maxwell Myers

NO. 7645 CLASS OF 1925

Died 6 February 1980 in San Diego, California, aged 77 years.

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery, San Diego, California

COLBY MAXWELL MYERS was born 23 January 1903, in the District of Columbia, the son of Allen Perkins Myers and Meria Sherier Myers.

One of the relatively few native Washingtonians, he attended grammar school and Western High School in Washington, D.C. Colby entered West Point directly from high school in July 1921, and knowing nothing of West Point, received the shock of his young life. Like many, he wanted out at first, but the place grows on even an innocent youth, and he soon got into the groove. He tried out for all possible athletics, but was good enough to make the grade only on the soccer team. Colby was a sports fan and sports participant as long as his physical being permitted.

COLBY MAXWELL MYERS

Colby graduated twentieth in his class in spite of many bouts with the Tactical Department and the Battalion Board. The HOWITZER says of him, "Easy going, generous to a fault, a true gentleman, and a better sport." This, likewise has characterized him throughout his life.

Upon graduation he followed a typical career of a young lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, including troop duty, post-graduate study for one year at Cornell University where he graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer, and graduation from the Company Officer's Course of The Engineer School. While at Cornell he met Olive Lee Devison, a beautiful co-ed, and it was not too long before they were married, in June 1928.

Lieutenant Myers became a crack shot with both the rifle and pistol, and won the Distinguished Marksman award in 1930 as a shooting member of the Engineer Rifle Team at Camp Perry, Ohio. The opportunity to participate in the National Matches at Camp Perry again did not come until 1939 and he continued shooting as a hobby for many years thereafter.

Colby saw service with the 1st Engineers at Fort DuPont, Delaware, the 3d Engineers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and with the 6th Engineers at Fort Lawton, Washington. During this latter assignment he was commander of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Pateros, Washington, 20 miles from the Canadian border.

In 1933 he was assigned as assistant to the District Engineer, Portland, Oregon. His principal job was the extension and reconstruction of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River. From October 1934 to June 1938 Colby was assistant to the Resident Engineer, and Resident Engineer on the construction of the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. This was a most rewarding experience professionally as an engineer, and one which stood him in good stead in later years.

Following a year as a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he served until July 1942. He then served for six months during the activation and training of the 98th Division, as the Engineer Battalion Commander and Division Engineer. In January 1943 Lieutenant Colonel Myers was assigned to the Engineer Amphibian Command, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. He supervised the writing and reproduction of the training guides for this new type Army Engineer unit. He then commanded a regiment of the 4th Engineer Special Brigade, one of these new type amphibian engineer units, and later became executive officer during the organization and training of the Brigade. By this time Colby had been promoted to colonel. From 1944 to 1946 Colonel Myers was executive officer and later commander of the Brigade. He served in Australia, during operations in New Guinea and the Philippines, and in Japan in the first occupation forces.

Following de-activation of the 4th Engineer Special Brigade, he served in the Engineer Section, Headquarters Eighth Army in Japan, as staff supervisor for requirements, plans, and execution of all construction for the occupation forces in Japan.

On return to the United States, Colonel Myers was placed on duty with the Air Force in 1947 as staff engineer for the Strategic Air Command. When the Air Force became a separate service, he transferred to the United States Air Force in November 1947 and was assigned to Headquarters, United States Air Force, in the Pentagon as Deputy Director and Director of Installations, responsible for construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of United States Air Force bases worldwide. He continued in the Pentagon in this assignment until May 1952. During this time he was promoted to brigadier general and to major general. He became well known on Capitol Hill by the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives, for his many appearances before these committees presenting and defending the Air Force construction programs.

From 1952 to 1957 General Myers served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations, in Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany, with direct responsibility for construction and maintenance of all United States Air Force bases in Europe, Africa, Middle East, and United Kingdom. He traveled extensively to all these areas in connection with base construction in the several countries, and formed many friendships with the officials of these governments.

On 30 June 1957 Colby retired after some 32 years of commissioned service, and spent some six months touring the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, spending some three months in Spain.

Upon return to the United States in December 1957, Colby and Olive resided in the Washington, D.C., area, his birthplace, looking after his family, several properties, and other personal interests. He always kept in close touch with his classmates and was active in Class activities. In search of milder climes they moved to San Diego, California in November 1966.

Colby was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, and many commendations. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, The Society of American Military Engineers, The Air Force Association, The Air Force Historical Foundation, and was a member of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D.C., for many years.

In addition to sports, Colby was a do-it-yourselfer and built all sorts of things for his home. He used to say he would tackle anything about the house except plastering, and he did just that, including a little plastering on occasions. He enjoyed a garden and with his good wife, always had flowers, plants, or vegetables, or all three around them.

Colby is survived by his wife Olive, and their son, John Allen Myers of the Class of 1955, and by five grandchildren.

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Laurence Sherman Kuter

NO. 8066 CLASS OF 1927

Died 30 November 1979 in Naples, Florida, aged 74 years.

Interment: Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado

LAURENCE SHERMAN KUTER

LARRY KUTER FELT that "Duty, Honor, Country" governed the direction of his life. To Larry Kuter that simple motto never lost its luster. From those concepts he never swerved.

At the Academy he made perhaps a few more lasting friendships than the average cadet and graduated in the top quarter of the Class of 1927 without being known as a "grind."

He reported for his first duty, accompanied by his bride, at the Presidio of Monterey, California, in the 76th Field Artillery. In June 1930 he graduated from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, where he received his advanced training in bombardment.

In the 1980 June and July issues of *Air Force Magazine* General Haywood S. Hansell traced Larry's career and paid tribute to him as "An Air Force Pioneer." He stated, "In the space of thirty-three years between his graduation as a second lieutenant pilot in the Army Air Corps and his retirement as a four-star general in the Air Force, Larry contributed to the development and advancement of American airpower at every step up the ladder. Larry Kuter's contributions to airpower are too numerous to chronicle.

"Larry was a man of all seasons. Through it all he seasoned every day with a leavening of humor that kept the stream of experience in balanced perspective."

Laurence S. Kuter was named by the *New York Times* "An Architect of Air Power." The *Air Force Magazine* defined him as "Strategist, tactician, planner, educator, military statesman, and commander of strategic, tactical, airlift, and air defense forces; he played a major part in the development of World War II airpower and in the United States Air Force's continued evolution during the post war years."

The Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General Lew Allen, wrote, "General Kuter was one of the truly outstanding men to serve the Air Force and the Country. The work he did gave the Air Force a doctrine and theory of operations without which effective combat operations would have been impossible. The Air War plan which he coauthored stands out in history for its brilliance, and must be counted as a major factor behind victory in the second World War. Even had his career ended in 1941, he would have earned a lasting place in the Air Force Hall of Fame. But his accomplishments to that point, added to those of the next twenty years, establish General Kuter as one of the shining lights of the Air Force."

General Stanley Umstead Jr., Commander at the Air University, wrote, "General Kuter's contributions to the growth and effectiveness of airpower were nowhere more visible than here at the center for professional military education. Much of his spirit and exceptional leadership will remain, providing inspiration to our faculty members and students in the years ahead."

General Robert E. Huyser, Commander-in-Chief, Military Airlift Command said, "General Kuter was a fine man and a great American. His legacy of distinguished service to our great nation still lives. In retirement, typical of his dedication, he continued a long record of outstanding contributions through his participation in the National Defense Transportation's Military Airlift Committee where he gave his highly valued service."

Charles Baker added, "During the last several years on the Military Airlift Committee I discovered that in addition to being a consummate gentleman, Larry always had the ability to say and point out those really important things that somehow everybody else was overlooking."

Colleagues who had served with him wrote. General D.C. "Doc" Strother commented, "Larry was consistently considerate and thoughtful toward his subordinates, unselfishly assisting them and supporting their efforts. These qualities of leadership encouraged people to work for him knowing that he would always be there with his full support and encouragement. As a man Larry was universally admired and looked up to. His great intelligence, thoughtfulness, tact, and patriotism made him a most unusual man the likes of which seldom appear. He was a great officer whose contributions to the Country will continue to manifest themselves as time goes on. He was the principle catalyst in Air Power thinking in that he was able tc clarify the experience of the past and translate these into application for the future air power doctrine.

"Larry and I also struggled with golf. If a man's character is illuminated by his conduct on the golf course, Larry came through much better than the rest of us. We had great fun on hunting trips, turkey and quail shoots. In sum, anybody who was around Larry was a better and more rounded person for the experience. That is all one can ask of one person."

General Frank F. Everest, "Hank," stated, "Larry was a general officer of rare accomplishments, moral courage, exceptional intelligence, complete integrity, unusual ability to express himself orally and in writing."

General Harris Hull added, "I remember Larry best for his patience—what a wonderful virtue—and his understanding of other views, which when it was all sorted out, added immeasurably to the effectiveness in any critical situation, as his wisdom surfaced so easily and logically and with such clarity to carry conviction to all. With these qualities he was naturally an inspiration to those of us privileged to serve under him. We admire him for his stature, but we loved him because he was just Larry to those who knew him."

General "Mike" Kim, who also was an Ambassador, sent this message from Korea. "Larry's splendid leadership and contribution to maintain the peace of Asia and Pacific districts, as well as his noble character and warm humanity will be long remembered by those whom he had so kindly assisted and advised."

Erskine Rice, A vice president in Pan American World Airways wrote, "In my nearly forty years in aviation I have known and worked with many fine men, but I can honestly say that General Kuter was at the top of my list—in character, in integrity, and in ability. He had my absolute respect and my very highest regard."

"Tex" Boullioun and Carl Munson sent this message at the time of Larry's death, "We have a sense of personal loss at the Boeing Company. Larry's contribution to aviation and airlift was a valuable one."

Larry served his country around the world as a military innovator, planner, organizer, leader. He served in civilian aviation as a diplomat, a negotiator, a builder, a writer, an historian.

His devotion to his family and friends never faltered. He enjoyed life. He especially enjoyed a camaraderie with his daughter Roxanne and his wife, Ethel, with whom he shared more than fifty-two years in marriage. His dedication to duty and his intellectual drive never ceased until the day of his death.

Impressive military memorial services were held in his honor in the civilian community of Naples, Florida, and again at the time of interment at the Air Force Academy. The verse on the memorial card read:

"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, 'Well done,
Be thou at peace.'"

Edwin Hugh John Carns

NO. 8554 CLASS OF 1929

Died 4 November 1979 in San Francisco, California, aged 72 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

EDWIN HUGH JOHN CARNS, born in New York City 22 May 1907, lost the battle to cancer at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, on 4 November 1979. He was laid to rest in the West Point Cemetery.

To all who knew him he was "Bat"—a very suitable nickname for a fine baseball player and athlete. As a cadet his constant cheerfulness and refreshing wit, while brightening the days of his classmates, occasionally landed him on the Area. Few of the prophecies made in our graduation HOWITZER came to pass, but in Bat's case none could have been more foresighted than the prediction that there would be "high morale in every command that he enters." How true! He was cheerful, optimistic and uncomplaining to the end.

Like many of his classmates Bat aspired to be an aviator in the Army Air Corps, but those ambitions were short-lived. (It remained for his eldest son, Michael, a member of the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy, to attain that goal.) So, in late 1929 Bat reported to the 5th Cavalry

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EDWIN HUGH JOHN CARNS

Regiment at Fort Clark, Texas, where with his usual enthusiasm and energy, he soon became the dapper cavalryman thoroughly enjoying his life with troopers and horses. In 1933 he attended the Basic Course at The Cavalry School at Fort Riley, and remained on for the Advanced Course. He so excelled at horsemanship that he was chosen to be an instructor for the next four years. During those great days known as the "life of Riley" Bat won many equestrian trophies, but his greatest triumph was in winning Jeannette Anne (Jan) Chamberlain to be his bride on 23 December 1935.

In 1939 the Carns moved to West Point where Bat was an instructor in Cavalry tactics and equitation. Then came the disruptive era leading to the United States involvement in World War II and the Occupation and Cold War periods that followed. Bat had to give up his satisfying years with horses to participate in the development of the new Armored Forces at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. From there he went to Europe as Chief of Staff of the 20th Armored Division, later commanding its Combat Command "B." At war's end he returned to the United States with the 20th, but only briefly to attend the Command and General Staff College before reverting to the Constabulary in Germany. Shortly thereafter he became G3 of the United States Forces in Austria in Vienna and a member of the Quadripartite Military Committee. Jan was among the first dependents permitted to join their husbands in occupied Europe.

Bat returned to the United States to attend the National War College, graduating in 1950 to serve five years in the Pentagon, mostly in the Secretariat of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Then followed consecutive assignments in Korea and Japan and promotion to major general in 1956. He must have derived great satisfaction when he took command of the 1st Cavalry Division, which he had joined as a new "shave tail" back in those long-ago days on the Mexican Border.

The next move was to Hawaii to serve as G3 of the United States Army Pacific. A brief tour with the Reserve Forces came in mid-1959 with station at Fort Lawton, Washington. Then back to the Pentagon; first, to serve with the Joint Strategic Survey Council of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; later as Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations on the Army Staff.

In April 1963 Bat became commander of the Army Training Center at Ford Ord, California. Bat's usual charm and tact prevailed during his able administration of Ord, Camp Roberts and Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Generous participation in civic activities and concern for community affairs endeared the Carns to a host of lasting friends in the area. Bat and Jan so enjoyed the Monterey Peninsula that there was no hesitancy in choosing it for their retirement home.

While Bat retired from active duty in 1965, he by no means lessened an active, challenging and useful life. For the first few years he was a full-time consultant to the prestigious Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park. He next undertook Directorship of Monterey's Bi-Centennial—a position requiring not only organizational talent but skillful diplomacy as well. Bat had a great concern for the preservation of the unspoiled beauty of the Del Monte Forest while best satisfying the interests of its residents. Elected president of the Homeowners Association, he was persuasive and persistent in negotiating several agreements in furtherance of these worthy objectives. A grateful community has recognized him by creating "The Forest Fund" (in memory of Bat Carns) for open space maintenance and acquisition.

Throughout his career he personified the highest qualities of an officer, a gentleman and a concerned and responsible citizen. This he was to the end, and an enthusiastic sportsman, a devoted husband and a proud father, as well.

In addition to his adoring wife Jan, Bat leaves: a son, Michael, a colonel in the Air Force; Mary (Ismay), wife of a retired Navy captain; a second son, Edwin Hugh John Jr., a 1963 United States Military Academy graduate—an Infantry officer so wounded in Vietnam that he elected to become an Army Medical Officer; and a second daughter, Jeannette Anne (Lewis), wife of an Army lieutenant colonel—a heritage to all the military services.

P.L.F, a classmate

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Julian Broster Lindsey

NO. 8767 CLASS OF 1929

Died 1 July 1979 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"FAMOUS FOR BEING the most expensive Kadet in the Corps, in that for six years he has refused to leave West Point—that is, for any length of time—a veteran who remembers the old Bolshevik days of K Company, an Army child with definite leanings toward the branch in which he was raised—that is 'Jupe.' You may try to beat him at polo, and you will fail, you may try to beat him at bridge, and you will fail; he fights to the last tenth! Clever in conversation, charming in manner, Jupe made himself not only well known but also well liked by the entire class. A poop-sheet in one hand, a pencil in the other, and cracking wise with the man sitting next to him, gives in brief a picture of this versatile child of the Army."—THE HOWITZER 1929.

After staring at the blank sheet of paper for three hours and finding no real starting point; and, equally, having no stopping place, I wonder how one can write of the life and times of Julian (Jupe) Lindsey?

JULIAN BROSTER LINDSEY

One can ramble on about Jupe and his time or one may call the number and names of his children, speak lovingly of his wife Judy, or name the places where he was stationed as a lieutenant, a captain, a major, a colonel. Do such listings and enumerations capture the life and times of Jupe? Of a certainty—no.

Jupe's mother died in birthing him; his father, a very understanding, patient and intelligent officer in the Army, took charge of the wee one and reared him practically single-handed, and did a fine job of it too; and, at the proper time, sent him off to the Military Academy at West Point.

Once there it took Jupe two tries before he cleared the hurdles, and by that time he found himself a member of the Class of 1929. Undaunted, Jupe took us in hand (in his own way) and started moulding us in the image that Jupe considered a proper one. Even at an early age Jupe took to the military life without a break in his march. During his father's tour at West Point, Jupe retrieved a slightly worn "tarbucket" from a trash can after graduation of a senior class—(h-m-m about the Class of 1910, 1911, 1912?)—and, after wheedling his father, a major or thereabout, into being the reviewing officer, Jupe paraded what must have been without question the youngest cadet company ever to carry arms at Sacred Heart Seminary, Highland Falls, New York. Jupe thereafter contended that he had become a First Captain long before we others became cadets.

Jupe's father kept a close watch on his son, with the assistance of his classmates and other means available, he was in touch with his son's progress through time at the Academy. Jupe loved horses and that led to polo. He saw an opportunity to get into that group when the call went out for tryouts for the Military Academy polo squad. Jupe was first in line to sign. He drew his equipment and his mount, reported as ordered and was taking a warm-up canter down the Riding Hall when there came a voice from the south corner of the valcony, "Mr. Lindsey!" Cadet Lindsey immediately reined in and saluted. Looking up at the balcony he saw the Superintendent pointing his finger at him, Jupe sat facing his fate. The Superintendent continued, "Mr. Lindsey, you will have ample time to train mounts and to play polo later in your career. You will turn in your mount and equipment and report to your room. Thereafter you will study your math assign-

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ment for tomorrow." Always ready to oblige the Supe, Jupe saluted smartly and did what he was told.

Upon graduation and commissioning Jupe served in the United States for about five years. He felt that he should receive orders overseas soon. On his way through Washington and not having heard anything, he stopped at the Adjutant General's office to inquire about an overseas tour. The officer in charge of such matters looked at his file, noted that he was due for overseas assignment and further that he had indicated his preference to serve with the 15th Infantry then stationed in China. Further he noted that all of Jupe's preference cards showed his first choice to be the 15th Infantry, China. The officer turned to Jupe and told him that since his preference had never changed, he could be considered as the number one on the list. That being the case, he would have orders cut on him for transfer to China.

Jupe always contended that his prolonged stay in the Military Academy was due to his appreciation of the advantages of station at West Point, while his classmates failed to do so—and missed a lot of the good life by rushing through four years at West Point, always straining after an uncertain future. Not Jupe. He understood the gentle art of good living.

Judith Braxton McGuire and Jupe were married in 1930. There are two children born of this union: a son, Robert Hunter Lindsey, now retired from the Army, and a daughter, Anne Tucker Lindsey Pearson.

During and after World War II Jupe served in Europe. During the Korean War he served with the Korean Military Advisory Group. He was Commanding Officer, 10th Infantry in 1953 and of Fort Sheridan from 1958-1959. Upon his retirement in 1959 he joined the staff as the Executive Vice President of the Army Distaff Foundation in Washington, D.C., and held that position until his death in July 1979.

Our classmate helped to put in final form 1929's thirty year book. He was elected Vice President of the Class of 1929 in 1961, replacing George Baltzell, deceased. He was elected President of the class when Don Zimmerman, who had served as Class President from 1929 to 1979, relinquished his position. Jupe was serving in that position when he died in Walter Reed after a most frustrating illness, but mercifully a short one.

Jupe was of the greatest help in fostering the growth of the Army Distaff Hall. He developed the ability to smooth ruffled feathers and petty quarrels among the ladies. They, too, loved him for himself.

When the Class of 1929 commenced the preparations for its 50th Reunion, Jupe's enthusiasm, tact and hard work and his efforts in finding the solutions for dozens of problems that arose during the five years prior to our "50th," contributed greatly to its success.

Jupe was inclined to avoid doctors (including dentists). In the months of April and early may 1979, his health broke, and despite the best efforts of these same doctors, he lost weight and strength.

With greatest reluctance Jupe finally admitted that he could not make the trip to his reunion. This had a saddening effect on the committee and the Class in general.

In any assessment of Julian Broster Lindsey we find that he was a gentleman, a kind father, that he loved his family, his country, the Military Academy, the Regular Army; and he was a credit to all of them.

For fifty-plus years Jupe strove to give the impression that he was a happy-go-lucky fellow without a care. He did have one story that stood up. (I think!). That story: At the end of the yearling academic year his posted standing placed him nine spaces below the last name above him.

A reliable indicator of this man is the assesment in the 1919 HOWITZER by a classmate, his record of service through 50 years, his selfless serving without pay the Army widows at the Distaff Hall, his record as an officer in the United States Army, his performance of duty as an officer of his class, and the affection and kindly laughter and real love given freely to him by these classmates prove his worth as a man.

Awards, decorations and citations: Combat Infantryman's Badge; three Bronze Star Medals; Commendation Ribbon; Ben Castle Award—for performance of duties exemplifying the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country while in the position of Assistant to the President of the Army Distaff Foundation.

Therefore we close with Jupe's own words of parting: "Goodbye, Jupe, God Bless" and "Keep in touch."

—Paul W. Caraway, a classmate.

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Barksdale Hamlett

NO. 8909 CLASS OF 1930

Died 26 August 1979 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BARKSDALE HAMLETT

BARKSDALE HAMLETT, patriot, soldier and educator, was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 30 December 1908. His father, Barksdale Sr., was the Superintendent of Public Education for the State of Kentucky. When Ham was ten years old his father died. His widowed mother published a country newspaper which she owned.

Ham spent most of his youth in Columbia, Kentucky, hunting and fishing, avocations that remained with him all of his life—avocations so strong, in fact, that one might wonder how he found the time to get an education and fulfill so well the heavy responsibilities that fell on his shoulders in later years.

He graduated from high school in Columbia, and for a year attended Lindsey Wilson Junior College before entering the Military Academy in 1926.

He was interested in all kinds of sports. As a cadet he went out for football, lacrosse and boxing and had a vital interest in all the other athletic activities of the Corps. In addition to being on three Corps Squads and performing his regular academic and military duties, he served as a member of the Honor Committee in which he believed strongly. When he graduated from the Academy in 1930 he was commissioned in the Field Artillery. In the next ten years he served in Texas, Hawaii, and twice at Fort Sill.

On 15 December 1931 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he married Frances Underwood of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Their daughter, Otila, married Robert Forrest Stanley of the West Point Class of 1955, who is now pursuing a successful career with ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. There are three grandchildren of whom Ham was extremely fond. He loved his family dearly.

The second time he served at Sill he was a student in the First Balloon Squadron at the Field Artillery School where he earned his rating as a Lighter Than Air Pilot for Captive Balloons and Dirigibles. He was one of the very last balloonatics—an auspicious start for a long and distinguished career.

In June of 1942 Ham was appointed Assistant Artillery Officer of II Corps with which he served in the United Kingdom and in North Africa. In a convoy headed for Oran he was assigned to the Center Task Force of three that were to establish the base of initial operations in North Africa. The "landings" around Oran were almost without incident except for a flurry of attacks by a few pestilent groups of die-hard French defenders who lobbed 75mm shells at the ships unloading at the piers. Rifle fire also began to add to the dissension among the soldier stevedores who had been detailed from combat and service units to unload the ships, and who objected strenuously to unloading them under fire. The unloading process began to waver, falter and nearly crumble as the GI stevedores left their jobs and scrambled for shelter. Suddenly, out of nowhere, appeared Barksdale Hamlett who took command of the principal Pier. By the force of his fierce determination to "cut out this damned nonsense," the unloading was resumed with a surge of activity. The sparkle of Barksdale's qualities of leadership in this brief incident gave clear indication of his bright and distinguished future.

After the debacle at Kasserine Pass, Ham was assigned as the Deputy Commander, Chief of Staff, et cetera, of an armored task force sent through the valley north of the pass in an effort to stop the German advance. 'Tis said that when he was called out of bed in the night he would struggle into his clothes, then put on his combat jacket always with the remark: "O.K., now that I've put on my CP I'm ready to go." In the jacket pockets were all the messages to and from the task force commander and, as far as anyone knows, they were the only records kept of what turned out to be a successful operation. This modus operandi reflected the directness, simplicity and down-to-earth approach that distinguished him from the pack and among his peers. Ham always knew how to get the job done in good spirits even if the going was tough and modern conveniences scarce.

During Ham's service in North Africa he was awarded the Silver Star for valor. To this, in later years, were added the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with

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two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star and ten other American and foreign decorations.

Home again in mid 1943, he served for a year as Assistant G3 of the Army Ground Forces in Washington, D.C., then back to the war in Europe as Artillery Commander of the 16th Armored Division.

With World War II at an end, Ham attended the Ecole Superieure de Guerre in France and survived the course, served as Director of the Department of Gunnery at the Field Artillery School, and in 1949 graduated from the National War College.

During his tour in the Gunnery Department, he was instrumental in the development of the method of adjusting Field Artillery fire that has been used successfully for the past thirty years in lieu of four or five more complex methods that it replaced. It was probably the greatest advance in Field Artillery gunnery since World War I. Despite dissenters, Ham saw it through its testing and established it as doctrine.

Fire horse that he was, the war in Korea called him to service there. After a tour in Headquarters, Far East Command, he went to Korea as Artillery Commander of the 24th Infantry Division.

Back from Korea in 1952 he spent three years in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army before moving to Germany to command the VII Corps Artillery. A year later, as a major general, he assumed command of the 10th Infantry Division in Wurzburg. He was an outstanding division commander. His units, in their performance, reflected his strong leadership and his demand for teamwork, discipline and high standards in all that they did. As one observant classmate put it: "One needed only to see and talk to him to recognize that he was, in both word and deed, the commander. He was clearly in control of the situation no matter how difficult it might be." Ham was a natural soldier, tough but fair, and ever mindful of the welfare of those who served with him and their families. They admired and respected him for his professionalism and his compassion.

He still loved the out-of-doors and was as avid a hunter and fisherman as he had been in his youth. He knew well the mountains, forests and streams of West Germany and the German people who lived there and who valued his friendship.

On 3 June 1957 he left the division that he had commanded so well and became the United States Commander of Berlin and Deputy Chief of the United States Mission, Berlin, an assignment that would have overtaxed the wisdom, courage and stability of a lesser man. He became a friend of all Berliners, admired and greatly respected by Berlin's mayor and by the American Ambassador there. He was such an able and successful commander that his tour was extended a year. In fact, the State Department asked that it be extended a second time.

In 1959 he returned to the United States to become, in succession, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations and the Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Because of his ability to make the complex seem simple, his appreciation of priorities and his exceptional judgment, the Army Staff, under his leadership, gave the Chief of Staff outstanding support. He was a great moderator and a leading force in resolving interservice differences in the Joint arena.

In March of 1964 Ham suffered a severe heart attack that resulted in his early retirement in September of that year. He made a remarkable recovery, however, and went on to become a vigorous and able president of Norwich University at Northfield, Vermont. He was highly regarded there for his efforts in raising both the scholastic and military standards of the University. At the end of a seven-year tenure he retired for a second time.

Never satisfied with inactivity, he not only kept up with national security and world affairs, played golf, hunted and fished, but took the time to teach his grandchildren the ways of the out-of-doors and the safe and sportsmanly use of gun and tackle.

The year that he retired from Norwich he was elected president of The Retired Officers' Association. In the ensuing four years he contributed much to that large and growing organization.

In the last years of his life he suffered greatly during a long, hard battle with cancer, but he never gave up the fight and never bewailed his fate. Rather, he said he had lived a fine life, had enjoyed many pleasures and good breaks—more than the average man could expect. To those of us who knew him well and saw him often in those years, he was an optimist, always in good spirits despite the pain. His great courage never faltered.

General Maxwell D. Taylor wrote of him:

"It was during his final illness at Walter Reed that I came to appreciate the character of the man. I had a short stay in the same ward during his semi-final hospitalization and had a chance to talk with him daily. I have never seen such composure displayed by one so near death. He never complained about the unceasing pain, spoke with detachment about his illness and discussed its scientific aspects as if it belonged to another. He insisted on taking daily walks in the ward, pushing a wheel chair in front of him for support. After I would visit him in his room, nothing would do but that he would return the call in my room. As I wrote him as the end approached, he showed us mortals he left behind how a truly brave man can face death calmly and without flinching. West Point should be proud of such a son."

In his retirement address on 31 August 1964, Ham said: "I believe that any soldier, as he serves the years of his active career, seizes on some personal philosophy to guide him. In my case, as an artilleryman, I have always tried to 'ride to the sound of the guns.'" His thirty-four years of service attest full well to his having followed that philosophy.

Half a century ago his peers wrote of Ham in the HOWITZER:

"Barksdale's equanimity remained undisturbed from the time he left the Blue Grass of Kentucky until he quitted the Academy. . . . His serene mien and farsighted vision made all the hardships and misfortunes of his cadet days seem unutterably trivial. . . . Scant of hair, but rich in friends, he will never fear being forgotten by his classmates. To the Field Artillery he goes, and he will find good times and success at whatever station he may land." To those attributes, which were to remain and grow, might well have been added integrity, courage and selflessness.

Barksdale Hamlett was a truly remarkable man. He loved life and lived it to the fullest but he always lived it within the bounds of decency and propriety. He was indeed a gentleman.

He was a leader by nature; strong of will, yet considerate of the opinions of others; tough and even crusty in his calm, steady way when circumstances required it, awesome at times by his candor and forthrightness; intelligent and farsighted—a man of remarkable wisdom and statesmanship. Beyond all this he had a keen and sincere interest in people and their well-being. Two inseparable virtues with which he was singularly blessed were integrity and courage, both physical and moral. They were his hallmarks and the foundation on which he lived his life. One could not help but respect and admire his ability and, equally, the goodness of the man. He was an able soldier, a statesman, a bit of a philosopher and a staunch friend.

His career shows that, better than most of us, he lived his years "sharing the passion and action of his time." (Holmes)

He has gone to God a "Redleg Soldier."

—C.G.D.

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Howard Raymond Martindell

NO. 9370 CLASS OF 1932

Died 4 January 1934 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 24 years.

Interment: Elgin, Illinois

HOWARD RAYMOND MARTINDELL

AFTER NEARLY HALF a century, the name, Howard Raymond Martindell, still evokes a mental picture of a large, squarely-built young man with red hair and freckles, an infectious grin and a quiet, friendly manner. Marty was born in Hopewell, South Dakota, on 6 April 1909. When he was nine years old, he moved with his mother and sister to Elgin, Illinois, where in 1926 he graduated from high school with scholastic honors. In May of that year, he enlisted in Company "I," 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, and upon being informed that he was eligible to compete for one of the appointments to the Military Academy which were allocated to the National Guard, Marty applied for permission to take the competitive examination. He was disappointed to learn that the National Guard quota of appointments for the next year had been filled. He then obtained an honorable discharge from the Guard and enlisted in the Regular Army, in order to pursue his ambition to enter the Military Academy. Following a brief assignment at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, Marty was detailed as a student at the Sixth Corps Area's West Point Preparatory School at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Here

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his excellence as a student and his persistence paid off, and on 2 July 1928 he entered West Point as a member of the Class of 1932.

I was one of Marty's roommates during his first two years as a cadet, and I soon learned that he possessed a brilliant mind. He mastered his daily study assignments with surprisingly little effort, and wore on his collar the stars denoting academic excellence during his plebe year. I have no doubt that he could have worn those stars throughout his remaining cadet years, had he elected to strive for them. Instead, he devoted himself to coaching his less gifted classmates, many of whom, including myself, are grateful for his helping hand during some close bouts with the academic departments.

Marty wrote poetry which appeared in the *Pointer* from time to time. It was serious verse, revealing views about life which I had heard him express during discussions with those of us who were close to him. Both the quality of his writing and his philosophy are well illustrated by these closing lines from his poem, "The Buddhist":

This Buddhist—and the pity! Wistfully he yearns,
Despairingly he yearns to reach Nirvana: Few,
Too few, he knows, do, ever. God, exulting burns
My soul! What peace of mind, what quietude to view
This life on earth as first and last and only life!
Eternal rest and sweet forgetfulness—Ah ever
Welcome be the death that ends this futile strife.
I thank the Gods that dying once, I die forever!

Upon graduation, 10 June 1932, Marty was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps and was detailed, along with nearly 90 of his classmates, in the Army Air Corps for pilot training at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. Nearly one-half of this number "washed out," and Marty was among them.

In January 1933 he reported for duty at Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, and was assigned to Battery "A," 55th Coast Artillery. As a cadet Marty had written regularly to his mother, and he apparently continued this custom after graduation. According to his sister, Marty wrote to his mother that he was enjoying his Army service in Hawaii, and told her that he intended to save up his accrued leave until he had completed his tour of duty in the Islands. However, two officers who served with him at Fort Kamehameha told me that Marty had become quite depressed as the year 1933 drew to a close. It is useless to speculate as to the causes of Marty's depression. We do know that on 4 January 1934, a gunshot wound ended the life of Howard Raymond Martindell, in his quarters at Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii.

A kindlier, more patient man, and a truer friend than Marty never lived. If only his brilliant mind had been harnessed to a strong sense of purpose, his horizons would have been limitless.

—W.H.B.

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Joe William Kelly

NO. 9401 CLASS OF 1932

Died 8 July 1979 at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, aged 69 years.

Interment: Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, Florida

JOE WILLIAM KELLY

WHEN JOE KELLY was a young lieutenant, the rough and tumble manager of a professional baseball team explained his tactics by saying, "nice guys finish last," but Joe wasn't listening.

Over the years he could be as strong and firm as the occasion required but he could also get close to the lowest ranking airman and empathize with him. He simply preferred and promulgated a pleasant atmosphere for all concerned. He was a nice guy who finished 36 years of military service as one of 13 four-star generals in an Air Force of 100,000 officers and a million airmen. After that, he continued to be a nice (and very effective) guy as manager of a major civilian corporation, in charge of their European operations, until cancer slowed him down.

But to begin at the beginning.

Joe William Kelly was born in Waverly, Indiana, 19 January 1910, the son of James and Katherine Kelly, whose ancestors settled in southern Indiana in the early 1800's.

Joe graduated from Martinsville, Indiana, High School and was a Rector scholar at DePauw University for a year before entering West Point in 1928.

At the Military Academy, the slender, handsome and personable cadet engaged in a variety of extra-curricular activities: Sunday School teacher, Class Treasurer, Hop Manager and Corps Squad Cheer Leader. It was in the days when the total strength of the Corps was 1200 and everyone knew everyone else.

After graduation Joe went to flying school at Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio, and upon its completion was assigned to the 94th Pursuit Squadron, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I unit, at Selfridge Field, Michigan. For three months he flew in the hazardous emergency air mail service with hastily adapted military planes and makeshift flight guidance systems which resulted in the deaths of so many Army Air Corps pilots of that time.

Joe met Virginia Johnson (Dinny to all of us) of Paxton, Illinois, in 1935 while he was a student at the Technical Training School at Chanute Field. They were married in 1936, following Dinny's graduation from the University of Illinois.

In 1940, Joe with Dinny and two-year-old Michael, went to Santiago, Chile, as a member of the first United States Military Mission there. Shortly after, daughter Katherine arrived. World War II loomed, and after a brief transition at MacDill Field, Joe was transferred to the European Theatre in June 1943.

Joe led his 386th Bomber Group in pre D-Day operations and the Normandy invasion. Ultimately, Joe received a commendation, and his 386th, a B-26 medium bomber group of the 9th Air Force, received a unit citation for the most outstanding record of any B-26 unit in the European Theatre for the number of sorties flown, tonnage of bombs dispatched, and enemy aircraft destroyed while at the same time maintaining the highest bombing accuracy score.

Near the end of the war, Joe was transferred back to West Point as Director of Aviation, United States Military Academy and commanding officer of Stewart Field.

From 1946 through 1948, he was an instructor and Chief of Plans in the newly established Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base where Virginia, their third child was born.

In January 1949 Joe began a four and a half year association with the Strategic Air Command, during which he commanded various SAC bomber units, including the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

In 1953 Joe went to the Office of the Air Force in Washington as Director of Legislative Liaison, responsible for the development of public laws affecting the Air Force and furthering Air Force relations with Congress, which he did extremely well. For that he received another Distinguished Service Medal.

In July 1958, Joe assumed command of the Air Force Proving Center at Eglin AFB, Florida, and two years later took command of MATS, the United States Air Force Military Air Transport Service. There he received his fourth star to become the first full general to command the Global Airlift Command and is credited with moving it into the jet age. In 1961 he personally piloted the first jet aircraft assigned to MATS on its maiden flight from the Boeing factory at Renton, Washington, to the MATS base at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

When he retired from the Air Force in 1964, Joe had three Distinguished Service Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf clusters, the British Distinguished Service Order, Belgian and French Croix de Guerres, and many other honors.

Joe then went to what should have been the dream job after 32 years of outstanding military service. He went to Paris as Chief of General Dynamics' European Division, established his office close to the Etoile and settled with Dinny in a lovely apartment on the Bois de Boulogne.

They were there only a few months, however, before Joe had to return suddenly to the United States to have his cancerous larynx removed. He remained active in General Dynamics' Washington office for some years in a less demanding assignment and never

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lost his classic sense of humor. While his voice didn't carry to the end of the table, people came to his end to listen to his jokes.

In 1971 Joe and Dinny went to their final retirement in Fort Walton Beach, an ideal spot on the Gulf Coast, with their children nearby. Although Joe's health was not too robust, he managed fairly well until a severe fall at Christmas, 1978, precipitated his final illness. He left us on 8 July 1979.

There was a simple and beautiful service on July 10th at Saint Simon's Episcopal Church in Fort Walton Beach where Joe was a faithful communicant. A large group of family and friends accompanied him to Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Joe is survived by Dinny, their son, John Michael of Fort Walton Beach, two daughters, Kita (Mrs. Sterling Culpepper) of Montgomery, Alabama, and Ginger (Mrs. Fred Hewitt) of Destin, Florida; and six grandchildren.

Dinny continues to reside at 909 Santa Rosa Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548, from where she visits her many friends around the country. With it all, she has her memories of Joe, and of her wonderful and joyous years with the nice guy to the last, who finished first.

—Ken Zitzman, Classmate

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Laurence Browning Kelley

NO. 9737 CLASS OF 1933

Died 22 April 1979 in Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

LAURENCE BROWNING KELLEY

LAURENCE BROWNING KELLEY, known to his classmates and colleagues as "Kingfish," was born 4 October 1909 in Hemple, Missouri, the son of Joseph Allen and Grace (Shope) Kelley. He attended grammar school and high school in Gower, Missouri. Prior to his appointment to West Point, he attended Hall's War College in Columbia, Missouri.

It was on a bright, sunny first of July 1929 that an extra tall, darkly handsome, 19-year-old Plebe reported to the Beast Detail and was assigned to the 6th Company at the old North Barracks. That was the beginning of a colorful four years for Kingfish Kelley as an "M Co." stalwart: a nonconforming individualist, an enduring friend who, in appropriate circumstances, could be an implacable foe while, at the same time, being ever ready to fight for a lonely underdog. As a cadet, Kingfish was always ready and willing to join in a frolic or discussion. On anything controversial, he never looked to the book for answers but came out strongly for honest, practical, down-to-earth solutions: characteristics that remained with him throughout his entire life.

Having chosen the Air Corps upon graduation, Kingfish successfully completed the basic and advanced courses at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, and became a fixture in the air arm.

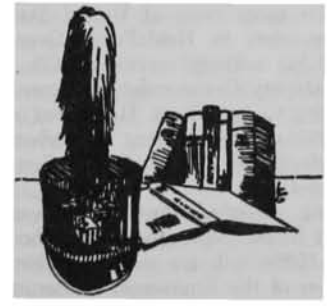
After varied training assignments in the United States, he became Chief of Unit Training at Air Corps Headquarters, Washington, D.C., from 1941 to 1943. In January 1944, he took command of the 494th Bomb Group (B-24's) and led it through the campaigns of the Western Pacific including the South Philippines, Palau Islands, Luzon, the Ryukus and air war on Japan. For his outstanding performance as commander of the celebrated "Kelley's Cobras," he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

Subsequent to World War II, Kingfish continued a distinguished career studded with assignments requiring a high degree of responsibility and the ability to analyze complex problems with a view to preparing sound, long-range plans. In recognition of his talent, he was chosen to serve with the Intelligence Group of the General Staff of the War Department in 1946. In 1948 he attended the Air War College, and upon graduating became Chief of Staff of the Air University, remaining until he entered the National War College in 1950.

During his European tour of duty from 1951 through 1954, he commanded Weisbaden Military Post and Rhein-Main Air Force Base, Germany, and finally, the Central Air Materiel Area, Chateauroux, France, where he was promoted to brigadier general. As a further tribute to his accomplishments in that assignment he was awarded an additional Legion of Merit .

Returning from Europe, General Kelley became Chief of Staff, Mobile Air Materiel Area, and shortly thereafter Deputy Commander. He was also chosen to attend the Harvard School of Business Administration during this tour of duty. He concluded his military career in the Directorate of Logistic Plans, Headquarters, United States Air Force, retiring in July 1960.

While stationed at France Field, Panama, in 1934, Kingfish met and married Margaret Donavon. She died in 1965. Washington state and Texas became home after his marriage to Mrs. Sonia Sparks in 1967. A long and painful illness took his life in April 1979. He is survived by his wife; two brothers, Dayton and James; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Jurgensen, Mrs. Olive K. Betsworth, Mrs. Paul J. Baker, and their families.



He will always be remembered in the hearts of his classmates as a sterling friend and a thoughtful, but always amusing companion. Above all he was an honest man, calling them as he saw them, sticking to his decisions regardless of the consequences.

—John Watters, classmate

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George Rushmore Gretser

NO. 9755 CLASS OF 1933

Died 2 August 1979 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 69 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

GEORGE RUSHMORE GRETSER

GEORGE RUSHMORE GRETSER joined the Class of 1933 from Ohio, where he had just completed two years at Ohio State. A cheerful and prolific cadet, his extracurricular activities ranged from the pistol squad to the Pointer staff. "George must have been born with a pencil in one hand, a dictionary in the other, and a pistol between his teeth," wrote his HOWITZER biographer. "We never saw George without a smile on his face, except in the Riding Hall—then it was the horses' turn to smile . . ."

George retained his good humor, his capacity for achievement and for making friends throughout his thirty years of commissioned service in worldwide assignments and sixteen years of retirement, as those of us who served with him will attest. Of no less importance, those years marked his performance and development in all the roles a man may be called upon to play: as a soldier, son, husband, father, citizen. No higher or more eloquent testimonial to these qualities could be rendered than the following, which is extracted from the eulogy delivered at his funeral services in the presence of his family, his classmates and other friends, by his son, George Westfall Gretser. These words speak alike to the character of the father, of the son and family, and of the relationship between them.

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"We are gathered here, friends and family, to say goodbye to George Rushmore Gretser.

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"Born in Albany, New York, reared in Marion, Ohio, he graduated in the West Point Class of 1933. A career military officer, he loved the service, and he served with distinction, and pride. His service assignments took him to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Ontario, New York; to Fort William McKinley in the Philippines; to the European theater in World War II with the 'Thundering Herd' of the 8th Armored Division and to Frankfurt, Germany; to Governor's Island, New York; to Virginia and D.C. and the Pentagon; to Tokyo with the 1st Cavalry; to Okinawa; and finally to the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston. Following his retirement, he served as internal auditor for the city of San Antonio, until his retirement there. During this later period, he became active in round dancing, adding to the many friendships formed in both the military and civilian life.

"But to know the man, let me go back to West Point—for when I think of this very special man, I somehow always come back to the West Point credo, 'Duty, Honor, Country' . . . Duty, Honor, Country . . . Colonel Gretser loved this country, and knew what a precious place America is. Yet more than a West Point motto, Duty, Honor, Country were the standards he lived by, and are as good an epitaph as any man could have, and one, I think, he would have liked.

"Dad was a man who loved his family, and he gave each of us much that we will always carry with us. It was easy for both family members and friends to see that a very special relationship existed between him and mom . . . Edythe Gretser. It was a beautiful relationship, and I know how much he has missed her since she died five years ago. It is not a gap that is easily filled, but the friendships so helped . . . they meant a great deal to him.

"Anyone who knew dad . . . George . . . I am sure would agree that he was always uniquely 'George' . . . there was never any doubt about who he was. He was a man who genuinely loved people, a man who cared. He was always ready to extend friendship, and God bless all of you who were his friends, for in returning that friendship, you enriched his life.

"I've often felt that the only thing you can really take with you from this life, and the one lasting thing you can leave behind, is the love of family and friends. George Rushmore Gretser takes a full measure of that love with him, and leaves as much of it behind with us, family and friends.

"I'm proud to have known and loved this man as a father, friend, and very special human being. And speaking, if I may for our family, I am very grateful that family and friends can be together on this final occasion, to remember, and say goodbye to this very special man.

"We will all surely miss him so very much."

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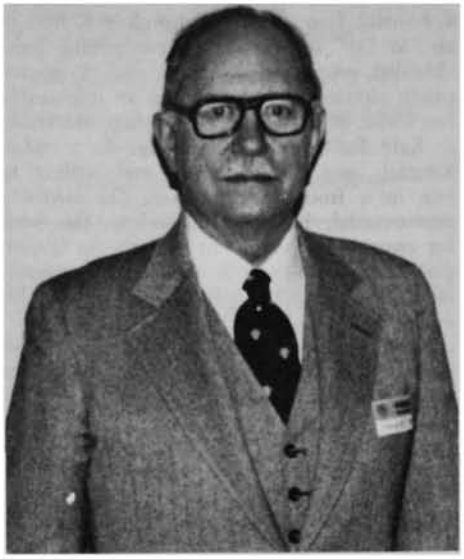
Russell Batch Smith

NO. 10427 CLASS OF 1935

Died 7 July 1979 in Middleburg, Pennsylvania, aged 68 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

RUSSELL BATCH SMITH was born 24 November 1910 in Burden, Kansas, to E. Foster and Ethel Batch Smith. Upon graduation from Winfield High School, Winfield, Kansas, in 1929, he attended Southwestern College in



RUSSELL BATCH SMITH

Winfield before entering the Military Academy.

Called Russ by his classmates, he was known for expert marksmanship and "unshakable loyalty to his friends." His ambitions were to own Army blue uniforms, fine horses, and a farm.

Graduating from West Point in 1935, he acquired armored infantry experience at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Lewis, Washington. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Russ commanded the 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment Light at Pine Camp, New York. Assigned to the 51st Armored Infantry Regiment in January 1942, he moved with that unit to Camp Young, California, in November and became commanding officer of the 535th Armored Infantry Battalion at Camp Polk, Louisiana, in April 1943. When the 535th was transferred to Camp Cooke, California, and disbanded, he assumed command of the 536th Amphibian Tractor Battalion at Fort Ord, California, on 29 January 1944 and led them in combat during World War II.

After completion of amphibious training at Oahu in June-September, his Battalion landed 7th Division assault troops at Leyte, Philippines, 20 October 1944, and Okinawa, 1 April 1945. Known as Rusty by the 536th, he also led amphibious landings of 77th Division troops at Ormoc and Palompon, Leyte, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for taking an amphibious tractor supply column ten miles beyond secured lines to American soldiers.

He left Okinawa in July to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Hostilities ended while he was state-side, and he served as Assistant G2, XXIV Corps, in Seoul, Korea, from December 1945 to April 1947. After duty as Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor, 1947-1950, at Clemson College, South Carolina, Rusty was Chief of Labor Services Division for three years at United States Army Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. He ended his military service as G3, II Corps and, Deputy Commander of Reserve Officer Training Corps Affairs. He retired as colonel in 1963 to Middleburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Mary Ella Gougler, who died in 1969.

Smith attended Bucknell University and taught in the Selinsgrove area school district from 1965-1973. He was a working, caring member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church; belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; Retired Teachers Association; and regularly attended 536th reunions.

Colonel Smith is survived by his wife, Emelyn Gilbert Lybarger Smith; son David; two grandsons; sister Mary, and brother Albert.

"Such a great guy, my sense of loss is overwhelming," Emelyn remarked, "but I feel blessed to have been his wife." For all who hold him dear, the mind still sees and the heart still remembers those warm times with Rusty.

—Cordell Smith
536th Battalion

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James David Loewus

NO. 12112 CLASS OF 1940

Died 10 June 1977 in Hampton, Virginia, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JAMES DAVID LOEWUS

JAMES DAVID LOEWUS was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on 26 July 1915, the son of David G. and Alyce Loewus. He attended grammar school in Duluth and graduated with honors from Duluth Central High School in 1933. Those were hard years because our country was in the midst of a devastating depression and Jim's father suffered many hardships as did many others at that time. Young as he was, Jim realized that life was never what it seemed to be; but life was nonetheless what one made of it, what one gave to it, and what one salvaged from its shocks and offerings.

The following year he began his long years of military service by attending the VII Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Appointed to the Military Academy from the Eighth Congressional District of Minnesota, he became affectionately known as "Jim" by his close associates at West Point and by all others who came to know him. With his appointment to the Point he realized that he was at a crossroads. This was the single solitary chance of his young life; there wouldn't be another. No one had to tell him; he knew. There were times he wondered whether he was going to be equal to it, but he was going to do it because his desire and his discipline ran

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deeper than it did in others his age; and he knew that too.

Jim was always interested in the Air branch of the Army and in 1943 he joined MacArthur's forces in New Guinea as a member of the 2d Battalion, 188 Paraglider Infantry, 11th Airborne Division. He participated in the battles of Leyte and Luzon, and earned the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. On Luzon he was wounded twice, earning the Purple Heart with one cluster. He was in and out of various hospitals from March 1945 to October 1945. In the light of later events, it is questionable whether he ever recovered from these wounds.

After the war he continued his military career, serving as Assistant Military Attaché to Rome for two years. All assignments presented a new challenge to him. None were so enjoyable as those two years in Italy where his first son was born. In 1955 another overseas assignment in Ankara, Turkey, brought a crushing blow to him and his family when they lost their son, Tony, who is now buried beside him at West Point. 1959 brought another overseas tour in the military advisory capacity to Iran.

With Jim's return from Iran he was reassigned to the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, returning to jump status after many years at administrative duties. He faced the problem of returning to his physical fitness of the war years, but with his weight and size Jim always said that he could be the last one out of the plane but the first one on the ground. With the conclusion of his Fort Bragg assignment and his 50th birthday, he decided that it was time to leave jumping out of planes to the younger men, but not without regret. He felt fortunate to be able to enjoy again the exhilerating feeling of being youthful even for those short years.

In 1967, severe and recurring headaches forced his retirement for physical disability from the military that he loved so well. But he didn't stop there. He attended the College of William and Mary, earning a master's degree in Education, and later taught at Denbeigh High School in Newport News, Virginia, as head of the Department of Mathematics. But again, the same physical disability forced an early retirement from his second career in January 1976.

In moments of reflection during Jim's later years, he often showed his joy in choosing a military career and in friendships he developed at his beloved Alma Mater and later in his varied military assignments. In each of us there is a spark of immortality. His tenacity in encouraging the troops and, later his high school students to further themselves emotionally, educationally, and morally were a credit to his long hours of planning and the endeavors that he put forth in his military life and inside and outside the classroom. No one has benefited more from his gifts of leadership and wise guidance than his fledglings in the school. His mission was his constructive concern with broadening their horizons. Even more important, he gave support to many younger people, who have risen educationally, physically and morally and have accomplished more than they thought possible.

Jim was impatient, sometimes dogmatic and possible naive when it came to controversial matters. But this integrity, patriotism and sense of duty were so much a part of his character that he gave a fullness to those lives surrounding him. He was a wise man in many respects, understanding what was important in life and accepting those things he couldn't change. As he grew older, many people came to him with their problems, knowing that his judgment was usually sound, they were happy for the advice he gave them.

Jim leaves a lovely wife of 37 years of marriage who is the former Ann Mothner; two lovely daughters, Catherine Ann and Dorothy Suzanne; and one son, James David Jr. During his long illness, Jim Loewus maintained his courage tenacity and loveable personality. Despite excruciating pain he fought to maintain normalcy. He continually went out of his way to make visiting classmates and his many friends feel at home. Jim's patience, fortitude, cheerfulness and friendliness will never be forgotten. For his wife Ann, and their three children, there is comfort in those thoughts of love and compassion. Hence nothing can be added to him, nothing taken away.

—Epley '40

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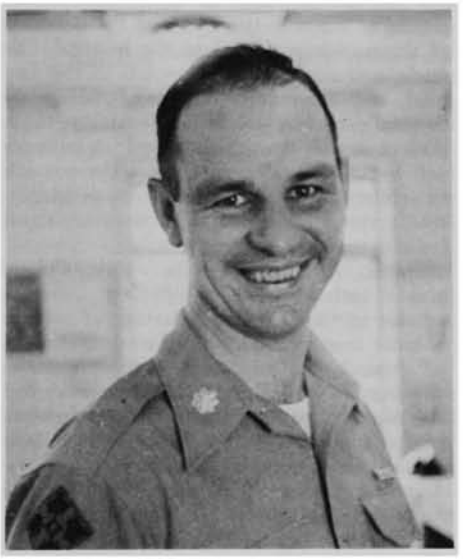
Florian John Erspamer

NO. 12149 CLASS OF 1940

Died 27 April 1979 in Oxnard, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



FLORIAN JOHN ERSPAMER

FLORIAN JOHN ERSPAMER was born in Hurley, Wisconsin, on 23 July 1917, the son of Frederic and Anne Erspamer. He attended schools in Hurley through high school, and Ironwood College, Ironwood, Michigan, before entering West Point in 1936 on Congressional appointment.

He was known by his many friends and classmates as "Ers." He loved the horses at West Point and spent many of his free hours and weekends on horseback trips. He enjoyed other sports, as well, and played intramural football. He led the graduation parade and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1940.

After attending The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he joined the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to the 37th Infantry Task Force to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands. It was there that his fiancee, Anne Beck of North Carolina, joined him, and they were married on 19 October 1941, the first Army wedding at that isolated post.

Following the Aleutian campaign, Ers served in the European Theater in Patton's Third Army, until he was badly wounded in 1944. He spent the next two years in an Army hospital. Other tours followed, including Advisor to the National Guard and service in Japan in the 1950's. He retired on 31 July 1961 as Comptroller at Fort MacArthur, California.

After two years of graduate work at San Jose State University, he taught English at Camarillo High School for sixteen years until his untimely death. His love and concern for students was widely recognized and commemorated in a scholarship fund, established in his name at the school. Duty, Honor, Country was not just something he acquired at West Point, but these attributes of character were deepened there at the "Point" he loved so well all of his life. His fierce sense of integrity, high moral standards, and loyalty to what was his strict value system were a source of pride to him and to his friends, who knew and respected him.

Teaching for Colonel Erspamer was a natural gift. He was widely read and knowledgeable in many fields and thus was enabled to give great depth of perception to his presentations, whether to soldiers or to high school students.

In spite of his stern personal code, Ers was modest, unassuming, and friendly with everyone. His gentlemanly conduct never left a scar on anyone he met. A ready wit enlivened his conversations in a wide circle of social contacts. The hospitality of the Erspamers' home was widely known. He will be long remembered and greatly missed by his classmates, friends and family.

His wife says: "My thirty-eight years of marriage to Ers can be described as complete happiness. When I first met him I was captivated by his boyish grin and gentlemanly manners but soon after our wedding I learned how fortunate I was to have a husband who was highly intelligent, the epitome of integrity and one who possessed a rare sensitivity and gentleness.

"Ers placed little value on material things. His pleasures were derived from people—being with them and helping them, especially the underprivileged.

"Being a voracious reader and having a keen interest in the history of languages, English and literature made him a natural for teaching English for sixteen years. He gave generously of his knowledge and time and had a lifetime love for all those he taught.

"Even after cancer had weakened him so much he could barely whisper or write I found him in his hospital bed helping his Mexican roommate with his English and assisting a nurse who had to pass an English examination. The nurses and their assistants told me almost daily how much they enjoyed taking care of him and they always commented on his intelligence.

"Ers was a loving, kind and generous husband and I still marvel at my good fortune

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in finding him and being able to share many years with him. My loss can best be described by quoting an entry he made in his journal on 22 December 1941, the day I was evacuated from the Aleutian Islands, 'My darling has gone—what a bleak and lonely world.' "

—Thomas S. Phair
Lieutenant Colonel, USA Retired

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Dorsey Taylor Mahin

NO. 14457 CLASS OF 1945

Died 29 September 1979 in Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, aged 55 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

DORSEY TAYLOR MAHIN was born in Lafayette, Indiana, to Harris Clark and Nina Charline Mahin on 13 November 1923. His father was instrumental in establishing the first National Guard battery in Purdue University. That battery spent the summer of 1916 on the Mexican border fighting Pancho Villa's revolutionaries. Harris Mahin was subsequently professor of German and Military Science at Purdue University, and was also the national executive officer of Scabbard and Blade military fraternity. Upon his death in 1938 his widow, Nina, became secretary and treasurer of Scabbard and Blade and held this position until her retirement in 1966. She was the only woman ever to occupy that position and was made an honorary member of this all male organization in 1963.

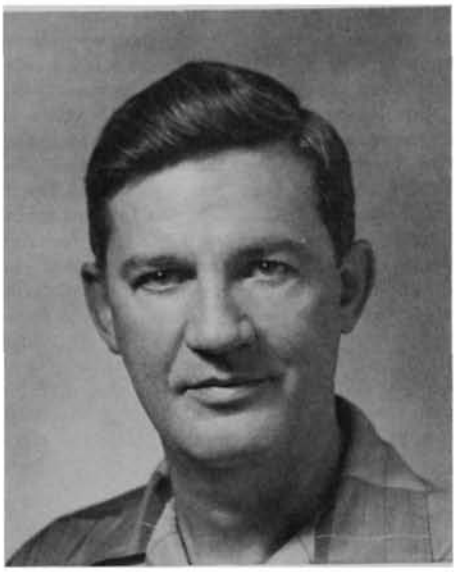
Upon graduation from West Lafayette High School, Dorsey attended Cornell University for one year before being appointed to the Military Academy from Indiana by Representative Charles A. Halleck. He was a distinguished cadet throughout his entire academic career and got his degree in 1945, graduating with honors. He graduated 23d in his class. During his years at West Point, in addition to his studies, he found time to play football, indulge in his hobbies of reading, listening to classical music, and coaching others in their studies.

From 1945-1946 he served as supply officer in the Corps of Engineers in Vienna, Austria. He was then transferred to Sandia Base, New Mexico, and was assigned to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, where he was among the Army group that took over from civilians the assembly, testing and delivery of nuclear weapons.

He resigned from the Army in 1949 to attend the Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he graduated in 1955. He then rejoined the Army as a physician.

Among his assignments as an Army physician were: Chief, Radioisotope Clinic, 2d General Hospital, Landstuhl, Germany; Chief of Medical Outpatient Service at Walter Reed; Chief, Department of Radiology, Division of Nuclear Medicine, and Director, Division of Nuclear Medicine at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. At the time of his retirement in 1972 with the rank of colonel, he was the Director of Medical Research, Headquarters, United States Army Medical Research and Development Command, Washington, D.C.

Following his retirement from the Army, Dr. Mahin was appointed a fellow in the Nuclear Medicine Department of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for a year and spent the next year as Director of Nuclear Medicine at Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland. In 1974 he became Chief of the Department of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound in Richmond Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, and developed the department into an up-to-date service second to none. In the words of the president of the professional staff of the hospital, "He made a tremendous contribution to the hospital and the community in building the hospital's nuclear medicine capability to its present degree of excellence, and his influence will be felt for years to come." He was still completely absorbed in further developing this service at the time of his untimely death from a massive heart attack.



DORSEY TAYLOR MAHIN

During his years in the Army, Colonel Mahin authored and co-authored numerous articles in the scientific literature in subjects of basic research and clinical medicine. Many of these he presented at various scientific meetings in the United States and abroad. He was a member of many professional groups, including the American Medical Association, The Society of Nuclear Medicine, the American College of Nuclear Physicians, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Federation for Clinical Research, the Society of Criobiology, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

Among other honors he was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Mahin; a daughter, Mrs. Teal Postula of Nyack, New York; a sister, Mrs. Nancy Roberts of Stevens Point, Wisconsin; and his mother, Mrs. Nina Mahin of Frankfort, Indiana.

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Bert Alison David

NO. 15849 CLASS OF 1946

Died 28 January 1979 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., aged 54 years.

Interment: Lehighton, Pennsylvania

WITH THE FOURTH of July 1924 as his birth date, Bert Alison David entered the world destined to love his country. A native of Lehighton, Pennsylvania, he already had set his goal at the age of twelve years to graduate from West Point. On his first entrance examination he failed mathematics. He immediately sought math tutoring from his high school principal and enrolled at Pennsylvania State University for one year. His determination earned him an appointment in 1943 from the late Francis E. Walter.

Immediately after his commissioning he returned to his hometown where he married his high school classmate, Shirley F. Fagan, in a military wedding. She had the privilege of sharing his entire Army career.

General David considered his command assignments the highlights of his career because he found his deepest satisfaction and fulfillment in working with the troops. He was a platoon leader and company commander with the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, on occupation duty at Camp Gifu, Japan, from 1947 until 1949. During the Korean Conflict he joined the 45th Division, where he served in staff positions with the 179th Infantry. As a lieutenant colonel, he was deputy commanding officer of the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, in Aschaffenburg, Germany. In 1967 he assumed command of the 2d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, in Vietnam. This brigade was the Army component of the Mobile Riverine Force operating in the Mekong Delta.

General David served as Assistant Division Commander of the 3d Infantry Division in Germany from 1969 until 1970. He then became Senior Advisor to the First Republic of Korea Army. Upon activation of the Joint United States Military Assistance Group—Korea in 1971, he became Chief of the Army Section.

From May 1972 until February 1974 he commanded the United States Army Training Center at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He then assumed command of the United States Army Base Command, Okinawa—later redesignated United States Army Garrison, Okinawa.

He was a graduate of The Infantry School, Advance Armor School, Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). During attendance at ICAF, he earned his master's in Business Administration at George Washington University.

He had three Department of the Army tours at the Pentagon. His final active duty assignment was as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff

BERT ALISON DAVID

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for Logistics from September 1975 until his retirement on 31 August 1977.

He established his residence in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, where he had a very brief career with Lutheran Brotherhood as a District Representative. In October 1978 he learned that he was a victim of acute myelocytic leukemia. His final lesson to his family was one of courage. Despite three unsuccessful courses of chemotherapy, his faith and his optimism never wavered. He gave his strength to his wife and his sons.

General David was an unusual man—a blend of integrity, loyalty, fairness, courage, competitiveness, dedication, perseverance, tolerance. As the male commencement speaker at his high school graduation, he quoted lines from his favorite poem, "Invictus," which are an appropriate farewell.

"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

The Major General Bert A. David Award, an annual scholarship grant, was established in his honor at his high school alma mater.

In addition to his wife he is survived by four sons: Bert A. Jr., USMA Class of 1971; Second Lieutenant Scott C., United States Army, Germany; Second Lieutenant Jon R., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Lance B., Wake Forest University student. Other survivors include two grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. Robert G. Mellen, Lehighton, Pennsylvania.

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David Henry Martin Jr.

NO. 18783 CLASS OF 1952

Died 11 August 1979 in Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Florida, aged 53 years.

Interment: Serenity Memorial Gardens, Largo, Florida

"He was one hell of a guy—a man among men." An apt description of Dave by his ex-roommate, Ken Simonet. The world, his family and his friends suffered a deep loss on 11 August 1979 when David Henry Martin Jr. passed on to his final reward—a reward for which he was well prepared.

Dave was born in Batesville, Arkansas, on 16 November 1925, the son of David Henry Sr. and Bobbye Clara (Enoch) Martin. He graduated from Nettleton High School as the Salutatorian in 1943 and spent the following year at Arkansas State College where he was named "outstanding freshman." In October 1944 the Army was fortunate to welcome Dave as one of her sons. During World War II he served in the American and Pacific Theaters and finally came to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in 1947 as a Staff Sergeant. From there Dave received a Congressional appointment from Senator John McCellan to enter West Point with the Class of 1952.

At West Point his qualities of leadership became immediately apparent. He was active in sports, lettering in diving and golf, in discussion groups on military and government affairs, and in the administration of Company K-1. More importantly Dave was very active in spreading his special brand of friendship and cheerfulness to all those he met. It was a rare day when you did not see David Martin smile and find some humor in the gloomiest of situations. This unique trait, which

David Henry Martin Jr.

stemmed from his keen understanding of his fellow man and his God, remained with Dave to his final days among us.

Following graduation he began his commissioned service with the 373d Airborne Infantry Battalion in Germany. He returned in 1956 to serve as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Rhode Island where he gained his lovely wife Patty (Holt), his first son, Eddie, and a master's degree in Political Science. In 1960-61 Dave commanded Combat Support Company of the 32d Infantry in Korea and then returned to serve as an instructor in the Social Science Department, United States Military Academy, from 1961 to 1965, a tour he enjoyed very much. The following year he attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Here Dave spread his special brand of cheer not only in the classroom, but also on the golf course, tennis courts, and even at the stables where he became an avid rider and hunter. Dave traded Leavenworth for Vietnam and served gallantly with the 1st and 4th Infantry Divisions. He was reassigned in 1967 to Strike Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he capped his very successful military career with retirement in 1970.

Dave Martin, however, was not content to rest on his past laurels. He entered Vanderbilt University, labored through three years of law school, graduated with a Doctor of Law Degree and became a full fledged lawyer in 1973. He carried into his practice of law the same outstanding qualities of understanding, integrity, compassion, and cheerfulness that had become his trademark. He entered fully into the civilian community, retaining that same dedication to duty and to his profession that had marked his military career. He became an active and well liked member of the Florida Bar Military Association. In its memorial the St. Petersburg Bar Association said, "Mr. Martin's service to the legal profession, to his country, and to the community in general serve as an example to those who follow him." He also became the attorney for the Del Prado Home Owners Association in Largo, Florida, where he had settled with Patty and the family.

In serving the community Dave became very active as a member of the Oakhurst United Methodist Church in Largo, where he served on the administrative board and helped in the teaching of Sunday School. Both the minister, Gordon Strickland, and his young assistant, Randy Rutland, regarded him highly. The members of the congregation filled the church at Dave's funeral in testimony of their affection for him and his family.

In 1978 Dave was on the verge of moving into his own new law office when as a result of some surgery a cancer was discovered. My family and I had just returned from Australia, decided to settle in Florida, and re-established contact with the Martins a few weeks before this happened. During the ensuing year our families visited each other on a regular basis. We felt so fortunate to have had this time with Dave and his family. During that year the change in Dave's physical appearance and his activities were dramatic, but even more dramatic was the lack of change in Dave's character. For though this terrible disease attacked and ravaged his body it never conquered his indomitable spirit. Throughout his struggle never once did he lose heart or the will to continue his battle. Unfortunately for us all this final battle was not to end in victory. But Dave changed defeat into victory, for during his suffering he was able to reach out and affect all those he contacted—doctors, nurses, friends, and family. He was able to teach those of us who loved him one last lesson—how a man goes to meet his creator with dignity and peace; for this David Henry Martin Jr. surely did! "Well done, Dave Martin, be thou at peace. Our deep love and prayers go with you."

Dave is survived by his wife, Patty; sons, Edward (Hale) and David; daughter, Michele; brother, Bill; mother Bobbye; and his host of friends.

—Bob H.

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William Howard Wilcox

NO. 20399 CLASS OF 1955

Died 23 September 1979 at Mt. Holly, New Jersey, aged 48 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

The 1955 Howitzer describes Bill Wilcox as "always busily engaged either in athletics or extra curricular activities. Bill could usually be found on the lacrosse field or behind a smoking typewriter surrounded by poopsheets. Militarily inclined, he readily accepted any task with a smile and had a reputation for producing results. How can he fail with such a virtue?"

For whomever composed the above description and for everyone who knew him—Bill Wilcox did not fail.

The oldest of four sons, Bill was born 11 December 1930 in Troy, New York, to Foster and Lois Wilcox. Bill graduated from Albany Academy (High School), Albany, New York, in 1948. He attended Union College in New York 1948-1950 and was appointed to West Point in 1951 as the son of a deceased veteran.

Bill truly loved West Point. The discipline and rigors of plebe life were easy for Bill and he quickly established himself as an outstanding plebe. He was a good athlete and excelled in lacrosse and wrestling. Always active and a natural leader he attained the rank of Cadet Captain and was a Regimental Commander. He was also Secretary of Forum, Secretary of the German Club, and Chairman of the Special Programs Committee. He cherished his four years at the Academy.

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WILLIAM HOWARD WILCOX

Bill will be most remembered by his friends for his enthusiasm for life, his pursuit of excellence and his natural good humor. Bill hated to be around morose and moody people, and his undying optimism and positive thinking were a way of life for him which deeply affected everyone who knew him.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry on 3 June 1955—he entered active duty the same month with his new bride, Natalie Schoen, of Pittsford, New York.

Following completion of Infantry Officer Basic, Airborne and Ranger courses at Fort Benning, Georgia, Bill was assigned to Germany where he served as an instructor at the German Military Academy in Hannover and later with the 10th Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany. Bill's and Natalie's first son, William Robert, was born in Hannover, Germany, in 1956.

Bill returned to Fort Benning in 1959 to serve as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division. At Fort Benning a second son, John Ronald, was born in 1958, and a third son, Edward Foster, was born in 1960.

During the next ten years Bill served as a company commander with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea, instructor with the Department of Tactics at the Military Academy, staff officer with the Department of the Army in the Pentagon, graduate of the Infantry Career Course and the Command and General Staff College, and in South Vietnam. He served with distinction in South Vietnam as the Deputy G3 and Executive Officer with an infantry battalion of the 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. He served in this battalion during both TET offenses and as a major very successfully commanded several battalion task forces. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, three Bronze Star Medals and several South Vietnamese decorations for his distinguished service in South Vietnam.

Bill and Natalie had their first daughter, Mary Helen, who was born in West Point in 1965. Their second daughter, Ann Elizabeth, was born in 1970 in Bethesda, Maryland. Needless to say, Bill was a devoted husband and a loving father. His family was always his foremost concern, and he treasured every moment he had with his wife and children.

Bill and his family returned to Germany in 1971. Following a year of assigning combat arms officers in Europe, he took command of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Division (Forward) in Boeblingen. Bill often described this assignment as the most challenging assignment of his military career. In addition to commanding his unit he was responsible for the welfare and support of 3,000 dependents living on Panzer Kaserne. He willingly accepted this added responsibility, and with imagination, organization and hardwork, immeasurably improved living conditions and facilities at the Kaserne. As a commander he established a reputation for taking care of his troops—they returned his loyalty in full measure.

Bill was a great outdoorsman. He loved to hunt. While in Germany some of his most memorable experiences and most cherished friends came from his hunting expeditions with his German Jager friends. He was an expert rifleman and an outstanding archer. He dreamed of the day when he would get his deer with a bow. He not only loved to hunt with the Germans but to work with them. As a battalion commander he established a very successful project partnership program with the 501st Jager Battalion in Boeblingen of which he was very proud. His enthusiasm and determination to "do things now and to do them right" prevailed.

After command, Bill was assigned to European Command Headquarters as a briefing officer. His last year in Europe he served again on the United States Army Europe staff in Heidelberg. The family returned to Washington, D.C., in 1975, where Bill served two years as a staff officer with the Development and Readiness Command. During his off duty time he earned a master's degree in English from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Bill retired from the Army in August 1977 and moved to Moorestown, New Jersey, where he was employed with the Connecticut General Insurance Company. He later accepted a position with Deleuw, Cather & Company in Philadelphia, and just prior to his death became legal administrator for the law firm of Fish and Neave in New York City.

Bill had numerous hobbies. He has a remarkable collection of hand-painted military miniatures. He built a cherry wood grandfather clock that leaves cabinet makers and clock lovers aghast. He built the layout for a Z-gauge model train from scratch. He was a voracious reader and loved to travel. He attacked some of the most formidable tombs with relish, especially if they were related to military history, his special love.

Bill died of lung cancer in the Burlington County Memorial hospital in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. He is survived by his immediate family, his mother and three brothers: Ronald who resides in Troy, New York; Warren who resides in Vero Beach, Florida and Steven who resides in Johnsonville, New York.

Major General Howard F. Stone and Lieutenant Colonel Richard Bean Retired, Bill's former roommates at the Academy, presented Bill's eulogy at the West Point Chapel. General Stone best described the kind of person Bill Wilcox was—"He was larger than life. He was truly the kind of rare individual the rest of us hoped we might become —but we knew we could never achieve." That was Bill Wilcox. We shall all miss him.

May he rest in peace.

—Dan Zenk

Down The Field

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women's cross country championship at Albany. Coach Chuck Hunsaker's squad disposed of Cobbleskill 20-43 and Vassar 15-50 in their final dual meet, taking nine of the top 10 finishing places in the three-team meet. Sue Lenio led the way with a second place finish in 18:32, running very easily, while teammate Joan Foulkrod was next at 18:33. Coach Hunsaker expects Cornell and Cortland State to be Army's chief challengers in the New York State meet. Lenio and Foulkrod, both freshmen, will be joined in Albany by freshman Wendy Anderson, Mary Cook and Dorinda Smith, along with junior Harlene Nelson, senior team captain Med Knox and sophomore Amy McDonald.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (9-0)

Pulling out a 3-2 win over Fordham in its season finale, the Army women's tennis team ended the dual meet portion of its 1980 fall campaign with a perfect 9-0 mark and its twelfth consecutive win since the spring season. The Cadets will compete for the first time in the New York State AIAW Women's Championships at Rochester. Forty-three schools are slated to compete with Syracuse, Colgate, St. Lawrence, Cornell and Vassar vying for championship honors. Monique Thevenet, a freshman is seeded eighth. "If we get a few breaks with the draw, I feel we could do well," commented Army coach Steve Medoff. "We will need a couple of matches behind us before ue can get the actual feel of the tournament." Army's win over Fordham snapped the Rams' 29-match winning streak.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (11-12)

Failing to advance in its pool, the Army women's volleyball team finished sixth at the East Stroudsburg Tournament after bowing to Lafayette in the consolation finals. The Cadets posted an overall mark of 1-4 in the eight-team field as their season record dipped to 11-12. The Cadets will be looking to right themselves against Fairleigh Dickinson. Coach Bennett feels Army is still in contention for a berth in the New York State AIAW tournament. Against schools in the state, Army, a Division II team, has compiled an overall 7-5 mark, with three of its losses coming at the hands of Division I schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

Army's baseball team recently posted its 13th and 14th straight wins and now has a record of 15-2-1 for the fall season.

Army and five others—Fairfield, Fordham, Iona, Manhattan and St. Peters—have formed a new collegiate athletic conference to be called the Metro Atlantic Conference. It will begin formal competition in the 1981-1982 season in basketball, baseball, cross-country, soccer, tennis and golf. The schools will continue membership in the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

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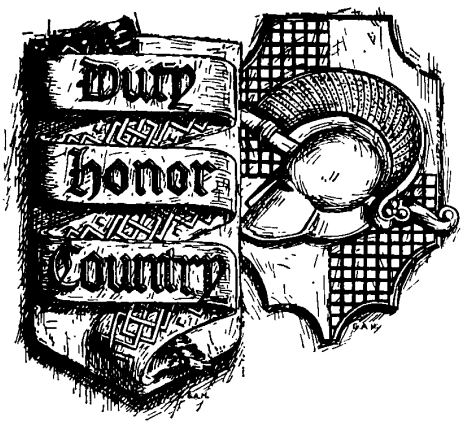

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former Cadets received since the publication of the September 1980 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
William H. Simpson	1909	15 August 1980	San Antonio, Texas
Willis D. Crittenberger	1913	4 August 1980	Bethesda, Maryland
Ward E. Duvall	1913	18 December 1975	Roseville, California
William C. Houghton	1914	23 April 1980	Oceanside, California
Claude D. Anderson	Nov 1918	6 April 1953	Memphis, Tennessee
Richard A. Ericson	Nov 1918	25 October 1980	Oakland, California
Francis O. Wood	1919	26 June 1980	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Joseph T. Morris	Ex-1919	21 May 1980	Fairborn, Ohio
Charles F. Ivins	1920	6 September 1980	Homestead, Florida
William H. Kyle	1922	5 October 1980	Boca Raton, Florida
John G. Hill	1924	31 October 1980	Savannah, Georgia
Howard J. John	1924	7 October 1980	Bethesda, Maryland
Glenn B. McConnell	1924	17 August 1980	Ames, Iowa
Haskell H. Cleaves	1925	24 October 1980	Bar Harbor, Maine
William L. Ritchie	1925	17 August 1980	Hyannis, Massachusetts
Elmer W. Kerns	Ex-1925	5 July 1980	St. Petersburg, Florida
Irving A. Duffy	1926	2 August 1980	Detroit, Michigan
Malcolm R. Kammerer	1926	23 October 1980	Columbus, North Carolina
Robert L. Tilly	Ex-1926	18 April 1980	Houston, Texas
Carl E. Lundquist	1927	3 March 1980	Panorama City, Maryland
Walter E. Finnegan	1928	15 May 1980	Boston, Massachusetts
Paul L. Sanders	1928	20 September 1980	Tucson, Arizona
Rudolph Fink	1929	21 August 1980	Biloxi, Mississippi
Ezekiel W. Napier	1929	11 August 1980	Lackland AFB, Texas
Charles R. Bard	1931	20 June 1980	Newport Richey, North Carolina
William A. Davis Jr.	1931	12 September 1980	Portsmouth, Virginia
John A. Feagin	1931	7 September 1980	San Antonio, Texas
Charles R. Murray	1932	6 October 1980	Largo, Florida
Thomas D. Flynn	1933	4 April 1980	Port Charlotte, Florida
David T. Jellett	1933	27 July 1980	Seminole, Florida
Herbert C. Gee	1935	15 August 1980	West Palm Beach, Florida
Clifford F. Cordes Jr.	1936	25 July 1980	Olympia, Washington
Ernest H. Laflamme	1937	6 August 1980	Manchester, New Hampshire
Raymond W. Millican	1940	18 August 1980	Stanford, California
Manford J. Wetzel	1940	29 October 1980	San Diego, California
Charles K. Harris	1941	10 February 1980	Meridian, Mississippi
Richard H. Broach	Jan 1943	10 August 1980	Patuxent River Air Station, Maryland
Moses J. Gatewood Jr.	Jan 1943	17 September 1978	Washington, D.C.
Younger A. Pitts Jr.	Jan 1943	31 March 1980	Los Angeles, California
Stewart S. Giffin	Jun 1943	23 August 1980	Monterey, California
William W. Martin	Jun 1943	2 July 1980	
Ned Schramm Jr.	Jun 1943	16 October 1980	Tyson Corner, Virginia
Jack H. Whitson	Jun 1943	29 May 1980	
Clifford D. Coble	1944	18 October 1978	El Paso, Texas
Robert C. Nelson	1945	5 August 1980	Westwood, California
Needham P. Mewborn	1946	18 October 1980	Durham, North Carolina
Anastasio Somoza Jr.	1946	17 September 1980	Asuncion, Paraguay
Harmon C. Agnew	1949	5 February 1980	Spring, Texas
William N. Haskell	1954	28 October 1980	Garrison, New York
Donald B. Smith Jr.	1956	6 August 1980	Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
John M. McCarthy	1957	10 August 1980	Washington, D.C.
John G. Wildermuth	1961	31 July 1980	Mansfield, Ohio
Michael D. Kelley	1967	8 September 1980	Huntington Beach, California
David W. Schmitz	1973	4 April 1980	Grand Junction, Colorado
Sean A. Murray	1974	27 October 1980	Savannah, Georgia
Steven M. Strickland	1975	15 September 1980	Giebelstadt, Germany
Russell E. Altizer	1980	15 September 1980	Ft. Benning, Georgia

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